

Buffalo at NYS Collegiates

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2005-06 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

NOVEMBER

Sat., 5	at Slippery Rock Open	NTS
Sat., 12	at Oklahoma Gold Classic	5th/11
Sat., 19	BLOOMSBURG	W, 30-11
	FINDLAY	W, 36-0
	GARDNER-WEBB	W, 44-3
Sat., 26	at Mat Town Tournament	2nd/8

DECEMBER

Fri.-Sat., 2-3	at Las Vegas Invitational	16th/52
Fri., 9	Edinboro (at Erie, PA)	L, 13-20
Tues., 20	APPALACHIAN STATE	W, 35-0
	MERCYHURST	W, 34-3
Fri., 30	3rd ANNUAL UB OPEN	NTS

JANUARY

Fri., 6	at Northern Illinois*	L, 21-23
Sun., 15	UNC-GREENSBORO	L, 20-22
Fri.-Sat., 20-21	at New York State Collegiates	12:00 pm
Sat., 28	OHIO*	9:00 am
	DELAWARE STATE	
	ITHACA	

FEBRUARY

Sat., 4	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm
Sun., 5	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm
Fri., 10	at Kent State*	7:00 pm
Thur., 16	at Slippery Rock	7:00 pm

MARCH

Fri.-Sat., 3-4	at MAC Championships	11:00 am
Thu.-Sat., 16-18	at NCAA Championships	TBA

* = Mid-American Conference matches
 Home matches in CAPS held at Alumni Arena
 NTS = Event with No Team Scoring

Buffalo (5-3) at 37th Annual New York State Collegiate Championships

Record: Buffalo is 5-3 and coming off a heartbreaking 22-20 loss to UNC-Greensboro at Alumni Arena on Sunday.

Coach: Buffalo coach Jim Beichner (Clarion, 1987) has amassed a 96-62-2 record in 11 years.

On Deck: Buffalo will get back to its Mid-American Conference schedule next Saturday at 9:00 am as it hosts its second quad-meet of the year, beginning with Ohio before facing Delaware State and Ithaca.

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About the Tournament

Buffalo rarely wrestles in a tournament with more history or tradition than the New York State Championships, now in its 37th year. With eight championships under its belt along with a tournament record 54 champions, Buffalo has had a lot to do with that history.

The Bulls are out to avenge their narrow second-place finish in 2005 when two Bulls took titles and three finished in second place. Led by four wrestlers in the national rankings and two who have New York State Collegiate titles (**Kyle Cerminara**, 197, 2004; **Mark Budd**, 133, 2005), Buffalo is a favorite to win its ninth New York State Collegiate Championship coming into the season. The stiffest competition will come from Army, who took the New York State Collegiate title in 2005, winning four weight classes and racking up 195 points. Army won't give up the title without a fight, however, as the Black Knights have six wrestlers ranked in *WrestlingReport.com's* Atlantic Rankings (**William Simpson**, 125, 17th; **Frank Baughan**, 133, 17th; **Pat Simpson**, 149, ninth; **Benson/Rowan**, 157, 17th; **Luke Calvert**, 184, 14th; and **Nate Thobaben**, HWT, 17th). Columbia also has four wrestlers in the Atlantic Rankings, as the Lions will seek out their first New York State title. Brockport, the fourth-ranked team in Division III, will search out its fourth title.

Tournament History

Between the United States Military Academy and the University at Buffalo, the schools have won 18 of the 36 New York State Championships, with Army having won 10 and Buffalo taking eight. Buffalo's golden era at the tournament came from 1974 to 1978, when the team won five championships and earned 16 individual titles under legendary head coach Ed Michael. Head coach Jim Beichner brought the Bulls back to the top of the state in 2003 for the first time in 25 years, as Mike Trotta, Tom Paladino, Gary Cooper and Garrett Bontempo won titles for the Bulls.

Buffalo's Probable Starters

Wgt.	Buffalo	Year	Hometown/High School	Record	Dual	NWCA/WIN
125	Louie Rubin	Fr.	Ithaca, NY/Ithaca	3-7	3-3	-/-
	Even Veney	Fr.	Liverpool, NY/Liverpool	2-8	0-1	-/-
133	Mark Budd	Jr.	Orrville, OH/Orrville	24-3	8-0	14/12
141	Dana Gingerich	So.	Spring Grove, PA/Delone Catholic	12-8	5-3	-/-
149	Patrick Lloyd	So.	Middletown, NY/Valley Central	14-13	2-6	-/-
157	John Cummings	Jr.	Bay Shore, NY/Bay Shore	15-10	6-2	-/-
165	Mickey Moran	So.	Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler Area	20-7	6-2	-/19
174	Mike Ragusa	Fr.	Foxboro, MA/Foxboro	16-10	3-3	-/-
184	Garrett Hicks	Sr.	Chautauqua, NY/Chautauqua Lake	15-6	7-1	-/-
197	Kyle Cerminara	Sr.	Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter	26-0	8-0	5/6
HWT	Harold Sherrell	Sr.	Liverpool, NY/Liverpool	24-4	8-0	16/-

2005-06 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WRESTLING

Quick Facts

Please note: The proper school name is the University at Buffalo, not the University of Buffalo. Please make all references to the school name as the University at Buffalo, Buffalo or UB. Thank you.

Location	Buffalo, NY 14260
Founded	1846
Enrollment	27,276
Nickname	Bulls
School Colors	Royal Blue & White
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Mid-American
Home Arena	Alumni Arena
Capacity	6,100
President.....	John B. Simpson (Cal-Santa Barbara, '69)
Athletic Director	Warde Manuel (Michigan, '90)
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WRESTLING INFORMATION

2004-05 Record	3-10
MAC Record (Finish)	1-4 (T-4th)
Lettermen Returning/Lost	16/2
Starters Returning/Lost.....	9/1

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach	Jim Beichner (Clarion, '87)
Career Record (Years).....	96-62-2 (11)
Record at UB (Years)	96-62-2 (11)
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Scouting The Tournament

These wrestlers are currently holding down national rankings and are expected to compete at the tournament this weekend:

NWCA/InterMat

Division I Rankings

Wt.	Wrestler, School	No.
133	Mark Budd, Buffalo	15
174	Matt Palmer, Columbia	8
197	Kyle Cerminara, Buffalo	7
HWT	Harold Sherrell, Buffalo	15

Brute/Adidas/NWCA

Division III Rankings

125	John Spinner, Oswego	8
133	Tony D'Ambra, Brockport	1
133	Joe Jewett, Oswego	4
141	Paul LeBlanc, Cortland	4
141	Dan Song, USMMA	5
149	Dan Ooton, Brockport	7
157	Shaheim Bradshaw, Brockport	2

Brute/Adidas/NWCA

Division III Rankings

Wt.	Wrestler, School	No.
174	Stephon Sair, Cortland	1
174	Matthias Keib, Ithaca	4
184	Robert Stubbs, Ithaca	5
184	Terry Madden, Hunter	7
HWT	Pat Bennett, Brockport	6

NJCAA Rankings

125	Mike Torres, Nassau CC	6
141	Al Iaquinta, Nassau CC	2
149	Chris Cartwright, Nassau CC	3
157	Jason Layton, Nassau CC	3
165	Mike Vingo, Nassau CC	1
184	Mike Wilcox, Nassau CC	3
197	Joe Scioli, Nassau CC	3

Last Time: 36th Annual New York State Collegiate Championships

DECEMBER 30, 2004 • DEWAR ARENA • ONEONTA, NY

ONEONTA, NY - Two first-place finishes and three second-place finishes wasn't quite enough to lift the University at Buffalo wrestling team to its ninth New York State Collegiate Championship at the 36th annual event held at SUNY Oneonta on Saturday.

Buffalo also added three third-place finishes and two fifth-place finishes to rack up 172 points, a season-high, but still 23 points behind Army, who wrapped up its 10th championship after garnering four individual championships at the meet.

Sophomores **Mark McKnight** (125 pounds) and **Mark Budd** (133 pounds) each wrapped up titles for Buffalo.

McKnight, ranked 18th in the nation by WrestlingMall.com, pinned Oswego's Walter Sosnowski 43 seconds into the second period and beat No. 2 seed Jeff Sato of Columbia, 5-3, to earn his first New York State Championship.

Budd wrapped up his first New York State Championship by beating Army's Tony Severo, 9-5, in the semifinals and No. 1 seed Matt DeLorenzo of Columbia, 3-1, in the finals.

Sophomores **Patrick Lloyd** (149 pounds) and **Jake Blowers** (165 pounds) and freshman **Mickey Moran** (174 pounds) each took second-place for the Bulls.

Lloyd beat the Merchant Marine Academy's Danny Song, 8-2, to reach the finals, but fell to the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler, Army's Phillip Simpson with seven seconds left in the second period.

Blowers pinned No. 2 seed Oswego's Frank Petrucci with 32 seconds left in the second period, but was pinned by Army's Chad Marzec with one second remaining in the finals. Still, the 3-1 mark at the tournament put Blowers' season record at 11-10.

Moran, who came into the tournament 5-17, beat Army's Scott Ferguson, 11-2, in the semifinals, but fell to Cornell's Luke Hogle, 12-3, in the finals to cement a 3-1 mark at the tournament.

Freshman **Dana Gingerich** (141 pounds) and juniors **Garrett Hicks** (184 pounds) and **Harold Sherrell** each finished third.

