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1970-71  
**WRESTLING**



University of Northern Iowa

# 1970-71 Wrestling Schedule

**Head Coach: Chuck Patten**

Nov. 28 - at Minnesota Quadrangular

**Dec. 5 - UNI INVITATIONAL**

Dec. 11-12 - at Iowa Invitational

**Dec. 15 - MORNINGSIDE, 6:30 p.m.**

**Dec. 17 - NAVY**

Dec. 29-30 - at Midlands

Jan. 8 - at Northern Illinois

Jan. 9 - at Wisconsin

**Jan. 16 - LUTHER**

Jan. 28 - at North Dakota State

Jan. 29 - at Moorhead State

Jan. 30 - at North Dakota U.

**Feb. 6 - SOUTH DAKOTA STATE**

Feb. 9 - at Mankato State

Feb. 12 - at Michigan State

Feb. 13 - at Eastern Michigan

**Feb. 19 - MINNESOTA, 7 p.m.**

**Feb. 20 - SOUTH DAKOTA U.**

**Mar. 5-6 - NORTH CENTRAL TOURNEY**

Mar. 12-13 - NCAA College Division at Fargo, N.D.

**Mar. 19 - IOWA**

Mar. 25-26 - NCAA University Division at Auburn, Ala.

All Home meets begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

## 1969-70 Results

**(13-1-2)**

23	Eastern Michigan	9	3	Michigan State	31
24	North Dakota U.	8	19	Northeast Missouri	16
15	Winona State	15	15	North Dakota State	15
19	Luther	13	17	Upper Iowa	15
23	Moorhead State	14	19	Mankato State	14
17	Purdue	16	25	South Dakota State	8
27	Northern Illinois	8	24	South Dakota U.	6
33	Morningside	3	18	Cornell	14

NCC Finish: 2nd

NCAA College Division Finish: 2nd



## Patten Philosophy Pays Off

Chuck Patten's coaching philosophy is pretty well summed-up by the sign in the Northern Iowa wrestling room which reads, "Don't be satisfied with making the team . . . win the NCAA."

For six years now Patten has been instilling this kind of thinking into University of Northern Iowa wrestlers, and it's beginning to pay off.



Since 1964-65, when he watched his team perform to the tune of a 2-8-1 season, Patten has produced three North Central Conference championships, three second-place finishes, four national champions, and last year moved to the runner-up spot in the NCAA College Division Championships.

Patten's climb to success at UNI has not been one bit surprising to at least one group of men—his fellow coaches. Two years ago they named him the NCAA College Division Coach of the Year, and that's an honor that's hard to top.

### Quick Turnabout

After wading through the 1964-65 season, Patten got things turned around in a hurry.

UNI got above board in Patten's second year at 6-5, then upped that mark to 10-7-1

in 1966-67. During those two years the UNI coach watched 177-pounder Don Parker win a pair of national championships.

Panther wrestlers set a record for dual wins in 1967-68 with a 17-4 mark and won their second straight North Central Conference championship, a feat they repeated in 1968-69 while posting a 14-4-2 record. Heavy-weight Kent Osboe took over where Parker had left off and won NCAA titles both years.

Last year it was 13-1-2, and while Patten failed to take his fourth straight league title (UNI finished second), he did guide the Panthers to their best dual record since 1956 (10-0) and their best NCAA finish since 1952.

### Koll, Natvig His Teachers

Patten has learned his trade from some of the best coaches known to the Midwest. He wrestled under Dave Natvig at East Waterloo, then Bill Koll (the man he replaced), at UNI.

Before joining the Northern Iowa staff, Patten had two successful years of prep coaching on the west coast (Exeter, Calif., and Reedsport, Ore.) where he had state title teams the first time out in each school.

Patten received his B.A. from UNI in 1961 and his M.A. at the University of Oregon in 1964.

He is married and has one young daughter.

### THE PATTEN RECORD

Year	W	L	T	CF*	NC**	NF†
1964-65	2	8	1	2	0	—
1965-66	6	5	0	2	1	10th
1966-67	10	7	1	1	1	3rd
1967-68	17	4	0	1	1	8th
1968-69	14	4	2	1	1	3rd
1969-70	13	1	2	2	0	2nd
<b>Totals</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>

\*Conference finish

\*\*National champions

†National finish

## **From Second To Where?**

By the time Northern Iowa had gotten into the heart of its wrestling schedule last season, the Panthers had lost no less than four top-line men to season-long injuries—and still the Chuck Patten-coached team finished a mere notch away from the national championship.

