

2005 NCAA Division III College Preview

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The 2005 NCAA Division III National Wrestling Championships will be hosted by St. Olaf College on March 4-5 in Northfield, Minnesota.

Wartburg College, coached by Jim Miller, is the 2-time defending team champion. The Knights are led by NCAA champions Dustin Hirschberger (141) and

Akeem Carter (197), NCAA runner-ups Cory Connell (157) and Blake Gillis (285), and All-Americans Justin McClintock (125) and Mark Sturm (174).

Jeff Swenson's perennially strong Augsburg squad will look to regain the NCAA crown that has eluded them the last two years after three consecutive championships. The Auggies are highlighted by

NCAA champions Matt Shankey (125), Mark Matzek (133), and Marcus LeVesseur (157), NCAA runner-up Jamell Tidwell (141), and All-Americans Greg Brendemuehl (149), Ryan Valek (165), Joe Cullen (184), and Mark Simmonds (285).

Dave Mitchell's impressive Luther Norse, Brandon Totten's rugged Delaware Valley Aggies, Ron Peterson's talented