



BUFFALO MEN'S SOCCER

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(7-3-1, 0-0-0 MAC)

August

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

September

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

5 **NIAGARA** W, 2-0

7-9 **UB Fall Classic**

7 **CCSU v. St. Bonaventure** CCSU, 1-0

SIENA (#) W, 1-0 (2ot)

9 **CENTRAL CONNECTICUT (#)** W, 1-0

Siena v. St. Bonaventure tie, 1-1

14 at St. Bonaventure W, 2-1 (ot)

16 **CORNELL** W, 2-1 (ot)

21 at Bucknell T, 2-2 (2ot)

23 at Detroit L, 0-1

28 **BOWLING GREEN*** W, 3-2

30 at Duquesne W, 1-0

October

6 at #14 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)



Buffalo (7-3-1, 1-0-0 MAC)

at

Saint Louis (4-1-2, 0-0-0 Atlantic 10)

October 6 • 7 pm • St. Louis, MO

BUFFALO HEADS TO #14 SAINT LOUIS

Coming off back-to-back victories over Bowling Green and Duquesne, this weekend Buffalo travels to St. Louis, MO to take on the seventh-ranked Billikens of Saint Louis University.

This past Friday, the Bulls opened Mid-American Conference play with a thrilling 3-2 comeback win over Bowling Green. Buffalo fell behind early in the contest, trailing 2-0 after 37 minutes. But the Bulls battled back with goals from **Martin John** and **Dan Bulley** to send the match into overtime. UB completed the comeback when **Alex Marrello** found the back of the net just 26 seconds into the overtime session.

On Sunday, the Bulls picked up a 1-0 road victory at Duquesne. Bulley scored the game's only goal in the 63rd minute and **Daniel Bell** picked up his school-record 34th career win in goal for the Bulls. The shutout was the 22nd of Bell's UB career.

Bulley leads the Bulls offensive attack with four goals on the season while Marrello leads the way in helpers with three. Bulley and Marrello are currently tied for both the team and MAC lead in points with nine each. **Robert Shuttleworth** has played 763 of a possible 1,033 minutes between the posts for the Bulls, and had a .788 save percentage, best among all goalkeepers in the MAC. His 0.83 goal against average is second-best in the conference.

BULLEY BECOMES THE BULLS SECOND MAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Dan Bulley was named Mid-American Conference Player of the Week on October 1 for his two goal, one assist weekend against Bowling Green and Duquesne. Bulley assisted on UB's first goal and scored the second in a 3-2 comeback victory over Bowling Green. Two days later, Bulley scored the lone goal in Buffalo's 1-0 win at Duquesne. Bulley becomes the second Bull named MAC Player of the Week this season, joining **Robert Shuttleworth** who earned the honor on September 10.

MARRELLO THE OVERTIME HERO

Buffalo sophomore midfielder **Alex Marrello** has scored three goals this season and two of the three have been overtime game-winning goals. The first came just 22 seconds into the second overtime against Siena on September 7 and the second came 34 seconds into the first overtime against Bowling Green on September 30.

A SECOND HALF TEAM

The Bulls have been more dangerous attacking as time has gone on in matches this season. Of the 14 goals UB has scored this season, 11 (78.6%) have come in either the second half of matches or overtime.

BELL JOINS THE 200-SAVE CLUB

With his six saves against Detroit, **Daniel Bell** eclipsed the 200 save mark for his UB career, becoming just the seventh Bull to reach the mark. Bell is currently in seventh place in career saves for UB goalkeepers, 18 stops behind Brian Wozniak (1999-02) for sixth. Bell is already the career wins leader in UB history with 34 and is second in career goals against average with a mark of 1.04.

MAC Standings	Conference				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	7	3	1
Akron	0	0	0	.000	6	2	1
Hartwick	0	0	0	.000	3	3	2
Western Michigan	0	0	0	.000	5	5	0
Northern Illinois	0	0	0	.000	2	5	3
Bowling Green	0	1	0	.000	3	5	1

Upcoming Matches**Friday, October 5**

Western Michigan at Northern Illinois*

Saturday, October 6Buffalo at Saint Louis
Hartwick at Akron***Sunday, October 7**IPFW at Bowling Green
Western Illinois at Northern Illinois**Tuesday, October 9**

