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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

BULLS CAPTURE UB OPEN TITLES

The University at Buffalo claimed the men's and women's titles Saturday at the UB Open track and field meet at UB Stadium. The UB men won 11 events and tied for first in another to finish with 167.5 points with Syracuse second at 128 and Binghamton third with 88.5. The UB women scored 162 points behind nine event winners to outdistance Syracuse (139.5) and Binghamton (60.5).

UB's **Laura Olson (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** broke her own pole vault record and established a new UB Stadium mark with her victory on Saturday. Olson vaulted 13-5.50 (4.10m), nearly four inches better than her previous school record. The vault also surpassed the UB Stadium mark of 12-5.50 (3.80m) set by Bianca Maran of Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo in the 1998 NCAA Championships.

Freshman **Stacy Downer (Philadelphia, PA/Dobbins Tech)** won two sprint events for the Bulls. Downer took the 200-meter dash in 25.01 and the 400-meter dash in 56.95.

Other women's individual winners included **Jennifer Jezorski (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)** in the 800-meters (2:15.88), **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** in the 5,000-meters (17:40.95), **Celestine Coney (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** in the 400-meter hurdles (1:03.73) and **Patrice Coney (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** in the heptathlon (4,661 points). UB also swept the relays with the 4x100 foursome of **Dana Ventrone (Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley)**, **Krystal Seiling (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)**, **Charisse Everett (Rochester, NY/Edison Tech)** and Downer winning in 47.67 and the 4x400 quartet of Downer, Celestine Coney, **Vashone Wallace (Lackawanna, NY/Lackawanna)** and **Jackie Cianfarano (Oswego, NY/Oswego)** finishing in 3:53.54.

In the men's meet, **Steve Esler (Rochester, NY/Aquinas Institute)** became a double-winner by virtue of his first-place tie in the high jump. Esler cleared 6-3.50 (1.92m) on the high jump to tie with Binghamton's Nick Tillman. In Friday's opening session, Esler won the javelin with a toss of 168-2.75 (51.28m). The throw was more than 24 feet better than his previous best set two weeks earlier at the McDonald's Invitational.

Other field event winners for the Bulls included **Reggie Rucker (Rochester, NY/Edison Tech)** in the long jump (24-0.50, 7.33m) and **Rayshon Higgins (Buffalo, NY/Timon/St. Jude)** in the triple jump (47-5.25, 14.46m). Sprinter **Bryan Weinstein (Getzville, NY/Williamsville North)** took first place in the 400-meters in 49.44. UB also got distance victories from **Andy Wigton (Rochester, NY/Greece-Athens)** in the 1,500-meters (4:00.59) and **Dan McKenna (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)** in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:37.36). Multi-event specialist **Todd Joki (Saratoga Springs, NY/Schuylerville)** completed the decathlon with a victory, scoring 6,538 points, more than a thousand ahead of second-place Johnson Palas of Syracuse.

UB also swept the men's hurdle competitions as **Erich Smithson (East Aurora, NY/Iroquois)** took the 110-meter distance in 15.06 and **Brian Heim (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)** won the 400-meter event in 53.23. The Bulls also swept the relay races. UB's Weinstein, **Gary Asbach (Grand Island, NY/Grand Island)**, **Roy Richards (Rochester, NY/Edison Tech)** and Rucker took the 4x100 relay in 41.77 while the 4x400 foursome of Weinstein, Heim, **Tom Abbey (Arcade, NY/Pioneer)** and **Derrick Frenney (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua Academy)** was victorious in 3:21.87.

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 Outdoor Classic	No team scoring	
Fri.-Sat., 16-17	UB OPEN	M: 1st of 3	W: 1st of 3
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
Allison Laske (1,500) 4:27.15
Laura Olson (pole vault) 13-5.50 (4.10m)

MEN'S NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Rayshon Higgins (triple jump) 49-8.25

MEN'S NCAA NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Steve Esler (decathlon) 7,019 (provisional)