



BUFFALO MEN'S SOCCER

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(0-2-0, 0-0-0 MAC)

August

31 v. Fairfield (!) L, 0-1

September

2 v. Fairleigh Dickinson (!) L, 0-2

5 **NIAGARA** 7 pm

7-9 **UB Fall Classic**

7 **CCSU v. St. Bonaventure** 5 pm

SIENA (#) 7 pm

9 **CENTRAL CONNECTICUT (#)** 12 pm

Siena v. St. Bonaventure 2 pm

14 at St. Bonaventure 4 pm

16 **CORNELL** 3 pm

21 at Bucknell 5 pm

23 at Detroit 1 pm

28 **BOWLING GREEN*** 7 pm

30 at Duquesne 1 pm

October

6 at Saint Louis 7 pm

12 at Western Michigan* 4 pm

20 at Northern Illinois* 1 pm

26 **AKRON*** 7 pm

November

3 **HARTWICK*** 1 pm

7 **CANISIUS** 7 pm

13 MAC Quarterfinals TBD

16 MAC Semifinals TBD

18 MAC Championship Game TBD

23-24 NCAA First Round TBD

28 NCAA Second Round TBD

December

1-2 NCAA Round of 16 TBD

7-9 NCAA Quarterfinals TBD

14-16 NCAA Men's College Cup TBD

ALL HOME MATCHES ARE PLAYED AT UB STADIUM

* denotes Mid-American Conference match

! denotes St. John's Nike Classic (Queens, NY)

denotes UB Fall Classic (Buffalo, NY)



Niagara (0-1-0, 0-0-0 MAAC)

at

Buffalo (0-2-0, 0-0-0, MAC)

September 5 • 7 pm • UB Stadium

BULLS TO FACE LOCAL-RIVAL NIAGARA IN HOME OPENER

The University at Buffalo Bulls open the home portion of their 2007 schedule on Wednesday night when they host Big 4 rival Niagara. The Bulls return home after opening with two defeats at the St. John's Nike Classic, dropping a 1-0 decision to Fairfield and a 2-0 match to Fairleigh Dickinson.

The Bulls return seven starters to a team that finished 10-7-2 in 2006 and advanced to the semifinals of the Mid-American Conference Tournament. Leading the way offensively for the Bulls will be seniors **Lee Catchpole** and **Dan Stevens**. Catchpole begins the 2007 season ranked ninth all-time in both goals and points at UB. Stevens meanwhile led the Bulls last season with seven assists. In the back, Buffalo welcomes back goalkeeper **Daniel Bell** who was granted a fifth-year of eligibility by the NCAA. Bell is in the top ten in every career statistical category among UB goalkeepers. Also in defense, the Bulls return **Dan Gwyther** and **Dave Chojnowski**, who both started 18 of the Bulls' 19 matches last season and form the backbone of the Buffalo backline.

ABOUT NIAGARA

The Purple Eagles played their first match of the season on Sunday, a 2-0 loss at home to Cleveland State. Last season, Niagara finished with a 7-7-4 overall record and a 5-1-3 mark in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, finishing second in the league.

Niagara is coached by Dermot McGrane, who is in his sixth season at the helm of the Purple Eagles. He has an overall record of 30-51-11. Niagara was picked to finish fourth in the MAAC this season.

LAST TIME OUT

September 2, 2007: Fairleigh Dickinson 2, Buffalo 0

QUEENS, NY – The Buffalo men's soccer team dropped a 2-0 decision to Fairleigh Dickinson University Sunday night in the St. John's Nike Classic. Samson Malijani scored two second half goals to give FDU the victory. With the loss, the Bulls record fell to 0-2 to begin the season.

