2013-14

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2013-14 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

9-7 Overall · 1-7 Big Ten · 8-0 Nonconference
17th at 2013 NCAA Championships
1 NCAA Champion (Jason Tsirtsis - 149)
3 NCAA All-Americans
(No. 8 Pierce Harger - 165; No. 3 Mike McMullan - 285; No. 1 Jason Tsirtsis - 149)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 2	**CHICAGO**	**W, 38-0**
	STEVENS TECH	**W, 38-6**
Nov. 8	vs. Air Force (Denver, Colo.)	W, 28-15
	vs. Northern Colorado	W, 33-12
Nov. 17	#13 Nebraska*	L, 25-16
Nov. 24	Keystone Classic	3rd/12 teams
Dec. 15	**SIU EDWARDSVILLE**	**W, 36-6**
Dec. 29	**51st Ken Kraft Midlands**	**10th**
Dec. 30	**51st Ken Kraft Midlands**	**7th**
Jan. 4	**#23 INDIANA* (BTN)**	**W, 27-12**
Jan. 10	**#2 MINNESOTA***	**L, 26-12**
Jan. 17	#12 Ohio State* (Cincinnati)	L, 21-12
Jan. 19	#1 Penn State*	L, 39-8
Jan. 26	**#18 WISCONSIN***	**L, 23-15**
Jan. 31	**#2 IOWA***	**L, 31-6**
Feb. 9	#13 Illinois*	L, 24-12
Feb. 16	**STANFORD**	**W, 20-19**
Feb. 22	vs. North Carolina State	W, 24-15
	at Duke (Durham, N.C.)	W, 23-16
March 8-9	2014 Big Ten Championships (Madison, Wis.)	9th
March 20-22	2014 NCAA Championships (Oklahoma City, Okla.)	9th 3 All-Americans

All times CT
Home matches in BOLD
* Big Ten Conference match

2014 NCAA All-Americans
- Jason Tsirtsis (149) - NCAA Champion
- Pierce Harger (165) - NCAA Qualifer, No. 8
- Mike McMullan (285) - NCAA Qualifer, No. 3

2014 NCAA Qualifiers
- Dominick Malone (133)
- Jason Tsirtsis (149)
- Pierce Harger (165)
- Alex Polizzi (197)
- Mike McMullan (285)

2014 Big Ten Champion
- Jason Tsirtsis (149)

2013-14 SEASON IN REVIEW

That's a Wrap
Northwestern wrapped up another successful wrestling season that culminated with an NCAA champion and three All-Americans at the NCAA finals in Oklahoma City, Okla. Fourth-year head coach Drew Pariano guided his squad to yet another top-10 finish at NCAA's as the team finished 9th with All-American and Big Ten Freshman of the Year Jason Tsirtsis winning the NCAA title at 149 lbs.

The Wildcats had another winning dual season with nine victories, including a perfect 8-0 record against out-of-conference foes. Northwestern also had success in tournaments, finishing seventh at the historic 51st Ken Kraft Midlands Championships, which the Wildcats hosted, at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

Jason Tsirtsis Takes Home NCAA, B1G Titles
Northwestern wrestler Jason Tsirtsis (Crown Point, Ind.) became the first freshman in school history to win an NCAA wrestling championship Fittingly, it took three straight overtime victories to take home the crown.



Jason Tsirtsis, the 2014 Big Ten Freshman of the Year became Northwestern's first freshman to win an NCAA Championships, wining at 149 lbs.

Tsirtsis (32-3) claimed NU's first individual NCAA title since 2009 (Jake Herbert 184 lbs) with a 3-1 OT win over Oklahoma State No. 11 seed Joshua Kindig. He's the Wildcats first national champion in the 149 lbs. weight class. Northwestern finished No. 9 in the nation with 46.0 points. It's the Wildcats second top ten finish in the last three years under head coach Drew Pariano. The 'Cats produced three All-Americans, with Pierce Harger (165 lbs.) and three-time NCAA finalist Mike McMullan (285) joining Tsirtsis.

"I don't think it's hit me yet that I'm an NCAA champ. I get to keep that claim for the rest of my life. It's what you work for as a wrestler ever since you set your goals as a little kid," Tsirtsis said. "So being out on that center stage, I don't think the big aspect of importance really hit me. I don't think it still has. But I think that's a good thing. I went out there, I was confident, and I wasn't worried about it being NCAA Finals. I was just focused on winning that match and wrestling tough."

Pariano has now coached three NCAA champions, while Tsirtsis is the first under Pariano's tenure leading the program. As an assistant coach, Pariano was instrumental working and coaching with NCAA champs Dustin Fox (2008) and Jake Herbert (2007, 2009). With Tsirtsis winning the 149 lbs. title, heavyweight McMullan finished No. 3 and first time All-American Harger finished No. 8 at 165 lbs.

Top 10 Again
NU finished No. 9 at the NCAA Championships in Oklahoma City. It was the second time in the last three years that Northwestern posted a Top 10 finish in the national tournament.

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Location: ..... Evanston, Ill.
Founded: 1851
Enrollment: 8,367
President: ..... Morton Schapiro
Home Facility: ..... Welsh-Ryan Arena
Nickname: ..... Wildcats
Colors: ..... Purple and White
Conference: ..... Big Ten
Director of Athletics: ..... Jim Phillips
Wrestling Administrator ..... Scott Arey

WRESTLING FACTS

Head Coach: ..... Drew Pariano
Alma Mater: ..... Northwestern, '00
NU Record/Years: 47-21/4
Career Record/Years: 47-21/4
Associate Head Coach: ..... Tim Cysewski, Iowa, '77
Assistant Coach: ..... Matt Storniolo, Oklahoma, '07
Assistant Coach: ..... Jay Borschel, Iowa '10
Volunteer Assistant: ..... Conor Beebee, CMU '11
Athletic Trainer: ..... Robbie Byrd

NCAA Qualifiers Returning/Lost 5/1
All-Americans Returning/Lost 1/1
• Mike McMullan (2012 All-American, Hwt)
2013 Big Ten Champs Finish 8th
2013 NCAA Finish ..... 17th/32.5 points

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Impressive First Year
The Wildcats' Jason Tsirtsis made a big impact during his first season in competition for Northwestern. Tsirtsis won both the NCAA Championship and Big Ten Championships at 149 lbs., becoming the first freshman to win either an NCAA or Big Ten title in school history.

He was named Freshman of the Year by InterMat and also the Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Tsirtsis also posted a .914 winning percentage, going 32-3 on the year. His .914 winning record already ranks second in NU history, behing Jake Herbert (135-4, .971).

Sustained Success
Northwestern is at its best when March rolls around as the team has placed in the top 20 at the NCAA Championships in nine of the last ten years. The Wildcats have also finished in the top 10 in the nation in two the past three seasons. Here are the results:

2013-14	9th	3 All-American; 1 NCAA Champ
2012-13	17th	2 All-Americans
2011-12	9th	2 All-Americans
2010-11	T12th	3 All-Americans
2009-10	56th	--
2008-09	13th	2 All-Americans; 1 NCAA Champ
2007-08	13th	2 All-Americans; 1 NCAA Champ
2006-07	4th	4 All-Americans; 1 NCAA Champ
2005-06	13th	3 All-Americans
2004-05	14th	1 All-American

NU at 2013 NCAA Championships
Five Wildcats qualified for the 2014 NCAA Championships, including three returning qualifiers and two first-time participants. No. 5 seed Jason Tsirtsis (149) won an NCAA title, while Mike McMullan (285) finished No. 3 and Pierce Harger (165) finished No. 8 to give the Wildcats three All-Americans.

Fittingly, it took three straight overtime victories for Tsirtsis to become NU's first freshman to win an NCAA title. Tsirtsis (32-3) claimed NU's first individual NCAA title since 2009 (Jake Herbert 184 lbs) with a 3-1 OT win over Oklahoma State No. 11 seed Joshua Kindig. He's the Wildcats first national champion in the 149 lbs. weight class. The freshman's win over Kindig (24-9) was Tsirtsis' third straight decision he'd need to pull out in overtime. After a scoreless first period, Kindig scored first with an escape after starting down in the second period. Tsirtsis tied things up to start the third at 1-1. He held a small 0:36 riding time advantage, but the match reached overtime after a stalling warning. In the extra session, Tsirtsis controlled Kindig and was able to grab both of the Cowboy's ankles to score a two-point takedown and secure the 3-1 OT win.

Tsirtsis reached the NCAA Championship title bout after winning two consecutive overtime matches. He defeated top-seeded Drake Houdashelt of Missouri in the semifinals and No. 4 seed Kendric Maple of host school Oklahoma in the quarterfinals, both 2-1 decisions in overtime.

McMullan fought back in the consolation round to finish No. 3 in the nation, one year after reaching the NCAA finals at heavyweight. McMullan won his first match. After reaching the wrestlebacks, he reeled off six straight wins to finish No. 3. He pinned Indiana's Adam Chalfant in just 18 seconds and defeated Iowa's Bobby Telford in the third place match.

In his first trip to the NCAA Championships, Dominick Malone (133), in addition to returner Alex Polizzi (197) each won a match during the tournament.

Tsirtsis Wins 2013 Big Ten Title
Redshirt freshman Jason Tsirtsis made his mark during his first Big Ten Championships tournament, earning the 149 lb. crown Sunday at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wisc. Tsirtsis clinched the 149 lb. title with a wire-to-wire 6-2 decision over the Big Ten's top seeded Jake Sueflohn of Nebraska. The performance also earned Tsirtsis the Big Ten Freshman of the Year award and a spot on the 2014 All-Big Ten Team.

"My focus this week has been really determined where the big crowds aren't going to affect you too much, where it's just me wrestling him basically," Tsirtsis said. "Sueflohn's a goer. He's going to go for seven minutes, whether he's winning 14-0 to losing 14-0. I knew I was going to have a battle on my hands. I just embraced it and went out and stuck to the gameplan."

Under head coach Drew Pariano, Tsirtsis becomes the second consecutive NU wrestler to win a Big Ten Championship after Jason Welch brought home the 157 conference title in 2013. The 'Cats have recorded a Big Ten champion in six of the last ten seasons and Tsirtsis is the 31st different Wildcat to win a Big Ten championship in school history.

"You wrestle to have fun and feel good about yourself, so I just take it one match at a time," Tsirtsis said. "Wrestling's adapting to where you're are getting better at a younger age and I think that has to do with coaches helping out youth groups. They're developing their skills where they jump into college and they're ready to go."

The freshman from Crown Point, Ind. led Sueflohn 2-0 one minute into the first period. After an escape by Sueflohn to make it 2-1, Tsirtsis kept the pressure on to rack up the points and close out the match with a 6-2 decision.

As a team, the 'Cats finished No. 9 in the conference with 57.0 points. Tsirtis is one of five Northwestern wrestlers to reach the podium in the conference championships who all all compete at the NCAA Championships.

Other 'Cats to place at Big Ten are Dominick Malone (No. 8 at 133), Pierce Harger (No. 4 at 165), Alex Polizzi (No. 4 at 197) and Mike McMullan (No. 5 at 285). In the finals session, Harger and Polizzi fell in the third-place matches. Mike McMullan recorded a 8-2 dec, over Penn State's Jon Gingrich.

McMullan Makes His Mark
Junior Mike McMullan recorded his third All-American finish, winning the third place match to finish No. 3 at the NCAA Championships. As a redshirt freshman, he finished third as the No. 10 seed and in 2013, as a sophomore, he made it to the NCAA finals as the No. 5 seed.

Where He Ranks
After his first season of competition, Jason Tsirtis has posted a 32-3 record with a .914 winning percentage. The .914 already ranks No. 2 in NU school history, behind Jake Herbert (.971), who went 135-4.

Career winning percentage list:

1. .971 - Jake Hebert (135-4), 2004-07, 2008-09
2. .914 - Jason Tsirtsis (32-3), 2012-Present
3. .896 - Don Evans (21-2-1), 1963-65
4. .881 - Rory Weber (58-8), 1960-62
5. .879 - Jack Griffin (156-21-1), 1987-90
6. .870 - Andre Allen (90-13-1), 1972-75
7. .841 - Jason Welch (112-21), 2008-13
8. .830 - Ken Kraft (38-7-2), 1955-57
9. .817 - Brandon Precin (138-31), 2006-11
10. .811 - Steve DePetro (146-30-4), 1983-86
11. .809 - Mark Massery (72-17), 1970-73

Young 'Cats
Northwestern had a young lineup this year and with the No. 1 incoming recruiting class, the future is very bright for the Wildcats. All five of NU's NCAA qualifiers will return for 2014-15, with three juniors, a sophomore and a RS freshman in the lineup. Also 8 of the 'Cats 10 wrestlers at Big Ten Championships will return next year, with three sophomores, two RS freshman and three juniors who competed this year. With Lee Munster injured for much of the season, the two-time NCAA qualifier and previous Midlands champion looks to finish out strong next year. NU also returns RS freshman Jason Tsirtis, the 'Cats first freshman to win either a Big Ten or NCAA Championship, as well as All-Americans Pierce Harger, Mike McMullan and NCAA qualifiers Dominick Malone and Alex Polizzi. Meanwhile, sophomore Garrison White, RS freshman Ben Sullivan and sophomore Jacob Berkowitz all made big impacts as underclassmen for the 'Cats and look to continue to grow and improve during the 2014-14 season.

INTERMAT TOURNAMENT RANKINGS

Rank	Team	Points	Conference
1.	***Penn State***	***109.5***	***Big Ten***
2.	***Minnesota***	***104***	***Big Ten***
3.	Oklahoma State	96.5	Big 12
4.	***Iowa***	***78.5***	***Big Ten***
5.	Edinboro	62	EWL
6.	***Ohio State***	***57***	***Big Ten***
7.	Cornell	53	EIWA
8.	Virginia Tech	49	ACC
9.	***Northwestern***	***46***	***Big Ten***
10.	Oklahoma	45	Big 12
11.	***Nebraska***	***43.5***	***Big Ten***
12.	Iowa State	42	Big 12
13.	***Illinois***	***41***	***Big Ten***
14.	Missouri	40.5	MAC
15.	Northern Iowa	40	MAC
16.	***Wisconsin***	***36***	***Big Ten***
17.	***Michigan***	***35***	***Big Ten***
18.	Lehigh	29.5	EIWA
19.	North Carolina State	24	ACC
20.	Maryland	21	ACC
21.	North Dakota State	20.5	WWC
22.	Pittsburgh	20	EWL
T23.	Old Dominion	18.5	MAC
T23.	Virginia	18.5	ACC
T25.	Boise State	15.5	Pac-12
T25.	***Indiana***	***15.5***	***Big Ten***
T25.	North Carolina	15.5	ACC

Bold italitcs indicates Big Ten team

WIN TOURNAMENT POWER INDEX

Rank	Team	Top 8	TPI
1.	***Iowa***	***7***	***95***
2.	Oklahoma State	8	91
3.	***Minnesota***	***7***	***88.5***
4.	***Penn State***	***6***	***86***
5.	Oklahoma	5	73.5
6.	Oregon State	3	46
7.	Edinboro	3	38
8.	***Illinois***	***2***	***37.5***
9.	***Nebraska***	***3***	***34.5***
10.	Cornell	2	33
11.	Iowa State	3	32.5
12.	***Ohio State***	***2***	***29.5***
13.	Virginia Tech	2	26.5
T14.	Missouri	2	24.5
T14.	***Wisconsin***	***2***	***24.5***
16.	***Northwestern***	***1***	***23***
17.	Northern Iowa	2	21
T18.	Pittsburgh	2	19.5
T18.	Virginia	1	19.5
T18.	Maryland	1	19.5
21.	Boise State	2	19
22.	Lehigh	2	18
23.	Stanford	1	17
T24.	Bloomsburg	1	15.5
T24.	North Carolina	1	15.5

Bold italitcs indicates Big Ten team

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Individual Rankings (Pre-NCAA's)

Jason Tsirtsis, 149 lbs.

InterMat	5
TheOpenMat.com	6

Pierce Harger, 165 lbs.

InterMat	6
TheOpenMat.com	6

Alex, Polizzi 197 lbs.

InterMat	19
TheOpenMat.com	15

Mike McMullan, Hwt.

InterMat	4
TheOpenMat.com	4

NU Ties Program Record for Academic All-Big Ten Honorees
Nine Wildcats earned Academic All-Big Ten distinction during the 2013-14 season, tied for the most in a single season in Northwestern wrestling school history. It tied the nine Academic All-Big Ten honorees by the 2008 team as well.

They include senior John Coukos, (Chemistry Integrated Science Program Mathematics), sophomore Robert Coukos (Integrated Science Program), senior Pat Greco (Political Science), sophomore Matt Greene (Undeclared), senior Pierce Harger (Engineering), senior Dylan Marriott (History), sophomore Justin Meyers (Undeclared), senior Lee Munster (Business Institutions & Economics) and sophomore Garrison White (Undeclared).

McMullan Chosen for NWCA All-Star Classic
Mike McMullan represented Northwestern at the 2013 NWCA All-Star Classic on November 2 at George Mason University. He faced Minnesota's Tony Nelson in the heavyweight match in a rematch of both the NCAA Championships and Big Ten Championships during the 2012-13 season.

Pariano's Incoming Recruiting Class Ranked No. 1 in Nation
Northwestern head coach Drew Pariano announced on Nov. 20 the signing of Bryce Brill (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Sammy Gross (Beachwood, Ohio), Stevan Micic (Hanover Central, Ind.) and Johnny Sebastian (Bergen Catholic, N.J.), and to National Letters of Intent to wrestle for NU beginning in 2014.

The class has been named the country's top recruiting class, according to WIN Magazine.

The publication slated the Wildcats Class of 2014 Here's what WIN Magazine has to say about Drew Pariano's second recruiting class as Northwestern's head coach:

"The little school that could did it again. Pariano's historic No. 1 haul: Stevan Micic (125-133) of Cedar Lake (Ind.) Hanover Central, Bryce Brill (157) of Chicago Mount Carmel and Johnny Sebastian (184) of Oradell (N.J.) Bergen Catholic. All are two-time state champions. Ohio champion Sammy Gross (133-141) of Beachwood also signed."

November's WIN Magazine ranks Brill (152) and Micic (120) and Sebastian (182) as all No. 1 in their respective weight classes.

This is Northwestern's third top 10 class and second top 2 class in the last five seasons. The 2010 class earned a No. 2 ranking by WIN Magazine and InterMat. WIN Magazine also tabbed Northwestern's Class of 2012 as the nation's 10th best class.

The class features three wrestlers ranked No. 1 in their respective weight classes by Amateur Wrestling News and 3 ranked in the Top 25 Overall by InterMat Wrestle.

"Signing a class of this caliber will solidify our line-up and lead us to our ultimate goal of winning NCAA titles," Pariano said.

Below are complete bios on the four future Wildcats:

Bryce Brill
Hometown: Mt. Carmel, Ill.
Projected College Weight: 157

Ranked No. 1 wrestler in the nation at 152 lbs. by Amateur Wrestling News…Ranked No. 3 Overall by InterMat Wrestle in the Class of 2014… 2012 USA Wrestling Junior Freestyle National Champion at 145…Two-time Illinois H.S. State Champion…Three-time state finalist in Illinois… FILA Cadet Freestyle National finalist…State champion as a freshman in Illinois' Class AA at Marmion Academy… Brill wrestles for former Northwestern Assistant Coach and NCAA Champion, Coach John Kading at Mt. Carmel High School…Chose Northwestern over University of Michigan, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME NORTHWESTERN...

Won a home dual meet:
Feb. 16, 2014 vs. Stanford (20-19)
Won a true road dual meet:
Feb. 23, 2013 vs. Indiana (32-6)
Lost a home dual meet:
Jan. 31, 2014 vs. No. 2 Iowa (31-6)
Lost a dual meet on the road:
Feb. 9, 2014 at No. 13 Illinois (24-12)
Tied a dual meet:
Nov. 22, 2009 at Eastern Mich. (18-18)
Won a dual meet by shutout:
Nov. 2, 2013 vs. University of Chicago (38-0)
Was shutout in a dual meet:
Feb. 19, 2010 at Iowa (49-0)
Scored between 40-49 team dual points:
Dec. 1, 2012 vs. Stevens Tech (45-0)
Scored 50 or more team points:
Dec. 19, 2010 at SIU Edwardsville (51-0)
Scored 60 or more team points:
Nov. 26, 1986 vs. Carroll College (60-0)

Beat a ranked opponent:
Jan. 4, 2014 vs. No. 23 Indiana (27-12)
Beat a Top-10 ranked opponent:
Feb. 17, 2008 vs. No. 8 Illinois (22-11)
Won consecutive Big Ten dual matches:
Jan. 29, 2012 at Purdue (21-18)
Feb. 17, 2012 vs. Indiana (27-7)

Won an individual
Big Ten championship:
2014 — Jason Tsirtsis (149)

Placed an NCAA All-American:
2014 — Pierce Harger (8th, 165)
2014 — Mike McMullan (3rd, 285)
2014 — Jason Welch (1st; 149)

Won an individual
NCAA championship:
2014 — Jason Tsirtsis (149

Sammy Gross
Hometown: Beachwood, Ohio
Projected College Weight: 133

Compiled a 137-12 high school record…High school team MVP in 2012… All-CVC Conference in 2012, 2013…All-Sun Newspaper Selection in 2013…Finished third place in state finals in 2011 at 112 lbs…2012 state champion at 113 lbs…member of the USA Maccabiah Team in 2013, earning a gold medal at the World Maccabiah Games in 2013, played in Israel…Was a teammate of current NU Wrestler, Jacob Berkowitz at the Maccabiah Games…Played three years of baseball as a catcher/outfielder in high school. Chose Northwestern over Duke, Franklin & Marshall, and Bucknell.

Stevan Micic
Hometown: Hanover Central, Ind.
Projected College Weight: 125

Ranked No. 1 wrestler in the nation at 120 lbs. by Amateur Wrestling News…Ranked No. 23 Overall by InterMat Wrestle in the Class of 2014… Represented the United States at the Cadet World Championships this past August at 54 kg…Two-time state champion…Undefeated 95-0 over the last two high school season…Has posted a career record of 138-5, finishing third in the state as a freshman at 103 lbs. before winning state the last two years at 106 lbs. and 113 lbs.…Placed in each of his three years as a FILA Cadet at the National Championships…Finished the 2012-13 season ranked No. 1 in the nation at 113 pounds…Chose Northwestern over Oklahoma State, Ohio State, and Illinois.

