

UMD

WRESTLING 1981-82

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-DULUTH



1981-82 Outlook

Minnesota-Duluth will enter the 1981-82 season with a number of question marks in key weight classes, but head coach Neil Ladsten, in his 12th season with the Bulldogs, is optimistic.

Minnesota-Duluth returns eleven veterans off last season's 9-2 squad that finished sixth in a tight Northern Intercollegiate Conference race, and went on to place 32nd in the NCAA Division II national championships in Davis, CA. Jerry Hoy, Dan Klitzke and John Heisick are back after appearances in that national tournament. Heisick became the Bulldogs' second all-American wrestler when he captured sixth place in the NCAA event at 190 pounds.

Hoy headlines the list of wrestlers returning after posting a 33-3-0 record at 118 pounds last year. Also captain for the Bulldogs this season, Hoy was 9-0-0 in dual competition in 1980-81 and had a consecutive win streak of 21 matches. Other veterans returning include Klitzke (126), Al Plante (134), Steve Prozinski (142), Joe Johnson (158), Pat Wiles (167), John Kurkowski (177) and Heisick (190).

Top newcomers include Minnesota State Junior College champion Phil Sowers (150) and Jay Drangeid, who will wrestle at 190 pounds and heavyweight. Other promising rookies to the Minnesota-Duluth program include Steve Goddard (126), Troy Westerlund (142), Joel Baker (167) and Fritz Faus (167).

The Bulldogs face their toughest dual schedule in Minnesota-Duluth history with 15 matches this winter, including meetings with nationally ranked North Dakota State and Northern Michigan. Minnesota-Duluth will also compete in five invitational events, including its own in January.

COVER IDENTIFICATION

Front Row (left to right) – Troy Westerlund, Bill Brown, Steve Thurler, Phil Sowers, Steve Prozinski, Jerry Hoy, Gary Tompkins, John Kurkowski, Steve Goddard.

Middle Row (left to right) – Joe Angerillo, Pat Wiles, Al Plante, Jim Levene, Lowell Healy, Jay Drangeid, Chad Knutson, Greg Johnson, Jeff Martin, Charlie Zervas.

Back Row (left to right)– Peter Klenk, John Elias, Joel Baker, Vince Robinson, Joe Johnson, Greg McGinn, John Heisick, Dave Boniface, Assistant Coach Jim Paddock, Head Coach Neil Ladsten.

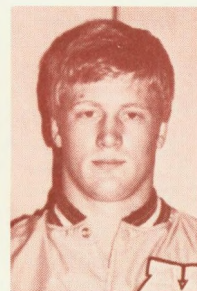
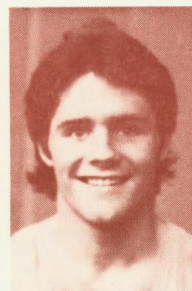
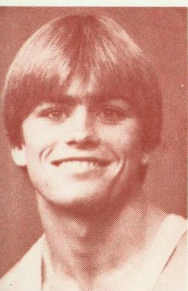
Not Pictured – Troy Skatrud, Fritz Faus, Todd Reid, Dan Klitzke.

