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## Indoor Track & Field



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**Current records – Men: 3-1 Overall, 0-0 MAC; Women: 3-1 Overall, 0-0 MAC**

### SPLIT SQUADS GET TUNEUPS FOR MACs

The University at Buffalo's top men's and women's indoor track and field athletes participated at the highly competitive Armory Collegiate Invitational in New York City. The large-scale meet that included top college programs from throughout the country as well as Olympic-caliber athletes gave the Bulls some of their best performances of the season. For collegiate programs, the meet was divided into two sections, the University Division, in which UB competed, and the Championship Division that included top-notch programs such as LSU, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The Bulls posted two new school records in the competition. Senior **Bianca McFarland (Binghamton, NY/Binghamton)** broke her own record and established a new meet record with her victory in the triple jump. McFarland cleared a distance of 41-10 (12.75m) to break her old mark of 41-7.75 (12.69m) set two weeks ago. Her winning jump was nearly two feet better than the previous meet record and bettered the second-place finisher by more than 10 inches.

For the men, UB's **Jeremie Slick (Rochester, NY/Greece-Olympia)** broke his own mark in the 5,000-meters. Slick finished fifth overall and third among runners from the University Division with his 14:29.76 clocking. The time shaved eight seconds off his previous school record set in 2001.

Other highlights for the Bulls included **Laura Olson (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** placing second in the women's pole vault at 12-5.50 (3.80m). Florida International's Michelle Lennox won the event clearing the same height. **Byron McKinney (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)** placed second in the men's shot put with a throw of 55-7 (16.94m). **Faith Thompson (Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls)** turned in a second-place finish in the women's weight throw (57-6.25, 17.53m) and a fifth-place finish in the women's shot put (44-4.75, 13.53m).

Meanwhile, the Bulls also fielded a team at the Robert J. Kane Invitational at Cornell University's Barton Hall on Saturday. There was no team scoring in the meet that included teams from throughout New York and Ontario.

Freshman thrower **Sarah Vance (Lockport, NY/Lockport)** led the Bulls' efforts. Vance won the women's shot put competition with a throw of 40-1.50 (12.23m), the only entrant to clear the 40-foot mark. UB sophomore **Beverly Weyer (Castalia, OH/St. Mary's Central Catholic)** finished fourth in the event at 39-3.75 (11.98m). Vance also turned in a fourth-place finish in the weight throw at 45-3.50 (13.80m).

Other women's highlights included freshman **Kate Kohout (Clarence, NY/Clarence)** finishing second in the 800 meters in 2:17.5. Cornell's Ruth Morgan won the race in 2:17.5. Kohout also finished fifth in the triple jump (37-4.50, 11.39m). **Allison Laske (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua Academy)** took second in the 500-meter dash in 1:19.0, just seventh-tenths of a second behind the first-place finisher, Lynn Janovich of Ithaca College (1:18.3). **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** also scored a second-place finish in the 3,000-meter run in 10:31.6.

Freshman **Krystal Seiling (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)** had a third-place finish in the 400-meter dash in 59.2 seconds. Seiling trailed only a pair of runners from Canada's York University in the 30-runner field. **Melissa Burrows (Norwood, NY/Norwood-Norfolk)** took fifth place in the mile run at 5:17.6.

In the men's meet, **Dan Simpson (Rochester, NY/Gates-Chili)** took second in the pole vault at 15-5.50 (4.71m). **Onile White (Bronx, NY/DeWitt Clinton)** finished second in the 1,000 meters in 2:33.7. **Rick Stewart (West Seneca, NY/West Seneca West)** placed third in the 5,000 meters in 15:18.2 while Joel Beatty (**Holley, NY/Holley**) was fourth in 15:37.1.

**Mark Hajnos (Grand Island, NY/Grand Island)** reached the finals of the 60-meter high hurdles, finishing eighth in 8.5 seconds. The event was won by current UB assistant coach Ron Andrews, racing unattached, in a Barton Hall record of 7.7 seconds.

The squads now head for the Mid-American Conference Championships, February 28 and March 1 at Kent State University.

### 2002 - 2003 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

#### December

Sat., 7 at Kent State Open No team scoring

#### January

Sat., 11 at Black Squirrel Inv. No team scoring

Sat., 25 at Cornell Five-Way M: 2nd of 5 W: 2nd of 5

#### February

Sat., 1 at Penn State National Open No team scoring

Sat., 8 at Colgate Class of '32 Inv. M: 1st of 9 W: 1st of 9

Fri.-Sat., 14-15 at Armory Invitational No team scoring

Sat., 15 at Kane Invitational No team scoring

Fri.-Sat., 28-1 at MAC Championships 10:30 am

#### March

Fri.-Sat., 7-8 at ECAC/IC4A Championships 10:00 am

Fri.-Sat., 14-15 at NCAA Championships 10:00 am

All times local

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