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1972-73 Wrestling

University of Northern Iowa

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About Northern Iowa

Teacher education remains the chief function of the University of Northern Iowa, but in recent years academic programs have been enlarged to offer degrees in non-teaching fields.

In subsequent years following 1967, when the Iowa General Assembly approved university status for UNI, non-teaching degrees added have included the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Technology and Bachelor of Music.

New construction is evident throughout the campus. A new physical education complex opened last year, as did the first phase of a 278-unit married student housing development. The initial stages of a large, modern education center are scheduled to open this fall.

UNI's prowess in teacher education has left its mark on the physical education department, which turns out per capita the largest number of coaches in the state. Evidence of this is apparent by observing the long list of graduates of the UNI wrestling program who are now in coaching.

Maintenance of a well-rounded intercollegiate athletic program is of primary interest to the UNI staff. The success of this endeavor is indicated by the fact that Panther teams have won the conference's all-sports trophy in two of the last three years.

The University retains membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and is one of eight schools in the North Central Conference. A full round of 11 intercollegiate sports are sponsored by the conference, and have championship events. Other schools are Mankato State, Morningside, Augustana, South Dakota U., South Dakota State, North Dakota U., and North Dakota State.

Covering the Panthers

The Sports Information Director at Northern Iowa is Rod Williamson and all applications should be made by contacting him at his office in the Administration Building or calling his office, 319-273-2761. All requests should be made at least one week in advance.

Pre-meet and pre-game material will be available as well as post-meet and halftime and final statistics.

Williamson is in his first year at UNI after graduating in 1972 from Iowa State University. While an undergraduate he worked in the Iowa State sports information office and his 1972 ISU wrestling brochure was voted seventh best nationally by a panel of sportswriters. He is married and has no children.
Few wrestling coaches have ever enjoyed the success that Chuck Patten has achieved in his eight years as head coach at the University of Northern Iowa.

The Panther's won their fifth North Central Conference title under Patten and continued on for a runner-up position in the National Collegiate finals last season—another milestone for a school long known for wrestling success.

Chuck has won over 68% of his dual meets, 86-37-6, since his appointment in the summer of 1964 and hasn't finished out of the top 10 in the college division finals since his first year.

Patten has coached 37 Panthers to conference championships and six of his men have taken national crowns—the latest being two-sport star Mike McCready, the heavyweight who later placed third in the 1972 University division finals and losing only to Iowa State's 420-pound Chris Taylor in doing so.

Patten, 33, is a native of Waterloo. He wrestled under Dave Natvig at East High School and then attended UNI, compiling an excellent 28-5-2 wrestling mark under Bill Koll. He went unbeaten in 1958-59 (10-0-2) and lost just twice in twelve starts in 1960-61.

Upon his graduation he attended the University of Oregon and earned a master's degree in 1962, also serving as the freshman wrestling coach there.

Patten's first head coaching job was at Exeter, Calif., high school and he won the state championship in his first attempt. Chuck moved to Reedsport, Ore., and proceeded to capture the Oregon state title. That brings him to 1964 and back to the Cedar Falls campus.

Perhaps the greatest tribute Patten has received came in 1969 when he was named the NCAA College Division Wrestling Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches.

What kind of a coach is Patten? Ask his wrestlers and they'll say he is demanding but in the same breath call him the best. Ask the coaching fraternity and they'll concur.

Chuck is married and the father of two girls.
Athletic Director

Stan Sheriff is in his third year as director of athletics at the University of Northern Iowa.

Sheriff, a 1953 graduate of Cal Poly, is also the head football coach and recently completed his 13th season in that capacity. His teams have always been winners and have won over 60% of their games since he assumed the controls.

No other name is more closely associated with Northern Iowa athletics than Stan Sheriff. He has been the organizer and driving force behind the UNI Athletic Club and has watched its membership soar. He is regarded as one of the finest coaches and administrators in the North Central Conference.

Sheriff and his wife, Jane, have three sons, 14-year-old Paul, 12-year old Michael and 9-year old Richard.

UNI Forecast: Lots of Sunshine

The University of Northern Iowa has long been known for its wrestling successes and the 1972-73 season should not endanger that reputation.

Coach Chuck Patten says this squad is potentially better than last season’s conference champions and national runners-up, although it will carry a slightly different tint. While the heavier weights were the Panther forte in ’71-72, the lighter weights should lead the way this year.

