



## 2000 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WEEKLY FOOTBALL RELEASE

### • THIS WEEK'S GAME •

**BUFFALO (1-3) AT MARSHALL (1-2)**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 • 7:00 PM**  
**MARSHALL STADIUM (40,000) • HUNTINGTON, WV**  
**MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE GAME**  
**WGR RADIO (550), EMPIRE SPORTS NETWORK**

### Quick Facts

Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Craig Cirbus, 6th year (18-41)  
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### **BULLS HEAD TO HUNTINGTON WITH SHARE FOR LEAD IN MAC EAST**

The University at Buffalo Bulls go from one of the biggest highs in their long football history to one of their biggest challenges in their second season in the Mid-American Conference.

The Bulls are coming off a dramatic 20-17 MAC East Division win over Bowling Green last Saturday – snapping an 18-game losing streak in the process – and now must travel to three-time MAC Champion Marshall University. The Thundering Herd hasn't lost a MAC game since 1998 – ironically enough to Bowling Green (34-13) – and hasn't lost at Marshall Stadium since the final game of the 1995 season, a string of 32 straight victories.

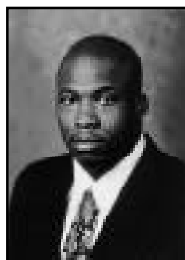
The Thundering Herd are 1-2 this season with losses at nationally-ranked Michigan State and North Carolina, representing the first two-game losing streak since the 1992 season when the Herd finished 12-3. You'd have to go back to the 1990 season for the last time Marshall has lost three in a row.

### **BULLS SNAP LOSING STREAK IN DRAMATIC FASHION**

It wasn't pretty, but boy was it sweet.

That summed it up for the University at Buffalo football team on Saturday night.

The Bulls overcame three turnovers and a second-half deficit when redshirt freshman **Marquis Dwarte (Baltimore, MD/Perry Hall)** raced in from 27 yards out with 1:27



Marquis Dwarte

remaining as UB claimed a 20-17 victory over Mid-American Conference rival Bowling Green. The win was historic in many ways for Buffalo:

It was the first-ever Mid-American Conference win for the Bulls in their second season in the MAC.

It snapped an 18-game losing streak dating back to 1998 when UB beat Canisius, 47-0.

It was the first win over a Division I-A opponent since the Bulls beat Holy Cross,

13-0, on October 31, 1970.

The final score was UB's first rushing touchdown in 19 quarters.

"I didn't care how we got in there as long as we scored," said head coach Craig Cirbus afterwards. "There's no explanation (for that last drive). It is just the belief system and the faith of our kids. That's exactly what got it – they believed.

"There's a lot of joy, a lot of happiness and a lot of affirmation on all that hard work," continued Cirbus. "It allows them to

## 2000 Mid-American Conference Standings

### East Division

Team	MAC Div.		MAC Overall		Overall		Strk
	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Miami	1	0	2	0	3	1	W-1
Buffalo	1	0	1	0	1	3	W-1
Akron	1	0	1	1	2	2	W-2
Marshall	0	0	0	0	1	2	L-2
Ohio	0	1	0	1	2	2	L-1
Bowling Green	0	1	0	1	0	4	L-4
Kent State	0	1	0	1	0	4	L-6

### West Division

Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	Strk
Central Michigan	0	0	1	0	1	3	L-2
Northern Illinois	0	0	0	0	1	2	L-1
Ball State	0	0	0	0	0	3	L-20
Eastern Michigan	0	0	0	1	1	3	L-3
Toledo	0	1	0	1	3	0	L-1

### Saturday's Games

*Northern Illinois at Ball State*  
*Ohio at Western Michigan*  
 Central Florida at Eastern Michigan  
*Bowling Green at Kent State*  
*Buffalo at Marshall*  
*Miami at Akron*  
*Central Michigan at Toledo*

### Saturday's Results

*Akron 23, @ Ohio 30*  
 Boise State 47, @ Central Michigan 10  
*@ Miami 45, Kent State 14*  
*@ Western Michigan 21, Toledo 14*  
 @ Temple 49, Eastern Michigan 40  
 @ Auburn 31, Northern Illinois 14  
 @ North Carolina 20, Marshall 15  
 @ Buffalo 20, Bowling Green 17

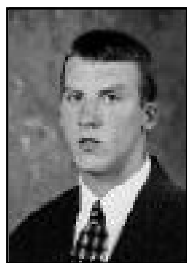
(MAC games in italics)



see some evidence of their hard work."

