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Head Coach Chuck Patten
And UNI's Six Returning
All-Americans grace this
Year's Panther Press Book
(Kneeling L-R) Bruce McClure (134),
Jeff Melvin (126), Dave Prehm (118),
Standing L-R: Dick Briggs (150),
Gary Bentrim (142), Keith Poolman (167).

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Northern Iowa Head Wrestling Coach Chuck Patten heads into the 1977-78 season with the same goal in mind that the Panther mentor has had the last 13 seasons. "Our goal at the beginning of the season is to do well in the dual meets then peak at the conference and NCAA Division II championships," says Patten.

Patten and his Northern Iowa squad achieved one of the two last season when the Panthers captured their fourth straight North Central Conference championship and the 10th crown since the meet began back in 1964. Two weeks later, Northern Iowa took an early lead in the Division II finals but faltered to finish third behind Cal State at Bakersfield and NCC rival Augustana.

But a new season is on the horizon and Patten and Co. are anxious to get it going. "Yes, we lost some people that helped us but we have some excellent talent coming back particulary in the lower and middle weights that should make us pretty salty," said the personable Patten. "Plus, we recruited some good wrestlers out of the Iowa high school ranks."

Patten has a solid nucleus to work with six returning All-Americans including eight lettermen off a squad that posted a 12-8 record last season. Add this to perhaps the most competitive College Division schedule in the nation and the season becomes more challenging, and not a formality.

Gone are North Central Conference champions Hal Turner at 158 pounds and Ed Herman at 190 pounds. Herman also gained All-American status when he placed sixth in his weight class in the Division II finals.

"Younger people make up a good percentage of our roster and we hope to give everyone a chance to grow throughout the tough schedule. Dual victories and other tournaments are important but let's face it, it's the conference tournament and Division II championships that really count at the end," says Patten.

Back to defend his 142-pound title is two-time NCAA Division II champion Gary Bentrim. Bentrim got off to a slow start last season due to a shoulder separation but came on strong to cop his second straight North Central Conference crown then glided through the Division II finals for the 142-pound title.

Bentrim, the former Cedar Rapids Jefferson standout, was the No. 1 seed in the Division II Championship and capped an excellent year with a 6-4 dual record and a 19-5 mark overall. Depth wise, the 142-pound weight appears to be the most solid with sophomores Steve Wilkinson (Charles City), Mark Reese (Camanche, Ia.) and highly recruited freshman Ken Gallagher (Waterloo, Ia.) as the backups.

Senior Dick Briggs (Cedar Rapids, Ia.) returns to defend
his 150-pound title in the North Central Conference and gained All-American status with a fourth-place finish in the Division II finals. Briggs, brother of assistant coach Don, posted a 10-5 dual mark and finished at 19-10 overall. Junior letterman Mike Woodall (Eagle Grove, la.) and senior Jeff Billerbeck (Reinbeck, la.) will prove strong competition for Briggs.

At 167 pounds, Patten has a good one in junior Keith Poolman (Clarion, la.) Poolman excited Panther fans everytime he went on the mat with his aggressive style competitiveness. Poolman captured his second straight North Central Conference title at 167 pounds and went on to place fourth in the Division II finals losing on a referee's criterion. He has his sights set higher this year and, along with Bentrim, is Northern Iowa's best bet to win an NCAA title. Sophomore Mark Woltz (Waverly, la.) and sophomore Roger Knutson (Stewartville, Minn.), Patten is considering dropping Poolman down to 158.

Many thought junior Jeff Melvin (Evergreen Park, Ill.) was the most underrated wrestler at 126 pounds on the Panther squad. Melvin lost a very close, controversial match to North Dakota State's Mark Anderson 6-5 in the NCC 126-pound finals but Anderson was knocked out of the Division II finals in the second round while Melvin went on to finish fifth for All-American honors. Melvin will get pushed from senior Nolan Meggars (Hudson, la.) and junior Paul Herder (Monroe, la.).

Providing the most surprising finish among the Panther grapplers in the Division II championships was junior Dave Prehm (Eagle Grove, la.) at 118 pounds. Prehm wasn't even seeded in the tournament but wrestled his way to a sixth place finish to make the All-American team. He'll get stiff competition from freshman David Lott (Waterloo, la.) and Tony Wessely (Waterloo, la.).

