



2003 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WEEKLY FOOTBALL RELEASE

• THIS WEEK'S GAME •

BUFFALO (1-8, 1-4 MAC) AT TOLEDO (5-3, 3-1 MAC)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2003 • 7:00 PM
GLASS BOWL (26,248) • TOLEDO, OH
MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE GAME
WGR RADIO (550-AM)



BULLS HEAD TO THE GLASS CITY FOR FIRST TIME

After two straight home games – including an impressive come-from-behind 26-17 win over Ohio on Saturday – Buffalo hits the road to face the two-time defending MAC West champion Toledo Rockets at the Glass Bowl. This is the first meeting between the two schools since 1970 - and it means that UB will have now faced every MAC team since joining the conference in 1999.

Buffalo is 0-4 when playing away from home this season, having lost MAC road contests to Central Florida and Miami. The Rockets meanwhile, won their lone MAC home game over Eastern Michigan and have gone 3-0 at the Glass Bowl, including a 35-31 win over nationally-ranked Pittsburgh.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

The Bulls are looking to win back-to-back games for the first time since consecutively defeating Ohio and Army during the 2001 season. UB is also looking to pick up its first-ever MAC road win.

Toledo meanwhile, is attempting to bounce back from a 38-14 loss at Ball State. The Rockets currently sit one game behind Bowling Green for the MAC West Division lead. Toledo has not lost back-to-back regular season games since 1999, when they dropped consecutive games to Eastern Michigan and Louisiana Tech.

WILLIAMS, GIBSON PUTTING THE "STRONG" IN SAFETY

Sophomore **Gemara Williams (Oak Park, MI/Brother Rice)** and junior **J.J. Gibson (Buffalo, NY/Sweet Home)** have been an impressive strong safety combination for the Bulls this season.

Last week versus Ohio, Williams recovered a fumble along with making nine tackles, including a half-sack. On the season, he leads UB with five passes defended and is second on the squad with 62 tackles. His 6.9 tackles per game rank 47th in the MAC.



Gemara Williams

Gibson ranks fourth on the Bulls with 34 solo tackles. He is sixth all-time at UB with 142 career solo tackles. Craig Guest (1993-96) tops the career solo tackles list with 236.

Gibson had gone his first 30 games without recording a quarterback sack, but two weeks ago he sacked Marshall quarterback Stan Hill three times for total losses of 30 yards.

Gibson's three sacks were the most for Buffalo since Duane Williams

Storylines For Week 10

- Senior kicker **Dallas Pelz** needs just one field goal to become the career leader in school history. Pelz tied Gerald Carlson (1993-96) at the top of the list (28 career field goals) with his four successful kicks – all in the second half – during Saturday's win over Ohio. Pelz is 7-of-10 on the season in the field goal department and a perfect 10-for-10 on PATs.
- This will be the first meeting between the Bulls and the Rockets on the gridiron since Buffalo entered the MAC in 1999. Toledo holds a 3-2 edge in the all-time series.
- Toledo leads the MAC in punt return average (21.2), while UB has given up five punt returns for scores in '03.

(2000-01) had a school-record four versus Bowling Green in 2000.

In 2001, Gibson became the first freshman in UB history to record over 100 tackles in a season.

• Inside The Game •



<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>versus</i>	<i>Toledo</i>
Buffalo, NY	Location	Toledo, OH
26,168	Enrollment	20,014
1846	Year Founded	1872
Mid-American (East Division)	Conference	Mid-American (West Division)
UB Stadium/31,000	Stadium/Capacity	Glass Bowl/26,248
Natural Grass	Surface	NeXturf
William R. Greiner	President	Dr. Daniel Johnson
Bill Maher (interim)	Athletic Director	Michael O'Brien
Jim Hofher	Head Coach	Tom Amstutz
Cornell, '79	Alma Mater	Toledo, '77
49-63 (12th year)	Overall Record	(24-10, 3rd year)
5-27 (3rd year)	Record at School	(24-10, 3rd year)
0-0	Versus Opponent	0-0
1-8 overall, 1-4 MAC, 0-4 on road	Records	5-3 overall, 3-1 MAC, 3-0 at home
Multiple/4-3	Offensive/Defensive Sets	Spread/4-4
Paul Vecchio (716-645-6761)	Football Contact	Paul Helgren (419-530-4918)
www.buffalobulls.com	Web Site	www.utroockets.com



GOLDEN GRAHAM

Senior free safety Mark Graham (Monroe, MI/Monroe) is putting together an All-MAC caliber season and has played his best football in recent weeks. In the Bulls' win over Ohio last week, Graham posted a career-high 15-tackle game and also recovered his team-best third fumble of the season. His three fumble recoveries also have him tied for the MAC lead in that category.



Mark Graham

Graham - who leads Buffalo with 78 tackles and 6.5 tackles for loss this season - is ranked 24th in the MAC with 8.7 tackles per game.

Graham is already UB's all-time leader in passes defended in a career with 37. His 12 career interceptions are tied for fourth all-time at Buffalo, while his 177 solo tackles rank third all-time at UB.

Along with his 12 career picks, Graham now has three fumble recoveries in his career - meaning he has

captured 15 opponents' turnovers. That has him ranked fourth on UB's all-time turnovers captured list, which reads as follows:

Player (Years)	FRs	INTs	Total TOs
Steve Nappo (1984-86)	4	19	23
John Bernard (1980-83)	2	18	20
Andy Hurley (1983-84)	1	16	17
Mark Graham (2000-pres.)	3	12	15
Gerry Quinlivan (1981-84)	6	8	14

YOUNG GUNS ARE SIX SHOOTERS

A look at Buffalo's scoring chart this season shows just how young the Bulls are offensively.

Every offensive touchdown scored by the Bulls this season has been scored by non-seniors, and more impressively, 75% of those touchdowns have come from those with eligibility through 2005 or beyond.



Steven King

UB has gotten two touchdowns from freshmen Steven King (Hempstead, NY/Uniondale) and sophomores Aaron Leeper (Jamestown, NY/Jamestown) and P.J. Piskorik (Swoyersville, PA/Wyoming Valley

Date	Opponent	Time/Score
8/30	at Rutgers	L, 24-10
9/6	at Iowa	L, 56-7
9/13	Colgate	L, 38-15
9/20	Connecticut	L, 38-7
9/27	Akron*	L, 38-21
10/4	at Central Florida*	L, 19-10
10/11	at Miami (OH)*	L, 59-3
10/18	Marshall*#	L, 26-16
10/25	Ohio*	W, 26-17
11/1	at Toledo*	7 pm
11/8	Northern Illinois*	1 pm
11/22	at Kent State*	4 pm

*Mid-American Conference games
Homecoming weekend

West) and one each from sophomore Dave Dawson (Camp Hill, PA/Bishop McDevitt) and freshmen Chris McDuffie (Amherst, NY/Williamsville North) and Chad Upshaw (Southport, CT/St. Joseph's). The only juniors to score are flanker Matt Knueven (Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle), twice, and tight end Brian Miller (Santa Clarita, CA/Valencia).

DALLAS STARS

With four field goals last week, senior kicker Dallas Pelz (Holland, NY/St. Francis) has moved into a tie with Gerald Carlson (1993-96) on UB's

• MAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (OCTOBER 27) •

• EAST DIVISION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK •

Offense: Darius Watts, Marshall, wide receiver (Sr., College Park, Ga.) - Watts amassed 211 all-purpose yards on 13 touches, an average of 16.2 yards each time he touched the ball in Marshall's 41-21 win at Western Michigan. Watts' 54-yard first-quarter reception set up the Herd's game-tying touchdown and his nine-yard touchdown reception later in the first quarter gave Marshall the lead for good at 14-7.

Defense: Mark Graham, Buffalo, defensive back (Sr., Monroe, Mich.) - Graham led the Bulls to their first win of the season with a career-best 15 tackles (10 solo), three tackles for loss, a fumble recovery, a pass breakup, a half-sack and a quarterback hurry vs. Ohio. UB overcame a 14-0 deficit to capture a 26-17 victory. Graham's fumble recovery in Bulls' territory came in the second quarter with UB trailing 14-7.

Special Teams: Dallas Pelz, Buffalo, placekicker (Sr., Holland, N.Y.) - Pelz matched a career-high four field goals as the Bulls snapped an 18-game losing streak in a 26-17 win over Ohio. His three fourth-quarter field goals (33, 34 and 24 yards) broke a 17-17 tie and provided the margin of victory. Pelz shook off two first half missed field goal attempts to make all four second half attempts.

• WEST DIVISION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK •

Offense: Josh Harris, Bowling Green, quarterback (Sr., Westerville, Ohio) - Harris posted the single highest total offense output in league history in a conference game and second-highest overall in MAC history with 527 yards in leading the Falcons to a 34-18 win over No. 12 ranked Northern Illinois. Harris completed 27-of-43 passes for a career-high 438 yards and three touchdowns.

Defense: Janssen Patton, Bowling Green, cornerback (Sr., Stone Mountain, Ga.) - Patton tied his own school record with three interceptions in the Falcons' 34-18 win over Northern Illinois. Patton's three picks boosted his career total to 18, the third-highest total in MAC history. Patton's seven interceptions this year leads the MAC and is tied for the most in the nation this year.

Special Teams: Charles Sharon, Bowling Green, punt returns (So., Palatka, Fla.) - Sharon's four punt returns for 52 yards, including one for 23 yards, aided the Falcons' field position in their 34-18 win over Northern Illinois.



career field goals made list.

Pelz also tied his personal and a Bulls' single-game high with four field goals - he also achieved the feat on November 10, 2001, in a win at Army.



Dallas Pelz

The 14 points that Pelz registered on the afternoon tied a UB single-game high for a kicker - Bernie Weber recorded the same amount with three field goals and five extra points on October 2, 1982, versus Buffalo State.

Pelz now has 121 career points, which moves him into ninth-place all-time on UB's career scoring list (fourth-place amongst kickers).

SACKS COMING IN BUNCHES

After recording just five sacks in its first seven games, the Bulls have dropped opposing quarterbacks eight times in the last two games.

The Bulls sacked Marshall quarterback Stan Hill a season-high five times two weeks ago and got three more in the win versus Ohio.

The Bulls rank 10th in the MAC this season with 13 total sacks and have spread them out among eight players. Mark Graham and J.J. Gibson lead the way with three sacks each.

SECONDARY TO NONE

Three UB freshmen - Delando

Bradford (Franklin, MI/Groves), Brandon Smith (Miami, FL/Coral Reef) and Michael Arroyo (Seymour, CT/Seymour) - have seen significant playing time at cornerback this season. Bradford is tied for second on the Bulls with four passes defended



Delando Bradford

and is alone in second with 37 solo tackles. Smith's 33 total tackles have him ranked eighth on the team, while Arroyo's total of 27 ranks 10th on the Bulls.

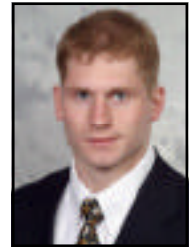
Two weeks ago - when Smith recorded a career-high six solo tackles - the trio held the dynamic Marshall wide receiver duo of Darius Watts and Josh Davis to a combined 153 receiving yards, while the Bulls' defense recorded five sacks against a Thundering Herd offense that had allowed only 10 through six games.

DAWSON'S STREAK

Sophomore Bulls' running back

Dave Dawson

recorded his third 100-yard game of the season and fourth of his career in last week's UB win over Ohio. His career total of four 100-yard games have him tied for fifth on UB's all-time list for 100-yard rushing games in a career.



Dave Dawson

On the season, Dawson ranks 14th in the MAC with 62.0 rushing yards per game.

One of the primary reasons for his success has been his ability to break

2003 Mid-American Conference Standings

East Division

Table with 5 columns: Team, MAC (W, L), Overall (W, L), Points (PF, PA), Strk. Rows include Miami, Marshall, Akron, Kent State, UCF, Ohio, Buffalo.

West Division

Table with 5 columns: Team, MAC (W, L), Overall (W, L), Points (PF, PA), Strk. Rows include Bowling Green, Northern Illinois, Toledo, Ball State, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan.

Last Week's Results

at Connecticut 38, Akron 37 at Buffalo 26, Ohio 17 at Ball State 38, Toledo 14 Miami 38, at Kent State 30 Marshall 41, at Western Michigan 21 at UCF 31, Central Michigan 13 *at #23/#26 Bowling Green 34, #12/#14 Northern Illinois 18

Tuesday's Game

Bowling Green at Miami, 7:30 [ESPN2]

Saturday's Games

Western Michigan at Connecticut, noon *Eastern Michigan at Central Michigan, 1:00 UCF at West Virginia, 1:00 *Ball State at Northern Illinois, 1:05 (CT) *Akron at Marshall, 4:30 *Buffalo at Toledo, 7:00

MAC games in italics



THE START CHART

The following list includes all 2003 players who have started at least one game at Buffalo. Numbers in parentheses indicate current streak of consecutive starts:

Table listing 2003 players and their consecutive start streaks. Includes names like Mark Graham, Jeff Mills, Erik Zeppuhar, etc.

QUICKIE STATS (2003)

Table of quickie stats for 2003, including 'Buffalo's record is:' and various performance metrics like 'When leading at the half'.

off long runs. He recorded his fourth 50-plus yard gain of the season with a 50-yard burst in the fourth quarter last week. He has four of the longest 10 runs in the MAC this season. On average this season, Dawson has a 50-plus yard run every 25.3 times he carries the ball.

Dawson has also recorded two of the longest five runs in UB's Division I-A history (since 1999) during this season. His 76-yard touchdown run at Rutgers remains the longest run by any back in the MAC this season. His 62-yard scamper at Central Florida also ranks as the fifth-longest run in the MAC this season.

Fellow sophomore Aaron Leeper also occupies a spot in UB's longest Division I-A runs list, ranking third with a 65-yard touchdown scamper at Marshall last season. The top five list reads as follows:

Table of top five longest runs: # Player, Yards, Date, Opponent. Includes Dave Dawson, Bam McDonald, Aaron Leeper, Albert Grundy, Dave Dawson.

THIRD DOWN'S NOT A CHARM

This season, UB has converted on just 34-of-139 third downs (24.5%) - the lowest percentage in the MAC. Meanwhile, Buffalo's opponents have converted 47-of-119 third downs (39.5%).

Last week against Ohio, UB converted on just 4-of-18 third downs (22.2%),

During Jim Hofher's tenure in Buffalo, the Bulls have a 4-2 record when converting 40 percent or better on third downs. This season, UB has not reached that plateau in any of its contests.

Toledo however, ranks dead last in the MAC, allowing its opponents to convert on 57-of-124 third downs (46.0%)

"BULL HEADED" IN THE RED ZONE

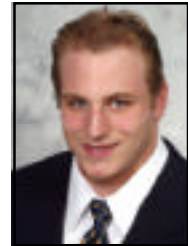
Buffalo has been strong defensively this season in the "Red Zone" - the area from the defensive team's 20-yard line to the end zone. The Bulls' offense has also been sound in the "Red Zone," putting points on the board better than three-quarters of the time.

Here are the numbers to date:

Table comparing UB and Opponent stats: Team, # in 20, Scores, TDsFGs, Score%, TD%. UB: 20, 16, 10, 6, 80.0%, 50.0%. Opp: 49, 36, 29, 7, 73.5%, 59.2%.

BLOCK PARTY

On the season, sophomore defensive tackle Rob Schroeder (East Rochester, NY/ East Rochester)



Rob Schroeder

has blocked a field goal and a pair of extra points. He blocked a PAT last week versus Ohio, while his other blocked extra point and the blocked field goal came earlier in the season at Central Florida.

Sophomore linebacker Rich Sanders (Miami, FL/Coral Reef) also blocked an extra point versus Ohio last week.

The field goal block versus UCF was the Bulls first since Schroeder blocked a field goal last season on September 14th against UConn. For his career, Schroeder has now blocked five kicks (three PATs and two field goals).

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

This season, the Bulls rank seventh in the MAC with 19.4 yards per kickoff return. Sophomore running backs Dave Dawson and Aaron Leeper have led the way for Buffalo as the deep backs.

Dawson - who had a career-high 46-yard kickoff return versus Akron earlier in the season - has the fourth-best kickoff return average in the MAC



(21.5 yards per kick return). That total also has Dawson ranked 65th in the country.

In terms of all-purpose yards (receiving, rushing and return yards combined), Dawson ranks 13th in the MAC with 102.6 per game, which also ranks 98th nationally.

Leeper ranks 11th in the MAC and 89th in the nation with an average of 19.5 yards per kick return.

