



2000 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WEEKLY FOOTBALL RELEASE

• THIS WEEK'S GAME •

BUFFALO (1-6, 1-3) AT N. ILLINOIS (4-3, 2-1)

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HUSKIE STADIUM (31,000) • DEKALB, IL

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE GAME

WGR RADIO (550), EMPIRE SPORTS, ESPN PLUS

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BULLS LOOK TO SNAP ROAD LOSING SKID AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS

The University at Buffalo Bulls look to put two solid halves together this Saturday when they travel to DeKalb, IL to battle West Division power Northern Illinois on Saturday afternoon in a Mid-American Conference cross-divisional game (WGR-Radio, Empire Sports, ESPN Plus).

The Bulls have played two exceptional halves in their last three games, trailing Marshall 17-14 at halftime in Huntington and outscoring Ball State 28-9 in the second half last week, but haven't been able to put two good halves together since a 20-17 win over Bowling Green on Sept. 23.

They will need their best game on Saturday if they hope to knock off the Huskies, who are 7-0 in the last two seasons against MAC competition outside of the Mid-American's "Big Three" of Marshall, Toledo and Western Michigan. The Huskies are coming off a 52-22 loss at Western Michigan last weekend, a game in which they were outscored 28-8 after intermission.

THE ROAD HAS NOT BEEN KIND FOR BULLS SINCE I-A RETURN

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

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

However, the Bulls have lost 15 straight away from home since a 16-14 win at Lafayette on Sept. 18, 1998.

BALL STATE WEATHERS

UB'S HUGE SECOND HALF COMEBACK

The University at Buffalo football team nearly pulled off a Homecoming miracle on Saturday afternoon against visiting Ball State at UB Stadium in Mid-American Conference football action before 13,064 fans.

The Bulls (1-6, 1-3 in the MAC) spotted the visiting Cardinals a 35-7 halftime lead before making an incredible comeback to trail just 41-35 with 6:40 remaining in the

game. However, just when the Bulls appeared poised to pull off the greatest comeback in school history, Ball State (3-4, 3-1) put together a 13-play drive - all on the ground - to kick the game-clinching field goal from Mike Langford with 1:11 remaining to hold off UB, 44-35. Ball State has won three straight games while the Bulls have now dropped three straight.

Marcus Merriweather had 178 of Ball State's 192 rushing yards in the game on a career-high 30 carries and scored two

2000 Mid-American Conference Standings

East Division

Team	MAC Div.		MAC Overall		Overall		Strk
	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Akron	3	0	3	2	4	4	L-2
Marshall	2	0	2	2	3	4	W-1
Miami	2	1	3	2	4	3	W-1
Ohio	2	1	3	2	5	3	W-3
Buffalo	1	2	1	3	1	6	L-3
Bowling Green	1	3	2	3	2	6	W-1
Kent State	0	4	1	4	1	7	L-2

West Division

Team	W		L		W		L		Strk
	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Western Michigan	2	0	4	0	6	1	W-6		
Northern Illinois	1	1	2	1	4	3	L-1		
Toledo	2	1	3	1	6	1	W-3		
Ball State	1	1	3	1	3	4	W-3		
Central Michigan	0	1	1	3	1	6	L-5		
Eastern Michigan	0	2	0	4	1	7	L-7		

Saturday's Games

Toledo at Navy, Noon

Ball State at Central Michigan, 1:00 pm

Buffalo at Northern Illinois, 1:05 pm

Western Michigan at Kent State, 2:00 pm

Miami at Cincinnati, 2:00 pm

Marshall at Akron, 7:00 pm

(Idle - Bowling Green, E. Michigan, Ohio)

Saturday's Results

Ball State 44, @ Buffalo 35

@ W. Michigan 52, Northern Illinois 22

@ Ohio 52, Central Michigan 3

@ Marshall 34, Kent State 12

@ Bowling Green 20, E. Michigan 6

Connecticut 38, @ Akron 35

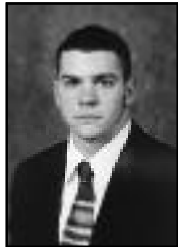
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(MAC games in italics)



touchdowns while quarterback Talmadge Hill completed 13-of-18 passes for 248 yards and four touchdowns for the Cardinals.

The game started off perfectly for the Bulls before everything went wrong in the first half. On the Cardinals' first play from scrimmage, Anthony Jones fumbled with UB's



Craig Rohlfs

Craig Rohlfs (Cincinnati, OH/Moeller) recovering at the Ball State 44. Rohlfs had a superb game with a career-best 15 tackles, two fumble recoveries and two tackles for loss.

The Bulls' responded immediately as

Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park) and **Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield)** continued



Joe Freedy

their touchdown magic. Freedy hit Forde on a 37-yard post pattern to make it 7-0 just 1:34 into the game. It was Forde's sixth touchdown reception of the season and the fifth straight game he has caught a touchdown pass from Freedy.

After that, however, the first half was a disaster for the Bulls. Ball State roared back with 35 straight first-half points as the Bulls made several crucial mistakes, the biggest being a 39-yard blocked punt

return for a touchdown by Quentin Manley that broke a 7-7 tie.

The second half, however, belonged to the Bulls and in particular freshman receiver **Zeke McKine (Hollywood, FL/MacArthur)** and

junior fullback **Albert Grundy (Springfield, PA/Valley Forge JC)**.

Freedy began the comeback with a one-yard run to cap a nine-play, 80-yard drive all on the ground. After



Albert Grundy

another Ball State touchdown made it 41-14, the Bulls' continued their relentless comeback as McKine scored two touchdowns and set up another.

After Grundy tore off a 31-yard gain, the Bulls' completed the drive on a 20-yard hookup from Freedy to McKine to make it 41-21 with 2:19 remaining in the third quarter. Grundy finished the game with 106 yards rushing on just 11 attempts while another freshman, **Marquis Dwart (Baltimore, MD/Perry Hall)**, had a career-high 20 carries for 93 yards as UB rolled up a season-high 252 yards on the ground.

