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Men's Swimming



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Current record – 1-2 Overall, 0-2 MAC

LEE SETS SCHOOL DIVING RECORD IN UB WIN

The University at Buffalo men's swimming and diving team rolled to an easy 128-95 non-conference victory over Niagara Thursday night at Alumni Arena Natatorium. The Bulls earned their first win of the season to improve to 1-2 overall.

UB freshman diver **Patrick Lee (North Tonawanda, NY/North Tonawanda)** swept the one- and three-meter competitions. Lee scored a six-dive total of 308.93 on the one-meter board to win the event and break the school record of 305.55 set by Brian Baggett in 1991. The freshman had previously turned in a top one-meter score of 271.50 at the Pittsburgh Invitational last month. Lee also scored a six-dive total of 304.80 on the three-meter board to easily outdistance the competition.

Sophomore **Mark Sy (Scarborough, Ontario/Mary Ward)** won two events in the pool for the Bulls. Sy took the 1000 freestyle in a season-best time of 9:46.13. The time is also the fastest mark turned in by a Bull in the event this year. Sy also placed first in the 100 butterfly in 52.89 as UB swept the top three places in the race. **Alan Lowe (Brownsville, TX/Hanna)** and **Chris Vaughan (Fairport, NY/Desert Vista)** took second and third, respectively, in 53.94 and 54.90.

Lowe was also victorious in the 200 freestyle in 1:48.16 and teamed with **Kurt Bessel (Mexico, NY/Mexico Academy)**, **Aviv Oren (Rishon Le-Zion, Israel/Makif A')** and **Jason Cotter (Oswego, NY/Oswego)** to win the 400 medley relay in 3:35.73.

Vaughan, Oren and Cotter also swept the top three spots in the 50 freestyle with Vaughan taking the race in 22.34, touching out Oren by four-hundredths of a second (22.38). Cotter finished in 22.62.

Other winners for UB included **Jeff Hurst (Rochester, NY/Greece-Athena)** in the 200 individual medley (1:58.90), **Jon Yarger (Centre Hill, PA/Penns Valley)** in the 100 freestyle (49.48) and Cotter in the 500 freestyle (4:48.84).

FINAL EXAMS BECKON

With the end of the first semester approaching this week, the Bulls take a break from the water and hit the books. UB then heads into the Christmas break, looking to improve on several already strong marks from the early season. The Bulls hit the water again on January 14 for a return engagement against the Niagara Purple Eagles. The meet at Niagara is slated for a 6 pm start.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
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	
	Texas A&M 1,264	
	Connecticut 574	
	Michigan State 564	
	UB 190	
Dec. 12	NIAGARA	W, 128-85
Jan. 14	at Niagara	6:00 pm
Jan. 16	ST. BONAVENTURE	4:00 pm
Jan. 31	at Toledo*	6:00 pm
Feb. 8	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm
	with MIAMI*	
Feb. 27-1	at ECAC Championships	All Day
Mar. 6-8	MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS	All Day
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 BOLD CAPS at	
	Alumni Arena Natatorium	

* denotes Mid-American Conference meets