Earlier this season against Miami, Leeper returned eight kickoffs – a school record for a single game – for a total of 134 yards. Only two other players in the country - Baylor's Willie Andrews and Hawaii's Ross Dickerson - have also had eight kickoff returns in one game this season.

KNUEVEN BETTER THAN THE REAL THING

UB wide receiver **Matt Knueven** has reestablished himself as a force in the Bulls' offense this season, following an injury-plagued sophomore campaign. Last week, the junior wideout caught a career-long 58-yard touchdown pass. On the season, he now has 28 catches for 395 yards (14.1 yards per reception), including two touchdown grabs.



Matt Knueven

Knueven also recorded a career-long 50-yard punt return in the fourth quarter of last week's game. UB's previous long this season was a 12-yard punt return.

With an average of 7.7 yards per punt return, Knueven is ranked seventh in the MAC.

PAJAMA PARTY

Sophomore quarterback **P.J. Piskorik** threw one touchdown pass and ran in one on his own last week in

UB's victory over Ohio. His 58-yard touchdown toss to Matt Knueven was the Bulls' longest pass play this season, as well as being a career-long pass for Piskorik.



P.J. Piskorik

Piskorik has made his presence felt as a mobile quarterback throughout his string of six consecutive starts. Piskorik is one of five MAC quarterbacks - along with Kent State's Josh Cribbs, Toledo's Bruce Gradkowski, Bowling Green's Josh Harris and Ohio's Fred Ray - to have over 200 net yards rushing and 600 yards passing.

Against UConn in his first collegiate start, Piskorik ran for 72 yards. That total was the highest for a Bulls' quarterback since UB Hall of Famer Cliff Scott ran for 121 yards (on 27 attempts) against Hofstra on October 24, 1992 - the final game at Old UB Stadium.

RETURNING TO THE BUCKEYE STATE

Four Bulls will be returning to their home state - **Bryan**

Cummings (Cincinnati, OH/Madeira), Obadiah Harris (Chillicothe, OH/Chillicothe), Matt Knueven and Dan Minocchi (Canton, OH/Canton Central Catholic).



Dan Minocchi

However, the game serves as more of a homecoming for All-MAC candidate **Mark Graham**, whose hometown of Monroe, MI, is only about 20 miles north of Toledo.

The only high school connection between UB and Toledo comes out of Brother Rice High School near Detroit, MI. Bulls' sophomore defensive end

BULLS IN THE RECORD BOOKS

CAREER PASSES DEFENDED (1987-PRESENT)

1	Mark Graham (2000-)	37
2	Terrence Fisher (1993-95)	29
3	Dave Short (1988-91)	28
4	Mike Lambert (1999-02)	27
5	Kareem Stroman (1993-94)	25
	Robert Harris (1992-93)	25
7	Mike Chichester (1993-96)	21
8	Jon Williams (1987-88)	20
9	Craig Rohlfis (1998-01)	19
10	Tory Smith (1997-2000)	17

SOLO TACKLES (1977-PRESENT)

1.	Craig Guest (1993-96)	236
2.	Pete Conley (1992-95)	191
3.	Mark Graham (2000-)	177
4.	Craig Rohlfis (1998-2001)	154
5.	Shane Currey (1978-81)	148
6.	J.J. Gibson (2001-)	146
7.	Mike Laipple (1983-86)	137
8.	Cosmo Nestola (1979-92)	135
9.	Tory Smith (1997-2000)	125
10.	Frank Berrafato (1978-81)	123

INTERCEPTIONS (1949-PRESENT)

1.	Steve Nappo (1984-86)	19
2.	John Bernard (1980-83)	18
3.	Andy Hurley (1983-84)	16
4.	Dan Sella (1964-66)	12
	Tim Hurd (1965-67)	12
	Mark Graham (2000-)	12
7.	Gordon Bukaty (1958-60)	11
8.	Craig Rohlfis (1998-2001)	10
9.	Tim Jones (1984-86)	9
	Jon Williams (1987-88)	9
	Dave Short (1988-91)	9

100-YARD GAMES (1977-PRESENT)

1	Anthony Swan (1994-97)	13
2	Alan Bell (1989-92)	10
3	O.D. Underwood (1986-87)	9
4	Pat Whitehead (1980-82)	6
5	Dave Rath (1987-88)	4
	Ray Hobson (1988-91)	4
	Todd Pace (1995-96)	4
	Dave Dawson (2002-)	4
9	Josh Roth (1996-99)	3
	Aaron Leeper (2002-)	3
	Marquis Dwarthe (2000-)	3
	Denrick Gordon (1998-2001)	3

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1	Lee Jones (1965-67)	29
	Anthony Swan (1994-97)	29
3	Alan Bell (1989-92)	26
4	O.D. Underwood (1986-87)	23
5	Cliff Scott (1991-94)	20
6	Joe Zelianski (1968-70)	17
	Pat Whitehead (1980-82)	17
8	Ray Hobson (1988-91)	16
9	Josh Roth (1996-99)	14
10	Donald Holland (1949-51)	12
	Gordon Bukaty (1958-60)	12
	Aaron Leeper (2002-)	12

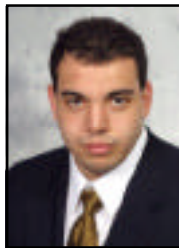


Phil Jacques (Farmington Hills, MI/ Brother Rice) and sophomore safety **Gemara Williams** each attended high school there, as did Rockets' redshirt freshman backup offensive tackle Jerry Agwa.

AND THEN THERE WERE FOUR

Last season, the Bulls had 12 players start every game during the season, with nine of those players returning 2003.

However, due to injuries and lineup changes just four of those players have kept their starting streak alive. **Mark**



Zack Love

Graham continues to lead UB with 37 straight starts, while **Jeff Mills (Wilkes-Barre, PA/Coughlin)** has 32 straight starts. After that, however, it drops to 21 straight starts for both offensive tackle **Zack Love (Wallingford, PA/Strath Haven)** and defensive end **Phil Jacques**.

RUNNING WITH THE BULLS

Thus far in 2003, Buffalo head coach Jim Hofher's goal of becoming a better running team has been reached.

The Bulls rank sixth in the MAC and 46th nationally with 166.0 rushing yards per game. This season's running success has been by virtue of excellent depth in the backfield from a youthful corps of talented backs.

Along with sophomores **Dave Dawson** and **Aaron Leeper**, the Bulls' running attack also includes redshirt freshmen **Steven King** and **Chris McDuffie**.

Those four have combined for 1,237 yards rushing and six touchdowns on 263 carries (4.7 yards per carry). Dawson leads the group with 62.0 rushing yards per game - a total that ranks 14th in the MAC and 86th in the

nation. Three of the four backs are currently averaging at least 4.4 yards per carry.

The contributions from that group are not limited to rushing yards, either. Along with his kick returning efforts, Dawson also leads the team with 12 special teams tackles. He also has a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. McDuffie has a pair of fumble recoveries on special teams plays, as well.

LEEPER BACK ON TRACK AFTER BIG FRESHMAN YEAR

Tailback **Aaron Leeper** broke all of Buffalo's freshman rushing records and claimed the MAC Freshman of the Year award with a breakout season in 2002.

He has continued that success this season, breaking over 1,000 career rushing yards at Iowa on September 6th. Leeper - who has averaged 4.0 yards per carry this season - now has 1,336 career rushing yards. He ranks 17th in the MAC with 46.6 rushing yards per game.

The former New York State Player of the Year had his best game of the season versus Akron with 61 yards on 13 carries.

In winning the MAC Freshman of the Year Award, Leeper became UB's first major award winner in the conference in its fourth season of competition.

"DANDY" DOM HAS PINNED OPPONENTS

Junior **Dominic Milano (Hacienda Heights, CA/Los Altos)** is putting a solid season together for the Bulls. Aside from averaging 37.7 yards per punt, Milano has dropped 17 punts inside the 20-yard line and nine punts inside the 10.

Milano's 64 punts this season rank in a tie for seventh for number of punts in a single season at UB. He ranks sixth in single-season total punt yardage with 2,415.

During the second quarter of last week's game, Milano had a punt downed at Ohio's three-yard line.

"BULL" MARKET IN THE FOURTH QUARTER

The Bulls outscored Ohio 16-0 in the fourth quarter to record their first win of the season, but the trend is nothing new for the Bulls in 2003.

On the season, UB has outscored its opponents, 48-24, in the fourth quarter, a testament to the Bulls' conditioning program.

WEIGHING IN AT THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE

Here are the average heights and weights on the UB and Toledo offensive and defensive lines when they are facing each other (projected starters only):

With Ball	Offense vs. Defense
Buffalo	6'4", 290 vs. 6'3", 264
Toledo	6'5", 316 vs. 6'3", 272

BULLS MAKE FIRST-EVER

Under Jim Hofher - Buffalo's record is:	
When leading at the half	3-0
When trailing at the half	2-26
When tied at the half	0-1
When leading after three quarters	3-1
When trailing after three quarters	1-26
When tied after three quarters	1-0
When scoring first	3-4
When opponent scores first	2-23
When running more plays than opponent	5-7
When opponent runs more plays	0-20
When committing more turnovers	0-10
When committing less turnovers	5-10
When turnovers are even	0-7
When committing at least two turnovers	1-14
When committing less than two turnovers	4-13
When winning time of possession	5-6
When opponent wins time of possession	0-21
When running 70 or more off. plays	5-9
When running less than 70 off. plays	0-18
Rushing for 200 yards or more	1-3
Rushing for less than 200 yards	4-24
When passing for 200 yards or more	3-5
When passing for less than 200 yards	2-22
When passing % is higher than 55%	3-4
When passing % is less than 55%	2-23
Gaining more total yards than opponent	5-0
Gaining less total yards than opponent	0-27
When third down conversion is over 40%	4-2
When third down conversion is under 40%	1-25
Playing at home	2-14
Playing on the road	3-13
Playing on natural grass	4-20
Playing on artificial surface	1-7



2003 Practice and Interview Schedule

Sunday

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

Monday

Coach Hofher on Mid-American Conference Media Teleconference from 10:38-10:46. Phone number: 913-981-5509. Replay number: 402-530-0485

Tuesday

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

Print and Radio Media

Interviews with players between 1:30-2:15 pm at UB Stadium. Coach Hofher by appointment only.

Television and Still Photographers

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

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Friday

No player/coaches interviews.

Saturday

Game day - post-game interviews only.

•PLEASE NOTE•

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

TRIP TO TOLEDO

Buffalo and Toledo will battle for the sixth time in their respective histories, with the all-time series edge going to the Rockets with a 3-2 record against the Bulls.

This will be UB's first ever trip to Toledo. All five of the previous meetings occurred in Buffalo.

The Rockets had been the only MAC school that UB had not faced since joining the conference in 1999.

Year	Site	Winner, Score
1925	Buffalo	UB, 2-0
1926	Buffalo	Toledo, 33-6
1934	Buffalo	UB, 8-0
1935	Buffalo	Toledo, 19-6
1970	Buffalo	Toledo, 27-6

(UB at home: 2-3, UB away: 0-0)

BULLS TAME BOBCATS

The University at Buffalo football team used a gritty second-half performance and a dominating defensive effort to put to rest the nation's longest Division I-A losing streak.

The Bulls rallied from a 14-0 first-half deficit to defeat Ohio University, 26-17, in Mid-American Conference action at UB Stadium. With the win, the Bulls snapped an 18-game losing streak and verified the great improvement Buffalo has made in recent weeks. For the first time in decades the UB locker room rang out with the "Buffalo Victory March," a song that head coach Jim Hofher has instituted this year for his team to sing after a victory. For Hofher and his players it never sounded better.

"(The win) is meaningful to the kids," said Hofher. "It probably gives just a little bit more reinforcement and verification for those things that coaches have to preach to the players. Perseverance, get better, play hard, low pads win...all those things (a victory) helps to verify it. At no point this season did our guys not play to win. Obviously we didn't play well enough to win, but at no point did we

not play to win, and today was no different."

To win, however, the Bulls would have to overcome a 14-0 first-half deficit and show the heart and determination that was needed to earn the first win of the season. Buffalo improved to 1-8 and 1-4 in the MAC with the win, while Ohio fell to 2-6 and 1-4 in the MAC. The Bulls limited Ohio to 259 yards of total offense and forced four turnovers on the game.

"I commend Coach Hofher, his staff and players for a game well-played. They made plays at the end of the game to get the victory," said Ohio coach Brian Knorr. "We pride ourselves on being able to run the football. We were only able to run for 118 yards - they did some good things to limit our option attack. I thought they were much more physical than we were up front."

The Bulls started the game in great fashion, pinning the Bobcats inside their 10-yard line when on the first play from scrimmage linebacker Rich Sanders (Miami, FL/Coral Reef)



Rich Sanders

forced a fumble that Ohio recovered at its own one-yard line.

Buffalo did not take advantage of great field position on its first drive, which began at the Ohio 30. After three downs, the Bulls lined up for a 45-yard field goal. However, backup quarterback Randall Secky (Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove) was sacked on a fake field goal attempt and the Bobcats took over at their own 38.

The Bobcats were able to take advantage of the momentum switch by driving 62 yards in six plays, capped by a nine-yard run by quarterback Fred Ray. UB sophomore Rob Schroeder blocked his second PAT of the season - and third block overall - to keep the



score 6-0. The key play on the drive was a 39-yard pass from Ray to Adam Porter on third-and-11.

After the Bulls picked up a first down to their own 30-yard line on the next drive, sophomore quarterback **P.J. Piskorik** threw his third interception of the season as Chip Cox stepped in front of a pass and gave OU possession at the Buffalo 32-yard line. However, the Bulls were able to rise up and stop the Bobcats, with Greg DiMarino missing a 33-yard field goal wide right with less than five minutes to go in the first quarter.

The Bobcats took advantage of another Buffalo mistake early in the second quarter. Junior punter **Dominic Milano** had the ball slip through his hands with the Bobcats recovering at the Buffalo 22-yard line. Ohio would score on a 28-yard touchdown pass from Fred Ray to Ray Huston. Again, the kick failed and Ohio led 12-0.

The Bobcats would increase the score to 14-0 when Piskorik was called for intentional grounding in his own end zone which was ruled as a safety.

The momentum looked like it might swing back to Buffalo as the Bulls' **Delando Bradford** recovered a fumble by Ohio backup quarterback Austen Everson near midfield after the Bulls free kick. However, after a promising drive inside the Ohio 30, the Bulls eventually missed a 47-yard field goal attempt by Dallas Pelz.

However, UB's defense stood tall on Ohio's next drive and the Bulls would strike back quickly for their first score. Piskorik hit flanker **Matt Knueven** with a 58-yard streak pattern down the right sideline. It was the longest completion of the year for the Bulls and Knueven's longest reception of his career. Pelz hit the extra point to make it 14-7 with 4:11 remaining in the half, which was the way the teams went to intermission.

"It was a simple go route, I stopped to freeze the cornerback and I saw him

peek in because he thought it was a run," said Knueven. "It was a jump ball and I was lucky to come down with it and take it to the house."

The Bulls struck first in the second half after a pair of great defensive efforts by senior captain **Lamar Wilcher (Ossining, NY/Ossining)**.

Wilcher sacked Ohio quarterback Ryan Hawk on first down and on third down tipped a pass that was intercepted by defensive end **Phil Jacques** and returned to the Ohio seven-yard line. The Bulls, however, were only able to get a field goal - a 28-yarder by Pelz - that cut the lead to 14-10 with 8:35 left in the third quarter.



Phil Jacques

The Bobcats upped the lead back to seven points on a 28-yard field goal by DiMarino with 5:15 remaining in the third quarter, but the Bulls would once again not quit.

The Bulls rallied behind Piskorik, who had missed most of the third quarter with a bruised shoulder. The sophomore signal-caller engineered a 93-yard touchdown drive that would knot the score at 17-17. Piskorik would get it started with a 15-yard run to get the Bulls out of bad field position, before tailback **Dave Dawson** would bolt for 50 yards to take the ball to the Ohio 31. Piskorik would finish the drive with a terrific six-yard run on a reverse option play that saw him elude three players to score.

On the following play, Dawson and the Bulls struck again. Dawson hit Ohio's Chris Jackson on the kickoff return and forced a fumble that was recovered by UB's Gemara Williams at the Ohio 28-yard line. The Bulls eventually settled on a 33-yard field goal by Pelz to take their first lead of the game at 20-17 with 8:41 remaining.

The Buffalo defense again stuffed

the Bobcats with a three-and-out keyed by a sack by seniors **Chris Clifton (Amherst, NY/Amherst Central)** and **Mark Graham**. Both Clifton and Graham



Chris Clifton

had tremendous games to lead the UB defense. On the ensuing punt, Knueven again struck for a big play for the Bulls, returning the kick 50 yards to set up another field goal by Pelz, this time from 34 yards out.

