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Former NU catcher tries for pros

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Baseball is a game of numbers, but former Nebraska catcher Bill McGuire is hoping he doesn't get caught up in them.

McGuire, who is now a member of the Seattle Mariners' organization, is one of 102 players trying to earn a spot on Seattle's 25-man, Wausa, Wis., farm club team.

With a total of 48 pitchers and nine other catchers in camp, McGuire said that he knows the competition will be tough.

"No one gets any favors here," McGuire said. "Everyone's goal is to

make the major leagues, so everybody is treated just the same."

McGuire said that while there are some spirited battles between individuals for jobs, no one in the Mariner organization goes to the point of trying to "back stab" one another in hopes of gaining an upper hand.

Instead, McGuire said, the members of the Seattle organization choose the teamwork concept.

"It's so much different than college, really," he said. "There's a lot of guys here who are caught up in the numbers game who are really good players but who haven't had the opportunity to advance."

McGuire spent last season, his first

with Wausa, the Mariners' A-league farm team, splitting the starting catching duties with Keith Komegi.

In 56 games with Wausa, the former All-Big Eight player hit .246 with three home runs and 19 runs batted in.

That performance, McGuire said, left a lot to be desired.

"I wasn't overly satisfied with my performance because I know I can do better," McGuire said. "I've set some definite goals for myself this season. I'd like to hit above .250, hit 12 home runs and knock in 60 to 70 runs while playing in 120 of our 140 games."

McGuire said that the most difficult adjustment he had to make when he stepped out of the program at Nebraska

and into the Mariners' organization was how to deal with all of the free time he suddenly had on his hands.

While he was a Cornhusker, McGuire said that all of his time was filled for him between going to class, attending baseball practice and then studying.

But when he reached the professional ranks, McGuire said, he found out that suddenly his schedule was not all planned out for him.

"We'd have to be at the park at 4:00, play a game at 7:30 and then we'd be done by 11:00," he said. "There was a lot of us who didn't know what to do with all the free time we had. Usually, we went back to the hotel and talked

until about 2:00 a.m. and slept until about 12:00 the next day."

McGuire said he is hoping he has solved his problem of what to do with all of his free time since he is now married.

His wife, Lori, is a senior at UNL.

Although the two are currently separated from one another because she is finishing her education while Bill is in Tempe, Ariz., for spring training, McGuire said he hopes that the two can combine their careers.

"My wife is great. She really stands behind me," he said. "We both respect each others' careers, so we're kind of routing it now."

Wrestler Albright finishes third

By The Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Nebraska's Gary Albright pinned Oklahoma State's Tom Erickson to finish third Saturday in the NCAA wrestling championships. Nebraska finished 12th in the meet.

Iowa dominated the championships so thoroughly that even Hawkeye Coach Dan Gable, a demanding perfectionist, was talking in superlatives.

Iowa treated the partisan crowds at Carver-Hawkeye Arena to a record-breaking performance in crowning five individual champions and winning its ninth consecutive team title.

"This is the best team I've ever coached. Unbelievable," Gable said after the three-day tournament ended Saturday.

Iowa's team total of 158 points broke the old record of 155 set by the Hawkeyes in 1983 and also created a new high margin of victory. Oklahoma finished a distant second, with 84.75.

The Hawkeyes' five national champions were the most ever from one team. Iowa's 1983 team produced four champs, and six Oklahoma teams have had four champions.

In 44 matches, Iowa's eight wrestlers lost only five times.

"Iowa was phenomenal," Oklahoma coach Stan Abel said. "To lose five matches total in a tournament—that's unheard of. They just dominated the tournament, it's that simple."

Iowa's 167-pounder, Marty Kistler, was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler. He won his early matches by scores of 14-6, 21-8, 20-4, 9-3, then whipped Oklahoma State's Mark Van Tine 15-3 in the title bout.

Kistler, who was last year's national champ at 158, said it's sweeter the second time around.

"I kind of did it in more style this year. I had more points and more fun," he said.

The senior from Riverside, Calif., said he never doubted he would win.

"I just used my old favorite move—a high crotch—and it worked well on him," Kistler said. "But the key to it was making my mind up that I could take him down any time I wanted."

Iowa's Duane Goldman, a three-time runner-up, electrified the roaring crowd of 13,700 by capturing the crown at 190 with a 5-4 victory over Oklahoma's Dan Chaid, the defending champion.

Goldman, who lost to Chaid 5-3 in last year's finals, built a 3-0 lead on a second-period escape and takedown and held on to win.

"I don't think I wrestled all that well," Goldman said. "At the end, I just backed up and stalled. But I figured it

was better to play it safe than to play it courages."

"I don't really know how to put it, but I've had enough of second places."

Iowa's other champions were Brad Penrith at 126, Kevin Dresser at 142 and Jim Heffernan at 142. Iowa had one other wrestler in the finals, Greg Randall at 134, but he lost to defending champion Jim Jordan of Wisconsin.

Penrith had to battle back from deficits in nearly all his early rounds, but never trailed in defeating Army's Dennis Semmel 9-4 in the finals. Dresser won his title with an 11-6 victory over Lehigh's Peter Yozzo and Heffernan defeated Arizona State's Adam Cohen 10-4.

Jordan won his second straight title with a 6-2 decision over Randall.

"I thought I'd be able to tire him out and ride him down and it worked out," Jordan said. "He just got a little tired because he had to stay underneath longer."

Iowa's two other wrestlers failed to advance to the championship round, but finished high enough to win All-American honors. Royce Alger finished fifth at 158, and Rico Chiapparelli was fourth at 177.

