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Northern Iowa WRESTLING

1994 - 95
A campus-wide commitment to great teaching lies at the heart of the University of Northern Iowa's reputation for providing exceptional undergraduate education, as well as complementary programs at the master's, specialist's and doctoral levels. Building on its historic strength in teacher education, the University has developed a number of outstanding programs in business, natural sciences, humanities and fine arts, and social and behavioral sciences.

Northern Iowa prides itself on providing a student-centered educational experience. The University's medium size allows it to offer the faculty, facilities and academic choices of a major university, while retaining a friendly, small college atmosphere. Small classes enable the University to foster one-on-one working relationships between faculty and students. More than 90 percent of UNI's classes have 50 or fewer students.

Students enter the University well-prepared, demonstrated by their selection of high school courses and rank in class. In recent years, over 90 percent of the entering freshmen ranked in the top 50 percent of their high school classes, with about 60 percent ranking in the top 30 percent. The average undergraduate arrives at UNI with an ACT score of 23.

U.S. News and World Report has recognized the University by ranking it seventh among the top 15 colleges and universities and second among best buys in the Midwest Region in its America's Best Colleges Book. It also recognized Northern Iowa as one of two "up-and-coming" Midwest regional universities.

The College of Business Administration has become the largest undergraduate business school in Iowa. The College's Department of Accounting is ranked among the 10 best in the country by educators and accounting professionals. In a national survey of 400 accounting faculty, Northern Iowa ranked as one of their top programs.

Considered a long-time leader in the field of teacher education, UNI has implemented several programs that continue this tradition of excellence. The Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education is a leading setting for research and training in the education of young children. The Center is the only educational resource of its kind in Iowa.

Northern Iowa's 19 men's and women's intercollegiate athletics programs compete at the NCAA Division I level with major conference affiliations. The Panthers boast a nationally recognized coaching staff to maintain consistently competitive programs.

The Northern Iowa campus combines the grandeur of early 1900s architecture with striking, modern building designs that have characterized an impressive growth period over the past dozen years. The attractive, park-like campus contains more than 40 major buildings on 861 acres, yet is compact enough to cross in a 10-minute walk.

UNI is located in Cedar Falls, an inviting and historic community of about 35,000 people. Together with the adjacent city of Waterloo, the metropolitan area has a culturally diverse population of 115,000 and combines big city opportunities with small town friendliness. Cedar Falls/Waterloo is a center for industry, finance, commerce, recreation and cultural activities for northeast Iowa.

The University was founded in 1876 and is one of three state-assisted universities administered by the Iowa State Board of Regents. Additional private support is provided by the UNI Foundation and Northern Iowa Alumni Association, representing more than 65,000 alumni in the United States and other countries.
Northern Iowa at a Glance

Location ........................................................ Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614
Founded .......................................................... 1876
Enrollment ...................................................... 12,500
Nickname ......................................................... Panthers
School Colors .................................................... Purple & Old Gold
President ........................................................ Dr. Constantine Curris
Athletic Director .............................................. Chris Ritrievi
Head Wrestling Coach ................................. Don Briggs (319) 273-6473
Assistant Coaches ................................. Joel Greenlee, Chris Bollin
Home Facility .................................................. West Gym (2,500)
Conference ...................................................... Independent (NCAA West Regional)
1993-94 Dual Record ........................................ 5-7
1994 NCAA Finish ........................................... Tied 11th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost ......................... 6/5
Starters Returning/Lost ..................................... 5/5
Assistant Trainer (Wrestling) ......................... Micki Austin
Sports Information Director .......................... Nancy Justis
Assistant SID .................................................. Kevin Kane
Sports Information Wrestling Contact .......... Darin Leach (319) 273-3642

To the Media

Press facilities in the West Gym are very limited. Only working media are allowed access to the press area, which is located on the south side of the arena.

Head coach Don Briggs and team members are available for interviews in person or by telephone on most occasions. Interviews may be arranged through Student Assistant SID Darin Leach (319/273-3642) or directly through the Wrestling Office (319/273-6473). The best time to contact team members is before or after practice in the West Gym wrestling room, located on the north side of the building. Practice normally runs from approximately 3 till 5:15 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

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On the cover:
Panther all-American heavyweight Justin Greenlee
Don Briggs enters his 13th year as Northern Iowa's wrestling coach with the same enthusiasm and same expectations he did for his 12th.

And that could be good news for the Panthers.

After jumping out to a 5-1 dual start—including an 18-16 win over Iowa State—Northern Iowa ended the season with six straight losses and finished 5-7, its first losing season under Briggs.

But the Panthers rebounded to win their ninth straight West Regional title and wound up 11th at the NCAA Championships with two All-Americans.

UNI enters the 1994-95 season young, but talented—not unlike the way it came into the 1993-94 campaign.

"We're not going to look good on paper going into the NCAAs," said Briggs, 148-67 in 12 seasons with the Panthers.

"Our home schedule is not going to make us look very good.

"But we're young, enthusiastic and tough. This team is going to be tough. There's a lot of talent here and we've got a great attitude."

Briggs said a change in coaching philosophy more than a year ago is the difference.

"From day one, we're placing the emphasis on the NCAAs and not a lot of emphasis on the duals," he said.

The Panthers have stopped holding "mock" regional tournaments, opting instead to hold "mock" NCAAs.

"I told the guys I don't care about winning the regionals, all I want to do is qualify 10 guys for the NCAAs," Briggs said, noting he's even using "mental imagery" to help his wrestlers "picture themselves at the NCAAs."

"We take them all the way up to the NCAA finals...all the way to them standing on the victory stand," he said.

He said this new approach has been a bonus for the team and assistants Chris Bollin and Joel Greenlee.

"Greenlee, Bollin and I have got these guys under our control where everybody is rowing in the same direction at the same time," Briggs said.

Leading the charge for the Panthers this season will be senior Justin Greenlee and sophomore Scott Murray.

A two-time All-American at heavyweight, Greenlee capped an outstanding junior season with a runner-up finish at the NCAAs. He won 38 of 44 bouts last season and enters his final campaign with 91 career victories, 43 short of the school record.

"I think he has an opportunity to be undefeated throughout the whole year," Briggs said of the big man from Waverly. "I think there's only one guy in the nation that can beat him."

That person is junior Kerry McCoy of Penn State. McCoy won last year's heavyweight national crown with a 7-4 win over Greenlee.

"McCoy's real tough," Briggs admitted. "We're going to have to make some adjustments. We're going to have to study that film of the NCAAs over and over again to see the things we need to do.

"If we're going to beat McCoy, we're going to have to beat him on top."

Murray had an outstanding, but somewhat typical, freshman season. He was inconsistent in posting a 28-12 record at 118 pounds, but won a West Regional crown. He failed to make weight at the NCAAs, however, and never got any national mat experience.

Murray will wrestle at 126 this year.

"I honestly think two guys on our team right now have the capabilities of being a national champ this year and that's Scott Murray and Justin Greenlee," Briggs said.

UNI hasn't had a Division I champion since Bill Dotson in 1963.

The only other wrestler with NCAA experience is junior Tim Novak. Filling in for the injured Nate Hartle at 142, Novak fashioned an 18-17 mark and placed third at the West Regional.

Dusty Rhodes (13-18) at 126 and Dan Kjeldgaard (11-14) at 158 also made UNI's tournament team last winter, but didn't advance out of the regional despite third-place finishes.

"Not only do we have a lot of guys back, but we've got a lot of guys to add to it," Briggs said. "I'm really pumped up with the attitudes of guys like Ryan Kutz, Ryan Cummings, Robert Armey, Ben Barton and Dusty Rhodes. These guys didn't make it to the NCAAs last year, but they've got it in their minds now."

With Murray moving up to 126, sophomore Brent Paulson (11-7) will get the early nod at 118. Murray will be challenged by freshman Kutz at 126 with Rhodes getting a push from seniors Troy Bennett (11-8) and Dan Beerman (7-9) at 134.
Novak is the leader at 142, but will have to hold off freshman Jason Meier to keep his job. Cummings is the man to beat at 150 and should get a stiff challenge from freshman Chris Bahr. Kjeldgaard is back at 158 with freshman Rob Wadle providing the competition in the wrestling room.

The 167 pound division is wide open with three wrestlers rated No. 1 in the pre-season—freshman Armey, and juniors Adam Greenlee (3-10) and Jason Wedgebury (13-9). Junior Ken Ciesielki (4-9) also could challenge here.

Freshman Barton is high on Briggs' list at 177—"he's matured a lot"—and will be challenged by senior Matt Meinhard (0-4). Bret Jones will be at 190 and Greenlee at heavyweight.

The Panthers also have an outstanding crop of incoming freshman, but Briggs said Luke Thorson, Pat Smith, B.J. Miller, Darrell Wieland, Ken Bigley and Burt Beamer all will be red-shirted.

The Panthers open the season Nov. 26 at the Northern Open in Madison, Wis., and their home slate includes dates with Iowa (Dec. 9), Wisconsin (Jan. 28), Nebraska (Feb. 10) and Ohio State (Feb. 18). The West Regionals are in Milwaukee (March 4) and the NCAAs are in Iowa City (March 16-18).
Coaching Staff

Head Coach
Don Briggs

The 1994-95 season marks the 13th year of the Don Briggs era of Northern Iowa wrestling, a period that has been marked by consistently competitive and winning teams.

Only the sixth head coach in school history, Briggs' accomplishments as the Panther head man are quite impressive, although one could never coax him to admit it.

But Briggs' record speaks for itself. Under his direction the Panthers have placed in the top 25 at the NCAA Championships every season and have been ranked as high as fourth in the nation. UNI was ranked fifth and eighth in 1988 and 1989, respectively, in the final Amateur Wrestling News poll.

The Panthers equaled their best finish at the NCAA Division I Championships in 1992 by finishing 10th, matching the finish of Briggs' first season in 1983 when he was voted National Rookie Coach of the Year by his peers. Last year, he again led the Panthers to a high national finish as they tied for 11th place at the NCAA Championships. He has led Northern Iowa to nine consecutive NCAA Regional titles with his other three teams placing second.

During his tenure, he has posted a 148-67 record, making him the second winningest coach in Northern Iowa history and giving him more victories at the NCAA Division I level than any of his predecessors. Since first joining the UNI staff as a graduate assistant in 1974, Briggs has coached 50 NCAA all-Americans and 14 national champions.

Highly respected among his peers, Briggs has won eight NCAA West Regional Coach of the Year awards and served a two-year term as president of the National Wrestling Coaches Association from 1988-90.

Eleven of the 12 teams Briggs has coached have had winning records, only three below .600 winning percentage, and his .688 career percentage ranks him among the nation's elite. He has accomplished that feat while sticking to his philosophy of competing against the best collegiate wrestling has to offer.

Before being named head coach in 1982, Briggs served as an assistant to long-time head coach Chuck Patten for seven seasons and as a graduate assistant one year.

