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northern illinois university

Location..... DeKalb, IL 60115
 Founded 1895
 Enrollment 25,254
 Nickname Huskies
 School Colors..... Cardinal and Black
 President..... Dr. John G. Peters
 Alma Mater John Carroll, 1967
 Director of Athletics Dr. Jim Phillips
 Alma Mater Illinois, 1990
 Conference Mid-American
 Home Facility..... Convocation Center
 Capacity 9,100

the program

Inaugural Varsity Season .. 1931
 All-Time Varsity Record 460-399-31 (.534)
 NCAA Qualifiers 86
 2007 NCAA Qualifiers Four
 2007 MAC Championships... Third Place

the staff

Head Coach Dave Grant
 Alma Mater Northern Iowa, 1985
 Career/NIU Record..... 97-75-6 (.552)
 Wrestling Office Phone.. (815) 753-2915
 Assistant Coaches..... Ryan Ludwig, Mike Castillo

the team

2006-07 Overall Record.... 6-4-1 (.591)
 2006-07 MAC Record 3-2 (.600), Third
 Letterwinners R/L 9/4
 Starters Returning (Lost)... 7/3
 Newcomers 10

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2007-08 PREVIEW

MAC Individual Preseason Poll

125

1. Pat Castillo (NIU) *
2. Luke Smith (CMU)
3. Dan Bishop (UB)
4. Cordell Longstreath (EMU)

133

1. Danny Mitcheff (KSU)
2. Conor Beebe (CMU)
3. Terry Jackson (OU)
4. Sean Clair (EMU)

141

1. Eric Kruger (CMU)
2. Drew Lashaway (KSU)
3. Dan Ruettiger (NIU)
4. Zach Donofrio (EMU)

149

1. Brandon Carter (CMU)
2. Clay Tucker (OU)
3. Pat Lloyd (UB)
4. David Pienaar (EMU)

157

1. Kurt Gross (KSU)
2. Jacob Frerichs (OU)
3. Cory Mancuso (EMU)
4. John Cummings (UB)

165

1. Mike Miller (CMU)
2. Jacob Ison (OU)
3. Obie Simpson (KSU)
4. Kyle Chittick (EMU)

174

1. Brandon Sinnott (CMU)
2. Duke Burk (NIU)
3. Charles Pienaar (EMU)
4. Mike Ragusa (UB)

184

1. Christian Sinnott (CMU)
2. Eric Chine (KSU)
3. Antoine Love (OU)
4. Mickey Moran (UB)

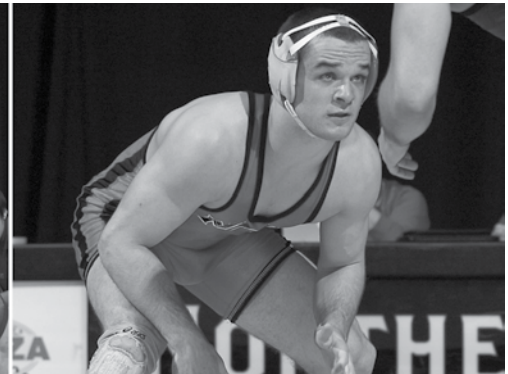
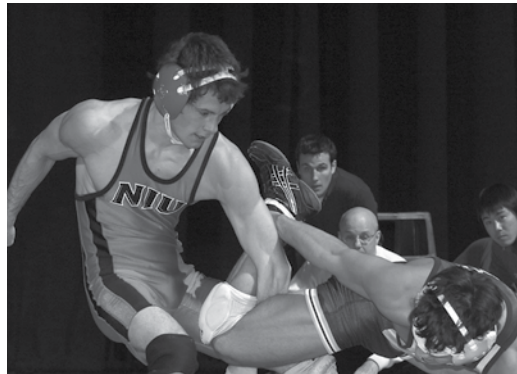
197

1. Wynn Michalak (CMU)
2. John McClure (EMU)
3. Jake Smith (NIU)
4. Jimmy Hamel (UB)

HWT

1. Bubba Gritter (CMU)
2. Jermail Porter (KSU)
3. Dave Benner (NIU)
4. Jeff Parker (UB)

* - will wrestle at 133.



Senior Pat Castillo (left) and sophomore Duke Burk return after qualifying for the NCAA Championships last year.

125

One Twenty-Five

Leading the charge at 125 is returnee John Weinert. Weinert, a junior, placed sixth last year at the Midlands Championship. En route to his finish at Midlands, he garnered a major decision over Big Ten runner-up and All-American Charlie Falck from Iowa. Providing depth at the weight class is true freshman TJ Wunnicke. Wunnicke is a two-time state champion who finished fourth at the NHSCA Senior Nationals. Senior Galan Early will also compete at 125.

133

One Thirty-Three

Senior captain Pat Castillo will move up a weight this year and start for the Huskies at 133. The Most Outstanding Wrestler of the MAC tournament last season, Castillo looks to build upon his undefeated MAC record from 2006-07. Castillo, a two-time NCAA qualifier, will lead the Huskies as the top returnee this year. Support will come from true freshman Zach Taylor.

141

One Forty-One

Sophomore Dan Ruettiger placed second at the MAC tournament last year and will look to secure the starting role once again. He will be challenged by a trio of talented underclassmen: Pat McLemore, Tristen Deshazer and Vince Castillo, who are all coming off redshirt years.

149

One Forty-Nine

Senior Kalen Knull returns for his senior season at a new weight class. A starter at 157 last year, Knull will take over for NIU at 149, looking to add to his 31 career victories. Underclassmen Mike Smith, Will McDermott, Mike Ryan and Joe Clothier fill out one of the Huskies' deepest weight classes.

157

One Fifty-Seven

Senior co-captain Aaron Owen will step back into the lineup at 157 after an injury-riddled junior year. As a starter two seasons ago, Owen finished fourth in the MAC tournament. The Huskies will count on Owen's experience and leadership as one of the team's captains.

Redshirt freshman Anthony Victor will be backing Owen up, along with freshman duo of Bryan O'Connor and John Odeen.

165

One Sixty-Five

Sophomore Scott Wallace and redshirt freshman Brian Deutsch will be challenging for the starting role at 165. Deutsch recorded a 23-8 record last year and won the Moco Mercer Open. Wallace tabbed a 9-4 mark with two place finishes at open tournaments. Freshman Brad Dieckhaus will provide depth at 165.

174

One Seventy-Four

Sophomore Duke Burk shifts down a class to 174 this year. Burk was a MAC Tournament runner-up and NCAA Qualifier last year at 184. He will be pushed by NJCAA national finalist Jesse Linczmaier, a transfer from Harper College where he was a two-time NJCAA All-American at 174. True freshman Justin Carlson will also compete for the starting spot.

184

One Eighty-Four

With the departure of Burk to 174, junior Nick McClone looks to be the front-runner at 184. McClone dropped a weight class from his 2006-07 weight of 197, where he finished fourth in the MAC Tournament.

197

One Ninety-Seven

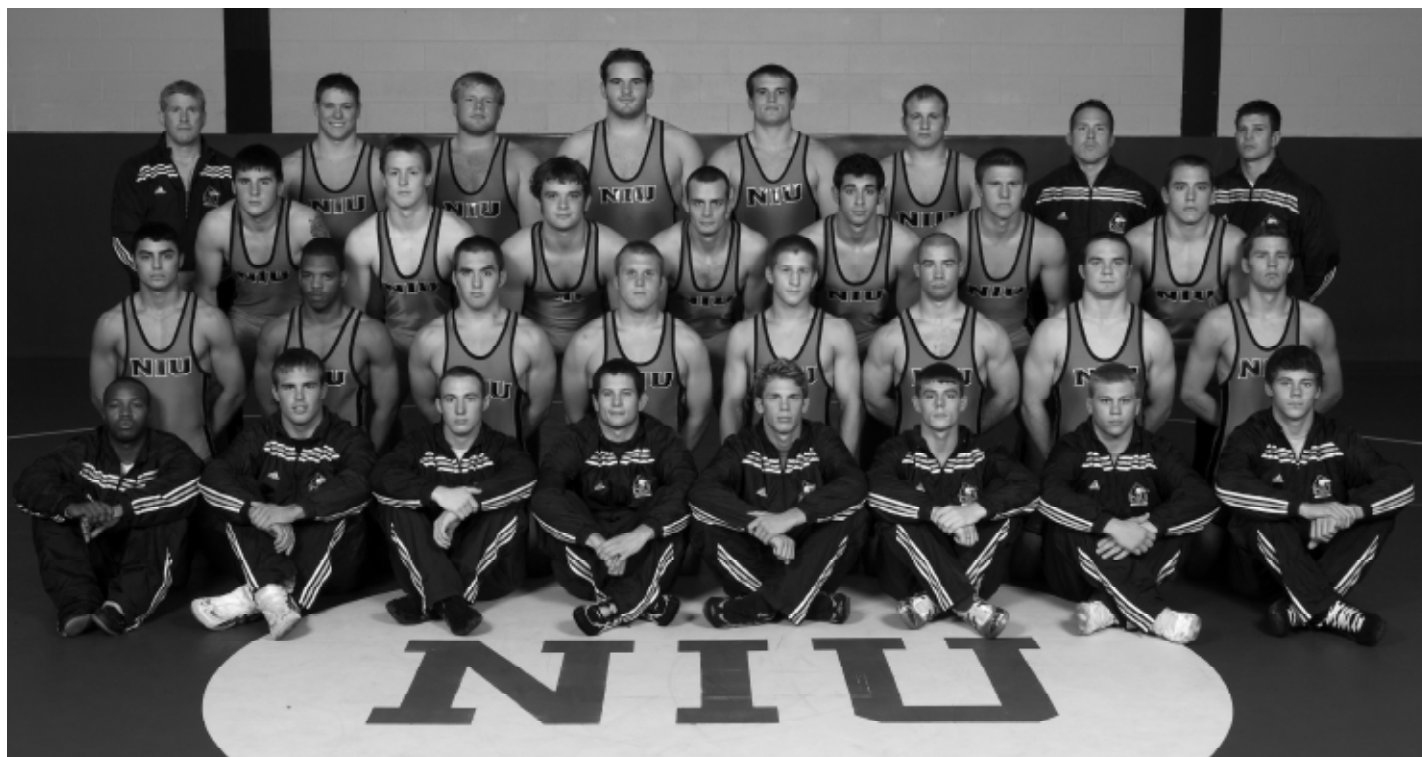
Newcomer Jake Smith, a transfer from Wyoming, should claim Northern's starting spot at 197. Smith is a redshirt freshman who recorded an 11-2 record with the Broncos. True freshman Scott Penny will also challenge for the starting role.

HWT

Heavyweight

MAC placewinner Dave Benner returns for his senior season. Benner's fourth-place finish at the MAC Tournament capped a 16-4 record. His season included a crucial win over UNI in a dual match to give the team a tie. Benner will be pushed by redshirt freshman Dakota Greenhaw.

2007-08 NORTHERN ILLINOIS ROSTER



Name	Weight	Class	Hometown	High School/Last School
David Benner	Hwt.	Sr.	Fowler, Ind.	Benton Central/Harper College
Duke Burk	174	RS-So.	Peoria, Ill.	Notre Dame
Justin Carlson	174	Fr.	Gurnee, Ill.	Warren Township
Pat Castillo	133	RS-Sr.	Western Springs, Ill.	Lyons Township
Vince Castillo	141	RS-Fr.	Western Springs, Ill.	Lyons Township
Joe Clothier	149	RS-Fr.	Clinton, Wis.	Clinton High
Tristen DeShazer	141	RS-Fr.	Wichita, Kan.	Wichita West
Bryan Deutsch	165	RS-Fr.	Columbia City, Ind.	Columbia City
Brad Diekhaus	165	Fr.	St. Charles, Mo.	Francis Howell Central
Gralan Early	125	Sr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Northside
Dakota Greenhaw	Hwt.	RS-Fr.	Monett, Mo.	Monett
Garrett James	141	Fr.	Kewanna, Ind.	Culver Academy
Kalen Knull	149	RS-Sr.	Urbana, Ohio	Graham
Jesse Linczmaier	174	Jr.	Fox Lake, Ill.	Grant/Harper College
Nick McClone	184	Sr.	East Peoria, Ill.	Metamora
Will McDermott	149	RS-So.	Mundelein, Ill.	Mundelein
Patrick McLemore	141	RS-Fr.	Hinckley, Ohio	Padua Franciscan
Bryan O'Connor	157	Fr.	Carol Stream, Ill.	Glenbard North
John Odeen	157	Fr.	Coal City, Ill.	Coal City
Aaron Owen	157	RS-Sr.	Carlsbad, N.M.	Carlsbad
Scott Penny	184	Fr.	Granite City, Ill.	Granite City
Dan Ruettiger	141	RS-So.	Joliet, Ill.	Providence
Michael Ryan	149	RS-Fr.	Kankakee, Ill.	Bishop McNamara
Jake Smith	197	RS-Fr.	Bennington, Neb.	Bennington
Michael Smith	149	RS-Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.	Plainfield Central
Zach Taylor	125/133	Fr.	Machesney Park, Ill.	Harlem
Anthony Victor	157	RS-Fr.	Farmington Hills, Mich.	North Farmington
Scott Wallace	157	RS-So.	Darien, Ill.	Hinsdale South
John Weinert	125	RS-Jr.	Stickney, Ill.	Reavis
TJ Wunnicke	125	Fr.	Dodgeville, Wis.	Dodgeville



DAVE GRANT

head coach | twelfth season | northern iowa 1985

Now in his 12th season leading the NIU wrestling program, Dave Grant has built a program that is annually competing for the Mid-American Conference title and has made its mark on a national level.

