



## 2000 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WEEKLY FOOTBALL RELEASE

### • THIS WEEK'S GAME •

BUFFALO (2-7, 2-4) AT AKRON (4-5, 3-3)  
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 RUBBER BOWL (35,202) • AKRON, OH  
 MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE GAME  
 WGR RADIO (550)

### Quick Facts

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**BULLS HOPE TO FINISH WITH FLOURISH:** The University at Buffalo looks to make it two in a row on Saturday when it travels to Akron for a Mid-American Conference East Division battle.

The Bulls are coming off an emotional 20-17 come-from-behind overtime victory over Kent State on Saturday which evened their record in MAC East Division play at 2-2 with games at Akron and versus Miami (Nov. 18) to close the 2000 season.

The win was the second time that the Bulls have rallied from a deficit in the final two minutes of the fourth quarter this season to claim a 20-17 win. UB had beaten Bowling Green back on Sept. 23 with a touchdown in the final two minutes for its first-ever MAC win.

Akron, meanwhile, is coming off of a bye week but is in the midst of a three-game losing streak. The Zips lost an opportunity at the MAC East Division crown – and a place in the MAC Championship Game – with a 31-28 loss to Marshall two weeks ago.

**BULLS CLIP KENT STATE IN OVERTIME:** The University at Buffalo went through many emotions this week after the news that head coach Craig Cirbus' contract would not be renewed. Late Saturday afternoon, however, the only emotion they felt was elation after claiming the first overtime victory in school history in a 20-17 Mid-American Conference win over Kent State at UB Stadium.

That the Bulls' did it once again in come-from-behind fashion was even sweeter as Buffalo improved to 2-7 overall and 2-4 in the Mid-American Conference. Like UB's other win – an identical 20-17 win over Bowling Green –

this one featured a comeback in the final two minutes and saw lady luck smile on the Bulls when it counted most.

First, senior kicker **Scott Keller (Amherst, NY/Amherst Central)** saw his 22-yard field goal on the final play of regulation tipped by a Kent State player but still manage to find its way between the uprights to tie the game at 17-17. Then, after Keller kicked a 38-yard field goal to give the Bulls the lead in overtime, the normally reliable Dave Pavich had his

21-yard field goal hit the left upright and carom harmlessly to the ground to drop the Golden Flashes to 1-9 and 1-6 in the conference.

Both teams had plenty of chances to win in a game that see-sawed throughout and featured four lead changes and two ties. After the Bulls had taken a 17-14



Scott Keller

## 2000 Mid-American Conference Standings

### East Division

Team	MAC Div.		MAC Overall		Overall		Strk
	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Marshall	4	0	4	2	5	4	W-3
Miami	3	1	4	2	5	4	W-1
Akron	3	1	3	3	4	5	L-3
Ohio	2	2	3	3	5	4	L-1
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>W-1</b>
Bowling Green	1	4	2	4	2	7	L-1
Kent State	0	5	1	6	1	9	L-4

### West Division

Team	W		L		W		L		Strk
	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Western Michigan	3	0	6	0	8	1	W-8		
Toledo	3	1	4	1	8	1	W-5		
Ball State	2	2	4	2	4	5	L-1		
Northern Illinois	1	2	3	2	5	4	L-1		
Eastern Michigan	1	2	1	4	2	7	W-1		
Central Michigan	0	3	1	5	1	8	L-7		

### Saturday's Games

*Ball State at Toledo, 1:00 pm*  
*W. Michigan at C. Michigan, 1:00 pm*  
*Northern Illinois at E. Michigan, 1:00 pm*  
*Ohio at Bowling Green, 1:30 pm*  
*Buffalo at Akron, 7:00 pm*  
*Miami at Marshall, 7:00 pm*

(Idle – Kent State)

(MAC games in italics)

### Saturday's Results

@ Miami 27, Ohio 24  
 Western Michigan 42, @ Ball State 3  
 @ Buffalo 20, Kent State 17 (ot)  
 @ Eastern Michigan 31, C. Michigan 15  
 Toledo 38, @ Northern Illinois 24  
 Marshall 20 @ Bowling Green 13

(Idle – Akron)

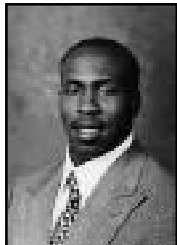


lead in the third quarter on a 32-yard pass from quarterback **Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park)** to **Dahnel Singfield (Baltimore, MD/Dunbar)**, the Flashes struck back.

Kent took advantage of a Freedy interception, a rare mistake for the junior who completed 23-of-36 passes for a career-best 323 yards, early in the fourth quarter to take the lead. Redshirt freshman quarterback Jeff Valentino, who was a surprise starter for Zach Williams, converted on a third-down pass to Matt Curry from 18 yards out to give KSU a 17-14 lead with 14:49 remaining.

The Bulls missed one chance to tie the game with 7:02 remaining when Keller missed a 39-yard field goal to the right. However, the UB defense – which allowed just 119 yards after intermission – stopped Kent State two more times before getting the Bulls' offense the ball back once more with 2:14 remaining.

Freedy completed passes of 15 yards to sophomore **Andre Forde (Penfield, NY/Penfield)** and 26 yards to tailback **Marquis Dwarté (Baltimore, MD/Perry Hall)** to move the ball to the Kent State 16. The Bulls faced a fourth-and-one at the KSU eight-yard line with :52 left and a decision to make.



