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> 10/13/70 For Thursday Release

DURHAM, N.H. -- This year's varsity wrestling team opens its pre-season practices Thursday under the direction of Coach Irv Hess, attempting to improve on last year's record.

Hess expects about 25 wrestlers on opening day attempting to fill spots on this year's varsity team. Leading the list of returning lettermen will be team captain Don Stalhman of Milroy, Pa., who last year accumulated an 8-1 record in competition, and Larry Woods of Pittsburg, Pa., who is now playing defensive end on the varsity football team, also with an 8-1 won-lost record last year.

Other participants will be heavyweight Cliff McDonald, presently varsity football captain, of <u>South Boston</u>, <u>Mass</u>.; Scott Ordway of <u>Durham</u>, Stu Morrison of <u>Sparta</u>, <u>N.J.</u>; Mark Wallace of <u>Braintree</u>, <u>Mass</u>., and Steve Jeffco of <u>Altoona</u>, <u>Pa</u>.

With the change in the NCAA ruling giving freshmen varsity eligibility Hess will get added depth from Bob Hill of <u>Hartford</u>, <u>Conn.</u>, who last year was a sectional champion and placed third in the Connecticut State Championships, and Charles Bauer from <u>Cherry Hill</u>, <u>N.J.</u>

This years schedule is as follows:

Dec.	2	Dartmouth	7 p.m.
	5	Hartford	Away
	9	MIT	3 p.m.
Jan.	11	Connecticut	Away
	15	Boston Univ.	7 p.m.
Feb.	13	Central Conn.	2 p.m.
	16	Coast Guard	Away
	20	Mass.	Away
	24	Rhode Island	Away
	27	Maine	2:30 p.m.



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For Tuesday Release

DURHAM, N.H. -- The UNH wrestling team recently completed its first preseason scrimmage against a strong Harvard club with several individuals performing well. However, Coach Irv Hess was disappointed with the team's overall speed.

Hess was extremely pleased with the performances of team captain Don Stahlman (Milroy, Pa.), Steve Jeffco (Altoona, Pa.) who pinned his opponent, Stu Morrison (Sparta, N.J.), Scott Ordway (Durham) who lost his match but was wrestling an opponent 15 pounds over his weight class, Mark Wallace (Braintree, Mass.) and Larry Woods (Pittsburg, Pa.), who has only been out for two days since he is a defensive end on the Wildcat football team.

Hess feels his main strength is in the middle weights -- 142 pounds to 167 pounds. Even though there is room for improvement, the lightweights are better than they have been in some time.

At this point in the pre-season program the team is beginning its elimination process to pick the individuals who will compete in the meet against Dartmouth Dec. 2 The process, known as wrestling off, allows each competitor to challenge all those in his weight class with the final winner representing the team in the designated weight class. This is done before each meet so the wrestlers have a chance to improve and challenge for a starting spot at any time throughout the season.

Several of the spots for the Dartmouth meet have already been decided by the "wrestle off" method, with Scott Ordway securing the 118 lb. spot, Don Stahlman the 158 lb. class, Steve Jeffco 177 lb., and Mark Wallace 190 pound.

Coach Hess is looking forward to the Dartmouth meet since they had a strong freshman class last year and will give the Wildcats a chance to see if they have improved over the year.



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For Friday Release

DURHAM, N.H. — The UNH varsity wrestling team will defend its five-meet winning streak this evening against a tough Boston University team in the Wildcat's Lundholm Gym at 7 p.m.

The Cats to date have accumulated a 5-0 record, with the latest win coming over the University of Connecticut 34-5 last Monday. Performing well for the Wildcats have been team captain Don Stahlman, Steve Jeffco, Larry Woods, Stu Morrison and Mark Wallace.

Boston University is also sporting a 5-0 record and will bring a team that is looking for revenge after last year's 3-point loss. Dan Osmanski and co-captain Dave Hirshik led the team last year with 10-1 records and are the nucleus of what coach Dick Gibney feels is the strength of his team, the lightweights. Larry Hawkins, last year's heavyweight, is back and ready to improve on his six wins of last year that gave the team a 7-2-2 record.

UNH Coach Irv Hess feels this is the team's toughest encounter to date. He sees definite trouble in several of the lightweight classes, but considers his greatest strength in the 158, 167, 177 and 190-pound classes.

Following tonight's contest the team will take a rest, returning to the mats Feb. 13 at home against Central Connecticut.



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2/1/71 For Wednesday Release

DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire's freshman pole vaulter, Steve Rich, won that event in the afternoon session of the BAA Track Meet, held at Northeastern University cage, with a vault of 15'.

Rich, a product of <u>Lynnfield</u>, <u>Mass.</u>, cleared the bar a foot better than his previous best of 14 feet. Coach Bill Phillips was extremely pleased with Rich's performance, which places him in the records as being the first person in the history of the University of New Hampshire to reach the 15-foot height.