During his tenure with the Huskies, Grant has posted a 97-75-6 record, and coached 28 wrestlers to NCAA Championships appearances, including three All-Americans.

Four of those NCAA Championships appearances came in 2006-07, when Grant sent Pat Castillo, Johnny Galloway, Danny Burk and freshman Duke Burk to the tournament. As a team, the Huskies finished 6-4-1, and had four wrestler ranked in the Intermat/NWCA/NWMA top-20 in their respective weight classes.

Grant's 2005-06 team earned a national ranking as high as No. 23 on its way to a 10-5-2 dual meet record, marking the fifth consecutive season with 10 or more victories. In addition, the Huskies had two league champions and sent three to nationals after hosting the MAC Championships in DeKalb.

The 2004-05 season continued NIU's presence on the national stage as the squad sent four wrestlers to the NCAA Championships, extending the Huskies' consecutive appearance streak to 33 years. That year, Northern Illinois picked up wins over Purdue University and several MAC rivals. The Huskies prospered individually as well with eight placewinners at the 2005 MAC Championships.

To say the Huskies made a "splash" in 2004 would be vastly understated. In addition to winning the program's 50th dual match in four years, NIU shocked the "experts" by finishing second in the Mid-American Conference in what was deemed a rebuilding year. The Huskies had a school-record nine wrestlers place at the MAC summit, including Ben Heizer and Sam Hiatt, who brought home conference crowns for the second consecutive year. Heizer, Hiatt and Josh Wooton all

represented the Huskies at the 2004 NCAA Championships and guided NIU to a 23rd-place national finish. Led by the efforts of Heizer, who was the NCAA runner-up at 184 pounds, NIU served notice to the rest of the country that a new program was ready to join the nation's elite.

In 2003, the Huskies topped its 14 win total from the previous year and tied a school-record with 15 victories. Grant's seventh season also saw a school record for scoring at the NCAA Championships (26.5 points), yet another top-25 finish nationally, and the school's first pair of NCAA All-Americans in the same season.

NIU's 29 wins during the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons is the top two-year win total in school history, while its 38 wins from 2001-04 tied Don Flavin's three-year mark of 38 from 1971-74.

In 2003, the Huskies were the MAC's top representative at the NCAA Championships. Led by All-Americans Scott Owen and Ben Heizer, the Huskies finished 22nd at the NCAA meet and saw its national ranking reach as high as 15 during the regular season. In addition to sharing the MAC regular season championship with Central Michigan, NIU boasted dual match wins over the 13th-ranked Chippewas, No. 5 Ohio State and No. 8 Missouri.

In 2001-02, the Huskies earned the third-best record in school history with a 14-4 mark, and finished second in the MAC. After the school's best showing at the Mid-American Conference Championships since 1985, Grant was recognized as the MAC Coach of the Year.

On the strength of three individual MAC champions, Northern Illinois sent four wrestlers to the NCAA Tournament that year. At the championships, Owen picked up the school's first All-America accolades in three years with his fifth-place showing.

In 2000-01, Northern Illinois posted its first winning season since 1988-89 by

dave grant profile

head coaching experience

season	school	w	l	t	pct.
1996-97	NIU	4	9	0	.308
1997-98	NIU	4	11	0	.267
1998-99	NIU	6	7	1	.463
1999-00	NIU	3	12	0	.200
2000-01	NIU	9	8	2	.526
2001-02	NIU	14	4	0	.778
2002-03	NIU	15	6	0	.714
2003-04	NIU	12	5	0	.706
2004-05	NIU	14	4	0	.777
2005-06	NIU	10	5	2	.667
2006-07	NIU	6	4	1	.591
Totals	11 years	97	75	6	.552

wrestling experience

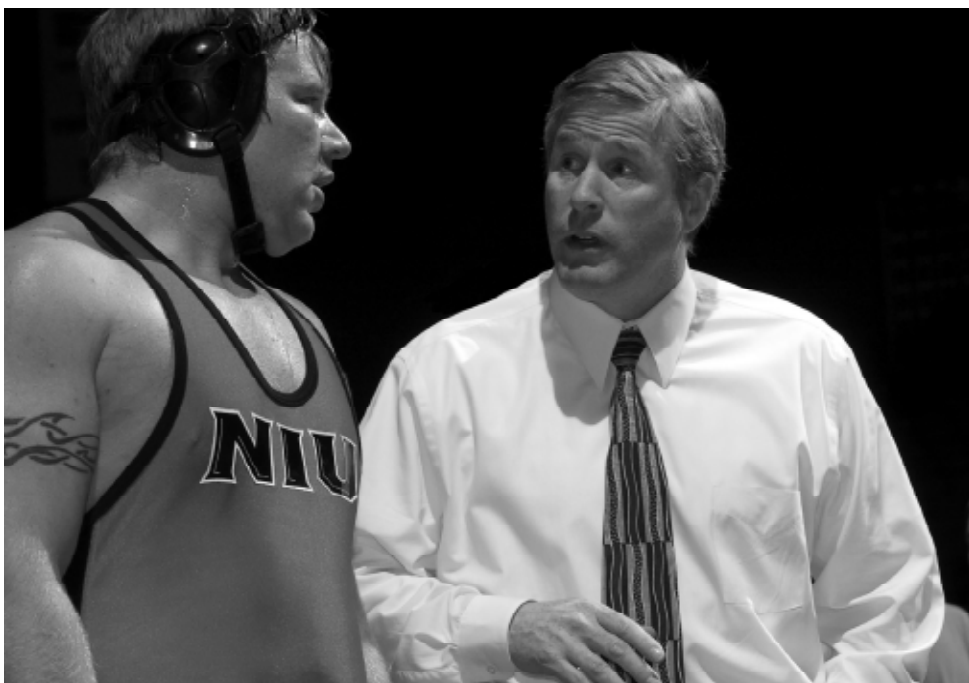
- 1982-83 University of Kentucky
- 1984-85 University of Northern Iowa

awards and honors

- 2001-02 MAC Coach of the Year
- 1983-84 All-American (158)

education

- 1985 Bachelor of Arts, Northern Iowa
- 1997 Master of Education, Minnesota



Dave Grant has coached wrestlers to 28 NCAA Championships appearances, including six individual all-Americans.

compiling a 9-8-2 record. Combined with 2001-02, the Huskies had their first back-to-back winning campaigns since the 1981-82 and 1982-83 teams recorded 8-6 and 8-5 seasons, respectively. The program had come quite a long way from the 3-10 squad that Grant inherited in 1995.

As the top assistant for the University of Minnesota for 10 seasons, Grant played an integral role in luring what was tabbed as the nation's top recruiting classes for 1987 and 1995, as rated by Amateur Wrestling News (AWN). The latter Golden Gopher recruiting class included six AWN High School All-Americans, bringing his total of All-American signees to 23.

A native of Lexington, Ky., Grant helped guide the Golden Gophers to a regular spot in the nation's top 20 teams during his 10 years (1986-96) with four finishes in the top 10 between 1989 and 1993. In Grant's 10 seasons, Minnesota produced 14 Golden Gopher wrestlers who earned a total of 23 All-America honors, along with five NCAA finalists and one national champion.

Grant carried that success into his first season at the NIU helm. Although his team managed only a 4-9 dual-meet record, the Huskies sprinted to the finish line at crunch time. Northern Illinois placed fifth in the

MAC tournament, with mid-year transfer Jeremy Goeden winning the school's first league title since 1985.

Under Grant's tutelage, Goeden eventually placed eighth at the NCAA Championships, becoming the first Huskie All-America wrestler in almost a quarter of a century. In 1998, he added a second All-America honor with a seventh-place finish, becoming NIU's first two-time All-America grappler in more than three decades.

While at NIU, Grant has landed a series of heralded recruiting classes. The first group paid immediate dividends as Goeden won his first of two All-America accolades, while the 2001 class was named the 18th-best group in the country according to *Intermat.com's* ratings. Grant's efforts have brought 27 state high school champions into the NIU program.

"Recruiting is the name of the game," Grant said. "NIU has an impressive long-standing history over the years, and our job is to recapture that solid tradition. We want to key off that past success and re-establish Northern Illinois among the top schools around. Our goal is to place NIU among the top teams in the nation."

"My goal is to bring in quality athletes with a strong work ethic," Grant said. "I want to help them develop and reach their full

potential. The plan is to produce national champions and All-America wrestlers."

Grant's grapplers were named to the 2006 National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Top 30 All-Academic Wrestling Teams following the 2005-06 school year, finishing 16th with a cumulative grade-point-average of 2.937. The criteria for the award was the cumulative GPA of the 10 wrestlers that competed in the Mid-American Conference Tournament, as well as two alternates that wrestled in at least one varsity match.

As a collegiate student-athlete, Grant transferred to the University of Northern Iowa from the University of Kentucky after the Wildcats dropped their wrestling program. He gained All-America status for the Panthers in 1984 with an impressive 32-11-1 record and an eighth-place showing at the NCAA Championships at 158-pounds. He followed that successful campaign with a 20-4-1 mark at 167 pounds as a senior and completed his collegiate career with an 86-37-4 (.693) ledger.

Grant received his bachelor of arts degree in physical education and coaching from the University of Northern Iowa in 1985 and gained his master of education degree in kinesiology from Minnesota in 1997.

The 46-year-old Grant is married to the former Kris Langsdorf of Minneapolis, Minn.

career highlights

- Recorded wins over Northwestern, Ohio State, Missouri, Purdue, Wisconsin and Central Michigan.
- Owns a 71-28-3 dual meet record over the past five years.
- Posted a 19-5-1 record in MAC dual meets over the last five years.
- Coached NIU into the NWCA Top-25 four of the past six years.
- Coached 28 wrestlers to NCAA Championships appearances, including four All-Americans.
- Coached 28 wrestlers to NCAA Championships appearances, including six individual All-Americans.

RYAN LUDWIG

assistant coach | third season | findlay, 2000



Ryan Ludwig is entering his third year as Northern Illinois' top assistant coach. In addition to training daily with the Huskies in the wrestling room, Ludwig also heads up Northern Illinois' recruiting efforts. He and Coach Grant continue to bring in stellar recruiting classes year after year.

Ludwig's initial recruiting effort yielded athletes with outstanding credentials. Last year's recruiting class boasted four high school All-Americans. This year's newcomers combined for six state titles, and included four all-Americans.

"Ryan has a relentless work ethic and an outstanding knowledge of the sport of wrestling. He has excellent leadership qualities and is a role model to our student-athletes. His recruiting efforts have advanced the program to a new level," Dave Grant said.

Ludwig came to Northern Illinois after a stint at Minnesota State University-Mankato.

While coaching the Mavericks, Ludwig guided the team to a third-place finish in the NCAA Division II Championships. He also helped produce and train eight All-Americans.

Prior to his work with the Mavericks, Ludwig served as an assistant wrestling coach for his alma mater, the University of Findlay, where he was able

to hone his craft as a recruiter and as a coach. At Findlay, he coached seven All-Americans and a national champion.

As a wrestler, Ludwig was a three-time NAIA All-American and national finalist. He was Most Valuable Wrestler when the Roughnecks were NAIA national runners-up in 1999. Ludwig was such a successful wrestler that he still ranks third on the Findlay all-time career win list with 108 victories. In high school, Ludwig also captured a Michigan state title at 142 pounds in 1995.

Ludwig earned a bachelor of arts degree in 2000 from Findlay as a double major in psychology and criminal justice. He is now completing work on a master's degree in sports administration from MSU-Mankato.

ludwig highlights

- Recruited athletes to NIU that hold 19 individual state championships, and include four High School All-Americans.
- Coached eight All-Americans while working as an assistant at Minnesota State-Mankato.
- As a collegian, earned NAIA All-American honors three times, and ranks third on Findlay's career wins list with 108.

MIKE CASTILLO

assistant coach | second season | illinois, 2001



Mike Castillo is in his second season on the NIU staff, where he has contributed to the success of four NCAA Championships qualifiers and seven MAC placewinners.

Prior to joining the Huskies, he spent five years as an assistant coach for perennial high school power Lyons Township, which is also his alma mater. Castillo's Lyons Township squads placed in the state in all five of his seasons as assistant coach, from 2002-06. Castillo helped coach seven individual state placewinners while with the Lions.

In addition to his work with Lyons Township and NIU, Castillo spent two years as an assistant coach at Overtime School of Wrestling in Naperville, Ill. His duties at the midwest's Olympic training facility included personally training many of the state's top age-level athletes, including numerous national champions and All-Americans.

"Mike brings a wealth of knowledge to the table," head coach Dave Grant said. "Being an Illinois native, he has great connections throughout the state. We are excited to have his contributions at NIU."

During the summer of 2007, Castillo was an assistant coach with Team Illinois, where he was responsible for the cadet group, as well as the freestyle national champion juniors squad.

As a competitor, Castillo wrestled under Mark Johnson at the University of Illinois.

During his 2001 senior campaign, he compiled a record of 22-11 on his way to qualifying for the NCAA tournament. As a redshirt freshman, Castillo was recognized as a USA 1998 Espoir All-American.

Castillo's two younger brothers, Vince and Pat, are both grapplers for the Huskies.

An Illinois native, Castillo is 28 years old. He earned a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology from the University of Illinois in 2001, and is pursuing his master's degree in physical education at NIU.

castillo highlights

- Garnered USA Espoir All-American honors in 1998.
- Compiled a 22-11 record and qualified for the NCAA Championships as a senior at Illinois.
- Coached Team Illinois junior squad to the 2007 freestyle national championship.

huskie **managers**



tiffany
CHINN

lead manager | third season



christine
ZEH

manager | second season



alison
CURTIS

manager | first season

MIKE GRIMES

graduate assistant coach
first season | northern illinois, 2007



Mike Grimes is in his first year as a graduate assistant coach with Northern Illinois wrestling.

