



## 2000 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WEEKLY FOOTBALL RELEASE



• **THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT** •  
**BUFFALO (0-1) AT RUTGERS (1-0)**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2000 • 6:00 PM**  
**RUTGERS STADIUM (41,500) • NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ**  
**NON-CONFERENCE GAME**  
**WGR RADIO (550)**



### Quick Facts

Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Craig Cirbus, 6th year (17-39)  
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### BULLS LOOKING TO REBOUND FROM DIFFICULT OPENER

The University at Buffalo Bulls continue their trek through the BIG EAST conference on Saturday hoping for better results than their season opener at Syracuse.

The Bulls will head East to play Rutgers University for the first time in school history after losing at Syracuse, 63-7, in the season opener last Saturday.

The Bulls are looking to break a 16-game losing streak and earn their first Division I-A win since the 1970 season.

Rutgers, meanwhile, looks to start the season 2-0 for the first time since 1994 after defeating Villanova, 34-21, in their home opener.

### ORANGE ONSLAUGHT TOO MUCH FOR YOUNG BULLS IN OPENER

The University at Buffalo ran into an Orange buzzsaw Saturday night and could never slow it down. The result was a 63-7 loss in front of 40,634 fans at the Carrier Dome on a muggy evening that saw the Bulls wilt from the pressure of a talented Orange team and their own miscues.

The Bulls (0-1) turned the ball over five times and had two kicks blocked (one returned for a touchdown) as Syracuse came at Buffalo in waves. Syracuse (1-0) rushed for 304 yards on the ground and took advantage of every Buffalo mistake. UB's five turnovers and two blocked kicks were turned into 35 points.

The Bulls got the ball to start the game and picked up a pair of first downs before a costly turnover swung the momentum early. On a second down play linebacker Dwight Freeney stripped

UB quarterback **Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park)** on a blitz with the ball recovered by Christian Ferrara at the Bulls' 35 with 13:34 left in the first quarter.

Five plays later the Orangemen struck first on a one yard run by Chris Davis. After the Bulls were stopped on their next possession, the Orange moved 62 yards in eight plays to score again. This time Davis scored from two yards out. The extra point try was wide left after an illegal formation penalty on Syracuse.

The Bulls got their first big break when senior linebacker **Noah Burroughs (Hempstead, NY/Hempstead)** blocked a Syracuse punt and the ball was recovered by **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)** at the Syracuse 16. After moving to the SU nine-yard line, senior **Scott Keller (Amherst, NY/Amherst Central)** had his 26-yard attempt blocked.

The Orange used that momentum-changing play to drive 80 yards for

## 2000 Mid-American Conference Standings

### East Division

Team	MAC Div.		MAC Overall		Overall		Strk
	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Marshall	0	0	0	0	1	0	W-18
Miami	0	0	0	0	1	0	W-2
Ohio	0	0	0	0	0	1	L-2
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	1	L-1
Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	0	1	L-1
Kent	0	0	0	0	0	1	L-3
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	1	L-16

### West Division

Team	MAC Div.		MAC Overall		Overall		Strk
	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Eastern Michigan	0	0	0	0	1	0	W-1
Toledo	0	0	0	0	1	0	W-4
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	1	L-2
Northern Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	1	L-1
Central Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	1	L-1
Ball State	0	0	0	0	0	1	L-18

### Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh at Bowling Green, 12 noon  
 Marshall at Michigan State, 12 noon  
*Akron at Central Michigan, 1:00 pm*  
*Miami at Eastern Michigan, 1:00 pm*  
 Western Illinois at Ball State, 1:00 pm  
 Kent State at Purdue, 1:00 pm  
 W. Michigan at Iowa, 1:00 pm  
 Ohio at Minnesota, 2:30 pm  
 Buffalo at Rutgers, 6:00 pm  
 Weber State at Toledo, 7:00 pm  
 Illinois State at Northern Illinois, 7:35 pm

