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## Wrestling



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### CERMINARA FITS RIGHT BACK IN ON MATS

After redshirting in 2004-05 to prepare for a national title run this season, it appears the wait has been more than worth it for senior **Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)**.

The Bulls' 197-pounder won his second title of the season to start out 8-0 in 2005, after taking the Oklahoma Gold championship, a title he took for the second time in his career, beating Cleveland State's Joe Dennis, ranked 12th in the nation by *Intermat*, 6-0, in the finals. Last weekend, while winning the Slippery Rock Open, Cerminara became just the third wrestler in UB history to win 100 career matches.

### SMASHING MARKS

Cerminara is nearing many UB career records as the season starts up. He is just seven wins away from passing Gary Cooper (1998-2003), who compiled a school-record 113 career wins.

Cerminara is also just six takedowns away from John Stutzman's (1995-98) career mark of 135 dual meet takedowns. Ironically, he could pass the current Bloomsburg head coach's mark this weekend in a quad-meet at Alumni Arena that features Bloomsburg.

### HOME, SWEET HOME

Buffalo starts out its 2005-06 dual meet schedule with a quad-meet at Alumni Arena on Saturday, as it will face off against Bloomsburg, who finished ninth out of 11 teams at the Oklahoma Gold Classic on Saturday, along with Findlay and Gardner-Webb.

Gardner-Webb has two wrestlers who have received preseason national rankings, as Daniel Elliot was ranked 18th by the *Amateur Wrestling News* at 149 pounds and Josh Pniewski was ranked 18th by *W.I.N. Magazine* at 133 pounds.

Bloomsburg has three wrestlers ranked in the NWMA/*Intermat*/NWCA poll, as Mike Sees (125 pounds) is 19th, James Bertulis (165 pounds) is 16th and Mike Spaid (heavyweight) is 19th.

Findlay was ranked fifth in the first NCAA Division II poll.

### 2005-06 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

#### NOVEMBER

Sat., 5	at Slippery Rock Open	NTS
Sat., 12	at Oklahoma Gold Classic	5th/11
<b>Sat., 19</b>	<b>BLOOMSBURG</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
	<b>FINDLAY</b>	
	<b>GARDNER-WEBB</b>	
Sat., 26	at Mat Town Tournament	9:00 am

#### DECEMBER

Fri.-Sat., 2-3	at Las Vegas Invitational	TBA
Fri., 9	Edinboro (at Erie, PA)	8:30 pm
<b>Tues., 20</b>	<b>APPALACHIAN STATE</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
	<b>MERCYHURST</b>	
<b>Fri., 30</b>	<b>3rd ANNUAL UB OPEN</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>

#### JANUARY

Fri., 6	at Northern Illinois*	7:00 pm
<b>Sun., 15</b>	<b>UNC-GREENSBORO</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Fri.-Sat., 20-21	at New York State Collegiates	12:00 pm
<b>Sat., 28</b>	<b>OHIO*</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	<b>DELAWARE STATE</b>	
	<b>ITHACA</b>	

#### FEBRUARY

<b>Sat., 4</b>	<b>EASTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>Sun., 5</b>	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
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 **BOLD CAPS** held at Alumni Arena

NTS = Event with No Team Scoring

**BUFFALO QUICK FACTS**

Location..... Buffalo, NY  
 Founded ..... 1846  
 Enrollment ..... 27,276  
 Nickname.....Bulls  
 School Colors ..... Royal Blue & White  
 Affiliation .....NCAA Division I  
 Conference..... Mid-American  
 President ..... John B. Simpson (Cal-Santa Barbara '69)  
 Athletic Director.....Warde Manuel (Michigan '90)

**WRESTLING STAFF**

Head Coach .....Jim Beichner (Clarion '87)  
 Career Record.....91-60-2 (.601) (11 years)  
 Record at UB .....91-60-2 (.601) (11 years)  
 Beichner's Office..... 716-645-6876  
 Assistant Coach ..... Brandon Newill (Pittsburgh-Johnstown '02)  
 Assistant Coach ..... Jeff Catrabone (Michigan '98)  
 Arena ..... Alumni Arena (6,100)