To win, the Bulls (1-3, 1-0 in the MAC) relied on a defense that allowed just 175 total yards, including just 75 after intermission. Then the Bulls' offense had to make a game-winning 80-yard drive with under four minutes to go in regulation.

Quarterback **Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park)** who completed 24-of-38 passes for 183 yards and was sacked three times, saved his best for last.



B. Shaughnessy

He connected on all four of his passes on that drive, none bigger than a third-and-seven hookup with senior tight end **Brandon Shaughnessy (Stafford, NY/LeRoy)** from the UB 36-yard line.

After an 11-yard pass to junior Dahnel Singfield (**Baltimore, MD/Dunbar**), it was left to Dwarte, who was subbing for injured starter **Bam McDonald (Rochester, NY/Rush-Henrietta)** to steal the show. Dwarte took a pitch left, made one cut and then broke two arm tackles to race 27 yards for the go-ahead score.

Bowling Green had one last chance, but junior linebacker **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)** closed the door on the Falcons with a record-breaking performance. Williams sacked BG quarterback Ricky Schneider on second-and-10, forcing a fumble that the Falcons (0-4, 0-1) fell on at their own 11. Then on

fourth-and-28, Williams sealed the game with his school-record fourth sack of the game.

**Marcus Cole (Buffalo, NY/Turner-Carroll)** finished with nine tackles, a sack, a pass breakup and two tackles for loss while another senior – **Chris Gray (Frewsburg, NY/Frewsburg)** – led UB with 11 tackles, including five solo stops and a sack.

In all, the UB defense allowed just 2.5 yards per play and sacked Bowling Green quarterbacks seven times, knocking starter Andy Sahn out of the game in the first half with a concussion.

The Bulls struck first in the game with Freedy leading a 12-play, 80-yard drive on UB's second possession, capped by a two-yard touchdown toss to sophomore **Chad Bartoszek (Salamanca, NY/Salamanca)**.

Bowling Green rebounded with two straight scores in the second quarter after UB turnovers, a two-yard plunge by John Gibson and a one-yard sneak by Sahn to take a 14-7 lead.

The Bulls put together another long scoring drive (10 plays, 70 yards) late in



Marcus Cole

the second quarter. Once again Freedy found the end zone, this time connecting with sophomore **Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield)** from three yards out. However, the PAT was missed and the Falcons held a 14-13 lead at intermission.

Bowling Green would add to its lead in the second half when Mike Knapp kicked a 32-yard field goal with 13:22 remaining, and things looked dismal for the Bulls as a driving rainstorm started late in the third quarter. However, the UB defense wouldn't be denied on this night.

The defense would stop the Falcons on fourth down once in the second half and in Bulls' territory four times in the second half while surrendering only a field goal.

In the end they held on long enough to give the offense one more chance.

"We finally did it," said Chris Gray after the win. "We knew that Joe Freedy and the offense could get the job done. Our defense's goal was to keep us in the game and that's what we did."

Said Freedy of the final drive: "We didn't make any changes, we just executed better. Everything clicked on that last drive. I give all the credit in the world to the defense on this one. They gave us a chance."

Of the final TD run, Dwarte said: "I got a good kick out block and once I got past that block I just turned it on and headed for the end zone."

*SCOUTING THE THUNDERING HERD*  
Marshall may not have the same



Chad Bartoszek

## • MAC PEPSI PLAYERS OF THE WEEK •

**Offensive Player of the Week:** *Kenny Christian (Eastern Michigan)*. Christian set a MAC record with 20 receptions in a single game during the Eagles, 49-40, loss at Temple. Christian's total also represents a tie for the fifth-highest total in NCAA Division I history. He gained 198 yards on the 20 receptions and added 86 yards on four kickoff returns for 284 all-purpose yards.

**Defensive Player of the Week:** *Duane Williams (Buffalo)*. Williams helped the Bulls snap an 18-game losing streak with four quarterback sacks for minus 34 yards in a 20-17 win over Bowling Green. Williams had six total tackles with five of those as solos. He also had a forced fumble that put BGSU in a third-and-28 situation with 1:20 remaining and then closed the game out with a sack on fourth down. Williams' four sacks established a school record.

**Special Teams Player of the Week:** *Zac Derr (Akron)*. Derr booted field goals from 40, 44 and 18 yards, the last being the game winner in a 23-20 win at Ohio. He added two PATs for 11 points. He moved into 11th place on Akron's all-time scoring list with 142 career points.



gaudy record as folks in the Mid-American Conference are used to, but don't be fooled. At 1-2, the Thundering Herd is off to its worst start since the 1987 campaign, but make no mistake, they are still the choice of the experts to win the MAC for the fourth straight year.

