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Brent Pankoke and Nick Wilkes Named NCC Wrestlers of the Week

Brent Pankoke of Nebraska-Omaha and Nick Wilkes of St. Cloud State have been named the NCC Wrestlers of the Week.

Pankoke, a sophomore from Beaver Crossing, Neb., improved to 19-3 on the season by picking up a pair of wins as the Mavericks swept #3-ranked Central Oklahoma and #4-ranked Nebraska-Kearney. On Friday night he defeated #4-ranked Heath Jolly of Central Oklahoma 6-1 and followed that up with a 6-4 win over Nebraska-Kearney's Paul Sutton on Saturday.

Nebraska-Omaha, ranked #2 in NCAA Division II, is now set for a showdown with #1-ranked Minnesota State on Friday. This is a rematch of the National Dual meet championship where Minnesota State won the last match in overtime to come out with an 18-16 victory.

Wilkes, a senior from Onamia, Minn., moved to 17-4 with a pair of wins as St. Cloud State upset #7-ranked Minnesota State Moorhead and shutout Northern State. Wilkes defeated #8-ranked Matt Nelson of Minnesota State Moorhead by a 5-2 count and pinned Cody Chamblin of Northern State in 2:59.

Others nominated: Beau Severtson, Augustana.

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2007-2008 Wrestling Honor Roll

Nov. 13 - Jason Rhoten, Minnesota State
Nov. 20 - Jacob Marrs, Nebraska-Omaha
Dec. 4 - Brad Padgett, St. Cloud State
Dec. 11 - Brady Wilson, Minnesota State
Sim Bribieseca, Nebraska-Omaha
Dec. 18 - Jason Rhoten, Minnesota State
Jan. 8 - Todd Meneely, Nebraska-Omaha
Jan. 15 - Jason Rhoten, Minnesota State
Ross Taplin, Nebraska-Omaha
Jan. 22 - Beau Severtson, Augustana
Jan. 29 - Brent Pankoke, Nebraska-Omaha
Tim Matheson, Minnesota State
Feb. 5 - Brent Pankoke, Nebraska-Omaha
Nick Wilkes, St. Cloud State