For five decades, winning has been a way of life for one Cyclone sports program. Not for Cyclone football or men’s and women’s basketball or even Cyclone volleyball. Winning has been a way of life for Cyclone Hockey.

This season marks the 50th anniversary of the Cyclone Hockey program. Throughout those 50 years, Cyclone Hockey has consistently been one of the best programs in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). It has appeared in 14 ACHA Final Fours, nine ACHA National Championship games and has claimed one national title. Since it has routinely been a national title contender, the motto for the cardinal and gold, there were multiple mountains to climb to sustain winning is a way of life.”

For the 50th anniversary, Cyclone Hockey head coach, Al Murdoch, came, that discovered that I was from Canada. [The donor knew] I was knowledgeable about hockey and he thought maybe [Cyclone Hockey] should play in Hilton Coliseum and there could be ice in there too. But we needed more money. Murdoch met with the benefactor and at the end of the meeting, the supporter pledged $100,000 if there were at least 10 hockey games played in Hilton a year. And because of that donation, Cyclone Hockey finally found its home in Ames.

The rowdiness could have been a factor due to the arena selling beer, but Murdoch insists that was not the case.

When the idea came to build a practice facility, Cyclone Coliseum, Cyclone Hockey couldn’t practice there. Murdoch: ‘We practiced on an outdoor rink north of Beyer Hall. They cranked up the fans and hung light bulbs from it. They refered to it as “The Wall”, and it was bad. But practicing outside had its negatives primarily, the ice would melt. So, an idea blossomed.

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But practicing outside had its negatives. Murdoch: ‘When the idea came to build a practice facility, Cyclone Coliseum, Cyclone Hockey couldn’t practice there. They strung cables from post to post and hung light bulbs from it. They shaded, so the ice wouldn’t completely melt, but sometimes there was water on it. So, that’s when the idea came to build a practice facility. We played an exhibition game against the Des Moines Buccaneers. That was the first time I heard the crowd scream. It was cold, so [fans] were wearing coats and mittens, they all had a beer in each hand. I don’t think the selling of beer had any influence on the rowdiness. It was cold, so [fans] were wearing coats and mittens, they all had a beer in each hand. I don’t think the selling of beer had any influence on the rowdiness. From Des Moines to Hilton Coliseum

HOCKEY
BY EMMA WILSON
contribution to the Daily

From planting an extensively, beauti-ful
garden each spring, to starting her
own herd of Angus cows and calves,
ever since Lillie Beringer was able
to walk she’s spent her life outside.
When Lillie Beringer lost her hero, the
man she grew up doing everything
with, her dreams and goals became
rooted in the Beringer Farm.

In the early afternoon of July 1, 2014,
William Beringer spread his wings to
be with the Lord. A man not only a
father of eight children, a grandfather
of 27 grandchildren and a great-grand-
father of 30 great-grandchildren, but
also a hunter, horseback rider, outdoor
enthusiast and above all, an Iowa farm-
er. With a bright future and college
career ahead of her, 18-year-old Lillie
Beringer said goodbye to her whole
world.

Now, a 21-year-old senior at Iowa State,
Lillie Beringer studies her love of
animal science three hours away
from the family farm. With a vast leg-
dacy behind her and vivid dreams before
her, Lillie Beringer has crafted a plan
to turn her goals into those dreams all
for a man she called grandpa.

Her grandfather, William Beringer,
was an avid coon hunter, at first taking
his children on his adventures through
the Dubuque County forests, and then
as his grandchildren grew, he showed
them the ways of hunting, too. He was
a man who spent his life outside in
any weather imaginable to care for the
castle, his pride and joy.

However, all those titles William
Beringer held, not one of them fit for
his granddaughter. A man she admired,
Adored and idolized, those titles never
seemed suitable for the man Lillie
Beringer knew as grandpa.

“We were inseparable since I was
born,” Lillie Beringer explained as she
wiped a tear reminiscing in her old
photo albums.

“I was always attached to his hip
from cattle sales, to coon hunting or
just anything on the farm,” she spoke
passionately pointing to a tattered pho-
to of a young Lillie Beringer holding
recently shot raccoons. “It was always
just grandpa and I together.”

A hero is how Lillie Beringer sim-
ply explains him. The man she turned
to for a simple question on the farm
to a deeper understanding of her life
and the lives around her. With his
simple smile and corny jokes, Grandpa
Beringer was the man who knew how
to take a rainy day and make it sunny.