Once again the UB defense rose up, stopping a fourth-down attempt by the Bobcats when Schroeder batted down Ryan Hawk's pass. From there the Bulls put the game away when Pelz hit his career-best tying fourth field goal from 24 yards out to give the Bulls a 26-17 lead.

The Bulls stopped Ohio's last ditch effort by forcing three straight incompletions by Hawk before Williams and Bradford stopped Scott Mayle five yards shy of a first down. That set off a celebration that the Bulls had been waiting over a year for.

"I don't think very many people understand what goes on and how hard it is when you are in the middle of what we were in the middle of," said Hoffer. "It's an unbelievable credit to a group of young people who have kept working and believing in something. I think our guys have been extremely tough and they are the ones that brought themselves through to this point."

For the Bulls, the stars were plenty. Piskorik came back from a painful shoulder injury to rush for 55 yards, throw for 75 yards while running for a touchdown and passing for a score. Dawson finished with 104 yards on 18 carries and made four special team tackles, including forcing a fumble. Knueven had 108 all-purpose yards and a touchdown. Graham had a



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sensational game defensively with a career-best 15 tackles (10 solos), two tackles for loss, a fumble recovery, a pass breakup and a half-sack. Clifton added nine tackles, two for losses, and a sack, while Williams also had nine tackles, a fumble recovery and a half-sack. All told, the Bulls forced four turnovers on the day.

BULL-ETINS FROM THE OHIO GAME

UB snapped an 18-game losing streak, picking up its first win since a 34-11 victory over Rutgers on September 7, 2002. The Bulls' last home win and conference win had previously been a 44-0 shutout of Ohio on November 3, 2001.

Buffalo outscored the Bobcats, 16-0, in the fourth quarter. On the season, UB has outscored its opponents, 48-24, in the fourth quarter.

During the second half, Buffalo compiled 141 rushing yards and allowed Ohio just 47. In the first half, the Bobcats outgained the Bulls, 91-27, on the ground.

Coming into the game, UB had allowed its opponents to convert on 8-of-10 fourth downs, but on the afternoon it turned aside Ohio on both of its fourth-down conversion attempts.

Buffalo started seven drives in Bobcat territory, but recorded only 12 points (four field goals) on those possessions. The Bulls' two touchdowns came on drives of 73 and 93 yards.

The third-quarter interception by **Phil Jacques** was the first of his career.

With its plus-three performance on the takeaway chart on Saturday, the Bulls are now even for the year.

Saturday was the first victory under Jim Hofher where the Bulls trailed after three quarters. Under Hofher, UB had previously been 0-26 when trailing at the start of the fourth quarter.

CAREER HIGHS VERSUS OHIO

The following Bulls had career-best performances versus Ohio:

P.J. Piskorik had a career-best 17 rushing attempts and also had a career-long 58 yards pass to **Matt Knueven**, which was also Knueven's career-long reception. Knueven also had a career-best 50-yard punt return.

Sophomore tailback **Dave Dawson** had a career-high 18 rushing attempts.

Kicker **Dallas Pelz** set a career-high with six field goal attempts and matched his school record and career-best with four successful field goals.

Defensive end **Phil Jacques** had his first career interception.

Free safety **Mark Graham** had a career-best 15 tackles.

COME EAST, YOUNG MEN

In 1998, Buffalo recruited Brandon Jordan out of Mission Viejo, CA, its first-ever Division I recruit out of the Golden State.

Five years later, the Bulls have nine Californians on their roster, third-most behind New York and Pennsylvania. Included in that list are five players that entered the program this fall.

STREAKING BULLS

Some Bulls on current streaks:

Senior free safety **Mark Graham** has the longest current starting streak on the team (see chart on page IV) with 37 straight starts.

Punter **Dominic Milano** has had at least one punt downed inside the 20 in each of UB's games this season.

Placekicker **Dallas Pelz** has made 10 straight PAT kicks.

Flanker **Matt Knueven** has had at least one catch in every game this season.

BIRTHDAY BULLS

Bulls' All-MAC candidate **Mark Graham** turns 23 on Wednesday this

2003 KEY NUMBERS

Third Down Efficiency

Opponent	Result	Pct.	Result
Rutgers	3-of-13	23%	Loss
Iowa	6-of-17	35.3%	Loss
Colgate	3-of-14	21.4%	Loss
Connecticut	3-of-17	17.6%	Loss
Akron	4-of-14	28.6%	Loss
Central Florida	4-of-16	25%	Loss
Miami, OH	3-of-16	18.8%	Loss
Marshall	4-of-14	28.6%	Loss
Ohio	4-of-18	22.2%	Win
Toledo			
N. Illinois			
Kent State			
Totals	34-of-139	24.5%	1-8

Time of Possession

Opponent	Buffalo	Opp.	Diff.
Rutgers	25:11	34:18	-9:07
Iowa	31:52	28:08	+3:44
Colgate	21:28	38:32	-17:04
Connecticut	26:56	33:04	-6:08
Akron	32:11	27:49	+4:22
Central Florida	26:15	33:45	-7:30
Miami, OH	29:49	30:11	-0:22
Marshall	31:09	28:51	+2:18
Ohio	33:27	26:33	+6:54
Toledo			
N. Illinois			
Kent State			
Avg. per game	28:44	31:16	-2:32

Number of Plays

Opponent	Buffalo	Opp.	Diff.
Rutgers	62	74	-12
Iowa	75	64	+11
Colgate	61	83	-22
Connecticut	66	80	-14
Akron	59	72	-13
Central Florida	65	69	-4
Miami, OH	64	69	-5
Marshall	67	74	-7
Ohio	80	74	+6
Toledo			
N. Illinois			
Kent State			
Totals	599	659	-60

Turnover Breakdown

Opponent	Buffalo	Opp.	Diff.
Rutgers	1	0	-1
Iowa	3	0	-3
Colgate	1	0	-1
Connecticut	0	1	+1
Akron	2	2	E
Central Florida	1	1	E
Miami, OH	1	1	E
Marshall	1	2	+1
Ohio	1	4	+3
Toledo			
N. Illinois			
Kent State			
Totals	11	11	E



week. Also, redshirt freshman running back **Chris McDuffie** turns 20 on Saturday - the only gameday birthday for any UB player this season.

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 25th year of collegiate coaching – all at the Division I level – this year and has an all-time head coaching record of 49-63 (.438 win %) after spending eight seasons as head coach at Cornell (1990-97) and is now in his third at Buffalo.

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

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

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

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

Toledo native and alum Tom Amstutz is in his third season as the head coach of the Rockets. He has a career mark of 24-10 (.706). He spent 24 seasons as an assistant coach (three at Navy and 21 at Toledo) prior to being named to his current post.

Hofher and Amstutz have never previously faced one another or their team's opponent this week.

THE 2003 CAPTAINS

University at Buffalo head football coach Jim Hofher announced after spring practices that seniors **Lamar**

Wilcher, Mark Graham and **Jeff Mills** had been tabbed by their teammates as captains for the 2003 season.

Wilcher is only the second player to be chosen captain for two straight years in Buffalo's modern Division I era (1993-present), as current offensive graduate assistant Mike Garofalo was captain of both the 1998 and 1999 teams. A third-year starter, Wilcher currently has 209 career tackles and 22.5 tackles for loss. This season, he ranks third on the Bulls with 55 total tackles.

Graham, who has now started a team-best 37 straight games, already ranks first in career passes defended (37), third in career solo tackles (177) and is tied for fourth all-time with 12 career interceptions.

Mills has been a stalwart on the Bulls' offensive line the past two seasons. A third-year starter (32 straight starts), he also excels in the classroom, having been tabbed to the Verizon Academic All-District I football team the past two seasons.

Mills was admitted to UB's nationally-renowned Honors Program upon arriving at Buffalo and is a double major in Math and Economics. In addition, he has been honored after each semester as a UB scholar-athlete and was also on the 2001 and 2002 MAC All-Academic teams.

LOOKING FOR PAYDIRT ON KICKOFF RETURN

The Bulls have gone 153 straight games without returning a kickoff for a score.

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

ON THE AIRWAVES

All UB football games can be heard on WGR Sports Radio 55 this season with Kevin Sylvester (play-by-play) and

Paul Vecchio (road games) or UB Hall of Fame quarterback Cliff Scott (home games) on the call.

The games can also be heard over the Internet by going to <http://www.ubathletics.buffalo.edu/football/> and following the Teamline link.

In addition, head coach Jim Hofher will be featured each week on WGR-AM, UB's flagship radio station. Coach Hofher will join Kevin Sylvester and Bob Gaughan at 8:50 a.m. every Thursday morning.

BULLS DID YOU KNOW

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

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

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

Redshirt frosh **Chris McDuffie** and junior **J.J. Gibson** are cousins and two of McDuffie's older brothers (Steve and Ted) also played at UB.

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

Senior **Rashad Clark** – aka "Sarge" – spent four years in the United States Marine Corps and traveled the world in his military career. He is UB's oldest player, having turned 26 on July 18th.



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RUTGERS 24, BUFFALO 10 AUG. 30, 2003 • RUTGERS STADIUM PISCATAWAY, NJ • ATT: 25,011

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buffalo	0	0	10	0	10
Rutgers	14	7	0	3	24

Team Per. Time

RU	1	8:26
RU	1	:55
RU	2	3:18
UB	3	11:19
UB	3	7:33
RU	4	2:41

Scoring Play

Moses 66 yard punt return (Sands kick), 7-0
 Moses 15 pass from Hart (Sands kick), 14-0
 Hairston 6 run (Sands kick), 21-0
 Baker 30 FG, 21-3
 Dawson 76 run (Baker kick), 21-10
 Sands 20 FG, 24-10

•Team Statistics•

	Bulls	Scarlet Knights
First downs	17	23
Rushing Attempts-Yards	41-232	43-181
Passing yards	60	225
Passing (C-A-I)	7-21-0	21-31-0
Offensive plays	62	74
Total net yards	292	406
Average gain per play	4.7	5.5
Fumbles (number-lost)	1-1	0-0
Penalties (number-yards)	3-25	6-60
Number of Punts-Avg.	8-38.1	5-45.4
Interceptions by (number-yards)	0-0	0-0
Punt returns-yards	2-17	3-89
Kickoff returns-yards	5-85	3-33
Possession time	25:11	34:18
Third down conversions	3-of-13	5-of-14
Fourth down conversions	0-of-0	1-of-1
Sacks by (number-yards)	0-0	2-17

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Dawson 14-125, Leeper 13-53, McDuffie 3-26, Secky 8-15, King 2-9, Piskorik 1-4. RU: Hairston 19-88, Pittman 15-72, Leonard 6-11, Moses 1-10, Hart 1-2, Team 1(-2).

Passing: UB: Secky 7-21-0 60. RU: Hart 21-31-0 225.

Receiving: UB: Dyer 3-39, Knueven 1-9, Dance 1-7, Leeper 1-3, Shaughnessy 1-2. RU: Moses 5-47, Leonard 5-37, Tucker 3-44, Harris 3-43, Andre 2-32, Pilch 1-13, Hairston 1-7, Pittman 1-2.

Time of game: 2:59. **Attendance** – 25,011

PISCATAWAY, NJ – The University at Buffalo found out in the 2003 opener how a few mistakes in a close football game can make the difference between winning and losing.

Rutgers University did not turn the ball over and used a fast first quarter start to post a 24-10 win over the Bulls on Saturday night at Rutgers Stadium before 25,011 fans. The Bulls, who trailed 21-0 at halftime, rallied to trim the lead to 21-10 in the third quarter but could not make enough plays to erase the early hole.

The Scarlet Knights outgained Buffalo by a 406-292 margin and controlled the clock, holding the ball for nine minutes more than the Bulls.

"I think Rutgers not only did a better job in the running game," said head coach Jim Hoffer, "they were far more consistent with moving the chains with their run game. They did a terrific job off the run with some play pass. It was a very hard-fought game and I think both teams showed to be in good condition. It's surprising there

was only one turnover in the game and I was very proud of how hard our kids fought. Better football needs to be played and better football will be played in order to earn victory."

Despite Rutgers' advantage in the offensive numbers, the game still came down to a few turning points in the first quarter. After both teams were stopped on their initial drives, Rutgers drew first blood after a costly Buffalo mistake. After a **Dominic Milano** punt was called back following an illegal procedure penalty, Rutgers' punt returner Tres Moses took advantage of his second chance by breaking a 66-yard touchdown scamper to give the Scarlet Knights a 7-0 advantage with 8:26 left in the first quarter.

The Bulls, however, responded to the challenge with an impressive drive starting from their own 27-yard line. In seven plays, the Bulls were facing a first-and-five at the Rutgers nine looking like they would tie the game. However, a controversial offensive pass interference call moved UB back to its own 24 and sophomore kicker **Mike Baker** saw his 38-yard field goal attempt sail wide right.

"It seemed kind of unusual that it ended up being an offensive pass interference because there was no push," said Hoffer of the call. "Matt Knueven clearly had been forced out of bounds and once out of bounds could not get back on the field, so it was really mystifying that it ended up being an offensive pass interference. That was a tough call to deal with, but we had to keep moving, it was early enough in the game that we have to find a way to overcome it."

Rutgers gained more momentum after that taking the ball from its own 20 and marching 80 yards in nine plays culminating in a Ryan Hart to Moses 15-yard touchdown pass to grab a 14-0 advantage late in the first quarter. The Scarlet Knights' third score of the evening was also the result of a lengthy drive. A six-yard Justise Hairston touchdown run capped a 13-play, 91-yard drive with 3:18 left in the half. Rutgers took a 21-0 advantage into the lockerroom at halftime.

The Bulls began to regroup early in the second half as they took the opening kick of the second half and drove down to the Rutgers' 13-yard line. However, the drive stalled and UB would have to settle for a Baker 30-yard field goal. Tailback **Dave Dawson**, who would go on to rush for a career-high 125 yards on 14 carries, had 31 yards rushing on the scoring drive.

On the next UB possession, Dawson exploded through the line on a third down play en route to a 76-yard dash to the endzone with 7:33 left in the third quarter to cut the lead to 21-10. It was the longest run of the sophomore's career and the longest in Buffalo's Division I-A history.

The Bulls would get two more chances to cut into the lead but ultimately could not put enough offensive plays together. Buffalo got the ball back at its own 49-yard line and moved to the Rutgers 38 before quarterback **Randall Secky** was sacked to push Buffalo out of scoring territory. After stopping the Scarlet Knights again, Dawson fumbled while gaining a first down at his own 33. The Bulls didn't threaten again and Rutgers put the game away with a 20-yard field goal after a 6:29 drive that ate up all but 2:41 of the fourth quarter clock.

The Bulls offensive line opened holes throughout the night as UB racked up 232 yards rushing. Dawson led the way with 125 yards, while sophomore **Aaron Leeper** added 53 yards on 13 carries. Redshirt frosh **Chris McDuffie** had three carries for 26 yards in his first collegiate carries.

The Bulls' defense was paced by senior linebacker **Lamar Wilcher**. Wilcher recorded a career-best 16 tackles (six solos) and broke up a pass. Senior **Chris Clifton** added 11 tackles while senior safety **Mark Graham** had nine tackles.



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#23 IOWA 56, BUFFALO 7 SEPT. 6, 2003 • KINNICK STADIUM IOWA CITY, IA • ATT: 54,471

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buffalo	0	0	0	7	7
Iowa	21	21	14	0	56

Team Per. Time

Team	Per.	Time	Scoring Play
UI	1	10:03	Hinkel 5 pass from Chandler (Kaeding kick), 7-0
UI	1	2:04	Russell 1 run (Kaeding kick), 14-0
UI	1	1:04	Considine 18 fumble recovery (Kaeding kick), 21-0
UI	2	13:01	Chandler 1 run (Kaeding kick), 28-0
UI	2	9:23	Brown 23 pass from Chandler (Kaeding kick), 35-0
UI	2	2:03	Johnson 2 run (Schlicher kick), 42-0
UI	3	3:39	Schnoor 2 run (Schlicher kick), 49-0
UI	3	1:39	Ochoa 70 punt return (Schlicher kick), 56-0
UB	4	6:34	Leeper 2 run (Pelz kick), 56-7

•Team Statistics•

	Bulls	Hawkeyes
First downs	19	28
Rushing Attempts-Yards	56-227	45-292
Passing yards	58	150
Passing (C-A-I)	7-19-1	19-12-0
Offensive plays	75	64
Total net yards	285	442
Average gain per play	3.8	6.9
Fumbles (number-lost)	2-2	1-0
Penalties (number-yards)	4-27	4-30
Number of Punts-Avg.	6-38.0	3-49.0
Interceptions by (number-yards)	0-0	1-20
Punt returns-yards	1-0	5-105
Kickoff returns-yards	3-57	1-26
Possession time	31:52	28:08
Third down conversions	6-of-17	5-of-9
Fourth down conversions	3-of-4	0-of-0
Sacks by (number-yards)	0-0	1-10

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Dawson 9-47, Leeper 12-43, McDuffie 9-40, Patterson 8-36, King 7-35, Piskorik 6-24, Secky 4-2, Dance 1-0. UI: Russell 12-98, Schnoor 10-60, Johnson 9-36, Mickens 2-26, Davis 3-22, Tate 3-21, Chandler 3-14, Manson 2-14, Cervantes 1-0..

