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Baseball



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KENT FLASHES OFFENSIVE LIGHTNING AGAINST BULLS

After a week of wet weather cost the University at Buffalo baseball team three home games, it finally got in a full slate of five games in Western New York. However, the team dropped four of the five games, falling nearly out of contention for the MAC playoffs with three conference series left.

On Tuesday, the Bulls lost to St. Bonaventure, 5-2, at Dunn Tire Park in the first round of the second annual Big 4 Tournament. The Bulls kept the Bonnies close until the fifth inning when two Bonnies' runs put them up 4-2. From there, the defending Atlantic 10 champions cruised.

The next day, the Bulls rebounded by beating Niagara, 10-3, behind eight strong innings of five-hit baseball from freshman **Tony Kurtz (Newfane, NY/Newfane)**. The freshman was given the benefit of 14 Buffalo hits, six walks and four hit batters as the team scored in five frames.

The Bulls' offensive good fortune didn't last into the weekend, however, as defending MAC Champion Kent State allowed just six hits on Friday to cruise to a 9-2 win.

After a rainout on Saturday, the teams met for a doubleheader on Sunday, in which Kent State's offense never let Buffalo stay in a game. In the first game, the Golden Flashes scored five runs in the first three innings, culminating in a 7-3 win before scoring 23 in the first five in the nightcap to win 25-12.

TWO AT HOME, THREE MORE FOR THE ROAD

After the tough weekend, Buffalo will get a chance to rebound this week as it stays at home for a Wednesday doubleheader against Route 5 rival Canisius. The Golden Griffins (8-28 overall) made the Big 4 Tournament final last week, stunning Niagara, 8-7, but the team has dropped four games since. The Bulls split a doubleheader with the Griffs earlier this year, winning 16-0 in the first game before losing 8-4 in the second game.

This weekend, the Bulls head off for their last roadtrip of the year to play MAC cross-division rival Toledo. The Rockets (12-29 overall, 2-11 MAC) have the second-worst batting average (.267) in the conference and third-worst pitching ERA (6.56). Toledo is led by Jake Swint, who is batting .318, and pitcher Nick Szczur, who has a 4.15 ERA and a 4-5 record in 73.2 innings this year.

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)
Tue., 26	St. Bonaventure^	L, 2-5
Wed., 27	Niagara^	W, 10-3
Fri., 29	KENT STATE*	L, 2-9
May		
Sun., 1	KENT STATE*	L, 3-7, L, 12-25
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
Tue., 17	NIAGARA	3:00 pm
Fri., 20	MARSHALL*	3:00 pm
Sat., 21	MARSHALL*	1:00 pm
Sun., 22	MARSHALL*	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

