



From the Wrestling Room September, 2006

The wait is finally over and we are done with the transition and NCAA Div. I eligible. It was a tough couple of years but a lot was accomplished. We have formed a new conference, "The Western Wrestling Conference". Members are NDSU, South Dakota State, Northern Colorado, Air Force, Wyoming, Utah Valley State and Northern Iowa.

Northern Iowa has pretty much dominated the Western Regional and they are the team we have our sights set on. Based on last year's results where we beat everyone in the conference except Northern Iowa, we had the second best team and so we're not starting out at the bottom, but only have one to catch.

We are going to be a much better team this year. We return everyone from last year and add to them our red-shirts and new additions. Our numbers are back up and the competition in the room will be much more intense than it has been in the past. We are going to discourage anyone from red-shirting. We want the best wrestler we have in the line-up and want to have everyone wrestling off so that the starters have to keep sharp or lose their spot.

The entire squad has to make a commitment to increase their dedication and work load to become a power at the D-I level. Our goal is to be the leader of all the sports at NDSU and be the team that makes the biggest and fastest impact on the national level.

OUTSTANDING CLASS

This year's group of new Bison is the largest and most talented that we have had for many years, with 14 freshmen and 3 transfer students. Starting with the transfers, **ERIC HOFFMAN** comes from Iowa Central Junior College where he was the national champion at 125 lbs. and was an Iowa State Champion as a high schooler. **RYAN KLINGER**, a 133 pounder, comes to us from the University of Illinois. Ryan was a state champion in Illinois and has 2 years of college experience. **PHIL BASTINGS** was one of North Dakota's best during his high school years and won 3 state championships. He comes from the University of Regina and can wrestle at either 133 or 141.

Of the freshmen, **VINCE SALMINEN** was a 2 time champion in Montana. **CASEY BUCHOLZ**, a 2 timer in North Dakota and **EVAN HACKER**, **KENNY MOENKEDICK**, **DEREK PESTA**, and **BRADY SCHNEEBERGER** were all Minnesota champions. **ANDREY PATSELOV** and **HEATH LYNNE**s were both champions for Fargo North High School; and **GEOFF MARTIN**, **JOE TROTTIER**, **ANDY HACKENMUELLER**, **ALAN LUTTERMAN** and **NICK WALTON** were all place winners.

THE ENTIRE ROSTER

125	Eric Hoffman, Andy Hackenmuller, Mike Meger, Derek Pesta
133	Phil Bastings, Ryan Klinger, Eric Sanders, Brady Schneeberger
141	Ryan Adams, Dave Albrecht, Gabe Mooney, Geoff Martin, Joe Trottier, Nick Walton
149	Ryan Adams, Dave Albrecht, Dietrich Moren, Andrey Patselov, Vince Salminen, Dave Cunningham, Luke Stenoien, Reese Whitley
157	Adam Aho, Casey Bucholz, Mike Sorman, Curt Thorson, Mike Quamme, Andrew Quittschreiber
165	Ben Imdieke, Trevor Larson, Zach Molitar, Phil Morgan
174	Brandon Henderson, Matt Hermann, Heath Lynnes
184	Matt Wetterling, Kenny Moenkedick
197	Jacob Bryce, Justin Lagosh
Hwt	Mike Maresh, Evan Hacker

RECRUITING NEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

We are starting to look more on the national level for the very best wrestlers we can find. We will concentrate on getting our numbers up in the top 4 weights, as we are pretty well set for light and middle weights for the next few years.

THE SCHEDULE

November		
11	BISON OPEN	10:00 am
18	Omaha Open	9:00 am
December		
3	UNI Open	9:00 am
15	SDSU	7:30 pm
January		
10, 11, 12	Virginia Duals	
19	UTAH VALLEY STATE	7:30 pm
26	University of Wyoming	7:00 pm
27	Air Force	2:00 pm
February		
1	EASTERN ILLINOIS	7:30 pm
2	UNIV. OF NORTHERN COLORADO	7:30 pm
10	Portland State	7:00 pm
11	Oregon State	2:00 pm
16	UNIV. of NORTHERN IOWA	7:30 pm
18	SDSU	2:00 pm
March		
3	West Regional at UNI	9:00 am
15, 16, 17	NCAA Div. I Championships, Detroit, MI	

Stanford University will be bringing their entire squad to the Bison Open this year. Minnesota will again be the big draw, as they are going to be the No. 1 ranked team in the nation. We're hopeful that even more D-I teams will also be attending.

THE ENDOWMENT

The endowment continues to grow and we don't want those of you who still haven't got on board to forget about us. Without that fund we would not be fully scholarshiped at the D-I level or have the resources to make our program one that keeps up our "Tradition of Excellence".

Let's try to make our first year at Div. I the biggest in our endowment program's history!

USA WRESTLING

We hosted our 14th USA Wrestling Cadet & Junior National Tournament this July. We also signed another contract for 3 more years. Fargo is definitely the wrestling capital of the world every July! If you haven't made a trip to the tournament, please try and make one. It's a great event with outstanding athletes. It also sells our city, our state, and our school; and in the future we hope it really helps in the recruiting of elite athletes.

THE STAFF

NICK MAGEE has returned to Wisconsin after serving as our club coach last year. **THAD PIKE** will become the head club coach for our regional training center and Freestyle/Greco. **ADAM HERMANN** will again be our head strength and conditioning coach and **BRET MAUGHAN** and **KRIS NELSON** will continue to be responsible for coaching, plus other duties. Kris is the recruiting coordinator and Bret has the academic and compliance duties. **BOBBY KNODEL** will again be our head trainer and will work with weight certification. **MATT RUSSELL** will be working with wrestling for all sports information releases and publications. Nancy is still the one to contact with questions at 701-231-7447.