Passing: UB: Secky 5-13-1 39, Piskorik 2-6-0 19. UI: Chandler 8-11-0 113, Tate 4-7-0 37, Manson 0-1-0 0.

Receiving: UB: Knueven 4-37, Leeper 1-9, Patterson 1-7, Dance 1-5. UI: Brown 4-82, Davis 3-33, Melloy 2-18, Russell 1-7, Hinkel 1-5, Jackson 1-5.

Time of game: 3:00. **Attendance** – 54,471

IOWA CITY, IA - When the University at Buffalo football team took the field at Iowa's Kinnick Stadium on Saturday, it did so in front of the largest crowd ever to view a UB sporting event. Unfortunately for Buffalo, the 54,471 black and gold-clad fans had a lot to cheer about as the Hawkeyes rolled past the Bulls, 56-7.

A powerful ground attack, mixed with a timely passing game proved to be too much for the Bulls' defense. Iowa rolled up 442 yards of total offense, including 292 yards rushing. The Hawkeye's running game was led by the shifty Fred Russell who, in only one half of play, amassed 98 yards on the ground.

Iowa scored on its first five possessions and mixed in a fumble recovery for a touchdown to capture a 42-0 halftime lead. The

Hawkeye's opening score resulted from a 10-play, 73-yard drive that was capped by a five-yard pass from Nathan Chandler to Ed Hinkel.

The first time the Bulls' touched the ball, they were able to move the ball effectively on the ground, marching 40 yards, on nine rushes. However, the drive stalled on the Iowa 40-yard line and the Bulls were forced to punt.

On the ensuing drive, the Hawkeyes drove 87 yards and took a 14-0 lead on a 1-yard touchdown run by Russell with 2:04 remaining in the first quarter. Iowa would get right back on the scoreboard one minute later when an **Aaron Leeper** fumble was scooped up by Sean Considine who scampered 18 yards into the endzone to give Iowa a 21-0 lead after a quarter of play.

The second quarter began much like the first as Chandler scored from one yard out to cap a five play, 51-yard drive and extend the lead to 28-0, 1:59 into the second stanza. The Hawkeyes capitalized on a **Randall Secky** interception as Chandler connected with Maurice Brown on a 23-yard TD strike with 9:23 remaining in the half to give Iowa a 35-0 advantage with 9:23 left in the half. Iowa scored again on its next drive, marching 69 yards on six plays resulting in a 2-yard touchdown run by A.J. Johnson and giving the Hawkeye's a 42-0 lead at the half.

The Bulls finally got on the board with 6:34 remaining in the fourth quarter when backup quarterback **P.J. Piskorik** engineered a 17-play, 80-yard drive, capped by a 2-yard run by Leeper. It was the first touchdown of the season by the 2002 Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year.

Despite the lopsided result on the scoreboard, the Bulls did manage to gain 227 yards on the ground. It marked the second straight week UB surpassed 200 yards in rushing. In week one, the Bulls rushed for 232 yards against Rutgers. **Dave Dawson** led the way with 47 yards on nine carries. It was a balanced running attack as four other Bulls rushed for at least 35 yards. Leeper had 43 yards on 12 carries, while redshirt freshmen **Chris McDuffie**, **Jared Patterson** and **Steven King** each had their most productive outings.

McDuffie had nine carries for 40 yards, Patterson had eight carries for 36 yards and caught a seven-yard pass, while King had 35 yards on seven carries. **Matt Knueven** led the Bulls with four receptions for 37 yards, but the Bulls were only able to complete seven passes on the day.

Defensively, the Bulls were led by senior **Chris Clifton** who had a career-best 14 tackles (10 solos). Sophomore **Gemara Williams** added nine tackles and broke up a pass while senior free safety **Mark Graham** had eight tackles (six solos), one tackle for loss and a pass breakup.



COLGATE 38, BUFFALO 15
SEPT. 13, 2003 • UB STADIUM
BUFFALO, NY • ATT: 20,324

Scoring Summary

Table with 6 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Total. Rows for Colgate and Buffalo.

Team Per. Time

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

Scoring Play

Team Statistics

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

Individual Statistics

Rushing: UB: Leeper 5-54, Piskorik 7-29, Dawson 9-28, McDuffie 4-15, King 1-10, Secky 11-(-17). CU: Branch 21-170, Brown 13-75, Pinion 8-30, Thomas 4-23, Kobelski 2-21, Guglielmotti, 2-18, Long 1-17, Leo 1-5, Evans 1-1, Team 1-(-2).
Passing: UB: Secky 9-16-0 74, Piskorik 4-8-0 50. CU: Brown 19-29-0 263.
Receiving: UB: Leeper 5-28, Watson 4-33, Knueven 3-51, Dance 1-12. CU: Graham 8-147, Frieser 3-35, Gerald 3-23, Long 2-26, Evans 2-25, Christie 1-7.
Time of game: 3:06. Attendance - 20,324

BUFFALO, NY - Colgate University won its eighth straight game in impressive fashion by defeating the University at Buffalo by a 38-15 score before 20,324 at UB Stadium.

The Raiders scored 38 consecutive points after spotting the Bulls a 7-0 first quarter lead. The Colgate offense racked up an impressive 621 yards of offense with great balance between rush (358 yards) and pass (263 yards). Buffalo fell to 0-3 on the season with the loss in its home opener.

"Colgate did a terrific job in the ball game," said Bulls' head coach Jim Hofher. "They clearly kept us off balance - they kept our defense off balance, but quite honestly kept our offense off balance,

as well. Where we have had some success in certain areas during the course of the first two games, we did not tonight.

"There are no excuses. I can only hope as a coach that this is the low point. This was not a good performance at all by our football team, unfortunately," said Hofher.

The Bulls could not have seen the ambush coming based on the early action. Colgate opened the game by driving down the field to the Buffalo 15 before a 32-yard field goal attempt was missed. The Bulls took over at their own 20-yard line and seven plays later were in the Colgate endzone.

The key plays came on a 20-yard third-down connection from starting quarterback Randall Secky to flanker Matt Knueven and a 43-yard run by sophomore tailback Aaron Leeper. Leeper capped the drive with an eight-yard burst up the middle for his second touchdown of the season.

After that, however, it was all Colgate, as the Raiders kept a great balance between run and pass. Colgate tied the score with 38 seconds left in the first quarter on a one-yard run by Jamaal Branch. Colgate took control of the game with a pair of impressive drives. They took the lead on a 15-play, 92-yard drive capped by a 19-yard field goal by Lane Schwarzberg. UB kept Colgate out of the endzone on a pass breakup by Delando Bradford, who finished with a career-high seven tackles and added a quarterback hurry.

The Raiders then took advantage of a UB fumble and drove 12 yards in four plays to take a 17-7 halftime lead when Chris Brown scored from 12 yards out with 6:30 left in the second quarter. The Raiders put the game away with a 98-yard drive on seven plays to take a 24-7 lead with 4:59 remaining in the third quarter and Buffalo was never in the game after that.

UB's final touchdown was a 10-yard run by redshirt freshman Steven King, the first of his career. That drive was led by sophomore quarterback P.J. Piskorik, who finished with 29 yards rushing while throwing for 50 yards.

Leeper led Buffalo with 54 yards on five carries and also caught five passes for 28 yards. Redshirt frosh Brian Watson added a career-best four catches for 33 yards, while Knueven had three catches for 51 yards.

Defensively, Buffalo was led by sophomore Bryan Cummings who had a career-best 11 tackles (six solos) and a quarterback hurry. Senior Mark Graham added 10 tackles and a half-sack for Buffalo, while fellow safety Gemara Williams added a career-best 10 stops as well. Senior defensive end Demetrius Austrum had three tackles and a career-best 1 1/2 sacks. Redshirt freshman Jared Patterson had an impressive six tackles on special teams for the Bulls as well.



CONNECTICUT 38, BUFFALO 7
SEPT. 20, 2003 • UB STADIUM
BUFFALO, NY • ATT: 10,107

Scoring Summary

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

Team Per. Time

Table with 2 columns: Team, Per. Time. Rows for UC.

Scoring Play

Table with 2 columns: Play description, Time. Rows for various plays.

Team Statistics

Table with 3 columns: Statistic, Huskies, Bulls. Rows for various team statistics.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: UB: Piskorik 15-72, Leeper 3-33, King 5-24, Dawson 11-23, McDuffie 1-(-3), JPatterson 1-(-4). UC: Caulley 27-234, Brockington 12-50, Dorvil 4-13, Anderson 1-4, Williams 5-(-6), Orlovsky 1-(-8).
Passing: UB: Piskorik 7-22-0 70, Secky 6-8-0 26. UC: Orlovsky 15-23-0 236, Williams 4-7-0 90.
Receiving: UB: Dance 4-34, Knueven 3-39, King 2-12, Leeper 2-6, Watson 1-3, McClover 1-2. UC: Feldeisen 6-83, Henry 3-71, Young 3-71, Sparks 2-27, Cutaia 2-17, Wilson 1-25, Murray 1-24, Anderson 1-8.
Time of game: 2:59. Attendance - 10,107

BUFFALO, NY - Connecticut tailback Terry Caulley rushed for a career-best 234 yards on 27 carries and scored four touchdowns to lead Connecticut past Buffalo, 38-7, in a non-conference game at UB Stadium on Saturday night.

"We're certainly disappointed with the outcome of the game, but in no way am I discouraged," said Buffalo head coach Jim Hofher. "I like this group of guys. I like what they're trying to get accomplished together. It didn't happen tonight in this football game. I'm looking forward to the day and the times when it does come together for our football team. We faced a very good football team tonight -an outstanding running back, an outstanding passer

and they made an awful lot of plays against us. When you muster seven and give up 38, both sides have to continue to work to get a lot better."

UConn racked up 613 yards of total offense - with 287 yards rushing and 326 yards passing. Connecticut's offensive line set the pace early after Buffalo was forced to punt on the opening series. The Huskies drove 82 yards on their first drive and took the early lead with a three-yard touchdown run by Terry Caulley. The Bulls missed a golden opportunity to stop the drive when sophomore Phil Jacques forced a fumble inside the UB 10-yard line that UConn was able to recover.

The Huskies took a 10-0 lead on a 38-yard field goal by Matt Nuzie with 4:38 remaining in the first quarter. Redshirt freshman Delando Bradford broke up a pass in the endzone to force the field goal attempt.

Connecticut upped the lead to 17-0 on a three-yard run by Caulley that capped a 13-play, 95-yard drive by the Huskies. UConn converted three third-down conversions on the drive and overcame an eight-yard sack by senior Mark Graham.

The Bulls took advantage of a UConn miscue to score their first points of the game. Brandon Young muffed a 38-yard punt by Dominic Milano with Dave Dawson recovering at the Husky 30-yard line. Redshirt freshman Steven King capped the drive with his second touchdown of the season from five yards out.

The Huskies rebounded, however, with an 80-yard drive on five plays with Caulley - who had 171 yards in the first half on 21 carries -leading the way. Keron Henry caught a 30-yard pass from Dan Orlovsky to finish the drive.

After a Bulls drive stalled at their own 38, the most controversial play of the season occurred. Young muffed his second straight punt with the ball rolling into the UConn endzone where the Bulls fell on it. However, the officials ruled that an "inadvertent whistle" had stopped play and forced the Bulls to re-kick. A possible touchdown was lost and the Huskies used the momentum to score again to take a 31-7 lead to halftime.

"The explanation we were given (on the field) was 'We made a mistake, we blew an inadvertent whistle and that makes the play null and void,'" said Hofher. "That should have been a touchdown in my opinion and if I'm wrong when watching the video I'll admit that. That said, it's our job in light of the mistake to stop them from going 80 yards, because that was certainly more than one play."

Quarterback P.J. Piskorik made his first start at quarterback and rushed for a team-best 72 yards on 15 carries and completed 7-of-22 passes for 70 yards. Tim Dance led the way with four receptions for 34 yards.

Defensively, safety Mark Graham had 10 tackles, a sack and a quarterback hurry to lead the Bulls. Cornerback Michael Arroyo had a career-best nine tackles in his first start, while J.J. Gibson also had nine stops. Senior linebacker Chris Clifton had eight tackles, two for losses.



AKRON 38, BUFFALO 21
SEPT. 27, 2003 • UB STADIUM
BUFFALO, NY • ATT: 6,385

Scoring Summary

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

Team Per. Time

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

Scoring Play

Team Statistics

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

Individual Statistics

Rushing: UB: Leeper 13-61, McDuffie 3-23, King 4-15, Dawson 9-14, Knueven 2-12, Piskorik 10-(-17). UA: Hendry 23-148, Basch 3-14, Frye 4-2, Ringer 1-1.
Passing: UB: Piskorik 13-18-0 119. UA: Frye 26-41-1 362.
Receiving: UB: Knueven 5-63, Larmond 2-39, McDuffie 2-10, Leeper 2-(-5), Miller 1-7, Watson 1-5. UA: Cherry 8-131, Irvin 5-81, Basch 3-46, Sparks 2-24, Hendry 3-38, Ellington 2-11, McDuffie 1-17, Brkae 1-10, Goodwin 1-4.
Time of game: 2:47. Attendance - 6,385

BUFFALO, NY - The University at Buffalo football team played its finest half of the season, but couldn't put the whole 60 minutes together in a 38-21 loss to Akron in a Mid-American Conference game at UB Stadium.

Akron, which led 17-14 at halftime, scored three straight touchdowns early in the second half to send Buffalo to defeat in its MAC opener. Buffalo is now 0-5 and 0-1 in conference play while Akron is 3-2 and 2-1 in the MAC.

"When you play in the Mid-American Conference, the way it's going these days, there are good teams and there are excellent players and we played some tonight," said Buffalo head coach Jim Hofher. "I'm absolutely proud of the fight that our kids showed. They are a willing, learning, fighting bunch and I'm very certain we made some progress tonight despite the score. I'm absolutely convinced

as a coach that the players are committed to keep going forward.

"Akron did a good job and they took it to us in the second half," said Hofher. "We didn't capitalize on the close game as the score indicated coming out of halftime. They made a couple of key plays and we didn't make enough plays all the way around."

The Zips broke out on top after Buffalo was stopped on its first possession and was forced to kick into a stiff breeze. Akron got the ball at the Buffalo 45-yard line and converted two key third down conversions take a 7-0 lead.

On third-and-10, Akron quarterback Charlie Frye hit receiver Miquel Irvin with a 35-yard pass down the right sideline. Then on third-and-5 at the UB 10-yard line, Frye hit Mike Brake for the first touchdown of the game.

Akron extended the lead to 10-0 with 2:42 remaining in the first quarter on a 41-yard field goal by Jason Swiger. The Bulls held Akron to the field goal despite the fact that the Zips started the drive at the Buffalo 46-yard line. Akron led 10-0 after the first quarter despite the fact that they were on the UB side of the field on all four possessions.

After Buffalo turned the ball over at its own 47-yard line on a reverse, senior free safety Mark Graham made a huge play. Graham made Buffalo's first interception of the season, and the 12th of his career, on the very next play, intercepting Frye at the Buffalo three-yard line and returning the ball 33 yards.

After UB moved the ball impressively out near midfield, Buffalo committed another turnover as quarterback P.J. Piskorik and tailback Dave Dawson mishandled a handoff.

The Bulls, however, came up with the biggest defensive play of the season, again by Graham. Sophomore Bryan Cummings had a blind-side hit on Frye and as the ball popped loose, Graham tipped it once, then grabbed it and took it back 66 yards for Buffalo's first defensive touchdown since the first game of the 2001 season. After Dallas Pelz added the extra point, Akron led 10-7 with 13:02 remaining in the first half.

The Bulls could not hold the momentum as penalties stopped their next drive, as an illegal motion penalty wiped out a third down conversion. Akron built the lead to 17-7 on a 40-yard drive in six plays, capped by a four-yard touchdown run by Frye.

