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Wrestling



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Current record: 0-1 (0-0 Mid-American Conference)

BREAKING THROUGH

After wrestling in the shadow of senior redshirt All-American *Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)* for three years, junior *Harold Sherrell (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)* (197 pounds) finished 3-1 at the Mat Town USA Tournament at Lock Haven University on Saturday to finish second.

Sherrell beat David Dashiell of North Carolina in the first round, 8-4, before beating Phil Davis of Penn State, 7-6, to reach the semifinals. In the semifinals, Sherrell knocked off Matt Koz of Minnesota, 15-6. Koz was ranked 16th in the Wrestlingmall.com preseason Division I poll at 197 pounds.

Joel Weimer of Ohio beat Sherrell, 4-2, in the finals. Sherrell is now 4-4 this year and 28-36 in his career. It was the first time in his collegiate career that he had made it to a tournament finals.

McKNIGHT SETS THE MARK

Sophomore *Mark McKnight (McDonald, PA/South Fayette)* (125 pounds) shattered the University at Buffalo mark for non-transfers, when he reached his 40th career win in his 49th match at Saturday's Mat Town USA Tournament at Lock Haven University. McKnight broke Cerminara's record, as Cerminara started his career 40-18.

McKnight finished 3-2 at the tournament, winning his first two matches to reach 40 career wins before dropping his next two matches. McKnight rebounded with an 8-3 win over Andrew Dominques of Minnesota to finish fifth.

LLOYD REACHES 30 WINS

Sophomore *Patrick Lloyd (Middletown, NY/Valley Central)* (149 pounds) also crossed the 30-career-win barrier at the tournament, beating Minnesota's Juan Martinez, 4-3, in the first round for his 30th win in 52 matches. Lloyd finished in fifth with a 3-2 mark at the tournament.

UP NEXT FOR BUFFALO

UB returns to the mat on Friday as it travels to one of the most prestigious wrestling tournaments in the nation, the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. This year, 45 teams will compete, including two top-10 ranked teams (Nebraska, 3rd and West Virginia, 9th) according to the Wrestlingmall.com.

2004-05 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

November

Sat., 17	Oklahoma Gold Classic	7th/11
Thu., 18	BLOOMSBURG	L, 9-21
Sat., 27	Mat Town Tournament (at Lock Haven)	11th/13

December

Fri.-Sat., 3-4	Las Vegas Invitational	TBA
Sat., 11	Edinboro (at Jamestown, NY)	1:00 pm
Fri., 17	Beast of the East (Newark, DE)	10:00 am
Thu., 30	UB OPEN	10:00 am

January

Sat., 8	<i>Buckeye Duals (at Ohio State)</i> vs. Northern Illinois vs. Tennessee Chattanooga vs. Clarion vs. Northwestern	11:00 am
Fri.-Sat., 14-15	Virginia Duals	TBA
Fri.-Sat., 21-22	New York State Collegiates	12:00 pm
Sun., 30	at Ohio*	1:00 pm

February

Sat., 5	at Eastern Michigan*	12:00 pm
Sat., 5	at Central Michigan*	7:30 pm
Fri., 11	KENT STATE*	7:00 pm
Thur., 17	SLIPPERY ROCK	7:00 pm

March

Fri.-Sat., 4-5	MAC Championships	11:00 am
Thur.-Sat., 17-19	NCAA Championships	TBA

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