

2005-06 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WRESTLING

Buffalo vs. Eastern Michigan vs. Central Michigan

Alumni Arena • February 4-5, 2006 • 1:00 pm



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	2nd/17
Sat., 28	OHIO*	W, 25-9
	DELAWARE STATE	W, 49-3
	ITHACA	W, 31-9

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

**Buffalo (8-3, 1-1 MAC) vs.
Eastern Michigan (5-7, 0-3 MAC)
Saturday, 1:00 pm**

Buffalo (8-3, 1-1 MAC) vs.

Central Michigan (9-4, 1-0 MAC), Sunday 1:00 pm

Record: Buffalo is 8-3 overall and 1-1 in the Mid-American Conference and coming off a 3-0 performance at last Saturday's Alumni Arena quad-meet, as it beat MAC foe Ohio, 25-9, for the first time since joining the conference. Eastern Michigan is 5-7 overall and 0-3 in the MAC after dropping a 35-5 decision to Central Michigan on Jan. 29. Central Michigan, ranked sixth in the latest *USA Today/NWCA* poll, is 9-4 overall and 1-0 in the MAC after the win over Eastern Michigan.

Coach: Buffalo coach Jim Beichner (Clarion, 1987) has amassed a 99-62-2 record in 11 years. Eastern Michigan interim coach John Lange (Penn State, 1988) is 5-7 overall in his debut season. Central Michigan coach Tom Borelli (Citadel, 1979) has compiled a 213-110-6 record in 20 years as a college coach and a 167-81-5 record in 15 years at CMU.

On Deck: Buffalo hits the road for the first time in a month, as it wraps up its MAC dual meet slate at Kent State on Friday at 7:00 pm.

On Deck: University at Buffalo Athletic Communications Graduate Assistant Joe Guistina.

Meet Storylines

VS EASTERN MICHIGAN

- Head coach **Jim Beichner** is looking for his 100th career dual meet win in Saturday's matchup.
- The Bulls will look to get revenge on the Eagles after a tough 20-19 loss that came down to final match last year.
- Sophomore **Mike Ragusa** looks for his 20th win of the season, which would help him become the sixth Bull this season to reach the plateau.
- Freshman **Sean Clair** will look to rebound for the Eagles at 125 pounds after losing his first conference match of the year to Central Michigan's Luke Smith.

VS CENTRAL MICHIGAN

- Undefeated senior **Kyle Cermi-nara** faces Central Michigan's Wynn Michalek, ranked first in the nation by the NWCA, in the most anticipated match in the MAC this year.
- The match also features two other MAC-ranked 1-2 matchups, as 133-pounders **#2 Mark Budd (UB)** and **#1 Jason Borelli (CMU)** and heavy-weights **#1 Harold Sherrell (UB)** and **#2 Bubba Gritter (CMU)** ready for showdowns.
- In 10 meetings, the Bulls have never beaten the Chippewas.

Buffalo's Probable Starters

Wgt.	Buffalo	Year	Hometown/High School	Record	Dual	NWCA/MAC
125	Even Veney	Fr.	Liverpool, NY/Liverpool	4-11	2-2	-/-
133	Mark Budd	Jr.	Orrville, OH/Orrville	31-3	11-0	13/2
141	Dana Gingerich	So.	Spring Grove, PA/Delone Catholic	12-8	5-3	-/3
	Cliff Smith	Sr.	Merrick, NY/Calhoun	8-7	2-1	-/-
149	Patrick Lloyd	So.	Middletown, NY/Valley Central	18-15	4-7	-/-
157	John Cummings	Jr.	Bay Shore, NY/Bay Shore	21-12	8-3	-/3
165	Mickey Moran	So.	Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler Area	23-7	9-2	-/2
174	Mike Ragusa	Fr.	Foxboro, MA/Foxboro	19-13	5-4	-/4
184	Garrett Hicks	Sr.	Chautauqua, NY/Chautauqua Lake	20-7	9-2	-/2
197	Kyle Cermi-nara	Sr.	Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter	33-0	11-0	4/2
HWT	Harold Sherrell	Sr.	Liverpool, NY/Liverpool	30-5	11-0	14/1

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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
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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) 99-62-2 (11)
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Scouting The Eagles

The Eagles, under interim head coach John Lange, have struggled to an 0-3 conference mark, having dropped a 19-12 decision to Ohio, a 33-8 decision to Kent State and a 35-5 decision to directional rival Central Michigan.

Junior **Nick Conklin** (141 pounds) and senior **Chad Roush** (165 pounds) were the only Eastern Michigan grapplers to come up with wins at the meet.

The lone nationally-ranked wrestler on the EMU squad is 125-pound freshman **Sean Clair**, who has already posted a 26-10 record and enjoyed a 9-2 dual meet mark. He placed fourth at the prestigious Southern Scuffle and also posted a 2-2 mark at the Las Vegas Invitational.

