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Wrestling



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UB FINISHES SECOND AT STATES

The University at Buffalo wrestling team scored a second-place overall finish and put four individuals atop the victory stand as the New York State Collegiate Championships concluded Saturday at Nassau Community College. The Bulls scored 135.5 team points, second only to Army (178.5) in the meet that included 19 squads from throughout New York.

Four UB wrestlers won weight class titles on Saturday. At 141 pounds, **Mike Trotta (Oceanside, NY/Oceanside)** scored a 3-1 victory in the championship match against Cornell's Justin Lijo.

The Bulls strength proved to be in the upper weight classes with the squad taking titles in three of the top four groups. At 174 pounds, **Ed Pawlak (Lakewood, NY/Southwestern)** defeated Hanif Abdush-Shahid of host Nassau Community College by a 12-2 margin. **Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)** scored a 3-2 win over Brockport's Mike Cuffie. In the heavyweight class, **Greg Thomas (Baldwin, NY/Uniondale)** picked up a 2-1 victory over Army's James Hollis.

UB's **Patrick Lloyd (Middletown, NY/Valley Central)** also won his final match of the meet with a 4-3 win over Brockport's Dan Song, in the third-place match at 149 pounds.

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Pawlak leads UB with 30 overall wins... Buffalo's leader in dual meet victories is Cerminara with 11... 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 nine dual meet reversals and 21 dual meet escapes... Cerminara leads Buffalo with eight riding time points during dual meets.

BUFFALO RETURNS TO MAC ACTION

The Bulls host Mid-American Conference rival Ohio University at 1 pm on February 1st in their next action. It will be the first dual meet against a MAC opponent for Buffalo since defeating Kent State in early December.

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	W, 41-3
	vs. East Stroudsburg	W, 33-9
	vs. Sacred Heart	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	L, 6-32
	vs. Eastern Illinois	W, 25-14
	vs. Indiana	L, 8-27
Sat., 10	CLARION	W, 19-17
Fri.-Sat., 23-24	NYS Championships (at Nassau CC)	2 nd /19

February

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