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Wrestling 1969-70

University of Northern Iowa

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ncc wrestling champions

1967-1968-1969

northern iowa

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Patten named college division coach of the year

1969-70

cedar falls, iowa
1969-70 Wrestling Schedule
Head Coach Chuck Patten

Nov. 29 - at Minnesota Quadrangular
Dec. 6 - UNI INVITATIONAL
Dec. 13 - at Iowa Invitational
Dec. 19-20 - at Colorado State College
Dec. 29-30 - at Midlands Tournament
Jan. 10 - UNI QUADRANGULAR
Jan. 17 - at Luther
Jan. 23 - MOORHEAD STATE
Jan. 27 - PURDUE
Jan. 30 - NORTHERN ILLINOIS, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 31 - at Morningside
Feb. 6 - MICHIGAN STATE, 4 p.m.
Feb. 7 - UNI QUADRANGULAR
Feb. 11 - MANKATO STATE
Feb. 20 - at South Dakota State
Feb. 21 - at South Dakota U.
Feb. 24 - at Cornell
Mar. 6-7 - NCC Tourney at USD
Mar. 13-14 - NCAA College Division at Ashland, Ohio
Mar. 26-28 - NCAA University Division at Northwestern Univ.
All Home meets start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

1968-69 Results
(14-4-2)

22 South Dakota State
27 Northwest Missouri
25 Luther
20 Moorhead State
27 North Dakota State
22 Minot State
17 Bemidji State
21 North Dakota U.
16 Arizona State
18 Nebraska
14 Minnesota
5 Michigan State
11 28 Eastern Michigan 3
8 29 Georgia Tech 8
8 11 Michigan 18
8 13 Mankato State 19
5 21 Western Illinois 5
9 25 Morningside 11
13 14 Northern Illinois 14
11 29 Cornell 5
16 NCC: First
11 NCAA College Division: Third
17 NCAA University Division: 20th (Tied)
Wrestling Coach
Chuck Patten
NCAA Coach of Year

Chuck Patten may well be the Dave McCuskey of the modern era in Northern Iowa wrestling.

It was McCuskey, now head wrestling coach at Iowa, who made the Panthers national champion and a perennial power in the 1940's and 50's. But, the tide ebbed and UNI sank in national prominence.

Patten in five years, has changed that. He's done it with a flamboyant style that demands his wrestlers to be tigers on the mat and condition whizzes before they reach it.

He earned his due for that change in the Panther look last year when his fellow coaches named him the NCAA College Division Coach of the Year. That's the top of the cake.

Patten started from scratch in 1964-65 and got burned right off the bat. His first team slumbered to a 2-8-1 record for two reasons. They suffered the loss of 23 men to injuries and, "they didn't know how to win. They weren't aggressive," says Patten.

Things began to change after that. Patten had his first 'tornado' style wrestler in Don Parker, a never-quit athlete. Parker went on to two straight national titles at 177 and is now Patten's graduate assistant. UNI got above board in Patten's second year at 6-5, upped it to 10-7-1 in 1966-67 and then set a school record for dual wins in 1967-68 with a 17-4 mark.

Last year it was 14-4-2, a third straight North Central Conference crown and a third place finish in the College Division nationals. Patten had, also, his second two-time national champ in Kent Osboe at heavyweight.

Patten is a native of Waterloo East's wrestling empire. He did his collegiate wrestling at UNI under Bill Koll, the man he replaced, had two successful years of prep coaching on the west coast (Exeter, Calif., and Reedsport, Ore.) where he had state title teams the first time out in each instance.

Patten, who received his M.A. degree at the University of Oregon in 1964 after graduating from UNI in 1961, has a 49-28-4 overall record for five seasons.

He is married and has one small daughter.

The Patten Record

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*Conference finish  **National champions  †National finish
Reiland Leads Panther Tornado Troops

Chuck Patten likes to teach one style of wrestling which may be best described as the 'tornado style.'

"We want our people to be aggressive, to tear into people and not to let up," says the NCAA's College Division Coach of the Year. "We may not have all the talent in the world but we feel that if we are in good enough shape we can win a lot of matches in that third period and we can do it by wearing people down."

Patten's head 'tornado man' is 134-pound Marv Reiland. 'Smooth Marvin', long noted for his flowing style of wrestling, is headed for his senior year with hopes of taking that final step to a national title. He finished second last year at 130, losing the championship to Len Groom of Colorado State, 7-3.

Reiland is the headliner, but there is more to this team that could be Patten's finest. He admits that despite the loss of two-time champion heavyweight Kent Osboe and third-place national finisher Jim Guyer, a 160-pounder.