In an effort to gain continued national recognition, Marshall has played at Michigan State (34-24 loss) and at North Carolina (20-15 loss) in its last two outings. Despite those challenges, Marshall still has one of the top-ranked defenses in the country and has won 11 straight games against MAC competition.

That defense is led by linebacker **Max Yates** – 29 tackles in three games – and an outstanding defensive secondary that includes a pair of pre-season All-Americans in **Danny Derricott** and **Maurice Hines**.

Hines, however, is questionable for Saturday's game with a quadricep injury.



Danny Derricott

Some statistical notes on the Herd through three weeks.

- The Marshall offense is in the hands of junior **Bryon Leftwich** who ranks among the leaders in the MAC in the early season. Leftwich has hit over 60% of his passes for 652 yards, six touchdowns and has an efficiency rating of 129.97.
- Senior wideout **Nate Poole** is Leftwich's favorite target, having caught 16 passes for 207 yards and two scores. The Marshall ground game is potent as well with the Herd averaging 5.0 yards per carry.
- Safety **Doug Hodges** is among the nation's leaders in interceptions with three hijacks in just three games.

- Despite being 1-2 on the season, the Herd is still a +3 on the giveaway-takeaway chart.

*UB-HERD MEET FOR FIFTH TIME*

This will be the fifth meeting between the two schools, but only the second in Huntington, where the current Marshall head coach had a big hand in the outcome.

Bob Pruett accounted for both touchdowns as Marshall beat Buffalo, 14-12, back in 1964 in Huntington. All the other meetings have been in Buffalo with Buffalo winning the first meeting and dropping the last two, including a 59-3 loss last year.

The all-time series year-by-year:

Year (Site)	Winner, Score	Series
1959 (Buffalo)	Buffalo, 37-12	UB, 1-0
1963 (Buffalo)	Marshall, 10-8	Tied, 1-1
1964 (Marshall)	Marshall, 14-12	MU, 2-1
1999 (Buffalo)	Marshall, 59-3	MU, 3-1

*THE LAST MEETING*

Heisman Trophy finalist Chad Pennington completed 20-of-25 passes for 339 yards and five touchdowns to lead No. 15 Marshall University to a 59-3 victory over the University at Buffalo on October 23, 1999 in the last meeting

between the two schools.

Pennington threw touchdown passes to four different receivers and became only the sixth player in NCAA history to throw for both 11,000 yards and 100 touchdowns with his performance. In all, 11 different Thundering Herd players caught passes as Marshall, the highest-ranked team to ever play in Western New York, improved to 7-0 and 4-0 in the MAC.

The Bulls were in the game in the early going. After a 57-yard touchdown pass from Pennington to Doug Chapman put the Herd on top, 7-0, Buffalo responded with a score of its own. A roughing the passer call on third -and-5 gave the Bulls a first down and **Scott Keller** put Buffalo on the scoreboard with a 30-yard field goal with 6:12 remaining in the first quarter.

Then, trailing 7-3, linebacker **Brandon Jordan** had an interception and potential touchdown in his hands but dropped it. Five plays later, Pennington hit David Foye for a 36-yard touchdown and the Herd wasn't threatened afterwards.

The Bulls were limited to 196 yards of total offense in the game. Sophomore tailback **Derrick Gordon** led the offense

*• Numbers of Note in Cirbus Era •*

	<i>1995-present</i>	<i>2000</i>
Playing at home	11-19	1-1
Playing on road	7-22	0-2
Playing on grass	15-31	1-2
Playing on turf	3-10	0-1
Leading at halftime	11-4	0-1
Trailing at halftime	5-35	1-2
Game tied at halftime	2-2	0-0
Winning turnover margin	12-6	0-0
Losing turnover margin	3-30	1-3
Even in turnover margin	3-5	0-0
Rushing for over 200 yards	10-5	0-0
Rushing for less than 200 yards	8-36	1-3
Passing for more than 200 yards	7-17	0-2
Passing for less than 200 yards	11-24	1-1



with 20 carries for 66 yards, while senior fullback Josh Roth had 11 carries for 34 yards and two receptions for 22 yards.