Johnny Sebastian
High School: Bergen Catholic, N.J.
Projected College Weight: 174/184

High School: Ranked No. 1 wrestler in the nation at 182 lbs. by Amateur Wrestling News…Two-time state champion from New Jersey…Ranked No. 14 Overall in the senior class by InterMat Wrestle…Won the FLO Wrestling battle of who is #1 over the #2 ranked wrestler in the nation this past November…Enters his senior season with an overall record of 110-16, which includes an 81-3 mark over the last two state championship campaigns…Finished fifth at 152 lbs. as a freshman before winning titles at 160 lbs. and 182 lbs. last two seasons…Chose Northwestern over University of Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Ohio State, Penn State, Princeton, and Michigan.

Recruiting Tracker
Three incoming members of the class were named to the All-USA Wrestling First Team by USA Today.

High school seniors Bryce Brill (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Stevan Micic (Hanover Central, Ind.) and Johnny Sebastian (Bergen Catholic, N.J.) were all tabbed on the All-USA Wrestling First Team.

The USA Today comments on Brill, Micic and Sebastian:

Stevan Micic (126 lbs.)
"A multiple-time All-American in freestyle and Greco-Roman, Micic capped his high school career with a third high school state championship in one-class Indiana. Micic finished 42-0."

Bryce Brill (152 lbs.)
"Along with Stevan Micic and 182-pound first-teamer Johnny Sebastian, Brill is one of three first-teamers who have signed with Northwestern. Brill is a three-time AAA state champion and is also a USA Wrestling Junior Freestyle National Champion. Did not give up a single offensive point all season."

Johnny Sebastian (182 lbs.)
"Sebastian took one loss this season, finishing 34-1 and ending his career as a three-time state champion in one-class New Jersey. He won the Beast of the East in December of 2013 and claimed the FloNationals title after his junior season."

Brill, Micic and Sebastian all captured titles this season at their respective weight classes to cap off their high school careers. Each is ranked No. 1 nationally in his weight class this year and all three became three-time state champions this season

Going Out in Style, Preparing for Northwestern
All four members of the incoming No. 1 nationally ranked recruiting class capped off their high school careers with state championships this winter.

High school seniors Bryce Brill (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Sammy Gross (Beachwood, Ohio), Stevan Micic (Hanover Central, Ind.) and Johnny Sebastian (Bergen Catholic, N.J.) all captured titles this season at their respective weight classes.

Micic (126 lbs.), Brill (152 lbs.) and Sebastian (182 lbs.), each of whom is ranked No. 1 nationally in his weight class this year, became three-time state champions this season. Gross (132 lbs.) earned his second state title in the last three years this winter in Ohio.

"All of our incoming recruits reached the pinnacle in their respective state tournaments," Pariano said. "I speak for each of them when I say that they are hungry for additional success at national competitions. Eventually, they will reach their goal of becoming NCAA Champions, the very reason they chose to attend Northwestern."

Micic of Hanover Central High School became a three-time Indiana state champion after winning 10-5 in the 126 lbs. title bout. He captured the 106 lbs. championship in 2012 as a sophomore and won a state title at 113 lbs. last season in his junior campaign.

Brill finished an undefeated senior season at Mount Carmel High School by prevailing 17-6 in the 152 lbs. championship match. The three-time Illinois champion won his first title as a freshman at Marmion Academy before earning a pair of crowns at Mount Carmel.

Bergen Catholic's Sebastian won his third New Jersey state championship after recording a takedown in overtime to earn a 6-4 victory in the 182 lbs. final. The No. 1 ranked high school wrestler in his weight class, Sebastian finished his Crusaders career with a record of 143-18.

Beachwood (Ohio) High School's Gross took home the 132 lbs. championship with a 5-1 decision in the final. A former teammate of current 'Cats wrestler Jacob Berkowitz, Gross also stood atop the state podium as a sophomore and ranks second all time in wins for Beachwood.

YEAR-BY-YEAR NORTHWESTERN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISHES

1929-30: T-14th/ 1

1931-32: 4th/ 9
• 1 All-American: Riley

1952-53: T-14th/ 5
• 1 All-American: Christensen

1956-57: T-24th/ 4

1958-59: 18th/ 8

1959-60: 9th/ 20
• 2 All-Americans: Kraft, Weber

1960-61: T-16th/ 9
• 1 All-American: Weber

1961-62: 22nd /6
• 1 All-American: Weber

1962-63: T-24th/ 9
• 1 All-American: Jaklich

1964-65: T-45th/ 1
1965-66: T-45th/ 1
1966-67: T-28th/ 7

1967-68: 10th/ 25
• 2 All-Americans: Schneider, Zeman

1968-69: T-29th/ 8
• 1 All-American: Laursen

1969-70: 15th/ 16
• 1 All-American: Boyd

1970-71: T-19th/ 10
• 1 All-American: Massery

1971-72: T-47th/ 3

1972-73: T-13th/ 19
• 1 All-American: Massery

1973-74: T-20th/ 12
• 1 All-American: Friehlich

1974-75: 11th/ 32
• 2 All-Americans: Allen, Klippert

1975-76: T-38th/ 3.5

1979-80: T-59th/ 1.5
1980-81: 43rd/ 2.75

1982-83: T-59th/ 1

1984-85: 29th/ 11.5
• 1 All-American: DePetro

1985-86: 19th/ 17
• 1 All-American: DePetro

1986-87: 18th/ 20.5
• 1 All-American: Funk

1987-88: 26th/ 12
• 1 All-American: Bales

1988-89: 8th/ 40.5
• 3 All-Americans: Funk, Griffin, Whitehead

1989-90: 4th/ 99
• 4 All-Americans: Case, Funk, Griffin, Traviolia

1990-91: 42th/ 87
• 1 All-American: Funk

1991-92: 24th/ 84
• 1 All-American: Case

1992-93: 41st/ 81
1993-94: 36th/ 83

1994-95: 18th/ 84
• 1 All-American: Gardner

1995-96: 18th/ 80
1996-97: 35th/ 73

1997-98: 18th/ 84
• 3 All-Americans: Gardner, Pariano, Schatzman

1998-99: 29th
• 1 All-American: Neider

1999-2000: 29th
• 1 All-American: Schatzman

2001-01: No appearance
2001-02: No appearance
2002-03: No appearance
2003-04: T-50th

2004-05: 14th
• 1 All-American: Herbert

2005-06: 13th/ 69
• 3 All-Americans: Herbert, Lang, Velez

2006-07: 4th
• 4 All-Americans: Fox, Herbert, Lang, Tamillow

2007-08: 13th/ 75
• 2 All-Americans: Fox, Precin

2008-09: 13th/ 76
• 2 All-Americans: Herbert, Precin

2009-10: 56th

2010-11: T-12th/ 72
• 3 All-Americans: Nadhir, Precin, Welch

2011-12: 9th / 42.5
• 2 All-Americans: McMullan, Welch

2012-13: 17th / 32.5
• 2 All-Americans: McMullan, Welch

2013-14: 9th / 46.0
• 3 All-Americans: Harger, McMullan, Tsirtsis

NORTHWESTERN NCAA CHAMPIONS

Year	Name	Weight
1928	Ralph Lupton	125
1931	Jack Riley	Hwt.
1932	Jack Riley	Hwt.
1960	Art Kraft	156
1973	Mark Massery	126
1990	Jack Griffin	118
2007	Jake Herbert	184
2008	Dustin Fox	Hwt.
2009	Jake Herbert	184
2014	Jason Tsirtsis	149

10 total NCAA titles won by **8** different wrestlers

NORTHWESTERN ALL-AMERICANS

Year	Name-Weight
1924	Bryan Hines—125
1928	Ralph Lupton—125
1931	Jack Riley—Hwt.
1932	Jack Riley—Hwt.
1953	Bob Christensen—115
1960	Art Kraft—157
	Rory Weber—Hwt.
1961	Rory Weber—Hwt.
1962	Rory Weber—Hwt.
1963	Al Jaklich—191
1968	Russ Schneider—152
	Otto Zeman—160
1969	Bill Laursen—167
1970	Wydell Boyd—134
1971	Mark Massery—126
1973	Mark Massery—126
1974	Dave Froehlich—167
1975	Andre Allen—142
	Scott Klippert—177
1985	Steve DePetro—126
1986	Steve DePetro—126
1987	Mike Funk—177
1988	Joei Bales—134
1989	Mike Funk—177
	Jack Griffin—118
	Mark Whitehead—190
1990	Matt Case—190
	Mike Funk—177
	Jack Griffin—118
	Brad Traviolia—167
1991	Mike Funk—190
1992	Matt Case—190
1995	Rohan Gardner—177
1996	Rohan Gardner—177
	Tony Pariano—134
	Scott Schatzman—126
1998	Mark Bybee—167
	Sam Neider—190
	Scott Schatzman—134
1999	Sam Neider—197
2000	Scott Schatzman—141
2005	Jake Herbert—174
2006	Jake Herbert—174
	Ryan Lang—141
	John Velez—125
2007	Dustin Fox—Hwt.
	Jake Herbert—184
	Ryan Lang—141
	Mike Tamillow—197
2008	Dustin Fox—Hwt.
	Brandon Precin—125
2009	Jake Herbert—184
	Brandon Precin—125
2011	Andrew Nadhir—149
	Brandon Precin—125
	Jason Welch—157
2012	Mike McMullan—Hwt.
	Jason Welch—157
2013	Mike McMullan—285
	Jason Welch—157
2014	Pierce Harger—165
	Mike McMullan—285
	Jason Tsirtsis—149

63 All-America honors won by **38** different NU wrestlers

WILDCAT NCAA QUALIFIERS

2014
Pierce Harger •
Dominick Malone
Mike McMullan •
Alex Polizzi
Jason Tsirtsis ◊ * •

2013
Pat Greco
Pierce Harger
Mike McMullan •
Lee Munster
Alex Polizzi
Jason Welch * •

2012
Kaleb Friedley
Pierce Harger
Mike McMullan •
Levi Mele
Lee Munster
Jason Welch •

2011
Kaleb Friedley
Levi Mele
Andrew Nadhir •
Brandon Precin •
Jason Welch •

2010
Andrew Nadhir

2009
Jake Herbert ◊ * •
Brandon Precin •
Keith Sulzer
Jason Welch

2008
Dustin Fox ◊ * •
Nick Hayes
Ryan Lang
Brandon Precin •
Keith Sulzer
Mike Tamillow

2007
Dustin Fox •
Nick Hayes
Jake Herbert ◊ * •
Ryan Lang * •
Brandon Precin
Mike Tamillow * •

2006
Matt Delguyd
Will Durkee
Dustin Fox
Jake Herbert * •
Ryan Lang •
Mike Tamillow
John Velez •

2005
Matt Delguyd *
Dustin Fox
Jake Herbert •
Ryan Lang
John Velez

2004
Matt Delguyd
Nick Hayes
Jake Herbert
Mike Kimberlin
John Velez

2003
Jason Erwinski

2002
John Giacce
Ryan Kane

2000
Mark Bybee *
Tom Ciezki
Matt Huebner
Scott Schatzman •

1999
Mark Bybee
Dominic Caruso
Sam Neider •
Drew Pariano
Scott Schatzman

1998
Mark Bybee •
Malik Elliot
Sam Neider •
Drew Pariano
Scott Schatzman •

1997
Micah Hey
Kurt Hudson
Joel Goeden
Sam Neiden
Drew Pariano

1996
Mark Bybee
Rohan Gardner • *
Anthony Pariano •
Scott Schatzman •
Brent Shiver

1995
Rohan Gardner •
Jeff Mirabella
Sam Neider
Anthony Pariano
Brent Shiver

1994
Rohan Gardner
Jeff Mirabella
Anthony Pariano
Brent Shiver
Roger Williams
Tad Yeager

1993
Paul Andreotti
Jeff Mirabella
Anthony Pariano
Tad Yeager

1992
Paul Andreotti
Matt Case •
Rohan Gardner
Neil Kohlberg
Jeff Mirabella
Roger Williams

1991
Mike Funk • *
Tad Yeager

1990
Matt Case •
Mike Funk •
Jack Griffin ◊ * •
Brad Traviolia * •
Toby Willis

1989
Jack Griffin * •
Brad Traviolia
Mike Funk •
Mark Whitehead * •

1988
Jack Griffin
Joei Bales •
Mark Whitehead

1987
Jack Griffin
Joei Bales
Mike Funk •
Dan Funk

1986
Steve DePetro •
Mike Rosman
Mike Kraft
Regis Durban

1985
Steve DePetro •
Mike Rosman
Mike Kraft
Regis Durban

1983
Steve DePetro
Keith Cruise

1982
Dave Scotton

1981
Tom Janicik
Craig Jennings

1980
Tom Janicik
Craig Jennings

1979
Tom Janicik

1978
Alex Riccomini
Russ Weglarz
Al Marzano

1977
Pete Dombrowski
Dave Beckman
Bob Morrison
Mike Weitzman

1976
Alex Riccomini
Al Marzano

1975
Andre Allen • *
Pete Dombrowski
Dave Froehlich *
Scott Klippert •

1974
Dave Froehlich
Jim Torres
Scott Klippert •

1973
Mark Massery ◊ • *
Andre Allen

1972
Andre Allen
Clyde Smith
Jim Summerfelt

1971
Mark Massery • *
Clyde Smith
Chuck Arnold

1970
Wydell Boyd •
Mark Massery
Howard Kingry
Steve Buttrey
Clyde Smith
Bill Laursen
Leo Kocher
Bill Pauss *
Chuck Arnold
Bill Galler

1969
Ed Dumas
Steve Buttrey
Otto Zeman
Seth Norton
Bill Laursen •
Dan Kraft

1968
Ed Dumas
Wayne Watson
Jack Dunn
Steve Buttrey
Russ Schneider * •
Otto Zeman •
Seth Norton
Bill Pauss
Dan Kraft
Bill Galler

1967
Ed Dumas
Wayne Watson
Jack Dunn
Russ Schneider
Otto Zeman
Rich Ruben

1966
Russ Schneider
Rich Ruben
Stu Marshall
Dan Kraft

1965
Jerry Torrance
Dick Ernst

1964
Dave Kreider
Jerry Torrance
Stu Marshall
Dick Ernst

1963
Dave Kreider
Jerry Torrance
Don Evans *
Al Jaklich •

1962
Rory Weber •

1961
Al Jaklich *
Rory Weber * •

1960
Art Kraft ◊ •
Rory Weber * •

1959
Don Woehrle
Art Kraft

1957
Steve Prepeck
Charles Arends
Ken Kraft *

1953
Bob Christensen •
Jake Herschend
Bill Ellwood

1940
Ray Greening

1933
Wesley Brown *

1932
Norval Postweiler
Jack Spencer
Robert Garrigan
Walter Brewer
Wesley Brown *
Jack Riley ◊ •

1931
Robert Garrigan
Bob Miller *
Wesley Brown *
Jack Riley ◊ * •

1930
George LeFavour
Robert Garrigan

1929
Ralph Lupton *

1928
Ralph Lupton ◊ * •

• All-American
◊ National Champ
* Big Ten Champ

2013-14 HONORS AND AWARDS

John Coukos • 133
• Fifth Place - Duhawk Open
• Academic All-Big Ten

Robert Coukos • 157
• Academic All-Big Ten

Pat Greco • 141
• Second Place - Keystone Classic
• Sixth Place - Midlands Championships
• Academic All-Big Ten

Matt Greene • 141
• Academic All-Big Ten

Pierce Harger • 165
• Fourth Place - Midlands Championships
• Fourth Place - Big Ten Championships
• Eighth Place - NCAA Championships
• Third Place - Keystone Classic
• All-American
• Academic All-Big Ten

Dylan Marriott • 149
• Third Place - UW-Parkside Wis. Open
• Academic All-Big Ten

Dominick Malone • 133
• Second Place - UW-Parkside Wis. Open
• Eighth Place - Big Ten Championships

Mike McMullan • 285
• Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (1/14/14)
• Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (2/4/14)
• Selected for 2013 NWCA All-Star Classic
• Fifth Place - Big Ten Championships
• Third Place - NCAA Championships
• All-American

Lee Munster • 174
• Second Place - Keystone Classic
• Academic All-Big Ten

Jameson Oster • 141
• First Place - UW-Parkside Wis. Open
• First Place - Duhawk Open

Alex Polizzi • 197
• Third Place - Keystone Classic
• Fifth Place - Midlands Championships
• Fourth Place - Big Ten Championships

Jacob Schmitt • 133
• First Place - UW-Parkside Wis. Open
• Wisconsin Open Outstanding Wrestler

Colin Shober • 149
• Third Place - UW-Parkside Wis. Open

Mitch Sliga • 184
• Second Place - UW-Parkside Wis. Open
• First Place - Duhawk Open

Jason Tsirtsis • 149
• NCAA Champion
• Big Ten Champion
• Intermat Freshman of the Year
• Big Ten Freshman of the Year
• First Place - Keystone Classic
• Fifth Place - Midlands Championships
• All-American

Garrison White • 125
• Third Place - UW-Parkside Wis. Open
• Academic All-Big Ten

2013-14 WILDCAT LEADERS

Wins

1.	Jason Tsirtsis, 149	32
2.	Pierce Harger, 165	29
3.	Alex Polizzi, 197	23
4.	Mike McMullan, Hwt.	20
5.	Dominick Malone, 133	14

Dual Wins

1.	Jason Tsirtsis, 149	15
2.	Pierce Harger, 165	14
3.	Mike McMullan, Hwt.	11
	Alex Polizzi, 197	11
5.	Dominick Malone, 133	8

Dual Points Scored

1.	Jason Tsirtsis, 149	59
2.	Pierce Harger, 165	58
3.	Alex Polizzi, 197	46
4.	Mike McMullan, Hwt.	42
5.	Dominick Malone, 133	28
	Pat Greco, 141	28

Falls

1.	Pierce Harger, 165	8
2.	Alex Polizzi, 197	4
3.	Dominick Malone, 133	3
	Jason Tsirtsis, 149	3
5.	Mike McMullan, Hwt.	2

Tech Falls

1.	Alex Polizzi, 197	3
	Jason Tsirtsis, 149	3
3.	Dominick Malone, 133	2
4.	Six wrestlers tied	1

Major Decisions

1.	Jason Tsirtsis, 149	6
2.	Pat Greco, 141	4
	Pierce Harger, 165	4
4.	Alex Polizzi, 197	3
5.	Kevin Bialka, 157/165	2
	Dominick Malone, 133	2
	Garrison White, 125	2

Longest Winning Streaks

1.	Jason Tsirtsis, 149 (1/17/14 - Present)	16 matches
2.	Jason Tsirtsis, 149 (11/2/13 - 12/29/13)	14 matches
3.	Pierce Harger, 165 (11/2/13 - 11/24/13)	9 matches
4.	Mike McMullan, 285 (1/10/14 - 2/16/14)	7 matches
	Alex Polizzi, 197 (11/2/13 - 11/24/13)	7 matches
6.	Mike McMullan, 285 (3/21/14 - Present)	5 matches

NORTHWESTERN BIG TEN CHAMPIONS

Year	Name	Weight
1928	Ralph Lupton	125
1928	Rudy Schuler	Hwt
1929	Ralph Lupton	125
1931	Wesley Brown	175
1931	Bob Miller	155
1931	Jack Riley	Hwt
1932	Wesley Brown	175
1933	Wesley Brown	175
1944	Arthur Nethercot	121
1945	Duane Hanson	136
1952	Jack Herschend	123
1957	Ken Kraft	167
1960	Rory Weber	Hwt
1961	Al Jaklich	191
1961	Rory Weber	Hwt
1963	Don Evans	177
1968	Russ Schneider	152
1970	Bill Pauss	177
1971	Mark Massery	126
1973	Mark Massery	126
1975	Andre Allen	142
1975	Dave Froehlich	167
1989	Jack Griffin	118
1989	Mark Whitehead	190
1990	Jack Griffin	118
1990	Brad Traviolia	167
1991	Mike Funk	190
1996	Rohan Gardner	177
2000	Mark Bybee	174
2005	Matt Delguyd	197
2006	Jake Herbert	174
2007	Jake Herbert	184
2007	Ryan Lang	141
2007	Mike Tamilow	197
2008	Dustin Fox	Hwt
2009	Jake Herbert	184
2013	Jason Welch	157
2014	Jason Tsirtsis	149

39 total Big Ten Individual titles won by **31** different wrestlers

YEAR-BY-YEAR NORTHWESTERN BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP FINISHES

1989-90: 3rd/10
1990-91: 8th/10
1991-92: 7th/10
1992-93: 9th/11
1993-94: 7th/11
1994-95: 9th/11
1995/96: 9th/11
1996-97:11th/11
1997-98: 8th/11
1998-99: 7th/11
1999-2000: 6th/11
2000-01: 11th/11
2001-02: 11th/11
2002-03: 11th/11
2003-04: 11th/11
2004-05: 9th/11
2005-06: 5th/11
2006-07: 6th/11
2007-08: 8th/11
2008-09: 8th/11
2009-10: 11th/11
2010-11: 7th/11
2011-12: 6th/12
2012-13: 8th/12
2013-14: 9th/12

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Name	Wt.	Elig.	Hometown/High School
Jacob Berkowitz	184	SO	Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale
Kevin Bialka	184	RS SR	Lockport, Ill./Lockport
John Coukos	133	JR	Framingham, Mass./Framingham
Robert Coukos	157	RS FR	Framingham, Mass./Framingham
Pat Greco	141	JR	St. Charles, Ill./Marmion Academy
Matt Greene	141	RS FR	Slingerlands, N.Y./Columbia
Pierce Harger	165	JR	Loveland, Ohio/Archbishop Moeller
David Helmer	149	SR	McLean, Va./Langley
Dominick Malone	133	SO	Granby, Conn./Wyoming Seminary
Dylan Marriott	149	JR	Excelsior Springs, Mo./Excelsior Springs
Mike McMullan	Hwt.	JR	Easton, Pa./Wyoming Seminary
Justin Meyers	141	RS FR	LeRoy, Ill./LeRoy
Lee Munster	174	JR	Fox Lake, Ill./Grant
Jameson Oster	141	JR	Homer Glen, Ill./Lockport
Alex Polizzi	197	JR	Beloit, Wis./Beloit Memorial
Jacob Schmitt	133	FR	Dewitt, Mich./St. Johns
Colin Shober	141	JR	Reading, Pa./Schuylkill Valley
Mitch Sliga	184	FR	Fishers, Ind./Fishers
Ben Sullivan	157/165	RS FR	Eagle River, Alaska/Apple Valley (Minn.)
Jason Tsirtsis	149	RS FR	Crown Point, Ind./Crown Point
Garrison White	125	SO	Concord, N.C./Jay M. Robinson

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Kevin Bialka - BEE-al-kuh
Pierce Harger - HAR - grr
Jameson Oster - Oh-ster
Alex Polizzi - poe-LEE-zee
Jason Tsirtsis - sirt-sis (the T is silent)
Drew Pariano - par-e-ano
Tim Cysewski - suh-zes-key
Matt Storniolo - store-knee-o-low

Head Coach: Drew Pariano (Fourth Season, Northwestern, '00)
Assistant Coach: Jay Borschel (Iowa, '10)
Assistant Coach: Matt Storniolo (Oklahoma, '07)
Director of Ken Kraft Midlands: Tim Cysewski (Iowa, '76)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Conor Beebe (Central Michigan, '10)

HEAD COACH DREW PARIANO



Drew Pariano officially assumed the position of Northwestern head coach on June 1, 2010, succeeding his college coach, Tim Cysewski, who oversaw the program for more than 20 seasons. Pariano has been an integral part of the Northwestern program for more than 10 years, wrestling for the Wildcats from 1995-99, returning as an assistant coach in 2005 and then elevated to associate head coach prior to replacing Cysewski in 2010.