“I spent my first two years in col-
lege at Black Hawk (College) East in
Kewanee, Illinois that was only about
two hours from home and after my
grandpa’s passing, I couldn’t get myself
to go farther,” Lillie Beringer said. “But
that was only a two-year program and
I knew I wanted a four-year degree,
so transferring to Iowa State to finish
it seemed ideal for me to do.”

As a youngster and into her high
school years, Lillie Beringer’s friends
couldn’t find her on the soccer field or
at football games, but found her in the
silent pastures with gentle Angus cattle,
alongside her Grandpa Beringer.

“Lillie wasn’t ever much for doing
sports or attending events in high
school, but she was really active in
showing her horses in 4-H and FFA,”
said her best friend Elle Hoffman. “I
think she just wanted to be wherever
her grandpa was and he was so proud
watching her compete in all those
horse shows.”

Lillie Beringer’s mom, Sheila
Beringer will be the first to admit
Lillie Beringer’s Grandpa Beringer and
dad spoiled her, buying her first horse,
Trigger, for her at the lively, young
age of 11.

“A lot of Lillie’s foundation for the
farm started when she got ‘Trigger,’”
Sheila Beringer said. “She rode that
horse up every stream and back down
ever stream in Dubuque County and
still rides him today. I didn’t want the
kids to have 4-wheelers at that young
of an age so their source of transpor-
tation became their horses.”

Lillie Beringer spent the majority
of her childhood with her grandfather,
riding horses through the country side,
regularly taking trips across the state
and surrounding Midwestern states to
enjoy cattle sales and with a little urge
from Lillie Beringer, maybe bringing
some home to add to their herd.

“The day Lillie turned 14, she went
and passed the drivers test to get her
permit,” said John Beringer, Lillie
Beringer’s dad. “Two days later, she
drove Grandpa 100 miles north to a
cattle sale in Decorah, just the two of
them.”

Lillie Beringer’s father, John Bering-
er, along with his granddaughters,
were often the two to immerse Lillie Beringer
into the farm life allowing her to assist from
the birthing of calves to running big
equipment at a young age.

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"When I visit Grandma, we talk about memories of Grandpa and I swear I learn something new about that man every time I visit," Lillie Beringer jokes. "You could not have met a couple more in love than my grandparents."

After an afternoon spent reminiscing, Lillie Beringer heads home to present day, carrying on the legacy set before her filled not only with dreams, but also her plans.

The Dream
Lillie Beringer was never alone with her upbringing on the family farm. With two older brothers, Nicolas and Jesse, a younger brother Lee, and a younger sister Holly, Lillie Beringer is the middle child, the wild child according to Sheila Beringer, in the Beringer family of seven. "Lillie was the drinker," Sheila Beringer said. "Nicolas never drank, Jesse never drank in high school, but my wild Lillie, and she did her fair share of drinking in high school."

Lillie Beringer's drinking was never serious, but it made her a standout from her family, rebelling in one of the various ways she did as a younger. Hoffman was also often a part of the adventures they found themselves in.

"We've had these wild cabin parties down by the Maquoketa River where Lillie's grandparents had a cabin and it was back in the trees away from the cops so we couldn't get caught," Hoffman said. "We'd decorate the place with Christmas lights and had music playing on the speakers and would just down there having a blast."

Hoffman also reminisced on the popular floating trips. Lillie Beringer and other friends would take down the Maquoketa River on hot summer days to cool off.

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Lillie Beringer had the opportunity to purchase an acreage of her very own five miles from the farm she knows like the back of her hand. She jumped on the idea of moving back home after college, and in May, will be returning home with a full time job as an animal nutritionist, as well as establishing a plan to take over the operation.

"I have so many goals and ideas for what I want to do with the farm and I just have to constantly remind myself that it's all going to take time and a lot of work, but it's work that I want to do. Ideally, in 5-10 years what I want out of the farm is to see more growth on the row-crop side and continue to grow my cow-calf herd."

For Grandpa
Lillie Beringer walks through the pasture to greet her cattle with freshly ground corn mixture seeming as though she has a gift of corralling them to the bunk, an instant connection between each one just as she had with her grandpa.