1981-82 Minnesota-Duluth Roster

Name	Wt. Class	Yr.	1981 Overall Record	1981 Dual Record	Pins	Hometown
+Jerry Hoy***	118	Sr.	33-4-0	9-0-0	7	Apple Valley, MN
Steve Thurler	118	Fr.				New Hope, MN
Steve Goddard	126	Fr.				Hinkley, MN
Dan Klitzke*	126	So.	12-16-0	3-4-0	3	Cambridge, MN
Chad Knutson*	134	So.	4-4-0	2-0-0	0	Mound, MN
Al Plante*	134	So.	20-18-0	4-5-0	6	St. Paul, MN
Todd Reid	134	Fr.				St. Paul, MN
Bill Brown	142	Fr.				St. Paul, MN
Lowell Healy	142	Fr.				Chaska, MN
Steve Prozinski*	142	So.	15-10-0	3-4-0	6	Little Falls, MN
Vince Robinson	142	Fr.				Kimball, MN
Troy Westerlund	142	Fr.				Blaine, MN
John Elias*	150	So.	2-2-0	0-0-0	2	Duluth, MN
Greg Johnson	150	Fr.				Detroit Lakes, MN
Phil Sowers	150	Jr.				Staples, MN
Gary Tompkins	150	Fr.	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	Apple Valley, MN
Chuck Zervas	150	Fr.				Duluth, MN
Dave Boniface	158	Fr.				Frederic, WI
Joe Johnson**	158	Jr.	24-14-0	5-4-0	4	Stillwater, MN
Greg McGinn*	158	So.	1-1-0	0-0-0	0	Duluth, MN
Joel Baker	167	So.				Brainerd, MN
Jeff Martin*	167	So.	1-1-0	0-0-0	0	Mound, MN
Fritz Faus	167	Fr.				Minneapolis, MN
Peter Klenk	167	Fr.				Rush City, MN
Pat Wiles*	167	So.	20-17-1	4-4-1	6	Apple Valley, MN
Tim Bainer*	177	So.	3-10-0	2-1-0	1	Staples, MN
John Kurkowski*	177	Sr.	12-7-0	3-1-0	4	St. Paul, MN
John Heisick**	190	Jr.	25-14-0	7-1-0	10	Bloomington, MN
Jay Drangied	HWT	Jr.				Minnetonka, MN

*Varsity Letters Earned +Captain

Bulldog Standouts



Jerry Hoy

Al Plante

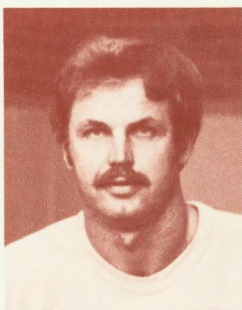
Phil Sowers

Joe Johnson

John Kurkowski

Jay Drangeid

Neil Ladsten **HEAD COACH**



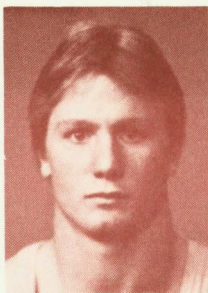
Minnesota-Duluth wrestling coach Neil Ladsten begins his 12th season at the helm of the Bulldog wrestling team. And, for Ladsten, the season looks optimistic and challenging in terms of rising Minnesota-Duluth's wrestling program to new heights in the Northern Intercollegiate Conference and the region.

The Bulldogs have enjoyed their best seasons under Ladsten with his teams compiling 11-4 (1979-80) and 9-2 (1980-81) dual meet records over the past two years. Minnesota-Duluth has sent six wrestlers to national competition over that same time period and produced two all-Americans in former 150-pounder Jim Paddock (1980) and 190-pounder John Heisick (1981).

Ladsten is a graduate of Minnesota-Duluth (1969), where he played football and graduated as the Bulldogs' top student athlete. He received his master's degree from Denver University in 1973. Ladsten is also an instructor in physical education and an assistant football coach at UMD.

Assisting Ladsten this season is former Bulldog all-American Jim Paddock. Paddock had a brilliant career with Minnesota-Duluth, posting an 87-32-1 record over the four seasons he was with the Bulldogs.

Bulldog **All-Americans**



Jim Paddock
1980



John Heisick
1981

Final 1981 NIC Results

TEAM RESULTS

1. Minnesota-Morris	63.25
2. Southwest State	51.75
3. Winona State	49.75
4. Bemidji State	45.50
5. St. Cloud State	41.50
6. MINNESOTA-DULUTH	39.00
7. Mankato State	23.50
8. Northern State	21.50
9. Moorhead State	17.75

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

- 118 – JERRY HOY, MINNESOTA-DULUTH
- 126 – Jeff Merritt, Minnesota-Morris
- 134 – Jim Gilmore, Bemidji State
- 142 – Rich Keller, Mankato State
- 150 – Bruce Moe, Winona State
- 158 – Scott Dubbelde, Southwest State
- 167 – JOE JOHNSON, MINNESOTA-DULUTH
- 177 – Tom Beyer, Minnesota-Morris
- 190 – Dan Lee, Southwest State
- HWT – Duane Koslowski, Minnesota-Morris

Past UMD Conference Champions

MIAC

- 1968 – Jim Garrison (137)
- 1970 – Bob Froehle (190)
- 1974 – Tom Lamphere (126)
- 1975 – Tom Lamphere (126), Doug Johnosn (158)
- 1976 – Leon Sulerud (126), Ron Campbell (134)

