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## Men's Soccer



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**Record – 7-7-2 Overall (1-4-1 Mid-American)**

### BULLS END SEASON WITH TIE, LOOK TO MAC TOURNEY

The University at Buffalo men's soccer team ended its regular season on Friday with a 1-1 tie against the Western Michigan Broncos. The Bulls scored an early goal on a direct kick from senior **Mirnes Biscevic** (*Syracuse, NY/Nottingham*) to take a one-goal lead. The Broncos got on the board when they converted on a direct kick of their own. The teams played a scoreless second half, as well as two scoreless overtime periods. Sophomore goalkeeper **Dan Bell** (*Brampton, Ontario/Notre Dame*) recorded three saves in the tie. With the tie, the Bulls received the number six seed in this year's Mid-American Conference Tournament. The Bulls drew the number three seed, the Northern Illinois Huskies, in the first round. In the teams' only meeting this season, the Huskies scored a 3-0 victory over the Bulls in Buffalo.

### SENIORS MAKE FINAL IMPACT

The Bulls had five seniors on Friday play their last home game as a Bull. **Mirnes Biscevic** scored the only goal for the Bulls, while they received solid defensive play from **Cheick Diarra** (*Hillsborough, NJ/John Bartram*), **Ross Tauchert** (*Rochester, NY/Pittsford Sutherland*), and **Andrew Butler** (*Yorkshire, England/Mirfield*). Midfielder **Jeff Martinko** (*Shelby Township, MI/DeLaSalle Collegiate*) set up several good scoring chances for the Bulls during the game. These five players will now be playing in their final MAC Tournament which begins on Friday.

### LEADING THE BULLS

With the conclusion of the regular season, the Bulls are being led by a number of underclassmen. There is a three-way tie for the lead in points with **Jeff Martinko** (*Shelby Township, MI/DeLaSalle Collegiate*), **Braden Byler** (*Erie, PA/Cathedral Prep*) and **Lee Catchpole** (*Norwich, England/Bungay*) each recording eight points for the Bulls. Byler leads the team in goals with four. 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 48 saves and has a goals against average of 1.43. If that goals against average were to stand, it would put Bell in a tie for 14th all-time in UB history.

### UP NEXT

The Bulls (7-7-2) are next in action on Friday, November 5 as they travel to Kalamazoo, MI for the 2004 Mid-American Conference Tournament and a shot at an automatic bid for the 2004 NCAA Tournament. As the number six seed, the Bulls drew the Northern Illinois Huskies, a team they lost to 3-0 at home earlier this season. The winner of that game will move on to face the winner of Bowling Green vs. Akron on Sunday, November 7.

### 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*	L, 0-1
<b>Sun., 3</b>	<b>KENTUCKY*</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
Sun., 10	at Bowling Green*	W, 2-1 (OT)
Fri., 15	at Cleveland State	L, 0-1
<b>Sun., 17</b>	<b>NORTHERN ILLINOIS*</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
Sun., 24	at Marshall*	L, 1-4
<b>Fri., 29</b>	<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>T, 1-1 (2OT)</b>
<b>November</b>		
Fri., 5	Northern Illinois (Kalamazoo, MI)#	
Sun., 7	MAC Semifinals (Kalamazoo, MI)#	
Fri., 12	MAC Championship (at highest seed)#	

# 2004 Mid-American Conference Tournament

\*Mid-American Conference contests

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**

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