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Men's Tennis



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LONE WEEKEND MATCH ENDS IN HEARTBREAK FOR UB

The University at Buffalo's men's tennis team dropped a heartbreaking 4-3 decision to Atlantic Ten opponent Duquesne on Friday night in Pittsburgh. The match came down to the final singles competition before a winner could be determined.

The Bulls (5-6) opened the match by securing the doubles point with two victories. Number-one singles duo **Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)** and **Randy Rocchio (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)** picked up an 8-6 win over Rob Ojeda and Micael Lopez-Acevedo. At third doubles, **Rohan Raikar (Albany, NY/Albany)** and **Rangga Prahudha (Jakarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy)** need an extra game to dispose of brothers Russell and Ryan Moseley by a 9-7 margin. The number-two doubles team of **Fery Kasiman (Jakarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy)** and **Josh Liederman (Queens Village, NY/Benjamin Cardozo)** dropped an 8-5 decision to Seth Fogelman and Devon Peightal.

In the singles competition, UB managed to pick up two victories while Duquesne earned three to tie the match at 3-3 with one match to be completed. Rocchio defeated Russell Moseley, 6-0, 7-6 (7-5) at number three while Prahudha earned a 7-5, 6-4 win at number five over Ryan Moseley for the two UB wins. Kasiman fell in three sets to Fogelman at number one, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3. At number two Liederman was defeated by Lopez-Acevedo, who had transferred to Duquesne from Mid-American Conference rival Bowling Green, in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3. Raikar also suffered a straight sets loss to Ojeda at sixth singles, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3, setting the stage for the tiebreaking match.

The fourth singles match between Zieziula and Peightal was tightly contested throughout the night with Peightal taking the first set, 6-4, before Zieziula rallied to take the second set by an identical 6-4 count to force a third set. Both players remained on serve as the set headed to a tiebreaker tied at six games apiece. But Zieziula was unable to pull out the victory as he suffered a 7-4 loss in the tiebreaker to give Peightal the 7-6 third-set decision.

UB looks to regroup as it heads to the warmer climate of Florida for spring break matches. The team will be in the Sunshine State from March 7-14, before returning north to make up earlier postponed matches at Rochester on March 16 and Western Michigan on March 18.

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
Fri., 21	at Duquesne	L, 3-4
March		
Fri.-Fri., 7-14	Spring Break Matches in Florida	TBA
Sun., 16	at Rochester	1:00 pm
Tue., 18	at Western Michigan*	12:00 pm
Thur., 20	IUP FORT WAYNE*	10:00 am
Sun., 23	BUCKNELL	1:00 pm
Fri., 28	BALL STATE*	7:00 pm
Sat., 29	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	1:00 pm
April		
Sat., 5	TOLEDO*	1:00 pm
Wed., 9	CANISIUS	3:00 pm
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

<u>Singles</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fery Kasiman	11-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	11-9	Zieziula-Rocchio	8-5	0-0	0-0	10-6
Nick Zieziula	0-0	5-4	0-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	8-8	Liederman-Raikar	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Randy Rocchio	0-0	0-0	12-3	0-0	1-0	0-0	14-5	Liederman-Prahudha	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Josh Liederman	0-0	4-5	0-0	8-1	0-0	0-0	12-8	Kasiman-Seringer	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Rohan Raikar	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	4-4	0-1	4-6	Kasiman-Liederman	0-0	5-4	0-0	5-4
Rangga Prahudha	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-0	3-2	0-0	6-3	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	Raikar-Prahudha	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Ivan Chamdani	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	0-0	1-2	Liederman-Barden*	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Team Totals	11-9	9-9	12-6	13-5	11-7	5-12	63-53	Team Totals	11-7	5-6	7-6	25-21

* Liederman was paired with Zach Barden of Toledo at Milwaukee Classic. No seeds or flights at Milwaukee Classic