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## Baseball



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**Current record: 11-14 (1-3 Mid-American Conference)**

### BULLS KEEP CHARGING, BUT WIN ONLY TWO OF FIVE

Even though the University at Buffalo baseball team lost three of its five games last week, it still managed to do a few things that no other UB team had done since the team was reinstated in 2000 after a 13-year absence.

It started on Wednesday, when Buffalo won its 10th game of the season in its 21st game, the fastest the team has reached that mark since 1986, when the team also started the year 10-11. The Bulls won the 10th game in style, blowing out the Golden Griffins, 16-0. Three Bulls pitchers combined to toss a one-hitter, another first since reinstatement, and junior **James Kingsley (Medina, NY/Medina)** sent two balls over the Demske Sports Complex fence. Senior **John Boom (London, Ontario/Catholic Central)** also added five RBIs, hitting two doubles as he went 3-for-3.

However, Buffalo's good fortune against Canisius ran out in the second game of the doubleheader as two third-inning home runs by the Griffis helped spark an 8-4 win.

On Friday, Buffalo headed for a hornet's nest when it opened a series with Bowling Green, the Mid-American Conference's leading hitting team, which was coming off a three-game sweep of MAC favorite Central Michigan. The Bulls held tough, until a four-run eighth inning helped the Falcons to a 7-1 win.

Buffalo answered back on Saturday, though, as sophomore **Adam Ruskowski (Utica, NY/Proctor)** pitched 6 2/3 innings, allowing three earned runs, and freshman **Tony Kurtz (Newfane, NY/Newfane)** retired the last seven batters he faced to beat Bowling Green, 6-4.

Bowling Green's Burke Badenhop and Buffalo junior **Matt Johnson (Montague, MI/Montague)** matched up in a pitchers' duel on Sunday, with Badenhop allowing only four hits and striking out nine to come out on top in the 1-0 win. Johnson threw a five-hitter, allowing only a first-inning run.

### ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD

Buffalo hits the road one more time this week, heading to Sal Maglie Stadium for a 4:00 pm doubleheader with Niagara (6-17 overall). Niagara is led by *Baseball America* preseason All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Association picks shortstop Reed Eastley, pitcher James Avery and designated hitter James Alati.

On Friday, Buffalo travels to Miami (OH) to face the East Division leaders. The RedHawks (20-11 overall, 4-2 MAC) have four batters in the top 20 in the conference, including 2004 ABCA All-American catcher John Slone.

### 2005 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

February		
Fri., 25	at Kentucky	L, 3-4 (10)
Sat., 26	at Kentucky	L, 7-10
Sun., 27	at Kentucky	L, 9-11
March		
Fri., 4	at Georgia Southern	L, 1-13
Sat., 5	at Georgia Southern	L, 6-14
Sun., 6	at Georgia Southern	L, 5-8
Mon., 14	at George Washington	L, 4-9
Tue., 15	at Maryland-Baltimore County	W, 7-6
Wed., 16	at Towson	L, 4-6
Thu., 17	at Coppin State (DH)	W, 1-0, W 5-3
Fri., 18	at Towson	L, 8-11
Sat., 19	at Towson	W, 12-9
Sun., 20	at Towson	W, 9-8 (7)
Fri., 25	at Maryland-Baltimore County (DH)	W, 8-5, L, 5-3
Sat., 26	at Navy (DH)	W, 7-2, W 2-0
Sun., 27	at Navy	W, 8-0
Tue., 29	<b>LE MOYNE (DH)</b>	<b>Ppd. to TBA</b>
April		
Fri., 1	at Akron*	L, 6-8
Wed., 6	at Canisius (DH)	W, 16-0, L, 4-8
Fri., 8	at Bowling Green*	L, 1-7
Sat., 9	at Bowling Green*	W, 6-4
Sun., 10	at Bowling Green*	L, 0-1
Tue., 12	at Niagara (DH)	4:00 pm
Fri., 15	at Miami*	3:00 pm
Sat., 16	at Miami*	1:00 pm
Sun., 17	at Miami*	1:00 pm
Wed., 20	<b>ST. BONAVENTURE (DH)</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Fri., 22	<b>OHIO*</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Sat., 23	<b>OHIO*</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Sun., 24	<b>OHIO*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Tue., 26	BIG FOUR TOURNAMENT^	3:00 pm
Wed., 27	BIG FOUR TOURNAMENT^	3/7:00 pm
Fri., 29	<b>KENT STATE*</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Sat., 30	<b>KENT STATE*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
May		
Sun., 1	<b>KENT STATE*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Wed. 4	<b>CANISIUS (DH)</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Fri., 6	at Toledo*	3:00 pm
Sat., 7	at Toledo*	1:00 pm
Sun., 8	at Toledo*	1:00 pm
Fri., 13	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Sat., 14	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Sun., 15	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>

\* = Mid-American Conference matches

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** held at Amherst Audubon Field

^Big Four Tournament held at Dunn Tire Park

