

Sports

Albright pulls UNL grapplers from defeat

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Wherever heavyweight grappler Gary Albright goes, so goes the Nebraska wrestling team.

The Huskers trailed an upset-minded UNO squad 16-15 heading into the final match of the evening.

Albright, a junior from Billings, Mont., claimed a 5-0 decision over UNO freshman Jeff Weeks to give the Huskers an 18-16 dual victory.

Nebraska head coach Bob Fehrs said he was concerned as the final match started.

"Obviously every time you go into the final match with a mathematical chance of losing, you're going to be concerned," Fehrs said. "I was even more concerned since Gary hadn't wrestled in ten days."

Albright missed the first meet of the year, the Bison Open, because of a death in the family.

"I knew I wasn't going to lose," Albright said. "I was thinking about how bad I was going to beat him."

Despite winning with relative ease, Albright said Weeks wasn't a pushover.

"He was strong," Albright said. "He used his upper body very well, but the UNO coaches kept telling him to stay away from the upper body. He didn't use it to his advantage."

Junior Matt Campbell started the Huskers off on the right foot with a superior decision victory over Maverick Mark Weston in the 118 pound division.

Weston, a senior, was a Division II All-American last year.

Terry Cook and Mike Monfore, two of six freshmen on Nebraska's varsity squad, claimed decisions in the 126 and 134 divisions respectively.

The Mavericks battled back, though, winning the 142, 150, and 158 pound classes to pull within two team points, 11-9.

Freshman Dan Boardman put the Huskers back on track, with a 12-2 decision over Jeff Randall at 167.

UNO came back once again, with decisions in the 177 and 190 pound classes to take the lead, 16-15.

Doug Hassel's 7-5 victory over junior Kyle Jensen set the stage for Albright's heroics.

Last year, the Huskers manhandled the Mavericks, 30-10. Fehrs said the turnaround this year can be attributed to an inexperienced Husker squad and a much improved Maverick team.

"It's a combination of both of those factors," Fehrs said. "UNO has a very good team. They have four seniors so they had the advantage of physical maturity."

"Our inexperience showed tonight."

Fehrs said.

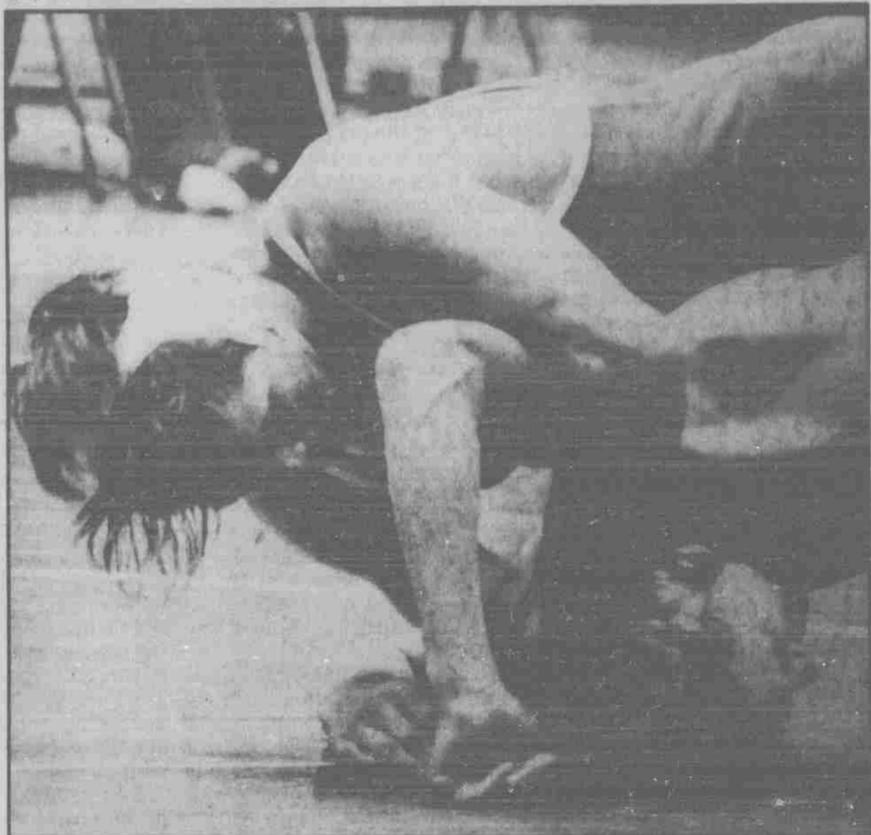
Albright, the NCAA runnerup in the heavyweight division last year, doesn't deny the fact that he is the leading contender for the title this year, but added that he has other objectives for this season.