Freshman **Scott Rendos** (157 pounds) and sophomore **Jeff Parker** each took fifth place in their weight classes.

BUFFALO RESULTS AT 2004 UB OPEN

125:	Mark McKnight, 3-0, first
133:	Mark Budd, 3-0, first
141:	Dana Gingerich, 3-1, third
149:	Pat Lloyd, 3-1, second
157:	Scott Rendos, 3-2, fifth
165:	Jake Blowers, 3-1, second
174:	Mickey Moran, 3-1, second
184:	Garrett Hicks, 4-1, third
197:	Harold Sherrell, 4-1, second
HWT:	Jeff Parker, 4-2, fifth

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2005-06 MAC STANDINGS

	MAC		Overall	
1. Northern Illinois	1-0	1.000	4-4	.500
Ohio	1-0	1.000	5-4	.555
3. Kent State	0-0	---	7-3	.700
Central Michigan	0-0	---	6-4	.600
5. Buffalo	0-1	.000	5-3	.625
Eastern Michigan	0-1	.000	2-5	.286

2005 MAC PRESEASON COACHES POLL

- Central Michigan
- Buffalo**
- Northern Illinois
- Kent State
- Eastern Michigan
- Ohio

2005-06 MAC PRESEASON

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Wrestler	Weight	Rank
Mark Budd	133	2nd
Dana Gingerich	141	3rd
Scott Rendos	149	4th
Jake Blowers	165	2nd
Nate Rock	174	2nd
Garrett Hicks	184	2nd
Kyle Cerminara	197	2nd
Harold Sherrell	Hwt.	4th

IN THE RANKINGS

Five national publications do national polls each week during the collegiate wrestling season: *Wrestling Report.com*, *TheWrestlingMall.com*, *Wrestling International Magazine (W.I.N.)*, *Amateur Wrestling News*, and the National Wrestling Coaches Association/*InterMat*.

National Rankings

Wt.	Name	WR	TWM	W.I.N.	AWN	NWCA
133	Mark Budd	11	10	13	14	15
165	Mickey Moran	-	19	18	-	-
197	Kyle Cerminara	2	3	5	3	7
HWT	Harold Sherrell	21	-	-	12	15

MAC RANKINGS (JAN. 18, 2006)

Mid-American Conference rankings are voted on by the league's coaches and are released bi-weekly throughout the season.

Name	Weight	Rank
Mark Budd	133	2nd
Dana Gingerich	141	2nd
Mickey Moran	165	2nd
Nate Rock	174	4th
Garrett Hicks	184	2nd
Kyle Cerminara	197	2nd
Harold Sherrell	Hwt.	1st

THE RANKINGS KILLER

Junior **Mark Budd** has beaten both the Division I and Division II top-ranked wrestlers this season. He downed Findlay's Andy Uhl, 7-3, in a Nov. 19 dual meet, but it was Dec. 9's win against Edinboro's Shawn Bunch that really turned heads, as the junior 133-pounder shocked Bunch with a 6-4 sudden victory decision at the War at the Shore. Budd, who is 24-3 this season, has beaten four Division I ranked opponents.

He may get the chance to defeat Division III's top-ranked wrestler this weekend, as Brockport's Tony D'Ambra enters the tournament the top-ranked wrestler in the division.

REACHING NEW HIGHS

Senior **Harold Sherrell** has had a productive two weeks, shocking two nationally-ranked grapplers. He beat Northern Illinois' 19th-ranked Joe Sapp, 17-2, and followed that by beating UNC-Greensboro's Tyler Shovlin, 5-2. The Liverpool High product is 70-54 (.565) in his career. He is three wins away from reaching the top 15 in career wins in school history.

The win over Sapp also helped Sherrell reach new highs in national rankings, as he leaped to 12th in the *Amateur Wrestling News* poll and 16th in the *NWCA/InterMat/NWMA* poll.

POLLING POWER

With **Harold Sherrell** joining **Kyle Cerminara** and **Mark Budd** in the *NWCA/InterMat/NWMA* poll for the week of Jan. 9, it is the first time three Bulls had reached the top 20 in the individual rankings since Cerminara, Ed Pawlak (174 pounds) and Mark McKnight (125 pounds) were ranked at the end of the 2003-04 season.

NEAR-FALL-ING THE RECORD BOOK

Senior **Harold Sherrell** already has 10 dual meet 3-point near falls this season, which is already 10th in school history. With seven dual meets remaining, the heavyweight is eight near falls from the school record of 18, which was set by Jim Young in 1974-75 and equaled by Bruce Hadsell in 1977-78.

STREAKING

Senior **Kyle Cerminara** has won 24 straight matches, tying the school record set by John Stutzman in 1996-97. This is the second record of Stutzman's that the 2004 All-American has chased down this year, already breaking Stutzman's mark of 135 career dual meet takedowns, with Cerminara now owning the school-record of 163.

Cerminara, who actually has won 32 matches in a row dating back to his Niagara and UB Open championships while redshirting in 2004, has wrestled only 24 matches against NCAA opponents this season, making his official record 24-0, despite winning 26 matches this season. He defeated Mount Union's Chris Hart by injury default after holding a 10-3 lead in the second period to tie the record at the UB Open.

Cerminara is not the only UB wrestler to be in the process of a win streak, as five wrestlers have posted wins in at least their last five NCAA matches. Some also have wins against junior college wrestlers, which do not count on their official records.

Wrestler	Weight	Official Streak	Unofficial Streak
Kyle Cerminara	197	26	34
Harold Sherrell	HWT	8	9
John Cummings	165	6	-
Mark Budd	133	6	8
Garrett Hicks	184	6	8

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RECORDS REVERSAL

Senior **Garrett Hicks** notched his 28th career reversal during his 10-2 win over Kane Smith. The reversal puts the senior 184-pounder three behind Tom Jacoutot (1977-80) for third place in the career dual meet reversal category.

MAC TRUCKS

Junior **John Cummings** became the fifth UB wrestler to earn the Mid-American Conference's Wrestler of the Week award after his two-pin performance against Appalachian State and Mercyhurst, the league announced Dec. 27.

Buffalo posted four straight MAC Wrestler of the Week awards from Nov. 22-Dec. 13. Junior **Mark Budd** earned the fourth honor after beating Division 1's top-ranked Shawn Bunch of Edinboro, 6-4, to pick up the award on Dec. 13.

Mickey Moran picked up his first conference accolade on Nov. 22, as he earned the MAC Wrestler of the Week award. Moran went 3-0 at Buffalo's quad-meet on Nov. 19 to earn the award. Cerminara followed with his third career MAC Wrestler of the Week award on Nov. 29, as he posted two wins over nationally-ranked opponents to earn the Mat Town USA Invitational title at 197 pounds and also earned the Harris Lipetz Most Outstanding Wrestler at the tournament. Cerminara repeated the honor on Dec. 6 after winning the Las Vegas Invitational title at 197 pounds, defeating three nationally-ranked wrestlers and setting the school's career-record for wins in the process.

MAC Wrestler of the Week.....	Week
Mickey Moran	Nov. 22
Kyle Cerminara	Nov. 29
Kyle Cerminara	Dec. 6
Mark Budd.....	Dec. 13
John Cummings.....	Dec. 27

UNBEATEN

Senior **Kyle Cerminara** is one of only three wrestlers left in the MAC who is still undefeated, along with fellow 197-pounder Wynn Michalek of Central Michigan, ranked first in the latest NWCA/InterMat poll, and 174-pounder Duke Birk of Northern Illinois. Michalek is 18-0 and recently defeated 2005 NCAA Champion Jake Rosholt of Oklahoma State. Burk is 10-0.

THE MAGIC NUMBER

Head coach **Jim Beichner** has coached at least four grapplers to 20-win seasons in each of Buffalo's first six seasons of competition in the MAC. He reached the plateau before the halfway mark of the school's seventh season in the conference, as **Kyle Cerminara** leads the conference with 26 wins and **Mark Budd** and **Harold Sherrell** are nipping on his heels with 24 wins. **Mickey Moran** also has 20 wins.

SHUTTING DOWN THE COMPETITION

After not earning a shutout in five seasons, Buffalo has already notched two dual meet shutouts this season, taking down Findlay, 36-0, on Nov. 19 and then beating Appalachian State, 35-0, on Dec. 20. The Bulls posted three shutouts during the 1999-2000 campaign, downing Binghamton, 45-0, Slippery Rock, 39-0 and Syracuse, 47-0.

THE HALF-CENTURY MARK

Junior **Pat Lloyd** won his 50th career match at the Las Vegas Invitational as he earned a 10-0 major decision against the Air Force's Matt Crippes on Dec. 2. The former New York State high school champ is 56-53 overall.

Junior **Mark Budd** and senior **Garrett Hicks** joined Lloyd with their 50th career wins with dual meet wins against Appalachian State on Dec. 20. Budd is 54-28 in his career and Hicks is 55-40.