The Bulls rallied to make it 17-14 at halftime with one of their best drives of the year. Aaron Leeper got the Bulls in good field goal position with a 30-yard kickoff return and Buffalo marched the rest of the 50 yards in nine plays, capped by a five-yard touchdown pass from Piskorik to wideout Matt Knueven with 1:18 remaining in the half. It was Piskorik's first career touchdown pass and the first by a Bulls' quarterback this season.

Akron regained control to start the second half, driving 80 yards in seven plays with Bob Hendry capping the drive with a three-yard burst off left guard. The Zips put the game away on a huge third-and-11 play in the third quarter when Frye hit Matt Cherry with a 46-yard pass play to the Buffalo 32-yard line. Akron had been pinned at its own five-yard line to start the drive after an excellent punt by junior Dominic Milano. That key conversion allowed the Zips to finished off a 95-yard drive in nine plays on another two-yard burst by Hendry.

The Zips would score two more touchdowns before the Bulls answered back in the fourth quarter. Junior tight end Brian Miller made his first career catch memorable with a seven-yard TD toss from Piskorik to cap a 72-yard drive in 11 plays. Freshman Chris McDuffie had 23 yards rushing on the drive and another freshman - DeSean Larmond - had a 34-yard catch on third-and-19 to keep the drive alive.

Flanker Matt Knueven had an excellent game for the Bulls with five receptions for 63 yards and a touchdown. Piskorik finished 13-of-18 passing for a career-best 119 yards and two touchdowns. Aaron Leeper had a season-best 61 yards rushing on 13 carries.

Defensively, corner Michael Arroyo and safety Gemara Williams had seven tackles each and both broke up pass. Graham had a big game with an interception, five tackles (four solos) and the fumble return for a touchdown.



CENTRAL FLORIDA 19, BUFFALO 10
OCT. 4, 2003 • CITRUS BOWL
ORLANDO, FL • ATT: 22,540

Scoring Summary

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

Team Per. Time

Table with 2 columns: Team, Per. Time. Rows for UB and UCF.

Scoring Play

Play descriptions: Pelz 43 FG, 0-3; Brown 26 run (kick failed), 6-3; Piskorik 1 run (Pelz kick), 6-10; Prater 27 FG, 9-10; Prater 38 FG, 12-10; Capers 52 punt return (Prater kick), 19-10.

Team Statistics

Table comparing Bulls and Knights statistics: First downs, Rushing Attempts-Yards, Passing yards, etc.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: UB: Dawson 8-83, Piskorik 15-36, Leeper 12-30, Knueven 1-14, King 2-14, McDuffie 1-1. UCF: Haynes 30-165, Rivera 15-89, Brown 7-43, Wilcox 1-6, Capers 1-0, Team 1-1. Passing: UB: Piskorik 12-25-0 93. UCF: Rivera 4-16-0 59. Receiving: UB: Knueven 3-35, Leeper 3-19, Watson 2-11, Upshaw 2-9, Larmond 1-15, McDuffie 1-4. UCF: Brown 3-31, Capers 2-30, Haynes 1-(-2). Time of game: 3:12. Attendance - 22,540

ORLANDO, FL - A few plays can make the difference in a football game. A few plays denied the University at Buffalo from a major upset and its first victory of the 2003 season.

Central Florida used a heavy dose of the ground game and a ball control offense to defeat Buffalo, 19-10, at the Citrus Bowl on Saturday night in a Mid-American Conference clash. Without star quarterback Ryan Schneider in the lineup, the Golden Knights relied on their running backs to carry the load and they responded, gobbling up 298 yards on the ground. UCF running back Alex Haynes led the way with a career-high 169 yards on 30 carries as UCF held the ball for over seven minutes more than the Bulls.

"For two weeks in a row we've been in a very competitive MAC game," said Buffalo head coach Jim Hofher. "We didn't win them but the more we're knocking on the door, we will bang through that door. We fought valiantly in terms of red zone defense (allowing just two scores in six trips by UCF) - we forced field goals and we blocked one. I thought our guys really fought like crazy from a defensive perspective."

Early on, it looked like things were going to go UB's way. UCF running back Dontavius Wilcox was headed for the endzone in search of the game's first score when he was met just shy of the goal line by redshirt freshman Jeff Bublavi who delivered a bone-rattling hit that jarred the ball loose. The ball was pounced on in the endzone by senior free safety Mark Graham for a touchback. The Bulls capitalized on the turnover by driving down the field and taking the lead on a 43-yard field goal off the toe of Dallas Pelz. It was Pelz's first field goal of the season and his longest since a 45-yard field goal at Rutgers last year.

The Knights responded late in the first quarter with a six-play, 83-yard drive capped by a 26-yard touchdown run by Dee Brown. However, sophomore Rob Schroeder broke through the UCF offensive line to block the extra point attempt.

On the first play from scrimmage following the UCF touchdown, Dave Dawson broke off a 62-yard run to give the Bulls a first-and-10 at the UCF 18-yard line. Sophomore quarterback P.J. Piskorik - making his third straight start - capitalized on the Dawson scamper by scoring on a one-yard plunge. It was Piskorik's first career rushing touchdown and gave the Bulls a 10-6 advantage early in the second quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, Central Florida's Luther Huggins ripped off a 68-yard return to put the Knights right back in UB territory. The Bulls' defense came up big - as they did three other times later in the game - in the red zone, forcing UCF to settle for a 27-yard field goal by Matt Prater to cut the UB lead to 10-9 with 11:27 remaining in the second quarter.

With 1:58 remaining in the half, UB committed a costly turnover. Redshirt frosh Chad Upshaw fumbled while trying to gain extra yardage after a completion with UCF's James Cook pouncing on the loose ball at the Buffalo 34 yard line. Once again, however, the Buffalo defense stiffened and Prater would kick a 38-yard field goal as time expired in the first half to give the Knights a 12-10 halftime advantage. It kept the Bulls from having the lead at intermission for the first time this season.

The third quarter proved to be domination by UCF everywhere but on the scoreboard as the Golden Knights would shut down the UB offense throughout. However, UB's defense did not allow a second-half point giving the Bulls a chance to win. The first big defensive play came after UCF drove the Buffalo 10-yard line. On fourth-and-one, sophomore linebacker Bryan Cummings stuffed Haynes short of the first down.

The Bulls, however, went backwards on their possession and for the third time this season the Bulls were bit by the punt return bug as Tavaris Capers returned a punt 52 yards to give the Knights a 19-10 lead with 5:58 remaining in the third quarter. The play seemed to ignite UCF, especially on defense, as they forced UB into three-straight three-and-outs. "That one touchdown was as much a difference as anything else in the game," Hofher said referring to the Capers' touchdown.

With 7:29 remaining in the fourth quarter, Schroeder came up big on special teams again as he blocked a 33-yard field goal to keep the score at 19-10 after UCF had driven to the Buffalo four-yard line. On third down, Haynes was thrown for a 12-yard loss to set up the field goal attempt.

The Bulls then marched 35 yards in 12 plays - converting a fourth-and-12 play on a 15-yard hookup from Piskorik to freshman DeSean Larmond - only to see the drive stall inside the UCF 30. Piskorik was thrown for a four-yard loss on third-and-two and sacked on fourth down to end UB's hopes.

The UB defense allowed a season-low 357 yards in the game and held UCF without a point in the second half. However, the Bulls' offense, which amassed 216 yards in a productive first half, accumulated just 55 yards after intermission. Piskorik rushed for 36 yards, but hit just 12-of-25 passes for 93 yards. Dawson finished with 83 yards on eight carries. Flanker Matt Knueven had three catches for 35 yards and had a run for 14 yards as well.

The defense was paced by safety Gemara Williams who matched his career high with 10 tackles, including a career-best nine solo stops. Graham added eight tackles, one for loss, the fumble recovery and a quarterback hurry. Native Floridians Rich Sanders - who matched his career best with seven tackles - and Brandon Smith - who had two tackles for loss - also played well for the Bulls.



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MIAMI (OH) 59, BUFFALO 3 OCT. 11, 2003 • YAGER STADIUM OXFORD, OH • ATT: 23,683

•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buffalo	0	0	0	3	3
Miami	24	21	7	7	59

Team	Per.	Time	Scoring Play
MU	1	11:45	Larkin 30 pass from Roethlisberger (Parseghian kick), 7-0
MU	1	5:53	Robinson 86 punt return (Parseghian kick), 14-0
MU	1	3:34	Robinson 76 punt return (Parseghian kick), 21-0
MU	1	2:12	Parseghian 22 FG, 24-0
MU	2	13:13	Larkin 6 pass from Roethlisberger (Parseghian kick), 31-0
MU	2	2:27	Nance 11 pass from Roethlisberger (Parseghian kick), 38-0
MU	2	:44	Murray 3 pass from Roethlisberger (Parseghian kick), 45-0
MU	3	3:16	Smith 1 run (Parseghian kick), 52-0
UB	4	11:50	Pelz 24 FG, 52-3
MU	4	8:12	Betts 1 run (Soderquist kick), 59-3

•Team Statistics•

	Bulls	RedHawks
First downs	11	27
Rushing Attempts-Yards	41-158	38-223
Passing yards	86	264
Passing (C-A-I)	11-23-1	21-31-0
Offensive plays	64	69
Total net yards	244	487
Average gain per play	3.8	7.1
Fumbles (number-lost)	0-0	2-1
Penalties (number-yards)	11-106	5-43
Number of Punts-Avg.	10-34.3	2-44.0
Interceptions by (number-yards)	0-0	1-4
Punt returns-yards	1-6	7-245
Kickoff returns-yards	8-134	1-8
Possession time	29:49	30:11
Third down conversions	3-of-16	5-of-11
Fourth down conversions	1-of-2	2-of-2
Sacks by (number-yards)	0-0	3-22

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Dawson 13-104, Leeper 18-45, McDuffie 2-13, Piskorik 8(-4). MU: Ciborowski 8-83, Murray 9-46, Murray 7-37, Smith 9-29, Roethlisberger 2-24, Betts 2-6, Team 1(-2).

Passing: UB: Piskorik 11-23-1 86. MU: Roethlisberger 18-24-0 234, Betts 3-7-0 30.

Receiving: UB: Knueven 4-45, Leeper 2-2, Larmond 1-17, McClover 1-6, King 1-6, Upshaw 1-6, Watson 1-4. MU: Corbin 4-49, Nance 4-47, Larkin 3-43, Robinson 2-52, Tyler 2-14, Murray 2-9, Brandt 1-18, Williams 1-14, Busing 1-10, Blackmon 1-8.

Time of game: 2:50. **Attendance** – 23,683

OXFORD, OH - While the Bulls kept highly-regarded Miami quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on the sidelines for most of the first quarter, it did not occur in the fashion they desired. RedHawks' wide receiver Ryne Robinson returned a pair of punts for touchdowns in the opening 11:26 of play, igniting Miami to a 59-3 win over Buffalo at Yager Stadium last Saturday afternoon.

Robinson finished the game with a Mid-American Conference record 237 punt return yards, including the touchdown returns of 86 and 76 yards. The touchdown returns were part of a first quarter in

which Miami outscored UB 24-0.

"Miami dominated us in every phase of this football game," said Buffalo head coach Jim Hofher. "They dominated our defense, they dominated our offense and, they dominated us in the kicking game. They created our mistakes and that's why it was such a massive difference in the score."

Buffalo's only score of the afternoon came with 11:50 remaining in the game when **Dallas Pelz** successfully kicked a 24-yard field goal. The Pelz kick capped off an eight-play, 74-yard drive for the Bulls. **Dave Dawson** had a 55-yard rush on the drive - UB's largest gain of the afternoon.

Dawson finished the day with 104 yards rushing for Buffalo, giving him a team-best 424 rushing yards on the season.

The RedHawks stormed out of the gates, opening the game with an eight-play, 92-yard touchdown drive. Roethlisberger hit Miami wide out Michael Larkin with a 30-yard touchdown pass to cap off the drive only 3:15 into the contest.

The UB defense held the RedHawks' offense in check on their second possession, including a key third-down stop when **Rob Schroeder** deflected a Roethlisberger pass. Miami's Martin Nance still made the catch, but had to wait for the ball to come down to him, allowing **Demetrius Austrum** to tackle him well short of the first down.

Miami regained momentum soon after that though, forcing another Bulls' punt, which resulted in Robinson's first touchdown return. He took another one back only 2:19 later.

Jared Parseghian kicked a 22-yard field goal to give the RedHawks a 24-0 lead near the end of the first quarter.

Roethlisberger and Larkin would connect again on a six-yard touchdown pass at the start of the second quarter, extending the RedHawks' lead to 31 points. Roethlisberger next hit Nance for a touchdown pass with 2:27 remaining in the first half, making it a 38-0 Miami lead.

Roethlisberger, the RedHawks' Heisman candidate, finished the day with 18 completions on 24 attempts, totaling 234 yards and four touchdown passes.

Aside from its punt coverage woes, UB also had a punt blocked by Miami's Adam Ciborowski at the tail end of the first half. Joey Card recovered the block for the RedHawks, giving them excellent field position at the Bulls' five-yard line. The blocked punt set up a three-yard touchdown pass from Roethlisberger to Cal Murray, giving Miami a 45-0 lead, which it took into halftime.

The Bulls' special teams started the second half on a different note, as punter **Dominic Milano** forced a fumble on a Robinson return. **Chris McDuffie** recovered the fumble, immediately allowing the UB offense to return to the field.

The lone scoring play during the third quarter came on a one-yard touchdown run by Miami's Mike Smith, which put the RedHawks ahead, 52-0. The play came moments after **Delando Bradford** forced a fumble at the goal line, only to see Miami retain possession at the one-yard line.

Following the Pelz field goal in the fourth quarter, Miami added a rushing touchdown by backup quarterback Josh Betts to close out the scoring.

Bulls' quarterback **P.J. Piskorik** went 11-for-23 with 86 yards passing, including one interception. **Aaron Leeper**, who compiled 134 yards on eight kickoff returns, also chipped in with 45 rushing yards.

The Buffalo defense was led by **J.J. Gibson** who had 12 tackles (10 solos) and a pass breakup in the endzone. Linebacker **Bryan Cummings** added eight tackles while Bradford had seven solo stops and a forced fumble.



MARSHALL 26, BUFFALO 16
OCT. 18, 2003 • UB STADIUM
BUFFALO, NY • ATT: 10,118

Scoring Summary

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

Team Per. Time

Table with 2 columns: Team, Per. Time. Rows for MU and UB.

Scoring Play

Watts 8 pass from Hill (Lewis kick), 7-0
Pelz 42 FG, 7-3
Hill 1 run (kick blocked), 13-3
Charles 3 run (run failed), 19-3
McDuffie 1 run (run failed), 19-9
Upshaw 2 pass from Piskorik (Pelz kick), 19-16
Charles 6 run (Lewis kick), 26-16

Team Statistics

Table comparing Thundering Herd and Bulls statistics across various categories like First downs, Rushing Attempts, etc.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: UB: Leeper 12-57, McDuffie 9-33, Dawson 10-30, Piskorik 11-16, Knueven 1-4, King 1-(-1). MU: Charles 23-112, Davis 1-13, Tunstalle 1-6, Hill 7-(-37).
Passing: UB: Piskorik 15-23-1 140. MU: Hill 26-42-0 292.
Receiving: UB: Knueven 4-58, Upshaw 3-14, King 2-19, Larmond 2-12, Leeper 2-3, McClover 1-25, McDuffie 1-9. MU: Watts 9-98, Davis 5-55, Rader 4-33, Charles 4-31, Moore 3-74, Guillory 1-1.
Time of game:3:10. Attendance - 10,118.

BUFFALO, NY - The University at Buffalo put forth a valiant effort on Saturday and nearly made Homecoming 2003 one of the most memorable in school history.

The Bulls battled Marshall, the only team in the nation to win five straight bowl games, toe-to-toe before dropping a heartbreaking 26-16 decision before 10,118 fired-up fans at UB Stadium.

After spotting the Herd a 19-3 first-half lead, the Bulls came roaring back to cut the deficit to 19-16 before the Herd was able to put the game away with a touchdown with 5:06 remaining after a crucial 15-yard penalty set the Herd up at the Bulls' 44-yard line.

"Today was a hard-fought, almost valiant effort by our kids against a very good football team that in some ways is the gold standard of the Mid-American Conference," said Buffalo coach Jim Hofher. "I thought our guys fought with tremendous effort, intensity and emotion. They don't give us any points for that, but I'm very

proud of the effort our kids gave together.

"Defensively, I thought we tackled well in a lot of spots and probably created some of what might have been problems for Marshall," said Hofher. "It was a terrific job done against a very explosive offensive team."