### Saturday's Results

Iowa State 25, Ohio 15  
 Michigan 42, Bowling Green 7  
 Toledo 24, Penn State 6  
 Virginia Tech 52, Akron 23  
 Purdue 48, Central Michigan 0  
 Pittsburgh 30, Kent State 7  
 Miami 33, Vanderbilt 30  
 Florida 40, Ball State 19  
 Eastern Michigan 32, Connecticut 25  
 Syracuse 63, Buffalo 7  
*(MAC games in italics)*



another touchdown, this time with Johnson scoring from four yards out. Tailback Dee Brown accumulated 59 yards on that drive alone.

Syracuse struck again midway through the second quarter when cornerback LaTroy Oliver forced a fumble by **Dahnel Singfield (Baltimore, MD/Dunbar)** with the Orange recovering at the UB 29. Once again the Orange converted on a UB miscue as quarterback Troy Nunes hit Dee Brown open in the left corner of the end zone from three yards out.

The Orange put the game away with 5:15 left in the first half on the ultimate momentum changer after a 72-yard run by sophomore **Bam McDonald (Rochester, NY/Rush-Henrietta)** set the Bulls up first and goal inside the Orange five. On third and goal from the one, Freedy was stripped of the ball and Syracuse's Quentin Harris scooped it up and ran 91 yards for the touchdown that was a 14-point swing and put SU up 35-0. The rout was on from there.

Buffalo got their only score of the game late in the fourth quarter when Freedy hit Singfield on a pretty 34-yard touchdown pass. Singfield set career highs with six catches for 121 yards. On the ground, McDonald led the Bulls with eight carries for 76 yards.

Defensively, senior **Tory Smith (Centereach, NY/Half Hollow Hills)** led

the way with a career-best 10 tackles, a pass breakup and his first career interception. Duane Williams and **Chris Gray (Frewsburg, NY/Frewsburg)** had eight tackles each, as did sophomore **Youldain Marcellus (Montreal, Quebec/Vanier)**, a career high. Sophomore **Steve Fleming (Rochester, NY/Greece-Olympia)** had 1½ sacks and four stops.



Tory Smith

*SCOUTING THE KNIGHTS*

Rutgers got a record-setting performance from quarterback **Mike McMahon** and held off visiting Villanova, 34-21, on Saturday. The win was the largest of head coach Terry Shea's career at Rutgers and the biggest win since a 42-24 win over Pittsburgh in 1995.



Mike McMahon

McMahon tied a school record by throwing for five touchdown passes and completed 27-of-44 passes for 323 yards. McMahon hooked up twice with **Errol Johnson** (six catches, 60 yards) for scores while **Walter King** had five

catches for 104 yards and a score.

The Scarlet Knights only gained 46 yards on the ground but limited Villanova to 57 yards rushing as well.

The defense was led by **Wesley Robertson** who had eight tackles, including four of them for loss, and a pass breakup. **Dennis McCormick** added seven tackles, three for loss, and a sack for Rutgers.

McMahon, who missed the final six games of the 1999 season with a shoulder injury, had two touchdown scores in the third quarter as the Knights extended a 14-7 halftime lead to 27-7 before Villanova rallied with 14 points in the final stanza.

*WILLIAMS MAKES PRESENCE FELT*

Junior outside linebacker **Duane**

**Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)** waited two years to line up in the Blue & White and didn't disappoint in his first game.



Duane Williams

Williams was in the Syracuse backfield often and finished the game with eight tackles (six solos), two quarterback pressures and recovered a blocked punt by teammate **Noah Burroughs (Hempstead, NY/Hempstead)**.

**• MAC PEPsi PLAYERS OF THE WEEK •**

**Co-Offensive Player of the Week:** *Chester Taylor (Toledo).* Taylor rushed for 141 yards on 29 carries, an average of 4.9 yards per carry, and scored two touchdowns in leading the Rockets to a 24-6 win at Penn State. Taylor's 13-yard scoring run capped UT's opening drive and gave them the lead for good. Taylor added a one-yard touchdown 32 seconds before intermission for a 17-0 margin.