Andre Forde

"I told the team I wasn't going to make the call, they were," said UB coach Craig Cirbus, who learned last weekend he won't return for his seventh season next year. "The offense within a fraction of a nanosecond said 'We're going for it.' "

The Bulls converted with **Albert Grundy (Springfield, PA/Springfield)** gaining two yards to the five setting up Keller's 22-yard field goal to send the game to overtime. Another Keller field goal gave UB the lead in overtime before Kent drove for what looked like the winning drive.

The Flashes got an 11-yard run by Chante Murphy to move to the UB 14 on their first play of overtime and looked to be in perfect position to score the game-winning touchdown when a facemask penalty on the Bulls set them up first-and-goal at the four.

However, the Bulls' defense rose to the occasion and sent Kent backwards to the five on three straight plays, including an attempted flea-flicker pass from tailback Mikal Lundy to Valentino on third and goal. That set the stage for Pavich, Kent's all-time percentage leader in field goals who hadn't missed a kick inside 30 yards in two seasons, but his 21-yarder clanged off the left upright.

One of the keys to the UB victory was the play of Freedy. The junior was pulled at halftime last week at Northern Illinois when he threw four first-half interceptions, but rebounded with the finest game of his career.

"Freedy had a good day," said Kent State coach Dean Pees. "He hurt us on third down and got the ball where he needed to."

"I got a lot of help out there," said Freedy. "Last week was a disaster, but I put that behind me and didn't let it factor in. It was a very emotional week. It was just different this week (with the news about Cirbus), but the coaching staff helped us to focus in and get done what we needed to do."

Freedy's favorite targets were Forde and Singfield with both setting career highs and becoming the first UB duo to go over 100 yards

receiving in the same game since **Drew Haddad** and **Kali Watkins** performed the feat against Massachusetts (9/26/98). Forde had a career-best 10 receptions for 158



Dahnel Singfield

yards while Singfield had six catches for 115 yards and not only caught a touchdown pass, but also found the endzone on a flanker reverse in the second quarter.

The Bulls' defense, which gave up just 114 yards after intermission, had many heroes. Senior linebacker **Chris Gray (Frewsburg, NY/Frewsburg)** had nine tackles while redshirt freshman cornerback **Mark Graham (Monroe, MI/**

**• MAC Pepsi Players of The Week •**

**Offensive Player of the Week:** Chester Taylor (Toledo). Taylor rushed for a career-high 230 yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries in a 38-24 win at Northern Illinois. His second score was a 73-yarder, the longest run of his career, that gave UT a 28-24 lead just before halftime. Taylor became the second running back in UT history to gain over 1,000 yards in two seasons. His 1,175 yards this season is one yard shy of his 1999 total.

**Defensive Player of the Week:** Terrell Jones (Miami). Jones finished Miami's 27-24 win over Ohio with a career-high 23 tackles, including two sacks and a forced fumble. The forced fumble came in the final seconds when Ohio was trying to move into field goal range and force a tie. Jones totaled 16 solo tackles and seven assisted tackles in holding the Bobcats, a team which had averaged 46 points per game its previous three games, to just 24 points.

**Special Teams Player of the Week:** Maurice Hines (Marshall). Hines' 60-yard punt return for a touchdown with 2:45 left in the fourth quarter gave Marshall a 20-13 win at Bowling Green. Hines' score climaxed the Herd's comeback from a 13-0 deficit. It was the first Marshall punt return for a touchdown since 1998.



**Monroe**) had a career-best eight tackles, a pass breakup and his second interception of the season in the end zone to stop a Kent State drive in the third quarter. Junior nose tackle **Bob Dzvonick (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler)** was a force in the middle with seven solo stops while senior linebacker **Marcus Cole (Buffalo, NY/Turner-Carroll)** had a pair of sacks.

"The events of this week were certainly in front of them," said Cirbus of his players. "I was worried that it would be a distraction to the players. They learned a lot in today's football game. It went back and forth and back and forth and they hung in there. They are a much more mature football team than we were earlier in the year. We are learning how to play football at this level and they graduated to another level today."

*FREEDY BOUNCES BACK:* Junior quarterback **Joe Freedy** went from his worst performance as a collegian to his best in seven days.

After throwing four interceptions in the first half of a 73-10 loss at Northern Illinois, Freedy became the first UB passer since **Chad Salisbury** to throw for over 300 yards in a game in the win over Kent State. Freedy connected on 23-of-36 passes for 323 yards and a touchdown.

For the second time this season, Freedy led the Bulls to a come-from-behind win in the fourth quarter or overtime.

*FORDE ROLLS THROUGH FLASH SECONDARY:* Sophomore split end **Andre Forde** set career bests on Saturday with 10 receptions for 158 yards against Kent State.

Forde's 10 receptions are good for a tie for seventh place all-time for single-game receptions, while his 158 yards receiving were the most since **Drew Haddad** went for 166 yards through the air at Liberty University on October 24, 1998.

*GRUNDY GRINDING UP YARDAGE:* Junior running back **Albert Grundy (Springfield, PA/Springfield)** got his first career start against Kent State and rushed for 38 yards to bring his team-leading total to 359 yards for the season.

The transfer from Valley Forge Military Academy became the first UB player since **Josh Roth** last year (vs. Hofstra and Virginia) to go over 100 yards in back-to-back games. The 6-2, 230-pound Grundy ran for 106 yards on 11 carries against Ball State and then piled up a career-best 173 yards on 18 carries at Northern Illinois.



Albert Grundy

Grundy's 173 yards were the most since all-time leading rusher **Anthony Swan** ran for 216 yards at Lehigh back in 1996.

Grundy's 173 yards also rank as the 10th-best total in school history for a single game.