In his fourth season, Pariano guided RS freshman Jason Tsirtsis to an NCAA Championship and Big Ten Championship. Tsirtsis was also named the 2014 Intermat and Big Ten Freshman of the Year. He became NU's first freshman to win either a conference or national title and the first winner at 149 lbs. in school history. It marked Pariano's first NCAA Champion as the Wildcats head coach.

Pariano has secured at least two All-Americans in each of his four years as head coach at Northwestern. As a team, five Wildcats qualified for the 2014 NCAA Wrestling Championships and the team finished 9th, securing the program's second top-10 finish at NCAA's in the last three years. NU also had nine wrestlers named Academic All-Big Ten, tied for the most in school history.

In 2013, Pariano also guided Welch, a three-time All-American, to the top of the podium at the 2013 Big Ten Championships. Welch was the first 157 lbs. wrestler in program history to win a Big Ten title and the first Big Ten champion with Pariano at the helm.

In his second season (2011-12), Pariano coached the Wildcats to a ninth-place finish at the 2012 NCAA Championships, the team's first top-10 placement since 2007. Six Wildcats qualified for NCAA's and two NU wrestlers stood on the podium as All-Americans as Jason Welch (157) won his second honor and redshirt freshman heavyweight Mike McMullan placed third while competing at his first national tournament. McMullan was the highest-placing freshman for NU since Jake Herbert, a four-time All-American and two-time NCAA champion, finished third at 174 lbs. in 2005.

Northwestern also has excelled in the classroom under Pariano. Following the 2011-12 season, the Wildcats were recognized as one of eight Division I wrestling programs to receive a Public Recognition Award, which is based on the most recent multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR). The 2011-12 season marked the fourth straight season the NU wrestling team received the Public Recognition Award as the Wildcats and Penn were the only two programs to achieve such a feat.

Pariano's complete bio can be found online via the wrestling page on NUsports.com.

NCAA Champions Pariano Coached:
- Jake Herbert (184 lbs.) - 2007 & 2009
- Dustin Fox (Heavyweight) - 2008
- Jason Tsirtsis (149) - 2014

NCAA All-Americans Pariano Coached:
2005: Jake Herbert (174)
2006: Jake Herbert (174), Ryan Lang (141), John Velez (125)
2007: Dustin Fox (Hwt.), Jake Herbert (184), Ryan Lang (141), Mike Tamilow (197)
2008: Dustin Fox (Hwt.), Brandon Precin (125)
2009: Jake Herbert (184), Brandon Precin (125)
2011: Andrew Nadhir (149), Brandon Precin (125), Jason Welch (157)
2012: Mike McMullan (Hwt.), Jason Welch (157)
2013: Mike McMullan (Hwt.), Jason Welch (157)
*Both were NCAA finalists
2014: Pierce Harger (165), Mike McMullan (Hwt.), Jason Tsirtsis (149)

PARIANO'S RECORD AT NU

Year	Overall	Conf.
2010-11	18-2-0	6-2-0
2011-12	11-4-0	4-4-0
2012-13	9-8-0	2-6-0
2013-14	9-7-0	1-7-0
TOTALS	**47-21-0**	**13-19-0**

2013-14 NORTHWESTERN WRESTLING STATISTICS

9-7 Overall • 1-7 Big Ten • 8-0 Nonconference • 5-3 Home • 1-4 Road • 3-0 Neutral

Name	Overall Varsity Season Record	Career Varsity Record	2013-14 Dual Record	Big Ten Record	Season Winning Percentage	Dual Pts. For-Against	MD W-L	Tech Falls W-L	Falls W-L	Fastest Fall
Garrison White, 125	13-16	37-32	7-9	2-8	.448	24-36	4-4	1-2	2-3	--
Dominick Malone, 133	17-17	34-29	8-8	2-10	.500	28-31	2-4	2-3	4-1	1:34
John Coukos, 133	4-12	9-27	0-0	0-0	.250	--	0-4	0-2	1-1	2:04
Robert Coukos, 157	3-13	3-13	0-1	0-1	.188	0-3	0-3	0-3	2-2	0:45
Pat Greco, 141	13-16	37-41	7-9	1-9	.448	28-31	4-3	1-1	1-2	2:18
Matt Greene, 141	0-8	0-8	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-3	0-0	0-1	--
Justin Meyers, 141	--	Did Not Compete	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jason Tsirtsis, 149	32-3	32-3	15-1	10-1	.914	59-3	6-0	3-0	3-0	0:49
Colin Schober, 149	9-5	24-24	0-0	0-0	.642	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-2	--
Dylan Marriot, 157	8-8	21-33	1-3	0-2	.500	3-15	1-1	0-0	0-3	--
Robert Coukos, 157	1-7	1-7	0-1	0-1	.125	0-6	0-1	0-3	1-1	0:45
Kevin Bialka, 157/165	3-4	31-39	3-1	0-2	.429	11-3	2-1	0-0	0-0	--
Ben Sullivan, 157/165	8-15	8-15	3-9	1-8	.348	10-34	2-1	0-0	0-2	--
David Helmer, 157	2-8	10-20	0-2	0-1	.200	0-12	1-2	0-0	0-2	--
Pierce Harger, 165/174	29-10	77-34	14-2	9-4	.743	58-8	4-1	1-1	8-0	0:54
Lee Munster, 174	6-4	54-25	3-3	2-2	.600	9-15	1-0	1-0	0-0	4:28
Jacob Berkowitz, 184	12-17	19-37	6-10	0-10	.414	18-35	0-4	1-0	1-2	2:53
Alex Polizzi, 197	25-12	47-32	11-5	7-5	.676	46-19	3-1	3-0	4-3	0:37
Mike McMullan, 285	20-5	71-20	11-2	9-3	.800	42-6	1-0	1-0	2-0	0:18
TEAM	**205-180**	**515-439**	**89-66**	**43-67**	**.549**	**336-257**	**30-34**	**14-15**	**30-25**	**0:18**

Wrestlers Competing Unattached

Name	Record	Winning %	MD W-L	TF W-L	Falls W-L	Fastest Fall
Jacob Schmitt, 133	11-4	.733	0-0	0-0	6-0	1:16
Jameson Oster, 141	26-8	.765	2-1	1-0	11-3	0:41
Mitchell Sliga,184	25-6	.839	5-0	1-0	3-0	2:58

MEET-BY-MEET STARTING LINEUPS

Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
University of Chicago	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Bialka	Sullivan	Harger	**No Match**	Berkowitz	Polizzi
(W, 38-0)	5-0	4-0	4-0	5-0	4-0	3-0	6-0	0-0	3-0	4-0
Stevens Tech	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Sullivan	Bialka	Harger	Berkowitz	Polizzi	**No Match**
(W, 38-6)	4-0	6-0	4-0	4-0	4-0	3-0	4-0	3-0	6-0	0-6
Air Force	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Sullivan	Harger	Helmer	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(W, 28-15)	0-3	3-0	4-0	5-0	0-6	3-0	0-6	3-0	5-0	4-0
at Northern Colorado	White*	Malone	Greco **(NM)**	Tsirtsis	Marriott	Harger	**No Match**	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(W, 33-12)	0-3	6-0	6-0	6-0	0-3	6-0	0-6	3-0	3-0	3-0
at #13 Nebraska	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirstis	Sullivan	Harger	**No Match**	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(L, 25-16)	0-3	0-3	0-3	3-0	0-4	4-0	0-6	0-6	3-3	6-0
SIUE	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Marriott	Harger	Munster	Berkowitz	Polizzi	**No Match**
(W, 36-6)	3-0	6-0	3-0	5-0	3-0	5-0	3-0	3-0	5-0	0-6
#23 Indiana	White **(NM)**	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Marriott*	Harger	Munster	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(W, 27-12)	6-0	3-0	3-0	4-0	0-6	3-0	3-0	0-3	5-0	0-3
#2 Minnesota	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Marriott	Harger	Munster	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(L, 26-12)	3-0	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-6	3-0	3-0	0-4	0-6	3-0
#12 Ohio State	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Sullivan	Harger	Munster	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(L, 21-12)	0-3	0-3	0-5	3-0	3-0	3-0	0-3	4-0	0-3	3-0
#1 Penn State	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Sullivan	Harger	Munster	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(L, 39-8)	0-5	0-3	0-4	3-0	0-6	0-5	0-6	0-6	0-4	6-0
#18 Wisconsin	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Sullivan	Harger	Coukos	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(L, 23-15)	0-4	0-4	0-3	3-0	0-3	3-0	0-6	0-3	6-0	3-0
#2 Iowa	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Sullivan	Harger	No Match	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(L, 31-6)	0-4	0-6	0-3	3-0	0-3	0-3	0-6	0-3	0-3	3-0
#13 Illinois	White	Malone	Greco	Tsistsis*	Sullivan	Harger	Helmer	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(L, 24-12)	0-5	0-4	0-3	3-0	0-3	3-0	0-6	0-3	3-0	3-0
Stanford	White*	Malone	Greco	Tsirtsis	Sullivan	Harger	Munster	Berkowitz	Polizzi	McMullan
(W, 20-19)	0-6	0-4	4-0	4-0	0-4	3-0	0-6	3-0	3-0	3-0
NC State	White	Malone	Greco	Tsirstis	Sullivan	Harger	Bialka	Berkowitz	Polizzi*	McMullan
(W, 24-12)	3-0	3-0	0-6	5-0	0-3	6-0	4-0	0-3	3-0	**0-3**
Duke	No Match	Malone	Greco	Tsirstis	Sullivan	Harger	Bialka	Berkowitz	Polizzi*	McMullan
(W, 23-16)	6-0	3-0	0-4	3-0	0-3	6-0	0-3	0-3	0-3	5-0
TEAM TOTALS	**30-36**	**34-31**	**28-34**	**59-3**	**14-50**	**54-8**	**22-54**	**19-33**	**45-32**	**45-18**

*** Indicates where match started**

No. 20 Northwestern 30, University of Chicago 0 1-0
Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 • Evanston, Ill.
125: Garrison White (NU) tech fall Gabe Martinez (Chi.) 6:15 17-1 (5-0 NU)
133: Dominick Malone (NU) maj dec Alex Moore (Chi.) 13-2 (9-0 NU)
141: Pat Greco (NU) maj dec Charles Banaszak (Chi.) 20-7 (13-0 NU)
149: Jason Tsirtsis (NU) tech fall Jacob Smith (Chi.) 5:00 18-2 (18-0 NU)
157: Kevin Bialka (NU) maj dec Michael McNulty (Chi.) 13-3 (22-0 NU)
165: Benjamin Sullivan (NU) dec Paul Papoutsis (Chi.) 6-0 (25-0 NU)
174: Pierce Harger (NU) pins Steven Franke (Chi.) 6:47 (31-0 NU)
184: Double Forfeit
197: Jacob Berkowitz (NU) dec Mark Meyer (Chi.) 4-0 (34-0 NU
285: Alex Polizzi (NU) maj dec Jeffrey Tyburski (Chi.) 11-3 (38-0 NU)

No. 20 Northwestern 38, Stevens Tech 6 2-0
Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 • Evanston, Ill.
125: Garrison White (NU) maj dec Rob Murray (ST) 9-1 (4-0 NU)
133: Dominick Malone (NU) pins Ryan Wilson (ST) 3:28 (10-0 NU)
141: Pat Greco (NU) maj dec Ricky Perrine (ST) 16-6 (14-0 NU)
149: Jason Tsirtsis (NU) maj dec Michael Polizzi (ST) 19-6 (18-0 NU)
157: Benjamin Sullivan (NU) maj dec Leo Wortman (ST) 10-0, (22-0 NU)
165: Kevin Bialka (NU) dec Colin Navickas (ST) 5-4 (25-0 NU)
174: Pierce Harger (NU) maj dec Kalen Gans (ST) 10-1 (29-0 NU)
184: Jacob Berkowitz (NU) dec Damian Murberg (ST) 9-2 (32-0 NU)
197: Alex Polizzi (NU) pins Alex Moreno (ST) 3:57 (38-0 NU)
285: Tyler Maher (ST) win by forfeit over Unknown (Unattached) (38-6 NU)

No. 17 Northwestern 28, Air Force 15 3-0
Friday, Nov. 8, 2013• Denver, Colo.
125: Martin(Josh) Martinez (AF) dec Garrison White (NU) 7-3 (3-0 AF)
133: Dominick Malone (NU) dec Gregory Rinker (AF) 5-2. (3-3)
141: Pat Greco (NU) maj dec David Walker (AF) 17-7. (7-3 NU)
149: Jason Tsirtsis (NU) pins Natrelle Demison (AF) 4:57. (13-3 NU)
157: Joshua Kreimier (AF) pins Benjamin Sullivan (NU) 4:56. (13-9 NU)
165: Pierce Harger (NU) dec Jesse Stafford (AF) 5-3.(16-9 NU)
174: Konner Witt (AF) pins David Helmer (NU) 2:30. (16-15 NU)
184: Jacob Berkowitz (NU) dec SV1 Scott Reilly (AF) 3-1. (19-15 NU)
197: Alex Polizzi (NU) tech fall Evan Gros (AF) 4:04 15-0.(24-15 NU)
285: Michael McMullan (NU) maj dec Marcus Malecek (AF) (28-15 NU)

No. 17 Northwestern 33, Northern Colorado 12 4-0
Friday, Nov. 8, 2013• Denver, Colo.
125: Trey Andrews (NC) dec Garrison White (NU) 11-4. (3-0 NC)
133: Dominick Malone (NU) pins Michael Espinoza (NC) 1:34. (6-3 NU)
141: Pat Greco (NU) wins by forfeit (Unattached). (12-3 NU)
149: Jason Tsirtsis (NU) pins Beau Roberts (NC) 2:12. (18-3 NU)
157: Mitchell Polkowske (NC) dec Dylan Marriott (NU) 4-0. (18-6 NC)
165: Pierce Harger (NU) pins Donovan Maes (NC) 3:51. (24-6 NU)
174: Dylan Rutledge (NC) win by forfeit (Unattached). (24-12 NU)
184: Jacob Berkowitz (NU) dec Nick Bayer (NC) 4-2.(27-12 NU)
197: Alex Polizzi (NU) dec Brian Macchione (NC) 8-3. (30-12 NU)
285: Michael McMullan (NU) dec Henry Chirino (NC) 4-0. (33-12 NU)

No. 13 Nebraska 25, Northwestern 16 4-1
Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013• Lincoln, Neb.
125: #16 Tim Lambert (NEB) dec Garrison White (NU), 8-6 (2OT) (3-0 NEB)
133: Colton McCrystal (NEB) dec Dominick Malone (NU), 7-6 (OT) (6- 0 NEB)
141: Anthony Abidin (NEB) dec Pat Greco (NU), 7-2 (9-0 NEB)
149: #9 Jason Tsirtsis (NU) dec #4 Jake Sueflohn (NEB), 3-2 (9-3 NEB)
157: #4 James Green (NEB) maj dec Ben Sullivan (NU), 19-10 (13-3 NEB)
165: #11 Pierce Harger (NU) maj dec #20 Austin Wilson (NEB), 8-0 (13-7 NEB)
174: #4 Robert Kokesh (NEB) win by forfeit (19-7 NEB)
184: TJ Dudley (NEB) pins Jacob Berkowitz (NU), 3:42 (25-7 NEB)
197: Alex Polizzi (NU) dec Caleb Kolb (NEB), 4-2 (25-10 NEB)
285: #2 Mike McMullan (NU) pins Nyle Bartling (NEB), 2:58 (25-16 NEB)

No. 9 Northwestern 36, SIUE 6 5-1
Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013• Evanston, Ill.
125: Garrison White (NU) dec Dakota Leach (SIUE), 5-0 (3-0 NU)
133: No. 18 Dominick Malone (NU) pins John Petrov (SIUE), 6:40, (9-0 NU)
141: Pat Greco (NU) dec Drew Vrbenec (SIUE), 10-3 (12-0 NU)
149: No. 2 Jason Tsirtsis (NU) tech fall Karsten Van Velsor (SIUE), 17-1, 3:49 (17-0 NU)
157: Dylan Marriott (NU) dec Logun Taylor (SIUE), 10-3 (20-0 NU)
165: No. 13 Pierce Harger (NU) tech fall Connor McMahon (SIUE), 21-4, 6:04 (25-0 NU)
174: No. 9 Lee Munster (NU) dec Jake Residori (SIUE), 2-1 (28-0 NU)
184: Jacob Berkowitz (NU) dec Deshoun White (SIUE), 3-1, SV (31-0 NU)
197: Alex Polizzi (NU) tech fall Chris Johnson (SIUE), 15-0, 2:44 (36-0 NU)
285: David Devine (SIUE) wins by forfeit (36-6 NU)

No. 13 Northwestern 27, No. 23 Indiana 12 6-1
Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014• Evanston, Ill.
157: No 5. Taylor Walsh (Indiana) pins Dylan Marriott (NU), 6:18, (6-0 IU)
165: No. 9 Pierce Harger (NU) dec Ryan LeBlanc (Indiana) 2-0, (6- 3 IU)
174: No. 9 Lee Munster (NU) dec Nate Jackson (Indiana) 3-0, (6-6)
184: No. 19 Lucas Sheridan (Indiana) dec Jacob Berkowitz (NU) 3-2,(9-6 IU)
197: Alex Polizzi (NU) tech fall Garret Goldman (Indiana) 0:37, 15-0, (11-9 NU)
285: No. 8 Adam Chalfant (Indiana) dec Mike McMullan (NU) 9-4, (12-11 IU)
125: Garrison White (NU) win by forfeit , (17-12 NU)
133: Dominick Malone (NU) dec Chris Caton (Indiana) 9-4, (20-12 NU)
141: Pat Greco (NU) dec Kyle Springer (Indiana) 10-7, (23-12 NU)
149: Jason Tsirtsis (NU) maj dec Eric Roach (Indiana) 17-4, (27-12 NU)

No. 2 Minnesota 26, No. 16 Northwestern 12 6-2
Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014• Evanston, Ill.
125: Garrison White (NU) dec Jordan Kingsley (Minnesota), 6-0. (3-0 NU)
133: David Thorn (Minnesota) maj dec Dominick Malone (NU) 16-5. (4-3 Minn.)
141: Chris Dardanes (Minnesota) dec Pat Greco (NU) 3-2. (7-3 Minn.)
149: Nick Dardanes (Minnesota) dec Jason Tsirtsis (NU) 5-3. (10-3 Minn.)
157: Brandon Kinglsey (Minnesota) pins Dylan Marriott (NU) 1:00. (16- 3 Minn.)
165: Pierce Harger (NU) dec Danny Zilverberg (Minnesota) 7-5. (16- 6 Minn.)
174: Lee Munster (NU) dec Alec Ortiz (Minnesota) 4-1. (16- 9 Minn.)
184: Kevin Steinhaus (Minnesota) maj dec Jacob Berkowitz (NU) 14-5. (20-9 Minn.)
197: Scott Schiller (Minnesota) pins Alex Polizzi (NU) 4:05. (26-9, Minn.)
285: Mike McMullan (NU) SV1 dec Tony Nelson (Minnesota) 3-1. (26- 12 Minn.)