**Co-Offensive Player of the Week:** *Mike Bath (Miami).* Bath led Miami's comeback from a 30-20 deficit by passing for two touchdowns in the final three minutes for a 33-30 victory at Vanderbilt. Bath led RedHawk scoring drives of 84, 69 and 47 yards on Miami's three fourth-quarter possessions. Bath completed 24-of-41 passes for a school-record 358 yards and four touchdown passes. Bath threw the winning score on a fourth-and-goal from the two-yard line.

**Defensive Players of the Week:** *Garrett Soldano (Western Michigan).* Soldano made a career-high 21 tackles, 11 unassisted, in a 19-7 loss at No. 4-ranked Wisconsin. He also recorded one pass breakup and two QB hurries in helping the Bronco defense limit the Badgers to one offensive touchdown and 252 yards of total offense.

**Special Teams Player of the Week:** *Milt Bowen (Miami).* Bowen averaged 33 yards per kickoff return (4 for 132) against Vanderbilt. His second half returns of 61 and 50 yards sparked the Miami comeback in a 33-30 win. Bowen also had a special teams solo tackle as well as four solo tackles and an assist from his cornerback position.



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Williams and defensive lineman **Omari Jordan (Cleveland, OH/Collingwood)** both made their first starts at UB after transferring together from Vermilion Junior College in Minnesota. They both sat out last season and have two years of eligibility left.

### NEW FACES FOR BABY BULLS

The Bulls started Saturday's game against Syracuse with 11 players starting for the first time, including five who had never played a game in the Blue & White.

First-time starters were: **Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield)**, **Tim Hedges (Tonawanda, NY/Kenmore East)**, **Kevin Dunn (Mission Viejo, CA/Mission Viejo)**, **Brian Johnessee (Frewsburg, NY/Frewsburg)**, **Marquis Dwarto (Baltimore, MD/Perry Hall)** and **Dahnel Singfield (Baltimore MD/Dunbar)** on offense. Among that group, Dunn and Dwarto were both redshirt freshmen playing in the first games.

Defensively, first-time starters were **Joe McKoy (Jamestown, NY/Jamestown)**, **Omari Jordan (Cleveland, OH/Collingwood)**, **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)**, **Mark Graham (Monroe, MI/Monroe)** and **Youdlain Marcellus (Montreal, Quebec/Vanier)**. Jordan, Williams and Graham were all playing in their first game at UB.

### SINGFIELD SHINES IN FIRST CAREER START

Junior flanker **Dahnel Singfield (Baltimore, MD/Dunbar)** finally got his chance to come out from the shadows of all-time UB great **Drew Haddad** on Saturday, and the results were eerily similar to that of old #16.



Dahnel Singfield

Singfield, like Haddad did 18 times in his career, went over 100 yards receiving in the game with six catches for 121 yards and also found the end zone for the first time in his career on a 34-yard connection with **Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park)**.

Singfield has played behind Haddad the past two seasons as the current Buffalo Bill rewrote nearly all of UB's receiving records. Although in the receiver rotation during that time, Singfield had been limited to three catches for 47 yards in the previous two years – numbers he doubled in his first start Saturday.

After one week, Singfield is tied for second among MAC receivers in receptions (6) and ranks sixth in total offense (149.0 per game).

Singfield's 100-plus yard performance through the air marked the fifth straight game a UB receiver has gone over 100 receiving yards. Haddad, you guessed it, went over 100 yards in UB's final four games last season (Kent State, Hofstra, Virginia, Miami of Ohio).

