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Wrestling



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Current record – 3-6 Overall, 1-2 MAC

BULLS DROP A PAIR ON DIFFICULT ROAD TRIP

KENT, OH — The University at Buffalo wrestling team lost a Mid-American Conference dual meet at Kent State on Friday night by a 28-9 score. The three Bulls' victories were posted by **Gary Cooper (Adams, NY/South Jefferson)**, **Garrett Bontempo (DuBois, PA/DuBois Area)** and **Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)**.

The meet at the Memorial and Athletic Convocation Center began with the 157-pound weight class. Mike Tolar of Kent State won by an 11-3 major decision over **Dave Edwards (Cornwall, NY/Cornwall)**. At 165 pounds, Kent State's Nick Nemeth decisioned **Dave Guarino (Derby, NY/Lakeshore)**, 6-4.

Buffalo's first win was picked up by Cooper at 174 pounds, who earned a decisive 14-9 victory over the Golden Flashes' Ken Clark.

That was followed up by Bontempo's 10-4 decision over Ben Rings of Kent State. At 197 pounds, Cerminara decisioned Kent State's Zeb Miller, 10-4. That gave UB the 9-7 edge in team score, but the Bulls would not win another match during the remainder of the meet.

Golden Flashes' heavyweight Jim Swetter pinned **Mike Cooper (Jacksonville, FL/University Christian)** at 4:05. Then at 125 pounds, Jared Opfer of Kent State won by fall over **Charlie Voorhees (Warsaw, NY/Warsaw)** at 3:20. At 133 pounds, **Brian Sebaaly (Lancaster, NY/Lancaster)** dropped a 6-3 decision to Kent State's Kevin Linich.

Ryan Bentley (Ripley, NY/Ripley) lost his match at 141 pounds to Mark Wentz of the Golden Flashes by a 10-5 decision. The final match saw Kent State's Ryan Simmons win a 7-5 decision over **Bill Jacoutot (Spencerport, NY/Spencerport)** at 149 pounds.

MORGANTOWN, WV — The Bulls lost to 12th-ranked West Virginia on Saturday by a 26-6 score. UB wrestlers registering wins were **Charlie Voorhees (Warsaw, NY)** and **Brian Sebaaly (Lancaster, NY/Lancaster)**.

The meet started at 165 pounds, where West Virginia's Tom McMath – ranked sixth in the country – major decisioned **Dave Guarino (Derby, NY/Lakeshore)**, 18-7. That was followed up by third-ranked Greg Jones of the Mountaineers winning an 11-5 decision over **Gary Cooper (Adams, NY/South Jefferson)** at 174 pounds.

West Virginia expanded its lead to 9-0 when Ryan Wilman won in overtime over **Garrett Bontempo (DuBois, PA/DuBois Area)**. The Mountaineers kept their momentum as Brent Miller at 197 pounds decisioned **Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)**, 8-4. At the heavyweight class, Ryan Kehler of West Virginia scored an 8-2 decision over **Mike Cooper (Jacksonville, FL/University Christian)**.

It was then Voorhees at 125 pounds who put the first team points on the board for the Bulls. He beat the Mountaineers' Nathan Kendjorsky, 8-3. Sebaaly followed that effort up with a 10-4 decision over West Virginia's Greg White at 133 pounds.

The Mountaineers took the final three matches. Seventeenth-ranked Shane Cunanan won a 12-2 major decision over **Ryan Bentley (Ripley, NY/Ripley)** at 141 pounds. Billy Smith – ranked 20th nationally at 149 pounds – decisioned **Bill Jacoutot (Spencerport, NY/Spencerport)**, 6-2. Then at 157 pounds, ninth-ranked Joe Carr won a 14-9 decision over **Dave Edwards (Cornwall, NY/Cornwall)**.

NOW BACK TO BUFFALO

The Bulls return to the friendly confines of Alumni Arena next Saturday for a 1 p.m. dual meet versus Bucknell.

2001-02 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
11/10	Oklahoma Gold Classic @Brockport	3 rd of 9
11/17	Bloomsburg Invitational @Bloomsburg	1 st of 7
11/25	@Northern Illinois*	L, 13-22
	vs. Eastern Michigan* @Northern Illinois	W, 33-6
11/30-12/1	Cliff Keen Invitational @Las Vegas, NV	32 nd of 53
12/5	BINGHAMTON	W, 29-10
1/5	Buckeye Duals @Ohio State	
	@ Ohio State	L, 9-25
	vs. Eastern Illinois	W, 21-16
	vs. Indiana	L, 10-30
1/12	CLARION	L, 15-26
1/18-1/19	NY State Collegiate Champ. @Oswego	4 th of 23
1/25	@Kent State*	L, 9-28
1/26	@West Virginia	L, 6-26
2/2	BUCKNELL	1 p.m.
2/9	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	1 p.m.
2/12	@Slippery Rock	7 p.m.
2/17	American Duals @American	12 p.m.
	@ American	
	vs. Old Dominion	
2/23	Cornell Duals @Cornell	10 a.m.
	vs. Ohio*	
	vs. Missouri	
3/9	MAC Champ. @Eastern Michigan	1 p.m.
3/21	NCAA Champ. @Pepsi Arena (Albany, NY)	11 a.m.

HOME IN BOLD CAPS, Away in italics

* - Mid-American Conference Matches

All times are Eastern Standard Time

2001-02 DUAL MEET TEAM STATISTICS

Takedowns	113
Falls	1
Near Falls (2 points)	14
Near Falls (3 points)	9
Technical Falls	1
Escapes	141
Reversals	22
Riding Time Points	22

2001-02 DUAL MEET INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Overall Wins	Garrett Bontempo (21)
Dual Meet Wins	Bentley, Jacoutot (6)
MAC Wins	Cerminara (3)
Takedowns	Garrett Bontempo (24)
Falls	Ryan Bentley (1)
Near Falls (2 points)	Ryan Bentley (8)
Near Falls (3 points)	Garrett Bontempo (3)
Technical Falls	Garrett Bontempo (1)
Escapes	G. Cooper, Guarino (17)
Reversals	Dave Guarino (5)
Riding Time Points	Dave Guarino (5)