A native of Cedar Rapids, IA, Briggs graduated from Jefferson High School and later received his bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Iowa in 1971. While wrestling for the Hawkeyes, he placed fourth in the Big 10 at 134 pounds as a sophomore and third as a junior and senior. He was voted team captain as a senior. Although he did not compete his first year at Iowa, Briggs compiled a 30-5-1 career record, posting consecutive marks of 12-2-1, 12-2 and 6-1.

Briggs served one season as assistant coach at Cedar Rapids Prairie High School before becoming a graduate assistant at UNI in 1974. He completed his graduate work with a master's degree in education from the University of Iowa in 1975.

Briggs is an avid hunter and fisherman in his spare time, but is best known as a skydiver. He has completed over 1,500 jumps since taking up the sport. He and his wife, Dianna, reside in rural Cedar Falls.

The Briggs Record

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12 Years
148-67 .688

* School record

Don Briggs' Athletes in the Coaching Ranks

Since Don Briggs' arrival at UNI in 1974 under head coach Chuck Patten, he has played an important part in guiding and inspiring his student-athletes to pursue careers in teaching and coaching. Briggs has seen over 50 former pupils enter the coaching ranks since his arrival and hopes to continue the strong tradition of UNI graduates in that field.

Brett Adams, Independence, Iowa
Tim Balkanz, Washington, Iowa
Rick Benson, Sioux City, Iowa
Mike Bird, LaCrosse, Wis.
Jim Blasingame, Indiana, Iowa
Dick Briggs, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Dion Cobb, Des Moines, Iowa
Dave Cunningham, Forest City, Iowa
Larry Dawson, Pleasantville, Iowa
Randy Dodd, Dike, Iowa
Ron Dodd, Northwood, Iowa
Dick Erickson, Kansas City, Mo.
Hans Goetttsch, Fort Dodge, Iowa
Dave Grant, Minneapolis, Minn.
Joel Greenlee, Cedar Falls, Iowa
Joe Gribben, Minneapolis, Minn.
Brent Hagen, Desron, Iowa
Pat Hamilton, Algona, Iowa
Pat Hogan, Waverly, Iowa
Chuck Huff, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Bob Jensen, Mount Pleasant, Iowa
Jim Keck, Spencer, Iowa
Mike Knight, Winona, Mo.
Steve Knipp, Waterloo, Iowa
Paul Kreimeyer, Kansas City, Mo.
Tom Lappe, Ida Grove, Iowa
Chris Lembeck, Lisbon, Iowa
Dave Malecek, Aurelia, Iowa
Keith Marsey, Council Bluffs, Iowa
Jim Miller, Waverly, Iowa
Jon Moeller, Saydel, Iowa
Brian Moore, Keosauqua, Iowa
Randy Demig, Grundy Center, Iowa
Pat Pickford, Bettendorf, Iowa
Rich Powers, Glen Ellyn, Ill.
Dave Prehm, New Hampton, Iowa
Al Price, Hopkins, Minn.
John Prior, Yorkville, Ill.
Mark Pustelnik, Rock Island, Ill.
Rick Rubel, Waverly, Iowa
Larry Sallis, Waterloo, Iowa
Steve Shirk, Wilton, Iowa
Ed Shockey, Okla.
Jeff Weatherman, Des Moines, Iowa
Ken Williams, Clinton, Iowa
Dave Williams, Ft. Madison, Iowa
Mike Woodall, Eagle Grove, Iowa
Assistant Coach
Joel Greenlee

Joel Greenlee is in his sixth season as a Panther assistant, his fourth as the top aide to head coach Don Briggs. In addition to his duties in the wrestling room, Greenlee is heavily involved in recruiting and scheduling. He also directs the team's overall and individualized weight training programs and other conditioning programs.

Greenlee brought impressive credentials to his new post in 1989 after concluding one of the most successful careers in Northern Iowa history. He ranks second on Northern Iowa's career victories list with 127 and his name can be found in every career and single season category in the UNI record book. Competing at heavyweight, he set the UNI standard for career dual wins with 58 and never lost a collegiate dual meet, posting a 58-0-3 mark, while his overall record of 127-16-4 gives him the top winning percentage in school history.

Greenlee was an NCAA qualifier all four seasons and earned all-America honors twice, placing fourth as a junior and second his senior year. He also competed in the National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star Classic his final two seasons.

The Waverly, IA, native continues to wrestle competitively on the international level at 286 pounds, having been a member of the United States Freestyle Team since 1990. He has competed in the Cerro Palado Tournament in Cuba, winning the championship in 1993 after placing second and fourth the two previous years.

In the past year, he has placed third at the National Freestyle Open and, for the second year in a row, finished third at the World Team Trials. In 1993, he also competed in and won the Cuban Grand Prix and placed second in the National Freestyle Open.

Greenlee toured the Soviet Union with the U.S. team in January of 1991 and competed at the Tilisi Tournament. He also accompanied the United States Freestyle Team to the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992. Currently ranked third in the U.S. at heavyweight, Greenlee represents the New York Athletic Club in open competition.

He was a High School all-American at Waverly-Shell Rock (IA) High School as a senior after capping a 27-0 season with a state championship.

He and his wife, Roxann, reside in Cedar Falls.

Assistant Coach
Chris Bollin

Former University of Oklahoma all-American Chris Bollin was appointed to the Northern Iowa staff in September of 1993 as the second assistant to head coach Don Briggs.

Bollin brings an outstanding collegiate and international competitive record to his first coaching job. He placed third at 118 pounds at the 1989 NCAA Championships as a junior, and also qualified for the national meet as a sophomore and senior. He won the Big Eight title as a junior and then lost only to North Carolina's Doug Wyland in the NCAA meet, capping a 34-5-1 season.

After being ranked fifth in the nation at 126 early in the season in 1987, Bollin sustained an elbow injury which forced him to miss the remainder of the season and received a medical hardship.

He qualified for his first NCAA Tournament as a sophomore in 1987 after taking runnerup honors at the Big Eight meet and finished the season with a 23-11-1 mark.

Bollin also took second in the conference meet his senior season in 1990 and finished with a 22-4-2 mark, giving him a career slate of 85-30-3.

A native of Leavenworth, KS, he was a three-time state champion at Immaculata High, where he compiled a 114-1-1 career record and was rated the number one recruit in the nation at 112 pounds by Amateur Wrestling News.

Since receiving his bachelor's degree in communications in 1990, Bollin has continued to compete on the international level, placing third at the 1992 Olympic Trials and fourth at the 1993 World Team Trials. He represents the Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club in open competition.
## 1994-95 Roster

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**Experience:** #VL - Number of Varsity Letters; NVL - Varsity Experience, but Non-Letterwinner; NVE - No Varsity Experience; TR - Transfer; RS - Redshirt

**Head Coach:** Don Briggs (Iowa '71)

**Assistant Coaches:** Joel Greenlee (Northern Iowa '89), Chris Bollin (Oklahoma '90)
Will likely enter the season ranked second in the nation at heavyweight...with a successful, healthy season, could become Northern Iowa's career leader in victories by season's end...last summer won the U.S. Olympic Festival and three matches on NWCA Tour in Frankfort, Germany. 1993-94...Opened the year ranked third nationally...scored 16 pins while notching a 38-6 mark and wrapped up his second all-America honor by finishing second in the NCAAs, losing only to top-rated Kerry McCoy, 7-4, in the finals...won the Great Plains Open and West Regional while finishing second at the Midlands and Nebraska-Omaha Opens...won the Pan American Games and Olympic Festival and finished second at the Trophée Milone Tournament in Italy during the summer. 1992-93...Finished eighth in the NCAA Tournament to earn his first all-America honor...was ranked as high as 10th in the nation during season...led the Panthers with 32 wins and 15 pins, putting him 10th on UNI's career pin list...pinned three opponents in less than six minutes to win the West Regional...also won the UNI Open and placed third at the Nebraska-Omaha Open. 1991-92...Earned the varsity spot in preseason and competed in all but one dual, missing only the season opener with a neck injury...qualified for the NCAA Championships as a freshman by placing second at the West Regional...took third at the UNI Open and fourth at the Northern Open. 1990-91...Redshirted. High School...The Iowa high school champion at 275 pounds as a senior after placing third at 189 as a junior...posted a 38-1 record as a senior to cap off a 92-28-2 career...placed second at Junior Nationals in 1990...won the World Trials and placed seventh at the Junior World Championships...named High School All-America by Amateur Wrestling News and Asics Tiger his senior year.

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Troy Bennett
Senior
134 Pounds
Fort Dodge, Iowa
Fort Dodge H.S.
Birthdate: June 28, 1972
Major: Sociology

Emerged as a part-time starter at 134 last year...a year of varsity experience will be a plus going into this season. 1993-94...Battled for the starting spot at 134...finished his first season with a 11-8 overall record...finished fifth at the Nebraska-Omaha Open. 1992-93...Redshirted after transferring from Iowa Central Community College. 1991-92...Placed second at the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships. High School...A three-year letterwinner for the Dodgers who qualified for the state tournament as a senior...earned all-conference honors twice and was named team’s Outstanding Wrestler.

Year   Overall   Duals   Pins
1993-94  11-8-0   3-3-0   5

Dan Kjeldgaard
Sophomore
158 Pounds
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Lewis Central H.S.
Birthdate: June 29, 1974
Major: Chemistry

Early season favorite to grab a starting position at 158. 1993-94...Finished his freshman season with a solid 11-14 record at 158 pounds...top finishes included sixth place at the Northern Iowa Open and a strong third place finish at the West Regional. 1992-93...Redshirted. High School...A four-time state qualifier who placed third as a junior and senior...named to Amateur Wrestling News’ High School All-America Team after finishing his career with a 132-21 record...set school records for wins in a season (46) and career (134), and pins in a season (33)...won the state Greco-Roman championship as a senior and finished third at Junior Nationals.

Year   Overall   Duals   Pins
1993-94  11-14-0   2-7-0   3

Tim Novak
Junior
142 Pounds
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
LaSalle H.S.
Birthdate: April 11, 1973
Major: Accounting

The man to beat at 142 pounds after qualifying for the NCAA Tournament a year ago. 1993-94...Was forced to compete at 142 pounds last year when injuries overcame the team...filled in admirably, going 18-17 in matches...placed third at the West Regional and qualified for his first NCAA Championships. 1992-93...Had planned to redshirt, but competed in one varsity match after a rash of injuries left the team shorthanded...lost his only varsity match to Iowa’s Bill Zadick in a 134 pound match, 12-6...compiled a 5-6 record in tournament competition. High School...Placed second in Iowa Class 1A state meet as a junior...participated in the 1991 North/South All-Star Meet and the 1992 Iowa/Stravapal Duals...a two-time conference champ and MVP who also earned all conference honors in football.

