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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**

### BULLS THROWERS COMPETE AT AKRON OPEN

In its final tuneup for next week's Mid-American Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the University at Buffalo entered several of the team's throwers in competition at the Campbell/Wright Open at the University of Akron. There was no team scoring at the meet.

Leading the Bulls was sophomore **Faith Thompson (Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls)**. Thompson broke her own school record in the shot put with a toss of 43-8.50 (13.32m) to finish sixth among 17 entrants. She broke the mark that she had previously set last weekend at the UB Open by seven inches. Thompson also placed seventh in the hammer throw at 161-11 (49.36m).

Senior **Sarah Fletcher (Ridgeway, Ontario/Ridgeway-Crystal Beach)** took second in the hammer throw at 180-4 (54.98m). Ashland's Jackie Jeschelng won the event at 192-9 (58.76m). There were twenty entries in the competition. Fletcher also took fourth place in the discus throw at 143-1 (43.62m).

For the men, shot putters **Byron McKinney (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)** and **Joe Loiacono (Rochester, NY/Greece-Olympia)** finished second and third, respectively, in their event. McKinney threw 55-3.50 (16.85m), just missing the school record mark that he set last week by 3.5 inches. Loiacono's distance was 53-9 (16.38m). Kent State's Brian Hallett won the event with a toss of 57-1 (17.40m).

Loiacono also finished sixth in the discus at 160-1 (48.80m) while McKinney was 10th at 145-9 (44.44m). McKinney also registered a sixth-place finish in the hammer throw at 166-2 (50.66m).

### MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS START THURSDAY

The Bulls' men's and women's squads will compete at the MAC Championships in Ypsilanti, MI. Competition begins on Thursday and runs through Saturday. UB's men placed 10th at last season's championship in Oxford, OH while the women finished 12th.

#### 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	<b>UB OPEN</b>	<b>No Team Scoring</b>	
Sat., 11	at Campbell/Wright Open	No Team Scoring	
Thu.-Sat., 16-18	MAC Championships	All Day	Ypsilanti, MI
Wed.-Sat., 29-1	NCAA Championships	All Day	Baton Rouge, LA
All times Eastern	Home meets in <b>BOLD CAPS</b>		