After stopping Ball State, the Bulls' continued their comeback with a perfectly-executed fake punt on fourth down with **Tory Smith (Centereach, NY/Half Hollow East)** rushing for 11 yards on fourth-and-eight. One play later, Freedy hit McKine with a 48-yard fly pattern

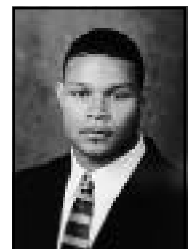
down the left sideline and UB was within, 41-28, with 13:49 remaining.

After the Bulls were stopped on downs and forced two Ball State punts, McKine did it again for UB. The freshman returned Reggie Hodges' punt 73 yards to the Ball State three-yard line, setting up a two-yard leap from Grundy to make it, 41-35 with 6:40 remaining.

However, Merriweather made certain that Ball State escaped with the win, rushing for 56 yards on seven carries on the Cardinals' game-clinching drive.

"You've got to take your hats off to Ball State. That was as big league a drive as I've seen in a long time when they absolutely had to have it to ensure a win," said UB head coach Craig Cirbus. "I'm not at all disappointed in our effort. This team gave everything they had today and fought until the very end. We had some mistakes early in the game that cost us dearly and were critical to the outcome."

McKine finished with 151 yards of all-purpose offense and scored the first two touchdowns of his career. Defensively, UB racked up four more quarterback sacks as **Chris Gray (Frewsburg, NY/Frewsburg)** - who



Marcus Cole

had 11 tackles, **Marcus Cole (Buffalo, NY/Turner-Carroll)**, who had eight solo stops and **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)**,

• MAC Peps! Players of The Week •

Offensive Player of the Week: Sean Schembra (Ball State). Schembra caught a career-high eight passes for 181 yards and a touchdown in Ball State's 44-35 win at Buffalo. The win was the Cardinals, third consecutive after breaking a 21-game losing streak. Schembra's touchdown came with 3:22 left in the third quarter and gave BSU a 41-14 lead.

Defensive Player of the Week: Ralph Street (Marshall). Street had nine tackles, including four solos and five assists, in a 34-12 win versus Kent State that snapped Marshall's two-game losing streak. Street had four tackles for a loss of 16 yards with two of those sacks for minus 11 yards. He was also credited with five quarterback hurries.

Special Teams Player of the Week: Kevin Kerr (Ohio). Kerr scored 10 points in a 52-3 win over Central Michigan. His performance included a perfect 7-of-7 PATs and a 44-yard field goal. Kerr has made 30 consecutive PATs and his 60 points this season is just two points shy of the best kick-scoring season in school history.



who had five tackles, all racked up sacks. **Chris Shelly (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler)** added six tackles for the Bulls, while both Cole and **Bob Dzvonic (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler)** had forced fumbles for UB.

SCOUTING THE HUSKIES

The Huskies of Northern Illinois have been tremendous at home thus far this season, beating Illinois State and Central Florida by a combined 92-20 and have a very potent offense that is ranked second in the MAC in scoring at 34.3 points per game.

Huskie bullet points:

- NIU features one of the top backs in the MAC in tailback **Thomas Hammock**. Hammock leads the MAC in scoring with 12 touchdowns and averages a healthy 4.7 per carry on the season with 776 yards on 166 totes. He broke a 70-yarder for a touchdown at Western Michigan.
- NIU's offense shows great balance, with the Huskies rushing for 211.6 yards per game while throwing for 189.4 yards per contest.
- Quarterback **Chris Finlen** became the first Huskie in school history to throw for over 1,000 yards in three different seasons last week against Western Michigan. Finlen has completed 56% of his passes for 1,144 yards with seven touchdowns and six interceptions.
- Flanker **Justin McCareins** is an All-MAC candidate at receiver and Finlen's favorite target. McCareins has 37 catches for 711 yards, a stunning 19.2 yards per catch average, and six touchdowns, including a school-record 99-yarder this season against Ball State. McCareins is also No. 1 in NIU history in career receiving yards, career touchdowns receiving and No. 2 in career catches, needing just nine

more to pass Hugh Rohrschneider for first.

- Senior offensive tackle **Ryan Diem** is an All-American candidate and a certain NFL draft choice. He anchors a line that averages 401.1 yards per game in total offense and has allowed only nine sacks on the season.

HUSKIES HOLD SLIM ADVANTAGE IN ALL-TIME SERIES

This will be the fourth meeting between the Huskies and Bulls with NIU holding a 2-1 advantage following a convincing 45-21 win at UB Stadium last season.

This will be the Bulls' first trip to DeKalb since the 1970 season when the Bulls dropped a 43-26 decision.

The irony of past UB-NIU clashes was the role former UB and Northern Illinois mentor **Richard "Doc" Ulrich** played. Ulrich was on UB's victorious sideline in a 20-7 win in 1968 over the Huskies, then moved on to DeKalb as head man in 1969 and led NIU to the 43-26 win over his former pupils at Buffalo in 1970

Former MAC Commissioner **Jerry Ippoliti** also plays an interesting role in the two school's history, inviting the two

schools – with Marshall – into the MAC in 1995. Ippoliti was an assistant coach at UB and the head coach at Northern Illinois from 1971-75 (posting a 25-29-1 record), succeeding Ulrich.

The all-time series:

Year (Site)	Winner, Score	Series
1968 (N. Illinois)	Buffalo, 20-7	UB, 1-0
1970 (N. Illinois)	NIU, 43-26	Tied, 1-1
1999 (Buffalo)	NIU, 45-21	NIU, 2-1

HUSKIES HOUNDED BULLS IN LAST MEETING AT UB STADIUM

William Andrews rushed for 113 yards and returned a kickoff 95 yards for a score as Northern Illinois defeated Buffalo, 45-21, at UB Stadium last season.

The Huskies jumped out to a 24-0 halftime lead and put the game out of reach when Andrews took the kickoff to start the second half and went 95 yards up the right sideline to give NIU a commanding 31-0 lead.

