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Men's Tennis

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Current record – 5-7 Overall, 1-1 MAC

BULLS WIN THRILLER OVER TOLEDO, 4-3

Winning four of the six singles matches, including the deciding match in a third-set tiebreaker, the University at Buffalo (5-7, 1-1 MAC) men's tennis team rallied to defeat Mid-American Conference rival Toledo, 4-3, Saturday night at the Village Glen Tennis Center in Williamsville, NY. The match lasted more than three hours and included six tiebreakers in the nine contests.

Senior **Josh Liederman (Queens Village, NY/Benjamin Cardozo)** gave the Bulls a hard-fought win with his come-from-behind effort to defeat Toledo's Travis Curran at fourth singles. The two split the opening sets with Liederman taking the first, 6-2, and Curran winning the second, 6-4. The third set remained close throughout as Liederman forced the extra session, taking the tiebreaker, 7-5, as UB's players rushed the court to congratulate the senior after his final winning shot.

Liederman's heroics were needed after Toledo had tied the match following the sixth singles win by Cristobal Toral over UB's **Albert Alant (Pretoria, South Africa/Niskayuna (NY))**, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

UB's top three singles players also won their matches. **Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)** and **Mike Rockman (Toronto, Ontario/Thornlea)** had relatively easy efforts in their wins. Zieziula, at number one, blitzed past Tony Tran, 6-1, 6-4, while Rockman, at number two, knocked off Josh Moran, 6-2, 6-3. Third singles player **Yules Hadisubroto (Jakarta, Indonesia/SMUN 21)** needed a first-set tiebreaker to get past Chris Clark. Hadisubroto took the match in straight sets, 7-6 (4), 6-3. At fifth singles, UB's **Matt Kennedy (Mississauga, Ontario/Erindale)** fell to Freddy Gomez, 7-6 (7), 6-3.

Toledo opened the match by picking up the doubles point with two contests decided in tiebreakers.

"For Josh Liederman, that was a career-making victory," said head coach Russ Crispell. "It was something that was a long time coming. He lost 35 pounds to play the game and tonight he played the game and left nothing behind."

UB's win over the Rockets was the third consecutive for the Bulls, including last season's 4-1 win in the MAC Tournament and a 4-3 regular season win at Toledo.

Crispell was impressed with his team's efforts against a Toledo squad that is much better equipped than the Bulls. "Toledo, as of last year, became fully-funded and we defeated a fully-funded MAC school."

2004-05 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Month	Date	Opponent	Result
September	Fri.-Sun., 10-12	BUFFALO/BONAVENTURE FALL CLASSIC	No team scoring
	Thur.-Sun., 16-19	at Dartmouth Volkl Invitational	No team scoring
	Thur.-Sun., 23-26	at Brown Northeast Intercollegiate	No team scoring
October	Sat., 2	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W, 7-0
	Sun., 10	at Binghamton	L, 2-5
	Sat.-Sun., 16-17	at Army Shootout Invitational	No team scoring
	Thur.-Tue., 21-26	at ITA Regional Championships	No team scoring
November	Sat.-Mon., 6-8	at Dartmouth Big Green Classic	No team scoring
January	Fri., 21	vs. Manhattan (at Columbia)	L, 0-7
	Sat., 22	at Brown	L, 1-6
	Sun., 23	at Boston College	Canceled
	Thur.-Sun., 27-30	at Army Winter Invitational	No team scoring
February	Fri., 4	at Western Michigan*	L, 0-7
	Sun., 6	vs. Xavier (at St. Bonaventure)	W, 4-3
	Sun., 13	at Army	L, 2-5
	Sat., 19	vs. Bucknell (at St. Bonaventure)	W, 5-2
March	Sun., 6	at Duquesne	W, 7-0
	Fri., 11	at Cornell	L, 0-7
	Sat., 19	at St. Bonaventure	L, 3-4
	Sat., 26	TOLEDO*	W, 4-3
April	Fri., 1	BALL STATE*	7:00 pm
	Sat., 2	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	1:00 pm
	Wed., 13	NIAGARA	3:00 pm
	Sat., 16	IPFW*	7:00 pm
	Thurs.-Sat., 28-30	at MAC Championships (at Kalamazoo, MI)	All Day

*Mid-American Conference matches
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2004-05 Statistics (MAC records in parentheses)

Singles	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Doubles	1	2	3	Total
Nick Zieziula	6-9 (1-1)						12-20 (1-1)	Zieziula/Hadisubroto	4-2 (1-0)			7-3 (1-0)
Mike Rockman		10-5 (1-1)					23-11 (1-1)	Zieziula/Kennedy	1-0 (0-0)			3-8 (0-0)
Yules Hadisubroto			4-3 (1-0)	4-3 (0-1)	0-1 (0-0)		14-14 (1-1)	Zieziula/Alant	0-2 (0-0)			0-2 (0-0)
Josh Liederman			0-8 (0-1)	2-4 (1-0)			4-19 (1-1)	Zieziula/Liederman	1-4 (0-1)			1-4 (0-1)
Alejandro Galindo				0-1 (0-0)	2-2 (0-1)	1-0 (0-0)	3-3 (0-1)	Rockman/Liederman	1-0 (0-0)	1-7 (0-1)		8-13 (0-1)
Matt Kennedy					3-2 (0-1)	3-2 (0-1)	13-11 (0-2)	Rockman/Galindo		0-1 (0-0)		0-1 (0-0)
Albert Alant				1-0 (0-0)	0-5 (0-0)	3-2 (0-1)	6-12 (0-1)	Hadisubroto/Alant		1-0 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)	3-4 (0-0)
Mike Zappone						0-4 (0-0)	3-10 (0-0)	Hadisubroto/Galindo		0-5 (0-1)		0-5 (0-1)
Joe Popielarczyk							5-6 (0-0)	Kennedy/Alant			3-5 (0-2)	3-5 (0-2)
Randy Rocchio							2-3 (0-0)	Popielarczyk/Zappone			1-0 (0-0)	4-5 (0-0)
Team Totals	6-9 (1-1)	10-5 (1-1)	4-11 (1-1)	7-8 (1-1)	5-10 (0-2)	7-8 (0-2)	85-109 (4-8)	Hadisubroto/Zappone			0-2 (0-0)	0-3 (0-0)
								Rockman/Zappone			1-1 (0-0)	1-1 (0-0)
								Kennedy/Zappone			0-1 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)
								Zieziula/Rocchio				0-1 (0-0)
								Rocchio/Kennedy				3-0 (0-0)
								Hadisubroto/Kennedy				1-0 (0-0)
								*Rockman/Leslie				3-0 (0-0)
								Team Totals	7-8 (1-1)	2-13 (0-2)	6-9 (0-2)	37-56 (1-5)

Tournament results are included with individual totals.

* Rockman paired with Princeton's Jonathan Leslie at Big Green Invitational.