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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**

### KOEPEL EARNS ALL-NORTHEAST HONORS, SELECTED FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

University at Buffalo women's cross country runner **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** earned All-Northeast honors for the second consecutive season at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx.

In the team competitions, UB's women placed in a tie for ninth with New Hampshire. Both squads scored 257 total points in the 32-team field. Team champion Providence (54) and runner-up Columbia (67) scored automatic bids to the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, IN. In the men's meet, which consisted of 34 scoring teams, UB placed 22nd with 648 points. Providence (51) and Iona (56) earned the automatic bids for first and second place.

Koepfel again led the UB women on Saturday as she scored a ninth-place individual finish completing the 6K course in 20:59.7 among a field of 230 runners. The time was nearly a full minute better than her 21st-place finish from a year ago. The top 25 finishers in both the men's and women's races earn All-Northeast honors.

UB's **Kelli O'Brien (Clifton Springs, NY/Manchester-Shortsville)** finished 38th in 22:13.6 while **Jen Jezorski (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)** finished in 51st place overall with a clocking of 22:30.7.

In the men's meet, UB's top finisher was **Dan McKenna (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)**, placing 90th overall in a field of 233 runners. He clocked a 33:10.2 for the 10K course. It was the first time this season that the men's squad had raced on a 10K course. **John Flor (Albion, NY/Albion)** finished 114th in 33:33.3 while **Ben Cady (Buffalo, NY/City Honors)** took 131st place in 33:56.8.

Providence's Kim Smith, a favorite to win the national title, won the women's regional in 20:08.8. The men's race was won by Cornell's Bruce Hyde in 30:36.1, fourth-tenths of a second in front of Iona's Richard Kiplagat.

The ninth-place finish by the women's squad was the first top-10 finish by a Bulls team at the Northeast Regionals since the UB women finished ninth at the 1997 meet.

Late Sunday night, the NCAA announced its selections for the championship meet with Koepfel earning one of three at-large spots in the field. Two other Mid-American Conference runners earned individual automatic qualifier spots from the Great Lakes Region, Ball State's Jill Scully and Akron's Morgan Sulzener. As per NCAA guidelines, 31 teams were selected to participate in the championship. The top two seven-person teams from each of the nine regions automatically qualified, for a total of 18 teams. Thirteen additional teams were selected at-large. Thirty-eight individuals, the first four from each region whose team did not advance to the championship race, and two additional at-large qualifiers, were selected to participate in the championship. With the West Region qualifying only three individuals, three at-large selections were made with Koepfel earning one of those spots.

### FOUR BULLS MAKE ACADEMIC ALL-MAC SQUAD

Four student-athletes were named to the Academic All-Mid-American Conference teams for the 2004 season. UB's four athletes on the two teams was second only to Kent State, which placed five athletes. Senior **Ben Cady (Buffalo, NY/City Honors)** earned a spot on the men's team while juniors **Jennie Donofrio (Penfield, NY/Penfield)** and **Jen Jezorski (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)** and senior **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** gained women's honors.

The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year of residence are not eligible for the award.

### 2004 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

#### September

Sat., 11	at Tommy Evans Invitational	M: 3rd of 4	W: 1st of 4
Sat., 18	at Central Collegiate Inv.	M: 3rd of 8	W: 1st of 11
Sat., 25	at Paul Short Invitational	M: 16th of 24	W: 6th of 26

#### October

Sat., 2	at LaSalle Invitational	M: 2nd of 12	W: 1st of 14
Sat., 9	<b>UB OPEN</b>	<b>M: 1st of 6</b>	<b>W: 1st of 6</b>
Sat., 16	at Penn State Invitational	M: 14th of 38	W: 14th of 41
	at Roberts Wesleyan Inv.	M: 2nd of 9	W: 8th of 11
Sat., 30	at MAC Championships	M: 7th of 10	W: 4th of 13

#### November

Sat., 13	at NCAA Northeast Regionals	M: 22nd of 34	W: 9th (t) of 32
Mon., 22	at NCAA Championships	11:00 am	Terre Haute, IN

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### TOP FINISHERS

Sept. 11	at Tommy Evans Invitational	Men (4 miles): Dan Giza 21:42 (7th of 41)	Women (5K): Jenny Koepfel 18:21 (1st of 40)
Sept. 18	at Central Collegiate Invitational	Men (8K): Andy Wigton 25:41 (8th of 78)	Women (5K): Jenny Koepfel 17:49 (1st of 118)
Sept. 25	at Paul Short Invitational	Men (8K): Dan McKenna 25:39.48 (77th of 163)	Women (6K): Jenny Koepfel 20:59.05 (7th of 175)
Oct. 2	at LaSalle Invitational	Men (8K): Andy Wigton 26:07.00 (2nd of 100)	Women (5K): Jenny Koepfel 18:25.90 (2nd of 128)
Oct. 9	<b>UB OPEN</b>	Men (8K): Andy Wigton 26:10.38 (2nd of 56)	Women (5K): Jenny Koepfel 17:59.35 (1st of 60)
Oct. 16	at Penn State Invitational	Men (5.2 miles): Andy Wigton 26:23 (28th of 322)	Women (5K): Jenny Koepfel 21:26 (20th of 346)
	at Roberts Wesleyan Invitational	Men (8K): Chuck Laderer 26:42.2 (5th of 92)	Women (5K): Susanna Cronmiller 20:41.5 (28th of 98)
Oct. 30	at MAC Championships	Men (8K): Dan McKenna 26:17.20 (26th of 82)	Women (5K): Jenny Koepfel 17:51.70 (1st of 107)
Nov. 13	at NCAA Northeast Regionals	Men (10K): Dan McKenna 33:10.2 (90th of 233)	Women (6K): Jenny Koepfel 20:59.7 (9th of 230)