Osboe, Guyer Gone

"True, we won't find people immediately to replace Guyer and Osboe. We possibly may never have a heavyweight the quality of Osboe," he admitted. "But, this is a team from top to bottom for the first time since I've been here. We have talent all along the line, and more important, we have some depth."

Talent at the lower weights is a bonus Patten has not been afforded before. He has two prep state champions at 118 in Cedar Falls' Dave Nicol, a two-time, undefeated state champion who fits perfectly into the 'tornado' style; and Rick Schropp from Cedar Rapids Prairie. Then there is another state champ from last year at 126 in Jon Moeller from Gladbrook.

Tim Dillon and Harold Knaack stand in front of Moeller at 126 and Reiland in front of everyone, including talented Mark Sothmann at 134.

The Sleeper

The sleeper in the crowd may be at 142 in Mark Meador, who sat out last year. How good is he? 'Meador may be one of the toughest wrestlers we have,' said Patten. Yet, Patten feels Jim Neighbors has the strength and ability to give Meador a battle for the spot.

Stolz, the proven veteran, is the power at 150 with Clint Young the returnee at 158. He should be pushed by Dave Balvanz, a freshman who beat Young in early drills.

Skip Bellock, a returning NCC champ and sixth place finisher in the nationals, is back at 167 and may open some new avenues to victory. Bellock has always been a Patten tornado with a twist. He specializes in take-downs, 11 to the match is not uncommon, but he's toiled long and hard on riding and pinning skills that could boom him into national title pictures, once he leaves the football scene, where he has also lettered three times.

Thin Spots

If UNI is thin in depth it is at the top weights where Mick Snodgress could be great if he can overcome a tendency toward injuries. He's had two seasons of daily drills with Bellock and Guyer to toughen him up. Letterman Dan Mashek will battle Clark Allen at 190.

Osboe's heir is sophomore Mike McCready, a 190-pounder a year ago. McCready, now at a salty 235, has an outstanding future ahead of him and, goodness knows, should be tired of looking up at the lights after a year of sparring with Osboe.

The Difference

That's a quick overall look, but it fails to tell the entire story. Patten does that much better this way, "In the past we have had three or four wrestlers willing to pay that terrific price of being great," he said. "This squad has 10 to 15 with that attitude and urge. On paper it may seem we already have a set lineup but its just not that way. We have outstanding spirit and a bunch of youngsters that haven't learned they're supposed to get beat by the veterans."
The Panther Look

(Based on pre-season weights)

118

One veteran on hand plus two top reserves and a great hope for two prep state champs. Newcomer Dave Nicol, a hometown boy made good, is the top man. A fiery competitor, Nicol was unbeaten in high school, won two state titles and has the greatest potential of any Panther wrestler. Very aggressive, he has the winning ways and the willingness to push himself. Got late start after knee injury. Rick Schropp, another prep state champ last year, may be Nicol’s chief threat. Bob (6-Point) Shaefler has the drive but lacks size. Elwyn Bruhl was starter a year ago until a broken hand sidelined him. Joe Wilson is the letterman. He finished fourth in the conference at 123 and had early pre-season edge on experience. A much improved weight this year, possibly best since early 1950’s

126

Tim Dillon can be the man of the future at this weight. Dillon has great potential and appears to have the right attitude this time around. Could be in the national picture if he can stay at 126. Harold Knaack sat out last season and will need time to get his timing back. Jon Moeller was a state prep champ last year and could challenge. Has great future. Was also state’s free-style champ a year ago. Terry Faustian, a Frank Freeman product (which means talent and know-how) could also go at 118. Has top attitude for sport. Dave Pike, a third freshman, may go up, eventually, to 134. He’s had a sparkling pre-season performance to put himself in contention.

134

This is ‘Smooth Marvin’ territory. Marv Reiland takes a career record of 47-7-3 into his final season. Undefeated as a sophomore in dual action, he finished second in CD nationals last year after winning his second straight NCC crown. Still smooth as silk but much stronger, Reiland is top bet for a national title. Mark Sothmann will push Reiland, and we mean push. The wild man of the mat, Sothmann is extremely aggressive and gives Reiland trouble and the team’s best backup man by a wide margin. Both are lettermen. Don Lozano, with Reiland and Sothmann ahead, must wait a year to make his presence known.
Mike Meador is the man to beat at 142 but the fight for the spot is not over. Meador has great potential and could come on to be the star of the year. Jim Neighbors, who ranks with Sothmann as a tough backup man, may not stand for that position. Neighbors presents a tough style to beat, has good strength and the drive to unseat Meador. Young Mark DeBerg is a wrestler for the future who needs polish and competition. He'll get it from Meador and Neighbors on the practice mat this year.

