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UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

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UNI Wrestling Schedule

November 27
December 4
December 11
December 17-18
December 29-30
January 8
January 10
January 13
January 20
January 22
January 26
January 29
February 5
February 8
February 11
February 12
February 14
February 19
February 25
March 2-4
March 9-11

- Minnesota Quadrangular
- Northern Iowa Invitational
- Iowa Invitational
- Great Plains Tournament
- Midlands Tournament
- Iowa — Michigan State
- Moorhead State
- Franklin and Marshall
- Luther
- Northern Illinois
- Minnesota U.
- Northwestern Quadrangular (Iowa, Indiana, Northwestern)
- South Dakota State
- Mankato State
- Cal Poly
- North Dakota U.
- North Dakota State
- South Dakota U.
- North Central Conference
- NCAA (College Division)
- NCAA (University Division)

- Minneapolis, Minn.
- Cedar Falls
- Iowa City
- Lincoln, Neb.
- LaGrange, Ill.
- La Crosse, Wis.
- NCAA (University Division)

- February 25
- March 2-4
- March 9-11

1970-71 Results

(12-3)
Navy 26, Northern Iowa 6
Northern Iowa 28, Northern Illinois 8
Northern Iowa 21, Illinois State 15
Wisconsin 23, Northern Iowa 19
Northern Iowa 31, Luther 9
Northern Iowa 21, North Dakota State 11
Northern Iowa 37, Morehead State 2
Northern Iowa 37, North Dakota U. 3
Northern Iowa 28, South Dakota State 5
Northern Iowa 22, Mankato State 13
Michigan State 21, Northern Iowa 11
Northern Iowa 24, Eastern Michigan 12
Northern Iowa 17, Minnesota 15
Northern Iowa 34, South Dakota U. 6
North Central Conference: 1st
NCAA (College Division): 7th

Quick Facts

Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
Current Enrollment: 10,000
President: Dr. John J. Kamerick
Athletic Director: Stan Sheriff
Sports Information: Dave Westphal
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
Arena: Men's Gym (3,000)
Coaches Phone: AC 319, 273-2141
SID Phone: AC 319, 273-2761
Patten says...

“Our lineup will be unsettled during much of the season, and I don’t think that’s necessarily bad. This year, at least, it will just be an indication of the kind of competition we’ll be having at a number of weights . . . .

“We’ll be looking to a couple of seniors — Mike McCready and Mike Meador — for leadership this year. Both can lead not only through their wrestling abilities, but also by their knowledge of the kind of mental attitude and discipline it takes to be a successful collegiate wrestler . . . .”

“We had six or seven boys who came back from the national tournament last year feeling they could have been an NCAA place winner with a little more effort. If they can convey that feeling — that a national title isn’t out of the realm of possibility — I think we could have a shot at it . . . .”

“I’ve had some practical experience with trying to get ready too soon. It just doesn’t work. We’ll bring the team along slowly during the early-season tournaments and hope to peak at the conference and national tournaments . . . .”

Season No. 8 for UNI’s Patten

It’s taken Chuck Patten only seven seasons at the University of Northern Iowa to become the school’s second most winning coach. With the Panthers’ first dual meet win of the 1971-72 season, Patten will reach the 75 win mark, which ranks him behind only Dave McCuskey, who won 102 in 20 seasons.

And it hasn’t been all roses for the one-time UNI wrestler. Over one-third of his total dual meet losses came in his first season (1964-65), when his team managed only two wins and a tie, as opposed to eight losses.

It took Patten only one year to get that situation straightened around, and ever since he’s been guiding UNI wrestling on a course which is reminding Panther mat fans more and more of the late ‘40’s and early 50’s, when the school’s national prominence was at its highest.

1970-71 did provide Patten with one of his most thrilling moments as a coach, although the Panthers’ seventh-place national finish was a disappointment. Before a jammed-packed Men’s Gym UNI ran away with its fourth conference title in seven years.
Competition for UNI's Ten Lettermen

With nine of ten performers off last year's tournament team returning, Chuck Patten's University of Northern Iowa wrestling lineup would seemingly be all but set for the 1971-72 season.

Such is not the case.

With some veterans moving up a weight, and with the addition of some talented newcomers, Patten may be juggling his starting lineup right up until March and the tournament season.