"Everything that I do is for my grandpa," Lillie Beringer said. "Everything I work for is for my grandpa. All my goals and what I want to do with the Beringer farm is to give back to what my grandpa has started for me and I can't wait to come home and start."
POLICE BLOTTER

1.31.18

An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at 138 University Village (reported at 1:57 a.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at East 17th Street and 5th Avenue (reported at 6:37 p.m.).

An officer initiated a suspicious activity investigation at Lot 201N (reported at 6:25 p.m.).

Lyndsey Miller, age 21, of 2026 Hawthorn Court Dr Unit 7216 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jada Simone Simpson, age 20, of 2026 Hawthorn Court Dr Unit 7216 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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The two don’t mix

BY TOM.KELLY
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Last week, columnist Frank Bruni wrote a piece in the New York Times titled, “The Existential Hell of This Year’s Super Bowl,” with the subhead, “It’s the Patriots—again—and a metaphor for Trump’s America.”

In the column, Bruni not only remarks that he is bored by and tired of the New England Patriots’ success, but also argues the Patriots—as well as their Super Bowl opponents—illustrate, as he sees it, the inequity and vice rampant in “Trump’s America.”

Bruni writes, “The Patriots perfectly embody our income-in-equality era, or tax reform? Ticket and merchandise sales are the result of consensual monetary transactions between fans and the Patriots organization. Television contracts and advertising revenue are, in part, the result of being popular, and popularity, at least in regards to sports, is mostly tied to a team’s on-field success, or lack thereof.

Also, while it is true that, in many endeavors, past or present success often leads to success in the future, Bruni fails to show a correlation between businesses lauding recent tax reform, and the continued success of the Patriots. He is simply reading politics into a situation which is entirely apolitical.

However, Bruni’s ire is not solely directed toward the Patriots. “These Eagles aren’t cuddly underdogs,” he writes. “They have fans so famously obnoxious that after Sunday’s rout, some of them threw beer cans at a Vikings team bus as it pulled away from the stadium. Sore winning: I wonder which of our amazing leaders taught them that.”

The suggestion that Philadelphia Eagles fans behaved inappropriately after the Eagles won the NFC Championship two weeks ago because they were mimicking Donald Trump is preposterous, if for no reason other than the fact that Trump won the state of Pennsylvania by only seven-tenths of a percentage point, and Hillary Clinton won 82 percent of the vote in Philadelphia County.


Finally, Bruni states the defeats of two teams from lesser-known sports cities is proof of, as he sees it, the Trump administration’s bias toward so-called East Coast “elites.”

“The football, like Trumpism, likes to believe that it’s about work-class folks in the heartland. But this year’s Super Bowl, like the Trump administration, bows to the Acela corridor. It nearly brought together two teams from underexposed cities, Jacksonville and Minneapolis... So much for the little guy.”

Once again, Bruni sees correlation where none exists. The games were not rigged in favor of the “elites.” The Jaguars and Vikings were not cheated.

Nor could it necessarily be said, for example, Eagles players are all arrogant “elites” who, simply because Philadelphia is a historically prominent and athletically-storied city, do not typify the demographics or qualities of the citizens of Philadelphia.

“Tiring of the Patriots’ success is understandable. But viewing something as nonpartisan as a sporting event through the lens of politics is a slippery slope.”

We already live in a politically polarized society. If sports continue to be unnecessarily politicized, pre-existing divisions will only be exacerbated, further fraying the social fabric.

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Wrestlers change weights

BY TREVOR HOLBROOK
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Iowa State took its lumps on a road trip to Oklahoma, losing to the Sooners and Oklahoma State. The Cyclones shook up their lineup, and the changes resulted in athletes filling in at different weights.

The Cyclones boarded the bus again for duals against North Dakota State on Friday and South Dakota State on Sunday. The aftermath of Kenan Storr's transfer resulted in opportunity for redshirt sophomore Markus Simmons. Storr — Iowa State's starting 141-pounder for the first 11 duals — left a hole in the Cyclone lineup.

"Markus is a guy that's got tons of potential," said Iowa State head coach Kevin Dresser. "We assigned Simmons to [assistant coach] Derek St. John...if Markus Simmons follows Derek St. John to a T, he's going to be a guy who's going to be really, really solid by the end of the year." Redshirt freshman Ian Parker plugged the hole at 141-pounds, compiling a 0-2 record, but the Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, native matched up well with some opponents.