Senior goalkeeper **Daniel Bell (Brampton, Ontario/Notre Dame Secondary)**, who was granted a fifth-year of eligibility by the NCAA, was in goal for the Bulls for the first time during the 2007 campaign and made three saves. The Bulls managed just two shots on goal during the contest with one each coming from **Dominic Oppong (Scarborough, Ontario/Cardinal Newman/Cincinnati)** and **Dan Stevens (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool/Oneonta State)**. Despite earning eight corner kicks during the match, including six during the second half, UB was unable to beat Fairleigh Dickinson goalkeeper Elvir Prasovic.

Sophomore forward **Dan Bulley (Exeter, England/St. Peter's/West Texas A&M)** made his first appearance for the Bulls tonight. Also, defender **Dezi Lara (Fyzabad, Trinidad & Tobago/Naparima)** picked up a yellow card during the contest.

Next up for UB will be the home opener on this Wednesday, September 5, when the Bulls entertain Big 4 rival Niagara at UB Stadium at 7 p.m. Fans unable to attend the contest can follow the action via live stats available at buffalobulls.com.

MAC Standings	Conference				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T
Akron	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0
Bowling Green	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1
Northern Illinois	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1
Hartwick	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0
Western Michigan	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0

Upcoming Matches**Wednesday, September 5**

Cleveland State at Western Michigan
Niagara at Buffalo

Friday, September 7

Akron at Wake Forest (5)
Bowling Green at George Mason
James Madison at Hartwick
Northern Illinois v. Indiana (7)
Siena at Buffalo (6)

Sunday, September 9

Akron v. North Carolina (5)
Bowling Green at American
Central Connecticut at Buffalo (6)
IPFW at Western Michigan
Northern Illinois at Notre Dame (7)
Seton Hall at Hartwick

Thursday, September 13

Illinois-Chicago at Akron

Friday, September 14

Buffalo at St. Bonaventure
Central Arkansas at Bowling Green (8)
Hartwick at Penn (9)
UMKC at Northern Illinois (10)
Western Michigan at IUPUI

Sunday, September 16

Akron at St. Francis (PA)
Butler at Northern Illinois (10)
Canisius at Bowling Green (8)
Cornell at Buffalo
Hartwick v. Lafayette (9)
Western Michigan at Western Illinois

(5) Wake Forest Tournament - Winston-Salem, NC

(6) UB Fall Classic - Buffalo, NY

(7) Mike Berticelli Tournament - South Bend, IN

(8) BGSU Invitational - Bowling Green, OH

(9) Penn Soccer Classic - Philadelphia, PA

(10) adidas/Baymont Inn Invitational - DeKalb, IL

Mid-American Conference Preseason Poll

1. Akron
2. Northern Illinois
3. Hartwick
4. Buffalo
5. Western Michigan
6. Bowling Green

BULLS PICKED TO FINISH 4TH IN THE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

The Mid-American Conference office has released the 2007 conference pre-season poll and the Bulls were picked to finish fourth in the MAC. The poll is conducted among the coaches of the six Mid-American Conference schools. Akron was chosen as the favorite to win both the conference regular season crown, as well as the conference tournament.

BELL AND CATCHPOLE CLIMB CAREER RECORD CHARTS

Senior goalkeeper **Daniel Bell** and senior forward **Lee Catchpole** enter their final season with the Bulls already amongst the career record leaders and looking to climb even further up the charts. Bell is already the the winningest goalkeeper in UB history. His 33 victories put him 11 wins above the second-ranked goalkeeper Jay Palmer (1993-95). Bell's 191 saves currently put him seventh on the all-time list, he is 27 stops behind Brian Wozniak (1999-02) for sixth. Daniel also sits second in goals against average for UB keepers, his 1.14 mark trails only Marty Pavone (1981-82) who posted a stellar 0.82 mark.

Catchpole meanwhile begins the 2007 season in a three-way tie for ninth on the all-time goal scoring list at Buffalo. Catchpole has found the back of the net 17 times during his career as a Bull, tied with Brian Hanchar (1989-91) and Kurt Felgemacher (1981, 83, 85). Catchpole also finds himself in a tie among the all-time point scorers at UB. His 44 career points find him tied for 10th with Darren Boecher (1990-93) and his is just five points behind Brian McCallion for ninth place.