The Bulls would score 21 second half points to break out of their offensive swoon – they hadn't scored a touchdown in more than 10 quarters when flanker **Drew Haddad** hauled in a two-yard touchdown pass from **Joe Freedy** – to make the game closer.

• Numbers of Note in Cirbus Era •

	<i>1995-present</i>	<i>2000</i>
Playing at home	11-20	1-2
Playing on road	7-24	0-4
Playing on grass	15-33	1-4
Playing on turf	3-11	0-2
Leading at halftime	11-4	0-1
Trailing at halftime	5-38	1-5
Game tied at halftime	2-2	0-0
Winning turnover margin	12-6	0-0
Losing turnover margin	3-31	1-4
Even in turnover margin	3-7	0-2
Rushing for over 200 yards	10-6	0-1
Rushing for less than 200 yards	8-38	1-5
Passing for more than 200 yards	7-18	0-3
Passing for less than 200 yards	11-26	1-3



Haddad finished the game with eight receptions for 100 yards, the third straight game that he cracked the century mark in receiving yards and the 13th time in his brilliant career. Fullback **Josh Roth** led the Bulls rushing game with 11 carries for 47 yards and a touchdown, while tailback **Derrick Gordon**, seeing his first action of the season, had 15 carries for 46 yards.

Defensively, the Bulls were led by **Chris Shelly** who had 13 tackles, including two for loss, while fellow linebacker **Brandon Jordan** added 10 stops. **Chris Gray** added three solo tackles for the Bulls, including a sack and a forced fumble.

The Huskies were able to control the ball throughout the first half in rolling up a 24-0 lead. Northern Illinois had the ball over 18 minutes thanks to starting the game with six straight third down conversions. NIU ended up 8-of-11 for the game on third down.

QUOTABLE COACHES

Here are some excerpts from Northern Illinois head coach Joe Novak and UB head coach Craig Cirbus' MAC teleconferences on Monday morning.

Novak on the loss to W. Michigan...

"We ran into a real good football team. Western's playing really well right now, as well as anyone in our conference. We had a couple of turnovers in first half and they also had a long punt return, so they had three drives inside our 45 and they capitalized and scored. We certainly couldn't afford to do that."

Novak on how his team will react after loss in key West Division showdown...

"We can do some things that haven't been done in a long, long time around here. I think our football team will respond real well to the last four games of the season. We've got four games left, four games to accomplish some impor-

tant things. I don't want to see any heads hanging."

On what he sees in Buffalo...

"That's the one team that's the hardest to follow for us. We don't bump heads with them a lot in recruiting with our focus out here and theirs mainly in the East. We're not that familiar with them, but I'll say this, I think they are a much improved football team. I think Craig has them playing really well. They've been in every game and beat Bowling Green They are very much improved."

Craig Cirbus on his team's comeback against Ball State...

"I think it's remarkable, in light of what they've been through, the effort they continue to give. We create a turnover and score early in the game and then the rest of the first and second quarter, Ball State did a heckuva job and put up points to go into halftime 35-7. This team responded in the second half to make it 41-35, but Ball State did one heckuva job. They needed a big league drive and they went out and did it. We did anything possible to try to stop that drive and they were able to control the ball."

Craig Cirbus on his halftime speech...

"All I said was this wasn't to be a coaching deal in this second half. You've got to call it from within. Everyone is capable and we're going to keep doing what we're doing, but we're going to hold you accountable for the second half...and they just responded so well. It was an incredible comeback, one drive or a play here or there from posting one of the greatest wins in the history of this program."

Cirbus on Northern Illinois...

"I've seen a lot of film and I mean this sincerely, what I see on film is probably the best talent level that we've faced so far this year. That's one heckuva big, strong, good football team. I really admire

what Joe Novak has done there, with all the building and struggles they've gone through. He hasn't flinched a bit, knowing that a few years down the road they would turn the corner. They really have a big-league football team that is capable of beating anyone...they went toe-to-toe with Auburn."

FORDE CONTINUES TOUCHDOWN DRIVE

Sophomore split end **Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield)** has a new nickname: the Cris Carter of the MAC.

Carter, the future Hall-of-Famer of the Minnesota Vikings earned his fame for the slogan, "all he does is catch touchdowns."

Forde has now earned that reputation with the Bulls. He has caught six touchdown passes in the last five games, ranking him ninth in the MAC in scoring average per game (5.1 ppg), and has gotten to the end zone in five straight games, a figure unmatched by any UB player since the Bulls' return to Division I competition in 1993.

Forde continues to show an incredible ability at getting in the end zone. In his two-year career, Forde has now caught 34 passes of which eight of them have gone for touchdowns (or one in every 4.25 receptions). This year, his average is even better with six TD catches on 22 receptions (1:3.7 catches).

All eight of those career touchdown receptions have been from quarterback **Joe Freedy** and lately the two have been dialing long distance. Freedy and Forde combined for a 72-yard score at Marshall, the longest in four years at UB, a 61-yard TD strike at Ohio and a 37-yarder vs. Ball State

WILLIAMS CONTINUES TO MAKE BIG PLAY IMPACT FOR BULLS

Outside linebacker **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)** continues to be a



big-play force for the UB defense.

The junior currently ranks second in the MAC in sacks (7) and tackles for loss (10) and ranks fourth on the Bulls with 37 total tackles, including 27 solo stops.

Williams' seven sacks this season is just a half-sack behind Tony Jones (1989) figure of 7.5, good for 10th place in UB single-season history. The all-time record is Vince Canosa's 12.5 sacks in 1993.

BULLS GETTING SACK HAPPY

A big reason for the Bulls' improved play in 2000 comes from their ability to get to the quarterback.

Buffalo had four more sacks against Ball State and has already posted 18 sacks this season compared to the 12 it had all of last season.

SOMETHING IN THE NUMBER 15?

Junior quarterback *Joe Freedy* is beginning to etch his name into the UB record book and further into the lore of quarterbacks who have worn the number 15 at UB.