### CAREER BESTS VERSUS SYRACUSE

The following Bulls posted career-best totals against Syracuse:

Player	Career Best
Dahnel Singfield	6 receptions
Dahnel Singfield	121 yards receiving
Chad Bartoszek	2 receptions
Tory Smith	10 tackles
Duane Williams	8 tackles
Youdlain Marcellus	8 tackles
Steve Fleming	1.5 sacks

### LOOKING TO BECOME ROAD WARRIORS AGAIN

The Bulls are hoping to get back to the winning ways on the road that they enjoyed early in head coach Craig Cirbus' coaching career at UB.

In 1995 and 1996, the Bulls were 6-2 on the road, including wins at perennial I-AA powers like Youngstown State, Illinois State and Hofstra.

However, the Bulls have lost their last 12 forays on the road dating back to a 16-14 win at Lafayette on Sept. 19, 1998.

### BIRTHDAY BULLS

Strong safety **Youdlain Marcellus (Montreal, Quebec/Vanier)** turned 22

### • Numbers of Note in Cirbus Era •

	1995-present	2000
Playing at home	10-18	0-0
Playing on road	7-21	0-1
Playing on grass	14-29	0-0
Playing on turf	3-10	0-1
Leading at halftime	11-3	0-0
Trailing at halftime	4-34	0-1
Game tied at halftime	2-2	0-0
Winning turnover margin	12-6	0-0
Losing turnover margin	2-28	0-1
Even in turnover margin	3-5	0-0
Rushing for over 200 yards	10-5	0-0
Rushing for less than 200 yards	7-34	0-1
Passing for more than 200 yards	7-15	0-0
Passing for less than 200 yards	10-24	0-1



years old last Sunday while nose tackle **Ron Gannello (Middletown, NY/Middletown)** turns 22 this Sunday.

*CAMP HAPPENINGS*

Here are some of the major events that happened during the summer and fall camp:

Three-year starter **Josh Stello (Moon Township, PA/Moon)** was lost for the season in July when he suffered a torn ACL to his right knee. He will redshirt and return for a fifth season next year. He will most likely miss next spring's drills but should be fully recovered by next August.

Sophomore **Kyle Kampf (Long Branch, NJ/Shore Regional)** suffered a back injury the first day of pre-season drills and decided to return home. His status with the team is uncertain at this time, but he is currently not with the team.

Sophomore **Terrance Dawson (Warren, OH/Warren G. Harding)** joined the Bulls on Tuesday, August 14 after playing last season at City College of San Francisco.

Dawson was originally signed out of high school to play at Indiana University and played his high school ball with UB teammates **Alvin Jennings** and **Marcus Clarett** at Warren G. Harding HS in Ohio.

Dawson was a two-time All-Steel Valley performer in high school and led the conference in sacks during his last two years. One scouting service had him ranked among the top 15 interior linemen in the Midwest his senior year.

Sophomore **Jason Coley (Rochester, NY/Greece-Olympia)** was moved from the defensive secondary to an outside linebacker during camp and has moved into the two-deep.

Senior defensive lineman **Joe McKoy (Jamestown, NY/Jamestown)**, who moved from fullback to defensive end,

suffered a ruptured tendon in his left thumb but is playing through the injury.

*JERSEY CONNECTIONS*

Buffalo has two players on its roster from New Jersey, although neither is expected to make the trip to Rutgers this weekend.

The first is outside linebacker **Brian Pons (Saddle Brook, NJ/Saddle Brook)**, an All-State selection who holds the school record for sacks in a season (12) and career. The other is **Terek Henderson (Neptune, NJ/Neptune)**, who played on two state championship teams at Neptune HS and set a school record for interceptions in a career.

*STREAKING...*

Streaks on the line on Saturday...

The Bulls are looking to snap a 16-game losing streak dating back to 1998. That is UB's longest losing streak since going winless for 22 straight games starting in 1925 and lasting until a 12-0 win over Long Island during the 1928 season. Buffalo was 0-21-1 during that stretch.

