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## Men's Tennis



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**Current record – 8-7 Overall, 0-0 MAC**

### BULLS FINISH 3-1 IN SUNSHINE STATE

The University at Buffalo men's tennis team went 3-1 in its spring break trip to Florida as they opened with a pair of convincing wins over Atlantic 10 member Rhode Island, 7-0, and NAIA member Ohio Dominican, 6-1. Both matches were played at Sanlando Park in Orlando.

Against Rhode Island, the Bulls did not lose a set although the Rams put up a good fight. In singles action, number two player **Randy Rocchio (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)** needed a tiebreaker game to defeat Dustin Parente, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) in the tiebreaker) in the closest match of the day. Rocchio also teamed with **Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)** to form UB's top doubles combo as they downed Bill Moran and Parente, 8-4.

In the second match of the day, UB used three new doubles combinations winning the number two and three matches to earn the one point. **Joe Popielarczyk (Buffalo, NY/McKinley)** and **Rohan Raikar (Albany, NY/Albany)** combined at number two to down Kevin Hornik and Adam Ewing, 8-6. **Chris Pyke (Watertown, NY/Watertown)** and **Mike Zappone (Queensbury, NY/Queensbury)** also got some playing time as they defeated Aaron Festog and Tom Colvin, 8-3, at number three. UB took five of the six singles matches as well. Zieziula recorded a "double-bagel" victory, 6-0, 6-0, over Festog at number five while **Josh Liederman (Queens Village, NY/Benjamin Cardozo)** needed a tiebreaker to defeat Shawn Stamps at number three, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5). Rocchio was forced to default his number two match to Kevin Hornik after receiving two code violations for racket abuse. Rocchio was trailing, 5-7, 1-5, when the match was stopped.

UB then picked up a 4-3 win over Division II member St. Cloud State. The Bulls dropped the doubles point winning just one of the three matches, but pulled the match out in the singles competition, winning all four of their points. **Fery Kasiman (Jakarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy)** knocked off Bryan Baumann, 6-2, 6-1, at number one. Rocchio and Liederman dropped their matches at number two and three, respectively. Rocchio fell, 6-1, 6-0, to Titus Christianson while Liederman was decided in three sets by Casey Haselwander, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Prahudha defeated Zack Ulwelling, 6-4, 6-2, at number four. Zieziula downed Skenzich, 6-2, 6-2, at number five. The match was clinched for the Bulls as number six **Ivan Chamdani (Jakarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy)** won a three-set match over Chad Olson. Chamdani claimed the first set, 6-2, but lost a second set tiebreaker which sent the match into a third set. Chamdani took control in the final set as he defeated Olson, 6-0, to give the Bulls the victory.

The brakes were put to the UB win streak in the final match of trip as the Bulls fell to a strong Stetson team, 7-0, in DeLand, FL. UB fell to 8-7 overall and finished the spring break trip with a 3-1 record. Stetson earned its 10th consecutive win in the contest. Rocchio and Zieziula posted an 8-4 win over Christian Moe and Birger Soiland at number one for the Bulls' lone victory of the day.

#### 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		
Mon., 10	Rhode Island (at Orlando, FL)	W, 7-0
	Ohio Dominican (at Orlando, FL)	W, 6-1
Tue., 11	St. Cloud State (at Orlando, FL)	W, 4-3
Thu., 13	at Stetson	L, 0-7
Tue., 18	at Western Michigan*	12:00 pm
Thur., 20	INDIANA-PURDUE FT. 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 (MAC records in parentheses)

Singles	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Doubles	1	2	3	Total
Fery Kasiman	10-8 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	15-11 (0-0)	Zieziula-Rocchio	9-3 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	12-7 (0-0)
Nick Zieziula	0-0 (0-0)	3-2 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)	2-2 (0-0)	3-1 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	12-10 (0-0)	Zieziula-Prahudha	0-1 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-1)
Randy Rocchio	0-0 (0-0)	1-3 (0-0)	10-1 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	14-10 (0-0)	Liederman-Raikar	0-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)	1-1 (0-0)
Josh Liederman	0-0 (0-0)	4-5 (0-0)	2-2 (0-0)	5-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	15-11 (0-0)	Liederman-Prahudha	0-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)
Rohan Raikar	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	1-2 (0-0)	0-2 (0-0)	4-7 (0-0)	Kasiman-Prahudha	0-0 (0-0)	2-1 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	2-1 (0-0)
Rannga Prahudha	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)	6-1 (0-0)	3-2 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	9-4 (0-0)	Kasiman-Seringer	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)
Bill Seringer	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	1-3 (0-0)	Kasiman-Liederman	0-0 (0-0)	3-2 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	5-4 (0-0)
Joe Popielarczyk	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	2-1 (0-0)	0-3 (0-0)	4-7 (0-0)	Raikar-Popielarczyk	0-3 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)	3-2 (0-0)	6-8 (0-0)
Chris Pyke	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	1-3 (0-0)	Zieziula-Raikar	2-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	2-0 (0-0)
Ivan Chamdani	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-2 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)	3-1 (0-0)	4-3 (0-0)	Seringer-Pyke	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-2 (0-0)
Mike Zappone	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)	Raikar-Prahudha	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)
<b>Team Totals</b>	10-8 (0-0)	8-10 (0-0)	12-6 (0-0)	13-5 (0-0)	10-8 (0-0)	3-6 (0-0)	79-70 (0-0)	Raikar-Pyke	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	1-1 (0-0)	1-1 (0-0)
Tournament results are included with individual totals												
* Liederman was paired with Zach Barden of Toledo at Milwaukee Classic.												
Totals include tournament matches. No seeds or flights at Milwaukee Classic												
<b>Team Totals</b>									11-7 (0-0)	6-54 (0-0)	8-3 (0-0)	32-28 (0-0)