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## Men's Swimming



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**Current record – 3-5 Overall, 1-4 MAC**

### OREN WINS BREASTSTROKE TITLE AS BULLS POST BEST TIMES AT MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Bulls hosted the Mid-American Conference Men's Swimming and Diving Championships, placing sixth in the meet. Eastern Michigan University won its fourth consecutive Mid-American Conference title Saturday as the Eagles scored 938 points to outdistance second-place Ball State (578). Toledo finished third (566), followed by Miami (OH) (446), Ohio (368) and Buffalo (275).

UB sophomore **Aviv Oren** (*Rishon Le-Zion, Israel/Makif A'*) became the Bulls' first MAC champion since 1999 with his thrilling victory in the 100 breaststroke on Friday. Oren, the school record holder in the 200 breaststroke, established a new mark at the 100-yard distance by touching out Eastern Michigan's John Bartlet by one-hundredth of a second. Oren placed first in 56.88 to Bartlet's 56.89. The clocking was a lifetime best for Oren and broke the record of Carl Carlson (57.41) set in 1996. It was also the first MAC individual championship for a Bull since Dan Hickey won the 200 freestyle in the 1999 meet, UB's first season in the league. Oren also completed the weekend to earn first team All-MAC honors by finishing fourth in the 200 breaststroke (2:07.03) and posting lifetime-bests in both sessions of the 50 freestyle, finishing the finals in 13th place in 21.48.

Freshman diver **Patrick Lee** (*North Tonawanda, NY/North Tonawanda*) finished second in the three-meter competition with 458.00 points. He also took fourth in the one-meter diving with 272.30 points. **Jim Taravella** (*Hamburg, NY/Orchard Park*) scored a 13th-place finish in both the one- (209.70) and the three-meter (319.40) events.

**Mark Sy** (*Scarborough, Ontario/Mary Ward*) placed sixth in the 400 individual medley in 4:05.06. Sy turned in a lifetime best of 4:04.40 in the preliminaries to reach the championship round. He finished ninth in the 1650 freestyle in 16:19.72 and 16th in the 500 freestyle in 4:40.49, after establishing his lifetime-best of 4:36.86 in the preliminaries. **Jon Yarger** (*Centre Hill, PA/Penns Valley*) clocked a 16:22.47 to finish in 12th place in the 1650 freestyle and also recorded a lifetime-best in the 500 freestyle with a 4:36.60 showing to finish in 13th place.

**Geoff Wells** (*Waterville, OH/Anthony Wayne*) won the consolation final of the 100 breaststroke in a lifetime best of 58.79 to complete the event sweep as Oren immediately followed with his victory on Friday. Wells also placed 16th in the 200 breaststroke in 2:12.41 on Saturday. **Jeff Hurst** (*Rochester, NY/Greece-Athena*) finished 10th in the 400 individual medley in 4:07.46, his lifetime-best, with **Eric Schwarz** (*Fairport, NY/Fairport*) racing 14th in 4:13.23. **Kurt Bessel** (*Mexico, NY/Mexico Academy*) earned points for the Bulls with his lifetime best performance of 53.05 in the 100 backstroke to place 13th overall and 15th in the 200 backstroke (1:56.80) while **Dave Richards** (*Baldwinsville, NY/C.W. Baker*) was 13th in the 200 backstroke in a lifetime-best 1:54.62.

In all, the Bulls posted 36 lifetime-bests in the three-day meet. Including the ECAC Championships, held the previous week, the team established 52 lifetime-bests in the ten-day championship meet schedule. That gives the team a total of 92 for the season, shattering last year's total of 71, and just missing coach Budd Termin's all-time team best of 98 set in the 1998-99 season.

#### 2002-03 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 2	Ohio* (at Akron)	L, 117-126
Nov. 9	BALL STATE*	L, 80-161
Nov. 22-24	at Pittsburgh Invitational	5th of 5
	Pittsburgh 1,332	Michigan St. 564
	Texas A&M 1,264	UB 190
	Connecticut 574	
Dec. 12	NIAGARA	W, 128-85
Jan. 14	at Niagara	W, 161-72
Jan. 16	ST. BONAVENTURE	L, 96.50-146.50
Jan. 31	at Toledo*	L, 97-134
Feb. 8	EASTERN MICHIGAN* with MIAMI*	L, 55-188 W, 124-119
Feb. 27-1	at ECAC Championships	7th of 30
Mar. 6-8	MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS	6th of 6
Mar. 13-15	NCAA ZONE DIVING MEET	All Day
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	