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Wrestling



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Current record: 1-7 (0-1 Mid-American Conference)

ON TOP AT ONEONTA

Sophomore **Mark McKnight** (*McDonald, PA/South Fayette*) got his first tournament win of the 2004-05 season when he finished first at the New York State Collegiate Championships on Saturday at Oneonta.

It ended a string of near-misses for the former Pennsylvania High School champion, as he has placed second in two tournaments and placed in two others.

McKnight has struggled to a 21-11 start this year after finishing his freshman year 34-8. His struggles are due in part to his tough opponents, as all 11 wrestlers who beat the 125-pounder were ranked in the Top 20 in the nation.

EVERYBODY'S BUDD

Sophomore **Mark Budd** (*Orrville, OH/Orrville*) claimed his first collegiate tournament title at the New York State Collegiate on Saturday, beating top-seeded Matt DeLorenzo of Columbia, 3-1, in the finals.

Budd, in his first season as a starter at 133 pounds, placed second at the UB Open and third at the Beast of the East Collegiate Classic.

Budd also beat Army's Tony Severo, 6-2, at the tournament. Budd is UB's 54th wrestler to win the state championship in 36 years, second only to Cornell's 55 champions.

BREAKING THROUGH

The Bulls have gotten some strong performances from freshman **Dana Gingerich** (*Spring Grove, PA/DeLone Catholic*), freshman **Mickey Moran** (*Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler Area*), and sophomore **Jake Blowers** (*Johnstown, NY/Broadilbin-Perth*).

Gingerich (141 pounds), has gone 4-1 with three pins, winning two dual meets by fall and also beating Columbia's Dean Kinports twice to place third at the state collegiates.

Moran (174 pounds) moved up from 164 pounds midway through the Virginia Duals and responded by placing second at Oneonta, winning three matches at the meet.

Blowers (165 pounds) was put into the lineup at the Buckeye Duals for a match and has followed his loss there by earning his first dual meet pin at the Virginia Duals against North Dakota State and placing second at the New York State Championships.

2004-05 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

November

Sat., 17	Oklahoma Gold Classic	7th/11
Thu., 18	BLOOMSBURG	L, 9-21
Sat., 27	Mat Town Tournament (at Lock Haven)	11th/13

December

Fri.-Sat., 3-4	Las Vegas Invitational	31st/46
Sat., 11	Edinboro (at Jamestown, NY)	L, 9-24
Fri., 17	Beast of the East (Newark, DE)	4th/14
Thu., 30	UB OPEN	No Team Scoring

January

Sat., 8	<i>Buckeye Duals (at Ohio State)</i> vs. Northern Illinois	L, 15-20
	vs. Tennessee Chattanooga	L, 6-29
	vs. Northwestern	L, 9-29
Fri.-Sat., 14-15	<i>Virginia Duals</i> vs. Cal State-Bakersfield	L, 9-33
	vs. North Dakota State	W, 25-15
	vs. Edinboro	L, 15-24
Fri.-Sat., 21-22	New York State Collegiate	2nd/16
Sun., 30	at Ohio*	1:00 pm

February

Sat., 5	at Eastern Michigan*	12:00 pm
Sat., 5	at Central Michigan*	7:30 pm
Fri., 11	KENT STATE*	7:00 pm
Thur., 17	SLIPPERY ROCK	7:00 pm

March

Fri.-Sat., 4-5	MAC Championships	11:00 am
Thur.-Sat., 17-19	NCAA Championships	TBA

* = Mid-American Conference matches

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** held at Alumni Arena