

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

175 ALUMNI ARENA

BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14260

(716) 645-6311 • FAX: (716) 645-6840 • WEB: WWW.BUFFALOBULLS.COM

Men's Soccer



Date: October 25, 2004 • For release: Immediately • Contact: Brian Wolff

Record – 7-7-1 Overall (1-4-0 Mid-American)

BULLS DROP TOUGH ROAD GAME

The University at Buffalo men's soccer team dropped its final road game of the season on Sunday, a 4-1 loss to Marshall. The Bulls got on the board early when senior **Cheick Diarra** (*Hillsborough, NJ/John Bartram*) blasted a shot from 10 yards out that hit the back of the net. The Bulls weren't able to hold on to the lead as they let up four goals in the final 50 minutes of play. Sophomore goalkeeper **Dan Bell** (*Brampton, Ontario/Notre Dame*) made seven saves in the loss. Since winning six of their first seven games, the Bulls have lost seven of their last eight.

THE REAL CHEICK DADDY

Senior defender **Cheick Diarra** scored his second goal of the season in Sunday's game against Marshall. The two goals are a personal best for Diarra. His first goal was scored earlier in the season against nationally-ranked Binghamton. Diarra's defense has been a strong point for the Bulls all season. Diarra also recorded an assist in the Bulls' 4-0 victory over Siena. This Friday, Diarra will be playing in his last home game for Buffalo. In the three seasons as a Bull, he has been named the team's Top Newcomer and last season he recorded a goal and an assist for Buffalo.

LEADING THE BULLS

As the season draws to a close, the Bulls are being led by a number of underclassmen. There is a two-way tie for the lead in points with **Jeff Martinko** (*Shelby Township, MI/DeLaSalle Collegiate*) and **Lee Catchpole** (*Norwich, England/Bungay*) each recording eight points for the Bulls. Catchpole also has three goals on the season. In assists, the team is led by two sophomores, **Brian Knapp** (*Liverpool, NY/Liverpool*) and **Andrae Clarke** (*Bronx, NY/Dewitt Clinton*), who have each tallied three. Martinko also leads the team in game-winning goals with two. In net, the Bulls have relied on sophomore **Dan Bell** who has made a team-leading 46 saves and has a goals against average of 1.48. If that goals against average were to stand, it would put Bell in a tie for 16th all-time in UB history.

UP NEXT

The Bulls (7-7-1) are next in action on Friday, October 29 for their final regular season game, a home contest against Western Michigan (8-6-1). Prior to that game, the Bulls will honor their four seniors who will be playing in their final regular season game as a UB player. The game is set to begin at 7:00 pm at RAC Field. After that, the Bulls will travel to Kalamazoo, MI for the 2004 MAC Tournament.

2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

<i>September</i>		
Wed., 1	COLGATE	W, 3-0
<i>UB Fall Classic</i>		
Sat., 4	HARTFORD	W, 1-0
Mon., 6	BINGHAMTON	T, 1-1 (2OT)
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
Fri., 24	ONEONTA	L, 0-1 (2OT)
<i>October</i>		
Fri., 1	at Akron*	L, 0-1
Sun., 3	KENTUCKY*	L, 0-3
Sun., 10	at Bowling Green*	W, 2-1 (OT)
Fri., 15	at Cleveland State	L, 0-1
Sun., 17	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	L, 0-3
Sun., 24	at Marshall*	L, 1-4
Fri., 29	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	7 pm
<i>November</i>		
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**

All Times Eastern and subject to change