Senior flanker Drew Haddad was held to a season-low three catches for 32 yards as the Herd had constant pressure on UB quarterbacks **Joe Freedy** and **Erik Rusin**. Freedy completed 5-of-15 passes for 47 yards and a pair of interceptions before being lifted at halftime. Rusin, who suffered an MCL sprain in his throwing elbow in pre-season, completed 5-of-10 passes for 40 yards in his first action of the season.

The Bulls' defense was paced by free safety **Craig Rohlfis** who had eight solo tackles. Defensive tackle **Josh Stello** had three solo stops, including a sack for the Bulls, while **Chris Gray** had seven tackles.

### QUOTABLE COACHES

Here are some excerpts from Marshall head coach Bob Pruett and UB head coach Craig Cirbus' MAC teleconferences on Monday morning.

#### **Pruett on getting into conference play...**

"Our seasons starts Saturday because that's what gets you to the conference championship game and that's what gets you to bowl games. We're disappointed because we've been a hair away from winning at Michigan State, which is an excellent team, and at North Carolina, which is the best defensive team we've played since we've been here. It's something we haven't faced a lot, and hope we don't have to face a whole lot, but we just have to go on."

#### **On trying to put the losses behind...**

"There's no reason to go and do anything else. We're getting into our league and you can't look back. It wouldn't make any



Bob Pruett

difference if we were 3-0 or 1-2, other than our pride, we'd probably be feeling better about ourselves. We don't feel sorry for ourselves, we just have to crank it up and go."

#### **On playing Buffalo this week...**

"They got a great shot in the arm with a great win for their program. I think they're improved on both sides of the ball, both offensively and defensively. Bowling Green is a tough team to beat, so we're going to have to go out and play good Herd football."

#### **Craig Cirbus on getting a win...**

"Obviously, it was a big, big breakthrough and emotional win for our football team and for our University. It was a very hard-fought and tough football game. We've been in a number of games like that, but this is the first one that we've been able to win and hopefully we'll be able to use that emotion and keep moving forward. I give this group so much credit, they've hung in there, and to be able to see some evidence now is significant."

#### **On playing Marshall...**

"You felt good for four of five hours on Saturday until you have to turn on the Marshall film, and then reality sets in real fast. We know the reality of how good this conference is, particularly our side of the ledger. They're extremely talented. There is great athleticism and speed and that's evidenced in their games at Michigan State and North Carolina. Those two games are big-league games with big-league programs. Marshall knows how to win and they've built a program that can challenge for the MAC championship every year."

### *BULLS DEFEY STATISTICAL TRENDS IN FIRST MAC VICTORY*

The Bulls overcame two huge statistical trends with their 20-17 win over Bowling

Green.

Buffalo improved to just 3-30 under head coach Craig Cirbus when losing the turnover battle (the Bulls were -2 in the game). Conversely, the Bulls are 12-6 when winning the turnover battle.

In addition, the Bulls overcame a halftime deficit for the first time since early in the 1998 season and won for just the fifth time (5-35) under Cirbus when trailing at halftime.

### *UB DEFENSE TURNS THE CORNER IN LAST TWO OUTINGS*

The Bulls' coaching staff expected to see improvement this year in a defense that has struggled over the past several seasons.

However, they had to be patient – after two difficult losses to Syracuse and Rutgers of the BIG EAST – before they started seeing the proof. There should be no doubt, however, after the last two weeks that this unit is much improved.

Against Bowling Green, the Bulls' defense allowed just 75 yards of total offense in the second half and only 175 yards for the game – or 163 yards fewer than the lowest total UB had given up to a MAC opponent in its first nine MAC games (vs. Akron on 9/16/99).

The defense has now allowed just 256.5 yards per game in the last two outings and just 41 points. A look inside those numbers, however, reveal how well the defense has played.

Against Bowling Green, the Falcons three scoring drives accounted for 13, 34 and 26 yards. In fact, Bowling Green had nine drives that penetrated the UB side of the field but scored on only three of those trips for its 17 points.

### *THE SHORT WAY HOME AND THE LONG WAY HOME*

The UB defense looks even more impressive when you consider the short



fields that teams have drawn against the Bulls, due largely to the fact that the Bulls are -11 in the takeaway charts through four games.

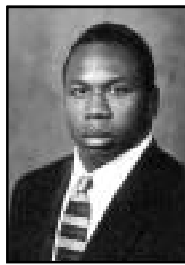
Consider this: opposing offenses have scored on 23 different occasions this year. In those drives, the average scoring march for UB opponents is just 42.9 yards.

Contrast that with the fact that the Bulls have had eight scoring drives this year with the average coming in at **67 yards**; including drives of 97, 80, 80 and 70 yards for touchdowns.

