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Outdoor Track & Field

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

Records Fall at Penn Relays

Against some of the best competition they've faced all season, University at Buffalo athletes have established three new school records and posted several impressive marks at the Penn Relays at historic Franklin Field in Philadelphia. There is no team scoring at the meet, which attracts the nation's top collegiate athletes for the annual event.

On Thursday, ***Sarah Fletcher (Ridgeway, Ontario/Ridgeway-Crystal Beach)*** established a new mark in the hammer throw. Fletcher placed second in the event with a toss of 187-10 (57.27m). The toss bettered the mark of 184-3 (56.16m), set by Ruth Conlon in 1998. Fletcher's throw also established a new Mid-American Conference record and provisionally qualified her for the NCAA Championships.

Teammate ***Faith Thompson (Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls)*** placed 29th in the hammer with a toss of 153-2 (46.69m). Thompson later placed 12th in the Eastern Shot Put competition with a throw of 40-9.50 (12.43m).

Distance runner ***Todd Ludden (Hornell, NY/Hornell)*** scored a record late Thursday night with his 14:33.58 clocking in the 5000 meters. Ludden finished 28th in the race and broke his old mark of 14:55.14, set last season.

Friday, the men's sprint medley relay squad of ***Joe Clark (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home), Emeka Uche (Rochester, NY/East Rochester), Bryan Weinstein (Getzville, NY/Williamsville North)*** and ***Pete Zaccariello (Staten Island, NY/Tottenville)*** established a new record with their 3:28.11 showing. The team placed eight in its heat and broke the old mark set in 2000 of 3:28.27.

Other highlights from the first two days of competition included men's shot putters ***Byron McKinney (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)*** and ***Joe Loiacono (Rochester, NY/Greece-Olympia)***. McKinney placed third in the Eastern Shot Put with a throw of 54-4.50 (16.57m) while Loiacono took fifth at 52-8.75 (16.07m).

The women's 4x400 relay team of ***Jenelle Callender (Brooklyn, NY/Brooklyn Tech), Christina Keck (Erie, PA/McDowell), Meagan Rogers (Courtenay, B.C./George P. Vanier)*** and ***Biaunca McFarland (Binghamton, NY/Binghamton)*** placed second in its heat in 3:54.91. McFarland also finished eighth in the Eastern Triple Jump competition at 38-7.50 (11.79m). Teammate ***Bernadette Boswell (Yonkers, NY/Roosevelt)*** was 14th at 36-9.50 (11.21m). ***Hollie Rhodes (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)*** finished 14th in the 3000 steeplechase in 11:31.47. ***Laura Olson (Lyons, NY/Lyons)*** tied for 14th in the pole vault at 10-4.25 (3.16m). The women's sprint medley relay squad of Callender, McFarland, Keck and ***Alison Laske (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua Academy)*** finished third in its heat in 4:03.38.

The men's 4x400 relay team of Clark, Uche, ***Chris Lenz (Williamsville, NY/Williamsville South)*** and Weinstein raced to third in its heat in 3:17.64. The same foursome comprised the 4x200 relay team that finished fourth in its heat in 1:28.38.

Saturday, the women's 4x800 relay team of Keck, ***Mindy Gorniak (Erie, PA/McDowell)***, Rogers and Laske placed 22nd in 9:17.11.

2002 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

March			
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 SUNY Centers Champs.	M: 1st of 4	W: 1st of 4
Thu.-Sat., 25-27	at Penn Relays	No Team Scoring	
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**		