To add to this optimism, Patten has unveiled the best home meet schedule in the school’s history. Featured are dual meets with Oregon, Oregon State, Iowa, Cal Poly, Minnesota and Colorado—a difficult agenda for the Panthers but one that should ready them for the college-division championships.

Gone from last year are All-Americans Mike McCready, the college heavyweight champion and third place finisher in the university division, and Joe Hatchett, the national runner-up at 190-pounds.

Their loss will no doubt hurt but Patten has 1970 All-American Randy Omvig to step in at heavyweight after being red-shirted last year. Omvig won his All-American honors and also a league title at 190 pounds as a freshman two years ago. He is a sophomore from Eagle Grove.

Two other All-Americans grace the UNI line-up. Jon Moeller, fifth in the nation in 1971, heads a powerful list of men at 134 pounds while Mark Fox should be the 142-pounder after his fourth place finish a year ago. Moeller is a senior from Gladbrook, while Fox is a junior from Waterloo.

The remainder of the line-up, which Patten says will fluctuate throughout the season, should see veteran Vern Allison at 118 pounds, Dave Nicol back at 126 after sitting out last season, Ken Snyder at 150, Mike Ott at 158, Tim Balvanz and Scott Bartels at 167, and two weights—177 and 190—where Patten is still waiting for his No. 1 man to emerge.

Some of the top newcomers to the roster include freshman Dave Cunningham from East Waterloo at 118 pounds, national junior college champion Tom Garcia at 150, Dan Keller of Stillwater, Minn., at 177 and 190, Nick Miller of LaPorte City at 177, and Bob Leonard of Johnston at heavyweight.

“I believe that we have five or six wrestlers with the potential to reach the college division finals,” Patten says, “and if we can do this that should put us in contention for the national title.”

“It’s not going to be an easy season by any means,” he adds. “We are wrestling a demanding schedule but we aren’t going to concede defeat to anybody. This schedule should help prepare us for the tournaments.”

Patten sees his Panthers, along with South Dakota State, Mankato State and North Dakota State—who tied with UNI for the national runner-up honors a year ago but heavily hit by graduation—as the North Central teams to beat.
All-Americans

Jon Moeller went 8-3 in dual competition a year ago and capped the season with a North Central Conference championship at 134 pounds. He went on to finish fifth in the college division finals.

Moeller is one of few seniors on the Panther team and as a result finds himself one of the team leaders. It's a role he has often played.

He was a 112-pound state champion at Gladbroom High School. His brother, Jay, is a junior at UNI and is a member of the football team. Jon is a physical education major and is seeking a career as a teacher and coach upon his graduation.

Mark Fox placed fourth in last year's 142 pound class and he says his goal is to win the NCAA title for two years. That's not bad for a guy who once quit the sport for a month as a freshman at UNI.

Fox is another of West Waterloo High School's state champions and was coached by Bob Siddens. As a junior at West he placed fourth in the state meet and he came back to win the title as a senior.

Mark went 15-5 during the dual season although he admits that he "didn't get going until late January." Among his victims was Cal Poly's Larry Morgan, who placed third in the Olympic try-outs. Mark decisioned him 6-5.

Randy Omvig is coming back to the mat after being red-shirted a year. As a freshman in 1970 he won the league's 190-pound title and placed fifth in the national meet. This season he'll be trying to fill the shoes of the great Mike McCready, the 1972 national champion, and Patten thinks Randy is the man to do it.

Omvig was a state 185-pound champion as a senior at Eagle Grove High School and was twice a champion in the tough North Central prep conference. Randy also won state titles in the shot and discus. His shot heave was 55' 11" while his discus toss soared 164'.

Omvig has been on an extensive weight program and is now up to a sturdy 245 pounds, a weight Patten says still leaves him with impressive speed.
**Panthers by Weight**

**118**

Vern Allison is back for his senior season and Patten has high hopes for him. The Fort Dodge native was 11-2-2 in the 1971-72 campaign after transferring from North Iowa Community College where he was a third place finisher in the JC nationals. Allison was the North Central Conference champion at this weight a year ago and should be the regular here ahead of Larry Dawson, a sophomore from Des Moines, and promising freshman Dave Cunningham, the 105-pound champion at East Waterloo a year ago.