The all-time list:

1. Alan Bell vs. Duquesne 266
2. O.D. Underwood vs. Rochester 232

3. Anthony Swan at Lehigh 215
4. Anthony Swan vs. Fordham 204
5. O.D. Underwood vs. Albany 201
6. Alan Bell vs. Canisius 192
7. O.D. Underwood at Canisius 191
8. Dane Hightower at Buffalo State 188
9. O.D. Underwood vs. Ithaca 182
10. **Albert Grundy at N. Illinois 173**

*DZVONICK ZAPPING OFFENSES:* Junior nose guard **Bob Dzvonick** not only matched his career-high with seven solo tackles versus Kent State but his defensive coaches call him UB's Most Valuable Player this season.

Dzvonick draws constant double teams by opposing offenses and is a big reason why the Bulls have nearly doubled their sack output from last season (12 to 22 this year) with two games remaining.

Dzvonick has 29 tackles this season, including four for losses, a half-sack and a forced fumble. The junior has already started 24 games in his UB career.

*DUANE DOES IT AGAIN:* Junior outside linebacker **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)** is having an All-MAC caliber year and is climbing up the single-season

<b>• Numbers of Note in Cirbus Era •</b>		
	<i>1995-present</i>	<i>2000</i>
Playing at home _____	12-20	2-2
Playing on road _____	7-25	0-5
Playing on grass _____	16-33	2-4
Playing on turf _____	3-12	0-3
Leading at halftime _____	11-4	0-1
Trailing at halftime _____	6-39	2-6
Game tied at halftime _____	2-2	0-0
Winning turnover margin _____	12-6	0-0
Losing turnover margin _____	3-32	1-5
Even in turnover margin _____	4-7	1-2
Rushing for over 200 yards _____	10-6	0-1
Rushing for less than 200 yards _____	9-39	2-6
Passing for more than 200 yards _____	8-18	1-3
Passing for less than 200 yards _____	11-27	1-4



defensive statistical chart in a few categories.

Williams currently is first in the MAC in sacks and third in tackles for loss with 12. The junior from Detroit is now tied for fourth all-time in sacks in a season and tied for fifth in tackles for loss (14). Williams would need 3.5 sacks in his final two games to tie all-time leader **Vince Canosa** for single-season sacks (1993). UB's all-time leader for single season tackles for loss is **Keith Hansen**, who accomplished the feat in 1996 with 19.

### *JOHNSON MAKES MOST OF FIRST START:*

Junior free safety **Bobby Johnson (Trabuco Hills, CA/Trabuco Hills)** made the most of the first start of his UB career.

The transfer from Orange County (CA) CC had a career-best seven tackles, including a huge five-yard loss to stop a fourth quarter Kent State drive.

*SCOUTING THE ZIPS:* There certainly is no more enigmatic team in the MAC than the Zips of Akron.

Akron has scored impressive wins over Central Florida, at Ohio and Miami (OH) but has also lost at Central Michigan (the Chippewas only win) and at home to Connecticut. The Zips are looking to break a three-game home losing streak against the Bulls on Saturday.

Zips' bullet points:

- Buffalo won't see a better cornerback than Jim Thorpe Award candidate **Dwight Smith**. Smith is second in the nation in interceptions with eight and will play in two post-season all-star games. Smith has 45 tackles, including an eye-opening 41 solo stops, eight pass breakups, a fumble recovery and a blocked kick. Oh by the way, he also plays offense from time-to-time (three receptions, 94 yards) and also has returned punts and kickoffs.

- Tailback **Brandon Payne**, last year's MAC Freshman of the Year, is again leading the team in rushing with 854 yards and has scored 11 touchdowns. He is looking to become just the sixth back in Zip football history to go over 1,000 yards rushing and could do it with 146 yards versus Buffalo.
- Senior quarterback **Butchie Washington** is a three-year starter who is completing 50.2% of his passes for 1,919 yards with 13 touchdowns and nine interceptions. His favorite target is senior **Lavel Bailey**, who has 37 receptions for 746 yards, an impressive 20.2 yards per catch.
- The Akron pass offense has big-play potential. Bailey and teammate **Jake Schifino** are combining to average 18.7 yards per catch and have 10 touchdowns between them.
- Safety **Rich Reliford** leads the Zip defense with 68 tackles and also has 10 pass breakups, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble.
- Teams have had success running against the Zips, averaging 204.4 yards per game and gaining 106 first downs via the ground.

*ZIPS-BULLS MEET FOR SECOND TIME:* This will be just the second meeting between the two schools all-time with Akron claiming the only other meeting, 17-10, at UB Stadium on September 11, 1999.

*KEEP AWAY HELPS BULLS:* The UB offense controlled the ball for a season-high 35:38 against Kent State which aided the defense greatly in the come-from-behind win.

That performance helped UB narrow the gap for the season, as the Bulls are holding the ball for 29:33 per game while opponents are at 30:23.

*ZIPS WELCOMED UB TO MAC WITH HARD-FOUGHT WIN:* In their first Division I-A football game in 29 years, the University at Buffalo stood toe-to-toe with Akron and gave the school-record crowd of 20,835 all they could want before falling 17-10.

Buffalo, which went into the game as nearly three touchdown underdogs recovered from a slow start and battled the Zips on even terms for most of the contest.

The Zips jumped in front the first time they touched the ball. Akron drove 72 yards on 11 plays to take a 7-0 lead when **James Washington** scored from 19 yards out on a rollout to the right. They increased that lead to 10-0 on a 20-yard field goal by **Zac Derr** and saw their defense bail them out twice in the second quarter as the Bulls began to crank it up offensively.