2005-06 Buffalo Wrestling Roster

Name	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	High School/Previous College
Dan Bishop	125	Fr.	Whitehall, NY	Whitehall
Jake Blowers	165	Jr.	Johnstown, NY	Broadalbin-Perth
Mark Budd	133	Jr.	Orrville, OH	Orrville
Ben Carbrey	184	Fr.	Williamsville, NY	Williamsville North
Kyle Cerminara	197	Sr.	Lewiston, NY	Lewiston-Porter
John Cummings	157	Jr.	Bay Shore, NY	Bay Shore/Nassau CC
Todd Feinkind	149	Sr.	Irvington, NY	Irvington
Dana Gingerich	141	So.	Spring Grove, PA	DeLone Catholic
Garrett Hicks	184	Sr.	Chautauqua, NY	Chautauqua Lake
Tim Higgins	133	Fr.	Merrick, NY	Chaminade
Jason Hilliard	141	Fr.	Genoa, NY	Southern Cayuga
Ray Lamb	174	Jr.	Mays Landing, NJ	Absegami
Patrick Lloyd	149	Jr.	Middletown, NY	Valley Central
Gustavo Manzur	141	Jr.	Cheektowaga, NY	Oakton
Mickey Moran	165	So.	Pittsburgh, PA	Shaler Area
Steven Muldrow	157	So.	Cincinnati, OH	Summit Country Day/Ohio State
Chris Nebelecky	157	So.	Tonawanda, NY	Tonawanda
Ryan Needle	149	So.	Newfane, NY	Newfane/Ohio State
Jeff Parker	Hwt	Jr.	Foxboro, MA	Foxboro/Binghamton
Mike Ragusa	174	So.	Foxboro, MA	Foxboro
Scott Rendos	157	So.	Brockway, PA	Brockway
Nate Rock	174	So.	Ephrata, PA	Ephrata
Luther Rubin	125	Fr.	Ithaca, NY	Ithaca
Ricky Scott	184	Fr.	Walden, NY	Valley Central
Mike Shannon	141	Jr.	Albany, NY	Colonie Central/Binghamton
Harold Sherrell	Hwt	Sr.	Liverpool, NY	Liverpool
Cliff Smith	141	Sr.	Merrick, NY	Calhoun
Andrew Stella	125	Fr.	Tonawanda, NY	Sweet Home
Joshua Taylor	141	Fr.	Williamsville, NY	Williamsville East
Greg Thomas	Hwt	Sr.	Baldwin, NY	Uniondale/Nassau CC
Evan Veney	125	Fr.	Liverpool, NY	Liverpool

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REGIONAL POWERS

Six Buffalo wrestlers earned rankings in the latest *WrestlingReport.com* Atlantic Region rankings, with senior **Kyle Cerminara** leading the way with a ranking of first at 197 pounds. Sophomore **Mickey Moran** (165 pounds) and junior **Mark Budd** (133 pounds) each rank sixth. Sophomore **Dana Gingerich** (141 pounds) is 13th, senior **Harold Sherrell** (Heavyweight) is 14th and senior **Garrett Hicks** (184 pounds) is 17th.

IT'S GOTTA START/STOP SOMEWHERE...

Mark Budd's win over the No. 1-ranked Shawn Bunch is the first time in the school's Division I era that a wrestler had beaten the top-ranked wrestler in the country. It also snapped Budd's three-match losing streak to Bunch, after he dropped two decisions by a 6-4 margin and one by a 6-3 score in 2003-04.

BUDDING ONTO THE NATIONAL SCENE

Junior **Mark Budd** earned his first national ranking in the *WrestlingReport.com's* Nov. 16 poll, ranking 30th, and has ascended ever since. Budd, who is second on the Bulls and in the Mid-American Conference with 23 wins this season, has won two tournament championships, winning the Slippery Rock Open and the Mat Town USA titles at 133 pounds. He rose to 14th in *NWCA/InterMat's* Jan. 10 poll and has earned a ranking of ninth in *W.I.N. Magazine's* poll and 10th in *TheWrestlingMall.com* poll. He is 13th in the *Amateur Wrestling News* poll.

ROCK THE VOTE

Buffalo received votes in the *USA Today/NWCA/InterMat* poll, released on Dec. 13. That was the first time this year Buffalo has received honorable mention status in a national poll, along with nine other schools after the national poll of 25 teams. The Bulls also again received votes in the Jan. 3 poll.

COMING ON STRONG

Junior **John Cummings** had a breakthrough day on Dec. 20, as he led the Bulls to two dual meet victories with two pins. The 157-pound two-time JuCo All-American at Nassau Community College had started his season 9-10, but he rebounded nicely by pinning Appalachian State's Ken Kepley in the first period and then rebounding from a 2-0 deficit to Division II's third-ranked Will Tedder of Mercyhurst by taking a 5-2 lead and then pinning the wrestler with five seconds left. He is in the midst of a six-match NCAA winning streak, losing to an unattached wrestler in the finals of the UB Open.

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

After a 7-23 rookie season, sophomore **Mickey Moran** has already posted some remarkable numbers during his second season in Amherst, as he has started the year 20-6, including a 7-3 decision against the *NWCA/InterMat/NWMA's* 15th-ranked Deonte Penn on Dec. 9. Moran has posted three place finishes and has beaten two nationally-ranked opponents during this season. He has also found a slot on four national polls, reaching highs of 26th in the *WrestlingReport.com's* poll, 20th in both *TheWrestlingMall.com* and *Amateur Wrestling News* polls and 17th in the *W.I.N. Magazine* poll.

TAKING THE SHORTEST PATH

Senior **Kyle Cerminara** took all the drama out of whether he was going to get the 16 wins he needed coming into this season to become UB's all-time career wins leader. He simply won his first 16 matches, beating Cal. St. Fullerton's Chris Chambers, 9-0, in the round of 16 at this weekend's Las Vegas Invitational, to cap off his run at Gary Cooper's (1998-2003) mark of 113 career wins. Cerminara now has 120 career wins.

UNGRACIOUS HOSTS

Buffalo dominated its own Third Annual UB Open on Dec. 30, as it won six weight classes and placed 15 wrestlers at the non-scoring event. Senior **Kyle Cerminara** won his third straight title at 197 pounds while senior **Garrett Hicks** (184 pounds) and juniors **Mark Budd** (133 pounds) and **Pat Lloyd** (149 pounds) won their second titles. Senior **Harold Sherrell** (Heavyweight) and sophomore **Mickey Moran** (165 pounds) won their first titles. Junior **John Cummings** (157 pounds) and senior **Greg Thomas** (Heavyweight), wrestling unattached, each took second. Sophomore **Nate Rock** (174 pounds), senior **Cliff Smith** (141 pounds) and freshman **Ricky Scott** (184 pounds), wrestling unattached, took third. Freshman **Jason Hilliard** (149 pounds) took fourth, juniors **Mike Shannon** (141 pounds) and **Jake Blowers** (165 pounds) took fifth and freshman **Dan Bishop** (125 pounds) took sixth.

LOVING LAS VEGAS

Chris Chambers was just one of five of the matches that senior **Kyle Cerminara** won on his way to becoming the first Buffalo wrestler to claim a Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational championship. Seeded second, Cerminara ran into three nationally-ranked wrestlers, beating the *WrestlingReport.com's* 29th-ranked Mark Thompson of The Citadel, 5-3, in the first round before beating Chambers. He then downed the *NWCA/InterMat/NWMA's* 13th-ranked Jeff Foust of Missouri, 7-1, in the quarterfinals before downing North Carolina State's Ryan Goodman, 8-6 in the semifinals.

In the finals, Cerminara beat Cornell's Jerry Rinaldi, ranked 10th in the *NWCA/InterMat/NWMA* poll, 5-3, as he earned two takedowns and had a riding time point while allowing Rinaldi only three escapes.

SIN CITY SUCCESS

The Bulls posted their best-ever finish at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational, as it finished 16th with 48.5 points in the 52-team tournament. Buffalo finished well ahead of its two Mid-American Conference rivals at the meet, as Ohio had 14 points to finish 37th and Eastern Michigan had 12.5 points to finish 42nd.

PINNING FOR POINTS

Even though Cerminara was the lone Buffalo wrestler to place at the Las Vegas Invitational, he was not the only one to contribute to the Bulls' 48.5 team points. The team was buoyed by a seven-pin performance, led by **Dana Gingerich** and **Mark Budd**, who each earned two falls in the tournament. **Garrett Hicks**, **Mickey Moran** and **Harold Sherrell** also each had pins at the tournament. Buffalo already has 30 falls as a team this year, after posting only 36 in 2004-05.

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THE STUDENT HAS BECOME THE MASTER

Head coach **Jim Beichner** also led his team to a finish ahead of his old mentor, coach Rande Stottlemeyer, at the Las Vegas Invitational as Pittsburgh, who has held a national ranking this season, finished 24th with 32 points.

Beichner was an assistant under Stottlemeyer for seven years, even helping the Panthers to its first-ever National Duals appearance in 1994-95.

Beichner also helped to lead the Bulls past Clarion University, his alma mater and first coaching post after graduation, at the Mat Town USA Invitational, as the Bulls placed second at the tournament and the Golden Eagles finished eighth.

CAN WE STAY HERE?

Senior **Harold Sherrell** will take some very positive memories from Thomas Fieldhouse in Lock Haven. Besides winning the heavyweight title at the Mat Town USA Invitational this year, Sherrell also posted a second place finish in 2004, as he beat eventual All-American Phil Davis of Penn State and Minnesota's nationally-ranked Matt Koz to make the championship match at 197 pounds.

BEATING THE BEST

Buffalo wrestlers downed seven nationally-ranked wrestlers at the Mat Town USA Invitational, led by senior **Kyle Cerminara**, who beat two. Buffalo's 10 wrestlers to earn team points lost five matches to nationally-ranked opponents.

