

Sports

Trials are in May

Scherr wrestles for gold and God

By Kirk Zebolsky

Bill Scherr, the NCAA 190-pound wrestling champion, will take the first step towards an Olympic gold medal May 18-20 at the U.S. Olympic trials in Iowa City, Iowa.

After achieving all his wrestling goals in a 134-18 career at Nebraska, the senior from Mobridge, S.D., said he is confident about his Olympic chances.

He isn't trying to be cocky, he said, but "You have to be confident in your abilities. I know if I wrestle up to my capabilities, I can beat anybody in the world. I beat the number one and two guys."

The No. 1 and 2 guys are Russia's Sanarsan Oganijian, an Olympic gold medalist, and Robert Tibilov, also from Russia. Scherr is 1-1 in matches against each of them. The two matches with Oganijian took place recently while a Russian team was touring the United States.

"I think I've done as well as anyone internationally in my weight class," Scherr said.

Scherr's international experience includes winning second place at the Junior World Championships in 1981 and wrestling freestyle in Europe the past two summers. He said he hasn't wrestled in the World Championships or Russia's Tblisi Tournament, which are the world's biggest tournaments next to the Olympics.

The disadvantage for American wrestlers in the Olympics, Scherr said, is that they must switch from the collegiate style to freestyle. Wrestlers in many other countries, including Russia, practice freestyle all their lives.

Scherr has advantages over other Americans with regard to freestyle. Besides his international freestyle experience, Scherr said Stan Dzeidic, considered by some to be the finest



UNL Olympic hopeful Bill Scherr relaxes at home with his wife Teresa. Scherr is one of four current or former Husker wrestlers competing in the Olympic trials. Bill's brother Jim, Al Freeman and Gary Albright are also hoping for Olympic glory.

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est freestyle coach in the world, works with him in Lincoln. Dzeidic won a bronze medal wrestling at the 1976 Olympics and is the assistant U.S. Olympic coach. Scherr has been working with Dzeidic throughout his four years at Nebraska and said he would not be in a position to qualify for the Olympics without him.

Scherr said his toughest competition at the trials will come from several non-collegiate amateurs. Ed Banach from Iowa, Mitch Hull from Wisconsin and Steve Frazier from Michigan all have been practicing freestyle in preparation for the trials longer than Scherr has. Only one freestyle wrestler from each weight class will compete in Los Angeles. A Greco-Roman style team will also wrestle for the U.S., but Scherr said he will probably try out only for the freestyle team.

The May competition will determine the top six wrestlers in each weight class for both freestyle and Greco-Roman. The top six will advance to a two-week training camp. At the end of the training camp, another competition will be held, from which the Olympic wrestlers will be determined.

Scherr said he needs to regain the physical and emotional levels he had at nationals in March. He said he will train harder than he did for nation-

als, working out three times a day in the two weeks before the trials.

"I'm in a position to make myself ready to compete," Scherr said. "I feel I have the background and the experience to put myself at that level in a very short period of time."

Nebraska assistant Coach Tim Neuman said he agrees.

"I think the closer tryouts come, the harder he's going to be working for them," Neuman said. "He'll have had enough time to change from his collegiate style to freestyle. I think by that time he'll be a legitimate threat."

Scherr will move from his collegiate weight class of 190 pounds to 188 at the trials. To make his 190 pounds more "solid," he said he will lift weights heavily.

Scherr said that although being national champion is a "great feeling," it is "nothing comparable to being on top of the world."

"It's always been some sort of dream," he said. He said he didn't think realistically of the Olympics until his freshman year in college when he won the Great Plains Meet. He said he beat some of the best wrestlers in the country.

"I knew it was something I could shoot for," Scherr said.

Scherr won two Big Eight championships in addition to his NCAA title. This year, he lost only once and

held the No. 1 ranking the entire season.

Scherr and his wife Teresa work together to achieve his wrestling goals.

"I think I put as much into it as he does in my own way," Mrs. Scherr said. "Our first priority is to glorify God." She said right now that means getting ready for the Olympics.

"Wrestling was first in my life when I was in high school," Scherr said. "I thought that by achieving some success in wrestling, I would be achieving some sort of satisfaction in life. I really began to search for something. That's when I became a Christian."

Scherr said the effort he puts into wrestling carries over into other things.

"I can't separate the different things into different areas," he said. "I like to do the best in everything I do."

An example is academics. Scherr was named four times to the all-Big Eight academic wrestling team. His current GPA is 3.67.

"I'm not going in different directions with any of it," Scherr said.

His wife said Scherr is giving the Olympic trials his best shot. Scherr said if he doesn't qualify, it will be a disappointment but it won't be the end of the world.

"If I give it my best effort, I have nothing to worry about," he said.



Rec Scoreboard

(Sportmanship ratings in parentheses) Co-Rec Softball B

Roadrunners 16, Team #37
Guppies 14, Sigma Nu/Little Sisters #2 13
I Tappa Keg 15, Cather Three/Pound Eleven 10
Quotation Marks 21, Sandoz Five/Abel Eleven 18
Mickey D's 15, Jesus is Lord 12
Fig Mutants 9, Cather Four/Pound Thirteen 4
No Names 17, Harper Five/Schramm Seven 15
Schramm Two 14, The Eliminators 11
Cather Three/Pound Seven 17, Abel Three 15
Where's the Beef 19, D. S. B.'s 17
Burr Three East-West 21, Food Science 12
Jamokes 15, Archtorture 9
AB 5 & Company 10, Kappa Kappa Gamma/Hashers 5
Suds & Such 14, Team #2 12
Team #1 14, Abel Twelve 9
Toby and the Riffraff def. Arnie's Angels by forfeit

Women's Softball

Gators def. Sandoz Two The Zoo by forfeit

Men's Soccer Independents B

LXIXERS 3, Sorry, My Fault 0
Don Ho's (3.6) 2, Mumsa Two (3.3) 1
Team Italia (4.0) 1, Blue Mooses (4.0) 0
Nacional (3.2) 5, Pi Phi Hashers (3.2) 1
America's Team def. Holysmokers by forfeit
D. C.'s (5.0) 4, Numsa One (5.0) 1

Fraternities B

Abel Six def. Abel Ten by forfeit
Schramm Eight (4.0) 2, Cather Twelve (4.0) 1
Piper Four (4.0) 3, Cather Eleven (3.2) 1

Because of many cancellations of soccer and softball games this spring, the Office of Campus Recreation has scrapped the original schedules for those two sports. The office set up a double-elimination tournament which will begin today.

Teams may pick up a schedule of the tournament at the office after 1 p.m. today.

Recreation hours will be reduced this weekend because of the holiday. Call 472-3467 for a list of open recreation hours.

Schedules and information for summer trips are now available at the office.

Frisbee golf will be played Thursday on the grassy mall south of the Coliseum. Tee times will be available after 3 p.m. today at the office.

Men's 10,000 meter run

1. John Hansen, Tau Kappa Epsilon 38:30
2. Jim Witter, Alpha Tau Omega 38:30
3. Tom Becker Independent 39:21