Year   Overall   Duals   Pins
1992-93  5-7-0   0-1-0   0
1993-94  18-17-0   4-6-0   3
Career  23-24-0   4-7-0   3
Returning Lettermen

Scott Murray
Sophomore
126 Pounds
Topeka, Kansas
Washburn Rural H.S.
Birthdate - August 1, 1973
Major - Business

Figures to move up a weight to 126 this season and will likely be an all-American contender. 1993-94...Emerged as one of the top 118-pounders in the nation, finishing with a 28-12 record, the most wins by a Panther freshman in five years...recorded the best season by a UNI 118-pounder since 1989-90...finished third at the Midlands and Great Plains Opens, took sixth at the Northern Open and won the NCAA West Regional, but did not compete at the NCAA Championships after missing weight...finished the season ranked 17th in the nation after a high-water mark of ninth in mid-January...knocked off several highly-ranked opponents, including #8 Scott Gonyo and #5 Ty Moore; also defeated defending Division II champ Brian Kapusta of North Dakota State...his pin of Jason Nurre at 2:36 sparked UNI's 18-16 upset of Iowa State on Jan. 12...missed the Oklahoma State and Southwest Missouri duals with the flu...his 28 victories, 10 pins and four major decisions all ranked second on the team...posted a season-high eight-match winning streak from Dec. 29 to Jan. 8...went 15-4 the final two months of the season. 1992-93...Redshirted. High School...Earned High School All-America honors after winning the Iowa state championship as a senior...finished high school with a 109-26-3 career record...finished third at state as a junior...a four-time letterwinner.

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Dusty Rhodes
Sophomore
134 Pounds
Osage, Iowa
Osage H.S.
Birthdate - May 24, 1974
Major - Sports Medicine

Will likely move up to 134 this year after seeing varsity action at 126 last year. 1993-94...Showed plenty of promise in his first year, compiling a 13-18 record, 2-7 in dual competition...placed seventh at the Great Plains Open and third at the NCAA West Regional. 1992-93...Redshirted. High School...Earned High School All-America honors after winning the Iowa state championship as a senior...finished high school with a 109-26-3 career record...finished third at state as a junior...a four-time letterwinner.

Jason Wedgbury
Junior
167 Pounds
Hampton, Iowa
Hampton-Dumont Community H.S.
Birthdate - March 11, 1973
Major - Education

Two seasons of varsity experience will help as he battles for a varsity spot at 167. 1993-94...Had a successful campaign going 13-9 with three pins. 1992-93...Inherited the 167-pound slot in the lineup in December, competing in 13 of 17 duals...posted a 13-21 record, 2-11 in duals...took sixth at 177 at the UNI Open...placed fourth at the West Regional. 1991-92...Redshirted. High School...A High School All-American who won the Class 2A 160-pound state title as a senior and placed second as a sophomore...posted a 115-8 career record...also earned all-state football and all-conference baseball honors...also lettered in track.

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### Robert Armey
**Class:** Freshman  
**Weight:** 167  
**H.S.:** West Liberty  
**Birthdate:** November 12, 1974  
**Major:** Criminology  

1993-94: Redshirted.  

**High School:** The Iowa Class 2A runner-up as a senior at 171 pounds after finishing fifth as a junior.

### Chris Bahr
**Class:** Freshman  
**Weight:** 150  
**H.S.:** LaCrosse  
**Birthdate:** July 13, 1975  
**Major:** Education  

1993-94: Redshirted.  

**High School:** Won the large school state title in Wisconsin as a senior at 140 pounds after placing the two previous years...earned three varsity letters in football and four in wrestling.

### Ben Barton
**Class:** Freshman  
**Weight:** 177  
**H.S.:** Wabasha  
**Birthdate:** March 18, 1975  
**Major:** Physical Education  

1993-94: Redshirted.  

**High School:** Finshed second at the Minnesota state tournament at 189 as a senior, going 42-1...placed third as a junior...compiled a 145-38 career mark...also lettered three years in football and baseball.

### Dan Beerman
**Class:** Senior  
**Weight:** 134  
**H.S.:** Norwalk  
**Birthdate:** January 16, 1972  
**Major:** Undecided  

Should battle for a spot at 126 or 134 in his senior season.  

1993-94: Recorded a 7-9 record last year for the Panthers...posted a 6-6 overall record and competed in his first varsity meet, downing Bill Blauvelt of Drake, 7-4, on Jan. 30....Went 5-6 competing in open tournaments.  

1990-91: Redshirted.  

**High School:** Won the state championship his senior year after placing fifth as a junior...a two-time conference champion...also lettered in football, baseball and track.

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### Ken Ciesielski
**Class:** Junior  
**Weight:** 167  
**H.S.:** Jesup  
**Birthdate:** June 1, 1973  
**Major:** Construction Management  

Will challenge for a spot at 167 or 177.  

1993-94: Finished the season with a 4-9 overall record going 3-4 in tournament matches.  

1992-93: Compiled a 1-4 record while competing in open tournaments.  


**High School:** A four-year letterwinner who placed fifth at state as a senior...also an all-conference running back and linebacker...also lettered in baseball and track.

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### Ryan Cummings
**Class:** Freshman  
**Weight:** 150  
**H.S.:** Mediapolis  
**Birthdate:** February 22, 1975  
**Major:** Business  

1993-94: Redshirted.  

**High School:** A High School All-American who twice won the Iowa Class 2A title at 152 pounds and won the Minnesota championship at 140 as a sophomore...finished his career with a 132-13 mark and went 177-1 his final two seasons...also lettered in football, baseball and track...was named all-state in football and all-conference in baseball.
Adam Greenlee  
Junior  
167 Pounds  
Eddyville, Iowa  
Eddyville H.S.  
Birthdate - October 26, 1972  
Major - Biology  

Looks to contend for a top spot at 167: two years of varsity experience should be a plus. 1993-94...Finished the season last year with a 3-10 overall record, 0-4 in duals. 1992-93...Saw action in four dual meets as a freshman, going winless in four outings against Wisconsin, Minnesota, Northern Illinois and Drake...split time between 167 and 177 pounds...posted a 4-11 overall record. 1991-92...Redshirted. High School...A fine all-around athlete who earned 16 letters—four each in wrestling, football, cross country and track...a state wrestling qualifier and all-state linebacker in football.

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Ryan Kutz  
Freshman  
126 Pounds  
Lodi, Wisconsin  
Lodi H.S.  
Birthdate - June 14, 1975  
Major - Undecided  

1993-94...Redshirted. High School...A two-time Wisconsin state champion who went undefeated his last two seasons, winning at 125 and 130 pounds...also finished third as a sophomore...concluded his career with a 125-11 mark and was named High School All-American...won his conference title all four years and was twice named conference MVP...also lettered in baseball.

Jason Meier  
Freshman  
142 Pounds  
Denver, Iowa  
Denver H.S.  
Birthdate - August 30, 1975  
Major - Undecided  

1993-94...Redshirted...High School...Won the state high school title at 140 pounds as a senior, capping a 32-4 season...MVP of wrestling team senior year.

Matt Meinhard  
Senior  
177 Pounds  
Ames, Iowa  
Ames High School  
Birthdate - January 29, 1972  
Major - Elementary Education  

1993-94...Went 0-4 in first season of action for Panthers. 1992-93...Member of squad but did not compete. High School...Lettered in football and wrestling.

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Brent Paulson  
Sophomore  
118 Pounds  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
Kennedy H.S.  
Birthdate - September 27, 1973  
Major - Community Recreation  

Should be a major contender at 118 this season after getting valuable varsity experience last year. 1993-94...Had a successful first season going 11-7 for team. Competed in duals vs. Mankato State, Oklahoma State and Southwest Missouri...1992-93...Redshirted. High School...Compiled a 110-10-1 career record on his way to three top three finishes at the state tournament—placed first as a senior, second as a junior and second as a sophomore...went 3-2 at the National High School Tournament...voted his team's Outstanding Wrestler twice and received the "Sparkplug" award all four seasons...also lettered in football and baseball.

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Rob Wadle  
Freshman  
158 Pounds  
Milo, Iowa  
Southeast Warren H.S.  
Birthdate - June 25, 1975  
Major - Business  

1993-94...Redshirted...High School...Posted a 33-1 record as a senior with his only loss coming in the finals of the 152-pound state final...also took third as a junior and second as a sophomore...won the state AAU championship...also lettered in football.
Dan Bainbridge
Freshman
142 Pounds
Dubuque, Iowa
Senior H.S.
Birthdate - March 2, 1976
Major - Undecided

High School...Placed third in state meet senior year...all-conference junior and senior years...four-time letterwinner in wrestling...1993 Greco State Champ...1992 Greco National Dual Team qualifier.

Ken Bigley
Freshman
177 Pounds
Sugar Camp, Wisconsin
Three Lakes H.S.
Birthdate - August 30, 1975
Major - Undecided

High School...Was a perfect 34-0 as a senior winning the 171-pound state championship...finished high school...1993 Greco National Dual Team qualifier.

Burt Beamer
Freshman
Heavyweight
Post Falls, Idaho
Post Falls H.S.
Birthdate - October 31, 1976
Major - Undecided

High School...Competed in Idaho State Class 1-A wrestling tournament as a sophomore, junior and senior finishing first, second and third, respectively...finished with a 109-15-1 career record...participated in Junior National Freestyle tournament from 1992-94 and also Greco tournament in '92 and '93...earned four varsity letters in wrestling and track and three in football.

Kirk Crawford
Junior
150 Pounds
Dysart, Iowa
Union H.S.
Birthdate - February 21, 1974
Major - Business Management

1992-94...Wrestled at Iowa Central Community College...placed eighth in the National JC tournament...earned two letters at Iowa Central.

High School...Finished sixth, second and first at the Iowa state tournament...earned four varsity letters in wrestling...first team all-conference three times.

Tim Duff
Freshman
167 Pounds
Winterset, Iowa
Winterset H.S.
Birthdate - October 13, 1974
Major - Criminology

High School...State champion senior year...qualified for state as a junior...finished high school with a 101-36-1 record...helped high school team in winning the state dual championships...honorable mention all-American...third team all-state in football senior year.

Jason Haag
Sophomore
150 Pounds
Monticello, Iowa
Monticello H.S.
Birthdate - August 5, 1974
Major - Business

1993-94...Wrestled at Simpson College earning a varsity letter. High School...Qualified for state wrestling tournament...first-team all-district and all-state selection in football...male athlete of the year at Monticello...received 13 varsity letters in high school.
Bret Jones
Junior
190 Pounds
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Prairie H.S.
Birthdate - September 16, 1973
Major - Education
1992-94...Attended Kirkwood Community College. High School...Two-time state qualifier in wrestling...placed third at state meet as a senior...all-metro football selection senior year...two-time all-metro pick in track and wrestling...three-time state qualifier in high jump...won four varsity letters in track, three in wrestling and two in football.

T.J. Paustian
Freshman
126 Pounds
Bettendorf, Iowa
Bettendorf
Birthdate - March 21, 1975
Major - Business
High School...Earned four varsity letters in wrestling for the Bulldogs.