TURNING IT AROUND AT MAT TOWN

After placing 11th out of 13 teams, while only three wrestlers placed at Lock Haven's Mat Town USA Invitational in 2004, the University at Buffalo had a significant turnaround in an eight-team field in 2005. This time the Bulls placed in a tie for second with Oregon, racking up 138.5 points and four individual championships. Eleven Bulls placed at the event.

KUDOS FOR KYLE

Cerminara earned the Mat Town USA Invitational's Harris Lipez Most Outstanding Wrestler award after he claimed the 197-pound title at the event.

The 2004 All-American downed InterMat/NWCA/NWMA eighth-ranked Brady Richardson of Indiana, 6-1, in the finals of the tournament and also beat Wrestling Report.com's 30th-ranked T.J. Morrison of Rider, 9-8, in the semifinals.

TAKING DOWN RECORDS

Senior **Kyle Cerminara** set the school record for dual meet takedowns on Nov. 19 as he took down Bloomsburg's Jesse Hasseman 35 seconds into the match for his 136th career takedown.

Ironically, Cerminara set the mark in a match against Bloomsburg, which is coached by John Stutzman, who set the record with 135 career takedowns from 1995-98.

THE FIGHTING GOOSE

Sophomore **Mike Ragusa** is just one win away from his 20th career win. A natural 165-pounder, Ragusa has posted a 3-3 mark in dual meets wrestling at 174 pounds this season. While teammate **Mickey Moran** has entered national polls at 165 pounds, Ragusa, who finished second to Moran's third at the Slippery Rock Open and then fourth to Moran's second at the Oklahoma Gold Classic, has started the season 16-8. Ragusa, who went 3-2 and placed fifth at the 2004 Oklahoma Gold Classic, looked to be headed toward a successful season before an LCL injury ended his season.

TAKING THE FALL

In the past two years, sophomore **Dana Gingerich** has recorded 13 wins by fall to lead the Bulls, including both his wins at the Las Vegas Invitational. Last season, he won seven of 17 matches by fall to lead the team and finish ninth in the nation at 141 pounds. He leads the team with six falls this season.

RETURNING THE FAVOR

Bloomsburg offered up Buffalo's only blemish at home last season, when the Huskies downed Buffalo, 21-9, in front of an Alumni Arena crowd on Nov. 18, 2004. It was also the first time in six meetings the Huskies had beaten the Bulls.

Buffalo returned the favor on Nov. 19, as it handed UB alum and first year head coach John Stutzman his first career dual meet loss with a 30-11 win after Bloomsburg shocked the USA Today/NWCA's 20th-ranked team, Pittsburgh, 17-16, earlier in the week.

A SOLID START

The Bulls had a notable change in direction at the 2005 Oklahoma Gold Classic as they finished fifth and had seven placewinners after finishing seventh and earning four placewinners in 2004.

Buffalo placed behind two teams that were ranked in the USA Today/NWCA poll, as Oklahoma (second) took first with 171 points and Pennsylvania (25th) was second with 166.

PRESEASON POLL TABS BULLS SECOND

After finishing sixth at last year's Mid-American Conference Championships with a lineup that featured three freshmen and five sophomores, the University at Buffalo wrestling team's year of experience is expected to pay off in 2005-06 as Buffalo was ranked tied for second with Northern Illinois according to the MAC Preseason Coaches' poll, the league office announced on Oct. 8.

2005-06 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WRESTLING

Nov. 5, 2005 • Slippy Rock, PA Slippy Rock Open

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA - Seniors **Kyle Cerminara** and **Harold Sherrell**, and junior **Mark Budd** each won individual titles at the Slippy Rock Open at Morrow Field House, as action wrapped up late Saturday night.

Redshirting junior **Jeff Parker**, wrestling unattached, also advanced to the finals at heavyweight and was set to face Sherrell, but the match was forfeited after Parker suffered a cut above his eye in an earlier round.

Cerminara (197 pounds) won five matches on his way to the tournament title, as he won both his 100th match, becoming the third wrestler in UB history to reach 100 career wins, and then won his 103rd match in the finals, passing Josh States (1998-2002) for second-place in career wins at UB. He is now 10 wins behind Gary Cooper's (1998-2003) all-time mark of 113 wins.

Budd (133 pounds) picked up where he left off last season by winning five matches on the way to the championship, as he has now won 15 of his last 17 matches. The junior also won his 40th match with his win in the finals.

Sophomore **Mike Ragusa** (165 pounds) lost to Bloomsburg's Jim Bertulis, ranked 16th in the NWCA/InterMat/NWMA season-opening poll, in the finals and sophomore **Mickey Moran** lost to Bertulis in the semifinals to finish third in the bracket.

The tournament's wrestleback rounds were not completed, but a host of Bulls were on pace to place at the tournament, as junior **John Cummings** (157 pounds) lost his opening round match before storming back with four straight wins and junior **Pat Lloyd** (149 pounds) advanced to the quarterfinals before losing.

Sophomore **Nate Rock** and **Ray Lamb** were also still alive at 174 pounds before the wrestleback rounds were called.

Nov. 12, 2005 • Brockport, NY Oklahoma Gold Classic

BROCKPORT, NY - Senior **Kyle Cerminara** won his second title in as many tournaments, as he downed nationally-ranked Joe Dennis of Cleveland State, 6-0, to claim the 197-pound title at the Oklahoma Gold Classic on Saturday at SUNY Brockport's Tuttle Gymnasium.

Six other Bulls placed at the tournament, helping Buffalo to place fifth out of 11 teams at the tournament. Oklahoma took first, amassing 171 points while Pennsylvania, another perennial top 25 team, nipped on the Sooners' heels, finishing with 166 points. Army, Buffalo's rival in the New York State Collegiate Championships and Kent State, Buffalo's Mid-American Conference rival, finished in third and fourth, respectively.

Cerminara, who wrapped up the Slippy Rock Open title last Saturday, won four matches, pinning Brockport's Stephen Spiegleire in the first round before downing Kent State's Ben Rings, 10-4, in the quarterfinals and Ohio's Larry Richard, 7-5, in the semifinals.

Buffalo's 165-pounders had another notable day, as sophomore **Mickey Moran** lost the championship match on riding time to Oklahoma's Jarrod King. Moran earned a third period takedown to take a 2-1 lead, but King earned the escape to tie the score and win on riding time.

Moran won three matches on his way to the finals, beating Brown's Shawn Kitchner, 6-4, in the first round. In the quarterfinals, Moran earned an escape in the final 30 seconds against Army's Jon Anderson and was able to ride the clock out for a 10-9 win. He won in the semifinals by injury default to set up his showdown with King.

Sophomore **Mike Ragusa** added a fourth-place finish at 165 pounds, losing to Army's Jon Anderson, 6-4, in overtime, in the third-place match. Ragusa beat Cory Mairer of Kent State, 4-0, in the first round before losing to King, 5-3, in the quarterfinals. He rebounded with a 14-4 major decision win against Brockport's Omi Ortiz and then he won by default to enter the consolation finals.

Junior **Mark Budd** came away with a third-place finish, beating Brockport's Justin Kimball with a first-period pin in the first round, then took down Army's Frankie Baughan, 9-5, in the quarterfinals. He lost a 4-2 match to Ohio's Albert Madison, but rebounded in the consolation finals with a 5-2 win over Pennsylvania's Matt Eveleth.

Junior **Pat Lloyd** came away with a fifth-place finish, winning in the quarterfinals against Rutgers' Mike Ferrara, 3-2, in double overtime, winning on riding time before dropping two matches and then picking up the fifth-place match by forfeit.

Sophomore Dana Gingerich (Spring Grove, PA/Spring Grove) took sixth-place at 141 pounds and junior John Cummings (Bay Shore, NY/Bay Shore/Nassau CC) also finished sixth at 157 pounds.

Oklahoma Gold Results

1. Oklahoma (171)
2. Pennsylvania (166)
3. Army (133)
4. Kent State (130.5)
5. Buffalo (119)

Nov. 19, 2005 • Buffalo, NY Buffalo 44, Gardner-Webb 3

BUFFALO, NY - Buffalo started a quad-meet against Gardner-Webb and quickly took control with three straight first period pins, as freshman **Louie Rubin** began his collegiate career with a pin against Courtney Roberts at 50 seconds. Junior **Mark Budd** then pinned W.I.N. Magazine's preseason eighth-ranked wrestler Josh Pniewski in the second minute of his match for his 40th career win. Sophomore **Dana Gingerich** added another pin in 40 seconds against A.J. Renteria to give UB a commanding 18-0 lead. Moran added another pin at 165 pounds in the first period to help seal the win.

Also helping lead the charge were the Buffalo upperweights, as senior **Garrett Hicks** earned a major decision against Brandon Beach before fellow seniors **Kyle Cerminara** and **Harold Sherrell** each earned tech falls to clinch the 44-3 win.

Cerminara notched six takedowns to tie John Stutzman's (1995-98) mark of 135 career dual meet takedowns as he dominated Brent Blackwell in a 19-4 technical fall and Sherrell posted five near-falls in the first period to down Ricky Wilson, Jr.

With the win over Gardner-Webb, it was the first time that Buffalo had scored more than 40 points since a 41-3 win against James Madison on Dec. 14, 2003.

