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Men's Tennis



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MEN'S TENNIS BLASTS NIAGARA, FALLS TO WESTERN MICHIGAN, BONNIES

The University at Buffalo men's tennis team continued competition in its 2002 season over the weekend with matches against Western Michigan, St. Bonaventure and Niagara University. UB finished the weekend 1-2 with a 6-1 win over Niagara, a 6-1 loss to St. Bonaventure and a 7-0 loss to Western Michigan.

In competition against Niagara, Buffalo took five singles victories. At first singles, senior **Fery Kasiman (Jarkarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy)** led Jonathan Bozanich 4-2 in the first set before Bozanich retired. At second singles, **Randy Rocchio (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)** defeated Eric Roslansky, 6-3, 6-3. **Justin Brtko (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)** took the third singles victory over Mike Kelly, 6-3, 6-0. Freshman **Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)** defeated Kris Hrisovulos at fourth singles, 6-0, 6-0. **Josh Liederman (Queens, NY/Benjamin Cardozo)** fell to Jason Pope at fifth singles, 6-3, 6-2. At sixth singles, **Sean Kelley (Gorham, NY/Marcus Whitman)** defeated Tom Rees, 6-1, 6-0. In doubles competition, **Brtko** and **Kasiman** fell to Bozanich and Kelly at first doubles, 8-6. At second doubles, **Rocchio** and **Zieziula** defeated Hrisovulos and Pope, 8-2. **Liederman** and **Rohan Raikar (Albany, NY/Albany)** defeated Tom Rees and Eric Roslansky, 8-3.

In competition against Western Michigan, **Kasiman** fell to Ravishankar Pathanjali at first singles, 6-1, 7-6 (4). At second singles, **Rocchio** fell to Ryan Maarschalk, 7-5, 6-4. **Brtko** fell at third singles to Christian Brattstrom, 6-2, 6-3. Freshman **Zieziula** was defeated by Justin Kates, 6-4, 6-0 at fourth singles. **Liederman** fell to Erik Lindroos at fifth singles, 6-2, 6-2. At sixth singles, **Kelley** fell to Mike Findling, 6-0, 6-3. In doubles competition, **Brtko** and **Kasiman** fell to Maarschalk and Pathanjali at first doubles, 8-5. At second doubles, **Rocchio** and **Zieziula** took Buffalo's only victory, defeating Brattstrom and Thomas Dennis, 9-7. **Liederman** and **Raikar** fell to Findling and Dan Grupp, 8-5.

Against St. Bonaventure, **Kasiman** defeated Vili Nurmi at first singles, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4). At second singles, **Rocchio** fell to Mikko Haulos, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4). **Brtko** fell at third singles to Mario Arce, 6-1, 6-0. **Zieziula** was defeated by Nikhil Murali at fourth singles, 6-2, 6-4. **Liederman** fell to Adam Price at fifth singles, 6-1, 6-1. At sixth singles, **Kelley** fell to Kevin MacDonald, 6-4, 6-0. In doubles competition, **Brtko** and **Kasiman** fell to Nurmi and Arce at first doubles, 8-6. At second doubles, **Rocchio** and **Zieziula** fell to Haulos and Murali, 9-8 (7-5). **Liederman** and **Raikar** fell to Price and MacDonald, 8-4.

The Bulls will continue competition on March 25 at 1 pm against Rollins College in Orlando, FL.

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 vs. Rochester vs. Niagara vs. Binghamton	Olean, NY L, 4-3 W, 7-0 L, 4-3
February 27	at University of Rochester	W, 4-3
March 16	vs. Western Michigan*	L, 7-0
March 16	vs. St. Bonaventure	L, 6-1
March 17	NIAGARA	W, 6-1
March 22-30	Spring Break Matches	Hilton Head, SC
April 6	at Toledo*	Toledo, OH
April 7	at Northern Illinois	DeKalb, IL
April 16	CANISIUS	UB TENNIS CENTER
April 19	at Bowling Green*	Bowling Green, OH
April 20	at Ball State*	Muncie, IN
April 25-27	MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS	BUFFALO, NY

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*Denotes Mid-American Conference match