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Wrestling



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Current record: 9-2 (1-0 Mid-American Conference)

FOUR BULLS WIN TITLES AT UB OPEN

Four University at Buffalo wrestlers earned championships within their respective weight classes at the first annual UB Open last Monday at Alumni Arena. No team scores were kept for the event.

Mark McKnight (McDonald, PA/South Fayette) won the title at 125 pounds by winning three consecutive matches, including an 8-3 decision over Caleb Metcalf in the final.

In the 133-pound weight class, **Cliff Smith (Merrick, NY/Calhoun)** also won three matches on his way to the championship. In the final, Smith scored an 8-6 comeback victory over Tim Haas of Penn State.

Ed Pawlak (Lakewood, NY/Southwestern) won the 174-pound title with four wins. He defeated Cleveland State's Derek Pace with a 9-1 decision in the final.

At 197 pounds, **Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)** posted four straight wins on his way to the championship. In the final, he defeated Joe Phillips of Cleveland State with a 15-5 decision.

BUFFALO'S WINNING STREAK ENDS

UB suffered its first losses of the season against outstanding competition Saturday at the Buckeye Duals at Ohio State University.

The Bulls defeated Eastern Illinois, 25-14, but dropped a 32-6 decision to third-ranked (in the latest NWCA Poll) Lehigh and also lost to Indiana, 27-8, to fall to 9-2 overall. Lehigh was the only team to go unbeaten in the event.

Cerminara, Smith and senior **Mike Trotta (Oceanside, NY/Oceanside)** each won a pair of matches for Buffalo.

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Pawlak leads UB with 25 overall wins... Cerminara leads Buffalo with 10 dual meet victories and seven dual meet riding time points... McKnight leads the Bulls with four dual meet falls... Trotta leads UB with 38 dual meet takedowns... **Garrett Hicks (Chautauqua, NY/Chautauqua Lake)** leads the team with eight dual meet reversals and 21 dual meet escapes.

2003-04 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

November

Sat., 15	Oklahoma Gold Classic	5 th /9
Tue., 18	BINGHAMTON	W, 24-13
Sat., 22	vs. Findlay (at Bloomsburg) at Bloomsburg	W, 22-12 W, 21-13
Sat., 29	Mat Town USA Invitational (at Lock Haven)	7 th /11

December

Sun., 7	at Kent State*	W, 21-13
Sun., 7	vs. Mount Union (at Kent State)	W, 39-6
Sun., 14	<i>Northeast Duals (at Albany, NY)</i> vs. James Madison vs. East Stroudsburg vs. Sacred Heart	W, 41-3 W, 33-9 W, 25-10
Fri., 19	Beast of the East Classic (at Delaware)	5 th /20

January

Sat., 3	<i>Buckeye Duals (at Ohio State)</i> vs. Lehigh vs. Eastern Illinois vs. Indiana	L, 6-32 W, 25-14 L, 8-27
Sat., 10	CLARION	7:00 pm
Fri.-Sat., 23-24	NYS Championships (at Nassau CC)	12:00 pm

February

Sun., 1	OHIO*	1:00 pm
Sat., 7	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm
Tue., 10	at Slippery Rock	7:00 pm
Sun., 22	NORTHERN ILLINOIS* EASTERN MICHIGAN*	10:00 am 2:00 pm

March

Sat.-Sun., 6-7	MAC Championships	1:00 pm
Thur.-Sat., 18-20	NCAA Championships	All Day

* = Mid-American Conference matches
Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** held at Alumni Arena