Full listings of these records can be found on page four of this release.

ON THIS DATE...

2003: The Bulls recorded their first win of the season with a 2-1 victory at home over Central Connecticut State. UB fell behind 1-0 before making a comeback on goals by Erik Jannimagi and Mike Geller.

1999: UB defeated St. Francis (NY) 3-1 to keep the Bulls unbeaten, the blue and white went unbeaten in their first four matches of the season.

1998: With a 3-2 victory over Bucknell, the Bulls won their second match in a row to start the season. UB won their first five matches of the year.

INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

Reflecting the international nature of the sport, this season, the UB men's soccer team has players from five foreign countries. The Bulls have three players from both Canada and England as well as one player each from Finland, Norway and Trinidad & Tobago. The Bulls hailing from England are sophomore **Dan Bulley**, senior **Lee Catchpole** and junior **Dan Gwyther**. The three Canadians on the UB roster are senior **Daniel Bell**, sophomore **Alex Marrello** and junior **Dominic Oppong**. The Bulls' Fin is freshman **Juha Kaartuluoma**, the Norwegian member of the team is **Steffen Thoresen** and the Bull hailing from Trinidad & Tobago is **Dezi Lara**.

UB WELCOMES 14 NEW PLAYERS FOR THE 2007 SEASON

This season, more than half of the Buffalo roster consists of newcomers to the UB program. The new group of Bulls is a mix of freshmen and transfer students. The freshmen include: goalkeeper **Dustin Schumacher**, defender **Tom Beckervmit**, midfielders **Jordan Brouk**, **John Schmeider** and **Jim Eichas**, and forward **Juha Kaartuluoma**. The new transfers coming to the Bulls this season are **Dan Bulley** from West Texas A&M, **Dominic Oppong** and **Alex Marrello** from Cincinnati, **Eric Johnson** from Wright State, **Martin John** from Maine and **Mike Sobolewski** from Pfeiffer University. Also new to the program is senior **Matt Grabowski** while redshirt freshman **Justin Fredsell** will be able to see his first action as a Bull after sitting out last season due to injury.

THE ALL-TIME SERIES WITH NIAGARA

Tonight's contest will be the 36th all-time meeting between the Bulls and the Purple Eagles of Niagara University. Buffalo leads the all-time series 19-12-4.

Date	Site	Result	Score
10/7/72	Niagara	L	2-5
10/6/73	Buffalo	T	1-1
10/16/74	Niagara	W	6-1
10/8/75	Buffalo	W	4-2
10/5/76	Niagara	W	2-1 (ot)
9/14/77	Buffalo	L	3-4
10/13/78	Niagara	L	0-5
9/12/79	Buffalo	L	1-2
9/23/80	Niagara	L	0-2
9/9/81	Buffalo	W	4-0
10/6/82	Niagara	W	2-0
10/5/83	Buffalo	W	2-0
10/3/84	Niagara	W	3-0
10/2/85	Buffalo	W	3-1
10/15/86	Niagara	L	1-2
10/15/87	Buffalo	L	1-4
10/13/88	Niagara	W	1-0
10/12/89	Buffalo	L	1-3
10/13/90	Niagara	W	3-0
9/11/91	Buffalo	W	6-2
9/9/92	Niagara	W	8-0
9/28/93	Buffalo	W	3-0
9/7/94	Niagara	W	8-1
9/20/95	Buffalo	W	5-0
9/9/96	Niagara	L	0-1
10/21/97	Buffalo	W	4-0
9/9/98	Niagara	W	1-0
9/15/99	Buffalo	W	3-0
10/17/00	Niagara	T	2-2
9/25/01	Buffalo	L	0-3
9/18/02	Niagara	L	1-2
9/16/03	Buffalo	T	0-0
9/22/04	Niagara	L	1-3
9/7/05	Buffalo	W	3-1
10/15/06	Niagara	T	2-2

THE LAST MEETING WITH NIAGARA**October 15, 2006: Buffalo 2, Niagara 2**

The University at Buffalo men's soccer team tried to return to their winning form Sunday afternoon against Niagara, playing to a 2-2 draw in double overtime. Two second-half goals by **Andrae Clarke (Kingston, Jamaica/DeWitt Clinton)** and **Lee Catchpole (Norwich, England/Bungay)** fueled the initial comeback attempt, only to come without a score following two extra sessions.

