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## Outdoor Track & Field



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

### UB PLACES AMONG TOP TEAMS AT McDONALD'S INVITE

The University at Buffalo men's and women's track and field teams got the first real taste of Mid-American Conference competition with the McDonald's Invitational in Athens, OH. UB's women finished second (150 points) behind Kent State (174.5) in the 13-team field. The men took third (117.5) in a 12-team field, but just a quarter-point behind host Ohio (117.75). Kent State won the men's meet with 182.5 points. Marshall's men's and women's teams as well as the women's team from Toledo also represented the MAC in the field.

UB's **Jennifer Jezorski (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)** won two events to lead the Bulls' efforts. The middle distance runner took the 1500-meter race in 4:41.74, cutting four seconds off her previous personal best. **Jenny Koeppel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** took second in 4:42.50. Jezorski also won the 800-meter run in 2:18.14 with Koeppel capturing fifth in 2:21.09.

**Sarah Vance (Lockport, NY/Lockport)** took the shot put with a toss of 45-5.25 (13.85m) and also finished second in the hammer throw (157-4.25, 47.98m). On the track, **Allison Laske (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua Academy)** won the 400-meters in 56.73 while **Krystal Seiling (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)** captured the 100-meter dash in 12.55 seconds. The 4x400 relay team was also victorious in 3:51.05.

UB's men picked up three first-place finishes in jumping events. In the long jump, **Reggie Rucker (Rochester, NY/Edison Tech)** took top honors with a leap of 22-8 (6.91m) with **Rayshon Higgins (Buffalo, NY/Timon/St. Jude)** finishing third at 21-4.25 (6.51m). Higgins came back to win the triple jump at 47-1.75 (14.37m), more than six feet further than the second-place finisher in a six-man field. **Steve Esler (Rochester, NY/Aquinas Institute)** won the high jump at 6-8 (2.03m), an inch shy of his school record. Teammate **Todd Joki (Saratoga Springs, NY/Schuylerville)** tied for third at 6-4 (1.93m).

### LAURA OLSON TIES FOR 12TH AT TEXAS RELAYS

Pole vaulter **Laura Olson (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** finished in a tie for 12th place among 18 of the nation's top athletes at Saturday's 77th Annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin. Ten of the entrants, including Olson, competed at the NCAA Indoor Championships last month.

Olson, UB's recordholder in the event, finished with a top mark of 12-3.50 (3.75m) to tie for 12th with Nebraska's Christi Lehman. Olson cleared the opening height but was unable to move on after failing on her three attempts at 12-9.50 (3.90m). Olson qualified for May's NCAA East Regionals last week after clearing the 12-9.50 (3.90m) mark.

UCLA's Chelsea Johnson won the event with a height of 14-9 (4.50m). The winning height was the best-ever mark by a collegiate athlete breaking 2003 NCAA outdoor champion Becky Holliday of Oregon's mark of 14-8 (4.47m). Johnson, who finished second at the 2004 NCAA Indoor Championships, also broke the meet and Myers Stadium records with the vault.

#### 2004 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

##### March

Sat., 20	at Ram Invitational	No team scoring
Wed.-Thur., 24-25	at Florida Relays (multis only)	No team scoring
Fri.-Sat., 26-27	at Raleigh Relays	No team scoring
Wed.-Sat., 31-3	at Texas Relays (women only)	No team scoring

##### April

Sat., 3	at McDonald's Invite	M: 3rd of 12 W: 2nd of 13
Fri.-Sat., 9-10	at Bison Open	All Day
Fri.-Sat., 16-17	UB OPEN	TBA
Thur.-Sat., 22-24	at Penn Relays	All Day

##### May

Sat., 1	at Al Campbell Invite	All Day
Sat., 8	at Akron Open	All Day
Thur.-Sat., 13-15	at MAC Championships	All Day
Fri.-Sat., 28-29	at NCAA East Regionals	All Day

##### June

Wed.-Sat., 9-12	at NCAA Championships	All Day
All times Eastern		

#### WOMEN'S NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Allison Laske (800) 2:09.63  
Laura Olson (pole vault) 12-9.50 (3.90m)

#### MEN'S NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Rayshon Higgins (triple jump) 49-8.25

#### MEN'S NCAA NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Steve Esler (decathlon) 7,019 (provisional)