Freedy follows a long line of UB quarterbacks who have worn the #15, many with great results. The first was *Gordon Bukaty* (1958-60) who set the all-time offensive record with 2,493 net yards and helped UB to the Lambert Cup in 1958. His records were later rewritten by future NFL quarterback "Long" *John Stofa* (1961-63), who went on to play with the Miami Dolphins and Cincinnati Bengals.

Back in 1996, when the Bulls went 8-3 and gained their first national ranking as a Division I team (than as a I-AA entry), *Mark Taylor* led the Bulls at quarterback.

Freedy is now putting himself in those players' company as he is already among UB's career leaders in attempts (6th, 540), completions (5th, 287), yards (7th, 3,242), and touchdowns (T-7th, 20) as a junior.

Freedy's three touchdowns against Ball

State matched his career high and his 12 touchdown tosses this season already ranks seventh all-time for a single season. The school record is held by Marty Barrett with 18 in 1983.

In addition, *Freedy ranks 13th in the nation in pass completions per game (19.43 per game).*

MCKINE CONTINUES TO SHINE

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

McKine continues to lead the Bulls in receptions (29), is tied for first in yardage (388) and has UB's top single-game total of the season with his 10 grabs vs. Connecticut (9/16) for 122 yards.

McKine got to the end zone twice against Ball State and nearly made it a hat trick when he returned a punt 73 yards only to be tripped up at the Cardinal three-yard line.

At last check, McKine ranked among the top five true freshmen receivers in the nation in both receptions and pass receiving yardage.

The frosh was ranked the 73rd best player in the state of Florida by *Florida Prep Recruiting* going into his senior season.

SPENCER BREAKS INTO TOP TEN IN SOLO TACKLES

Senior *Carlos Spencer (Buffalo, NY/South Park)* moved into 10th place all-time in solo tackles with his three solo stops against Ball State.

Spencer now has 108 solo stops in his career, moving past former All-American linebacker **Gerry Quinlivan**. Quinlivan

was also caught by junior safety **Craig Rohlfs (Cincinnati, OH/Moeller)**, who had 12 solo stops on Saturday to move into a tie for 11th place with Quinlivan with 107 solo stops.

Senior **Tory Smith (Centereach, NY/Half Hollow East)** has 104 solo stops and will soon move into the career Top 10.

ROHLFS HAS BEST GAME OF SEASON; MOVES UP ON TWO LISTS

Not only did junior **Craig Rohlfs** inch closer to the Top Ten in solo tackles, he also moved up the list for career fumble recoveries by falling on two loose balls against Ball State.

Rohlfs had his finest game of the season with a career-best 15 tackles (12 solos), two for losses and the two fumble recoveries. He and **Carlos Spencer** also stopped a key fourth down play in the second half by Ball State.

Rohlfs now has five fumble recoveries in his career, tied for sixth all-time with John White, Dean Angelo, Mark Giacovelli and Keith Hansen, but just two away from the school record held by Dave May (1983-86) and Kevin Deakin (1986-89).

GRUNDY GATHERING STEAM

Junior fullback **Albert Grundy** became UB's first 100-yard rusher in a game since **Josh Roth** rambled for 114 yards at Virginia last season on Saturday against Ball State.

Grundy has made a huge impression since being inserted into the lineup on a regular basis in the second half against Ohio. He is averaging a team-best 5.9 yards per carry (25 carries for 148 yards), has scored two touchdowns and has also caught six passes for 44 yards.

HATS OFF TO UB'S HOGS

The Bulls' biggest graduation losses heading into 2000 were clearly on an offensive line that had the most combined



Zeke McKine



starts of any unit in Division I-A last season.

UB lost four of five starters and also saw a change at tight end where

Brandon

Shaughnessy

(**Stafford, NY/LeRoy**) took over the full-time duties from **Gabe Kogler (Hamburg, NY/Hamburg Central)**, who moved down the line to guard.

Saturday against Ball State, the UB offensive line put it all together, allowing the Bulls to rush for a season-high 252 yards on the ground while not allowing a sack and helping **Joe Freedy** throw three touchdown passes.

The UB front five – Kogler, senior **David Pruce (Chardon, OH/Chardon)**, sophomore **Matt**

Baniewicz (Fairport, NY/Valley Forge Military), junior **John Nolan (Lenexa, KS/Shawnee Mission West)** and junior **Tim Hedges (Buffalo, NY/Kenmore East)** –

have just gotten better and better as the season has progressed.

The UB offense is now averaging 302.3 yards per game while seeing its rushing average climb from 50 yards per game two weeks ago to 92.7 per game through seven weeks.

KELLER CLOSING IN ON EXTRA POINTS RECORD

Senior **Scott Keller (Amherst, NY/Amherst Central)** is close to taking over the top spot for extra points in a career.

Keller needs six PAT's to pass **Mark Mozrall** (1991-94) who accumulated 70 in



Gabe Kogler

his career.

TROUBLES ON TURF

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

UB is 3-11 on the fake stuff under Craig Cirbus and has lost its last 10 on turf, including a 63-7 loss to Syracuse at the Carrier Dome to open the season and a 47-14 loss at Marshall.

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 seven weeks of the 2000 season:

Third quarter blues. The Bulls are being outscored an incredible 97-14 in the third quarter thus far in 2000, but started to turn that trend against Ball State, outscoring the Cardinals 14-7 in that stanza, their first points of the season in the third quarter.

No hanky panky: The Bulls once again are among the fewest penalized teams in the MAC. Buffalo ranks second in the conference with just 36 penalties against for 291 yards. Opponents, meanwhile, have 45 penalties for 463 yards.

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 passing game out, with 14 players having caught aials already this year. UB's receiving leader, **Zeke McKine**, has caught 29 of UB's 136 completions (21.3%).

Getting in the backfield: Last season the Bulls recorded 67 tackles for loss for the entire season and just 12 sacks. So far in 2000, the Bulls have already registered 18 sacks and 62 tackles for loss. The Bulls are led by **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)** (10 tackles for loss) and **Chris Gray (Frewsburg, NY/Frewsburg)**, who



Tim Hedges

has nine tackles for loss.

