



2002 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WEEKLY FOOTBALL RELEASE

• THIS WEEK'S GAME •

BUFFALO (1-3, 0-0 MAC) AT OHIO (0-4, 0-0 MAC)
SATURDAY, SEPT. 28, 2002 • 7:00 PM
PEDEN STADIUM (24,000) • ATHENS, OH
MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE GAME
WGR RADIO (550-AM)



OHIO AWAITS AS BULLS OPEN MAC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The University at Buffalo begins the Mid-American Conference portion of its 12-game schedule on Saturday with a visit to East Division rival Ohio University.

Both teams are looking to get off on the right foot in league play, as Buffalo has dropped two straight after an impressive win at Rutgers, while Ohio is 0-4 on the season after a rugged non-conference slate that included Pittsburgh and Florida.

The common theme in both team's non-conference slate is Division I-A independent Connecticut. Buffalo lost to UConn, 24-3, at UB Stadium two weeks ago while the Huskies downed Ohio, 37-19, last Saturday.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

The Bulls have accomplished many firsts since head coach Jim Hofher and his staff took over last year. The one that has eluded them thus far is a victory on the road in the Mid-American Conference.

Buffalo has lost all 12 games away from home in its MAC (1999-present) era and Peden Stadium, the home of the Bobcats, has been most unfriendly. Buffalo has lost 45-6 and 42-20 in MAC battles there in 1999 and 2000, respectively.

A road win in the MAC would fall next to these other milestones that the Bulls have marked since Hofher's arrival:

Their first road win in Division I-A (a 37-20 win at Connecticut).

Their first MAC shutout with a 44-0 pasting of Ohio at UB Stadium.

Their first back-to-back I-A wins with victories over Ohio and Army last November.

Snapping a 14-game losing streak on artificial turf.

Scoring their first win over a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) conference team (a 34-11 win at Rutgers two weeks ago).

Ohio, meanwhile, is looking to snap a current 10-game losing streak, dating back to last season. The Bobcats last win was a 34-3 win at Central Michigan last October.

BULLS EARLY HOLE TOO MUCH TO OVERCOME AT MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota gave Buffalo an example of Big Ten power football on Saturday afternoon at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome before 34,294 Maroon and Gold clad fans.

The Golden Gophers piled up 299 yards on the ground and improved their overall record to 4-0 on the season with a 41-17 victory over the

Storylines For Week Four

- The Bobcats will be looking to avenge a 44-0 shutout loss in Buffalo last season. Ohio has outscored UB, 137-26, in the last three meetings at Peden Stadium.
- Buffalo is looking to start league play 1-0 for the second time in its four-year MAC history. Buffalo won its league opener, 20-17, over Bowling Green in 2000, UB's first MAC and Division I-A victory.
- Third down conversion is likely to be a key on Saturday. Both teams have struggled so far this year (UB at 27% and Ohio at 28%).
- Buffalo is still seeking its first conference road win since joining the MAC in 1999.

Bulls (1-3). It was the Bulls' first game against a Big Ten opponent since 1901.

Buffalo, which trailed at one point 31-0, never gave in, however, and made

• Inside The Game •



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|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Buffalo | _____ | versus | _____ | Ohio |
| Buffalo, NY | _____ | Location | _____ | Athens, OH |
| 25,838 | _____ | Enrollment | _____ | 27,605 |
| 1846 | _____ | Year Founded | _____ | 1804 |
| Mid-American (East Div.) | _____ | Conference | _____ | Mid-American Conference (East Div.) |
| UB Stadium/31,000 | _____ | Stadium/Capacity | _____ | Peden Stadium/24,000 |
| William R. Greiner | _____ | President | _____ | Dr. Robert Glidden |
| Bob Arkeilpane | _____ | Athletic Director | _____ | Thomas Boeh |
| Jim Hofher | _____ | Head Coach | _____ | Brian Knorr |
| Cornell, '79 | _____ | Alma Mater | _____ | Air Force, '86 |
| 48-47 (10th year) | _____ | Overall Record | _____ | 1-14 (2nd year) |
| 4-11 (2nd year) | _____ | Record at School | _____ | same |
| 1-0 | _____ | Versus Opponent | _____ | 0-1 |
| 1-3 overall/0-0 MAC/1-1 on road | _____ | Records | _____ | 0-4 overall/0-0 MAC/0-1 at home |
| Multiple/4-3 | _____ | Offensive/Defensive Sets | _____ | Multiple 1/3-4 |
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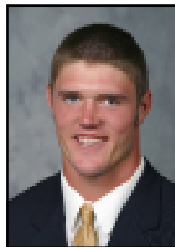
the game much closer than the final score suggested. That fact wasn't lost on head coach Jim Hofher.

"We faced a very good football team today," said Hofher. "A very strong, powerful Big Ten team that had a lot of things going their way against us early in the game. Shame on us if we stop playing with every ounce of energy we have, but we have nothing to be ashamed of because we didn't stop playing hard. The effort we gave today if sustained will be good enough to gain us victories down the road."

The Golden Gophers took control early, taking the opening kickoff and driving 62 yards in nine plays to take a 7-0 lead just 2:34 into the game. Buffalo looked as though it had Minnesota stopped when senior cornerback **Mike Lambert (Syracuse, NY/Jamesville-DeWitt)** broke up a pass at the goal line on third and goal. However, the Gophers faked a 20-yard field goal and holder Preston Gruening ran three yards over the right side for the opening score.

On UB's first possession, a first down throw was wiped out by offensive pass interference and UB was forced to punt. The Gophers again drove to a first-and-goal at the three, but on first

down, freshman linebacker **Bryan Cummings (Cincinnati, OH/Madeira)** – who had a career-best eight tackles – dropped Minnesota quarterback Asad Abdul-Khaliq for a 16-yard loss for his first career sack. The Gophers eventually settled for a 33-yard field goal by Dan Nystrom to make it 10-0.



Bryan Cummings

Minnesota opened the lead to 17-0 when Abdul-Khaliq scrambled and hit Jarred Ellerson for a 25-yard touchdown toss to continue Minnesota's first-quarter domination. Buffalo was outgained by a 159-18 margin in the first quarter and held the ball for just 3:49 of the opening stanza.

The Bulls, however, didn't stop playing in the face of adversity.

The Bulls got on the board with 5:27 remaining in the second quarter behind the legs of freshman tailback **Aaron Leeper (Jamestown, NY/Jamestown)** and the arm of quarterback **Randall Secky (Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove)**. Secky led the Bulls on a drive of 66 yards in seven plays capped by a seven-yard run by Leeper, his third

Buffalo 2002 Schedule/Results

| Date | Opponent | Time/Score |
|-------|-------------------|------------|
| 8/29 | Lehigh | L, 26-37 |
| 9/7 | at Rutgers | W, 34-11 |
| 9/14 | Connecticut | L, 24-3 |
| 9/21 | at Minnesota | L, 41-17 |
| 9/28 | at Ohio* | 7:00 pm |
| 10/5 | Western Michigan* | 1:00 pm |
| 10/12 | at Marshall* | 4:30 pm |
| 10/19 | Miami, OH*# | 1:00 pm |
| 10/26 | Kent State* | 1:00 pm |
| 11/9 | Central Florida* | 1:00 pm |
| 11/16 | at Akron* | 1:00 pm |
| 11/23 | at Ball State* | 1:00 pm |

*Mid-American Conference games
Homecoming weekend

touchdown of the season. Leeper had 30 yards rushing on the drive while Secky hit two-of-three passes for 36 yards.

The Bulls cut further into the Gophers' lead with a textbook hurry-up offensive drill late in the first half. Buffalo drove 63 yards in 13 plays capped by a six-yard touchdown pass from Secky to senior flanker **Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield)**. It was Forde's fifth touchdown catch of the season and came on a third and goal play. Secky hit 4-of-7 passes on the drive, including a 15-yard hookup with senior tight end **Chad Bartoszek (Salamanca, NY/Salamanca)** on third-

• MAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (SEPT. 23) •

• EAST DIVISION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK •

Co-Offense: Brandon Carey, Marshall, RB (Sr., Bridge City, La.) turned in career highs with 28 attempts for 142 yards after starter Franklin Wallace left the game with a concussion in a 26-21 win over UCF. His one-yard touchdown run gave Marshall the lead for good at 17-14 in the third quarter. **Co-Offense: Luke Clemens, Miami, RB (Jr., Dayton, Ohio)** started in place of the injured Cal Murray and responded with a career-high 171 rushing yards and two touchdowns in a 27-20 win over Kent State. Clemens scored on the RedHawks' first two possessions of the game for a 14-0 lead.

Defense: Asante Samuel, UCF, DB (Sr., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) made several big plays that gave the Golden Knights a chance to win the game before coming up short at Marshall, 26-21. Samuel's interception of a Byron Leftwich pass at the 2:10 mark returned the ball to UCF near midfield. He also had two pass breakups and five solo tackles, two of which were third-down stops.

Special Teams: Curtis Head, Marshall, P/PK (Sr., Shelbyville, Ky.) his double-duty effort as both placekicker and punter helped Marshall beat UCF 26-21. Head connected on field goals from 41 and 22 yards as well as averaging 40.7 ypk on six punts.

• WEST DIVISION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK •

Offense: Michael Turner, Northern Illinois, RB (Jr., North Chicago, Ill.) rushed for an NCAA Division I-A season high 282 yards and added three touchdowns in a 29-26 loss to Western Illinois. Turner had scoring runs of two, 82 and 65 yards, the fifth and 16th longest runs in school history, respectively. His 282 yards is the fourth most in school history.

Defense: Alex Glantzis, Bowling Green, NG (Sr., Mentor, Ohio) had a team-leading nine tackles at Kansas, as well as two sacks and two forced fumbles. His second-quarter fumble caused was recovered by teammate Mitch Hewitt for a touchdown.

Special Teams: Pat Fleming, Bowling Green, P (Sr., Ottawa, Ontario) punted seven times for 48.5 yards per kick, including a 61-yard boot at Kansas. Two kicks landed inside the 20 yard line.



and-10 at the Minnesota 20.

The Gophers extended the lead to 34-14 in the third quarter on a 26-yard field goal by Nystrom after Buffalo failed to make a first down on its first two second-half possessions.

The Bulls got as close as 34-17 on a 41-yard field goal by **Dallas Pelz (Holland, NY/St. Francis)** to cap a 12-play drive, but the Gophers put the game away on a 48-yard catch-and-run play from Abdul-Khaliq to Thomas Tapeh.

Secky finished 20-of-35 for 190 yards and a touchdown while Forde was the game's leading receiver with seven catches for 74 yards. Bartoszek had four catches for 40 yards and Leeper had 20 carries for 73 yards.

Defensively, the Bulls were led by sophomore **J.J. Gibson (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)**



Gemara Williams

who had a season-high 10 tackles, one for loss. Redshirt freshman **Gemara Williams (Oak Park, MI/Brother Rice)** came off the bench for the injured Mark Graham, and had a career-best nine tackles, two for losses, and a sack. Sophomore **Anthony Andriano (Howard Beach, NY/Christ The King)** had another strong game with seven tackles and a half-sack.

BULL-ETINS FROM THE MINNESOTA GAME

Senior flanker **Andre Forde** moved further up several career lists in the game. His touchdown catch in the second quarter tied him with Doc Smith for eighth all-time with 12 and gave him 78 career points, tying him for 21st all-time with Dick Ashley. Forde also now ranks sixth all-time in career all-purpose yardage (2,823), second in career kickoff returns (58)

and yardage (1,186) and eighth in career receptions (91) and yardage (1,306).

Offensive guard **Mike Schifano (Webster, NY/Webster)** saw the first action of his career after recovering from a sprained knee late in pre-season drills.

Free safety **Mark Graham (Monroe, MI/Monroe)** left the game in the second quarter with a hip pointer while offensive guard **Dan Minocchi (Canton, OH/Central Catholic)** left in the first half with a leg contusion. Both are expected to be back for the Ohio game.

Redshirt freshman free safety

Gemara Williams replaced Mark Graham and recorded his first career sack early in the third quarter and recorded a career-best nine tackles.

Junior kicker **Dallas Pelz** moved into 19th place in career scoring (79 points) with two extra points and a 41-yard field goal. Pelz is now six-of-eight on the season in field goals. His only two misses (37 and 50 yards) this year were blocked.

After forcing six turnovers in the first two games, Buffalo has gone without forcing one in the last two outings.