First the Zips stopped a promising UB drive when redshirt freshman **Bam McDonald** fumbled after a 15-yard gain and the Zips' **Jon Eaton** recovered at the Akron 14.

Then after UB junior **Marcus Cole** sacked Washington, forced a fumble and recovered it, the Zips'

defense made the stop of the game. From a first-and-goal at the six, the Bulls gained only one yard on three tries before kicker **Scott Keller** had his 22-yard attempt blocked.

The Bulls did get on the board later when junior **Tory Smith** burst for 34 yards on a fake punt which led to Keller's 33-yard field goal.

The Zips took control again when **Brandon Payne** capped a 12-play, 72-yard drive with a one-yard plunge to make it 17-3 with 3:14 left in the third



Marcus Cole



quarter.

The Bulls rallied, however, as sophomore quarterback **Joe Freedy** – making his first career start – hit senior **Drew Haddad** with a 32-yard scoring strike to cut the lead to seven points (17-10) with 11:49 left in regulation. The Akron defense, however, stiffened and the Bulls suffered their first home opening loss in the Craig Cirbus coaching era (4-1).

The Bulls' defense was outstanding throughout the night and got several excellent performances. The defense was led by sophomore **Brandon Jordan** who had 13 tackles, a sack and two tackles for loss. Strong safety **Eric Pipkins** added 11 tackles while **Carlos Spencer**, **Marcus Cole** and **Chris Shelly** added 10 tackles each. Free safety **Craig Rohlf**s added nine tackles and a fumble recovery.

*QUOTING THE COACHES:* Here are some excerpts from Akron head coach Lee Owens and UB head coach Craig Cirbus on the Mid-American Conference call Monday morning.

### Owens on his team's bye week...

"Like all off weeks we had a chance to get back to basics and fundamentals as well as get a little early Buffalo work in. We spent quite a bit of time working with some younger guys and getting some of the older guys healed up."

### On the game with Buffalo...

"If you watch the Kent State tape that's a good football team with a quarterback, Joe Freedy, who played well against us last year, who threw for 300-some yards against Kent. For them to come back and win in overtime, I'm sure has given them a confidence boost. We can't control what they're doing, we can only control how well prepared we are to play.

This is the last home game for a group of seniors who have been able to accomplish a lot for our program. We

have not lived up to our expectations for this season, but we'd like to finish our home schedule out with a win and try to post back-to-back winning seasons."

### Cirbus on win over Kent State...

"It was a heckuva lot of fun and a huge emotional win for our kids. The lead changed a number of times and it was really an exciting football game. It was a huge victory...our home games have been very exciting for our home crowd, and we look forward to taking that momentum down to Akron this week."

### On significance of the last two games...

"The way we're looking at it right now is we're .500 in the East Division and our players are looking at it if we could finish the season 4-2 on our side. That would signify huge growth for our players and something they can really build on for the future."

### FORDE CONTINUES TOUCHDOWN DRIVE:

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

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

Forde has now earned that reputation with the Bulls. Forde got to the end zone in five straight games this season, a figure unmatched by any UB player since the Bulls' return to Division I competition in 1993.

Forde continues to show an incredible ability at getting in the end zone. In his two-year career, Forde has now caught 44 passes of which eight of them have gone for touchdowns (or one in every 5.5 receptions). This year, his average is even better with six TD catches on 32 receptions (1:5.3 catches).

### SINGFIELD HAS FIRST MULTIPLE TD GAME:

Junior flanker **Dahnel Singfield** played the finest all-around game of his career on Saturday and scored two touchdowns for the first time in his career.

Singfield had six receptions for 115 yards receiving, three carries for five yards and a TD on the ground and also returned three punts for 38 yards. In all, he had 158 all-purpose yards.

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

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

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

Freedy is now putting himself in those players' company as he is already among UB's career leaders in attempts (5th, 589), completions (5th, 315), yards (5th, 3,616), total offense (7th, 3,311) and touchdowns (7th, 21) as a junior.

Freedy's three touchdowns against Ball State (10/21) matched his career high and his 13 touchdown tosses this season



Joe Freedy



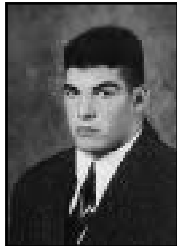
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already ranks tied for sixth all-time for a single season. The school record is held by Marty Barrett with 18 in 1983.

In addition, **Freedy ranks 22nd in the nation in pass completions per game (18.22).**

*SHAUGHNESSY IS MR. FIRST DOWN:* Tight end **Brandon Shaughnessy (Stafford, NY/LeRoy)** is quietly having a very solid senior season and is very efficient at moving the chains.

Shaughnessy has caught 18 passes for 196 yards on the season and has seen 11 of his 18 receptions (61.1%) go for first downs.



B. Shaughnessy

*STREAKING BULLS:* The following UB players put streaks on the line on Saturday:

Senior tight end **Brandon Shaughnessy** has caught a pass in 10 straight games.

Freshman flanker **Zeke McKine** has caught a pass in all nine of his collegiate games to date.

Senior tackle **David Pruce** has started 33 straight games for the Bulls.

Senior cornerback **Carlos Spencer (Buffalo, NY/South Park)** has started 31 straight games.

The Bulls have lost 16 straight games on the road dating back to a 16-14 win at Lafayette on Sept. 19, 1998.

*BIRTHDAY BULL:* Senior punter **Mike Masucci (Syracuse, NY/Christian Brothers Academy)** turned 22 years old on Tuesday, Nov. 7th.