BIRTHDAY BULLS

Sophomore **Andre Forde** and redshirt freshman **Mark Graham (Monroe, MI/Monroe)** both will turn 20 years old the day after the Northern Illinois game on Oct. 29th.

BULLS BEST BLOCKING OFTEN TIMES COMES 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.

Against Ball State, UB blocked a PAT that nearly made the difference in the game.

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

CAREER BESTS VERSUS BALL STATE

The following Bulls posted career-best totals against Ball State:

<i>Player</i>	<i>Career Best</i>
Albert Grundy	11 carries, 106 yds rushing
Marquis Dwart	20 att., 93 yds rushing
Zeke McKine	First two touchdowns
Craig Rohlf	15 total tackles

CAPTAINS FOR WEEK EIGHT

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.

This week he named junior guard **Tim Hedges (Buffalo, NY/Kenmore East)** on offense, senior linebacker **Marcus Cole (Buffalo, NY/Turner-Carroll)** on defense and senior **Tory Smith (Centereach, NY/Half Hollow East)** on special teams as captains for Northern Illinois.



BULLS SET SCHOOL RECORD FOR SACKS IN WIN OVER BG

The UB defense saw a pair of sack records fall in its first-ever MAC win against Bowling Green on Sept. 23.

Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby) earned the MAC's Defensive Player of the Week award after posting a school-record four sacks, while as a team the Bulls had seven sacks in the game, another all-time best.

Williams shattered the record held by **Vince Canosa**, who had 3.5 sacks against Buffalo State on October 16, 1993.

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 one of the least experienced in the MAC.

Senior *David Pruce (Chardon, OH/Chardon)* is the only lineman to have started a game on the offensive line heading into this season. Pruce has the longest current starting streak on the team, having started 31 straight games dating back to 1997.

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:

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

ON THE AIRWAVES

All 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 three 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 be part of the MAC Game of the Week Package on ESPN Plus and Empire Sports with **Jim Brinson** and **Charles Arbuckle** on the call.

UB's final two home games will air on tape delay on Adelphia with *Brian Blessing* and *Mark Collins* on the call with *Gary Pulpaff* handling sideline duties. The remaining Adelphia schedule:

<i>Game</i>	<i>Replay Date/Time</i>
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 18-44 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.

Joe Novak (Miami, OH, '67) holds a career mark of 11-39 at Northern Illinois and is in his 33rd season of coaching. Novak has won nine of his last 14 games and the last five in a row at home.

RECORD BOOK UPDATE

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

<i>Player</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Place/No.</i>
Joe Freedy	Pass completions	5th/287
Joe Freedy	Passing yards	7th-3,242
Joe Freedy	Passing touchdowns	T-7th/20
Joe Freedy	200+-yard passing games	8th/4
Joe Freedy	Total offense	11th/2,968
Derrick Gordon	100-yard rushing games	T-9th/2
Chris Shelly	Forced fumbles, career	T-5th/5
Craig Rohlfis	Forced fumbles, career	T-9th/3
Craig Rohlfis	Fumble recoveries, career	T-6th/5
Scott Keller	Field goals, career	4th/13
Scott Keller	Extra points, career	2nd/65
Scott Keller	Points kicking, career	T-3rd/110
Scott Keller	Points scored, career	9th/110
Mike Masucci	Total punts, career	2nd/179
Mike Masucci	Total punting yards, career	2nd/6,936
Dahnel Singfield	Kickoff returns, career	2nd/47
Dahnel Singfield	KO return yardage, career	2nd/973

STILL LOOKING FOR PAYDIRT ON KICKOFF RETURN

The Bulls have gone 117 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.

BULLS AGAINST THE MAC

The Bulls currently have an all-time record of 11-25 against the MAC. The breakdown: Akron (0-1), Ball State (0-3), Bowling Green (1-0), Central Michigan (0-1), Eastern Michigan (0-0), Kent State (4-3), Marshall (1-4), Miami, OH (0-2), Northern Illinois (1-2), Ohio University (2-5), Toledo (2-3) and Western Michigan (0-1).



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• GAME RECAP – WEEK 7 • BALL STATE 44, BUFFALO 35 OCTOBER 21, 2000 • UB STADIUM AMHERST, NY

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Ball State	14	21	6	3	44
Buffalo	7	0	14	14	35

Team	Per. Time	Scoring Play
UB	1 13:26	Forde 37 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 7-0
BSU	1 7:10	Merriweather 1 run (Langford kick), 7-7
BSU	1 3:26	Manley 39 blocked punt return (Langford kick), 14-7
BSU	2 12:37	Streit 8 pass from Hill (Langford kick), 21-7
BSU	2 6:55	Merriweather 10 run (Langford kick), 28-7
BSU	2 :19	Westbrook 27 pass from Hill (Langford kick), 35-7
UB	3 11:16	Freedy 1 run (Keller kick), 35-14
BSU	3 3:22	Schembra 43 pass from Hill (Langford kick), 41-14
UB	3 2:18	McKine 20 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 41-21
UB	4 13:49	McKine 48 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 41-28
UB	4 6:40	Grundy 2 run (Keller kick), 41-35
BSU	4 1:11	Langford 21 FG, 44-35

•Team Statistics•

	Cardinals	Bulls
First downs	24	21
Rushing Attempts-Yards	57-192	44-252
Passing yards	248	172
Passing (C-A-I)	13-18-0	14-24-1
Offensive plays	75	68
Total net yards	440	424
Average gain per play	5.9	6.2
Fumbles (number-lost)	3-2	1-1
Penalties (number-yards)	3-49	2-19
Interceptions by (number-yards)	1-7	0-0
Number of Punts-Avg.	4-30.0	3-31.0
Punt returns-yards	2-60	2-73
Kickoff returns-yards	3-49	7-107
Possession time	33:57	26:03
Third down conversions	2-of-10	5-of-13
Fourth down conversions	1-of-2	1-of-5
Sacks by (number-yards)	0-0	4-32