***BULLS GETTING SACK HAPPY AS WILLIAMS NAMED PLAYER OF WEEK***

The UB defense posed a ferocious pass rush for Bowling Green all night and it led to junior **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)** earning the MAC's Defensive Player of the Week award.

The Bulls had seven sacks in the game, the most during Craig Cirbus' coaching tenure (1995-present), including a school-record four by Williams, a 6-2, 240-pound junior linebacker. Williams shattered the record held by Vince Canosa, who had 3.5 sacks against Buffalo State on October 16, 1993.



Duane Williams

Williams leads the Bulls with five sacks on the season, while both **Steve Fleming (Rochester, NY/Greece-Olympia)** and **Jamie Guerra (Belle Vernon, PA/Belle Vernon)** have 1.5 sacks this year.

The Bulls now have 12 sacks on the season. To put that in perspective, UB had only 12 sacks all of last season.

***BARTOSZEK, DWARTE FIND PAYDIRT FOR FIRST TIME***

Sophomore tight end **Chad Bartoszek**

and redshirt freshman **Marquis Dwarte** both scored their first career touchdowns in the win over Bowling Green.

Bartoszek caught a two-yard scoring toss from Joe Freedy while Dwarte had the game-winning 27-yard touchdown burst.

***McKINE CONTINUES TO SHINE***

True freshman flanker **Zeke McKine (Hollywood, FL/MacArthur)** has put himself into early consideration for MAC Freshman of the Year honors.

McKine continues to lead the Bulls in receptions (21) and yardage (226) and had six more receptions against Bowling Green after a breakout game of 10 catches against Connecticut.

McKine's 21 receptions in his freshman season are the same number that all-time UB great Drew Haddad had in his entire first season.

***SPENCER APPROACHING TACKLING MILESTONE IN SENIOR SEASON***

Senior cornerback

**Carlos Spencer (Buffalo, NY/South Park)** had three more solo tackles against Bowling Green and now has accumulated 99 solo stops in his outstanding UB career.



Carlos Spencer

He is now just nine solo stops away from moving past former All-American linebacker Gerry Quinlivan (who had 107 from 1981-84).

Another senior defensive back, **Tory Smith (Centereach, NY/Half Hollow East)**, isn't far back either. Smith has 92 solo stops to this point in his career, and with his move to safety this season is second on the team with 20 solos this year.

***GRAY CONTINUES TO MAKE PLAYS***

Senior linebacker Chris Gray had his third straight double-digit tackle game with 11 stops against Bowling Green, including a critical 4th-and-one stuff of quarterback Ricky Schneider at the UB 43 in the third quarter.

Gray leads the Bulls with 40 tackles, including 21 solo stops, and is tied for the team lead with four tackles for loss.

***FORDE MOTORING TOWARD END ZONE***

Split end **Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield)** is becoming a real touchdown maker. Forde, a sophomore, has 27 career catches and five of them have gone for touchdowns (or one in every 5.4 catches).

Forde had two touchdown receptions as a true freshman last season (in 12 catches) after being converted from a high school running back.

***TROUBLES ON TURF***

The Bulls will be looking for a change of fortune on artificial turf on Saturday at Marshall.

UB is 3-10 on the fake stuff under Craig Cirbus and has lost its last nine on turf, including a 63-7 loss to Syracuse at the Carrier Dome to open the season.

UB's last win on an artificial surface was a 14-10 victory at Hofstra during its 8-3 season in 1996.

***STATISTICAL TRENDS IN 2000***

Some interesting statistical tidbits after four weeks of the 2000 season:

**Passing fancy** : The Bulls rank among the leaders in the Mid-American Conference in passing through three games.

UB is fifth in the conference in pass offense per game (208.3 yards per game) behind only Miami, Marshall, Eastern and Western Michigan. The Bulls have more than twice as many first downs via the air than the ground (44 to 20).



**Fourth down success:** The Bulls rank second in the conference on opponent fourth down tries. Opponents have made just 1-of-6 (16.7%) on fourth down. Last year, opponents converted 8-of-15 (53%) of their tries.

**Spreading it around:** Last year, current Buffalo Bill **Drew Haddad** caught 52% of the passes the Bulls threw. This year, UB is really spreading its receivers out, with 11 players having caught passes already this year. UB's receiving leader, **Zeke McKine**, has caught 21 of UB's 90 completions (23.3%).