This season UNI has managed to evade the costly pre-season injuries, and it's not because Patten is taking things slow.

"We'll try to be in better shape earlier this year than we have in the past," noted Patten. "We wrestle Navy on Dec. 17, and we're going to have to be in fairly good shape by then if we hope to stay on the mat with them."

### **Balance The Key**

Balance may well be the key for the Panthers in 1970-71. There is no name which stands above and beyond all the others.

Sure, UNI has three returning All-Americans in Clint Young, Bob Boeck and Mike McCready, but with the exception of "Big Mac," their presence in the Panthers' starting lineup is not all that certain.

On the plus side is the fact that the Panthers lost only two seniors by graduation in Marv Reiland, 134, and "Skip" Bellock, 167. They, however, gave UNI a total of 37 wins and only 8 losses last year. Bellock won a league title and finished second in the NCAA, while Reiland was fourth in the nationals. Both were All-Americans.

### **Allen A Question**

Nine, and possibly ten, lettermen will form the nucleus of the UNI club this year. The only question mark is 190-pounder Mike Allen, who played defensive tackle on the

football team. Allen, who at press time had not decided whether to go out for the sport, won the league title at 190 last year.

The other lettermen include McCready (Hwt.), Young (158), Mark Sothmann (134), Dave Nicol (118), Mike Meador (150), Dave Pike (134), Jon Moeller (126) and Frank Cordaro (167).

But, and Patten beams when he says it, all is not safe for these veterans at their respective weights.

### **Nicol, McCready Set**

"Only the smallest and biggest men on the team appear to have their spots nailed down," explains Patten. "Dave Nicol and Mike McCready are going to be tough to beat."

Patten's "tornado" style of wrestling has produced some swirling battles at almost every weight class.

Especially strong are the clashes at 126, 167 and 190.

Moeller and junior Mike McGonegal are neck-and-neck at 126, Cedar Falls freshman Mike Ott is giving Boeck and Cordaro a rough time at 167 and another freshman, Randy Omvig of Eagle Grove, is pushing senior veteran Clark Allen, who missed most of last season with a knee injury.

Another knee casualty of a year ago, junior Mick Snodgrass, apparently has the top hold on the job at 177.

And one more thing—the schedule. In addition to hosting such powerhouses as Navy, Minnesota and Iowa at the Men's Gym, UNI will also play host for the always-exciting 1971 North Central Conference wrestling meet on Mar. 5-6.

**NORTHERN IOWA  
HOSTS  
NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE MEET  
MARCH 5 & 6**



# The 1970-71 Panther Look



118 - Dave Nicol  
1970: 10-8-2

118

"He's got to be the man here," says Chuck Patten of fiery sophomore **Dave Nicol**, a native of Cedar Falls. Patten said it a year ago, and he claims it's still true that Nicol has the greatest potential of any Panther wrestler. Aggressiveness and mental discipline are his top attributes. Was unbeaten in high school, while winning two state titles. Missed the first part of his freshman year due to knee and shoulder injuries, and never quite caught up with everyone in condition. Finished second in conference meet a year ago. Junior **Elwyn Bruhl** is trying to shake injuries for the second straight year, and freshman **Ron McDonald** isn't quite ready to challenge Nicol.

126

Patten admits this is undoubtedly his weakest weight class. UNI lost a possible star here last year when Tim Dillon had to give up the sport because of injury. Sophomore **Jon Moeller** has the inside track on the basis of 7-5 dual record last year and third place finish in NCC Meet. However, in pre-season matches another sophomore, **Mike McGonegal** from Eagle Grove, has given Moeller plenty of problems. A third competitor, senior **Harold Knaack** of Vinton, hurt his knee the first night of practice, but is expected to throw his hat into the ring sometime after Christmas. Says Patten, "We're looking for aggressiveness here."



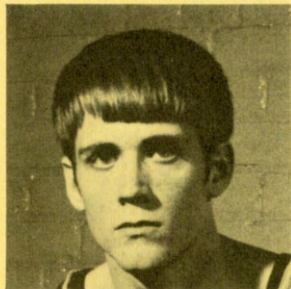
126 - Jon Moeller  
1970: 7-5

134



134 - Mark Sothmann  
1970: 12-6-1

This is "Wild Man" territory. Senior **Mark Sothmann** is down a weight after posting a 12-6-1 record at 142 a year ago, and, according to Patten, is right where he should be. Finished second to Mankato State's Dale Richter in the NCC meet. Probably the most aggressive wrestler on the team. Had student teaching duties during first nine weeks, and may take a month or so to round into top shape. Sophomore **Dave Pike** wrestled at 126 last year and early in the year had the edge on conditioning over Sothmann. Also very aggressive. Freshman **Tom Garcia** will have to wait until Sothmann's gone to challenge here.



