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## Men's Soccer



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**Record – 6-2-1 Overall (0-0 Mid-American)**

### BULLS FINISH ROUGH WEEK

The University at Buffalo men's soccer team took a big hit this past week as they lost both of their games to Niagara and Oneonta. The Bulls finished up a five-game road trip on Wednesday with their first loss of the season, a 3-1 defeat to the Niagara Purple Eagles. The Bulls took the lead with a goal from **Brian Knapp (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)**, but they were not able to hold on to the lead as sophomore goalkeeper **Daniel Bell (Brampton, Ontario/Notre Dame)** let up a season-worst three goals and recorded his first loss of the year. The Bulls looked to get back to their winning ways with their first home game in nearly three weeks last Friday, but their homecoming was spoiled by the Oneonta Red Dragons. Both teams played well defensively and the teams went into a second overtime with the score 0-0. However, sophomore goalkeeper **Brandon Foley (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads)** making his first start of the season was not able to stop a diving header off a rebound to give the Red Dragons the victory. It was the first time all season that the Bulls have lost two straight games.

### BULLS TOUGH ON DEFENSE

Despite the two loses for the Bulls, their defensive unit still played well this past week, especially during Friday night's game. The tandem of **Cheick Diarra (Hillsborough, NJ/John Bartram)**, **Mbwana Johnson (San Fernando, Trinidad & Tobago/Pleasantville)**, and **Dave Chojnowski (Rochester, NY/Hilton)** made several key stops and kept the Bulls in the game to the very end. Through the first nine games Diarra is the only member of this unit to record a goal and an assist, but the other two members have been a crucial part to the Bulls' success so far this season.

### BULLS ON THE LEADERBOARD

Entering the fifth week of play, there are a few Bulls still among the chase for league-leaders in several offensive categories. Two Buffalo players, **Braden Byler (Erie, PA/Cathedral Prep)** and **Lee Catchpole (Norwich, England/Bungay)**, are tied for third in the league in points with eight. Byler is also second in the league in goals (4) as well as goals per game (0.50). Despite his first loss of the season, Bell is still the MAC leader in shutouts (4) and shutouts per game (0.50). Senior **Jeff Martinko (Shelby Township, MI/DeLa Salle Collegiate)** is tied for the league lead in game-winning goals with two. As a team, Buffalo is tied for the MAC lead in points (51), and leads the league in goals (18), goals per game (2.00), and shutouts (4).

### UP NEXT

The Bulls (6-2-1) are next in action on Friday, October 1 as they begin MAC play at Akron (5-2-1). That game will be part of an Akron double-header and will begin approximately at 7:30 pm. The Bulls will be back home on Sunday, October 3 as they face Kentucky at RAC Field beginning at 1:00 pm.

### 2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

<b>September</b>		
<b>Wed., 1</b>	<b>COLGATE</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
	<i>UB Fall Classic</i>	
<b>Sat., 4</b>	<b>HARTFORD</b>	<b>W, 1-0</b>
<b>Mon., 6</b>	<b>BINGHAMTON</b>	<b>T, 1-1 (2OT)</b>
Sun., 12	at Siena	W, 4-0
Wed., 15	at Canisius	W, 1-0
Fri., 17	at Rider	W, 3-2 (2OT)
Sun., 19	at St. Francis (PA)	W, 4-2
Wed., 22	at Niagara	L, 1-3
<b>Fri., 24</b>	<b>ONEONTA</b>	<b>L, 0-1 (2OT)</b>
<b>October</b>		
Fri., 1	at Akron*	7:30 pm
<b>Sun., 3</b>	<b>KENTUCKY*</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Sun., 10	at Bowling Green*	2:30 pm
Fri., 15	at Cleveland State	7 pm
<b>Sun., 17</b>	<b>NORTHERN ILLINOIS*</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
Sun., 24	at Marshall*	1 pm
<b>Fri., 29</b>	<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>November</b>		
Fri., 5	MAC Quarterfinals (on campus sites)	
Sun., 7	MAC Semifinals (Kalamzoo, MI)	
Fri., 12	MAC Championship (at highest seed)	

\*Mid-American Conference contests  
Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**  
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### UB LEADERS

Goals \_\_\_\_\_ 4 - Braden Byler  
Assists \_\_\_ 3 - Brian Knapp and Andrae Clarke  
Points \_\_\_ 8 - Braden Byler and Lee Catchpole  
Shots \_\_\_\_\_ 17 - Lee Catchpole  
Saves \_\_\_\_\_ 22 - Daniel Bell  
Goals Against Avg. \_\_\_\_ 0.73 - Brandon Foley