The fact that Scott Kollings decided not to return to school leaves the 134-pound spot up for grabs but the best bet to fill in is senior Bruce McClure (Morning Sun, la.) who finished fourth in the Division II finals two years ago for the Panthers.

But the competition will be very strong with juniors Jim Balvanz (Cedar Rapids, la.) and Kevin Finn (Waterloo, la.) vying for starting duty.

The Panthers have four weights which provide the "ifs" for the 1977-78 season. North Central Conference champion Hal Turner has exited at 158 pounds along with NCC winner Ed Herman at 190 pounds. The two other questionable spots are at 177 and heavyweight, a position the Panthers have been known to be strong in but have lacked talent the last couple of seasons.

If Poolman drops down to 158 pounds that will take care of the problem. Another contender is freshman Jim Swieter (Maquoketa, la.).

Veteran Dick Erickson has graduated leaving the 177-pound weight up for grabs. Best bets to take over is highly-touted freshman Joe Gormally (Sioux City, la.) or sophomore Phyl Drydahl (Clinton, la.).

At 190 pounds, two highly-regarded freshman appear to have the upper hand with Bob Knipp (Waterloo, la.) and Kirk Myers (Algona, la.) doing battle. Junior Ed Walters (Bettendorf, la.) saw some duty at 190 last year and will be in the thick of things.

With the loss of Bob Leonard to graduation at heavyweight, that spot is a big question; which Patten will have to come up with the answer to. The two top prospects are sophomores Kevin Kurth (Tama, la.) and John Steffen (Davenport, la.).

Progression of youth, particularly in the upper weights, will become a big factor down the road as the Panthers take on one of the toughest schedules ever. Besides meets with formidable opponents from the North Central Conference, UNI will host national champion Iowa State in a Jan. 14 meeting in the UNI-Dome. Other tussles include Iowa, Illinois and Ohio State.
Returning All-Americans

Gary Bentrim
142 Pounds Senior Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Won his second straight NCAA Division II title at 142 pounds last March ... will be gunning for his third straight championship this year ... copped his second straight title at 142 pounds in the North Central Conference meet ... posted a 6-4 dual meet record and 14-5 mark overall after sustaining a shoulder separation at the beginning of the season ... state champion at Jefferson High School in Cedar Rapids ... placed third in junior Olympics and recorded 98-8-1 record during his prep career ... married to the former Candi Koutny and the couple has a young daughter, Jennifer 4 ... Major - Industrial Arts

Dave Prehm
118 pounds Junior Eagle Grove, Ia.

Came on strong at the end of the season to place sixth in the Division II finals for All-American status ... placed third at 118 pounds in North Central Conference championships ... went 10-6 in dual meets and garnered a 12-10 mark overall ... wrestled the 'toughies' last year and had close losses to the likes of NCAA runnerup Ken Bellmard of Augustana ... a two year letterman ... will be looked upon for needed points ... was a three-year lettermen while a prep at Eagle Grove High School ... was captain of his team his senior year ... Major - Art Education

Jeff Melvin
126 pounds Junior Evergreen Park, Ill.

One of the toughest competitors on the team ... capped an excellent season with a fifth place finish in the Division II championships ... placed second in the North Central Conference finals with a one-point loss to Mark Anderson of North Dakota State ... has his sights set on winning both the NCC and Division II titles ... posted an 11-7 dual meet record and 13-9 overall ... a two-year lettermen ... finished prep career at Evergreen Park High with 123-16-4 mark ... was named team captain his senior year and MV in three years at Evergreen Park ... led his squad in total takedowns ... near falls and escapes ... Major - Business
Keith Poolman
167 Pounds Junior Clarion, la.
Created excitement every time he took to the mat ... the most aggressive wrestler on the Panther team ... gained All-American honors with a fourth place finish in the Division II finals ... back for a shot at his third straight North Central Conference title after copping the 167 pound title last year and as a freshman ... also placed fourth in the Division II finals as a frosh ... posted an excellent 9-3-1 record his first year as a Panther and went 15-3-1 in dual meets and 22-4-1 overall last season ... started the season by beating highly-touted freshman Mike DeAnna of Iowa 14-13 ... earned all-conference and All-District as a prep at Clarion High School ... Major - Undecided

