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## Men's Tennis



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**Current record – 1-1 Overall, 0-0 MAC**

### BULLS SPLIT WEEKEND ROAD TRIP

The Bulls went 1-1 on the dual-meet road trip, opening with a 7-0 victory over Vermont, but then falling to Binghamton, 5-2, in a hard-fought match on Saturday.

Against the Catamounts on Friday, UB dropped just one set in the nine matches, en route to the shutout. In the doubles competition, the top doubles duo of **Randy Rocchio (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville North)** and **Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)** defeated Eric Conway and Matt Spring, 8-3. In the number two match, **Mike Rockman (Toronto, Ontario/Thornhill)** combined with **Josh Liederman (Queens Village, NY/Benjamin Cardozo)** to down Tom Whittaker and Chris Hathaway in an 8-5 decision. The number three team of **Rangga Prayudha (Jakarta, Indonesia/ESI International Academy)** and **Albert Alant (Pretoria, South Africa/Niskayuna (NY))** dropped Ethan Bernstein and Griffin Maloney, 8-2.

UB also cruised to singles victories in all six matches. Rockman, at first singles, defeated Spring, 6-1, 6-1. Rocchio knocked off Conway, 6-1, 6-1, at number two. Zieziula, at number three, downed Whittaker, 6-0, 6-3. Liederman, at number four, defeated Maloney, 6-2, 6-2. At number five, Prayudha dropped Hathaway, 6-3, 6-3. The lone match to be extended past two sets was the number six match where Alant rallied to defeat Brendan Matthews, 6-7, 6-2, 10-6 in the set tiebreaker.

In Saturday's match against the Bearcats, three of the singles matches went to tiebreakers as did one of the doubles matches. In singles play, Zieziula rallied from a set down to defeat Binghamton's Edwin Gerard, 2-6, 6-4, 11-9. Liederman, at fourth singles, was UB's only other victor. He defeated Steve Spencer in straight sets, 6-0, 6-4. Prayudha, at number five, fell in a tiebreaker to Brian O'Connor, 6-0, 5-7, 10-6. The doubles point also came down to the wire as UB and Binghamton split the number one and three matches, leaving the number two match as the decider. Rockman and Liederman forced a tiebreaker, but were unable to get past Gerard and Richemn Mourad, falling 9-8 (7-2).

### ROCKMAN, ROCCHIO AND ZIEZIULA TO REPRESENT BULLS AT ITAs

Three Bulls, Mike Rockman, Randy Rocchio and Nick Zieziula, will represent UB at the upcoming Omni ITA Fall Championships at Cornell University, starting on Friday. Rockman and Rocchio will compete in singles play, marking the first time since 1998 when Budi Susanto and Fery Kasiman made the field, that two Bulls will play for the singles title. Rocchio will be pulling double duty as he will combine with Zieziula to form a doubles tandem.

#### 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	W, 7-0
Sat., 11	at Binghamton	L, 2-5
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 **BOLD CAPS** • All Times Eastern

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

Singles	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Total	Doubles	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Total
Mike Rockman	1-1 (0-0)						9-4 (0-0)	Rocchio/Zieziula	1-1 (0-0)			5-5 (0-0)
Randy Rocchio		1-1 (0-0)					6-4 (0-0)	Rockman/Liederman		1-1 (0-0)		1-1 (0-0)
Nick Zieziula			2-0 (0-0)				9-3 (0-0)	Prayudha/Alant			2-0 (0-0)	2-0 (0-0)
Josh Liederman				2-0 (0-0)			5-4 (0-0)	Liederman/Prayudha				1-2 (0-0)
Rangga Prayudha					1-1 (0-0)		11-2 (0-0)	Prayudha/Rockman				0-4 (0-0)
Albert Alant						1-1 (0-0)	8-5 (0-0)	Rocchio/Rockman				2-1 (0-0)
Ivan Chamdani							2-2 (0-0)	Zieziula/Alant				3-0 (0-0)
Joe Popielarczyk							1-2 (0-0)	Alant/Liederman				0-4 (0-0)
Mike Zappone							1-3 (0-0)	Zappone/Chamdani				1-3 (0-0)
<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>2-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>2-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>52-29 (0-0)</b>	<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>2-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>18-22 (0-0)</b>

Tournament results are included with individual totals