



2001 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WEEKLY FOOTBALL RELEASE

• THIS WEEK'S GAME •

MARSHALL (3-1) AT BUFFALO (1-4)
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MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE GAME

WGR RADIO (550-AM); EMPIRE SPORTS NETWORK

Quick Facts

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THUNDERING HERD ROLLS INTO BUFFALO:

The University at Buffalo will play host to four-time Mid-American Conference champion Marshall University to highlight Homecoming 2001 weekend on Saturday at 1 pm at UB Stadium.

The Bulls are looking to snap a two-game losing streak and are facing one of the nation's most successful college teams of the last decade. Marshall is on a three-game winning streak this season – having defeated Northern Illinois, 37-15, last Saturday – and has a record of 120-26 over the last decade (including 46-10 since joining the MAC in 1997).

The Bulls, meanwhile, have struggled offensively at home so far this season. Buffalo has scored just two offensive touchdowns in its two UB Stadium appearances thus far in 2001. UB is looking to rebound from a 31-14 loss at Miami (OH) on Saturday.

half. Then after allowing Miami to extend the lead to 17-7 on a 34-yard field goal by Jared Parseghian, the Bulls allowed Miami punt returner Eddie Tillitz to weave his way 80 yards on an ensuing Buffalo punt to put the RedHawks up 24-7.

That sequence set up a third quarter than saw Buffalo outgain 136 to -7 as the RedHawks gained the momentum. Buffalo, however, would bounce back in the fourth quarter and get themselves back in the game behind quarterback **Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park)**. Freedy engineered a 12-play, 80-yard drive by completing all three passes on the drive and scrambling twice for 38 yards. The drive capper came when tailback **Marquis Dwart (Baltimore, MD/Perry Hall)** slammed in from five yards out.

However, Miami – whose only losses have come on the road to the Big 10's

Michigan and Iowa – would finally break through Buffalo's tremendous second-half defense this season. The RedHawks drove 65 yards in just six plays, with the big play a 37-yard hookup from quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to Jason Branch. That set up a four-yard touchdown run by Steve Little, the first touchdown Buffalo has allowed in the second half in four games.

The Bulls played an inspired first half against Miami, which was looking to become just the 22nd team in college football history to win 600 games. The Bulls outgain Miami in total yards 155-146 in the half but trailed 14-7, again due to some big special teams plays by the RedHawks.

The Bulls couldn't take advantage of great field position early as their first two drives of the game ended at the RedHawk 35- and 34-yard lines. Miami,

SPECIAL TEAMS MISCUES COST BULLS AT

MIAMI: Football coaches are always preaching about the importance of special teams to the outcome of a game.

The University at Buffalo found out the truth the hard way on Saturday as Miami University, on the strength of several big plays on special teams defeated the Bulls, 31-14, at Yager Stadium before 20,108 in a Mid-American Conference East Division battle.

The game turned on several special teams plays in the second and third quarter. Trailing 14-7 late in the second quarter, Buffalo (1-4) saw an impressive 10-play drive in the final minutes of the first half end with a 32-yard missed field goal by sophomore **Dallas Pelz (Holland, NY/St. Francis)** with just :23 left in the

• Inside The Game •



Buffalo _____	versus	Marshall _____
Buffalo, NY _____	Location	Huntington, WV _____
23,000 _____	Enrollment	15,635 _____
1846 _____	Year Founded	1837 _____
Mid-American _____	Conference	Mid-American _____
UB (31,000) _____	Stadium	Marshall (38,019) _____
William R. Greiner _____	President	Dr. Dan Angel _____
Bob Arkeilpane _____	Athletic Director	Lance West _____
Jim Hoffer _____	Head Coach	Bob Pruett _____
Cornell, '79 _____	Alma mater	Marshall, '65 _____
45-40 (9th year) _____	Overall Record	61-10 (6th year) _____
1-4 _____	Record at school	61-10 _____
0-0 _____	versus opponent	2-0 _____
1-4 overall, 0-3 MAC, 0-2 at home _____	Records	3-1 overall, 2-0 in MAC, 1-1 on road _____
Pro-Set/4-3 _____	Offensive/Defensive Sets	One-back/4-3 _____
www.buffalobulls.com _____	Web site	www.HerdZone.com _____



meanwhile, was stopped cold on their first two possessions before Buffalo forced the first turnover of the game. After Miami drove to the Buffalo eight-yard



Omari Jordan

line, UB senior defensive tackle **Omari Jordan (Cleveland, OH/Collingwood)** forced his second fumble of the season which was pounced on by linebacker **Bobby Johnson (Trabuco Hills, CA/Trabuco Hills)**. Johnson had another outstanding game for Buffalo, sharing team-high honors with J.J. **Gibson (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)** in tackles with 10.



Bobby Johnson

The Bulls, however, could not take advantage and were forced to punt with the RedHawks taking over on the UB 40-yard line late in the first quarter. On the first play from scrimmage, however, Roethlisberger was intercepted by UB's **Mark Graham (Monroe, MI/Monroe)** at

the Buffalo two-yard line. It was Graham's first interception of the season and the fourth of his career. He would go on to record a career-best nine tackles (seven solos) and a team-leading fifth pass breakup as well.

After Buffalo was stopped on the ensuing drive, Tillitz began his outstanding special teams performance by returning a punt by **Scott McMahan (Santa Ana, CA/Oceanview)** 32 yards to the Buffalo 35. Twelve hard-earned plays later, Miami would draw first blood on a one-yard toss from Roethlisberger to Matt Brandt who outfought J.J. Gibson for the ball in the end zone. It took the Redhawks five plays from inside the Buffalo five-yard line to score.

The Bulls responded immediately, however, driving 73 yards in seven plays to knot the score at 7-7. The key play in the series was a 34-yard hookup from Freedy to freshman receiver **Matt Kneueven (Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle)** on a third-and-16 play. Kneueven, who had a number of friends and family from his native Cincinnati on hand, had a career-best five receptions for 77 yards in the game.

After an 18-yard hookup from Freedy to

senior **Ruben Vargas (Bronx, NY/John F. Kennedy)** – who had a career-best three receptions for 36 yards – Freedy hit tight end **Chad Bartoszek (Salamanca, NY/**



Ruben Vargas

Salamanca) for a touchdown strike for the second straight week. Bartoszek ran a post pattern and caught the pass in stride for a nine-yard scoring play to tie the game with 3:08 left in the half.

The RedHawks, however, had a response of their own buoyed by a 54-yard return by Milt Bowen on the succeeding kickoff. From there, Miami moved 46 yards in six plays to take the lead for good on an 18-yard fourth down scoring play from Roethlisberger to tailback Steve Little down the left sideline.

BULL-ETINS FROM MIAMI GAME:

Quarterback **Joe Freedy** moved into sole possession of fifth place all-time in career touchdown passes (26) with his scoring toss to Bartoszek. Freedy had been tied with Gordon Bukaty (1958-60) on the all-time chart...next up for Freedy is

• MAC P EPSI PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (OCT. 8TH) •

• EAST DIVISION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK •

Offense: Ben Roethlisberger, QB, Miami (Fr., Findlay, Ohio) - Completed 76.6% of his passes (23-of-30) for 212 yards and two touchdowns in a 31-14 win over Buffalo. His two early scoring passes gave the RedHawks a 14-7 halftime lead. Roethlisberger also added 22 rushing yards as Miami won its 600th game in school history.

Defense: Max Yates, LB, Marshall (Sr., Newport News, Va.) led a Marshall defense that produced two touchdowns in a 37-15 win at Northern Illinois. Yates was credited with 16 tackles, 10 of those solos, as well as 4 tackles for a loss and two sacks. His two sacks resulted in 21 lost yards for the Huskies.

Special Teams: Eddie Tillitz, Punt Returner, Miami (Jr., Martinsville, Ind.) Tillitz broke open a tight 17-7 game with an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown and a 24-7 lead against Buffalo. Tillitz ran back five punts for 124 yards and his third career touchdown. He leads the MAC with a 14.7 punt return average.

• WEST DIVISION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK •

Offense: Tavares Bolden, QB, Toledo (Jr., Cleveland, Ohio) Bolden led his team back from a fourth-quarter 41-34 deficit to a 48-41 triumph at Ohio. Bolden completed 79.5% of his passes (31-of-39) for a career-high and school record 387 yards and two TDs. He also added 26 rushing yards on seven attempts.

Defense: Brian Lape, LB, Western Michigan (Jr., Jackson, Mich.) recorded a team-high 13 tackles, two tackles for a loss and a pass breakup in the Broncos, 31-14 win over Akron. WMU outscored the Zips 24-0 over the last 22 minutes of the game for the win.

Special Teams: Todd France, PK, Toledo (Sr., Maumee, Ohio) helped the Toledo Rockets to a 48-41 win at Ohio by connecting on field goals from 42 and 45 yards as well as adding six PATs for 12 points.



Frank Reilly who threw 27 scoring passes. Freedy's 40 pass attempts were the most this season and his 17 yards rushing were the most since he ran for 24 at Akron in his first career start (9/11/99).



Joe Freedy

Senior defensive end **Chris Shelly (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler)** moved into 11th place in career tackles for loss with a pair on Saturday. Shelly tied Todd Schaffer with 22 and is one behind former teammate Dan Poulsen (1995-98) for 10th place. Shelly and defensive line teammates **Jamie Guerra (Belle Vernon, PA/Belle Vernon)** and **Bob Dzvonick (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler)** all finished with five tackles in the game.

Junior split end **Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield)** missed the second half after straining his back on a 32-yard kickoff return in the second quarter. Forde moved into fifth-place all-time in kickoff returns (38) and seventh place in return yardage (747).

Buffalo did not have a sack in the game while Miami got to Freedy four times.

Miami quarterback Ben Roethlisberger hurt UB's MAC-leading pass defense by completing 23-of-30 passes for 212 yards and a pair of scores.

CAREER HIGHS VERSUS MIAMI: Several Bulls posted career-bests on Saturday at Miami.

• True freshman split end **Matt Kneueven** had a career-best five receptions for 77 yards, including a key 34-yard catch on third down to set up UB's first touchdown.



Matt Kneueven

• Senior flanker **Ruben Vargas** – converted to a receiver position this spring – had three catches for 36 yards.

• Sophomore cornerback **Mark Graham** had a career-best nine tackles (seven solos), an interception and a pass breakup for the Bulls. Graham is tied for eighth in the MAC in passes defended with five pass breakups and an interception. The pick was the fourth of his UB career.