Dick Briggs
150 pounds Senior Cedar Rapids, la.
Returning All-American at 150 pounds where he placed fourth in the Division II championships ... captured the North Central Conference title at 150 pounds with an easy 10-2 win over the No. 2 seed Mark Reimnitz of North Dakota State ... went 10-5 in dual meets and 17-9 overall ... one of the hardest workers on the team ... brother of assistant coach Don Briggs ... a three-year letterman for the Panthers ... was metro and conference champion while a prep at Cedar Rapids Jefferson ... also a member of school's 1974 state championship mat squad ... was only one of four freshmen to letter three years ago

Bruce McClure
134 pounds Senior Morning Sun, la.
Was a fourth-place finisher in the Division II finals two years ago at 134 pounds ... posted a 6-3 dual meet mark before suffering an injury against the University of Kentucky which sidelined him much of last season ... a two-year letterman ... finished fourth in the North Central Conference finals two years but looking for a better finish this season ... posted a 3-3-1 record as a freshman at 126 pounds and a 13-9-1 record overall ... will be looked upon for leadership this season ... runnerup in the state high school tournament both his junior and senior years ... posted an excellent 101-7 record while a prep at Morning Sun ... valedictorian of his senior class ... Major - Biology
Jim Balvanz, 134 pounds, Jr., Cedar Rapids, Ia. ... will battle with Bruce McClure for the top spot at 134 pounds this year ... hard-nosed and a tough competitor ... one of the more aggressive wrestlers for the Panthers ... was awarded letter last year as a sophomore ... makes the 134-pound weight a very solid part of the Panthers ... Major - Accounting

Jeff Billerbeck, 150 pounds, Sr., Reinbeck, Ia. ... could see considerable duty for the Panthers at 150 pounds ... his tall, lanky frame allows for good leg wrestling ... one of the stalwarts that has stuck it out for four years ... earned honorable mention all-state in football and placed second in state high school meet at 112 pounds ... Major - Industrial Arts

Curt Braby, Heavyweight, Fr., Maloy, Ia. ... nicknamed 'Tiny' this 260 pounder will come in as a top prospect at heavyweight ... honorable mention All-American while a prep at Mt. Ayr High School where he copped the state championship title ... named most outstanding wrestler his junior and senior years ... Major - Elementary Education

Ken Gallagher, 142 pounds, Fr., Waterloo, Ia. ... One of the most highly recruited preps out of the Iowa high school ranks ... State champion at 145 pounds last winter ... posted an 83-22 career mark while a prep at Waterloo Columbus ... named most valuable wrestler his junior and senior years ... freshman with very good potential ... Major - Business

Joe Gormally, 177 pounds, Sioux City, Ia. ... Another highly-touted freshman ... comes in as one of the top candidates at 177 pounds for the Panthers ... state high school champion at 185 pounds last winter ... placed third and fifth respectively at 167 pounds while a prep at Sioux City East ... also, all-state guard in football ... Major - Sociology

Paul Herder, 126 pounds, Jr., Monroe, Ia. ... Will push Jeff Melvin for the top spot at 126 pounds ... figures to add depth to light weights this season ... a three-time conference champion while a prep at New Monroe Community High School ... posted an 85-15-1 record in his four years there ... placed fifth in state in '73 and '74 seasons ... Major - Biology
Bob Knipp, 190 Pounds, Fr., Waterloo, la. ... Patten beat out many schools by recruiting this highly-regarded Iowa high school prep ... a fourth place finisher in the state high school tournament at 185 pounds last winter and placed second at 167 pounds his junior year ... while a prep at Columbus ... played on state championship football team ... Major - Undecided

Roger Knutson, 167 pounds, Soph., Stewartville, Minn. ... Showed he has the potential for being a strong competitor when he wrestled twice at heavyweight ... had an excellent prep career at Stewartville, Minn. by posting a 65-19-2 record ... was high school All-American and named all-conference three years in a row ... Major - Biology

Kevin Kurth, Hwt., Soph., Tama, la. ... Will do battle for the top spot at heavyweight ... placed second at heavyweight in Class AA in 1975 while a prep at South Tama High ... named to all-conference and all-district first teams ... placed fourth in USWF Greco Open meet last summer ... Major - Undecided

Nolan Meggers, 126 pounds, Sr., Hudson, la. ... With three years' experience under his belt, Nolan is vying for 126-pound duty ... had excellent prep career at Hudson where he was sectional champion in 1974 at 119 pounds, conference champion in 1973 and runnerup in 1974 ... makes 126 pounds a very solid weight for the Panthers ... Major - Industrial Arts

Rick Morkel, 142 pounds, Fr., Waterloo, la. ... An incoming freshman with excellent potential ... Capped a fine career at West Waterloo with a 34-2-0 record ... Won the Big 8 Conference 132-pound title in 1976 ... Elected captain his junior year ... Major - Undecided.