*BULLS BEST BLOCKING OFTEN TIMES ON SPECIAL TEAMS*

Since Craig Cirbus' arrival at UB in 1995, the Bulls' special teams have been among the nation's best in blocking kicks.

That trend has continued this season, with UB already blocking two punts this year, and deflecting two others.

Since 1995, the Bulls have blocked 28 total kicks, including 11 in Cirbus' first season.

*CAREER BESTS VERSUS BG*

The following Bulls posted career-best totals against Bowling Green:

Player	Career Best
Marquis Dwarté	27 yds rushing 3 rec., 12 yards
Dallas Pelz	9 punts, career long 64 yds
Andre Forde	31 yards rushing
Joe McKoy	4 tackles
Marcus Clarett	3 tackles

*BULLS TRANSACTIONS*

The following players need updates since the publishing of the 2000 media guide:

Three-year starter **Josh Stello (Moon Township, PA/Moon)** was lost for the season in July when he suffered a torn ACL to his right knee. He will redshirt and return for a fifth season next year. He will

most likely miss next spring's drills but should be fully recovered by next August.

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

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

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

Sophomore **Kyle Kampf (Long Branch, NJ/Shore Regional)** suffered a back injury the first day of pre-season drills and returned home to New Jersey. He has decided to transfer from the program.

*CAPTAINS FOR WEEK FIVE*

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



Marvin Brereton

This week he named sophomore split end **Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield)** as offensive captain, senior linebacker **Marcus Cole (Buffalo, NY/Turner-Carroll)** as defensive captain and junior **Marvin Brereton (Mississauga, Ontario/Clarkson)** as special teams captain.

*SWITCHING JERSEYS*

Because of position changes there has

been one roster switch for the Bulls.

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

*BIRTHDAY BULL*

Junior college transfer **Albert Grundy (Springfield, PA/Valley Forge Military)** turns 22 on Thursday, Sept. 28th.

*NEW LOOK OFFENSIVE LINE*

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

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

*EXCELLING IN THE CLASSROOM*

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

The list:

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

*ON THE AIRWAVES*

All UB football games can be heard on WGR Sports Radio 55 this season with



Rick Maloney (play-by-play) and Chris Brown (color analysis) on the call.

The games can also be heard over the internet by going to UB's website (buffalobulls.com).

ON THE TUBE

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

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

This week's game will air live on the Empire Sports Network at 7:00 pm, while Adelphia Cable's HTTV will broadcast UB's battle with Ohio next week in Athens at 7:00 pm.

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

Here is the remaining Adelphia schedule:

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

THE COACHING MATCHUP

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

Cirbus has an 18-41 career record and earned NCAA Division I-AA Independent Coach of the Year honors after leading UB to an 8-3 record in 1996 – UB's first winning season in over a decade.

Bob Pruett is in his sixth season at Marshall and has the highest winning percentage (51-6, .895) of any current coach in the country. That not only is the best current record, but also the best winning percentage in the 20th century by any college coach.

Pruett has led the Thundering Herd to three straight Mid-American Conference titles and two wins in the Motor City Bowl since the Herd's arrival in the MAC. The 1965 Marshall graduate is a two-time MAC Coach of the Year (1998-99) and was the 1996 Chevrolet National Coach of the Year after leading the Herd to a perfect 15-0 record at the Division I-AA championship.

RECORD BOOK UPDATE

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

Player	Category	Place/No.
Chris Shelly	Forced fumbles, career	T-5th/5
Craig Rohlf	Forced fumbles, career	T-9th/3
Scott Keller	Field goals, career	4th/13
Scott Keller	Extra points, career	2nd/56
Scott Keller	Points kicking, career	4th/101
Mike Masucci	Total punts, career	2nd/164
Mike Masucci	Total punting yards, career	2nd/6,276
Dahnel Singfield	Kickoff returns, career	T-2nd/43
Dahnel Singfield	KO return yardage, career	2nd/901

STILL LOOKING FOR PAYDIRT ON KICKOFF RETURN

The Bulls have gone 114 straight games without returning a kickoff for a score.

You have to go back to Oct. 14, 1989 when Alan Bell returned a kickoff 89 yards against Ithaca for the last time a Buffalo player took a kickoff back for six.

DID YOU KNOW?

Senior offensive guard Gabe Kogler is of Hawaiian descent.

Redshirt freshman Demetrius Austrum's cousin is former Florida State standout Corey Simon, drafted by the

Philadelphia Eagles in the first round of the 2000 draft.

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

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

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

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

Freshman offensive lineman William Paris is the son of long-time NFL standout Bubba Paris, who was part of several San Francisco 49er Super Bowl champion teams.

