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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

UB MEN FIRST, WOMEN SECOND ON HOME GROUND

UB's cross country squads held their lone home meet of the season with the UB Invitational cross country meet at Beaver Island State Park in Grand Island, NY. The UB men placed five of the top seven finishers to score 16 team points en route to the title. Roberts Wesleyan (62), Houghton (76), Erie CC (120), Daemen (121) and Hilbert (156) followed. The UB women were squeezed out of a victory, scoring 33 points to finish second behind Roberts Wesleyan's 28 points in the tightly-contested women's meet. Houghton (88) was third, followed by Daemen (92) and Medaille (154).

Buffalo's **Andy Wigton (Rochester, NY/Greece-Athena)** cruised to an easy victory in the men's race, which featured a field of 50 runners. The sophomore won the 8K event in 26:11.7, a full minute ahead of the second-place finisher, UB's **Joel Beatty (Holley, NY/Holley)** in 27:11.2. UB's **Dan McKenna (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)** was third in 27:22.5. Todd Ludden, racing unattached, was fourth in 27:30.0 and UB's **Ben Cady (Buffalo, NY/City Honors)** rounded out the top five in 27:34.0.

In the women's race, contested at 5K, **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** completed the course in 18:36.5 to take top honors. Koepfel finished more than 30 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Kim Cipura (19:07.6) of Roberts Wesleyan.

The Bulls scored four runners while Roberts Wesleyan placed five scoring runners in the top 10 to beat out UB for the team title. Other UB finishers in the top 10 included **Jennifer Jezorski (Webster, NY/Webster Schroeder)** in fourth in 19:45.8, **Hollie Rhodes (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)** in eighth in 20:05.7 and **Kate Kohout (Clarence, NY/Clarence)** in ninth in 20:06.5.

BULLS SPLIT SQUADS WITH MEETS AT WILLIAM & MARY AND ROBERTS WESLEYAN

The Bulls will see action on two fronts on Saturday, October 18 as UB sends runners to the William & Mary Invitational in Williamsburg, VA and Rochester's Roberts Wesleyan Invitational. Top squad members will race at the William & Mary meet, starting at 10 am. Meanwhile, UB's remaining runners will travel along the Thruway for a rematch with Roberts Wesleyan, also starting at 10 am.

2003 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September

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| 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

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| Sat., 4 | at Paul Short Invitational | M: 18th of 33 | W: 19th of 32 |
| Sat., 11 | UB INVITATIONAL | M: 1st of 6 | W: 2nd of 5 |
| Sat., 18 | at William & Mary Invite | 10:00 am | Williamsburg, VA |
| | at Roberts Wesleyan Invite | 10:00 am | Rochester, NY |

November

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| 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

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| 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 (6K): Jenny Koepfel 22:31.1 (16th of 148) | |
| Oct. 4 | at Paul Short Invitational | |
| | Men (8K): Andy Wigton 25:01.28 (20th of 233) | |
| | Women (6K): Jenny Koepfel 21:38.52 (18th of 224) | |
| Oct. 11 | UB INVITATIONAL | |
| | Men (8K): Andy Wigton 26:11.7 (1st of 50) | |
| | Women (5K): Jenny Koepfel 18:36.5 (1st of 56) | |