Last season, the Eagles were led by three wrestlers who had national rankings at the time the Bulls faced them, including senior **Jermain Thompson**, who is currently 9-5 overall wrestling at 149 pounds this season. Thompson has been ranked as high as 13th this season.

Conklin, Clair and Thompson are the only Eagles to hold MAC rankings, as all three are fourth in their weight class.

Of the Eagles' five dual meet wins, two have come against non-Division I competition, as they beat Division II Indianapolis and Division III Oliviet.

Projected Starters

Weight	Name	Overall	Dual	NWCA/MAC
125	Sean Clair	26-10	9-2	19/4
133	Phillip Plowman	5-2	5-2	-/-
	Chris Jenkins	7-10	2-3	-/-
141	Nick Conklin	5-8	3-4	-/4
149	Jermain Thompson	9-5	6-3	-/4
157	Quinn Guernsey	3-3	3-3	-/-
165	Chad Roush	7-8	5-4	-/-
174	Josh Lewis	5-16	4-8	-/-
184	Josh McClure	4-18	2-10	-/-
197	Tony Lyssiotis	13-13	7-5	-/-
285	Jake Wood	5-11	3-6	-/-

Last Time: Eastern Michigan 20, Buffalo 19

FEBRUARY 5, 2005 • BOWEN FIELD HOUSE • YPSILANTI, MI

YPSILANTI, MI - Eastern Michigan entered the afternoon's dual meet looking to snap a 38-match conference non-winning streak and thanks to a major decision from Jermaine Thompson in the meet's final match, it was able to.

The Eagles won three of the first four matches to jump out to a 13-4 lead thanks in part to a pin at 157 pounds and a major decision at 174, but the Bulls battled back to take a 19-16 lead entering the meet's final match. Junior **Harold Sherrell** defeated Tony Lyssiotis, 7-4, at 197 pounds, and sophomore **Mark McKnight** pinned Michael Weck at 125 pounds to start the Bulls' comeback. Sophomore **Mark Budd** then earned an 8-5 decision over Phillip Plowman at 133 pounds, and freshman **Dana Gingerich** defeated Nick Conklin by a 13-10 score at 141 pounds to set up the dramatic ending.

EMU's Jermaine Thompson, ranked 16th in the country, scored a major decision over sophomore **Patrick Lloyd** to give the Eagles the 20-19 win.

Match-By-Match Results

157 - Chad Roush (EMU) pinned Scott Rendos (UB), 1:16
 165 - Jake Blowers (UB) maj. dec. Ben Best (EMU), 17-9
 174 - #18 J.J. Holmes (EMU) maj. dec. Mickey Moran (UB), 9-0
 184 - #15 Ed Magrys (EMU) dec. Garrett Hicks (UB), 15-10
 197 - #29 Harold Sherrell (UB) dec. Tony Lyssiotis (EMU), 7-4
 285 - Charlie Walker (EMU) dec. Jeff Parker (UB), 5-2
 125 - #19 Mark McKnight (UB) pinned Michael Weck (EMU), 1:22
 133 - Mark Budd (UB) dec. Phillip Plowman (EMU), 8-5
 141 - Dana Gingerich (UB) dec. Nick Conklin (EMU), 13-10
 149 - #16 Jermaine Thompson (EMU) maj. dec. Pat Lloyd (UB), 14-4



Series Histories

Eastern Michigan

Buffalo holds a 7-3 advantage in the all-time series, although Eastern Michigan won the last matchup by a slim one-point margin in 2005. Before that, the Bulls had won six in a row against the Ypsilanti, MI-based Eagles.

All-Time Results

Year	Result	UB	EMU	Record
2004-05	L	19	20	7-3
2003-04	W	26	18	7-2
2002-03	W	19	16	6-2
2001-02	W	33	6	5-2
2000-01	W	31	9	4-2
1999-00	W	29	6	3-2
1998-99	W	35	3	2-2
1994-95	L	13	25	1-2
1993-94	W	31	15	1-1
1992-93	L	6	47	0-1

Central Michigan

No school has dominated the Bulls over the course of its 67 years like Central Michigan, which has won all 10 meetings against Buffalo.

All-Time Results

Year	Result	UB	CMU	Record
2004-05	L	9	30	0-10
2003-04	L	6	32	0-9
2002-03	L	12	19	0-8
2001-02	L	9	28	0-7
2000-01	L	12	19	0-6
1999-00	L	12	26	0-5
1998-99	L	6	41	0-4
1997-98	L	15	26	0-3
1994-95	L	9	36	0-2
1992-93	L	12	33	0-1

Scouting The Chippewas

Over the past month, CMU has turned in the best performances in program history at Midlands (second) and the National Duals (fourth). In recent history, top performances at those two events have foreshadowed top-12 performances at the NCAA Championships, as the team placed seventh in 1998-99 and 12th in 2004-05.



