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## Men's Swimming



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**Current record – 3-4 Overall, 1-3 MAC**

### BULLS TAKE SIXTH AT ECACs, LEE WINS DIVING TITLE

The University at Buffalo men's swimming and diving team completed the ECAC Championships on Sunday night with a sixth-place overall finish and a victory in the one-meter diving competition. The Bulls picked up 265 points among the 29 schools that scored in the meet. Johns Hopkins University won the men's team title with 437.50.

UB's **Patrick Lee (North Tonawanda, NY/North Tonawanda)** became an ECAC champion with his record-setting victory on the one-meter diving board. Lee scored a six-dive total of 314.10 points, surpassing the record of 308.93 points that he had set in 2002. Lee also finished third in the three-meter competition earlier in the week at 434.55 points. Teammate **Jim Taravella (Hamburg, NY/Orchard Park)** also made the championship field, scoring an eighth-place finish at 211.05 points.

In Friday's opening night action, **Jon Yarger (Centre Hill, PA/Penns Valley)** placed eighth in the 500 freestyle in 4:43.84 after qualifying in a season-best 4:38.05. Yarger also finished 12th in the 200 freestyle in 1:43.76, a season-best, cutting .04 seconds from his qualifying mark (1:43.80) and more than two seconds from his previous season-best. UB's 200 freestyle relay team also reached the championship round. The team of **Jeff Hurst (Rochester, NY/Greece-Athena)**, **Ryan Cahill (Mendon, NY/Honeoye Falls-Lima)**, **Kevin Gatley (Charlton, NY/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake)** and **Erik Schwarz (Fairport, NY/Fairport)** completed the race in 1:26.46 to take sixth place overall.

**Mark Sy (Scarborough, Ontario/Mary Ward CSS)** also scored in two championship races. Saturday he finished fourth in the 400 individual medley in 4:07.26 and then turned in a fifth-place performance in the 200 butterfly on Sunday, touching the wall in 1:53.65. He was also 11th in the 200 individual medley in a season-best 1:55.22.

Hurst finished seventh in the 400 individual medley in 4:12.74. Hurst turned in a season-best 4:07.93 in the qualifying round to make the final eight. He also finished 16th in the 200 IM in 1:57.19 while Schwarz finished 16th overall in the 400 IM in 4:17.58.

In the 100 breaststroke, junior **Geoff Wells (Waterville, OH/Anthony Wayne)** reached the championship final, scoring a sixth-place finish in 58.54. Sy, Hurst, Yarger and freshman **Luke Adams (Quinnesec, MI/Kingsford)** comprised the Bulls' fourth-place 800 freestyle relay squad. The combo finished in 6:56.55.

Adams, Wells and **Kurt Bessel (Mexico, NY/Mexico Academy)** scored in the consolation races of their events. Adams turned in a 1:56.30 showing in the 200 backstroke for 11th place, while Wells finished 13th in the 200 breaststroke in 2:09.34 and Bessel placed 16th in the 100 backstroke in 54.66. **Dustin Hui (Gardner, MA/Gardner)** finished 19th in the 1,650 freestyle in 16:55.32.

UB completed the meet as the Bulls' 400 freestyle relay team of Hurst, Cahill, Yarger and Gatley scored a seventh-place finish in 3:09.93.

The Bulls travel to Ypsilanti, MI for the Mid-American Conference Championships starting on Thursday.

### 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	L, 93-150
Jan. 31	at Eastern Michigan*	L, 88-135
Feb. 7-8	UB INVITATIONAL	1st of 4
Feb. 27-29	at ECAC Championships	6th of 29
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