Grimes completed his collegiate career with the Huskies in 2006-07, a year highlighted by a first-place finish at Midlands. He completed his senior season with a 25-8 record, and finished his career with an 84-37 mark as a Huskie. Grimes also earned a tournament win at the Pointer Open as a junior, and made a trip to the NCAA Championships as a sophomore.

MATT MANGUM

head strength and conditioning coach
sixth season | western michigan, 1999



Matt Mangum has served as Northern Illinois University's strength and conditioning coach since 2001, overseeing all 17 of the Huskies' sports.

The 31-year-old Mangum is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. His professional résumé includes time at UNLV, Western Michigan, and with the Michigan K-Wings, the top affiliate of the Dallas Stars. He earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science from WMU.

GLEN KRUPICA

senior associate athletics director for external affairs
third year | northern illinois, 1982



The career of Glen Krupica, the senior associate athletics director who oversees the Huskie wrestling program, has come full circle. The 1982 Northern Illinois graduate enters his third year as a member of the Huskie senior staff. He joined the program as an Associate Athletics Director in July of 2005 and was promoted to Senior Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs in August of 2006.

The New Home of Huskie
Strength and Conditioning



In the summer of 2007, the Huskie Strength and Conditioning Program made the move to a new 15,000-square foot Strength and Conditioning Center. Huskie wrestlers now have access to brand new weight equipment, branded with the Huskie logo, as well as a four-lane, 40-yard sprint track.



The new Strength and Conditioning Center is only one aspect of NIU Athletics' brand new \$14-million Jeffrey and Kimberly Yordon Center.



From the "smart" classrooms in the Frances and George Wilkins Academic Support Center to the state-of-the-art rehabilitation pools in the athletic training center to the expandable storage area in the equipment room, everything about the 62,000-square foot Yordon Center says "first class."

MEET THE TEAM

HWT david BENNER



HWT Senior
Fowler, Ind.
Benton Central/Harper

2006-07: Finished his first season at NIU with a record of 16-14 with two pins and one major decision... picked up a fourth-place finish at MAC Championships... earned crucial win against Tyler Rhodes of Northern Iowa to preserve a tie against the Panthers... won his first MAC match over Charlie Walker of Eastern Michigan.

Harper College: Wrestled and played football from 2004 to 2006 at Harper College... during 2004 football season, earned a national championship title after his team won the Graphic Edge Bowl... during 2005-2006, his wrestling team earned a national championship after he placed second in the 285-pound weight class... is the only athlete to ever win national championships in two sports at Harper College.

High School: Garnered first team all-conference honors during his junior and senior years... earned second team all-state accolades in his senior year... finished third in the Indiana State tournament during his senior year... was a four-year varsity letterwinner... holds Benton Central records for most wins and pins.

Personal: Son of Sandy and David Benner... born October 14, 1985... majoring in rehabilitation and exercise science.

	W	L	P
2006-07	16	14	2
Career	16	14	2



Senior David Benner (Hwt.)



Redshirt sophomore Duke Burk (174).

174 duke BURK



174 RS-Sophomore
Peoria, Ill.
Notre Dame

2006-07: Finished season ranked 18th in the nation at 184 pounds... qualified for the NCAA National Championships... earned a second-place finish at MAC Championships... named to the All-MAC honorable mention team... went undefeated in MAC regular season... garnered first-place finish at Kaufman/Brand Open... placed second at the Pointer Open... recipient of the NIU Outstanding Freshman Award... compiled a record of 24-9... accumulated NIU's third-highest win total.

2005-06: Took first place in the 184-pound division at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Pointer Open... placed first at the Kaufman/Brand Open... posted a 10-0 record on the season.

High School: Finished third in Illinois State Tournament as a senior... also placed third at NHSCA Senior Nationals... completed three perfect conference seasons in a row compiling a 30-0 mark during his first three years of high school competition in the Mid-State Six... named Wrestler of the Year by Peoria Journal Star... member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Son of Mary Ann and Kevin Burk... born November 20, 1986... intends to major in Secondary Education... brother Danny wrestled for NIU.

	W	L	P
2005-06 ^{RS}	10	0	0
2006-07	24	9	0
Career	34	9	0

MEET THE TEAM



Redshirt senior Pat Castillo (133).

pat **133**
CASTILLO



133 RS-Senior
Western Springs, Ill.
Lyons Township

2006-07: Won the MAC Championship at 125-pounds... earned a berth in the NCAA Wrestling Championships for second straight year... named Most Outstanding Wrestler at the 2007 MAC Championships... earned final ranking of 15th in the nation at 125-pounds... was a first team All-MAC selection... dominated the MAC at 125 pounds with an undefeated regular season and post season... recorded a team high 28 wins with seven major decisions and six technical falls... named MAC Wrestler of the Week for the week of Feb. 14... placed second at Pointer Open... finished fifth at Midlands Championships... placed sixth at Cliff Keen Invitational... received the Bruce Swierczewski Most Valuable Wrestler Award.

2005-06: Took first place in the 125-pound class at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Pointer Open... placed fourth at the Kaufman/Brand Open... finished second at the 2005 Midlands Championships... named MAC Wrestler of the Week for Jan. 29... placed second at the MAC Wrestling Championships... went 2-2 at NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships... posted a 29-10 record with two pins.

2004-05: Picked up 12 victories during his first full season of action... finished second at the UW-Stevens Point Open, falling to teammate Sam Hiatt in the final match... third-place finish marked his first time earning back-to-back top three finishes... defeated opponents from Kent State, Northwestern, and Eastern Michigan during Michigan State Open.

2003-04: Went 8-3 while redshirting the season at 133 pounds... accumulated a 4-2 record at the Michigan State Open en route to a seventh-place finish... earned a 4-3 win over sixth-seeded Jared Opfer of Kent State in the third round... was the runner-up in the Freshman-Sophomore Division at the Missouri Open.

High School: Earned all-state honors after his junior and senior seasons... finished third at the IHSA State Championships as a senior and fourth as a junior... his 159 career wins is second all-time in Lyons Township history... was a four-time regional champion... finished his career a perfect 24-0 in conference action while winning four straight conference titles... his 661 career takedowns set the Lions' school record.

Personal: Son of Sandy and Michael Castillo... born Feb. 3, 1985... major is physical education... brother of teammate Vince.

	W	L	P
2003-04 ^{RS}	8	3	0
2004-05	12	2	0
2005-06	29	10	2
2006-07	28	13	1
Career	77	28	3

roster by state

illinois (17)

Duke Burk	Peoria
Justin Carlson	Gurnee
Pat Castillo	Western Springs
Vince Castillo	Western Springs
Jesse Linczmaier	Fox Lake
Nick McClone	East Peoria
Will McDermott	Mundelein
Bryan O'Connor	Carol Stream
John Odeen	Coal City
Scott Penny	Granite City
Dan Ruettinger	Joliet
Michael Ryan	Kankakee
Michael Smith	Plainfield
Zach Taylor	Machesney Park
Scott Wallace	Darien
John Weinert	Stickney

indiana (4)

David Benner	Fowler
Brian Deutsch	Columbia City
Gralan Early	Fort Wayne
Garrett James	Kewanna

wisconsin (2)

Joe Clothier	Clinton
TJ Wunnicke	Dodgeville

ohio (2)

Kalen Knull	Urbana
Pat McLemore	Hinckley

missouri (2)

Brad Diekhous	St. Charles
Dakota Greenhaw	Monett

other (4)

Tristen DeShazer	Wichita, Kan.
Aaron Owen	Carlsbad, N.M.
Jake Smith	Bennington, Neb.
Anthony Victory	Farmington Hills, Mich.

MEET THE TEAM



141
vince
CASTILLO



141

RS-Freshman
Western Springs, Ill.
Lyons Township

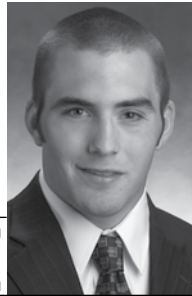
2006-07: Finished the season with a 15-10 record and four pins while wrestling at 141-pounds as a redshirt... earned a second-place finish at Moco Mercer Open... placed third at 141-pounds in the Flash Flanagan Open... first collegiate victory came against Nicolas Tadeo of UW-Milwaukee with a 12-3 decision... recipient of NIU's Freshman Academic Award.

High School: Helped lead Lyons Township to a West Suburban Conference Championship and had a 34-3 record as a senior... was a four-year varsity letterwinner and a state qualifier as a junior... earned the team MVP award during his junior year... garnered all-conference recognition all four seasons... led the team in takedowns during junior and senior years... finished second on the team in career pins (62), fourth in career takedowns (438), and fifth in career wins (145) at Lyons Township.

Personal: Son of Sandy and Mike Castillo... born September 21, 1987... brother of teammate Pat Castillo and assistant coach Mike Castillo.

	W	L	P
2006-07 ^{RS}	15	10	4
Career	15	10	4

149
joe
CLOTHIER



149

RS-Freshman
Clinton, Wis.
Clinton

2006-07: Redshirted the season.

High School: Won the Wisconsin state tournament during his sophomore and senior years... won the Badger State Tournament as a senior... earned the *Beloit Daily News* Wrestler of the Year awards in his sophomore and senior seasons... posted a Clinton High School record 30-0 mark during his senior year... won the Watertown Tournament as a junior... named Rock Valley Conference MVP during his sophomore and junior years... led his team in takedowns and pins as a junior... three time team MVP... named to *Beloit Daily News* First Team All-Area as a freshman and junior... named to the *Wisconsin State Journal* First Team All-Area squad his sophomore, junior, and senior years... holds Clinton High School's best career record (126-18)... is the first Clinton High two-time state champion and four-time state qualifier.

Personal: Son of Peggy and Bill Clothier... born May 1, 1988... intends to major in physical education.

165
bryan
DEUTSCH



165

RS-Freshman
Columbia City, Ind.
Columbia City

2006-07: Compiled a 23-9 record with eight pins while wrestling at 165-pounds during his redshirt season... won Moco Mercer Open by pinning each opponent in the tournament... finished third at "Flash" Flannigan Open... placed sixth at Pointer Open... first collegiate win came by way of a 4-2 decision over Joshua Ison of UW-Stevens Point.

High School: Qualified for the Indiana state tournament all four years... finished second in the state during his junior and senior years... helped lead Columbia City to three straight third-place finishes at the Indiana state championships... named team MVP after his junior and senior years... selected to the all-conference first team three times... posted a career record of 140-20... holds Columbia City records for most takedowns, winning percentage, most wins, and consecutive wins.

Personal: Son of Todd Deutsch... born February 2, 1988... undecided major.

	W	L	P
2006-07 ^{RS}	23	9	8
Career	23	9	8

MEET THE TEAM

141 tristen DeSHAZER



141 RS-Freshman
Wichita, Kan.
Wichita West

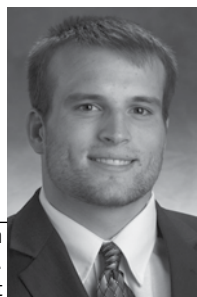
2006-07: Compiled an 8-5 record while wrestling at 133 and 141-pounds... garnered a fourth-place finish at Pointer Open... placed fifth at 133 in the 20-under division at the Kaufman/Brand Open... won his first collegiate match, 17-6, over Craig DeGreef of UW-Parkside.

High School: Won the Kansas state tournament all four years... posted a career record of 147-3... named 2006 Kansas High School Senior Wrestler of the Year... named to 2006 All-American Honorable Mention team... placed fourth at NHSCA Senior Nationals... holds Wichita West record for career pins (89)... named team MVP all four years... earned the Greco State Championship five times, and the freestyle title six times.

Personal: Son of Tanisha and Daniel DeShazer... born December 22, 1987... undecided major.

	W	L	P
2006-07 ^{RS}	8	5	3
Career	8	5	3

HWT dakota GREENHAW



HWT RS-Freshman
Monett, Mo.
Monett

2006-07: Compiled an 11-5 record with three pins while wrestling at 197... redshirted the season.

High School: Placed seventh at NHSCA Senior Nationals... won the Missouri state championship... named to first team all-conference squad after his junior and senior seasons... named first team all-state as a senior... led his team in pins as a senior.

Personal: Son of Deborah Lamb and Michael Greenhaw... born January 2, 1988... undecided major.

	W	L	P
2006-07 ^{RS}	11	5	3
Career	11	5	3

125 gralan EARLY



125 RS-Senior
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Northside

2006-07: Entered the starting line-up midway through the season at 133 pounds... competed for the Huskies during the majority of the MAC schedule.

2005-06: Did not wrestle.

2004-05: Redshirted the season.

2003-04: One of two NIU freshman not to redshirt during his first year at NIU... went 6-5 at 125-pounds and competed in one Mid-American Conference match against Kent State... finished third at the Missouri Open in the Freshman-Sophomore Division, going 5-1 with two falls and a major-decision victory.

High School: Earned High School All-American accolades as a senior... was the Indiana state champion as a senior after finishing second as a sophomore... named team MVP all four seasons... three-time conference champion and four-time sectional champion... his 144-9 career record is the best in Northside history.

