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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**

### MEN'S, WOMEN'S SQUADS FINISH SEVENTH AT MACS

UB's men's and women's track and field teams completed the Mid-American Conference Championships at Ohio University's Goldsberry Track with seventh-place finishes. The UB women scored 59 points in the 13-team field. Kent State won the title with 129 points, followed by Akron at 122 and Eastern Michigan with 118 points. In the men's meet, UB placed seventh of the seven schools with 48 points. Central Michigan easily won with 220 points to second-place Kent State's 183.

UB's **Faith Thompson (Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls)** won her first MAC outdoor title with her record-setting victory in the women's hammer throw. Thompson broke her own UB, MAC and Ohio track records with her toss of 198-10 (60.60m). Thompson has now won the hammer throw in seven of UB's eight meets this season. **Sarah Vance (Lockport, NY/Lockport)** finished third with a toss of 182-6 (55.62m), improving her season best by seven feet, qualifying for the NCAA East Regionals. Thompson also placed third in the shot put at 50-5.50 (15.38m) while Vance added an eighth-place finish in the discus at 143-0 (43.60m).

**Vanessa Roelofsen (Alma, Ontario/Norwell District)** finished second in the javelin with a toss of 158-8 (48.36m).

**Patrice Coney (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** finished second in the seven-event heptathlon with 4,915 points, just seven points behind champion Katie Pickette of Western Michigan. Heading into the final event, the 800-meters, one of Coney's specialties, the sophomore trailed Pickette by 32 points. Coney was tripped at the start of the race, forcing a restart, but severely sprained her ankle. With the sprained ankle, she turned in a 2:26.44 clocking, well below her top time in the event, while Pickette finished in 2:28.43, earning just enough points to outscore Coney in the overall standings. Coney scored three second-place finishes among the seven events, the 200-meters (25.21), the high jump (5-4.25, 1.63m) and the long jump (18-6.50, 5.65m).

Running on the sprained ankle and being able to finish served as an inspiration to UB athletes and coaches. "I have never seen someone gut out so much pain," said women's head coach Vicki Mitchell on Friday night.

**Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** finished fourth in the women's 10,000-meters in 35:50.65 and scored a fifth-place finish in the 5,000-meters in 17:15.55. **Jessica Lister (Rodman, NY/South Jefferson)** tied a season-best with her fifth-place finish in the pole vault at 11-11.75 (3.65m). **Celestine Coney (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** finished sixth in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:01.57. **Kelli O'Brien (Clifton Springs, NY/Manchester-Shortsville)** took seventh in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 11:05.51.

The UB women also posted a seventh-place finish in the 4x400-meter relay in 3:52.32. The UB entry consisted of **Stacy Downer (Philadelphia, PA/Dobbins Tech)**, **Jen Jezorski (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)**, **Kate Kohout (Clarence, NY/Clarence)** and Celestine Coney.

In the men's meet, sophomores **Paul Riley (Buffalo, NY/Canisius)** and **Brian Heim (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)** earned second-place finishes. Riley turned in a personal-best 1:51.11 in the 800-meter final after finishing third in the heats on Friday in 1:52.91. Heim, who set the Goldsberry Track record in Friday's qualifying of the 400-meter hurdles, finished second in the finals in 52.26 to earn a trip to the NCAA East Regional Championships.

**Todd Joki (Saratoga Springs, NY/Schuylerville)** finished third in the decathlon with 6,779 total points. Joki won two events and placed second in two more on Thursday. Joki won the 100-meter dash in 11.12 seconds and the long jump at 23-10 (7.26m). He also placed second in the 400-meters (50.01) and shot put (40-10.50, 12.46m). In the second day of competition, he won the 110-meter hurdles portion in 14.59 seconds. In other events, outside the decathlon, Joki scored an eighth-place finish in the long jump with a leap of 22-8.50 (6.92m) and finished eighth in Saturday's 110-meter hurdles finals with a time of 14.63 seconds.

**Dan McKenna (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)** scored a fourth-place finish in the 1,500-meter run in a season-best 3:53.08. He also finished eighth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:30.27. Triple jumpers **Rayshon Higgins (Buffalo, NY/Timon/St. Jude)** and **Gary Asbach (Grand Island, NY/Grand Island)** turned in season-best marks in the event. Higgins, who had missed much of the regular season, finished fourth with a leap of 46-9 (14.25m) while Asbach was fifth at 46-2.75 (14.09m). **Mike Giordano (Springville, NY/Springville)** finished seventh overall in the shot put, posting a toss of 54-10.25 (16.72m), qualifying for the NCAA East Regionals. **Andy Wigton (Rochester, NY/Greece-Athena)** earned an eighth-place finish in the 5,000-meters in 14:49.37.

Both of UB's men's relay teams finished sixth. The 4x100-meter relay team turned in a 42.56 finish as **Ryan Brennan (Rochester, NY/Aquinas)** ran the opening leg, followed by Joki, Heim and Asbach. In the 4x400-meter relay, which clocked a 3:20.96 finish, the lineup included **Chris McClure (Trumansburg, NY/Trumansburg)**, Heim, Joki and Riley.

### 2005 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

#### March

Fri.-Sat., 18-19 at Seahawk Invitational M: 2nd of 8; W: 1st of 7  
Fri.-Sat., 25-26 at Raleigh Relays No team scoring

#### April

Sat., 2 at Ohio Invitational M: 4th of 9; W: 1st of 11  
Wed.-Thu., 13-14 at Sea Ray Relays (multis) No team scoring  
Fri., 15 at Mount SAC Relays (10,000) No team scoring  
Fri.-Sat., 15-16 at Bison Open No team scoring  
**Sat., 23 UB OPEN No team scoring**  
Thu.-Sat., 28-30 at Gina Relays No team scoring

#### May

Sat., 7 at Campbell/Wright Open No team scoring  
Thu.-Sat. 12-14 at MAC Championships M: 7th of 7; W: 7th of 13  
Fri.-Sat., 27-28 at NCAA East Regionals TBA

#### June

Wed.-Sat., 8-11 at NCAA Championships TBA  
All times Eastern. Home meets in **BOLD** caps.

### WOMEN'S REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Celestine Coney (400 hurdles) 1:00.63  
Vanessa Roelofson (javelin) 161-9 (49.30m)  
Faith Thompson (hammer) 198-10 (60.60m)  
Faith Thompson (shot put) 50-9.25 (15.47m)  
Sarah Vance (shot put) 49-7 (15.11m)  
Sarah Vance (discus) 157-4 (47.97m)  
Sarah Vance (hammer) 182-6 (55.62m)

### MEN'S REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Mike Giordano (shot put) 54-10.25 (16.72m)  
Brian Heim (400 hurdles) 52.26  
Todd Joki (110 hurdles) 14.31