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## Men's Tennis



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

### NORTHEAST REGIONALS GOOD TO BULLS

The University at Buffalo's hopes of scoring a men's tennis champion at the ITA Northeast Regional Championships was dealt a crushing blow as UB's entries in the singles and doubles competitions were eliminated from contention on Saturday, following a strong opening round on Friday. Freshman singles player **Mike Rockman (Toronto, Ontario/Thornhill)** and doubles duo **Randy Rocchio (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)** and **Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)** both fell in second-round play at the tournament held at Cornell University's Reis Tennis Center.

Rockman, who had advanced to the second round following a 6-2, 6-3 win over Princeton's Hans Plukas on Friday, was defeated by Penn State's Todd Stecko, 6-1, 6-1 in the second round. Stecko was one of 16 men's players to be seeded 17th in the tournament. The top 16 seeds were announced prior to the tournament. Players 17-32 were also seeded but their seeds were not announced, with each playing as a 17th seed.

Rocchio and Zieziula moved into the second round late Friday night with an 8-3 win over Maryland-Baltimore County's duo of Mike Keller and Luis Baraldi. Rocchio and Zieziula were bounced from the main draw after extending Brown's Kris Goddard and Zack Pasanen, seeded eighth, to a tiebreaker, which Goddard and Pasanen won, 10-6, to record the 9-8 decision.

Rocchio and Zieziula also competed in the consolation singles draw. Rocchio was defeated in his first match of the consolation round, 6-3, 6-2, by Yale's Milosz Gudzowski. Zieziula downed Plukas in the consolations by a 6-4, 5-7, 11-9 margin. Zieziula then defeated Colgate's Marshall Wheeler, 6-3, 6-3, and Marist's Mark Santucci by default.

#### 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	No team scoring
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	<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)						10-5 (0-0)	Rocchio/Zieziula	1-1 (0-0)			6-6 (0-0)
Randy Rocchio		1-1 (0-0)					6-6 (0-0)	Rockman/Liederman		1-1 (0-0)		1-1 (0-0)
Nick Zieziula			2-0 (0-0)				12-3 (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>56-32 (0-0)</b>	Popielarczyk/Zappone				2-1 (0-0)
Tournament results are included with individual totals								Prayudha/Chamdani				1-1 (1-1)
								<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>2-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>19-23 (0-0)</b>