	W	L	P
2003-04	6	5	2
2006-07	2	5	0
Career	8	10	2

roster by weight

Weight Class	Career Record	
	W-L	Pins
125		
Gralan Early	8-10	2
John Weinert	20-15	2
TJ Wunnicke	--	-
133		
Pat Castillo	79-28	3
Zach Taylor	--	-
141		
Vince Castillo	15-10	4
Tristen DeShazer	8-5	3
Garrett James	--	-
Pat McLemore	23-6	10
Dan Ruettiger	17-16	2
149		
Joe Clothier	--	-
Kalen Knull	31-24	1
Will McDermott	22-18	3
Michael Ryan	9-5	3
Michael Smith	7-6	0
157		
Bryan O'Connor	--	-
John Odeen	--	-
Aaron Owen	18-24	1
Anthony Victor	9-10	1
Scott Wallace	9-4	1
165		
Brian Deutsch	23-9	8
Brad Diekhaus	--	-
174		
Duke Burk	34-9	2
Justin Carlson	--	-
Jesse Linczmaier	--	-
184		
Scott Penny	--	-
Nick McClone	21-33	9
197		
Jake Smith	--	-
Hwt		
David Benner	16-14	2
Dakota Greenhaw	11-5	3

MEET THE TEAM



Senior Nick McClone (184).

149 kalen KNULL



149

RS-Senior
Urbana, Ohio
Graham

2006-07: Named to the 2007 Academic All-MAC Wrestling Team... amassed a record of 14-16 with one pin... competed in every dual meet at 157-pounds... earned a third-place finish at the Pointer Open.

2005-06: Went 0-2 at the 149-pound class and 2-7 at the 157-pound class for a record of 2-9 on the season.

2004-05: Saw action in both the 149 and 157 pound weight classes... five wins at 157 pounds ranked third on the team... notched wins over Brown and Ohio State.

2003-04: Redshirted the 2003-04 season at 157 pounds, going 9-5 in open tournaments.

High School: Earned a trio of all-state accolades after a second-place finish at state as a junior (140 pounds), a third-place finish as a sophomore (135 pounds) and a fourth-place finish as a senior (140 pounds)... qualified for the Ohio Division II State Championships as a

freshman... won three straight conference and regional titles... finished third at the Ohio State Freestyle Championships... earned national exposure at both the Cadet Nationals and the Junior Nationals as a member of Team Ohio... named an Academic All-American by the National High School Coaches Association... also a two-time academic all-state selection.

Personal: Son of Ray and Debi Knull... born April 1, 1984... major is physical therapy.

	W	L	P
2003-04 ^{RS}	9	5	0
2004-05	6	4	0
2005-06	2	9	0
2006-07	14	16	1
Career	31	34	1

2005-06: Posted a record of 8-15 on the season at the 184-pound class.

2004-05: Picked up four wins in freshman year... notched three pins during the four victories.

High School: Earned four letters in wrestling and two in football... captained both the football and wrestling squads during his tenure... earned all-state honors following a fourth-place finish at the IHSA Class AA meet at 171 pounds as a senior... won Mid-Illini Conference titles his junior and senior seasons while going a combined 63-7 during that span... was a five-time AAU All-American including national titles at the 2002 AAU Cadet National Freestyle Championship, 2002 AAU Cadet National Greco-Roman Championship, 2003 AAU National Scholastic Folkstyle Championship and 2003 USA State Junior Championship.

Personal: Son of Brian and Amy McClone... born May 30, 1986... majoring in biology... has five brothers and sisters.

184 nick McCLONE



184

Senior
East Peoria, Ill.
Metamora

2006-07: Placed fourth at 197-pounds at the MAC Championships... started every dual meet competition at 197-pounds for the Huskies... finished season with a record of 9-14 with one pin.

	W	L	P
2004-05	4	4	3
2005-06	8	15	5
2006-07	9	14	1
Career	21	33	9

MEET THE TEAM



Redshirt senior Aaron Owen (157).

157
aaron
OWEN



157 RS-Senior
Carlsbad, N.M.
Carlsbad

2006-07: Sat out the season due to injury.

2005-06: Took first-place in the 157-pound division at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Pointer Open... finished fourth at MAC Championships... posted a record of 8-14 on the season... earned a place on the MAC All-Academic Team.

2004-05: Earned a fourth-place finish at the UW-Stevens Point Open... picked up two victories over MAC rival Kent State at the MSU Open... three wins at the MSU Open were a career-high in a single tournament for the redshirt freshman... season ended early due to surgery.

2003-04: Went 4-4 while redshirting the season at 149 pounds... Recorded 2-2 records at both the Michigan State Open and the Missouri Open.

High School: Was 70-0 during his final two seasons with a pair of state titles... won the 152-pound title while going 41-0 as a senior and was a perfect 29-0 as a junior to win the 135-pound state title... was a member of Team New Mexico at the USA Wrestling National Dual meet... eight-time New Mexico state champion in Greco-Roman and Freestyle... was an all-state selection during his freshman and sophomore seasons... finished third at the New Mexico State Championships in the 103-pound division as a freshman and third in the 125-pound division as a sophomore... competed at the NHSCA Senior Championships, winning five consecutive matches after dropping the meet-opener.

Personal: Son of Donna and Ron Owen... born Jan. 16, 1985... majoring in biology... younger brother of NIU All-American Scott Owen.

	W	L	P
2003-04 ^{RS}	4	4	0
2004-05	6	6	1
2005-06	8	14	0
Career	18	24	1

149
will
McDERMOTT



149 RS-Sophomore
Mundelein, Ill.
Mundelein

2006-07: Went 13-12 overall and 1-2 in dual-meet competition... wrestled in his first MAC competition against Eastern Michigan... holds a 4.0 cumulative GPA... was selected to represent NIU Athletics at the NCAA Leadership Conference... elected to the executive board of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

2005-06: Redshirted the season... recorded a 3-4 record at 133 and a 6-2 mark at 141 in open competition... finished second in the 141-pound class at the Dan Gable Collegiate Open... wrestled in the finals of the "Flash" Flanagan Open... received the NIU Underclassmen Academic Award with a 4.0 GPA... posted a record of 9-6 on the season.

High School: 2005 Mundelein Most Valuable Wrestler... earned the school's 2003-2004 Mental Toughness Award... is a three-time all-conference selection... earned the 2005 NSC Conference Championship... captained the squad in 2004-2005... qualified for sectionals three times, including in 2005, when he also qualified for state... Mundelein Outstanding Male Athlete award winner.

Personal: Son of Cheryl and Patrick McDermott... born December 23, 1986... psychology major.

	W	L	P
2005-06 ^{RS}	9	6	1
2006-07	13	12	2
Career	21	18	3

141
patrick
McLEMORE



141 RS-Freshman
Hinckley, Ohio
Padua Franciscan

2006-07: Went 23-6 with 10 pins while wrestling at 141 and 149 pounds while redshirting the season... garnered first place finishes at the Pointer, "Flash" Flanagan, and Moco Mercer Opens... earned a fourth place finish in the 20-under division at the Kaufman/Brand Open... placed fifth at UNI Open at 141-pounds... won first collegiate match by pinning Mike Ryan of Harper College at the 2:37 mark.

High School: Won the Ohio state tournament in his freshman and senior years... helped lead team to AA Ohio State Tournament Championship during his freshman and senior years... named conference MVP as a senior, when he also finished third at NHSCA Senior Nationals... led his team in pins all four seasons... posted a career 149-10 record... holds Padua Franciscan records for career pins, wins, and state championships.

Personal: Son of Claudia and James McLemore... born April 21, 1987... intends to major in elementary education.

	W	L	P
2006-07 ^{RS}	23	6	10
Career	23	6	10

MEET THE TEAM

141
dan
RUETTIGER



141 RS-Sophomore
Joliet, Ill.
Providence

2006-07: Went 12-12 with one pin at 141-pounds... did not compete in any MAC dual matches, then made an improbable run at MAC title, advancing to the championship match... finished third in MAC Championships as a freshman... placed fourth at Pointer Open at 141-pounds... registered a fifth-place finish at the Dan Gable Open at 141-pounds.

2005-06: Redshirted the season... picked up his first collegiate victory in a match at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Pointer Open in the 141-pound class... posted a 5-4 record in open competition on the season.

High School: A four-time IHSA State Championship qualifier and two-time all-America selection... finished fifth at the Fila Cadet National in 2004... placed in regionals and sectionals four times... earned NHSCA All-American Honors with a sixth place national finish.

Personal: Son of Kelly and Tim Ruettiger... born March 20, 1987... nephew of Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger who was depicted in the 1993 motion picture "Rudy."

	W	L	P
2005-06 ^{RS}	5	4	1
2006-07	12	12	1
Career	17	16	2

149
michael
RYAN



149 RS-Freshman
Kankakee, Ill.
Bishop McNamara

2006-07: Compiled a 9-5 record with one technical fall and three pins while wrestling at 141,

High School: Won Illinois State Tournament freshman and junior years... earned All-State and All-Area accolades all four years... named team MVP after his sophomore, junior, and senior years... first freshman to win state at Bishop McNamara... holds Bishop McNamara record for career wins.

Personal: Son of Micaela and Derek Ryan... born August 14, 1988... intends to major in business.

	W	L	P
2006-07 ^{RS}	9	5	3
Career	9	5	3

149
michael
SMITH



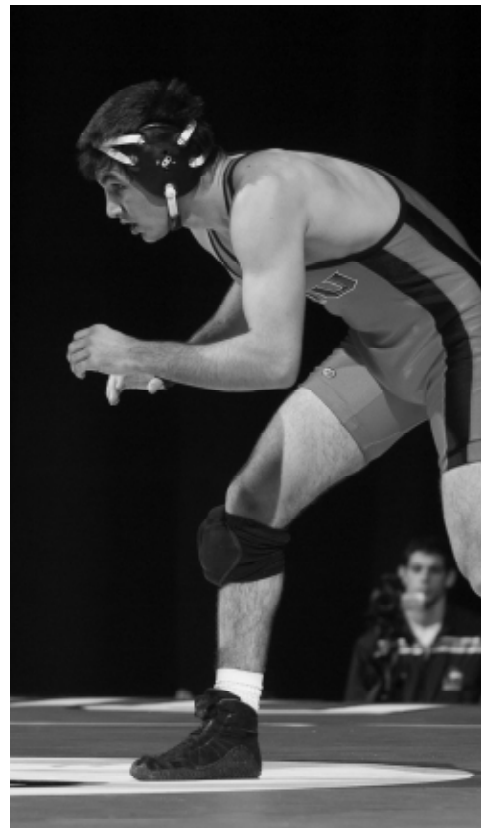
149 RS-Freshman
Plainfield, Ill.
Plainfield Central

2006-07: Recorded a 7-6 record with two major decisions at 141.

High School: A first team all-conference member junior and senior years... named team MVP junior and senior years... named to first team all-area choice as a senior... second on the Plainfield Central career wins (159) list.

Personal: Son of Cathrine and Robert Smith... born April 14, 1988... intends to major in biology.

	W	L	P
2006-07 ^{RS}	7	6	0
Career	7	6	0



Redshirt sophomore Dan Ruettiger (141).

157
anthony
VICTOR



157 RS-Freshman
Farmington Hills, Mich.
North Farmington

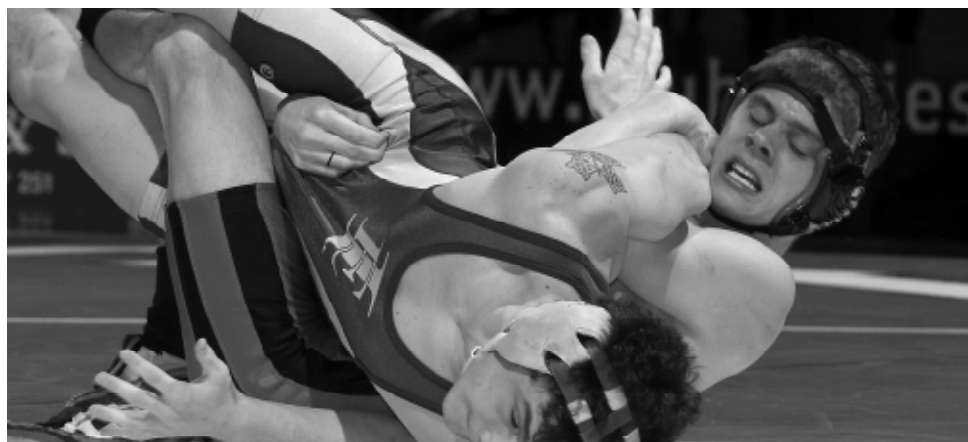
2006-07: Went 9-10 in open action with one pin during his redshirt season... placed third at 157-pounds at "Flash" Flanagan Open... finished sixth at the Dan Gable Open at 157-pounds... won first collegiate match with a 6-2 decision over Thomas Kelley of Labette Community College.

High School: As a senior, helped lead North Farmington to its first league title... placed fourth in the Michigan state tournament... selected as a first team all-area honoree... named to the all-conference second team... earned team MVP honors after his sophomore and junior years... holds North Farmington records for wins in a career (134) and in a season (47).

Personal: Son of Belinda and Mark Victor... born April 4, 1988... undecided major.

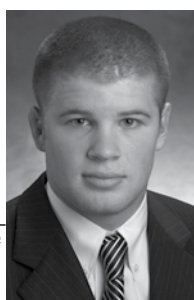
	W	L	P
2006-07 ^{RS}	9	10	1
Career	9	10	1

MEET THE TEAM



Redshirt junior John Weinert (125).

157
scott
WALLACE



157
RS-Sophomore
Darien, Ill.
Hinsdale South

2006-07: Did not compete due to injury.

2005-06: Placed fourth in the 157-pound class at the Kaufman / Brand Open... finished second at the Dan Gable Collegiate Open... posted a record of 9-4 in open competition during his redshirt season.

High School: Won the IHSA state championship as a senior... took fourth in Illinois State Tournament during his junior year... two-time captain at Hinsdale South... three-time all-conference honoree... team's most valuable wrestler as a senior.