Niagara (5-5-2) took charge in the first half, out-shooting Buffalo (8-5-2) 11-2. The Purple Eagles provided the necessary offense to capitalize on the game's first goal at the 29:39 mark from Kwame Oduro. Oduro was fed by Stephen Kauble on the wall pass to put NU up 1-0 at halftime. Another goal would push the Purple Eagle lead to 2-0 in the 62nd minute.

With evident pressure applied, the Bulls fought off the fatigue and came out with a renewed focus. Clarke got the ball rolling with an unassisted goal at the 76:10 mark, adding to his team-high goal total with his seventh goal of the season. UB would draw even 74 seconds later thanks to a header from Catchpole. The Norwich, England native snapped a six-game pointless streak to bury the ball into the net for the tying goal. The overtime periods proved to favor the Bulls, as they provided eight shots in the extra sessions to Niagara's two. However, neither team could muster the late-game heroics.

Senior goalkeeper **Daniel Bell (Brampton, Ontario/Notre Dame)** split time with freshman **Robert Shuttleworth (Tonawanda, NY/Nichols)** after giving up the two goals. Both combined to make five saves, while Niagara's John Fiutowski brushed away seven shots in 110:00 minutes.

NATIONAL POLLS

NSCAA/adidas Top 25 (September 4, 2007)

1.	Wake Forest	2-0-0
2.	Duke	2-0-0
3.	Virginia	2-0-0
4.	Indiana	1-0-1
5.	Santa Clara	2-0-0
6.	Maryland	1-0-1
7.	California	1-0-0
8.	SMU	0-0-1
9.	Notre Dame	1-1-0
10.	Northwestern	2-0-0
11.	UCLA	0-2-0
12.	<i>Saint Louis</i>	<i>0-0-1</i>
13.	UC Santa Barbara	0-1-1
14.	Connecticut	2-0-0
15.	South Carolina	1-0-0
16.	Washington	1-0-1
17.	<i>Fairfield</i>	<i>2-0-0</i>
18.	<i>Akron</i>	<i>2-0-0</i>
19.	Clemson	1-1-0
20.	West Virginia	1-1-0
21.	Harvard	1-0-0
22.	Ohio State	1-0-1
23.	Towson	1-0-1
24.	New Mexico	1-1-0
25.	Creighton	1-0-1

College Soccer News Preseason Top 30 (2006 Record)

1.	UCLA	14-6-4
2.	Duke	18-4-1
3.	UC Santa Barbara	17-7-0
4.	Wake Forest	18-3-4
5.	Santa Clara	13-5-5
6.	Virginia	17-4-1
7.	SMU	17-2-4
8.	Indiana	15-5-2
9.	Maryland	16-5-1
10.	New Mexico	14-4-3
11.	Notre Dame	15-6-2
12.	St. John's	14-6-2
13.	California	13-6-1
14.	West Virginia	15-3-3
15.	Harvard	14-5-0
16.	Lehigh	15-2-3
17.	Washington	13-7-1
18.	Connecticut	10-7-2
19.	<i>Saint Louis</i>	<i>13-5-2</i>
20.	Northwestern	14-8-0
21.	Creighton	13-5-3
22.	Clemson	13-5-2
23.	Towson	15-2-3
24.	Rutgers	10-6-3
25.	San Diego State	9-6-4
26.	<i>Northern Illinois</i>	<i>15-6-1</i>
27.	Old Dominion	14-6-2
28.	UNC Greensboro	16-8-1
29.	Rhode Island	12-5-6
30.	Winthrop	15-3-4

