

Pokes heat Cyclones 20-17

Rick Jones hero in upset victory

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Chris Taylor was the show, Rick Jones the hero, and Oklahoma State the winner, as the Cowboys rolled over No. 1 ranked and previously unbeaten defending national champion Iowa State, Saturday night in jam-packed Gallagher Hall.

As the near hysterical, sellout crowd of 7,400 looked on, the 177-pound Jones flattened his Cyclone opponent, Bob Van Horn in 5:20, to insure at least a tie by running the team score to 20-4.

The fall, accompanied with wins by the first four Pokes grapplers on the mat and a super effort by Alex Macaluso at 190, proved to be too much for the favored Cyclones.

Oklahoma State rolled into the match with a 6-1 record having suffered their lone defeat at the hands of powerful Washington. Just one week before, the Pokes had knocked off highly rated Michigan State in much of the same impressive manner that they manhandled the Cyclones.

Iowa State boasted a 10-0 record going into the match but were, to some minds, untested. Their roughest dual win had been a 29-9 victory over arch-rival Iowa.

In the Iowa dual, the crowd of 10,268 that packed Hilton Coliseum at Ames, was the largest crowd ever to view a collegiate dual wrestling match.

But on a cold night in Stillwater, when the Cyclones were supposed to flex their muscles and prove why they were No. 1, an upstart bunch of young Cowboys took the fight to them and got a victory.

One of the youngest, sophomore 177-pounder Jones from Detroit, Mich. proved to be the stumbling block of the Cyclones.

The first period of that 177-pound battle was a scoreless stalemate, but when the match went to the mat, Jones went to work.

In the second period, Jones built up a seven point lead on a reverse, takedown, and a three-point near fall. Then with only 20 seconds gone in the final period, Jones wrapped Van Horn up again with a reverse headlock and this time the buzzer didn't sound.

Alex Macaluso then had the precarious job of staying off of his back to insure the victory. Not only did Macaluso stay off of his back (most of the match anyway) but was within four seconds of getting a draw with undefeated Al Nacin.

Nacin was riding the Poke freshman near the end of the match with the score tied at seven apiece when the Cyclone put a shot of fear in the hearts of Cowboy fans by rolling Macaluso on his back. Time ran out with Nacin gaining the three-point near fall but the win put the team score at 20-11 which was a hopeless case for the Cyclones.

The Pokes won the first four bouts which were a must to the victory, but didn't win another until the fall by Jones.

Everett Gomez, 118-pounder from Oklahoma City, got things off on the right foot for the Pokes with his 5-4 victory. Cyclone Dan Mallinger got a takedown with six seconds to make the match seemingly close by the score. Gomez was in complete control most of the way as he dominated the match. He added an escape in the second period to ice the victory.

Billy Martin remained undefeated while continuing his torrid wrestling with an im-

pressive 7-3 win at 126 over Ron Glass. Martin proved too hard to handle as he executed two escapes and two takedowns with a point of riding time to run up the score. Glass managed a reverse and an escape in the final period for his points.

At 134 a battle of undefeateds unfolded with Cowboy Bobby Stites coming out of the match with his record untarnished. Stites used the single leg takedown effectively in edging his unridable opponent Bill Fjetland, 6-4. Fjetland was one Cyclone a Cowboy couldn't ride as the man from Ames worked four escapes and all of them almost immediately after Stites took command.

Stillwater product David Dominick continued to wrestle well and gained a victory in the meantime as he whipped previously undefeated Don Glass, 6-3 in their battle at 142. Dominick rolled up 4:47 of riding time in the match while utilizing two single leg takedowns enroute to the win.

Previously undefeated punter Steve Randall ran into deep trouble early in the final period of his match with Pete Galea and never could recover as he was ripped 7-4. Randall was the first loss the Cowboys suffered Saturday night but for Galea and the Cyclones it was a hard earned win.

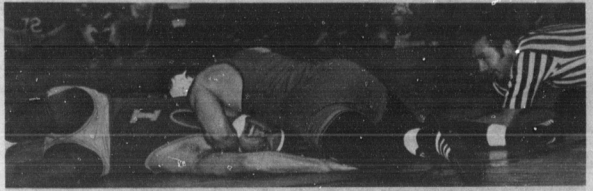
With the team score 12-3, Alan Albright and ISU's John Showalter battled to a 1-1 draw at 158. An exchange of escapes was the only scoring in the match as neither wrestler could gain any type of advantage while on their feet.

It took Keith Abens' reverse with 39 seconds remaining to edge Cowboy Brendt Noon 4-3 in their match at 167. With the Pokes holding a shaky 14-3 lead on the scoreboard, Noon and Abens struggled through a scoreless first period before Noon broke the ice with an escape early in the second period.

The puncher continued to go to work as he gained a takedown before being reversed late in the second period. With the score at 3-2, Abens utilized his experience to gain the reverse and the win with 39 seconds remaining.

Jones followed with his fall and Macaluso then staved off Nacin at 190 before mammoth Chris Taylor did the expected as he pinned Cowboy mighty mite Dewight Cartwright, in 1:42. Cartwright, a freshman 190-pound product of New York, resembled David trying to deal with Goliath. Taylor is 6'7" by 420 pounds the defending national champion at heavyweight and a bronze medal winner in the 1972 Olympics in Munich.

The minute Cartwright gave the delicious Poke fans one last chance to cheer as he momentarily put Taylor on his back before Chris simply rolled over on top of him and applied the crusher.



Cowboy Rick Jones tightens a reverse headlock on Bob Van Horn in their 177-pound match in which Jones pinned the Cyclone and their hopes.



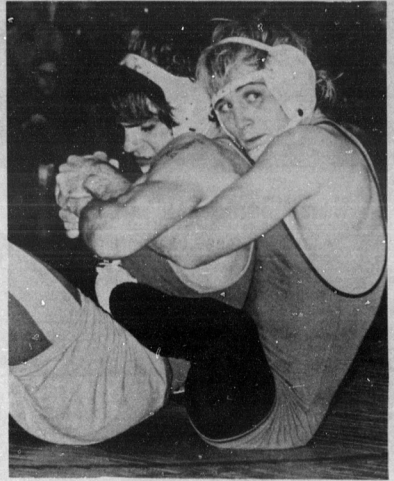
The Cowboy partisan capacity crowd of 7,400 cheer wildly as Jones is declared the winner via a fall at 177.



Following Jones stirring fall at 177, the Cowboy faithful break out in a "We're no. 1" chant.



The end of an undefeated season comes for Steve Randall as the Poke is rolled up in a cradle for a two point near fall.



Poke 126-pounder Billy Martin strikes a pose for the camera enroute to his 7-3 victory over previously undefeated Ron Glass.

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The scoreboard tells the whole story as the Pokes upset the No. 1 ranked cyclones.

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