Buffalo 44, Gardner-Webb 3

125: Louie Rubin (UB) def. by fall Courtney Roberts, :50.
133: Mark Budd (UB) def. by fall Josh Pniewski, 1:59
141: Dana Gingerich (UB) def. by fall A.J. Renteria, :40
149: Daniel Elliot (GW) dec. Pat Lloyd, 5-1
157: John Cummings (UB) dec. SV-OT Adam Glaser, 3-1
165: Mickey Moran (UB) def. by fall Dave Pelsang, 2:12
174: Nate Rock (UB) dec. Chad Davis, 4-0
184: Garrett Hicks (UB) maj. dec. Brandon Beach, 14-2
197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) tech fall Brent Blackwell, 19-4, 4:02
Hwt: Harold Sherrell (UB) tech fall Ricky Wilson, Jr, 16-0, 2:09

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Nov. 19, 2005 • Buffalo, NY Buffalo 30, Bloomsburg 11

BUFFALO, NY -After dropping a 21-9 decision to Bloomsburg on Nov. 26, 2004 in the opening match of 2004-05, Buffalo avenged the loss as pins by **Dana Gingerich** and **Mickey Moran** helped lift Buffalo to a 30-11 win.

At 133 pounds, **Mark Budd** fell behind Rick Donald, 3-2, but fought back with an escape and two third-period takedowns, including one with 28 seconds left to take a 7-5 lead. He rode out the final seconds to take the 7-6 decision, as Donald earned a riding-time point. Gingerich gave Buffalo an even larger lift in the next match, as he battled Brad Forbes to a 1-1 stalemate through the first three periods and the sudden victory overtime period. In the first 30-second overtime period, though, Gingerich got Forbes on his back, earning a pin and lifting UB to a 9-5 lead.

After two Bloomsburg decisions helped the Huskies to an 11-9 lead, Moran delivered a big pin in the second period after delivering five takedowns in the first period against Jason Crawford to give the Bulls a 15-11 advantage. Sophomore **Nate Rock** gave Buffalo a crucial win at 174 pins, getting a takedown in the first overtime period to take a 6-4 sudden-victory decision from Frank Beasley, putting the Bulls up 18-11.

Garrett Hicks, who dropped an 8-3 decision to Nate Shirk in the 2004 dual meet, earned a 13-4 major decision against Shirk this time around, earning three takedowns to propel the win.

Kyle Cerminara earned his second straight technical fall by earning 12 points on four 3-point near falls in his match with Hasseman to clinch the win by earning five team points to give Buffalo a 27-11 lead.

In the final match of the meet, **Harold Sherrell** had a takedown and managed to hold on to down the NWCA/InterMat/NWMA's 17th-ranked wrestler, James Spaid, 2-1.

Buffalo 30, Bloomsburg 11

125: Mike Sees (BU) tech fall Louie Rubin, 19-4, 6:51
133: Mark Budd (UB) dec. Rick Donald, 7-6
141: Dana Gingerich (UB) by fall Brad Forbes, 8:24
149: George Hickman (BU) dec. Pat Lloyd, 2-1
157: Aric Fuhrman (BU) dec. John Cummings, 5-2
165: Mickey Moran (UB) by fall Jason Crawford, 3:33
174: Nate Rock (UB) dec. SV-OT Frank Beasley, 6-4
184: Garrett Hicks (UB) maj. dec. Nate Shirk, 13-4
197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) tech fall Jesse Hasseman, 17-0, 3:17
Hwt: Harold Sherrell (UB) dec. Mike Spaid, 2-1

Nov. 19, 2005 • Buffalo, NY Buffalo 36, Findlay 0

BUFFALO, NY - In the final meet, the Bulls won the first three matches, including **Mark Budd's** 7-3 win against Division II's top-ranked Andy Uhl to take a 9-2 lead. After a loss, the Bulls rebounded as junior **John Cummings** recorded four near falls in one period to lead to a technical fall of Division II's second-ranked wrestler, Angelo Vettese to take a 14-2 team lead.

Moran and sophomore **Mike Ragusa** (174 pounds) followed with major decisions to give Buffalo a 22-2 lead. **Garrett Hicks** earned a decision before **Kyle Cerminara** scored 12 takedowns to down Division II's seventh-ranked Justin Tazzi, 25-10.

Harold Sherrell earned a win through disqualification in the last bout of the evening, as Findlay was penalized four points in the match for misconduct, leading to the 36-0 shutout, the first time UB has pitched a shutout since beating Syracuse, 47-0, in 2000.

Buffalo 36, Findlay 0

125: Louie Rubin (UB) dec. Craig Fetchko, 5-3
133: Mark Budd (UB) dec. Andy Uhl, 7-3
141: Dana Gingerich (UB) dec. Dave Manoogian, 6-3
149: Antonio Guerra (UF) dec. Pat Lloyd, 4-2
157: John Cummings (UB) tech. fall Angelo Vettese, 15-0, 4:56
165: Mickey Moran (UB) maj. dec. Jeff Ostholthoff, 19-6
174: Mike Ragusa (UB) maj. dec. Andy Zalaskains, 9-0
184: Garrett Hicks (UB) dec. Clint Salisbury, 5-2
197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) tech. fall Justin Tazzi, 25-10, 7:00
Hwt: Harold Sherrell (UB) win by DQ Travis Clark, 3:16

Nov. 26, 2005 • Lock Haven, PA Mat Town USA Invitational

LOCK HAVEN, PA - There may have only been eight schools at the 30th Annual Mat Town USA Invitational, but the University at Buffalo grapplers still faced some stiff competition, as Buffalo posted wins against seven nationally-ranked wrestlers to finish in a tie for second after compiling 138.5 points. UB posted a meet-high four champions and had six grapplers reach the finals at Thomas Fieldhouse on Saturday.

Senior **Kyle Cerminara** (197 pounds) continued his path of domination en route to earning the Harris Lipetz Most Outstanding Wrestler honor, as he ran his current winning streak to 14 matches. Three others joined him with titles, as junior **Mark Budd** (133 pounds), sophomore **Dana Gingerich** (141 pounds) and senior **Harold Sherrell** (heavyweight) each defeated a nationally-ranked grappler en route to their championship.

Sophomore **Mickey Moran** (165 pounds) and senior **Garrett Hicks** (184 pounds) also reached the tournament's finals after going through a nationally-ranked grappler, helping the Bulls finish in a tie for second with Oregon, finishing behind only USA Today/NWCA/InterMat's 16th-ranked Indiana, which had 179 points, three champions and three runners-up to Buffalo grapplers.

Cerminara faced his biggest test of the young season as the 197-pound 2004 All-American ran up against Indiana's NWMA/InterMat/NWCA eighth-ranked Brady Richardson in the finals, passing with a 6-1 win.

Sherrell ran into W.I.N. Magazine's 19th-ranked Dave Herman of Indiana in the finals. He fell behind 2-0 after Herman earned a takedown, managed to get an escape to end the first period of the finals behind, 2-1. However, Sherrell wasn't done, as he leg split Herman and got the bulky wrestler to his back, earning the fall at 3:57, running his season-record to 11-2.

Budd earned the championship by getting a hard-fought 8-7 win against Indiana's Andrae Hernandez, who took a 4-0 first period lead on a takedown and a two-point near fall. Budd closed the gap with two takedowns and an escape to tie the score at five at the end of the period. An escape in the second period tied the score and Budd earned one more takedown in the third to clinch the win.

Budd beat Oregon's Justin Perch, ranked 13th in the WrestlingReport.com's rankings, 4-2, in the semifinals.

Gingerich (141 pounds) wrapped up his first collegiate title by earning a sudden victory takedown against Oregon's Skyler Woods, ranked 27th in the nation by WrestlingReport.com. Gingerich fell behind in the second period as Woods earned an escape, but Gingerich countered with an escape of his own in the third period before he earned the takedown in the first overtime to take the 3-1 decision.

Mat Town USA Invitational Results

1. Indiana (179)
2. **Buffalo (138.5)**
Oregon (138.5)
4. Lock Haven (99.5)

2005-06 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WRESTLING

Dec. 2-3, 2005 • Las Vegas, NV Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational

LAS VEGAS, NV - University at Buffalo wrestling assistant coach Jeff Catrabone said he wanted senior **Kyle Cerminara** to dominate on the road to becoming Buffalo's first Las Vegas Invitational champion Saturday at the Cashman Center.

That is exactly what the 197-pounder did, as he allowed Cornell's Jerry Rinaldi, ranked 10th in the NWCA/InterMat/NWMA poll, only three escapes while earning a 5-3 win in the championship.

"Overall, he dominated. He only gave up three escapes, so the match wasn't as close as the score," Catrabone said. "Kyle showed a lot of leadership facing some of the top guys in the country."

The win caps off a historic weekend for the 2004 All-American, as he also set a school-record with his 114th career win in the second round of the tournament against Cal. St. Fullerton's Chris Chambers on Friday night, passing Gary Cooper's mark of 113 career wins set from 1998-2003. The tournament title also stretches Cerminara's season-starting win streak to 19 matches, which is just five shy of John Stutzman's school-record of 24 straight wins, set in 1996-97.

Cerminara, ranked fifth in the NWCA/InterMat/NWMA poll, earned three takedowns to score a come-from-behind 8-6 win against North Carolina State's Ryan Goodman in the semifinals.