*KELLER CLOSING ON RECORD:* Senior **Scott Keller (Amherst, NY/Amherst Central)** is

close to taking over the top spot for extra points in a career.

Keller needs three PAT's to pass **Mark Mozrall (1991-94)** who accumulated 70 in his career.

*TROUBLES ON TURF:* The Bulls will be looking to change their fortunes on artificial turf this weekend.

UB is 3-12 on the fake stuff under Craig Cirbus and has lost its last 11 on turf, including a 63-7 loss to Syracuse at the Carrier Dome to open the season, a 47-14 loss at Marshall and a 73-10 decision at Northern Illinois.

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

*STATISTICAL TRENDS IN 2000:* Some interesting statistical tidbits after nine weeks of the 2000 season:

*Middle quarter blues:* The Bulls are being outscored by a margin of 251-61 in the second and third quarters this season.

*Spreading it around:* Last year, current Buffalo Bill **Drew Haddad** caught 52% of the passes the Bulls threw. This year, UB is really spreading its passing game out, with 14 players having caught a pass already this year. UB's receiving leaders, **Zeke McKine** and **Andre Forde**, have caught 32 of UB's 164 completions (19.5%).

*Getting in the backfield:* Last season the Bulls recorded 67 tackles for loss for the entire season and just 12 sacks. So far in 2000, the Bulls have already registered 22 sacks and 75 tackles for loss. The Bulls are led by **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)** (14 tackles for loss) and **Chris Gray (Frewsburg, NY/Frewsburg)**, who has 10 tackles for loss.

*BULLS HAVE PENCHANT FOR BLOCKED*

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

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

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

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

*CAREER BESTS VS. KENT STATE:* The following Bulls posted career-best totals against Kent State:

Player	Career Best
Andre Forde	10 rec., 158 yards
Dahnel Singfield	6 rec., 115 yards 3 punt returns, 38 yds
Mark Graham	8 total tackles
Bobby Johnson	7 total tackles

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

For the final three weeks of the season, Cirbus has named his senior class as captains and will choose members of the class for the coin toss each week.

*BULLS SET SCHOOL RECORD FOR SACKS IN WIN OVER BG:* The UB defense saw a pair of sack records fall in its first-ever MAC win against Bowling Green on Sept. 23.

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



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

*NEW LOOK OFFENSIVE LINE:* The Bulls' offensive line has gone from the most experienced in the country in 1999 (with over 150 career starts) to one of the least experienced in the MAC.

Senior **David Pruce (Chardon, OH/Chardon)** is the only lineman to have started a game on the offensive line heading into this season. Pruce has the longest current starting streak on the team, having started 33 straight games dating back to 1997.

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

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

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

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

*ON THE TUBE:* The Bulls will get plenty of exposure on television this season with three road games aired live in Buffalo

and all five home games rebroadcast in the Buffalo market.

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

UB's final home game versus Miami will air on tape delay on Adelphia. That game will have **Brian Blessing** and **Mark Collins** on the call with **Gary Pufpaff** handling sideline duties. The remaining Adelphia schedule:

<i>Game</i>	<i>Replay Date/Time</i>
Miami, OH	11/19 (1:00 pm, 8:30 pm)

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

Cirbus has a 19-45 career record and earned NCAA Division I-AA Independent Coach of the Year honors after leading UB to an 8-3 record in 1996 – UB's first winning season in over a decade.

Lee Owens (Bluffton, '77) is also in his sixth season and carries a 23-41 record into Saturday's contest. Owens is looking to lead Akron to back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1985-86, and the first time ever as a Division I-A member. Akron was 7-4 last season.

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

<i>Player</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Place/No.</i>
Joe Freedy	Pass attempts	5th/589
Joe Freedy	Pass completions	5th/315
Joe Freedy	Passing yards	5th-3,616
Joe Freedy	Touchdowns passing	7th/21
Joe Freedy	200+-yard passing games	T-6th/5
Joe Freedy	Total offense	7th/3,311
Joe Freedy	Completion percentage	5th/53.5

Derrick Gordon	100-yard rushing games	T-9th/2
Albert Grundy	100-yard rushing games	T-9th/2
Chris Shelly	Forced fumbles, career	T-5th/5
Craig Rohlfis	Forced fumbles, career	T-9th/3
Craig Rohlfis	Fumble recoveries, career	T-6th/5
Carlos Spencer	Solo tackles, career	T-8th/117
Tory Smith	Solo tackles, career	10th/113
Craig Rohlfis	Solo tackles, career	T-11th/110
Duane Williams	Quarterback sacks	T-10th/9
Scott Keller	Field goals, career	4th/18
Scott Keller	Extra points, career	2nd/68
Scott Keller	Points kicking, career	3rd/122
Scott Keller	Points scored, career	7th/122
Mike Masucci	Total punts, career	2nd/192
Mike Masucci	Total punting yds, career	2nd/7,414
Dahnel Singfield	Kickoff returns, career	2nd/50
Dahnel Singfield	KO return yardage, career	2nd/1,058
Andre Forde	KO returns, career	T-7th/29
Andre Forde	KO return yardage, career	8th/576

*STILL LOOKING FOR PAYDIRT ON KICKOFF RETURN:* The Bulls have gone 119 straight games without returning a kickoff for a score.

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

*BULLS AGAINST THE MAC:* The Bulls currently have an all-time record of 12-27 against the MAC. The breakdown: Akron (0-1), Ball State (0-3), Bowling Green (1-0), Central Michigan (0-1), Eastern Michigan (0-0), Kent State (5-4), Marshall (1-4), Miami, OH (0-2), Northern Illinois (1-3), Ohio University (2-5), Toledo (2-3) and Western Michigan (0-1).