Mark Graham

JORDAN KNOCKING IT LOOSE: Senior defensive tackle **Omari Jordan (Cleveland, OH/Collingwood)** is tied for third among all MAC players with two forced fumbles already this season.

Jordan forced fumbles in the opener versus Rutgers and on the road at Miami. With one more this season, he would join UB's all-time Top 10 in one year along with Terrence Fisher, Steve McDuffie, Steve Blake, Keith Hansen, Antonio Perry and teammate **Chris Shelly**, who all have forced three fumbles in a season.

The all-time single-season record is six forced fumbles by Anthony Scott in 1996.

2001 Mid-American Conference Standings

East Division

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

West Division

Team	MAC Div.		MAC Overall		Overall		Strk
	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Toledo	2	0	3	0	5	0	W-12
Western Michigan	1	0	2	0	3	2	W-2
Ball State	0	0	0	1	0	4	L-4
Central Michigan	0	1	1	1	2	2	W-1
Eastern Michigan	0	1	0	1	1	4	L-4
Northern Illinois	0	1	0	2	2	3	L-2

Saturday's Results

@ Bowling Green 24, Kent State 7
 @ Miami 31, Buffalo 14
 Marshall 37, @ Northern Illinois 15
 @ Western Michigan 31, Akron 14
 Toledo 48, @ Ohio 41
 Connecticut 19, Eastern Michigan 0

Saturday's Games

Ohio @ Central Michigan, 1:00
Bowling Green @ Western Michigan, 1:00
Marshall @ Buffalo, 1:00
Northern Illinois @ Kent State, 2:00
Akron @ Miami, 2:00
Ball State @ Eastern Michigan, 6:00
Idle - Toledo

(MAC games in italics)



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BULLS-THUNDERING HERD HISTORY:

Saturday's battle between the Bulls and Thundering Herd will be the sixth between the two schools with Marshall holding a 4-1 advantage all-time.

Buffalo won the very first meeting back on Nov. 21, 1959 as the Bulls capped an 8-1 season with a convincing 37-12 win. The Herd returned to Buffalo to post a 10-8 win in 1963 en route to winning the last four meetings.

UB is 1-2 in games played in Buffalo against the Herd all-time.

MARSHALL USED STRONG SECOND HALF TO DOWN BULLS LAST YEAR: Buffalo traveled to Huntington, WV for the first time in 36 years to take on Marshall and it took a great second-half by the Herd to shake off the upset-minded Bulls.

In the second half, the Thundering Herd had to pull out its 'A' game to eventually pull away from a 17-14 halftime lead and beat Buffalo, 47-14, before 29,019 fans at Marshall Stadium. Quarterback Byron Leftwich completed 25-of-36 passes for a career-high 372 yards and three touchdowns as the Thundering Herd blew open a close game late in the third quarter.

The Herd took control of the game with two touchdowns in a one minute period late in the third. Marshall drove 55 yards on eight plays with Franklin Wallace scoring from one-yard out to give MU a 31-14 lead. On the first play of UB's next possession, All-America cornerback Danny Derricott intercepted a pass by **Joe Freedy** and returned it all the way to the UB three-yard line. Two plays later, Leftwich hit Lanier Washington with a three-yard score that made it 38-14 on the final play of the third quarter.

The Bulls played an inspired first half and trailed the mighty Herd, winners of 33 straight at home, just 17-14 at intermission. UB stopped Marshall on a long drive

on the Herd's first possession of the game inside its 20-yard line. Marshall went for it on fourth-and-three at the UB 23, but senior Ron Gannello stopped Chanston Rodgers on the fourth down try a yard short of the first down.

The Herd took a 7-0 lead with 1:21 remaining in the first quarter when Byron Leftwich hit David Foye on a 53-yard scoring strike. Buffalo responded when **Mark Graham** intercepted Leftwich early in the second quarter at the UB 46-yard line. It was Graham's first career interception.

Buffalo took advantage of the interception by driving 54 yards on seven plays to tie the game. Freedy and Dahnel Singfield played the key roles on the drive. Freedy hit Singfield for 20 yards on a third-and-four play. Three plays later, the two hooked up again as Singfield scored his second touchdown of the year on an 18-yard pass to the right corner of the end zone. Singfield had four receptions for 61 yards while Freedy finished the game 15-of-28 for 186 yards.

The Herd went back on top late in the second quarter by driving 75 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Chanston Rodgers finished the eight-play drive with a one-yard plunge after a costly offside penalty on third-and-one nullified a three-yard loss and set up the Herd first-and-goal inside the one.

UB didn't take long to respond, however, :21 in fact. Freedy hit sophomore **Andre Forde** with a quick post pass that Forde turned into a 72-yard score. The pass was the longest touchdown strike of Freedy's career and Forde's fourth touchdown in five games this season. It was the longest TD pass for the Bulls since 1996 when

Mark Taylor and Kali Watkins connected on a 87-yard score versus Maine on Nov. 16, 1996.

The UB defense was led again by senior linebacker Chris Gray, who had a game-high 11 tackles, three for loss, and a sack. Safety Tory Smith had 10 tackles for UB while **Duane Williams** had five tackles, a sack, an interception and a pass breakup.

UB DEFENSE TREMENDOUS IN THE RED ZONE: If the proof of a good defense is what it does when the opponent gets close to its goal line than the Bulls have something special going in 2001.

Opponents have been inside the Buffalo 20-yard line **21 times** on the season but have scored just **12 times** overall (57.1%). More impressive is the fact that the Bulls have stopped opponents on downs four times already this season, including three of them inside their five-yard line.

Buffalo has also seen opponents miss four field goals and also have created a fumble to thwart another drive.

Last season, Buffalo was scored on 81.8% of the time that opponents were in the red zone with 69.1% of them being touchdowns.

A comparison from 2000 to 2001:

Year	Opp. in 20	Scores	Score%	TD%
2000	55	45	81.8%	69.1%
2001	21	12	57.1%	28.6%

CARDIAC KIDS?: The Bulls last three wins have all come when trailing at halftime.

Buffalo trailed Bowling Green and Kent State at the half in 2000 before pulling out identical 20-17 victories and were in a 13-3 hole at halftime to Connecticut.

The 10-point deficit the Bulls overcame at halftime was the largest since coming back from 10 points down to win 14-10 at Hofstra in 1996.



Andre Forde



HOFHER OVERHEARD: Head coach Jim Hofher participated in the weekly Mid-American Conference teleconference call on Monday morning and had the following comments:

On the special teams play versus Miami

"Miami is a very solid football team. The tale of the tape in the game was the kicking game. They had a punt return for a touchdown, a punt return that set up a 35-yard drive for a score and a kickoff return that set up a 46-yard drive for a touchdown. Their returns were probably as much a difference in the game as any single thing.

"Not only was the punt return for a touchdown a big play for Miami, at the

time it was a fairly competitive football game, but we also had a fumble offensively in the third quarter where we lost possession and lost field position and it really made it tough on us."

On facing Marshall's Byron Leftwich

"What we've seen so far is what many are saying and that is that he is one of the premier quarterbacks in America. He kind of has everything...he's very big, very strong, very smooth, there's nothing wasted in his throwing motion, he's highly accurate, he has excellent vision because of his stature. He has good guys around him and he really helps to make them play as well as they can play. He's everything you'd want in a quarterback, because he has experience and talent."

On trying to stop the Marshall offense

"We'll have to make them work for whatever it is they will earn. They've scored on everybody and they're likely going to score this week, but the more plays it takes the more chances you have for a mistake to be made. If you put too

much emphasis on one phase of defense than they are good enough to hurt you in other ways. It's a tall order."

BUFFALO-MARSHALL CONNECTIONS: There's more to the UB-Marshall contest beyond the connection with the American Bison.

To wit:

Buffalo's Jim Hofher and Marshall head coach Bob Pruett coached together on the same staff at Wake Forest – under head coach John Mackovic – from 1983-86. Pruett was the Deamon Deacons' Defensive Coordinator while Hofher was running backs coach.

In addition, Hofher also coached for one season (1987) at Syracuse with Marshall defensive coordinator Kevin Kelly and one year at Wake Forest with offensive coordinator Ed Zaunbrecher.

Buffalo's **Bob Dzvonic** and **Chris Shelly** will clash with another Titan on Saturday – a former Shaler High School Titan to be exact.

Marshall offensive tackle Steve Sciuillo – being touted as an All-MAC candidate – will tangle with UB defensive linemen Dzvonic and Shelly (all three close friends dating back to their high school days under coach Frank Rocco) during the game.

SCOUTING THE HERD: Once again in 2001, the Thundering Herd has one of the most explosive offenses in the MAC with quarterback **Byron Leftwich** at the trigger.

Leftwich has completed 62% of his passes (85-of-137) for 1,116 yards with 13 touchdowns and just two interceptions. He is the highest ranked passer in the MAC and ranks 11th in the country (159.59) in that category. Leftwich also ranks 14th in the nation in total offense (273.50).

Other Herd notables:

Sophomore flanker **Darius Watts** is off to a sensational start in 2001. Watts ranks 14th in the nation in receptions per game (7.00), third in receiving yards per game (136.50) and fifth in the nation in scoring (12.50 points per game) with his eight receiving touchdowns.

Punter/kicker **Curtis Head** is solid with a 41.9 yard punting average and has also hit both of his field goal attempts.

The defense is led by Butkus Award finalist **Max Yates**. Yates leads the Herd with 52 total tackles (tops in the MAC), including four sacks, six tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

The Herd scored two defensive touchdowns in their 37-15 win at Northern Illinois last week. Defensive tackle Orlando Washington returned a fumble 25 yards for a score while outside linebacker Michael Owens took back a 25-yard interception.

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 23rd year of collegiate coaching – all at the Division I level – this year and has an all-time head coaching record of 45-40 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.



Jim Hofher



Bob Dzvonic



THE START CHART

The following list includes all 2001 players who have started at least one game at Buffalo. Numbers in parentheses indicate current streak of consecutive starts:

Chris Shelly	32 (5)
Bob Dzvonic	31 (4)
Joe Freedy	27 (27)
Craig Rohlf	26 (5)
Brandon Jordan	16
Tim Hedges	16 (16)
Duane Williams	14 (3)
Andre Forde	14 (5)
Derrick Gordon	13
Jamie Guerra	13 (10)
Mike Lambert	11 (5)
Marquis Dwart	10 (2)
Mark Graham	9 (9)
John Nolan	9
Zeke McKine	6
Marvin Brereton	5
Bobby Johnson	7 (5)
Omari Jordan	7 (5)
Andy Avery	5 (5)
Eric Weber	5 (5)
Erik Zeppuhar	5 (5)
Jeff Mills	5 (5)
Chad Bartoszek	5 (5)
J.J. Gibson	5 (5)
Scott McMahan	5 (5)
Dallas Pelz	5 (5)
Youdlain Marcellus	3
Albert Grundy	3
Dan Lindsay	3
Lamar Wilcher	3 (1)
Maurice Bradford	3 (3)
Kevin Dunn	2
Brian Johnessee	2
Ryan Buttles	2
Matt Kneuve	2 (2)
Tom Shaughnessy	1
Marcus Claret	1

QUICKIE STATS

Buffalo's record is:

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

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

Marshall is coached by Bob Pruett, who is into his sixth season at the helm of the Thundering Herd. Pruett owns the highest winning percentage (.859) of any active Division I head coach and has twice been tabbed as Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year (1998 and 1999).