Cerminara's road to the title ran through three nationally-ranked wrestlers as he opened the tournament with a 5-3 win against WrestlingReport.com's 29th-ranked Mark Thompson of The Citadel. He followed his record-tying win with a dominating 9-0 performance against Chambers to earn the record, before beating the NWCA/InterMat/NWMA's 13th-ranked Jeff Foust of Missouri, 7-1, in the quarterfinals to conclude his action Friday.

Buffalo finished with 48.5 points en route to a best-ever finish of 16th out of the 52-team field. Buffalo finished in front of Wisconsin, ranked eighth in the USA Today/NWCA/InterMat poll, after the Badgers tallied 43.5 points. Buffalo also finished well in front of its fellow Mid-American Conference schools at the event, as Ohio (37th-14.0) and Eastern Michigan (42nd-12.5) also competed.

Junior **Mark Budd** (133 pounds), sophomore **Mickey Moran** (165 pounds) and senior **Harold Sherrell** (285 pounds) each made it to the round of 16 before losing their first match.

"Overall, we were disappointed in some matches," Catrabone said. "We felt we should have placed half our guys, but wrestling against some of the top guys in the nation showed us a lot. We know what we have to focus on. We have to keep our nose down and keep working hard to get better everyday."

Las Vegas Invitational Results

1. Michigan (145)
2. Cornell (116)
3. Missouri (102.5)
4. Edinboro (101.5)
5. Arizona State (92)
16. **Buffalo (48.5)**

Dec. 9, 2005 • Erie, PA Edinboro 20, Buffalo 13

ERIE, PA - It hasn't happened since 2002-03. Shawn Bunch ended up the losing end of a wrestling match to someone other than 2005 national champion Travis Lee of Cornell, as junior 133-pounder **Mark Budd** earned a sudden-victory, 6-4, decision to highlight the University at Buffalo's meet against nationally-ranked Edinboro at the War at the Shore on Friday night.

Edinboro did manage six wins as the USA Today/NWCA/InterMat's 19th-ranked Fighting Scots snuck away from the Erie Civic Center with a 20-13 win, even though the Bulls managed two wins against nationally-ranked wrestlers.

This is the first time in the school's Division I history that a wrestler has posted a win against a No. 1-ranked wrestler, as Budd improved to 19-3 on the season. He has won 29 of his last 34 matches.

Budd, ranked 14th in the Amateur Wrestling News and W.I.N Magazine polls, fell behind Bunch in the first period, as Bunch posted a takedown, but Budd earned an escape to make it 2-1 entering the second period. Bunch earned an early escape in the second period, but Budd responded with a takedown of his own to tie the score at three. Bunch escaped yet again, giving him a 4-3 lead heading into the final two minutes. Budd chose to start in the down position and earned an escape 30 seconds in to tie the score.

In the sudden victory overtime, Bunch took a shot and Budd countered, taking Bunch to the ground near the edge of the mat. Budd got both arms around Bunch's legs to seal the takedown with 15 seconds left on the clock.

Sophomore **Mickey Moran** also posted an impressive win against a top 20 grappler, as he took out the NWCA/InterMat/NWMA's 15th-ranked Deonte Penn, 7-4, at 165 pounds. Moran posted a first-period takedown and then added a reversal and a takedown to grab a 6-2 lead. He held on despite a third-period takedown by Penn in the final period to improve to 17-5.

Senior **Kyle Cerminara** posted his 20th straight victory with an impressive 12-4 major decision against Jim Gibson. Senior **Harold Sherrell** won his third straight 2-0 decision against an Edinboro wrestler, as he beat Koel Davia.

Edinboro got out to an early 4-0 lead as Ricky Deubel earned a major decision. After Budd's shocking win, Ricky McLaughlin (141 pounds), Las Vegas Invitational champion Gregor Gillespie (149 pounds) and Matt Hill (157 pounds) each won matches to give the Scots an 11-3 lead. Nationally-ranked grapplers Eric Ring and Alex Clemens added wins at 174 and 184 pounds, respectively.

Edinboro 20, Buffalo 13

125: Ricky Deubel (EU) maj. dec. Louie Rubin, 12-4
133: Mark Budd (UB) dec. Shawn Bunch, 6-4 (sv)
141: Ricky McLaughlin (EU) dec. Dana Gingerich, 8-5
149: Gregor Gillespie (EU) maj. dec. Pat Lloyd, 11-2
157: Matt Hill (EU) dec. John Cummings, 8-4
165: Mickey Moran (UB) dec. Deonte Penn, 7-4
174: Eric Ring (EU) dec. Mike Ragusa, 4-0
184: Alex Clemens (EU) dec. Garrett Hicks, 9-3
197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) maj. dec. Jim Gibson, 12-4
HWT: Harold Sherrell (UB) dec. Koel Davia, 2-0

Dec. 20, 2005 • Buffalo, NY Buffalo 35, Appalachian St. 0

BUFFALO, NY - Buffalo started out its home tri-meet with a 35-0 shutout of the Southern Conference's Appalachian State (2-3-1 overall), as junior **John Cummings** (157 pounds) led the way by earning the only fall of the match.

Freshman **Louie Rubin** (125) snapped a five-match losing streak by posting a 13-5 major decision against Adam Wilson, as he added a takedown with four seconds left to earn four team points for the Bulls.

Terreyl Williams gave **Mark Budd** (133), ranked 19th in the latest NWCA/InterMat/NWMA poll, as they wrestled to a 3-3 tie through regulation. After a scoreless first overtime, Budd chose the down position and earned an escape and a takedown to take control. He earned a 6-5 decision to win his 20th win of the season and 50th of his career.

Sophomore **Dana Gingerich** (141) fell behind Brian Pogel, 3-0 thanks to riding time, but Gingerich came out with a seven-point flurry in the final two minutes, coupling an escape, two takedowns and a two-point near fall to take a 7-4 decision. Junior **Pat Lloyd** (149) beat Nick Lukacs to extend Buffalo's lead to 13-0 with a 5-3 decision.

Cummings (157) followed with a pin to extend the lead to 19-0, as he earned the fall against Ken Kepley at the 2:31 mark. Sophomore **Mickey Moran** (165) posted a 3-1 win against William Houghton to extend the lead to 22-0. Sophomore **Mike Ragusa** (174) clinched the meet with a 3-1 win against Neal Martin as he won his 15th match of the season.

Garrett Hicks (184) posted four team points on the strength of an 11-0 decision against Aaron Barnette for his 50th career win. Cerminara (197) once again dominated en route to his 21st straight victory, posting seven takedowns in a 17-4 major decision against Josh Carroll.

In the final match of the meet, senior **Harold Sherrell** (heavyweight) fell behind as David Hazell earned a reversal in the second period. However, Sherrell countered with a reversal and a three-point near fall as time expired in the period to clinch the Bulls' second shutout of the season with an 8-2 win.

Buffalo 35, Appalachian State 0

125: Louie Rubin (UB) dec. Adam Wilson, 13-5
133: Mark Budd (UB) dec. Terreyl Williams, 6-5 OT
141: Dana Gingerich (UB) dec. Brian Pogel, 7-4
149: Pat Lloyd (UB) dec. Nick Lukacs, 5-3
157: John Cummings (UB) by fall Ken Kepley, 2:31
165: Mickey Moran (UB) dec. William Houghton, 3-1
174: Mike Ragusa (UB) dec. Neal Martin, 3-1
184: Garrett Hicks (UB) maj. dec. Aaron Barnette, 11-0
197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) maj. dec. Josh Carroll, 17-4
HWT: Harold Sherrell (UB) dec. David Hazell, 8-2

2005-06 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WRESTLING

Dec. 20, 2005 • Buffalo, NY Buffalo 34, Mercyhurst 3

BUFFALO, NY - In the second meet, after the Lakers (4-5 overall) won the first match at 125 pounds, but **Mark Budd** tied the meet for the Bulls with an 8-3 win against Lenny Calhoun at 133, setting off nine straight Bulls wins.

Dana Gingerich responded to a third period three-point flurry by J.J. Zanetta with a reversal to seal a 14-6 major decision. Lloyd posted a 6-2 win against Brian Pogel to give Buffalo a 10-3 lead.

John Cummings once again delivered the big blow, posting a fall with five seconds left in his match with Will Tedder, ranked sixth in Division II. After falling behind 2-0 in the first period, Cummings worked back into the match by earning two takedowns. He finally got Tedder on his back and worked for the pin as time neared expiration.

Mickey Moran followed with a defeat of Division II's third-ranked Zach Schaefer at 165 pounds, winning 5-3 for his 19th win of the season, giving Buffalo a 19-3 lead. **Mike Ragusa** posted a 6-2 over Hudson Harrison for his 16th win at 174 pounds. **Garrett Hicks** followed with a major decision, posting an 11-3 win against Trevor Gallo.

Kyle Cerminara posted his 22nd straight win with an 8-2 win against Paul Bergman. Cerminara is just two wins shy of John Stutzman's (1995-96) school record of 24 straight wins.

Harold Sherrell finished off the meet with a 17-0 technical fall of Nick Marcellino, posting five three-point near falls in the first period to seal the win.