"My main goal is to win the NCAA's," Albright said. "But we have a lot of young guys on this team and they need help too."

I want Nebraska to have a good team a few years down the road."

Nebraska will face the Mavs again this weekend, when they travel to Omaha for the UNO open.

"That meet's going to be an eye-opener," Fehrs said. "Iowa State and Oklahoma State are going to be there, and they're both ranked among the top five teams in the nation."



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Matt Campbell, a UNL junior, applies force to Mark Weston's neck in the 118 pound match at the UNL vs. UNO varsity wrestling meet Wednesday night. Campbell won the match with a 15-4 decision, giving UNL a starting lead of 5 team points.

Huskers net academic honors

The Nebraska women's volleyball team, 10-0 in the Big Eight conference this season, placed four players on the conference's first team and one on the second team Tuesday.

Nebraska seniors Mary Buysse, Julie Hermann and Cathy Noth and sophomore Karen Dahlgren were named to the first team with Oklahoma's Stephanie Townsend, Kansas State's Renee Whitney and Missouri's Sharen Olmstead.

Dahlgren and Noth were also named to the conference's all-academic team. Noth

has 3.40 in special education, while Dahlgren, who earned district all-Academic honors last season, has a 3.405 in business administration.

Other Cornhuskers on the academic squad included Buysse, Annie Adamczak and Michelle Smith. Iowa State's Amy Montgomery, Missouri's Dianne Berg and Omaha native Beth Vivian of Kansas were also on the first team.

Joining Adamczak on the conference's second team were Berg, Linda Evans and Reynolds of Iowa State, and Sharon Kuchan and Margaret Page of Oklahoma.

Bonfire, pep rally scheduled Friday

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A new tradition will be "unveiled" at Friday's scheduled bonfire and pep rally, said Shari Lewis, Tassels committee chairwoman.

Tassels and Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity will host the events to get students "rooting, ranting and raving" for Saturday's Nebraska-Oklahoma game, said Ricky Harris, an organizer of events. Lewis said a surprise will be unveiled.

The bonfire begins at 7 p.m. at the fraternity, 733 N. 16th St. The pep rally starts at 8:15 p.m. in front of the East Stadium. A police escort will accompany those present to the stadium, Harris said.

Lewis said people attending the night's activities should bring flashlights.

Radio station KFRX is sponsoring the activities. Program director Tracy Johnson will be master of ceremonies. Lincoln mayor Roland Luedtke is expected to attend.

Harris said Boyd Epley, UNL strength and conditioning coach, will speak at the pep rally and 20 members of UNL's band will perform.

A skit contest will take place at the bonfire, and prizes will be awarded at the pep rally, Lewis said. Today is the second day for contest qualifying rounds. They will be from 2 to

5 p.m. at the Nebraska Union.

Harris said a mock bonfire will be set up because of clean air and pollution laws. He said fraternity members will display lighted candles in their rooms until the game's finish in conjunction with the theme, "Flames will fly 'til Sooners die."

Tassels, whose 25 members sell balloons at Husker home football games, is celebrating its 60th anniversary, while the fraternity is celebrating its 75th.

Lewis said Tassels promotes spirit among the university population.

"We try to support more than just the football team," Lewis said.

While no specific plans have been completed, she said, the group will do something in conjunction with spring sports.

Harris said the bonfire event was an annual Sigma Alpha Mu activity throughout the '60s and '70s. He said he would like it to become an annual event again.

Lewis said planning Friday's events with the fraternity was a mutual helping experience.

"It's nice getting outside help and ideas," she said.

This is the first time Tassels worked with a Greek house. Harris said his house has done things with non-Greek groups previously.

"We do it to show that Greeks and non-Greeks can get along," he said.