Personal: Son of Gail and Scott Wallace... born September 4, 1986... undecided major.

	W	L	P
2005-06 ^{RS}	9	4	1
Career	9	4	1

125
john
WEINERT



125
RS-Junior
Stickney, Ill.
Reavis

2006-07: Went 15-7 overall with a 2-0 record in dual matches while competing at 125 and 133 pounds... represented NIU at 133 pounds in the MAC Championships... placed first at the Pointer Open after defeating teammate Pat Castillo with a 2-1 decision... finished sixth at Midlands Championships... won the Mocco Mercer open.

2005-06: Went 1-4 on the season at the 125-pound class.

2004-05: Redshirted the season.

High School: Two-time all-state performer for Reavis High School, earning IHSA Class AA runner-up honors at 119 pounds as a senior and fourth-place honors as a junior... led Reavis to three consecutive conference titles his sophomore, junior, and senior campaigns... won conference, regional and sectional titles at 119 pounds as a senior... finished his prep career with a 105-16 record including going 42-2, as a senior, the highest single-season win total in school history at 119 pounds... was 36-5 as a junior, finishing second at the conference, regional and sectional meets.

Personal: Son of John and Connie Weinert... born June 20, 1986... majoring in sociology.

	W	L	P
2005-06	3	4	0
2006-07	15	7	2
Career	18	11	2

year-by-year results

Season	Coach	W	L	T	Pct.
1931-32	George Evans	0	4	0	.000
1932-33	George Evans	0	4	0	.000
1933-34	George Evans	0	2	0	.000
1934-35*	Carl Appell	1	1	0	.500
1935-36	John Schone	2	4	0	.333
1936-37*	Reino Nori	2	2	0	.500
1937-38	John Oldham	4	5	0	.444
1938-39	Ed Hill	5	7	1	.423
1939-40	George Davenport	5	3	1	.611
1940-41	Harold Taxman	1	7	0	.125
1941-42	Harold Taxman	1	6	0	.143
1942-43	Harold Taxman	0	5	0	.000
1943-44	No Team * World War II				
1944-45	No Team * World War II				
1945-46	George Evans	2	2	0	.500
1946-47	George Evans	4	3	0	.571
1947-48	Harry Garrett	1	5	1	.214
1948-49	John Schone	3	4	0	.429
1949-50	Robert Kahler	5	5	0	.500
1950-51	Robert Kahler	5	3	0	.625
1951-52	Robert Kahler	6	2	0	.750
1952-53	Robert Kahler	4	1	2	.714
1953-54	Robert Kahler	4	1	0	.800
1954-55	Robert Kahler	2	3	0	.400
1955-56	Robert Kahler	3	5	1	.389
1956-57	Robert Brigham	11	0	0	1.000
1957-58	Robert Brigham	10	6	0	.625
1958-59	Robert Brigham	11	3	0	.786
1959-60	Robert Brigham	6	4	1	.591
1960-61	John Wrenn	6	5	0	.545
1961-62	John Wrenn	7	2	1	.750
1962-63	Robert Brigham	4	4	1	.500
1963-64	Robert Brigham	5	4	0	.556
1964-65	Robert Brigham	5	2	1	.688
1965-66	Robert Brigham	9	3	1	.731
1966-67	Robert Brigham	4	4	1	.500
1967-68	Robert Brigham	4	8	0	.333
1968-69	Don Flavin	7	2	1	.750
1969-70	Don Flavin	7	8	0	.467
1970-71	Don Flavin	4	8	1	.346
1971-72	Don Flavin	11	1	0	.917
1972-73	Don Flavin	14	2	1	.853
1973-74	Don Flavin	13	3	2	.778
1974-75	Don Flavin	8	2	3	.731
1975-76	Don Flavin	8	5	0	.615
1976-77	Don Flavin	10	3	0	.769
1977-78	Don Flavin	8	1	0	.889
1978-79	Don Flavin	13	3	0	.813
1979-80	Don Flavin	9	8	0	.529
1980-81	Don Flavin	10	4	1	.700
1981-82	Don Flavin	8	6	2	.563
1982-83	Don Flavin	8	5	1	.607
1983-84	Don Flavin	4	9	0	.308
1984-85	Don Flavin	13	3	0	.813
1985-86	Don Flavin	5	9	0	.357
1986-87	Ed Vatch	4	9	0	.308
1987-88	Ed Vatch	6	14	0	.300
1988-89	Ed Vatch	15	7	0	.682
1989-90	Ed Vatch	9	16	0	.360
1990-91	Ed Vatch	8	12	0	.400
1991-92	Ed Vatch	2	17	0	.105
1992-93	Phil Rembert	6	9	0	.400
1993-94	Phil Rembert	4	8	0	.333
1994-95	Phil Rembert	4	11	1	.281
1995-96	Phil Rembert	3	10	0	.231
1996-97	Dave Grant	4	9	0	.308
1997-98	Dave Grant	4	11	0	.267
1998-99	Dave Grant	6	7	1	.463
1999-2000	Dave Grant	3	12	0	.200
2000-01	Dave Grant	9	8	2	.526
2001-02	Dave Grant	14	4	0	.778
2002-03	Dave Grant	15	6	0	.714
2003-04	Dave Grant	12	5	0	.706
2004-05	Dave Grant	14	4	0	.777
2005-06	Dave Grant	10	5	2	.667
2006-07	Dave Grant	6	4	1	.591
TOTALS	73 Seasons	460	399	31	.534

* — Missing results from one match each in 1934-35 and 1936-37.
Italic type reflects student coaches.

NEWCOMERS

174
justin
CARLSON



174 Freshman
Gurnee, Ill.
Warren Township

High School: Qualified for the IHSA State Championships three times, tying a school record... as a senior, placed sixth in the IHSA State Championships... finished third in Freshman/Sophomore State Championships during his freshman year... won the conference championship at 171-pounds during his senior campaign... captained his 2006-07 team to perfect 21-0 record and conference championship... garnered three consecutive third-place finishes at sectionals from his sophomore to senior years... placed first at regionals as a sophomore and junior... received the Coach Campbell Wrestler of the Year Award in final season... finished with a career record of 125-36.

Personal: Son of Jay and Paula Carlson... born June 30, 1989... sister Christine Carlson is a 2006 NIU graduate... plans to major in business.

141
garrett
JAMES



141 Freshman
Kewanna, Ind.
Culver Academy

High School: Finished sixth at the Indiana state tournament as a senior... ISWA State Champion at 145-pounds as a junior... captained team and earned team MVP while leading his squad in team points, falls and takedowns during both his sophomore and junior seasons... finished 45-4 and was sixth in state at 125-pounds as a sophomore... went 37-4 and was state qualifier during his freshman year at 112 pounds... member of the Indiana Junior National Duals Team after his junior year... wrestled for Team Indiana Freestyle and Team Indiana Greco-Roman after both his freshman and junior years... wrestled in the Liberty Nationals.

Personal: Son of Larry and Mary James... born June 6, 1988... plans on majoring in business.

157
bryan
O'CONNOR



157 Freshman
Carol Stream, Ill.
Glenbard North

High School: As a senior, earned a state title and placed first in regionals and sectionals while recording a 45-4 mark... recorded his team's top GPA... as a junior, finished third in the 152-pound weight class at IHSA championships... was the DuPage Valley Conference champion, regional champion and placed second at sectionals... earned coaches' award and was co-captain during his junior campaign... as a sophomore, won conference, regional and sectional titles... team was IHSA runner-up his sophomore season... placed second in conference as a freshman... won regional championship and placed fourth at sectional meet during... wrestled at the 2005 and 2006 Junior National Championships for Team Illinois.

Personal: Son of Steve and Nancy O'Connor... born Sept. 18, 1988... plans on majoring in physical therapy.

165
brad
DIEKHAUS



165 Freshman
St. Charles, Mo.
Francis Howell Central

High School: Named second team all-state as a senior after placing second in the state championships at 160 pounds... captained his team to an 18-0 dual meet record during his senior campaign... earned First Team All-Gateway Conference honors after his senior season... posted a 3-2 record at Senior Nationals... awarded the Silver Shield of Excellence Award for academic achievement... finished high school career with a 114-21 record.

Personal: Son of Sam and Cindy Dieckhaus... born Feb. 28, 1989... plans on majoring in physical therapy.

174
jesse
LINCZMAIER



174 Junior
Fox Lake, Ill.
Grant/Harper College

2006-2007: Placed second at the Junior College National Championships... team also finished as the runner-up.

2005-2006: Finished seventh at the Junior College National Championships at the 174-pound weight class, helping his team to a NJCAA National Championship.

High School: Participated in football, wrestling, and baseball throughout all four years of high school... named Grant High School's Male Athlete of the Year in 2004.

Personal: Son of Melissa and John Linczmaier... born in Des Plaines, Illinois on May 22, 1986... intends on studying pre-law or education.

157
john
ODEEN



157 Freshman
Coal City, Ill.
Coal City

High School: Two-time Illinois state champion... won title at 130-pounds as a junior and 145-pounds his senior year... finished senior campaign with a perfect 35-0 record... runner-up at the NHSCA Junior National Championships in Pittsburgh during the spring of 2006... claimed conference, regional, and sectional titles as a senior while serving as team captain and earning the team award for most points... placed second in Interstate 8 Conference and finished as runner-up at regional, sectional and state meets during his sophomore season at 119 pounds... two-time Interstate 8 Academic All-Conference selection... won conference, regional and sectional titles and finished the season by placing fifth at state.

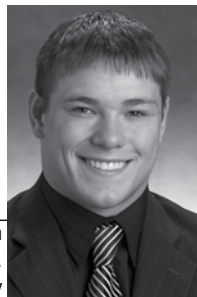
Personal : Son of Jeffrie and Kerri Odeen... born July, 20 1989... plans to major in business management.

NEWCOMERS



Newcomers (from left to right) – Top Row; Jake Smith, Brad Diekhaus, Jesse Linczmaier, Justin Carlson, John Odeen; Bottom Row: Zach Taylor, Bryan O'Connor, Scott Penny, TJ Wunnicke, James Garrett.

184
scott
PENNY



184 Freshman
Granite City, Ill.
Granite City

High School: Finished career with 169 career victories and 104 pins... placed third at the IHSA Championships as a senior... earned Junior Freestyle All-American status... captained the Junior Dual Greco Roman national championship team... went 47-2 with 31 pins at 189 pounds as a junior and finished third at IHSA Championships... named Wrestler of the Year by *Belleville News-Democrat* twice... posted 42-8 record with 21 pins and was an IHSA qualifier as a sophomore... recorded 31-14 varsity record with 15 pins at 171 during his freshman year... four-time Illinois Greco Champion at 189... earned first-team all-conference accolades four times.

Personal: Son of Scott and Sheila Penny... born Dec. 5, 1988... major is undecided.

197
jake
SMITH



197 RS-Freshman
Bennington, Neb.
Bennington/Wyoming

2006-07 (Wyoming): Compiled an 11-2 record with two pins and one major decision during his redshirt season.

High School: Earned team MVP award after his junior and senior years... recorded a perfect 39-0 record during his senior campaign en route to winning the Nebraska state championship... his 39 wins tied school record and 239 points scored set new single season school record... also won the state title as a junior... named all-area first team once and honorable mention twice... sixth-place medalist at Senior Nationals... 2006 Wrestling USA All-American... third-place medalist at Brute adidas Nationals as a junior... a member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Son of Lonnie and Paula Smith... Born May 10, 1987... undecided on field of study.

133
zach
TAYLOR



133 Freshman
Machesney Park, Ill.
Harlem

High School: Recorded a 41-2 record as a senior... named most valuable wrestler in sophomore and junior campaigns... set the single season pin record with 29 in his junior year... all-tourney MVP for Hoffman Estates tournament... first-team all-conference all four years of high 41-2 senior year... was the regional champion his freshman through junior seasons... earned second-team all-state honors his sophomore year... posted a 197-12 career record in high school... helped his team to a first-place finish in the conference as a freshman and second place finishes his sophomore and junior years... earned three top-five IHSA finishes, including a runner-up placement as a sophomore.

Personal: Son of Randy and Cathy Baxter and Brad Taylor... born Dec. 1, 1988... plans to major in Education.

tj 125
WUNNICKE



125 Freshman
Dodgeville, Wis.
Dodgeville

High School: Two-time undefeated state champion at 103-pounds as a freshman and 119-pounds as a junior... posted perfect 47-0 record in 2005-06 while capturing conference, regional and sectional championships... first-team all-state selection and league MVP during his senior campaign, in which he finished third at state and fourth at NHSCA Senior Nationals... a four time Bi-State Meet champion... owns school record for career pins and takedowns... named co-captain and earned most valuable wrestler award during his senior season... went 39-3 at 112 and finished sixth in state after winning conference, regional and sectional championships as a sophomore... third-team all-state and first-team all-conference during his sophomore season... posted 41-0 record and won state title at 103... team MVP as a freshman... first-team all-conference and all-state selection during first year as prep.