The Bulls do not play Toledo, Eastern, Central or Western Michigan this season.



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## • GAME RECAP – WEEK 9 •

**BUFFALO 20, KENT STATE 17 (OT)**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2000 • UB STADIUM**  
**AMHERST, NY**

### •Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Kent State	0	10	0	7	0	17
Buffalo	0	7	7	3	3	20

Team	Per. Time	Scoring Play
KSU	2 12:37	Valentino 4 run (Pavich kick), 7-0
UB	2 9:50	Singfield 4 run (Keller kick), 7-7
KSU	2 :42	Pavich 28 FG, 10-7
UB	3 2:02	Singfield 32 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 10-14
KSU	4 14:49	Curry 18 pass from Valentino (Pavich kick), 17-14
UB	4 0:00	Keller 22 FG, 17-17
UB	OT 15:00	Keller 38 FG, 17-20

### •Team Statistics•

	Golden Flashes	Bulls
First downs	17	24
Rushing Attempts-Yards	39-108	50-73
Passing yards	185	323
Passing (C-A-I)	18-31-1	23-36-1
Offensive plays	70	86
Total net yards	293	396
Average gain per play	4.2	4.6
Fumbles (number-lost)	0-0	0-0
Penalties (number-yards)	10-58	3-14
Interceptions by (number-yards)	1-12	1-0
Number of Punts-Avg.	8-37.4	5-40.0
Punt returns-yards	2-14	3-38
Kickoff returns-yards	3-109	4-80
Possession time	24:22	35:38
Third down conversions	6-of-17	6-of-17
Fourth down conversions	1-of-1	1-of-3
Sacks by (number-yards)	6-39	3-14

### •Individual Statistics•

**Rushing:** UB: Dwarto 16-42, Grundy 18-38, Brereton 5-17, Singfield 3-5, Gordon 1-2, Freedy 7-(-31). KSU: Murphy 18-75, Vann 10-43, Lundy 3-2, Moore 1-(-5), Valentino 7-(-7).  
**Passing:** UB: Freedy 23-36-1 323. KSU: Valentino 18-30-1 185, Lundy 0-1-0 0.  
**Receiving:** UB: Frode 10-158, Singfield 6-115, McKine 2-13, Grundy 2-2, Dwarto 1-26, Gordon 1-5, Shaughnessy 1-4. KSU: Kelly 5-45, Curry 4-65, Quinn 4-40, Shoemaker 3-21, Moore 1-8, Buckosh 1-6.  
**Time of game:** 3:25. **Attendance** – 7,131

## • GAME RECAP – WEEK 8 •

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS 73, BUFFALO 10**  
**OCTOBER 28, 2000 • HUSKIE STADIUM**  
**DEKALB, IL**

### •Scoring Summary•

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buffalo	0	0	3	7	10
Northern Illinois	17	28	14	14	73

Team	Per. Time	Scoring Play
NIU	1 13:13	Hammock 13 run (Azar kick), 7-0
NIU	1 9:21	McCareins 15 pass from Finlen (Azar kick), 14-0
NIU	1 4:01	Azar 26 FG, 17-0
NIU	2 13:39	McCareins 22 pass from Finlen (Azar kick), 24-0
NIU	2 5:15	Hammock 1 run (Azar kick), 31-0
NIU	2 2:58	Urban 2 run (Azar kick), 38-0
NIU	2 :40	McCareins 2 pass from Urban (Azar kick), 45-0
UB	3 12:57	Keller 40 FG, 45-3
NIU	3 11:22	Urban 3 run (Azar kick), 52-3
NIU	3 8:16	Turner 5 run (Azar kick), 59-3
UB	4 13:31	Bartoszek 23 pass from Gaydosz (Keller kick), 59-10
NIU	4 12:01	Lanum 38 run (Azar kick), 66-10
NIU	4 8:17	Lanum 3 run (Azar kick), 73-10

### •Team Statistics•

	Bulls	Huskies
First downs	12	33
Rushing Attempts-Yards	30-174	54-286
Passing yards	107	360
Passing (C-A-I)	9-29-4	21-32-0
Offensive plays	59	86
Total net yards	281	646
Average gain per play	4.8	7.5
Fumbles (number-lost)	2-0	2-0
Penalties (number-yards)	13-95	4-34
Interceptions by (number-yards)	0-0	4-1
Number of Punts-Avg.	7-39.7	2-27.0
Punt returns-yards	0-0	2-49
Kickoff returns-yards	9-160	3-121
Possession time	25:29	34:31
Third down conversions	3-of-13	8-of-13
Fourth down conversions	1-of-2	1-of-2
Sacks by (number-yards)	1-8	0-0

### •Individual Statistics•

**Rushing:** UB: Grundy 18-173, Gordon 7-14, Dwarto 6-5, Walker 2-1, Jackson 1-1, Team 1-(-20). NIU: Hammock 23-147, Lanum 5-45, Turner 14-43, Perry 1-20, Scaramella 4-15, McCareins 1-9, Thomas 2-9, Urban 2-5, Finlen 2-(-7)  
**Passing:** UB: Freedy 5-13-4 51, Gaydosz 4-16-0 56. NIU: Finlen 13-18-0 223, Urban 7-11-0 122, Harmon 3-1-0 15.  
**Receiving:** UB: Singfield 4-37, Shaughnessy 1-25, Bartoszek 1-23, McKine 1-15, Lindsay 1-6, Grundy 1-1. NIU: McCareins 10-151, Perry 7-132, Archie 1-42, Pugh 1-15, Turner 1-14, Reed 1-6.  
**Time of game:** 3:20. **Attendance** – 16,586