Columbia combats Hoosiers for Bottom Ten rule

THE COLLEGES

Columbia (0-8), which first began playing football in 1870 and hasn't quite got the knack of it yet, crept into what could only be described as a flat-footed tie with Indiana (0-10) for the Bottom Ten lead.

Bottom Ten

This just hasn't been Columbia's decade. The toothless Lions have won five of their last 67 games.

Of course, all their fumbles and mistakes this season will be wasted if they should suffer a victory against Brown (3-5) in their finale Saturday. Indiana also has its swoon song Saturday against Purdue (6-4). It's a must-lose game for the Hoosiers, but then they seem to be a can't-win team.

Meanwhile, searchers were still looking for the black box containing the half-time speech made by Miami Coach Jimmy Johnson while his team was leading Maryland 31-0. Maryland won, 42-40.

SCHOOL	THE RANKINGS	LAST LOSS	NEXT LOSS
1) Columbia (0-8)	7-19 Cornell	7-19 Cornell	Brown
2) Indiana (0-10)	7-34 Illinois	7-34 Illinois	Purdue
3) UTEP (1-8)	31-59 Colo. St.	16-20 Wake Forest	Wyoming
4) Duke (1-8)	16-20 Wake Forest	14-16 LSU	N. Carolina St.
5) Alabamba (3-6)	14-16 LSU	17-31 SMU	Cincinnati
6) Rice (1-8)	17-31 SMU	7-31, Michigan	Baylor
7) Minnesota (3-7)	7-31, Michigan		Iowa

8) Northwestern (2-9)	3-52 Ohio St.	retired
9) Utah St. (1-8)	10-21 Utah	Nevada-L.V. idle
10) Pitt (2-7-1)	def. Tulane 21-10	

11) Colorado (1-9); 12) California (2-8); 13) Oregon State (2-8); 14) Brown (3-5); 15) Kansas State (2-7-1); 16) Baylor (3-6); 17) tie between Ole Miss (3-5-1) and Ole Miss State (3-6); 18) Stanford (4-6); 19) Miami (Fla. — unless they're run out of the state) (8-3).

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Columbia (0-8) vs. Brown (3-5).

ROUTE OF THE WEEK: Purdue (6-4) over Indiana (0-10).

BROODER'S CUP: California (2-8) vs. Stanford (4-6) on Saturday. Both lost to USC and accused the Trojans of teaching illegal blocking techniques, implying that USC was a team with one placekicker and 59 holders. Funny how no one complained about USC's holding last year.

ANOTHER HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR THE BOTTOM TEN: Coach Ted Tollner of USC, a Bottom Ten fixture last season and a Rose Bowl participant this season: "I guess you've got to go through the bottom end to get to the top." (You're welcome, coach.)

THE PROS

Just when the NFL seemed to be achieving parody with a couple of hilarious imitations of football teams, previously winless Houston had to ruin everything by knocking off Kansas City, 17-16.

But there's still Buffalo (0-11), which has been losing with more intensity as the season wears on...and on. With 13 disappointments in a row, the Bills have reached the halfway point in their quest for the record held by Tampa Bay.

Apparently still resentful of the publicity that Buffalo is receiving, Tampa Bay's 1976 team (0-14) abandoned plans to come out of retirement, but challenged the Bills to a foot race to see who could finish last in the 100-yard-stagger.

Elsewhere, the Vikings' 17-45 loss to Green Bay, following the Gophers' 7-31 loss to Michigan, completed the losingest week of all time for Minnesotans.

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1) Buffalo (0-11)	10-38 New Eng.	10-17 Houston (5-6)	Dallas Raiders
2) Kansas City (5-6)	10-17 Houston	def. Kansas City 17-16	N.Y. Jets
3) Houston (1-10)	7-41 San Fran.	17-46 Green Bay	Atlanta Denver
4) Cleveland (2-9)	17-46 Green Bay		
5) Minnesota (3-8)			

6) Detroit (3-7-1); 7) N.Y. Jets (6-5); 8) Indianapolis (4-7); 9) ABC's Monday Night Football (ratings down 25 percent from 1981); 10) San Diego (5-6).

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Cleveland (2-9) at Atlanta (3-8).

QUOTE BOOK: Houston receiver Tim Smith, on the Oiler's one-game winning streak: "We're not to the point where we're cocky."