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

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

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

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

Senior Chris Gray's uncle, Terry Gray, played college football at Temple and later played in the CFL.

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

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

Offensive lineman Robert Meyer is an accomplished tuba player.

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



• GAME RECAP – WEEK 4 •  
**BUFFALO 20, BOWLING GREEN 17**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2000 • UB STADIUM**  
**BUFFALO, NY**

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Bowling Green	0	14	0	3	17
Buffalo	7	6	0	7	20

Team Per. Time

UB	1	4:48
BGSU	2	11:33
BGSU	2	9:50
UB	2	6:31
BGSU	4	13:22
UB	4	1:27

Scoring Play

Bartoszek 2 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 7-0  
 Gibson 2 run (Knapp kick), 7-7  
 Sahn 1 run (Knapp kick), 14-7  
 Forde 3 pass from Freedy (kick failed), 14-13  
 Knapp 32 FG, 17-13  
 Dwarto 27 run (Keller kick), 17-20

•Team Statistics•

	Falcons	Bulls
First downs	13	18
Rushing Attempts-Yards	50-112	31-64
Passing yards	63	183
Passing (C-A-I)	5-20-0	24-38-2
Offensive plays	70	69
Total net yards	175	247
Average gain per play	2.5	3.6
Fumbles (number-lost)	1-0	1-1
Penalties (number-yards)	6-43	9-78
Interceptions by (number-yards)	2-0	0-0
Number of Punts-Avg.	8-32.9	9-39.4
Punt returns-yards	4-84	1-(-3)
Kickoff returns-yards	3-32	4-44
Possession time	30:33	29:27
Third down conversions	4-of-18	4-of-14
Fourth down conversions	1-of-3	0-of-0
Sacks (number-yards)	3-32	7-47

•Individual Statistics•

**Rushing:** UB: Forde 2-31, Dwarto 3-23, Gordon 7-20, Brereton 2-1, McKine 1-8, McDonald 11-3, Team 1-(-2), Freedy 4-(-33). BG: Gibson 15-60, Alls 14-49, Jarrett 7-42, Clark 2-4, Team 1-(-2), Smiley 1-(-8), Sahn 6-(-12), Schneider 4-(-21).

**Passing:** UB: Freedy 24-38-2 183. BG: Schneider 3-10-0 44, Sahn 2-9-0 19, Smiley 0-1-0 0.

**Receiving:** UB: McKine 6-46, Forde 5-46, Shaughnessy 4-36, McDonald 3-1, Dwarto 3-12, Singfield 2-24, Bartoszek 1-2. BG: Bautista 4-50, Pinchem 1-13.

**Time of game:** 3:25. **Attendance** – 8,081

**UB BULLS AMONG THE  
MAC/NATIONAL LEADERS**

• JOE FREEDY •

10th in the nation in pass completions per game (22.50)  
 4th in the MAC in passing average per game (208.3)  
 5th in the MAC in total offense per game (186.5)  
 8th in the MAC pass efficiency rating (104.1)

• ANDRE FORDE •

8th in the MAC in kickoff return average (18.4)

• ZEKE MCKINE •

T-41st in country/T-6th in MAC in pass receptions  
 per game (5.00)

9th in the MAC in receiving yards per game (56.5)

• DUANE WILLIAMS •

T-1st in quarterback sacks (5.0)

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

12th in rushing offense per game (65.0 ypg)

5th in passing offense per game (208.3 ypg)

11th in total offense per game (273.3 ypg)

11th in scoring offense per game (12.0 ppg)

11th in net punting per attempt (27.2 ypg)

12th in punt return average (7.1 ypa)

10th in kickoff return average (14.3 ypa)

9th in rushing defense per game (185.5 ypg)

✓ 1st in pass defense (152.5 ypg)

10th in pass efficiency defense (132.3)

3rd in total defense – yards per game (338.0 ypg)

12th in scoring defense per game (40.8 ppg)

13th in turnover margin per game (-2.75)

•••The Bulls are currently 13th in the nation in pass  
 defense per game (152.5 yards per game)•••





