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Wrestling

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11-9-81

DURHAM, N.H. -- A much-improved University of New Hampshire wrestling team will tune-up for the regular season this Saturday when it competes in the Albany, N.Y., State Tournament. The Wildcats were 3-17 last year, but lost most of the matches by less than six points, while giving up 12 points via forfeits.

The senior trio of 134-pounder Kurtis Massey, 142-pounder Randy Petagine and 190-pounder Frank Guadagnino should lead the Wildcats this season. Massey was 24-10 last year and finished third in New England. Petagine was also third in New England and he finished at 17-3. Guadagnino was 25-8.

Another veteran to watch will be sophomore David Yale at 158. Yale was 16-12-2 last season.

Newcomers to watch for the Wildcats include 118-pound junior college transfer Louis Ferullo, another product of Bergen, N.J., Community College. He and Steve Leonard, the 1980 Massachusetts state runner-up, will battle for the 118 slot. Junior Doug Unger will handle the 126 division in January, when he regains his eligibility.

Barry Chcoljian, a transfer from the defunct Rhode Island program, will help out at 150, while freshmen Mike Riley and Frank Wittmore battle for the 167 spot. Bernie Dalcortivo, who was ineligible last season, will handle the chores at 177. The heavyweight job should fall to 270-pounder Jeff Webb of Sanford, Me.

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11-16-81

DURHAM, N.H. -- When the University of New Hampshire wrestling team opens its season Monday, the Wildcats will have a much newer look. Head coach Jim Urquhart has no doubts that his squad will turn the tables on its 3-17 record of a year ago.

Last year, UNH lost several matches by six points or less. In most of the matches the Wildcats forfeited two weight classes and 12 points due to a lack of manpower. This year, Urquhart has quality and quantity.

Senior Randy Petagine is the reason for much of the optimism. Petagine was third in New England last year and he returns to his 142-pound slot. Petagine was 17-3 last year and he finished second in the Albany State tournament last week with a 6-2 mark.

Barry Chooljian, a junior transfer from Rhode Island, will handle the 150-pound chores. Chooljian was also second in Albany, losing in the finals, 9-6, to the Division III national champ.

Kurtis Massey, also third in New England last year, will be at 134. Massey was fifth in Albany, despite a 6-2 record.

Junior Louis Ferullo, 126, and sophomore 158-pounder David Yale were also fifth in Albany.

Senior Frank Guadagnino, who posted 25 victories last year, did not compete in the tournament due to a leg injury. He is expected back for the Lowell match, and will be the 190-pounder.

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Other key wrestlers for UNH this season will be 177-pounder Bernie Dalcortivo and Doug Unger. Ferullo will move to 118 to make room for Unger at 126. Unger, a former Pan American champ, ~~is ineligible until second semester.~~

The only weak spots for the Wildcats appear to be at 167 and heavyweight. Freshman Jeff Webb of Sanford, Me., will probably be the heavyweight, but he is inexperienced. The 167-pound class is shaping up as a battle between Mike Riley and Frank Wittmore.

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RELEASE #81-11-437

DURHAM, N.H. -- Following a disappointing loss to Lowell, the University of New Hampshire wrestling team returns to action this weekend in New London, Conn., in the Coast Guard Invitational Tournament. The tourney will be held Friday and Saturday.

UNH lost its opening dual meet, 21-16, to Lowell. The Wildcats have only one quadrangular meet, at Worcester Polytech, before the end of the semester. WPI, UNH, Harvard and Mass. Maritime will be in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 12. The Wildcats close out their first semester action with a pair of tournaments in New York.

Senior Kurtis Massey picked up an impressive win in the meet against Lowell, but the Wildcats lost some close matches and were beaten. Junior transfer Barry Chooljian was topped, 7-6, in the 150-pound match. At 177, Bernie Dalcortivo dropped an 8-7 decision.

A pair of draws also hurt UNH. David Yale drew at 158 and freshman Jeff Webb was tied, 1-1, in the heavyweight division. Winners for UNH were 142-pounder Randy Petagine and 190-pounder Frank Guadagnino.