Buffalo 34, Mercyhurst 3

125: Payne Lint (MC) dec. Louie Rubin, 7-5
133: Mark Budd (UB) dec. Lenny Calhoun, 8-3
141: Dana Gingerich (UB) maj. dec. J.J. Zanetta, 14-6
149: Pat Lloyd (UB) dec. Brian Pogel, 6-2
157: John Cummings (UB) by fall Will Tedder, 6:55
165: Mickey Moran (UB) dec. Zach Schaefer, 5-3
174: Mike Ragusa (UB) dec. Hudson Harrison, 6-2
184: Garrett Hicks (UB) maj. dec. Trevor Gallo, 11-3
197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) dec. Paul Bergman, 8-2
HWT: Harold Sherrell (UB) tech. fall Nick Marcellino, 17-0

Dec. 30, 2005 • Buffalo, NY Third Annual UB Open

BUFFALO, NY - Senior **Kyle Cerminara** did everything within his power to break John Stutzman's (1996-97) record of 24 straight victories before 2006 ran in, but he was only able to tie the record while picking up his record third UB Open championship at the third annual event at Alumni Arena on Friday.

Five other Bulls also claimed championships and in all, 16 Buffalo wrestlers placed at the event, with at least one placing in all 10 weight classes to cap off the successful day.

Cerminara, who actually has won 32 matches in a row dating back to his Niagara and UB Open championships while redshirting in 2004, has wrestled only 24 matches against NCAA opponents this season, making his official record 24-0, despite wrestling 26 matches this season. The 197-pounder easily wrapped up his third UB Open title by pinning Nassau Community College's Joe Scioli, ranked seventh in the latest Junior College poll, in 51 seconds.

Junior **Mark Budd** won his second straight UB Open title at 133 pounds and third tournament of the year as he beat Maryland's Steven Bell, wrestling unattached, 5-3, earning a sudden-victory takedown to clinch the win. Budd also beat two Junior College wrestlers during the tournament.

Senior **Garrett Hicks** posted a perfect 4-0 mark in the five-man 184 pound weight class to also win his second straight title. Hicks posted two pins and a technical fall en route to the title, clinching first place with a 14-3 major decision against freshman **Ricky Scott** (Walden, NY/Valley Central), who went 2-2 wrestling unattached to place third.

Junior **Pat Lloyd** also picked up his second UB Open title at 149 pounds, as he downed Edinboro's Joe Backmore, 13-5, in the finals. Lloyd won a thrilling 5-4 decision in the semifinals against Mount Union's Sean Connelly, coming back from a 4-2 deficit by earning a takedown with 12 seconds left to tie the score than gaining a riding time point as time expired. He also posted a pin of Slippery Rock's Chuck Wiltrout in the first round.

Senior **Harold Sherrell** (heavyweight) and sophomore **Mickey Moran** (165 pounds) each picked up their first UB Open titles. Sherrell posted a perfect 4-0 mark at heavyweight, as he earned the title after teammate **Greg Thomas**, wrestling unattached, defaulted the championship match after winning his first three matches. Sherrell posted a 17-0 technical fall in the first round against Niagara Community's Colin Thompson before earning a 5-2 decision against Slippery Rock's Matthew Buschelder and a 5-1 decision against Nebraska's Stefan Tighe, wrestling unattached.

Moran beat three JuCo wrestlers, including a 6-1 decision against Nassau Community's Mike Vingo, ranked first in the nation, in the finals. His posted two falls and also had a 6-2 decision against Michigan's Dario Mainella in the semifinals.

Junior **John Cummings** (157 pounds) posted a second place finish, losing in the finals to Drew Schafer, 6-2. Still, Cummings record improved to 13-10, after his 3-1 performance at the tournament.

Jan. 6, 2006 • DeKalb, IL Northern Illinois 23, Buffalo 21

DeKALB, IL - Unfortunately for the University at Buffalo wrestling team, senior **Kyle Cerminara** did not get his record-breaking pin until after the meet with 22nd-ranked Northern Illinois had already been decided in the Huskies favor, as the Mid-American Conference foe snuck away from the Convocation Center with a 23-21 win in the conference opener Friday night.

Cerminara pinned Dave Herrera in the meet's final match at 197 pounds to close the gap to two points, as the senior set the school-record for consecutive wins, breaking John Stutzman's mark of 24 consecutive wins, set in 1996-97.

This is the second year in a row Buffalo (5-2 overall, 0-1 MAC) has lost to Northern Illinois (4-2 overall, 1-0 MAC) in a manner where the outcome of one match could have led to a UB win, as it dropped a heartbreaking 20-15 decision on Jan. 8, 2005, after going into the final match down just one point at 16-15.

The Bulls started off the match with the biggest upset of the meet, as senior **Harold Sherrell** put himself back on the national scene with his 23rd win of the year against the NWCA/InterMat/NWMA's 19th-ranked Joe Sapp. Sherrell fell behind 2-1 in the first period, but quickly turned the match around with five three-point near falls to take a 17-2 technical fall and give the Bulls a 5-0 lead.

After a Huskies' pin at 125 pounds, junior **Mark Budd** posted a 17-7 major decision against Andy Hiatt, whose brother, Sam, beat Budd twice last season, once in the fateful match that decided the dual meet and once in the true second-place match at the MAC Championships, which earned Sam Hiatt an NCAA bid. Budd's win put UB up 9-6, but Northern Illinois' nationally-ranked mid-weight duo of Josh Wooten and Mike Grimes each came through with major decisions to give it a 14-9 lead.

Junior **John Cummings** earned his fifth straight NCAA win with a 5-1 decision against Aaron Owen at 157 pounds, closing the gap to 14-12.

The match that turned the tide back in favor of the Huskies turned out to be at 165 pounds, as 2005 NCAA Qualifier Johnny Galloway earned an escape in the second sudden-victory overtime to clinch the win against W.I.N. Magazine's 18th-ranked sophomore **Mickey Moran**. In the next match, Danny Burk offered up a meet-clinching pin in the second period to give the Huskies a 23-12 lead, meaning Buffalo needed pins in the final two matches to provide the upset.

The Bulls almost pulled off the feat, too, as senior **Garrett Hicks** fell behind Nick McClone, 6-4, at the end of the second period, but turned the match around by earning a reversal and then almost pinning McClone in a three-point near fall to take the 10-6 win before Cerminara pinned Dave Herrera in 1:13 in the meet's finale.

Northern Illinois 23, Buffalo 21

HWT: Harold Sherrell (UB) tech. fall Joe Sapp, 17-2
125: Pat Castillo (NIU) fall Evan Veney, 5:25
133: Mark Budd (UB) maj. dec. Andy Hiatt, 17-7
141: Josh Wooten (NIU) maj. dec. Dana Gingerich, 11-1
149: Mike Grimes (NIU) maj. dec. Pat Lloyd, 13-4
157: John Cummings (UB) dec. Aaron Owen, 5-1
165: Johnny Galloway (NIU) dec. Mickey Moran, 2-1, SV-2
174: Danny Burk (NIU) fall Mike Ragusa, 3:11
184: Garrett Hicks (UB) dec. Nick McClone, 10-6
197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) fall Dave Herrera, 1:13

2005-06 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WRESTLING

Jan. 15, 2006 • Buffalo, NY UNC-Greensboro 22, Buffalo 20

BUFFALO, NY – For the second straight match, senior **Harold Sherrell** posted an upset win over a nationally-ranked competitor, but for the second straight meet, the University at Buffalo lost a narrow decision, this time falling to Southern Conference power UNC-Greensboro, 22-20, in front of 400 fans at Alumni Arena on Sunday afternoon.

The upperweight upperclassmen played a pivotal role in the meet for the Bulls (5-3 overall), as the senior trio of **Garrett Hicks** (184 pounds), **Kyle Cerminara** (197 pounds) and Sherrell (heavyweight) posted 13 team points after the team had fallen behind 22-7.

Junior **Mark Budd** registered Buffalo's first team points of the meet, as he posted his sixth straight win to set a career high with his 24th win against *WrestlingReport.com's* 24th-ranked Chris Bencivenga. Budd's six-point second period outburst paced the win.

The Spartans (6-1 overall), however, jumped out to a 15-4 lead, as Justin Walp earned a forfeit at 125 pounds, NWCA/InterMat/NWMA's 18th-ranked Kevin Artis earned a fall at 141 pounds and Cody Harrington won a narrow 7-6 decision at 149 pounds.

Junior **John Cummings** posted his sixth straight win with a 5-2 decision against Nathan Berryman at 157 pounds, improving to 15-10 on the season. Cummings took advantage of a first period reversal to turn the tide of the match after falling behind 2-0, bringing Buffalo to within eight at 15-7.

The Spartans retook the momentum at 165 pounds, as Mark Ring posted an 8-0 decision over sophomore **Mickey Moran**, who was ranked 26th in the latest *WrestlingReport.com* poll, giving UNC-Greensboro a 19-7 lead. Moran was hampered by cramps throughout the match, helping Ring to three takedowns. Joe Lowe posted a huge win at 174 pounds, taking a 9-3 decision to give the Spartans a 22-7 lead.

Hicks ignited the comeback, providing some senior leadership by posting a 10-2 major decision over 2005 New York State High School Champion Kane Smith, as he posted a 3-point near fall in the third period to clinch the four team points. After Cerminara won by forfeit, the UNC-Greensboro lead was closed to 22-17, senior Sherrell closed the match with his second win over a ranked wrestler in as many matches, as he won a 5-2 decision against NWCA/InterMat/NWMA's 12th-ranked Tyler Shovlin in the meet's finale.