Tony Norton
Senior
150 Pounds
Clarksville, Iowa
Clarksville H.S.
Birthdate - February 4, 1972
Major - Elementary Education

B.J. Miller
Freshman
150 Pounds
Buffalo Center, Iowa
North Iowa H.S.
Birthdate - July 20, 1975
Major - Business
High School...Four-time qualifier for the state wrestling meet...finished third in state meet as a senior...won the state title as a junior...earned varsity letters in football, track and wrestling.

Pat Smith
Freshman
134 Pounds
Maple Grove, Minnesota
Osseo H.S.
Birthdate - February 3, 1975
Major - Undecided
High School...Three year participant in the state wrestling meet finishing first as a senior, fifth as a junior and fourth as a sophomore...all-conference selection all four years...MVP of team as a sophomore and senior.

Luke Thorson
Freshman
118 Pounds
Ferryville, Wisconsin
North Crawford H.S.
Birthdate - February 8, 1976
Major - Elementary Education
High School...Three-time Wisconsin state tournament qualifier...placed first, third and fifth at the state meet...MVP of wrestling team senior year...two-time all-conference in baseball.
Newcomers

Chad Trulson
Junior
167 Pounds
Britt, Iowa
Britt-West Hancock H.S.
Birthdate - February 7, 1974
Major - Criminology

High School...Finished fourth in state tournament as a senior capping off a 33-5 season...all-conference in wrestling and football...team captain in football, wrestling and track...all-state guard in football.

Darrel Wieland
Freshman
167 Pounds
Cedar Falls, Iowa
Cedar Falls H.S.
Birthdate - December 16, 1974
Major - Biology

High School...Qualified for the state tournament three times, finishing fourth once and third twice...four-time all-conference in wrestling.

Chad Venz
Freshman
134 Pounds
Northwood, Iowa
Northwood-Kensett H.S.
Birthdate - June 4, 1975
Major - Undecided

High School...Two-time state qualifier in wrestling...battled to a second place finish in state meet...four-time all-conference wrestler.

Aaron Williams
Freshman
158 Pounds
Creston, Iowa
Creston H.S.
Major - Biology
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### FINAL DUAL RESULTS (5-7)

- **Dec. 2**: NORTH DAKOTA STATE W 37-10 at Oklahoma State L 6-41
- **Dec. 11**: at Iowa L 8-30 at Southwest Missouri L 17-18
- **Jan. 6**: NEBRASKA-OMAHA W 22-16 Feb. 6 MINNESOTA L 12-26
- **Jan. 12**: LEHIGH W 25-16 Feb. 13 at Ohio State L 15-25
- **Jan. 14**: IOWA STATE W 18-16 vs. Illinois (Columbus, OH) L 15-24
- **Jan. 16**: at Mankato State W 21-14 Feb. 19 at Nebraska L 29-6

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- **Nov. 20**: NEBRASKA-OMAHA OPEN: 126-Andy Showalter, 4th; 134-Troy Bennett, 5th; 142-Nate Hartle, 4th; 150-Doug Kjeldgaard, 2nd; 190-DAVE MALECEK, 1ST; HWT-Justin Greenlee, 2nd.
- **Nov. 27**: NORTHERN OPEN: 118-Scott Murray, 6th; 126-Andy Showalter, 4th; 190-Dave Malecek, 4th; HWT-Justin Greenlee, 5th.
- **Dec. 4**: NORTHERN IOWA OPEN: 142 - Tim Novak, 6th; 150-Doug Kjeldgaard, 6th; 158-Dan Kjeldgaard, 6th; 167-Jason Wedgbury, 2nd; 190-Dave Malecek, 2nd; HWT-JUSTIN GREENLEE, 1ST.
- **Dec. 29-30**: MIDLANDS OPEN: 118-Scott Murray, 3rd; HWT-Justin Greenlee, 2nd.
- **Jan. 8**: GREAT PLAINS OPEN: 118-Scott Murray, 3rd; 126-Dusty Rhodes, 7th; 190-Dave Malecek, 2nd; HWT-JUSTIN GREENLEE, 1ST.
- **Mar. 6**: NCAA WEST REGIONAL (1st of 8 teams): 118-SCOTT MURRAY, 1ST; 126-Dusty Rhodes, 3rd; 134-ANDY SHOWALTER, 1ST; 142-Tim Novak, 3rd; 150-Doug Kjeldgaard, 2nd; 177-DAVE MALECEK, 1ST; 190-Shawn Pippert, 3rd; HWT-JUSTIN GREENLEE, 1ST.
- **Mar. 17-19**: NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS (11th of 83 teams): 177-Dave Malecek, 4th; HWT-Justin Greenlee, 2nd.
# 1993-94 Duals

## Northern Iowa 37, North Dakota State 10
Dec. 2, 1993 - Cedar Falls

118 - Scott Murray (UNI) major dec. Brian Kapusta, 12-3
126 - Jeff Kapusta (NDSU) dec. Dusty Rhodes, 10-7
134 - Troy Bennett (UNI) pinned Jeremy LaVigne, 3:09
142 - Tim Novak (UNI) won by forfeit
150 - Doug Kjeldgaard (UNI) major dec. Kirk Feit, 17-9
158 - Joel Vettel (NDSU) dec. Dan Kjeldgaard, 11-11
167 - Jason Wedgbury (UNI) won by injury default
177 - Lance Koenig (NDSU) major dec. Adam Greenlee, 13-3
190 - Dave Malecek (UNI) tech. fall Robert Finneseth, 6:15

HWT - Justin Greenlee (UNI) pinned Mike Leinwand, 3:11

## Iowa 30, Northern Iowa 8
Dec. 11, 1993 - Iowa City, Iowa

118 - Mike Mena (N) major dec. Scott Murray, 13-4
126 - Kevin Hogan (N) dec. Dusty Rhodes, 3-2
134 - Bill Zalicki (N) major dec. Dan Beerman, 21-8
142 - Nate Hartle (N) dec. Mike Uker, 7-4
150 - Lincol McNalroy (N) tech. fall Doug Kjeldgaard, 7:00
158 - Daryl Weber (N) major dec. Dan Kjeldgaard, 20-7
167 - Matt Nerem (N) dec. Jason Wedgbury, 10-3
177 - Mike Neuman (N) dec. Shawn Pippert, 6-4 ot
190 - Joel Sharratt (N) major dec. Dave Malecek, 17-6

HWT - Justin Greenlee (UNI) tech. fall John Degl, 3:18

## Northern Iowa 22, Nebraska-Omaha 16
Jan. 6, 1994 - Cedar Falls

118 - Scott Murray (UNI) dec. Lin Prim, 5-2
126 - Andy Showalter (UNI) pinned Pat Smart, 4:12
134 - Steve Costanzo (UNI) dec. Doug Black, 8-3
142 - Jason Huson (UNI) dec. Tim Novak, 5-4
150 - Troy Bennett (UNI) dec. Matt Graves, 9-6
158 - Brian Zanders (UNI) dec. Dan Kjeldgaard, 14-9
167 - Jason Wedgbury (UNI) major dec. Ryan Crawford, 11-3
177 - Erik Robinson (UNI) major dec. Adam Greenlee, 12-3
190 - Pat Kelley (UNI) dec. Chad Dennie, 8-4

HWT - Justin Greenlee (UNI) won by injury default

## Nebraska 25, Northern Iowa 15
Feb. 13, 1994 - Columbus, Ohio

118 - Mike Giane (OSU) major dec. Scott Murray, 12-8
126 - Dusty Rhodes (UNI) dec. Dominic DiSabato, 5-4
134 - Jay Michael (OSU) dec. Andy Showalter, 11-4
142 - Dunnyasha Yetsu (OSU) pinned Tim Novak, 2:25
150 - Doug Kjeldgaard (UNI) dec. Charlie Beck, 7-4
158 - Eric Smith (OSU) tech. fall Dan Sperry, 5:30
167 - Will Knight (OSU) pinned Ken Ciesielek, 4:55
177 - Dave Malecek (UNI) tech. fall Bill Schindler, 6:23
190 - Nick Nutter (OSU) dec. Shawn Pippert, 10-6

HWT - Justin Greenlee (UNI) major dec. Rick Burinski, 10-2

## Illinois 24, Northern Iowa 15
Feb. 13, 1994 - Columbus, Ohio

118 - Scott Murray (UNI) major dec. Lindsey Durlacher, 14-3
126 - Jacob Hey (UI) pinned Dusty Rhodes, 6:22
134 - Jon Vaughn (UI) dec. Andy Showalter, 4:0
142 - Steve Marianetti (UI) major dec. Tim Novak, 12-4
150 - Doug Kjeldgaard (UNI) dec. Charles Gary, 6-2
158 - Ernest Benion (UI) major dec. Dan Sperry, 13-5
167 - Mike Stottnick (UI) dec. Ken Ciesielek, 5-3
177 - Dave Malecek (UNI) dec. Steve Rusk, 6-1
190 - Lance Felson (UI) major dec. Shawn Pippert, 15-2

HWT - Justin Greenlee (UNI) major dec. Seth Brady, 18-1

## Nebraska 29, Northern Iowa 6

118 - Scott Murray (NU) major dec. Brandon Paulson, 4-2
126 - Tim Harris (M) major dec. Dusty Rhodes, 14-5
134 - Chris Berglin (M) major dec. Dan Beerman, 12-4
142 - Jeff Thompson (M) dec. Tim Novak, 6-1
150 - Billy Short (M) tech. fall Doug Kjeldgaard, 6:01
158 - Wade Shott (M) dec. Dan Sperry, 5-3
167 - Zac Taylor (M) major dec. Adam Greenlee, 13-5
177 - Dave Malecek (UNI) won by injury default
190 - Darren Andy (M) dec. Chad Dennie, 8-1

HWT - Justin Greenlee (UNI) dec. Billy Pierce, 4-1

## Minnesota 26, Northern Iowa 12
Feb. 6, 1994 - Cedar Falls

118 - Scott Murray (UNI) dec. Brandon Paulson, 4-2
126 - Tim Harris (M) major dec. Dusty Rhodes, 14-5
134 - Chris Berglin (M) major dec. Dan Beerman, 12-4
142 - Jeff Thompson (M) dec. Tim Novak, 6-1
150 - Billy Short (M) tech. fall Doug Kjeldgaard, 6:01
158 - Wade Shott (M) dec. Dan Sperry, 5-3
167 - Zac Taylor (M) major dec. Adam Greenlee, 13-5
177 - Dave Malecek (UNI) won by injury default
190 - Darren Andy (M) dec. Chad Dennie, 8-1

HWT - Justin Greenlee (UNI) dec. Billy Pierce, 4-1
1994 NCAA Championships

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

118 Pounds
1. Sam Henson, Sr., Clemson
2. Eric Akin, Sr., Iowa State
3. Brett Bingham, Jr., Boise State
4. Kevin Roberts, So., Oregon
5. Matt Hanutke, Jr., Wisconsin
6. Scott Gonyo, Sr., Nebraska
7. Mike Mena, Fr., Iowa
8. Pete Rinella, Jr., Bloomsburg