CMU has faced off against eight teams that were ranked in the *USA Today*/NWCA top 25 this season and is 4-4 in those matches. Of the Chippewas' first 10 dual opponents, only two were not ranked at the time the teams met.

Wynn Michalak is 23-1 this season after earning a win by fall during the Chippewas rout of Eastern Michigan. Ten of Michalak's 23 wins this year have been by fall; in the other 13, Michalak has won by an average score of 9.5-2.2. An All-American as a redshirt freshman last season, Michalak is 57-11 with 21 pins in his CMU career.

Michalak, ranked first in the nation at 197, is the first Chippewa to be ranked first in his weight class since Jason Mester during the 2002-03 season. Mester was the top-ranked 141-pounder for two weeks during his junior season, in which he earned All-America honors by finishing fifth at the NCAA Championships.

However, Michalak is not alone among the Chippewas in the national rankings, as six other wrestlers are also in the top 20 in the NWCA/*InterMat* rankings. **Luke Smith**, the 2005 MAC champion, is 13th at 125 pounds and fellow lightweight **Jason Borelli**, also a MAC champ, is 11th at 133 pounds. **Mark DiSalvo**, another defending MAC champ, is sixth at 149 pounds. The duo of sophomore brothers **Brandon Sinnott** and **Christian Sinnott** also have national rankings at 174 and 184 pounds, respectively. Sophomore **Bubba Gritter** holds down the 15th slot in the rankings, one below Bulls' senior **Harold Sherrell**.

Projected Starters

Weight	Name	Overall	Dual	NWCA/MAC
125	Luke Smith	15-4	5-2	13/2
133	Jason Borelli	17-6	8-3	11/1
141	Brandon Carter	14-7	2-1	-/2
	Eric Kruger	13-13	3-7	-/-
149	Mark DiSalvo	17-5	9-3	6/1
157	Andy Keller	18-8	6-2	-/2
165	Justin Petrone	12-13	2-7	-/4
	Trevor Stewart	6-5	2-1	-/-
174	Brandon Sinnott	21-8	11-2	13/3
184	Christian Sinnott	17-10	7-4	20/3
197	Wynn Michalak	23-1	10-1	1/1
285	Bubba Gritter	15-12	7-6	15/2

Last Time: Central Michigan 30, Buffalo 9

FEBRUARY 5, 2005 • ROSE ARENA • MOUNT PLEASANT, MI

MOUNT PLEASANT, MI - The No. 9 Central Michigan Chippewas easily scored a 30-9 dual meet win over the Bulls, winning eight of 10 matches. With eight nationally-ranked wrestlers in the lineup that won seven matches and accounted for 24 of the team's points, the Chippewas cruised to the win.

Highlighting the Bulls' effort was a 7-2 decision by junior Garrett Hicks (Chautauqua, NY/Chautauqua Lake) over 16th-ranked Alex Lammers at 184 pounds. Budd also won by forfeit at 133 pounds.

Match-By-Match Results

125 - #16 Luke Smith (CMU) dec. #19 Mark McKnight (UB), 4-2
 133 - Mark Budd (UB) forfeit
 141 - Brandon Carter (CMU) dec. Dana Gingerich (UB), 11-5
 149 - #10 Mark DiSalvo (CMU) major dec. Patrick Lloyd (UB), 14-5
 157 - #17 Eric Neil (CMU) dec. Scott Rendos (UB), 12-8
 165 - #7 David Bolyard (CMU) fall Jake Blowers (UB), 5:56
 174 - #7 Mitch Hancock (CMU) dec. Mickey Moran (UB), 3-1
 184 - Garrett Hicks (UB) dec. #16 Alex Lammers (CMU), 7-2
 197 - #11 Wynn Michalak (CMU) tech. fall #29 Harold Sherrell (UB), 16-0
 285 - #7 Bill Stouffer (CMU) dec. Jeff Parker (UB), 4-0

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2005-06 MAC STANDINGS

	MAC	Overall
1. Central Michigan	1-0 1.000	9-4 .692
2. Northern Illinois	2-0-1 .833	6-4-1 .591
3. Kent State	1-0-1 .750	10-3-1 .750
4. Buffalo	1-1 .500	8-3 .727
5. Ohio	1-1 .500	8-8 .500
6. Eastern Michigan	0-3 .000	5-7 .417

2005 MAC PRESEASON COACHES POLL

1. Central Michigan
2. **Buffalo**
3. Northern Illinois
4. Kent State
5. Eastern Michigan
6. 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	14	14	13	13
197	Kyle Cerminara	2	3	3	3	4
HWT	Harold Sherrell	21	16	12	11	14