Valparaiso at Western Michigan

Wednesday, October 10

Bowling Green at Cincinnati

Friday, October 12

Buffalo at Western Michigan*

Saturday, October 13

Northern Illinois at Akron*

* denotes Mid-American Conference match

Mid-American Conference Preseason Poll

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

NSCAA/adidas Great Lakes Region Top 10 (Oct. 2, 2007)

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|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Notre Dame | 6-1-2 |
| 2. Northwestern | 7-1-1 |
| 3. Michigan | 8-1-1 |
| 4. Indiana | 5-3-2 |
| 5. DePaul | 6-2-0 |
| 6. Ohio State | 5-3-2 |
| 7. Michigan State | 6-0-2 |
| 8. Wisconsin-Green Bay | 6-2-2 |
| 9. Akron | 6-2-1 |
| 10. Wisconsin | 5-3-2 |

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

The University at Buffalo men's soccer team has turned UB Stadium into a difficult place for visitors to try to get a result. The last time an opponent came to Buffalo and won was over a year ago, on September 22, 2006 when Duquesne defeated Buffalo 2-1. Since then, the Bulls are a perfect 7-0 on the turf at UB Stadium.

WORKING OVERTIME

The Bulls have become accustomed to playing more than 90 minutes this season, as five of their last seven matches have gone into overtime. UB has a 4-0-1 record in overtime matches, beating Siena 10:22 into overtime on an **Alex Marrello** goal, defeating St. Bonaventure 9:06 into the extra session on a **Dan Gwyther** tally, knocking off Cornell 2:38 beyond the 90 minutes via a **Martin John** strike, tying Bucknell after 20 scoreless overtime minutes and, most recently, defeating Bowling Green just 22 seconds into overtime on another goal by Marrello. The last time the Bulls won four matches during a season in overtime was 1998, UB has never won more than four matches in overtime in a season.

SHUTTLEWORTH SHUTOUT STREAK STOPPED AT 338 MINUTES

Buffalo sophomore goalkeeper **Robert Shuttleworth** had his shutout streak ended at the 37:56 mark at St. Bonaventure. The goal was the first allowed by Shuttleworth since the season opening contest against Fairfield on August 31. Snapping a run of 338:40 in goal for UB without allowing a goal. The streak included three full shutouts, over Niagara, Siena and Central Connecticut State. During the run he was also named the Bulls Fall Classic Defensive MVP and the Mid-American Conference Player of the Week.

CATCHPOLE LOST FOR THE SEASON

Buffalo received some bad news as it was learned that senior forward **Lee Catchpole** would be lost for the entire season due to injury. Catchpole, who was injured during preseason training camp, had not played in any matches this season. He is tied for ninth in career goals at UB with 17 and tied for tenth in career points with 44.

ROBERT SHUTTLEWORTH NAMED MAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Following a week in which he was in goal for three-straight shutouts, Buffalo sophomore goalkeeper **Robert Shuttleworth** was named Mid-American Conference Player of the Week on September 10. Shuttleworth made 11 saves in the three shutout victories over Niagara, Siena and Central Connecticut State.

SEVEN PLAYERS EARN HONORS AT BULLS FALL CLASSIC

Buffalo won the 2007 Bulls Fall Classic with a pair of 1-0 victories over Siena and Central Connecticut State. Following the tournament, seven Bulls were honored for their play during the tournament. Sophomore goalkeeper **Robert Shuttleworth** was named the Defensive MVP, senior midfielder/forward **Dan Stevens** was named the Offensive MVP and five other players, **Steffen Thoresen, Dan Bulley, Dave Chojnowski, Alex Marrello** and **Dan Gwyther**, were named to the All-Tournament Team.

WORTH THE WAIT

Senior defender **Dave Chojnowski** has been a consistent performer on the Buffalo backline throughout his four seasons as a Bull, but through his first 55 matches in the blue and white, he had never scored a goal. But the 56th match proved to be the charm for Chojnowski, as he slotted home a loose ball in the 65th minute against Niagara. The goal proved to be the game-winner as the Bulls went on to win the match 2-0.

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 Opong**. 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 Schneider** 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.

LAST TIME OUT

September 30, 2007: Buffalo 1, Duquesne 0

The University at Buffalo men's soccer team picked up a 1-0 victory Sunday afternoon at Duquesne. Sophomore forward **Dan Bulley (Exeter, England/St. Peter's)** scored the only goal of the match in the 63rd minute to give the Bulls the victory.

Buffalo (7-3-1) came out firing in the first half of the contest, forcing Duquesne goalkeeper Patrick Finnegan into making four saves in the half. But despite the barrage of shots, the Bulls were unable to find the back of the net in the game's opening 45 minutes.

