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Men's Tennis



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Current record – 10-11 (0-5 Mid-American Conference)

MEN'S TENNIS BOUNCED BY BRONCOS AT MAC CHAMPIONSHIP

The University at Buffalo men's tennis team fell to Western Michigan over the weekend at the Mid-American Conference Tournament, hosted by the University at Buffalo. The sixth-seeded Bulls fell 4-0 to the third-seeded Broncos in the first round of the three-day tournament.

In doubles play, Ravishankar Pathanjali and Ryan Maarschalk defeated *Fery Kasiman (Jakarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy)* and *Justin Brtko (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)* at number one in a close 9-7 match. *Josh Liederman (Queens, NY/Benjamin Cardozo)* and *Rohan Raikar (Albany, NY/Albany)* lost their number three doubles match-up against Dan Grupp and Mike Findling, 8-6. At that point, Western Michigan had secured the doubles point and all play was stopped. At number two doubles, the freshman duo of *Randy Rocchio (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)* and *Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)* did not finish its match.

In singles play, *Kasiman* fell to Pathanjali at first singles, 6-2, 6-3. Maarschalk defeated *Rocchio* at second singles, 6-4, 6-3. At fifth singles, *Liederman* fell to Erik Lindroos, 6-2, 6-4, giving the Broncos their fourth point for the win. Western Michigan advanced to the semifinals where it lost a close 4-3 match to Mid-American Champions Ball State. *Zieziula, Brtko* and *Sean Kelley (Gorham, NY/Marcus Whitman)* at third, fourth and sixth singles, did not finish their matches.

The Bulls finish their 2001-2002 season 10-11 overall and 0-5 in the MAC.

MEN'S TENNIS ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

The University at Buffalo men's tennis squad presented its team awards for the 2001-02 season at the annual Athletic Awards Banquet, held on Sunday, April 28 at Samuel's Grande Manor. Head coach Russ Crispell presented *Zieziula* with the Top Newcomer Award, *Rocchio* with the Most Improved Player Award, *Brtko* with the Coach's Award and *Kasiman* with the team's Most Valuable Player Award.

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, 3-4 L, 0-7
February 15-17	vs. Massachusetts at St. Bonaventure Duals Invitational vs. Rochester vs. Niagara	W, 6-1 Olean, NY L, 3-4 W, 7-0
February 27	vs. Binghamton at University of Rochester	L, 3-4 W, 4-3
March 16	vs. Western Michigan*	L, 0-7
March 16	vs. St. Bonaventure	L, 1-6
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, 1-6
April 7	at Northern Illinois*	L, 1-6
April 16	CANISIUS	W, default
April 19	at Bowling Green*	L, 0-7
April 20	at Ball State*	L, 0-7
April 25-27	MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS Western Michigan	BUFFALO, NY L, 0-4

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

*Denotes Mid-American Conference match