The Bulls have lost 12 straight games on the road dating back to a 16-14 win at Lafayette on Sept. 19, 1998.

The Bulls last win against a Division I-A team was a 16-0 win over Holy Cross on October 31, 1970, UB's last full season against major college competition until 1999.

Senior punter **Mike Masucci (Canastota, NY/Christian Brothers Academy)** has started all 34 games of his UB career. The next longest streak is senior offensive tackle **David Pruce (Chardon, OH/Chardon)**, who has started 25 consecutive games.

Masucci's streak could be in danger, as he did not finish the Syracuse game. Freshman **Dallas Pelz (Holland, NY/St.**

**Francis)** took the last four punts.

*CAPTAINS FOR WEEK TWO*

University at Buffalo head coach Craig Cirbus announced during the first week of camp that he will name captains each week during the 2000 season and name permanent captains at the conclusion of the season.



Marvin Brereton

This week he named junior **Marvin Brereton (Mississauga, Ontario/Mississauga)** as offensive captain; senior **Tory Smith (Centereach, NY/Half Hollow Hills)** as defensive captain and senior **Noah Burroughs (Hempstead, NY/Hempstead)** as special teams captain.

Brereton excelled in blocking assignments and had four carries for 26 yards against Syracuse. Smith had a career-high 10 tackles while Burroughs blocked a punt deep in Syracuse territory in the first half.

*ROHLFS HAS KNACK FOR TURNOVERS*

Junior free safety **Craig Rohlf (Cincinnati, OH/Moeller)** has been a human turnover machine for the Bulls in his first two seasons.

Rohlf, who tied for 20th nationally in interceptions last season, led the MAC last year in interceptions with five and was involved in **nine** of the **15** turnovers that UB forced last year. Besides the five hijacks, Rohlf also forced two fumbles and recovered two others.

During his two-year career, the former Moeller HS standout has been involved in 12 turnovers that the Bulls have gained.

During his high school career, Rohlf set an Ohio state record by intercepting

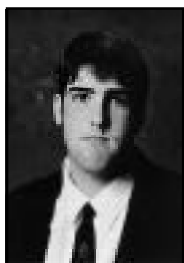


seven passes in the state playoffs as a senior.

*SWITCHING JERSEYS*

Because of position changes there has been one roster switch for the Bulls.

Redshirt frosh **Andy Avery (Rochester Hills, MI/Rochester Hills)** has moved to offensive tackle and switched from jersey #93 to #79. Another redshirt freshman **Lorenzo Jones (Winter Haven, FL/Lakes Region)** switched from #79 to #93.



David Pruce

*NEW LOOK OFFENSIVE LINE*

The Bulls' offensive line has gone from the most experienced in the country in 1999 (with over 150 career starts) to perhaps the least experienced.

Senior **David Pruce (Chardon, OH/Chardon)** is the only lineman to have started a game on the offensive line heading into this season.

*EXCELLING IN THE CLASSROOM*

The UB football program continues to excel in the classroom as the Bulls currently have 10 players with a cumulative GPA over 3.0 and have averaged over 30 players per semester over that mark.

The list:

Player	GPA
Andy Avery	3.59
Marquis Dwarto	3.24
Andre Forde	3.34
Ron Gannello	3.20
Mike Gaydosz	3.13
Alex Lazo	3.55
Jeff Mills	3.66
David Pruce	3.53
Brandon Shaughnessy	3.24
Jason Smalarz	3.36

*ON THE AIRWAVES*

All University at Buffalo football games can be heard on WGR Sports Radio 55 this season with **Rick Maloney** (play-by-play) and **Chris Brown** (color analysis) on the call.

In addition, the games can be heard over the internet by going to UB's website (buffalobulls.com) or directly to www.wgr55.com.

*ON THE TUBE*

The Bulls will get plenty of exposure on television this season with two road games aired live in Buffalo and all five home games rebroadcast in the Buffalo market.

