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## Men's Tennis



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**Current record – 0-0 Overall, 0-0 MAC**

### FOUR OPEN SEASON WITH PERFECT SINGLES MARKS

Four University at Buffalo men's tennis players recorded undefeated 3-0 singles marks to earn individual champion honors at the St. Bonaventure Fall Classic which concluded play on Sunday.

Junior **Randy Rocchio** (*East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East*), senior **Rangga Prayudha** (*Jakarta, Indonesia/Hilton Head Prep*) and freshmen **Mike Rockman** (*Toronto, Ontario/Thornhill*) and **Albert Alant** (*Pretoria, South Africa/Niskayuna*) scored victories in Sunday's singles finals to lead the Bulls as the squad opened the 2003-04 season.

Two other singles players, juniors **Nick Zieziula** (*Hamburg, NY/St. Francis*) and **Josh Liederman** (*Queens Village, NY/Benjamin Cardozo*) went 2-1 in their three singles matches over the weekend.

On Sunday, Rocchio downed St. Bonaventure's Alejandro Nery by a 6-3, 6-4 score to take an individual title. Rocchio also earned victories over opponents from Niagara and Cleveland State on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Rockman registered a straight-set 6-2, 7-5 win over St. Bonaventure's Mario Arce while Prayudha and Alant also scored convincing wins against the Bonnies. Prayudha downed Andrew Hart, 7-6, 6-2, and Alant knocked off Sajeel Quersh, 6-0, 6-4.

In doubles play, Zieziula and Alant went undefeated, earning an 8-3 win over Quersh and Dan Stankovic of St. Bonaventure in Sunday's final. The duo was extended in Friday's opener, defeating Youngstown State's Justin Beck and Jason Trapp, 9-7, before blanking Niagara's Dave Rueter and Joseph Dante, 8-0, on Saturday.

The combo of Rocchio and Rockman advanced to Sunday's finals after an 8-6 win over Youngstown State and an 8-1 victory over Niagara. However, the pair lost an 8-4 decision to St. Bonaventure's Nikhil Murali and Nery in the finale.

The tournament was played in an individual format with no team scores awarded.

UB next takes to the courts with the Can-Am Invitational starting Friday, September 26. The Bulls and Niagara University will be serving as co-hosts of the tournament which is slated to run through the weekend.

#### 2003-04 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September		
Fri.-Sun., 12-14	at St. Bonaventure Invitational	No team scoring
<b>Fri.-Sun., 26-28</b>	<b>CAN-AM INVITATIONAL</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
(Friday and Saturday matches at UB, Sunday finals at Niagara)		
October		
Fri., 10	at Vermont	4:00 pm
Sat., 11	vs. Montreal (at Vermont)	9:00 am
Sun., 12	at Binghamton	1:00 pm
Fri.-Sun., 17-19	at Omni ITA Championships	All Day
Fri.-Sun., 31-2	at Cornell Invitational	All Day
January		
Sat., 31	at Brown	3:00 pm
February		
Sat., 7	vs. Binghamton (at St. Bonaventure)	1:00 pm
Fri.-Sun., 13-15	at St. Bonaventure Duals	All Day
Wed. 25	at Rochester	4:00 pm
Sat., 28	vs. Duquesne (at St. Bonaventure)	1:00 pm
<b>Sun., 29</b>	<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
March		
Fri.-Sat., 12-20	Spring Break Matches	TBA
Sun., 14	at Stetson	TBA
April		
Fri., 2	at IPFW*	1:00 pm
Sat., 3	at Northern Illinois*	1:00 pm
Sun., 4	at Ball State*	1:00 pm
Sat., 10	at Toledo*	1:00 pm
Thur.-Sun., 22-25	at MAC Championships (at Ball State)	All Day
*Mid-American Conference matches		
Home matches in <b>BOLD CAPS</b> • All Times Eastern		

#### 2003-04 Statistics (MAC records in parentheses)

Singles	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Doubles	1	2	3	Total
Albert Alant	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	3-0 (0-0)	Liederman/Prayudha	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	1-2 (0-0)
Ivan Chamdani	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	Rocchio/Rockman	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	2-1 (0-0)
Josh Liederman	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	2-1 (0-0)	Zieziula/Alant	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	3-0 (0-0)
Joe Popielarczyk	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>6-3 (0-0)</b>
Rangga Prayudha	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	3-0 (0-0)					
Randy Rocchio	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	3-0 (0-0)					
Mike Rockman	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	3-0 (0-0)					
Mike Zappone	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)					
Nick Zieziula	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	2-1 (0-0)					
<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>13-2 (0-0)</b>					

Tournament results are included with individual totals