2007 opponents shown in italics

UPDATED CAREER RECORD BOOK**GOALS**

1. Steve Butcher (1997-99)	48
2. Mark Brown (1980-83)	33
3. Ediru Okpewho (1993-96)	28
4. Jim Young (1973-74)	26
5. Andrae Clarke (2003-06)	22
6. Tim Songer (1998-00)	21
Sotir Tanevski (1990-95)	21
7. Steve DiClemente (1989-92)	19
8. Darren Boecher (1990-93)	18
9. Lee Catchpole (2004-pres)	17
Brian Hanchar (1989-91)	17
Kurt Felgemacher (1981, 83, 85)	17

ASSISTS

1. Steve Butcher (1997-99)	19
2. Andrae Clarke (2003-06)	17
Brian McCallion (1997-00)	17
Steve DiClemente (1989-92)	17
5. Tim Songer (1998-00)	16
Sotir Tanevski (1990-95)	16
7. Brian Knapp (2003-06)	14
8. John Shannon (1997-00)	13
Kevin O'Neil (1991-93)	13
Chris Evans (1990-92)	13

POINTS

1. Steve Butcher (1997-99)	115
2. Mark Brown (1980-83)	75
3. Ediru Okpewho (1993-96)	62
4. Andrae Clarke (2003-06)	61
Jim Young (1973-74)	61
6. Tim Songer (1998-00)	58
Sotir Tanevski (1990-95)	58
8. Steve DiClemente (1989-92)	55
9. Brian McCallion (1997-00)	49
10. Lee Catchpole (2004-pres)	44
Darren Boecher (1990-93)	44

SAVES

1. Jerry Forton (1984-86)	369
2. Mark Celeste (1977-80)	313
3. Jay Palmer (1993-95)	287
4. Craig Chinsky, Jr. (1986-89)	254
5. Jim Schoenberg (1994-98)	233
6. Brian Wozniak (1999-02)	219
7. Daniel Bell (2003-pres)	194
7. Marty Pavone (1981-82)	188
8. Bill Gleason (1976)	156
10. Wade Cash (1984, 86-87)	106

WINS

1. Daniel Bell (2003-pres)	33
2. Jay Palmer (1993-95)	22
3. Jerry Forton (1984-86)	19
4. Marty Pavone (1981-82)	18
Mark Celeste (1977-80)	18

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE

1. Marty Pavone (1981-82)	0.82
2. Daniel Bell (2003-pres)	1.06
3. Jerry Forton (1984-86)	1.39
4. Brian Wozniak (1999-02)	1.59
5. Jay Palmer (1993-95)	1.68
6. Jim Schoenberg (1994-98)	1.80
7. Justin Deming (1996-99)	1.85
8. Mark Celeste (1977-80)	2.04
9. Christian Barletta (1994-97)	2.21

BUFFALO HEAD COACH JOHN ASTUDILLO

One of the most distinguished and successful coaches in Western New York history, John Astudillo enters his 19th season at the helm of the University at Buffalo men's soccer program.

Since joining the Bulls in 1989, Astudillo, who grew up in Ecuador, has compiled a 154-143-27 record. On September 9, 2001, following a 4-0 victory over Siena, Astudillo passed Sal Esposito to become the all-time leader in career victories. In nine years in the highly-competitive Mid-American Conference, Astudillo has coached UB's first-ever MAC Player of the Year in any sport, eight first-team all-conference players and eleven second-team all-conference players.

In 2006, Astudillo guided the Bulls to a 10-7-2 mark and a third consecutive trip to the MAC Tournament Semifinals. Under Astudillo's guidance, two members of that team, seniors Sola Abolaji and Andrae Clarke, were drafted by professional soccer leagues following their UB careers.

