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Wrestling



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Current record: 3-0 (0-0 Mid-American Conference)

WE'LL START WITH THE RECORD

Senior *Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)* took all the drama out of whether he was going to get the 16 wins he needed coming into this season to become UB's all-time career wins leader. He simply won his first 16 matches, beating Cal. St. Fullerton's Chris Chambers, 9-0, in the round of 16 at this weekend's Las Vegas Invitational, to cap off his run at Gary Cooper's (1998-2003) mark of 113 career wins. Cerminara now has 117 career wins.

...AND NOW THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Chambers was just one of five of the matches Cerminara won on his way to becoming the first Buffalo wrestler to claim a Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational championship. Seeded second, Cerminara ran into three nationally-ranked wrestlers, beating the *WrestlingReport.com*'s 29th-ranked Mark Thompson of The Citadel, 5-3, in the first round before beating Chambers. He then downed the NWCA/*InterMat*/NWMA's 13th-ranked Jeff Foust of Missouri, 7-1, in the quarterfinals before downing North Carolina State's Ryan Goodman, 8-6 in the semifinals.

In the finals, Cerminara beat Cornell's Jerry Rinaldi, ranked 10th in the NWCA/*InterMat*/NWMA poll, 5-3, as he earned two takedowns and had a riding time point while allowing Rinaldi only three escapes.

...AND A LITTLE ON THE STREAK

Cerminara has won 19 straight matches, which is just five shy of tying the school-record of 24 straight victories, set by John Stutzman in 1996-97. This is the second record of Stutzman's that the 2004 All-American has chased this year, already breaking Stutzman's mark of 135 career dual meet takedowns, with Cerminara now owning the school-record of 149.

THE WAR AT THE SHORE

Buffalo heads to the Erie Civic Center this Friday night to participate in a showcase event that will also feature dual meets between Division II rivals Mercyhurst and Gannon before a high school dual meet between Western Pennsylvania powers Fort LeBluff and Erie Cathedral Prep, where UB assistant coach Jeff Catrabone was head coach for five seasons. At 8:30 pm, the Bulls will take center mat for the main event, a dual against Edinboro, ranked 23rd in the *USA Today*/NWCA/*InterMat* poll.

2005-06 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

NOVEMBER

Sat., 5	at Slippery Rock Open	NTS
Sat., 12	at Oklahoma Gold Classic	5th/11
Sat., 19	BLOOMSBURG	W, 30-11
	FINDLAY	W, 36-0
	GARDNER-WEBB	W, 44-3
Sat., 26	at Mat Town Tournament	2nd/8

DECEMBER

Fri.-Sat., 2-3	at Las Vegas Invitational	16th/52
Fri., 9	Edinboro (at Erie, PA)	8:30 pm
Tues., 20	APPALACHIAN STATE	11:00 am
	MERCYHURST	
Fri., 30	3rd ANNUAL UB OPEN	10:00 am

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

Sat., 4	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm
Sun., 5	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm
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

In the Know...

The Bulls compiled 48.5 points at the Las Vegas Invitational to finish 16th, ahead of the USA Today/NWCA/*InterMat*'s eighth-ranked Wisconsin.

BUFFALO QUICK FACTS

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

WRESTLING STAFF

Head CoachJim Beichner (Clarion '87)
 Career Record.....94-60-2 (.609) (11 years)
 Record at UB94-60-2 (.609) (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.....472-371-13 (.560)
 National Championships1 (DIII, 1978)
 All-Americans40 (1 DI, 6 DII, 33 DIII)
 2004-05 Record3-10, 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

2005-06 MAC STANDINGS

	MAC	Overall		
1. Buffalo	0-0 ---	3-0	1.000	
2. Central Michigan	0-0 ---	3-1	.750	
Ohio	0-0 ---	3-1	.750	
4. Eastern Michigan	0-0 ---	0-0	---	
Kent State	0-0 ---	0-0	---	
6. Northern Illinois	0-0 ---	0-1	.000	

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

SIN CITY SUCCESS

The Bulls posted their best-ever finish at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational, as it finished 16th with 48.5 points in the 52-team tournament. Buffalo finished well ahead of its two Mid-American Conference rivals at the meet, as Ohio had 14 points to finish 37th and Eastern Michigan had 12.5 points to finish 42nd.

THE STUDENT HAS BECOME THE MASTER

Head coach **Jim Beichner** also led his team to a finish ahead of his old mentor, coach Rande Stottlemeyer, at the Las Vegas Invitational as Pittsburgh, who has held a national ranking this season, finished 24th with 32 points.