Senior cornerback **Mike Lambert** had another pass breakup in the game – at the Minnesota goal line – and

2002 Mid-American Conference Standings

East Division

| Team | MAC | | Overall | | Points | | Strk |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | W | L | W | L | PF | PA | |
| Marshall | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 97 | 85 | W-1 |
| Miami | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 85 | 103 | W-1 |
| Buffalo | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 80 | 113 | L-2 |
| Ohio | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 39 | 129 | L-10 |
| Kent State | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 108 | 119 | L-1 |
| UCF | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 58 | 99 | L-3 |
| Akron | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 81 | 173 | L-4 |

West Division

| Team | MAC | | Overall | | Points | | Strk |
|-------------------|-----|---|---------|---|--------|-----|------|
| | W | L | W | L | PF | PA | |
| Central Michigan | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 129 | 76 | L-1 |
| Toledo | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 168 | 81 | W-1 |
| Bowling Green | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 131 | 51 | W-6 |
| Ball State | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 36 | 92 | L-1 |
| Western Michigan | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 84 | 80 | L-2 |
| Northern Illinois | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 95 | 131 | L-3 |
| Eastern Michigan | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 58 | 198 | L-1 |

Friday's Result

Marshall 26, UCF 21

Saturday's Results

*Miami 27, Kent State 20
 Connecticut 37, Ohio 19
 Clemson 30, Ball State 7
 Minnesota 41, Buffalo 17
 Virginia 48, Akron 29
 Indiana 39, Central Michigan 29
 Bowling Green 39, Kansas 16
 Maryland 45, Eastern Michigan 3
 Western Illinois 29, Northern Illinois 26
 Toledo 38, UNLV 21*

MAC games in italics

Saturday's Games

*Ball State at Connecticut, 12 noon
 Central Michigan at Boston College, 12 noon
 Virginia Tech at Western Michigan, 12 noon
 Kent State at Northern Illinois, 1:05 CST
 Toledo at Pittsburgh, 1:30 pm
 Southern Illinois at Eastern Michigan, 6:00 pm
 Miami at Akron, 6:00 pm
 Liberty at UCF, 6:00 pm
 Buffalo at Ohio, 7:00 pm*



THE START CHART

The following list includes all 2002 players who have started at least one game at Buffalo. Numbers in parentheses indicate current streak of consecutive starts:

| | | |
|-------------------|-------|---------|
| Mike Lambert | ..... | 21 (15) |
| Mark Graham | ..... | 20 (20) |
| Andre Forde | ..... | 20 (4) |
| Erik Zeppuhar | ..... | 15 (15) |
| Jeff Mills | ..... | 15 (15) |
| Chad Bartoszek | ..... | 15 (15) |
| J.J. Gibson | ..... | 15 (15) |
| Scott McMahan | ..... | 15 (15) |
| Dallas Pelz | ..... | 15 (15) |
| Lamar Wilcher | ..... | 13 (7) |
| Marquis Dwart | ..... | 11 |
| Eric Weber | ..... | 11 |
| Maurice Bradford | ..... | 10 (1) |
| Matt Kneuve | ..... | 7 |
| Kevin Dunn | ..... | 6 (4) |
| Dan Lindsay | ..... | 6 |
| Marvin Brereton | ..... | 5 |
| Tom Shaughnessy | ..... | 5 |
| Dan Minocchi | ..... | 4 (4) |
| Zack Love | ..... | 4 (4) |
| Randall Secky | ..... | 4 (4) |
| Phil Jacques | ..... | 4 (4) |
| Rob Schroeder | ..... | 4 (4) |
| Bill Meholif | ..... | 4 (4) |
| Kevin Concepcion | ..... | 4 (4) |
| Bryan Cummings | ..... | 3 (3) |
| Aaron Leeper | ..... | 3 (3) |
| Ryan Buttles | ..... | 3 (1) |
| Jason Montanez | ..... | 3 |
| Demetrius Austrum | ..... | 3 |
| Rodney Morris | ..... | 3 |
| Anthony Andriano | ..... | 2 (1) |
| Jason Smalarz | ..... | 1 (1) |
| Jason Coley | ..... | 1 |

QUICKIE STATS (2002)

Buffalo's record was:

| | | |
|---|-------|-----|
| When leading at the half | ..... | 1-0 |
| When trailing at the half | ..... | 0-3 |
| When tied at the half | ..... | 0-0 |
| When leading after three quarters | ..... | 1-0 |
| When trailing after three quarters | ..... | 0-3 |
| When tied after three quarters | ..... | 0-0 |
| When scoring first | ..... | 0-1 |
| When opponent scores first | ..... | 1-2 |
| When running more plays than opponent | ..... | 1-0 |
| When opponent runs more plays | ..... | 0-3 |
| When committing more turnovers | ..... | 0-1 |
| When committing less turnovers | ..... | 1-1 |
| When turnovers are even | ..... | 0-1 |
| When committing at least two turnovers | ..... | 0-0 |
| When committing less than two turnovers | ..... | 1-3 |
| When winning time of possession | ..... | 1-0 |
| When opponent wins time of possession | ..... | 0-3 |
| When running 70 or more off. plays | ..... | 1-0 |
| When running less than 70 off. plays | ..... | 0-3 |
| Rushing for 200 yards or more | ..... | 0-0 |
| Rushing for less than 200 yards | ..... | 1-3 |
| When passing for 200 yards or more | ..... | 1-0 |
| When passing for less than 200 yards | ..... | 0-3 |
| When passing % is over 55% | ..... | 0-1 |
| When passing % is less than 55% | ..... | 1-2 |
| Gaining more total yards than opponent | ..... | 1-0 |
| Gaining less total yards than opponent | ..... | 0-3 |
| Playing at home | ..... | 0-2 |
| Playing on the road | ..... | 1-1 |
| Playing on natural grass | ..... | 1-2 |
| Playing on artificial surface | ..... | 0-1 |

moved into a tie for seventh all-time with 20 in his career.

Senior punter **Scott McMahan (Huntington Beach, CA/Oceanview)** continues to kick well. McMahan had nine punts for an average of 44.8 on Saturday with one downed inside the 20.

The Bulls were credited with three sacks in the game. **Anthony Andriano** leads UB with 2½ sacks on the season

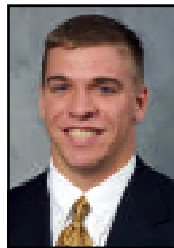
The game was the first against a Big Ten opponent since 1901, but it won't be the last. Buffalo will travel to Iowa next season for a matchup with the Hawkeyes.

CAREER HIGHS SET VERSUS MINNESOTA

The following players set career highs or firsts in the game versus Minnesota:

Bryan Cummings (Cincinnati, OH/Madeira) had a career-best eight tackles (six solos) and recorded his first career quarterback sack.

Senior flanker **Dan Lindsay (Henrietta, NY/Rush-Henrietta)** had a career-best 40 receiving yards on three catches. He also recorded four tackles on special teams.



Dan Lindsay

Redshirt freshman **Gemara Williams** had not only a career-best nine tackles, but also his first quarterback sack.

Sophomore defensive end **Anthony Andriano (Howard Beach, NY/Christ The King)** had his second sack of the season and a career-best three tackles for loss.

√ Backup tailback **Dave Dawson (Camp Hill, PA/Bishop McDevitt)** had a career-best three tackles on special teams.

STREAKING BULLS

Some Bulls on current streaks:

Junior free safety **Mark Graham** is not only leading the team in interceptions (3) and tackles (24) but also has the longest current starting streak on the team (see chart on left) with 20 straight starts.

Wide receiver **Andre Forde** has caught at least one pass in the last 12 games.

Junior kicker **Dallas Pelz** has recorded one field goal in all four games this season. He is 6-of-8 on field goals for the season.

Sophomore defensive end **Anthony Andriano** has recorded sacks in his last three games and has 3½ in his career.

The combination of junior **Jeff Mills (Wilkes-Barre, PA/Coughlin)**, sophomore **Erik Zeppuhar (Alison Park, PA/Shaler)** and senior **Chad Bartoszek (Salamanca, NY/Salamanca)** have started 15 straight games together on the UB offensive front.

TWO OF NATION'S BEST BALLHAWKS IN ACTION

Two of the nation's leaders in interceptions will square off when Buffalo and Ohio meet Saturday.

Ohio's Bop White currently ranks second in the nation with four interceptions in four games, while Buffalo's **Mark Graham** is 12th nationally with three hijacks in four games.

BULLS PROTECTING THE BALL

Although the Bulls have not forced a turnover by the opponent in the last two games, they are still a +3 on the season by virtue of terrific ball security through four games.

The Bulls have had just three turnovers thus far this season with quarterback **Randall Secky** leading an offense that has not turned it over often.



Secky has thrown just two interceptions this season on 131 attempts (or one in every 65.5 attempts). Contrast that with recent UB teams that have seen Bulls' quarterbacks throw 80 interceptions in the previous 55 games (1997-2001). Over that period, UB quarterbacks threw, on average, a pick every 23.4 attempts.

When you factor in Secky's career numbers, he has thrown just two interceptions in 166 career attempts (or one in every 83 attempts).

THE ALL-TIME SERIES WITH OHIO

The Bulls and Bobcats will clash for the ninth time on Saturday with Ohio holding a 5-3 advantage in the all-time series.

Ohio has dominated the recent series in games played at Peden Stadium, outscoring Buffalo by a 137-26 count in the last three meetings.

The Bulls, however, broke a three-game OU win streak in the series with a convincing 44-0 shutout in Buffalo last year.

The series:

| Year | Site | Winner, Score |
|------|---------|---------------|
| 1949 | Ohio | UB, 20-7 |
| 1950 | Buffalo | OU, 22-14 |
| 1962 | Buffalo | OU, 41-6 |
| 1963 | Ohio | UB, 7-0 |
| 1997 | Ohio | OU, 50-0 |
| 1999 | Ohio | OU, 45-6 |
| 2000 | Ohio | OU, 42-20 |
| 2001 | Buffalo | UB, 44-0 |

(UB at home: 1-2, UB away: 2-3)

BULLS POSTED FIRST MAC SHUTOUT IN LAST MEETING

For the Buffalo football team, it was as close to perfection as it gets in the last meeting between UB and Ohio.

The Bulls held the third-ranked rushing offense in the nation to a season-low 159 yards on the ground, set a school record by giving up just two yards of passing and posted their first shutout since 1998 with a convincing 44-0 win over Ohio University before 7,419 fans at UB Stadium.

The victory was the first Mid-American Conference win for head coach Jim Hofher, the largest margin of victory since Buffalo returned to Division I-A in 1999 and the first shutout since a 47-0 whitewashing of Canisius on October 17, 1998. The two yards total passing by the Bobcats were the fewest in school history, topping the nine yards that Buffalo State had on September 19, 1987.

Offensively, the Bulls hammered out a season-high 538 yards with a perfect blend of rushing and passing. Three Buffalo running backs had over 60 yards rushing and quarterback Joe Freedy hit on a season-high 25-of-38 passes for 296 yards and a touchdown. Senior running back Albert Grundy led the way with 13 carries for 90 yards and two touchdowns off the bench while **Marquis Dwarte** added 74 yards on 18 carries and a score and senior Derrick Gordon had 12 carries for 63 yards and two touchdowns.

The Buffalo defense, meanwhile, was nothing short of dominating. The Bobcats came in ranked third in the nation in rushing offense behind only Nebraska and Rice at 275.1 yards per game. The Bulls not only held Ohio to a season-low 159 yards rushing but held two Ohio quarterbacks to 4-of-13 passing for a net two yards. Buffalo also posted two sacks and created three turnovers, one in the fourth quarter which preserved the shutout.

One play after senior Craig Rohlf's committed UB's only turnover by fumbling on a punt return, the Bulls got it right back. **J.J. Gibson**, who led Buffalo with 11 tackles on the day, separated Ohio fullback Joe Sherrill from the football with cornerback **Mike Lambert** recovering in the end zone with 13:08



J.J. Gibson

BULLS IN THE RECORD BOOKS

CAREER RECEPTIONS

1. Drew Haddad (1996-99) _____ 240
2. Kali Watkins (1995-98) _____ 145
3. Chris D'Amico (1980-84) _____ 143
4. Rusty Knapp (1990-93) _____ 129
5. Frank Price (1977-80) _____ 125
6. Chaz Ahmed (1987-90) _____ 110
7. Jamie Gasparre (1996-97) _____ 102
8. **Andre Forde (1999-)** _____ **91**
9. Chris Behan (1992-95) _____ 88
10. Dick Ashley (1965-68) _____ 83

CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

1. Drew Haddad (1996-99) _____ 3,409
2. Chris D'Amico (1980-84) _____ 2,331
3. Kali Watkins (1995-98) _____ 2,260
4. Rusty Knapp (1990-93) _____ 2,105
5. Frank Price (1977-80) _____ 1,810
6. Chaz Ahmed (1987-90) _____ 1,716
7. Jamie Gasparre (1996-97) _____ 1,581
8. **Andre Forde (1999-)** _____ **1,306**
9. Gary Quatrani (1978-80) _____ 1,247
10. Doc Smith (1992-93) _____ 1,207

CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Chris D'Amico (1980-84) _____ 19
- Jamie Gasparre (1996-97) _____ 19
3. Drew Haddad (1996-99) _____ 16
4. Kali Watkins (1995-98) _____ 15
5. Edmond Gicewicz (1949-51) _____ 14
- Frank Price (1977-80) _____ 14
7. Dick Ashley (1965-68) _____ 13
8. Doc Smith (1992-93) _____ 12
9. **Andre Forde (1999-)** _____ **12**
10. Tom Frank (1983-84) _____ 10

CAREER PASSES DEFENSED (1987-PRESENT)

1. Terrence Fisher (1993-95) _____ 29
2. Dave Short (1988-91) _____ 28
3. Kareem Stroman (1993-94) _____ 25
- Robert Harris (1992-93) _____ 25
5. **Mark Graham (2000-)** _____ **24**
6. Mike Chichester (1993-96) _____ 21
7. Jon Williams (1987-88) _____ 20
8. **Mike Lambert (1999-)** _____ **20**
8. Craig Rohlf's (1998-01) _____ 19
10. Tory Smith (1997-2000) _____ 17

CAREER FIELD GOALS (1949-2001)

