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Baseball



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RAIN LEAVES GAME, SERIES UNSETTLED

The week of wet weather in Western New York wreaked havoc on the University at Buffalo's planned five home games. The team managed to get two games in, although both games were called prematurely.

After 30 games on the road, Buffalo opened up its home slate on Wednesday, facing defending Atlantic 10 Champion St. Bonaventure. Hurler John Zinnicker tossed a five-hitter for the Bonnies en route to a 6-1 win in a rain-shortened six inning affair. The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was cancelled shortly after the first game was suspended.

Buffalo (11-20 overall) got another solid pitching performance from sophomore **Matt Francavillo (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)** (0-5), who completed his second start in a row, pitching six innings and allowing eight hits, four walks and four earned runs. He struck out six, mixing a very effective curveball with a change and fastball.

On Friday, the Bulls reignited their MAC East Division rivalry with Ohio and got caught up in a monster dogfight that finally was called as rain poured down on Amherst Audubon Field after 12 1/2 innings of play.

Down 6-2 in the bottom of the eighth inning with two outs, Buffalo's next seven batters reached base, as junior first baseman **James Kingsley (Medina, NY/Medina)** hit a three-run homer to left to tie the game and three batters later, sophomore third baseman **Mike Connelly (Utica, NY/Proctor)** delivered a blooper to right field on a 3-2 pitch to give Buffalo a 7-6 lead.

Ohio clawed back with two in its half of the ninth, but senior shortstop **Joe Mihalics (Tonawanda, NY/Timon-St. Jude)** delivered a triple with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to tie it at 8.

Ohio reliever Dan O'Rourke and Buffalo junior righthander **Sean McWilliams (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua)** combined to throw zeroes on the scoreboard from the 10th inning on.

RIVALRY WEEK

Buffalo stays at home for the second week in a row. On Tuesday, the team heads downtown for the second annual Big 4 Tournament at Dunn Tire Park. Last year, the Bulls finished in third place at the tournament, losing to Niagara, 11-10, in the first round before beating Canisius, 10-7, in the third-place game. This year, the Bulls will have a shot to get even for last week's loss to St. Bonaventure at 7:00 pm in the first round.

On Friday, Buffalo opens up a home series with Kent State. The Golden Flashes (22-14, 4-6) are led by junior Drew Saylor, who is third in the MAC with a .368 average, six homers and 32 RBIs. Junior Joe Tucker is hitting .345 with six stolen bases.

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	LE MOYNE (DH)	Ppd. to TBA
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)	L, 1-2, L, 3-4
Fri., 15	at Miami*	L, 1-10
Sat., 16	at Miami*	L, 5-6
Sun., 17	at Miami*	L, 5-8
Wed., 20	ST. BONAVENTURE	L, 1-6 (6)
Fri., 22	OHIO*	T, 8-8 (12)
Sat., 23	OHIO*	Ccd.
Sun., 24	OHIO*	Ccd.
Tue., 26	St. Bonaventure^	7:00 pm
Wed., 27	Canisius/Niagara^	3/7:00 pm
Fri., 29	KENT STATE*	3:00 pm
Sat., 30	KENT STATE*	1:00 pm
May		
Sun., 1	KENT STATE*	1:00 pm
Wed. 4	CANISIUS (DH)	3:00 pm
Fri., 6	at Toledo*	3:00 pm
Sat., 7	at Toledo*	1:00 pm
Sun., 8	at Toledo*	1:00 pm
Fri., 13	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	3:00 pm
Sat., 14	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm
Sun., 15	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm

* = Mid-American Conference matches

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

^Big Four Tournament held at Dunn Tire Park