Beichner was an assistant under Stottlemeyer for seven years, even helping the Panthers to its first-ever National Duals appearance in 1994-95.

Beichner also helped to lead the Bulls past Clarion University, his alma mater and first coaching post after graduation, at the Mat Town USA Invitational, as the Bulls placed second at the tournament and the Golden Eagles finished eighth.

PULLING RANK

Six University at Buffalo wrestlers received recognition in last week's round of national rankings, as seniors **Cerminara**, **Harold Sherrell (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)** and **Garrett Hicks (Chautauqua, NY/Chautauqua Lake)**, junior **Mark Budd (Orrville, OH/Orrville)** and sophomores **Mickey Moran (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler Area)** and **Dana Gingerich (Spring Grove, PA/DeLone Catholic)** each earned recognition.

Cerminara (197 pounds) was ranked fifth in the NWCA/ InterMat/NWMA poll and sixth in the *Wrestling Report.com*, *W.I.N. Magazine* and *Amateur Wrestling News* polls. Sherrell (heavyweight) was 26th in the *WrestlingReport.com* poll and 19th in *W.I.N. Magazine's*. Hicks (184 pounds) was 27th in *WrestlingReport.com*. Budd (133 pounds) was 18th in *WrestlingReport.com* and 17th in *W.I.N. Magazine*. Moran (165 pounds) was 27th in *WrestlingReport.com* and 17th in *W.I.N. Magazine* and Gingerich (141 pounds) was 27th in *WrestlingReport.com*.

For Gingerich, Hicks and Moran, it was their first appearance in national rankings, while Budd and Sherrell have held *WrestlingReport.com* rankings in the past.

PINNING FOR POINTS

Even though Cerminara was the lone Buffalo wrestler to place at the Las Vegas Invitational, he was not the only one to contribute to the Bulls' 48.5 team points. The team was buoyed by a seven-pin performance, led by Gingerich and Budd, who each earned two falls in the tournament. Hicks, Moran and Sherrell also each had pins at the tournament. Buffalo already has 30 falls as a team this year, after posting only 36 in 2004-05.

BUFFALO 2005-06 STARTERS

125	Louie Ruben (2-5 overall)
133	Mark Budd (18-3)
141	Dana Gingerich (10-5)
149	Patrick Lloyd (9-10)
157	John Cummings (9-9)
165	Mickey Moran (16-5)
174	Ray Lamb (3-5)
184	Garrett Hicks (8-3)
197	Kyle Cerminara (19-0)
HWT	Harold Sherrell (16-4)

IN THE RANKINGS

Five national publications do national polls each week during the collegiate wrestling season: *Wrestling Report.com*, *TheWrestlingMall.com*, *Wrestling International Magazine* (W.I.N.), *Amateur Wrestling News*, and the National Wrestling Coaches Association/*InterMat*.

National Rankings

Wt.	Name	WR	TWM	W.I.N.	AWN	NWCA
133	Mark Budd	18	-	17	-	-
141	Dana Gingerich	27	-	-	-	-
165	Mickey Moran	27	-	17	-	-
184	Garrett Hicks	27	-	-	-	-
197	Kyle Cerminara	6	9	6	6	5
Hwt.	Harold Sherrell	26	-	19	-	-

MAC Rankings (Nov. 29, 2005)

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	4th
Dana Gingerich	141	2nd
Mickey Moran	165	2nd
Nate Rock	174	T-2nd
Garrett Hicks	184	2nd
Kyle Cerminara	197	2nd
Harold Sherrell	Hwt.	4th

2005-06 AWARDS

MAC Wrestlers of the Week

Nov. 22

Mickey Moran (165) (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler Area)

Nov. 29

Kyle Cerminara (197) (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)

TEAM LEADERS

Overall Leaders

Wins	Kyle Cerminara (19)
Winning Percentage	Kyle Cerminara (1.000)
Falls	Dana Gingerich (6)

Dual Meet Leaders

Wins	Six tied at (3)
Falls	Dana Gingerich, Mickey Moran (2)
Technical Falls	Kyle Cerminara (3)
Takedowns	Kyle Cerminara (20)
Reversals.....	Garrett Hicks, Harold Sherrell (2)

CAN WE STAY HERE?

Sherrell will take some very positive memories from Thomas Fieldhouse in Lock Haven. Besides winning the heavyweight title at the Mat Town USA Invitational this year, Sherrell also posted a second place finish in 2004, as he beat eventual All-American Phil Davis of Penn State and Minnesota's nationally-ranked Matt Koz to make the championship match at 197 pounds.