**TEAM INFORMATION**

All-Time Record.....469-371-13 (.557)  
 National Championships .....1 (DIII, 1978)  
 All-Americans .....40 (1 DI, 6 DII, 33 DIII)  
 2004-05 Record .....3-10, 1-4 in MAC (T-4th)  
 2004-05 MAC Championships..... 6th  
 2004-05 NCAA Championships ..... 56th  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost ..... 14/1  
 Starters Returning/Lost..... 9/1

**2004-05 MAC STANDINGS**

	MAC	Overall
1. Central Michigan	5-0 1.000	16-4-0 .800
2. Northern Illinois	4-1 .750	12-4-0 .750
3. Ohio	3-2 .750	10-12-1 .456
4. Kent State	1-4 .200	7-15-0 .318
Eastern Michigan	1-4 .200	7-10-0 .411
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>1-4 .200</b>	<b>3-10-0 .230</b>

**2005 MAC PRESEASON COACHES POLL**

1. Central Michigan
2. **Buffalo**
- 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

**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 palcewinners 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.

**EARNING THEIR PLACE**

With seven placewinners at the Oklahoma Gold Classic, many of the Bulls have shored up their position as starters on the team. Led by Cerminara, who won his second straight tournament, Buffalo also had strong performances from sophomore **Mickey Moran (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler Area)**, who finished second at 165 pounds. Also placing was junior **Mark Budd (Orrville, OH/Orrville)** (133 pounds), who took third, sophomore **Mike Ragusa (Foxboro, MA/Foxboro)** (165 pounds), who took fourth, junior **Pat Lloyd (Middletown, NY/Valley Central)** (149 pounds), who took fifth, and freshman **John Cummings (Bay Shore, NY/Bay Shore/Nassau CC)** (157 pounds) and sophomore **Dana Gingerich (Spring Grove, PA/DeLone Catholic)** (141 pounds), who each took sixth.

**MICKEY'S MADE IT**

Moran has started out 8-2 this season, placing at both the Oklahoma Gold (second) and Slippery Rock Open (third). The 165-pounder has already won more matches than he did all of his freshman year, when he went 7-23 as a starter.

**OLD FOES**

Moran faced off against Oklahoma's Jarrod King in the finals of the Oklahoma Gold Classic. The two were familiar with each other, as they had met in the finals of the Pennsylvania Class AAA championship in 2004, with King coming away with a 3-1 overtime win.

In the rematch, King was leading, 1-0, going into the final period, but Moran managed a takedown to take a 2-1 lead. However, King earned an escape to tie the score and snuck away with a riding time point to earn the win.

**BUDDING AT 133 POUNDS**

Budd started his season with a 9-1 mark after taking third at the Oklahoma Gold Classic. He lost his first match of the season to Ohio's Albert Madison, 4-2, and heading into this weekend's quad-meet at Alumni Arena, is just one win shy of reaching 40 career wins. He has won 19 of his last 22 (.864) matches.

**BUFFALO 2005-06 STARTERS**

125 .....	Even Veney (2-4 overall)
133 .....	Mark Budd (9-1)
141 .....	Dana Gingerich (2-3)
.....	Cliff Smith (1-2)
149 .....	Patrick Lloyd (5-3)
157 .....	John Cummings (5-4)
165 .....	Mickey Moran (8-2)
.....	Mike Ragusa (8-3)
174 .....	Nate Rock (5-3)
184 .....	Garrett Hicks (2-2)
197 .....	Kyle Cerminara (8-0)
HWT .....	Harold Sherrell (8-2)

**IN THE RANKINGS**

Four national publications do national polls each week during the collegiate wrestling season: The Wrestling Mall.com, Wrestling International Magazine (W.I.N.), *Amateur Wrestling News*, and the National Wrestling Coaches Association/Intermat.