Kirk Myer, 190 Pounds, Fr., Algona, la. ... A freshman with a bright future ahead of him as a Panther ... a three-sport lettermen for Algona High School ... Major - Undecided

Craig Poolman, 167 pounds, Soph., Clarion, la. ... wrestled sparingly last year as a freshman ... brother of Keith ... posted 82-18 record as a prep at Clarion High School ... elected captain his senior year ... with more experience and mat-maturity, will add depth to upper weights this season ... Major - Business Administration
Mike Sells, 150 pounds, Soph., Cedar Falls, la. ... Former Iowa state champion at 145 pounds now in sophomore year at UNI ... a hard worker, needs more experience to develop the good ability he has ... could be a pleasant surprise for the Panthers this season ... Major - Physical Education

John Steffen, Hwt., Soph., Eldridge, la. ... Wrestled behind the now graduated Bob Leonard last year ... at 6-6, 275 pounds, 'Gentle Ben' could be the No. 1 man at the heavyweight spot come this season ... a sophomore with good potential ... must learn to use his weight to his advantage ... Major - Undecided

Ken Wilkins, 142 pounds, Jr., Cedar Rapids, la. ... The hardest worker on the team, Ken could work himself into some considerable wrestling duty this season ... posted 30-10 record during his prep career at Cedar Prairie ... elected captain his senior year ... figures to add depth at 142 pounds this season ... Major - Physical Education

Steve Wilkinson, 142 pounds, Soph., Charles City, la. ... Saw some varsity duty last season ... garnered a 48-12 overall record while a prep at Charles City ... awarded a Panther letter last year as a freshman ... placed third in the state high school tournament at 138 pounds his senior year ... bigger things are expected this year ... Major - Undecided

Mark Woltz, 167 pounds, Soph., Waverly, la. ... A sophomore who was state champion at 155 pounds for Waverly his senior year ... piled up an impressive 91-15 record in his prep career ... will add depth to middle weights this season ... named All-American as a prep his senior year ... Major - Accounting
Mike Woodall, 150 pounds, Jr., Eagle Grove, la. . . . Started out strong for the Panthers last season until a knee injury hit him in January . . . leg injury held him out his freshman year . . . received his first Panther letter last year . . . was underclass to NCAA II champion Ken Snyder . . . runnerup twice in state high school meet for Eagle Grove . . . healthy Woodall could make waves . . . Major - Elementary Ed.

Kevin Finn, 134 pounds, Jr., Waterloo, la. . . . A top candidate for 134-pound duty this season . . . posted 65-25 overall record as a prep at Waterloo Columbus . . . placed fourth in state high school meet at 126 in '74 . . . elected captain his senior year . . . Major - Physical Education

Ed Sheakly, Manager, Sr., Cedar Falls, la. . . . A vital member of the Panther wrestling team, 'Shakes' received a Panther letter for his duties last season . . . handles all equipment and other odds and ends . . . does some wrestling on the junior varsity level . . . Major - Business Education

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Head Coach Chuck Patten

The names Northern Iowa and Chuck Patten are synonymous in intercollegiate wrestling. They mean the same tradition, success and prominence.

Patten is in his 14th season as the Panther boss and ranks as one of the premier coaches in NCAA Division II wrestling. The record speaks for itself — 10 prestigious North Central Conference championships including a current string of four straight titles — one NCAA Division II championship — and three Division II runners-up finishes.

The 39-year-old Patten sports a sparkling 150-65-7 dual meet record for a winning percentage of .674. A total of 35 All-Americans have wrestled under Patten, including 10 who have garnered 14 NCAA national crowns. One champion was crowned last season in 142-pound champion Gary Bentrim.

Patten, who established an impressive 28-5-2 record as a Panther himself, is known throughout the nation for his knowledge and promotion of wrestling. He was recently named chairman of the powerful NCAA Rules Committee. Patten was honored as the NCAA College Division Coach of the Year in 1969 and is a referee at the high school level.