1. Gerald Carlson (1993-96) _____ 28
2. Mark Mozrall (1991-94) _____ 22
3. Tom McLaughlin (1988-91) _____ 20
4. Scott Keller (1997-2000) _____ 19
5. **Dallas Pelz (2000-)** _____ **18**
6. Bernie Weber (1982-83) _____ 12
7. Steve Pawluk (1978-79) _____ 11
8. Bob Embow (1966-68) _____ 10
- Dan Friedman (1984-85) _____ 10

POINTS SCORED KICKING (1949-2001)

1. Mark Mozrall (1991-94) _____ 136
2. Gerald Carlson (1993-96) _____ 129
3. Scott Keller (1997-2000) _____ 128
4. Tom McLaughlin (1988-91) _____ 110
5. **Dallas Pelz (2000-)** _____ **79**
6. Bob Embow (1966-68) _____ 78
7. Bernie Weber (1981-83) _____ 76



BULLS IN THE RECORD BOOKS

CAREER KICKOFF RETURNS (1949-2001)

- 1. Kali Watkins (1995-98) _____ 67
- 2. Andre Forde (1999-) _____ **58**
- 3. Dahnel Singfield (1998-) _____ **54**
- 4. Chaz Ahmed (1987-89) _____ 43
- 5. Alan Bell (1989-92) _____ 39
- Willie Ford (1992-94) _____ 39

KICKOFF RET. YARDAGE (1949-2001)

- 1. Kali Watkins (1995-98) _____ 1,299
- 2. Andre Forde (1999-) _____ **1,186**
- 3. Dahnel Singfield (1998-) _____ **1,133**
- 4. Alan Bell (1989-92) _____ 818
- 5. Willie Ford (1992-94) _____ 803

PUNT RETURN YARDAGE (1949-2001)

- 1. Drew Haddad (1996-99) _____ 735
- 2. Tom Hurd (1965-67) _____ 433
- 3. Andy Hurley (1983-84) _____ 360
- 4. Tom Elliott (1968-70) _____ 310
- 5. Andre Forde (1999-) _____ **279**

TOTAL PUNTS (1949-2001)

- 1. Gerald Carlson (1993-96) _____ 256
- 2. Mike Masucci (1997-2000) _____ 200
- 3. Doug Radwanski (1990-92) _____ 158
- 4. Paul Jack (1967-69) _____ 141
- 5. Dana Loucks (1987-88) _____ 135
- 6. Sam Monaco (1978-80) _____ 129
- 7. Bernie Weber (1981-83) _____ 116
- 8. Scott McMahan (2001-) _____ **96**
- 9. Joseph Papsidero (1950-52) _____ 90
- 10. John Michno (1961-92) _____ 80

PUNTING YARDS (1949-2001)

- 1. Gerald Carlson (1993-96) _____ 9,722
- 2. Mike Masucci (1997-2000) _____ 7,731
- 3. Doug Radwanski (1990-92) _____ 5,440
- 4. Paul Jack (1967-69) _____ 4,790
- 5. Dana Loucks (1987-88) _____ 4,698
- 6. Sam Monaco (1978-80) _____ 4,083
- 7. Bernie Weber (1981-83) _____ 4,017
- 8. Scott McMahan (2001-) _____ **3,812**
- 9. Joseph Papsidero (1950-52) _____ 2,887
- 10. John Michno (1961-62) _____ 2,722

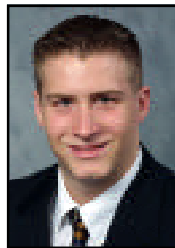
ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

- 1. Drew Haddad (1996-99) _____ 4,768
(105 rush • 3,409 receiving • 519 KR • 735 PR)
- 2. Alan Bell (1989-92) _____ 4,321
(3,022 rush • 335 receiving • 818 KR • 146 PR)
- 3. Anthony Swan (1994-97) _____ 3,844
(3,103 rush • 639 receiving • 102 KR • 0 PR)
- 4. Kali Watkins (1995-98) _____ 3,672
(113 rush • 2,260 receiving • 1,299 KR)
- 5. Chris D'Amico (1980-84) _____ 2,888
(0 rush • 2,331 receiving • 552 KR • 5 PR)
- 6. Andre Forde (1999-) _____ **2,823**
(52 rush • 1,306 receiving • 1,186 KR, 279 PR)
- 7. O.D. Underwood (1986-87) _____ 2,749
(2,062 rush • 293 receiving • 307 KR • 87 PR)
- 8. Pat Whitehead (1980-82) _____ 2,689
(1,382 rush • 839 receiving • 347 KR • 121 PR)
- 9. Chaz Ahmed (1987-90) _____ 2,651
(53 rush • 1,716 receiving • 775 KR • 107 PR)
- 10. Willie Evans (1957-59) _____ 2,241
(1,560 rush • 329 receiving • 159 KR • 193 PR)

remaining in the game.

Buffalo took control of the game with a huge second quarter after striking first on a one-yard touchdown run by Dwarte with 2:49 left in the first quarter to cap a 10-play, 54-yard drive after Rohlfs' second interception of the season.

The scoring barrage started for the Bulls after Ohio kicker Kevin Kerr missed his second attempt of the first half. The Bulls drove 64 yards to take a 14-0 lead on a seven-yard burst by Gordon and then took control of the game on a huge play by freshman **Matt Knueven**.



Matt Knueven

Knueven took a short crossing pattern from Freedy and broke three tackles to complete a 43-yard scoring play that put Buffalo on top, 21-0 with 3:45 left in the first half.

On the ensuing drive, Marcus Claret forced a fumble by Ohio quarterback Dontrell Jackson that senior Chris Shelly fell on at the Buffalo 49-yard line. After a 38-yard completion from Freedy to **Maurice Bradford**, Buffalo struck again as Gordon scored from one yard out and the rout was on.

Kicker **Dallas Pelz** capped the first half scoring by drilling his fifth straight field goal – from 24 yards – to extend the lead to 31-0 at halftime. The second half was merely icing on the cake for the Buffalo defense as it became the first team to shut out Ohio since Wisconsin posted a 45-0 home win in the second game of the 1998 season – a span of 39 games.

The Bulls had many stars on all sides of the ball. Freedy had one of the finest games of his career – falling one completion shy of his career best – and completed passes to seven different Bulls.

Leading the way was Knueven who

had seven grabs for 105 yards – the first time he has been over the century mark – and the second straight week a Buffalo receiver has eclipsed that mark. Tight end **Chad Bartoszek** added five catches for 41 yards while Bradford had three for 65 yards.

Defensively, it was a total team effort for the Blue & White. Gibson led the way with 11 tackles while senior Bobby Johnson added nine tackles and a sack. Rohlfs had eight tackles, a pass breakup and an interception while Duane Williams had six stops. Redshirt freshman linebacker **Rodney Morris** had three bone-jarring tackles on special teams.

OHIO-BUFFALO CONNECTIONS

There will be some familiar faces to each other on Saturday when the Bobcats and Bulls get together.

UB senior linebacker **Deonne McClelland** played at Mesa Junior College with Ohio safety Bo Leberz as well as defensive end Chris Collins.

Another JUCO transfer, Buffalo's **Scott McMahan**, played at Santa Ana JC with backup offensive tackle Eric Lauvi Brown.

YOUNG GUNS ON DEFENSE

Although he has seen his team have its share of early season ups and downs, head coach Jim Hofher has to be encouraged by this stat.

Eight of his top 13 tacklers through four weeks will have eligibility remaining in 2004, and four of them are freshmen who could be playing in 2005.

In the short term, the only seniors among UB's top 13 are **Ryan Buttles**, **Mike Lambert** and **Jason Coley**.

UB's top five tacklers through four games – safeties **Mark Graham** (30 tackles) and **J.J. Gibson** (27 tackles), linebackers **Bryan Cummings** (27 tackles) and **Lamar Wilcher** (27 tackles) and cornerback **Kevin Concepcion** (22 tackles) – all will



return next year.

*FORDE OFF TO FAST START
TO HIS SENIOR SEASON*

Senior wide receiver and return man **Andre Forde** finds himself ranked in the top 20 in the nation in two categories through four weeks.

Forde ranks third in the nation in all-purpose yardage (183.5 ypg) and 17th in punt return average (16.0 ypr) while leading the Bulls in receiving this season (20 catches for 279 yards) and touchdowns (five).

Forde has broken into the top 10 in career all-purpose yardage at UB (see chart on page VI), a group that includes three UB Hall of Famers (Alan Bell, Chris D'Amico and Willie Evans) and all-time leader and current Indianapolis Colt Drew Haddad.

*SPECIAL TEAMS UP TO SNUFF
SO FAR IN 2002*

The Bulls' special teams are greatly improved over last season as evidenced by the current national and Mid-American Conference rankings.

Buffalo – which finished last season sixth in punt return average, ninth in kickoff return average and last in net punting per attempt in the MAC– ranks among the top three in all categories this year.

In fact, Buffalo's punt return average is 13th in the nation (and first in the MAC) and its net punting average (38.0) ranks third in the MAC and 32nd in the nation. UB also is tied for fifth in the MAC in kickoff return average and ranks 59th nationally.

BULLS GETTING SACK HAPPY

Despite the marked improvement in the Bulls' defense last season – cutting down from 452 to 286 points – they only recorded 12 quarterback sacks on the year.

Buffalo is already en route to that mark in four games, having recorded nine sacks in the first four games. That

figure ranks sixth in the Mid-American Conference, just ahead of Ohio with eight sacks.

*THIRD DOWN COULD WEIGH
IN HEAVILY ON SATURDAY*

Looking for a key stat that may decide Saturday's winner? Try third down conversion, where both teams are struggling in the early season.

Buffalo comes in at 27% on the year while Ohio has converted on just 28% through four games. Take away its 8-of-17 effort in a 34-11 win at Rutgers, and Buffalo is just 8-of-43 (18.6%) on the year on third downs.

*TWO OFFENSES LOOKING
TO GET JUMP STARTED*

The numbers say that Saturday's game could be a defensive struggle as both Ohio and Buffalo have struggled offensively in the early season.

The two teams rank 13th and 14th in the conference in total offense, with Buffalo averaging 261.5 yards per game and Ohio coming in at 231.8.

By contrast, Ohio's defense **leads** the MAC in yards surrendered at just 301.8 yards per game while Buffalo ranks 10th at 411.5 yards per outing.

*YOUTH REIGNS SUPREME FOR
"BABY" BULLS IN 2002*

To get a sense of just how young this year's edition of the Bulls is, one just has to look at the numbers from the early season.

In all, the Bulls had 18 players who played in their first collegiate football game in the opener versus Lehigh, five of those who started the game (**Kevin Concepcion, Phil Jacques, Rob Schroeder, Zachary Love** and **Bill Meholif**), and another, tailback **Aaron Leeper**, who didn't start but led UB in rushing yards.

In addition, the Bulls also have played six true freshmen (**Joe DiGiorgio, Delando Bradford, Chris**

2002 KEY NUMBERS

Third Down Efficiency

| Opponent | Result | Pct. | Result |
|-----------|---------|-------|--------|
| Lehigh | 4-15 | 26.7% | Loss |
| Rutgers | 8-of-17 | 47.1% | Win |
| UConn | 1-of-14 | 7.1% | Loss |
| Minnesota | 3-of-14 | 21.4% | Loss |

Ohio
W. Michigan
Marshall
Miami, OH
Kent State
UCF
Akron
Ball State

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| Totals | 16-of-60 | 26.7% | 1-3 |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|

Time of Possession

| Opponent | Buffalo | Opp. | Diff. |
|-----------|---------|-------|--------|
| Lehigh | 24:04 | 35:56 | -11:52 |
| Rutgers | 32:35 | 27:25 | +5:10 |
| UConn | 25:16 | 34:44 | -9:28 |
| Minnesota | 26:47 | 33:13 | -6:26 |

Ohio
W. Michigan
Marshall
Miami, OH
Kent State
UCF
Akron
Ball State

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Avg. per game | 27:10 | 32:50 | -5:40 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|

Number of Plays

| Opponent | Buffalo | Opp. | Diff. |
|-----------|---------|------|-------|
| Lehigh | 61 | 87 | -26 |
| Rutgers | 78 | 72 | +6 |
| UConn | 56 | 77 | -21 |
| Minnesota | 63 | 80 | -17 |

Ohio
W. Michigan
Marshall
Miami, OH
Kent State
UCF
Akron
Ball State

| | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Totals | 258 | 316 | -58 |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|

Turnover Breakdown

| Opponent | Buffalo | Opp. | Diff. |
|-----------|---------|------|-------|
| Lehigh | 1 | 3 | +2 |
| Rutgers | 1 | 3 | +2 |
| UConn | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| Minnesota | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Ohio
W. Michigan
Marshall
Miami, OH
Kent State
UCF
Akron
Ball State

| | | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Totals | 3 | 6 | +3 |
|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|



McDuffie, Bryan Cummings, Kevin Wiggins and Ramon Guzman) thus far this season after just two true freshmen played all of last season. Buffalo also saw 11 players (or half of the offensive or defensive starters) make their first start in a Buffalo uniform in the season opener.

POSSESSION IS KEY TO BULLS' SUCCESS

In head coach Jim Hofher's tenure at Buffalo – 15 games to be exact – one key stat has emerged: time of possession.

