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## Baseball



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### BULLS FINISH YEAR WITH FIRST MAC SWEEP

The University at Buffalo baseball team finished in style, tying a school record for wins in a season since being reinstated in 2000 with its 16th win against Niagara on Tuesday before keeping the momentum by sweeping Marshall for Buffalo's first-ever sweep in conference play since joining the MAC in 2001 to close the season.

On Tuesday, senior *Phil Vanhorne's (Scarborough, Ontario/Mother Teresa)* single up the middle in the bottom of the sixth scored two runs to clinch the 5-2 win against Niagara in the Big 4 rivalry. Bulls' pitching held Niagara to three hits in the game.

Senior *Joe Mihalics (Tonawanda, NY/Timon-St. Jude)* added a two-RBI double in the third inning to give Buffalo the lead, 2-1, which the team never relinquished.

Junior *Sean McWilliams (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua)* shut the door with four innings of one-hit relief to tie the school-record with his sixth career save.

On Friday, freshman *Mike Folli (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)* and junior *James Kingsley (Medina, NY/Medina)* each had hits in their first three at bats, including fourth-inning triples, to lead Buffalo to a 7-4 win in the opening game of the series with Marshall.

After Marshall scored three in the fifth, junior *Matt Johnson (Montague, MI/Montague/Grand Rapids CC)* closed out the game with four innings of shutout relief, allowing three hits and no runs to earn his first Division I save.

McWilliams did it again on Saturday, pitching six innings of scoreless, four-hit relief to lead Buffalo to a 6-2 win.

The Bulls took the lead in the seventh inning when junior *David Amaro (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)* singled to lead off and sophomore *Mike Connelly (Utica, NY/Proctor)* scored him with a two-out single to left to take a 3-2 lead. Sophomore *Dan Quinn (Hamburg, NY/Frontier)* hit a three-run homer in the eighth to cap off the scoring.

Senior Day belonged to senior *Chris McGraw (Summerville, SC/Stratford/Coffeyville CC)*, as he picked up his first career shutout in his last start, striking out 12 and allowing seven hits in the 1-0 win.

Folli drove in senior *Andy Wengert (Utica, NY/Proctor)* with the game's only run with a two-out single to center in the bottom of the seventh.

### 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)	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	<b>ST. BONAVENTURE</b>	<b>L, 1-6 (6)</b>
Fri., 22	<b>OHIO*</b>	<b>T, 8-8 (12)</b>
Tue., 26	St. Bonaventure^	L, 2-5
Wed., 27	Niagara^	W, 10-3
Fri., 29	<b>KENT STATE*</b>	<b>L, 2-9</b>
May		
Sun., 1	<b>KENT STATE*</b>	<b>L, 3-7, L, 12-25</b>
Wed. 4	<b>CANISIUS (DH)</b>	<b>W, 13-1, W, 8-4</b>
Fri., 6	at Toledo*	L, 6-17
Sat., 7	at Toledo*	W, 4-3
Sun., 8	at Toledo*	L, 0-2
Tue., 10	<b>DUQUESNE</b>	<b>L, 6-12</b>
Fri., 13	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
Sat., 14	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>L, 4-6</b>
Sun., 15	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>L, 5-12</b>
Tue., 17	<b>NIAGARA</b>	<b>W, 5-2</b>
Fri., 20	<b>MARSHALL*</b>	<b>W, 7-4</b>
Sat., 21	<b>MARSHALL*</b>	<b>W, 6-2</b>
Sun., 22	<b>MARSHALL*</b>	<b>W, 1-0</b>

\* = Mid-American Conference matches

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

^Big Four Tournament held at Dunn Tire Park