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## • GAME RECAP – WEEK 7 •

### BALL STATE 44, BUFFALO 35

#### OCTOBER 21, 2000 • UB STADIUM

#### AMHERST, NY

##### •Scoring Summary•

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

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

##### •Team Statistics•

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

##### •Individual Statistics•

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

## • GAME RECAP – WEEK 6 •

### OHIO 42, BUFFALO 20

#### OCTOBER 7, 2000 • PEDEN STADIUM

#### ATHENS, OH

##### •Scoring Summary•

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

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

##### •Team Statistics•

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

##### •Individual Statistics•

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



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## • GAME RECAP – WEEK 5 •

### MARSHALL 47, BUFFALO 14

SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 • MARSHALL STADIUM

HUNTINGTON, WV

#### •Scoring Summary•

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

#### Team Per. Time

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

#### •Team Statistics•

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

#### •Individual Statistics•

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

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

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

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

## • GAME RECAP – WEEK 4 •

### BUFFALO 20, BOWLING GREEN 17

SEPTEMBER 23, 2000 • UB STADIUM

BUFFALO, NY

#### •Scoring Summary•

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

#### Team Per. Time

Team	Per.	Time	Scoring Play
UB	1	4:48	Bartoszek 2 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 7-0
BGSU	2	11:33	Gibson 2 run (Knapp kick), 7-7
BGSU	2	9:50	Sahm 1 run (Knapp kick), 14-7
UB	2	6:31	Forde 3 pass from Freedy (kick failed), 14-13
BGSU	4	13:22	Knapp 32 FG, 17-13
UB	4	1:27	Dwarte 27 run (Keller kick), 17-20

#### •Team Statistics•

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

#### •Individual Statistics•

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

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

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

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



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## • GAME RECAP – WEEK 3 • CONNECTICUT 24, BUFFALO 21 SEPTEMBER 16, 2000 • UB STADIUM BUFFALO, NY

### •Scoring Summary•

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

### Team Per. Time

Team	Per.	Time	Scoring Play
UC	1	8:56	Heyl 21 FG, 3-0
UB	1	3:36	Keller 20 FG, 3-3
UB	2	11:55	Forde 38 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 3-10
UC	2	8:06	Collins 6 pass from Tracey (Heyl kick), 10-10
UB	2	:12	Keller 23 FG, 13-10
UC	3	8:48	Fitzsimmons 22 pass from Tracey (Heyl kick), 17-13
UC	4	9:18	Small 2 run (Heyl kick), 24-13
UB	4	2:21	Forde 3 pass from Freedy (McKine pass), 24-21

### •Team Statistics•

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

### •Individual Statistics•

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

## • GAME RECAP – WEEK 2 • RUTGERS 59, BUFFALO 0 SEPTEMBER 9, 2000 • RUTGERS STADIUM NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

### •Scoring Summary•

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

### Team Per. Time

Team	Per.	Time	Scoring Play
RU	1	13:52	Ohene 3 run (Barone kick), 7-0
RU	1	3:09	Barone 31 FG, 10-0
RU	1	3:09	King 7 pass from McMahon (Barone kick), 17-0
RU	2	2:48	Stringer 20 pass from McMahon (Barone kick), 24-0
RU	2	1:17	Johnson 7 pass from McMahon (Barone kick), 31-0
RU	3	12:44	Anderon 2 run (Barone kick), 38-0
RU	3	9:39	King 15 pass from McMahon (Barone kick), 45-0
RU	3	6:13	Anderson 8 run (Barone kick), 52-0
RU	3	2:26	Stringer 15 pass from McMahon (Barone kick), 59-0

### •Team Statistics•

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

### •Individual Statistics•

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



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

**•Scoring Summary•**

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

**Team Per. Time**

SU	1	11:50
SU	1	7:36
SU	2	12:06
SU	2	8:22
SU	2	5:15
SU	3	12:06
SU	3	7:49
SU	3	5:27
SU	4	6:27
UB	4	:34

**Scoring Play**

Davis 1 run (Shafer kick), 7-0  
 Davis 2 run (kick failed), 13-0  
 Johnson 4 run (Tyree pass from Nunes), 21-0  
 Brown 2 pass from Nunes (Shafer kick), 28-0  
 Harris 91 fumble return (Shafer kick), 35-0  
 Brown 1 run (Shafer kick), 42-0  
 Davis 20 run (Shafer kick), 49-0  
 Tyree 20 blocked punt return (Shafer kick), 56-0  
 Ferri 25 run (Shafer kick), 63-0  
 Singfield 34 pass from Freedy (Keller kick), 63-7

**•Team Statistics•**

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

**•Individual Statistics•**

**Rushing:** UB: McDonald 8-76, Brereton 4-26, Walker 5-19, Jackson 1-2, Dwarte 2-2, Grundy 1-0, Gordon 5-(-2), Freedy 7-(-21). SU: Brown 18-157, Ferry 7-55, Johnson 5-27, Scott 3-25, Davis 4-24, Nunes 5-23, Jackson 1-19, Anderson 2-6, Cusumano 2-0, Team 1-(-2), Williams 2-(-30).  
**Passing:** UB: Freedy 16-36-2 168. SU: Nunes 5-8-1 25, Anderson 1-1-0 57, Williams 0-0-0.  
**Receiving:** UB: Singfield 6-121, Forde 3-19, Bartoszek 2-13, Shaughnessy 1-11, Barber 1-11, Gordon 1-6, McDonald 1-1, McKine 1-(-14). SU: Woodcock 3-75, Campbell 1-4, Brown 1-2, Johnson 1-1.  
**Time of game:** 3:01. **Attendance** – 40,634