The Bulls are 0-9 – including 0-3 this year – when the opponent wins the time of possession battle. The Bulls are 4-2 during that span when they win the ball possession battle. Not surprisingly, Buffalo is also 0-7 over that same span when running less than 70 offensive plays per game.

The Bulls currently rank last in the MAC in time of possession at just 27:10 per game.

THE COACHING MATCHUP

The Bulls are coached by Jim Hofher (Cornell, '79), who was named the 22nd head coach in UB football history on November 30, 2000.

Hofher is into his 24th year of collegiate coaching – all at the Division I level – this year and has an all-time head coaching record of 48-47 after spending eight seasons as head coach at Cornell (1990-97).

Hofher has also been on staffs at Wake Forest, Tennessee, Syracuse, North Carolina and Mid-American Conference rival Miami, OH.

As an assistant coach, he was part of two staffs that saw their head coaches earn National Coach of the Year honors, with John Mackovic at Wake Forest and at Syracuse with Dick MacPherson.

As a head coach, he led the Big Red of Cornell to more Ivy League victories than any other coach in school history

and captured a pair of Ivy League titles.

Hofher is a native of Middletown, CT and was recruited and played quarterback for NFL coaching legend George Seifert at Cornell.

Brian Knorr, a 1986 graduate of the Air Force Academy, is in his seventh season overall at Ohio University, and his second year as head coach.

He has a career mark of 1-14 after taking over for Jim Grobe last year, who left to take the Wake Forest job. A former quarterback at Air Force, Knorr coached Ohio's linebackers (1995-98) and was defensive coordinator (1999-2000) before succeeding Grobe.

LAZOR IS YOUNGEST OC IN THE COUNTRY

UB assistant coach Bill Lazor is currently the youngest offensive coordinator in Division I-A, and the third-youngest coordinator overall, according to information compiled by Brad Edwards of ESPN.

Lazor, who starred at Cornell from 1991-93 under UB head coach Jim Hofher, held Big Red career records for attempts (873), completions (470), yards (5,697) and touchdowns (34) upon graduation.

The list of youngest coordinators:

| Coordinator/School | Position | DOB |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Ed Lamb/Idaho | Defense | 3/4/74 |
| Tyrone Nix/So. Miss. | Defense | 9/30/72 |
| Bill Lazor/Buffalo | Offense | 6/14/72 |
| Tommy Condell/UL-Monroe | Offense | 10/16/71 |
| Will Muschamp/LSU | Defense | 8/3/71 |

BULLS COACHING STAFF IS INTACT FOR SECOND YEAR

The UB coaching staff has gotten more familiar with its players after spending a full season with them, and in turn the players have seen the same consistency.

Head coach Jim Hofher has the luxury of having his entire coaching staff – including strength and conditioning coach Jim Peal and video coordinator Adam Raymond – back

2002 Practice and Interview Schedule

Sunday

No player interviews. Phone interviews available with Coach Hofher or players by appointment only.

Monday

Coach Hofher on Mid-American Conference Media Teleconference from 11:05-11:13. Phone number: 913-981-5509. Replay number: 402-530-0485

Tuesday

Weekly Football Media Luncheon at Holiday Inn Amherst: 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Featured players and Coach Hofher available for one-on-ones after formal conference.

Print and Radio Media

Interviews with players between 1:30-2:00 pm at UB Stadium. Coach Hofher by appointment only.

Television and Still Photographers

Coach Hofher and players available for one-on-one interviews from 3:30-3:45 pm. The first 20 minutes of practice may be shot by television and still photographers.

Wednesday

Print and Radio Media

Interviews with players between 1:30-2:00 pm at UB Stadium. Coach Hofher by appointment only.

Television and Still Photographers

Coach Hofher and players available for one-on-one interviews from 3:30-3:45 pm. The first 20 minutes of practice may be shot by television and still photographers.

Thursday

Print and Radio Media

Interviews with players between 1:30-2:00 pm at UB Stadium. Coach Hofher by appointment only.

Television and Still Photographers

Coach Hofher and players available for one-on-one interviews from 3:30-3:45 pm. The first 20 minutes of practice may be shot by television and still photographers.

Friday

No player/coaches interviews.

Saturday

Game day – post-game interviews only.

PLEASE NOTE

All interviews must be arranged through: PAUL VECCHIO, Asst. Athletic Director for Communications, office - 716-645-6311, home - 716-941-0291, cell - 716-912-0631



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intact for 2002.

For the record, the coaching staff will again consist of: Bill Lazor (offensive coordinator), Thurmond Moore (defensive coordinator), Clayton Carlin (defensive backfield), Andrew Dees (tight ends), Antonio Goss (linebackers), Roy Istvan (offensive line), Tom Jones (defensive line), Brian Polian (running backs, special teams coordinator), Doug Socha (wide receivers) and graduate assistants Mike Garofalo (offense) and Allen Mogridge (defense).

BULLS EARN MAC PLAYER OF WEEK ACCOLADES IN 2002

Senior **Andre Forde** has twice earned MAC East Division Player of the Week honors this season while senior cornerback **Dahnel Singfield** earned kudos at Rutgers this year.

Forde was named the MAC East Division Offensive Player of the Week – after earning the MAC Special Teams Player of the Week versus Lehigh – while Singfield earned MAC East Division Defensive Player of the

Week. It was the first time that a pair of Bulls were recognized in the same week by the conference.

Forde had a career-high 243 all-purpose yards in the loss to Lehigh and followed that up with a career-best three touchdown receptions in the win at Rutgers. Forde caught passes of 12, 8 and 4 yards for scores and had five receptions for 75 yards in the game.

Singfield, meanwhile, earned his player of the week kudos after setting a school record with five pass break-ups and adding a crucial sack in the win over the Scarlet Knights. The play following his third-quarter sack for a 15-yard loss, Rutgers snapped the ball out of the end zone on a punt attempt to give UB an 18-3 lead. UB's defense limited Rutgers to 221 yards of total offense.

The list of all-time MAC Players of the Week with years, since UB's inception in 1999:

- 1999 – Craig Rohlf at Kent State
- 2000 – Duane Williams vs. Bowling Green
- 2001 – Dallas Pelz at UConn; Joe Freedy vs. Ohio; Dallas Pelz at Army
- 2002 – Andre Forde vs. Lehigh
- Andre Forde at Rutgers; Dahnel Singfield at Rutgers

UB AGAINST THE MAC

The Bulls currently have an all-time record of 13-39 against MAC members. The breakdown: Akron (0-3), Ball State (0-3), Bowling Green (1-1), Central Florida (0-3), Central Michigan (0-2), Eastern Michigan (0-1), Kent State (5-5), Marshall (1-5), Miami, OH (0-4), Northern Illinois (1-3), Ohio University (3-5), Toledo (2-3) and Western Michigan (0-1).

The Bulls do not play Toledo, Bowling Green, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan or Northern Illinois this year.

BARTOSZEK ON JOHN MACKEY AWARD WATCH LIST

Senior tight end **Chad Bartoszek**

(**Salamanca, NY/Salamanca**) is an All-MAC, All-America and John Mackey Award candidate.

The senior earned quite a bit of attention in the off-season after leading the Bulls with 42 receptions for 442 yards and four touchdowns in his first season as a starter in 2001. He was ranked the fifth-best tight end in the nation in Phil Steele's College Football Preview and was also the first-team selection on the All-MAC team in the same publication.

Bartoszek was also selected to the first-team All-MAC Offense by Athlon Sports in its college preview and earned kudos as among "the best receivers in the nation" according to **Playboy** magazine.

To follow Bartoszek throughout the season, go to his All-American page website at:

<http://www.ubathletics.buffalo.edu/football/news/bartoszek.shtml>

GRAHAM CLIMBING PASSES DEFENSED CAREER CHART

Junior free safety **Mark Graham** has his eye on the top of the all-time passes defended chart (kept since 1987).

With his three interceptions this year, Graham now stands fifth all-time with 24 passes defended (16 pass break-ups and eight interceptions) and just five away from career leader Terrence Fisher (1993-95).

BULLS DOMINATE NEW YORK STATE 'GOLDEN 50'

Following head coach Jim Hofher's credo that Buffalo will recruit New York State first and foremost, UB led all schools in the nation in attracting Division I-A Empire State talent.

When the New York State "Golden 50" team was announced – the squad that lost 7-0 to New Jersey in the Governor's Bowl in July – Buffalo had seven players on the squad: **Doug Anderwkavich (Holy Cross HS);**

Under Jim Hofher - Buffalo's record is:

| | |
|---|------|
| When leading at the half | 3-0 |
| When trailing at the half | 1-10 |
| When tied at the half | 0-1 |
| When leading after three quarters | 3-1 |
| When trailing after three quarters | 0-10 |
| When tied after three quarters | 1-0 |
| When scoring first | 3-1 |
| When opponent scores first | 1-10 |
| When running more plays than opponent | 4-2 |
| When opponent runs more plays | 0-9 |
| When committing more turnovers | 0-5 |
| When committing less turnovers | 4-3 |
| When turnovers are even | 0-3 |
| When committing at least two turnovers | 1-7 |
| When committing less than two turnovers | 3-4 |
| When winning time of possession | 4-2 |
| When opponent wins time of possession | 0-9 |
| When running 70 or more off. plays | 4-4 |
| When running less than 70 off. plays | 0-7 |
| Rushing for 200 yards or more | 1-0 |
| Rushing for less than 200 yards | 3-11 |
| When passing for 200 yards or more | 3-2 |
| When passing for less than 200 yards | 1-9 |
| When passing % is higher than 55% | 3-1 |
| When passing % is less than 55% | 1-10 |
| Gaining more total yards than opponent | 3-0 |
| Gaining less total yards than opponent | 1-11 |
| Playing at home | 1-6 |
| Playing on the road | 3-5 |
| Playing on natural grass | 3-8 |
| Playing on artificial surface | 1-3 |



Ramon Guzman (DeWitt-Clinton HS); Steven King (Uniondale HS), Chris McDuffie (Williamsville North), Kevin Moodt (Bellport HS), Michael Radon (St. Francis HS) and Tim Schmidt (Owego Free Academy).

Another freshman, Gerry Weissinger (Webster, NY/Webster), was also invited to play in the Governor's Bowl, giving Buffalo eight in the game.

WEIGHING IN AT THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE

Here are the numbers on the UB and Ohio offensive and defensive lines when they are facing each other (starting units only):

| With Ball | Offense vs. Defense |
|-----------|---|
| Ohio | 6-3 ¹ / ₄ -279 vs. 6-2 ³ / ₄ -243 |
| Buffalo | 6-3 ¹ / ₂ , 275 vs. 6-2, 269 |

BULLHORNS FOR PERFORMANCE

If you think you see something new on the back of UB football helmets this year, you are not mistaken. The UB coaching staff has instituted a new wrinkle this season where outstanding plays or effort are rewarded with Bullhorns (that match the one on the side of the helmets) on the back of the helmet.

BULLS IN THE RED ZONE

Buffalo has been strong so far in 2002 in the "Red Zone" – the area from the opponents 20-yard line to the end zone. Thus far, the Bulls have recorded three stops without points while its offense has scored on seven of eight trips.

Here are the numbers to date:

| Team | # in 20 | Scored | TDs | FGs | Pct. | TD% |
|------|---------|--------|-----|-----|------|------|
| UB | 11 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 90.9 | 60.0 |
| Opp. | 17 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 82.4 | 64.3 |

STILL LOOKING FOR PAYDIRT ON KICKOFF RETURN

The Bulls have gone 136 straight games without returning a kickoff for a score.

You have to go back to Oct. 14, 1989

when UB Hall of Famer Alan Bell returned a kickoff 89 yards against Ithaca for the last time a Buffalo player took a kickoff back for six.

ON THE AIRWAVES

All UB football games can be heard on WGR Sports Radio 55 this season with Chris Brown (play-by-play) and Kevin Sylvester (color analysis) on the call.

The games can also be heard over the internet by going to http://www.ubathletics.buffalo.edu/football/ and following the Teamline link. In addition, this year's Bulls' home football games have instant stats on the UB website: www.buffalobulls.com/livestats/xlive.htm.

In addition, head coach Jim Hofher, as well as UB players and assistant coaches, will be featured each week on WGR-AM, UB's flagship radio station. A UB player or coach will be featured with Brad Riter each Tuesday at 8:05 pm and Coach Hofher will join Kevin Sylvester and the Bulldog at 8:45 am every Thursday morning.

THE 2002 CAPTAINS

After conducting exit interviews with all of his players this spring, head coach Jim Hofher announced that tight end Chad Bartoszek, tailback Marquis Dwarte and linebacker Lamar Wilcher have been tabbed as 2002 captains.

Bartoszek, a 6-6, 255-pound senior, was the team's leading receiver in 2001 and earned Honorable Mention honors from the Mid-American Conference following the season. Bartoszek had 42 receptions for 441 yards and four touchdowns last season. He is the third most productive tight end returning in Division I-A football this fall. He is a three-year letterwinner.

Dwarte, a 5-6, 170-pound junior, has been the leading rusher for Buffalo over his first two seasons. Last year, Dwarte accumulated 546 yards and six

touchdowns on the ground while also adding 16 receptions for 84 yards and a score. He has rushed for over 1,000 yards in his first two seasons.

