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Wrestling



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Current record – 2-0 Overall, 0-0 MAC

Bulls Earn Votes In Latest Intermat Poll

The University at Buffalo were among those schools receiving consideration in the latest *Intermat* Division I Top 25 poll.

Oklahoma State is currently #1, followed by Iowa and Minnesota. Future UB dual meet opponents in the poll include #5 Ohio State, #13 Central Michigan and #25 Clarion.

Bulls Place Seventh At Mat Town Tournament

The Bulls participated in the prestigious Mat Town USA Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 30th, finishing seventh of ten teams with 73½ points. Purdue won the event with 167½, followed by Nebraska (156½), Penn State (147), Lock Haven (102½) and Ohio University (102½).

Buffalo's top finisher on the day was senior **Gary Cooper (Adams, NY/South Jefferson)**. Cooper rebounded from a loss in the 174-pound semifinals by claiming a pair of matches to earn third place. After losing to No. 1 ranked Ryan Lange of Purdue in the semifinals, Cooper bounced back to defeat Ohio's Ed Willis, 8-4, before pinning Lock Haven's Eric O'Connor at 2:49 to take third place.

Buffalo also saw **Garrett Bontempo (DuBois, PA/DuBois)** and **Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter)** earn fourth-place finishes while freshmen **Mark Budd (Orrville, OH/Orrville)** and **Tom Curl (Gibbstown, NJ/Paulsboro)** finished sixth.

Bontempo lost to Nebraska's B.J. Padden in the semifinals by a 10-6 score before working his way through the wrestlebacks for a fourth place finish. Bontempo scored a fall over Lock Haven's Dan Riggs (1:02) before losing to Purdue's Ben Wissel by a 4-3 score in the third/fourth place match.

Cerminara, meanwhile, was a few points from being in the 197-pound finals. Cerminara dropped a 5-3 decision to No. 2-ranked Jon Bush of Purdue in the semifinals, but rebounded with an 8-5 win over Ohio's Joel Weimer. He lost, however, 3-2 to Penn State's Ryan Cummins in the third/fourth place match.

Budd, meanwhile, battled through an extremely competitive 125-pound class for sixth place after losing his first match of the day. He then reeled off two victories, including over teammate **Mike Sebaaly (Lancaster, NY/Lancaster)** in wrestlebacks, before losing to Pittsburgh's Jordan Sianni, 6-0. Curl lost to Purdue's Isreal Blevins in overtime to start the event, but came back to claim sixth place with a pair of wins in the wrestlebacks, including an 8-2 win over Lock Haven's Steve Iterly, avenging a 3-2 loss in a dual meet earlier this year.

BULL-etins

With his third place finish at the Mat Town Tournament, fifth-year senior **Gary Cooper** moved into tie for fourth place with 86 career victories. Cooper needs 17 more victories to pass Josh States (1996-2000), who finished with 102 career wins, for the all-time lead...sophomore **Kyle Cerminara** leads Buffalo with victories at 14-5 thus far this season, while **Garrett Bontempo** has the best winning percentage (9-3, .750).

Next Up: Beast of the East Tournament

The Bulls will participate in the Beast of the East Collegiate Tournament at the University of Delaware on Saturday, Dec. 20. Teams expected to compete are Virginia Tech, Old Dominion, Princeton, Drexel, George Mason, Citadel, Binghamton and Bloomsburg.

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)	7 th of 10
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*
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

All times are Eastern Standard Time

2002-03 DUAL MEET & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Overall Wins	Kyle Cerminara (14)
Dual Meet Wins ...	G. Bontempo, K. Cerminara, G. Cooper (3)
MAC Wins	n/a
Takedowns	Kyle Cerminara (12)
Falls	G. Cooper, M. Trotta, M. Sebaaly, T. Paladino (1)
Near Falls (2 points)	Mike Sebaaly (2)
Near Falls (3 points)	Gary Cooper (2)
Technical Falls	n/a
Escapes	Adam Grill (6)
Reversals	Gary Cooper (2)
Riding Time Points	Kyle Cerminara (2)