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## Wrestling



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### BUFFALO FARES WELL AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

University at Buffalo junior *Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)* earned the first-ever Division I All-America honors for a UB male athlete with his performance at last weekend's NCAA Championships. Cerminara - who wrestles in the 197-pound weight class - went 4-3 at the tournament, earning an eighth-place finish. That was the highest ever by a UB wrestler at the Division I NCAA Championships.

"Kyle worked very hard over a long period of time to achieve that," said UB head coach Jim Beichner. "I can't begin to express how proud I am of him accomplishing what he has. He absolutely deserves what he was worked so hard for."

Buffalo's two other wrestlers who qualified for the NCAA Championships, freshman 125-pounder *Mark McKnight (McDonald, PA/South Fayette)* and senior 174-pounder *Ed Pawlak (Lakewood, NY/Southwestern)*, both lost during the All-America Round. McKnight went 2-2 at the tournament, while Pawlak went 3-2.

"The three guys we had wrestle at the NCAA Championships showed more heart and determination than any wrestlers I have ever coached," Beichner said.

The Bulls' 11.5 team points earned them a 33<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the 72-team field. Oklahoma State won the tournament with 123.5 points.

### RECORD BOOK UPDATE

This season, Cerminara set a new single-season victory mark at UB with his 41 wins. He also moved into third place on the Bulls' career victory list with 98. His 64 dual meet takedowns tied the single-season mark at Buffalo - a total that John Stutzman also recorded during the 1996-97 campaign.

### STATISTICAL LEADERS

Cerminara led UB with 41 overall wins, 16 dual meet victories, 64 dual meet takedowns and 10 dual meet riding time points... Pawlak led Buffalo with seven overall falls, while McKnight led the Bulls with four dual meet falls... Sophomore *Garrett Hicks (Chautauqua, NY/Chautauqua Lake)* - who wrestles at 184 pounds - led UB with nine dual meet reversals, while freshman 149-pounder *Patrick Lloyd (Middletown, NY/Valley Central)* led the Bulls with 23 dual meet escapes.

### 2003-04 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

#### November

Sat., 15	Oklahoma Gold Classic	5 <sup>th</sup> /9
<b>Tue., 18</b>	<b>BINGHAMTON</b>	<b>W, 24-13</b>
Sat., 22	vs. Findlay (at Bloomsburg) at Bloomsburg	W, 22-12 W, 21-13
Sat., 29	Mat Town USA Invitational (at Lock Haven)	7 <sup>th</sup> /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 <sup>th</sup> /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
<b>Sat., 10</b>	<b>CLARION</b>	<b>W, 19-17</b>
Fri.-Sat., 23-24	NYS Championships (at Nassau CC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> /19

#### February

<b>Sun., 1</b>	<b>OHIO*</b>	<b>L, 16-17</b>
<b>Sat., 7</b>	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>L, 6-32</b>
Tue., 10	at Slippery Rock	W, 33-9
<b>Sun., 22</b>	<b>NORTHERN ILLINOIS*</b>	<b>L, 9-25</b>
	<b>EASTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>W, 26-18</b>

#### March

Sat.-Sun., 6-7	MAC Championships	4 <sup>th</sup> /6
Thur.-Sat., 18-20	NCAA Championships	33 <sup>rd</sup> /72

\* = Mid-American Conference matches  
Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** held at Alumni Arena