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	3rd
John Cummings	157	3rd
Mickey Moran	165	2nd
Mike Ragusa	174	4th
Garrett Hicks	184	2nd
Kyle Cerminara	197	2nd
Harold Sherrell	Hwt.	1st

So LONG, SENIORS

Four University at Buffalo wrestlers will say goodbye to the friendly confines of Alumni Arena on Sunday afternoon at the dual meet against Central Michigan. 141-pounder **Cliff Smith** enters the weekend one win away from 50 in his career. 184-pounder **Garrett Hicks** recently one his 60th career start and has compiled a 20-7 mark during his third year as a starter. Heavyweight **Harold Sherrell** is one of just 13 wrestlers to win 75 matches in a Bulls' singlet. 197-pounder **Kyle Cerminara** will leave the wrestling room with a host of records, including career wins, dual meet takedowns and longest winning streak.

100's GRAND

Head coach **Jim Beichner** is one win shy of his 100th career dual meet victory heading into this weekend. In his 11th year at Buffalo, the Clarion graduate has amassed a 99-62-2 (.613) record to go along with his 23 NCAA qualifiers, one All-American and four Coach of the Year awards.

NEAR-FALL-ING THE RECORD BOOK

Senior **Harold Sherrell** had 10 3-point near falls alone in his final two matches of the Jan. 28 quad-meet, helping him smash the school's single season record of 18 set by Jim Young in 1974-75 and equaled by Bruce Hadsell in 1977-78. Sherrell, who has 25 3-point near falls this season, is second in school history with 34, 16 behind Hadsell's school record of 50.

JOIN THE CLUB

Harold Sherrell's 18-2 technical fall of Delaware State's Steven Bilbrough was Sherrell's 75th career win, helping him become just the 13th wrestler in school history to reach the plateau. With 76 career wins, the heavyweight is 12th in school history and is just four wins shy of becoming the 11th wrestler to reach 80 career wins.

THRICE AS NICE

Three University at Buffalo wrestlers reached the 60-career win plateau on Saturday, Jan. 28 during Buffalo's quad-meet sweep. Junior **Mark Budd** was the first to reach the mark as he won a forfeit at 133 pounds, but senior **Garrett Hicks** reached soon after as he received a forfeit win at 184 in the meet with Delaware State. Junior **Pat Lloyd** followed with a 18-0 technical fall against Ithaca in the final meet of the day for his 60th career win.

THE BIG 3-0

Seniors **Kyle Cerminara** and **Harold Sherrell** and junior **Mark Budd** have all passed the 30-win mark this season. Currently, the Bulls have the only 30-match winners in the conference this year. The trio is the first for Buffalo since the NCAA qualifying trio of Ed Pawlak, Mark McKnight and Cerminara in 2003-04 to have 30 wins in a season.

TIDE-TURNER

Senior **Garrett Hicks** became just the fourth wrestler in school history to reach 30 career reversals as he notched four during Jan. 28's quad-meet. He is currently tied for third on the all-time list with Tom Jacoutot (1977-80) at 31. His 11 reversals this season is the 11th-best in school history, eight behind Bob Martineck's mark of 19 set in 1975-76.

TAKING DOWN ANOTHER RECORD

Senior **Kyle Cerminara** enters the weekend ready to chase down one more record before the season's conclusion, as he is 16 takedowns shy of the school's dual meet single-season record. With 48 takedowns through 11 dual matches, Cerminara has averaged 4.36 takedowns per match. He is chasing his own record of 64 set in 2003-04 which is also shared by John Stutzman (1996-97).

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TEAM PLAY

With four dual meets still left in the season, the 2005-06 Bulls have already left their mark on the Buffalo record book. With 335 team points, the Bulls rank 20th in school history, while the team's 178 takedowns is tied for 18th. With 22 more takedowns, the Bulls could become just the 11 team in school history to reach 200 in a season. With 52 3-point near falls, the team is tied for fourth, just 11 shy of the school record set in 1973-74 and its 39 riding-time points is tied for 13th in school history.

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.

The team entered the national rankings for the first time on Jan. 23, ranking 25th in *WrestlingReport.com's* rankings.

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.

ANOTHER STATE TITLE

Junior **Mark Budd** and senior **Kyle Cerminara** both wrapped up their second New York State Intercollegiate Wrestling Championships on Saturday afternoon. The two are just a couple of 72 grapplers who have won two or more championships in their career. With one season

left in his career, Budd could become just the 19th wrestler in the 37 years of the championship to win three titles.

A CHAMPIONSHIP TRADITION

With a tournament-high three individual championships at the New York State Collegiate Championships on Jan. 20-21, the Bulls extended their tournament record to 57 individual championships in the 37 years of the event. Ray Pfeiffer is the lone Buffalo three-time champ, winning titles from 1975-77, while eight have won the title twice.