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Grundy 11-106, Dwarte 20-93, Brereton 3-24, Smith 1-11, Jackson 1-8, Freedy 1-8, Gordon 2-(-1), Forde 1-(-3), Team 1-10. BSU: Merriweather 30-178, Jones 12-19, Conn 1-3, Hill 12-(-5), Team 2-(-3).
Passing: UB: Freedy 14-24-1 172. BSU: Hill 13-18-0 248.
Receiving: UB: Dwarte 4-9, McKine 3-78, Forde 2-51, Shaughnessy 2-18, Jackson 1-6, Lindsay 1-5, Grundy 1-5. BSU: Schembra 8-181, Westbrook 2-38, Eckert 1-11, Lynch 1-10, Streit 1-8.
Time of game: 3:17. **Attendance** – 13,064

• GAME RECAP – WEEK 6 • OHIO 42, BUFFALO 20 OCTOBER 7, 2000 • PEDEN STADIUM ATHENS, OH

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buffalo	7	0	0	13	20
Ohio	7	14	14	7	42

Team	Per. Time	Scoring Play
OU	1 3:22	Mohler 40 pass from Jackson (Kerr kick), 7-0
UB	1 :33	Forde 61 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 7-7
OU	2 11:06	Patterson 5 run (Kerr kick), 14-7
OU	2 1:36	R. Ray 20 run (Kerr kick), 21-7
OU	3 11:29	Brinker 5 run (Kerr kick), 28-7
OU	3 5:19	Brinker 1 run (Kerr kick), 35-7
OU	4 12:20	R. Ray 39 pass from F. Ray (Kerr kick), 42-7
UB	4 4:47	Grundy 4 run (Keller kick), 42-14
UB	4 :28	Walker 6 pass from Freedy (kick failed), 42-20

•Team Statistics•

	Bulls	Bobcats
First downs	22	25
Rushing Attempts-Yards	46-145	62-367
Passing yards	262	109
Passing (C-A-I)	17-31-1	4-8-1
Offensive plays	77	70
Total net yards	407	476
Average gain per play	5.3	6.8
Fumbles (number-lost)	3-3	2-0
Penalties (number-yards)	5-49	6-52
Interceptions by (number-yards)	1-48	1-18
Number of Punts-Avg.	4-48.0	1-52.0
Punt returns-yards	1-6	4-35
Kickoff returns-yards	7-103	2-36
Possession time	30:23	29:37
Third down conversions	5-of-15	5-of-9
Fourth down conversions	4-of-5	0-of-2
Sacks (number-yards)	0-0	4-36

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Dwarte 18-87, Walker 9-39, Grundy 9-34, Gordon 4-20, Brereton 1-1, Freedy 5-(-31). OU: Jackson 14-139, Brinker 15-73, Sherrill 10-57, Patterson 13-50, R. Ray 4-44, Rozzoni 1-9, Logan 2-7, F. Ray 3-(-12).
Passing: UB: Freedy 17-31-1 262. OU: Jackson 1-5-1 40, F. Ray 3-3-0 69.
Receiving: UB: Grundy 4-35, Forde 3-85, McKine 3-75, Singfield 2-22, Shaughnessy 2-15, Barber 1-13, Lindsay 1-11, Walker 1-6. OU: Gandy 2-30, Mohler 1-40, Ray 1-39.
Time of game: 3:11. **Attendance** – 17,634



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• GAME RECAP – WEEK 5 •

MARSHALL 47, BUFFALO 14

SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 • MARSHALL STADIUM

HUNTINGTON, WV

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buffalo	0	14	0	0	14
Marshall	7	10	21	9	47

Team	Per.	Time	Scoring Play
MU	1	1:21	Foye 53 pass from Leftwich (Jenkins kick), 7-0
UB	2	9:22	Singfield 18 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 7-7
MU	2	6:08	Rodgers 1 run (Jenkins kick), 14-7
UB	2	5:47	Forde 72 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 14-14
MU	2	:26	Jenkins 36 FG, 17-14
MU	3	8:30	Watts 61 pass from Leftwich (Jenkins kick), 24-14
MU	3	1:00	Wallace 1 run (Jenkins kick), 31-14
MU	3	0:00	Washington 3 pass fro Leftwich (Jenkins kick), 38-14
MU	4	13:28	Tisdale safety, blocked punt out of end zone, 40-14
MU	4	10:11	Washington 90 pass from Galbraith (Jenkins kick), 47-14

•Team Statistics•

	Bulls	Thundering Herd
First downs	10	26
Rushing Attempts-Yards	25-6	46-148
Passing yards	186	483
Passing (C-A-I)	15-28-1	28-41-2
Offensive plays	53	87
Total net yards	192	631
Average gain per play	3.6	7.3
Fumbles (number-lost)	2-1	0-0
Penalties (number-yards)	4-26	14-191
Interceptions by (number-yards)	2-56	1-39
Number of Punts-Avg.	10-36.1	3-44.7
Punt returns-yards	1-5	4-33
Kickoff returns-yards	6-103	4-56
Possession time	24:19	35:32
Third down conversions	2-of-13	4-of-14
Fourth down conversions	0-of-1	1-of-4
Sacks (number-yards)	2-21	2-11

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Dwarte 8-17, Jackson 3-17, Brereton 2-7, Gordon 4-3, Gaydosz 1-(-4), Barber 1-(-13), Freedy 6-(-21). MU: Rodgers 16-49, Carey 5-46, Watts 3-32, Wallace 6-18, Spearman 1-5, Coke 6-1, Pertee 2-1, Galbraith 1-(-1), Leftwich 6-(-3).

Passing: UB: Freedy 15-28-1 186. MU: Leftwich 25-36-2 378, Galbraith 3-5-0 105.

Receiving: UB: Singfield 4-61, Gordon 3-(-5), Forde 2-84, McKine 2-9, Shaughnessy 1-17, Dwarte 1-14, Barber 1-3, Brereton 1-3. MU: Washington 7-143, Foye 4-97, Watts 3-91, Cooper 3-47, Poole 3-34, Rodgers 2-26, Jones 2-15, Kellett 2-14, Carey 1-9, Wallace 1-7.

