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Cross Country



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BULLS SEE STRONGEST COMPETITION OF THE YEAR AT IONA'S MEET OF CHAMPIONS

The University at Buffalo's men's and women's cross country teams saw their toughest competition of the season thus far in Saturday's Ninth Annual Br. John "Paddy" Doyle Iona Meet of Champions at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. UB's men placed 15th among 19 scoring teams with 408 points. The women's team scored 415 points to place 17th out of 18 scorers. Host Iona, ranked eighth nationally and first in the Northeast Region, won the men's meet with 37 points while Princeton took the women's team title with 36 points.

Leading the way for the UB men along the hilly 8K course at Van Cortlandt Park was sophomore **Andy Wigton (Rochester, NY/Greece-Athena)**, finishing 29th overall among 158 entrants. Wigton completed the course in 26:25.2, cutting his season-best time by more than 14 seconds. Joining Wigton across the finish line in 91st and 92nd places, respectively, were **Ben Cady (Buffalo, NY/City Honors)** and **Dan McKenna (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)**. Cady finished in 27:31.7 while McKenna broke the tape in 27:33.2. Iona's Joe McAlister won the individual title in 25:12.5.

Other UB scorers in the men's meet included **Joel Beatty (Holley, NY/Holley)** in 27:44.6 to place 104th and **Jeff Cxyz (Kenmore, NY/Kenmore West)** in 28:37.0 to take 130th.

In the women's meet, contested at 6K, UB's top finisher for the third consecutive meet was junior **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)**. Koepfel finished in 22:31.1 to place 16th overall among a field of 148 runners. In her two previous meets this season, Koepfel finished in the top 10 in both races against much smaller fields. UB's next two finishers were **Jennifer Jezorski (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)** in 97th in 24:22.1 and **Megan Housel (Webster, NY/Webster Schroeder)** in 98th at 24:22.4. Princeton runners Emily Kroshus (21:32.3) and Cack Ferrell (21:41.0) were the top two finishers in the meet.

The remainder of the Bulls' scorers included **Hollie Rhodes (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)** in 116th in 24:44.7 in her first race of the season and **Kate Kohout (Clarence, NY/Clarence)** in 131st place in 25:27.0.

The Bulls will see another large field next weekend when they head to Bethlehem, PA for next week's Paul Short Invitational, hosted by Lehigh University. First race is slated for 9:00 am.

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	M: 15th of 19	W: 17th of 18

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)	
Sept. 27	at Iona Meet of Champions		
	Men (8K): Andy Wigton	26:25.2 (29th of 158)	
	Women (5K): Jenny Koepfel	22:31.1 (16th of 148)	