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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 PREP FOR MACs AT CAMPBELL/WRIGHT OPEN

The University at Buffalo's men's and women's track and field teams finished the regular season with Akron's Campbell/Wright Open meet. There was no team scoring at the meet and the Bulls rested most of their top athletes in preparation for the Mid-American Conference Championships starting on Thursday.

UB scored just one first-place finish as the women's 4x100 medley relay team improved on its top time of the year. The Bulls' foursome, consisting of *Dana Ventrone (Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley)*, *Pauletta Dickerson (Wichita, KS/Northeast Magnet/Cloud County CC)*, *Charisse Everett (Rochester, NY/Edison Tech)* and *Stacy Downer (Philadelphia, PA/Dobbins Tech)* crossed the finish line in 47.13 seconds.

Men's hurdler *Brian Heim (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)* and women's weight thrower *Sarah Vance (Lockport, NY/Lockport)* picked up second-place finishes for the Bulls.

Heim raced to a 53.30 second finish in the 400-meter hurdles, finishing just three-hundredths of a second off the top time set by Akron's Jon Morgan. UB's *Tom Abbey (Arcade, NY/Pioneer)* placed fourth in 54.94.

Vance took second in the women's shot put with a toss of 46-4 (14.12m). Ohio State's Amarachi Ukabam easily won the event with a regional qualifying mark of 53-11.25 (16.44m). UB's *Beverly Weyer (Castalia, OH/St. Mary's Central Catholic)* was sixth at 42-2.75 (12.87m). Vance also finished seventh in the hammer throw (162-11, 49.66m) and 12th in the discus (137-1, 41.79m) while Weyer placed sixth in the discus (147-10, 45.05m) and ninth in the hammer (157-4, 47.97m). Both Vance's and Weyer's discus tosses were season bests.

Downer and Dickerson also put up season-best finishes in the 200-meter dash. Downer took fourth place in 24.77 seconds while Dickerson finished sixth in 25.04 seconds.

UB assistant coach Ron Andrews won the men's 110-meter hurdles as an unattached entrant in 13.76 seconds.

The Bulls head for the MAC Outdoor Championships in Oxford, OH. Competition begins on Thursday and continues through Saturday. At last season's championship meet, held in Mount Pleasant, MI, UB's men placed seventh of 11 schools while the women were ninth in a 13-team field. Women's pole vaulter *Laura Olson (Lyons, NY/Lyons)* and men's decathlete *Carlos Williams (Jamestown, NY/Westfield Academy)* earned individual titles in their events to lead the Bulls.

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	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	No team scoring	
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 Koeppel (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

MEN'S NCAA NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Steve Esler (decathlon) 7,306 (provisional)