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Current record – 1-1 Overall (0-0 Mid-American)

BULLS OPEN SEASON AT GEORGIA INVITATIONAL

The University at Buffalo softball team got the 2004 season underway this past weekend at the Georgia Invitational. In the first two games of the tournament, Buffalo dropped a 5-0 decision to Virginia Tech before earning a come-from-behind 6-5 win over Appalachian State in the bottom of the seventh inning on a two-out single by junior **Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott/Connecticut)**.

The Bulls got out to a 2-0 lead early against Appalachian State (1-5), with senior **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** hitting a solo home run in the bottom of the first inning and freshman **Sophie Barstad (Canby, OR/Canby)** hitting a solo home run in the bottom of the second. ASU used a five-run fifth inning, highlighted by a two-run single by Amber Handy, to seemingly take control of the game, but the Bulls came back with two runs in the sixth and two runs in the seventh to earn the win. Magur and Nasti had back-to-back doubles in the sixth inning to score the Bulls' third run of the game, and a two-out single by Barstad then drove in Nasti to cut ASU's lead to one, 5-4. Freshman **Shannon Prochaska (Aloha, OR/Aloha)** led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a single and advanced to second when freshman **Mary Russell (Apalachin, NY/Owego Free Academy)** reached on an error with one out. A ground out by freshman **Ashley Dimeo (Aloha, OR/Aloha)** moved both runners over, and Prochaska then scored on a passed ball to tie the game. Magur's single then drove in Russell with the game-winning run.

In the first game of the tournament, Virginia Tech earned a 5-0 shutout of the Bulls in the season opener for both teams thanks to the hitting of Megan Evans and the pitching of Karie Morrison. Evans hit a one-out RBI-single in the bottom of the first inning to open the scoring and later began a four-run sixth inning for the Hokies with a leadoff home run. Caitlin Murphy drove in two runs and Kelly Brown drove in one with RBI-singles in the inning. Morrison allowed just three hits in the game, two by Buffalo senior **Dominique Jones (Jamesville, NY/Jamesville-DeWitt)**. For the Bulls, junior **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** pitched the complete game, allowing five hits, four earned runs and striking out seven.

The final two days of the tournament were cancelled due to heavy rains in the Athens area.

NASTI, MAGUR LEAD OFFENSE AT GEORGIA INVITATIONAL

Junior **Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott/Connecticut)** and senior **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** had big games at the plate to lead the Bulls' offense against Appalachian State. Magur was 2-for-3 with a double, the game-winning RBI and one run scored, and Nasti was 2-for-3 with a double, a home run, two RBIs and two runs scored.

BARSTAD IMPRESSIVE IN COLLEGIATE DEBUT

Freshman **Sophie Barstad (Canby, OR/Canby)** was impressive in her collegiate pitching debut at the Georgia Invitational, striking out 11 batters and allowing just two runs in a complete-game 6-5 win over Appalachian State. Barstad also hit her first career home run, a solo shot in the second inning, and she finished the game 2-for-3 from the plate with two RBIs and one run scored.

UP NEXT

The Bulls are off until Friday, February 27 when they travel to Chattanooga, TN to participate in Tennessee-Chattanooga's Frost Classic through Sunday, February 29. They will face fellow Mid-American Conference member Marshall in their second game of the day on Saturday, February 28.

2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

February

at Georgia Invitational (Athens, GA)

Fri., 13	vs. Virginia Tech	L, 0-5
	vs. Appalachian State	W, 6-5
Sat., 14	at Georgia	Cancelled

at Frost Classic (Chattanooga, TN)

Fri., 27	vs. St. Francis College	2:30 pm
	at Tennessee-Chattanooga	7 pm
Sat., 28	vs. Tennessee Tech	2:30 pm
	vs. Marshall	4:45 pm
Sun., 29	vs. North Texas	10 am
	vs. Tennessee-Martin	2:30 pm

March

at Arizona State Tournament (Tempe, AZ)

Fri., 5	vs. New Mexico State	5 pm
	at Arizona State	7 pm
Sat., 6	vs. New Mexico State	3 pm
	at Arizona State	7 pm
Sun., 7	vs. New Mexico State	12 pm
	at Arizona State	2 pm
Wed., 17	at UC-Riverside (DH)	6 pm

at San Diego Classic (San Diego, CA)

Fri., 19	vs. Indiana	12 pm
	vs. Dartmouth	2 pm
Sat., 20	vs. Southern Utah	4 pm
	at San Diego	8 pm
Sun., 21	vs. San Diego State	12 pm
Thurs., 25	at Canisius (DH)	2 pm
Sat., 27	at Miami (OH)* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 28	at Miami (OH)*	1 pm

April

Sat., 3	KENT STATE* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 4	KENT STATE*	1 pm
Wed., 7	at Niagara (DH)	3 pm
Fri., 9	at Akron*	3 pm
Sat., 10	at Akron* (DH)	1 pm
Wed., 14	BOWLING GREEN* (DH)	2 pm
Sat., 17	at Ohio* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 18	at Ohio*	1 pm
Wed., 21	at Columbia (DH)	3 pm
Thurs., 22	at Stony Brook (DH)	3 pm
Sat., 24	WESTERN MICHIGAN* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 25	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	1 pm
Wed., 28	at St. Bonaventure (DH)	3 pm

May

Sat., 1	MARSHALL* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 2	MARSHALL*	1 pm
Wed., 5	at Ball State* (DH)	2 pm
Sat., 8	at Toledo* (DH)	1 pm
Thur., 13-	at Mid-American Conference Tournament	
Sat., 15	(Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH)	

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*Denotes MAC games • (DH) Denotes doubleheader