The Herd looked explosive early, taking their first possession 63 yards in just five plays, capped by a perfectly-thrown slant pattern from eight yards out for a score from quarterback Stan Hill to Darius Watts, the MAC's all-time leading receiver.

The Bulls' defense buckled down after that, however, as safety J.J. Gibson recorded the first of his career-best three quarterback sacks in the game to stop Marshall's next drive. Ironically, Gibson had never had a sack in his UB career going into the game. After the next UB drive stalled, the Bulls got their first break of the game as a muffed punt by the Herd's Tremel Guillory was recovered by redshirt freshman Chris McDuffie at the Marshall 22-yard line. Senior kicker Dallas Pelz would make his third field goal of the season three plays later, converting from 42 yards out to make it 7-3 with 3:23 left in the first quarter.

Marshall would use two second-quarter touchdowns to extend the lead to 19-3, however, this game was far from over.

Buffalo would come out and get a huge defensive stop on the first series of the second half after the Herd's Wilbur Hargrove returned the second half kickoff 51 yards to the Buffalo 39. Another huge sack by the Bulls - by free safety Mark Graham - knocked the Herd out of field goal range.

After a promising UB drive, that included a 32-yard completion from quarterback P.J. Piskorik to Matt Knueven, stalled at the Marshall 46-yard line, punter Dominic Milano pinned the Herd at the one-yard line. After getting out to its own 18-yard line, the Bulls forced another turnover as Earl Charles fumbled with Buffalo's Aaron Sanders recovering at the Herd 17-yard line.

It took the Bulls just four plays from there as an Aaron Leeper nine-yard run would eventually set up McDuffie to earn his first career touchdown from one yard out with 5:47 remaining in the third quarter. Buffalo's two-point conversion attempt failed and the Bulls trailed, 19-9.

After another sack by Gibson stopped the next Marshall drive, the Bulls embarked on their finest drive of the season, going 77 yards in 14 plays, capped by a two-yard pass from Piskorik to redshirt freshman tight end Chad Upshaw to make it 19-16 with 12:17 remaining in the game. The Bulls converted a fourth-and-one on the drive - on a run by McDuffie - and a third-and-16 when Piskorik hooked up with split end Gabe McClover on a spectacular 25-yard reception. A 24-yard run by Leeper set the Bulls up at the Marshall nine before Upshaw caught his first career TD pass.

The Bulls, however, missed a golden chance to continue with the momentum when they missed a potential interception on Marshall's next drive. Eventually, Buffalo would stop the Herd and get the ball back at their own 19-yard line. However, the Herd showed its championship mettle by stuffing the Bulls and forcing a punt that caused the game's most controversial play.

After a 40-yard punt by Milano, freshman Jared Patterson drilled Tremel Guillory moments after he caught the ball on what looked like a well-timed hit. However, the officials ruled kicked catching interference, a 15-yard penalty, and the Herd got great field position at the UB 44. A huge 24-yard catch by Darius Watts set the Herd up inside the Buffalo 10 and Charles eventually scored the game-clincher from six yards out.

Offensively, Piskorik threw for a career-best 140 yards while completing 15-of-23 passes with a touchdown and an interception. Matt Knueven led the Bulls with four catches for 58 yards, while a well-balanced ground attack was led by Aaron Leeper with 57 yards on 12 carries.

Defensively, Gibson had one of his finest games as a Bull, tying for team-high honors with eight tackles (seven solos) and recording three sacks. Senior linebacker Lamar Wilcher also had eight stops, while Mark Graham had seven tackles, a sack and a pass breakup (the 36th of his career, the most ever by a Bull).



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•Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Ohio	6	8	3	0	17
Buffalo	0	7	3	16	26

Team Per. Time

Team	Per.	Time	Scoring Play
OU	1	9:31	Ray 14 run (kick blocked), 6-0
OU	2	13:10	Huston 28 pass from Ray (kick failed), 12-0
OU	2	12:20	Team safety, 14-0
UB	2	4:11	Knueven 58 pass from Piskorik (Pelz kick), 14-7
UB	3	8:35	Pelz 21 FG, 14-10
OU	3	5:15	DiMarino 28 FG, 17-10
UB	4	10:37	Piskorik 6 run (Pelz kick), 17-17
UB	4	8:41	Pelz 33 FG, 17-20
UB	4	6:00	Pelz 34 FG, 17-23
UB	4	1:58	Pelz 24 FG, 17-26

•Team Statistics•

	Bobcats	Bulls
First downs	14	15
Rushing Attempts-Yards	44-118	62-188
Passing yards	141	83
Passing (C-A-I)	11-30-1	4-18-1
Offensive plays	74	80
Total net yards	259	271
Average gain per play	3.5	3.4
Fumbles (number-lost)	4-3	2-0
Penalties (number-yards)	7-61	12-85
Number of Punts-Avg.	7-34.1	5-36.8
Interceptions by (number-yards)	1-4	1-9
Punt returns-yards	3-25	2-47
Kickoff returns-yards	6-99	3-36
Possession time	26:33	33:27
Third down conversions	4-of-17	4-of-18
Fourth down conversions	0-of-2	1-of-3
Sacks by (number-yards)	4-27	3-18

•Individual Statistics•

Rushing: UB: Dawson 18-104, Piskorik 17-55, Leeper 16-43, McDuffie 3-6, Knueven 1-6, Patterson 1-2, King 1-0, Team 1-(-1), Secky 3-(-11), Milano 1-(-16). OU: Ray 8-38, Huston 13-23, Hackett 4-20, Porter 1-9, Jackson 2-9, Hawk 7-8, Everson 6-7, Young 1-4, Taylor 1-1, Team 1-(-1).
Passing: UB: Piskorik 3-13-1 75, Secky 1-5-0 8. OU: Hawk 9-24-1 77, Ray 2-5-0 64, Everson 0-1-0 0.
Receiving: UB: Upshaw 2-16, Knueven 1-58, McDuffie 1-9. OU: Porter 4-65, Hackett 3-37, Huston 1-28, Ingram 1-6, Mayle 1-5, Young 1-0.
Time of game: 3:38. **Attendance** – 4,423.

BUFFALO, NY – The University at Buffalo football team used a gritty second-half performance and a dominating defensive effort to put to rest the nation's longest Division I-A losing streak.

The Bulls rallied from a 14-0 first-half deficit to defeat Ohio University, 26-17, in Mid-American Conference action at UB Stadium. With the win, the Bulls snapped an 18-game losing streak and verified the great improvement Buffalo has made in recent weeks. For the first time in decades the UB locker room rang out with the "Buffalo Victory March," a song that head coach Jim Hofher has instituted this year for his team to sing after a victory. For Hofher and his players it never sounded better.

"(The win) is meaningful to the kids," said Hofher. "It probably gives just a little bit more reinforcement and verification for those things that coaches have to preach to the players. Perseverance, get better, play hard, low pads win...all those things (a victory) helps to verify it. At no point this season did

our guys not play to win. Obviously we didn't play well enough to win, but at no point did we not play to win, and today was no different."

To win, however, the Bulls would have to overcome a 14-0 first-half deficit and show the heart and determination that was needed to earn the first win of the season. Buffalo improved to 1-8 and 1-4 in the MAC with the win, while Ohio fell to 2-6 and 1-4 in the MAC. The Bulls limited Ohio to 259 yards of total offense and forced four turnovers on the game.

Buffalo did not take advantage of great field position on its first drive, which began at the Ohio 30. After three downs, the Bulls lined up for a 45-yard field goal. However, backup quarterback **Randall Secky** was sacked on a fake field goal attempt and the Bobcats took over at their own 38.

The Bobcats were able to take advantage of the momentum switch by driving 62 yards in six plays, capped by a nine-yard run by quarterback Fred Ray. UB sophomore **Rob Schroeder** blocked his second PAT of the season – and third block overall – to keep the score 6-0. The key play on the drive was a 39-yard pass from Ray to Adam Porter on third-and-11.

After the Bulls picked up a first down to their own 30-yard line on the next drive, sophomore quarterback **P.J. Piskorik** threw his third interception of the season as Chip Cox stepped in front of a pass and gave OU possession at the Buffalo 32-yard line. However, the Bulls were able to rise up and stop the Bobcats, with Greg DiMarino missing a 33-yard field goal wide right with under five minutes to go in the first quarter.

The Bobcats took advantage of another Buffalo mistake early in the second quarter. Punter **Dominic Milano** had the ball slip through his hands with the Bobcats recovering at the Buffalo 22-yard line. Ohio would score on a 28-yard touchdown pass from Fred Ray to Ray Huston. Again, the kick failed and Ohio led 12-0.

The Bobcats would increase the score to 14-0 when Piskorik was called for intentional grounding in his own end zone which was ruled as a safety.

The Bulls would strike back quickly for their first score. Piskorik hit flanker **Matt Knueven** with a 58-yard streak pattern down the right sideline. It was the longest completion of the year for the Bulls and Knueven's longest reception of his career. Pelz hit the extra point to make it 14-7 with 4:11 remaining in the half, which was the way the teams went to intermission.

The Bulls struck first in the second half after a pair of great defensive efforts by senior captain **Lamar Wilcher**. Wilcher sacked Ohio quarterback Ryan Hawk on first down and on third down tipped a pass that was intercepted by defensive end **Phil Jacques** and returned to the Ohio seven-yard line. The Bulls, however, were only able to get a field goal – a 28-yarder by Pelz – that cut the lead to 14-10 with 8:35 left in the third quarter.

The Bobcats upped the lead back to seven points on a 28-yard field goal by DiMarino with 5:15 remaining in the third quarter, but the Bulls would once again not quit.

The Bulls rallied behind Piskorik, who had missed most of the third quarter with a bruised shoulder. The sophomore signal-caller engineered a 93-yard touchdown drive that would knot the score at 17-17. Piskorik would get it started with a 15-yard run to get the Bulls out of bad field position, before tailback **Dave Dawson** would bolt for 50 yards to take the ball to the Ohio 31. Piskorik would finish the drive with a terrific six-yard run on a reverse option play that saw him elude three players to score.

On the following play, Dawson and the Bulls struck again. Dawson hit Ohio's Chris Jackson on the kickoff return and forced a fumble that was recovered by UB's **Gemara Williams** at the Ohio 28-yard line. The Bulls eventually settled on a 33-yard field goal by Pelz to take their first lead of the game at 20-17 with 8:41 remaining.

The Buffalo defense again stuffed the Bobcats with a three-and-out keyed by a sack by seniors **Chris Clifton** and **Mark Graham**. Both Clifton and Graham had tremendous games to lead the UB defense. On the ensuing punt, Knueven again struck for a big play for the Bulls, returning the kick 50 yards to set up another field goal by Pelz, this time from 34 yards out.

Once again the UB defense rose up, stopping a fourth-down attempt by the Bobcats when sophomore defensive tackle **Rob Schroeder** batted down Ryan Hawk's pass. From there the Bulls put the game away when Pelz hit his career-best tying fourth field goal from 24 yards out to give the Bulls a 26-17 lead.

The Bulls stopped Ohio's last ditch effort by forcing three straight incompletions by Hawk before Williams and **Delando Bradford** stopped Scott Mayle five yards shy of a first down. That set off a celebration that the Bulls had been waiting over a year for.

"I don't think very many people understand what goes on and how hard it is when you are in the middle of what we were in the middle of," said Hofher. "It's an unbelievable credit to a group of young people who have kept working and believing in something. I think our guys have been extremely tough and they are the ones that brought themselves through to this point."

For the Bulls, the stars were plenty. Piskorik came back from a painful shoulder injury to rush for 55 yards, throw for 75 yards while running for a touchdown and passing for a score. Dawson finished with 104 yards on 18 carries and made four special team tackles, including forcing a fumble. Knueven had 108 all-purpose yards and a touchdown. Graham had a sensational game defensively with a career-best 15 tackles (10 solos), three tackles for loss, a fumble recovery, a pass breakup and a half-sack. Clifton added nine tackles, four for losses, and a sack, while Williams also had nine tackles, a fumble recovery and a half-sack. All told, the Bulls forced four turnovers on the day.



BULLS AMONG THE MAC/NATIONAL LEADERS

• **DAVE DAWSON** •

4th in the MAC/86th in the nation in kickoff return average (21.5 ypr)
 14th in the MAC/86th in the nation in rushing yds per game (62.0 ypg)

• **AARON LEEPER** •

11th in the MAC in kickoff return average (19.5 ypr)

• **P.J. PISKORIK** •

12th in the MAC in pass efficiency (93.5)

• **DALLAS PELZ** •

7th in the MAC/65th in the nation in field goals per game (.43)
 T-5th in the MAC in field goal percentage (70%)
 11th in the MAC in kicking scoring (3.9 ppg)

• **MATT KNUEVEN** •

9th in the MAC/79th in the nation in punt return average (7.7 ypr)

• **MARK GRAHAM** •

24th in the MAC in tackles per game (8.7)
 T-3rd in the MAC in fumbles recovered per game (.33)

•BULLS-ROCKET STATISTICAL COMPARISON•

	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Toledo</i>
Points Per Game	12.8	28.4
Points Allowed Per game	35.0	22.3
Rushing Offense Per Game	166.0	180.0
Passing Offense Per Game	95.4	270.3
Total Offense Per Game	261.4	450.3
Rushing Defense Per Game	224.0	157.5
Passing Defense Per Game	231.3	228.4
Total Defense Per Game	455.3	385.9
Kickoff Return Average	19.4	21.2
Punt Return Average	7.1	21.6
Net Punting	28.5	41.6
Sacks by-yards lost	13-96	6-37
Third Down Conversions	34-of-139	39-of-107
Third Down Percentage	24%	36%
Fourth Down Conversions	10-of-18	15-of-27
Fourth Down Percentage	56%	56%
Fumbles-Lost	19-7	11-4
Turnovers (For/Against+/-)	11/11/0	17/8/+9
Penalties-Yards	59-510	46-453
Penalty yards per game	56.7	56.6

Bulls In the MAC Team Rankings

- 6th in rushing offense per game (166.0 ypg)
- 7th in kickoff return average (19.4 ypr)
- T-7th in turnover margin per game (0.0)
- 8th in least penalty yards per game (55.3)
- 9th in pass defense (231.3 ypg)
- 13th in total defense – yards per game (455.3 ypg)
- 13th in rushing defense per game (224.0 ypg)
- √ 13th in net punting (28.2)
- 13th in punt return average (7.1 ypk)
- 14th in passing offense per game (95.4 ypg)
- 14th in scoring defense per game (35.0 ppg)
- 14th in total offense per game (261.4 ypg)
- 14th in scoring per game (12.8 ppg)

2003 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

	<i>Rutgers</i>	<i>Iowa</i>	<i>Colgate</i>	<i>UConn</i>	<i>Akron</i>	<i>UCF</i>	<i>Miami, OH</i>	<i>Marshall</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>Toledo</i>	<i>N.Illinois</i>	<i>Kent State</i>
- Offense -												
IT	Love	Love	Love	Love	Love	Love	Love	Love	Love			
LG	Schifano	Schifano	Schifano	Schifano	Schifano	Schifano	Schifano	Schifano	Schifano			
C	Weber	Weber	Dunn	Weber	Weber	Weber	Weber	Weber	Weber			
RG	Zeppuhar	Zeppuhar	Zeppuhar	Schmidt	Schmidt	Schmidt	Zeppuhar	Zeppuhar	Zeppuhar			
RT	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills			
TE	Upshaw	Upshaw	Upshaw	Upshaw	Upshaw	Upshaw	Upshaw	Upshaw	Upshaw			
SE	Knueven	Knueven	Knueven	Knueven	Knueven	Knueven	Knueven	Knueven	Knueven			
EL	-	Dance	-	-	Watson	Watson	Watson	Watson	Watson			
TB	Leeper	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Leeper	Leeper	Leeper	Leeper			
FB	Shaughnessy	King	Shaughnessy	King	Shaughnessy	Shaughnessy	Shaughnessy	-	-			
QB	Secky	Secky	Secky	Piskorik	Piskorik	Piskorik	Piskorik	Piskorik	Piskorik			
TE	Miller	-	Miller	-	-	-	-	-	Miller			
WR/RB	-	-	-	McDuffie	-	-	-	Larmond	-			
- Defense -												
DE	Jacques	Jacques	Jacques	Jacques	Jacques	Jacques	Jacques	Jacques	Jacques			
DT	Schroeder	Schroeder	Schroeder	Schroeder	Schroeder	Schroeder	Schroeder	Schroeder	Schroeder			
DT	Atuatasi	Atuatasi	Atuatasi	Atuatasi	Atuatasi	Atuatasi	Atuatasi	Atuatasi	Atuatasi			
DE	Austrum	Austrum	Austrum	A. Sanders	Austrum	Austrum	Austrum	Austrum	Austrum			
LB	Cummings	Cummings	Cummings	Cummings	Cummings	R. Sanders	R. Sanders	R. Sanders	R. Sanders			
LB	Wilcher	Wilcher	Wilcher	Wilcher	Wilcher	Wilcher	Wilcher	Wilcher	Wilcher			
LB	Clifton	Clifton	Clifton	Clifton	Morris	Morris	Morris	Morris	Clifton			
CB	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford			
SS	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Gibson	Gibson	Williams			
ES	Graham	Graham	Graham	Graham	Graham	Graham	Graham	Graham	Graham			
CB	B. Smith	B. Smith	B. Smith	Arroyo	Arroyo	Arroyo	Arroyo	Arroyo	Arroyo			