126 Pounds
1. David Hirsch, Sr., Cornell
2. Jody Staylor, Jr., Old Dominion
3. Sanshiro Abe, So., Penn State
4. Shawn Enright, Fr., Oregon
5. Jeff McGinness, Jr., Florida
6. Dave Nieradka, Jr., Iowa
7. Nick Purler, Sr., Oklahoma State
8. Chris Russo, Sr., Indiana

134 Pounds
1. T.J. Jaworsky, Jr., North Carolina
2. Babak Mohammadi, Jr., Oregon State
3. Cary Kolat, So., Penn State
4. Steve St. John, So., Arizona State
5. Mike Krafchick, Jr., Virginia
6. Steve Krouse, Sr., Lock Haven
7. Eric Kimble, Jr., Ohio
8. Derek Mountsier, So., Iowa State

142 Pounds
1. Alan Fried, Sr., Oklahoma State
2. Gerry Abas, Jr., Fresno State
3. Dunyasha Yetts, Sr., Ohio State
4. Charlie Branch, Jr., Virginia Military
5. Steve Marianetti, Jr., Illinois
6. Daryl Weber, So., Iowa
7. John Hughes, So., Penn State
8. Gordon Cashen, Sr., Central Michigan

150 Pounds
1. Lincoln McIlravy, So., Iowa
2. Brian Harper, Sr., Michigan
3. Jake Gaier, Sr., Cal Poly
4. Jacob Newby, Fr., Oklahoma State
5. Terry Watts, Sr., Fresno State
6. Jeff Theilier, Jr., Arizona State
7. Chad Bailey, So., Bloomsburg
8. Scott Petche, Jr., Indiana

158 Pounds
1. Pat Smith, Sr., Oklahoma State
2. Sean Borret, Sr., Michigan
3. Earl Walker, Jr., Boston
4. Dan Alar, Sr., Oregon State
5. Markus Mollica, So., Arizona State
6. Aaron Moran, Sr., Purdue
7. Joe Williams, Fr., Iowa
8. Dan Wimsberger, Jr., Michigan State

167 Pounds
1. Mark Branch, Jr., Oklahoma State
2. Laszlo Molnar, Sr., Cal-Fullerton
3. Shaan Fry, Sr., Missouri
4. Rich Catalano, Sr., Pittsburgh
5. Jason Leonard, Sr., Oklahoma
6. Brett Colombini, Jr., Minnesota
7. Rick Hepp, Jr., Lehigh
8. Stan Banks, Jr., North Carolina

177 Pounds
1. Dean Morrison, Sr., West Virginia
2. Reese Andy, Sr., Indiana
3. Brad Gibson, Jr., Minnesota
4. Dave Malecek, Sr., Northern Iowa
5. Les Gutches, So., Oregon State
6. Shane Camera, Sr., North Carolina
7. Jesse Rawls, So., Michigan
8. Bob Ferraro, Sr., Bucknell

190 Pounds
1. Joel Sharratt, Jr., Iowa
2. Andy Foster, Sr., Oklahoma
3. Tim Morrissey, Sr., Clemson
4. Emilio Collins, Jr., Michigan State
5. Keith Davision, Sr., Wisconsin
6. Dan Troupe, Sr., Iowa State
7. J.J. McGrew, Jr., Oklahoma State
8. Brian Stout, Fr., Clarion

Heavyweight
1. Kerry McCoy, So., Penn State
2. Justin Greenlee, Jr., Northern Iowa
3. Tony Vaughn, So., Purdue
4. Rob Sintobin, Sr., Clarion
5. Dan Hicks, Jr., Navy
6. John Kading, Jr., Oklahoma
7. Josh Feldman, Sr., Virginia Tech
8. Justin Harty, Fr., North Carolina

Final Team Standings
1. Oklahoma State 94.75
2. Iowa 76.50
3. Penn State 57
4. Oregon State 49.5
5. Michigan 41
6. North Carolina 39
7. Cleveland 37.75
8. Arizona State 36
9. Oklahoma 36
10. Iowa State 32.75
11. Northern Iowa 30
12. Fresno State 30
13. Minnesota 29.25
14. West Virginia 25
15. Clarion 24
16. Purdue 23
17. Cornell 22.5
18. Boise State 21.5
19. Missouri 21.5
20. North Carolina 22
21. Ohio 21
22. Old Dominion 20.75
23. Wyoming 20
24. Cal State Fullerton 19
25. Boston 18.5
26. Ohio State 18.5
27. Pittsburgh 18.5

UNI Wrestlers at the 1994 NCAA Championships

134 - Andy Showalter
L - #8 Tony Pariano (Northwestern), 3-1

142 - Tim Novak
L - Ken Workman (Fullerton), 5-4

150 - Doug Kjeldgaard
L - #12 Joey Gilbert (Boise State), 10-3
L - Steve Best (Wisconsin), 4-2

177 - Dave Malecek (#6 seed)
W - Matt Sprague (Oregon), 8-0
W - #11 Travis Gittins (Oklahoma State), 9-7

L - #3 Brad Gibson (Minnesota), 4-1
W - Paschal Duru (Cal Bakersfield), 5-0
W - Jesse Rawls (Michigan), 8-1
W - Shane Camera (North Carolina), 6-3

HWT - Justin Greenlee (#2 seed)
W - Chris Anderson (Oregon), 4-1
W - Nick Hall (Old Dominion), Fall 4:22
W - #10 Jeff Walter (Wisconsin), 4-2
W - Rob Sintobin (Clarion), Fall 2:13
L - #12 Joey Gilbert (Boise State), 10-3
W - #11 Travis Gittins (Oklahoma State), 9-7
1994 NCAA West Regional

Championship Results
Springfield, Missouri

118 Pounds
1. Scott Murray (UNI) dec. Shannon Gregory (NIU), 11-4

126 Pounds
1. Jason Solomon (NIU) dec. Andy Gardner (ISU), 6-4

134 Pounds
1. Andy Showalter (UNI) dec. David Ross (SMSU), 4-2

142 Pounds
1. Kevin Bracken (ISU) dec. Joe Daubach (EIU), 12-5

150 Pounds
1. Ted Hickey (SMSU) dec. Doug Kjeldgaard (UNI), 8-6

158 Pounds
1. Jim Prendergast (SMSU) dec. Pete Maggio (ISU), 8-4

167 Pounds
1. Matt Orton (SMSU) dec. Ben Lehrfeld (NIU), 2-1 ot

177 Pounds
1. Dave Malecek (UNI) technical fall Richard Murry (EIU), 20-4

190 Pounds
1. Eric Block (ISU) dec. Kalin Sharkey (SMSU), 5-2

Heavyweight
1. Justin Greenlee (UNI) over Desmond Rodez (NIU), disqualification

Wild Card NCAA Qualifiers

118 - Shannon Gregory, Northern Illinois
126 - Andy Gardner, Illinois State
134 - David Ross, Southwest Missouri
142 - Tim Novak, Northern Iowa
Joe Daubach, Eastern Illinois
John Krause, Southwest Missouri
150 - Doug Kjeldgaard, Northern Iowa
James Spillman, Northern Illinois

158 - Pete Maggio, Illinois State
177 - Richard Murray, Eastern Illinois

Final Team Standings
1. Northern Iowa 87.25
2. Southwest Missouri 66.75
3. Illinois State 63.25
4. Northern Illinois 53.50
5. Eastern Illinois 37.25
6. Valparaiso 4.00
7. Marquette 1.00
8. Chicago State 0.00

Outstanding Wrestler
Kevin Bracken, Illinois State

Coach of the Year
John Kriebs, Southwest Missouri State

West/Midwest Regional Team History

1986 - 1. Northern Iowa, 2. Drake, 3. Tennessee
1984 - 1. Louisiana State, 2. Northern Iowa, 3. Cal Poly SLO
1982 - 1. Northern Iowa, 2. Eastern Illinois, 3. Tennessee
1981 - 1. Northern Iowa, 2. Louisiana State, 3. Indiana State
Record Book

(Career Leaders)

Overall Wins
2. Joel Greenlee (1985-89) ......... 127
5. Lew Sondgeroth (1978-85) ......... 114
6. Dave Malecek (1990-94) .......... 114
7. Ken Gallagher (1978-82) .......... 113
8. Mark Schwab (1985-90) ............ 112
10. Jeff Weatherman (1983-87) ....... 106

Dual Wins
1. Joel Greenlee (1985-89) ............ 58
2. Ken Gallagher (1978-82) ............ 55
8. Jeff Weatherman (1983-87) ....... 46
9. Mark Schwab (1985-90) ............ 44
10. Kurt Shedenhelm (1984-88) ....... 43

Pins
2. John Krieb's (1980-84) .......... 53
4. Dion Cobb (1979-84) ............ 30
7. Jeff Weatherman (1983-87) ....... 26
10. Jay Llewellyn (1980-84) ......... 22

Winning Percentage
(minimum 50 overall wins)
1. Joel Greenlee (1985-89) ........... 878 (127-16-4)
5. Gary Steffensmeier (1988-92) .... 793 (115-29-3)
10. Ken Gallagher (1978-82) ......... 728 (113-41-4)

NOTE: To qualify in career records, athletes must have wrestled at least two seasons in Division I at UNI.
**Panther Tradition**

For the past 12 years, Northern Iowa head coach Don Briggs and his staff have proudly carried on the rich tradition which has placed the Panthers among the elite in collegiate wrestling since The Great Depression. Since Coach Paul Bender sent his first team to the mat representing Iowa State Teachers College in 1923, the Panthers have rolled up 564 victories and a .694 winning percentage in 824 dual meets and have had only nine losing seasons in seven decades.

When the subject of national championships is brought up, Northern Iowa takes a back seat to very few. The University is one of just nine institutions in history to capture the NCAA Division I Championships, accomplishing that feat in 1950. In the school's 18-year Division II era, it won two national titles and finished third or better 12 times.

Individually, only six institutions boast more Division I national champions than UNI's 20. In all, the Panthers have crowned 42 national champions through the years and an additional 126 all-Americans.

Only six coaches have guided the Panthers in 70 seasons of intercollegiate competition, winningest being Chuck Patten, whose teams compiled a 217-87-8 record in 18 seasons.

Dave McCuskey enjoyed the longest reign—20 seasons—and led Iowa State Teachers College to the national championship in 1950 on his way to 102 victories and a .754 winning percentage.

Wrestling legend Bill Koll began his successful coaching career at his alma mater, guiding the Panthers for 11 seasons in the '50s and early '60s.

And Don Briggs has led UNI back into the Division I ranks with top 20 NCAA finishes 11 times in the last 12 years. He has coached 25 all-Americans and racked up more Division I wins than any coach in school history with 148.

When Bender fielded that first team, little did anyone know it would be the first step toward building one of the most successful traditions in Iowa sports and eventually bring the school more recognition and attention than any in its history.