On Sunday, Simmons lost 6-2 to Oklahoma State's Kaid Brock, the No. 3 133-pounder, according to Intermat. Simmons lost three other matches to top-20 wrestlers, but Simmons managed to keep the matches close, losing by two decisions and one by a major decision.

Simmons has competed against a slew of quality athletes, but this weekend he may find his toughest match of the season in Iowa State's dual against South Dakota State on Sunday.

Headlining South Dakota State's wrestling program is junior 133-pounder Seth Gross. Gross suffered his first loss on Jan. 18 in a match. The Jackrabbits battled the Wyoming Cowboys on Jan. 18, and Gross elected to jump up to 141 for the dual to face Bryce Meredith, No. 1 141-pounder according to Intermat; Meredith pinned Storr in Hilton earlier this year.

"We're a lot better team when we move the ball around," Young said. "Then the team has to guard everyone on the floor. You can't sag off of anyone because everyone's a threat." Donovan Jackson had seven assists, Lindell Wigginton and Zoran Talley Jr. had five assists and Jakobly Long had three assists. Prohm expects the same type of passing against Baylor if the Cyclones want to come out with a win.

That passing came from key rebounds by Iowa State's post players, specifically Cameron Lard and Young. That duo combined recorded 32 of the 32 total rebounds last night for the Cyclones. Once the rebound was captured, it was passed to one of the guards who would lead Iowa State into a fast break.

"Those [Baylor] guys are big and physical and long," Prohm said. "We got to do a great job on the glass — we need to be physical in the post." Prohm said there were possessions against West Virginia where the Iowa State post players were slamming into guys and losing out for rebounds. There were other times the Cyclone players were letting them have the rebounds. For Prohm and his staff, it's about consistency and making sure it's the same mentality on every rebound and every pass throughout the entire 40 minutes.

Iowa State beat Baylor 75-65 from the help of Wigginton's 30-point performance, but Talley Jr. knows the Bears will be looking for revenge. Baylor is at the bottom of the Big 12 standings with a 12-10 overall record and a 2-7 Big 12 record. Iowa State is just above them with a 12-9 overall record and 3-6 Big 12 record. It's a battle of creating a winning streak for Iowa State and not being at the bottom of the standings for Baylor.

"We're going to have to come out there swinging," Talley Jr. said. "Throw the first punch."
BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP

1. 1 lb. (16 oz) Velveeta, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
2. 1 can (10 oz) Ro-Tel diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained
3. Combine ingredients in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for five minutes or until Velveeta is completely melted, stirring after three minutes.

SPINACH ARTICHOKE DIP

1. 1/2 cup sour cream
2. 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
3. 1 tsp garlic powder
4. 1 can artichoke hearts, chopped
5. 1 package frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained and squeezed dry
6. 1 package 1/3 less fat cream cheese, softened
7. 2 tbsp parmesan cheese, grated
8. Combine ingredients in a bowl. Microwave on high for eight minutes until ingredients are melted, stirring after three minutes.

FAMOUS QUESO DIP

1. 1 lb. (16 oz) Velveeta, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
2. 1 can (10 oz) Ro-Tel diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained
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1992

The 1992 season is undoubtedly the pinnacle season for the cardinal and gold. After sharing the first regular season CSCHL title with Michigan-Dearborn, the programs bid to win its fourth-straight conference tournament came up short. But it still had its eyes set on a national championship.

Ward: We were banged up a little bit. A couple teammates didn’t even make the trip.

Murdoch: We had a pretty good team that year, but we had a few injuries prior to nationals. One guy had knee surgery. One guy had shoulder surgery. So, I thought that wasn’t a problem. We had depth, we would work through it.

So, we go out into the first game, which I believe was against Eastern Michigan, and we came out of that game tied because back then games could end in a tie. The players went onto the bus disappointed, but I told them not to waist it. But then the next day in the next game, we tied again. Once again the players were down and I told them not to waist it

The last tie we gave Cyclone Hockey the worst seed in the tournament. However, they cruised by beating North Dakota State, which was a perennial powerhouse at that time, handily in the Final Four.

That win over the Bison pistted the team against Michigan-Dearborn once again, this time for a national title.