Wilcher, a 6-2, 230-pound junior, is the second-leading returning tackler from his linebacker position. Last season, despite missing parts of three games with injuries, Wilcher accumulated 70 total tackles (36 solos), including 10 tackles for loss. He also recovered two fumbles.

BULLS DID YOU KNOW

Sophomore Demetrius Austrum is the cousin of Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle Corey Simon, the sixth player taken in the 2000 draft out of Florida State.

Jason Smalarz and Jeff Mills were both admitted into UB's prestigious Honors Program upon enrolling.

Senior Maurice Bradford has modeled for Abercrombie and Fitch, Polo and Target Stores.

Running backs coach Brian Polian is the son of Indianapolis Colts President and General Manager Bill Polian and grew up in Buffalo.

Sophomore offensive guard Dan Minocchi is a relative of former undefeated heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano.

Senior Jason Montanez is related to noted musician/producer Wyclef Jean.

Redshirt freshman Tim Dance worked at a cemetery in his native Erie, PA.

Freshman Chris McDuffie and sophomore J.J. Gibson are cousins and two of McDuffie's older brothers (Steve and Ted) also played at UB.

Freshman Chad Upshaw's father Willie played 10 years in the major leagues, mainly with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Junior Rashad Clark spent four years in the United States Marine Corps and traveled the world in his military career.



BULLS AMONG THE MAC/NATIONAL LEADERS

- **ANDRE FORDE** •
- 3rd in the nation/2nd in the MAC in all-purpose yardage (183.5 ypg)
- 17th in the nation/1st in the MAC in punt return average (16.0 ypr)
- 35th in the nation/5th in the MAC in kick return average (23.6 ypr)
- T-6th in the MAC in receptions per game (5.0)
- T-7th in the MAC in scoring per game (7.5 ppg)
- 7th in the MAC in receiving yards per game (69.8)
- **RANDALL SECKY** •
- 10th in the MAC in passing average per game (167.0 ypg)
- 10th in the MAC in total offense (158.8 ypg)
- **AARON LEEPER** •
- 53rd in the nation/6th in the MAC in yards rushing per game (87.8)
- **DALLAS PELZ** •
- 20th in the nation/T-3rd in the MAC in field goals per game (1.50)
- T-3rd in the MAC in field goal percentage (75.0%)
- **SCOTT McMAHAN** •
- 31st in the nation/T-5th in the MAC in punting average (41.8 ypk)
- **MARK GRAHAM** •
- T-12th in the nation/T-2nd in the MAC in interceptions per game (0.75)
- **DAHNEL SINGFIELD** •
- T-1st in the MAC in passes defended (7 PBU + 0 INT = 7)
- **ANTHONY ANDRIANO** •
- 8th in the MAC in quarterback sacks (2 1/2)
- **MIKE LAMBERT** •
- T-9th in the MAC in passes defended (5 PBU + 0 INT = 5)

•BULLS-BOBCATS STATISTICAL COMPARISON•

| | <i>Buffalo</i> | <i>Ohio</i> |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Points Per Game | 20.0 | 9.8 |
| Point Allowed Per game | 28.3 | 32.2 |
| Rushing Offense Per Game | 94.5 | 165.0 |
| Passing Offense Per Game | 167.0 | 66.8 |
| Total Offense Per Game | 261.5 | 231.8 |
| Rushing Defense Per Game | 178.8 | 150.5 |
| Passing Defense Per Game | 232.8 | 151.2 |
| Total Defense Per Game | 411.5 | 301.8 |
| Kickoff Return Average | 20.9 | 19.9 |
| Punt Return Average | 16.0 | 6.6 |
| Net Punting | 37.2 | 35.5 |
| Quarterback sacks-yards lost | 9-69 | 8-62 |
| Third Down Conversions | 16-of-60 | 16-of-58 |
| Third Down Percentage | 27% | 28% |
| Fourth Down Conversions | 3-of-5 | 5-of-10 |
| Fourth Down Percentage | 60% | 50% |
| Fumbles-Lost | 4-1 | 11-4 |
| Turnovers (For/Against/+/-) | 6/3/+3 | 8/13/-5 |
| Penalties-Yards | 31-274 | 18-153 |
| Penalty yards per game | 68.5 | 38.2 |

Bulls In the MAC Team Rankings

- 1st in punt return average (16.0 ypr)
- 3rd in net punting per attempt (37.2 ypk)
- 4th in turnover margin per game (+.75)
- T-5th in kickoff return average (20.9 ypr)
- 6th in scoring defense per game (28.2 ppg)
- 8th in pass defense (232.8 ypg)
- 10th in rushing defense per game (178.8 ypg)
- 10th in scoring offense per game (20.0 ppg)
- 12th in rushing offense per game (94.5 ypg)
- 10th in total defense – yards per game (411.5 ypg)
- 11th in passing offense per game (167.0 ypg)
- 11th in penalty yards per game (68.5)
- 13th in total offense per game (261.5 ypg)

2002 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

| | Lehigh | Rutgers | UConn | Minnesota | Ohio | W. Michigan | Marshall | Miami, OH | Kent St. | UCF | Akron | Ball State |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----|-------|------------|
| - Offense - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LT | Mills | Mills | Mills | Mills | | | | | | | | |
| LG | Minocchi | Minocchi | Minocchi | Minocchi | | | | | | | | |
| C | Dunn | Dunn | Dunn | Dunn | | | | | | | | |
| RG | Zeppuhar | Zeppuhar | Zeppuhar | Zeppuhar | | | | | | | | |
| RT | Love | Love | Love | Love | | | | | | | | |
| TE | Bartoszek | Bartoszek | Bartoszek | Bartoszek | | | | | | | | |
| SE | Forde | Forde | Forde | Forde | | | | | | | | |
| FL | Lindsay | Lindsay | Lindsay | Bradford | | | | | | | | |
| TB | Dwarte | Leeper | Leeper | Leeper | | | | | | | | |
| FB | Montanez | Montanez | Montanez | --- | | | | | | | | |
| QB | Secky | Secky | Secky | Secky | | | | | | | | |
| TE | --- | --- | --- | Smalarz | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| WR | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| - Defense- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DE | Jacques | Jacques | Jacques | Jacques | | | | | | | | |
| DT | Schroeder | Schroeder | Schroeder | Schroeder | | | | | | | | |
| DT | Meholif | Meholif | Meholif | Meholif | | | | | | | | |
| DE | Austrum | Austrum | Austrum | Andriano | | | | | | | | |
| LB | Coley | Cummings | Cummings | Cummings | | | | | | | | |
| LB | Wilcher | Wilcher | Wilcher | Wilcher | | | | | | | | |
| LB | Morris | Morris | Morris | Buttles | | | | | | | | |
| CB | Concepcion | Concepcion | Concepcion | Concepcion | | | | | | | | |
| SS | Gibson | Gibson | Gibson | Gibson | | | | | | | | |
| FS | Graham | Graham | Graham | Graham | | | | | | | | |
| CB | Lambert | Lambert | Lambert | Lambert | | | | | | | | |

Seniors in bold



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LEHIGH 37, BUFFALO 26 AUG. 29, 2002 • UB STADIUM BUFFALO, NY • ATT: 21,103

•Scoring Summary•

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Lehigh | 6 | 17 | 7 | 7 | 37 |
| Buffalo | 13 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 26 |

Team Per. Time

| | | |
|----|---|-------|
| UB | 1 | 12:29 |
| UB | 1 | 10:38 |
| LU | 1 | 5:50 |
| LU | 2 | 11:19 |
| LU | 2 | 7:41 |
| LU | 2 | 3:36 |
| UB | 2 | 1:16 |
| UB | 3 | 3:41 |
| LU | 3 | 2:17 |
| UB | 4 | 13:04 |
| LU | 4 | 8:44 |

Scoring Play

| |
|--|
| Leeper 2 run (Pelz kick), 7-0 |
| Andre Forde 83 punt return (run failed), 13-0 |
| Wilson 1 run (kick blocked), 13-6 |
| Bergen 24 pass from Crockett (Kelley kick), 13-13 |
| Barrasso 6 pass from Schwenk (Kelley kick), 13-20 |
| Kelley 21 FG, 13-23 |
| Pelz 27 FG, 16-23 |
| Knueven 36 pass from Secky (Pelz kick), 23-23 |
| Bergen 7 pass from Schwenk, 23-30 |
| Pelz 36 FG, 26-30 |
| Williams 31 interception return (Kelley kick), 26-37 |

•Team Statistics•

| | Mountain Hawks | Bulls |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| First downs | 26 | 13 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 45-174 | 30-111 |
| Passing yards | 334 | 154 |
| Passing (C-A-I) | 23-42-2 | 12-31-1 |
| Offensive plays | 87 | 61 |
| Total net yards | 508 | 265 |
| Average gain per play | 5.8 | 4.3 |
| Fumbles (number-lost) | 2-1 | 0-0 |
| Penalties (number-yards) | 2-21 | 6-50 |
| Number of Punts-Avg. | 2-38.0 | 6-37.7 |
| Interceptions by (number-yards) | 1-31 | 2-47 |
| Punt returns-yards | 2-14 | 1-83 |
| Kickoff returns-yards | 5-106 | 4-93 |
| Possession time | 35:56 | 24:04 |
| Third down conversions | 10-of-18 | 4-of-15 |
| Fourth down conversions | 0-of-0 | 2-of-3 |
| Sacks by (number-yards) | 2-11 | 2-7 |

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: LU: Pugh 23-112, Wilson 11-24, Sutton 1-14, Shiels 4-11, Schwenk 3-9, Barrasso 3-4. UB: Leeper 15-73, Dwarto 13-49, Secky 2-(11).

Passing: LU: Schwenk 14-24-0 206, Shiels 8-17-2 104. UB: Secky 12-31-1 154.

Receiving: LU: Crockett 7-105, Sutton 7-104, Bergen 3-49, Pugh 3-37, Henry 2-33, Barrasso 1-6. UB: Leeper 4-16, Forde 3-67, Knueven 3-45, Bradford 1-19, Lindsay 1-7.

cepted by Lawrence Williams and returned 31 yards for the game-clinching score. It was the fourth time that Williams has returned an interception for a touchdown in his career.

"It is certainly a disappointment to lose any football game, at any time," said UB head coach Jim Hofher, "and this is no less or greater a disappointment. Lehigh did a good job with their passing game and we didn't. I thought that was the difference in the game. Credit Lehigh for playing as well as they did, coming back from a 13-point deficit and again fighting back when the score was tied (at 23-23)."

Buffalo opened the game with a one-two punch that might have discouraged other teams without the winning tradition that the Mountain Hawks have. On Lehigh's very first series, redshirt freshman cornerback **Kevin Concepcion** stripped Lehigh tailback Jermaine Pugh (23 carries, 112 yards) and then recovered the ball at the Lehigh 15-yard line.

After moving inside the five-yard line, UB called on another redshirt freshman, **Aaron Leeper**, on fourth-and-goal and Leeper went in standing up from two yards out for his first career touchdown on his first career carry.

After a three-and-out series by Lehigh, Buffalo struck again, this time on special teams. Senior **Andre Forde** took Kyle Keating's punt at his 17-yard line, made a move to his left, broke one arm tackle and scooted 83 yards to put Buffalo up 13-0. The punt return for a touchdown was the first of Forde's career and the second-longest in school history. UB's two-point conversion failed.

However, the Mountain Hawks did not flinch despite UB's strong start. On its next possession, the Hawks went 65 yards in 12 plays to cut the lead to 13-6. Sophomore linebacker **Rodney Morris** blocked the extra point to keep the score there.

Lehigh was thwarted on its next drive by the first of two interceptions by junior free safety **Mark Graham**. However, Buffalo could not move the ball and Lehigh struck again on a 70-yard touchdown drive culminating in a trick play that saw the quarterback throw back to wide receiver Dave Crockett who threw 24 yards for a score to Adam Bergen. Lehigh took a lead it wouldn't relinquish later in the half with a six-yard score from backup quarterback Chad Schwenk to Justin Barrasso. Schwenk finished the game 14-of-24 for 206 yards and two touchdown passes off the bench.

Lehigh moved the lead to 23-13, before Buffalo struck again late in the half with a 27-yard field goal by junior **Dallas Pelz**. The drive was set up by a 47-yard hookup from Secky to Forde and UB trailed 23-16 at the half.

Buffalo rebounded in the second half to tie the game again at 23-23 after Lehigh's Brian Kelley saw his 38-yard field goal sail wide left. Secky capped an eight-play drive with a flat pass to sophomore **Matt Knueven** that the flanker turned into a 36-yard score with a nifty move on the sideline.

However, Lehigh responded with a 45-yard kickoff return by Michael Sutton and scored the go-ahead touchdown on a seven-yard strike from Schwenk to Bergen. UB would get a 36-yard field goal from Pelz to cut the lead to 30-26, but Williams' interception return sealed the win for Lehigh.

BUFFALO, NY – Lehigh University showed why it owns the nation's longest current Division I regular season winning streak by bouncing back from an early two-touchdown deficit to defeat the University at Buffalo, 37-26, before 21,103 fans at UB Stadium.