In addition, for the sixth consecutive season, head coach Craig Cirbus will join Assistant Athletic Director Paul Vecchio for **Bulls Football Focus** on the Empire Sports Network. The show will air this year on Tuesday nights at 9:00 pm on Empire Sports Network.

Empire will also air the Bulls' game at Marshall live on September 30th at 7:00 pm, while Adelphia Cable's HTTV will broadcast UB's battle with Ohio the following week in Athens at 7:00 pm.

In addition, five home games will also air on tape delay on Adelphia with **Brian Blessing** and **Mark Collins** on the call with **Gary Pufpaff** handling sideline duties.

Here is the Adelphia schedule:

Game	Replay Date/Time
Connecticut	9/17 (1:00 pm, 8:30 pm)
Bowling Green	9/24 (1:00 pm, 8:30 pm)
Ball State	10/22 (1:00 pm, 8:30 pm)
Kent State	11/5 (1:00 pm, 8:30 pm)
Miami, OH	11/19 (1:00 pm, 8:30 pm)

*SINGFIELD SETS SINGLE-SEASON MARKS IN KICKOFF RETURNS*

Sophomore **Dahnel Singfield (Baltimore, MD/Dunbar)** set new school

records for both kickoff returns (37) and yardage (803) last season and finished the year averaging 21.7 yards per return in 1999.

Singfield is already second all-time for career yardage with 854 yards on kickoff returns.

*SHELLY DOING STRIPPING*

Sophomore **Chris Shelly (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler)** has been a master of forcing fumbles during his UB career thus far.

Shelly is tied for fifth all-time with five forced fumbles in his career – including three last season – along with Vince Canosa (1992-95) and Craig Guest (1993-96).

*BULLS LOOKING FOR HALFTIME LEAD*

The Bulls have an overall mark of 11-3 during the Craig Cirbus era when leading at halftime. Unfortunately for Buffalo, it has been a long time since the Bulls have gone to intermission with the advantage.

You have to go back 15 games to Buffalo's last victory – a 47-0 shutout of Canisius – to find the last UB lead going to halftime.

The Bulls last come-from-behind second half victory came at Lafayette on Sept. 19, 1998 when they rallied from a 14-10 halftime deficit to win 16-14. That was also the Bulls' last road win.

*THE COACHING MATCHUP*

The Bulls are coached by Craig Cirbus (Buffalo, '80) beginning his sixth year as head coach after spending 11 seasons as an assistant for legendary Joe Paterno at Penn State.

Cirbus has a 17-39 career record and earned NCAA Division I-AA Independent Coach of the Year honors after leading UB to an 8-3 record in 1996 – UB's first winning season in over a decade.



Rutgers is coached by Terry Shea, in his fifth season at the helm of the Scarlet Knights. Shea has a career mark of 9-36 at Rutgers and an overall mark of 24-42-2, including a 15-6-2 record in two years at San Jose State where he earned Big West Coach of the Year honors in 1990.

In 1998, Shea led Rutgers to a 5-6 record, after an 0-11 campaign in 1997, and earned BIG EAST Coach of the Year honors. Shea, 54, was an associate head coach at Stanford where he worked for legendary head coach Bill Walsh.

**RECORD BOOK UPDATE**

The following Bulls find themselves in the UB all-time record book:

Player	Category	Place/No.
Chris Shelly	Forced fumbles, career	T-5th/5
Craig Rohlf	Forced fumbles, career	T-9th/3
Scott Keller	Field goals, career	4th/13
Scott Keller	Extra points, career	2nd/53
Scott Keller	Points kicking, career	4th/92
Mike Masucci	Total punts, career	2nd/164
Mike Masucci	Total punting yards, career	2nd/6,276
Dahnel Singfield	Kickoff returns, career	5th/40
Dahnel Singfield	KO return yardage, career	2nd/854

**BULLS AGAINST THE MAC**

The Bulls currently have an all-time record of 10-22 against current MAC members.

