

UNC fencers at Penn State

The UNC men's and women's fencing teams will participate in the Penn State Intercollegiate, a highly competitive preseason tournament, this weekend at State College, Pa.

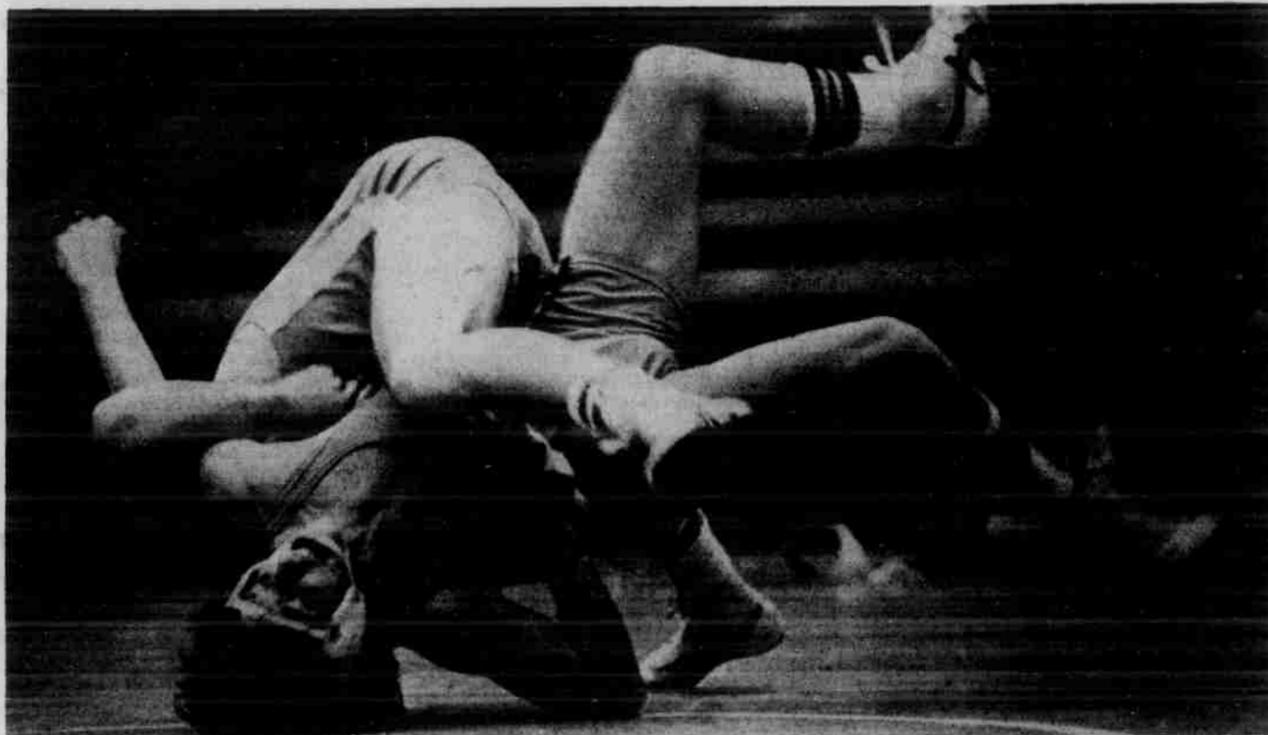
Between 15 and 20 teams will be taking part in the tourney, including most of the Ivy League schools and all of the larger schools in the East. Carolina fencing coach Ron Miller views the upcoming tournament as a very important one for the Heels at this point in the year.

"The tournament at Penn State will be the toughest intercollegiate preseason competition in the country," Miller said. "Most of the returning All-Americans from last year will be competing this weekend. This tournament and the one at Cornell earlier this month are probably the most important parts of our preseason. The tournament at Penn State offers us a good opportunity to gain some valuable experience."

The action this weekend will be entirely individual and no team scores will be kept. There will be 22 to 24 members of the UNC men's and women's squads making the trip.

"Last year we did pretty well," Miller said. "We took second place in saber, and we had two finalists in that weapon. I think the majority of our fencers will advance past the first two rounds and that will be indicative of a good deal of success at this time."

Other schools from the ACC competing in the tournament are Clemson, Maryland and N.C. State. The action this weekend will be the last pre-season tournament for Carolina.



Wrestling returns to Carmichael Auditorium this weekend when UNC hosts the Carolina Invitational. Eight teams will

participate in the event. The finals are set for 7 p.m. Saturday. Photo by Bill Russ.

Wrestling tourney here this weekend

Coming off last weekend's strong performance in the Monarch Open, the Tar Heel wrestling team is sponsoring the preseason Carolina Invitational Friday and Saturday in Carmichael Auditorium.

Eight schools will be competing, including some of the top teams from the region. N.C. State, Duke and Virginia will participate along with East Carolina, Appalachian State, Pembroke and Old Dominion.

There will be no team scoring as each team will be allowed to enter two wrestlers at each weight. As Carolina Coach Bill Lam points out, "It will give the coaches a chance to look at their entire team. If a coach has two men at the same weight, he'll be able to watch both of them in competition."

The field looks outstanding. Virginia, State and Carolina

are probably the three top teams in the conference and sport many outstanding wrestlers. Six of the ACC champs of last year will be in the tournament, including UNC's Jeff Reintgen, who is a two-time conference champ and winner of the tournament's most outstanding wrestler last year. State will have three returning champions, Terry Reese at 158, Joe Lidowski at 190 and heavyweight Lynn Morris. The other two coming back are Virginia's Bob Harwick at 142 and Duke's Doug Sumner at 126.

The first round will begin at noon Friday and end about 4 p.m. Wrestling will resume that night at 7 p.m. and run until 10 p.m. The semifinals will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday with the finals starting at 7 Saturday night. UNC students will be admitted free with their ID's.

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