Success has followed Patten everywhere, beginning with a fine mat career at Waterloo East High School and graduating with a B.A. degree from Northern Iowa in Physical Education in 1961.

Patten began his coaching career as an assistant coach at the University of Oregon and earned a Masters Degree in 1962. From Oregon, he coached in the prep ranks for two years at Exeter, Calif. and Reespiirt, Ore. His squads won the California CIF championship and the Oregon state title respectively.

Patten-coached teams have never finished lower than runnerup in the powerful North Central Conference with 54 individual titles won under his direction.

With over 60 former Panther grapplers in the coaching profession today, his ability to send successful graduates into today's society is another tribute.

He and his wife, Zig, have two young daughters — Jamie 10 and Cindy 8.

The Patten Years

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TOTAL 150 65 7
Assistant Coach Don Briggs

Named as UNI's first full-time assistant wrestling coach. Don Briggs begins his fourth season on the Panther staff.

Briggs served as a graduate assistant to Patten from 1974-75 before becoming fulltime after he earned his Master's Degree in Physical Education.

Another highly talented wrestling mentor. Briggs began his coaching career at Cedar Rapids Prairie High in 1973 after graduating from the University of Iowa in 1971.

Wrestling has been a big part of Briggs' life, a member of the Iowa mat squad four years at 134 pounds. He placed 4th in the Big Ten Conference his sophomore year and qualified for national competition. His junior and senior years saw Briggs place 3rd in league competition. He served as Hawkeye team captain his senior year.

Born May 29, 1949, Briggs is a Cedar Rapids native. His younger brother, Dick is a 150-pound junior on the Panther mat squad.

The Patten Coaches

Chuck Patten is not only an excellent wrestling coach, but a good teacher who prides himself in helping place the number of outstanding young men now a part of the coaching profession. Although not all are connected with wrestling, each of the following is an impressive tribute to Chuck Patten.

Clark Allen, Council Bluffs, Ia. (Abraham Lincoln)
Tim Balvanz, St. Ansgar, Ia.
Jerry Bond, Adel, Ia.
Rich Boston, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Jim Blasingame, West Des Moines Dowling
Tom Cameron, Whiting, Ind.
Don Crandall, Oskaloosa, Ia.
Mark Dawson, Rock Island
Dave Cunningham, Lake Mills, Ia.
Larry Dawson, Pleasantville, Ia.
Tim Dillon, Volga, Ia.
Randy Dodd, Interstate 35, Ia.
Rich Engle, Cedar Falls, Ia.
Dick Erickson, Central Missouri
Dennis Goetz, Waterloo, Columbus
Bruce Gulick, Waterloo, West
Jim Guyer, West Union, Ia.
Joe Hatchett, Waterloo, Ia.
Tom Horton, Indianapolis, Ia.
Chuck Huff, Martinsdale, Ia.
Tim Johnson, Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Jim Keck, Spencer, Ia.
Dan Keller, Urbandale
Dean Kiger, Audubon, Ia.
Jim Kinyon, Roland, Ia.

Steve Knipp, Waterloo, East
Jim Kroll, Evergreen Park, Ill.
Jim Lewallen, Cherokee, Ia.
Dan Maashek, Gilbertville, Don Bosco
Kirt Mattison, Harveg, N.D.
Mike McCready, Waterloo, Hoover
Larry Messerly, Reinbeck, Ia.
Jim Miller, Charles City
Jon Moeller, Des Moines, Saydel
Jim Neighbors, Eagle Grove, Ia.
Dave Nichol, Maquoketa, Ia.
John Ohlinger, Ottumwa, Ia.
Bob Oval, Linnville-Sulley, Ia.
Don Parker, Vot. Wis - Eau Claire
Terry Paustian, Bettendorf, Ia.
Marv Reiland, Eagle Grove, Ia.
Steve Shirk, Cascade
Ken Snyder, Alexandria, Minn.
Larry Soderberg, Marshalltown, Ia.
Bert Svendsen, Savanna, Ill.
Mark Sothmann, Purdue University
Bruce Sperry, Gladbrook, Ia.
Dave Steinkamp, Winthrop, Ia.
Brad Stolz, Des Moines, Saydel
Tom Vesely, Oakland, Ia.
Clint Young, Grundy Center, Ia.
1976-77 In Review (12-8)

