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Wrestling



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Current record – 2-0 Overall, 0-0 MAC

Bulls Begin Dual Meet Season In Fine Form

The University at Buffalo wrestling team jumped out to a 2-0 start in its dual meet season with two impressive victories last week.

The Bulls came back to down Lock Haven, 23-20, on Thursday and then posted a solid 34-7 win at Binghamton on Sunday afternoon.

Lock Haven, ranked #20 by *Amateur Wrestling News*, had grabbed an early lead against Buffalo before senior **Gary Cooper (Adams, NY/South Jefferson)** turned the tables with a huge fall that sparked a Buffalo rally.

UB went on to victory when both **Garrett Bontempo (DuBois, PA/DuBois)** and **Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)** posted major decisions at 184 and 197 pounds to clinch the win. Buffalo also got a win at 157 pounds by sophomore **Labe Black (Ventnor, NJ/Absegami)**.

Buffalo had gotten off to a great start when redshirt freshman **Mike Sebaaly (Lancaster, NY/Lancaster)** scored a pin in the opening bout of the night at 125 pounds.

At Binghamton, the Bulls won eight of ten weight classes with junior **Mike Trotta (Oceanside, NY/Oceanside)** and **Tom Paladino (Bethpage, NY/Bethpage)** notching falls. Cooper, Cerminara and Bontempo all improved to 2-0 in dual meets on the season, while heavyweight **Tom Curl (Gibbstown, NJ/Paulsboro)** and 125-pounder **Mark Budd (Orrville, OH/Orrville)** both earned their first career dual meet wins as true freshmen. The other winner for Buffalo was senior **Ryan Bentley (Ripley, NY/Ripley)** at 149 pounds.

Wrestler of the Week

For his clutch fall versus Lock Haven and a dominating 16-7 win at Binghamton, senior **Gary Cooper** is this week's UB Male Athlete of the Week. Cooper caught Lock Haven's Mike Greenberg in a Peterson roll to score the 10th dual meet fall of his career.

Notes

With his fourth win of the year at Binghamton, **Gary Cooper** tied Jon Eschenfelder for sixth place all-time with 83 career victories. With his pin versus Lock Haven, Cooper moved into a tie for 11th place (with Ted Lawson, 1971-73) with 10 career dual meet falls...**Ryan Bentley**, meanwhile, tied Scott Slade for eighth place with his 81st career win at Binghamton. Bentley also tied Bill Stanbro (1987-91) with his 34th career dual meet win in the same match. Both Cooper and Bentley have an opportunity this season to break the career mark of 102 wins set by Josh States during the 2000-01 season...the win over Binghamton left head coach **Jim Beichner** just one win shy of his 70th career dual meet win. Beichner stands second behind UB Hall of Famer Ed Michael (1970-1991), who accumulated 213 coaching victories.

Buffalo Heads To Mat Town USA

The Bulls will head to the highly-competitive Mat Town USA Tournament, hosted by Lock Haven, this Saturday. Nebraska, Oregon, Pittsburgh, Penn State, and Ohio are all expected to be at the event.

2002-03 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
11/16	Oklahoma Gold Classic @Brockport	7 th of 10
11/21	LOCK HAVEN	W, 23-20
11/24	@ Binghamton	W, 34-7
11/30	Mat Town Tournament (at Lock Haven)	9:00 am
	w/ Lock Haven, Nebraska, Oregon, Pittsburgh, Penn State, and Ohio	
12/20	Beast of the East Tournament (at Delaware)	9:00 am
	w/ Virginia Tech, Old Dominion, Princeton, Drexel, George Mason, Citadel, Binghamton, and Bloomsburg	
12/28-29	Wilkes Open (at Wilkes-Barre, PA)	TBA
1/4	Buckeye Duals (hosted by Ohio State)	11:00 am
	w/ Eastern Illinois, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Drexel, and Ohio State	
1/9	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	7:00 pm
1/11	at Clarion University	7:00 pm
1/17-18	NEW YORK STATE COLLEGIATES	12:00 pm
1/25	KENT STATE*	1:00 pm
2/2	MERCYHURST	1:00 pm
2/4	SLIPPERY ROCK	7:00 pm
2/7	at Central Michigan*	7:00 pm
2/22	vs. Northern Illinois*	10:00 am
	at Eastern Michigan*	12 noon
2/23	at Ohio University*	1:00 pm
3/8-9	Mid-American Conference Championships	1:00 pm
	at Central Michigan University	
3/20-22	NCAA Championships	TBA
	at Kemper Arena, Kansas City, MO	

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* - Mid-American Conference Matches

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