**126**

Dave Nicol will be the 126-pounder and Patten believes he could win a college division title if he can make the progress expected of him. Nicol was 17-3 two years ago but missed the entire 1971-72 season. He has a conference title to his credit and won two state crowns while prepping at Cedar Falls High School. His biggest dual victory was a pin over university division champion Greg Johnson of Michigan State. Dave must beat out another teammate who missed the '71 season, Craig Christensen of Sioux City, also a former state prep champ, and Dave Mulnix, an East Waterloo and North Iowa Community College transfer.

**134**

This must be regarded as the Panther stronghold—it's the deepest and most talented weight on the squad. Senior All-American Jon Moeller of Gladbrook heads the list. Moeller was fifth in the NCAA Tournament last year after compiling an 8-3 dual mark and Patten believes he is a good bet to improve on that this season. Behind him are Dave Pike, a conference champion as a sophomore and 5-1-1 last year. Two other fine prospects are Jim Miller, a sophomore from Waterloo, and junior college national champion Tom Garcia will be forced to work hard to get any of the action. Patten says any of these men might move up to 142 during the season.

**142**

Mark Fox, another of the All-Americans on the team, has a grip on the top spot at 142 and discourages people from jumping to this weight. Fox was a fourth place finisher in last year's NCAA and is another of the potential title winners on this year's squad. Behind Fox are Chuck Parsons, who Patten says is a fine wrestler but has always had the misfortune of being behind a top quality teammate, and Waterloo Columbus freshman Mike Nemmers.
Panthers by Weight

150

Ken Snyder, the former Waterloo Columbus state champion, has improved considerably according to Patten and is being counted on to be the stopper in this weight. Ken was just 1-2 at 158 pounds last year but appears to have found a home at 150. Behind Snyder are Saydel freshman Ron Gieseke.

158

Another person being counted on for a good season is Mike Ott, the Cedar Falls sophomore who missed the entire season a year ago with a knee injury. Ott went 12-5-1 as a freshman and Patten says his potential is great. Behind Ott is Steve Shirk, a junior from Sigourney, who also missed last year with a bad knee. Two others eligible at the semester are Gary Meyers and Tom Knipp.

167

Look for Tim Balvanz to be the man here although versatile Scott Bartels may see plenty of action. Patten calls Balvanz's potential “good” after going 7-7 as a sophomore. Bartels spent part of last year at 158 and part at 177 pounds but should stick here this season. Both are juniors.

177

This is one of two weights that Patten is worried about. He has two freshmen in mind early in the season and both could do the job. One is Dan Keller of Stillwater, Minn., and the other is Nick Miller of LaPorte City. There is also a good possibility that one of the upperclassmen may wrestle here until somebody emerges, junior Steve Knipp for one.

190

The other problem weight. Patten is hard pressed to even mention names in pre-season after an academic technicality eliminated the much counted upon All-American Joe Hatchett after the 1971 season. Early contenders include two football players with good wrestling backgrounds, Jay Moeller and Jim Campbell, or Hans Goettsch.

HWT

Randy Omvig should be a solid replacement for last year’s national champion Mike McCready at this spot. Omvig was a conference champion and All-American at 190 pounds as a freshman and was red-shirted behind Hatchett and McCready last year. He worked out extensively with weights and has built his weight up to about 245 pounds and has but one goal—win the national title. Behind Omvig is Bob Leonard, a freshman from Johnston.
Reviewing 1971-72

**Dual Season**

Michigan State 31 Northern Iowa 6  
Iowa 24 Northern Iowa 6  
Northern Iowa 43 Moorhead State 3  
Northern Iowa 28 Franklin and Marshall 10  
Northern Iowa 30 Luther 6  
Northern Iowa 25 Northern Illinois 13  
Northern Iowa 18 Minnesota 15  
Iowa 25 Northern Iowa 9  
Indiana 21 Northern Iowa 9  
Northern Iowa 18 Northwestern 13  
Northern Iowa 19 South Dakota State 14  
Northern Iowa 26 Mankato State 12  
Cal Poly 22 Northern Iowa 12  
Northern Iowa 48 North Dakota 3  
Northern Iowa 25 North Dakota State 11  
Northern Iowa 38 South Dakota 5  
Northern Iowa 25 Western Illinois 9