TAKING THE FALL

In the past two years, Gingerich has recorded 13 wins by fall to lead the Bulls, including both his wins at the Las Vegas Invitational. Last season, he won seven of 17 matches by fall to lead the team and finish ninth in the nation at 141 pounds. He leads the team with six falls this season.

MAC TRUCKS

Moran picked up his first conference accolade on Nov. 22, as he earned the MAC Wrestler of the Week award. Moran went 3-0 at Buffalo's quad-meet on Nov. 19 to earn the award. Cerminara followed with his third career MAC Wrestler of the Week award on Nov. 29, as he posted two wins over nationally-ranked opponents to earn the Mat Town USA Invitational title at 197 pounds and also earned the Harris Lipez Most Outstanding Wrestler at the tournament.

50 IS NOT SO FAR AWAY

Three Buffalo wrestlers enter the Las Vegas Invitational with a chance at winning their 50th career match. Hicks has 49 career wins heading into Friday's match against Edinboro and Budd has 48. Both are in just their second full season as starters and both also finished in the top 25 in the nation in wins at their weight class during the 2004-05 campaign.

SCOUTING THE SCOTS FOR THE WAR AT THE SHORE

Edinboro, ranked 23rd in the *USA Today/NWCA/InterMat* poll, surprised many with their fourth-place finish at the Las Vegas Invitational, as the Fighting Scots posed 101 points and produced two champions, 133-pounder Shawn Bunch and 149-pounder Gregor Gillespie. Two other placed at the tournament, with 174-pounder Eric Ring placing fourth and 184-pounder Alex Clemson placing seventh.

Last year, the Bulls lost to Edinboro, 25-9, in Jamestown on Dec. 11 and 25-15 at the Virginia Duals on Jan. 15. Hicks posted a pin in the second match against the Fighting Scots and Sherrell also won both of his matches against the Scots at 197 pounds.

Budd lost three decisions to Bunch, the top-ranked 133-pounder in the country, in 2004-05, losing two by a score of 6-4, and one by a score of 6-3.

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	0-0	0-0
Jake Blowers	165	6-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25-28	3-5
Mark Budd	133	18-3	3-0	0-0	4	1	0	7	0	0	0	2	0	48-28	13-6
Ben Carbrey^	174	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
Kyle Cerminara	197	19-0	3-0	0-0	1	0	3	20	0	6	0	2	1	117-30	40-9
John Cummings	157	9-9	2-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	4	0	3	0	9-9	2-1
Dana Gingerich	141	10-5	3-0	0-0	6	2	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	27-24	8-8
Garrett Hicks	184	9-5	3-0	0-0	3	0	0	6	0	3	2	4	3	49-39	15-12
Tim Higgins^	141	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
Jason Hilliard^	141	5-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
Ray Lamb	174	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12-27	2-14
Tyler Laracy	125	0-6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-6	0-0
Patrick Lloyd	149	9-10	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	51-50	11-20
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	16-5	3-0	0-0	5	2	0	16	0	0	1	0	1	23-28	4-10
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	8-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26-42	9-21
Mike Ragusa	165	14-7	1-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	17-9	1-0
Scott Rendos^	157/165	5-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18-23	2-11
Nate Rock	174	7-5	2-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	17-21	3-6
Louie Ruben	125	2-5	2-1	0-0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	6	1	2-5	2-1
Harold Sherrell	197	16-4	3-0	0-0	2	0	1	1	1	4	2	0	0	62-54	14-11
Mike Shannon	141	0-7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7-35	6-22
Cliff Smith	141	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43-40	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	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19-21	5-11
Evan Veney	125	2-6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-6	0-0

Totals: 3065..... 62..... 2176..... 25..... 9

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*
1. Kyle Cerminara.....19
2. Mark Budd18
2. Harold Sherrell.....16
Mickey Moran.....16
5. Mike Ragusa14

WINS
1. Six tied at3

FALLS
1. Dana Gingerich2
Mickey Moran.....2
3. Mark Budd1
Louie Ruben.....1

TECHNICAL FALLS
1. Kyle Cerminara.....3
2. John Cummings1
Harold Sherrell.....1

TAKEDOWNS
1. Kyle Cerminara.....20
2. Mickey Moran.....16
3. Mark Budd7
4. Garrett Hicks6

REVERSALS
1. Garrett Hicks2
Harold Sherrell.....2
3. Mickey Moran.....1
Nate Rock.....1

ESCAPES
1. Louie Ruben.....6
2. Garrett Hicks4
3. John Cummings3
4. Four tied at2

RIDING TIME POINTS
1. Garrett Hicks3
2. Five tied at.....1