134 - Dave Pike  
1970: 1-4



150 - Mike Meador  
1970: 11-4



158 - Clint Young  
1969: 13-11-2  
1970: 17-4-4

## 142

Before the season is over, this may well be the most hotly contested weight class of them all. Senior **Jim Neighbors** has the pre-season edge, but only on the basis of his experience. A trio of challengers from Waterloo is battling him for the position, and any of them could be the top man. Former West star **Chuck Heene**, who was a national Junior College place-winner from North Iowa Area Community College, has the savvy to move in. Or it could be another West star, **Mark Fox**, an aggressive wrestler who won a state title last year. And don't forget **Chuck Zander**, who has been away from the sport for a couple of years, but who possesses great potential.

## 150

Inconsistent as a sophomore, junior **Mike Meador** may now be ready to help nail down some strength in the middle weights. Brightest moment a year ago was pin over Mankato State opponent in big UNI dual win. Waterloo's **Bruce Wickham**, who is returning from a knee injury, could give Meador trouble, as could Algona junior **Steve Claude**. But Patten is counting on Meador to make 150 a solid weight for the Panthers.

## 158

All-American **Clint Young** lost only four matches the entire season last year, and after a fourth place NCAA finish, should become one of the top team leaders. Had gutty performance at Ashland where he won two of three straight overtime matches. Already adept at riding, Young needs only aggressiveness in looking for the fall. The **Balvanz** boys, **Dave** and **Tim**, provide ample competition for Young. Sophomore Dave has unique style which makes him strong; freshman Tim will have to wait a year.

## 167

Another All-American here in senior **Bob Boeck**, but the "Janesville Junkman" will have problems. Boeck, who after a disappointing dual year finished second in the conference and third in the NCAA, faces challenge from talented freshman **Mike Ott** of Cedar Falls. Ott, who finished runner-up in the state tournament a year ago, has impressed Patten and his teammates with his mental and physical toughness. Then there is letterman **Frank Cordaro**, down from his '69-70 weight of 177, who has undergone significant improvement.





**177 - Mick Snodgress**  
**Hurt Last Year**

## 177

It took senior **Mick Snodgress** a year-and-a-half to recover from a knee injury he sustained in the middle of his sophomore year. Now, attempting to make a comeback, he's hurt that knee again, and his status is once more questionable. Even if Snodgress can bounce back again, he'll certainly be a good month behind in conditioning, and that means Patten had better find another 177-pounder. Senior **George Rittland**, also bothered by a knee, is a possibility, and so is sophomore **Dan Kress**. Possibly the best hope is that letterman **Mike Allen** comes out and drops down from his 190 weight of a year ago.

## 190

Like the 167-pound class, another freshman-senior battle is shaping up here. Senior **Clark Allen**, who sat out last season with knee troubles, is the early choice on the basis of experience. But Eagle Grove state champ **Randy Omvig** is already giving Allen his share of difficulty. Omvig is a tall, lanky 190-pounder, and according to Patten, could develop into a top-flight wrestler. The man who could come in and whip them both is junior **Mike Allen**, who lettered last year, but who played football last fall and is uncertain about his wrestling future.



**190 - Clark Allen**  
**Hurt Last Year**



**Hwt. - Mike McCready**  
**1970: 21-2-0**

## Hwt.

In one season **Mike "Big Mac" McCready** made Northern Iowa wrestling fans forget the heroics of Kent Osboe in a hurry. In no less than seven meets did the Panthers leave the final outcome up to McCready, and . . . you guessed it . . . all seven times McCready came through to insure ties or victories for UNI. As Patten says, "Without McCready we could have been 6-8-2, instead of 13-1-2." That's quite a difference. The only two-sport All-American in the history of the school, McCready finished third in the NCAA last year, losing only to the eventual champion by one point in the semi-finals. His other All-American honor came in track, where he finished second nationally in the shot put last spring.