No. 12 Ohio State 21, No. 14 Northwestern 12 6-3
Friday, Jan. 17, 2014• Cinncinnati, Ohio
125: No. 18 Nick Roberts (OSU) dec Garrison White (NU) 13-9. (3-0 OSU)
133: No. 5 Johnni DiJulius (OSU) dec Dominick Malone (NU) 7-3. (6-0 OSU)
141: No. 3 Logan Stieber (OSU) tech fall Pat Greco (NU) 0:00 15-0. (11-0 OSU)
149: No. 4 Jason Tsirtsis (NU) dec No. 18 Ian Paddock (OSU) 6-4. (11-3 OSU)
157: Ben Sullivan (NU) dec Randall Languis (OSU) 6-2. (11-6 OSU)
165: No. 9 Pierce Harger (NU) dec Joe Grandominico (OSU) 10-3. (11-9 OSU)
174: Mark Martin (OSU) dec No. 9 Lee Munster (NU) 4-3. (14-9 OSU)
184: No. 8 Kenny Courts (OSU) maj dec Jacob Berkowitz (NU) 18-4 (18-9 OSU)
197: No. 8 Nick Heflin (OSU) dec No. 17 Alex Polizzi (NU) 13-6. (21-9 OSU)
285: No. 4 Mike McMullan (NU) dec Nick Tavanello (OSU) 6-2. (21-12 OSU)

No. 1 Penn State 39, No. 14 Northwestern 8 6-4
Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014• State College, Pa.
125: No. 2 Nico Megaludis (PSU) tech fall Garrison White (NU) 6:39 23-6 (5-0 PSU)
133: No. 15 Jimmy Gulibon (PSU) dec Dominick Malone (NU) 7-2. (8-0 PSU)
141: No. 2 Zain Retherford (PSU) maj dec Pat Greco (NU) 10-2. (12-0 PSU)
149: No. 4 Jason Tsirtsis (NU) dec SV1 Zach Beitz (PSU) 5-3. (12-3 PSU)
157: James Vollrath (PSU) pins Ben Sullivan (NU) 4:03. (18-3 PSU)
165: No. 1 David Taylor (PSU) tech fall No. 9 Pierce Harger (NU) 4:47 17-2. (23-2 PSU)
174: No. 3 Mathew Brown (PSU) injury default No. 9 Lee Munster (NU) 3:55. (29-3 PSU)
184: No. 2 Edward Ruth (PSU) pins Jacob Berkowitz (NU) 1:36. (35-3 PSU)
197: No. 7 Morgan McIntosh (PSU) maj dec No. 17 Alex Polizzi (NU) 16-8. (39-3 PSU)
Northwestern Second Team Bench Warning, -1 (PSU 39, NU 2)
285: No. 4 Mike McMullan (NU) injury default No. 12 Jimmy Lawson (PSU),2:43 (39-8 PSU)

No. 18 Wisconsin 23, No. 14 Northwestern 15 6-5
Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014 • Evanston, Ill.
125: No 10 Ryan Taylor (UW) maj dec Garrison White (NU) 21-8 (4-0, UW)
133: No. 6 Tyler Graff (UW) tech fall Dominick Malone (NU) 1:13; 24-9 (8-0 UW)
141: Jesse Thielke (UW) dec Pat Greco (NU) 5-4 (11-0 UW)
149: No. 4 Jason Tsirtsis maj dec Timothy Ruschell (UW) 13-2 (11-3 UW)
157: No. 7 Isaac Jordan (UW) dec Ben Sullivan (NU) 6-3 (14-3 UW)
165: No. 9 Pierce Harger (NU) dec Frank Cousins (UW) 4-0 (14-6 UW)
174: Scott Liegel (UW) pins Robert Coukos (NU) 1:44 (20-6 UW)
184: Jackson Hein (UW) dec Jacob Berkowitz (NU) 8-3 (23-6 UW)
197: No. 17 Alex Polizzi (NU) pins Timmy McCall (UW) 5:57 (23-12 UW)
285: No. 4 Mike McMullan (NU) dec No. 10 Connor Medbery (UW) 4-3 (23-15 UW)

No. 2 Iowa 31, No. 12 Northwestern 6 6-6
Friday, Jan. 31, 2014 • Evanston, Ill.
125: Cory Clark (Iowa) maj dec Garrison White (NU) 10-1. (4-0 Iowa)
133: No. 3 Tony Ramos (Iowa) pins Dominick Malone (NU) 5:24. (10-0 Iowa)
141: No. 9 Josh Dziewa (Iowa) TB3 dec Pat Greco (NU) 5-4. (Iowa 13-0)
149: No. 4 Jason Tsirtsis (NU) dec No. 12 Brody Grothus (Iowa) 5-2. (13-3 Iowa)
157: No. 2 Derek St. John (Iowa) dec Benjamin Sullivan (NU) 8-3. (16-3 Iowa)
165: No. 4 Nick Moore (Iowa) dec No. 7 Pierce Harger (NU) 7-3. (19-3 Iowa)
174: No. 5 Michael Evans (Iowa) wins by forfeit Unknown (Unattached). (Iowa 25-3)
184: No. 4 Ethen Lofthouse (Iowa) dec Jacob Berkowitz (NU) 11-5. (28-3 Iowa)
197: No. 16 Nathan Burak (Iowa) SV1 dec No. 17 Alex Polizzi (NU) 3-1. (31-3 Iowa)
285: No. 3 Mike McMullan (NU) SV1 No. 1 Bobby Telford (Iowa) 3-1. (31-6 Iowa)

No. 13 Illinois 24, No. 10 Northwestern 12 6-7
Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014 • Champaign, Ill.
149: No. 4 Jason Tsirtsis (NU) dec John Fahy (ILL) 7-2. (3-0 NU)
157: No. 13 Zach Brunson (ILL) dec Benjamin Sullivan (NU) 11-4. (3-3)
165: No. 7 Pierce Harger (NU) dec No. 13 Jackson Morse (ILL) 10-4. (6-3)
174: Tony Dallago (ILL) pins David Helmer (NU) 2:22. (9-6 ILL)
184: Lazarus Reyes (ILL) dec Jacob Berkowitz (NU) 5-2. (12-6 ILL)
197: No. 17 Alex Polizzi (NU) dec Jeffrey Koepke (ILL) 7-6. (12-9 ILL)
285: No. 1 Michael McMullan (NU) dec Chris Lopez (ILL) 4-0. (12-12)
125: No. 3 Jesse Delgado (ILL) tech fall Garrison White (NU) 4:48 21-5. (17-12 ILL)
133: No. 11 Zane Richards (ILL) maj dec Dominick Malone (NU) 14-5. (21-12 ILL)
141: No. 8 Steven Rodrigues (ILL) dec Pasquale Greco (NU) 7-2. (24-12 ILL)

No. 10 Northwestern 20, Stanford 19 7-7
Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014 • Evanston, Ill.
125: No. 12 Evan Silver (Stanford) pins Garrison White (NU), 1:54 (6-0 Stanford)
133: No. 10 Ryan Mango (Stanford) maj dec Dominick Malone (NU), 10-2 (10-0 Stanford)
141: Pat Greco (NU) maj dec Matt Garelli (Stanford), 14-4 (10-4 Stanford)
149: No. 4 Jason Tsirtsis (NU) maj dec Donovan Halpin (Stanford), 12-3 (10-8 Stanford)
157: Peter Galli (Stanford) dec Ben Sullivan (NU), 7-3 (13-8 Stanford)
165: No. 7 Pierce Harger (NU) dec No. 18 Jim Wilson (Stanford), 11-7 (13-11 Stanford)
174: Kyle Meyer (Stanford) injury default No. 15 Lee Munster (NU), 5:08 (19-11 Stanford)
184: Jacob Berkowitz (NU) dec Tommy Kimbrell (Stanford), 5-3 OT (19-14 Stanford)
197: No. 17 Alex Polizzi (NU) dec No. 19 Dan Scherer (Stanford), 5-3 OT (19-17 Stanford)
285: No. 1 Mike McMullan (NU) dec Josh Marchok (Stanford), 6-3 (NU 20-19)

No. 10 Northwestern 24, North Carolina State 15 8-7
Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014 • .
197: Alex Polizzi (NU) dec KaRonne Jones (NC State) 8-6. (3-0 NU)
285: No. 6 Nick Gwiazdowski (NC State) dec SV1 Mike McMullan (NU) 5-3. (Tie 3-3)
125: Garrison White (NU) dec Micah Perez (NC State) 6-2. (6-3 NU)
133: Dominick Malone (NU) dec Chris Wilkes (NC State) 7-3. (9-3 NU)
141: Sam Speno (NC State) won by pin over Pat Greco (NU) 7:44. (Tie 9-9)
149: No. 5 Jason Tsirtsis (NU) tech fall Walker Fulk (NC State) 6:31 20-4. (14-9 NU)
157: Thomas Gantt (NC State) dec Benjamin Sullivan (NU) 13-7. (14-12 NU)
165: No. 6 Pierce Harger (NU) pins Max Rohskopf (NC State) 3:17. (20-12 NU)
174: Kevin Bialka (NU) maj dec Nijel Jones (NC State) 16-5. (24-12 NU)
184: Michael Macchiavello (NC State) dec Jacob Berkowitz (NU) 8-7. (24-15 NU)

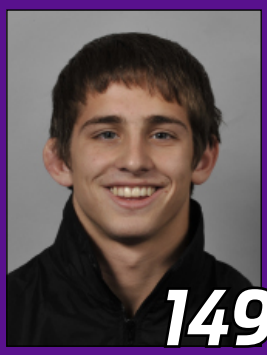
No. 10 Northwestern 23, Duke 16 9-7
Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014 • Durham, N.C.

197: No. 16 Conner Hartmann (Duke) dec No. 16 Alex Polizzi (NU), 7-5; (3-0 Duke)
285: No. 1 Mike McMullan (NU) tech fall Brendan Walsh (Duke), 17-1, 2:28; (5-3 NU)
125: Garrison White (NU) wins by forfeit, (11-3 NU)
133: Dominick Malone (NU) dec Evan Botwin (Duke), 4-0; (4-3 NU)
141: Xaviel Ramos (Duke) maj dec Pat Greco (NU), 11-3; (14-7 NU)
149: No. 5 Jason Tsirtsis (NU) dec Connor Bass (Duke), 8-1; (17-7 NU)
157: Immanuel Kerr-Brown (Duke) dec Ben Sullivan (NU), 8-6 SV-1; (17-10 NU)
165: No. 6 Pierce Harger (NU) fall Marcus Cain (Duke), 0:54; (23-10 NU)
174: Trey Adamson (Duke) dec Kevin Bialka (NU), 9-5; (23-13 NU)
184: Jacob Kasper (Duke) dec Jacob Berkowitz (NU), 10-4; (23-16 NU)

2013-14 NORTHWESTERN NCAA QUALIFIERS



DOMINICK MALONE
Freshman
Granby, Conn.
Wyoming Seminary



JASON TSIRTSIS
R-Fr.
Crown Point, Ind.
Crown Point



PIERCE HARGER
Junior
Loveland, Ohio
Archbishop Moeller



ALEX POLIZZI
Junior
Beloit, Wis.
Beloit Memorial



MIKE MCMULLAN
Junior
Easton, Pa.
Wyoming Seminary



DREW PARIANO
Head Coach
Fourth Season
Northwestern, 2000



JAY BORSCHEL
Assistant Coach
Iowa, 2010



MATT STORNIOLO
Assistant Coach
Oklahoma, 2007



TIM CYSEWSKI
Associate Head Coach
Iowa, 1976



CONOR BEEBE
Volunteer Assistant Coach
Central Michigan, 2010



DOMINICK MALONE

133
Sophomore
Granby, Conn.
Wyoming Seminary

2013-14 Overall Record	**17-17**
Career Record	**34-29**
Dual Record	**8-8**
Big Ten Dual Record	**2-10**
vs. 2014 NCAA Championship Field	**4-13**
Current AWN Ranking	**NR**
Current InterMat Ranking	**NR**
RPI Ranking	**NR**
Coaches' Panel Ranking	**33**
NCAA Appearances	**One (2014)**

2013-14: Earned first career trip to NCAA Championships as an NCAA Qualifier at 133 lbs… Competed at Big Ten Championships for NU, earning No. 10 seed at 133 lbs… NU's starter at 133 lbs. for the season…In first appearance at NCAA Championships, defeated Kevin Devoy (Dexel) by 6-3 dec…Went 1-2 at NCAAs…Defeated Rossi Bruno 6-5 at Big Ten Championships…Earned automatic bid to NCAAs by finishing No. 8 at Big Ten Championships..Won first four matches of the year…Began year with 13-5 record…Finished year 17-17.Recourded four falls on the year, tied for the second most on the team…won two matches each by maj. dec. and tech fall.

2012-13: NU's starter all season at 125 ... Posted 17-12 record, including 9-8 mark in duals ... Team-leading eight falls ... 40 dual points tied for fourth on the team ... Made NU debut in first dual of the season at Stanford ... Won 125 lbs. title at Keystone Classic ... Defeated then-No. 14 Mark Rappo (Penn), 6-4, in Keystone Classic finals ... Went on six-match winning streak after losing his NU debut ... Went 3-2 at Midlands ... Won first Big Ten dual with 6-2 decision over Nebraska's Eric Coufal (Jan. 12) ... Went 1-2 at the 2013 Big Ten Championships ... Was leading 4-1 on two-time NCAA Champion Matt McDonough in 125 quarterfinals, dropped narrow 5-4 decision.

High School: Two-time National Prep Champion (119 lbs. 2010, 126 lbs. in 2011) ... Named Most Outstanding Wrestler at 2011 National Prep Championships ... Also won Ray Mendoza Award for most team points ... Three-time Pennsylvania state champion (103 lbs., 112 lbs., 119 lbs.) ... Three-time All-American ... Ranked 45th overall and ninth for 126 lbs. by InterMat ... Ranked 43rd overall recruit on DIcollegewrestling.net and No. 3 national prospect at 125 lbs. by TheOpenMat.com ... Runner-up at National Prep Championships in 2009 at 112 lbs. and third in 2008 at 103 lbs. ... Runner-up Ironman at 119 lbs. in 2010, fifth in 2009 and third in 2008 ... Placed third at the Beast of the East at 119 lbs. in 2010, fifth in 2009 and third in 2008 ... Won high school's most team points scored award in 2011 ... Had 21 pins in 2011 ... Part of Wyoming Seminary team that won four state championships (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011) ... Team was ranked in the top-10 inU.S. last five years ... Four-year letter winner and team captain ... Has a 143-17 career record ... Also wrestled eight years for the Northeast Elite club team ... Active in Wyoming Seminary's student government and is a Blue Key member ... Levi Sprague Fellowship honoree.

Personal: Born Dominick Malone ... Son of Keith and Vicki Malone ...Mother, Vicki, was an All-American softball player at the University of Connecticut ... High school teammates with current NU heavyweight Mike McMullan ... Chose Northwestern over Virginia, Illinois and North Carolina ... Major is undecided.

DOMINICK MALONE (CONT.)

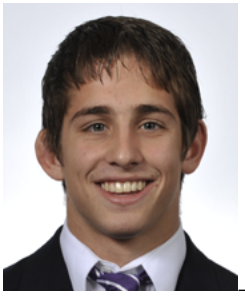
2013-14 RESULTS

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/02/13	Alex Moore (Chi.)	133	W	Maj.	13-2	University of Chicago	1-0	1-0
11/02/13	Ryan Wilson (Stevens Tech)	133	W	Fall	3:28	Stevens Tech	2-0	2-0
11/08/13	***Gregory Rinker (Air Force)***	***133***	***W***	***Dec***	***5-2***	***Air Force***	***3-0***	***3-0***
11/08/13	Michael Espinoza (Northern Colorado)	133	W`	Fall	1:34	Northern Colorado	4-0	4-0
11/17/13	Colton McCrystal (Nebraska)	133	L	Dec	7-6 (OT)	Nebraska	4-1	4-1
11/24/13	McKendry Bade (Pennsylvania)	133	W	Dec	6-1	Keystone Classic	4-1	5-1
11/24/13	***Nick Wilcox (Bloomsburg)***	***133***	***W***	***Dec***	***3-0***	***Keystone Classic***	***4-1***	***6-1***
11/24/13	***Shelton Mack (Pittsburgh)***	***133***	***L***	***Dec***	***2-1; TB2***	***Keystone Classic***	***4-1***	***6-2***
12/7/13	Joseph Her (Wisconsin-Parkside)	133	W	Maj	16-3	Wisconsin Open	4-1	7-2
12/7/13	Jacob Schmitt (Northwestern)	133	L	Dec	3-1	Wisconsin Open	4-1	7-3
12/7/13	George Fisher (Michigan)	133	W	Dec	6-1	Wisconsin Open	4-1	8-3
12/7/13	Dominic Boggia (North Central, IL)	133	W	Fall	2:44	Wisconsin Open	4-1	9-3
12/15/13	John Petroy (SIUE)	133	W	Fall	6:40	SIUE	5-1	10-3
12/29/13	Vince Rodriguez (George Mason)	133	L	Dec	5-3	Midlands	5-1	10-4
12/29/13	Anthony Finocchiaro (Brown)	133	W	Maj	12-0	Midlands	5-1	11-4
12/29/13	Jeffrey Ott	133	W	Dec	8-5	Midlands	5-1	12-4
12/29/13	Kevin Nortstrem (VA Tech)	133	L	Dec	3-2; TB1	Midlands	5-1	12-5
1/4/14	Chris Caton (Indiana)	133	W	Dec	9-4	Indiana	6-1	13-5
1/10/14	***No. 10 David Thorn (Minnesota)***	***133***	***L***	***Maj***	***16-5***	***Minnesota***	***6-2***	***13-6***
1/17/14	***No. 5 Johnni DiJulius (OSU)***	***133***	***L***	***Dec***	***7-3***	***Ohio State***	***6-3***	***13-7***
1/19/14	***No. 15 Jimmy Gulibon (PSU)***	***133***	***L***	***Dec***	***7-2***	***Penn State***	***6-4***	***13-8***
1/26/14	***No. 6 Tyler Graff (Wisconsin)***	***133***	***L***	***Tech Fall***	***1:13;24-9***	***Wisconsin***	***6-5***	***13-9***
1/31/14	***No. 3 Tony Ramos (Iowa)***	***133***	***L***	***Fall***	***5:24***	***Iowa***	***6-6***	***13-10***
2/09/14	***No. 11 Zane Richards (Illinois)***	***133***	***L***	***Maj***	***14-5***	***Illinois***	***6-7***	***13-11***
2/16/14	***No. 10 Ryan Mango (Stanford)***	***133***	***L***	***Maj***	***10-2***	***Stanford***	***6-8***	***13-12***
2/22/14	Chris Wilkes (NC State)	133	W	Dec	7-3	NC State	7-8	14-12
2/22/14	Evan Botwin (Duke)	133	W	Dec	4-0	Duke	8-8	15-12
3/08/14	***Jimmy Gulibon (PSU)***	***133***	***L***	***Tech Fall***	***5:47; 16-0***	***Big Ten Champs***	***8-8***	***15-13***
3/08/14	***Rossi Bruno***	***133***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-5***	***Big Ten Champs***	***8-8***	***16-13***
3/08/14	***Zane Richards (Ill.)***	***133***	***L***	***Dec***	***10-3***	***Big Ten Champs***	***8-8***	***16-14***
3/08/14	***Jimmy Gulibon (PSU)***	***133***	***L***	***Maj***	***9-1***	***Big Ten Champs***	***8-8***	***16-15***
3/20/14	***Tyler Graff (Wisconsin)***	***133***	***L***	***Tech Fall***	***6:21; 25-9***	***NCAA Championships***	***8-8***	***16-16***
3/20/14	***Kevin Devoy (Drexel)***	***133***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-3***	***NCAA Championships***	***8-8***	***17-16***
3/21/14	***Ryan Mango (Stanford)***	***133***	***L***	***Dec***	***8-4***	***NCAA Championships***	***8-8***	***17-17***

** Rankings reflect AWN poll at time of match; bold italics indicates match vs. 2014 NCAA qualifier*

2012-13 MALONE RESULTS

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/9/12	Evan Silver (Stanford)	125	L	Fall	5:34	Stanford	0-1	0-1
11/18/12	Joe Duca (Indiana)	125	W	Fall	1:14	Keystone Classic	0-1	1-1
11/18/12	Dominic Parisi (Appalachian State)	125	W	Fall	2:45	Keystone Classic	0-1	2
11/18/12	Jeff Ott (Harvard)	125	W	Dec	8-3	Keystone Classic	0-1	3-1
11/18/12	#14 Mark Rappo (Pennsylvania)	125	W	Dec	6-4	Keystone Classic	0-1	4-1
12/1/12	Tony Geiger (Stevens Tech)	125	W	Fall	:59	Stevens Tech	1-1	5-1
12/1/12	Peter Terrezza (Duke)	125	W	Fall	1:55	Duke	2-1	6-1
12/7/12	#8 David Thorn (Minnesota)	125	L	Dec	0-2	Minnesota	2-2	6-2
12/16/12	Tyler Fraley (Clarion)	125	W	Dec	4-3, TB2	Clarion	3-2	7-2
12/16/12	Kory Mines	125	W	Dec	3-0	Edinboro	4-2	8-2
12/29/12	Alex Abreu (Lehigh)	125	W	Fall	1:55	Midlands	4-2	9-2
12/29/12	#12 Christian Cullinan (Cen. Michigan)	125	L	Dec	1-2	Midlands	4-2	9-3
12/29/12	Derek Elmore (Northern Illinois)	125	W	Dec	7-0	Midlands	4-2	10-3
12/29/12	Tyler Fraley (Clarion)	125	W	Dec	8-2	Midlands	4-2	11-3
12/30/12	Joe Roth (Central Michigan)	125	L	Dec	3-5	Midlands	4-2	11-4
1/6/13	#16 Nikko Triggas (Ohio State)	125	L	Fall	2:48	Ohio State	4-3	11-5
1/12/13	Eric Coufal (Nebraska)	125	W	Dec	6-2	Nebraska	5-3	12-5
1/20/13	Ryan Jauch (Northern Iowa)	125	L	Dec	0-2	Northern Iowa	5-4	12-6
1/20/13	Tyler Gilleland (SIU-Edwardsville)	125	W	Fall	2:12	SIU-Edwardsville	6-4	13-6
1/25/13	Brendan Lyon (Michigan State)	125	W	Dec	2-1	Michigan State	7-4	14-6
1/27/13	#14 Sean Boyle (Michigan)	125	L	Dec	0-5	Michigan	7-5	14-7
2/1/13	#15 Camden Eppert (Purdue)	125	L	Maj	0-10	Purdue	7-6	14-8
2/8/13	Derek Elmore (NIU)	125	W	Fall	4:20	Northern Illinois	8-6	15-8
2/10/13	#3 Jesse Delgado (Illinois)	125	L	Dec	0-4	Illinois	8-7	15-9
2/17/13	Aaron Pickrel (South Dakota State)	125	W	Maj	10-1	South Dakota State	9-7	16-9
2/23/13	Joe Duca (Indiana)	125	L	Dec	4-6	Indiana	9-8	16-10
3/9/13	Matthew Cavallaris (Wisconsin)	125	W	Fall	2:35	B1G Championships	9-8	17-10
3/9/13	#2 Matt McDonough (Iowa)	125	L	Dec	4-5	B1G Championships	9-8	17-11
3/9/13	Joe Duca (Indiana)	125	L	Dec	2-6	B1G Championships	9-8	17-12



JASON TSIRTSIS

149
R-Freshman
Walnut Creek, Calif.
Las Lomas

2013-14 Overall Record	**32-3**
Career Record	**32-3**
Dual Record	**15-1**
Big Ten Dual Record	**10-1**
vs. 2014 NCAA Championship Field	**13-3**
NCAA Seed	**5**
Current AWN Ranking	**1**
Current InterMat Ranking	**1**
RPI Ranking	**9**
Coaches' Panel Ranking	**6**
Past NCAA Finishes	**1st, (2014)**
Past B1G Champs Finishes	**1st, (2014, 149)**
NCAA Appearances	**One (2014)**

2014 NCAA Champion (149)
2014 All-American (1st, 149)
2014 Big Ten Champion (149)
Intermat Freshman of the Year
Big Ten Freshman of the Year
2nd In NU history with .914 winning percentage

2013-14: NCAA Champion at 149 lbs. as a redshirt freshman…Big Ten Champion at 149 lbs…InterMat Freshman of the Year…Big Ten Freshman of the Year…Seeded at No. 5 in first trip to NCAA Championships at 149 lbs…Competed at Big Ten Championships for NU as the No. 3 seed at 149 lbs… NU's starter at 149 lbs. for the season…Started the year and his varsity career winning his first 14 matches, going 14-0…Ended year on 16-match winning streak…Finished year 32-2…Won three consecutive overtime matches to capture NCAA Champion…Recorded 3-1 OT win over Oklahoma State's Joshua Kindig in championship…Won 2-1 OT matches against Missouri's Drake Houdashelt in semifinals and Oklahoma's Kendric Maple in quarterfinals…Went 5-0 at NCAA Championships…Went 3-0 at Big Ten Championships to win title…Defeated Nebraska's Jake Sueflohn in Big Ten Championship at 149 lbs. by 6-2 dec…Defeated Sueflohn who was ranked No. 4 at the time by 3-2 decision at Nebraska (11/17)… Defeated No. 18 Ian Paddock (Ohio State) by 6-4 dec. (1/17)…Defeated No. 12 Brody Grothus (Iowa) by 5-2 dec. (1/31)…Tsirtsis .914 winning pct. (32-3) ranked No. 2 in Northwestern history behind Jake Herbert…Won six matches by maj. dec and three each by tech fall and fall…Went 15-1 in duals and 10-1 in Big Ten matches…Placed fifth at Midlands.