Time of game: 3:18. **Attendance** – 29,089

• 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	Scoring Play
UB	1	4:48	Bartoszek 2 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 7-0
BGSU	2	11:33	Gibson 2 run (Knapp kick), 7-7
BGSU	2	9:50	Sahm 1 run (Knapp kick), 14-7
UB	2	6:31	Forde 3 pass from Freedy (kick failed), 14-13
BGSU	4	13:22	Knapp 32 FG, 17-13
UB	4	1:27	Dwarte 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, Dwarte 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), Sahm 6-(-12), Schneider 4-(-21).

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

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

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



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• GAME RECAP – WEEK 3 •

CONNECTICUT 24, BUFFALO 21

SEPTEMBER 16, 2000 • UB STADIUM

BUFFALO, NY

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Connecticut	3	7	7	7	24
Buffalo	3	10	0	8	21

Team Per. Time

Team	Per.	Time
UC	1	8:56
UB	1	3:36
UB	2	11:55
UC	2	8:06
UB	2	:12
UC	3	8:48
UC	4	9:18
UB	4	2:21

Scoring Play

Heyl 21 FG, 3-0
Keller 20 FG, 3-3
Forde 38 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 3-10
Collins 6 pass from Tracey (Heyl kick), 10-10
Keller 23 FG, 13-10
Fitzsimmons 22 pass from Tracey (Heyl kick), 17-13
Small 2 run (Heyl kick), 24-13
Forde 3 pass from Freedy (McKine pass), 24-21

•Team Statistics•

	Huskies	Bulls
First downs	22	21
Rushing Attempts-Yards	38-139	36-101
Passing yards	199	259
Passing (C-A-I)	20-37-0	26-39-1
Offensive plays	75	76
Total net yards	338	360
Average gain per play	4.5	4.7
Fumbles (number-lost)	1-1	1-1
Penalties (number-yards)	4-20	5-37
Interceptions by (number-yards)	1-8	0-0
Number of Punts-Avg.	6-29.5	6-38.0
Punt returns-yards	1-5	3-19
Kickoff returns-yards	5-116	4-85
Possession time	30:23	29:37
Third down conversions	8-of-16	8-of-17
Fourth down conversions	0-of-1	0-of-0
Sacks (number-yards)	1-7	3-14

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Gordon 9-45, McDonald 17-39, Freedy 6-9, Brereton 2-8, Dwarte 2-0. UC: Small 29-137, Tracey 7-5, Benson 1-(-1), Team 1-(-2).
Passing: UB: Freedy 26-39-1 259, Team 0-1-0 0. UC: Tracey 20-37-0 199.
Receiving: UB: McKine 10-122, Forde 6-95, Gordon 5-11, McDonald 3-7, Shaughnessy 2-24. UC: Fitzsimmons 4-49, Timko 4-37, Hill 3-42, Small 3-16, O'Connor 2-27, Sorrells 2-19, Collins 2-9.
Time of game: 3:17. **Attendance** – 13,678

• GAME RECAP – WEEK 2 •

RUTGERS 59, BUFFALO 0

SEPTEMBER 9, 2000 • RUTGERS STADIUM

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	17	14	28	0	59

Team Per. Time

Team	Per.	Time
RU	1	13:52
RU	1	3:09
RU	1	3:09
RU	2	2:48
RU	2	1:17
RU	3	12:44
RU	3	9:39
RU	3	6:13
RU	3	2:26

Scoring Play

Ohene 3 run (Barone kick), 7-0
Barone 31 FG, 10-0
King 7 pass from McMahon (Barone kick), 17-0
Stringer 20 pass from McMahon (Barone kick), 24-0
Johnson 7 pass from McMahon (Barone kick), 31-0
Anderon 2 run (Barone kick), 38-0
King 15 pass from McMahon (Barone kick), 45-0
Anderson 8 run (Barone kick), 52-0
Stringer 15 pass from McMahon (Barone kick), 59-0

•Team Statistics•

	Bulls	Scarlet Knights
First downs	17	19
Rushing Attempts-Yards	37-(-7)	39-187
Passing yards	223	266
Passing (C-A-I)	24-25-1	19-29-0
Offensive plays	82	68
Total net yards	216	453
Average gain per play	2.6	6.7
Fumbles (number-lost)	5-3	3-1
Penalties (number-yards)	5-44	2-20
Interceptions by (number-yards)	0-0	1-39
Number of Punts-Avg.	9-32.3	3-42.0
Punt returns-yards	0-0	7-102
Kickoff returns-yards	5-93	1-22
Possession time	33:02	26:30
Third down conversions	2-of-16	3-of-11
Fourth down conversions	1-of-4	0-of-2
Sacks (number-yards)	0-0	4-33

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: McDonald 6-16, Gordon 12-15, Smith 1-14, Dwarte 3-13, Grundy 4-8, Brereton 1-2, Singfield 1-1, Freedy 7-(-42), Team 2-(-34). RU: Ohene 6-75, Leonor 10-40, Thomas 5-24, McMahon 2-24, Anderson 8-23, Ciurciu 1-3, Hinton 4-1, Stanton 1-0, Lovelace 1-(-1), Jones 1-(-2).
Passing: UB: Freedy 24-45-1 223. RU: McMahon 17-25-0 249, Jones 2-4-0 17.
Receiving: UB: McKine 4-58, Shaughnessy 4-46, McDonald 4-27, Singfield 3-32, Lindsay 3-24, Dwarte 2-19, Forde 1-8, Bartoszek 1-5, Grundy 1-4, Gordon 1-0. RU: King 5-73, Johnson 4-16, Smith 3-41, Stringer 2-35, Hobbs 1-57, Carty 1-19, Lovelace 1-9, Thomas 1-9, Mahoney 1-8.
Time of game: 3:11. **Attendance** – 26,511



