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Men's Soccer



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Current record – 8-6-2 Overall (2-3-1 Mid-American Conference)

BULLS MEET BOWLING GREEN IN MAC TOURNAMENT

#4 Buffalo will battle #5 Bowling Green in the quarterfinals of the Mid-American Conference Tournament on Friday, November 9 (4 p.m.) with the winner advancing to play top-seeded Kentucky on Sunday, November 11. The University of Akron will host both Friday's quarterfinal action and Sunday's semifinals with the highest remaining seed earning the right to host the conference championship match on November 17.

QUARTERFINAL MATCHUPS

#4 Buffalo vs. #5 Bowling Green, 4 p.m.

#2 Akron vs. #7 Northern Illinois, 7 p.m.

#3 Marshall vs. #6 Western Michigan, 1 p.m.

BULLS 2-3 IN MAC TOURNAMENT SINCE JOINING CONFERENCE

| | | |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| 1998 | Northern Illinois | W, 1-0 OT |
| 1998 | Akron | L, 2-3 3OT |
| 1999 | Marshall | L, 1-2 |
| 2000 | Akron | W, 2-1 |
| 2000 | Bowling Green | L, 0-1 |

BOWLING GREEN EDGED BUFFALO 1-0 EARLIER THIS SEASON

In a September 30 match at Buffalo, Bowling Green defeated Buffalo, 1-0 in overtime, off a shot from outside the top of the box with 4:15 left in the first overtime period. The loss was the third straight for Buffalo, after having gone unbeaten in their previous four games.

BULLS END REGULAR SEASON 8-6-2; GO UNBEATEN IN FINAL FOUR GAMES

Buffalo knocked off Northern Illinois, 2-1, on Tuesday, and edged St. Francis (PA), 2-1, on Friday to finish the regular season with an 8-6-2 mark. The Bulls, who began the season 4-1, went 3-0-1 in their final four games.

BECKLEY HAS BIG DAY; LEADS TEAM IN SCORING

Sophomore **Patrick Beckley (Poughquag, NY/Arlington)** collected a goal and an assist in Friday's victory over St. Francis. Beckley assisted on freshman **Justin Higgins' (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa)** goal to open the scoring before tallying a goal of his own on a rebound in front of the net. The sophomore currently leads the team in scoring with four goals and two assists.

PITRA SCORES FIRST OF THE SEASON

Senior **Kevin Pitra (Solon, OH/Solon)** scored his first goal of the season nine yards out off a free kick from sophomore **Mike Peplinski (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)** to give the University at Buffalo men's soccer team a 2-1 victory over Northern Illinois on Tuesday afternoon.

KEY STAT FOR BULLS

Buffalo is 5-0 when it scores two or more goals in a game this season. On the flipside, the Bull are just 1-3 when giving up two or more goals in a game.

2001 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 9/1 | Lehigh ^ | L, 0-5 |
| 9/2 | vs. Army ^ | W, 2-1 |
| 9/8 | CENTRAL CONNECTICUT # | W, 1-0 |
| 9/9 | SIENA # | W, 4-0 |
| 9/16 | DETROIT | T, 1-1 2OT |
| 9/21 | AKRON * | L, 0-1 |
| 9/25 | NIAGARA | L, 0-3 |
| 9/30 | BOWLING GREEN * | L, 0-1 OT |
| 10/5 | MARSHALL * | W, 3-2 |
| 10/14 | at Kentucky * | L, 1-3 |
| 10/16 | BINGHAMTON | W, 2-0 |
| 10/19 | CANISIUS | L, 0-1 |
| 10/21 | at Bucknell | W, 2-1 |
| 10/28 | at Western Michigan * | T, 1-1 2OT |
| 10/30 | Northern Illinois * | W, 2-1 |
| 11/2 | at ST. FRANCIS (PA) | W, 2-1 |
| <i>Mid-American Conference Tournament</i> | | |
| 11/9 | vs. Bowling Green at Akron | 4 p.m. |
| 11/11 | vs. Kentucky at Akron (Semifinals) | TBA |
| 11/17 | MAC Championship | TBA |

* - MAC Contests

^ Lehigh-Army Tournament

Bulls Fall Invitational

SCORING LEADERS

| Name | Goals | Asst. | Points |
|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Patrick Beckley | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Mike Peplinski | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Dave Pidgeon | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Bill Norberg | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Justin Higgins | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Jenton Esworthy | 1 | 2 | 4 |

GOALKEEPER STATS

| Name | GP | GAA | Pct. | W-L-T |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|
| Brian Wozniak | 15 | 1.10 | .761 | 6-5-2 |
| Chris Vavrina | 4 | 2.16 | .765 | 2-1-0 |
| T.J. Borawski | 1 | 4.84 | .333 | 0-0-0 |