The emphasis, of course, will be on the returning lettermen. That list includes seniors like Mike McCready, Mike Meador and Bob Boeck; juniors Dave Nicol, Dave Pike, Frank Cordaro and Jon Moeller; and sophomores Randy Omvig, Mike Ott and Mark Fox.

McCready, Meador, Nicol, Pike and Omvig all won North Central Conference championships in Cedar Falls last year in a meet which Patten called, "... one of the most exciting sports events here in a long time."

The only non-returning letterman is graduated 158-pounder Clint Young, who won a national championship at Fargo last March. He and Omvig (fifth at 190) were UNI's only NCAA place-winners.

The biggest new name isn't really all that new to the college wrestling scene. Junior college transfer Joe Hatchett from North Iowa Area Community College brings an unbeaten collegiate record (39-0) to Cedar Falls. Hatchett is a two-time JC national champ at 190, and last year was named the most valuable wrestler in the JUCO tourney.

Also by way of NIACC is 118-pounder Vern Allison, who takes over the spot vacated by Nicol, who is moving up to 126.

Patten's top three freshmen catches all hail from Waterloo — Ken Snyder, a state champion from Columbus; Jim Miller, a third place finisher from East; and Jon Bagenstos, a fourth place finisher from West.
Dave Nicol’s move to 126 this year has opened this weight up. Vern Allison, a junior college transfer from North Iowa Area Community College, appears to enjoy the early lead over a pair of freshmen. Allison was a third place finisher in last year’s national junior college tournament, and that experience gives him the edge over first year men Jon Bagenstos of Waterloo West and Larry Dawson of Southeast Polk. Both Bagenstos, who was a fourth place finisher in last year’s state meet, and Dawson have been impressive in pre-season, and are expected to challenge Allison by the end of the season. One of the Panthers’ strongest weight divisions in terms of competition and depth.

It’s Dave Nicol by a mile here, although the former two-time state champ at Cedar Falls is getting off to a slow start. He was involved in a motorcycle accident in September which required oral surgery, and he’s just beginning to get into shape now. Won conference title last year, and 17-3 overall record included a fall over the eventual university division national champion, Greg Johnson of Michigan State. His two-year record now stands at 27-11-2. Will be trying to vindicate disappointing quarter-final loss at national tournament last March. One of most aggressive on team in looking for the fall — had 8 in 1970-71. Freshmen Craig Christensen and Mark Sharp will have to wait their turn.

Here’s where things become a bit clouded. Patten actually has about six or seven wrestlers he groups in the 134-142-150 pound categories, and has said it may be the middle of the season before the situation is clarified. For now, though, he lists Waterloo freshmen Ken Snyder and Jim Miller at the 134-pound slot. Snyder, of Columbus High School, became that school’s first state champion last spring when he won the 138-pound title. He’s gotten off to a slow start, however, after having a bout with mono-nucleosis early this fall. Miller, who finished third at 119 at the state meet, is another great freshman prospect. His attributes are mental discipline and consistency.
Patten lists a pair of two-time letter-winners at this weight, both of whom had a lot to do with UNI's 12-3 dual record and conference championship last year. Juniors Dave Pike of Grundy Center, up a weight from last year, and Jon Moeller of Beaman, up two weights, developed into outstanding wrestlers last year. Moeller zipped to a 17-4 season record at 126, and Pike was 9-7 at 134 with a conference title to his credit. According to Patten, Pike's greatest forte is simply his tremendous love for the sport. Moeller, said Patten, gained a great deal of confidence during the season last year, and is "a lot better than most everyone realizes." Another solid, competitive weight.

Two former state champs will probably man the 150 spot, at least up until tournament time. The No. 1 man appears to be sophomore Mark Fox of Waterloo, who had a shaky freshman start, but came on at the end of the season to post a 7-5 dual meet record, and a third place conference finish. He's getting considerable competition from former Algona state champ Steve Claude, who sat out last season after transferring from Luther. Claude, according to Patten, has improved "as much as anyone on the team," and could find himself a permanent spot on the Panther starting unit somewhere. Both Fox and Claude are rugged, disciplined wrestlers, which makes 150 another strong UNI weight.

