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Cross Country



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Current records – Men: 3-3 Overall, 2-2 MAC; Women: 1-5 Overall, 0-4 MAC

MEN FINISH SECOND, WOMEN THIRD AT MIAMI MEET

The University at Buffalo's men's and women's cross country teams put up some impressive times Saturday afternoon at the Miami Fall Classic held in Oxford, Ohio. UB's men placed second with 49 points behind the host RedHawks' 30. Cumberland College took third with 61 and Akron was fourth with 81. In the women's meet, UB scored 68 points to finish in third behind Mid-American Conference rivals Miami (23) and Akron (42). Cumberland College was fourth at 120. The Western Campus Course at Miami University will see the teams return for the 2002 MAC Championships on November 2.

THREE MEN IN TOP TEN

Individually, three Bulls men placed among the top 10 racers. Senior **Jerimie Slick (Rochester, NY/Greece-Olympia)** was second on the 8K course in 24:52.97. Senior **Todd Ludden (Hornell, NY/Hornell)** took fourth in 24:54.41 and senior **Rick Stewart (West Seneca, NY/West Seneca West)** finished seventh in 25:12.95. Miami's Rick Padgett took the individual title in 24:46.54, defeating Slick by six seconds.

Joining the top three in the scoring column for the Bulls were freshman **Brian Smith (Rochester, NY/East Rochester)**, who took 17th in 26:21.35, and junior **Joel Beatty (Holley, NY/Holley)**, racing to 21st place in 26:46.10.

BURROWS CONTINUES TO PACE WOMEN'S SQUAD

UB's women saw senior **Melissa Burrows (Norwood, NY/Norwood-Norfolk)** complete the 5K distance in 18:26.93 to take sixth place overall. Juniors **Jessica Moldovan (Warren, PA/Warren Area)** and **Christina Keck (Erie, PA/McDowell)** finished 13th and 16th, respectively. Moldovan crossed the finish line in 18:57.65 with Keck clocking in at 19:12.32. A pair of freshmen, **Kate Kohout (Clarence, NY/Clarence)** and **Lindon Wilcox (Albion, NY/Albion)** rounded out the UB scoring. Kohout finished 18th in 19:14.05 while Wilcox placed 21st in 19:33.32. Sophomore **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** was 22nd in 19:33.74. Akron's Adriana Zalucka blitzed the course in 17:21 to take top individual honors.

THE MEET OF CHAMPIONS AWAITS

UB's next meet is Saturday, Sept. 28 at Fordham University's Meet of Champions in Van Cortlandt Park. The race, starting at 11:00 am, will feature some of the top squads from the Northeast.

2002 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September			
Sat., 7	at Tommy Evans Inv.	M: 3rd of 4	W: 4th of 4
Sat., 21	at Miami Fall Classic	M: 2nd of 4	W: 3rd of 4
Sat., 28	at Meet of Champions	11:00 am	Bronx, NY
October			
Sat., 5	at LaSalle Invite	3:00 pm	Philadelphia, PA
Sat., 12	UB OPEN	12:00 pm	Buffalo, NY
Sat., 19	at Roberts Wesleyan Inv. Pre-NCAA Meet	11:00 am	Rochester, NY Terre Haute, IN
November			
Sat., 2	MAC Championships	All Day	Oxford, OH
Sat., 16	SUNY Centers/ NCAA Regionals	10:00 am	Bronx, NY
Mon., 25	NCAA Championships	All Day	Terre Haute, IN

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TOP FINISHERS

Sept. 7	at Tommy Evans Invitational
	Men (4 miles): Todd Ludden 20:05 (1st of 43)
	Women (5K): Melissa Burrows 18:34 (4th of 42)
Sept. 21	at Miami Fall Classic
	Men (8K): Jerimie Slick 24:52.97 (2nd of 43)
	Women (5K): Melissa Burrows 18:26.93 (6th of 43)