Brad Stolz is the veteran who Patten rates as possibly the most improved. "He learned what it takes in the nationals last year," said Patten. "Now he knows what he has to do and he's doing it. He has the talent." Stolz was 16-4-1 a year ago. Bob Schultz is the backup man and one of the most underrated on the team.

All is not secure for letterman Clint Young. He came on strong at the end of the year, 13-11-2 record, and finished second in the NCC, but Patten contends he is small for the weight and could go to 150 if Stolz is hurt. He should be pushed hard by newcomer Dave Balvanz, who beat him in the early drills. Other returnees are Bob Boeck and Doug Reed, both still lacking in experience to make them top contenders as is freshman Tom Keith.

Skip Bellock, the flashiest takedown artist in UNI history, is back and improved. He's drilled long and hard on riding and pinning moves and still has the speed and quickness to excel in his takedown artistry. A conference champ last year and sixth place finisher in the CD nationals, Bellock could go to even higher heights this time around. Has lettered three times as defensive lineman for UNI. As tough as they come. Sophomore Bill Barker and freshman Pat Peutz are back of Bellock.
Mick Snodgress must overcome the tendency to injury. If he does he could be another national place finisher. Learned the hard way, from Bellock and Jim Guyer. He’s not the flashy type, but strong and aggressive and tough to beat. Newcomers Bob Morgan and Dan Kress are in reserve.

A good battle shapes up between letterman Dan Mashek and reserve veteran Clark Allen with footballer Dick Klaudt in the picture. Mashek has the tools to be a big winner and can come up with the surprise victory when its needed the most. Allen is good enough to sideline Mashek with Klaudt given a chance to surprise both of them.

Mike McCready is it, do or die. The Panthers only heavyweight, he has the talents, the desire and the conditioning, but will miss chance to work against big opponents in the practice room. Only a sophomore, he’s rated as above average for a collegiate heavyweight. Also the NCC’s shot put champion as a freshman, McCready has the drive to become prominent in wrestling as well as track on a national scale. Few work harder.
UNI's National Wrestling Champions

UNIVERSITY DIVISION

1937 — Ray Cheney, 135
1946 — Cecil Mott, 121
   Gerald Leeman, 128**
   Bill Koll, 145
1947 — Russ Bush, 128
   Bill Koll, 145**
   Bill Nelson, 165
1948 — Bill Koll, 145**
1949 — Keith Young, 145
   Bill Nelson, 155
   Bill Smith, 165
1950 — Keith Young, 145
   Bill Nelson, 155
   Bill Smith, 165
1951 — Keith Young, 145
1952 — Gene Lybbert, 130
   Bill Weick, 157
1953 — Jim Harmon, 157
1955 — Bill Weick, 157
1963 — Bill Dotson, 137

** Outstanding wrestler in NCAA tournament.

COLLEGE DIVISION

1963 — Bill Dotson, 137
   Jim Sanford, 147
1966 — Don Parker, 177
1967 — Don Parker, 177
1968 — Kent Osboe, Hvy
1969 — Kent Osboe, Hvy

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

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

1968 — Jim Kinyon, 123
   Marv Reiland, 137
   Jerry Bond, 145
   Tom Horton, 160
   Jim Guyer, 167
   Kent Osboe, Hvy

1969 — Marv Reiland, 130
   Jim Guyer, 160
   Skip Bellock, 167
   Kent Osboe, Hvy
EAST-WEST ALL STAR WRESTLING

Tournament Performers

1967 — Don Parker, 177, West Squad at Stillwater, Okla.
(Parker won 5-3 over Dave Mucka, Moravia)

1969 — Kent Osboe, Hvy, West Squad at Penn State
(Osboe lost 4-3 to Jeff Smith, Michigan State)

Wrestling Leaders

3-Time NCAA Champions
Bill Koll, 1946-47-48
Keith Young, 1949-50-51
Bill Nelson, 1947-49-50

2-Time NCAA Champions
Bill Smith, 1949-50
Bill Weick, 1952-55
Don Parker, 1966-67
Kent Osboe, 1968-69

Undefeated Wrestlers
Career
Bill Koll - Duals, Tournaments
Keith Young - Duals, Tournaments
Bill Dotson - Duals
Bill Smith - Duals
Gerald Leeman - Duals

Olympic Games Entries

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

1948 — Gerald Leeman, 125½
Bill Koll, 147½

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

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*College Division Tournament*

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UNI's 15 National Champions

Ray Cheney, 1937
First Champion

Bill Koll
1946-47-48
Twice NCAA-MVP
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Cecil Mott, 1946

Gerald Leeman, 1946

Russ Bush, 1947

Jim Sanford, 1963

Gene Lybbert, 1952

Bill Smith, 1949-50

Bill Nelson,
1947-49-50

Bill Dolson, 1963
Both National Titles

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Hall of Famers:
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