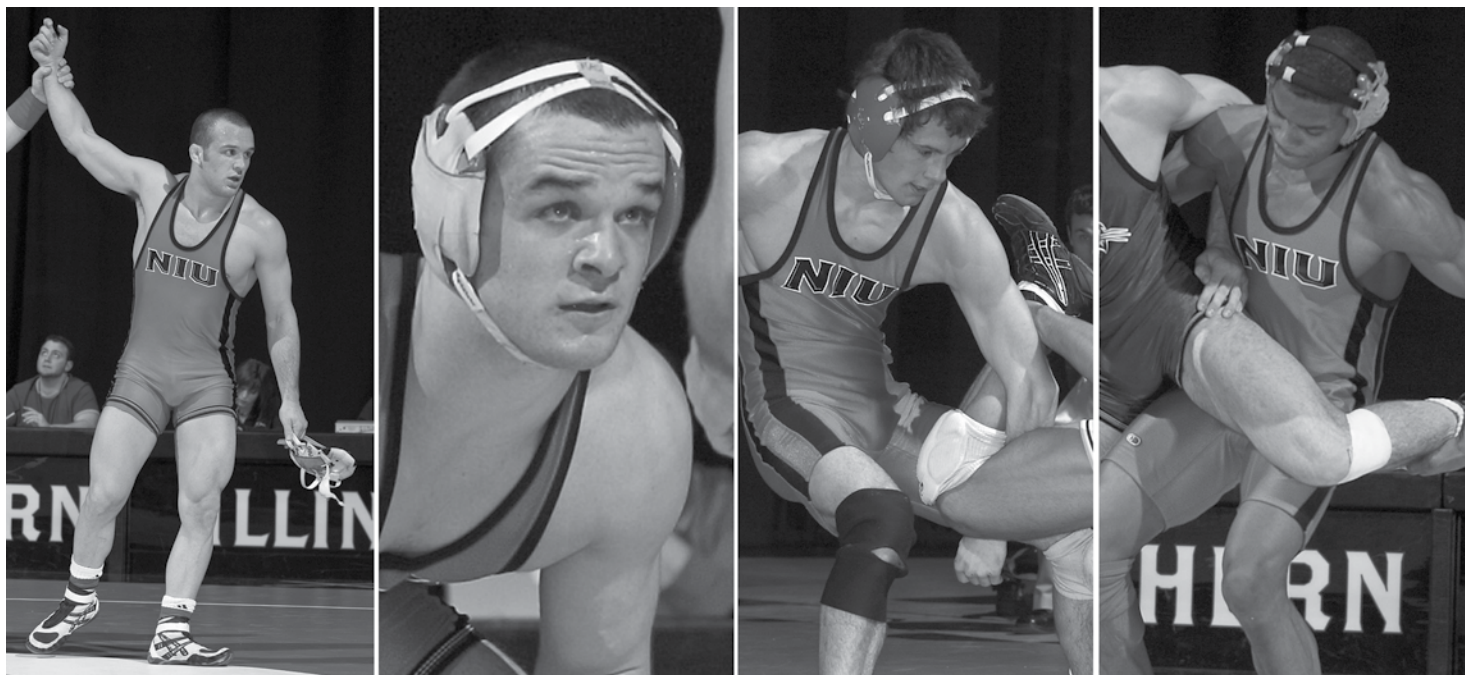
Personal: Son of Lou Ann and Timothy Wunnicke... born Sept. 19, 1988... plans to major in business and minor in education.

2006-07 REVIEW

ONE Most Outstanding Wrestler.

FOUR NCAA Championships qualifiers.

SEVEN Mid-American Conference placewinners.



Northern Illinois' 2007 NCAA Qualifiers (from left to right): Danny Burk, Duke Burk, Pat Castillo, and Johnny Galloway.

The 2006-07 Northern Illinois wrestling team continued the trend of success of head coach Dave Grant.

The Huskies compiled a 6-4-1 record in dual meets, including a 3-2 mark against Mid-American Conference teams. Northern Illinois captured wins over MAC foes Buffalo, Ohio, and Eastern Michigan, and added victories over Old Dominion, SIU-Edwardsville, and Eastern Illinois.

At the MAC Championships, the Huskies garnered a third-place overall finish, led by MAC Champion and Most Outstanding Wrestler Pat Castillo, who won the tournament's 125-pound weight class.

Castillo's performance, along with the performances of three of his teammates, earned the Huskies' four individual berths to the NCAA Championships. Castillo, Danny Burk (174), Duke Burk (184) and Johnny Galloway (165) equaled the largest Northern Illinois contingent in the Dave Grant era. Galloway finished the season one win away from becoming Northern Illinois' 12th All-American.

The season's successful finish mirrored its promising start. To open the year, three Huskies captured first-place finishes at the Pointer Open, hosted by UW-Stevens Point. John Weinert (125), Pat McLemore (141) and Galloway each won their respective weight classes, and four other Huskies earned top-three finishes at the event.

One week later, then-freshman Duke Burk earned his first collegiate tournament victory at the Kaufman/Brand Open in Omaha, Neb. Burk was one of six NIU grapplers at the event to grab a top-five finish.

Northern Illinois then finished 24th at the Cliff Keen Invitational, one of the largest meets in the nation, before falling in consecutive contests to Northwestern and No. 23 Wisconsin.

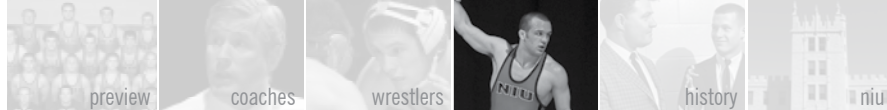
The Huskies bounced-back off the losses with an eighth-place finish at the Midlands Championships. Sixth-seeded Mike Grimes went undefeated to win the 149-pound weight class at the event, leading the team to a 10th place overall finish.

Northern Illinois translated the momentum from the Midlands to its first Mid-American Conference dual meet, where the Huskies trounced Buffalo, 30-6. NIU made it back-to-back MAC wins five days later, defeating Ohio 18-13.

The Huskies suffered their first conference loss the next week against No. 21 Kent State, who overcame victories from Galloway, Danny Burk, Duke Burk and Castillo to edge NIU 21-12.

Grant's squad rebounded with a 26-13 win over Old Dominion, and a tie of the head coach's alma mater, Northern Iowa. The Huskies then fell to No. 5 Central Michigan before turning their downward momentum upside-down.

After the loss to CMU, Northern Illinois looked dominant in victories over Eastern Michigan, SIU-Edwardsville and Eastern Illinois. The Huskies outscored the opposition 99-20 in the three dual meets, a fine prelude to the team's third-place finish at the Mid-American Conference Championships.



2006-07 STATISTICS

team results

Date	Result	Score	Opponent	Match Site
Nov 11	--	--	UW-Stevens Point Open	Stevens Point, Wis.
Nov 18	--	--	Kaufman/Brand Open	Omaha, Neb.
Dec 1-2	T-24th	33.5	Cliff Keen Invitational	Las Vegas, Nev.
Dec 8	L	10-28	Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.
Dec 10	L	29-6	#23 Wisconsin	DeKalb, Ill.
Dec 29-30	8th	61	Midlands Championships	Evanston, Ill.
Jan 14	W	30-6	Buffalo*	Buffalo, N.Y.
Jan 19	W	18-13	Ohio*	DeKalb, Ill.
Jan 26	L	21-12	#21 Kent State*	Kent, Ohio
Feb 4	W	26-13	Old Dominion	Cedar Falls, Ohio
	T	17-17	Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls, Ohio
Feb 9	L	27-9	#5 Central Michigan*	DeKalb, Ill.
Feb 18	W	20-13	Eastern Michigan*	DeKalb, Ill.
	W	43-4	SIU-Edwardsville	DeKalb, Ill.
	W	36-6	Eastern Illinois	DeKalb, Ill.
Mar 3-4	3rd	61.5	MAC Championships	Buffalo, N.Y.
Mar 15-17	--	--	NCAA Championships	Detroit, Mich.

2007 NCAA Championships

Northern Illinois sent four wrestlers to the 2007 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, tied for the most since 1985. Pat Castillo (125), Danny Burk (174), Duke Burk (184) and Johnny Galloway (165) all participated in the tournament.

The first day of action saw all four Huskie wrestlers advance to the second day of the championships. Freshman Duke Burk upset the 11th seed in his first match of the tournament and Danny Burk, Johnny Galloway, and Pat Castillo advanced after picking up wins in the wrestlebacks. The Huskies picked up four wins on day two, but none of the NIU competitors were able to advance to the medal round.

The 2007 season marked the 36th consecutive season in which at least one Huskie has participated in the NCAA Championships.

individual results

Wt.	Wrestler	Overall	Duals	MAC	MD	TF	Pins	Career	CPIN
125	Castillo, Pat	28-13	9-2	5-0	7	6	1	79-28	3
	Rueda, Jared	7-8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	7-8	0
133	Early, Gralan	2-5	0-5	0-3	1	0	0	8-10	2
	Vallone, Chad	7-10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	7-10	0
	Weinert, John	15-7	2-0	0-0	5	1	2	20-15	2
	DeShazer, Tristen	8-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	3	8-5	3
141	Castillo, Vince	15-10	0-0	0-0	1	0	4	15-10	4
	McLemore, Pat	23-6	0-0	0-0	1	1	10	23-6	10
	McDermott, Will	13-12	1-2	0-1	0	2	2	22-18	3
	Metcalfe, Justin	8-9	1-4	1-3	1	0	2	31-29	5
	Ruettiger, Dan	12-12	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	17-16	2
	Ryan, Michael	9-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	9-5	3
	Smith, Michael	7-6	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	7-6	0
	Uccardi, Ron	4-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4-3	0
149	Grimes, Mike	25-8	8-1	4-0	7	1	1	84-37	3
	Victor, Anthony	9-10	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	9-10	1
157	Deutsch, Brian	23-9	0-0	0-0	2	1	8	23-9	8
	Knull, Kalen	14-16	4-7	2-3	1	0	1	31-34	1
	Terrell, Josh	13-7	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	13-7	1
	Walsh, Patrick	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3-5	0
165	Galloway, Johnny	22-5	9-1	5-0	3	0	3	73-25	12
174	Burk, Danny	23-11	9-2	4-1	4	0	2	71-52	9
184	Burk, Duke	24-9	8-3	4-0	5	0	2	34-9	2
197	Greenhaw, Dakota	11-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	11-5	3
	Herrera, Dave	4-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	6-9	0
	McClone, Nick	9-14	3-8	1-4	0	0	1	21-33	9
Hwt	Benner, David	16-14	4-5	1-4	1	0	2	16-14	2
	Burdorf, Jeff	6-10	0-2	0-0	0	0	3	8-12	4

2006-07 PLACEWINNERS

UW-Stevens Point Open	Cliff Keen Invitational
Pat Castillo (2nd, 125)	Pat Castillo (6th, 125)
John Weinert (1st, 125)	
Chad Vandiver (3rd, 133)	The Midlands Championships
Tristen DeShazer (4th, 133)	Mike Grimes (1st, 149)
Justin Metcalfe (2nd, 141)	Pat Castillo (5th, 125)
Dan Ruettiger (4th, 141)	John Weinert (6th, 125)
Pat McClemore (1st, 141)	
Mike Smith (5th, 141)	MAC Championships
Mike Grimes (4th, 149)	Dave Benner (4th, Hwt.)
Joseph Cornejo (3rd, 149)	Pat Castillo (1st, 125)
Kalen Knull (3rd, 157)	Johnny Galloway (2nd, 165)
Johnny Galloway (1st, 165)	Duke Burk (2nd, 184)
Brian Deutsch (6th, 165)	Danny Burk (2nd, 184)
Duke Burk (2nd, 184)	Dan Ruettiger (3rd, 133)
Dakota Greenhaw (4th, 197)	Nick McClone (4th, 197)
Dave Herrera (2nd, 197)	
Dave Benner (4th, Hwt)	NCAA Qualifiers
	Pat Castillo (125)
Kaufman/Brand Open	Johnny Galloway (165)
Pat Castillo (5th, 125)	Duke Burk (184)
Tristen DeShazer (5th, 133)	Danny Burk (174)
Pat McClemore (5th, 141)	
Joseph Cornejo (3rd, 149)	
Mike Grimes (5th, 149)	
Josh Terrell (2nd, 157)	
Johnny Galloway (3rd, 165)	
Danny Burk (4th, 174)	
Duke Burk (1st, 184)	

MD-Major Decisions, TF-Technical Falls, CPIN-Career Pins

COACHING FRATERNITY

the legacy of

brigham and flavin

It is fair to say that Bob Brigham represents the heart and soul of Northern Illinois University athletics.

More significant than his 46 years of service to his alma mater is the fact that Brigham's duties ranged from coaching and administration during his tenure at the university.

Brigham starred on both the football field and the wrestling mat from 1947 through 1949 before moving into the coaching ranks.

Brigham moved into the top spot at Northern Illinois in 1956, posting a 69-38-5 (.638) ledger in 10 seasons over two terms (1956-60, 1962-68) as the Huskies' mat boss.

His coaching résumé includes an impressive 11 All-America wrestlers and five national champions. Brigham directed Roy Conrad to the 177-pound title at the 1960 NCAA Championships, with Conrad adding a NAIA championship the following season. In addition, Brigham also tutored Dale Tessler (123 pounds in 1958) and Ray Guzak, Sr. (167 pounds in 1961) to NAIA national titles.

Known affectionately as "the father of DeKalb wrestling," Don Flavin died August 2, 2001. The NIU Athletics Hall of Famer was 72 years old.

During 32 years in DeKalb, Flavin compiled an amazing 311-119-14 record at the high school and major-college level. In 1954-55, he originated the Barb mat program. The rest is a classic. Flavin directed the Barbs to 13 consecutive winning seasons, 10 District team titles, three Sectional crowns, two Upstate Eight Conference trophies, and the ultimate prize – the Illinois High School Association state championship in 1968.

By the end of his career in 1985-86, Flavin had become the winningest wrestling coach in Huskie history with a 160-82-12 record. He tutored four major-college All-America selections--Wes Caine (1968-69), Larry Johnson (1971-72), Johnny B. Johnson (1972-73), and Mark Tiffany (1974-75).