Seniors in bold



Offensive Depth Chart vs. Toledo

QB	13 – P.J. Piskorik So., 6-0, 219 Swoyersville, PA Season: 57-138-3 652 yds, 4 TDs, long 58; 90 carries, 215 yds Notes: Threw for one score ran for another vs. Ohio...had career-best 72 yards rushing vs. UConn, the most by a UB QB since 1992.	7 – Randall Secky Jr., 6-4, 216 Bemus Point, NY Season: 28-64-1, 207 yds, 0 TDs, long of 21 Career: 247-520-14 2,375 yards, 12 TDs Notes: Saw action vs. Ohio, connecting on 1-of-5 passes for 8 yds.
TB	22 – Dave Dawson So., 5-8, 183 Camp Hill, PA OR Season: 101 att., 558 yards, 5.5 avg., 1 TD, long 76 Career: 162 carries, 920 yards, 5.7 avg., 3 TDs, long 76 Notes: Has been over 100 yds three times this year; 4 50+-yd runs.	21 – Aaron Leeper So., 5-10, 194 Jamestown, NY Season: 104 att., 419 yards, 4.0 avg., 2 TDs, long 43 Career: 339 att., 1,336 yards, 3.9 avg., 12 TDs, long of 65 Notes: Had 43 yards on 16 carries vs. Ohio last week.
FB	40 – Tom Shaughnessy Sr., 6-0, 230 LeRoy, NY Career: 4 rec., 27 yards Notes: Punishing blocker with capable hands out of backfield; also an outstanding special teams player for Bulls.	41 – Tyrone Wilson Jr., 6-1, 240 Tulare, CA Career: N/A Notes: Huge fullback who transferred to Buffalo from Fresno City Junior College. Saw significant action in second half vs. UCF.
FL	85 – Matt Kneueven Jr., 6-1, 205 Cincinnati, OH Season: 28 rec., 395 yards, 14.1 avg., 2 TDs, long 58 Career: 71 rec., 927 yards, 13.1 avg., 5 TDs, long 58 Notes: Had longest catch of his career (58 yards) versus Ohio.	83 – Gabe McClover So., 6-1, 211 Fort Lauderdale, FL Season: 3 rec., 33 yards, 11.0 avg., 0 TDs Career: 8 rec., 80 yards, 10.0 avg., 0 TDs Notes: Had career-long 25 yard catch last week versus Marshall.
WR	86 – Brian Watson R-Fr., 6-5, 218 Elizabeth, NJ Season: 9 rec., 56 yards, 6.2 avg., long 12 Notes: Had career-best four receptions vs. Colgate; had only played two years of football before coming to Buffalo.	82 – DeSean Larmond Fr., 6-0, 165 Brooklyn, NY Season: 6 rec., 83 yards, 13.8 avg., long 34 Notes: Has team-long 34-yard catch vs. Akron in first collegiate game...held without a catch for the first time this year vs. Ohio.
TE	80 – Chad Upshaw R-Fr., 6-4, 250 Southport, CT Career: 8 rec., 45 yards, 5.6 avg., long 8 Notes: First career TD vs. Marshall; son of former major league star Willie Upshaw and cousin is Raiders' great Gene.	88 – Brian Miller Jr., 6-4, 222 Santa Clarita, CA Career: 1 rec., 7 yards, 1 TD, long 7 Notes: Transfer from College of the Canyons JC...first career catch at Buffalo was a seven-yard TD versus Akron.
LT	74 – Zack Love So., 6-4, 296 Wallingford, PA Notes: 21 straight starts at left tackle...graded out as top lineman in '02...first-team All-State selection who led Strath Haven to back-to-back state championships in high school.	75 – Alex Alvarez Sr., 6-4, 292 Los Angeles, CA Notes: Earned first career start versus Miami last year at left guard...has played both guard and tackle in his career...has seen action in all nine games.
LG	59 – Mike Schifano So., 6-5, 285 Webster, NY Notes: Has started last 11 games, including all nine games this year...helped Webster to NYS state title in 1999...UB Scholar-Athlete...nickname is "Bulldog."	72 – Dan Minocchi Jr., 6-1, 290 Canton, OH Notes: Started the first seven games in 2002...UB and MAC scholar-athlete...relative of former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano...also has thrown discus and shot put on UB track team.
C	64 – Kevin Dunn Sr., 6-1, 286 Mission Viejo, CA Notes: Started all 12 games in '02, taking over for the injured Eric Weber...has 15 starts in his career...one of nine Californians on the UB roster...great technique player...nickname is Vern.	79 – Erik Zeppuhar Jr., 6-3, 285 Allison Park, PA Notes: Has started 29 games at guard for Buffalo but can also play center...UB and MAC Scholar-Athlete...once ate 118 wings in one sitting to set a restaurant record in Pittsburgh.
RG	79 – Erik Zeppuhar Jr., 6-3, 285 Allison Park, PA Notes: Had made 29 starts at guard for Buffalo...UB and MAC Scholar-Athlete...once ate 118 wings in one sitting to set a restaurant record in Pittsburgh.	78 – Gerry Weissinger R-Fr., 6-5, 301 Webster, NY Notes: Promising young lineman who has seen spot duty throughout the season...saw significant work lat Miami...part of NYS Championship team at Webster.
RT	63 – Jeff Mills Jr., 6-5, 288 Wilkes-Barre, PA Notes: Has started 31 straight games...tri-captain...Verizon Academic All-District selection for past two seasons...Dean's List student enrolled in UB's Honors Program.	76 – Terrance Miles So., 6-5, 290 Buffalo, NY Notes: Has been prominent backup this season...former walk-on who played locally at McKinley HS in Buffalo, helping the Macks to a 21-1 record in final two years.
PK	5 – Dallas Pelz Sr., 6-0, 185 Holland, NY Season: 10-of-10 PATs, 7-10 FG's, long 43 Career: 28-of-41 FGs (68.3%), 37-of-43 PATs (86%) Notes: Tied for career lead in FGs; 121 points are 9th all-time	18 – Mike Baker So., 5-10, 191 Jamestown, NY Season: 1-2 FGs (long 30), 1-of-1 PATs Career: 2-4 FGs (long 30), 9-of-9 PATs Notes: Played with teammate Aaron Leeper at Jamestown HS.
SNP	14 – Adam Johnson Sr., 6-5, 213 Alta Loma, CA Notes: Second year as snapper...has also played on basketball team at UB and is working on his master's degree...has played quarterback and receiver...uncle Bob played w/ Cincinnati Bengals.	70 – Casey Russell Jr., 6-0, 266 Lafayette, NY Notes: A recruited walk-on who is a great effort player...has been back-up snapper during his career.
HLD	7 – Randall Secky So., 6-4, 215 Bemus Point, NY Notes: Has been Bulls' regular holder for past two seasons.	13 – P.J. Piskorik So., 6-0, 219 Swoyersville, PA Notes: Saw only action as a holder at Miami (OH).
PR	85 – Matt Kneueven Jr., 6-1, 205 Cincinnati, OH Season: 31 rets., 100 yards, 7.1 avg., long 50 Career: 15 ret., 114 yards, 7.6 avg., long 50 Notes: Had career-best 50 yard return vs. Ohio.	22 – Dave Dawson So., 5-8, 183 Camp Hill, PA Season: N/A Notes: Standout on special teams who has ranked among MAC leaders in kickoff returns; has not handled a punt in his career.



Defensive Depth Chart vs. Toledo

LE	37 – Phil Jacques So., 6-2, 240 Farmington Hills, MI Season: 11 tackles (4 solos), 1 PD, 2 FF, 1 INT, 1 QBH Career: 46 tackles (24 solos), 4 TFL, 2 sacks, 2 FF, 1 PD, 1 QBH Notes: UB's steadiest defensive lineman in his first two seasons.	96 – Rashad Clark Sr., 6-3, 260 Los Angeles, CA Season: 8 tackles (4 solos), 1/2 TFL Career: 19 tackles (10 solos), 2 1/2 TFL, 1 sack Notes: Former Marine who is UB's oldest player (26).
DT	62 – Rob Schroeder So., 6-4, 276 East Rochester, NY Season: 17 tackles (14 solos), 2 1/2 TFL, 2 PD, 3 BLKs, 1 QH Career: 54 tackles (35 solos), 10 1/2 TFL, 4 1/2 sacks, 4 PD, 5 BLKs Notes: Blocked third kick of year vs. Ohio and had key pass breakup.	53 – Kirk Berry So., 6-2, 251 Norristown, PA Season: 3 tackles (3 solo) Notes: Has gotten progressively better in his career...has good quickness...a UB Scholar-Athlete.
NT	94 – Sagan Atuatasi Sr., 6-3, 338 Los Alamitos, CA Season: 13 tackles (9 solos), 1/2 TFL Notes: Started in his first game in Blue & White after transferring from Long Beach City JC...excellent size and strength.	70 – Casey Russell Jr., 6-0, 266 Lafayette, NY Season: 9 tackles (8 solos), 1 1/2 TFL Career: 10 tackles (8 solos) Notes: A recruited walk-on who is a great effort player.
RE	52 – Demetrius Austrum Sr., 6-2, 236 Taravella, FL Season: 21 tackles (13 solos), 2 TFL, 2 1/2 sacks, 1 QBH Career: 61 tackles (39 solos), 9 TFLs, 5 1/2 sacks, 1 QBH Notes: Has started all but one game this season.	49 – Aaron Sanders So., 6-1, 233 Clarence, NY Season: 13 tackles (7 solos), 1 TFL, 2 QBH Career: 15 tackles, (9 solos), 1 TFL, 1 QBH Notes: Got first career start vs. UConn...rec. fumble vs. Marshall
OLB	55 – Chris Clifton Sr., 6-3, 251 Amherst, NY Season: 54 tackles (30 solos), 4 1/2 TFL, 1 1/2 sacks, 3 QBH Career: 72 tackles (36 solos) 4 1/2 TFL, 1 1/2 sacks, 1 FR, 3 QBH Notes: Had 9 tackles, two for losses, and a sack vs. Ohio.	44 – Rodney Morris Jr., 5-10, 218 Pahoee, FL Season: 20 tackles (12 solos) Career: 96 tackles (58 solos), 6 TFL, 1 sack, 3 PBUs, 1 FR Notes: Got first start of season vs. Akron; has 15 career starts
ILB	4 – Lamar Wilcher Sr., 6-2, 242 Ossining, NY Season: 55 tackles (23 solos), 1 1/2 TFL, 1 sack, 4 PD, 2 QBH Career: 185 tackles (109 solos), 22 1/2 TFL, 1 1/2 sacks, 7 PDs, 2 FR Notes: Tri-captain...had sack and two pass breakups vs. Ohio.	58 – Jeff Bublavi R-Fr., 5-10, 203 Norwood, PA Season: 28 tackles (15 solos), 1 TFL, 1 FF Notes: Walk-on who has seen extensive action...forced fumble at UCF...had career-high eight tackles (1 TFL) vs. Colgate.
OLB	46 – Bryan Cummings So., 6-3, 228 Cincinnati, OH Season: 49 tackles (29 solos), 3 TFL, 1 Sack, 2 PD, 1 QBH OR Career: 103 tackles (68 solos), 9 TFL, 3 sacks, 1 FF, 2 PD, 1 QBH Notes: Had 3 tackles, 1 TFL and pass breakup vs. Marshall	99 – Rich Sanders So., 5-11, 253 Miami, FL Season: 24 tackles (19 solos), 1 FF, 1 QBH, 1 BLK Career: 39 tackles (30 solos), 1 INT, 1 FF, 1 PD, 2 FR, 1 QBH Notes: Had a forced fumble and blocked kick vs. Ohio.
CB	32 – Delando Bradford R-Fr., 5-8, 184 Franklin, MI Season: 53 tackles (42 solos), 4 PD, 2 QBH, 1 FR, 1 FF Notes: Second on team with 42 solo tackles...had eight tackles and first career fumble recovery vs. Ohio...one of top freshmen in MAC.	10 – Angel Baines So., 6-2, 198 Syracuse, NY Season: 10 tackles (6 solos) Notes: Converted wide receiver...career-best four tackles versus Akron...transferred to Buffalo from Mansfield College.
SS	6 – Gemara Williams So., 5-8, 182 Oak Park, MI Season: 62 tackles (40 solos), 2 TFL, 1/2 sack, 5 PDs, 1 FR OR Career: 105 tackles, (69 solos), 6 TFL, 1 INT, 11 PDs, 2 FR, 1 FF Notes: Team-best 5 passes defended...nine tackles vs. Ohio.	29 – J.J. Gibson Jr., 5-9, 186 Amherst, NY Season: 47 tackles (34 solos), 3 TFL, 3 sacks, 1 PD, 1 FF Career: 224 tackles (146 solos), 6 TFL, 3 sacks, 1 Int., 8 PDs, 1 FR, 3 FF Notes: Three sacks vs. Marshall; forced 3rd career fumble vs. OU
FS	2 – Mark Graham Sr., 6-0, 191 Monroe, MI Season: 78 TT (52 solos), 6 1/2 TFL, 3 sacks, 1 Int. 4 PDs, 3 FR Career: 260 tackles (177 solos), 11 TFL, 6 sacks, 37 PDs; 12 Int. Notes: Career-high 15 tackles vs. Ohio; career leader in PDs (37)	10 – Angel Baines So., 6-2, 198 Syracuse, NY Season: 10 tackles (6 solos) Notes: Converted wide receiver...career-best four tackles versus Akron...transferred to Buffalo from Mansfield College.
CB	31 – Michael Arroyo R-Fr., 6-0, 171 Seymour, CT Season: 27 tackles (18 solos), 1/2 sack, 2 PD Notes: Made first start vs. Connecticut and recorded a career-best nine tackles...had four tackles and first TFL of career vs. Ohio.	28 – Brandon Smith R-Fr., 5-10, 177 Miami, FL Season: 33 tackles (18 solos), 2 TFL, 1 FF, 2 PD Notes: Had two tackles for loss at UCF...six solo tackles vs. Marshall...has started three games...sure-handed tackler.
P	17 – Dominic Milano Jr., 5-10, 175 Hacienda Heights, CA Season: 64 punts, 2415 yds, 37.7 avg., 1 FC, 17 I-20, long 57 Notes: Had career-best 57 yarder versus Colgate...has had 17 punts downed inside the 20 – eight of them inside the 10.	5 – Dallas Pelz Sr., 6-0, 185 Holland, NY Season: 5 punts, 190 yards, 38.0 avg., long 48, 1 FC Career: 34 punts, 1215 yards, 35.7 avg., 7 FC, 7 I-20, long 64 Notes: Punted five times for 38.0 avg. at UCF.
SNP	10 – Adam Johnson Sr., 6-5, 213 Alta Loma, CA Notes: Second year as snapper...also played on basketball team	70 – Casey Russell Jr., 6-0, 266 Lafayette, NY Notes: A recruited walk-on who is a great effort player.
KOR	21 – Aaron Leeper So., 5-10, 194 Jamestown, NY Season: 17 rets., 331 yards, 19.5 avg., long 30 Career: 30 rets., 549 yards, 18.3 avg., long 32 Notes: Had school-record eight returns at Miami.	22 – Dave Dawson So., 5-8, 183 Camp Hill, PA Season: 17 ret., 365 yards, 21.5 avg., long 46 Notes: Had career-best 46-yard return vs. Akron...fourth in MAC in KO return average...career-best 146 all-purpose yards at Rutgers.
KOR	6 – Gemara Williams So., 5-8, 182 Oak Park, MI Season: N/A Notes: Returned a kick for a touchdown in high school while helping Brother Rice to the state title in Michigan.	

