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Men's Soccer



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ZIPS KNOCK BULLS OUT OF MAC TOURNAMENT

The University at Buffalo men's soccer team's season came to an end last Friday following a 2-0 loss to the Akron Zips in the Mid-American Conference Tournament quarterfinals. Justin Christafaris posted his 12th shutout of the season for the Zips, who were ranked 21st nationally in the latest NSCAA/Adidas poll.

Alex Odwell put Akron ahead in the game's ninth minute, scoring from 10 yards out.

Buffalo's **Dave Pidgeon (Dorval, Quebec/Bishop Whelan)** - who led Buffalo with four shots on the afternoon - nearly tied the game midway through the first half, but his shot hit the goalpost.

Akron sealed its victory when Amico DiFranco scored with nine minutes remaining in the contest.

UB finished the season with an overall mark of 1-12-3, with their lone win coming against Central Connecticut State in early September.

OFFENSIVE STRUGGLES

The Bulls were shut out in seven consecutive games to end the season - with junior defender **Cheick Diarra (Hillsborough, NJ/John Bartram)** having scored their last goal on September 26th against Siena. Since that time, UB went 652:26 without a goal.

UB LEADERS

Freshman forward **Andrae Clarke (Kingston, Jamaica/Dewitt Clinton)** led the Bulls with three goals and six points... Senior midfielder **Patrick Beckley (Poughquag, NY/Arlington)** led UB with both a pair of assists and 29 shots... Freshman **Brandon Foley (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads)** had a team-best goals against average of 1.20, while freshman **Daniel Bell (Brampton, Ontario/Notre Dame)** led Buffalo with a .750 save percentage.

IRON BULLS

Five Bulls - Beckley, Diarra, Pidgeon, **Andrew Butler (Yorkshire, England/Mirfield)** and **Ross Tauchert (Rochester, NY/Pittsford Sutherland)** - started all 16 games this season for UB.

2003 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

Duquesne Classic

Fri., 29	at Duquesne	L, 0-4
Sat., 30	vs. Temple	L, 1-3

September

UB Fall Classic

Fri., 5	CENT. CONN. ST.	W, 2-1
Sun., 7	WRIGHT STATE	L, 1-3
Sat., 13	CANISIUS	T, 2-2 (2 OT)
Tue., 16	NIAGARA	T, 0-0 (2 OT)

Army Classic

Fri., 19	at Army	T, 1-1 (2 OT)
Sun., 21	vs. Navy	L, 0-1
Fri., 26	SIENA	L, 1-2
Sun., 28	AKRON*	L, 0-2

October

Fri., 3	BOWLING GREEN*	L, 0-1 (2 OT)
Sun., 5	at Western Michigan*	L, 0-1 (OT)
Sun., 12	MARSHALL*	L, 0-1
Fri., 24	at Kentucky*	L, 0-2
Sun., 26	at Northern Illinois*	L, 0-2

November

Fri., 7	#7 UB vs. #2 Akron	L, 0-2
	MAC Quarterfinals (at BGSU)	

*Denotes Mid-American Conference games

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