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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

SOLID EFFORTS, STRONG COMPETITION IN THE BRONX

The University at Buffalo men's and women's cross country teams finished in the middle of the pack in the stiffest competition of the season at the Iona Meet of Champions held in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. UB's women raced to a 12th-place finish among 25 schools with 385 points while the men finished 14th in a 26-team field with 323 points. Host Iona, ranked 21st nationally, won the men's title with 54 points to edge second-place Dartmouth (56). Missouri (62) and Wake Forest (67) were the top women's finishers.

Individually, senior **Jerimie Slick (Rochester, NY/Greece-Olympia)** led the way for the Bulls. Slick was UB's top men's finisher, completing the 8K course in 25:29.4 to take 17th place among a large field of 263 runners. **Todd Ludden (Hornell, NY/Hornell)** placed 46th in 26:04.1 and **Rick Stewart (West Seneca, NY/West Seneca West)** finished 55th in 26:11.3.

The women's race, contested at 6K, saw senior **Melissa Burrows (Norwood, NY/Norwood-Norfolk)** pace the Bulls with a time of 22:46.8 to finish 38th among 263 entrants. **Jessica Moldovan (Warren, PA/Warren Area)** was UB's next finisher in 23:25.5 to finish 75th while **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** finished 100th in 23:43.4.

Iona's Peter Riley (24:31.7) and Yale's Katie O'Neill (20:36.6) took individual honors in their respective races.

The Bulls travel to Philadelphia for the LaSalle Invitational next Saturday. Race time is 3:00 pm.

UB RUNNERS ALSO COMPETE IN ANNUAL LINDA YALEM RUN

On Sunday, many of the Bulls' cross country members competed in the annual Linda Yalem Memorial 5K Run, held on the UB campus. The fun run, open to the general public, is in memory of the former UB student who was murdered while jogging along the Amherst Bike Path near the UB campus. Two current members of UB's men's team placed in the top three in the 15-19 age group with sophomore **Pete Zaccariello (Staten Island, NY/Tottenville)** finishing first in 16:23. Freshman **Luke Luft (Livonia, NY/Livonia)** was third in 16:38. Junior **Onile White (Bronx, NY/DeWitt Clinton)** finished second in the 20-24 group in 16:16. Freshmen **Brigid Horgan (Galway, NY/Galway)** and **Jennie Donofrio (Penfield, NY/Penfield)** were the top two placers in the women's 15-19 group in 19:36 and 20:04, respectively. Eileen Rose, who graduated this spring, won the women's 20-24 group in 20:17.

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	M: 14th of 26	W: 12th of 25
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)
Sept. 28	at Meet of Champions	Men (8K): Jerimie Slick 25:29.4 (17th of 263)	Women (6K): Melissa Burrows 22:46.8 (38th of 263)