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Outdoor Track & Field



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SHOT PUTTERS BREAK MARKS AT SEA RAYS

The University at Buffalo sent its top athletes to the Sea Ray Relays at the University of Tennessee over the weekend. The men's and women's squads turned in impressive marks at the nationally-recognized event against some of the top collegiate track and field athletes from the eastern half of the United States.

The most impressive performances were turned in by shot putters **Byron McKinney (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)** and **Joe Loiacono (Rochester, NY/Greece-Athens)**. The duo tied for second in the open portion of the competition with tosses of 54-7.25 (16.64m). The distance gave each a share of the school record, previously set by McKinney at the Raleigh Relays two weeks ago of 53-10.5 (16.42m). Purdue's Scott Hecht won the competition at 56-10 (17.32m). Loiacono also turned in a sixth-place finish in the discus at 162-7 (49.56m) while McKinney placed 18th in the hammer toss at 157-7 (48.03m).

Sprinter **Joe Clark (Buffalo, NY/Sweet Home)** also set a school record as he completed the 400 meters in 47.63 to place 22nd. The record broke Fumu Gakodi's mark of 48.12 set in 1994. Distance specialist **Rick Stewart (West Seneca, NY/West Seneca West)** placed third in the 3000 steeplechase in 9:32.42 behind runners from Minnesota and Indiana State. Todd Ludden placed 13th in the 5000 meters in 15:23.70. **Eric Czubaj (Buffalo, NY/John F. Kennedy)** was 25th in the 1500 meters in 3:55.45.

In the women's meet, **Faith Thompson (Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls)** set the shot put record at 43-1.75 (13.15m) to place 17th overall. It broke her mark of 42-10.5 (13.07m) set last season. **Melissa Burrows (Norwood, NY/Norwood-Norfolk)** took second in the 5000 meters in 17:58.18, finishing behind Auburn's Erica Braswell, who finished in 17:38.51. **Hollie Rhodes (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)** placed sixth in the 3000 steeplechase in 11:13.37, just two seconds off her school record set earlier this season. **Sarah Fletcher (Ridgeway, Ontario/Ridgeway-Crystal Beach)** turned in a sixth-place finish in the hammer throw at 178-5.25 (54.39m) while Thompson was 21st at 147-1.25 (44.84m). **Christina Keck (Erie, PA/McDowell)** was 22nd in the 800 meters in 2:12.69.

IMPRESSIVE SHOWINGS AT BUCKNELL OPEN

While many of the Bulls were in Knoxville, several participated at the Bucknell Open in Lewisburg, PA over the weekend. UB took the top two spots in the women's triple jump with **Biaunca McFarland (Binghamton, NY/Binghamton)** winning the event at 11.85 meters. **Bernadette Boswell (Yonkers, NY/Roosevelt)** placed second at 11.62 meters. Boswell also placed second in the long jump at 17-6.5 with **April Pabilonia (Clarence, NY/Clarence)** taking third at 17-5.5. Pabilonia finished fourth in the 100 meters in 12.81, winning her heat, while McFarland placed fourth in the 200 meters in 25.96. **Laura Olson (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** won the pole vault at 11-4 with **Ginelle Michael (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)** taking third at 10-10.

For the men, **Uchechukwa Uche (Rochester, NY/East Rochester)** finished second in the 100 meters, winning his heat in 11.06. Uche also took fifth in the 200 meters in 22.38. **Doug Johnston (East Amherst, NY/Clarence)** won his 800 meters heat in 1:55.46 and placed fourth overall.

ROGERS, ESLER TAKE SECOND PLACES AT MILLERSVILLE MULTIS

UB sent four individuals to the Millersville Multis over the weekend. **Meagan Rogers (Courtenay, B.C./George P. Vanier)** finished second in the women's heptathlon, collecting 4,421 points over the seven events, just 46 points shy of first-place finisher Brooke Rangi of Lock Haven. **Steve Esler (Rochester, NY/Aquinas Institute)** finished second in the decathlon with 6,557 points. Esler was first in two of the 10 events, winning the shot put at 42-4.75, and tying for first in the high jump at 6-5.5. **Mark Hajnos (Grand Island, NY/Grand Island)** and **Adam Toy (Rochester, NY/Greece-Athens)** placed eighth and 10th, respectively, in the decathlon. Hajnos earned 5,769 points and won the discus throw at 109-1, while Toy scored 5,606 points.

2002 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

| March | | | |
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| Fri.-Sat., 22-23 | at Wake Forest Relays | No Team Scoring | |
| Fri.-Sat., 22-23 | at Alabama Relays | No Team Scoring | |
| Sat.-Sun., 30-31 | at Raleigh Relays | No Team Scoring | |
| April | | | |
| Sat., 6 | at McDonald's Inv. | M: 4th of 9 | W: 1st of 9 |
| Sat., 13 | at Sea Ray Relays | No Team Scoring | |
| Sat., 13 | at Bucknell Open | No Team Scoring | |
| Sat., 13 | at Millersville Multis | No Team Scoring | |
| Sat., 20 | at Chancellor's Cup | 12:00 pm | Binghamton, NY |
| Thu.-Sat., 25-27 | at Penn Relays | All Day | Philadelphia, PA |
| May | | | |
| Fri.-Sat., 3-4 | UB OPEN | 4:00 pm | UB STADIUM |
| Sat., 4 | UB OPEN | 10:00 am | UB STADIUM |
| Thu.-Sat., 9-11 | MAC Championships | All Day | Ypsilanti, MI |
| Wed.-Sat., 29-1 | NCAA Championships | All Day | Baton Rouge, LA |
| All times Eastern | Home meets in BOLD CAPS | | |