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## Men's Tennis



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

### BULLS SWEEP CAN-AM TOURNEY TITLES

The University at Buffalo men's tennis squad swept all three flights of the championship round in the Can-Am Invitational Tournament which concluded Sunday at the UB Tennis Complex.

UB freshman **Mike Rockman (Toronto, Ontario/Thornhill)** picked up the A flight singles title while senior **Rangga Prayudha (Jakarta, Indonesia/Hilton Head Prep (SC))** took the B flight. The duo of **Randy Rocchio (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)** and **Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)** picked up the doubles title.

In the A singles semifinals, Rockman defeated Zieziula, 6-3, 6-4, while Toronto's Craig Mercer downed Alex Sautchenko of York, 6-0, 3-6, 10-8. Rockman then won a hard-fought final match against Mercer, 7-5, 6-4, which included several long baseline rallies between the two strong hitters.

In the B flight singles, UB's two entries downed Youngstown State opponents in the semifinals. **Albert Alant (Pretoria, South Africa/Niskayuna (NY))** defeated Kevin Schaffert, 7-5, 6-2. Prayudha needed a tiebreaker to advance past Brian Meek, winning 6-0 in the first set, then falling 6-3 in the second.

Prayudha then took the 10-point tiebreaker, 10-3, to move into the title match. From there, Prayudha prevailed, downing his UB teammate in identical 6-2, 6-2 sets.

Rocchio and Zieziula combined to move past teammates **Joe Popielarczyk (Buffalo, NY/McKinley)** and **Mike Zappone (Queensbury, NY/Queensbury)** by a 6-0, 6-1 score. Rocchio and Zieziula then handled Jay Barlow and Connor Casey of McMaster in the championship match, 6-2, 6-2. Barlow and Casey had advanced to the final following a 3-6, 7-5, 13-11 win over Niagara's Jason Ramos and Erick Garcia.

### 2003-04 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September		
Fri.-Sun., 12-14	at St. Bonaventure Invitational	No team scoring
Fri.-Sun., 19-21	at Dartmouth Invitational	No team scoring
<b>Fri.-Sun., 26-28</b>	<b>CAN-AM INVITATIONAL</b>	<b>No team scoring</b>
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  
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### 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)	7-4 (0-0)	Rocchio/Zieziula	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	4-4 (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)	2-2 (0-0)	Liederman/Prayudha	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	1-2 (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)	3-4 (0-0)	Prayudha/Rockman	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-4 (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)	1-2 (0-0)	Rocchio/Rockman	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	2-1 (0-0)
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)	10-1 (0-0)	Zieziula/Alant	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)	5-3 (0-0)	Alant/Liederman	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-4 (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)	8-3 (0-0)	Zappone/Chamdani	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	1-3 (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)	1-3 (0-0)	Popielarczyk/Zappone	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	2-1 (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)	7-3 (0-0)	Prayudha/Chamdani	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0)	1-1 (1-1)
<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>44-25 (0-0)</b>	<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>14-20 (0-0)</b>

Tournament results are included with individual totals