The Mountain Hawks, who are now 43-1 in the last four-plus regular seasons, spotted Buffalo a 13-0 lead just 4:22 into the game but outplayed the Bulls from that point on, using two quarterbacks to throw for 334 yards. The game-breaking play came with 8:44 remaining in the contest and Buffalo trailing, 30-26. Sophomore quarterback **Randall Secky** had his pass in the right flat inter-



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BUFFALO 34, RUTGERS 11 SEPT. 7, 2002 • RUTGERS STADIUM PISCATAWAY, NJ • ATT: 19,101

•Scoring Summary•

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Buffalo | 0 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 34 |
| Rutgers | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 11 |

Team Per. Time

| Team | Per. | Time | Scoring Play |
|------|------|-------|---|
| RU | 1 | 3:01 | Sands 24 FG, 3-0 |
| UB | 2 | 14:53 | Leeper 26 run (kick failed), 3-6 |
| UB | 2 | 12:25 | Pelz 45 FG, 3-9 |
| UB | 2 | 1:40 | Forde 12 pass from Secky (Pelz kick), 3-16 |
| UB | 3 | 7:24 | Safety: ball snapped thru end zone, 3-18 |
| UB | 3 | 3:28 | Forde 8 pass from Secky (kick failed), 3-24 |
| UB | 4 | 14:57 | Pelz 37 FG, 3-27 |
| RU | 4 | 12:06 | Baker 5 pass from Trump (Smith run from Trump), 11-27 |
| UB | 4 | 3:03 | Forde 4 pass from Secky (Pelz kick), 11-34 |

•Team Statistics•

| | Bulls | Scarlet Knights |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| First downs | 24 | 21 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 44-173 | 34-55 |
| Passing yards | 201 | 166 |
| Passing (C-A-I) | 18-34-0 | 16-38-3 |
| Offensive plays | 78 | 72 |
| Total net yards | 374 | 221 |
| Average gain per play | 4.8 | 3.1 |
| Fumbles (number-lost) | 3-1 | 0-0 |
| Penalties (number-yards) | 10-93 | 12-118 |
| Number of Punts-Avg. | 3-37.0 | 7-34.6 |
| Interceptions by (number-yards) | 3-62 | 0-0 |
| Punt returns-yards | 3-45 | 1-3 |
| Kickoff returns-yards | 3-51 | 4-63 |
| Possession time | 32:35 | 27:25 |
| Third down conversions | 8-of-17 | 6-of-17 |
| Fourth down conversions | 0-of-0 | 1-of-2 |
| Sacks by (number-yards) | 3-28 | 0-0 |

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Leeper 34-153, Forde 1-11, Dawson 6-8, Secky 2-2, Radon 1-(-). RU: Facyson 10-42, Pittman 14-33, Trump 9-8, Team 1-(-28)

Passing: UB: Secky 18-34-0 201. RU: Trump 16-383 166.

Receiving: UB: Forde 5-75, Bartoszek 4-36, Kneeven 3-37, Leeper 2-25, Stallworth 2-13, Dance 1-8, Bradford 1-7. RU: Smith 4-44, Baker 3-13, Tucker 2-19, Hobbs 2-17, Loomis 1-22, Andre 1-21, Facyson 1-15, Moses 1-13, Pittman 1-2.

Time of game: 3:20. **Attendance** – 19,101

PISCATAWAY, NJ – It was another milestone victory for the University at Buffalo football program.

Dominating all sides of the ball, the Bulls scored a convincing 34-11 victory at Rutgers Stadium over the Scarlet Knights, winning for the first time against a BIG EAST team since returning to the Division I ranks. The win evened UB's record at 1-1 on the season while Rutgers fell to 0-2 before 19,101 fans.

"I'm awfully proud of the effort our team gave tonight," said head coach Jim Hofher after the game. "They really did a great job of focusing on the task at hand – there was a lot of great effort, a lot of great hits and a great deal of intensity for the full sixty minutes. For us to come into a BCS (Bowl Championship Series) conference

member and win in their house says a lot for the perseverance of our players and coaches."

The stars were many for Buffalo on this night, but none more than senior flanker **Andre Forde**, who received the game ball afterwards. Forde was on the receiving end of three touchdown passes by sophomore quarterback **Randall Secky** and finished with 165 all-purpose yards for the game. His two acrobatic touchdowns in the second half sealed the game for the Bulls, who got a sensational effort by its defense all night, allowing just 221 yards of total offense to Rutgers.

Rutgers had field position and control for most of the first quarter, but was limited to a 24-yard field goal by Ryan Sands with 3:01 remaining in the first. It would prove to be the Scarlet Knights only lead of the night.

The Bulls responded behind the running of redshirt freshman tailback **Aaron Leeper**, making the first start of his career in place of the injured **Marquis Dwarte**. Leeper would slash his way over and around the Scarlet Knights for a career-best 153 yards on 34 carries (the fourth-most carries in a single game in school history). Leeper put Buffalo on the board on the first play of the second quarter when he burst through a seam off right tackle and went untouched 26 yards for Buffalo's first score. The extra point kick failed and UB led, 6-3, but it would be the first of 27 unanswered points Buffalo would tally.

Junior kicker **Dallas Pelz** would extend the lead to 9-3 with a 45-yard field goal with 12:25 remaining. The big play of the half, however, would come late in the half when Forde would catch the first of his three acrobatic touchdowns. Forde caught a perfectly thrown fade route from Secky from 12 yards out, outleaping a Scarlet Knight defender in the end zone to cap an eight-play, 75-yard march by the Bulls.

Secky would go on to throw two more second-half touchdown tosses to Forde while running the Bulls' offense with precision. Secky completed 18-of-34 passes in the game for a career-best 201 yards and three scores. He also was not sacked as UB's offensive line shone in both the running and passing games.

Defensively, Buffalo got a complete effort from its entire unit and an exceptional game from senior cornerback **Dahnel Singfield**. Singfield set a school record with five pass breakups in the game and his third quarter sack of 12 yards set Rutgers back the play before the Bulls scored a safety when punter Mike Barr had the center snap sail over his head and through the end zone.

Other stars of the UB defense were redshirt freshman **Kevin Concepcion**, junior **Mark Graham** and true freshman **Bryan Cummings**. Concepcion had a career-best eight tackles – all solos – while Graham had seven tackles, a pass breakup and his third interception in two games. That interception, in the fourth quarter, set up Buffalo's game-clinching score. For the game, the Bulls intercepted three passes, running their total to five in two games.

Cummings added six tackles for Buffalo while the Bulls' other interceptions came from sophomore strong safety **J.J. Gibson** and redshirt frosh **Gemara Williams**. It was the first interception for both in their Buffalo careers.

Buffalo also had three sacks in the game, one from Singfield, one from sophomore **Anthony Andriano** and the other from true freshman **Kevin Wiggins**.



CONNECTICUT 24, BUFFALO 3
SEPT. 14, 2002 • UB STADIUM
BUFFALO, NY • ATT: 17,012

Scoring Summary

Table with columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Total. Rows: Connecticut, Buffalo.

Team Per. Time

Table with columns: Team, Per. Time. Rows: UC, UB, UC, UB.

Scoring Play

Table with columns: Scoring Play. Rows: Hickok 20 FG, 3-0; Henry 1 run (Hickok kick), 10-0; Pelz 34 FG, 10-3; Collins 50 pass from Orlovsky (Hickok kick), 17-3; Orlovsky 13 run (Hickok kick), 24-3.

Team Statistics

Table with columns: Team Statistics, Huskies, Bulls. Rows: First downs, Rushing Attempts-Yards, Passing yards, etc.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: UB: Leeper 19-52, Secky 5-0, Forde 1-(-7). UC: Caulley 26-136, Poole 8-31, Orlovsky 5-18, Anderson 4-5, Henry 2-2, Young 1-(-2), Team 1-(-3).

Passing: UB: Secky 11-31-1 123. UC: Orlovsky 18-29-0 242, Henry 0-1-0 0.

Receiving: UB: Forde 5-63, Lindsay 2-20, Bradford 2-15, Leeper 1-17, Bartoszek 1-8. UC: Caulley 5-40, Cutaia 4-57, Collins 3-96, Williams 3-40, Feldeisen 2-7, Anderson 1-2.

Time of game: 3:16. Attendance - 17,012

BUFFALO, NY - The University of Connecticut turned the tables on the University at Buffalo Saturday night from the team's meeting a year ago.

The Huskies broke open a tight game with 21 unanswered points in the second half to post a 24-3 win over the Bulls on Saturday night before 17,012 at UB Stadium. Last season, Buffalo claimed its first win of the season with a 34-point second half barrage in defeating UConn in Storrs. Saturday night, the Huskies got even.

"It's certainly disappointing," said head coach Jim Hofher. "We have played better, and we will need to play better if we are going to get victory, but we simply didn't play well enough tonight throughout the course of the game. Connecticut played very hard and played very tough and caused a lot of our lack of production, but I'm certain we also contributed ourselves with self-inflicted wounds

which had been uncharacteristic by this team up to this point."

Buffalo trailed 10-0 after UConn quarterback Keron Henry snuck in from one-yard out on fourth and goal with 10:00 to go in the third quarter, snapping a tight defensive battle. However, the Bulls had a chance to tie the game late in the third quarter with a first-and-goal at the Huskies' three-yard line, but saw a touchdown run by Aaron Leeper called back due to holding. The Bulls eventually had to settle for a 34-yard field goal by Dallas Pelz to cut the lead to 10-3, but that was as close as they would get.

UConn responded with a seven-play, 81-yard drive capped by a 50-yard pass from Dan Orlovsky to tight end Tommy Collins with 8:12 remaining. Orlovsky closed the scoring with a 13-yard touchdown run.

Buffalo (1-2) was severely hurt by two key statistics. Buffalo was just 1-of-14 on third-down conversions and hurt its own cause by committing 11 penalties for 86 yards. Connecticut (1-2) also owned the clock throughout, holding the ball nearly nine minutes longer than Buffalo while not committing a turnover.

Buffalo's running game, so impressive at Rutgers in a win over the Scarlet Knights last weekend, struggled throughout. UB was limited to 45 yards of total rushing, with Leeper leading the way with 19 carries for 52 yards. Sophomore quarterback Randall Secky suffered through a tough night, getting sacked twice and completing just 11-of-31 passes for 123 yards against tight UConn coverage. Once again, Secky's favorite target was senior wideout Andre Forde who had five catches for 63 yards.

The Bulls' defense kept UB in the game through three quarters with excellent play from its front seven. Linebackers Ryan Buttles and Lamar Wilcher each had nine tackles while defensive linemen Phil Jacques and Rob Schroeder had six stops each. Schroeder also blocked a field goal attempt in the second quarter. Defensive end Anthony Andriano had three tackles for loss and a sack for the Bulls, while outside linebacker Rodney Morris had six tackles, two for losses.



MINNESOTA 41, BUFFALO 17
SEPT. 21, 2002 • H.H.H. METRODOME
MINNEAPOLIS, MN • ATT: 34,294

Scoring Summary

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Total. Rows for Buffalo and Minnesota.

Team Per. Time

Table with 3 columns: Team, Per., Time. Rows for UB and UM with play descriptions.

Scoring Play

Team Statistics

Table with 3 columns: Statistic, Bulls, Golden Gophers. Rows for various game statistics.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: UB: Leeper 20-73, Secky 8-(-24). UM: Jackson II, 14-124, Tapeh 13-70, Barber III 10-48, Johnson 7-34, Abdul-Khaliq 8-16, Fitzpatrick 1-4, Gruening 1-3.
Passing: UB: Secky 20-35-0 190. UM: Abdul-Khaliq 16-26-0 189
Receiving: UB: Forde 7-74, Bartoszek 4-40, Lindsay 3-40, Leeper 3-4, Bradford 2-21, Stallsworth 1-11. UM: Utecht 4-23, Tapeh 2-51, Ellerson 2-44, Burns 2-30, Barber III 2-19, Matthews 2-14, Hosack 1-5, Patterson 1-3.
Time of game: 3:04. Attendance - 34,294

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The University of Minnesota gave Buffalo an example of Big Ten power football on Saturday afternoon at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome before 34,294 Maroon and Gold clad fans.

The Golden Gophers piled up 299 yards on the ground and improved their overall record to 4-0 on the season with a 41-17 victory over the Bulls (1-3). It was the Bulls' first game against a Big Ten opponent since 1901.

Buffalo, which trailed at one point 31-0, never gave in, however, and made the game much closer than the final score suggested. That fact wasn't lost on head coach Jim Hofher.

"We faced a very good football team today," said Hofher. "A very strong, powerful Big Ten team that had a lot of things going their way against us early in the game. Shame on us if we stop playing with every ounce of energy we have, but we have nothing to be ashamed of because we didn't stop playing hard. The effort we gave today if sustained will be good enough to gain us victories down the road."

The Golden Gophers took control early, taking the opening kickoff and driving 62 yards in nine plays to take a 7-0 lead just 2:34 into the game. Buffalo looked as though it had Minnesota stopped when senior cornerback Mike Lambert broke up a pass at the goal line on third and goal. However, the Gophers faked a 20-yard field goal and holder Preston Gruening ran three yards over the right side for the opening score.

On UB's first possession, a first down throw was wiped out by offensive pass interference and UB was forced to punt. The Gophers again drove to a first-and-goal at the three, but on first down, freshman linebacker Bryan Cummings - who had a career-best eight tackles - dropped Minnesota quarterback Asad Abdul-Khaliq for a 16-yard loss for his first career sack. The Gophers eventually settled for a 33-yard field goal by Dan Nystrom to make it 10-0.