UNC-Greensboro 22, Buffalo 20

125: Justin Walp (UNCG) by forfeit
133: Mark Budd (UB) maj. dec. Chris Bencivenga, 11-2
141: Kevin Artis (UNCG) by fall Dana Gingerich, 2:26
149: Cody Harrington (UNCG) dec. Pat Lloyd, 7-6
157: John Cummings (UB) dec. Nathan Berryman, 5-2
165: Mark Ring (UNCG) maj. dec. Mickey Moran, 8-0
174: Joe Lowe (UNCG) dec. Mike Ragusa, 9-3
184: Garrett Hicks (UB) maj. dec. Kane Smith, 10-2
197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) by forfeit
HWT: Harold Sherrell (UB) dec. Tyler Shovlin, 5-2

KYLE CERMINARA

MAC WRESTLER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE

- Holds school-record of 124 career wins, passing Gary Cooper's (1998-2003) mark of 113 on Dec. 2.

- Holds school-record with 164 career dual meet takedowns, passing John Stutzman's (1995-98) mark of 135 on Nov. 19.

- Broke school record with 25-match winning streak.

- Won the Harris Lipez Most Outstanding Wrestler award at the Mat Town USA Tournament en route to 197-pound title.

- Only MAC wrestler to win a title at the Las Vegas Invitational this year and first Buffalo wrestler to earn the honor.

- Also won individual titles at the Oklahoma Gold Classic and the Slippery Rock Open.

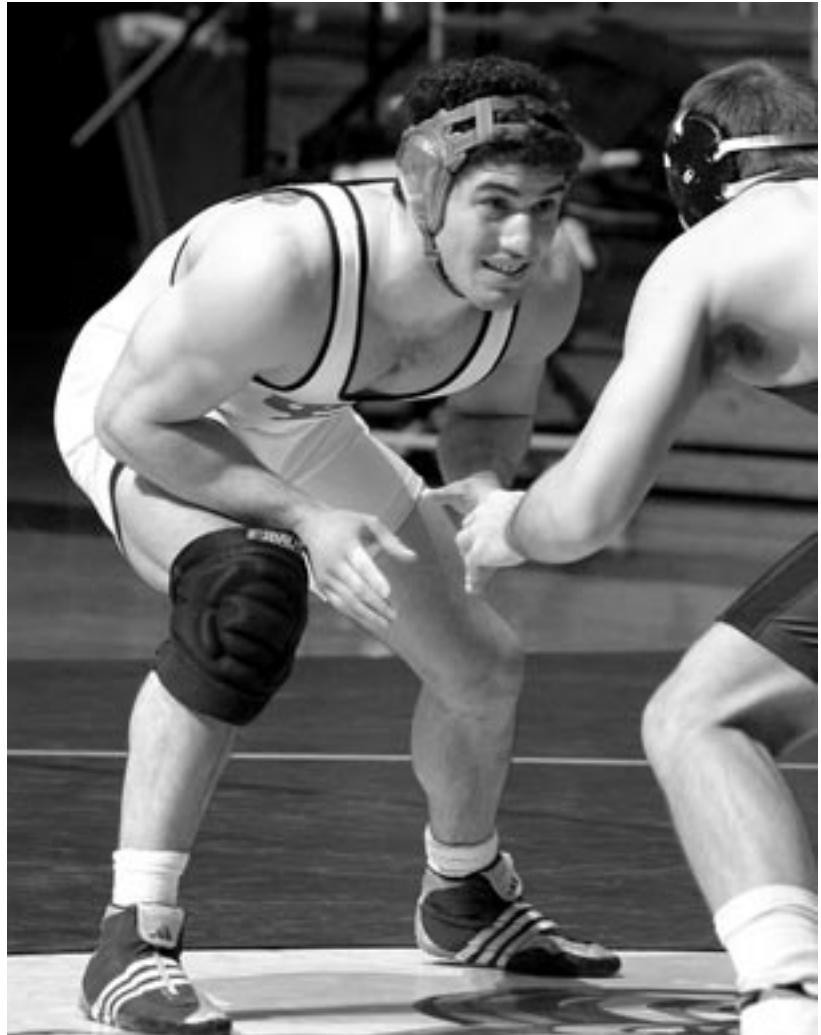
- Has beaten seven nationally-ranked wrestlers this season.

- Became third wrestler in school history to reach 100 career wins on Nov. 5.

- Has won two MAC Wrestler of the Week honors this season.

- Is a two-time MAC Champion and a 2004 All-American.

W	L	NWCA	AWN	WR
26	0	7	3	2



YEAR	OVERALL	DUAL	MAC	FALLS	T	E
2001-02	26-13	10-6	5-0	0	36	17
2002-03	31-11	11-2	4-1	1	29	14
2003-04	41-6	16-1	5-0	1	64	20
2004-05	6-0	Redshirt Year- Stats Do Not Count on Career Record				
2005-06	26-0	8-0	1-0	1	35	5
Career	124-30	45-9	15-1	3	164	56

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2005-06 DUAL MEET STATISTICS

WRESTLER	WT CL.	OVERALL*	DUAL	MAC	P*	FALLS	T-FALLS	T	N(2)	N(3)	R	E	RT	CAREER	
														OVERALL*	DUAL
Dan Bishop^	125	5-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
Jake Blowers	165	8-6	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27-29	3-5
Mark Budd	133	24-3	8-0	1-0	4	1	0	24	0	1	0	9	3	54-28	18-6
Ben Carbrey^	174	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
Kyle Cerminara	197	26-0	8-0	1-0	2	1	3	35	1	6	0	5	4	124-30	45-9
John Cummings	157	15-10	6-2	1-0	3	2	1	6	0	5	1	9	2	15-10	6-2
Dana Gingerich	141	12-7	5-2	0-1	6	2	0	9	2	1	1	7	2	29-26	10-10
Garrett Hicks	184	15-6	7-1	1-0	3	0	0	13	0	7	8	5	7	55-40	19-13
Tim Higgins^	141	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
Jason Hilliard^	141	7-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
Ray Lamb	174	3-7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12-29	2-14
Tyler Laracy	125	0-7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-7	0-0
Patrick Lloyd	149	14-13	2-6	0-1	1	0	0	5	0	0	2	11	1	56-53	13-23
Gus Manzur	149	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-4	0-0
Mickey Moran	165	20-6	6-1	0-1	5	2	0	21	0	0	2	4	1	27-29	7-11
Steven Muldrow	157	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-7	0-0
Chris Nebelecky	157	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-10	0-0
Jeff Parker^	HWT	10-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26-42	9-21
Mike Ragusa	174	16-10	3-3	0-1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	7	2	19-12	3-3
Scott Rendos^	157/165	7-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18-23	2-11
Nate Rock	174	10-5	2-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	20-21	3-6
Louie Rubin	125	3-7	3-3	0-0	1	1	0	8	0	0	1	12	2	3-7	3-3
Rickey Scott	184	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-2	0-0
Harold Sherrell	197	24-4	8-0	1-0	2	0	2	4	1	15	3	4	3	70-54	19-11
Mike Shannon	141	0-9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7-37	6-22
Cliff Smith	141	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44-41	11-17
Andrew Stella^	133	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
Josh Taylor^	149	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
Greg Thomas	HWT	6-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19-21	5-11
Evan Veney	125	2-8	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2-8	0-1

Totals: 29..... 9..... 6..... 134..... 4..... 35..... 19..... 73..... 28

ABBREVIATIONS	
E	Escapes
Inj	Injured
N(2)	Near Falls (2-Point)
N(3)	Near Falls (3-Point)
P	Pins
R	Reversals
RS	Redshirted
RT	Riding Time Points
T	Takedowns
T-Falls	Technical Falls

* - Indicates overall statistic, not just strictly dual meets

^ - Indicates a redshirting wrestler. Season stats do not count on career record.

2005-06 Dual Meet Statistical Leaders

OVERALL WINS*

1. Kyle Cerminara.....	26
2. Mark Budd.....	24
Harold Sherrell.....	24
4. Mickey Moran.....	20
5. Mike Ragusa.....	16

WINS

1. Mark Budd.....	8
Kyle Cerminara.....	8
Harold Sherrell.....	8
4. Garrett Hicks.....	7
5. Two tied at.....	6

FALLS

1. Dana Gingerich.....	2
Mickey Moran.....	2
John Cummings.....	2
4. Three tied at.....	1

TECHNICAL FALLS

1. Kyle Cerminara.....	3
2. Harold Sherrell.....	2
3. John Cummings.....	1

TAKEDOWNS

1. Kyle Cerminara.....	35
2. Mark Budd.....	24
3. Mickey Moran.....	21
4. Garrett Hicks.....	13
5. Dana Gingerich.....	9

REVERSALS

1. Garrett Hicks.....	8
2. Harold Sherrell.....	3
3. Mickey Moran.....	2
Pat Lloyd.....	2
5. Four tied at.....	1

ESCAPES

1. Louie Ruben.....	12
2. Pat Lloyd.....	11
3. Mark Budd.....	9
John Cummings.....	9
5. Two tied at.....	7

RIDING TIME POINTS

1. Garrett Hicks.....	7
2. Kyle Cerminara.....	4
3. Harold Sherrell.....	3
Mark Budd.....	3
5. Four tied at.....	2