2012-13: Redshirt season ... Went 18-3 while competing unattached ... Five tech falls, five falls and two major decisions ... Wrestled in four tournaments, finishing first at the Wisconsin Open (141), UNI Open (149) and Cleveland State Open (149) ... Placed eighth in a highly-competitive Midlands field at 141 ... No. 8 seed at Midlands, went 3-3 ... Defeated then-No. 20 Timmy Box (CSU Bakersfield) by tech fall, 2013 NCAA qualifiers Luke Vaith of Hofstra (10-1 major decision) and Zach Neibert of Virginia Tech (5-3) at Midlands ... Lost narrow 7-5 match to 2013 NCAA Champion and 2012 Midlands Champion Kendric Maple of Oklahoma and another close 6-3 decision at Midlands vs. 2013 All-American Evan Henderson of North Carolina ... 2013 FILA Junior National Champion ... Won the 66 kg/145.5 freestyle division with four tech falls and outscored his opponents 55-0 en route to the title ... Earned an automatic spot in the finals of the 2013 ASICS Junior World Team Trials ... Won two matches, including his second bout with a first-period tech fall, to win the Junior World Team Trials ... Will represent the U.S. in the 66 kg freestyle division at the 2013 FILA Junior World Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 13-18, 2013.

High School: Four-time state champion at Crown Point High School ... Just the eighth wrestler in Indiana state history to win four individual state titles ... Won his fourth state championship with a 22-7 technical fall in the 145 lbs. finals ... Finished high school with 176-2 record ... Only two losses were 3-2 decisions during freshman season ... Named 2012 Post Tribune Wrestler of the Year ... InterMat's 2012 High School Wrestler of the Year ... Participated in at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials Qualifier ... Defeated former NCAA champion Darrion Caldwell 8-0, 1-1 at 66 kg/145.5 and beat former Oklahoma wrestler Will Rowe ... Was seconds away from qualifying for the Olympic Team Trials, as an 18-year-old, falling to two-time Oklahoma All-American Zach Bailey in the closing seconds ... Won his bouts at the Dapper Dan Classic and Dream Team Classic All-Star matches ... Crown Point's team captain as a senior ... Ranked No. 1 at 145 lbs. and listed as No. 2 recruit in the nation by InterMat ... No. 2 overall ranking by D1collegewrestling.net and No. 1 national prospect at 141 lbs. by TheOpenMat.com ... 2011 Junior National Freestyle Champion at 140 lbs. ... 2011 FloNationals Folkstyle champion at 135 lbs. ... Competed at 2011 FILA Junior Nationals and placed sixth at 132 lbs. ... Placed third at 2011 Junior Nationals (135 lbs., freestyle) ... 2010 Cadet Junior Regional, FILA Cadet Nationals and FloNationals champion ... Runner-up at 2009 Super 32 Challenge and at Cadet Nationals for freestyle ... Champion at 2009 Cadet Nationals (folkstyle) and FILA Cadet Nationals (freestyle) ... Wrestled for Region Wrestling Academy ... Post-Tribune and Northwest Indiana Times Wrestler of the Year for northwestern Indiana in 2011 ... Honor roll student throughout high school ... NWCA Scholastic Senior Wrestler of the Year for Region 5.

Personal: Born Jason Tsirtsis ... Son of Marino and Dawn Tsirtsis ... Great grandfather attended Northwestern ... Brother Alex was a four-year starter and All-American wrestler at Iowa ... Attended the samehigh school as current Northwestern wrestler Marcus Shrewsbury ... Chose Northwestern over Oklahoma State, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota ... Major is undecided.

2013-14 RESULTS

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/02/13	Jacob Smith (Chi.)	149	W	Tech Fall	5:00	University of Chicago	1-0	1-0
11/02/13	Michael Polizzi (Stevens Tech)	149	W	Maj	19-6	Stevens Tech	2-0	2-0
11/08/13	Natrelle Demison (Air Force)	149	W	Fall	4:57	Air Force	3-0	3-0
11/08/13	Beau Roberts (Northern Colorado)	149	W	Fall	2:12	Northern Colorado	4-0	4-0
11/17/13	***No. 4 Jake Sueflohn (Nebraska)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec***	***3-2***	***Nebraska***	***5-0***	***5-0***
11/24/13	Mark Cirello (American)	149	W	Dec	6-0	Keystone Classic	5-0	6-0
11/24/13	Curt Delia (Rider)	149	W	Fall	0:49	Keystone Classic	5-0	7-0
11/24/13	***Dylan Cottrell (Appalachian State)***	***149***	***W***	***Maj***	***16-3***	***Keystone Classic***	***5-0***	***8-0***
11/24/13	***Bryce Busler (Bloomsberg)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-4***	***Keystone Classic***	***5-0***	***9-0***
12/15/13	Karsten Van Velson (SIUE)	149	W	Tech Fall	17-1, 3:49	SIUE	6-0	10-0
12/29/13	Trevor Wilson (Utah Valley)	149	W	Dec	5-3	Midlands	6-0	11-0
12/29/13	Derrick Evanovich (Maryland)	149	W	Dec	2-1	Midlands	6-0	12-0
12/29/13	Neal Malloy (UN-Indiana)	149	W	Dec	4-0	Midlands	6-0	13-0
12/29/13	Jake Short (Minnesota)	149	W	Dec	2-0	Midlands	6-0	14-0
12/29/13	***Eric Grajales (Michigan)***	***149***	***L***	***Dec***	***6-3***	***Midlands***	***6-0***	***14-1***
12/29/13	***Brody Grothus (Iowa)***	***149***	***L***	***Dec***	***3-2***	***Midlands***	***6-0***	***14-2***
12/29/13	Blake Roulo (UN- George Mason)	149	W	Maj	18-4	Midlands	6-0	15-2
1/04/13	Eric Roach (Indiana)	149	W	Maj	17-4	Indiana	7-0	16-2
1/10/13	***No. 2 Nick Dardanes (Minnesota)***	***149***	***L***	***Dec***	***5-3***	***Minnesota***	***7-1***	***16-3***
1/17/14	***No. 18 Ian Paddock (OSU)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-4***	***Ohio State***	***8-1***	***17-3***
1/19/14	Zach Beitz (PSU)	149	W	Dec SV1	5-3	Penn State	9-1	18-3
1/26/14	Timothy Ruschell	149	W	Maj	13-2	Wisconsin	10-1	19-3
1/31/14	***No. 12 Brody Grothus (Iowa)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec***	***5-2***	***Iowa***	***11-1***	***20-3***
2/09/14	John Fahy (Illinois)	149	W	Dec	7-2	Illinois	12-1	21-3
2/16/14	Donovan Halpin (Stanford)	149	W	Maj	11-7	Stanford	13-1	22-3
2/22/14	Walker Fulk (NC State)	149	W	Tech Fall	6:31, 20-4	NC State	14-1	23-3
2/22/14	Connor Bass (Duke)	149	W	Dec	8-1	Duke	15-1	24-3
3/08/14	***Ian Paddock (OSU)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec***	***3-2***	***Big Ten Champs***	***15-1***	***25-3***
3/08/14	***Nick Dardanes (Minnesota)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec***	***4-2***	***Big Ten Champs***	***15-1***	***26-3***
3/08/14	***Jake Sueflohn (Nebraska)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-2***	***Big Ten Champs***	***15-1***	***27-3***
3/20/14	***Bryce Busler (Bloomsberg)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec***	***4-1***	***NCAA Championships***	***15-1***	***28-3***
3/20/14	***James English (PSU)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec***	***4-3***	***NCAA Championships***	***15-1***	***29-3***
3/21/14	***Kendric Maple (Oklahoma)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec SV1***	***2-1***	***NCAA Championships***	***15-1***	***30-3***
3/21/14	***Drake Houdashelt (Missouri)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec SV1***	***2-1***	***NCAA Championships***	***15-1***	***31-3***
3/22/14	***Joshua Kindig (Oklahoma State)***	***149***	***W***	***Dec SV1***	***3-1***	***NCAA Championships***	***15-1***	***32-3***

** Rankings reflect AWN poll at time of match; bold italics indicates match vs. 2014 NCAA qualifier*



PIERCE HARGER

165
R-Junior
Loveland, Ohio
Archbishop Moeller

2013-14 Overall Record	**29-10**
Career Record	**77-34**
Dual Record	**14-2**
Big Ten Dual Record	**9-4**
vs. 2013 NCAA Field	**13-9**
Current AWN Ranking	**6**
Current InterMat Ranking	**6**
RPI Ranking	**10**
Coaches' Panel Ranking	**6**
NCAA Appearances	**Three (2014, 2013, 2012)**

2014 All-American (8th, 165)

2013-14: Finished No. 8 at NCAA Championships, earning first career All-American status at 165 lbs…Qualified for NCAA Championships for third time in career as No. 7 seed…Competed as No. 3 seed at 165 lbs. at Big Ten Championships in Madison, Wis…Named to NWCA All-Academic Team for third time in career…Named Northwestern Sports Performance Athlete of the Month for April of 2014…Academic All-Big Ten…Went 29-10 on the year with .743 winning pct…29 wins ranked second for Northwestern behind Jason Tsirtsis…Led 'Cats with eight falls…won four matches by maj. dec…Won three matches at NCAA Championships…Finished No. 4 at Big Ten Championships, earning automatic bid to NCAA Championships…Placed fourth at 51st Midlands Championships, the highest individual finalist for Northwestern…Defeated No. 13 Jackson Morse of Illinois (2/9) and No. 18 Jim Wilson (Stanford) on 2/16.

2012-13: 2013 NCAA Qualifier ... Placed sixth at 2013 Big Ten Championships to earn an automatic bid at 165 ... Posted 14-3 dual record, including 5-3 mark in Big Ten duals ... 56 dual points ranked second on the team ... Took first at the Keystone Classic ... Won eight straight matches to start the year ... Went 3-2 at Midlands ... Five-match winning streak from Jan. 6-25 ... Won four of five matches heading into Big Ten's, including a 4-2 decision over IU's then-No. 15 Ryan LeBlanc.

2011-12: Finished his first season with a 22-14 overall record and 10-4 mark in dual action as NU's starter at 165 lbs. ... Qualified for his first NCAA championships by placing sixth at Big Ten's ... Wrestled above his No. 8 seed at Big Ten's ... Went 1-2 at NCAA's, defeating Drexel's Joe Booth, 8-5 in the consolation round ... Lost other two bouts by three points (5-2 decisions) ... Finished runner-up at the Michigan State Open and fourth at the Keystone Classic ... Went 2-2 at Midlands ... Won his first Big Ten dual in upset fashion, defeating then-No. 8 (and 2012 All-American) Ben Jordan of Wisconsin, 4-2 in Madison ... Also defeated Big Ten foes David Cheza (Michigan State), Kyle Moiser (Purdue) and Preston Keiffer (Indiana) in dual action ... Ended the regular season on a five-match winning streak, with all five victories coming in duals ... Wrestled nine matches against ranked opponents prior to NCAA championships ... Competed at 2012 FILA Junior National Championships, wrestling in 163 lbs./74 kg freestyle division ... Academic All-Big Ten ... NWCA All-Academic Team honoree.

2010-11: Redshirt season ... Finished his year with a 19-8 record ... Won the Cleveland State Open at 157 pounds ... 3-2 in open division at Michigan State Open ... 1-2 at Midlands Championships with a win over Nick Visicaro of Rutgers ... Competed at the FILA Junior Nationals in April where he placed seventh thanks to four wins in the wrestlebacks.

High School: Compiled a 116-22 record through his junior year ... Placed third, third, sixth and seventh in his four career trips to Ohio state championships ... InterMat's ninth-ranked senior recruit in the nation at 152 pounds (No. 61 overall recruit) ... 2010 district and section champion ... 2009 EnquirerAll-Stars First Team ... Competed in the 2009 Western Regionals in Las Vegas, where he was a champion in Greco-Roman and runner-up in freestyle at 152 pounds ... 2009 team MVP ... Led team in points and pins senior year ... 2009 State Duals MVP ... Three-time Disney All-American ... Two-time Ohio All-Academic team selection ... Ranked seventh in graduating class with a 4.0 GPA ... Member of National Honor Society.

Personal: Born Pierce Everett Harger ... Son of Michael and Jodi Harger ... Chose Northwestern over Cornell, Stanford, Princeton, North Carolina, Missouri, and Indiana ... Brother Kyle wrestled at Maryland ... Majoring in industrial engineering.

2013-14 RESULTS

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/02/13	Steven Franke (Chi.)	174	W	Fall	6:47	University of Chicago	1-0	1-0
11/02/13	Kalen Gans (Stevens Tech)	174	W	Maj	10-1	Stevens Tech	2-0	2-0
11/08/13	Jesse Stafford (Air Force)	165	W	Dec	5-3	Air Force	3-0	3-0
11/08/13	Donovan Maes (Northern Colorado)	165	W	Fall	3:51	Northern Colorado	4-0	4-0
11/17/13	***No. 20 Austin Wilson (Nebraska)***	***165***	***W***	***Maj***	***8-0***	***Nebraska***	***5-0***	***5-0***
11/24/13	***Ryan LeBlanc (Indiana)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***8-0***	***Keystone Classic***	***5-0***	***6-0***
11/24/13	Ray Waters (Arizona State)	165	W	Dec	6-0	Keystone Classic	5-0	7-0
11/24/13	Adrian Soto-Perez (Appalachian St.)	165	W	Maj	9-0	Keystone Classic	5-0	8-0
11/24/13	Ray Waters (Arizona State)	165	W	Dec	6-0	Keystone Classic	5-0	9-0
11/24/13	***Ramon Santiago (Rider)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***8-6***	***Keystone Classic***	***5-0***	***9-1***
12/15/13	Connor McMahon (SIUE)	165	W	Tech Fall	17-1, 3:49	SIUE	6-0	10-1
12/29/13	Jake Davis (E. Mich)	165	W	Dec	7-1	Midlands	6-0	11-1
12/29/13	Chad Lowman (Grand View)	165	W	Dec	7-3	Midlands	6-0	12-1
12/29/13	***Nick Moore (Iowa)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***7-4***	***Midlands***	***6-0***	***12-2***
12/29/13	Curt Maas (N. Iowa)	165	W	Fall	5:27	Midlands	6-0	13-2
12/29/13	***Ryan LeBlanc (Indiana)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-3***	***Midlands***	***6-0***	***14-2***
12/29/13	***Cooper Moore (N. Iowa)***	***165***	***W***	***Fall***	***4:20***	***Midlands***	***6-0***	***15-2***
12/29/13	Taylor Massa (Michigan)	165	L	Dec	5-3	MIdlands	6-0	15-3
1/04/14	***Ryan LeBlanc (Indiana)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***2-0***	***Indiana***	***7-0***	***16-3***
1/10/14	***Danny Zilverberg (Minnesota)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***7-5***	***Minnesota***	***8-0***	***17-3***
1/17/14	Joe Grandominico (Ohio State)	165	W	Dec	10-3	Ohio State	9-0	18-3
1/19/14	***No. 1 David Taylor (PSU)***	***165***	***L***	***Tech Fall***	***17-2, 4:47***	***Penn State***	***9-1***	***18-4***
1/26/14	Frank Cousins (Wisconsin)	165	W	Dec	4-0	Wisconsin	10-1	19-4
1***/31/14***	***No. 4 Nick Moore (Iowa)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***7-3***	***Iowa***	***10-2***	***19-5***
2/09/14	***No. 13 Jackson Morse (Illinois)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***10-4***	***Illinois***	***11-2***	***20-5***
2/16/14	***No. 18 Jim Wilson***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***11-7***	***Stanford***	***12-2***	***21-5***
2/22/14	Max Rohskopf (NC State)	165	W	Fall	3:17	NC State	13-2	22-5
2/22/14	Marcus Cain (Duke)	165	W	Fall	0:54	Duke	14-2	23-5
3/08/14	***Danny Zilverberg (Minnesota)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***7-2***	***Big Ten Champs***	***14-2***	***23-6***
3/08/14	Ben Cox (Wisconsin)	165	W	Maj	9-0	Big Ten Champs	14-2	24-6
3/08/14	***Ryan Leblanc (Indiana)***	***165***	***W***	***Maj***	***9-0***	***Big Ten Champs***	***14-2***	***25-6***
3/08/14	***Jackson Morse***	***165***	***W***	***Fall***	***3:26***	***Big Ten Champs***	***14-2***	***26-6***
3/08/14	***Danny Zilverberg (Minnesota)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***4-3***	***Big Ten Champs***	***14-2***	***26-7***
3/20/14	***Zach Toal (Missouri)***	***165***	***W***	***Fall***	***3:32***	***NCAA Championships14-2***		***27-7***
3/20/14	***Cooper Moore (Northern Illinois)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***7-1***	***NCAA Championships14-2***		***28-7***
3/21/14	***Tyler Caldwell (Oklahoma State)***	***165***	***L***	***Maj***	***14-2***	***NCAA Championships14-2***		***28-8***
3/21/14	***Ryan Leblanc (Indiana)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***4-0***	***NCAA Championships14-2***		***29-8***
3/21/14	***Turtogtokh Luvsandorj (Citadel)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec SV1***	***3-1***	***NCAA Championships14-2***		***29-9***
3/22/14	***Danny Zilverberg (Minnesota)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***6-2***	***NCAA Championships 14-2***		***29-10***

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2012-13 RESULTS

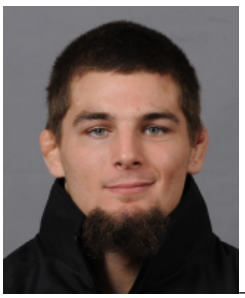
Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/9/12	***Bret Baumbach (Stanford)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***11-4***	***Stanford***	***1-0***	***1-0***
11/18/12	Connor King (Cal Poly)	165	W	Fall	1:52	Keystone Classic	1-0	2-0
11/18/12	Michell Wightman (Boston University)	165	W	Dec	8-1	Keystone Classic	1-0	3-0
11/18/12	***Josh Veltre (Bloomsburg)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***8-2***	***Keystone Classic***	***1-0***	***4-0***
11/18/12	Casey Kent (Pennsylvania)	165	W	Fall	6:55	Keystone Classic	1-0	5-0
11/18/12	***Ramon Santiago (Rider)***	***165***	***W***	***Maj***	***9-1***	***Keystone Classic***	***1-0***	***6-0***
12/1/12	Joey Favia (Stevens Tech)	165	W	Maj	8-0	Stevens Tech	2-0	7-0
12/1/12	Randy Roden (Duke)	165	W	Fall	:55	Duke	3-0	8-0
12/7/12	***#9 Cody Yohn (Minnesota)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***2-3***	***Minnesota***	***3-1***	***8-1***
12/16/12	Nick Milano (Clarion)	165	W	Maj	13-3	Clarion	4-1	9-1
12/16/12	***#13 Johnny Greisheimer (Ednboro)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***5-3***	***Edinboro***	***5-1***	***10-1***
12/29/12	Devon Gobbo (Harvard)	165	L	Dec	6-10	Midlands	5-1	10-2
12/29/12	Brian Brill (Lehigh)	165	W	Dec	5-0	Midlands	5-1	11-2
12/29/12	***Bret Baumbach (Stanford)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***8-6***	***Midlands***	***5-1***	***12-2***
12/29/12	Alex Elder (Oregon State)	165	W	Dec	7-5	Midlands	5-1	13-2
12/29/12	***#10 Tyler Wilps (Pittsburgh)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***1-6***	***Midlands***	***5-1***	***13-3***
1/6/13	***Mark Martin (Ohio State)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***5-0***	***Ohio State***	***6-1***	***14-3***
1/12/13	***Austin Wilson (Nebraska)***	***165***	***W***	***Fall***	***1:56***	***Nebraska***	***7-1***	***15-3***
1/20/13	Jarrett Jensen (Northern Iowa)	165	W	Maj	8-0	Northern Iowa	8-1	16-3
1/20/13	Logun Taylor (SIU-Edwardsville)	165	W	Fall	2:04	SIU-Edwardsville	9-1	17-3
1/25/13	Nick Proctor (Michigan State)	165	W	Dec	7-0	Michigan State	10-1	18-3
1/27/13	***#9 Taylor Massa (Michigan)***	***165***	***L***	***Tech Fall***	***0-16, 5:18***	***Michigan***	***10-2***	***18-4***
2/1/13	Pat Robinson (Purdue)	165	W	Dec	6-3	Purdue	11-2	19-4
2/8/13	Dan Burk (NIU)	165	W	Tech Fall	16-0, 5:47	Northern Illinois	12-2	20-4
2/10/13	***#7 Conrad Polz (Illinois)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***0-2***	***Illinois***	***12-3***	***20-5***
2/17/12	Joe Brewster (South Dakota State)	165	W	Dec	4-1	South Dakota State	13-3	21-5
2/23/13	***#15 Ryan LeBlanc (Indiana)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***4-2***	***Indiana***	***14-3***	***22-5***
3/9/13	Frank Cousins, Jr. (Wisconsin)	165	W	Maj	10-1	B1G Championships	14-3	23-5
3/9/13	***#9 Taylor Massa (Michigan)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***2-6***	***B1G Championships***	***14-3***	***23-6***
3/9/13	Nick Proctor (Michigan State)	165	W	Dec	10-3	B1G Championships	14-3	24-6
3/9/13	***Ryan LeBlanc (Indiana)***	***165***	***W***	***Dec***	***4-3***	***B1G Championships***	***14-3***	***25-6***
3/10/13	***#13 Nick Moore (Iowa)***	***165***	***L***	***Dec***	***2-7***	***B1G Championships***	***14-3***	***25-7***
3/10/13	***#9 Taylor Massa (Michigan)***	***165***	***L***	***Tech Fall***	***0-16, 6:07***	***B1G Championships***	***14-3***	***25-8***

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PIERCE HARGER (CONT.)