Minnesota opened the lead to 17-0 when Abdul-Khaliq scrambled and hit Jarred Ellerson for a 25-yard touchdown toss to continue Minnesota's first-quarter domination. Buffalo was outgained by a 159-18 margin in the first quarter and held the ball for just 3:49 of the opening stanza.

The Bulls, however, didn't stop playing in the face of adversity.

The Bulls got on the board with 5:27 remaining in the second quarter behind the legs of freshman tailback Aaron Leeper and the arm of quarterback Randall Secky. Secky led the Bulls on a drive of 66 yards in seven plays capped by a seven-yard run by Leeper, his third touchdown of the season. Leeper had 30 yards rushing on the drive while Secky hit two-of-three passes for 36 yards.

The Bulls cut further into the Gophers' lead with a textbook hurry-up offensive drill late in the first half. Buffalo drove 63 yards in 13 plays capped by a six-yard touchdown pass from Secky to senior flanker Andre Forde. It was Forde's fifth touchdown catch of the season and came on a third and goal play. Secky hit 4-of-7 passes on the drive, including a 15-yard hookup with senior tight end Chad Bartoszek on third-and-10 at the Minnesota 20.

The Gophers extended the lead to 34-14 in the third quarter on a 26-yard field goal by Nystrom after Buffalo failed to make a first down on its first two second-half possessions.

The Bulls got as close as 34-17 on a 41-yard field goal by Dallas Pelz to cap a 12-play drive, but the Gophers put the game away on a 48-yard catch-and-run play from Abdul-Khaliq to Thomas Tapeh.

Secky finished 20-of-35 for 190 yards and a touchdown while Forde was the game's leading receiver with seven catches for 74 yards. Bartoszek had four catches for 40 yards and Leeper had 20 carries for 73 yards.

Defensively, the Bulls were led by sophomore J.J. Gibson who had a season-high 10 tackles, one for loss. Redshirt freshman Gemara Williams came off the bench for the injured Mark Graham, and had a career-best nine tackles, two for losses, and a sack. Sophomore Anthony Andriano had another strong game with seven tackles and a half-sack.



Bulls Two-Deep

•OFFENSE•

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| WR 82 – Dan Lindsay (<i>Sr., 5-10, 172</i>) | 85 – Matt Knueven (<i>So., 6-1, 200</i>) | 20 – Maurice Bradford (<i>Sr., 5-10, 172</i>) |
| TE 88 – Chad Bartoszek (<i>Sr., 6-6, 250</i>) | 89 – Jason Smalarz (<i>Jr., 6-4, 244</i>) | |
| LT 63 – Jeff Mills (<i>Jr., 6-6, 285</i>) | 75 – Alex Alvarez (<i>Jr., 6-5, 290</i>) | |
| LG 72 – Dan Minocchi (<i>So., 6-2, 270</i>) | 75 – Alex Alvarez (<i>Jr., 6-5, 290</i>) | |
| C 64 – Kevin Dunn (<i>Jr., 6-2, 264</i>) | 79 – Erik Zeppuhar (<i>So., 6-4, 270</i>) | |
| RG 79 – Erik Zeppuhar (<i>So., 6-4, 270</i>) | 59 – Mike Schifano (<i>R-Fr., 6-5, 270</i>) | |
| RT 74 – Zachary Love (<i>R-Fr., 6-4, 285</i>) | 76 – Terrance Miles (<i>R-Fr., 6-6, 265</i>) | |
| TB 21 – Aaron Leeper (<i>R-Fr., 5-10, 184</i>) | 22 – Aaron Dawson (<i>R-Fr., 5-8, 180</i>) | |
| FB 39 – Jason Montanez (<i>Sr., 5-11, 224</i>) | 40 – Tom Shaughnessy (<i>Jr., 6-1, 236</i>) | |
| QB 7 – Randall Secky (<i>So., 6-4, 215</i>) | 14 – Mike Radon (<i>Fr., 6-1, 175</i>) | |
| WR 81 – Andre Forde (<i>Sr., 5-11, 208</i>) | 8 – Azzzaam Stallsworth (<i>Jr., 6-1, 193</i>) | 3 – Tim Dance (<i>R-Fr., 5-11, 185</i>) |

•DEFENSE•

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|---|--|---|
| DE 37 – Phil Jacques (<i>R-Fr., 6-2, 234</i>) | 49 – Aaron Sanders (<i>R-Fr., 6-1, 220</i>) | |
| DT 92 – Bill Meholif (<i>R-Fr., 6-2, 250</i>) | 51 – Kevin Wiggins (<i>Fr., 6-2, 290</i>) | 70 – Casey Russell (<i>So., 6-0, 254</i>) |
| DT 62 – Rob Schroeder (<i>R-Fr., 6-4, 250</i>) | 96 – Rashad Clark (<i>Jr., 6-2, 262</i>) | |
| DE 56 – Anthony Andriano (<i>R-Fr., 6-3, 237</i>) | 52 – Demetrius Austrum (<i>Jr., 6-2, 223</i>) | |
| OLB 46 – Bryan Cummings (<i>Fr., 6-3, 215</i>) | 1 – Jason Coley (<i>Sr., 6-1, 210</i>) | |
| ILB 4 – Lamar Wilcher (<i>Jr., 6-2, 230</i>) | 33 – Ryan Buttles (<i>Sr., 6-1, 218</i>) | 93 – Obadiah Harris (<i>Jr., 6-1, 230</i>) |
| OLB 44 – Rodney Morris (<i>So., 5-11, 220</i>) | 33 – Ryan Buttles (<i>Sr., 6-1, 218</i>) | 55 – Chris Clifton (<i>Jr., 6-3, 237</i>) |
| CB 23 – Kevin Concepcion (<i>R-Fr., 5-11, 180</i>) | 9 – Dahnel Singfield (<i>Sr., 6-0, 182</i>) | |
| SS 29 – J.J. Gibson (<i>So., 5-9, 178</i>) | 6 – Gemara Williams (<i>R-Fr., 5-8, 170</i>) | |
| FS 2 – Mark Graham (<i>Jr., 6-1, 190</i>) | 6 – Gemara Williams (<i>R-Fr., 5-8, 170</i>) | 13 – Joe DiGiorgio (<i>Fr., 6-1, 205</i>) |
| CB 35 – Mike Lambert (<i>Sr., 5-10, 196</i>) | 32 – Delando Bradford (<i>Fr., 5-10, 177</i>) | |

•SPECIAL TEAMS•

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| P 17 – Scott McMahan (<i>Sr., 5-11, 170</i>) | 5 – Dallas Pelz (<i>Jr., 6-0, 185</i>) | |
| PK 5 – Dallas Pelz (<i>Jr., 6-0, 185</i>) | 18 – Michael Baker (<i>R-Fr., 5-10, 185</i>) | |
| KO 5 – Dallas Pelz (<i>Jr., 6-0, 185</i>) | 18 – Michael Baker (<i>R-Fr., 5-10, 185</i>) | |
| SNP 10 – Adam Johnson (<i>Sr., 6-5, 210</i>) | 70 – Casey Russell (<i>So., 6-0, 254</i>) | |
| HLD 7 – Randall Secky (<i>So., 6-4, 215</i>) | 14 – Mike Radon (<i>Fr., 6-1, 175</i>) | |
| PR 81 – Andre Forde (<i>Sr., 5-11, 208</i>) | 85 – Matt Knueven (<i>Fr., 5-10, 180</i>) | |
| KOR 81 – Andre Forde (<i>Sr., 5-11, 208</i>) | 21 – Aaron Leeper (<i>Fr., 5-10, 184</i>) | 6 – Gemara Williams (<i>R-Fr., 5-8, 170</i>) |



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•OFFENSE•

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|---|---|
| WR 25 – Joe Mohler (<i>Sr., 6-3, 200</i>) | 6 – Jason Caesar (<i>Sr., 5-9, 161</i>) |
| LT 67 – Chris Jackson (<i>Sr., 6-4, 272</i>) | 70 – Dave Williams (<i>So., 6-4, 282</i>) |
| LG 79 – Paul Stanko (<i>Sr., 6-4, 271</i>) | 75 – Mike Nelson (<i>R-Fr., 6-2, 305</i>) |
| C 61 – Doug Wooten (<i>Sr., 6-3, 292</i>) | 52 – Troy Denerson (<i>So., 6-4, 280</i>) |
| RG 64 – Brian Brown (<i>Jr., 6-3, 284</i>) | 78 – Matt Coppage (<i>Fr., 6-4, 260</i>) |
| RT 60 – Eric Grahovac (<i>Sr., 6-3, 278</i>) | 65 – Eric Lauvi Brown (<i>Sr., 6-3, 295</i>) |
| TE 81 – Randy Pennington (<i>Sr., 6-3, 250</i>) | 80 – Derek Gandy (<i>Jr., 6-5, 275</i>) |
| QB 17 – Dontrell Jackson (<i>Sr., 5-10, 173</i>) | 10 – Fred Ray (<i>Sr., 6-2, 193</i>) |
| FB 29 – Ray Huston (<i>So., 6-2, 211</i>) | 28 – Joe Sherill (<i>Sr., 6-1, 218</i>) |
| HB 5 – Chad Brinker (<i>Sr., 5-11, 210</i>) | 35 – Tony Rozzoni (<i>Jr., 6-0, 223</i>) |
| HB 7 – Stafford Owens (<i>So., 5-8, 182</i>) | 47 – Brad Young (<i>Fr., 6-1, 215</i>) |

•DEFENSE•

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| DE 72 – Eli Kiener (<i>Jr., 6-0, 267</i>) | 98 – Kevin Carberry (<i>So., 6-4, 253</i>) |
| NG 54 – Lamar Martin (<i>Sr., 6-3, 286</i>) | 99 – Andre Parker (<i>Jr., 6-1, 280</i>) |
| DE 96 – Keith Adamson (<i>Jr., 6-3, 254</i>) | 97 – Cole Wesley (<i>Fr., 6-4, 270</i>) |
| OLB 55 – Demetri Taylor (<i>Jr., 6-4, 236</i>) | 90 – Hugh Grant (<i>Jr., 6-3, 214</i>) |
| ILB 46 – Dennis Chukwuemeka (<i>So., 5-11, 229</i>) | 31 – Pete Brately (<i>So., 6-0, 231</i>) |
| ILB 22 – Spencer Tatum (<i>Fr., 6-1, 205</i>) | 59 – Rich Constantine (<i>Jr., 6-1, 235</i>) |
| OLB 23 – Rob Stover (<i>So., 6-0, 201</i>) | 44 – Charles Terry (<i>Jr., 6-3, 211</i>) |
| LCB 9 – Bop White (<i>Sr., 6-0, 183</i>) | 15 – Dion Byrum (<i>R-Fr., 5-11, 177</i>) |
| FS 16 – Rashad Butler (<i>So., 6-0, 193</i>) | 27 – Ben Robey (<i>Jr., 5-11, 179</i>) |
| SS 2 – Joe Sellers (<i>Sr., 5-10, 195</i>) | 40 – Bo Leberherz (<i>Jr., 6-0, 195</i>) |
| RCB 11 – Chip Cox (<i>Sr., 5-10, 195</i>) | 43 – Thomas Wright (<i>Fr., 5-11, 175</i>) |

•SPECIAL TEAMS•

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| P 18 – Kevin Kerr | 14 – Matthew Miller |
| PK 18 – Kevin Kerr | 87 – Greg DiMarino |
| KO 18 – Kevin Kerr | 87 – Greg DiMarino |
| SNP 95 – Brandon Swiger | |
| HLD 19 – Adam Porter | |
| KOR 15 – Dion Byrum | 29 – Ray Huston |
| PR 7 – Stafford Owens | 5 – Chad Brinker |

2002 University at Buffalo Football Game-by-Game Statistical Leaders

| Game/Result | Rushing | Passing | Receiving | Punting | FG's (Good as marked) | Defense |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Aug. 29 LEHIGH L, 37-26 | Leeper 15-73, TD Dwarte 13-52 | Secky 12-31-1 154 yards, 1 TD | Leeper 4-16 Forde 3-67 Knueven 3-45 | McMahan 6-226 37.7, (long 46) | Pelz 2-2 (27, 36) 2-2 PAT's | Graham (9-4-13, 2 INTs) Cummings (5-2-7, TFL) Concepcion (5-1-6, FF, FR) |
| Sept. 7 at Rutgers W, 34-11 | Leeper 34-153, TD Forde 1-11 | Secky 18-34-0 201 yards, 3 TDs | Forde 5-75, 3 TDs Bartoszek 4-36 Knueven 3-37 | McMahan 2-78 39.0 (long 41) Pelz 1-33 | Pelz 2-4 (45, 50, 37, 39) 2-4 PAT's | Concepcion (8-0-8) Graham (6-1-7, 1 INT) Singfield (5 PBU's, 1 sack) |
| Sept. 14 UCONN L, 24-3 | Leeper 19-52 Secky 5-0 | Secky 11-31-1 123 yards | Forde 5-63 Lindsay 2-20 Bradford 2-15 | McMahan 11-463 42.1 (long 70) | Pelz 1-1 (34) | Buttles 6-3-9 Wilcher 5-4-9 (1 TFL) Andriano 1-4-5 (3 TFL) |
| Sept. 21 at Minnesota L, 41-17 | Leeper 20-73 | Secky 20-35-0 190 yards, 1 TD | Forde 7-74 Bartoszek 4-40 Lindsay 3-40 | McMahan 9-403 44.8 (long 50) | Pelz 1-1 (41) 2-2 PATS | Gibson 6-4-10, 1 TFL Williams 6-3-9, 2 TFL Cummings 6-2-8, 1 sack |
| Sept. 28 at Ohio* 7:00 pm | | | | | | |
| Oct. 5 W. MICHIGAN 1:00 pm | | | | | | |
| Oct. 12 at Marshall 7:00 pm | | | | | | |
| Oct. 19 MIAMI, OH 1:00 pm | | | | | | |
| Oct. 26 KENT STATE 1:00 pm | | | | | | |
| Nov. 9 UCF 1:00 pm | | | | | | |
| Nov. 16 at Akron 1:00 pm | | | | | | |

– 2002 Football Highlights –

Andre Forde was named MAC East Division Special Teams Player of the Week after netting 176 yards in returns, including an 83-yard punt return for a score in the home opener versus Lehigh. Forde's return for a score was the second longest in school history.