**All-Americans**

- Mike McCready, Joe Hatchett

**North Central Tournament**

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**NCAA Tournament**

**Team Standings**

- Cal Poly 94
- Northern Iowa 64½
- North Dakota State 64½
- Slippery Rock 56
- Clarion 49½
- Wilkes 47
- Seattle Pacific 44
- Northern Colorado 41½

**Champions**

- 118—Bruce Biondi, Brockport
- 126—Chris Black, Franklin and Marshall
- 134—Rod Irwin, Slippery Rock
- 142—Glenn Anderson, Cal Poly
- 150—Wade Shalles, Clarion
- 158—Stan Dziedzic, Slippery Rock
- 167—John Stevenson, Franklin and Marshall
- 177—Bill Demarray, N. Dakota St.
- 190—Fletcher Carr, Tampa
- Hwt—Mike McCready, No. Iowa

**UNI Placers**

- 134—John Moeller, fifth
- 142—Mark Fox, fourth
- 190—Joe Hatchett, second
- Hwt—Mike McCready, first

**Most Valuable Wrestler**—Bill Demarray, North Dakota State.
**The Record Book**

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**Record:** Won 285; Lost 121; Tied 20

*College Division Tournament*

### Coaching Records

- **Bender** 1923-30 (8)
- **McCuskey** 1931-52 (20)
- **Koll** 1953-64 (11)
- **Lyons** 1957-58 (1)
- **Patten** 1964- (8)

### National Champions

**University**

1937—Ray Cheney, 135
Bill Smith, 165
1946—Cecil Mott, 121
G. Leeman, 128
Bill Koll, 145
1950—Keith Young, 145
Bill Nelson, 155
1952—Gene Lybert, 130
1953—Jim Harmon, 157
1955—Bill Weick, 157
1963—Bill Dotson, 137

**College**

1963—Bill Dotson, 137
1968—Kent Osboe, Hvy
Jim Sanford, 147
1969—Kent Osboe, Hvy
1966—Don Parker, 177
1971—Clint Young, 158
1967—Don Parker, 177
1972—Mike McCready, Hvy

### UNI Leaders

**Post-Season**

1967—Don Parker, 177
1969—Kent Osboe, Hvy
West Squad at Stillwater, Okla.
(Parker won 5-3 over Dave Mucka, Moravian)

**Unbeaten**

- Bill Koll — Duals, Tournaments
- Keith Young — Duals, Tournaments

- Bill Dotson — Duals
- Bill Smith — Duals
- Gerald Leeman — Duals
## Schedule

### Home
- Dec. 2: Northern Iowa Invitational
- Jan. 6: South Dakota
  - South Dakota State
- Jan. 10: Luther
- Jan. 13: Colorado
- Jan. 19: Minnesota
- Feb. 1: Cal Poly
- Feb. 8: Oregon
- Feb. 13: Oregon State
- Feb. 19: Iowa

### Away
- Nov. 25: Minnesota Quadrangular
- Dec. 9: Iowa Invitational
- Dec. 16: at Northern Illinois
  - Cincinnati
  - Central Michigan
- Dec. 29-30: Midlands Tournament
- Jan. 24: Moorhead State
- Jan. 25: North Dakota State
- Jan. 26: Augustana
- Feb. 5: Mankato State

### Tournaments
- Feb. 24: North Central Conference
- Mar. 2-3: NCAA College Division
- Mar. 8-10: NCAA University Div.

## Last Year
- Michigan State 31
  - Northern Iowa 6
- Iowa 24: Northern Iowa 6
- Northern Iowa 43: Moorhead State 3
- Northern Iowa 28: Franklin and
  - Marshall 10
- Northern Iowa 25: Northern Ill. 13
- Northern Iowa 18: Minnesota 15
- Iowa 25: Northern Iowa 9
- Indiana 21: Northern Iowa 9
- Northern Iowa 18: Northwestern 13
- Northern Iowa 19: So. Dakota St. 14
- Northern Iowa 26: Mankato State 12
- Cal Poly 22: Northern Iowa 12
- Northern Iowa 48: North Dakota 3
- Northern Iowa 25: N. Dakota St. 11
- Northern Iowa 38: South Dakota 5
- Northern Iowa 25: Western Illinois 9

North Central Conference: 1st
NCAA (College Division): 2nd

## UNI Wrestlers

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