# UNI's National Wrestling Champions

## UNIVERSITY DIVISION

1937 — Ray Cheney, 135  
1946 — Cecil Mott, 121  
Gerald Leeman, 128\*\*  
Bill Koll, 145  
1947 — Russ Bush, 128  
Bill Koll, 145\*\*  
Bill Nelson, 165  
1948 — Bill Koll, 145\*\*  
1949 — Keith Young, 145  
Bill Nelson, 155  
Bill Smith, 165

1950 — Keith Young, 145  
Bill Nelson, 155  
Bill Smith, 165  
1951 — Keith Young, 145  
1952 — Gene Lybbert, 130  
Bill Weick, 157  
1953 — Jim Harmon, 157  
1955 — Bill Weick, 157  
1963 — Bill Dotson, 137

\*\*Outstanding wrestler in NCAA tournament.

## COLLEGE DIVISION

1963 — Bill Dotson, 137  
Jim Sanford, 147  
1966 — Don Parker, 177

1967 — Don Parker, 177  
1968 — Kent Osboe, Hvy  
1969 — Ken Osboe, Hvy

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1964 — Mike Wingert, 115  
Rich Engel, 157  
Jim Monroe, 177  
Dennis Bahr, Hvy  
1965 — Don Parker, 177  
Larry Straw, Hvy  
1966 — Jerry Bond, 145  
Don Parker, 177  
1967 — Wayne Shufft, 115  
Jerry Bond, 137  
Tom Horton, 160  
Don Parker, 177  
Kent Osboe, Hvy

1968 — Jim Kinyon, 123  
Marv Reiland, 137  
Jerry Bond, 145  
Tom Horton, 160  
Jim Guyer, 167  
Kent Osboe, Hvy  
1969 — Marv Reiland, 130  
Jim Guyer, 160  
Skip Bellock, 167  
Kent Osboe, Hvy  
1970 — Clint Young, 158  
Mike Allen, 190  
Mike McCready, Hvy

# All-Time UNI Leaders

1967 — Don Parker, 177, West Squad  
at Stillwater, Okla.

(Parker won 5-3 over Dave Mucka,  
Moravia)

1969 — Kent Osboe, Hvy, West Squad at  
Penn State

(Osboe lost 4-3 to Jeff Smith,  
Michigan State)

## 3-Time NCAA Champions

Bill Koll, 1946-47-48

Keith Young, 1949-50-51

Bill Nelson, 1947-49-50

## 2-Time NCAA Champions

Bill Smith, 1949-50

Bill Weick, 1952-55

Don Parker, 1966-67

Kent Osboe, 1968-69

## Undefeated Wrestlers

### Career

Bill Koll - Duals, Tournaments

Keith Young - Duals, Tournaments

Bill Dotson - Duals

Bill Smith - Duals

Gerald Leeman - Duals

## Olympic Games Entries

1932 — Maynard Harmon, 145  
(at Los Angeles, Calif.)

Bill Nelson, 160½  
(at London, England)

1948 — Gerald Leeman, 125½  
Bill Koll, 147½

1952 — Bill Smith, 160½ - CHAMPION  
(at Helsinki, Finland)

## 1970 NCC Tournament Results

### Standings

1. Mankato State .....	90
2. Northern Iowa .....	89
3. South Dakota State .....	68
4. North Dakota State .....	61
5. South Dakota U. ....	9
6. Morningside .....	4
7. North Dakota U. ....	3
8. Augustana .....	1

at South Dakota U., Vermillion, S.D.

### Champions

118 — Greg Schmidt, SDSU
123 — Sam Kucenic, NDSU
134 — Ken Stockdale, MSC
142 — Dale Richter, MSC
150 — Bob Pomplun, MSC
158 — CLINT YOUNG, UNI
167 — Bill DeMaray, NDSU
177 — Don Trapp, SDSU
190 — MIKE ALLEN, UNI
Hwt — MIKE McCREADY, UNI

