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## Men's & Women's Swimming



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**Records - Men: 3-4 Overall (1-2 Mid-American); Women: 6-5 Overall (3-4 Mid-American)**

### CARPENTER AND McDOWELL MAKE NCAA DIVING FIELDS AS ZONE MEETS CONCLUDE IN BUFFALO

Sophomores **Meili Carpenter (Boulder, CO/Fairview)** and **Michael McDowell (Rush, NY/Rush Henrietta)** became the first University at Buffalo divers to qualify for the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships since the school moved into the top echelon of college athletics with their performances in the platform competition at the NCAA Zone A Diving Championships on Sunday. Five men and five women from Zone A move on to the national competition following the three-day regional meet at UB's Alumni Arena Natatorium.

### CARPENTER NAILS DOWN PLATFORM WIN

Meili Carpenter won the women's platform event with a 10-dive total score of 413.90 points. Lisa Faulkner of George Mason was second at 384.60 and Katie Griffin of Navy third at 347.80. The trio were the only entrants in the women's competition with the winner guaranteed a spot in the women's national championship meet in Columbus, OH this weekend.

Carpenter entered the finals of the platform event in second place after a preliminary score of 194.85 points for her first five dives. She tallied a total of 219.05 in the finals, the highest total of the three entrants, to take the title. Earlier in the meet, Carpenter finished fifth on the one-meter springboard (530.70) and sixth on the three-meter springboard (560.45).

### McDOWELL EARNS FIRST TRIP TO NATIONALS

Michael McDowell was the second-place finisher in the men's platform event as five divers comprised the field with the top two finishers earning a trip to the men's championships in Federal Way, WA starting March 27. McDowell scored a 12-dive total of 550.10 points to finish behind Princeton's Stuart Malcolm, who totaled 674.20 points. Navy's Jonathan Galinski (532.30), Army's Gregory Sievers (506.05) and George Mason's Ryan Metzker (409.90) rounded out the men's field. McDowell moved up from his fourth-place finish in the preliminaries after scoring 244.95 points in his opening six dives. McDowell scored 305.15 points for his final six dives to move into the second overall spot behind Malcolm. Malcolm was the highest scorer in both the preliminaries (341.35) and finals (332.85). On Friday, McDowell finished fifth on the three-meter board (630.05) and ninth on the one-meter board (547.40) on Saturday.

### FINAL QUALIFIERS ANNOUNCED

Zone A qualified five men's and five women's divers from the weekend competition. Pittsburgh divers Alex Volovetski and Jeremy Stultz along with Yale's Jeff Lichtenstein qualified from the springboard competitions as they finished in the top three spots in both events. They will be joined by McDowell and Malcolm. From the women's competitions, Carpenter will be joined by Drexel's Kate Hynes, Rider's Amanda Burke, Harvard's Samantha Papadakis and Boston University's Tess Waresmith. Zone A includes NCAA Division I programs from New England south to Virginia. Five zone meets were held this weekend with Buffalo, Auburn, AL, Columbus, Houston and Oklahoma City serving as host sites.

#### 2007-08 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Date	Opponent	M: NTS	W: NTS
Oct. 13	WNY INVITE	M: W, 129-107	W: 128.5-84.5
Oct. 19	DUQUESNE	M: W, 126-113	W: 143.5-99.5
Nov. 2	at Miami (OH)* (women)		W: L, 108.5-188.5
Nov. 3	at Ohio* (women)		W: L, 129-166
Nov. 9	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	M: L, 94.5-136.5	W: L, 97-144
Nov. 10	BALL STATE*	M: W, 126-113	W: 143.5-99.5
Nov. 30-Dec. 2	at Zippy Invite	M: 6th of 9	W: 2nd of 11
Jan. 11	at Binghamton	M: L, 98-144	W: W, 140-99
Jan. 12	TOLEDO* (women)		L, 97-202
Jan. 19	at Niagara	M: W, 148-89	W: W, 155-76
Jan. 25	at Akron* (women)		W, 164-135
Jan. 26	MIAMI (OH)* (men)		L, 105-138
Feb. 2	BOWLING GREEN* (women)		W, 164-127
Feb. 6	at St. Bonaventure	M: L, 100-139	W: L, 112-125
Feb. 20-23	MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS (women)		5th of 8
Feb. 27-Mar. 1	at MAC/Sun Belt Championships (men)		7th of 10
Mar. 14-16	NCAA ZONE DIVING QUALIFIER	M: NTS	W: NTS
Mar. 20-22	at NCAA Championships (women)		All Day
Mar. 27-29	at NCAA Championships (men)		All Day

