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Outdoor Track & Field



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BULLS SPLIT SQUADS FOR PENN AND GINA RELAYS

The University at Buffalo sent men's and women's track and field athletes to both the prestigious Penn Relays in Philadelphia and the Gina Relays in Hillsdale, MI over the weekend and came away with some top marks in both meets. There was no team scoring in either meet.

MEN'S SPRINTERS BREAK RECORD AGAIN

At the Penn Relays, the Bulls competed against some of the country's top programs. The highlight for the Bulls was the second-place finish by the men's 4x100-meter relay squad in the IC4A finals. The foursome of **Dan Schichtel (Eden, NY/Eden)**, **Ezekiel Porter (Rochester, NY/East)**, **Dan Harris (Rochester, NY/Edison Tech)** and **Brian Smith (North Tonawanda, NY/Nichols)** broke their own school record with a finish of 40.62, improving on their NCAA East Regional qualifying mark and lowering the school standard by three-hundredths of a second. East Carolina won the race in 40.57.

GODIN WINS HEPTATHLON AT GINA MEET

Women's multi-athlete **Caitlin Godin (Rochester, NY/Greece Arcadia)** won the heptathlon title with a season-best score of 4,821 to take the seven-event competition by 55 points over Michigan's Tofumi Akeredula, the only other Division I entrant in the field. Godin won four events, setting season-bests in the high jump (5-5.25, 1.66m), shot put (32-2.25, 9.81m) and 800-meters (2:24.91) and also winning the 100-meter hurdles in 14.70.

DISTANCE RUNNERS REGISTER STRONG FINISHES

UB's men's and women's distance runners put up some strong finishes at the Hillsdale meet, including a victory in one event. **Ryan Bloom (Spencerport, NY/Spencerport)** won the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:31.64, turning in a season-best with the victory. In the women's 1,500-meter invitational division, **Mary Veith (Derby, NY/Lake Shore)** turned in a season-best time of 4:28.13 to finish fifth. Veith's finish cut her personal best by four seconds and was just shy of the regional qualifying mark. In the men's 1,500-meter open race, **Ryan Zillmann (Deer Park, NY/Half Hollow Hills West)** finished fifth among 87 entrants in 3:54.71 while **Dan Giza (Lancaster, NY/Lancaster)** placed seventh in 3:56.29. Both marks were season-bests. **Jacob Hagen (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)** also took fourth place in the 5,000-meter race in 15:14.23. There were over 100 finishers in the 5,000-meter race.

DIXON BREAKS OWN HURDLES MARK

Lataya Dixon (Edison, NJ/J.P. Stevens) broke her own school record with a victory in the women's 100-meter hurdles at the Gina Relays. Dixon took the event in 13.77, shattering the record she posted earlier this season of 14.04 and giving the sophomore an NCAA Regional qualifying mark. The time is the fastest in the Mid-American Conference this season and broke a 15-year old record in the event. Dixon also placed sixth in the 100-meters in 12.11 and seventh in the high jump at 5-5 (1.65m).

2009 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

March 13-14	at Seahawk Invitational	M: 2nd of 7	W: 2nd of 6
March 27-28	at Raleigh Relays	M: NTS	W: NTS
April 3-4	at Colonial Relays	M: 8th of 24	W: 4th of 23
April 10-11	at Northeast Ohio Invitational	M: 3rd of 5	W: 2nd of 5
April 18	UB INVITATIONAL	M: NTS	W: NTS
April 24-25	at Penn Relays	M: NTS	W: NTS
April 24-25	at Gina Relays	M: NTS	W: NTS
May 2	at Cornell Outdoor Invitational		11:00 am
May 8-9	at Campbell/Wright Open		All Day
May 14-16	at MAC Championships		All Day
May 29-30	at NCAA East Regional Championships		All Day
June 9-13	at NCAA Championships		All Day
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MEN'S NCAA EAST REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Matt Gac (hammer) 187-4/57.10m
Casey Garbaty (javelin) 204-6/62.33m
Dan Schichtel (100m) 10.54
Brian Smith (200m) 21.13
4x100m relay (Schichtel, Porter, Harris, Smith) 40.62

WOMEN'S NCAA EAST REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Lataya Dixon (100h) 13.77
Tina Villa (SP) 47-10/14.58m
Kristy Woods (SP) 48-9/14.86m