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Wrestling



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Current record: 11-4 (1-2 Mid-American Conference)

UB GETS BACK ON WINNING TRACK

The University at Buffalo's wrestling team compiled a 33-9 victory at Slippery Rock last Tuesday night. Eight Bulls were victorious, helping to move UB to 11-4 on the season.

Buffalo heavyweight **Greg Thomas (Baldwin, NY/Uniondale)** won by fall, while freshman 125-pounder **Mark McKnight (McDonald, PA/South Fayette)** won his match by technical fall. At 184 pounds, UB sophomore **Harold Sherrell (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)** also won by technical fall.

Two Bulls' juniors – **Cliff Smith (Merrick, NY/Calhoun)** at 133 pounds and **Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)** at 197 pounds – posted wins by major decision.

Buffalo's other winners by standard decisions included sophomore **Mike Sebaaly (Lancaster, NY/Lancaster)** at 141 pounds, freshman **Patrick Lloyd (Middletown, NY/Valley Central)** at 149 pounds and senior **Ed Pawlak (Lakewood, NY/Southwestern)** at 174 pounds.

TROTTA OUT FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON

UB 141-pounder **Mike Trotta (Oceanside, NY/Oceanside)** will miss the remainder of the season due to an ankle injury. The senior was injured in a dual meet against Central Michigan two weeks ago.

"It's really a shame to find out that Mike will be out for the year," said UB head coach Jim Beichner. "He is one of our leaders and sets a great example for the rest of the team with his incredible work ethic."

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Cerminara and Pawlak lead UB with 32 overall wins... Buffalo's leader in dual meet victories is also Cerminara with 14 - he also leads the team with 52 dual meet takedowns and eight dual meet riding time points... McKnight leads the Bulls with four dual meet falls... Sophomore **Garrett Hicks (Chautauqua, NY/Chautauqua Lake)** - who wrestles at 184 pounds - leads UB with nine dual meet reversals and 21 dual meet escapes.

REGULAR SEASON FINALE APPROACHING

The Bulls have only one more day of action in their regular season. On Sunday, February 22nd, UB hosts MAC foes Northern Illinois and Eastern Michigan in a tri-meet at Alumni Arena.

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 W, 33-9
	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 W, 25-14
	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*	L, 16-17
Sat., 7	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	L, 6-32
Tue., 10	at Slippery Rock	W, 33-9
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