Iowa 37, Northern Iowa 3 (Iowa City, Ia.)
Northern Iowa 21, Augustana (S.D.) 14 (Cedar Falls, Ia.)
Northern Iowa 43, Luther 3 (Cedar Falls, Ia.)
Northern Iowa 27, South Dakota 11 (Vermillion, S.D.)
Northern Iowa 24, Illinois 10 (Cedar Falls, Ia.)
Northern Iowa 38, Morningside 9 (Sioux City, Ia.)
Northern Iowa 29, Florida 17 (Gainesville, Fla.)
Northern Iowa 23, Tennessee-Chattanooga 12 (Chattanooga, Tenn.)
Tennessee 24, Northern Iowa 12 (Knoxville, Tenn.)
Northern Iowa 25, Kentucky 19 (Lexington, Ken.)
Cleveland State 27, Northern Iowa 7 (Cleveland, Ohio)
Oregon State 31, Northern Iowa 7 (Cedar Falls, Ia.)
Northern Iowa 36, St. Cloud St. 9 (Cedar Falls, Ia.)
North Dakota St. 33, Northern Iowa 6 (Fargo, N.D.)
North Dakota 17, Northern Iowa 15 (Grand Forks, N.D.)
Cal-Poly 21, Northern Iowa 15 (Cedar Falls, Ia.)
Northern Iowa 22, Mankato State 18 (Mankato, Minn.)
Northern Iowa 31, Nebraska-Omaha 3 (Cedar Falls, Ia.)
Iowa State 34, Northern Iowa 9 (Cedar Falls, Ia.)
Northern Iowa 21, South Dakota St. 16 (Cedar Falls, Ia.)

North Central Conference — 1st place
NCAA Division II — 3rd place
1977 North Central Results

TEAM SCORING

1. Northern Iowa 96 3/4
2. North Dakota State 75 1/4
3. Augustana 51 1/2
4. South Dakota State 49 3/4
5. South Dakota 28 1/2
6. Mankato State 24 1/4
7. Morningside 16 1/2
8. North Dakota State 16
9. Nebraska-Omaha 9

Individual Standings

118 — 1. Ron Teague (SDSU)
— 2. Ken Bellmard (Aug.)
— 3. Dave Prehm (UNI)
— 4. Bob Goetz (Morn.)
126 — 1. Mark Anderson (NDSU)
— 2. Jeff Melvin (UNI)
— 3. Sam Herriman (Aug.)
— 4. Jay Swanson (SDSU)
134 — 1. Rick Jensen (SDSU)
— 2. Scott Kolings (UNI)
— 3. Jack Eustice (MSU)
— 4. Steve Martinson (NDSU)
142 — 1. Gary Bentrim (UNI)
— 2. Lon Brew (NDSU)
— 3. Randy Baker (Aug.)
— 4. Tim Tatarek (MSU)
150 — 1. Dick Briggs (UNI)
— 2. Mark Reimnitz (NDSU)
— 3. Mike Wofford (UNO)
— 4. Pat Flaherty (Aug.)
158 — 1. Hal Turner (UNI)
— 2. John Snakenberg (Morn.)
— 3. Ken Gabriel (UND)
— 4. Kevin Scott (Aug.)
167 — 1. Keith Poolman (UNI)
— 2. Steve Heller (USD)
— 3. Brian Parlet (Aug.)
— 4. Jim Carruth (NDSU)
177 — 1. Jeff Hohertz (SDSU)
— 2. Don Lubbert (Aug.)
— 3. Perry Kozlowski (NDSU)
— 4. Rick Lee (UND)
190 — 1. Ed Herman (UNI)
— 2. Dalfin Blaske (NDSU)
— 3. Steve Lovrien (USD)
— 4. Mike Apple (MSU)

'Hwt. — 1. Don Meyer (NDSU)
— 2. Glenn Geraets (USD)
— 3. Joe Johnson (MSU)
— 4. Bob Leonard (UNI)

