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Men's Tennis



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MEN'S TENNIS KICKS OFF SPRING SEASON

The University at Buffalo men's tennis team began competition in its 2002 season last weekend at the Cornell Invitational at Cornell University. UB finished the two-day tournament with a 4-3 loss to Marist, a 7-0 loss to Cornell and a 6-1 win over the University of Massachusetts.

In competition against Marist, UB picked up singles victories from its top three players. **Fery Kasiman** (*Jakarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy*) breezed past Pat Hofer 6-3, 6-0 at first singles. **Justin Brtko** (*East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East*) defeated Mike Sowter 6-4, 6-1 at number two while freshman **Nick Zieziula** (*Hamburg, NY/St. Francis*) knocked off Martin Aldorsson 6-3, 6-3 at number three. The Bulls narrowly missed taking the other two singles matches as **Sean Kelley** (*Gorham, NY/Marcus Whitman*) was pushed to three sets at number five before falling to Alex Elchero 1-6, 6-4, 6-0. Fourth-singles player **Randy Rocchio** (*East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East*) fell to David Slater 6-4, 6-3. In doubles play, freshman duo **Rohan Raikar** (*Albany, NY/Albany*) and **Josh Liederman** (*Queens, NY/Benjamin Cardozo*) fell to Marist's Nick Bass and Viktor Sapezhnikov, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3.

Against Cornell, **Kasiman** fell at first singles in a close match to Julian Cheng, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2. At second singles, **Brtko** fell to Aravinda Neuman, 6-1, 6-0. At third singles **Zieziula** fell to Mike Schlappig, 6-3, 6-2. **Rocchio** lost a close match at fourth singles to Matt Cherner-Ranft, 7-6, 7-5. **Kelley** fell to Sunil Iyer at fifth singles, 6-1, 6-2. In doubles play, **Liederman** and **Raikar** fell to Scott Spencer and Scott Paltowitz, 6-2, 7-5.

In competition against Massachusetts, **Kasiman** took a victory at first singles over Todd Champeau, 6-4, 6-4. At second singles, **Brtko** defeated Eric Reblin, 6-1, 6-2. **Zieziula** fell to Reid Stubbs at a close third-singles match, 4-6, 6-3, 1-6. At fourth singles, **Rocchio** defeated Mark Porter, 6-3, 6-1. **Kelley** took the fifth-singles victory by default. **Liederman** and **Raikar** took the doubles win, also by default.

The Bulls will continue competition next weekend at the St. Bonaventure Duals Invitational in Olean, NY.

2002 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Tournament</u>	<u>Site/Results</u>
February 9-10	at Cornell Duals Invitational vs. Marist vs. Cornell vs. Massachusetts	Ithaca, NY L, 4-3 L, 7-0 W, 6-1
February 15-17	at St. Bonaventure Duals Invitational	Olean, NY
February 27	at University of Rochester	Rochester, NY
March 16	vs. Western Michigan*	Olean, NY
March 22-30	Spring Break Matches	Hilton Head, SC
April 6	at Toledo*	Toledo, OH
April 16	CANISIUS	UB TENNIS CENTER
April 19	at Bowling Green*	Bowling Green, OH
April 20	at Ball State*	Muncie, IN
April 24	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	UB TENNIS CENTER
April 25-27	MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS	BUFFALO, NY

Home matches are in **BOLD CAPS** and are held at the UB Tennis Center, Ellicott Complex

*Denotes Mid-American Conference match