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Anderson named full-time assistant coach on Cornell wrestling staff

MOUNT VERNON – Three-time NCAA champion Kenny Anderson has moved into a full-time assistant coaching role on Cornell College’s wrestling staff for the 2018-19 season, it was announced by interim head coach Brent Hamm.

Anderson will serve as the lead assistant for Cornell’s storied program, which owns nine Top-20 NCAA team finishes in the past 12 years. Anderson was a part-time assistant in 2017-18, when the Rams landed three all-Americans and placed 17th in the NCAA team race.

“I am very excited to have Kenny Anderson on board full-time as the lead assistant,” Hamm said. “He fits our coaching staff very well and is easy to connect with. He is a great technician and a huge asset to our program.”

Anderson had an exceptional three-year career competing at Wartburg, winning NCAA individual titles in 2012 (125 pounds), 2013 (133) and 2014 (133). He helped lead the Knights to three consecutive NCAA team championships during that span.

Anderson, a three-time Iowa Conference Wrestler of the Year honoree, was voted Most Outstanding Wrestler at the 2014 Central Region Championships. As a junior, he was named USA National Wrestler of the Week by TheMat.com.

“Kenny loves wrestling,” Hamm said. “His passion for the sport and desire to be successful is why he accomplished so much as an athlete. These undeniable qualities are going to make him a great coach for the Cornell Rams.”

Anderson lost only three individual matches in three seasons at Wartburg, and avenged them all. He was captain of the 2013-14 team.

Anderson graduated from Wartburg in 2014 with a bachelor’s degree in fitness management. He remained in Waverly as an assistant coach at Wartburg from 2015-17. During that time, the Knights compiled a 57-1 dual record, won three NWCA National Duals championships and two NCAA team titles (2016, 2017). Wartburg was NCAA runner-up in 2015.

Anderson was on the 2017 Wartburg staff named Central Region Assistant Coaching Staff of the Year.

A native of Billerica, Mass., Anderson was a three-time Massachusetts state champion, three-time New England finalist and one-time New England champion. He was enshrined in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2011.