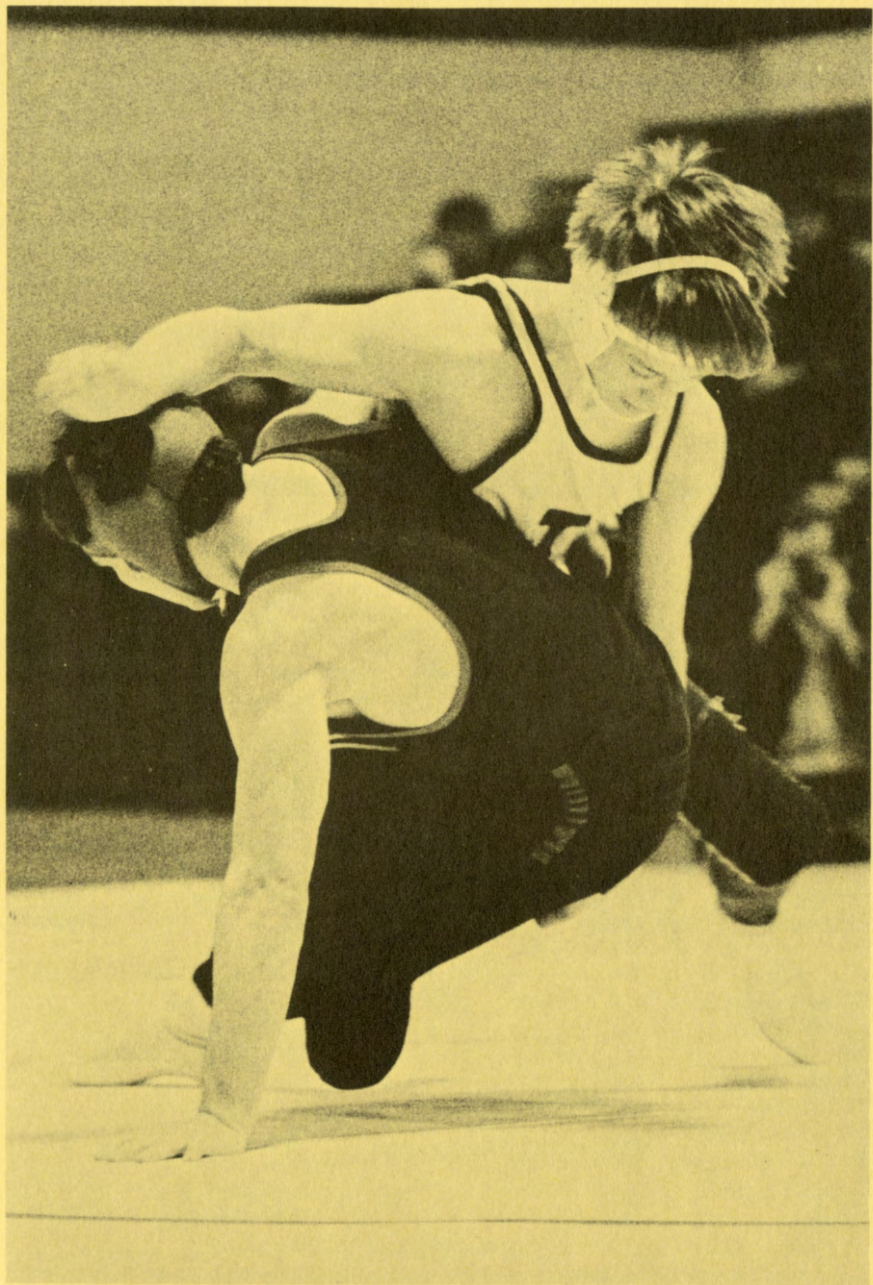


# All-Time Wrestling Results

Year	Coach	W-L-T	Pts.	NCAA		Year	Coach	W-L-T	Pts.	NCAA	
				Opp.	Fin- ish					Opp.	Fin- ish
1923	Bender	1-0-0	16	8		1948	McCuskey	8-1-0	225	57	4
1924	Bender	2-2-1	47	34		1949	McCuskey	9-0-0	197	60	2
1925	Bender	4-1-0	85	25		1950	McCuskey	11-0-0	256	51	1
1926	Bender	2-1-0	51	35		1951	McCuskey	9-1-0	192	89	4
1927	Bender	2-2-0	66	38		1952	McCuskey	6-2-0	152	71	2
1928	Bender	2-0-0	51	15		1953	Koll	4-2-1	112	89	
1929	Bender	4-0-0	94	32		1954	Koll	3-4-0	83	115	
1930	Bender	1-3-0	35½	85½		1955	Koll	8-1-2	200	118	11
1931	McCuskey	3-2-0	93½	56½		1956	Koll	10-0-0	220	85	10
1932	McCuskey	5-2-0	142½	83½		1957	Koll	6-3-0	169	107	
1933	McCuskey	2-1-0	46½	45½		1958	Lyons	8-2-1	213	106	14
1934	McCuskey	3-2-1	100½	80½	7	1959	Koll	8-4-0	228	118	
1935	McCuskey	3-3-0	135½	78½		1960	Koll	6-3-2	177	139	
1936	McCuskey	1-6-0	84½	119½		1961	Koll	10-2-0	230	109	8
1937	McCuskey	4-2-1	138	78	3	1962	Koll	5-9-0	193	197	5
1938	McCuskey	6-1-0	141½	84½	13	1963	Koll	5-7-1	168	193	*3
1939	McCuskey	4-3-0	123½	90½		1964	Koll	6-7-0	146	232	*6
1940	McCuskey	7-1-0	148½	79½	8	1965	Patten	2-8-1	90	234	
1941	McCuskey	7-0-1	144	70	10	1966	Patten	6-5-0	149	197	*10
1942	McCuskey	2-4-0	68	98	10	1967	Patten	10-7-1	324	244	*3
1943	McCuskey	2-0-1	57	31		1968	Patten	17-4-0	453	213	*8
1944	No Wrestling					1969	Patten	14-4-2	508	265	*3
1945	No Wrestling					1970	Patten	13-1-2	467	279	*2
1946	McCuskey	5-0-1	127	51	2	Record: Won 261, Lost 113, Tied 20					
1947	McCuskey	5-0-2	154	51	2	UNI Points: 7,302 Opp. Points: 4,738					
						*College Division Tournament					

## WRESTLING COACHING RECORDS

Coach	Years Coached	W	L	T	Pct.	NC
