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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**

### WOMEN SECOND, MEN FOURTH AT AKRON QUAD MEET

UB's track and field teams competed in the Akron Quad meet, establishing a pair of school records. In the team competition, UB's women scored 151 points to finish second to host Akron's 211 points. Kent State (149) and Toledo (82) rounded out the women's field. In the men's meet, the Bulls finished fourth with 97.50 points, trailing Penn State (192.50), Akron (182.50) and Kent State (181.50).

Women's weight thrower **Sarah Vance (Lockport, NY/Lockport)** earned regional qualifying marks in both the shot put and hammer throws to lead the team. Vance won the hammer throw at 173-7 (52.90m), more than 12 feet better than the second-place finisher. She also broke the school record in the shot put, finishing second at 48-5.50 (14.77m). The throw surpassed **Faith Thompson's (Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls)** record of 46-8 (14.22m) set last season. Vance also finished seventh in the discus throw at 114-0 (34.75m).

The UB women also had two additional first-place showings. **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** won the 1,500-meter run in 4:37.0, bettering her season-best finish by more than five seconds. **Laura Olson (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** easily won the pole vault at 12-9.50 (3.90m), a foot better than the second-place finisher.

**Pauletta Dickerson (Wichita, KS/Northeast Magnet/Cloud County CC)** scored a second-place finish in the 200-meter dash in 25.7 seconds and took third in the 100-meters in a season-best 12.6 seconds. **Celestine Coney (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** finished second in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:04.13. **Megan Housel (Webster, NY/Webster Schroeder)** placed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 11:42.2. **Dana Ventrone (Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley)** earned a third-place finish in the long jump at 16-10.75 (5.15m).

For the UB men, freshman **Dan McKenna (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)** took the 1,500-meter run in a team-best clocking of 3:55.7. The time shaved almost two seconds off his previous best mark from March's Raleigh Relays.

Men's pole vaulter **Dan Simpson (Rochester, NY/Gates-Chili)** extended his school record in the event with a height of 15-11 (4.85m) to take fifth overall. The vault by Simpson bettered his old mark set at the 2003 Chancellor's Cup meet at UB by one inch.

The Bulls also grabbed three third-place finishes in the men's meet. In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, **John Flor (Albion, NY/Albion)** raced to a 9:45.1 clocking, cutting 20 seconds off his previous best. **Todd Joki (Saratoga Springs, NY/Schuylerville)** finished the 110-meter hurdles in 14.5 seconds. **Rayshon Higgins (Buffalo, NY/Timon/St. Jude)** leapt 47-15.0 (14.36m) in the triple jump.

Both squads return to Akron next Saturday for the Campbell/Wright Open.

### LASKE ESTABLISHES OLYMPIC TRIAL QUALIFYING MARK AT STANFORD

**Allison Laske (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua Academy)** earned an Olympic Trials qualifying standard with her fourth-place finish in the 800-meter run at the 2004 Cardinal Invitational at Stanford University's Cobb Track. Facing some of the top athletes in the country, Laske, a senior, turned in a 2:04.81 clocking, good enough to attain a "B" standard for the upcoming U.S. Olympic Trials. The time shattered her own school record in the event by nearly five seconds. Laske raced to a 2:09.63 showing at March's Raleigh Relays to establish the previous record.

In a tight race, Laske was among a group of five runners that crossed the finish line within less than 1.25 seconds of each other. Frances Santin of Santa Monica Track Club won the race in 2:03.73. Tamika Williams of the Nike Farm Team, an elite training group based in Palo Alto, was second in 2:04.40 while Kentucky's Beth Heimann was the only collegian to finish ahead of Laske in 2:04.69.

Laske's time is also the fastest turned in by a Mid-American Conference runner this season in the 800-meters as she moved ahead of Akron's Beata Rudzinska, who clocked a 2:07.92 at the Drake Relays on April 24.

Women's 800-meter qualifying standards are 2:01.00 for an automatic berth and 2:04.90 for consideration. Thirty athletes will make the field for the Olympic Trials this July in Sacramento.

#### 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	
<b>Fri.-Sat., 16-17</b>	<b>UB OPEN</b>	<b>M: 1st of 3</b>	<b>W: 1st of 3</b>
Thur.-Sat., 22-24	at Penn Relays	No team scoring	
Wed.-Thur., 24-25	at Hillsdale Gina Relays (multis only)	No team scoring	
Fri., 30	at Cardinal Invitational	No team scoring	

##### May

Sat., 1	at Akron Quad	M: 4th of 4	W: 2nd of 4
Sat., 8	at Campbell/Wright 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	
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#### WOMEN'S NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Jenny Koepfel (5,000)	16:52.83
Allison Laske (800)	2:04.81
Allison Laske (1,500)	4:27.15
Laura Olson (pole vault)	13-5.50 (4.10m)
Sarah Vance (shot put)	48-5.50 (14.77m)
Sarah Vance (hammer)	173-7 (52.90m)

#### MEN'S NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Rayshon Higgins (triple jump)	49-8.25
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#### MEN'S NCAA NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Steve Esler (decathlon)	7,306 (provisional)
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