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

**• JOE FREEDY •**

22nd in the nation in pass completions per game (18.22)  
 5th in the MAC in passing average per game (203.0)  
 6th in the MAC in total offense per game (184.6)  
 8th in the MAC in pass efficiency rating (114.6)

**• ANDRE FORDE •**

10th in the MAC in receiving yards per game (60.7)  
 10th in the MAC in all-purpose yards per game (102.9)  
 10th in the MAC in kickoff return average (17.4)

**• SCOTT KELLER •**

10th in the MAC in scoring (kick) average per game (3.4)

**• DUANE WILLIAMS •**

T-16th in the nation/T-1st in the MAC in sacks per game (1.0)  
 T-3rd in the MAC in tackles for loss per game (1.6)

**• CHRIS GRAY •**

13th in the MAC in tackles per game (9.2)

**• BUFFALO BULLS TEAM RANKINGS IN THE MAC •**

10th in rushing offense per game (101.1 ypg)  
 6th in passing offense per game (209.2 ypg)  
 9th in total offense per game (310.3 ypg)  
 10th in scoring offense per game (16.3 ppg)  
 12th in net punting per attempt (29.5 ypg)  
 3rd in punt return average (12.3 ypr)  
 12th in kickoff return average (15.8 ypr)  
 11th in rushing defense per game (204.8 ypg)  
 11th in pass defense (221.7 ypg)  
 12th in total defense – yards per game (426.4 ypg)  
 13th in scoring defense per game (42.9 ppg)  
 13th in turnover margin per game (-2.00)

**• BULLS-ZIPS STATISTICAL COMPARISON •**

	Buffalo	Akron
Points Per Game	16.3	27.7
Rushing Offense	99.6	191.8
Passing Offense	210.8	212.9
Total Offense	310.3	404.7
Rushing Defense	204.8	204.4
Passing Defense	221.7	218.8
Total Defense	426.4	423.2
Kickoff Returns	15.8	18.8
Punt Returns	12.3	8.3
Net Punting	29.5	35.1
Quarterback sacks	22-159	9-40
Third Down Conversions	28%	40.7%
Fourth Down Conversions	43%	53.3%
Turnover Margin	-2.00	+0.22
Penalties	52-400	54-394



## Bulls Two-Deep

### ▪ Offense ▪

FL	86 – Zeke McKine <i>or</i>	9 – Danel Singfield	82 – Dan Lindsay
TE	88 – Brandon Shaughnessy	84 – Chad Bartoszek	87 – Mark Campanella
LT	74 – David Pruce	79 – Andy Avery	
LG	58 – Matt Baniewicz	56 – Rob Meyer	
C	60 – John Nolan	64 – Kevin Dunn	68 – Aaron McMickle
RG	62 – Gabe Kogler	56 – Rob Meyer	
RT	66 – Tim Hedges	71 – Brian Johnessee	
TB	28 – Marquis Dwarto	42 – Kenon Jackson	26 – Bam McDonald
FB	32 – Albert Grundy	27 – Marvin Brereton	31 – Derrick Gordon
QB	15 – Joe Freedy	13 – Mike Gaydosz	
SE	81 – Andre Forde	80 – Rob Barber	

### ▪ Defense ▪

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

### ▪ Special Teams ▪

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



## Zips Two-Deep

### ▪ Offense ▪

SE	41 – Jake Schifino	2 – Matthew Cherry	87 – Andrew Wilson
TE	82 – Tim Ritley	33 – Mike Brake	38 – Nick Fortener
LT	79 – Konrad Dean	70 – Bryan Shaw	
LG	68 – Jeremiah Danielson	70 – Bryan Shaw	
C	50 – Scott Smith	57 – Shawn Klik	
RG	73 – Paul Ondrusek	76 – Thomas McBride	
RT	72 – Jeff Grzeskowiak	76 – Thomas McBride	
FL	88 – Lavel Bailey	15 – Dwight Smith	80 – Bates Szakos
QB	1 – Butchie Washington	7 – Micah Faler	
FB	44 – Tony McCray	35 – Matt Zuercher	
TB	28 – Brandon Payne	25 – Jimmie Gray	

### ▪ Defense ▪

DE	94 – Ryan Gargas	53 – Derek Wilborn	
DT	77 – Jermaine Williams	67 – Quentin Murdock	
DT	93 – Ryan Schulz	59 – Chris Smith	75 – Jacob Thompson
DE	83 – Dwayne Lefall	55 – Ade Edwards	92 – Doug Sutton
Whip	96 – Ed March	4 – Eric Culberson	58 – Matt Robinson
LB	48 – Terrell Colbert	49 – Lou Mackey	86 – Marques Hayes
LB	49 – Lou Mackey	56 – Ryan Myers	
CB	15 – Dwight Smith	11 – Jesse Smith	
SS	20 – Mike Hughes	23 – Brad Detwiler	
FS	30 – Rich Reliford	3 – Mike Young	6 – Ty Washington
CB	8 – Corvin Amos	40 – Rickey McKenzie	

### ▪ Special Teams ▪

P	46 – Andy Jerdon	28 – Brandon Payne	
PK	14 – Zac Derr		
HLD	7 – Micah Faler		
LS	82 – Tim Ritley	50 – Scott Smith	
SS	50 – Scott Smith	82 – Tim Ritley	
PR	28 – Brandon Payne	15 – Dwight Smith	
KOR	25 – Jimmie Gray	15 – Dwight Smith	