Bender	1923-30 (8)	18	9	0	.666	0
McCuskey	1931-52 (20)	102	31	7	.766	17
Koll	1953-64 (11)	71	42	6	.628	5
Lyons	1957-58 (1)	8	2	1	.800	0
Patten	1964- (6)	62	29	6	.681	4





# UNI WRESTLING ROSTER

Wrestler	Wt.	Yr.	1969-70 Record	Hometown
Clark Allen	190	Sr.		Greene
Dave Balvanz	158	So.	2-3-0	Cedar Rapids
Tim Balvanz	158	Fr.		Cedar Rapids
Bob Boeck*	167	Sr.	9-12-0	Janesville
Elwyn Bruhl	118	Jr.		Eagle Grove
Steve Claude	150	Jr.	1-11-0	Algona
Frank Cordaro*	167	So.		Des Moines
Dave Ecklund	126	Fr.		Eldora
Mark Fox	142	Fr.		Waterloo
Mark DeBerg	150	Jr.		Waterloo
Tom Garcia	134	Fr.		Mason City
Mel Harris	190	Jr.		Elkart
Chuck Heene	142	Jr.		Waterloo
Mark Hodges	126	Fr.		Winterset
Miroslav Jiranek	150	Fr.		Czechoslovakia
Tom Keith	158	So.		Delhi
Harold Knaack	126	Sr.		Vinton
Dan Kress	177	So.		Waterloo
Greg Leavengood	Hwt.	Fr.		Ankeny
Mike McCreedy*	Hwt.	Jr.	21-2-0	Dubuque
Ron McDonald	118	Fr.		Morning Sun
Mike McGonegal	126	So.		Eagle Grove
Mike Meador*	150	Jr.	11-9-0	Bettendorf
Jon Moeller*	126	So.	7-5-0	Gladbrook
Dave Nicol*	118	So.	10-8-2	Cedar Falls
Jim Neighbors	142	Sr.	1-1-0	Fort Dodge
John Ohlinger	142	Fr.		Harlan
Randy Omvig	190	Fr.		Eagle Grove
Mike Ott	167	Fr.		Cedar Falls
Bob Ovel	134	Jr.		Dyersville
Dave Pike*	134	So.	1-4-0	Grundy Center
Kevin Reed	158	Fr.		Eagle Grove
Reid Richards	158	Sr.		LaPorte City
George Ritland	177	Sr.		Waterloo
Steve Shirk	150	Fr.		Sigourney
Mick Snodgress	177	Jr.		Mt. Vernon
Mark Sothmann*	134	Sr.	12-6-1	Davenport
Dan Steger	150	So.		Epworth
Bert Svendsen	150	So.		Lawler
Bruce Wickham	158	So.		Waterloo
Clint Young*	158	Sr.	17-4-4	Algona
Chuck Zanders	142	Fr.		Waterloo

\*Letterman

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