'77 NCAA Division II Finals

Team Scoring

1. Cal St. Bakersfield 107 1/4
2. Augustana (S.D.) 78
3. Northern Iowa 74 3/4
4. Eastern Illinois 71 1/4
5. North Dakota St. 71
6. S. Ill.-Edwardsville 63
7. Cen. Okl. State 45 1/4
8. South Dakota St. 38 1/2
9. Mankato St. 35 1/4
10. South Dakota 32 1/4
11. Tenn-Chattanooga 32
12. Springfield 30 1/2
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*NCAA II Finish

Record: 349 Wins  
149 Losses  
22 Ties

Winning Percentage: .685  
*NCAA II Finish

### The Records

- **Most Wins in Season**: 17 (1968-69)
- **Most Losses in Season**: 9 (1962-63)
- **Consecutive Dual Victories**: 32 (1948-51)
- **Most Points in Season**: 520 (1973-74)
- **Most Points Against in Season**: 279 (1970-71)
- **Biggest Score in Dual Meet**: 49 (Central Missouri St., 1974)
- **Biggest Score Against in Dual**: 36 (Oklahoma St., 1965)
- **Widest Margin of Victory**: 49-0 (Central Missouri St., 1974)
- **Widest Margin of Defeat**: 36-0 (Oklahoma St., 1965)
- **Most Pins in Dual Meet**: 7 vs. Western Illinois, (1948)
- **Consecutive Dual Losses**: 6 in 1935-37, 1963
- **Individual Dual Record**: Bill Dotson, 34-0 (1961-63)
All Time NCC Champions

118
1964 — Mike Wingert
1967 — Wayne Schutt
1971 — Dave Nicol
1972 — Vern Allison
1975 — Dave Cunningham

126
1968 — Jim Kinyon
1974 — Tom Garcia

134
1969 — Marv Reiland
1971 — Dave Pike
1972 — John Moeller
1973-75 — Jim Miller

142
1967 — Jerry Bond
1968 — Marv Reiland
1972 — Mark Fox
1975 — Ken Snyder
1976 — Gary Bentrim
1977 — Gary Bentrim

145
1966 — Jerry Bond
1968 — Jerry Bond

150
1971-72 — Mike Meador
1974-75 — Jim Blasingame
1975-76 — Jim Blasingame
1972 — Dick Briggs

158
1964 — Rich Engel
1967-68 — Tom Horton
1969 — Jim Guyer
1970 — Clint Young
1977 — Hal Turner

167
1967 — Dick Briggs
1972 — Mark Fox
1975 — Ken Snyder
1976 — Gary Bentrim
1977 — Gary Bentrim

177
1964 — Jim Monroe
1965 — Don Parker
1967 — Don Parker
1975-76 — Dan Keller

190
1970 — Mike Allen
1971 — Randy Omvig
1972 — Joe Hatchett
1977 — Ed Herman

HWT
1964 — Dennis Bahr
1965 — Larry Straw
1967-69 — Kent Osboe
1970-72 — Mike McCready
1973-75 — Randy Omvig

NCC Mat Champions and UNI Finishes

1964 — NORTHERN IOWA
1965 — South Dakota State, 2nd UNI
1966 — South Dakota State, 2nd UNI
1967 — NORTHERN IOWA
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1970 — Mankato State, 2nd UNI
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Championship Coach
Bill Koll
Warren Williamson
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Chuck Patten
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Panther National Champions

Tom Garcia, 1974 (126)
Jim Miller, 1974-75 (134)
Ken Snyder, 1974-75 (142)
Randy Omvig, 1975 (HWT.)

Gary Bentrim (142)

UNIVERSITY DIVISION
1937 — Ray Cheney, 135
1946 — Cecil Mott, 121
1946 — Gerald Leeman, 128**
1946-48 — Bill Koll, 145*
1947 — Russ Bush, 128
1947-49 — Bill Nelson, 165-155
1949-50 — Bill Smith, 165
1949-51 — Keith Young, 145
1952 — Gene Lybbert, 130
1953 — Jim Harmon, 157
1955 — Bill Weick, 157
1963 — Bill Dotson, 137

**Outstanding Wrestler, NCAA-1946
*Outstanding Wrestler, NCAA-1947-48

Panther Olympians

Gerald Leeman, 1948 (125½)
Bill Koll, 1948 (147½)
Bill Nelson, 1948 (160½)
Bill Smith, 1952 (160½)—CHAMPION
Maynard Harmon, 1932 (145)

