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Men's Tennis



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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 Bowling Green State University and Ball State University. The Bulls fell to both Mid-American Conference opponents, 7-0.

Against the Falcons, senior **Fery Kasiman** (*Jarkarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy*) fell to Milos Jirout in a close 7-5, 3-6, 1-0 (10-8) match at first singles. At second singles, **Randy Rocchio** (*East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East*) fell to Joel Carney, 6-3, 6-0. Freshman **Nick Zieziula** (*Hamburg, NY/St. Francis*) fell to Ian Bliss at third singles, 7-6, 6-3. **Justin Brtko** (*East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East*) fell at fourth singles to Mike Kossoff, 6-2, 6-1. **Josh Liederman** (*Queens, NY/Benjamin Cardozo*) fell to Ed Kuresman at fifth singles, 6-2, 6-1. At sixth singles, **Sean Kelley** (*Gorham, NY/Marcus Whitman*) fell to Peter Gardonyi, 6-3, 6-2. In doubles competition, **Brtko** and **Kasiman** fell to Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo and Vitek Wild at first doubles, 8-6. At second doubles, **Rocchio** and **Zieziula** fell to Carney and Geoff Hiscox, 8-6. **Liederman** and **Rohan Raikar** (*Albany, NY/Albany*) fell to Kossoff and Kuresman at third doubles, 8-0.

In competition against Ball State, **Kasiman** fell to Jason Pressel, 6-1, 7-6 (4). At second singles, **Rocchio** fell to Chris Varga, 6-1, 6-1. **Zieziula** fell to Andrew Seni at third singles, 6-1, 7-6 (4). **Brtko** fell at fourth singles to Kevin Burnett, 6-3, 6-4. **Kelley** fell to Matt Laramore at fifth singles, 6-1, 6-1. **Raikar** was defeated by Brad Rhodes at sixth singles, 6-3, 6-1.

In doubles competition, **Brtko** and **Kasiman** fell to Varga and Burnett at number one, 8-1. At second doubles, **Rocchio** and **Zieziula** fell to Rhodes and Clint Knable, 8-6. **Liederman** and **Raikar** fell to Seni and Laramore at third doubles, 8-0.

The Bulls will continue competition on April 25 when they host the Mid-American Conference Championships at the UB Tennis Complex.

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 | NIAGARA | W, 6-1 |
| 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 |
| April 16 | CANISIUS | W, default |
| April 19 | at Bowling Green* | L, 7-0 |
| April 20 | at Ball State* | L, 7-0 |
| April 25-27 | MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS | BUFFALO, NY |

Home matches are in **BOLD CAPS** and are held at the UB Tennis Center, Ellicott Complex
*Denotes Mid-American Conference match