It would be several years before ISTC, as it was known then, would begin the climb to the pinnacle it would someday reach, but the colorful story which decorates the years since has no equal in Northern Iowa sports annals.

### Northern Iowa’s NCAA Champions

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### The Pre-World War II Years

Bender guided the first squad to a victory over Cornell in its only meet of the season and posted an 18-9-1 mark during his four-year stint. That tenure included only one losing season and victories over Oklahoma, Cornell and Wisconsin. The program was still in the development stage, however, with little national recognition and no all-Americans.

In 1930, Bender was appointed dean of men at the institution and turned over the program to the man who built one of the greatest mat powerhouse in history. Dave McCuskey would compile a 102-31-7 mark, guide the Panthers to an NCAA title, four
runnerup finishes and coach nine wrestlers to a total of 16 NCAA titles.

The first of many significant years for ISTC was 1931. It was the year McCuskey graduated and accepted the wrestling post, and also was the season which saw the school crown its first NCAA placewinners. Jesse Arends took second in the 118-pound class while teammate Orville Orr placed third at 155 pounds. Despite a 3-2-1 record, McCuskey's matmen achieved their first national finish with a seventh-place tie in 1934.

The next milestone came in 1937 when the Panthers claimed their first individual NCAA title as Ray Cheney took the 135-pound championship and led the team to a third-place finish. ISTC placed no higher than eighth from '37 to the time when World War II forced the cancellation of the national meet in 1944-45. However, when the layoff ended in 1946, ISTC thrust itself into the national wrestling limelight for decades to come.

The Golden Era

The end of the war came in 1946 and with it the return of thousands of servicemen to colleges throughout the United States. It also was the year of the Panther. Gerald Leeman became a national champion at 128 pounds and won MVP honors at the national tournament. Cecil Mott also won a title at 121 pounds as McCuskey's squad finished second in the team competition.

A veteran of D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge named Bill Koll also won an NCAA title for ISTC and completed the first leg of one of the most amazing careers in wrestling history. Koll (145), Russ Bush (128) and Bill Nelson (165) took titles the following year with Koll becoming the second Panther in as many seasons to take home the MVP award. ISTC could not improve on its second-place finish that year, though, and dropped to fourth in 1948 with Koll being named the tournament MVP the second consecutive year.

Koll capped his brilliant career with his third title and a 72-0 career mark; he was taken down only once in three seasons. The Panther Tradition

Panther Olympians

Maynard Harmon — 1932, Los Angeles
Gerald Leeman — Silver Medal, 1948, London
Bill Koll — 5th Place, 1948, London
Bill Nelson — 1948, London
Bill Smith — Gold Medal, 1952, Helsinki

Pan American Games

Mike McCreary — 1975 (Gold Medal)
Justin Greenlee — 1993 (Gold Medal)

away with the team crown. That 1950 squad generally is regarded as one of the top collegiate teams of all-time.

After breezing to an 11-0 record in which none of the opponents reached double figures, and taking the AAU national championship, ISTC racked up enough points in the semifinals to walk away with the championship. Nelson took his third crown at 155 with Young, at 145, and Smith, at 165, each winning their second. Other Panther placewinners were Frank Altman (121), Luverne Klar (128), Floyd Oglesby (136) and Fred Stoeker (HWT).

Young became ISTC's third three-time national champion in 1951 and Gene Lybert placed third at 130 pounds en route to a team fourth-place finish.

The McCuskey era ended in 1952 when the long-time mentor resigned to accept the head coaching position at the University of Iowa. Lybert (130) and Bill Weick (157) won NCAA titles that year, leading the squad to a runnerup finish, and capping a six-year span (1947-52) in which ISTC compiled a 53-4-3 dual mark, claimed three straight outstanding wrestler awards in the NCAA meet, won 16 individual national championships, two national AAU crowns, one NCAA title and four second-place finishes.

The Move to Division II

Koll took over for McCuskey in 1953 and guided the Panthers to fourth place. During his 11-year tenure, ISTC had three more individual national champs and went 71-42-6. Jim Harmon won at 157 pounds in 1953,
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Weick returns in 1955 to win at 157, and Bill Dotson became the school's only NCAA champion in Division I and Division II in 1963.

Patten was named the school's fifth head coach in 1965 and for the next 18 years led the Panthers to dominance in Division II. His 217 victories signifies him as the winningest coach in school history. Patten coached 58 athletes to all-America status, 16 to national titles. His 1973 and '78 teams were Division II national champions, with the '70, '72, '74 and '80 squads claiming second place. His teams placed in the top three in 11 of the 18 seasons he was at the helm.

Kirk Myers (190) and Gary Bentrim (142, 158) were three-time national champs for Patten, while Don Parker (177), Kent Osboe (HWT), Jim Miller (134) and Ken Snyder (142) were two-time winners.

Myers capped his career with a fifth-place Division I finish in 1982. He is the only Panther to win 30 or more matches in all four years of competition, and his 134 victories ties him for the most in any division in school history.

Mike McCready, the 1972 national heavyweight champion, also took the gold medal at the 1973 Pan American Games and went on to become Iowa's most successful Greco-Roman wrestler with seven titles to his credit.

**Back to Division I**

Patten retired from coaching in 1982 and Briggs, his long-time assistant, took over as UNI stepped up to NCAA Division I competition. Briggs led the Panthers to 10th and 11th-place finishes his first two seasons and again guided them to an 11th-place finish last year. He has kept his teams near the top 10 every year.

Along the way, some of the best and most exciting wrestlers to don the Purple and Gold have called the West Gym, known as the Men's Gym until 1980, home.

Joel Greenlee, Rich Powers, Mark Schwab and Gary Steffensmeier are just some of the names of all-Americans Briggs has recruited and coached.

Greenlee was a two-time all-American at heavyweight who finished second in 1989 and compiled the highest winning percentage in modern school history with a 127-16-4 mark (.878). His 44-2 mark in 1989 also is the best single-season record in modern school history.

Greenlee, along with Bob Hallman (118), Gary Steffensmeier (150) and Justin Greenlee (HWT) have come the closest to winning a national title in the new Division I era, all four gaining a berth in the national final before falling.

Another great in the Briggs era was 118-pounder Mark Schwab, who holds the school standard for wins in a season with 49 in 1985-86. Unfortunately, Schwab's career was thwarted by a knee injury his sophomore season, but when healthy, he was undoubtedly the best at his weight in the nation and one of the finest in the world.

The duo of Rich Powers and Gary Steffensmeier came along in 1988 and thrilled UNI fans with amazingly similar careers through 1992. During that time, each captured three all-America honors and flirted with a national championship. Steffensmeier gained the 1990 NCAA final at 150 pounds and was ranked first in the nation for a time as a junior while Powers entered the 1992 national tournament favored to win at 177 pounds before falling in the semifinals. Each also appeared in the NWCA All-Star meet. When they ended their careers together in 1992, Powers had the most wins in Division I in UNI history with 134 and Steffensmeier ranked fourth with 115.

The Panthers have dominated the NCAA West Regional for the past decade, claiming the team title the past nine years and finishing second the three years before that.

The future promises nothing but continued success as Briggs and his staff face the final years of the century. A young but very enthusiastic group of wrestlers will take to the mat for the Panther's this season and, almost 50 years after first hosting the NCAA Championships, the University will once again have the opportunity to play host to the best in collegiate wrestling in 1997 when it will be the site of the NCAA Division I Championships.

Armed with that young talent and the prospect of having the national championships in Cedar Falls, it would seem all the essentials are there for Northern Iowa wrestling to meet the challenges and opportunities of the years to come.
Northern Iowa All-Americans

Division I
1931—Jesse Arends, 2nd, 118
   Finn Eriksen, 4th, 135
   Orville Orr, 3rd, 155
1932—Maynard Harmon, 3rd, 145
   Arthur Gerber, 3rd, HWT
1934—Alvie Natvig, 2nd, 118
1937—Davis Natvig, 2nd, 118
   Ray Cheney, 1st, 135
1938—Davis Natvig, 3rd, 118
1940—Delbert Jensen, 3rd, 121
   Roger Isaacson, 2nd, 136
1941—Vernon Hassman, 2nd, 145
1942—Leon Martin, 2nd, 175
1946—Cecil Mott, 1st, 121
   Gerald Leeman, 1st, 128
   Russ Bush, 3rd, 136
   Bill Koll, 1st, 145
1947—Russ Bush, 1st, 128
   Bill Koll, 1st, 145
   Bill Nelson, 1st, 165
1948—Bill Koll, 1st, 147 1/2
   LeRoy Alitz, 4th, 191
1949—Russ Bush, 3rd, 128
   Luverne Klar, 3rd, 136
   Keith Young, 1st, 145
   Bill Nelson, 1st, 155
   Bill Smith, 1st, 165
1950—Frank Altman, 3rd, 121
   Luverne Klar, 4th, 128
   Floyd Oglesby, 2nd, 136
   Keith Young, 1st, 145
   Bill Nelson, 1st, 155
   Bill Smith, 1st, 165
   Fred Stoeker, 2nd, HWT
1951—Gene Lybbert, 3rd, 130
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   Bob Morris, 2nd, 137
   Jim Harmon, 2nd, 147
   Bill Weick, 1st, 157
1953—Pat McCarron, 3rd, 123
   Jim Harmon, 1st, 157
   Gus Gatto, 4th, 191
1955—Bill Weick, 1st, 157
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1956—Dick Heaton, 3rd, 147
1958—Dick Heaton, 4th, 157
1961—Francis Freeman, 4th, 123
   David Jensen, 2nd, 130
1962—Francis Freeman, 2nd, 123
   Bill Dotson, 2nd, 137
1963—Bill Dotson, 1st, 137
1967—Don Parker, 6th, 191
1969—Marv Reiland, 6th, 130
   Kent Osboe, 6th, HWT
1972—Mike McCready, 3rd, HWT
1974—Jim Miller, 2nd, 134
   Ken Snyder, 3rd, 142
1975—Jim Miller, 4th, 134
   Ken Snyder, 5th, 142
1978—Kirk Myers, 6th, 190
1979—Joe Gormally, 4th, 177
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1981—Ken Gallagher, 5th, 142
   Dion Cobb, 4th, 158
1982—Ken Gallagher, 7th, 142
   Joe Gormally, 7th, 177
   Kirk Myers, 5th, 190
1983—Randy Majors, 3rd, 126
   John Kriebs, 5th, HWT
1984—Bob Hallman, 2nd, 118
   Dave Grant, 8th, 158
   John Kriebs, 6th, HWT
1985—Paul Kreimeyer, 6th, 118
   Lew Sondgeroth, 5th, 142
1986—Mark Schwab, 5th, 118
   Jeff Clutter, 8th, 158
1987—Mike Schwab, 8th, 126
   Jeff Weatherman, 5th, 190
1988—Chris Lembreck, 5th, 158
   Joel Greenlee, 4th, HWT
1989—Joel Greenlee, 2nd, HWT
1990—Mark Schwab, 6th, 118
   Duaine Martin, 8th, 126
   Gary Steffensmeier, 2nd, 150
   Rich Powers, 5th, 177
1991—Steve Hartle, 7th, 142
   Gary Steffensmeier, 4th, 150
   Rich Powers, 4th, 177
1992—Gary Steffensmeier, 4th, 150
   Rich Powers, 5th, 177
1993—Steve Hartle, 8th, 150
   Justin Greenlee, 8th, HWT
1994—Dave Malecek, 4th, 177
   Justin Greenlee, 2nd, HWT
All-Americans

