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Men's Tennis



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Current record – 2-4 Overall, 0-0 MAC

BULLS FACE THREE TOP TEAMS IN BONNIE DUALS

The University at Buffalo men's tennis team went 1-2 against three of the top teams in their conferences at the Bonnie Duals held at St. Bonaventure University over the weekend.

In Saturday's opening match, the Bulls dropped a 4-3 decision to Manhattan, picked to win the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference this season. UB then played two matches on Sunday, downing 2003 America East champion Binghamton, 4-3, in a match that lasted more than four hours and immediately returning to the court to face the host Bonnies, the defending Atlantic-10 champions, falling 4-3.

Junior **Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)** led the way for the Bulls in the three matches. Zieziula, playing second singles, was 3-0 against his opponents, winning in straight sets against Binghamton's Richemn Mourad and St. Bonaventure's Nikhil Murali. In Saturday's match against Manhattan's Erez Cohen, Zieziula needed a tiebreaker to claim the match, downing Cohen, 6-4, 5-7, 1-0 (10-8). Zieziula also teamed with junior **Randy Rocchio (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)** to form UB's top doubles duo. The pair went 2-1 with wins over Manhattan and Binghamton before falling to Murali and Alejandro Nery of St. Bonaventure, 8-5.

Two other Bulls, freshmen **Mike Rockman (Toronto, Ontario/Thornhill)** and **Yules Hadisubroto (Jakarta, Indonesia)** at numbers three and six, respectively, also posted perfect 3-0 records in singles play. Rockman needed three sets to knock off Manhattan's Diego Alvarado and Binghamton's Brian O'Connor. Against O'Connor, Rockman rallied from a set down to win the second set, 7-6, in a 7-1 tiebreaker and then cruised to a 6-3 win in the final set. Hadisubroto won all three of his matches in straight sets.

Rangga Prayudha (Jakarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy/Ventura College) gave UB the victory against Binghamton as he outlasted Juan Garcia in the fifth singles match. Prayudha dropped the first set to Garcia, 6-1, then rallied to take the final two sets, 6-4, 6-3.

The Bulls face Cornell and Army on Sunday, February 22 in their next action. The matches in Ithaca are slated to start at 9 am.

2003-04 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September		
Fri.-Sun., 12-14	at St. Bonaventure Invitational	No team scoring
Fri.-Sun., 19-21	at Dartmouth Invitational	No team scoring
Fri.-Sun., 26-28	CAN-AM INVITATIONAL	No team scoring
October		
Fri., 10	at Vermont	W, 7-0
Sat., 11	at Binghamton	L, 2-5
Fri.-Sun., 17-19	at Omni ITA Championships	No team scoring
January		
Sat., 24	at Brown	L, 0-7
Thurs.-Sat., 29-31	at Harvard Invitational	No team scoring
February		
Fri.-Sun., 13-15	at Bonnie Duals vs. Manhattan	L, 3-4
	vs. Binghamton	W, 4-3
	at St. Bonaventure	L, 3-4
Sun., 22	at Cornell (with Army)	9 am
Wed., 25	at Rochester	4 pm
Sat., 28	vs. Bucknell (at St. Bonaventure)	9 am
Sat., 28	vs. Duquesne (at St. Bonaventure)	1 pm
Sun., 29	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	1 pm
March		
Fri. 12	at South Carolina-Aiken	12 pm
Sat. 13	at Barry	1 pm
Sun., 14	at Stetson	1 pm
April		
Fri., 2	at IPFW*	1 pm
Sat., 3	at Northern Illinois*	1 pm
Sun., 4	at Ball State*	1 pm
Sat., 10	at Toledo*	1 pm
Thurs.-Sun., 22-25	at MAC Championships	All Day

*Mid-American Conference matches

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** • All Times Eastern

2003-04 Statistics (MAC records in parentheses)

Singles	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Doubles	1	2	3	Total
Mike Rockman	1-1 (0-0)		3-1 (0-0)				14-8 (0-0)	Rocchio/Zieziula	3-3 (0-0)			8-9 (0-0)
Randy Rocchio	0-4 (0-0)	1-1 (0-0)					6-12 (0-0)	Rockman/Liederman		1-2 (0-0)		1-2 (0-0)
Nick Zieziula		3-1 (0-0)	2-0 (0-0)				19-6 (0-0)	Prayudha/Alant			2-0 (0-0)	2-0 (0-0)
Josh Liederman				2-4 (0-0)			5-8 (0-0)	Prayudha/Hadisubroto			0-1 (0-0)	1-2 (0-0)
Rangga Prayudha					2-4 (0-0)		12-5 (0-0)	Liederman/Prayudha	0-2 (0-0)		1-0 (0-0)	2-4 (0-0)
Albert Alant						1-1 (0-0)	8-5 (0-0)	Alant/Hadisubroto	0-1 (0-0)	0-2 (0-0)		0-3 (0-0)
Yules Hadisubroto						3-1 (0-0)	3-1 (0-0)	Prayudha/Rockman				0-4 (0-0)
Ivan Chamdani							2-2 (0-0)	Rocchio/Rockman				2-1 (0-0)
Joe Popielarczyk							1-2 (0-0)	Zieziula/Alant				3-0 (0-0)
Mike Zappone							1-3 (0-0)	Alant/Liederman				0-4 (0-0)
Team Totals	1-5 (0-0)	4-2 (0-0)	5-1 (0-0)	2-4 (0-0)	2-4 (0-0)	4-2 (0-0)	71-52 (0-0)	Zappone/Chamdani				1-3 (0-0)
Tournament results are included with individual totals												
								Popielarczyk/Zappone				2-1 (0-0)
								Prayudha/Chamdani				1-1 (1-1)
								Team Totals	3-3 (0-0)	1-5 (0-0)	3-3 (0-0)	23-34 (0-0)