# Bulls Two-Deep

## • OFFENSE •

FL 86 – Zeke McKine	9 – Dahnell Singfield	
TE 88 – Brandon Shaughnessy	84 – Chad Bartoszek	87 – Mark Campanella
LT 74 – David Pruce	79 – Andy Avery	
LG 58 – Matt Baniewicz	58 – Aaron McMickle	
C 60 – John Nolan	64 – Kevin Dunn	68 – Aaron McMickle
RG 62 – Gabe Kogler	56 – Rob Meyer	
RT 66 – Tim Hedges	71 – Brian Johnessee	69 – Jason Hayden
TB 28 – Marquis Dwart	31 – Derrick Gordon	42 – Kenon Jackson
FB 31 – Derrick Gordon	27 – Marvin Brereton	32 – Albert Grundy
QB 15 – Joe Freedy	13 – Mike Gaydosz <i>or</i>	11 – Randall Secky
SE 81 – Andre Forde	80 – Rob Barber	17 – Al Brocutto

## • DEFENSE •

LT 37 – Jamie Guerra	91 – Omari Jordan	90 – Steve Fleming
NG 96 – Bob Dzvovnick	50 – Marcus Claret	78 – Ron Gannello
RT 43 – Joe McKoy	95 – Terrance Dawson <i>or</i>	93 – Lorenzo Jones
LOLB99 – Duane Williams	45 – Kulaa Bacheyie	33 – Jason Coley
LILB 49 – Chris Gray	54 – Brandon Nishnick <i>or</i>	21 – Lamar Wilcher
RILB 36 – Brandon Jordan	38 – Chris Shelly	54 – Brandon Nishnick
ROLB59 – Marcus Cole	19 – Noah Burroughs	45 – Kulaa Bacheyie
S/CB 20 – Carlos Spencer	23 – Javunt Pratt <i>or</i>	16 – Valdis Terrell
SS 46 – Tory Smith	22 – Youdlain Marcellus	
FS 24 – Craig Rohlfs	5 – Bobby Johnson	30 – Mark Quinn
W/CB 35 – Mike Lambert	4 – Mark Graham	

## • SPECIAL TEAMS •

P 98 – Dallas Pelz	85 – Mike Masucci	
PK 7 – Scott Keller	98 – Dallas Pelz	
HLD 13 – Mike Gaydosz	15 – Joe Freedy	
LS 24 – Craig Rohlfs	51 – Kevin McCarthy	
SS 88 – Brandon Shaughnessy	24 – Craig Rohlfs	51 – Kevin McCarthy
PR 86 – Zeke McKine	24 – Craig Rohlfs	
KOR 9 – Dahnell Singfield	81 – Andre Forde	86 – Zeke McKine



# Thundering Herd Two-Deep

## • OFFENSE •

WR 37 - David Foye	6 - John Cooper	40 - Darius Watts
SLOT 3 - Nate Poole	87 - Chris Martin	
LT 75 - Steve Sciuillo	63 - Dwayne Robinson	
LG 73 - Scott Harper	56 - Steve Content	
C 58 - Jeff Edwards	56 - Steve Content	
RG 72 - Jimmy Cabellos	65 - Paul Hardy	
RT 71 - Nate McPeek	52 - James Simons	
TE 45 - Gregg Kellett	89 - Scott Pettit	
QB 7 - Byron Leftwich	17 - Stephen Galbraith	
RB 26 - Brandon Carey	11 - Chanston Rodgers	24 - Franklin Wallace
WR 9 - Lanier Washington	6 - John Cooper	80 - Curtis Jones

## • DEFENSE •

DE 53 - Ralph Street	93 - Nathan Leslie	
DT 50 - Anthony Beckett	95 - Orlando Washington	98 - Marlan Hicks
NT 92 - Jimmy Parker	97 - Judd Tabor	
DE 85 - Paul Tovissimi	99 - Kevin Smith	59 - Paul Sinclair
SLB 90 - George Miller	48 - Duran Smith	27 - Willie Tisdale
MLB 5 - Max Yates	32 - Trod Buggs	
WLB 57 - Alonzo Jones	55 - Sam Gaines	44 - Charles Tynes
LCB 1 - Maruice Hines	21 - Terrance Tarpley	
RCB 8 - Danny Derricott	15 - Yancey Satterwhite	
ROV 31 - Michael Owens	19 - Chris Crocker	29 - Fardan Carter
FS 30 - Doug Hodges	33 - Larry Davis	

## • SPECIAL TEAMS •

P 36 - Curtis Head	28 - Ben Lewis	
PK 43 - J.R. Jenkins	35 - Tony Pisano	
PR 9 - Lanier Washington		
KR 1 - Maurice Hines	21 - Terrance Tarpley	11 - Chanston Rodgers
HLD 18 - Andy Cowan		
SNP 54 - Chris Massey	68 - Cory Dennison	