HICKS KEEPS ROLLING

Senior **Garrett Hicks** became the sixth Buffalo wrestler to reach 20 wins this season with his forfeit win against Delaware State on Jan. 28. He wrapped up his first New York State Championship with a two-pin performance and also won the UB Open during a stretch where he has won 11 of his last 12 matches. The 184-pound captain also earned a major decision against two-time New York State High School Champion Kane Smith, now at UNC-Greensboro, 10-2 on Jan. 15.

JUCO ALL-AMERICAN ROLLS ON

Junior **John Cummings**, a two-time Junior College All-American, has posted 12 wins in his last 14 matches, becoming the fifth Buffalo wrestler to reach 20 wins this season with his 7-1 win over Jake Frerechs of Ohio on Jan. 28. He started the year 9-10.

CLIFF COMES THROUGH

Entering the starting 10 for the first time this season, senior **Cliff Smith** responded with a 4-1 mark and a third-place finish at the New York State Collegiate Championships. He evened his record at 6-6 this season and is just four wins shy of reaching 50 career wins.

2005-06 Buffalo Wrestling Roster

Name	Wt. Cl.	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
Ricky Scott	184	Fr.	Walden, NY	Valley Central
Mike Shannon	141	Jr.	Albany, NY	Colonie Central/Binghamton
Jeremy Sheffer	157	So.	Colonie, NY	Colonie Central
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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REACHING NEW HIGHS

Senior **Harold Sherrell** had a productive two weeks in early January, 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 73-55 (.570) in his career. He is tied with Jeremy McVige (1995-98) and Steve Irving (1985-89) for 14th in school history with 73 wins.

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.

STREAKING

Senior **Kyle Cerminara** has won 33 straight matches, breaking the school record of 24 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 177.

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 33 matches against NCAA opponents this season, making his official record 33-0, despite winning 35 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 junior **Mark Budd** has won 13 in a row. Both also have wins against junior college wrestlers, which do not count on their official records.

Wrestler	Weight	Official Streak	Unofficial Streak
Kyle Cerminara	197	33	41
Mark Budd	133	13	15

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 Lipez 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 two wrestlers left in the MAC who is still undefeated, along with 174-pounder Duke Birk of Northern Illinois. Burk is 10-0. Central Michigan's Wynn Michalek, ranked first in the latest NWCA/*InterMat*/NWMA poll, is 21-1 at Cerminara's 197-pound weight.

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 32 wins and **Mark Budd** and **Harold Sherrell** are nipping on his heels with 31 and 30 wins, respectively. **Mickey Moran** also has 23 wins. **John Cummings** and **Garrett Hicks** joined the four with their 20th wins of the season during the Jan. 28 quad-meet.

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

Four UB wrestlers have reached 50 career wins this season. Senior **Harold Sherrell** earned his 50th career win at the Slippery Rock Invitational, beating Lycoming's Tommy Snyder, 3-2, in the quarterfinals. 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. Junior **Mark Budd** and senior **Garrett Hicks** joined the two with their 50th career wins with dual meet wins against Appalachian State on Dec. 20.

Senior **Cliff Smith** is currently 49-43, just one win away from becoming the fifth wrestler to reach the mark this season.

REGIONAL POWERS

Five 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. Junior **Mark Budd** (133 pounds) ranks fifth and senior **Harold Sherrell** (Heavyweight) is seventh, while Sophomore **Mickey Moran** (165 pounds) comes in 11th and senior **Garrett Hicks** (184 pounds) is 16th.

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.

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.

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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 31 wins this season, has won three tournament championships, winning the Slippery Rock Open, UB 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.

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 reacted 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.

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 23-6, 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.

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.

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

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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 win of the season. A natural 165-pounder, Ragusa has posted a 5-4 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 19-13. Ragusa, who went 3-2 and placed fifth at the 2004 Oklahoma Gold Classic, looked to be headed toward a successful season before a 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 is tied for the team lead 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.

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

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA - Seniors **Kyle Cerminara** and **Harold Sherrell**, and junior **Mark Budd** each won individual titles at the Slippery 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 Slippery Rock Open title last Saturday, won four matches, pinning Brockport's Stephen Spiegeleire 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 Zalaikains, 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)

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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 Scioi, 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

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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

Jan. 20-21, 2006 • Oswego, NY New York State Championships

OSWEGO, NY – Despite a tournament-high three individual championships, the University at Buffalo wrestling team had to settle for second place to Army for the second straight year at the 37th Annual New York State Intercollegiate Wrestling Championships at SUNY Oswego's Laker Hall on Saturday afternoon.