The breakdown by schools: Akron (0-1), Ball State (0-2), Bowling Green (0-0), Central Michigan (0-1), Eastern Michigan (0-0), Kent State (4-3), Marshall (1-3), Miami, OH (0-2), Northern Illinois (1-2), Ohio University (2-4), Toledo (2-3) and Western Michigan (0-1).

The Bulls do not play Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan or Western Michigan in the year 2000.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Senior offensive guard Gabe Kogler is of Hawaiian descent.

Redshirt freshman Demetrius Austrum's cousin is former Florida State standout Corey Simon, drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2000 draft.

Andy Avery, Jason Smalarz and Jeff Mills were all admitted into UB's prestigious Honors Program upon enrolling.

The Bulls have four players who hail from Canada (Theron Walker, Marvin Brereton, Kulaa Bacheyie and Youdlain Marcellus).

Rob Barber's uncle (Jodie Carter) was a member of the Miami Dolphins undefeated 1972 Super Bowl champions.

Bob Dzvonic's father is a well-known judge in the Pittsburgh area.

Derrick Gordon comes from Jamaican descent and, as a superstition, eats raw onions before games.

Sophomore fullback David Harvey-Bowen was a 1998 national powerlifting champion.

Running back Bam McDonald was the New York State Class A 200-meter champion in high school.

Sophomore Jason Montanez is related to musician Wyclef Jean, formerly of The Fugees.

Wide receiver Dahnel Singfield's cousin Jeff Burris plays for the Indianapolis Colts.

Freshman wide receiver Alvin Jennings was named the MVP of the Ohio-Pennsylvania Basketball Game.

Offensive lineman Robert Meyer is an accomplished tuba player.

Tight end Brandon Shaughnessy and freshman fullback Tom Shaughnessy are first cousins who both starred at LeRoy HS.

Punter Mike Masucci's father coached football for over 20 years.

Sophomore Aaron McMickle traveled with a USA wrestling team to Russia and Turkey. His father also ran for Senate in his native Ohio.

Senior Chris Gray's uncle, Terry Gray,

played college football at Temple and later played in the CFL.

**WHAT'S NEW IN 2000**

The Bulls have plenty of new looks to them entering the 2000 season.

**New helmets:** The Bulls have added the University interlocking UB mark to their helmets while adding the word "Bulls" just above the face mask.

**A revamped coaching staff:** Particularly on the offensive side of the ball, UB will have lots of coaches in new places, if not new faces. **Charlie Donnor** remains the offensive coordinator but goes from offensive line coach to quarterbacks coach; **Tony Policare** moves from quarterbacks coach to wide receivers; second-year coach **Chris Wiesehan** goes from wide receivers to the young offensive line and **Jim Gibbons**, who started his UB career in 1995 on the field, moves to running backs coach after directing the Bulls' strength and conditioning efforts the last four years. Gibbons' switch came in the wake of Dennis Greene accepting the head coaching job at Erie Community College in Buffalo, which begins football in the fall of 2001.

In addition, **Chuck Williams**, a fixture in Western New York coaching, comes to UB from Canisius College to coach the tight ends. Williams had coached UB's secondary from 1985-89.

Defensively, the changes were more minor; with **Matt Rhule** taking over the defensive line duties after spending last year as a graduate assistant, replacing **Tom Jones**, who moved back to coach the Bulls' safeties. **Mike Gebbia** remains in the secondary and will handle UB's cornerbacks. First-year graduate assistant **Doug Socha**, a North Tonawanda native, will be a defensive assistant with primary duties in the secondary.



