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## Men's Swimming



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**Current record – 3-2 Overall, 1-2 MAC**

### BULLS SPLIT MEETS WITH NIAGARA AND BALL STATE

The Bulls opened the week with a convincing 138-52 victory over visiting Niagara University at the Alumni Arena Natatorium. The win by the Bulls was also the 23rd consecutive victory over the rival Purple Eagles in the all-time series.

Junior **Jon Yarger** (*Centre Hill, PA/Penns Valley*) led the way for the Bulls with two individual and one relay victory. Yarger started the meet as the first swimmer in the water (backstroke leg) as UB took the 400-yard medley relay in 3:37.91. Yarger was followed in the foursome by junior **Geoff Wells** (*Waterville, OH/Anthony Wayne*), freshman **Aaron Moessinger** (*Elma, NY/Iroquois*) and junior **Aviv Oren** (*Rishon Le-Zion, Israel/Makif A'*). Individually, Yarger cruised to victories in the 200 individual medley (2:01.21) and 500 freestyle (4:51.29).

Freshman **Ryan Cahill** (*Mendon, NY/Honeoye Falls-Lima*) also won two individual races for the Bulls. Cahill swept the sprint freestyle races taking the 50 in 21.98 and the 100 in 48.05.

Moessinger and Wells were also individual victors for the Bulls. Moessinger took the 200 butterfly in 1:59.32 while Wells won the 200 breaststroke in 2:12.22.

Other first-place finishers for UB included sophomore **Kevin Gatley** (*Charlton, NY/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake*) in the 200 freestyle (1:48.37) and junior **Jeff Hurst** (*Rochester, NY/Greece-Athena*) in the 200 backstroke in 1:59.58. Sophomore diver **Patrick Lee** (*North Tonawanda, NY/North Tonawanda*) won the one-meter competition with 274.95 points.

The Bulls then returned to the MAC schedule dropping a 183-60 decision at Ball State's Lewellen Aquatic Center. UB won just two events out of the 13 contested on Saturday. Lee captured the victory on the one-meter diving board with a total score of 302.17 points, bettering his season-best mark set against Niagara on Thursday by more than 27 points. Lee finished third on the three-meter board at 250.87 points. For his efforts in the two meets, the sophomore was selected as UB's Men's Athlete of the Week.

The other victory by the Bulls came from junior **Mark Sy** (*Scarborough, Ontario/Mary Ward CSS*). Sy captured the 200 butterfly in 1:55.98, beating out a pair of Ball State racers by three-quarters of a second. Sy also finished second in the 1000 freestyle in 9:50.52. Earlier in the week, Sy was recognized by the MAC as both the Men's Swimmer of the Week and Men's Scholar-Athlete of the Week.

Four Bulls took third-place finishes in their events against the Cardinals. **Jim Taravella** (*Hamburg, NY/Orchard Park, NY*) finished behind Lee on the one-meter diving board at 211.57 points. **Jeff Hurst** (*Rochester, NY/Greece-Athena*) was third in the 200 backstroke in 1:58.57. **Dustin Hui** (*Gardner, MA/Gardner*) finished third in the 500 freestyle in 4:53.87. **Geoff Wells** (*Waterville, OH/Anthony Wayne*) took third in the 200 breaststroke in 2:15.48.

The Bulls travel to rival St. Bonaventure for a non-league meet on Thursday, January 22 starting at 6:00 pm.

### 2003-04 SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
Nov. 1	MIAMI (OH)*	L, 107-135
Nov. 8	at Ohio*	W, 124-119
Nov. 21-23	at Purdue Invitational	7th of 8
Dec. 4-6	at U.S. Open	Tied 102nd of 111 scorers
Jan. 10	CANISIUS	W, 134-63
Jan. 15	NIAGARA	W, 138-52
Jan. 17	at Ball State*	L, 60-183
Jan. 22	at St. Bonaventure	6:00 pm
Jan. 31	at Eastern Michigan*	1:00 pm
Feb. 7-8	UB INVITATIONAL	10:00 am
Feb. 27-29	at ECAC Championships	All Day
Mar. 4-6	at MAC Championships	All Day
Mar. 11-13	at NCAA Zone Diving Meet	All Day
Mar. 25-27	at NCAA Championships	All Day

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\* denotes Mid-American Conference meets