Pruett is a 1965 graduate of Marshall University and has led Marshall to four consecutive MAC titles and three Motor City Bowl championships.

BULLS HAVE SHONE IN SECOND HALF: The Bulls defense has shown the dividends of UB's intense conditioning and fitness program overseen by strength coach Jim Peal.

The Bulls have allowed just three second half touchdowns in the first five games and have outscored their opponents 64-42 in the second half this season.

SECOND QUARTER STRUGGLES FOR BOTH TEAMS: It will be interesting to see what transpires in the second quarter this Saturday.

Buffalo has been outscored 67-7 in that quarter so far this season while the Thundering Herd have been topped 44-17 in the same stanza. By contrast, Marshall holds a 50-7 edge in the third quarter while Buffalo has outscored opponents 54-29 in the fourth quarter.

BULLS CONTINUE TO LEAD MAC IN PASS DEFENSE: The latest Mid-American Conference team statistics confirm UB's improvement on the defensive side of the ball.

The Bulls, who ranked last in total defense in the MAC last season, continue

to move up the ladder in the MAC and the national charts in 2001 under the direction of defensive coordinator **Thurmond Moore**.



Thurmond Moore

Buffalo currently ranks **first** in the MAC in pass defense and **ninth in the nation** giving up just 149.40 yards per game. That figure has helped UB rank fourth in the conference in total defense (331.0).

The Bulls rank 40th nationally in total defense as compared to closing the 2000 season at 101st in the nation.

KICKERS HAVE CAREER DAY: The UB kicking combination of **Dallas Pelz** and **Scott McMahan** had career days in the win over Connecticut.

Pelz hit all three field goal attempts in the game (36, 32 and 37 yards) and accounted for 13 points in the game. McMahan, meanwhile, averaged 42.8 yards per punt and boomed a career-best 60-yarder in the first half.

ROHLFS HITS STRIDE AGAIN: Senior free safety **Craig Rohlf** has been one of the MAC's best when healthy and so far this year he is back to his old form.

Rohlf, fully recovered from a pair of shoulder surgeries that limited him to six games last season, had his seventh career interception and his first collegiate touchdown when he returned a pass 82 yards for Buffalo's first score against Rutgers.

Rohlf's interception return was the third longest in UB history and Buffalo's first interception return for a score since the final game of the 1998 season (22 games). It was also the 15th career turnover Rohlf has been involved in (7



BULLS IN THE RECORD BOOKS

PASS ATTEMPTS

1. Cliff Scott (1991-94) _____	1,101
2. Marty Barrett (1980-83) _____	956
3. Joe Freedy (1998-present) _____	798
4. Frank Reilly (1988-89) _____	697
5. Chad Salisbury (1997-98) _____	671
6. Mark Taylor (1993-96) _____	544
7. Jim Rodriguez (1978-80) _____	536
8. Ken Hyer (1981-84) _____	529
9. Mick Murtha (1966-69) _____	520

PASS COMPLETIONS

1. Cliff Scott (1991-94) _____	545
2. Marty Barrett (1980-83) _____	513
3. Joe Freedy (1998-present) _____	414
4. Chad Salisbury (1997-98) _____	372
5. Frank Reilly (1988-90) _____	325
6. Ken Hyer (1981-84) _____	273
7. Jim Rodriguez (1978-80) _____	250
8. Mark Taylor (1993-96) _____	248

PASSING YARDS

1. Cliff Scott (1991-94) _____	7,578
2. Marty Barrett (1980-83) _____	6,945
3. Chad Salisbury (1997-98) _____	4,947
4. Joe Freedy (1998-present) _____	4,629
5. Frank Reilly (1988-90) _____	4,246
6. Ken Hyer (1981-84) _____	3,420
7. Jim Rodriguez (1978-80) _____	3,401
8. Mark Taylor (1993-96) _____	3,143
9. Mick Murtha (1966-69) _____	2,885
10. John Stofa (1961-63) _____	2,133

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Marty Barrett (1980-83) _____	44
2. Cliff Scott (1991-94) _____	43
3. Chad Salisbury (1997-98) _____	31
4. Frank Reilly (1988-90) _____	27
5. Joe Freedy (1998-present) _____	26
6. Gordon Bukaty (1958-60) _____	25
7. Ken Hyer (1981-84) _____	22
8. Jim Rodriguez (1978-80) _____	20
9. Mick Murtha (1966-69) _____	16
10. John Stofa (1961-63) _____	14
Mark Taylor (1993-96) _____	14

TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Cliff Scott (1991-94) _____	8,479
2. Marty Barrett (1980-83) _____	6,466
3. Chad Salisbury (1997-98) _____	4,781
4. Joe Freedy (1998-present) _____	4,264
5. Frank Reilly (1988-90) _____	4,177
6. Ken Hyer (1981-84) _____	3,345
7. Jim Rodriguez (1978-80) _____	3,320
8. Anthony Swan (1994-97) _____	3,149
9. Alan Bell (1989-92) _____	3,022
10. Mark Taylor (1993-96) _____	3,000

TOUCHDOWNS RUSH & PASS

1. Cliff Scott (1991-94) _____	63
2. Marty Barrett (1980-83) _____	46
3. Gordon Bukaty (1958-60) _____	37
4. Chad Salisbury (1997-98) _____	31
Frank Reilly (1988-90) _____	31
6. Anthony Swan (1994-97) _____	30
7. Lee Jones (1965-67) _____	29
8. Joe Freedy (1998-present) _____	28

interceptions/5 fumble recoveries/3 forced fumbles) during his UB career.

Rohlf's ranks sixth all-time in solo tackles with 131 and, if healthy, could finish as high as third by the end of the season (see chart this page).

BARTOSZEK = BIG-PLAYS: Junior tight end

Chad Bartoszek is becoming one of the dominant tight ends in the MAC.

The Salamanca, NY native ranks first on the team with 17 receptions for 211 yards (12.4 per catch) and caught the

fourth touchdown reception of his career, a nine-yard strike versus Miami. Bartoszek has caught touchdown passes in back-to-back games as he hauled in a 32-yarder versus Central Michigan.

Bartoszek is familiar with the end zone from his high school career. The 6-6, 250-pounder caught 13 touchdown tosses his senior season at Salamanca.

SHELLY APPROACHING TOP TEN: Senior defensive end **Chris Shelly** is approaching UB's top 10 in tackles for loss in a career.

Shelly, a Pittsburgh, PA native, currently has 22 stops behind the line of scrimmage in his career, one behind former teammate Dan Poulsen (23) for 10th place.

Shelly had a half-sack against Central Michigan and ranks first among UB defensive linemen in tackles (25). He has made the transition from linebacker to defensive end for his senior season.

GIBSON MAKING AN IMPACT: Redshirt freshman **J.J. Gibson** is second on the team in tackles through five games in his

first season at Buffalo and has proven himself to be an extremely sure-handed tackler.

Of his 44 tackles so far this season, 32 of them have been solo, putting him on pace to rank among the top three in single-season history for solo stops.

Gibson played his high school ball in the shadow of UB's North Campus at Sweet Home High School. He became the first freshman since Buffalo has returned to Division I to lead the Bulls in tackles in his very first game.

BRADFORD FINDING A HOME: Junior flanker **Maurice Bradford** is another Bull who is starting to get comfortable in new surroundings.

Bradford, a second-team Junior College All-American at tailback at SUNY Morrisville in 1999, was UB's top receiver against Connecticut with six catches for 71 yards and caught his first career touchdown pass in the process.

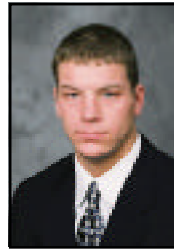
Bradford made the adjustment during spring drills after timing out as UB's fastest player. The Binghamton, NY native rushed for over 1,600 yards in his final year at Morrisville.

NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES: The Bulls had eight new starters in the lineup for the season opener versus Rutgers, including four redshirt freshmen (offensive linemen **Eric Weber** and **Erik Zeppuhar**, defensive tackle **Craig Johnson** and strong safety **J.J. Gibson**).

Other first-time starters were tight end **Chad Bartoszek**, offensive tackles **Andy Avery** and **Jeff Mills** and linebacker **Lamar Wilcher**.

BANGED-UP BULLS: The Bulls have been fortunate in terms of major injuries thus far this season.

