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Men's Soccer



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Current record – 6-6-1 (3-2-0 Mid-American Conference)

BULLS WIN THRILLER OVER KENTUCKY

After dropping a heartbreaking, 2-1, double-overtime decision to Northern Illinois on Friday night, the Bulls bounced back in a big way on Sunday by beating Kentucky, 2-1. It marked the first time, in five tries, that UB beat the Wildcats. **Geoff Thompson (Clarence, NY/Clarence)** scored both goals to give him a team-best seven on the year. Goalkeeper **Brian Wozniak (Canton, MI/Plymouth Salem)** made six saves to earn his fifth win of the season.

UB STATISTICAL LEADERS

Geoff Thompson's two goals against Kentucky extended his team lead for goals and points to seven and 14, respectively. **Mike Peplinski (Syracuse, NY/Liverpool)** ranks second on the team in goals with four. **Dave Pidgeon (Dorval, PQ/Bishop Whelan)** leads the team in assists with four. For the goalkeepers, **Brian Wozniak** leads the team in saves with 55. **Chris Vavrina's (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford Sutherland)** 0.55 goals against average is tops on the team.

BULL NOTES

Michael Battiste (Rexford, NY/Niskayuna) scored the first goal of his career against Northern Illinois on Friday. The freshman defender now has a goal and two assists on the season.

Seven of the Bulls' top 10 point scorers are underclassmen. Sophomore **Justin Higgins (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa)**, freshman **Greg Galemore (Long Valley, NJ/West Morris Central)**, junior **Patrick Beckley (Poughquag, NY/Arlington)**, freshman **Michael Battiste** and junior **Dave Pidgeon** have four points. Freshman **T.J. Osbourne (East Greenbush, NY/Columbia)** has three points and sophomore **Cheick Diarra (Hillsborough, NJ/John Bartram)** has two points.

The Bulls' three conference wins matches their best total since 1999 when they also won three. With a win or tie at Akron on Oct. 25, the Bulls will finish the season with a winning mark in the conference for the first time since joining the MAC in 1998.

2002 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

Central Connecticut Tournament

Fri., 30 vs. Central Connecticut L, 2-1

September

Sun., 1 vs. Sacred Heart W, 2-1

Bulls Fall Invitational

Sat., 7 **BUCKNELL** L, 2-0

Sun., 8 **ROBERT MORRIS** T, 2-2

Thur., 12 **ARMY** W, 2-0

Wed., 18 at Niagara L, 2-1

Fri., 20 at Siena W, 3-1

Sun., 22 at Binghamton L, 1-0

Fri., 27 at Wright State Cancelled

Sun., 29 at Bowling Green* L, 3-0

October

Sun., 6 at Marshall* W, 2-1

Sun., 13 **WESTERN MICHIGAN*** W, 3-0

Fri., 18 **NORTHERN ILLINOIS*** L, 2-1 (2OT)

Sun., 20 **KENTUCKY*** W, 2-1

Fri., 25 at Akron* 7:30 p.m.

Tue., 29 at Canisius 7:30 p.m.

November

Fri., 8 MAC Quarterfinals TBA

Sun., 10 MAC Semifinals TBA

Sat., 16 MAC Championship TBA

*Denotes Mid-American Conference match

Home games are in **BOLD CAPS** and
are played at RAC Field