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Wrestling



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Current record – 1-1 Overall, 1-1 MAC

BUFFALO SPLITS MAC OPENER TO OPEN SEASON

The University at Buffalo wrestling team kicked off their dual meet season within the Mid-American Conference by defeating Eastern Michigan 33-6, and suffering a 22-13 loss at the hands of the Northern Illinois Huskies.

Ryan Bentley (Ripley, NY/Ripley) won by fall at 141 pounds. **Bill Jacoutot (Spencerport, NY/Spencerport)** at 149 pounds, **Gary Cooper (Adams, NY/South Jefferson)** at 157 pounds, **Dave Guarino (Derby, NY/Lakeshore)** at 165 pounds, **Ben Cooper (Copenhagen, NY/Copenhagen/Brockport)** at 174 pounds, **Garrett Bontempo (DuBois, PA/DuBois Area)** at 184 pounds, and **Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)** at 197 pounds each won their respective matches by decision. **Charlie Voorhees (Warsaw, NY/Warsaw)** won by forfeit at 125 pounds.

Four Bulls won their matches in the loss to the Huskies. Bentley, Jacoutot, and Guarino all won by decision. Guarino moved to a perfect 8-0 on the season. Cerminara registered a victory by major decision, picking up four team points for the Bulls.

Bontempo led the team with eight takedowns during the dual meet. Gary Cooper led the Bulls with a pair of two-point near falls, two three-point near falls, and eight escapes. Cerminara, Guarino, and Jacoutot each registered two reversals. Guarino and Smith picked up two riding time points, which led the squad.

GUARINO REMAINS IN TOP FORM

Senior Dave Guarino entered the season as the only Bulls' returning NCAA qualifier. He was chosen as one of the team's captains, and was a leader throughout the offseason.

As the season began, Guarino took the leadership role onto the mat. He won the 165-pound weight class at both the Oklahoma Gold Classic and Bloomsburg Invitational, as well as going 2-0 in MAC matches.

Overall, Guarino has posted an 8-0 mark, while registering three takedowns, three escapes, and two reversals.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

UB now heads west to Las Vegas to participate in the Cliff Keen Invitational this Friday and Saturday. The tournament contains some of the best wrestlers and teams throughout the entire country.

The MAC season does not resume for the Bulls until they take on Kent State in a match that does not occur until January 25th.

2001-02 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
11/10	Oklahoma Gold Classic @Brockport	3 rd of 9
11/17	Bloomsburg Invitational @Bloomsburg	1 st of 7
11/25	@Northern Illinois*	L, 13-22
	vs. Eastern Michigan* @Northern Illinois	W, 33-6
11/30-12/1	Cliff Keen Invitational @Las Vegas, NV	12 p.m.
12/5	BINGHAMTON	3 p.m.
1/5	Buckeye Duals @Ohio State	12 p.m.
	vs. Ohio State	
	vs. Eastern Illinois	
	vs. Indiana	
1/12	CLARION	1 p.m.
1/18-1/19	NY State Collegiate Champ. @Oswego	12 p.m.
1/25	@Kent State*	7 p.m.
1/26	@West Virginia	5 p.m.
2/2	BUCKNELL	1 p.m.
2/9	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	1 p.m.
2/12	@Slippery Rock	7 p.m.
2/16	American Duals @American	12 p.m.
	vs. American	
	vs. Old Dominion	
2/23	Cornell Duals @Cornell	TBA
	vs. Ohio*	
	vs. Missouri	
3/9	MAC Champ. @Eastern Michigan	1 p.m.
3/21	NCAA Champ. @Pepsi Arena (Albany, NY)	11 a.m.

HOME IN BOLD CAPS, Away in italics

* - Mid-American Conference Matches

All times are Eastern Standard Time

2001-02 DUAL MEET TEAM STATISTICS

Takedowns	36
Falls	1
Near Falls (2 points)	3
Near Falls (3 points)	2
Technical Falls	0
Escapes	34
Reversals	8
Riding Time Points	7

2001-02 DUAL MEET INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Overall Wins	Bill Jacoutot (11)
Dual Meet Wins	Bentley, Cerminara, Guarino, Jacoutot (2)
MAC Wins	Bentley, Cerminara, Guarino, Jacoutot (2)
Takedowns	Garrett Bontempo (8)
Falls	Ryan Bentley (1)
Near Falls (2 points)	Gary Cooper (2)
Near Falls (3 points)	Gary Cooper (2)
Technical Falls	None
Escapes	Gary Cooper (8)
Reversals	Cerminara, Guarino, Jacoutot (2)
Riding Time Points	Guarino, Smith (2)