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## Men's Tennis



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**Current record – 5-5 Overall, 0-0 MAC**

### BULLS FALL TO IVY LEAGUE CHAMPION BROWN

The University at Buffalo men's tennis team turned in a gutsy performance against Ivy League champion Brown on Saturday, falling to the Bears,, 6-1 in Providence, RI. The loss evens UB's record at 5-5 for the 2002-03 season.

The lone UB victory was recorded by sophomore **Randy Rocchio (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)**. Rocchio rallied from a set down, winning two tiebreakers, to defeat Brown's Kris Goddard at third singles. Rocchio dropped the opening set, 6-4. He then tied the match with a 7-6 win in the second set, taking the tiebreaker by a 12-10 count. Rocchio then closed out the match with another 7-6 victory in the third set with a 7-5 tiebreaker.

Two other singles matches also went three sets with the Bulls falling in both. Fourth singles player **Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)** dropped a three-set match to Richard Moss, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. At fifth singles, **Rangga Prahudha (Jakarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy)** won the first set over Luke Tedaldi, 6-3, but dropped the next two sets, 6-4, 7-6, including a 10-5 decision in the tiebreaker.

First singles player **Fery Kasiman (Jakarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy)** played through a hand injury, but dropped a 6-1, 6-1 decision to Jamie Cerretani. At number two, **Josh Liederman (Queens Village, NY/Benjamin Cardozo)** fell to Ben Brier, 6-2, 6-2. Sixth singles player **Joe Popielarczyk (Buffalo, NY/McKinley)** was defeated, 6-0, 6-1, by Phil Charm.

UB was also swept in the doubles with Zieziula and Rocchio falling to Adil Shamasdin and Nick Goldberg, 8-5 at number one. Liederman and Prahudha lost 8-3 at number two to Goddard and Zack Pasanen. **Rohan Raikar (Albany, NY/Albany)** and Popielarczyk also fell 8-3 to Tedaldi and Moss at number three.

The Bulls hit the road again for a match at Rochester scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 4 pm.

### 2002-03 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September		
Fri.-Sun., 13-15	at St. Bonaventure Fall Inv.	No team scoring
Fri.-Sun., 20-22	at Brown Fall Invitational	No team scoring
October		
Fri., 11	at Vermont	W, 5-2
Sat., 12	at Binghamton	L, 3-4
Thur.-Sun., 24-27	at Omni ITA Championships	No team scoring
November		
Fri.-Sun., 1-3	at Cornell Fall Invitational	No team scoring
January		
Tue.-Thur., 7-9	at Milwaukee Tennis Classic	No team scoring
February		
Sat.-Sun., 1-2	at St. Bonaventure Duals	
	vs. Binghamton	L, 2-5
	vs. Rochester	W, 7-0
	vs. Niagara	W, 7-0
Sat.-Sun., 8-9	at Cornell Duals	
	vs. Cornell	L, 2-5
	vs. Villanova	W, 5-2
	vs. Bucknell	W, 6-1
	vs. St. John's	L, 2-5
Sat., 15	at Brown	L, 1-6
Wed., 19	<b>ROCHESTER</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
Sat., 22	at Duquesne	9:00 am
Sun., 23	at Western Michigan*	1:00 pm
March		
Fri.-Fri., 7-14	Spring Break Matches in Florida	TBA
Thur., 20	<b>IUP FORT WAYNE*</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
Sun., 23	<b>BUCKNELL</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Fri., 28	<b>BALL STATE*</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Sat., 29	<b>NORTHERN ILLINOIS*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
April		
Sat., 5	<b>TOLEDO*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Wed., 9	<b>CANISIUS</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Fri., 18	at Stony Brook	2:00 pm
Tue.-Sat., 22-26	at MAC Championships DeKalb, IL	All Day

\*Mid-American Conference matches

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### 2002-03 Statistics

Singles	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Doubles	1	2	3	Total
Fery Kasiman	11-8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	11-8	Zieziula-Rocchio	7-5	0-0	0-0	9-6
Nick Zieziula	0-0	5-4	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	8-7	Liederman-Raikar	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Randy Rocchio	0-0	0-0	11-3	0-0	1-0	0-0	13-5	Liederman-Prahudha	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Josh Liederman	0-0	4-4	0-0	8-1	0-0	0-0	12-7	Kasiman-Seringer	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Rohan Raikar	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	4-4	0-0	4-5	Kasiman-Liederman	0-0	5-3	0-0	5-3
Rangga Prahudha	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-0	2-2	0-0	5-3	Raikar-Popielarczyk	1-2	0-0	5-4	6-6
Bill Seringer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-4	2-4	Zieziula-Raikar	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Joe Popielarczyk	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-5	4-6	Seringer-Pyke	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2
Chris Pyke	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-2	Liederman-Barden*0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Ivan Chamdani	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	0-0	1-2	<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>10-7</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>23-20</b>
<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>11-8</b>	<b>9-8</b>	<b>11-6</b>	<b>13-4</b>	<b>10-7</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>61-49</b>	* Liederman was paired with Zach Barden of Toledo at Milwaukee Classic. No seeds or flights at Milwaukee Classic				