Buffalo has lost only senior tight end **Marvin Brereton** for an extended period



Chad Bartoszek



BULLS IN THE RECORD BOOKS

SOLO TACKLES (1977-PRESENT)

1. Craig Guest (1993-96) _____	236
2. Pete Conley (1992-95) _____	191
3. Shane Currey (1978-81) _____	148
4. Mike Laipple (1983-86) _____	137
5. Cosmo Nestola (1979-92) _____	135
6. Craig Rohlfs (1998-present) _____	131
7. Tory Smith (1997-2000) _____	125
8. Frank Berrafato (1978-81) _____	123
9. Bill Stonecypher (1989-92) _____	121
10. Carlos Spencer (1997-2000) _____	120

TACKLES - FOR - LOSS (1977-PRESENT)

1. Keith Hansen (1994-97) _____	41
2. Craig Guest (1993-96) _____	40
3. Vince Canosa (1992-95) _____	37
4. John White (1979-81) _____	34
Hardy Mitchell (1994-97) _____	34
6. Dave May (1983-86) _____	33
7. Mike Laipple (1983-86) _____	28
8. Cosmo Nestola (1979-82) _____	27
9. Gary Brown (1979-82) _____	25
10. Dan Poulsen (1995-98) _____	23

(Chris Shelly - 22)

FORCED FUMBLES (1991-PRESENT)

1. Keith Hansen (1994-97) _____	7
2. Rich Dadabo (1989-92) _____	6
Pete Conley (1992-95) _____	6
Anthony Scott (1993-96) _____	6
5. Vince Canosa (1992-95) _____	5
Craig Guest (1993-96) _____	5
Chris Shelly (1998-present) _____	5
8. Steve Blake (1996-97) _____	4
9. Terrence Fisher (1993-95) _____	3
Steve McDuffie (1993-96) _____	3
Eric Lee (1995-96) _____	3
Antonio Perry (1994-98) _____	3
Craig Rohlfs (1998-present) _____	3

KICKOFF RETURNS (1949-PRESENT)

1. Kali Watkins (1995-98) _____	67
2. Dahnel Singfield (1998-present) _____	54
3. Chaz Ahmed (1987-89) _____	43
4. Alan Bell (1989-92) _____	39
Willie Ford (1992-94) _____	39
6. Andre Forde (1999-present) _____	38
7. Keith Warren (1993-96) _____	36
8. Pat Patterson (1967-69) _____	29
Dan Withers (1983-86) _____	29
10. Joe Licata (1979-80) _____	27

KICKOFF RET. YARDAGE (1949-PRESENT)

1. Kali Watkins (1995-98) _____	1,299
2. Dahnel Singfield (1998-present) _____	1,133
3. Alan Bell (1989-92) _____	818
4. Willie Ford (1992-94) _____	803
5. Chaz Ahmed (1987-89) _____	775
6. Keith Warren (1993-96) _____	752
7. Andre Forde (1999-present) _____	747
8. Pat Patterson (1967-69) _____	652

of time. Brereton was lost for the season when he suffered a torn patella tendon in his left knee in the opener versus Rutgers. He is expected to apply for a sixth-year with the NCAA.

Sophomore linebacker **Lamar Wilcher** returned versus Miami after missing two games with a partial shoulder dislocation.

JOHNSON RACKS TACKLES UP VERSUS

CHIPPEWAS: Senior linebacker Bobby

Johnson was extremely active in UB's 16-8 loss to Central Michigan on Sept 29.

Johnson recorded 17 tackles against the Chippewas (nine solos, eight assists), the most by a Bull since all-time leading tackler **Craig Guest** recorded a school-record 29 tackles versus Maine on Oct. 7, 1995. Along with his 17 tackles, Johnson also had a pass breakup in the game.

100 YARDERS X 3: The Bulls have a trio

of players on their roster who have rushed for over 100 yards in a game in their careers as seniors **Albert Grundy** and **Derrick Gordon** and sophomore **Marquis Dwart** have all turned the trick.

Grundy and Gordon have both been over the century mark twice while Dwart had his third 100-yard game in a 37-20 win over Connecticut when he rambled for 150 yards on 25 carries with three touchdowns.

LAZOR AMONG YOUNGEST IN COUNTRY: UB

assistant coach Bill Lazor is currently the youngest offensive coordinator in Division I-A, and the second youngest coordinator overall, according to information compiled by Navy Sports Information Director Scott Strasemeier.

Lazor, who starred at Cornell from 1991-93 under UB head coach Jim Hofher, saw his career records for attempts (873), completions (470), yards (5,697) and touchdowns (34) broken by his quarter-

back Ricky Rahne at Cornell last season.

Lazor directed Cornell's passing game last season and helped the Big Red average 294.4 passing yards per game and 26.4 points per game.

The list of youngest coordinators:

Coordinator/School	Position	Age
Tyrone Nix/So. Miss.	Defensive	28
Bill Lazor/Buffalo	Offensive	29
Rob Boras/UNLV	Offensive	30
Matt Eberflus/Missouri	Defensive	31
Jon Wauford/Miami, OH	Defensive	31
Bill O'Brien/Georgia Tech	Offensive	31
Mark Hudspeth/Navy	Offensive	32
Al Golden/Virginia	Defensive	32

STILL LOOKING FOR PAYDIRT ON KICKOFF

RETURN: The Bulls have gone 126 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.

EXCELLING IN THE CLASSROOM: The UB football program continues to excel in the classroom as six current Bulls earned distinction on the Mid-American Conference honor roll last fall.

They are:

Player	Major
Andy Avery	Psychology/Pre-Med
Marquis Dwart	Psychology
Andre Forde	Business Management
Alex Lazo	Financial Analysis
Jeff Mills	Math/Economics
Jason Smalarz	Finance

ON THE AIRWAVES: All UB football games can be heard on WGR Sports Radio 55 this season with **Chris Maloney** (play-by-play) and **Paul Vecchio** (color analysis) on the call.

The games can also be heard over the



2001 Practice and Interview Schedule

Sunday

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

Monday

Coach Hoffer 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 Hoffer 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 Hoffer by appointment only.

Television and Still Photographers
Coach Hoffer 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

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Print and Radio Media

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Television and Still Photographers
Coach Hoffer 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 - 716-645-6840
home - 716-941-0291
cell - 716-912-0631**

internet by going to WGR's website (www.wgr55.com). In addition, this year Bulls' home football games are expected to have instant stats on the UB website (www.buffalobulls.com).

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

In addition, head coach Jim Hoffer will join Assistant Athletic Director Paul Vecchio for **Bulls Football Focus** on the Empire Sports Network. The show will air this year on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm on the Empire Sports Network.

UB's home games will air on tape delay on Adelphia 13. Those games will feature **Brian Blessing** and **Mark Collins** on the call with **Gary Pufpaff** handling sideline duties.

The Adelphia 13 schedule:

Game	Replay Date/Time
Marshall	Sun., 10/14 – 12:30, 7:30 pm
Ohio	Sun., 11/4 – 12:30, 7:30 pm
Akron	Sun., 11/11 – 12:30, 7:30 pm

BULLS AGAINST THE MAC: The Bulls currently have an all-time record of 12-30 against MAC members. The breakdown: Akron (0-2), Ball State (0-3), Bowling Green (1-1), Central Michigan (0-2), Eastern Michigan (0-0), Kent State (5-4), Marshall (1-4), Miami, OH (0-4), Northern Illinois (1-3), Ohio University (2-5), Toledo (2-3) and Western Michigan (0-1).

The Bulls do not play Toledo, Ball State, Northern Illinois or Western Michigan this season.

NEW ERA/NEW LOOK: The Bulls not only have a new head coach (23-year college veteran Jim Hoffer) but will be sporting a new look in 2001.

The Bulls will be wearing new home

and away jerseys as well as a new helmet design featuring a Bulls' horn on a blue helmet.

BULLS' CAPTAINS: University at Buffalo head football coach Jim Hoffer announced his team's 2001 captains following a team vote prior to the annual Blue-White Spring Scrimmage back in April.

Named as captains by vote of their teammates for the 2001 season are seniors **Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park)** on offense and **Bob Dzvonic (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler)**, **Craig Rohlf (Cincinnati, OH/Moeller)** and **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)** on defense.

"The kids on the team felt very strongly when given a chance to select captains for the 2001 season, and have selected these seniors overwhelmingly," said Hoffer. "We as a staff feel like the most powerful award for an athlete to receive is to be selected by his peers as an acknowledged leader, and all four of these guys fit the bill."

OFFENSIVE LINE TURNS TO YOUTH: The Bulls' offensive line is the team's youngest unit.

Before the season started, Buffalo lost returning starter **Matt Baniewicz** for medical reasons and a week into camp, fifth-year senior **Josh Stello** was unable to overcome a complete reconstruction of his right knee and was forced to end his career.

That means that of the six UB starters upfront last season (including the tight end), the Bulls lost four of them (Baniewicz and seniors Gabe Kogler, David Pruce and Brandon Shaughnessy) before the season opener in 2001. That unit last season averaged 196 yards rushing per game in the final six weeks of the season.

On opening night against Rutgers,



Third Down Efficiency

Opponent	Result	Pct.
Rutgers	3-14	21.4%
Bowling Green	4-16	25%
UConn	10-20	50.0%
C. Michigan	4-15	26.7%
Miami	6-17	35.3%
Marshall		
Kent State		
E. Michigan		
Ohio		
Army		
Akron		
Totals	27-of-82	32.9%

Time of Possession

Opponent	Buffalo	Opp.	Diff.
Rutgers	28:58	31:02	-2:04
Bowling Green	23:09	36:51	-13:42
UConn	33:53	26:07	+7:46
C. Michigan	24:47	35:33	-11:14
Miami	28:06	31:54	-3:48
Marshall			
Kent State			
E. Michigan			
Ohio			
Army			
Akron			
Avg. per game	27:43	32:17	-4:34

Number of Plays

Opponent	Buffalo	Opp.	Diff.
Rutgers	65	68	-3
Bowling Green	62	76	-14
UConn	86	57	+29
C. Michigan	60	93	-33
Miami	71	72	-1
Marshall			
Kent State			
E. Michigan			
Ohio			
Army			
Akron			
Totals	344	366	-22

Turnover Breakdown

Opponent	Buffalo	Opp.	Diff.
Rutgers	2	3	+1
Bowling Green	3	0	-3
UConn	2	3	+1
C. Michigan	3	1	-2
Miami	2	2	E
Marshall			
Kent State			
E. Michigan			
Ohio			
Army			
Akron			
Totals	12	9	-3

Andy Avery, Eric Weber, Erik Zeppuhar and **Jeff Mills** all made their first career starts alongside senior **Tim Hedges**, who has started 14 consecutive games.

SHALER CONNECTION: The Bulls have three starters from Shaler High School in Pittsburgh, PA.

Offensive guard **Erik Zeppuhar**, nose guard **Bob Dzvonic** and defensive end **Chris Shelly** are all UB starters and played under the tutelage of Frank Rocco for the Titans of Shaler.

PAIR OF BULLS IN THE NFL: Two former Buffalo standouts - Ed Ellis, '97 and Drew Haddad, '00 are on NFL rosters with the San Diego Chargers and the Indianapolis Colts, respectively.

Ellis, a 1997 UB grad, is listed as San Diego's starter at right tackle. He was a four-year starter for the Bulls on their offensive line, and he earned All-America honors from Gridiron Report after his senior season in 1996, helping the Bulls to an 8-3 record. In his five-year professional football career, Ellis has also been a member of the New England Patriots, where he was a fourth-round draft pick in 1997, and the Washington Redskins organizations. He signed a three-year deal with the Chargers in March.

Haddad earned a spot on the Colts' roster after an impressive preseason, and he is listed as a backup on the depth chart at wide receiver and punt returner.

Haddad led the Colts in receiving during the preseason with 16 catches for 170 yards and one touchdown. Even more noteworthy, however, were the two punt returns he ran back for touchdowns in back-to-back weeks during the preseason - a 94-yard return against Seattle and an 84-yard return against Detroit. In the Colts' 49-year regular season history, no player has ever run back punt returns

for touchdowns in consecutive games.