Once again the weight division will be subject to change, depending on whether several wrestlers go up or down. If he moves up from last year's 150 division, senior Mike Meador is expected to take a firm hold at 158. Came on strong at the end of the season, finishing with an 11-6-2 dual record and a conference title at 150. In doing so he defeated All-American Mike Medchill, who had pinned him in an earlier dual. Two other lettermen could be at this weight. They are senior Bob Boeck, last year's 177-pounder, and junior Frank Cordaro, the only letterman who wasn't a member of UNI's tournament team. Both belong at 158, but could move up as many as two weights to fill in where needed.
Mike Ott, though just a sophomore and recovering from a tendon injury on his knee, has the job won. Ott, a native of Cedar Falls, rolled to a 12-5-1 dual meet record last year, and recorded the fastest pin of the season (0:48) in a dual against South Dakota U. “He has unlimited potential,” said Patten, who continues to be amazed by Ott’s physical and mental toughness. Patten plans to bring Ott along slowly from his knee injury, and hopes he’ll be going full speed after Christmas. Doug Reed, recovering from an injury last year, is the back-up.

This weight bracket has been a worrisome one for Patten ever since Don Parker walked away with his second national championship in 1967. Last year Bob Boeck did a creditable job at the weight, but it is hoped that the Janesville senior will be able to stay at 158 or 167 this year — spots that are closer to his natural weight. The man appears to be sophomore Tim Balvanz of Cedar Rapids, who went on an extended weight program during the off-season to move up from 158 last year. Balvanz, who is one of the best on the team at looking for the fall, could help the Panther cause immensely with a good year at 177.

It takes one outstanding wrestler to beat out a defending conference champion and a fifth-place finisher in the NCAA College Division tournament. And that’s just what junior college transfer Joe Hatchett is. Hatchett went through an undefeated 39-0 career at North Iowa Area Community College, and won two national JUCO titles, including the most valuable wrestler award last year. The man he’s apparently beaten out is sophomore Randy Omvig, who led the Panthers in falls last year with 10 on his way to a 16-6 dual meet record. His greatest moment came in the NCC tourney when he pinned the eventual national champion at 190, Bob Backlund of North Dakota State, to cap a UNI title.

The nature of a wrestling meet dictates that a team’s heavyweight be a clutch performer. UNI has one of the best in senior Mike McCready, who has won a total of four All-American certificates in wrestling and track (He won the NCAA shot put title last year). Ten times during the last two years the Panthers have needed a win by McCready in the heavyweight match to either tie or win a dual meet. Not once has McCready failed. He has a fantastic 40-4 dual meet record in two years. This year he will attempt to win a third consecutive conference title and attain the one goal that has yet alluded him — to win an NCAA college division national title.
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
1954—Keith Young, 145
   Bill Nelson, 155
   Bill Smith, 165
1955—Keith Young, 145
   Bill Nelson, 155
   Bill Smith, 165
1956—Bill Nelson, 155
1957—Bill Nelson, 155
1958—Bill Nelson, 155
1959—Bill Nelson, 155
1960—Bill Nelson, 155
1961—Bill Nelson, 155
1962—Bill Nelson, 155
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

NCC Champs

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 Shut, 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
1971—Dave Nicol, 118
   Dave Pike, 134
   Mike Meador, 150
   Randy Omvig, 190
   Mike McCready, Hvy

All-Time UNI Leaders

Post-Season
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)

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.)
1948—Gerald Leeman, 125½
   Bill Koll, 147½

1971 NCC Tournament Results

Standings
1. Northern Iowa ________ 101
2. North Dakota St. ________ 80
3. Mankato St. ________ 60
4. South Dakota St. ________ 50
5. South Dakota U. ________ 19
6. Morningside ________ 11
7. North Dakota U. ________ 7
8. Augustana ________ 3

at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls

Champions
118—Dave Nicol, UNI
126—Sam Kucenic, NDSU
134—Dave Pike, UNI
142—Lynn Forde, NDSU
150—Mike Meador, UNI
158—Gerald Seifert, NDSU
167—Steve Johnson, MSC
177—Bill Demaray, NDSU
190—Randy Omvig, UNI
Hwt—Mike McCready, UNI
### All-time wrestling results

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Record: Won 273, Lost 116, Tied 20
UNI Points: 7,812 Opp. Points: 4,972

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