2011-12 HARGER RESULTS

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/12/11	Dave Johnson (Unat. Michigan)	165	W	Dec	8-5	MSU Open	0-0	1-0
11/12/11	Jared King (Notre Dame Ohio)	165	W	Dec	7-0	MSU Open	0-0	2-0
11/12/11	Kevin Bialka (Northwestern)	165	W	Inj.	--	MSU Open	0-0	3-0
11/12/11	Dan Yates (Unat. Michigan)	165	L	Maj	3-11	MSU Open	0-0	3-1
11/20/11	Ian Roy (Harvard)	165	W	Pin	0:57	Keystone Classic	0-0	4-1
11/20/11	Tyler Orfe (Brown)	165	W	Pin	1:03	Keystone Classic	0-0	5-1
11/20/11	Carry Joseph (VMI)	165	W	Maj.	9-0	Keystone Classic	0-0	6-1
11/20/11	Lorenzo Thomas (Penn)	165	L	Dec	8-9	Keystone Classic	0-0	6-2
11/20/11	Kyle Czarnecki (Boston)	165	W	Dec	5-2 (SV2)	Keystone Classic	0-0	7-2
11/20/11	James Brundage (Rider)	165	L	Dec	4-5	Keystone Classic	0-0	7-3
12/11/11	Gabe Hocum (SIUE)	165	W	Pin	2:07	NU Duals	1-0	8-3
12/11/11	Jeff Weiss (Indianapolis)	165	W	Dec	6-0	NU Duals	2-0	9-3
12/16/11	Jason Bonham (North Central)	165	W	Pin	1:34	North Central	3-0	10-3
12/29/11	Bret Baumbach (Stanford)	165	W	Maj	11-1	Midlands	3-0	11-3
12/29/11	#9 Brandon Hatchett (Lehigh)	165	L	Dec	3-8	Midlands	3-0	11-4
12/29/11	Joe Favia (Stevens Tech-UN)	165	W	Maj	13-5	Midlands	3-0	12-4
12/29/11	Corey Lear (Bucknell)	165	L	Maj	0-10	Midlands	3-0	12-5
1/6/12	#18 Dan Yates (Michigan)	165	L	Dec	2-5	Michigan	3-1	12-6
1/8/12	#8 Ben Jordan (Wisconsin)	165	W	Dec	4-2	Wisconsin	4-1	13-6
1/13/12	#1 David Taylor (Penn State)	165	L	TF	5-20, 7:00	Penn State	4-2	13-7
1/15/12	#9 Mike Evans (Iowa)	165	L	Maj	0-10	Iowa	4-3	13-8
1/20/12	David Cheza (Michigan State)	165	W	Pin	3:31	Michigan State	5-3	14-8
1/27/12	#10 Conrad Polz (Illinois)	165	L	Dec	2-5	Illinois	5-4	14-9
1/29/12	Kyle Moiser (Purdue)	165	W	Dec	8-3	Purdue	6-4	15-9
2/3/12	Matt Mougin (NIU)	165	W	Maj	8-0	Northern Illinois	7-4	16-9
2/11/12	Kyle Kiss (UNC)	165	W	Dec	4-1	North Carolina	8-4	17-9
2/11/12	Paul Duggan (Campbell)	165	W	Dec	8-2	Campbell	9-4	18-9
2/17/12	Preston Keiffer (Indiana)	165	W	Dec	5-0	Indiana	10-4	19-9
3/3/12	#1 David Taylor (Penn State)	165	L	Pin	1:40	Big Ten Champs	10-4	19-10
3/3/12	Preston Keiffer (Indiana)	165	W	Pin	3:50	Big Ten Champs	10-4	20-10
3/3/12	David Cheza (Michigan State)	165	W	Dec	5-3	Big Ten Champs	10-4	21-10
3/4/12	#7 Robert Kokesh (Nebraska)	165	L	Dec	1-6	Big Ten Champs	10-4	21-11
3/4/12	#14 Cody Yohn (Minnesota)	165	L	Dec	2-6	Big Ten Champs	10-4	21-12
3/15/12	Marshall Peppelman (Cornell)	165	L	Dec	2-5	NCAA Champs	10-4	21-13
3/15/12	Joe Booth (Drexel)	165	W	Dec	8-5	NCAA Champs	10-4	22-13
3/16/12	Patrick Graham (Oklahoma)	165	L	Dec	2-5	NCAA Champs	10-4	22-14



ALEX POLIZZI

197
R-Junior
Beloit, Wis.
Beloit Memorial

2013-14 Overall Record	**25-12**
Career Record	**47-32**
Dual Record	**11-5**
Big Ten Dual Record	**7-5**
vs. 2013 NCAA Championship Field	**8-12**
Current AWN Ranking	**19**
Current InterMat Ranking	**15**
Current RPI Ranking	**10**
Current Coaches' Panel Ranking	**16**
NCAA Appearances	**Two (2014, 2013)**

2013-14: NCAA Qualifier for second time in his career, earning No. 16 seed at 197 lbs. at NCAA Championships in Oklahoma City… Competed at Big Ten Championships for NU as the No. 7 seed at 197 lbs…Placed fifth at Midlands… Finished No. 4 at Big Ten Championships, earning automatic bid to NCAA Championships…Finished year with 25-12 record, the third most wins on the team…Went 11-5 in duals and 7-5 in the Big Ten…Won three matches each by maj. dec and tech falls…Recorded four pins on the season…Started year winning first seven matches and went 12-1 to begin year…Defeated No. 19 Dan Scherer of Stanford by 5-3 OT dec…Advanced over Navy's Paul Rands in NCAA Championships…Won four matches at Big Ten Championships.

2012-13: 17-15 overall record ... 10-7 in duals ... Placed fourth at the Keystone Classic ... Took eighth at Midlands ... Back-to-back wins over ranked opponents at Midlands, defeating then-No. 12 Braden Atwood of Purdue, 5-2 and then-No. 15 Max Huntley from Michigan, 4-3.

2011-12: Went 5-3 on the season at 197 lbs. ... Started NU's first dual of the year and posted a 13-3 major decision over Alan Yen in NU's 27-8 upset of then-No. 14 Stanford ... Injury defaulted at the Michigan State Open but won two matches to place fourth ... Went 2-2 at the Keystone Classic ... Competed in Greco-Roman and freestyle at the 2012 University Nationals tournament in Akron, Ohio in June ... Took third in Greco-Roman at 96 kg/211.5 lbs., going 3-1 ... Went 4-2 in the freestyle division.

2010-11: Redshirt season ... 18-7 with nine pins competing at open tournaments ... Second-place finisher at FILA Junior World Team Trials (5/20) ... 4-2 at Michigan State Open where he took fifth at 197 pounds in open division ... After losing to MSU's Nick McDiarmid in quarters, came back to pin him in 1:49 in fifth-place match ... 3-2 at Midlands Championships ... Took second place at Cleveland State Open.

High School: State champion as a senior, capping a perfect 45-0 season in which he surrendered only one takedown and saw only two of his first 41 matches go as far as the third period ... Won his state title match by 14-2 major decision ... Second in the state at 215 pounds as a junior with a 43-1 record after placing third as a sophomore ... Ranked as InterMat's No. 5 senior recruit at 215 in the nation and No. 81 overall ... Third-place finisher at the 2009 Super 32 tournament at 215 pounds ... 2008 USA Wrestling Preseason Nationals champion.

2013-14 RESULTS

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/02/13	Jeffrey Tyburski (Chi.)	285	W	Maj	11-3	University of Chicago	1-0	1-0
11/02/13	Alex Moreno (Stevens Tech)	197	W	Fall	3:57	Stevens Tech	2-0	2-0
11/08/13	Evan Gros (Air Force)	197	W	Tech Fall	4:04	Air Force	3-0	3-0
11/08/13	Brian Macchione (Northern Colorado)	197	W	Dec	8-3	Northern Colorado	4-0	4-0
11/17/13	Caleb Kolb (Nebraska)	197	W	Dec	4-2	Nebraska	5-0	5-0
11/24/13	Luke Bean (Arizone State)	197	W	Dec	6-0	Keystone Classic	5-0	6-0
11/24/13	Donald McNeill (Rider)	197	W	Dec	7-5	Keystone Classic	5-0	7-0
11/24/13	***Richard Perry (Bloomsburg)***	***197***	***L***	***Tech Fall***	***18-1, 6:40***	***Keystone Classic***	***5-0***	***7-1***
11/24/13	***James Fox (Harvard)***	***197***	***W***	***Maj***	***17-4***	***Keystone Classic***	***5-0***	***8-1***
11/24/13	Francis Mattiace (Pennsylvania)	197	W	Dec	SV1, 5-3	Keystone Classic	5-0	9-1
12/15/13	Chris Johnson (SIUE)	197	W	Tech Fall	15-0, 2:44	SIUE	6-0	10-1
12/29/13	Derek Thomas (Utah Valley)	197	W	Fall	1:58	Midlands	6-0	11-1
12/29/13	Basil Minto (N. Iowa)	197	W	Dec	7-3	Midlands	6-0	12-1
12/29/13	***Braden Atwood (Purdue)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***2-1***	***Midlands***	***6-0***	***12-2***
12/29/13	Alex Coolidge (Cornell)	197	W	Maj	9-0	Midlands	6-0	13-2
12/29/13	Joe Rau (MN Storm)	197	W	Fall	3:42	Midlands	6-0	14-2
12/29/13	***Nathan Burak (UN-Iowa)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***5-3***	***Midlands***	***6-0***	***14-3***
12/29/13	***Mario Gonzalez (Illinois)***	***197***	***W***	***Med Forfeit***	***--***	***Midlands***	***6-0***	***15-3***
1/04/14	Garret Goldman (Indiana)	197	W	Tech Fall	0:37	Indiana	7-0	16-3
1/10/14	***No. 1 Scott Schiller (Minnesota)***	***197***	***L***	***Fall***	***4:05***	***Minnesota***	***7-1***	***16-4***
1/17/14	***No. 8 Nick Heflin (Ohio State)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***13-6***	***Ohio State***	***7-2***	***16-5***
1/19/14	***No. 7 Morgan McIntosh (PSU)***	***197***	***L***	***Maj Dec***	***16-8***	***Penn State***	***7-3***	***16-6***
1/26/14	***Timmy McCall (Wisconsin)***	***197***	***W***	***Fall***	***5:57***	***Wisconsin***	***8-3***	***17-6***
1/31/14	***No. 16 Nathan Burak (Iowa)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***SV1, 3-1***	***Iowa***	***8-4***	***17-7***
2/09/14	Jeffrey Koepke (Illinois)	197	W	Dec	7-6	Illinois	9-4	18-7
2/16/14	***No. 19 Dan Scherer (Stanford)***	***197***	***W***	***Dec***	***5-3 OT***	***Stanford***	***10-4***	***19-7***
2/22/14	***KaRonne Jones (NC State)***	***197***	***W***	***Dec***	***8-6***	***NC State***	***11-4***	***20-7***
2/22/14	***No. 16 Conner Hartmann (Duke)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***7-5***	***Duke***	***11-5***	***20-8***
3/08/14	Caleb Kolb (Nebraska)	197	W	Dec	SV2, 6-4	Big Ten Champs	11-5	21-8
3/08/14	***Nick Heflin (OSU)***	***197***	***L***	***Fall***	***1:08***	***Big Ten Champs***	***11-5***	***21-9***
3/08/14	Nick McDiarmid (MSU)	197	W	Dec	9-2	Big Ten Champs	11-5	22-9
3/08/14	***Mario Gonzalez (Illinois)***	***197***	***W***	***Med Forfeit***	***--***	***Big Ten Champs***	***11-5***	***23-9***
3/08/14	***Nathan Burak (Iowa)***	***197***	***W***	***Dec***	***8-3***	***Big Ten Champs***	***11-5***	***24-9***
3/08/14	***Scott Schiller (Minn.)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***6-1***	***Big Ten Champs***	***11-5***	***24-10***
3/20/14	***Dan Scherer (Stanford)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***11-9***	***NCAA Championships***	***11-5***	***24-11***
3/20/14	***Paul Rands (Navy)***	***197***	***W***	***Med. Forfeit***	***---***	***NCAA Championships***	***11-5***	***25-11***
3/31/14	***Braden Atwood (Purdue)***	***197***	***L***	***Fall***	***2:32***	***NCAA Championships***	***11-5***	***25-12***

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2012-13 SEASON RESULTS

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/9/12	Michael Sojka (Stanford)	197	W	Dec	4-1	Stanford	1-0	1-0
11/18/12	Tarek Alarui (Indiana)	197	W	Fall	1:39	Keystone Classic	1-0	2-0
11/18/12	Hunter Meys (Boston University)	197	W	Fall	4:37	Keystone Classic	1-0	3-0
11/18/12	***#14 Rich Perry (Bloomsburg)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***1-2***	***Keystone Classic***	***1-0***	***3-1***
11/18/12	Paul Weiss (Appalachian State)	197	W	Dec	11-5	Keystone Classic	1-0	4-1
11/18/12	***Conner Hartmann (Duke)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***2-5***	***Keystone Classic***	***1-0***	***4-2***
12/1/12	Alex Moreno (Stevens Tech)	197	W	Fall	2:27	Stevens Tech	2-0	5-2
12/1/12	***#18 Conner Hartmann (Duke)***	***197***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-2***	***Duke***	***3-0***	***6-2***
12/7/12	***#7 Scott Schiller (Minnesota)***	***197***	***L***	***Maj Dec***	***4-12***	***Minnesota***	***3-1***	***6-3***
12/16/12	Justin Ortega (Clarion)	197	W	Dec	9-7	Clarion	4-1	7-3
12/16/12	Warren Bosch (Edinboro)	197	L	Fall	6:46	Edinboro	4-2	7-4
12/29/12	Kevin Beazley (Unat. Old Dominion)	197	L	Fall	1:56	Midlands	4-2	7-5
12/29/12	Davion Willis (UW Park)	197	W	Dec	7-6	Midlands	4-2	8-5
12/29/12	Mike Tamillow (Tamillow Twist)	197	W	F;M FOR	---	Midlands	4-2	9-5
12/29/12	***#12 Braden Atwood (Purdue)***	***197***	***W***	***Dec***	***5-2***	***Midlands***	***4-2***	***10-5***
12/30/12	***#15 Max Huntley (Michigan)***	***197***	***W***	***Dec***	***4-3***	***Midlands***	***4-2***	***11-5***
12/30/12	Kevin Beazley (Unat. Old Dominion)	197	L	Dec	5-10	Midlands	4-2	11-6
12/30/12	Hudson Taylor (Lions WC)	197	L	Dec	2-7	Midlands	4-2	11-7
1/6/13	***#8 Andrew Campolattano (Ohio State)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***4-10***	***Ohio State***	***4-3***	***11-8***
1/12/13	***Caleb Kolb (Nebraska)***	***197***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-1***	***Nebraska***	***5-3***	***12-8***
1/20/13	Blaize Cabell (Northern Iowa)	197	W	Dec	7-2	Northern Iowa	6-3	13-8
1/20/13	Josh Wood (SIU-Edwardsville)	197	W	Fall	3:30	SIU-Edwardsville	7-3	14-8
1/25/13	Nick McDiarmid (Michigan State)	197	L	Dec	2-3	Michigan State	7-4	14-9
1/27/13	***Max Huntley (Michigan)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***3-4***	***Michigan***	***7-5***	***14-10***
2/1/13	***#18 Braden Atwood (Purdue)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***4-5***	***Purdue***	***7-6***	***14-11***
2/8/13	Arber Bebo (NIU)	197	W	Dec	5-0	Northern Illinois	8-6	15-11
2/10/13	***#14 Mario Gonzalez (Illinois)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***2-5***	***Illinois***	***8-7***	***15-12***
2/17/13	Joe Skow (South Dakota State)	197	W	Maj	9-0	South Dakota State	9-7	16-12
2/23/13	No Match	197	W	Forfeit	---	Indiana	10-7	17-12
3/9/13	***Max Huntley (Michigan)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***3-7***	***B1G Championships***	***10-7***	***17-13***
3/9/13	***#15 Jackson Hein (Wisconsin)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***5-7***	***B1G Championships***	***10-7***	***17-14***
3/10/13	***Caleb Kolb (Nebraska)***	***197***	***L***	***Dec***	***2-3***	***B1G Championships***	***10-7***	***17-15***

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2011-12 Results

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/5/11	Alan Yen (Stanford)	197	W	Maj	13-3	Stanford	1-0	1-0
11/12/11	Justin Leonard (Olivet)	197	W	Maj	12-4	MSU Open	1-0	2-0
11/12/11	Chad Friend (Unat. Central Michigan)	197	W	Dec	5-3	MSU Open	1-0	3-0
11/12/11	Nick McDiamid (Michigan State)	197	L	Inj.	--	MSU Open	1-0	3-1
11/12/11	Max Huntley (Unat. Michigan)	197	No Match	Inj.	--	MSU Open	1-0	3-1
11/20/11	James Fox (Harvard)	197	W	Pin	4:34	Keystone Classic	1-0	4-1
11/20/11	John Hall (Boston)	197	L	Dec	2-8	Keystone Classic	1-0	4-2
11/20/11	Donald McNeil (Rider)	197	W	Pin	3:21	Keystone Classic	1-0	5-2
11/20/11	James Fox (Harvard)	197	L	Dec	5-8	Keystone Classic	1-0	5-3



MIKE MCMULLAN

285
R-Sophomore
Easton, Pa.
Wyoming Seminary

2013-14 Overall Record	**20-5**
Career Record	**71-20**
Dual Record	**11-2**
Big Ten Dual Record	**9-3**
NCAA Seed	**5**
Current AWN Ranking	**4**
Current InterMat Ranking	**3**
RPI Ranking	**1**
Coaches' Panel Ranking	**12**
Past NCAA Finish	**3rd (2014), 2nd (2013), 3rd (2012)**
NCAA Appearances	**Three (2014, 2013, 2012)**

2014 NCAA Third Place
2014 All-American (3rd, 285)
2013 NCAA Finalist
2013 All-American (2nd, 285)
2013 Big Ten Runner-Up (285)
2012 All-American (3rd, 285)

2013-14: Finished No. 3 at 285 lbs. at NCAA Championships to become a three-time All-American…Earned No. 6 seed at NCAA Championships, his third straight year qualifying for NCAAs… Competed at Big Ten Championships for NU as the No. 3 seed at 285 lbs…Finished No. 5 at Big Ten Championships, earning automatic bid to NCAA Championships…Named Big Ten Co-Wrestler of the Week twice during the year on Jan. 14 and Feb. 4… Ranked No. 1 heavyweight throughout the year…Defeated two No. 1 ranked wrestlers on the year…Defeated No. 1 Tony Nelson of Minnesota (3-1 OT) (1/10) and No. 1 Bobby Telford of Iowa 3-1 in OT (1/31)…Ranked No. 1 in RPI with very competitive heavyweight schedule…Defeated No. 12 Jimmy Lawson (PSU, 1/19) and No. 10 Connor Medbery (Wisconsin) by 4-3 dec. (1/26)….After falling in second round of NCAA Championships, battled back in consolation round to finish No. 3, going 7-1 and winning final six matches… Recorded two win at Big Ten Championships…Finished year 20-5…Winning pct. of .800 ranked No. 2 on the team behind Jason Tsirtsis…Recorded two falls and won one match each by maj. dec. and tech fall…Recorded Wildcats' fastest fall of the season, pinning Indiana's Adam Chalfant in just 18 seconds at NCAA Championships.

2012-13: 2013 NCAA Finalist ... Two-time All-American ... 4-0 at NCAA's as No. 5 seed ... In two-year history at NCAA's, has 10-1 record ... Began this year's tournament with 6-2 decision over Stanford's Dan Scherer ... Defeated No. 12 seed Adam Chalfant of Indiana, 7-5 in second round ... Captured a 5-3 decision over Oregon State's No. 4 seed Chad Hanke in quarters ... Upset top-seeded Dom Bradley of Missouri in semifinals with a 3-1 win in sudden victory ... NCAA finals match vs. Minnesota's Tony Nelson will be fourth meeting all-time between the two ... Runner-up at 2013 Big Ten Championships ... Went 2-1 as the No. 2 seed with 6-4 decision over No. 7 Jimmy Lawson (PSU) and 5-4 win over third-seeded Connor Medbery (UW) before finals match vs. defending NCAA and Big Ten Champion Tony Nelson (MIN) ... 2013 NCAA Qualifier, receiving automatic bid with second-place finish at Big Ten's ... Posted perfect 10-0 mark in duals, including 3-0 mark in conference matches ... Competed at the NWCA All-Star Classic against his 2013 NCAA semifinals opponent, Dom Bradley ... Finished runner-up at the Keystone Classic ... Fifth at Midlands ...Won five-straight matches to end the regular season ... Avenged early-season loss to IU's then-No. 10 Adam Chalfant of Indiana, defeating him 6-2 in the Big Ten dual finale ... Went on seven-match winning streak from Feb. 1-March 9.

2011-12: 2012 All-American, placing third as the No. 10 seed at heavyweight ... Highest placement by an NU freshman since Jake Herbert finished third at 174 lbs. in 2005 ... Went 6-1 at NCAA's with his lone loss coming in the quarterfinals to eventual national champion Tony Nelson of Minnesota ... His six victories included a 3-1 sudden victory decision over Kent State's Brendan Barlow in the first round, a pin of No. 7 seed Jeremy Johnson of Ohio, 4-3 decision over Nebraska's Tucker Lane (No. 11 seed) in the round of 12, a 5-3 decision over Nick Gwiazdowski (Binghamton), who was wrestling all the way back after dropping his first-round match and a dominating 10-5 decision over No. 3 seed Clayton Jack (Oregon State) in the third-place match ... Automatic qualifier for NCAA's, placing fourth at Big Ten's ... Came within one point (4-3) of eventual Big Ten champion, Nelson, in semifinals ... Four wins over top-10 heavyweights prior to NCAA championships ... Defeated then-No. 6 Peter Sturgeon (CMU), 8-6 in sudden victory at Midlands ... Avenged sudden victory loss at Midlands against Iowa's No. 8 Bobby Telford with an overtime victory of his own, 7-5, during the dual ... Defeated No. 10 Mike McClure (MSU), 3-1 in the dual ... Pinned No. 8 Tucker Lane (Nebraska) in 6:58 at Big Ten's ... 4-3 decision over Iowa's 2011 Big Ten Champion, Blake Rasing, at Midlands ... Went 4-2 at Midlands to place fourth ... Runner-up at Keystone Classic, losing a close 3-2 decision to Boston's Kevin Innis in the finals ... Posted a 29-11 overall record and 11-3 mark in dual action ... Second on the team in wins (29) and third on the team in dual victories (11) ... Posted 5-3 mark in Big Ten dual action ... Awarded inaugural Jake Herbert Freshman of the Year trophy.

2010-11: Redshirt season ... 19-6 with six pins while competing unattached.

High School: Nation's No. 1-ranked heavyweight recruit and the 14th-ranked overall recruit in the class of 2010 according to InterMat ... Selected to ASICS All-America First Team ... 2009 and 2010 national prep heavyweight champion ... Pinned all but one of his opponents in the 2010 national prep championships and needed just 59 seconds to pin his nationally ranked Blair Academy opponent in the final ... Most Outstanding Wrestler of Pennsylvania State Prep Championships ... Also played varsity football and lacrosse ... Dean's List sophomore and senior years of high school.

Personal: Born Michael John McMullan ... Son of John and Suzanne McMullan ... One of eight kids ... Brother, Joe, wrestled at Bucknell at 197 ... Chose Northwestern over Harvard, Stanford, Columbia, Dartmouth, North Carolina and Virginia ... Grandfather, John McMullan Sr., played football at Notre Dame and in the NFL with the New York Titans ... Majoring in journalism and political science.