NIC

- 1981 – Jerry Hoy (118), Joe Johnson (167)

PAST UMD CONFERENCE MOST VALUABLE WRESTLERS

- 1976 – Ron Campbell (134)

1980-81 Results

DUAL MEETS

Minnesota-Duluth 27, Bemidji State 19 (A)
Minnesota-Duluth 37, Gustavus Adolphus 6 (A)
Minnesota-Morris 29, Minnesota-Duluth 14 (A)
Minnesota-Duluth 31, Southwest State 13 (A)
Winona State 19, Minnesota-Duluth 18 (A)
Minnesota-Duluth 1, Northland 0 (A)
Minnesota-Duluth 30, North Dakota 12 (H)
Minnesota-Duluth 29, Wisconsin-Superior 13 (A)
Minnesota-Duluth 25, Mankato State 16 (A)
Minnesota-Duluth 1, Northland 0 (H)
Minnesota-Duluth 41, Moorhead State 9 (H)

TOURNAMENTS

Bison Open – no team scores
1st Place – Jerry Hoy (118)
Golden Northern – 1st Place
1st Place – Jerry Hoy (118), Jim Paddock (150), Craig Nasvik (HWT).
St. Cloud Invitational – 4th Place
1st Place – Jerry Hoy (118), Jim Paddock (150).
North Country – 2nd Place
1st Place – Jerry Hoy (118), Jim Paddock (150).
Cougar Invitational – 2nd Place
1st Place – Jerry Hoy (118), Jim Paddock (150).
UMD Invitational – 1st Place
1st Place – Jerry Hoy (118), Jim Paddock (150), Joe Johnson (158), John Heisick (190).
Lumberjack Invitational – 1st Place
Eau Claire Invitational – 3rd Place
1st Place – Steve Prozinski (142), Jim Paddock (150).
2nd Place – Jerry Hoy (118).
3rd Place – John Kurkowski (177), Joe Johnson (167) Pat Wiles (158).
NIC Championships – 6th Place
1st Place – Jerry Hoy (118), Joe Johnson (167).
3rd Place – John Heisick (190).
NCAA II Midwest Regionals – no team scores
2nd Place – Jim Paddock (150), John Heisick (190).
3rd Place – Jerry Hoy (118).
4th Place – Dan Klitzke (126).
NCAA II Championships – 32nd Place
6th Place – John Heisick (190).

1981-82 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Nov. 14	Bison Open	Fargo, ND
Nov. 25	St. Thomas/UW-Eau Claire	St. Paul, MN
Nov. 28	Golden Northern Invitational	Superior, WI
Nov. 30	Minnesota-Morris	Duluth, MN
Dec. 3	Bemidji State	Duluth, MN
Dec. 12	St. Cloud State Invitational	St. Cloud, MN
Dec. 15	Gustavus Adolphus/UW-Superior	Duluth, MN
Dec. 19	Southwest State	Duluth, MN
Jan. 9	North Country Invitational	Duluth, MN
Jan. 15	Winona State	Duluth, MN
Jan. 16	Minnesota-Duluth Invitational	Duluth, MN
Jan. 22	Mankato State	Duluth, MN
Jan. 23	Lumberjack Invitational	Ashland, WI
Jan. 28	St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, MN
Jan. 30	Northern Michigan	Marquette, MI
Feb. 4	Moorhead State	Moorhead, MN
Feb. 5	North Dakota State	Fargo, MN
Feb. 6	North Dakota	Grand Forks
Feb. 10	NIC Championships	Winona, MN
Feb. 19-20	NCAA II Midwest Regionals	Kenosha, WI
Feb. 25-28	NCAA II Championships	Kenosha, WI
Mar. 11-13	NCAA I Championships	Ames, IA

UMD Quick Facts

Location: Duluth, Minnesota

Founded: 1947

Enrollment: 7,500

Nickname: Bulldogs

Colors: Maroon and Gold

Home Arena: UMD Physical Education Building

Provost: Dr. Robert Heller

Athletic Director: Ralph Romano

Faculty Representative: Dr. Richard Ojakangas

Head Coach: Neil Ladsten (Minnesota-Duluth, 1969)

Year at UMD: Twelfth

Assistant: Jim Paddock

Captain: Jerry Hoy

1980-81 Dual Record: 9-2

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