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Softball



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

## BULLS BEGIN 2002 SEASON AT CHARLESTON SOUTHERN TOURNAMENT

The University at Buffalo softball team got one game in at the Charleston Southern Invitational Softball Tournament on a rainy Sunday afternoon in South Carolina. The Bulls opened the 2002 season with a 7-6 loss to the host Lady Buccaneers in nine innings before inclement weather conditions cancelled the remainder of the tournament. The Bulls jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead after two innings of play before Charleston Southern scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and put the game-winning run across the plate in the bottom of the ninth.

### FOUR PLAYERS OPEN YEAR WITH MULTIPLE-HIT GAME

The Bulls had 11 hits against Charleston Southern, including two apiece by junior *Jessica Kensy* (*Cheektowaga, NY/Maryvale*), junior *Kelly Malone* (*Waterford, MI/Waterford Kettering*), sophomore *Marce Ross* (*Innisfil, Ontario/St. Peter's*) and sophomore *Breanne Nasti* (*Baldwin, NY/Baldwin*). Malone led the Bulls with two runs scored and two RBIs, while Nasti also scored two runs and drove in one.

### MALONE, NASTI PUT ONES OUT OF THE PARK

Junior *Kelly Malone* (*Waterford, MI/Waterford Kettering*) and sophomore *Breanne Nasti* (*Baldwin, NY/Baldwin*) both hit home runs in the second inning against Charleston Southern to start their 2002 seasons. Many more home runs will certainly come throughout the year from both heavy-hitters who hold the top two spots on Buffalo's career home runs list. Nasti hit a UB career and single-season record 10 home runs during her rookie campaign last season, and Malone has nine career round-trippers with six during her freshman year and three during her sophomore season.

### NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT UP NEXT

Buffalo will now travel to San Jose, CA to participate in the National Invitational Softball Tournament. The Bulls will face Arizona State in their first game of the tournament on Friday, March 8 at 3 pm. The Sun Devils were ranked ninth in the nation in the *USA Today*/NFC (National Fastpitch Coaches Association) Top 25 poll on Wednesday, February 27. The Bulls will also face Northern Iowa at 5 pm and San Jose State at 9 pm on Friday in pool play. The tournament continues on Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10.

Buffalo's Mid-American Conference schedule then begins on Saturday, March 23 at Ohio. The Bulls' first home game of the season is scheduled for Friday, March 29 against Marshall at 2 pm.

## 2002 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

### March

at Charleston Southern Tournament (Charleston, SC)

Sun., 3	vs. Charleston Southern	L, 6-7 (9)
	vs. Central Florida	cancelled
	vs. Furman	cancelled

at National Invitational Softball Tournament (San Jose, CA)

Fri., 8	vs. Arizona State	3 pm
	vs. Northern Iowa	5 pm
	vs. San Jose State	9 pm

Sat., 23	at Ohio* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 24	at Ohio*	1 pm
Tue., 26	at Canisius (DH)	3 pm
Fri., 29	<b>MARSHALL* (DH)</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
Sat., 30	<b>MARSHALL*</b>	<b>1 pm</b>

### April

Tues., 2	<b>CANISIUS (DH)</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
Wed., 3	at Colgate (DH)	3:30 pm
Fri., 5	<b>ST. BONAVENTURE (DH)</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
Sat., 6	<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN* (DH)</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Sun., 7	<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Sat., 13	at Northern Illinois* (DH)	2 pm
Sun., 14	at Northern Illinois*	2 pm
Sat., 20	<b>KENT STATE* (DH)</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Sun., 21	<b>KENT STATE*</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Mon., 22	<b>NIAGARA (DH)</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
Thur., 25	at St. Bonaventure (DH)	3 pm
Sat., 27	at Bowling Green* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 28	at Bowling Green*	1 pm
Tue., 30	at Akron* (DH)	2 pm

### May

Wed., 1	at Akron*	2 pm
Sat., 4	<b>MIAMI (OH)*</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
Sun., 5	<b>MIAMI (OH)* (DH)</b>	<b>12 pm</b>
Thur., 9-	at MAC Championships	TBA
Sat., 11	(at Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH)	

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

\*Denotes Mid-American Conference games

(DH) Denotes doubleheader

All times Eastern