2013-14 MCMULLAN RESULTS

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/08/13	Marcus Malecek (Air Force)	285	W	Maj	28-15	Air Force	1-0	1-0
11/08/13	Henry Chirino (Northern Colorado)	285	W	Dec	4-0	Northern Colorado	2-0	2-0
11/17/13	Nyle Bartling	285	W	Fall	2:58	Nebraska	3-0	3-0
1/04/14	***No. 8 Adam Chalfant (Indiana)***	***285***	***L***	***Dec***	***9-4***	***Indiana***	***3-1***	***3-1***
1/10/14	***No. 1 Tony Nelson (Minnesota)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***SV1, 3-1***	***Minnesota***	***4-1***	***4-1***
1/17/14	***Nick Tavanello (Ohio State)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-2***	***Ohio State***	***5-1***	***5-1***
1/19/14	No. 12 Jimmy Lawson (PSU)	285	W	M-Forfeit	2:43	Penn State	6-1	6-1
1/26/14	***No. 10 Connor Medbery***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***4-3***	***Wisconsin***	***7-1***	***7-1***
1/31/14	***No. 1 Bobby Telford (Iowa)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***SV1, 3-1***	***Iowa***	***8-1***	***8-1***
2/09/14	Chris Lopez (Illinois)	285	W	Dec	4-0	Illinois	9-1	9-1
2/16/14	Josh Marchok (Stanford)	285	W	Dec	6-3	Stanford	10-1	10-1
2/22/14	***No. 6 Nick Gwiadowski (NC State)***	***285***	***L***	***Dec***	***SV1, 5-3***	***NC State***	***10-2***	***10-2***
2/22/14	Brendan Walsh (Duke)	285	W	Tech Fall	2:28, 17-1	Duke	11-2	11-2
3/08/14	***Mike McClure (MSU)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***5-1***	***Big Ten Champs***	***11-2***	***12-2***
3/08/14	***Adam Chalfant (Indiana)***	***285***	***L***	***Dec***	***3-2***	***Big Ten Champs***	***11-2***	***12-3***
3/08/14	***Bobby Telford (Iowa)***	***285***	***L***	***Dec***	***3-1***	***Big Ten Champs***	***11-2***	***12-4***
3/08/14	***Jon Gingrich (PSU)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***8-2***	***Big Ten Champs***	***11-2***	***13-4***
3/20/14	***Evan Knutson (NDSU)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-3***	***NCAA Championships***	***11-2***	***14-4***
3/20/14	***Austin Marsden (Oklahoma State)***	***285***	***L***	***Dec***	***3-2***	***NCAA Championships***	***11-2***	***14-5***
3/21/14	***Anthony Vizcarrondo (West Virginia)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***4-0***	***NCAA Championships***	***11-2***	***15-5***
3/21/14	***Ross Larson (Oklahoma)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***4-0***	***NCAA Championships***	***11-2***	***16-5***
3/21/14	***Connor Medbery (Wisconsin)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***3-2***	***NCAA Championships***	***11-2***	***17-5***
3/21/14	***Jeremy Johnson (Ohio)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-2***	***NCAA Championships***	***11-2***	***18-5***
3/22/14	***Adam Chalfant (Indiana)***	***285***	***W***	***Fall***	***0:18***	***NCAA Championships***	***11-2***	***19-5***
3/22/14	***Bobby Telford (Iowa)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***3-1***	***NCAA Championsihps***	***11-2***	***20-5***

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2012-13 MCMULLAN RESULTS

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/9/12	***Dan Scherer (Stanford)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-3***	***Stanford***	***1-0***	***1-0***
11/18/12	Joe Cummings (Appalachian State)	285	W	Dec	8-2	Keystone Classic	1-0	2-0
11/18/12	Greg Velasco (Rider)	285	W	Fall	4:44	Keystone Classic	1-0	3-0
11/18/12	Atticus Disney (Cal Poly)	285	W	Dec	8-2	Keystone Classic	1-0	4-0
11/18/12	***#10 Adam Chalfant (Indiana)***	***285***	***L***	***Dec***	***3-5***	***Keystone Classic***	***1-0***	***4-1***
12/1/12	Brian Schamalz (Stevens Tech)	285	W	Dec	9-3	Stevens Tech	2-0	5-1
12/1/12	Brian Self (Duke)	285	W	Tech Fall	16-0	Duke	3-0	6-1
12/16/12	Phil Catrucco (Clarion)	285	W	Maj	12-0	Clarion	4-0	7-1
12/16/12	***#15 Ernest James (Edinboro)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***3-2***	***Edinboro***	***5-0***	***8-1***
12/29/12	Paul Snyder (Hofstra)	285	W	Maj	10-0	Midlands	5-0	9-1
12/29/12	Colin Jensen (Unat. Nebraska)	285	W	Dec	7-0	Midlands	5-0	10-1
12/29/12	***#13 Connor Medbery (Wisconsin)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***9-3***	***Midlands***	***5-0***	***11-1***
12/29/12	***#7 Zac Thomusseit (Pittsburgh)***	***285***	***L***	***F;DEF***	***---***	***Midlands***	***5-0***	***11-2***
2/1/13	Alex White (Purdue)	285	W	Dec	9-2	Purdue	6-0	12-2
2/8/13	Jared Torrence (NIU)	285	W	Dec	4-2	Northern Illinois	7-0	13-2
2/10/13	Chris Lopez (Illinois)	285	W	Dec	6-2	Illinois	8-0	14-2
2/17/13	J.J. Everard (South Dakota State)	285	W	Tech Fall	19-4/6:19	South Dakota State	9-0	15-2
2/23/13	***#14 Adam Chalfant (Indiana)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-2***	***Indiana***	***10-0***	***16-2***
3/9/13	***#16 Jimmy Lawson (Penn State)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-4***	***B1G Championships***	***10-0***	***17-2***
3/9/13	***#9 Connor Medbery (Wisconsin)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***5-4***	***B1G Championships***	***10-0***	***18-2***
3/10/13	***#1 Tony Nelson (Minnesota)***	***285***	***L***	***Dec***	***1-4***	***B1G Championships***	***10-0***	***18-3***
3/20/13	***Dan Scherer (Stanford)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***6-2***	***NCAA First Round***	***10-0***	***19-3***
3/20/13	***#12 seed Adam Chalfant (Indiana)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***7-5***	***NCAA 2nd Round***	***10-0***	***20-3***
3/21/13	***#4 seed Chad Hanke (Ore. State)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***5-3***	***NCAA Quarters***	***10-0***	***21-3***
3/21/13	***#1 seed Dom Bradley (Missouri)***	***285***	***W***	***Dec***	***3-1, SV***	***NCAA Semis***	***10-0***	***22-3***

** Rankings reflect AWN poll at time of match; bold italics indicates match vs. 2013 NCAA qualifier*

MIKE MCMULLAN (CONT.)

2011-12 MCMULLAN RESULTS

Date	Opponent (School)	Weight	W/L	Win Type	Score/Time	Event	Dual	Overall
11/5/11	Dan Scherer (Stanford)	Hwt.	W	Dec	6-2	Stanford	1-0	1-0
11/12/11	David Box (Eastern Michigan)	Hwt.	W	Dec	9-3	MSU Open	1-0	2-0
11/12/11	Jeremy Johnson (Ohio)	Hwt.	L	Dec	1-3	MSU Open	1-0	2-1
11/12/11	Parker Settecase (Northern Illinois)	Hwt.	W	Pin	1:21	MSU Open	1-0	3-1
11/12/11	Ernest James (Edinboro)	Hwt.	L	Dec	5-9	MSU Open	1-0	3-2
11/20/11	Brad Castronovo (Boston)	Hwt.	W	TF	17-0	Keystone Classic	1-0	4-2
11/20/11	Brock Durfee (Appalachian State)	Hwt.	W	Pin	5:50	Keystone Classic	1-0	5-2
11/20/11	Evan Craig (Rider)	Hwt.	W	Pin	2:18	Keystone Classic	1-0	6-2
11/20/11	Kevin Innis (Boston)	Hwt.	L	Dec	2-3	Keystone Classic	1-0	6-3
12/11/11	Cole Rogers (SIUE)	Hwt.	W	TF	15-0/3:08	NU Duals	2-0	7-3
12/11/11	Evan Wooding (Indianapolis)	Hwt.	W	Dec	7-2	NU Duals	3-0	8-3
12/16/11	Chris James (North Central)	Hwt.	W	Pin	1:45	North Central	4-0	9-3
12/29/11	David Devine (SIUE-UN)	Hwt.	W	Dec	10-4	Midlands	4-0	10-3
12/29/11	Blake Rasing (Iowa)	Hwt.	W	Dec	4-3	Midlands	4-0	11-3
12/29/11	#6 Peter Sturgeon (Central Michigan)	Hwt.	W	Dec	8-6, SV	Midlands	4-0	12-3
12/30/11	#9 Bobby Telford (Iowa)	Hwt.	L	Dec	2-4, SV	Midlands	4-0	12-4
12/30/11	#13 Spencer Myers (Maryland)	Hwt.	W	M FOR	---	Midlands	4-0	13-4
12/30/11	Matt Gibson (Iowa State)	Hwt.	L	Dec	4-9	Midlands	4-0	13-5
1/6/12	#15 Ben Apland (Michigan)	Hwt.	L	Dec	4-6	Michigan	4-1	13-6
1/8/12	Cole Tobin (Wisconsin)	Hwt.	W	Dec	7-3	Wisconsin	5-1	14-6
1/13/12	#6 Cameron Wade (Penn State)	Hwt.	L	Dec	3-6	Penn State	5-2	14-7
1/15/12	#8 Bobby Telford (Iowa)	Hwt.	W	Dec	7-5, SV	Iowa	6-2	15-7
1/20/12	#10 Mike McClure (Michigan State)	Hwt.	W	Dec	3-1	Michigan State	7-2	16-7
1/27/12	Pat Walker (Illinois)	Hwt.	W	Dec	4-2, SV	Illinois	8-2	17-7
1/29/12	Roger Vukabratovich (Purdue)	Hwt.	L	Dec	1-3	Purdue	8-3	17-8
2/11/12	Frank Abbondanza (UNC)	Hwt.	W	Maj	14-1	North Carolina	9-3	18-8
2/11/12	Joe Nolan (Campbell)	Hwt.	W	Dec	6-2	Campbell	10-3	19-8
2/17/12	Adam Chalfant (Indiana)	Hwt.	W	Dec	5-4	Indiana	11-3	20-8
3/3/12	Cole Tobin (Wisconsin)	Hwt.	W	Dec	6-1	Big Ten Champs	11-3	21-8
3/3/12	#8 Tucker Lane (Nebraska)	Hwt.	W	Pin	6:58	Big Ten Champs	11-3	22-8
3/3/12	#3 Tony Nelson (Minnesota)	Hwt.	L	Dec	3-4	Big Ten Champs	11-3	22-9
3/4/12	Steve Andrus (Michigan State)	Hwt.	W	Dec	3-1	Big Ten Champs	11-3	23-9
3/4/12	#5 Cameron Wade (Penn State)	Hwt.	L	Dec	3-4	Big Ten Champs	11-3	23-10
3/15/12	Brendan Barlow (Kent State)	Hwt.	W	Dec	3-1, SV	NCAA Champs	11-3	24-10
3/15/12	#7 Jeremy Johnson (Ohio)	Hwt.	W	Pin	4:05	NCAA Champs	11-3	25-10
3/16/12	#2 Tony Nelson (Minnesota)	Hwt.	L	Pin	5:40	NCAA Champs	11-3	25-11
3/16/12	#11 Tucker Lane (Nebraska)	Hwt.	W	Dec	4-3	NCAA Champs	11-3	26-11
3/16/12	Nick Gwiazdowski (Binghamton)	Hwt.	W	Dec	5-3	NCAA Champs	11-3	27-11
3/17/12	#1 Ryan Flores (American)	Hwt.	W	M; FOR	--	NCAA Champs	11-3	28-11
3/17/12	#3 Clayton Jack (Oregon State)	Hwt.	W	Dec	10-5	NCAA Champs	11-3	29-11

Jason Tsirtsis continues family tradition with NCAA title

By Dave Melton
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CROWN POINT — From the beginning of the season, Jason Tsirtsis had constant reminders scattered across his room.

"I have whiteboards for my school schedules and other stuff and on those I wrote: '2014 NCAA Champ,' " he said.

"I had little pieces of paper around my room that said it. I was always reminded that I had to work for it and had to do the right things to reach my goals. Not just in the wrestling room, but always."

On March 22, that goal was achieved as Tsirtsis became the first freshman wrestler at Northwestern University to win a championship, notching three straight overtime victories in the 149-pound weight class to earn the crown.

While recruiting Tsirtsis out of Crown Point High School, NU coach Drew Pariano said he recognized Tsirtsis' commitment to wrestling.

"He had a level of dedication that a lot of kids his age don't have or don't know how to have," he said. "Just watching him drill and wrestle, we knew he was something very special. It's the family legacy: they love wrestling."

Tsirtsis hails from a family in which wrestling is synonymous with their last name.

Jason's father, Marino, was a wrestler, as were plenty of other members of the Tsirtsis family in generations past. Most recent, Jason's older brother Alex was a four-time state champion at Griffith High School while posting a 236-0 record.

Alex went on to be an All-American at the University of Iowa, and his experiences were passed down to Jason.

"We have an extremely close relationship in and out of wrestling," Jason said of Alex. "He's someone I talk to often. He's been through everything that I have to overcome, and he was able to relay what he did right and he did wrong."

The most vital advice Alex passed down to his younger brother involved dealing with the step up in competition from high school to college.

"In high school, you may only have to get yourself ready to in one out of your four matches. You can rely on adrenaline instead of being consistent with what you're doing," Alex said.

"(In college), on a meet-to-meet basis, you're facing high-level guys every time you step on the mat. So you have to prepare everything the right way. If you don't, you'll notice it. You won't compete at the level you know that you're capable of."

Added Jason: "Being able to have someone close that I can talk to about all the situations that I go through have helped a lot."

There likely were plenty more conversations between the two siblings in the last week, with Jason able to return to the area for a weeklong break after wrapping up his second trimester of school at NU. Perhaps those talks centered on what he'll need to do to repeat as a national champion in 2015.

"He's a perfectionist when it comes to his technique," Pariano said. "I think his technique is only going to get better. The other thing is I think he'll look to open up more and score even more points. I think the best is yet to come from him."

And perhaps all those reminders in Jason's room will be changed to read "2015 NCAA Champ."

"Not yet," Jason said with a laugh. "Maybe soon, but ... we'll let this one sink in a little bit first."

Crown Point grad Jason Tsirtsis wins NCAA championship at 149 pounds for Northwestern

By Brian Waddle
Northwest Indiana Times
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For some, it's March Sadness. For Jason Tsirtsis, it was March Madness — to another dimension.

The Crown Point grad and Griffith native became the first freshman in Northwestern history to win a national title. The redshirt freshman beat Oklahoma State's Joshua Kindig 3-1 in overtime Saturday night in Oklahoma City in the 149-pound championship during the NCAA Division I wrestling championships, shown live on ESPN.

"My face is all beat up, but I'll take it," Tsirtsis said by phone Sunday. "I can't see out of my left eye and I needed three stitches in my right eye.

"It still hasn't hit me," Tsirtsis continued. "I guess when I get home and settle down, I will realize what I did."

In other action, Hanover Central's Andrew Howe came up short in the 174-pound title match, falling to top-ranked Chris Perry of Oklahoma State 4-0.

Tsirtsis (32-3) earned his place in history as he had to win three consecutive overtime matches to take home the title. He is the first Northwestern wrestler to win an NCAA championship since Jake Herbert (184 pounds) in 2009. Tsirtsis is also the school's first-ever national champion at 149 pounds.

In the championship against Kindig (24-9), Tsirtsis held a small riding-time advantage, but the match went into overtime after a stalling warning. In OT, Tsirtsis grabbed both of Kindig's ankles to score a two-point takedown and secure the 3-1 win.

"The goal was to win the whole thing, and I set my goals high to do well and reach my full potential," Tsirtsis said. "If I didn't have that attitude I don't think I could have won three overtime matches."

In the semifinals against top-seeded Drake Houdashelt of Missouri, Tsirtsis earned a 2-1 victory, getting the decisive point on an escape with just one second left in overtime. After the match, he had blood pouring out of a huge cut on his face during his celebration.

"Oh, my whole body is beat up pretty bad," Tsirtsis said. "Thank goodness we are on spring break (this week). I'll probably come home on Tuesday and just rest."

Tsirtsis defeated Oklahoma's Kendric Maples, the 2013 NCAA champion at 141 pounds, in the quarterfinals in a 2-1 tiebreaker decision in extra time. Maples took a 1-0 lead in the match, but Tsirtsis tied things up

with a late escape in the third period, pushing Maple's arms and freeing himself to force overtime. He hung on and wouldn't allow an escape in the extra session to prevail.

"I had five tough competitors, with the last three being exceptionally tough," Tsirtsis said. "I just tried to stay focused on each match and each task at hand."

Tsirtsis, who won a Big Ten title after knocking off the top seed in Nebraska's Jake Sueflohn and No. 2 seed Nick Dardanes of Minnesota, continued to prove the seedings mean nothing once you step on the mat. Coming into the NCAA tournament, Tsirtsis was seeded fifth.

Tsirtsis had plenty of support on his way to the title. His parents, Dawn and Marino, brothers Mike and Alex, Alex's wife Tarin, grandfather, numerous family and friends, and even Crown Point coach Scott Vlink made the trek to Oklahoma City.

There's already internet talk of four national titles, but Tsirtsis knows winning an NCAA championship isn't a walk in the park.

"My focus is one more," Tsirtsis said. "You can't win three at a time; you can only win one (at a time)."

Hanover's Howe, who won a national championship at 165 pounds at Wisconsin in 2010, finished 32-2 in his one season at Oklahoma. Both his losses were to Perry, who he beat Dec. 1 for Perry's only loss of the season.

"I lost a tough match in the finals," Howe said. "It just didn't go my way — no other way to say it. It was hard to get things going for whatever reason."

Howe, who is working on a master's degree in human relations, said he hopes to be finished with his degree in December. He's engaged to high school sweetheart, Victoria Dahlin, and said he has his sights set on the 2016 Olympics. He will continue to train at Oklahoma. As disappointed as he was Saturday night, his coach paid him the ultimate compliment.

"I've coached some national champions and quite a few All-Americans and Andrew Howe is the hardest worker I've ever been around," Oklahoma coach Mark Cody told newsok.com "I've never seen anything like it. Our program will benefit for years to come having Andrew Howe."

Elsewhere, Bucknell's Paul Petrov, also a Hanover Central grad, advanced to the second day of the three-day event. The sophomore 125-pounder went 1-2 in the tournament and finished his impressive second season with a 31-9 mark. He earned his first career berth in the national tournament thanks to a sixth-place finish at the EIWA Championships.

Northwestern's Jason Tsirtsis wins wrestling title; Howe runnerup

By Staff Report
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Redshirt freshman Jason Tsirtsis became Northwestern's first national champion wrestler in six years Saturday.

The Crown Point grad beat No. 11 seed Joshua Kindig of Oklahoma State 3-1 in overtime at 149 pounds. Kindig took a 1-0 lead with 1:15 left in the second period, but Tsirtsis forced overtime with an escape in the third period.

In the semifinals, Tsirtsis shocked No. 1 seed Drake Houdashelt (Missouri) 2-1 with a last-second escape to earn a shot at KIndig. The Big Ten champ improved his record to 35-3. Kindig dropped to 28-9.

NU's Tsirtsis, Illini's Delgado take wrestling titles

Tsirtsis first Northwestern freshman to become NCAA champion

By Phil Hersh
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Jason Tsirtsis of Crown Point, Ind., became the first Northwestern freshman to win an NCAA wrestling title.

And Illinois sophomore Jesse Delgado of Gilroy, Calif., won a second straight.

Tsirtsis, the No. 5 seed, beat 11th-seeded Joshua Kindig 3-1 in overtime in the 149-pound final Saturday night at Oklahoma City.

It was the third straight overtime win for Tsirtsis, a redshirt freshman. He beat top-seeded Drake Houdashelt of Missouri in Friday's semifinals and No. 4 Kendric Maple of Oklahoma in the quarterfinals.

In the 125-pound class, the top-seeded Delgado beat No. 2 seed Nahson Garrett of Cornell 3-2 in the final.

Earlier Saturday, Northwestern junior Mike McMullan made the top three in the NCAA Division I wrestling championships for the third straight year.

The heavyweight from Easton, Pa., took third by beating Iowa's Bobby Telford 3-1. McMullan finished second last year and third as a freshman.

Tatamy's Mike McMullan can beat anybody - when he wrestles like Mike McMullan

By Brad Wilson
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Mike McMullan can handle any 285-pounder wrestler in the nation.

In fact, the Tatamy resident and Northwestern University junior has beaten almost every one of the other seven All-Americans crowned this weekend at the NCAA Division I championships at Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City.

McMulllan has beaten both of the finalists, Minnesota's two-time NCAA champion Tony Nelson and North Carolina State's Nick Gwiazdowski. He's beaten Iowa's Bobby Telford twice this season.

He pinned Indiana's Adam Chalfant in 18 seconds. He's decked Ohio University's Jeremy Johnson and decisioned Michigan State's Mike McClure.

But what McMullan has not done -- yet -- is beat them all at the same time.

And that's partly why the three NCAA medals the Wildcat junior owns are "just" a second and two thirds, the latest third-place medal earned Saturday afternoon in Oklahoma City with a 3-1 defeat of Telford following that 18-second flattening of Chalfant in a consolation semifinal.

There is absolutely no question McMullan is a national championship caliber wrestler. His skills are top-flight.

His speed is unmatched. His body control and gymnast-like agility on the mat -- his takedown of Telford Saturday saw him leap in the air while spinning around behind the Hawkeye, a move atypical of heavyweights to put it mildly -- puts him in a class of his own.

But the reason McMullan isn't a national champion this season is because the one All-American he didn't beat -- Oklahoma State's Austin Marsden, who edged McMullan 3-2 in the second round Thursday night -- and that happened because for those seven minutes Mike McMullan didn't look like Mike McMullan.

"I wrestled it like a heavyweight match and I don't wrestle heavyweight matches," said McMullan, meaning that he prefers an aggressive, athletic approach compared to the ponderous push-and-shove of the dancing bears all too often seen up top.

"I wrestled too conservative and got away from my style and let (Marsden) keep it close. Nine times out of 10 I'd score enough to win that match but it should be 10 times out of 10. I can't leave things up to chance."

Nothing against Marsden, the No. 11 seed who wound up finishing eighth, but the McMullan that was on display Saturday would have knocked the Cowboy sophomore all the way back to Stillwater from the state capitol. McMullan had lost twice to Indiana's Chalfant this season but used a lateral drop to deck him in the consy semi almost before it started.