Home meets in **BOLD CAPS** at Alumni Arena Natatorium  
\* denotes Mid-American Conference meets

All Times Eastern

#### 2007-08 MEN'S TOP TIMES

50 Free:	Kevin Schuster (2/28)	21.35
100 Free:	Kevin Schuster (3/1)	47.22
200 Free:	Zach Ruske (2/29)	1:43.76
500 Free:	Connor Vander Zalm (2/28)	4:38.73
1000 Free:	Connor Vander Zalm (1/26)	9:42.84
1650 Free:	Connor Vander Zalm (3/1)	15:55.41
100 Back:	Zach Ruske (2/29)	50.78
200 Back:	Zach Ruske (3/1)	1:48.50*
100 Fly:	Scott Woster (2/29)	50.29
200 Fly:	Scott Woster (3/1)	1:50.81*
100 Breast:	Jordan Matthews (2/29)	59.32
200 Breast:	Kevin Song (12/2)	2:09.88
200 IM:	Zach Ruske (2/28)	1:52.43*
400 IM:	Connor Vander Zalm (2/29)	4:07.76
1-M Diving:	Michael McDowell (1/11)	344.79*
3-M Diving:	Michael McDowell (1/11)	365.40*
200 MR:	Ruske, Matthews, Woster, Schuster (2/29)	1:34.19
400 MR:	Tamchyna, Matthews, Woster, Ruske (2/28)	3:28.04
200 FR:	Schuster, Gell, Wilbert, Tamchyna (2/28)	1:25.99
400 FR:	Schuster, Tamchyna, Shi, Ruske (3/1)	3:08.91
800 FR:	Ruske, Schuster, Shi, Woster (2/29)	6:56.40

#### 2007-08 WOMEN'S TOP TIMES

50 Free:	Andrea Lehner (11/30)	23.56
100 Free:	Andrea Lehner (2/23)	50.90
200 Free:	Andrea Lehner (2/20)	1:50.24*
500 Free:	Andrea Lehner (2/21)	4:47.46*
1000 Free:	Andrea Lehner (10/13)	10:15.36
1650 Free:	Andrea Lehner (12/2)	17:08.70
100 Back:	Andrea Lehner (2/22)	55.74*
200 Back:	Andrea Lehner (2/23)	2:00.60*
100 Fly:	Sam Eckert (2/22)	55.91
200 Fly:	Sam Eckert (2/23)	2:11.74
100 Breast:	Ashley Schaffert (2/22)	1:05.03
200 Breast:	Ashley Schaffert (2/23)	2:24.16
200 IM:	Andrea Lehner (11/9)	2:04.13
400 IM:	Kim Dale (2/22)	4:32.14
1-M Diving:	Meili Carpenter (1/19)	330.75*
3-M Diving:	Meili Carpenter (2/2)	336.10*
200 MR:	Lehner, Schaffert, Palma, Koltz (2/20)	1:44.21*
400 MR:	Lehner, Schaffert, Eckert, Palma (2/22)	3:48.13*
200 FR:	Koltz, Palma, C. Scharff, Lafferty (2/21)	1:34.52*
400 FR:	Lehner, Palma, C. Scharff, Koltz (2/23)	3:26.82*
800 FR:	Lehner, Sharkey, Olsen, Deren (2/20)	7:33.43

\* school record