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# *Even 'Losers' Win for North Iowa*

By Ed Danner

His voice was almost gone, but Kaye Young could still talk about his wrestling team at North Iowa of Mason City. It was finally National junior college champion.

After three years of finishing the runner-up, the Trojans were crowned winner of the junior college tournament in Worthington, Minn., Saturday night.

Saturday, however, was



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just a day to find out where individual Trojans would place. North Iowa had piled up enough points to lay claim to the team title Friday night.

## "Team Effort"

"Most people think of wrestling as an individual sport, but ours was a team victory," said Young, relaxed after three days and nights of strategy planning and yelling encouragement.

"I've always stressed contribution to the team as the No. 1 priority.

"This year, for instance, I had five kids who were good enough to have a chance at placing in the nationals, yet

they couldn't beat other wrestlers on our team.

"They all went to the nationals and helped us scout wrestlers our kids might have to go up against."

The five were Stewart Newman of Perry, who had a 10-1 record at 126 pounds this past season; Tracy Funk of Osage, 4-0 at 142; Ralph Young of Marshalltown, 7-3 at weights from 150 to 190; Jerry Hoyt of Clarion, 8-1 at 150; and Tom Burns, 7-1 at heavyweight.

"It was the same with Bill Williams (of Cedar Rapids) and Steve Eidness (of Osage)," Young added. "They placed fourth and sixth (re-

spectively) last year, but were eliminated fairly early this time.

"They didn't sit around feeling sorry for themselves. . . . They were out there doing everything they could to help our wrestlers who were still in it."

## Fouts Heavyweight Champ

North Iowa sent three wrestlers into the finals, but didn't claim a champion until freshman heavyweight Bob Fouts of Waterloo disposed of Willard Bryant of Gloucester, Mass., 9-7.

"The rest of our team went wild rooting for Fouts," Young said. "They felt that if we didn't come home with an

individual champion that it would be a hollow team victory."

Dedric Doolin from Cedar Rapids lost, 7-6, to Vince Tundo of Alfred, N.Y. in the 126 final and 177-pounder Ed Herman from Johnston was beaten, 8-5, by Bob Ankenney of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Fouts' victory should come as no surprise to followers of Iowa wrestling.

Last spring, after he won the state high school Class AAA title, the 260-pounder tied Iowa State's National Collegiate and Olympic

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bronze medal winner, Chris Taylor, 2-2, in the State Amateur Athletic Union free-style tournament.

## "Very Quick"

"Bob's main asset is his quickness," Young said. "He's trimmed off 30 pounds and is quicker than many excellent wrestlers 100 pounds lighter than him."

Since he felt Fouts was going to win the title all season, Young indicated he took greater pleasure from Doolin's and Herman's second-place finishes.

"I knew Dedric could do it if we could get him healthy," the coach explained, "but Herman didn't really develop until just before the nationals."

Doolin never lost in a dual meet in his two seasons at North Iowa, but had been sidelined with injuries much of the time.

Herman compiled a 12-3-1 record, but the freshman had always played second fiddle to Ellsworth's Jim Bassett (from Cedar Rapids) when those two met.

"Then he beat Bassett, 5-0, in the district after losing to him in the regional," Young explained. "Ed was so super in practice and had so much confidence after that, he had championship written all over him."

Young said Herman's 6-5 victory over Steve Bonsall of Middlesex, N.J., Friday was the spark that sent the Trojans onto clinching the title later that night.

"Bonsall was defending champion and had won 68 matches in a row," Young explained. "I'd never seen my team at such an emotional pitch after Ed's victory."

Young, however, added that his Trojans had made up their minds before Friday's competition of what they were going to do.

## "Win It Ourselves"

"We decided to go out and win it ourselves," Kaye explained. "We didn't want to receive any help from anyone and won 12 of 16 matches Friday."

Young added that three of North Iowa's Friday losses came when his wrestlers were injured. Eidness suffered a forced extension of his elbow, Dan Peterson at 167 suffered a rupture between his ribs and Bruce Wilson of Waterloo at 150 injured his back.

Wilson was able to come back and claim fourth while

118-pounder Joe Corso of West Des Moines repeated his fifth-place finish of 1972.

Suddenly this season's championship became old news. Young switched the topic to 1974.

"The last thing I remember before they threw me in the shower," Kaye said, "was one of the kids shouting 'When was the last time someone won the tournament twice in a row?'"

Mason City and North Iowa Area Community College will hold a joint celebration to honor the wrestling team today at 11:30 a.m. in the college gymnasium.

Olympian Chris Taylor of Iowa State will present the national trophy to the team and give a short talk.