COLLEGE DIVISION
1963 — Bill Dotson, 137
1963 — Jim Sanford, 147
1966-67 — Don Parker, 177
1968-69 — Kent Osboe, HWT.
1971 — Clint Young, 158
1972 — Mike McCready, HWT.
1974 — Tom Garcia, 126
1974-75 — Jim Miller, 134
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1975 Pan American Games Gold Medalist
Mike McCready (HWT.)
NORTHERN IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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Stan B. Sheriff, Director of Athletics
R. C. Johnson, Assistant Director of Athletics
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Jim Berry, Head Basketball Coach
Dan Brietbach, Assistant Basketball Coach
Don Briggs, Assistant Wrestling Coach
Dick Brownell, UNI-Dome Manager-Business & Operations
David Burton, Trainer
Don Erusha, Assistant Football Coach
James E. Ferree, Sports Information Director
Roy Fielding, Assistant Swimming Coach
Ken Green, Head Golf Coach
Glen Henry, Head Swimming Coach
Lynn King, Head Track & Cross Country Coach
Mike Kolling, Assistant Football Coach
Elmer Kortemeyer, Head Trainer
Peter Mazula, Head Tennis Coach
Larry Norman, Assistant Football Coach
Tom Lorenz, Assistant Football Coach
Chuck Patten, Head Wrestling Coach
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Dana Warg, UNI-Dome Promotions Manager

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The History Book
The University of Northern Iowa, one of the nation's leading institutions of higher learning, is the outgrowth of the Iowa State Normal School established by the General Assembly in 1876. On September 6 of that year 27 students under four instructors began classes in a renovated home for Civil War orphans. This building, later named Central Hall, was destroyed by fire in July, 1965.

From a single building on a 40-acre campus, the University has grown to include over 40 major buildings, a 721-acre campus, over 500 faculty members and over 9,300 on-campus students. Of the 10,181 enrolled for university credit in the fall of 1977, 9,358 were on-campus and 823 were through extension and correspondence. The University also maintains a laboratory school for some 700 students in pre-school through 12th grade.

On July 1, 1967, the General Assembly on recommendation of the Regents approved university status. The name was changed to University of Northern Iowa and its function was again redefined.

Although teacher education remains its largest program, the University offers degrees to students majoring in a wide variety of subjects. Thus UNI has two Bachelor of Arts degrees, one with certification to teach and one without certification. Also, a Bachelor of Technology degree can be earned with or without certification to teach, and since 1969, the Bachelor of Music degree has been offered. A Bachelor of Fine Arts degree was approved by the Regents in 1976. An Individual Studies major enables a student to pursue, with faculty approval, a wide assortment of study areas.

On the graduate level, courses leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Education were offered for the first time in the summer of 1952 and a sixth-year program leading to the Specialist in Education degree began in 1960. A sixth-year Specialist degree with a program in science education was inaugurated in 1970.

In 1964, the Master of Arts degree was approved by the Regents. The first Master of Arts degrees were granted in 1966. The Master of Business Administration degree was approved by the Regents in 1975, and the Master of Music in 1976.

The Industrial Technology Center on the south campus opened in August, 1975, while the UNI-Dome, a multi-purpose coliseum on the west campus, opened in February, 1976. Ground was broken in October, 1975, for the Speech/Art complex located southwest of Russell Hall with completion anticipated in the summer of 1977.
For the second straight year, the University of Northern Iowa’s UNI-Dome will be the site of the 15th Annual NCAA Division II Wrestling championships March 3-4.

A total of 230 wrestlers from 63 institutions competed in last year’s tournament held in the UNI-Dome coliseum which attracted over 6,000 people for the finals. Eight colorful mats will be stretched across the UNI-Dome floor for the first session and the number being reduced as wrestling progresses.

Northern Iowa — then the State College of Iowa — helped the NCAA get its college division wrestling tournament off the ground when the national meet was held in the Men’s Gymnasium in 1963 and again in 1964.

It was 1975 at East Stroudsburg, Pa., however, before the Panthers managed to get the tournament championship back here where it had once rested in 1950 at a time when there was only one NCAA wrestling championship and no division between colleges and university.

The entire university and the Cedar Falls-Waterloo community are proud to host this most prestigious wrestling event again this year.
# 1977-78 PANTHER WRESTLING SCHEDULE

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All home meets in Men's Gymnasium starting at 7:30 p.m.
Home Meets in Caps

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