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For Wednesday Release

2/1/71

DURHAM, N.H. -- With the release of the New England Intercollegiate Wrestling ratings, last week, the University of New Hampshire's varsity wrestling team, with a 6-0 record, holds the number one position.

Following the Wildcats in the ratings are the University of Massachusetts with a 5-1 record, Boston University with 4-1, Brown with 4-1 and Springfield College with 2-4.

The ratings are established by the New England Intercollegiate Coaches Association and are based on a field of 29 colleges and universities.

The Wildcats will have had a three week rest over semester break but with their return next week must get back into action since they defend their number one spot on Feb. 13 against an extremely tough Central Connecticut team at UNH's Lundholm Gym.



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For Saturday Release 2/11/71

DURHAM, N.H. -- The UNH varsity wrestling team will be getting back into action this afternoon, after a three-week semester break, meeting its toughest opponent in Central Connecticut in Lundholm Gym at 2 p.m.

Central Connecticut, finishing third in last year's New England meet, has a team lined with excellent grapplers. Their heavyweight placed in New England competition last year while the Wildcat team captain Don Stahlman was defeated in dual and tournament competition by their 167 pound entry.

Coach Irv Hess, with hopes of continuing an unblemished record of 6-0 and number one New England rating, will feature three undefeated entries and four with only one defeat.

Making up the list of undefeated wrestlers are 142-lb. Stu Morrison, 158-lb. team captain Don Stahlman and 190-lb. Mark Wallace, With only one defeat on their records are Larry Woods, Steve Jeffco, Scott Ordway and Charlie Baurer.

Coach Hess is concerned with the fact the team has been out of action for three weeks and that Central Connecticut has been still in competition. With the loss of time the Wildcats will be lacking in conditioning but have been working out in an extensive reconditioning program this week.

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ĐURHAM, N.H. -- The UNH Wildcat varsity swim team and indoor track team also will be in action this afternoon.

The swim team, with a change in its schedule, will meet Wesleyan College at Swasey Pool while the track team travels to Boston to meet the MIT Engineers at Rockwell Cage.



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> 2/22/71 For Wednesday Release

DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire wrestling and gymnastics teams will be on the road today with the grapplers meeting the Rhode Island Rams while the gymnasts will be defending their undefeated season against the University of Massachusetts.

The grapplers have a 6-3 record going into the URI match with a loss to UMass on Saturday 25-13. Giving the team strength in the middle weights, the area that has held the team together this season, are Stu Morrison at 142 pounds, Charlie Baurer at 150, team captain Don Stahlman at 158, Larry Woods at 167, Steve Jeffco at 177 and Mark Wallace at 190. The Cats won their first six outings but since the semester break have had a difficult job getting back into their winning ways.

Wildcat gymnastics has come a long way under the direction of Coach Lou Datilio, and presently is the only winter team holding an undefeated record. The Cats are 6-0 with their last regular season meet this afternoon before the New England meet on Saturday March 6.

Giving the team the strength they need are six-event men Hal Rettstadt, also the team captain, and Jim Girnell. Both have done excellent jobs this season with outstanding performances in all meets. Adding the depth needed to make a winning club are Roger Anderson, Chuck Shoemaker, Bruce French, John Takesuye and Warren Vartanian.

This will be the final event for the gymnasts but the wrestlers will meet the University of Maine Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in their final encounter before the New England Championship competition.



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3/5/71

DURHAM, N.H. -- UNH's wrestling team, with a 7-4 season record in match competition this winter, will send a six-man team to the NCAA District One university division tournament Mar. 12-13, at Harvard University.

Leading the team into action will be 150-pound senior team captain Don Stahlman of Milroy, Pa. Stahlman has accumulated a 9-2 record this season with an overall dual meet record for his three years of varsity competition of 48-3.

Joining Stahlman will be 142-pound entry Stu Morrison of Sparta, N.J., Charlie Baurer of Cherry Hill, N.J. at 158 pounds, Larry Woods of Pittsburg, Pa. at 167 pounds, Mark Wallace of Braintree, Mass. at 190 pounds and Steve Jeffco of Altoona, Pa., in the heavyweight division.

Morrison, Woods and Wallace, along with Stahlman, have accumulated 9-2 season records with Baurer and Jeffco each picking up 5-4-1 records.



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4/8/71

For Saturday Release

DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire varsity wrestling team elected co-captains to lead the team in action next season and the honors went to Larry Woods of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Stu Morrison of Sparta, N.J.

Woods, a junior history major at UNH, tied with this years team captain,
Don Stahlman, for the best season with a 9-2 record. Woods won his 167-pound
class in the Division I NCAA championships and was one of three UNH wrestlers to
represent the Wildcats at the NCAA finals in Auburn, Alabama.

Morrison, having accumulated a 8-3 season record, also participated in the NCAA Division I meet and placed third in his weight class. Stu is a hotel administration major and will wrestle as a junior next season.