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1970-71
WRESTLING

University of Northern Iowa
1970-71 Wrestling Schedule

Head Coach: Chuck Patten

Nov. 28 - at Minnesota Quadrangular
Dec. 5 - UNI INVITATIONAL
Dec. 11-12 - at Iowa Invitational
Dec. 15 - MORNINGSIDE, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 17 - NAVY
Dec. 29-30 - at Midlands
Jan. 8 - at Northern Illinois
Jan. 9 - at Wisconsin
Jan. 16 - LUTHER
Jan. 28 - at North Dakota State
Jan. 29 - at Moorhead State
Jan. 30 - at North Dakota U.
Feb. 6 - SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
Feb. 9 - at Mankato State
Feb. 12 - at Michigan State
Feb. 13 - at Eastern Michigan
Feb. 19 - MINNESOTA, 7 p.m.
Feb. 20 - SOUTH DAKOTA U.
Mar. 5-6 - NORTH CENTRAL TOURNEY
Mar. 12-13 - NCAA College Division at Fargo, N.D.
Mar. 19 - IOWA
Mar. 25-26 - NCAA University Division at Auburn, Ala.

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

1969-70 Results

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NCC Finish: 2nd

NCAA College Division Finish: 2nd
Chuck Patten's coaching philosophy is pretty well summed-up by the sign in the Northern Iowa wrestling room which reads, "Don't be satisfied with making the team...win the NCAA."

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

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

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

Quick Turnabout

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

UNI got above board in Patten's second year at 6-5, then upped that mark to 10-7-1 in 1966-67. During those two years the UNI coach watched 177-pounder Don Parker win a pair of national championships.

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

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

Koll, Natvig His Teachers

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

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

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

He is married and has one young daughter.

THE PATTEN RECORD

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*Conference finish  **National champions  †National finish
Pre-Season Look

From Second To Where?

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

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

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

Balance The Key

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

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

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

Allen A Question

Nine, and possibly ten, lettermen will form the nucleus of the UNI club this year. The only question mark is 190-pounder Mike Allen, who played defensive tackle on the football team. Allen, who at press time had not decided whether to go out for the sport, won the league title at 190 last year.

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

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

Nicol, McCready Set

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

Patten’s “tornado” style of wrestling has produced some swirling battles at almost every weight class.

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

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

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

And one more thing—the schedule. In addition to hosting such powerhouses as Navy, Minnesota and Iowa at the Men’s Gym, UNI will also play host for the always exciting 1971 North Central Conference wrestling meet on Mar. 5-6.
The 1970-71 Panther Look

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

126

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

134

This is "Wild Man" territory. Senior Mark Sothmann is down a weight after posting a 12-6-1 record at 142 a year ago, and, according to Patten, is right where he should be. Finished second to Mankato State's Dale Richter in the NCC meet. Probably the most aggressive wrestler on the team. Had student teaching duties during first nine weeks, and may take a month or so to round into top shape. Sophomore Dave Pike wrestled at 126 last year and early in the year had the edge on conditioning over Sothmann. Also very aggressive. Freshman Tom Garcia will have to wait until Sothmann's gone to challenge here.
Before the season is over, this may well be the most hotly contested weight class of them all. Senior Jim Neighbors has the pre-season edge, but only on the basis of his experience. A trio of challengers from Waterloo is battling him for the position, and any of them could be the top man. Former West star Chuck Heene, who was a national Junior College place-winner from North Iowa Area Community College, has the savvy to move in. Or it could be another West star, Mark Fox, an aggressive wrestler who won a state title last year. And don’t forget Chuck Zander, who has been away from the sport for a couple of years, but who possesses great potential.

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

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

Another All-American here in senior Bob Boeck, but the “Janesville Junkman” will have problems. Boeck, who after a disappointing dual year finished second in the conference and third in the NCAA, faces challenge from talented freshman Mike Ott of Cedar Falls. Ott, who finished runner-up in the state tournament a year ago, has impressed Patten and his teammates with his mental and physical toughness. Then there is letterman Frank Cordaro, down from his ’69-70 weight of 177, who has undergone significant improvement.
It took senior Mick Snodgress a year-and-a-half to recover from a knee injury he sustained in the middle of his sophomore year. Now, attempting to make a comeback, he's hurt that knee again, and his status is once more questionable. Even if Snodgress can bounce back again, he'll certainly be a good month behind in conditioning, and that means Patten had better find another 177-pounder. Senior George Ritland, also bothered by a knee, is a possibility, and so is sophomore Dan Kress. Possibly the best hope is that letterman Mike Allen comes out and drops down from his 190 weight of a year ago.

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

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

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177 - Mick Snodgress
177 - Hurt Last Year

190 - Clark Allen
190 - Hurt Last Year

Hwt.

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

Hwt.

177

- 7 -
UNI's National Wrestling Champions

UNIVERSITY DIVISION

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

COLLEGE DIVISION

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

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1964 — Mike Wingert, 115
   Rich Engel, 157
   Jim Monroe, 177
   Dennis Bahr, Hvy
1965 — Don Parker, 177
   Larry Straw, Hvy
1966 — Jerry Bond, 145
   Don Parker, 177
1967 — Wayne 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
1970 — Clint Young, 158
   Mike Allen, 190
   Mike McCready, Hvy
All-Time UNI Leaders

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

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

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

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

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

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

1948 — Gerald Leeman, 125½
   Bill Koll, 147½

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

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

190 — MIKE ALLEN, UNI
Hwt — MIKE McCREADY, UNI
### All-Time Wrestling Results

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UNI Points: 7,302

Opp. Points: 4,738

*College Division Tournament
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