Division II

1963 — Gary Pollard, 3rd, 115
   Bill Dotson, 1st, 137
   Jim Sanford, 1st, 147
   Dick Austin, 2nd, 157
   Ron Mehl, 4th, 167
   Steve Hoemann, 4th, 177
1964 — Bob Trautman, 4th, 137
   Jim Monroe, 2nd, 167
1966 — Dave Steinkamp, 6th, 160
   Don Parker, 1st, 177
1967 — Jerry Bond, 2nd, 137
   Don Parker, 1st, 177
   Kent Osboe, 2nd, HWT
1968 — Jerry Bond, 4th, 145
   Kent Osboe, 1st, HWT
1969 — Marv Reiland, 2nd, 130
   Jim Guyer, 3rd, 160

Vince Bellock, 6th, 167
   Kent Osboe, 1st, HWT
1970 — Marv Reiland, 4th, 134
   Clint Young, 4th, 158
   Vince Bellock, 2nd, 167
   Bob Boeck, 3rd, 177
   Mike McCready, 3rd, HWT
1971 — Clint Young, 1st, 158
   Randy Omvig, 5th, 190
1972 — Jon Moeller, 5th, 134
   Mark Fox, 4th, 142
   Joe Hatchett, 2nd, 190
   Mike McCready, 1st, HWT
1973 — Dave Nicol, 4th, 126
   Jim Miller, 4th, 134
   Ken Snyder, 2nd, 142
   Randy Omvig, 4th, HWT
1974 — Dave Cunningham, 6th, 118
   Tom Garcia, 1st, 126
   Jim Miller, 1st, 134
   Ken Snyder, 1st, 142
   Dan Keller, 4th, 167
   Rich Erickson, 6th, 177
   Randy Omvig, 4th, HWT
1975 — Dave Cunningham, 2nd, 118
   Jim Miller, 1st, 134
   Ken Snyder, 1st, 142
   Rich Erickson, 2nd, 177
   Randy Omvig, 1st, HWT
1976 — Dave Cunningham, 5th, 118
   Bruce McClure, 4th, 134
   Gary Bentrim, 1st, 142
   Jim Blasingame, 3rd, 150
   Keith Poolman, 4th, 167
   Dan Keller, 2nd, 177
1977 — Dave Prehm, 6th, 118
   Jeff Melvin, 5th, 126
   Scott Kollings, 6th, 134
   Gary Bentrim, 1st, 142
   Dick Briggs, 4th, 150
   Keith Poolman, 4th, 167
   Ed Herman, 6th, 190
1978 — Dave Prehm, 2nd, 118
   Kevin Finn, 4th, 134
   Dick Briggs, 3rd, 150
   Gary Bentrim, 1st, 158
   Keith Poolman, 1st, 167
   Joe Gormally, 4th, 177
   Kirk Myers, 1st, 190
1979 — Kevin Finn, 4th, 134
   Larry Luttrell, 6th, 142
   Ken Gallagher, 3rd, 150
   Keith Poolman, 4th, 167
   Joe Gormally, 2nd, 177
   Kirk Myers, 1st, 190
   Kevin Kurth, 5th, HWT
1980 — Brent Hagen, 2nd, 126
   Ken Gallagher, 1st, 150
   Dion Cobb, 6th, 167
   Efonda Sproles, 2nd, 177
   Kirk Myers, 1st, 190
   Kevin Kurth, 6th, HWT
All-Americans

Four-Time All-Americans (4)

Both Divisions
Kirk Myers (Three-Time Division I and II — see below)
Ken Gallagher (Two-Time Division I and II — see below)

Division II
Randy Omvig (190-HWT-HWT-HWT) ... 5th-4th-4th-1st ... 1971,73,74,75
Keith Poolman (167-167-167-167) ... 4th-4th-1st-4th ... 1976,77,78,79

Three-Time All-Americans (14)

Division I
Bill Koll (145-145-147.5) ... 1st-1st-1st ... 1946,47,48
Russ Bush (136-128-128) ... 3rd-1st-3rd ... 1946,47,49
Bill Nelson (165-155-155) ... 1st-1st-1st ... 1947,49,50
Keith Young (145-145-147) ... 1st-1st-1st ... 1949,50,51
Kirk Myers (190-190-190) ... 6th-3rd-5th ... 1978,79,82
Gary Steffensmier (150-150-150) ... 2nd-4th-4th ... 1990,91,92
Rich Powers (177-177-177) ... 5th-4th-5th ... 1990,91,92

Both Divisions
Joe Gormally (Two-Time Division II and One-Time Division I — see below)

Division II
Kent Osbome (HWT-HWT-HWT) ... 2nd-1st-1st ... 1967,68,69
Jim Miller (134-134-134) ... 4th-1st-1st ... 1973,74,75
Ken Snyder (142-142-142) ... 2nd-1st-1st ... 1973,74,75
Dave Cunningham (118-118-118) ... 6th-2nd-5th ... 1974,75,76
Gary Bentrim (142-142-158) ... 1st-1st-1st ... 1976,77,78
Kirk Myers (190-190-190) ... 1st-1st-1st ... 1978,79,80

Two-Time All-Americans (34)

Division I
Davis Natvig (118-118) ... 2nd-3rd ... 1937,38
Luverne Klar (136-128) ... 3rd-4th ... 1949,50
Bill Smith (165-165) ... 1st-1st ... 1949,50

Gene Lybbert (130-130) ... 3rd-1st ... 1951,52
Jim Harmon (147-157) ... 2nd-1st ... 1952,53
Bill Weick (157-157) ... 1st-1st ... 1952,55
Gus Gatto (191-191) ... 4th-4th ... 1953,55
Dick Heaton (147-157) ... 3rd-4th ... 1956,58
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Ken Snyder (142-142) ... 3rd-5th ... 1974,75
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Ken Gallagher (142-142) ... 5th-7th ... 1981,82
John Kriebel (HWT-HWT) ... 5th-6th ... 1983,84
Mark Schwab (118-118) ... 5th-6th ... 1986,90
Joel Greenlee (HWT-HWT) ... 4th-2nd ... 1988,89
Steve Hartlie (142-150) ... 7th-8th ... 1991,93
Justin Greenlee (HWT-HWT) ... 8th-2nd ... 1993,94

Both Divisions
Dion Cobb (One-Time Division I and II — see below)

Division II
Don Parker (177-177) ... 1st-1st ... 1966,67
Jerry Bond (137-145) ... 2nd-4th ... 1967,68
Marv Reiland (130-130) ... 2nd-4th ... 1969,70
Vince Belllock (167-167) ... 6th-2nd ... 1969,70
Clint Young (158-158) ... 4th-1st ... 1970,71
Mike McCready (HWT-HWT) ... 3rd-1st ... 1970,72
Dan Keller (167-177) ... 4th-2nd ... 1974,76
Rich Erickson (177-177) ... 6th-2nd ... 1974,75
Dave Prehm (118-118) ... 6th-2nd ... 1977,78
Dick Briggs (150-150) ... 4th-3rd ... 1977,78
Kevin Finn (134-134) ... 4th-4th ... 1978,79
Joe Gormally (177-177) ... 4th-2nd ... 1978,79
Ken Gallagher (150-150) ... 3rd-1st ... 1979,80
Kevin Kurth (HWT-HWT) ... 5th-6th ... 1979,80

One-Time All-Americans (61)

Division I
Jesse Arends (118) ... 2nd ... 1931
Finn Erikson (135) ... 4th ... 1931
Orville Orr (155) ... 3rd ... 1931
Maynard Harmon (145) ... 3rd ... 1932
Arthur Gerber (HWT) ... 3rd ... 1932
Alvie Natvig (118) ... 2nd ... 1932
Ray Cheney (135) ... 1st ... 1937
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Roger Isaacson (136) ... 2nd ... 1940
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### All-Time Dual Results (1923-94)

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**Note:** The table above represents a sample of the dual results from 1923 to 1994. The full dataset is extensive and includes many more teams and years.

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**Additional Information:**

- **Head Coach:** Chuck Patten
- **Home Team:** Various universities and states
- **Away Team:** Various universities and states
- **Score:** Two-digit scores indicating the victory of the home team

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**Head Coach:** Chuck Patten

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**Additional Notes:**

- The dual results are a testament to the history and tradition of college wrestling.
- The years and outcomes vary widely, reflecting the competitive landscape of college sports.
- The full dataset includes many more teams and results that are not listed here.

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**References:**

- Historical records of college wrestling duals
- National Wrestling Association (NWA) archives
- College wrestling yearbooks

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**Further Reading:**

- College Wrestling: A Century of Competition
- The History of College Wrestling

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**Acknowledgments:**

- NCAA Wrestling Committee
- College Wrestling Coaches Association

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**Data Source:**

- NCAA Wrestling Database
- College Wrestling Yearbooks
- Historical Wrestling Records

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**Contact:**

- College Wrestling Association
- NCAA Wrestling Office
- Historical Sport Research Group

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**Note:** This summary provides a glimpse into the rich history of college wrestling duals. For a comprehensive understanding, consulting the full dataset is recommended.
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1980 (16-5-1)
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1992 (11-4)
Head Coach: Don Briggs

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1993 (10-7)
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1994-95 Opponents

Minneapolis

Thursday, December 1 - Minneapolis

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Enrollment: 38,000
Nickname: Golden Gophers
Colors: Old Gold & Gold
Athletic Director: Dr. McKinley Boston
Head Coach: J Robinson
Phone: (612) 625-4049
Career Record (Yrs.): 107 - 57 - 1
Conference ('94 finish): Big Ten (2nd)
1994 NCAA Finish: 13th
1994 Dual Record: 20-2
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 23/4
Wrestling SID: Phil Anderson
Phone: (612) 625-4049
Fax: (612) 625-0359
Series History: (Minnesota leads 25-24-4)

Iowa

Friday, December 9 - Cedar Falls

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 28,000
Nickname: Hawkeyes
Colors: Old Gold & Black
Athletic Director: Bob Bowlsby
Head Coach: Dan Gable
Phone: (319) 335-9405
Career Record (Yrs.): 309-20-5 (18 yrs.)
Record at UI (Yrs.): 309-20-5 (18 yrs.)
Assistant Coaches: Jim Zalesky, Tom Brands, Royce Alger
Conference ('94 Finish): Big Ten (1st)
1994 NCAA Finish: 2nd
1994 Dual Record: 11-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 23/4
Wrestling SID: Phil Haddix
Phone: (319) 335-9411
Fax: (319) 335-9417
Series History (Iowa leads 29-8-2):