2003 University at Buffalo Football Game-by-Game Statistical Leaders

Game/Result	Rushing	Passing	Receiving	Punting	FG's/PATs (Good)	Defense
Aug. 30 at Rutgers L, 24-10	Dawson 14-125, TD Leeper 13-53 McDuffie 3-26	Secky 7-21-0 60 yards	Dyer 3-39 Knueven 1-9	Milano 8-305 38.1, (long 46)	Baker (38, <u>30</u>) 1-1 PAT's	Wilcher 6-10-16, 1 PD Clifton 4-7-11 Graham 5-4-9
Sept. 6 at #23 Iowa L, 56-7	Dawson 9-47 Leeper 12-43, TD McDuffie 9-40	Secky 5-13-1 39 yards	Knueven 4-37	Milano 6-228 38.0, (long 46)	Pelz 1-1 PAT's	Clifton 10-4-14 Williams 5-4-9 Graham 6-2-8, 1 TFL, 1 PD
Sept. 13 COLGATE L, 38-15	Leeper 5-54, TD Piskorik 7-29 Dawson 9-28	Secky 9-16-0, 74 yds Piskorik 4-8-0 50 yards	Leeper 5-28 Watson 4-33 Knueven 3-51	Milano 8-316, 39.5 long 57	Pelz 1-1 PAT's	Cummings 6-5-11 Graham 7-3-10, 1/2 sack Williams 5-5-10
Sept. 20 UCONN L, 38-7	Piskorik 15-72 Leeper 3-33 King 5-24	Piskorik 7-22-0 70 yds Secky 6-8-0 26 yds	Dance 4-34 Knueven 3-39	Milano 11-433, 39.4, long 45	Pelz 1-1 PAT's	Graham 3-7-10, 1 sack Gibson 4-5-9 Clifton 3-5-8, 2 TFL
Sept. 27 AKRON* L, 38-21	Leeper 13-61 McDuffie 3-23	Piskorik 13-18-0 119 yds, 2 TDs	Knueven 5-63, TD Larmond 2-39 Miller 1-7, TD	Milano 8-265 33.1, long 48	Pelz 3-3 PAT's	Arroyo 6-1-7, PD G. Williams 4-3-7, PD B. Smith 3-3-6, FF, PD
Oct. 4 at UCF* L, 19-10	Dawson 8-83 Piskorik 15-36, TD	Piskorik 12-25-0 93 yds	Knueven 3-35 Leeper 3-19	Milano 2-82, 41.0 Pelz 5-190, 38.0 long 48	Pelz (43, 40) 1-1 PAT's	Williams 9-1-10, TFL Graham 7-1-8, 1 FR, TFL Bublavi 5-0-5, FF
Oct. 11 at Miami, OH* L, 59-3	Dawson 13-104 Leeper 18-45	Piskorik 11-23-1 86 yards	Knueven 4-45 Larmond 1-17	Milano 9-343, 38.1 long 50	Pelz (24)	Gibson 10-2-12, PD Cummings 7-1-8 Bradford 7-0-7, FF
Oct. 18 MARSHALL* L, 26-16	Leeper 12-57 McDuffie 9-33, TD	Piskorik 15-23-1 140 yards, TD	Knueven 4-58 Upshaw 3-14, TD	Milano 7-259, 37.0 long 45	Pelz (42) 1-1 PAT's	Gibson 7-1-8, 3 sacks Wilcher 5-3-8, TFL Graham 5-2-7, sack, PD
Oct. 25 OHIO* W, 26-17	Dawson 18-104 Piskorik 17-55, TD	Piskorik 3-13-1 75 yards, TD	Upshaw 2-16 Knueven 1-58, TD McDuffie 1-9	Milano 5-184, 36.8 long 42	Pelz (47, 43, <u>21</u> , <u>33</u> , <u>34</u> , <u>24</u>) 2-2 PAT's	Graham 10-5-15, FR Clifton 4-5-9, 2 TFL Williams 3-6-9, 1 FR
Nov. 1 at Toledo* 7 pm						
Nov. 8 N. ILLINOIS* 1 pm						
Nov. 22 at Kent State 4 pm						

– 2003 Football Highlights –

Tailback Dave Dawson ran for a career-best 125 yards on 14 carries and had the longest touchdown run (76 yards) in Buffalo's I-A history in a 24-10 loss at Rutgers. Lamar Wilcher had a career-best 16 tackles to pace the defense.

Sophomore quarterback P.J. Piskorik made his first career start and ran for 72 yards, the most by a UB quarterback in 11 seasons.

Senior Mark Graham had his 12th career interception and returned a fumble 66 yards for a touchdown in a 38-21 loss to Akron. The fumble return for a score was the first of Graham's sterling career and the first fumble return for a score in 66 games for the Bulls, dating back to 1997.

Sophomore tailback Dave Dawson went over 100 yards (104 yards on 13 carries) for the third time in his career in a 59-3 loss at Miami (OH). In the same game, sophomore Aaron Leeper broke the school record for kickoff returns in a game with eight.

Junior strong safety J.J. Gibson recorded three quarterback sacks as Buffalo dropped a tough 26-16 Homecoming decision to five-time MAC East champion Marshall.

The Bulls snapped an 18-game winless streak with a 26-17 win over Ohio at UB Stadium on Oct. 25. Tailback Dave Dawson went over 100 yards for the third on the season and kicker Dallas Pelz tied the school record with four field goals. Mark Graham led the UB defense with a career-best 15 tackles.

2003 University at Buffalo Numerical Football Roster

<i>NO.</i>	<i>PLAYER</i>	<i>POS</i>	<i>HT</i>	<i>WT</i>	<i>CL</i>	<i>HOMETOWN</i>	<i>HS/PREVIOUS SCHOOL</i>
2	GRAHAM, Mark***	DB	6-0	191	Sr.	Monroe, MI	Monroe
4	WILCHER, Lamar***	LB	6-1	242	Sr.	Ossining, NY	Ossining
5	PELZ, Dallas***	P/K	5-11	188	Sr.	Holland, NY	St. Francis
6	WILLIAMS, Gemara*	DB	5-8	182	So.	Oak Park, MI	Brother Rice
7	SECKY, Randall**	QB	6-4	216	Jr.	Bemus Point, NY	Maple Grove
8	ROBINSON, Eddie	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA	Reseda/College of the Canyons
9	KING, Steven	RB	6-0	200	R-Fr.	Hempstead, NY	Uniondale
10	BAINES, Angel	DB	6-2	198	So.	Syracuse, NY	Henninger/Mansfield University
11	BUCHANAN, Kevin	WR	6-1	187	Fr.	Somerville, NJ	Somerville
12	MOORE, Chris	QB	6-5	210	Fr.	Highland Village, TX	Flower Mound Marcus
13	PISKORIK, P.J.	QB	6-0	219	So.	Swoyersville, PA	Wyoming Valley West
14	JOHNSON, Adam**	WR	6-5	213	Sr.	Alta Loma, CA	Etiwanda/Chaffey JC
15	SAMPSEL, Stewart	QB	6-2	183	R-Fr.	Howard, PA	Bellefonte
15	CARTER, Zachary	DB	6-0	183	Fr.	Manlius, NY	Fayetteville-Manlius HS
16	SCHWEIZER, Mike	DB	5-9	170	So.	Hamburg, NY	Frontier/Canisius College
17	MILANO, Dominic	P	5-10	175	Jr.	Hacienda Heights, CA	Los Altos/Mount San Antonio JC
18	BAKER, Michael*	P/K	5-10	191	So.	Jamestown, NY	Jamestown
19	MOSS, Jeff	P	6-0	200	Fr.	Durham, NC	Durham North
20	DYER, Derrick	WR	6-2	190	Jr.	Rochester, NY	Marshall/Hudson Valley JC
21	LEEPER, Aaron*	RB	5-10	194	So.	Jamestown, NY	Jamestown
22	DAWSON, Dave*	RB	5-8	183	So.	Camp Hill, PA	Bishop McDevitt
24	BREAUX, Terrance	DB	6-2	196	Fr.	Randallstown, MD	Randallstown
25	SHERWOOD-ERICSSON, Ryan	DB	6-1	202	R-Fr.	Erie, PA	McDowell
25	IBEKWEH, Ekeh	RB	6-0	230	Fr.	Brooklyn, NY	New Utrecht
26	McDUFFIE, Chris	RB	5-10	188	R-Fr.	Amherst, NY	Williamsville North
27	BYROM, Kareem	DB	5-10	170	Fr.	New Brunswick, NJ	New Brunswick
28	SMITH, Brandon	DB	5-10	177	R-Fr.	Miami, FL	Coral Reef
29	GIBSON, J.J.**	DB	5-9	186	Jr.	Buffalo, NY	Sweet Home
30	JUDGES, James	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	Pickering, ONT	St. Marys Secondary
31	ARROYO, Michael	DB	6-0	171	R-Fr.	Seymour, CT	Seymour
32	BRADFORD, Delando	DB	5-8	184	R-Fr.	Franklin, MI	Groves
33	HAYMORE, LaRon	DB	6-1	210	Fr.	St. Louis, MO	Cardinal Ritter
34	VANN, James	LB	6-1	201	R-Fr.	Downington, PA	Downingtown
35	SUSSMAN, Ken	FB	6-3	250	Fr.	Great Neck, NY	Great Neck North
35	LAPINSKI, Dustin	DB	5-9	190	Fr.	Rochester, NY	Greece-Athena
36	AMBROISE, Michelin	DB	5-10	188	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY	Sheepshead Bay/SUNY Canton
37	JACQUES, Philip*	DE	6-2	240	So.	Farmington Hills, MI	Brother Rice
38	THOMAS, Stephen	DB	5-9	193	So.	Brooklyn, NY	Brooklyn Tech
39	ERVIN, Ollice	LB	6-2	214	Fr.	Vero Beach, FL	Vero Beach
40	SHAUGHNESSY, Tom***	FB	6-0	230	Sr.	LeRoy, NY	LeRoy
41	WILSON, Tyrone	FB	6-1	240	Jr.	Tulare, CA	Tulare Western/Fresno City JC
42	PATTERSON, Jared	RB	6-1	204	R-Fr.	Belvidere, NJ	Belvidere
43	McEACHERN, Lucas	DB	6-1	192	Fr.	Calgary, Alberta	Champlain
44	MORRIS, Rodney**	LB	5-10	218	Jr.	Pahokee, FL	Pahokee
45	PIROWSKI, Hank	LB	5-10	203	Jr.	Lackawanna, NY	Lackawanna
45	REYNOLDS, Terrence	CB	5-9	183	Sr.	Cambria Heights, NY	Bayside/Hudson Valley/Nassau CC
46	CUMMINGS, Bryan*	LB	6-3	228	So.	Cincinnati, OH	Madeira
47	ROBERTSON, Todd	LB	6-1	205	Fr.	Amherst, NY	Sweet Home
48	BOURJOLLY, Jude	DL	6-1	254	Jr.	Queens, NY	August Martin/Nassau CC
49	SANDERS, Aaron*	DE	6-1	233	So.	Clarence, NY	St. Joseph's
51	VELASQUEZ, Francisco	LB	6-3	212	Sr.	Bronx, NY	Graphic Arts
52	AUSTRUM, Demetrius***	DE	6-1	236	Sr.	Coral Springs, FL	Taravella

53	BERRY, Kirk	DE	6-1	254	So.	Norristown, PA	Norristown
54	FACAROS, Dimitri	DL	5-9	220	Fr.	Oakmont, PA	Riverview
55	CLIFTON, Chris*	LB	6-3	251	Sr.	Amherst, NY	Amherst Central/Erie CC
56	ANDRIANO, Anthony**	DE	6-2	240	Jr.	Howard Beach, NY	Christ The King/Milford Academy
58	BUBLAVI, Jeff	LB	5-10	203	R-Fr.	Norwood, PA	Interboro
59	SCHIFANO, Michael*	OL	6-5	285	So.	Webster, NY	Webster
60	CEBROSKY, Mike	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	Lehighton, PA	Lehighton
61	CONRAD, Ian	DL	6-2	260	Fr.	Buffalo, NY	Bishop Timon
62	SCHROEDER, Rob*	DT	6-4	276	So.	East Rochester, NY	East Rochester
63	MILLS, Jeff***	OL	6-6	297	Sr.	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Coughlin
64	DUNN, Kevin***	OL	6-1	286	Sr.	Mission Viejo, CA	Mission Viejo
65	WEBER, Eric*	OL	6-5	310	Jr.	Canandaigua, NY	Canandaigua
65	MARSDEN, Greg	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	Islip Terrace, NY	East Islip
66	AUGUSTE, Leroy	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	Newburgh, NY	Newburgh Free Academy
67	BURGIO, Jon	OL	6-9	320	Fr.	Clarence, NY	Clarence
68	STRESING, Art	OL	6-1	310	Fr.	Batavia, NY	Batavia Notre Dame
69	COUGHLIN, Travis	OL	6-6	275	Fr.	Royal Oak, MI	Bishop Foley
70	RUSSELL, Casey**	DL	6-0	266	Jr.	Lafayette, NY	Lafayette
71	RICHARD, Jamey	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	Westin, CT	Westin
72	MINOCCHI, Dan**	OL	6-1	290	Jr.	Canton, OH	Canton Central Catholic
73	SCHMIDT, Tim	OL	6-6	301	R-Fr.	Apalachin, NY	Owego Free Academy
74	LOVE, Zachary*	OL	6-4	296	So.	Wallingford, PA	Strath Haven
75	ALVAREZ, Alex*	OL	6-4	292	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA	Bell-Jefferson/Glendale CC
76	MILES, Terrance*	OL	6-5	290	So.	Buffalo, NY	McKinley
77	JOHNSON, Luke	OT	6-7	308	Jr.	Wayzata, MN	Wayzata/Bakersfield CC
78	WEISSINGER, Gerry	OL	6-5	301	R-Fr.	Webster, NY	Webster
79	ZEPPUHAR, Erik**	OL	6-3	285	Jr.	Allison Park, PA	Shaler
80	UPSHAW, Chad	TE	6-4	250	R-Fr.	Southport, CT	St. Joseph's
82	LARMOND, DeSean	WR	6-0	165	Fr.	Brooklyn, NY	Midwood
83	McCLOVER, Gabriel*	WR	6-1	211	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Coconut Creek
84	GREEN, Jeff	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	Fairport, NY	Fairport
85	KNUEVEN, Matt**	WR	6-1	205	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH	LaSalle
85	ST. LOUIS, James	WR	6-1	201	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY	SUNY Morrisville
86	WATSON, Brian	WR	6-5	218	R-Fr.	Elizabeth, NJ	Elizabeth/The Hun School
87	ABRAHAM, Marck	DT	6-3	255	Fr.	Deerfield Beach, FL	Deerfield Beach
88	MILLER, Brian	TE	6-5	222	Jr.	Santa Clarita, CA	Valencia/College of the Canyons JC
89	SCOTT, Trevor	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	Potsdam, NY	Potsdam
90	VRANTISIS, Greg	TE	6-3	242	Fr.	Hamilton, ONT	Barton Secondary
91	WASHINGTON, Leonard	DL	6-1	238	R-Fr.	Akron, OH	Copley
92	MEHOLIF, Bill*	DT	6-3	256	So.	Parma, OH	St. Ignatius
93	HARRIS, Obadiah*	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	Chillicothe, OH	Chillicothe/Valley Forge JC
94	ATUATASI, Sagan	DL	6-3	338	Jr.	Los Alamitos, CA	Los Alamitos/Long Beach JC
95	DOMBEK, Jeff	DL	6-4	260	Fr.	Clarence, NY	Clarence
95	PARROW, Randy	DT	6-0	292	Fr.	Hazelcrest, IL	Hillcrest
96	CLARK, Rashad*	DE	6-3	260	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA	Ontario/West Los Angeles JC
97	SMITH, Andrae	DE	6-4	217	Fr.	Bloomfield, CT	Bloomfield
99	SANDERS, Rich*	LB	5-11	253	So.	Miami, FL	Coral Reef

*Indicates number of letters earned

Head coach: Jim Hofher (11th year as head coach, 3rd year at Buffalo)

Assistants: Thurmond Moore (defensive coordinator), Miles Aldridge (defensive secondary), Rob Best (quarterbacks), Andrew Dees (tight ends), Antonio Goss (linebackers), Roy Istvan (offensive line), Tom Jones (defensive line), Brian Polian (running backs/special teams), Doug Socha (wide receivers), Mike Garofalo (offensive graduate assistant), Mike Roark (defensive graduate assistant)

Strength and conditioning: Cheyenne Pietri **Operations:** Paul Bittar **Training staff:** Sue Rocque, Dale Zulawski **Video:** Adam Raymond