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## Men's Swimming



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**Current record – 2-3 Overall, 0-2 MAC**

### BULLS SPLIT WITH LOCAL RIVALS

UB started the week with a 161-72 win over Niagara University on Tuesday night at the Kiernan Center to complete the season sweep of the Purple Eagles. The Bulls then returned home where they were defeated by St. Bonaventure, 146.50-96.50, in a very competitive meet.

Against Niagara, UB won 11 of the 13 events on the evening with a pair of Bulls picking up double victories. Sophomore freestyler **Dustin Hui (Gardner, MA/Gardner)** swept the 200 and 500 events. Hui lowered his season-best time in the 200, finishing in 1:46.49 to shave two and a half seconds off his previous best which he set in last month's meet against Niagara at the Alumni Arena Natatorium. Hui also cruised to a 4:51.41 finish in the 500 as the Bulls took the top three spots in the event.

Freshman diver **Patrick Lee (North Tonawanda, NY/North Tonawanda)** also posted two victories as he won both the one- and three-meter competitions. Lee turned in a six-dive total of 278.03 points to win the one-meter event and edge teammate **Jim Taravella (Hamburg, NY/Orchard Park)** by less than six points. Lee took the three-meter board with a six-dive total of 283.95 while Taravella finished third, scoring a season-best 214.58 points.

Other individual winners for the Bulls included **Mark Sy (Scarborough, Ontario/Mary Ward)** in the 1000 freestyle (9:55.00), **Aviv Oren (Rishon Le-Zion, Israel/Makif A')** in the 50 freestyle (22.54), **Evan McCormack (Webster, NY/Webster)** in the 200 IM (2:01.35), **Alan Lowe (Brownsville, TX/Hanna)** in the 200 butterfly (2:02.44), **Erik Schwarz (Fairport, NY/Fairport)** in the 100 freestyle (50.51) and **Dave Richards (Baldwinsville, NY/C.W. Baker)** in the 200 backstroke (1:57.75). The foursome of **Kurt Bessel (Mexico, NY/Mexico Academy)**, Oren, **Kevin Gatley (Charlton, NY/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake)** and Schwarz also won the 400 medley relay in 3:39.47.

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### TWO MAC MEETS TO GO

Although the Bulls just returned to competition after a long layoff, the season is starting to wind down. Only two regular season dates remain and both will feature Mid-American Conference competition. UB next hits the road with a meet on Friday, Jan. 31 against Toledo. Following that, the Bulls host the regular-season finale against the top two teams in the league, Eastern Michigan and Miami, on Feb. 8. From there the postseason begins with the ECAC Championships in Pittsburgh at the end of February.

### MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD AT UB

Also looming on the horizon is the Mid-American Conference Championships to be held at UB's Alumni Arena Natatorium on March 6-8. All six MAC schools that sponsor men's swimming (Buffalo, Ball State, Ohio, Toledo, Eastern Michigan and Miami) will be in competition for the league crown. Eastern Michigan edged out Miami, 777-749, for last season's team title.

#### 2002-03 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 2	Ohio* (at Akron)	L, 117-126
<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>BALL STATE*</b>	<b>L, 80-161</b>
Nov. 22-24	at Pittsburgh Invitational	5th of 5
	Pittsburgh 1,332	Michigan St. 564
	Texas A&M 1,264	<b>UB 190</b>
	Connecticut 574	
<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>NIAGARA</b>	<b>W, 128-85</b>
Jan. 14	at Niagara	W, 161-72
<b>Jan. 16</b>	<b>ST. BONAVENTURE</b>	<b>L, 96.50-146.50</b>
Jan. 31	at Toledo*	6:00 pm
<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>EASTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
	<b>with MIAMI*</b>	
Feb. 27-1	at ECAC Championships	All Day
<b>Mar. 6-8</b>	<b>MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>Mar. 13-15</b>	<b>NCAA ZONE DIVING MEET</b>	<b>All Day</b>
Mar. 19-23	at US Senior Nationals	All Day
Mar. 28-30	at NCAA Championships	All Day
	Home Meets in <b>BOLD CAPS</b> at	
	Alumni Arena Natatorium	
	* denotes Mid-American Conference meets	