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## Men's Tennis



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**Current record – 9-8 (0-3 Mid-American Conference)**

### MEN'S TENNIS FALLS TO MAC COMPETITION

The University at Buffalo men's tennis team continued competition in its 2002 season over the weekend with matches against the University of Toledo and Northern Illinois University. The Bulls fell to both Mid-American Conference opponents, 6-1.

Against Toledo, senior **Fery Kasiman** (*Jarkarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy*) fell to Dipesh Rao, 6-3, 6-4 at first singles. At second singles, **Randy Rocchio** (*East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East*) fell to Pete Baghdati, 6-4, 6-4. **Justin Brtko** (*East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East*) fell at third singles to Khalid Al Nabhani, 6-0, 6-4. Freshman **Nick Zieziula** (*Hamburg, NY/St. Francis*) secured Buffalo's only win at fourth singles, losing the first set to Alex Farron-Mahon, 3-6, winning the second set 6-2, and leading the third set 5-3 before Farron-Mahon retired. **Josh Liederman** (*Queens, NY/Benjamin Cardozo*) fell to Tony Tran at fifth singles, 6-0, 6-1. At sixth singles, **Sean Kelley** (*Gorham, NY/Marcus Whitman*) fell to Mirsad Begic, 6-1, 6-3. In doubles competition, **Brtko** and **Kasiman** fell to Farron-Mahon and Rao at first doubles, 8-3. At second doubles, **Rocchio** and **Zieziula** fell to Tran and Al Nabhani, 8-6. **Liederman** and **Rohan Raikar** (*Albany, NY/Albany*) fell to Baghdati and Begic at third doubles, 8-1.

In competition against Northern Illinois, the Bulls' lone victory came in the fourth singles match as **Zieziula** dispatched Jan Perlman, 6-1, 7-5. UB dropped the rest of the singles matches as **Kasiman** was defeated by Raymond van Wasbeck, 6-0, 6-1 at number one. **Rocchio** fell to Juan-Pablo Barriga, 6-3, 6-0 at number two. **Brtko** was defeated by Erick Martinez, 6-1, 6-1 at number three. **Liederman** fell to David Pickel at number five, 6-0, 6-1. **Kelley** was defeated at number six by Tim Freesen, 6-4, 6-2. Northern Illinois swept the doubles competition. **Kasiman** and **Brtko** lost at number one to van Wasbeck and Aaron Forsberg, 8-6. **Rocchio** and **Zieziula** were downed by Barriga and Martinez, 8-2, at number two. **Raikar** and **Liederman** fell to Pickel and Paul Glendenning, 8-3, at number three.

Buffalo will return to action on Tuesday, April 16 at 3 pm against Canisius at the UB Tennis Center.

### 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	Ithaca, NY L, 4-3 L, 7-0
February 15-17	vs. Massachusetts at St. Bonaventure Duals Invitational vs. Rochester vs. Niagara	W, 6-1 Olean, NY L, 4-3 W, 7-0
February 27	vs. Binghamton at University of Rochester	L, 4-3 W, 4-3
March 16	vs. Western Michigan*	L, 7-0
March 16	vs. St. Bonaventure	L, 6-1
March 17	<b>NIAGARA</b>	<b>W, 6-1</b>
March 26	vs. Rollins College	W, 5-2
March 27	vs. Portland State	W, 6-1
April 6	at Toledo*	L, 6-1
April 7	at Northern Illinois*	L, 6-1
<b>April 16</b>	<b>CANISIUS</b>	<b>UB TENNIS CENTER</b>
April 19	at Bowling Green*	Bowling Green, OH
April 20	at Ball State*	Muncie, IN
<b>April 25-27</b>	<b>MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>BUFFALO, NY</b>

Home matches are in **BOLD CAPS** and are held at the UB Tennis Center, Ellicott Complex

\*Denotes Mid-American Conference match