The Bulls, who placed seven wrestlers at the tournament, came to the fringed of the championship the year, making a mad charge through the finals, winning three of their first four championship bouts, but thanks to a stalling call in the third period of the heavyweight finals, the Bulls not only lost the match, but the tournament, finishing with 134.5 points to Army's 152. Cornell (109.5), Columbia (97) and Ithaca (91) rounded out the top five in the 17-team field.

Still, Buffalo earned three individual championships to increase its tournament record to 57 champions, as senior 197-pounder **Kyle Cerminara** and junior 133-pounder **Mark Budd** won their second titles and senior 184-pounder **Garrett Hicks** wrapped up his first.

The NWCA/InterMat/NWMA's seventh-ranked Cerminara dominated en route to his 30th straight win and sixth tournament title of the season, as he routed Army's Charles Martin, 14-5 in the finals. His earlier matches were much the same story, as he posted a 21-5 technical fall of Hunter's Brian Scher to begin the tournament. He followed with a 16-4 rout of Cornell's Taylor Moore and reached the finals on the strength of a 17-6 whitewash of Ithaca's Nick Calandrino.

Fifteenth-ranked Budd ran his record to 28-3 overall, winning an 8-2 decision against Columbia's Eric Amstutz and then winning a hard-fought 8-7 decision in the finals against *WrestlingReport.com*'s Atlantic Region's 17th-ranked Frank Baughan in the finals. He posted an 18-1 technical fall of RIT's Julian Nichols to advance to the quarterfinals where he took a 9-6 decision from Cornell's Nick Bridge.

Hicks, who is in the midst of a career-best 10-match winning streak won a 10-9 decision against Hunter's Terry Madden in the finals. To begin the tournament, Hicks beat Cornell's Mike Moore, 6-2, then pinned Alfred State's Justin Stewart at the 4:43 mark to earn a bid to the semis, where he pinned Ithaca's Robert Stubbs in 5:47.

Senior **Harold Sherrell** finished second, losing a heartbreaking 3-2 decision in the finals to Division III's sixth-ranked Pat Bennett of Brockport, thanks to a disastrous stalling call in the third period. He beat Oswego's Jake Taylor, 9-2, in the first round, then beat Cornell's Matt Pollock, 2-1, in the quarterfinals and then earned his 73rd career win to enter the top 15 in UB's career history as he beat Army's Michael Sprigg, 2-0, to reach the finals.

Junior **Pat Lloyd** beat Cortland's Jason Chase, 6-1, in the quarterfinals and then beat Oswego's Dane LaPlante, 2-1, in overtime to reach the 149-pound finals, where he fell to Army's Patrick Simpson, 13-2.

Two Bulls, 141-pound senior **Cliff Smith** and 157-pound junior **John Cummings**, took third to contribute to the team points.

Jan. 28, 2006 • Buffalo, NY Buffalo 25, Ohio 9

BUFFALO, NY - Buffalo posted a 25-9 win against Ohio, spurred on by the Bulls earning wins in the final six matches of the meet.

It was the Bulls' first win against the Bobcats since a 25-14 win in 1996-97, breaking a string of eight Bobcats wins in a row. It also turned a recent string of bad luck for Buffalo in the matchup, as Ohio won the last three meets in meets that all came down to the final meet.

Junior **Mark Budd** got Buffalo on the board in the 133-pound match after the team lost a pin at 125, as Budd earned a takedown with 30 seconds left to seal a 3-1 win over Terry Jackson. After an Ohio decision at 141, **Pat Lloyd** earned a 1-0 decision at 149, where his only point came on a third-period escape.

John Cummings won his 20th match of the year with a dominating 7-1 decision against Jake Frerechs at 157 pounds to tie the score at nine after five matches.

Mickey Moran posted another dominating performance at 165, after sitting out at last week's New York State Championships, posting a 10-6 decision against Kent Smith, giving Buffalo its first lead of the day at 12-9.

Sophomore **Mike Ragusa** followed with an overtime, 4-1 win against Ryan Knapp, as he earned an escape and a takedown in the final overtime session to take the match. **Garrett Hicks** put the Bulls in control at 184 pounds, as he came back from a 4-2 deficit to control the final two periods and earn a 7-4 victory against the MAC's fourth-ranked Brian Cesear, thanks to two reversals to give him 30 in his career.

Kyle Cerminara clinched the meet with his 12-4 decision against Nick Terbay at 197 pounds, giving the Bulls a 22-9 advantage heading into the final match. **Harold Sherrell** capped the meet with a 3-0 decision against the MAC's third-ranked Marcus Adelman.

