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Men's Soccer



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Record – 8-8-2 Overall (1-4-1 Mid-American)

BULLS' SEASON COMES TO AN END IN MAC SEMIS

The University at Buffalo men's soccer team ended its bid for the team's first MAC Championship with a 4-1 loss to Akron in the MAC Tournament semifinals on Sunday. The Bulls tried to play spoiler in the tournament after upsetting the third-seeded Northern Illinois Huskies on Friday by a score of 2-1. The Bulls were able to get two goals from freshman *Lee Catchpole* (*Norwich, England/Bungay*), including one on a penalty kick. Catchpole also delivered the lone goal for the Bulls in Sunday's loss. Playing in his final MAC Tournament, senior *Jeff Martinko* (*Shelby Township, MI/DeLaSalle*) was credited with the assist on Catchpole's goal against Akron. The Bulls finish the season with their most wins since 2001 and a seven-game improvement in the win column from last season.

WHAT A CATCH!!!

Despite missing the last seven games and the entire MAC season due to injury, freshman *Lee Catchpole* has made a serious bid for MAC Freshman of the Year with his play prior to the injury and his play in the MAC Tournament. Catchpole scored all three goals for the Bulls in the tourney and leads the team in several offensive categories. Although he only played in 11 games for the Bulls, his six goals on the season are good enough for 20th all-time.

LEADING THE BULLS

At the conclusion of the 2004 season, the Bulls were led by a number of underclassmen who should be a bright spot for the years to come. Freshman *Lee Catchpole* led the team in most offensive categories including goals (6), points (14), and penalty shots (2 for 2). In assists, the team was led by senior *Jeff Martinko* and two sophomores, *Brian Knapp* (*Liverpool, NY/Liverpool*) and *Andrae Clarke* (*Bronx, NY/Dewitt Clinton*), who each tallied three. Martinko and Catchpole also led the team in game-winning goals with two apiece. In net, the Bulls relied on sophomore *Dan Bell* (*Brampton, Ontario/Notre Dame*) who made a team-leading 57 saves and had a goals against average of 1.55. He also had eight wins to his credit, which ties him for sixth all-time. His goals against average also puts him in the record books at 20th all-time.

SEASON OF MANY TURNAROUNDS

Despite the 2004 season coming to an end, the Bulls have many positives that they can look forward to next season. The Bulls got a lot of playing time from their freshmen and sophomores, each that made a strong contribution to the season. The Bulls will welcome back both their leading scorer and leading goalkeeper for the 2005 season. The seven-game turnaround was the best for the Bulls in the *John Astudillo* era. It was the largest turnaround ever for the men's soccer team between two seasons.

2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

September		
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)
October		
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*^T	1-1 (2OT)
November		
Fri., 5	vs. Northern Illinois [#]	W, 2-1
Sun., 7	vs. Akron [#]	L, 1-4

[#] 2004 MAC Tournament (Kalamazoo, MI)

*Mid-American Conference contests

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**

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