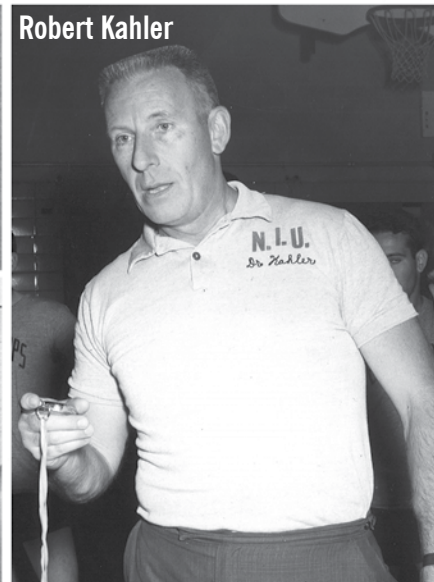
Bob Brigham



Don Flavin



John Wrenn



Robert Kahler

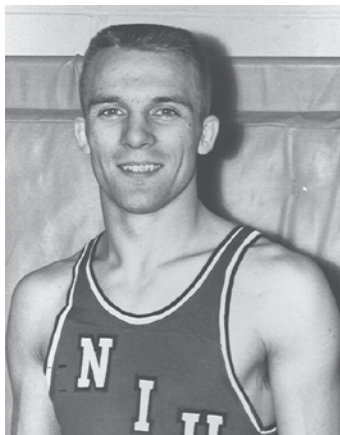
NIU COACHING RECORDS

Coach	Seasons	W	L	T	Pct.
Don Flavin	1968-86	160	82	12	.654
Dave Grant	1996-2006	97	75	6	.552
Robert Brigham	1956-60, '62-68	69	38	5	.638
Ed Vatch	1986-92	44	75	0	.370
Robert Kahler	1949-56	29	20	3	.587
Phil Rembert	1992-96	17	38	1	.313
John Wrenn	1960-62	13	7	1	.643
George Evans	1931-34, '45-47	6	15	0	.286
George Davenport	1939-40	5	3	1	.611
Ed Hill	1938-39	5	7	1	.423
John Schone	1935-36, '48-49	5	8	0	.385
John Oldham	1937-38	4	5	0	.444
Reino Nori	1936-37	2	2	0	.500
Harold Taxman	1940-43	2	18	0	.100
Carl Appell	1934-35	1	1	0	.500
Harry Garrett	1947-48	1	5	1	.214
TOTALS	74 Seasons	460	399	31	.534

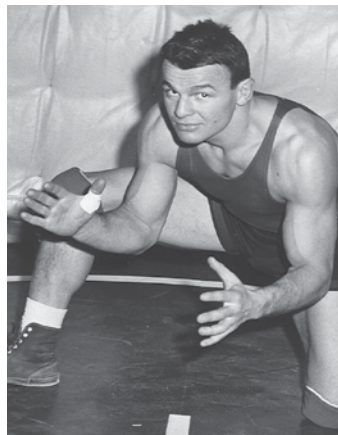
HUSKIE ALL-AMERICANS

In the 75-year history of Northern Illinois Huskie Wrestling, 11 student-athletes have earned the right to be called All-Americans. Of those 11, four are national champions, and four garnered All-America status twice while wearing the cardinal and black.

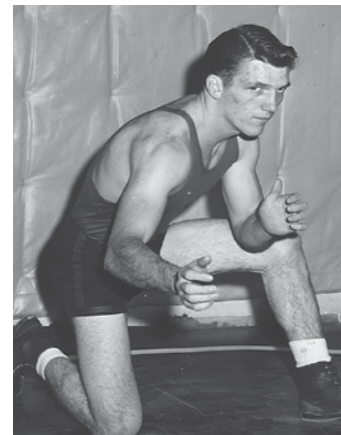
To garner All-America honors, a wrestler must finish in the top eight at the national championships in his class.



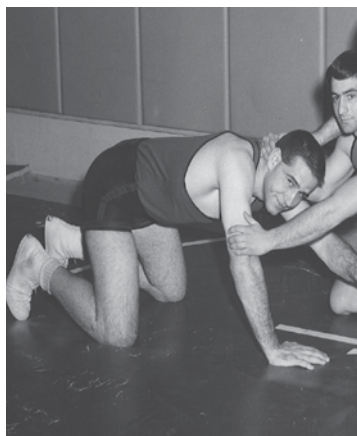
dale TESSLER
1958 NAIA National Champion



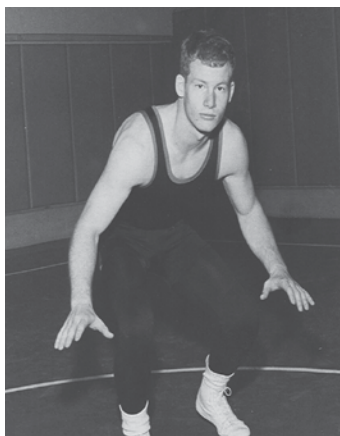
roy CONRAD
1960 NCAA National Champion
1961 NAIA National Champion



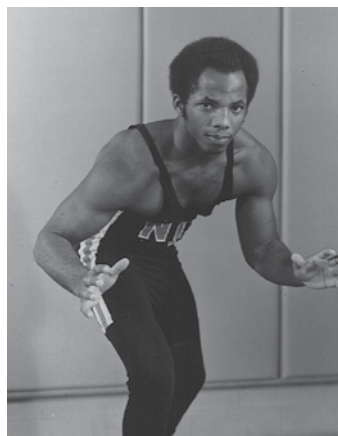
ray GUZAK
1961 NAIA National Champion



neal MacDONALD
1965 NCAA D-II National Champion



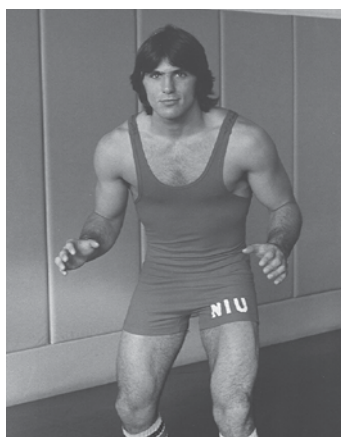
wes CAINE
1969 NCAA Sixth-Place



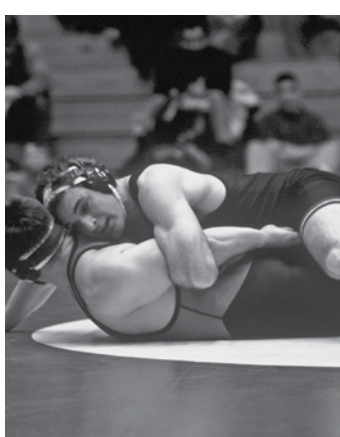
larry JOHNSON
1972 NCAA Fifth-Place



johnny b. JOHNSON
1973 NCAA Runner-Up



mark TIFFANY
1975 NCAA Sixth-Place



jeremy GOEDEN
1997 NCAA Eighth-Place
1998 NCAA Seventh-Place



scott OWEN
2002 NCAA Fifth-Place
2003 NCAA Fifth-Place



ben HEIZER
2003 NCAA Sixth-Place
2004 NCAA Runner-Up

AWARDS AND HONORS

**NCAA DIVISION I
NATIONAL CHAMPION**
1960 Roy Conrad (177)

**NCAA DIVISION II
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**
1965 Neal MacDonald (HWT)

NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
1958 Dale Tessler (123)
1961 Ray Guzak (167)
Roy Conrad (177)

**NCAA DIVISION I
ALL-AMERICANS**
1969 Wes Caine (123, 6th)
1972 Larry Johnson (158, 5th)
1973 Johnny B. Johnson (190, 2nd)
1975 Mark Tiffany (190, 6th)
1997 Jeremy Goeden (190, 8th)
1998 Jeremy Goeden (190, 7th)
2002 Scott Owen (157, 5th)
2003 Scott Owen (157, 5th)
2003 Ben Heizer (184, 6th)
2004 Ben Heizer (184, 2nd)

**NCAA DIVISION II
ALL-AMERICANS**
1964 Mel Schmidt (177, 4th)
1965 Bob Furlan (147, 3rd)
Mel Schmidt (177, 2nd)
1966 Bob Furlan (147, 3rd)

NAIA NATIONAL ALL-AMERICANS
1958 Bill Young (167, 3rd)
Cliff Hudson (191, 4th)
1959 Ray Mueller (137, 3rd)
Bill Young (157, 4th)
Roy Conrad (177, 2nd)
Tom Seeman (191, 3rd)
1961 Bill Kontos (130, 4th)

**NCAA NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS**
1969 Wes Caine (123)
1972 Larry Johnson (158)
1973 Johnny B. Johnson (190)
1974 Larry Johnson (150)
1975 Lonnie Parker (126)
Mark Tiffany (190)
1976 Scott Soderholm (134)
Tony Filippo (142)
Dan Fiorini (167)
Mark Tiffany (190)
1977 Scott Soderholm (134)
Phil Gulsvig (177)
Mark Tiffany (190)
Dean Schultz (Hwt.)
1978 Lonnie Parker (126)
Ken Kraft (142)
1979 Dave Larimer (126)
Mike Pheanis (158)
1980 Dan Fiorini (167)
1981 Mark Verr (118)
Mike Pheanis (158)
1982 Gene Vatch (158)
1983 Gene Vatch (158)
Ernie Vatch (167)
Joe Morrow (177)
1984 Bruce Swierczewski (142)
Ernie Vatch (167)
1985 Nate Allison (126)
Phil Rembert (134)

Bruce Swierczewski (142)
Gene Vatch (158)
Ernie Vatch (167)
John Major (177)
1986 Nate Allison (134)
Mike Green (158)
John Major (177)
1987 Tino Gonzalez (126)
Nate Allison (142)
1988 Anton Kossakowski (177)
1989 Anton Kossakowski (177)
1990 T.C. Dantzler (158)
Joe Madonia (177)
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1993 T.C. Dantzler (158)
Jim Kossakowski (167)
1994 Shannon Gregory (118)
Jason Solomon (126)
James Spillman (150)
1995 Jason Solomon (126)
Ben Lehrfeld (177)
Demond Rodez (190)
1996 Jason Solomon (134)
Demond Rodez (190)
1997 Jeremy Goeden (190)
1998 Ryan Egan (126)
Jeremy Goeden (190)
1999 Ryan Egan (133)
Scott Owen (141)
2000 Alexis Rivera (125)
Tom LeCuyer (141)
David Potter (184)
2001 Ryan Egan (141)
Scott Owen (157)
2002 Marlon Felton (125)
Scott Owen (157)
Bill Lowney (174)
Ben Heizer (184)
2003 Sam Hiatt (133)
Josh Wooton (141)
Scott Owen (157)
Ben Heizer (184)
2004 Sam Hiatt (133)
Josh Wooton (149)
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Mike Grimes (149)
Johnny Galloway (165)
2006 Pat Castillo (125)
Josh Wooton (141)
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2007 Pat Castillo (125)
Danny Burk (174)
Duke Burk (184)
Johnny Galloway (165)

**MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE
CHAMPIONS**
1975 Mark Tiffany (190)
1976 Tony Filippo (142)
1977 Scott Soderholm (134)
Phil Gulsvig (177)
Mark Tiffany (190)
Dean Schultz (Hwt.)
1979 Dave Larimer (126)
Mike Pheanis (158)
1981 Mike Pheanis (158)
1982 Gene Vatch (158)
1983 Ernie Vatch (167)
1984 Bruce Swierczewski (142)
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1985 Nate Allison (126)
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2001 Scott Owen (157)
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Bill Lowney (174)
Ben Heizer (184)
2003 Scott Owen (157)
Sam Hiatt (133)
Ben Heizer (184)
2004 Sam Hiatt (133)
Ben Heizer (184)
2005 Josh Wooton (141)
2006 Josh Wooton (141)
Johnny Galloway (165)
2007 Pat Castillo (125)

**AMATEUR WRESTLING NEWS
NATIONAL ALL-ROOKIE TEAM**
1999 Scott Owen (Fifth Team)
2002 Sam Hiatt (Third Team)
2003 Josh Wooton (Third Team)

GTE/CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA
1998 Jeremy Goeden (Second Team)
2002 Scott Owen (Second Team)

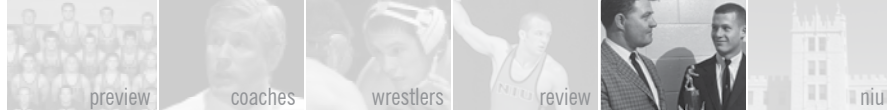
**NATIONAL WRESTLING COACHES
ASSOCIATION ALL-ACADEMIC**
1998 Jeremy Goeden (First Team)
1999 Scott Owen (Hon. Mention)
2002 Scott Owen (First Team)
2003 Scott Owen (First Team)
2004 Sam Hiatt (First Team)
George Kirgan (First Team)

**NIU ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
VICTORY SCHOLARS**
1991 Mel Heckman
Gene Marino
1992 Mel Heckman
1993 Mel Heckman
Andy Popadolias
1997 Jeremy Goeden
1998 Jeremy Goeden
Alan Wilson
2005 Scott Owen
Chris Stuart
Alan Wilson
2000 Scott Owen
Jim Selover
Alan Wilson
2001 Scott Owen
2002 Scott Owen
2003 Scott Owen
Matt Rebholz
2004 Brian Kaskavage
Uday Malhorta
Aaron Owen
2005 Jeremy Kenny
George Kirgan
Uday Malhorta
Aaron Owen
Nick Smith
Brad Wisowaty
2006 Will McDermott
Aaron Owen