Haddad signed on as a free agent with the Colts in January after spending parts of the 2000 campaign on both the Colts' and the Buffalo Bills' practice squads.

BULLS' DID YOU KNOW?

Sophomore **Demetrius Austrum** is the cousin of 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.

Junior college transfer **Maurice Bradford** has modeled for Abercrombie and Fitch, Polo and Target Stores and his work was featured in ESPN's College Gameday Preview in August.

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

Redshirt freshman offensive guard **Dan Minocchi** is a relative of former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano.

Redshirt freshman offensive lineman **Will 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 backs coach **Brian Polian** is the son of Indianapolis Colts President and General Manager Bill Polian and grew up in the Buffalo area while his father was the architect of the Bills' unprecedented four-year run to the Super Bowl.

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

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



RUTGERS 31, BUFFALO 15
AUGUST 30, 2001 • UB STADIUM
AMHERST, NY

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Rutgers	7	13	3	8	31
Buffalo	0	0	0	15	15

Team Per. Time

Team	Per.	Time	Scoring Play
RU	1	4:36	Seabrooks 73 interception return (Sands kick), 7-0
RU	2	14:41	Smith 1 pass from Cubit (pass failed), 13-0
RU	2	4:57	Thomas 1 run (Sands kick), 20-0
RU	3	5:57	Sands 44 FG, 23-0
UB	4	11:32	Rohlfis 82 interception return (Pelz kick), 23-7
RU	4	9:25	Martin 24 pass from Cubit (Carty pass), 31-7
UB	4	5:15	Lindsay 16 pass from Freedy (Forde pass), 31-15

•Team Statistics•

	Scarlet Knights	Bulls
First downs	15	16
Rushing Attempts-Yards	45-196	25-55
Passing yards	157	180
Passing (C-A-I)	11-23-2	21-40-2
Offensive plays	68	65
Total net yards	353	235
Average gain per play	5.2	3.6
Fumbles (number-lost)	1-1	2-0
Penalties (number-yards)	10-59	11-71
Interceptions by (number-yards)	2-73	2-81
Number of Punts-Avg.	6-47.3	11-39.0
Punt returns-yards	3-11	4-25
Kickoff returns-yards	0-0	6-116
Possession time	31:02	28:58
Third down conversions	8-of-16	3-of-14
Fourth down conversions	0-of-0	0-of-0
Sacks by (number-yards)	2-16	3-20

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Grundy 13-51, Dwarte 7-32, Freedy 5-(-28). RU: Thomas 30-177, Ohene 9-31, Jones 1-0, Cubit 5-(-12).

Passing: UB: Freedy 21-40-2 180. RU: Cubit 11-23-2 157.

Receiving: UB: Bartoszek 5-66, Forde 4-41, Dwarte 4-10, Lindsay 3-39, Grundy 2-7, Knueven 1-11, Vargas 1-6, Brereton 1-0. RU: A. Martin 5-131, Smith 4-17, Stringer 1-11, Thomas 1-(-2).

Time of game: 3:35. **Attendance** – 22,658

AMHERST, NY – Dennis Thomas rushed for 177 yards on 30 carries and Rutgers used a momentum-changing first-half turnover to score a 31-15 victory over the University at Buffalo before a UB Stadium record crowd of 22,658.

The loss spoiled the debut of new head coach Jim Hofher but didn't dampen the coach's spirits. The Bulls battled the Scarlet Knights of the BIG EAST on even terms throughout most of the game and the game was a far cry from the Bulls' 59-0 loss to Rutgers last year.

"We're very proud of their effort – they played very hard. They

will have a chance to improve if they continue to do that. None of us like the result, we hate the result," said Hofher. "We've asked them to be extremely hard on themselves. Usually teams that want to get good will improve significantly from their first game to their second game."

The Bulls opened the game strongly, forcing Rutgers, who rolled up 453 yards in last year's meeting, to punt on their first two possessions and caused turnovers on its next two. However, the difference in the game came when the Bulls could not take advantage of those opportunities.

The first chance came when junior **Mike Lambert** intercepted a pass by Ryan Cubit and returned it to the Rutgers 41 with 7:52 left in the first quarter. However, the Bulls were hurt by a false start and eventually punted. On the next drive, senior **Omari Jordan** forced a fumble by Thomas that was recovered by **Lamar Wilcher** at the UB 47.

After driving to the Rutgers' 32-yard line, the turning point in the first half occurred. Senior quarterback **Joe Freedy** had his pass glance off the hand of tight end **Chad Bartoszek** right to Shawn Seabrooks who returned it 73 yards for the momentum-changing score.

Rutgers increased the lead to 23-0 in the third quarter on a 44-yard field goal by Ryan Sands, but the Bulls never stopped playing. Senior free safety **Craig Rohlfis** put the Bulls back in the game when he picked off a Cubit pass inside his 20-yard line and weaved his way down the field 82 yards – the third-longest interception return in UB history.

The Bulls narrowed the lead to 31-15 with 5:15 remaining when Freedy hit junior **Dan Lindsay** from 16 yards out. Freedy finished 21-of-40 for 180 yards.

Bartoszek paced the UB offense with five receptions for 66 yards, while junior **Andre Forde** had four receptions for 41 yards and Lindsay had three for 39. Senior **Albert Grundy** led the UB ground game with 13 carries for 51 yards.

Defensively, UB got a big game from redshirt freshman **J.J. Gibson** who led the way with 10 tackles. Seniors **Bobby Johnson** and **Duane Williams** added seven and six tackles each.

The Bulls were hurt by 11 penalties for 71 yards in the game. Their longest offensive play was a 24-yard pass from Freedy to Bartoszek.



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BOWLING GREEN 35, BUFFALO 0 SEPT. 8, 2001 • PERRY STADIUM BOWLING GREEN, OH

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0
Bowling Green	7	21	0	7	35

Team Per. Time

BG	1	13:20
BG	2	12:20
BG	2	9:54
BG	2	:55
BG	4	8:13

Scoring Play

Alls 2 run (Suisham kick), 7-0
 Harris 5 run (Suisham kick), 14-0
 Redd 13 pass from Sahn (Suisham kick), 21-0
 Alls 2 run (Suisham kick), 28-0
 DiBacco 18 run (Suisham kick), 35-0

•Team Statistics•

	Bulls	Falcons
First downs	7	19
Rushing Attempts-Yards	24-43	50-184
Passing yards	162	133
Passing (C-A-I)	16-38-2	15-26-0
Offensive plays	62	76
Total net yards	205	317
Average gain per play	3.3	4.2
Fumbles (number-lost)	1-1	1-0
Penalties (number-yards)	6-33	6-45
Interceptions by (number-yards)	0-0	2-28
Number of Punts-Avg.	9-39.0	7-38.7
Punt returns-yards	0-0	6-96
Kickoff returns-yards	3-18	0-0
Possession time	23:09	36:51
Third down conversions	4-of-16	5-of-16
Fourth down conversions	0-of-1	1-of-3
Sacks by (number-yards)	0-0	1-8

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Grundy 8-18, Dwarte 8-11, Secky 6-10, Gordon 1-4, Freedy 1-0. BG: Harris 13-61, Alls 17-59, DiBacco 9-35, Gibson 3-24, Magner 2-6, Sahn 5-2, Team 1-(-3).

Passing: UB: Secky 12-29-0 134, Freedy 4-9-2 28. BG: Harris 7-13-0 74, Sahn 8-12-0 59.

Receiving: UB: Forde 4-33, Bradford 3-40, Knueven 2-11, McKine 1-47, Vargas 1-9, Grundy 1-7, Bartoszek 1-5, Gordon 1-4, Dwarte 1-4, Lindsay 1-2. BG: Bautista 6-70, Gerling 3-23, Redd 3-12, Baker 1-16, Gibson 1-10, Alls 1-2.

Time of game: 3:00. **Attendance** – 16,183

BOWLING GREEN, OH – The University at Buffalo must have felt like they were heading uphill the entire first half at Bowling Green Saturday night. In the end, the hill was much too far to climb.

The Falcons, coming off a 20-13 win at Missouri last weekend, had six drive starts inside the Buffalo 40-yard line in the first half alone in building up a 28-0 halftime lead. Buffalo could never recover and fell to 0-2 on the season with a 35-0 loss at Doyt Perry Stadium before 16,183 fans. Buffalo (0-2) travels to Army next Saturday for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

The Bulls had three turnovers in the first half and their average drive start was their own 20 while the Falcons began on average at the Buffalo 40-yard line. Buffalo managed just seven first downs in the game.

“It was a thorough defeat by our football team,” said head coach Jim Hofher. “We didn’t really win in any phase of the game. While our defense played valiantly, it’s very difficult to defend that many poor drives starts and we were on the field far too long. It’s as bad an offensive performance as I’ve seen in a long time. It’s very disappointing and I’ve got to take as much responsibility for it as anyone, maybe more.”

The game started ominously for the Bulls as quarterback **Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park)** was intercepted on the second play from scrimmage by Chris Haneline. Haneline returned the ball to the Buffalo 10-yard line and two plays later Joe Alls burst in from the two-yard line to make it 7-0 BG just 1:40 into the game.

Bowling Green’s next possession began at the Buffalo 39 after the Bulls went three downs and out. However, the Bulls held the Falcons to a 31-yard field goal attempt which sailed wide with under nine minutes remaining in the first quarter.

After another defensive stop by the Bulls, Freedy was intercepted again by BG’s Chad Long who returned it to the Buffalo 38-yard line. The Bulls, however, forced a fumble by quarterback Josh Harris which he recovered after a 19-yard loss. Buffalo forced a punt which was downed at the Buffalo one-yard line.

The Bulls inserted redshirt freshman **Randall Secky (Maple Grove, NY/Maple Grove)** for his first collegiate action just as the first quarter ended. The Bulls, however, could not gain a first down and were forced to punt from their end zone giving the Falcons their fourth drive start inside the Bulls 40-yard line of the first half.

This time, the Bulls could not hold off Bowling Green as the Falcons drove 38 yards in four plays with Harris going in from five yards out. The point after made it 14-0 Falcons with 12:20 remaining in the first half.

Bowling Green got yet another great drive start when tight end **Chad Bartoszek (Salamanca, NY/Salamanca)** was stripped after a completion from Secky, giving BG the ball at the Buffalo 31-yard line. The Falcons completed that drive on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Andy Sahn to Robert Redd, making it 21-0 with 9:54 remaining.

