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**ACHA MEN'S DIVISION 1 HOCKEY RANKING CONCLUDES WITH  
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CAPTURING 2<sup>ND</sup>  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THREE YEARS**

***Bronchos Defeats Ohio University 3-0***

**UNION LAKE, Mich. – (March 23, 2017)** – The University of Central Oklahoma defeated Ohio University 3-0 in the 2017 ACHA Men's Division 1 National Championship Game to secure its second title in the last three years. Sam Rice, the tournament's Most Valuable Player, lead the Bronchos to victory with four goals and four assists for eight points in four games played.

Despite the loss, No. 2 Ohio posts its highest finish since winning the 2004 National Championship Game. Minot State, the No. 1 seed, was unable to get past Central Oklahoma in the semi-finals to the season at No. 3, while Adrian College, who lost to Ohio 4-2 in the other semi-final to take the No. 4 spot.

A total of 59 teams competed in Men's Division 1 this season, including three new teams: Arizona State University, Jamestown University, and the University of Utah.

With the conclusion of the ACHA's 26th season, there have been a total of 13 schools that have won the ACHA Men's Division 1 National Championship:

- Penn State (5 times)
- Ohio (4)
- Lindenwood (3)
- Central Oklahoma (2)
- Illinois (2)
- North Dakota State (2)
- Arizona State
- Davenport
- Delaware
- Iowa State
- Minot State
- Oakland

- Rhode Island

The Central States Collegiate Hockey League leads the way with all five of its member teams ranked, while the Great Lakes Collegiate Hockey League has seven (of 9) of its member teams ranked, the Western Collegiate Hockey League has six (of 8) member teams ranked, and the Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League has four (of 6) member teams ranked.

The ACHA National Championships will be held in Columbus, Ohio for the second consecutive year, March 8-13, 2018.

<b>2016-2017 ACHA Men's Division 1 Final Ranking</b>			
<b>Rank</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>M1 Record</b>	<b>Previous</b>
1	Central Oklahoma	34-7-1	4
2	Ohio	27-8-2	3
3	Minot State	27-3-2	1
4	Adrian	33-3-0	2
5	Iowa State	25-15-1	5
6	Davenport	27-8-0	8
7	Michigan-Dearborn	24-8-1	10
8	Stony Brook	25-11-2	12
9	Lindenwood	17-12-4	6
10	Robert Morris Illinois	22-8-6	9
11	Arizona State	22-10-2	11
12	Colorado	20-17-3	13
13	Illinois	13-11-3	14
14	Oklahoma	17-9-5	15
15	Midland	16-13-1	16
16	Colorado State	19-16-5	19
17	Liberty	28-13-0	18
18	Jamestown *	13-9-3	7
19	Delaware	26-9-0	17
20	Arizona	13-14-2	20
21	Rochester College	15-14-2	21
22	Kent State	20-15-1	24
23	Indiana Tech	13-18-3	23
24	Western Michigan	17-16-2	25
25	Rhode Island	19-12-7	NR

\* = 1st Year Team Not eligible for Nationals

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#### **About American Collegiate Hockey Association**

The American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) is a recognized 501(c)3 organization of more than 500 college and university-affiliated programs which provides structure, regulates operations, and promotes the quality of collegiate ice hockey throughout the United States. Headquartered in Troy, Michigan, the ACHA's

primary mission is to support the growth and development of college hockey programs nationwide. The ACHA identifies standards which serve to unite and regulate teams at the collegiate level and entered its 26th season in September 2016. For more information, visit [www.achahockey.org](http://www.achahockey.org).