• GAME RECAP – WEEK 1 •  
SYRACUSE 63, BUFFALO 7  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2000 • CARRIER DOME  
SYRACUSE, NY

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buffalo	0	0	0	7	7
Syracuse	13	22	21	7	63

Team Per. Time

SU	1	11:50
SU	1	7:36
SU	2	12:06
SU	2	8:22
SU	2	5:15
SU	3	12:06
SU	3	7:49
SU	3	5:27
SU	4	6:27
UB	4	:34

Scoring Play

Davis 1 run (Shafer kick), 7-0  
 Davis 2 run (kick failed), 13-0  
 Johnson 4 run (Tyree pass from Nunes), 21-0  
 Brown 2 pass from Nunes (Shafer kick), 28-0  
 Harris 91 fumble return (Shafer kick), 35-0  
 Brown 1 run (Shafer kick), 42-0  
 Davis 20 run (Shafer kick), 49-0  
 Tyree 20 blocked punt return (Shafer kick), 56-0  
 Ferri 25 run (Shafer kick), 63-0  
 Singfield 34 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 63-7

•Team Statistics•

	Bulls	Orangemen
First downs	14	23
Rushing Attempts-Yards	33-102	50-304
Passing yards	168	82
Passing (C-A-I)	16-36-2	6-9-1
Offensive plays	69	59
Total net yards	270	386
Average gain per play	3.9	6.5
Fumbles (number-lost)	4-3	2-0
Penalties (number-yards)	6-38	10-88
Interceptions by (number-yards)	1-5	2-25
Number of Punts-Avg.	8-29.8	4-32.8
Punt returns-yards	3-34	4-52
Kickoff returns-yards	10-108	2-90
Possession time	31:59	28:01
Third down conversions	3-of-17	2-of-5
Fourth down conversions	1-of-1	0-of-0
Sacks (number-yards)	2-23	3-27

•Individual Statistics•

**Rushing:** UB: McDonald 8-76, Brereton 4-26, Walker 5-19, Jackson 1-2, Dwarte 2-2, Grundy 1-0, Gordon 5-(-2), Freedy 7-(-21). SU: Brown 18-157, Ferry 7-55, Johnson 5-27, Scott 3-25, Davis 4-24, Nunes 5-23, Jackson 1-19, Anderson 2-6, Cusumano 2-0, Team 1-(-2), Williams 2-(-30).

**Passing:** UB: Freedy 16-36-2 168. SU: Nunes 5-8-1 25, Anderson 1-1-0 57, Williams 0-0-0 0.

**Receiving:** UB: Singfield 6-121, Forde 3-19, Bartoszek 2-13, Shaughnessy 1-11, Barber 1-11, Gordon 1-6, McDonald 1-1, McKine 1-(-14). SU: Woodcock 3-75, Campbell 1-4, Brown 1-2, Johnson 1-1.

**Time of game:** 3:01. **Attendance** – 40,634

UB BULLS AMONG THE  
MAC/NATIONAL LEADERS

• DAHNEL SINGFIELD •

T-2nd in MAC/T-22nd in nation in receptions per game (6.0)

10th in the nation in receiving yards per game (121.0)

6th in MAC in all purpose yardage (149.0)

T-4th in scoring (6.0) points per game

• TORY SMITH •

T-1st in MAC/T-3rd in the nation (1.0) per game

T-8th in MAC in tackles per game (10.0)

• BAM McDONALD •

4th in MAC (76.0) in rushing yards per game

7th in punt return average (7.5)

• JOE FREEDY •

10th in MAC in total offense (147.0)

• BUFFALO BULLS TEAM RANKINGS IN THE  
MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE (13 TEAMS) •

7th in rushing offense per game (102.0)

10th in passing offense per game (168.0)

10th in total offense per game (270.0)

T-12th in scoring offense per game (7.0 ppg)

12th in net punting per attempt (23.3)

3rd in punt return average (11.3)

12th in kickoff return average (10.8)

12th in rushing defense per game (304.5)

1st in pass defense (82.0)

9th in pass efficiency defense (157.6)

5th in total defense – yards per game (386.0)

13th in scoring defense per game (63.0)

13th in turnover margin per game (-4.0)