Sophomore **Lamar Wilcher (Ossining, NY/Ossining)** had a career-best 12 tackles for Buffalo while senior safety **Craig Rohlfis (Cincinnati, OH/Moeller)** had 10 tackles and a pass breakup. Junior defensive end **Jamie Guerra (Belle Vernon, PA/Belle Vernon)** had seven tackles, including two for losses.



BUFFALO 37, CONNECTICUT 20
SEPT. 22, 2001 • MEMORIAL STADIUM
STORRS, CT

Scoring Summary

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

Team Per. Time

Table with 2 columns: Team, Per. Time. Rows for UB and UConn with play numbers and times.

Scoring Play

Table with 2 columns: Play description, Time. Lists scoring plays for Pelz, Hickok, Wilson, Dwarte, Bradford, and Hill.

Team Statistics

Table with 3 columns: Statistic, Bulls, Falcons. Lists various team statistics like First downs, Rushing Attempts, Passing yards, etc.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: UB: Dwarte 25-150, Gordon 9-24, Freedy 8-(-7), Secky 2-(-16), Team 1-(-2). UC: Small 21-81, Henry 11-37, Benson 2-7, Orlovsky 1-(-10).
Passing: UB: Freedy 20-36-0 218, Secky 3-5-0 19. UC: Henry 7-18-1 106, Orlovsky 0-4-2 0.
Receiving: UB: Bradford 6-71, Bartoszek 4-40, McKine 3-31, Vargas 3-30, Knueven 3-25, Forde 2-30, Lindsay 2-10. UC: Hill 3-28, Wilson 1-54, Drayton 1-10, Ridley 1-7, Collins 1-7.
Time of game: 3:06. Attendance - 16,517

STORRS, CT - The University at Buffalo football team used a dominating second half effort on Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium to post a 37-20 victory over host Connecticut before 16,517 fans.0

The win was UB's first this season and touched off a number of other firsts:

It was the first Buffalo victory for new head coach Jim

Hofher.

It was Buffalo's first road win since returning to Division I-A football in 1999.

It marked UB's first road win since a 16-14 victory at Lafayette on September 18, 1998 - a stretch of 18 straight games. The win also snapped a five-game winning streak by Connecticut in the series.

Fittingly, in a game that was involved in so many streaks and firsts, it was the decimation of another long streak that catapulted the Bulls to the victory. The Bulls (1-2) had gone 12 straight quarters at Memorial Stadium without a touchdown, dating back to a 26-25 loss back in 1995 in Storrs.

In the second half, however, Buffalo wrote some new history, scoring on six straight drives, reeling off 34 unanswered points and dominating in every phase of the game. That was particularly impressive, considering the Bulls gave up a disappointing late first-half touchdown and trailed 13-3 at intermission.

The key play of the game came on the first drive of the second half by Connecticut (0-3). After the Huskies picked up two straight first downs, UB senior linebacker Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby) tipped a Keron Henry pass that was intercepted by junior Ryan Buttles (Pike, NY/Letchworth), in his first career start. That play stemmed the Connecticut momentum and the Bulls, who had scored just 10 offensive points through 10 quarters of the 2001 season, exploded after that.

Senior quarterback Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park) led the Bulls on six straight scoring drives, starting with an 11-play, 76-yard effort after the turnover, capped by sophomore tailback Marquis Dwarte (Baltimore, MD/Perry Hall), who went eight yards to paydirt to make it 13-10 Connecticut with 9:08 left in the third quarter.

After a three-and-out stop, capped by a 10-yard sack by safety Craig Rohlfis (Cincinnati, OH/Moeller) - who had five tackles in the game - Freedy and Co. went to work again. This time UB went 25 yards with sophomore kicker Dallas Pelz (Holland, NY/St. Francis) kicking a 32-yard field goal to tie the game at 13-13 with 4:45 left in the third quarter. Pelz had three field goals in the game, the most since Scott Keller booted three in the win at Lafayette in 1998.

Buffalo's defense again got the ball back and this time UB took the lead for good as Dwarte capped an impressive 80-yard drive with a one-yard burst with 12:50 remaining in the game. Dwarte was dominant in the second half, rushing for 122 of his game-high 150 yards in the second stanza and becoming the first UB back to rush for three touchdowns in a game since



senior **Derrick Gordon (Brooklyn, NY/August Martin)** turned the trick in 1999 versus Central Michigan. Dwarto finished with 150 yards on 25 carries. while Gordon had 24 yards rushing in the game.

Buffalo continued its domination by scoring on its next three drives as well. Junior **Maurice Bradford (Binghamton, NY/Binghamton)**, who had a team-high six catches for 71 yards, caught a 10-yard slant pass for a touchdown from Freedy to make it 27-13 with 9:27 left. That drive went 84 yards in seven plays.

After another Pelz field goal, UB closed its scoring after an interception by senior **Bobby Johnson (Trabuco Hills, CA/Trabuco Hills)**, who also led the Bulls with 10 tackles. This time Dwarto broke three tackles and went 23 yards on a fourth-and-two play to give UB a 37-13 cushion and put a punctuation mark on UB's second-half offensive explosion.

The Bulls got on the scoreboard first in the game after a time-consuming drive that led to a 36-yard field goal by Pelz with 5:06 left in the first quarter. The drive took 6:07 off the clock and consumed 46 yards on 14 plays. Buffalo converted two key third down conversions and a fourth-and-two at the Husky 19 along the way. Freedy, who made his 25th consecutive start, hit tight end **Chad Bartoszek (Salamanca, NY/Salamanca)** for 24 yards on a third-and-16 early in the drive. The field goal was Pelz' first in his UB career and marked the first time the Bulls have led a game in the 2001 campaign.

The Huskies responded with a drive that went 49 yards in 10 plays early in the second quarter. The Bulls stopped the Huskies on a third-and-one play at their own 14-yard line to force a 30-yard field goal by Marc Hickok with 9:19 left in the first half.

As planned, the Bulls inserted redshirt freshman quarterback **Randall Secky (Maple Grove, NY/Maple Grove)** for its third drive and after the UConn field goal he was sacked and fumbled with the Huskies recovering at the Buffalo 20-yard line. That was when the Bulls' defense held their ground. On back-to-back plays from the UB one-yard line, the Bulls stuffed the Huskies as **Bob Dzvonic (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler)** and Buttles stopped tailback Taber Small on fourth down for a one-yard loss.

The Bulls, however, could not move the ball and after punting from their own end zone saw UConn returner Cliff Hill return the ball 34 yards to the Buffalo 13. Once again, however, the UB defense stood tall forcing Hickok to make a 33-yard field goal to give UConn a 6-3 lead with :49 left in the half.

However, that wasn't the end of the UConn scoring in the half. After stopping Buffalo in three straight plays, the Huskies

got the ball back at their own 46. On the very first play, quarterback Keron Henry hit O'Neil Wilson with a 54-yard bomb with just :10 left in the half that put Connecticut up 13-3 at halftime.

That, however, would not deter Buffalo in the second half as the Bulls held the ball for 20:41 and outgained the Huskies, 314-40, after intermission. The Bulls converted 7-of-10 third down conversions in the second half and caused three Connecticut turnovers. Connecticut's only touchdown was a fluke play after UB safety **Deonne McClelland (Mesa, AZ/Mesa)** recorded his first career interception. During his return, McClelland was stripped of the ball and the Huskies Cliff Hill picked it up and went 72 yards for the score. The Buffalo defense has allowed only one touchdown in the second half through three games this season.

The stars were many for Buffalo. Freedy completed 16-of-26 passes in the second half and finished 20-of-36 for 218 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions. Bartoszek added four catches for 40 yards for Buffalo while seven UB receivers caught passes.

Defensively, the Bulls allowed only 221 yards in the game – their lowest output since giving up 175 in a 20-17 win over Bowling Green last season – and just 11 first downs, two in the second half. Johnson led the way with 10 tackles while redshirt frosh **J.J. Gibson (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)** added seven tackles as did senior Chris Shelly.

Buffalo's special teams were also strong. Besides Pelz' three field goals, junior punter **Scott McMahan (Huntington Beach, CA/Oceanview)** averaged 42.8 yards per punt and had a career-best 60 yard boot. Junior flanker **Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield)** had four punt returns for 32 yards and two receptions for 30 yards as well.

"Some teams could have let what happened at the end of the first half get them down, but this was a pretty significant challenge for our kids that they faced at halftime," said head coach Jim Hofher. "I'm very very proud of them, they should be proud of themselves. They continued to be methodical, they played very hard and I thought they handled themselves with great poise in a game that they were trying to make close, which they did, and than they were able to seize it...I'm very proud of them."



CENTRAL MICHIGAN 16, BUFFALO 8
SEPT. 29, 2001 • UB STADIUM
AMHERST, NY

Scoring Summary

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

Team Per. Time

Table with 3 columns: Team, Per., Time. Rows for CMU and UB.

Scoring Play

Mixon 20 run (Savich kick), 7-0
Savich 44 FG, 10-0
Savich 33 FG, 13-0
Savich 19 FG, 16-0
Bartoszek 32 pass from Freedy (Bartoszek pass), 16-8

Team Statistics

Table with 3 columns: Team, Chippewas, Bulls. Rows for various statistics like First downs, Rushing Attempts, etc.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: UB: Dwarte 17-75, Freedy 7-(-33). CMU: Jackson 29-123, Lawhorne 16-71, Mixon 9-70, Vickers 8-20, Parks 1-4, Team 2-(-3).
Passing: UB: Freedy 17-36-2 194. CMU: Vickers 14-28-0 139.
Receiving: UB: Forde 5-68, Bartoszek 4-71, Bradford 3-45, Dwarte 3-3, Kneueven 2-7. CMU: Turner 6-63, Lawhorne 2-26, McKnight 2-22, Humphrey 2-9, Means 1-16, Hill 1-3.
Time of game: 2:43. Attendance - 10,930

AMHERST, NY - Central Michigan used a grind-it-out offense and an opportunistic defense to hold off Buffalo, 16-8, in a Mid-American Conference game at UB Stadium on Saturday night.

The Chippewas (2-2, 1-1 in the MAC) ground out 285 yards on the ground, including a career-high 123 yards on 29 carries by Terrance Jackson, to control the clock and game. Central Michigan ran 93 plays to Buffalo's 60 leading to an 11:00 edge in time of possession.

Central opened up a 16-0 lead in the first half on a 20-yard touchdown run by Robbie Mixon and three field goals (44, 33 and 19 yards) by Paul Savich. The Bulls (1-3, 0-2 in the MAC) did not allow a second-half defensive touchdown for the second straight week and made things interesting in the final minutes.