Buffalo 25, Ohio 9

125: Caleb Metcalf (OU) by fall Evan Veney, 2:26
133: Mark Budd (UB) dec. Terry Jackson, 3-1
141: Albert Madsen (OU) dec. Cliff Smith, 6-2
149: Pat Lloyd (UB) dec. Aaron Gomoll, 1-0
157: John Cummings (UB) dec. Jake Frerechs, 7-1
165: Mickey Moran (UB) dec. Kent Smith, 10-6
174: Mike Ragusa (UB) dec. SV-2 Kent Smith, 4-1
184: Garrett Hicks (UB) dec. Brian Cesear, 7-4
197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) maj. dec. Nick Terbay, 12-4
HWT: Harold Sherrell (UB) dec. Marcus Adelman, 3-0

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Jan. 28, 2006 • Oswego, NY Buffalo 49, Delaware State 3

BUFFALO, NY - Buffalo posted a dominating 49-3 performance in the second meet of the day against Delaware State (0-12), helped by five Hornets' forfeits.

Mickey Moran spurred on the Bulls' four wins as he earned a pin in 1:01, while **Harold Sherrell** earned a technical fall that included five 3-point near falls, giving him 15 this season, just three short of the school record.

Kyle Cerminara and senior **Cliff Smith** each earned major decisions in the win.

Garrett Hicks and **Mark Budd** each won their 60th career matches with their forfeits.

Buffalo 49, Delaware State 3

125: Evan Veney (UB) by forfeit

133: Mark Budd (UB) by forfeit

141: Cliff Smith (UB) maj. dec. Jerry Davis, 16-2

149: Will Saylor (DS) dec. SV-2 Pat Lloyd, 3-2

157: John Cummings (UB) by forfeit

165: Mickey Moran (UB) by fall Brian Lockard, 1:01

174: Mike Ragusa (UB) by forfeit

184: Garrett Hicks (UB) by inj. def. Chris Woodall

197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) maj. dec. Shawn Nowrey, 13-5

HWT: Harold Sherrell (UB) tech. fall Steven Bilbrough, 18-2, 4:34

Jan. 28, 2006 • Buffalo, NY Buffalo 31, Ithaca 9

BUFFALO, NY - In the final meet, Buffalo used bonus points in five of its wins to rout Ithaca (6-6), 31-9, in just the 11th win for Buffalo in 28 meetings against the Division III power.

The Bulls, who received a lift with the first dual meet win in freshman **Evan Veney's** career with a 5-4 decision against Macario Alvarez, the team reeled off 16 points in the next three matches, as **Mark Budd** and **Pat Lloyd** posted technical falls and **Cliff Smith** earned his first fall of the season. Lloyd's win was the 60th of his career.

The Bombers won three of the next four matches, but **Mickey Moran** posted a 12-2 major decision at 165 pounds against Brian Lockard to split the losses and put the Bulls up 23-9 heading into the upper weight matches. **Kyle Cerminara** put the Bulls on the winning side of the ledger with a 9-3 decision against Ithaca's 25-5 Nick Calandrino. **Harold Sherrell** finished the match by setting the single-season 3-point near fall record in a 2:28 technical fall of Jake Mender to wrap up the meet.

Buffalo 31, Ithaca 9

125: Evan Veney (UB) dec. SV-2 Macario Alvarez, 5-4

133: Mark Budd (UB) tech. fall Tim Gammons, 22-6

141: Cliff Smith (UB) by fall Lance Dolson, 4:53

149: Pat Lloyd (UB) tech. fall Michael Toscano, 18-0, 4:20

157: Jad Duca (IC) dec. John Cummings, 3-2

165: Mickey Moran (UB) maj. dec. Brian Lockard, 12-2

174: Matthias Studds (IC) dec. Mike Ragusa, 3-2

184: Robert Stubbs (IC) dec. Garrett Hicks, 10-4

197: Kyle Cerminara (UB) dec. Nick Calandrino, 9-3

HWT: Harold Sherrell (UB) tech fall Jake Mender, 17-0, 2:28

KYLE CERMINARA

MAC WRESTLER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE

- Last undefeated 197-pound wrestler in the nation.

- Holds school-record of 131 career wins, passing Gary Cooper's (1998-2003) mark of 113 on Dec. 2.

- Holds school-record with 177 career dual meet takedowns, passing John Stutzman's (1995-98) mark of 135 on Nov. 19.

- Broke school record with 33-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, New York State Collegiates, UB Open and the Slippery Rock Open.