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

•Scoring Summary•

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

Team	Per.	Time	Scoring Play
SU	1	11:50	Davis 1 run (Shafer kick), 7-0
SU	1	7:36	Davis 2 run (kick failed), 13-0
SU	2	12:06	Johnson 4 run (Tyree pass from Nunes), 21-0
SU	2	8:22	Brown 2 pass from Nunes (Shafer kick), 28-0
SU	2	5:15	Harris 91 fumble return (Shafer kick), 35-0
SU	3	12:06	Brown 1 run (Shafer kick), 42-0
SU	3	7:49	Davis 20 run (Shafer kick), 49-0
SU	3	5:27	Tyree 20 blocked punt return (Shafer kick), 56-0
SU	4	6:27	Ferri 25 run (Shafer kick), 63-0
UB	4	:34	Singfield 34 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 63-7

•Team Statistics•

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

•Individual Statistics•

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

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

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

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

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

• JOE FREEDY •

13th in the nation in pass completions per game (19.43)
 6th in the MAC in passing average per game (107.6)
 6th in the MAC in total offense per game (188.3)
 7th in the MAC in pass efficiency rating (116.0)

• ANDRE FORDE •

9th in the MAC in TD scoring average (5.1 ppg)
 8th in the MAC in kickoff return average (17.8)
 10th in the MAC in all-purpose yardage (102.7)

• DUANE WILLIAMS •

T-2nd in the MAC in sacks per game (1.0)
 T-3rd in the MAC in tackles for loss per game (1.3)

• CHRIS GRAY •

11th in the MAC in tackles per game (9.9)

• BUFFALO BULLS TEAM RANKINGS IN THE MAC •

11th in rushing offense per game (94.7 ypg)
6th in passing offense per game (207.6 ypg)
9th in total offense per game (302.3 ypg)
10th in scoring offense per game (16.7 ppg)
11th in net punting per attempt (28.3 ypg)
2nd in punt return average (12.2 ypr)
11th in kickoff return average (15.0 ypr)
11th in rushing defense per game (207.0 ypg)
6th in pass defense (207.1 ypg)
11th in total defense – yards per game (414.1 ypg)
13th in scoring defense per game (42.3 ppg)
13th in turnover margin per game (-2.00)

• BULLS-HUSKIES STATISTICAL COMPARISON •

	Buffalo	Northern Illinois
Points Per Game	16.7	34.3
Rushing Offense	94.7	211.6
Passing Offense	207.6	189.4
Total Offense	302.3	401.0
Rushing Defense	207.0	131.3
Passing Defense	207.1	219.4
Total Defense	414.1	350.7
Kickoff Returns	15.0	20.0
Punt Returns	12.2	10.3
Net Punting	28.3	28.0
Third Down Conversions	27.6%	40.6%
Fourth Down Conversions	43.8%	16.7%
Turnover Margin	-2.00	+1.00
Penalties	36-291	52-458



Bulls Two-Deep

▪ OFFENSE ▪

FL	86 – Zeke McKine	9 – Danel Singfield	82 – Dan Lindsay
TE	88 – Brandon Shaughnessy	84 – Chad Bartoszek	87 – Mark Campanella
LT	74 – David Pruce	79 – Andy Avery	
LG	58 – Matt Baniewicz	56 – Rob Meyer	
C	60 – John Nolan	64 – Kevin Dunn	68 – Aaron McMickle
RG	62 – Gabe Kogler	56 – Rob Meyer	
RT	66 – Tim Hedges	71 – Brian Johnessee	
TB	28 – Marquis Dwart	31 – Derrick Gordon	42 – Kenon Jackson
FB	27 – Marvin Brereton	32 – Albert Grundy	
QB	15 – Joe Freedy	13 – Mike Gaydosz	
SE	81 – Andre Forde	80 – Rob Barber	

▪ DEFENSE ▪

LT	37 – Jamie Guerra	91 – Omari Jordan	90 – Steve Fleming
NG	96 – Bob Dzvonic	50 – Marcus Claret	78 – Ron Gannello
RT	43 – Joe McKoy	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 – Youldain Marcellus	
FS	24 – Craig Rohlfs	5 – Bobby Johnson	30 – Mark Quinn
W/CB	35 – Mike Lambert	4 – Mark Graham	

▪ SPECIAL TEAMS ▪

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



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▪ OFFENSE ▪

SE	82 – P.J. Fleck	80 – Keith Perry	
LT	73 – Tim Vincent	77 – Mark Orszula	
LG	59 – Kyle Jakubek	60 – Joel Ellis	
C	76 – McAllister Collins	63 – Todd Ghilani	
RG	69 – Graham Sleight	2 – Greg Clemens	
RT	74 – Ryan Diem	66 – Jake Verstraete	
TE	86 – Matt Dunker	84 – Joey Reed	
QB	19 – Chris Finley	9 – Dan Urban	
FB	41 – Alan Rood	33 – James Johnson	
TB	28 – Thomas Hammock	32 – Michael Turner	
FLK	85 – Justin McCareins	88 – Turner Pugh	

▪ DEFENSE ▪

LE	92 – Lewis Miskowicz	98 – Jon Peters	
DT	95 – Darian Tate	94 – Anthony Falbo	
NT	51 – Eric Didesch	67 – Rashad Walker	
RE	53 – Trent Clemen	58 – Joe Busald	
SLB	44 – Cameron Saulsby	46 – Ryan Laenti	
MLB	42 – Kevin Selover	45 – Nick Duffy	
WLB	26 – Larry Williams	20 – Rocky Newton	
LCB	29 – Demerist Whitfield	8 – Chauncy O'Neal	
SS	25 – Jermaine Hampton	5 – Jon Pedergrass	
FS	1 – Buster Sampson	21 – Akli Grant	
RCB	17 – Vince Thompson	18 – Randee Drew	

▪ SPECIAL TEAMS ▪

P	4 – Jimmy Erwin	11 – Jason Hogrefe	
PK	13 – Steve Azar	6 – Brian Grider	
HLD	9 – Dan Urban	19 – Chris Finley	
KO	4 – Jimmy Erwin		
SNP	63 – Todd Ghilani	74 – Ryan Diem	
KOR	85 – Justin McCareins	29 – Demerist Whitfield	
PR	85 – Justin McCareins		