But Bulley broke the deadlock 18 minutes into the second half, scoring an unassisted goal to give the Bulls a 1-0 lead. For Bulley, the goal was his second of the weekend and his team-leading fourth of the season.

Duquesne (2-4-3) and Buffalo each took 12 shots in the contest, but the Dukes only managed to get one of their shots on goal, while five of UB's shots were on target. Bulley and **Eric Johnson (Cleveland, OH/West Geauga)** each had two shots on goal for the Bulls and **Mateo Escobar (Liverpool, NY/Wilbraham & Monson)** had one. Buffalo held a huge corner kick advantage in the contest, 12-3.

Senior goalkeeper **Daniel Bell (Brampton, Ontario/Notre Dame Secondary)** was between the posts for the Bulls, making one save en route to the shutout victory. For Bell the win was the 34th of his UB career, extending his school record for wins by a goalkeeper.

ABOUT SAINT LOUIS

Saint Louis is one of the storied programs in the history of men's college soccer. The Billikens have won a record ten national championships and made 43 appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

This season, Saint Louis enters Saturday night's contest with a 4-1-2 record, the Billikens have won four-straight matches after going winless in their first three. In their last match, Saint Louis defeated UCF 3-0 in front of home crowd of 5,758.

Leading the way offensively for the Billikens is junior midfielder Dado Hamzagic with three goals and two assists for eight points. Sophomore Ross Kaufman has seen the majority of the time in goal for Saint Louis. Kaufman has played 507 of 680 minutes in goal for SLU, he has a 0.53 goals against average and a record of 4-1-1. Saint Louis is coached by Dan Donigan, he is in his seventh season as coach if the Billikens and has a career record of 83-30-14.

THE ALL-TIME SERIES WITH SAINT LOUIS

This will be the first all-time meeting between the Billikens and the Bulls

NATIONAL POLLS

NSCAA/adidas Top 25 (September 25, 2007)

1.	Wake Forest	7-0-0
2.	Connecticut	9-1-0
3.	Notre Dame	6-1-2
4.	Duke	7-2-0
5.	Virginia	6-1-2
6.	Santa Clara	5-1-2
7.	Northwestern	7-1-1
8.	Harvard	7-1-1
9.	Virginia Tech	6-1-2
10.	Creighton	4-1-2
11.	SMU	4-2-2
12.	South Florida	7-1-1
13.	West Virginia	6-3-0
14.	<i>Saint Louis</i>	4-1-2
15.	Brown	6-0-1
16.	Michigan	8-1-1
17.	Indiana	5-3-1
18.	UC Santa Barbara	4-2-2
19.	Boston College	6-1-1
20.	Tulsa	5-2-1
21.	California	5-2-1
22.	Furman	8-1-0
23.	Villanova	8-2-0
24.	Michigan State	6-0-2
25.	New Mexico	5-3-0

College Soccer News Top 30 (October 1, 2007)

1.	Wake Forest	7-0-0
2.	Connecticut	9-1-0
3.	Notre Dame	6-1-2
4.	Virginia	6-1-2
5.	Northwestern	7-1-1
6.	Santa Clara	5-1-2
7.	<i>Saint Louis</i>	4-1-2
8.	Duke	7-2-0
9.	Harvard	7-1-1
10.	SMU	4-2-2
11.	South Florida	7-1-1
12.	UC Santa Barbara	4-2-2
13.	West Virginia	6-3-0
14.	Brown	6-0-1
15.	Creighton	4-1-2
16.	Virginia Tech	6-1-2
17.	Indiana	5-3-1
18.	Michigan	8-1-1
19.	Boston College	6-1-1
20.	California	5-2-1
21.	Villanova	8-2-0
22.	<i>Akron</i>	6-2-1
23.	Tulsa	5-2-1
24.	Washington	5-3-1
25.	UC Irvine	5-1-1
26.	Maryland	3-4-1
27.	New Mexico	5-3-0
28.	UCLA	3-4-1
29.	Furman	8-1-0
30.	Gonzaga	5-2-1

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)	201
8. Marty Pavone (1981-82)	188
9. Bill Gleason (1976)	156
10. Wade Cash (1984, 86-87)	106

WINS

1. Daniel Bell (2003-pres)	34
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)	1.04
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 is in 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 161-146-28 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 turnaround 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 loses 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.