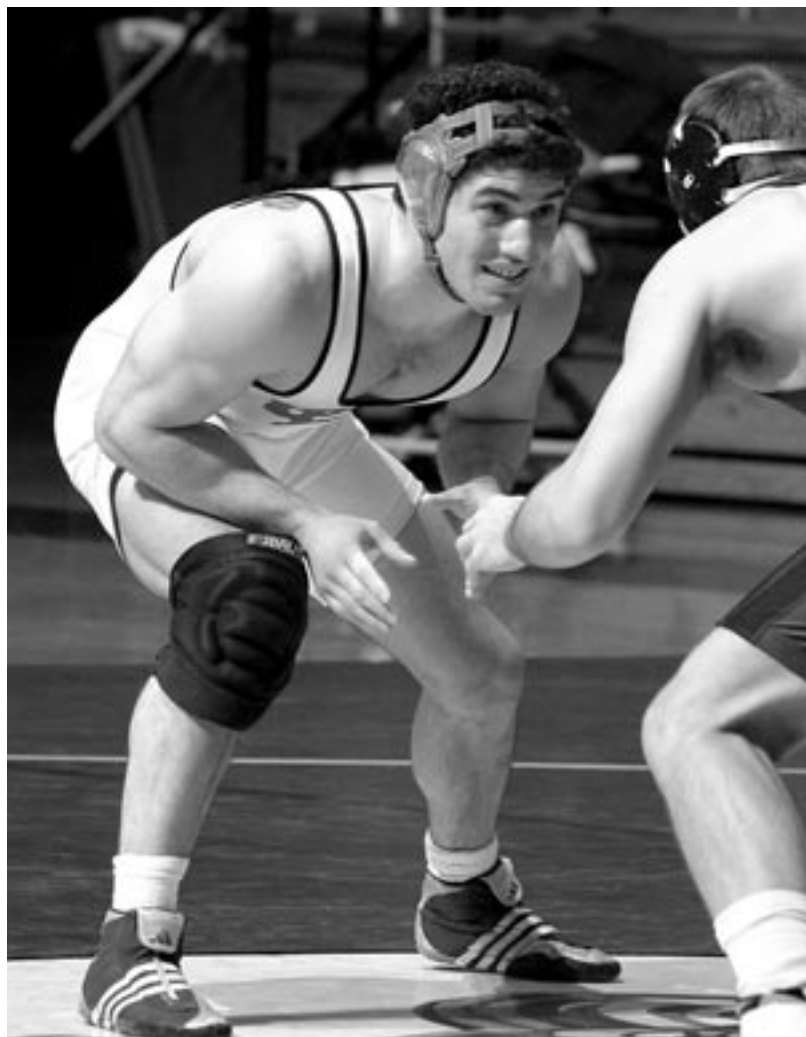
- Has beaten seven nationally-ranked wrestlers this season.

- 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
33	0	5	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	33-0	11-0	2-0	1	48	7
Career	131-30	48-9	16-1	3	177	58

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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	8-8	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27-31	3-5
Mark Budd	133	31-3	11-0	2-0	4	1	1	33	1	2	0	10	4	61-28	21-6
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	33-0	11-0	2-0	2	1	3	48	1	6	1	7	7	131-30	48-9
John Cummings	157	21-12	8-3	2-0	4	2	1	8	0	5	2	11	3	21-12	8-3
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	20-7	9-2	2-0	4	0	0	13	1	7	11	6	8	60-41	21-14
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	18-15	4-7	1-1	1	0	1	6	0	5	2	14	2	60-55	15-24
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	23-6	9-1	1-1	6	3	0	31	1	0	2	6	3	30-29	10-11
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	19-13	5-4	1-1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	11	2	22-15	5-4
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	30-5	11-0	2-0	2	0	4	7	1	25	3	5	4	76-55	22-11
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	8-7	2-1	0-1	1	1	0	4	2	1	2	2	1	49-43	13-18
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	4-11	2-2	0-2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	4-11	2-2

Totals: 33..... 11..... 10..... 178..... 9..... 52..... 26..... 94..... 39

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*

- Kyle Cerminara..... 33
- Mark Budd..... 31
- Harold Sherrell..... 30
- Mickey Moran..... 23
- John Cummings..... 21

WINS

- Mark Budd..... 11
- Kyle Cerminara..... 11
- Harold Sherrell..... 11
- Garrett Hicks..... 9
- Mickey Moran..... 9

FALLS

- Mickey Moran..... 3
- Dana Gingerich..... 2
- John Cummings..... 2
- Four tied at..... 1

TECHNICAL FALLS

- Harold Sherrell..... 4
- Kyle Cerminara..... 3
- Mark Budd..... 1
- John Cummings..... 1
- Pat Lloyd..... 1

TAKEDOWNS

- Kyle Cerminara..... 48
- Mark Budd..... 33
- Mickey Moran..... 31
- Garrett Hicks..... 13
- Dana Gingerich..... 9

REVERSALS

- Garrett Hicks..... 11
- Harold Sherrell..... 3
- Four tied at..... 1

ESCAPES

- Pat Lloyd..... 14
- Louie Ruben..... 12
- John Cummings..... 11
- Mike Ragusa..... 11
- Mark Budd..... 10

RIDING TIME POINTS

- Garrett Hicks..... 8
- Kyle Cerminara..... 7
- Harold Sherrell..... 4
- Mark Budd..... 4
- Two tied at..... 3