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## Men's Tennis



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

### FALL SEASON CONCLUDES WITH BIG GREEN INVITE

The University at Buffalo men's tennis team completed the fall portion of the 2004-05 schedule over the weekend with good results at the Dartmouth Big Green Invitational. UB sent three players to the non-scoring flighted event.

Sophomore **Mike Rockman (Toronto, Ontario/Thornhill)**, senior **Nick Zieziula (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis)** and junior **Matt Kennedy (Mississauga, Ontario/Erindale)** competed in singles and doubles play as players from 11 Northeastern schools competed in the tournament.

Rockman turned in the best results in singles play with a 3-1 record. Rockman opened the A flight singles bracket with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Zoltan Bus of Manhattan. In the second round, Rockman scored a straight-sets win over Rutgers' Gabe Adams, 6-4, 7-5. He earned a semifinal berth by rallying from a set down to defeat Harvard's Scott Denenberg, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. The sophomore lost in his quest to reach the finals, falling 6-1, 6-0, to Dartmouth's Dave Webb, the tournament's top seed.

However, Rockman did score a title in the doubles competition. Paired with Princeton's Jonathan Leslie, the duo claimed the B title with three victories. They opened with an 8-4 win over New Hampshire's Goldy Sherrill and Brett Teolis, then scored an 8-3 win over Dartmouth's Rashaad Elder-Bush and John Bois to move into the finals. In the championship match, Rockman and Leslie knocked off another Dartmouth duo, Eli Samaha and Travis Maiers, 8-5.

Zieziula also competed in the A singles bracket, dropping his opening round match, 7-5, 6-3 to Maiers. Zieziula then moved into the backdraw where he scored a victory over Assumption's Mike Goldman. After losing the first set, 6-3, Zieziula rallied to take the second set, 6-4, to force a tiebreaker. The tiebreaker extended past the 10-point mark as Zieziula scored a 13-11 win to claim the match.

Playing in the B flight, Kennedy lost his opening match in a tiebreaker, falling to Marist's Frank Algier, 7-6(4), 3-6, 10-3. Kennedy then defeated Dartmouth's David Steinberg in the backdraw in another tiebreaker, 2-6, 6-3, 12-10.

Zieziula and Kennedy formed UB's A doubles entry, going 1-1 in their matches. The duo opened with an 8-2 victory over Harvard's Caleb Gardner and Jordan Bohnen. Zieziula and Kennedy were then defeated in the quarterfinal round by Dartmouth's Mark Brodie and Jeff Schechtman, 8-2.

The Bulls begin the spring campaign on January 21 against Manhattan in a neutral site match at Columbia University. The squad then finishes its first weekend with matches at Brown and Boston College on January 22 and 23.

### 2004-05 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September		
<b>Fri.-Sun., 10-12</b>	<b>BUFFALO/BONAVENTURE</b>	
	<b>FALL CLASSIC</b>	No team scoring
Thur.-Sun., 16-19	at Dartmouth Volkl Invitational	No team scoring
Thur.-Sun., 23-26	at Brown Northeast Intercollegiate	No team scoring
October		
<b>Sat., 2</b>	<b>ST. FRANCIS (PA)</b>	<b>W, 7-0</b>
Sun., 10	at Binghamton	L, 2-5
Sat.-Sun., 16-17	at Army Shootout Invitational	No team scoring
Thur.-Tue., 21-26	at ITA Regional Championships	No team scoring
November		
Sat.-Mon., 6-8	at Dartmouth Big Green Classic	No team scoring
January		
Fri., 21	vs. Manhattan (at Columbia)	6:30 pm
Sat., 22	at Brown	1:00 pm
Sun., 23	at Boston College	10:00 am
Thur.-Sun., 27-30	at Harvard Invitational	All Day
February		
Sun., 6	at Western Michigan*	6:00 pm
Mon., 7	vs. Xavier (at St. Bonaventure)	7:00 pm
Tue., 8	at St. Bonaventure	9:00 am
Wed., 16	at Rochester	4:00 pm
March		
Sun., 6	at Duquesne	8:00 am
Fri.-Sat., 11-19	Spring Training matches in Florida	TBA
<b>Fri., 25</b>	<b>TOLEDO*</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
April		
<b>Fri., 1</b>	<b>BALL STATE*</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sat., 2</b>	<b>NORTHERN ILLINOIS*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>Wed., 13</b>	<b>NIAGARA</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
<b>Sat., 16</b>	<b>IPFW*</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Thurs.-Sat., 28-30	at MAC Championships (at Ft. Wayne, IN)	All Day
*Mid-American Conference matches		
Home matches in <b>BOLD CAPS</b> • All Times Eastern		

### 2004-05 Statistics (MAC records in parentheses)

Singles	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Doubles	1	2	3	Total
Nick Zieziula	1-1 (0-0)						7-12 (0-0)	Zieziula/Kennedy	1-0 (0-0)			3-8 (0-0)
Mike Rockman		2-0 (0-0)					15-6 (0-0)	Rockman/Liederman	1-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)		7-7 (0-0)
Yules Hadisubroto			1-1 (0-0)				7-8 (0-0)	Hadisubroto/Alant		1-0 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)	3-4 (0-0)
Josh Liederman				1-1 (0-0)			3-8 (0-0)	Popielarczyk/Zappone			1-0 (0-0)	4-5 (0-0)
Matt Kennedy					1-1 (0-0)		8-7 (0-0)	Zieziula/Rocchio				0-1 (0-0)
Albert Alant						1-1 (0-0)	3-6 (0-0)	Zieziula/Hadisubroto				3-1 (0-0)
Joe Popielarczyk							5-5 (0-0)	Rocchio/Kennedy				3-0 (0-0)
Randy Rocchio							2-3 (0-0)	Hadisubroto/Kennedy				1-0 (0-0)
Mike Zappone							3-6 (0-0)	Hadisubroto/Zappone				0-1 (0-0)
<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>2-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>53-61 (0-0)</b>	*Rockman/Leslie				3-0 (0-0)
Tournament results are included with individual totals.												
* Rockman paired with Princeton's Jonathan Leslie at Big Green Invitational.												
<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>2-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>2-0 (0-0)</b>					<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>2-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>1-1 (0-0)</b>	<b>2-0 (0-0)</b>	<b>27-27 (0-0)</b>