Junior tight end Chad Bartoszek (Salamanca, NY/

Salamanca) caught a 32-yard touchdown pass from Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park) with :45 left and the two hooked up again for the two-point conversion to cut the score to 16-8. However, CMU's Tedaro France - who had seven tackles and a key interception in the game - recovered Buffalo's onside kick and the Chippewas ran out the clock for the win.

The Bulls missed some early chances to get on the board which would come back to haunt them later. After stopping Central Michigan on their first two possession, the Bulls drove the ball to the CMU 31-yard line - thanks to a 20-yard hookup from Freedy to junior flanker Maurice Bradford (Binghamton, NY/Binghamton). However, Dallas Pelz (Holland, NY/St. Francis) missed a 41-yard field goal with 7:50 remaining in the first quarter.

The Chippewas took advantage, driving 76 yards in six plays, capped by a 20-yard burst by Mixon. Central extended their lead to 10-0 with a 44-yard field goal by Savich with 2:01 remaining in the first quarter after UB cornerback Mark Graham (Monroe, MI/Monroe) broke up a deep pass on third down. Graham had three pass breakups on the game.

Central got another Savich field goal, this one from 33 yards out, early in the second quarter. The Chippewas had 38 yards on the ground in the 51-yard drive.

Buffalo could not take advantage of another first-half chance when senior nose guard Bob Dzvonic (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler) recovered a fumble forced by strong safety Youdlain Marcellus (Longueil, Quebec/Vanier Prep) at the Buffalo 25-yard line. Dzvonic had five tackles in the game while Marcellus had a career-best 10 tackles.

The Bulls drove to the CMU 32, with key passes from Freedy to Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield) for 30 yards and Freedy to Bradford for 15. However, Pelz' 40-yard attempt was blocked and Buffalo could not mount another scoring drive in the half.

The Bulls stayed within striking distance in the second half thanks to a sterling effort by the UB defense. The Chippewas moved inside the UB 20-yard line on three occasions but could not get points on the board. The Bulls stuffed CMU on two plays from the Bulls' one-yard line - first by junior linebacker Ryan Buttle (Pike, NY/Letchworth) on third down - and by seniors Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby) and Chris Shelly (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler) on fourth down. Williams and Shelly stopped Kenan Lawhorne behind the line of scrimmage on a fourth-and-inches to the UB end zone. Williams had a career-best 12 tackles and a pass breakup while Shelly had seven stops and a half-sack.

Senior linebacker Bobby Johnson (Trabuco Hills, CA/Trabuco Hills) had a career-best 17 tackles and a pass breakup to pace the Buffalo defense that kept the Bulls close in the second half. Johnson leads the team with 43 tackles this season.

Offensively, UB tailback Marquis Dwarte (Baltimore, MD/Perry Hall) led the rushing game with 17 carries for 75 yards. Freedy finished 17-for-36 for 194 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. Forde had five catches for 68 yards while Bartoszek had four catches for 71 yards and his third career touchdown.



MIAMI 31, BUFFALO 14
OCTOBER 6, 2001 • YAGER STADIUM
OXFORD, OH

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buffalo	0	7	0	7	14
Miami	0	14	10	7	31

Team	Per.	Time	Scoring Play
MU	2	7:39	Brandt 1 pass from Roethlisberg (Parseghian kick), 7-0
UB	2	4:18	Bartoszek 9 pass from Freedy (Pelz kick), 7-7
MU	2	2:16	Little 18 pass from Roethlisberger (Parseghian kick), 14-7
MU	3	8:50	Parseghian 34 FG, 17-7
MU	3	7:33	Tillitz 80 punt return (Parseghian kick), 24-7
UB	4	11:04	Dwarte 5 run (Pelz kick), 24-14
MU	4	8:13	Little 4 run (Brumbergs kick), 31-14

•Team Statistics•

	Bulls	RedHawks
First downs	16	21
Rushing Attempts-Yards	31-64	42-128
Passing yards	194	212
Passing (C-A-I)	17-40-1	23-30-1
Offensive plays	71	72
Total net yards	258	340
Average gain per play	3.6	4.7
Fumbles (number-lost)	2-1	2-1
Penalties (number-yards)	6-25	8-105
Interceptions by (number-yards)	1-(-3)	1-49
Number of Punts-Avg.	7-41.3	3-47.7
Punt returns-yards	3-24	5-124
Kickoff returns-yards	5-86	3-89
Possession time	28:06	31:54
Third down conversions	6-of-17	5-of-13
Fourth down conversions	1-of-2	1-of-1
Sacks by (number-yards)	0-0	4-23

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Dwarte 21-41, Freedy 9-12, Forde 1-11. MU: Little 17-77, Roethlisberger 7-22, Murray 7-20, Clemens 5-19, Henry 1-11, Smith 1-3, Team 1-(-1), Hawk 3-(-23).

Passing: UB: Freedy 17-40-1 194. MU: Roethlisberger 23-30-1 212.

Receiving: UB: Knueven 5-77, Vargas 3-36, Bartoszek 3-29, Bradford 2-18, Lindsay 2-16, McKine 1-12, Forde 1-6. MU: Little 5-41, branch 4-58, Henry 3-35, Tillitz 3-29, Larkin 2-25, Kirkpatrick 2-9, Brandt 2-7, Stegman 1-4, Frazier 1-4.

Time of game: 2:55. **Attendance** – 20,108



BULLS AMONG THE MAC/NATIONAL LEADERS

- **JOE FREEDY** •
7th in the MAC in passing yards per game (162.8)
10th in the MAC in total offense per game (151.6)
- **MARQUIS DWARTE** •
T-5th in the MAC in scoring per game (4.8)
- **DALLAS PELZ** •
7th in the MAC in field goals per game (.60)
- **MARK GRAHAM** •
T-8th in the MAC in passes defened (5 PD + 1 INT = 6)
- **ANDRE FORDE** •
7th in the MAC in punt return average (8.6)
- **SCOTT McMAHAN** •
5th in the the MAC in punting average (40.1)
- **BOBBY JOHNSON** •
8th in the MAC in tackles per game (10.6)
- **OMARI JORDAN** •
T-3rd in the MAC in forced fumbles (2)

•BULLS-HERD STATISTICAL COMPARISON•

	Buffalo	Marshall
Points Per Game	14.8	34.2
Rushing Offense Per Game	70.6	137.0
Passing Offense Per Game	193.4	279.0
Total Offense Per Game	264.0	416.0
Rushing Defense Per Game	181.6	143.0
Passing Defense Per Game	149.4	245.0
Total Defense Per Game	331.0	388.0
Kickoff Return Average	17.0	17.1
Punt Return Average	8.3	6.6
Net Punting	32.6	36.3
Quarterback sacks-yards lost	5-39	12-94
Third Down Conversions	27-of-82	25-of-56
Third Down Percentage	33%	45%
Fourth Down Conversions	3-for-5	5-of-8
Fourth Down Percentage	60%	62%
Turnover Margin Per Game	-0.6	+0.8
Penalties-Yards	36-229	38-332
Penalty yards per game	45.8	83.0

Bulls In the MAC Team Rankings

- 1st in pass defense (149.4 ypg)
- 4th in total defense – yards per game (331.0 ypg)
- 5th in passing offense per game (193.4 ypg)
- 8th in scoring defense per game (26.6 ppg)
- 8th in punt return average (8.3 ypr)
- 8th in rushing defense per game (181.6 ypg)
- 10th in turnover margin per game (-0.6)
- 10th in kickoff return average (17.0 ypr)
- 11th in scoring offense per game (14.8 ppg)
- 12th in net punting per attempt (32.6 ypk)
- 12th in total offense per game (264.0 ypg)
- 13th in rushing offense per game (70.6 ypg)

2001 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

	Rutgers	Bowling Green	Connecticut	C. Michigan	Miami, OH	Marshall	Kent State	E. Michigan	Ohio	Army	Akron
- Offense -											
LT	Avery	Avery	Avery	Avery	Avery						
LG	Hedges	Hedges	Hedges	Hedges	Hedges						
C	Weber	Weber	Weber	Weber	Weber						
RG	Zeppuhar	Zeppuhar	Zeppuhar	Zeppuhar	Zeppuhar						
RT	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills						
TE	Bartoszek	Bartoszek	Bartoszek	Bartoszek	Bartoszek						
SE	Forde	Forde	Forde	Forde	Forde						
FL	Lindsay	Lindsay	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford						
TB	Grundy	Grundy	Gordon	Dwarte	Dwarte						
FB	-----	-----	Shaughnessy	-----	-----						
QB	Freedy	Freedy	Freedy	Freedy	Freedy						
TE	Brereton	-----	-----	-----	-----						
SE	-----	McKine	-----	Knueven	Knueven						
- Defense-											
DE	Guerra	Guerra	Geurra	Guerra	Guerra						
NG	C. Johnson	Dzvonick	Dzvonick	Dzvonick	Dzvonick						
DT	O. Jordan	O. Jordan	O. Jordan	O. Jordan	O. Jordan						
DE	Shelly	Shelly	Shelly	Shelly	Shelly						
OLB	Williams	B. Jordan	Williams	Williams	Williams						
MLB	Wilcher	Wilcher	Buttles	Buttles	Buttles						
OLB	B. Johnson	B. Johnson	B. Johnson	B. Johnson	B. Johnson						
CB	Lambert	Lambert	Lambert	Lambert	Lambert						
CB	Graham	Graham	Graham	Graham	Guerra						
SS	Gibson	Gibson	Gibson	Gibson	Gibson						
FS	Rohlf	Rohlf	Rohlf	Rohlf	Rohlf						

Seniors indicated in **BOLD**



Bulls Two-Deep

•OFFENSE•

FL	86 – Zeke McKine (So., 5-8, 156)	85 – Matt Kneuve (Fr., 6-2, 200)	82 – Dan Lindsay (Jr., 5-11, 183)
TE	88 – Chad Bartoszek (Jr., 6-6, 250)	47 – Mark Campanella (So., 6-3, 244)	89 – Jason Smalarz (So., 6-4, 244)
LT	78 – Andy Avery (So., 6-6, 262)	60 – John Nolan (Sr., 6-3, 266)	
LG	66 – Tim Hedges (Sr., 6-6, 288)	68 – Aaron McMickle (Sr., 6-7, 292)	
C	65 – Eric Weber (R-Fr., 6-6, 291)	64 – Kevin Dunn (So., 6-2, 264)	
RG	79 – Erik Zeppuhar (R-Fr., 6-4, 264)	71 – Brian Johnessee (R-Fr., 6-7, 299)	72 – Dan Minocchi (R-Fr., 6-2, 270)
RT	63 – Jeff Mills (So., 6-6, 285)	75 – Alex Alvarez (Jr., 6-5, 290)	
TB	28 – Marquis Dwart (So., 5-6, 170)	31 – Derrick Gordon (Sr., 5-9, 202)	32 – Albert Grundy (Sr., 6-2, 231)
FB	40 – Tom Shaughnessy (So., 6-1, 231)	31 – Derrick Gordon (Sr., 5-9, 202)	
QB	15 – Joe Freedy (Sr., 6-3, 190)	7 – Randall Secky (R-Fr., 6-4, 215)	
SE	81 – Andre Forde (Jr., 6-0, 208)	20 – Maurice Bradford (Jr., 5-10, 172)	6 – Ruben Vargas (Sr., 5-9, 190)