UNH will not host another dual meet until Feb. 11, when it takes on Springfield College. This meet is an addition to the Wildcat schedule.

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RELEASE #82-1-034

1-26-82

DURHAM, N.H. -- With a 3-2 record, the University of New Hampshire wrestling team readies itself for a tough tri-meet Saturday with Brown and Central Connecticut in Providence, R.I.

The Wildcats, who also travel to Massachusetts Feb. 3, are currently ranked in the top ten in New England. UNH got over the .500 mark with a 38-5 win over Boston College.

In addition to Saturday's tri-meet, three Wildcats may wrestle in the First Annual New England All-Star Meet. The meet, staged at MIT in Cambridge, Mass., Sunday, will feature the top wrestlers from Division I against the best from Divisions II and III.

Expected to be named to the starting line-up for the All-Star meet are Kurt Massey, Barry Chooljian and Frank Guadagnino. Massey, who earned a pin in the BC meet, is 5-0 in dual meets thus far. Guadagnino is 4-0-1 thus far in the 190-pound class. Chooljian, a transfer from Rhode Island, drew with Tom Grace, the top wrestler at BC.

Freshman heavyweight Jeff Webb has gotten off to a good start this season. The Sanford, Me., native is already 3-1-1 in dual meets. The Wildcats have home meets tentatively scheduled for Feb. 11 against Springfield, Feb. 17 with Boston University and Feb. 20 versus Maine.

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RELEASE #82-2-072

2-15-82

DURHAM, N.H. -- It all comes down to the final two matches of the year. The University of New Hampshire wrestling team is one of the most improved teams in the nation. Last year the Wildcats posted a 3-17 mark. This year, heading into the final week of the regular season, UNH owns a 6-5 mark and has a good chance at a .500 record.

UNH will host Boston University Wednesday at 3 p.m. and then take on Maine Saturday at 7 p.m. Boston University is favored to win the New England title, but the Wildcats are looking for the upset. The New England's will be held Feb. 27 and 28 at BU.

Kurt Massey, a top contender for the New England 134-pound title, has a sparkling 21-2 mark this season. Massey will have a good shot at the Wildcat record of 25 wins in a season. The Maine match will be the final home appearances of seniors Massey, Frank Guadagnino, Doug Unger, Bernie Dalcortivo and Randy Petagine.

Guadagnino, a 190-pounder, has an 11-3 record but he has been coming on strong lately. Unger, plagued by ineligibility due to transferring and then academics, has won four straight matches and will also make a run for a New England title. Dalcortivo and Petagine have been hampered by injuries lately, but Petagine has still managed an 8-6-1 record.

Barry Chooljian, a transfer from Rhode Island, has a 19-6 mark thus far. He is another candidate for New England honors.

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RELEASE #82-2-093

2-22-82

DURHAM, N.H. -- Head Coach Jim Urquhart and the University of New Hampshire wrestling team will be looking to avenge a dual meet loss to Boston University Saturday and Sunday in the New England Championships. BU will host the two-day event.

UNH finished its regular season with a 6-5 mark, a vast improvement from last year's 3-17 effort. The Wildcats have several grapplers that could reach the finals, including Barry Chooljian, a junior transfer from Rhode Island. URI is the "non-defending" New England champion. Rhody dropped its wrestling program last year.

Chooljian picked up his 26th win of the season last week as the Wildcats ripped Maine, 46-3, in the final meet of the year. The 26 wins topped the old mark of 25 set by Chet Davis and current UNH wrestler Kurt Massey.

While Chooljian is expected to be the number one seed at 150, Massey should be top-ranked at 134. Wildcat Doug Unger would normally be seeded second, but he beat top-ranked Darrow Traylor of BU earlier this year and may get moved to the top.

Other wrestlers that have a shot at the finals are 118-pounder Lou Ferullo, 142-pounder Randy Petagine and 190-pounder Frank Guadagnino. Petagine was third in New England last year, but has been hampered by injuries this season. Freshman heavyweight Jeff Webb and 167-pounder Dave Yale will also be looking to place in the meet.