**National Rankings**

Wt.	Name	TWM	W.I.N.	AWN	NWCA
197	Kyle Cerminara	9	8	7	5

**MAC Rankings (Preseason)**

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
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**2004-05 AWARDS**

**MAC Wrestlers of the Week**

**Dec. 21**

Mark McKnight, So., 125 (McDonald, PA/South Fayette)

**Feb. 15**

Nate Rock, Fr., 174 (Ephrata, PA/Ephrata)

**MAC Honorable Mention**

Mark McKnight, So., 125 (McDonald, PA/South Fayette)

**TEAM LEADERS**

**Overall Leaders**

Wins .....	Mark Budd (9)
Winning Percentage .....	Kyle Cerminara (1.000)
Falls .....	Garrett Hicks, Mickey Moran (2)

**JuCo ALL-AMERICAN STARTS STRONG**

Cummings placed in his first NCAA tournament, as he finished sixth. After a 3-1 performance at the Slippery Rock Open, Cummings has started the season 5-4. He was a two-time Junior College All-American at Nassau Community College.

**PRETTY 50 FOR LLOYD**

Lloyd is just three wins away from his 50th career win after starting off this season with a 3-1 mark.

Lloyd took fifth at the Oklahoma Gold Classic after finishing 3-2. He won an exciting championship quarterfinal match, 3-2, as he earned a double overtime escape against Rutgers' Mike Ferrara. After Lloyd was called for stalling and penalized a point, he managed to win the match by virtue of riding time.

**THE GOOSE IS BACK**

Ragusa has started the year 8-3 after finishing fourth with a 4-2 mark at the Oklahoma Gold Classic. Ragusa took sixth at the tournament last year, but an LCL injury ended his season days later.

Ragusa has wrestled in three tournaments with UB after his redshirt year and has placed in all three, as he came in second at the Slippery Rock Open.

**HAROLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT ADVENTURE**

After wrestling at 184 and 197 pounds the last two seasons, senior *Harold Sherrell (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)* is now wrestling at heavyweight. Undersized for the weight class, Sherrell has nonetheless managed an 8-2 record through two tournaments, including winning the Slippery Rock Open with six wins.

**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.

Eight wrestlers were ranked in the individual portion of the poll as Budd (133 pounds), junior *Jake Blowers (Johnstown, NY/Broadalbin-Perth)* (165 pounds), sophomore *Nate Rock (Ephrata, PA/Ephrata)* (174 pounds), Hicks (184 pounds) and Cerminara (197 pounds) were all ranked second in their respective weight classes.

**THE CENTURY MARK**

Head coach *Jim Beichner* is just nine wins away from his 100th career dual meet win. If he reaches the mark in his 11th year at Buffalo, he would be just the second coach in UB history to reach the mark, joining Ed Michael (1970-91), who amassed 213 wins.

## 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	2-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-1	0-0
Jake Blowers	165	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22-26	3-5
Mark Budd	133	9-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39-26	10-6
Ben Carbrey^	174	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-2	0-0
Kyle Cerminara	197	8-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107-30	37-9
John Cummings	157	5-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-4	0-0
Dana Gingerich	141	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19-22	5-8
Garrett Hicks	184	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42-36	12-12
Tim Higgins^	141	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-2	0-0
Jason Hilliard^	141	2-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-1	0-0
Ray Lamb	174	2-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11-22	2-14
Tyler Laracy	125	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-4	0-0
Patrick Lloyd	149	5-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47-43	11-17
Gus Manzur	149	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-4	0-0
Mickey Moran	165/174	8-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15-25	1-10
Steven Muldrow	157	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-4	0-0
Chris Nebelecky	157	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-10	0-0
Jeff Parker^	HWT	4-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26-42	9-21
Mike Ragusa	165	8-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11-5	0-0
Scott Rendos^	165	2-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20-24	2-11
Nate Rock	174	5-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15-19	1-6
Harold Sherrell	197	8-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54-52	11-11
Mike Shannon	141	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7-32	6-22
Cliff Smith	141	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42-38	11-17
Andrew Stella^	133	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-2	0-0
Josh Taylor^	149	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-2	0-0
Greg Thomas	HWT	3-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22-22	5-11
Evan Veney	125	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	0-0

**Totals:** 10 .....0 .....0..... 0..... 0 .....0 .....0..... 0..... 0

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*	WINS	FALLS	TECHNICAL FALLS
1. Mark Budd .....9			
2. Harold Sherrell.....8			
Kyle Cerminara.....8			
Mickey Moran.....8			
Mike Ragusa .....8			
TAKEDOWNS	REVERSALS	ESCAPES	RIDING TIME POINTS