Wisconsin

Saturday, January 28 - Cedar Falls

Location: Madison, Wisconsin
Enrollment: 40,924
Nickname: Badgers
Colors: Cardinal & White
Athletic Director: Pat Richter
Head Coach: Barry Davis
Phone: (608) 262-4399
Career Record (Yrs.): 7-6-1 (1 yr.)
Record at UW (Yrs.): 7-6-1 (1 yr.)
Assistant Coaches: Bart Chelewski, Sean Bormet, Ron Pieper
Conference ('94 Finish): Big Ten (No team score)
1994 NCAA Finish: No team score
1994 NCAA Record: 7-6-1
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 14/3
1994-95 Opponents

Wrestling SID: Dan Meyer
Office Phone: (608) 262-1811
Home Phone: (608) 233-8218
FAX Phone: (608) 262-8184
Series History: (UNI leads 17-8)

Missouri
Sunday, January 29 - Columbia

Location: Columbia, Missouri
Enrollment: 22,168
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Black & Gold
Athletic Director: Jo Castiglione
Head Coach: Wes Roper
Phone: (314) 882-0735
Career Record (Yrs.): 50-61-2 (8 yrs.)
Record at UM (Yrs.): 50-61-2 (8 yrs.)
Assistant Coaches: Chip Bunker, Sam Henson
Conference ('94 Finish): Big Eight (5th)
1994 NCAA Finish: 18th
1994 Dual Record: 4-8
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 12/6
Wrestling SID: Stuart McFarland
Office Phone: (314) 882-2531
Home Phone: (314) 474-2076
FAX Phone: (314) 882-4720
Series History: (UNI leads 13-2)

Northern Illinois
Sunday, February 5 - Amos

Location: DeKalb, Illinois
Enrollment: 22,177
Nickname: Huskies
Colors: Cardinal & Black
Athletic Director: Gary Groth
Head Coach: Phil Rembert
Phone: (815) 753-9478
Career Record (Yrs.): 10-17 (2 yrs.)
Record at NIU (Yrs.): 10-17 (2 yrs.)
Conference ('94 Finish): Independent
1994 NCAA Finish: Did not place
1994 Dual Record: 4-8
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 11/5
Wrestling SID: Steve Nemeth
Office Phone: (815) 753-1706
Home Phone: (815) 758-6442
FAX Phone: (815) 753-9540
Series Record: (UNI leads 16-0-3)

Iowa State
Sunday, February 5 - Ames

Location: Ames, Iowa
Enrollment: 24,728
Nickname: Cyclones
Colors: Cardinal & Gold
Athletic Director: Gene Smith
Head Coach: Bobby Douglas
Phone: (515) 294-4643
Career Record (Yrs.): 249-97-6 (21 yrs.)
Record at ISU (Yrs.): 20-11 (2 yrs.)
Assistant Coach: Thom Ortiz, Shawn Charles
Conference ('94 Finish): Big Eight (4th)
1994 NCAA Finish: 10th
1994 Dual Record: 8-7
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 15/2
Wrestling SID: Lane Ringer or Tom Kroeschell
Office Phone: (515) 294-3372
Home Phone: (515) 292-0677 or 292-2904
FAX Phone: (515) 294-0558
Series History (ISU leads 35-14)
1994-95 Opponents

Nebraska
Friday, February 10 - Cedar Falls

Location: Lincoln, Nebraska
Enrollment: 24,000
Nickname: Huskers, Cornhuskers
Colors: Scarlet and Cream
Athletic Director: Bill Byrne
Head Coach: Tim Neumann
Phone: (402) 472-6470
Career Record (Yrs.): 115-46-4 (10 yrs.)
Record at UN (Yrs.): 115-46-4 (10 yrs.)
Assistant Coaches: Mark Cody, Brad Penrith
Conference ('94 Finish): Big Eight (3rd)
1994 NCAA Finish: 29th
1994 Dual Record: 11-11-1
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 10/5
Wrestling SID: Keith Mann
Office Phone: (402) 472-2263
Home Phone: (402) 466-0699
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Series History: (UNI leads 30-7)

1993-94 L29-6 W30-5
1992-93 L7-28 W26-6
1991-92 L17-19 W16-8
1990-91 L33-9 W26-3
1989-90 L10-26 W16-6
1988-89 W28-15 W16-6
1987-88 W25-15 W19-6
1986-87 W32-11 W15-6
1985-86 W28-11 W12-6
1984-85 W22-24 W16-6
1983-84 W21-14 W15-6
1982-83 W21-14 W15-6
1981-82 W27-10 W22-24

North Dakota State
Sunday, February 12 - Fargo

Location: Fargo, North Dakota
Enrollment: 9,700
Nickname: Bison
Colors: Green & Gold
Athletic Director: Dr. Robert Entz
Head Coach: Arthur "Bucky" Maughan
Phone: (701) 237-8981
Career Record (Yrs.): 312-84-9 (30 yrs.)
Record at NDSU (Yrs.): 312-84-9 (30 yrs.)
Assistant Coach: Pete Iails
Conference ('94 Finish): North Central (1st)
1994 NCAA II Finish: 5th
1994 Dual Record: 13-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 6/4
Wrestling SID: Larry Karg
Office Phone: (614) 292-8547
FAX Phone: (614) 292-8547
Series History: (UNI leads 4-2)

1993-94 L25-15 W24-6
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1987-88 L21-14 W16-6
1983-84 L22-24 W17-6
1982-83 L16-24 W15-6
1981-82 L27-10 W22-24

Ohio State
Saturday, February 18 - Cedar Falls

Location: Columbus, Ohio
Enrollment: 52,000
Nickname: Buckeyes
Colors: Scarlet & Gray
Athletic Director: Andy Geiger
Head Coach: Russ Hellickson
Phone: (614) 292-6302
Career Record (Yrs.): 207-77-3 (12 yrs.)
Record at OSU (Yrs.): 136-55-3 (8 yrs.)
Assistant Coaches: Jim Jordan, Rex Holman, Mike Schyck
Conference ('94 Finish): Big Ten (8th)
1994 NCAA Finish: 24th
1994 Dual Record: 13-11-1
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 10/3
Wrestling SID: Larry Karg
Office Phone: (614) 292-8661
FAX Phone: (614) 292-8547
Series History: (UNI leads 4-2)

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Team Honors

Ed Ewoldt Scholarship

In January of 1992, Northern Iowa officials announced the establishment of the Ed Ewoldt Wrestling Scholarship, the first fully-endowed scholarship in the history of the University's athletics program.

The scholarship was made possible by a $120,000 gift to the Northern Iowa Foundation by Ron Magruder of Orlando, Florida. Each year, beginning with the 1992-93 academic year, the Panther wrestling program has awarded a full scholarship from the interest generated by the gift.

Ewoldt began attending UNI, then known as Iowa State Teachers College, in 1948 and graduated in 1954, competing on the wrestling team his last two years. He went on to teach and coach at West Central-Maynard (IA) High School from 1955-58 and Wheaton (IL) Central High School, where he coached Magruder, from 1959-88.

"Ed has had a tremendous impact on my life," Magruder said, "and has helped me get where I am today. This is my way of thanking him for being a great teacher, mentor and friend."

Magruder is the president of Olive Garden Restaurants, which has more than 300 locations throughout the nation, and serves on the Florida Citrus Bowl Committee, the Business Advisory Council at the University of Mississippi and the Foundation Board at the University of Central Florida.

The recipient of the Ed Ewoldt Scholarship for the first three years has been Panther senior Justin Greenlee, a heavyweight who has earned all-America honors the last two seasons and has compiled an impressive 91-30 career record.

Ewoldt Scholarship Recipients
1992 - Justin Greenlee
1993 - Justin Greenlee
1994 - Justin Greenlee

3.0 Club
(Panther Wrestlers with a minimum 3.0 grade-point average)

Spring 1994 - Dan Beerman, Chad Budden, Ken Gesieliski, Justin Greenlee, Nate Hartle, Dan Kjeldgaard, Doug Kjeldgaard, Dave Malecek, Matt Meinhard, Andrew Showalter, Jason Wedgbury.

Academic Honors

National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic Team
(inaugural year 1991)
1993 - Jamie Byrne (Honorable Mention)
   Andrew Showalter (Honorable Mention)
1992 - Gary Steffensmeier (First Team)
1991 - Gary Steffensmeier (First Team)
       Jamie Byrne (Third Team)
       Cory Manning (Third Team)

GTE Academic All-America Team
(includes athletes from 16 NCAA-sponsored sports)
1992 - Gary Steffensmeier (Third Team)

Most Valuable Wrestler
1994 - Dave Malecek
1993 - Steve Hartle
1992 - Rich Powers
1991 - Rich Powers
1990 - Gary Steffensmeier
1989 - Joel Greenlee
1988 - Joel Greenlee
1987 - Jeff Weatherman
1986 - Mark Schwab
1985 - Lew Sondgeroth
1984 - Bob Hallman
1983 - Randy Majors
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UNI RECOMMENDED TO HOST '97 NCAA WRESTLING

CEDAR FALLS — Northern Iowa athletic officials announced Thursday (Oct. 14) the NCAA Wrestling Committee's recommendation that the University host the 1997 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships.

Director of Athletics Chris Ritrievi said he received written notification of the Committee's decision Wednesday from Harley Lewis, Assistant Director of Championship Operations at the NCAA.

In his letter, Lewis said the NCAA Executive Committee will act on the recommendation during its December meeting and the University will be notified of a decision as soon as possible. Although Northern Iowa's hosting of the event is contingent on Executive Committee approval, he said it is very rare that such a recommendation is overturned.

The Championships are slated to be held Thursday through Saturday, March 13-15, 1997, in the UNI-Dome, the University's 16,400-seat athletic facility.

"We are pleased and honored to be recommended as the site for the Championships," Ritrievi said. "The Committee's recommendation speaks volumes about the growth of our athletic department, the University and the Cedar Falls/Waterloo community."

Panther head coach Don Briggs is equally excited about the prospect of the national tournament coming to the UNI-Dome.

"This is a major boost for our program," said Briggs. "It helps set the goals we have in mind for the wrestlers in our program. It makes those goals a little clearer when the Nationals are at home. We've brought their goals to them and set them right in front of their faces."

Northern Iowa, then known as Iowa State Teachers College, hosted and won the 1950 NCAA Championships, making it one of only nine institutions to win the crown. The program then joined the Division II ranks, or the College Division as it was known then, in 1962 and hosted that national tournament four times — 1963, '64, '77 and '78.

The University has hosted numerous NCAA Regional Wrestling Championships, along with the Division I and III Gymnastics Championship in 1976 and the AIAW Indoor Track and Field Championships in 1982.
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