During the 2005 season, the Bulls completed perhaps one off of the largest two-season turnarounds in Division-I soccer history. Just two seasons after going 1-12-3, UB enjoyed the best season in the program's 33-year history by going 14-3-2, including being the first team in Division-I soccer to win 10 games, going 10-1-0 in its first 11 games. As a result of their early success, the Bulls received their first Division-I national ranking in school history, being named 20th according to the *NSCAA/adidas* rankings. As a third-seed in the MAC Tournament, the Bulls handed losses to both sixth-seeded IPFW and second-seeded Northern Illinois before taking top-seeded and nationally third-ranked Akron into double overtime, falling 7-6 in a final shootout.

In the 2004 season, UB finished 8-8-2, including a 6-0-1 start to the year. The Bulls upset third-seeded Northern Illinois in the MAC Tournament quarterfinals before losing in the semifinals to eventual MAC Champion Akron.

UB combined for a 7-21-4 record during the 2002 and 2003 seasons, bowing out in the MAC Tournament quarterfinals both seasons.

In 2001, for the third time since UB joined the MAC in 1998, Astudillo led the Bulls to a winning record. UB finished 8-7-2 overall and placed fourth in the conference. The Bulls qualified for the MAC Tournament but lost, 1-0, in a triple-overtime heartbreaker to Bowling Green in the quarterfinals.

Astudillo guided the Bulls to a 6-10-2 record and a sixth-place finish in the MAC during the 2000 campaign. The Bulls hosted the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of the MAC Tournament where they upset third-seeded Akron, 2-1, in the quarterfinal round before falling to Bowling Green, 1-0, in the semifinals.

Astudillo's Bulls posted a 10-7-1 overall record in 1999 and finished fifth in the MAC. Steve Butcher, who went on to play professionally for both the Buffalo Blizzard and Rochester Rhinos, received the highest individual honor from the conference as he was named MAC Player of the Year.

In the Bulls' first year competing in the MAC, 1998, UB finished with a 13-8-0 record under Astudillo. As the sixth seed in the MAC Tournament, Astudillo's team made some noise, defeating third-seeded Northern Illinois, 1-0, in overtime in the first round. In the second round of the tournament, the Bulls took regular-season champion and nationally-ranked Akron into three overtimes before falling, 3-2.

The growth for UB soccer began as soon as Astudillo was named the UB head coach in 1989 and the Bulls were competing at the Division II level. Astudillo was named the New York State Region III Coach of the Year after guiding the Bulls to a 9-9 record in his first season. He proceeded to guide the Bulls to a school-record 14 wins in 1990 and a national ranking as high as ninth. Astudillo was recognized by his peers by receiving the 1990 New York State Coach of the Year award after the Bulls finished with a 14-3-1 record.

In 1991, UB made the jump to the Division I level. In the first year playing at the NCAA's highest level, the Bulls again recorded double-digit wins, finishing with a 10-7-2 record, earning Astudillo the 1991 East Coast Conference Coach of the Year award.

UB began its affiliation with the Mid-Continent Conference in 1994 as Astudillo guided the Bulls to an 11-7-1 overall record, and captured the Mid-Continent East Division crown with a 5-0-1 conference mark. Astudillo was recognized for his squad's outstanding season by receiving both UB's Coach of the Year award and the Mid-Con's Coach of the Year award.

A graduate of Buffalo State College with a master's degree in education, Astudillo played at the college level for coach Fred Hartrick before going on to play semi-pro for the Fort Erie Stokers of the Ontario Provincial League. A holder of an NSCAA Advanced National Coaching Diploma, Astudillo began his coaching career in 1978 by building Williamsville North into one of the premier high school soccer programs in the Western New York area. The recipient of two High School Coach of the Year awards, Astudillo coached the Williamsville North boy's team to five divisional championships, four sectional titles, and a mark of 82-14-4 during his last five years. Additionally, he led Williamsville North on three occasions to the quarterfinals of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Tournament.