•DEFENSE•

DE	38 – Chris Shelly (Sr., 6-1, 227)	56 – Anthony Andriano (Fr., 6-2, 225)
DT	91 – Omari Jordan (Sr., 6-6, 299)	48 – Terrance Dawson (So., 6-3, 265)
DT	96 – Bob Dzvonic (Sr., 6-1, 284)	94 – Craig Johnson (R-Fr., 6-2, 296)
DE	37 – Jamie Guerra (Jr., 6-3, 246)	52 – Demetrius Austrum (So., 6-2, 223)
OLB	99 – Duane Williams (Sr., 6-3, 250)	36 – Brandon Jordan (Sr., 5-11, 214)
ILB	4 – Lamar Wilcher (So., 6-1, 230)	33 – Ryan Buttles (Jr., 6-1, 218)
OLB	10 – Bobby Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 200)	1 – Jason Coley (Jr., 6-1, 200)
CB	2 – Mark Graham (So., 6-1, 190)	8 – Terek Henderson (R-Fr., 5-7, 168)
SS	29 – J.J. Gibson (R-Fr., 5-9, 178)	22 – Youdlain Marcellus (Jr., 5-10, 201)
FS	24 – Craig Rohlfis (Sr., 5-11, 192)	19 – Deonne McClelland (Jr., 6-1, 195)
CB	35 – Mike Lambert (Jr., 5-10, 196)	12 – Darren Hicks (R-Fr., 5-8, 161)

•SPECIAL TEAMS•

P	11 – Scott McMahan (Jr., 5-11, 170)	5 – Dallas Pelz (So., 6-0, 185)	
PK	5 – Dallas Pelz (So., 6-0, 185)	18 – Michael Baker (Fr., 5-11, 185)	
KO	5 – Dallas Pelz (So., 6-0, 185)	18 – Michael Baker (Fr., 5-11, 185)	
HLD	15 – Joe Freedy (Sr., 6-3, 190)	7 – Randall Secky (R-Fr., 6-4, 215)	
SNP	51 – Kevin McCarthy (Sr., 5-11, 209)	24 – Craig Rohlfis (Sr., 5-11, 192)	
PR	81 – Andre Forde (Jr., 6-0, 208)	86 – Zeke McKine (So., 5-8, 156)	
KOR	81 – Andre Forde (Jr., 6-0, 208)	24 – Craig Rohlfis (Sr., 5-11, 192)	20 – Maurice Bradford (Jr., 5-10, 172)



Thundering Herd Two-Deep

•OFFENSE•

X	40 – Darius Watts (So., 6-2, 175)	83 – Brad Bates (Fr., 5-11, 170)	
Slot	82 – Josh Davis (Fr., 6-0, 195)	87 – Chris Martin (So., 5-10, 180)	
LT	75 – Steve Sciuillo (Jr., 6-6, 315)	65 – Paul Hardy (Jr., 6-5, 300)	
LG	56 – Steve Content (Sr., 6-3, 265)	78 – Luke Salmons (So., 6-3, 265)	
C	58 – Jeff Edwards (Jr., 6-4, 278)	70 – Joey Stepp (So., 6-1, 285)	
RG	66 – Steve Perretta (Jr., 6-2, 285)	73 – Anthony Bonds (Jr., 6-4, 280)	
RT	71 – Nate McPeck (So., 6-5, 310)	72 – Ryan Baynes (Fr., 6-3, 277)	
TE	45 – Gregg Kellett (Sr., 6-3, 260)	96 – Eddie Smolder (Jr., 6-3, 240)	
Z	80 – Curtis Jones (Jr., 6-2, 205)	13 – Denero Marriott (Jr., 6-1, 178)	
RB	24 – Franklin Wallace (So., 6-0, 190)	8 – Brandon Carey (Jr., 5-10, 185)	32 – Trod Buggs (Sr., 5-11, 221)
QB	7 – Byron Leftwich (Jr., 6-6, 240)	4 – Stan Hill (Fr., 6-1, 195)	

•DEFENSE•

LE	34 – Ralph Street (Sr., 6-0, 255)	91 – Maurice McKinney (So., 6-3, 235)
T	95 – Orlando Washington (Jr., 6-2, 255)	94 – Toriano Brown (So., 6-1, 277)
NT	51 – Marlan Hicks (So., 6-4, 290)	53 – Nathan Leslie (So., 6-4, 270)
RE	99 – Kelvin Smith (Sr., 6-4, 265)	97 – Jamus Martin (Fr., 6-3, 235)
OLB	44 – Charles Tynes (So., 6-1, 210)	1 – Gladstone Coke (So., 5-11, 195)
ILB	57 – Alonzo Jones (Sr., 6-1, 220)	55 – Sam Goines (Sr., 6-1, 218)
ILB	5 – Max Yates (Sr., 6-3, 235)	48 – Duran Smith (Jr., 6-0, 225)
OLB	31 – Michael Owens (Sr., 5-11, 210)	33 – Larry Davis (Sr., 6-2, 200)
LCB	21 – Terence Tarpley (Jr., 5-10, 185)	2 – Roberto Terrell (Fr., 5-9, 175)
FS	19 – Chris Crocker (Jr., 5-11, 195)	3 – Moriah Anderson (Fr., 6-1, 187)
RCB	15 – Yancey Satterwhite (Jr., 5-10, 175)	42 – Renaldo Williams (Fr. 5-9, 178)

•SPECIAL TEAMS•

P	36 – Curtis Head (Jr., 5-11, 170)	49 – Sam Erny (Fr., 5-11, 190)
PK	36 – Curtis Head (Jr., 5-11, 170)	49 – Sam Erny (Fr., 5-11, 190)
KO	36 – Curtis Head (Jr., 5-11, 170)	49 – Sam Erny (Fr., 5-11, 190)
HLD	87 – Chris Martin (So., 5-10, 180)	4 – Stan Hill (Fr., 6-1, 195)
SNP	54 – Chris Massep (Sr., 6-0, 235)	68 – Corey Dennison (Jr., 6-1, 282)
PR	83 – Brad Bates (Fr., 5-11, 170)	80 – Curtis Jones (Jr., 6-2, 205)
KOR	40 – Darius Watts (So., 6-2, 175)	80 – Curtis Jones (Jr., 6-2, 205)

2001 University at Buffalo Football Game-by-Game Statistical Leaders

Game/Result	Rushing	Passing	Receiving	Punting	FG's (Good as marked)	Defense
Aug. 30 RUTGERS L, 31-15	Grundy 13-51 Dwarte 7-32	Freedy 21-40-2 180 yards, 1 TD	Bartoszek 5-66 Forde 4-41 Lindsay 3-39, 1 TD	McMahan 11-429 39.0, (long 48)	Pelz 0-0 1-1 PAT's	Gibson (9-1 – 10) B. Johnson (6-1 – 7) Wilcher (5-1 – 6, 1 FR)
Sept. 8 at Bowling Green L, 35-0	Grundy 8-18 Dwarte 8-11	Secky 12-29-0 134 yards, 0 TD	Forde 4-33 Bradford 3-40 McKine 1-47	McMahan 9-351 39.0, (long 47)	Pelz 0-0 (34) 0-0 PAT's	Wilcher (6-6 – 12, 2 TFL) Rohlfs (5-5 – 10, 1 TFL) Gibson (5-4 – 9, 1 TFL)
Sept. 22 at Connecticut W, 37-20	Dwarte 25-150, 3 TDs Gordon 9-24	Freedy 20-36-0 218 yards, 1 TD	Bradford 6-71, 1 TD Bartoszek 4-40 McKine 3-31	McMahan 4-171 42.8, (long 60)	Pelz 3-3 (36, 32, 37) 4-4 PAT's	B. Johnson (3-7 – 10, 1 INT) Gibson (7-0 – 7) Buttles (6-0 – 6, 1 INT)
Sept. 29 C. MICHIGAN L, 16-8	Dwarte 17-75	Freedy 17-36-1 194 yards, 1 TD	Forde 5-68 Bartoszek 4-71, TD Bradford 3-45	McMahan 7-285 40.7, (long 47)	Pelz 0-2 (41, 40) 0-0 PATs	B. Johnson (8-9 – 17, 1 PD) Williams (7-5 – 12, 1 TFL) Rohlfs (8-3 – 11, 1 PD)
Oct. 6 at Miami (OH) L, 31-14	Dwarte 21-41 Freedy 9-12	Freedy 17-40-1 194 yards, 1 TD	Knueven 5-77 Vargas 3-36 Bartoszek 3-29, 1 TD	McMahan 7-289 41.3, (long 49)	Pelz 0-1 (32) 0-0 PATs	B. Johnson (3-7 – 10, 1 FR) J.J. Gibson (6-4 – 10) Mark Graham (7-2 – 9, INT)
Oct. 13 MARSHALL 1:00 pm						
Oct. 20 at Kent State 2:00 pm						
Oct. 27 at E. Michigan 1:00 pm						
Nov. 3 OHIO 1:00 pm						
Nov. 10 at Army 1:00 pm						
Nov. 17 AKRON 1:00 pm						

– 2001 Football Highlights –

The Bulls battled BIG EAST Rutgers before a UB Stadium record crowd of 22,658 fans in the home opener. Quarterback Joe Freedy went over 4,000 career passing yards in the game.

Buffalo broke an 18-game road losing streak and scored their first road win since rejoining the Division I-A ranks with a 37-20 win at Connecticut on 9/22. Tailback Marquis Dwarte rushed for 150 yards and three touchdowns and the Bulls scored 34 unanswered points to rally from a 13-3 halftime deficit in the victory.

Bobby Johnson accumulated 17 tackles in a 16-8 loss to Central Michigan, the most by a Buffalo player since Craig Guest set a school record with 29 vs. Maine on October 7, 1995.