Dahnel Singfield set a school record with five passes defensed in a 34-11 win at Rutgers, UB's first victory over a Bowl Championship Series team since returning to Division I-A in 1999. Andre Forde had three touchdown receptions, while freshman Aaron Leeper gained 153 yards on 34 carries in his first career start. Forde and Singfield earned MAC East Division Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week, respectively, for their performances.

2002 University at Buffalo Numerical Football Roster

| NO. | PLAYER | POS | HT | WT | CL | HOMETOWN | HS/PREVIOUS SCHOOL |
|-----|-------------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | COLEY, Jason*** | LB | 6-1 | 210 | Sr. | Rochester, NY | Greece-Olympia |
| 2 | GRAHAM, Mark** | DB | 6-1 | 190 | Jr. | Monroe, MI | Monroe |
| 3 | DANCE, Tim | WR | 5-11 | 185 | R-Fr. | Erie, PA | Cathedral Prep |
| 4 | WILCHER, Lamar** | LB | 6-2 | 230 | Jr. | Ossining, NY | Ossining |
| 5 | PELZ, Dallas** | P/K | 6-0 | 185 | Jr. | Holland, NY | St. Francis |
| 6 | WILLIAMS, Gemara | DB | 5-8 | 170 | R-Fr. | Oak Park, MI | Brother Rice |
| 7 | SECKY, Randall* | QB | 6-4 | 215 | So. | Bemus Point, NY | Maple Grove |
| 8 | STALLSWORTH, Azzaam | WR | 6-1 | 193 | Jr. | Gardena, CA | Gardena/West Los Angeles JC |
| 9 | SINGFIELD, Danel*** | DB | 6-0 | 182 | Sr. | Baltimore, MD | Dunbar |
| 10 | JOHNSON, Adam* | QB/WR | 6-5 | 210 | Sr. | Alta Loma, CA | Etiwanda/Chaffey JC |
| 11 | JONES, Antonio | DB | 6-1 | 200 | Fr. | Erie, PA | Erie Central |
| 12 | BOYD, Ananias | DB | 5-9 | 210 | Fr. | Hampton, VA | Bethel |
| 13 | DiGIORGIO, Joe | DB | 6-1 | 205 | Fr. | Macomb Township, MI | Eisenhower |
| 14 | RADON, Michael | QB | 6-1 | 175 | Fr. | Buffalo, NY | St. Francis |
| 15 | SAMPSEL, Stewart | QB | 6-3 | 180 | Fr. | Howard, PA | Bellefonte |
| 17 | McMAHAN, Scott* | P | 5-9 | 175 | Sr. | Huntington Beach, CA | Oceanview/Santa Ana JC |
| 18 | BAKER, Michael | P/K | 5-10 | 185 | R-Fr. | Jamestown, NY | Jamestown |
| 19 | McCLELLAND, Deonne* | LB | 6-1 | 210 | Sr. | Mesa, AZ | West Wood/Scottsdale CC |
| 20 | BRADFORD, Maurice* | WR | 5-10 | 172 | Sr. | Binghamton, NY | Binghamton/Morrisville JC |
| 21 | LEEPER, Aaron | RB | 5-10 | 184 | R-Fr. | Jamestown, NY | Jamestown |
| 22 | DAWSON, Dave | RB | 5-8 | 180 | R-Fr. | Camp Hill, PA | Bishop McDevitt |
| 23 | CONCEPCION, Kevin | DB | 5-11 | 180 | R-Fr. | Rochester, NY | East |
| 24 | McDUFFIE, Chris | RB | 5-10 | 180 | Fr. | Amherst, NY | Williamsville North |
| 25 | SHERWOOD-ERICSSON, Ryan | DB | 6-1 | 200 | Fr. | Erie, PA | McDowell |
| 26 | McDONALD, Bam** | WR | 5-9 | 182 | Sr. | Rochester, NY | Rush-Henrietta |
| 27 | BRERETON, Marvin*** | TE | 6-3 | 236 | Sr. | Mississauga, ONT | Clarkson Secondary |
| 28 | DWARTE, Marquis** | RB | 5-6 | 170 | Jr. | Baltimore, MD | Perry Hall |
| 29 | GIBSON, J.J.* | DB | 5-9 | 178 | So. | Buffalo, NY | Sweet Home |
| 30 | GUZMAN, Ramon | RB | 6-2 | 218 | Fr. | Bronx, NY | DeWitt-Clinton |
| 31 | KING, Steven | RB | 6-0 | 190 | Fr. | Hempstead, NY | Uniondale |
| 32 | BRADFORD, Delando | DB | 5-10 | 177 | Fr. | Franklin, MI | Groves |
| 33 | BUTTLES, Ryan* | LB | 6-1 | 218 | Sr. | Pike, NY | Letchworth/Marist College |
| 34 | VANN, James | DB | 6-2 | 180 | Fr. | Downington, PA | Downingtown |
| 35 | LAMBERT, Mike*** | DB | 5-10 | 185 | Sr. | Syracuse, NY | Jamesville-DeWitt |
| 36 | BECK, Doug | LB | 5-11 | 215 | R-Fr. | Brighton, NY | Brighton |
| 37 | JACQUES, Philip | DE | 6-2 | 234 | R-Fr. | Farmington Hills, MI | Brother Rice |
| 38 | SMITH, Brandon | DB | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. | Miami, FL | Coral Reef |
| 39 | MONTANEZ, Jason* | FB | 5-11 | 224 | Sr. | Spring Valley, NY | Spring Valley/Marist College |
| 40 | SHAUGHNESSY, Tom** | FB | 6-1 | 236 | Jr. | LeRoy, NY | LeRoy |
| 42 | PATTERSON, Jared | RB | 6-2 | 205 | Fr. | Belvidere, NJ | Belvidere |
| 43 | SOLTIS, Ken | DL | 6-0 | 250 | R-Fr. | Boca Raton, FL | Coconut Creek |
| 44 | MORRIS, Rodney* | LB | 5-11 | 220 | So. | Pahokee, FL | Pahokee |
| 45 | REYNOLDS, Terrence | CB | 5-10 | 192 | Fr. | Cambria Heights, NY | Bayside |
| 46 | CUMMINGS, Bryan | LB | 6-3 | 215 | Fr. | Cincinnati, OH | Madeira |
| 47 | CAMPANELLA, Mark** | DE | 6-3 | 250 | Jr. | Buffalo, NY | St. Joseph's |
| 49 | SANDERS, Aaron | DE | 6-1 | 220 | R-Fr. | Clarence, NY | St. Joseph's |
| 51 | WIGGINS, Kevin | DL | 6-2 | 290 | Fr. | Newark, DE | Newark |
| 52 | AUSTRUM, Demetrius** | DE | 6-2 | 223 | Jr. | Coral Springs, FL | Taravella |
| 53 | BERRY, Kirk | DE | 6-2 | 227 | R-Fr. | Norristown, PA | Norristown |
| 55 | CLIFTON, Chris | LB | 6-3 | 237 | Jr. | Amherst, NY | Amherst Central/Erie CC |
| 56 | ANDRIANO, Anthony* | DE | 6-3 | 237 | So. | Howard Beach, NY | Christ The King/Milford Academy |

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| 58 | BUBLAVI, Jeff | LB | 5-11 | 195 | Fr. | Norwood, PA | Interboro |
| 59 | SCHIFANO, Michael | OL | 6-5 | 270 | R-Fr. | Webster, NY | Webster |
| 60 | DEVLIN, Troy | LB | 6-3 | 240 | Fr. | Eden, NY | Eden |
| 62 | SCHROEDER, Rob | DT | 6-4 | 250 | R-Fr. | East Rochester, NY | East Rochester |
| 63 | MILLS, Jeff** | OL | 6-5 | 288 | Jr. | Wilkes-Barre, PA | Coughlin |
| 64 | DUNN, Kevin** | OL | 6-2 | 264 | Jr. | Mission Viejo, CA | Mission Viejo |
| 65 | WEBER, Eric* | OL | 6-5 | 301 | So. | Canandaigua, NY | Canandaigua |
| 68 | STRESING, Art | OL | 6-2 | 304 | Fr. | Batavia, NY | Batavia Notre Dame |
| 69 | HOWARD, Ted | OL | 6-4 | 275 | R-Fr. | River Rouge, MI | River Rouge |
| 70 | RUSSELL, Casey* | DL | 6-0 | 254 | So. | Lafayette, NY | Lafayette |
| 71 | MOODT, Kevin | OL | 6-6 | 260 | Fr. | Bellport, NY | Bellport |
| 72 | MINOCCHI, Dan* | OL | 6-2 | 270 | So. | Canton, OH | Canton Central Catholic |
| 73 | SCHMIDT, Tim | OL | 6-6 | 270 | Fr. | Apalachin, NY | Owego Free Academy |
| 74 | LOVE, Zachary | OL | 6-4 | 285 | R-Fr. | Wallingford, PA | Strath Haven |
| 75 | ALVAREZ, Alex | OL | 6-4 | 290 | Jr. | Los Angeles, CA | Bell-Jefferson/Glendale CC |
| 76 | MILES, Terrance | OL | 6-6 | 265 | R-Fr. | Buffalo, NY | McKinley |
| 78 | WEISSINGER, Gerry | OL | 6-5 | 290 | Fr. | Webster, NY | Webster |
| 79 | ZEPPUHAR, Erik* | OL | 6-4 | 270 | So. | Allison Park, PA | Shaler |
| 80 | UPSHAW, Chad | TE | 6-4 | 238 | Fr. | Southport, CT | St. Joseph's |
| 81 | FORDE, Andre*** | WR | 5-11 | 208 | Sr. | Penfield, NY | Penfield |
| 82 | LINDSAY, Dan** | WR | 5-10 | 190 | Sr. | Henrietta, NY | Rush-Henrietta |
| 83 | McCLOVER, Gabe | WR | 6-2 | 210 | R-Fr. | Fort Lauderdale, FL | Coconut Creek |
| 85 | KNUEVEN, Matt* | WR | 6-1 | 200 | So. | Cincinnati, OH | LaSalle |
| 86 | WATSON, Brian | WR | 6-5 | 210 | Fr. | Elizabeth, NJ | Elizabeth/The Hun School |
| 87 | ARROYO, Michael | WR | 6-1 | 174 | Fr. | Seymour, CT | Seymour |
| 88 | BARTOSZEK, Chad*** | TE | 6-6 | 250 | Sr. | Salamanca, NY | Salamanca |
| 89 | SMALARZ, Jason** | TE | 6-4 | 244 | Jr. | Fraser, MI | Fraser |
| 90 | SCOTT, Kyle | TE | 6-1 | 199 | R-Fr. | Salamanca, NY | Salamanca |
| 91 | WASHINGTON, Leonard | DL | 6-2 | 230 | Fr. | Copley, OH | Copley |
| 92 | MEHOLIF, Bill | DT | 6-2 | 250 | R-Fr. | Parma, OH | St. Ignatius |
| 93 | HARRIS, Obadiah | LB | 6-1 | 230 | Jr. | Chillicothe, OH | Chillicothe/Valley Forge JC |
| 95 | ANDERWKAVICH, Doug | TE | 6-6 | 265 | Fr. | Queens, NY | Holy Cross |
| 96 | CLARK, Rashad | DE | 6-4 | 262 | Jr. | Los Angeles, CA | Ontario/West Los Angeles JC |
| 97 | MUNSON, Patrick | DE | 6-4 | 220 | Fr. | Orchard Park, NY | Orchard Park |
| 99 | SANDERS, Richard | LB | 5-11 | 250 | R-Fr. | Miami, FL | Coral Reef |

*Indicates number of letters earned

Head coach: Jim Hofher (9th year as head coach)

Assistants: Bill Lazor (off. coordinator/quarterbacks), Thurmond Moore (defensive coordinator), Clayton Carlin (defensive secondary), Andrew Dees (tight ends), Antonio Goss (linebackers), Roy Istvan (offensive line), Tom Jones (defensive line), Brian Polian (running backs/special teams), Doug Socha (wide receivers), Mike Garofalo (offensive graduate assistant), Allen Mogridge (defensive graduate assistant)

Strength and conditioning: Jim Peal

Operations: Paul Bittar

Video coordinator: Adam Raymond

Administrative: Joan Frapwell, Pam Chamness

Equipment: Dave Borsuk, Alan Bell

Training staff: Sue Rocque, Karl Kozlowski, Dale Zulawski