"We have to beat this guy," said Northwestern coach Drew Pariano of Chalfant before the bout, and McMullan made sure of that.

"You roll around in the practice room and you try moves like that," McMullan said. "Sometimes it happens. Sometimes you get the chance to use it in a match though you don't ever plan to."

Telford never got a sniff of McMullan's legs in the third-place bout and couldn't ride the Wildcat at all. Either Telford or Chalfant would have been favored to handle Marsden -- indeed Chalfant did 3-2 in a quarterfinal -- and so would have the McMullan seen in those bouts.

McMullan was unsparing in his analysis of his agonizing setback.

"I came in with high expectations, having been in the final last season," he said. "And maybe I looked at the tournament as a whole instead of taking a systemic approach to each match. Maybe I was looking ahead. But once I got in the All-American matches, and the pressure was off, I wrestled like my real self. I need to be more consistent in my approach and not wrestle like a heavyweight."

If McMullan does that next March in St. Louis, he'll ascend to the top of the podium Saturday. Because when Mike McMullan wrestles like Mike McMullan, he can -- and will -- beat anybody.

Tatamy's Mike McMullan shooting for top of NCAA wrestling mountain for Northwestern

By Brad Wilson
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Mike McMullan has already climbed one new mountain this wrestling season.

"I finally have beaten Tony Nelson of Minnesota; he's always been the guy who's been ranked ahead of me and finished ahead of me," said the Tatamy resident now a redshirt junior 285-pounder for Northwestern.

And now McMullan is preparing to climb the last mountain ahead of him in NCAA wrestling. He finished third in the nation as a freshman (losing to Nelson in a quarterfinal), second as a sophomore (losing to Nelson), and a junior there's only one goal acceptable to the Wyoming Seminary graduate.

"I want to stay focused on winning the national championship," said McMullan, who will enter the Big Ten Championships on March 8-9 in Madison, Wis., with a 10-2 record.

McMullan is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation, but that will likely change after he dropped a 5-3 overtime decision to North Carolina State's No. 6-ranked Nick Gwiazdowski Saturday in a dual meet wrestled at Duke. Not that that worries McMullan too much.
"Being ranked is great and it is a nice honor to have but it doesn't earn you success at Big Tens and nationals," McMullan. "It's an outstanding honor to be No. 1 but you still have to beat guys at the end of the year when it matters."

And there's little doubt that if McMullan navigates the minefield that is the 285-pound bracket at the Big Ten Tournament successfully, a group that includes former No. 1s Nelson (now No. 5), Bobby Telford of Iowa (No. 3), Adam Coon of Michigan (No. 2); No. 4 Adam Chalfont of Indiana, who defeated McMullan this year; No. 7-ranked Mike McClure of Michigan State and No. 10 Conner Medbury of Wisconsin (all rankings by Intermat), he'll be seeded No. 1 when the NCAA championships open March 20 in Oklahoma City.

"I think one of the big reasons I chose Northwestern for college was the

academics combined with a chance to compete athletically at the highest level," McMullan said. "The Big Ten is where it's at in wrestling and it's good that in every match we wrestle, we meet high-caliber opponents."

None more so than the formidable Nelson, a two-time national champion. The Gopher senior had defeated McMullan in the NWCA All-Star Classic in a tiebreaker in Virginia in November before McMullan finally ended Nelson's dominance with a 3-1 overtime win on Jan. 10 in Evanston, Ill.

"I was finally able to get the signature win over Tony," McMullan said. "Now I can say I have the ability to beat him. That was a huge morale boost for me, sparked my recent success, and got me on the streak I am on now (six straight wins before Saturday's loss)."

McMullan sad he tweaked his usual approach when he met Nelson.

"I decided to alter my game plan from the way I usually wrestle and planned a match specifically for him," McMullan said. "I had to escape quickly because he is so heavy on top. I wanted to concentrate on my offense, which I did, during the match. Before with Tony, I could get in on my shots but I was not able to finish them. This time I was able to convert the match at home with the fans pulling me through." McMullan said the Wildcat fans were, and have been, a big plus for the team.

"We set an attendance record in our match against Iowa and it was great to have the crowd behind you," McMullan said. "Not only do we get the hard-core Northwestern fans, we get fans of the sport from the Chicago metro area who want to see the big names. Matches are so much better when people come and we like to put on a show for them."

McMullan missed much of the early part of the season and when he came back he lost to Chalfont, who also defeated him last season, 9-4.

"That was my first match back for six weeks and it was tough to get back at it and I didn't have the best week of preparation," McMullan said. "It was rough but I am glad it happened. It reminded me that everyone we wrestle is good and I had to get refocused."

McMullan said Northwestern will "amp up" practices a bit heading into the Big Ten tournament with two weeks to prepare.

"You don't want to exhaust your body," he said. "But we'll get after each other more than we usually do. We'll be working on conditioning to get ready for Big Tens."

Northwestern has been a perennial Top 20 team of late but in the Big Ten that doesn't translate into league contention against the Iowas, Minnesotas and Penn States. Northwestern went 1-7 in the conference.

"No one likes to lose to a team but there's only so much you can do individually." McMullan said. "I do my part to give us a chance to win and I try and be a leader for the younger guys. But Northwestern is going in a great direction. It's an exciting time to be here. We have the best recruiting class we have coming in and this will be an exciting place to be over the next couple of years."

McMullan, who has a joint major in journalism and political science, said he's not sure what he wants to pursue post-college as a career after he takes his final season of eligibility next year. But first up is that goal of being No. 1 when it really matters.

"I'm just going to do what I normally do, judging from the results I have been getting, and maybe work a little harder in the room and if I do, I'll be better off at the end of the day."

And maybe at the top of the podium at the end of the NCAAs, the last mountain McMullan hasn't climbed.

Iowa returns to Midlands loaded with high seeds

After 1-year absence, third-ranked Hawkeyes are back with four No. 1 seeds, two No. 2s and two No. 3s

By Neil Milbert
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The monsters of the Midlands are returning.

Flaunting a record 23 team titles and a No. 3 national ranking in the polls, perennially powerful Iowa will be back in Welsh-Ryan Arena after a one-year absence Sunday and Monday to compete in the 51st Ken Kraft Midlands Wrestling Championships.

The pre-seeding indicates the esteem in which the Hawkeyes are held.

Four Iowa wrestlers are top-seeded — 157-pound Derek St. John, 165-pound Nick Moore, 174-pound Mike Evans and 184-pound Ethen Lofthouse. Two are No. 2 seeds — 133-pound Tony Ramos and heavyweight Bobby Telford — and two are No. 3 seeds — 125-pound Cory Clark and 197-pound Nathan Burak.

With Iowa a 2012 no-show, Illinois lived up to expectations and made a strong showing to take its fourth team title in 10 years, even though none of the Illini won individual championships.

"We scored in a lot of weights, which helps in a tournament," coach Jim Heffernan said. "Now, we're kind of developing. We haven't had a full lineup because of injuries; nothing serious but enough to keep guys out."

After capturing nine titles at the Loras Open and then winning their first six dual meets, the Illini have suffered close back-to-back losses to Cornell and Wisconsin.

Two Illini wrestlers are pre-seeded No. 1 — last year's 125-pound runner-up Jesse Delgado and 197-pounder Mario Gonzalez, a 2012 semifinalist.

Northwestern, which dropped to seventh in last year's standings after finishing second to Iowa in 2011, also has a pair of No. 1 pre-seeds — 149-pound redshirt freshman Jason Tsirtsis, and junior heavyweight Mike McMullan — plus a No. 2 in 174-pound junior Lee Munster. In last year's semis, McMullan lost through injury default and 2011 titlist Munster was defeated by Robert Kokesh, who became his successor.

Tsirtsis competed as an unattached 141-pound wrestler in 2012 and finished eighth after losing in the quarterfinals to Kendric Maple, who went on to win his second straight championship

"The difference between high school and the Midlands was the consistency of tough matches," said Tsirtsis, a four-time Indiana state champion. "Every single match was a grinder. Since then I've made a lot of progress. I made the (U.S.) World Junior team and went to Sofia, Bulgaria to compete in the championships."

Northwestern is going into the Midlands with a 5-1 dual meet record and a third place finish in the Keystone Classic Tournament.

"It has been a long time since we've had the kind of top level competition we'll be facing," NU coach Drew Pariano said. "When we go up against wrestlers from schools like Edinboro and Virginia Tech we'd better beat them because this is the only time we'll face them and a win could carry weight in seeding at the NCAA tournament.

"Pierce Harger (a 174-pound junior) never has had a great Midlands, so he's due, even though his class is loaded. Pat Greco (a 141-pound junior) and (133-pound sophomore) Dom Malone also could put it all together and get us some points."

Only one 2012 titlist is returning, Nick Brascetta. He took the 149-pound championship last year when he wrestled for Virginia Tech but he now is an unattached contestant, pre-seeded fifth in the 157-pound class. it was exciting for sure.

Eyes on McMullan, Harger, Tsirtsis as Northwestern starts Big Tens

By Jesse Kramer
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No. 19 Northwestern (9-7, 1-7 Big Ten) begins postseason wrestling Saturday and Sunday in Madison, Wis., for the Big Ten Championships. The Wildcats enter the tournament with six pre-seeded wrestlers, as voted by the Big Ten coaches.

Juniors Mike McMullan and Pierce Harger, as well as redshirt freshman Jason Tsirtsis, lead the Cats' championship charge. All three hold No. 3 Big Ten seeds in their weight classes.

McMullan held the No. 1 ranking at 285 pounds in February but enters the weekend ranked No. 4. The two-time All-American faces a stacked field with the Big Ten holding seven of the nation's top-eight heavyweights.

McMullan performed well against Big Ten competition this season. The junior compiled a 7-1 record in conference duals with the only loss coming to No. 2 seed Adam Chalfant of Indiana. McMullan knocked off No. 1 Bobby Telford of Iowa to steal his ranking and Minnesota's Tony Nelson, the reigning NCAA champion. Telford and Nelson are seeded right behind McMullan at No. 4 and No. 5, respectively.

McMullan could potentially renew a long-lasting rivalry with Nelson at Big Tens. Nelson eliminated McMullan in the Big Ten Championships and NCAA Tournament each of the last two seasons. McMullan upset Nelson on Jan. 10 in their most recent meeting.

Harger and Tsirtsis face slightly easier competition at 165 and 149 pounds, respectively, but it will be no cakewalk.

Harger has three other top-10 wrestlers in his field, but he was wrestling his best toward the end of the season. The junior won his last four matches, and coach Drew Pariano said after the team's last match against Duke he thought Harger was finally wrestling to his full potential.

Tsirtsis could be at a disadvantage due to his inexperience. The redshirt freshman's main competition this weekend are juniors Jake Sueflohn and Nick Dardanes, who have both wrestled on this stage before.

The Cats were bogged down in many Big Ten duals by sophomores Garrison White and Dominick Malone. The two wrestlers finished a combined 3-13 in conference. But each recorded victories in their final match of the regular season.

Malone enters the tournament as the No. 10 seed at 133 pounds.

After reaching NCAA finals, McMullan looks to finish year strong

By Kalyn Kahler
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With just 40 seconds left in the 2013 NCAA championship final heavyweight match, Mike McMullan found himself pinned on the ground with his face in the mat in defeat.

"I was just soaking in the environment, thinking, 'Wow this isn't cool," McMullan said. "I'm losing in front of 30,000 people in this building and there are other people watching. I don't like this."

McMullan, who lost in the final to Minnesota's Tony Nelson, is currently ranked as the No. 2 heavyweight in the nation. He said that runner-up finish in Des Moines last season stuck with him and serves as his main motivation this season.

"I said to myself, 'I'm going to use this feeling right now as my motivation throughout the offseason and the preseason and kind of remind myself that I got so close to what I want to accomplish,'" McMullan said.

The redshirt junior came extremely close to avenging that loss when he wrestled the Minnesota senior again at the NWCA All-Star Classic in November.

The NCAA finals rematch was tied 1-1 when regulation time expired. McMullan arguably took down Nelson, but wasn't awarded the point because regulation time ran out. Nelson then scored a point off an escape in overtime to win.

McMullan said he was frustrated by another loss to Nelson, but the match gave him a renewed sense of confidence.

"Before that I had never really been that close," McMullan said. "But after that match I'm like, 'Wow I'm pretty close, I'm right there. It helped build my confidence a lot because prior to that wrestle, four other times I hadn't really come that close."

McMullan and Nelson will face off for the second time this season Jan. 10 at Welsh Ryan Arena.

"I know that he is the only person in my way from being number one," McMullan said. "But when I go out there, I expect to win. I go out there like I've beaten him already and I expect to win."

At 240 pounds, the quick and athletic McMullan is on the lighter side of his weight class. He said his attack-heavy offensive style often gives him the advantage over his heavier opponents.

"There is pretty big window where I could be wrestling a guy who weighs 45 more pounds than me," McMullan said. "It becomes really strategic and I have to David-and-Goliath myself and utilize my abilities to out-quick my opponent."

McMullan said his experience wrestling at lighter weight classes earlier in his career has helped him to win.

"Using the knowledge I got wrestling lighter kids and implementing that in the heavyweight class has shown me a lot of success," McMullan said. "My ability to wrestle like a middle weight or light weight in a heavier weight class has helped me achieve my goals so far."

But the two-time All-American said he's not just focusing on his own goals this season.

"We have a lot of young talent coming in for the first year of competition," McMullan said. "So just being that guy they can look to and see how to go about doing things the right way… I just want to be a person that they can come and talk to and feel comfortable asking for advice."

Although they are in different weight classes, McMullan said he aims to be a mentor for redshirt freshman Jason Tsirtsis who is ranked No. 2 by InterMat.

"He is very passionate about the sport and wants to do well right away," McMullan said. "He doesn't want to use his first year feeling it out and then make his strides after. He's a short-term reward type person. He's been doing really well so far so just kind of being around him and just trying to rub off on him in any way I can is what I'm trying to do."

In his third competitive season, McMullan is taking his place as a team leader. During preseason workouts, McMullan said he and the team faced difficult physical and mental challenges. Each wrestler completed a three-mile run while carrying a gallon of water in each hand.

"That's what wrestling is, you have to be super tough mentally and be able to endure these crazy things," he said. "It's not so much like there's a science behind carrying water for three miles, but it just helps you- when you're in that situation in a match when you feel like you can't go on anymore, you remember, 'Ok, in October I carried gallons of water for thirty minutes, so I'm pretty sure I can last thirty more seconds and give it my all.'"

That mentality will guide McMullan at the Midlands tournament. As a freshman and sophomore, McMullan made it to the semifinals at Midlands, but has never continued past that round.

"To be able to win the tournament in front of the Northwestern crowd would be something awesome that I haven't done yet and I would be really excited to do. That's kind of my mentality- win or bust."

Eyes on McMullan, Harger, Tsirtsis as Northwestern starts Big Tens

By Jesse Kramer
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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – Former University of Iowa NCAA champion and Linn-Mar four-time state champion Jay Borschel has been satisfied with his return to wrestling.

After a couple years away from the sport, Borschel's passion was too much to ignore, so he entered the world of coaching and is in his first season as a volunteer assistant on the Northwestern coaching staff. The Wildcats finished eighth as a team, crowning one champion in 157-pounder Jason Welch, at the Big Ten Wrestling Championships on Sunday at the University of Illinois' Assembly Hall.

He has embraced his new role.

"It's been good," Borschel said. "I really truly enjoy it. It's good to take the opposite look on thing from being an athlete and competitor. You take the same mentality of everything into this, but it's completely on the flip-side."

The 26-year-old said he has learned patience, working with wrestlers and realizing there are limits to what you can do. He said he does his best to prepare his wrestlers and instilling the necessary attributes that can lead to success.

The administrative duties are new as well.

"The to-do list is never really completed," said Borschel, a two-time All-American and three-time NCAA qualifier who won a Big Ten and national title as a senior in 2010 for the Hawkeyes. "I know with anything it's going to take a lot of work, especially coaching in a sport like this. I guess I never really appreciated what my coaches I had experiences with have done."

Northwestern head coach Drew Pariano, a former coach at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, has been pleased with Borschel's contribution to the program. Pariano said the Wildcat wrestlers can gain a lot of insight from Borschel.

"He's current in the technique," Pariano said. "He is a good guy to have in the program in many facets. He leads by example and leads a great life."

Pariano has witnessed Borschel's growth during the course of this season. He has seen Borschel adjust to the stress of matches of 10 wrestlers compared to just having to deal with one as a competitor. Pariano praised Borschel for developing an ability to be stern with wrestlers and command respect, which is tough for a young coach.

Borschel has been exposed to some of the sport's top motivators, including Hawkeye head coaches Dan Gable and Tom Brands. He has had to form his own skill in that area.

"I feel like I'm good at seeing someone and reading their body language, hearing what they're saying and interpreting that then helping them get what they need," Borschel said. "You have to treat everyone as an individual. You have to help them along to get what they need."

He balances that with his unique personality that endeared him to so many at Iowa and Linn-Mar.

"He has both dynamics," Pariano said. "He is the fun-loving guy that is a really intelligent and quirky guy, but then he also has that hardened side to him. That side enabled him to win many, many matches and a national title."

Borschel, who resides in Evanston, Ill., plans to begin a new responsibility soon. His wife, Jillian Perry, is pregnant, and the couple is expecting a baby "in the next three weeks" and could conflict with NCAA Division I Championships at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

Wrestling won't be the priority.

"I don't have a choice," Borschel said with a laugh. "I want to be there (for the birth)."

Northwestern falls to top-ranked Iowa, McMullan poised to move up in standings after second No. 1 takedown

By Jesse Kramer
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No. 3 Iowa (12-2, 5-0 Big Ten) defeated No. 19 Northwestern (6-6, 1-6) on Friday, 31-6. The Wildcats were overmatched as the Hawkeyes sported ranked wrestlers in nine weight classes.

The Cats followed a similar script, dropping bouts at 125, 133 and 141

pounds for the fourth straight match.

"I think the guys battled better early this time," coach Drew Pariano said. "They showed some better effort."

Junior Pat Greco did not capitalize against No. 9 Josh Dziewa at 141 pounds, taking the high-ranking Hawkeye into three overtimes but losing 5-4.

No. 4 Jason Tsirtsis at 149 pounds tallied the Cats' first points with a 5-2 decision against No. 12 Brody Grothus. The redshirt freshman's early 3-0 lead was cut to one point, but his takedown of Grothus sealed his victory. NU lost its next five bouts, including one by forfeit.

Two-time All-American Mike McMullan, ranked the third-best heavyweight nationally, ended the affair with an upset of No. 1 Bobby Telford. It was the second time this season McMullan defeated a top-ranked heavyweight.

McMullan and Telford went into overtime tied 1-1. McMullan achieved his victory with a takedown, just as he did in overtime against then-No. 1 and reigning NCAA champ Tony Nelson on Jan. 10.

McMullan said defeating Nelson was a "huge confidence builder," and he thought the experience from three weeks ago helped him on the mat Friday.

Michigan freshman Adam Coon started the week ahead of McMullan, but McMullan could grab the No. 1 spot in next week's rankings.

McMullan said he believes he is the best heavyweight but does not care where rankers place him.

"If those rankers don't want to rank him (No.) 1, then they have problems," Pariano said. "Let's bring Coon over from Michigan. I'll drive him down here. We'll have a wrestle-off because I know how that result would go."

Mike McMullan's revenge a bright spot in difficult Northwestern loss

By Jesse Kramer
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No. 16 Northwestern (6-2, 1-2 Big Ten) fell short against No. 2 Minnesota (5-0, 2-0) on Friday, losing 26-12 at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

The Wildcats lost four of their first five bouts to create a deficit that they could not overcome.

"We went hard (early in the week) but totally backed off yesterday, so maybe we backed off too much," coach Drew Pariano said. "It falls on the coaches — we obviously did something incorrect this week. We have a short week because we leave Thursday already for Ohio State, so we have a short time to fix things."

Still, the overall loss came with an important victory for the Cats. After NU lost bouts at 184 and 197 pounds, two-time All-American Mike McMullan upset the nation's No. 1 heavyweight, Tony Nelson, in the night's marquee matchup.

Nelson defeated McMullan at the 2013 NCAA Heavyweight Championship in a 6-2 decision. Earlier this season, McMullan lost to the reigning champion once again at the 2013 National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star Classic, but that time he closed the gap to 2-1. McMullan fell behind 1-0 on Friday before fighting back to force overtime, during which he achieved a 3-1 sudden victory with a resounding takedown.

"Just knowing that I executed my game plan and finally came out on top is really reassuring to my confidence," McMullan said. "Knowing that I can beat him now, he was the only thing standing between me and my (NCAA championship) goal. ... Mentally it's going to kind of mess with (Nelson) going into the national tournament, kind of put some doubt in his mind."

Sophomore Garrison White won the evening's first bout with a 6-0 decision against Minnesota's Jordan Kingsley, but the Cats quickly fell behind 16-3 with losses in their next four matches.

Juniors Pierce Harger and Lee Munster responded with victories against the Golden Gophers' Danny Zilverberg and Alec Ortiz, respectively, to bring NU within 20-9.

Zilverberg erased a 5-point lead in the third round, but an escape by Harger in the final minute earned him a decision.

Munster, who missed substantial time with an injury in November and December, picked up his third straight win and said he feels he is back to 100 percent.

"I'm getting into a groove," Munster said. "Dealing with injuries, every single year you have something come up. But now I'm back in the lineup, healthy, and every match from now on is going to be better and better."

Despite McMullan's success and Munster's optimism, Pariano said he does not want his other wrestlers to see the victory as a silver lining in light of the team's defeat.

"The critical thing in sport like wrestling is the whole team can't celebrate that individual win," Pariano said. "Those first five matches, we don't train to look like that. They looked tired, and there's no excuse for that — zero excuse for how we looked."

Wildcats look promising after strong showing at Midlands and Big Ten opener

By Jesse Kramer
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After a commanding victory against No. 23 Indiana in its Big Ten opener Saturday, Northwestern (6-1, 1-1 Big Ten) clocked in at No. 16 in the nation this week.

The Wildcats defeated Indiana 27-12, with seven wrestlers winning their bouts against the Hoosiers, including two with bonus points.

Redshirt freshman Jason Tsirtsis, who has climbed to No. 5 natonally at 149 pounds in the InterMat Wrestling's rankings, displayed his talent with a major decision against Indiana's Eric Roach.

Tsirtsis, who head coach Drew Pariano said he expects to be a national champion, also performed well in December at the 51st Ken Kraft Midlands Championship and against SIU-Edwardsville.

At the Midlands tournament, Tsirtsis collected a fifth-place finish. The four-time Indiana state high school champion also defeated SIU-Edwardsville's Karsten Van Velsor with a 17-1 tech fall.