2007 Pat Castillo
Mike Grimes
Will McDermott
Aaron Owen
John Weinert

**NIU ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
HUSKIE SCHOLARS**

1989 Ted Anderson
Scott Swanson
1990 Scott Frego
Bill Jepsen
1994 Chris Morgan
1999 James Oliva
Twan Pham
2000 James Oliva
Twan Pham
2001 Sean Egan
Andreas Hamelet
Bryce Hasseman
Jamie Hey
Sam Hiatt
James Oliva
Matt Wallin
2002 James Oliva
Greg Reardon
Sam Hiatt
Andreas Hamelet
Eric Loizeaux
Uday Malhorta
Alan Wilson
Jack Dennis
2003 George Kirgan
James Oliva
Greg Reardon
Sam Hiatt
Andreas Hamelet
Eric Loizeaux
Justin Metcalfe
Uday Malhorta
Dustin Docter
Jack Dennis
2004 Dustin Docter
John Giuliano
David Herrera
Sam Hiatt
George Kirgan
Kalen Knull
Justin Metcalfe
Roberto Torres
Chad Vandiver
Jeff Burdorf
2005 Dave Herrera
Sam Hiatt
Kalen Knull
Justin Metcalfe
Alex Nelson
Chad Vandiver
2006 Jeff Burdorf
Mike Grimes
Dave Herrera
Kalen Knull
Alex Nelson
John Weinert
2007 Dakota Greenhaw
Kalen Knull
Pat McLemore
Dan Ruettiger
Michael Smith
Anthony Victor
Scott Wallace



NIU LETTERWINNERS

- Jack Albright, 1965
Terrell Alexander, 1994
Nate Allison, 1984-85-86-87
Bob Almada, 1970-71
Chuck Anderson, 1964-66
Ted Anderson, 1987-89
Dave Aranda, 2004
Andy Arlotta, 1997
Matt Atilano, 1996-97
Michael Bateast, 1973
Zachary Becker, 1998-99-2000-01
Don Bergsrud, 1969
Jeremy Benesh, 2003
David Benner, 2007
Rich Bielik, 1990-91
Kevin Blouin, 1996
Willie Blount, 1996
Brent Bluthardt, 1986
Matt Bouback, 1994
Steven Bradley, 2001
Tyler Bruesewitz, 2005
Devon Buckle, 1980
Jeff Burdorf, 2007
Danny Burk, 2004-06-07
Duke Burk, 2007
Wes Caine, 1967-68-69
Tony Calderone, 1986-88
Pete Caragher, 1989
Mike Carpenter, 1984-85-86
Grant Carter, 1965
Patrick Castillo, 2005-06-07
Jeremy Castro, 1995-96-97-98
Ryan Castro, 1999
Patrick Catarello, 2001
Tony Catour, 2004
Brandon Check, 2003-04-05
Ernie Christmas, 1981-82-83
Jeff Chumbley, 1990-91
Bruce Chvalovsky, 1970-71-72-73
Roy Clingman (Mgr.), 1976
Dan Cliffe, 1974-75
Jim Cliffe, 1972-73 (Mgr.)
Joe Cliffe, 1970-73
Ken Cobb, 1964-65
Tim Cocco, 1985-86-87-88
Mike Collins (Mgr.), 1971
Mike Cookas, 1969-70-71
Jeff Craig, 1979-82
Rick Criscione, 1983-84
Scott Crooks, 1977-78-79
John Dahl, 1972-73
T.C. Dantzler, 1990-91-92-93
Bob Davis, 1979-80
Damon Davis, 1996-98-99
Jim Dayton, 1967-68-69
Pete DeRose, 1986
Jack Dennis, 2002-03
John Dobbie, 1978
Dustin Docter, 2004
Dave Dwyer, 1973-74-75
Lucas Dyer, 1998-99-2000
Gralan Early, 2007
Kyle Edwards, 1993
Ryan Egan, 1998-99-2001
Sean Egan, 2001
Philip Evans, 2000
Chuck Farinella, 1980-82-83-84
Bob Feldy, 1968
Marlon Felton, 2000-01-02-03
Louis Ferguson, 1993
Tony Filippo, 1973-74-75-76
Dan Fiorini, 1976-79-80
Tim Fiorini, 1981
Bob Fleming, 1971
Artis Frank, 1974
Scott Frego, 1990
Bob Furlan, 1965-66
Johnny Galloway, 2005-06-07
Al Gandolfi, 1980
J.C. Gaunt, 1999-2000
Chad Gautcher, 1992-93-95
Tom Gerdes, 1979-81
Wayne Gerenstein (Mgr.), 1974
Lon Gerrish, 1977-78-79-80
Tom Gibbs, 1971-73-74
Marc Gilbert, 1971
Dana Gilfand, 1974
Justin Goebel, 2000-01
Jeremy Goeden, 1997-98
Mike Gonio, 1987-88
Tino Gonzalez, 1987-88-89
Mike Green, 1983-85-86
Mike Grimes, 2004-06-07
Shannon Gregory, 1992-93-94-95
John Griffin, 1989-90
Geoffrey Grublesky, 1971-72
Phil Gulsvig, 1977
Jim Gussman, 1990-91-92
Ray Guzak Jr., 1996
Jim Hanegan, 1964
Bryce Hasseman, 2001-02
Andreas Hamelet, 2003
Willie Haynes, 1965
Mel Heckman, 1991-92
Ben Heizer, 2000-02-03-04
Steve Helmick, 1982
Joe Henning, 2004-05
Jim Herdman, 1987-89-90
Andy Hiatt, 2004-05
Sam Hiatt, 2002-03-04-05
Phil Herra, 1980
Jamie Hey, 2001
Gary Hobbs, 1974
Joe Holman, 1966
Tom Hoy, 1987-88
Derek Hunsinger, 2005-06
Walter Hurt, 1971
Richard Jensen, 1967
Zac Jensen, 2003-04
Bill Jepsen, 1988-89
John Johnson, 1973-74-75
Johnny B. Johnson, 1971-73-74
Larry Johnson, 1972-73-74
Richard Johnson, 1972-73-74-75
Martin Jonaitis, 1985
Robert Jones, 1966
Mike Kaye, 1973-74
Joseph Keller, 1972
Jim Kessler, 1964-65
John Killian, 1973
George Kirgan, 2003-04-05
Kalen Knull, 2005-06-07
Anton Kossakowski, 1988-89
Jim Kossakowski, 1989-90-91-93
Kent Kraft, 1975-76-77-78
Matt Kucala, 2003
Jim Kubik, 1969
Paul Kubski, 1986
Mark Kuehl, 1988-89-90-91
Ron Kyler, 1969-70
Dave Larimer, 1976-77-78-79
Don Larimer, 1977-78-79
Jim Latanski, 1978
Bruce Laursen, 1972-73
Robert Lawson, 1975
Tom LeCuyer, 1998-99-2000
Ben Lehrfeld, 1994-95-97
Dennis Litterer, 1976
Seth Livingston, 2003
Rick Loffredo, 1973
Eric Loizeaux, 2000-01-02-03
Dick London, 1969-70
Sean Lovelace, 1997-98
Jon Lovrich, 2000-01-02
Bill Lowney, 2000-01-02-03
Neal MacDonald, 1964-65
Uday Malhotra, 2003-04
Joe Madonia, 1987-88-89-90
John Major, 1985-86
Dave Maple, 1971-72
Gene Marino, 1990-91
Andy Marker, 1980
Terry Marin, 2002
Dan Martinus, 1983-84
Gary Marx, 1965-66-67
Jim Mason, 1966-67-68
Mike Mazzitelli, 1968-69
Tom McEntee, 1981-84-85
Nick McClone, 2007
Will McDermott, 2007
Mike Mehnert, 1995
Brent Messerli, 1988
Justin Metcalfe, 2004-05-06-07
Dave Miles, 1983
Mike Miller, 1982
Jason Mitsdarffer, 1995
Chris Morgan, 1994
Lonnie Morris, 1989-91
Joe Morrow, 1981-82-83-84
Eric Muhammed, 1993-94
John Mullin, 1970
Jason Nape, 1999-2000-01
Alex Nelson, 2002-04-05-06
Steve Nelson, 1982
Bruce Niemi, 1978
Scott Nissley, 1997
Dave Norris, 1995-96-97
Pat North, 1968-69-70
Keith Nyquist (Mgr.), 1986
James Oliva, 1999-01-02-03
John O'Malley, 2003
Brendan O'Neil, 2003
Tom Osting, 1967-69
Aaron Owen, 2005-06
Scott Owen, 1999-2001-02-03
Joe Palazzolo, 1967
Ryan Pape, 1996
Bart Parker, 1977-78-79
Michael Pater, 1998-99-2000-01
Lonnie Parker, 1975-76-77-78
Jim Patapack, 1980-81-82+84
Bryan Pawela, 1978
Ron Pearson, 1970
Ed Pederson, 1964
John Penchoff, 1986
Ismael Perez, 1978
Twan Pham, 1999-2000
Mike Pheanis, 1977-78-79-81
Tony Piotrowski, 1985-86
Courtney Pitter, 1992
Dave Pitzele, 1966-67-68
Peter Plapp, 1999
Andrew Popadolas, 1993
Ken Popelka, 1982
Jon Popp, 1987-88-90
Mike Poort, 1994
David Potter, 1998-99-2000-01
John Preissing, 1980
Noel Price, 1994
Paul Rasmussen, 1970
Greg Reardon, 2001, 2004
Matt Rebbholz, 2003
Phil Rembert, 1983-85
Rick Reubin, 1983-84
Alexis Rivera, 1999-2000-01
Demond Rodez, 1994-95-96
Jim Rogers, 1965
Mike Ross, 1979
Chuck Rossetti, 1970-71-72-73
Tom Rossiano, 1972-73-74-75
Eric Roy, 1967-68-69
Ed Royalty (Mgr.), 1971-72
Jeremy Ryerson, 2003
Ramin Sadeghian, 2001-02
Joe Sapp, 2004-05-06
Winston Sawyer, 1984
Mel Schmidt, 1964-65
Dean Schultz, 1977-78-79-81
Dave Schutter, 1995
Greg Sebahar, 1982
Jim Selooover, 2000
John Sieder, 1980-81
Pete Skinger, 1967-68-69
Dave Smith, 1966
Ryan Smyth, 1998
Scott Soderholm, 1974-75-76-77
Jim Soldan, 1993
Jason Solomon, 1994-95-96-97
James Spillman, 1993-94-95
Kareem Spillman, 1994
Bob Stechschulte, 1969
Ryan Stonitsch, 1996-97-98-99
Scott Swan, 1972-73-74
Gary Swanson, 1965
Scott Swanson, 1988
Bruce Swierczewski, 1981-82-84-85
Phil Szukis, 1969
Kevin Temesy, 1976
Adam Teverbaugh, 1994-95-97
George Thompson, 1967
Trevor Thompson, 1979
Mark Tiffany, 1975-76-77
Joe Tomala, 1975-76
Tom Trost, 1983
Noah Tyree, 1983-85-86
Dave Udchik, 1996
Eddie Valadez, 1994-95
Chad Vandiver, 2005-06
Ron Van Doren, 1964
Oliver Vazquez, 2002-03
Ernie Vatch, 1981-83-84-85
Gene Vatch, 1981-82-83-85
Chip Verr, 1981
Mark Verr, 1980-81
Jerry Wallin, 1966-67
Bill Walsh, 1992
Kevin Walsh, 1977+79
Ron Webber, 1970-71-72-73
Lance Weber, 1998
Tim Weeks, 1984
John Weinart, 2007
Steve Weiss, 1965
Kip Weissman, 1974
Eric Wenckowski, 1987
Shawn White, 1993
Norman Widerstrom, 1964-65-66
Jim Wilkie, 1964
John Willems, 1989-90-91-92
Curt Williams, 1979
Alan Wilson, 1998-99
Tywayne Wilson, 1978-79-81
Bob Winter, 1975
Greg Wintergreen, 1964-65 (Mgr.)
Joe Woodward, 1976-77
Josh Wooton, 2003-04-05-06
Lonnie Wright, 1994

Letterwinners since 1964-65. Records prior to that season are incomplete. The years listed indicate the spring semester (i.e., 1965 refers to the 1964-65 season). Current wrestlers are listed in **bold**. # - Denotes four-year letterwinner.

HOME OF THE HUSKIES

The Northern Illinois University wrestling team will be moving into a new training facility within the next year. What used to be a simple mat room in which the wrestlers would train will now become a world-class wrestling complex.

The design for the new complex boasts a 5,000 square foot wrestling room designed to the specifications of the coaching staff to offer every available amenity for elite training. Along with over two full mats of wrestling space, there will also be an area set aside for cardiovascular workouts. This space will include Airdyne bikes, stationary bikes, stair-step and elliptical machines. Directly around the corner of the wrestling room door will be the locker room facility.

This newly-renovated area will house the Huskies before and after training sessions, and includes Northern Illinois' new locker room. This locker room will provide each team member with room for training preparation. Team members will have access to their facilities throughout the day. Access to the athletic training room is only steps away from the locker room and mat room. Easy access to the athletic training room provides our athletes with the benefit of pre and post-practice treatments to ensure their health.

Lastly, the wrestling complex will be located adjacent to the brand new Yordon Center. The Yordon Center currently houses the Huskies' top-of-the-line weight training facility, as well as the student-athlete academic center. It is also the home to an athletic training facility with advanced rehabilitation capabilities. The complex offers a world-class experience to the student-athlete in providing everything needed for success on the mat, as well as in the classroom.

The Yordon Center and wrestling complex are centrally located on campus and are easily accessible. Dorm residents are only a walk across the street from the facilities, which makes for an easy transition into college life.

