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Outdoor Track & Field



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PAIR OF MAC CHAMPIONS HIGHLIGHT LEAGUE MEET

UB's men's and women's track and field teams posted a pair of league champions and set several new school records at the 2003 Mid-American Conference Championships in Mt. Pleasant, MI. UB's men placed seventh among 11 teams with 53.25 points while the women's team was ninth in the 13-team meet with 45 points. Central Michigan (158) and Eastern Michigan (117.50) won the men's and women's team titles, respectively.

Two Bulls won individual titles at the meet. Men's decathlete **Carlos Williams (Jamestown, NY/Westfield Academy)** won the 10-event competition with a total score of 6,561 points. Williams rallied from second place after the first five events of the two-day competition to score his first league title, winning by more than 150 points. Of the 10 events, he won the shot put at 42-11.75 (13.10m) and the discus at 126-10 (38.66m) and tied for first in the 100-meter dash (11.2). **Steve Esler (Rochester, NY/Aquinas Institute)** finished seventh with 6,068 total points after leading through the first day. He won the high jump at 5-8.75 (2.05m).

Women's pole vaulter **Laura Olson (Lyons, NY/Lyons)** became a MAC champion with her winning mark in the pole vault competition. Olson, the school record holder in the pole vault, bettered her current record by a quarter-inch and won the event by nearly four inches. She cleared 13-1.75 feet (4.01m) to win the title, also establishing a Central Michigan University track record.

The Bulls' weight throwers were the lone point scorers in Thursday's opening day. **Keith Gentes (Warwick, RI/Bishop Hendricken)** scored a second-place finish in the men's hammer throw with a toss of 190-5 (58.04m). The distance was just shy of his personal-best and NCAA regional qualifying mark of 190-7 (58.10m) set at last month's UB Chancellor's Cup. In the women's hammer throw, **Faith Thompson (Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls)** placed fifth at 179-0 (54.57m) to improve on her NCAA regional qualifying mark of 176-0 (53.64m) set two weeks ago at Akron.

Other highlights from the first day of the meet included **Jeremie Slick (Rochester, NY/Greece-Olympia)** breaking his own record in the 10,000 meters. Slick completed the distance in 30:29.19 to place ninth overall and slice six seconds off the mark he set last season. Women's distance runner **Jenny Koepfel (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** turned in a personal best with her 38:48.93 clocking in the women's 10,000 meters to finish 12th.

On Friday, the Bulls posted two additional school records. Shot putter **Byron McKinney (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)** broke his own mark with a third-place finish of 56-5.75 (17.21m). The throw bettered his old record, set in the season-opening Alabama Relays of 55-9.75 (17.01m). Women's heptathlete **Meagan Rogers (Courtenay, BC/George P. Vanier)** also established a new record with her finish in the seven-event competition. Rogers scored 4,921 points to place fourth overall and improve on last season's MAC Championships total of 4,793 points.

Women's shot putters **Sarah Vance (Lockport, NY/Lockport)** and Thompson took fourth and fifth, respectively, in their event. Vance finished with a throw of 44-6 (13.56m) while Thompson recorded a toss of 44-4.75 (13.53m). **Jessica Moldovan (Warren, PA/Warren Area)** raced to an eighth-place finish in the steeplechase in 11:13.25.

The meet's final day saw more impressive results as the men's 4x400 relay squad of **Bryan Weinstein (Getzville, NY/Williamsville North), Tim Giagios (Rochester, NY/Gates-Chili), Tom Abbey (Arcade, NY/Pioneer)** and **Joe Clark (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)** turned in a second-place finish of 3:12.66, just a second shy of the school record set in 1995. Weinstein, Abbey and Clark were joined by **Mario Hicks (Painted Post, NY/Corning West)** to form the 4x100 relay team that took fifth in 41.53, tying the school record set last season. Individually, Hicks took fourth in the 110 hurdles in 14.74 with **Erich Smithson (East Aurora, NY/Iroquois)** finishing seventh in the race in 14.87. Clark placed fifth in the 400-meters in 47.45. Slick took sixth in the 5,000-meters in 14:40.13 and **Dan Simpson (Rochester, NY/Gates-Chili)** tied for eighth in the pole vault at 15-1.

Senior **Christina Keck (Erie, PA/McDowell)** broke a 10-year old women's record with her performance in the 1500-meter run on Saturday. Keck turned in a 4:34.59 to finish eighth in the field and break the record of 4:36.54 set by Judith Novak in 1993. Keck also placed sixth in the 800-meters in 2:14.76. **Beverly Weyer (Castalia, OH/St. Mary's Central Catholic)** registered a fifth-place finish in the discus at 141-5 (43.11m). **Biaunca McFarland (Binghamton, NY/Binghamton)** placed sixth in the triple jump at 40-1.50 (12.23m) and **Jenelle Callender (Brooklyn, NY/Brooklyn Tech)** finished seventh in the 400-meters in 57.43. The 4x100 relay team of Callender, **Krystal Seiling (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter), Pauletta Dickerson (Wichita, KS/Northeast Magnet)** and McFarland placed eighth in 47.09, breaking last year's school record by three-quarters of a second. McFarland, Callender, **Allison Laske (Candandaigua, NY/Canandaigua Academy)** and Seiling formed the 4x400 relay team that finished seventh in 3:49.91.

The Bulls will have one more chance to improve on their season results with the NCAA East Regional meet May 30 and 31 in Fairfax, VA. Throughout the regular season, UB has qualified eight athletes in nine events for the competition that will determine the field for the NCAA Championships to be held in Sacramento, CA next month.

2003 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

March

Thu.-Sun., 20-23 at Alabama Relays M: 20th of 24
only relay events scored W: (t) 10th of 23
Fri.-Sat., 28-29 at Raleigh Relays No team scoring

April

Sat., 5 at McDonald's Invite M: 3rd of 8 W: 1st of 8
Fri.-Sat., 11-12 at Sea Ray Relays No team scoring
Sat., 19 CHANCELLOR'S CUP M: 1st of 6 W: 1st of 6
Thu.-Sat., 24-26 at Penn Relays No team scoring

May

Sun., 4 at Akron Quad M: W, 100-82
W: L, 64-88
Thu.-Sat., 15-17 at MAC Championships M: 7th of 11 W: 9th of 13
Fri.-Sat., 30-31 at NCAA East Regional All Day

June

Wed.-Sat., 11-14 at NCAA Championships All Day
All times Eastern. Home meets in **BOLD CAPS**