Ward: The only thing I remember is somehow getting to face off against Michigan-Dearborn in the final because they were actually an NCAA Division I team. So, they had a bunch of players that actually stayed while they transitioned over to the ACHA.

Murdoch: Michigan-Dearborn was an NCAA school and then an NCAA D3 school. That meant they still had scholarship players, while we didn’t. Eight to 10 of those players were on scholarship.

Ward: Murdoch was always a great motivator. He certainly got us up for that game.

The team got Murdoch’s message loud and clear as they defeated Michigan-Dearborn, 5-3. In that championship game, the team was led by forward Anfu Wang, who netted a hat trick.

Ward: [Wang] could flat out rip it. I mean, he was such a powerful skater and had one of the most accurate shots I have ever seen. He certainly led the charge in that tournament and in that game.

It was a closer game than the score showed. It was 5-3 with an empty net goal. So, it was a really tight game. On paper we were the underdog that game.

Even though it was a closer game than what it seemed, the program finally overcame its previous struggles in the national championship (it had lost three other times before that) to claim its first ACHA Division I national title.

Murdoch: I still remember guys singing getting on the bus to head home. And I swear, they sang for a good right to 10 hours on the ride home.

They were setting up a parade in Ames because we won the National Championship. We got to the World’s Largest Truck Stop, pull in there and the bus driver tells me the engine blew. But he told me there was another bus on the way. So, I call to tell people we were going to be three to four hours behind schedule. It was intriguing and icy that day. So, by the time we arrived back to our home arena, we weren’t using cell phones a lot back in those days, as it was impossible to gather everyone up again, but we were greeted by our loyal fans.

AN END OF AN ERA

Al Murdoch came to Iowa State in 1969 to work on his master’s degree. He only expected to stay in Ames for a few years before heading back home to Neepawa, Manitoba. However, those few years turned into 43 and 1,070 wins.

Murdoch: The students love us if we win Friday and Saturday. If we lose, I would go right in front of the band, take off my coat and waving it over my head. Then I would high five the kids and Paul Simon’s “You Can Call Me Al” would play over the sound system.

The last time Murdoch would swing his coat over his head to the beat of “You Can Call Me Al” was after Cyclone Hockey swept No. 2 Minot State in a two-game series because during the following week on Nov. 19, 2013, he retired from coaching. Murdoch announced his retirement then because he wanted to go out on top and he wanted to make sure he had time to spend with his family when he was healthy.

Former Cyclone Hockey defensemen and assistant coach Brandon Clark: I was surprised because we came up a part of the program for 40 years. He is kind of the glue of the program. He kept all of the alumni together. It was a bummer because I played for him for four years and I coached with him.

Although Murdoch’s retirement came in like a player checking an opposing player into the boards, former players had nothing but good things to say about him.

Ward: If obviously started the program. I think he taught a lot of the guys there a lot more than just hockey. He taught them life skills.

Clark: Playing for Al, it was really interesting. He is kind of an old-school coach. He demanded a lot from his players. He was a no-nonsense, no excuse person. But at the end of the day, I always knew he cared about me. He wanted me to be the best I can be, not only on the ice, but in life.

A BEGINNING OF A NEW ONE

After Murdoch retired midway through the 2014 season, Jason Fairman was named the interim head coach and general manager of the program.

Fairman guided the team to the quarterfinals of the ACHA national tournament and a final record of 36-10-4-0 record.

Current Cyclone Hockey defensemen, Kody Reuter: He is very detail oriented. When he tells us that he wants something done a certain way, he definitely expects us to follow through with that. I think that is something we pay attention too, as players, just focus on the little things, focus on the details.

Clark: I haven’t been involved with the program for almost three years. But what I hear from the players is that there are a lot of positive changes going on. As far as on ice, he has led them to a few good years. He led them to a national championship berth. But what I hear from players, they are enjoying [playing for Fairman].

Throughout Fairman’s four seasons as head coach, the program has consistently improved. And during the 2015-16 season, Cyclone Hockey made it to the national championship game, only to lose a heartbreaker at the hands of Lindenwood.

Although there is no telling when the program will appear in, or win its next national championship, one thing is for certain: players and coaches alike will strive to ensure winning stays a way of life for Cyclone Hockey.

Reuter: We have been around for 50 years now. The program has always been successful. So, we definitely try to focus on keeping that tradition going. Winning as much as we can and hopefully win some more championships.