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Cross Country



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Current records – Men: 0-0 Overall, 0-0 MAC; Women: 0-0 Overall, 0-0 MAC

BULLS TAKE FOURTH AND FIFTH SPOTS AT MIAMI INVITE

The University at Buffalo's men's and women's cross country teams were in action Saturday at the Miami Invitational in Oxford, OH. UB's men placed fourth in the five-team field with 79 points, just 10 points out of second place. Meanwhile, the women's squad placed fifth among seven squads with a total score of 101 points.

Miami's men (19) and Michigan's women (33) took the team titles on Saturday. In the men's meet, Cumberland (69), Ball State (70) and UB (79) contended for second behind the RedHawks, who won their own invitational meet for the eighth consecutive time. In the women's field, Michigan cruised to the win by placing five runners among the top 11 finishers. Miami (67), Ball State (76), Akron (82), UB (101), Gettysburg (145) and Cumberland (224) completed the team scoring.

Among UB racers, junior **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** was the top individual finisher. Koepfel completed the women's 6K course in 18:07.26 to take seventh among 75 runners. Freshman **Dan McKenna (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)** placed 11th in a 52-runner field in the men's 8K race, crossing the finish line in 26:25.75.

Other women's scorers for the Bulls included **Peg Melonic (East Aurora, NY/East Aurora)** in 18:17.19 for 12th place, **Jen Jezorski (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)** in 19:02.62 for 23rd place, **Kayleigh Wheless (Syracuse, NY/Westhill)** in 19:38.29 for 33rd place and **Megan Housel (Webster, NY/Webster Schroeder)** in 19:58.14 for 37th place.

Joining McKenna in the scoring column for the UB men were **Andy Wigton (Rochester, NY/Greece-Athena)** and **Joel Beatty (Holley, NY/Holley)** in 13th and 14th place, respectively. Wigton completed the 8K course in 26:39.39 while Beatty followed in 26:48.42. **Ben Cady (Buffalo, NY/City Honors)** finished in 26:57.81 to take 17th place and **Nate Lockett (Lansing, NY/Lansing)** took 26th in 27:36.86. **Andy Leonard (Spencerport, NY/Churchville-Chili)** just missed the scoring column as the sixth man across the finish line for the Bulls in 27:42.13, just behind Lockett in 27th place.

IONA'S MEET OF CHAMPIONS NEXT UP FOR THE BULLS

Both squads will now take next weekend off before heading to the Bronx for the Iona Meet of Champions races on September 27. Race time is slated for 10:00 am at Van Cortlandt Park. The UB men placed 14th among 26 teams while the women finished 12th in a 25-team field in last season's meet.

2003 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September

Sat., 6	at Tommy Evans Invitational	M: 2nd of 3	W: 2nd of 4
Sat., 13	at Miami Invitational	M: 4th of 5	W: 5th of 7
Sat., 27	at Meet of Champions	10:00 am	Bronx, NY

October

Sat., 4	at Paul Short Invitational	9:00 am	Bethlehem, PA
Sat., 11	UB OPEN	11:00 am	Buffalo, NY
Sat., 18	at William & Mary Invite	TBA	Williamsburg, VA
	at Roberts Wesleyan Invite	10:00 am	Rochester, NY

November

Sat., 1	at MAC Championships	11:00 am	Akron, OH
Sat., 15	at NCAA Northeast Regionals	2:00 pm	Boston, MA
Mon., 24	at NCAA Championships	1:00 pm	Cedar Falls, IA

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TOP FINISHERS

Sept. 6	at Tommy Evans Invitational
	Men (4 miles): Andy Wigton 20:47 (6th of 25)
	Women (5K): Jenny Koepfel 18:26 (2nd of 30)
Sept. 13	at Miami Invitational
	Men (8K): Dan McKenna 26:25.75 (11th of 52)
	Women (5K): Jenny Koepfel 18:07.26 (7th of 75)