Oklahoma's Melvin Douglas successfully defended his national title at 177 with a 9-5 victory over Syracuse's Wayne Catan.

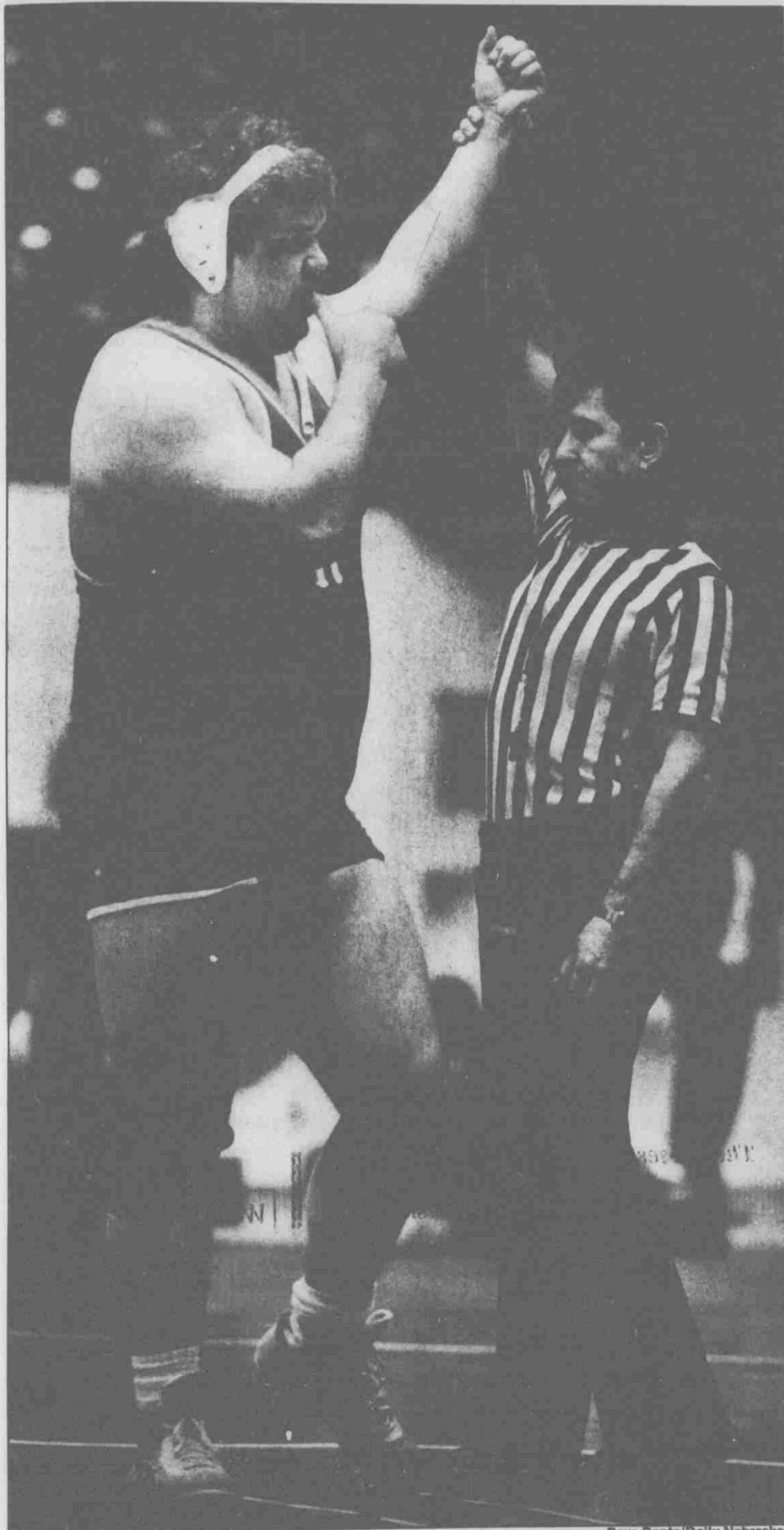
"Last year when I won I was on top of the world," Douglas said. "This year, I was just trying to prove to the world that I am the best—that there wasn't any fluke to it."

Douglas, a senior from Topeka, Kan., was one of only two champions that wasn't from Big Ten Conference schools. The other non-Big Ten winner was Bloomsburg's Ricky Bonomo, who beat North Carolina's Al Palacio 9-4 for his second straight title at 118.

The 158-pound class had the only upset of the finals. Ohio State's Jude Skove, the No. 6 seeded, defeated top-seeded Greg Elinsky of Penn State 5-2. At heavyweight, Michigan's No. 3 seeded Kirk Trost recorded a 6-3 decision over fourth-seeded John Heropoulos of Iowa State.

Oklahoma State finished third with 77.25 points, and had seven All-Americans. Iowa State, which defeated Iowa in the final dual meet of the season to end the Hawkeyes' 36-meet winning streak, was fourth with 71 points.

Iowa's ninth consecutive team title ties an NCAA record. The only other teams to even win nine straight NCAA titles are Southern California in track, 1935-43, and Yale in golf, 1905-13.



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Nebraska's Gary Albright gets his hand raised after his 100th win earlier this season. Albright finished third in the NCAA championships last weekend.

Sports Shorts

Entry deadline is today for three intramural sports, co-rec and women's softball and men's soccer. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Entry fee for co-rec and women's

softball is \$20 per team. Entry fee for men's soccer is \$25. Entries can be submitted at the Office of Campus Recreation, 1740 Vine St.