

New weight a good fit for NU's McTorry

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"It was one bad year, and I'm sure other people have had bad years before. I was looking to put that one bad year behind me and begin the process of putting a good one under my belt."

The junior has stood tall this year among the nation's best, too. He has compiled a 5-2 record vs. ranked opponents and both losses were two-point decisions.

Since the season-opening loss, McTorry has won 14 of 17 matches including two pins, and has lost only twice since Dec. 4. He was named Big 12 wrestler of the week once and was honored as the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Great Plains Open, in which he took the 184-pound title.

"I wouldn't even know if I would say this year is a surprise to me," McTorry said. "I'm just doing what I always expected to do. I never would have wrestled if I didn't expect to do well. I had other options."

As a three-sport star at Overton High School in Nashville, McTorry

Weighty Matters

Charles McTorry is blossoming at his natural weight spending the 1998-99 season at 174. His statistics over a three-year career :

Year	Weight*	Record	Pins	Major Dec.
1996-97	177	18-18	5	4
1998-99	174	13-19	1	1
1999-00	184	14-4	2	4

(Note: McTorry redshirted during the 1997-98 season, compiling a 10-2 open record.)

*Weight classes changed at the beginning of last season.

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was set on playing football and running track at Alabama A&M until a high school national wrestling championship changed his mind in March of his senior year.

McTorry was such an athlete in high school, he was honored as No. 34 on the list of Tennessee's 50 greatest sports figures of the 20th century

— ahead of Tennessee Head Football Coach Philip Fulmer.

With achievements like that, McTorry said he is proud to be where he is at this point in his career.

"I'm just glad to have to have the opportunity to provide entertainment for the Nebraska wrestling fans, since I didn't last year."

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