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Softball



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Current record – 2-8 Overall (0-0 Mid-American Conference)

BULLS GO 1-4 AT WESTERN KENTUCKY INVITATIONAL

The Bulls again posted a 1-4 record at their second tournament of the season, the Western Kentucky Invitational, over the weekend. The Bulls were shut out by Indiana, 4-0, to open the tournament before rebounding for a 2-1 win over the host Hilltoppers on Friday. On Saturday, Buffalo dropped a 3-0 decision to Austin Peay and a 6-1 decision to Tennessee-Martin before concluding the tournament with a 6-1 loss to Austin Peay in bracket play on Sunday. UT-Martin won the tournament with a 4-3 win over Western Kentucky in the championship game. Sophomore pitcher *Sophie Barstad (Canby, OR/Canby)* was the Bulls' selection to the All-Tournament Team. She pitched the complete-game 2-1 win over WKU and struck out four for her second win of the season.

NO SOPHOMORE SLUMP FOR RUSSELL

Sophomore *Mary Russell (Apalachin, NY/Owego Free Academy)* led the Bulls' offense at the Western Kentucky Invitational, getting five of the team's 18 hits in the five games. Russell went 5-for-15 (.333) with three doubles and two RBIs. She was 2-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI in Buffalo's 2-1 win over Western Kentucky on Friday.

Russell and freshman *Lacy Schneider (Idyllwild, CA/Hemet)* lead the Bulls with eight hits apiece so far this season. Russell currently ranks third on the Bulls' batting chart with a .250 average (8-for-32). She has three doubles, three RBIs and one run scored in 10 games. Russell had just four doubles and five RBIs in 39 games during her freshman campaign in 2004.

KOR HITS FIRST CAREER HOMER

Freshman *Laura Kor (Beaverton, OR/Westview)* hit her first career home run, a solo shot in the top of the second inning, in Buffalo's 6-1 loss to Austin Peay on Sunday. Kor and freshman *Lacy Schneider (Idyllwild, CA/Hemet)* have the Bulls' only two home runs so far this season. Schneider hit her first career homer in the sixth inning of Buffalo's 3-1 win over Central Connecticut State in the season opener at the Houston Tournament.

NEWCOMERS CONTINUE TO MAKE THEIR MARK

Buffalo's freshman class is continuing to make its presence felt in the Bulls' batting order after the first two tournaments of the season. Newcomers *Lacy Schneider (Idyllwild, CA/Hemet)* (8-for-24), *Laura Kor (Beaverton, OR/Westview)* (6-for-26), *Marcy Hansen (Claremont, CA/Claremont)* (5-for-27), *Kristen Jock (Latham, NY/Shaker)* (3-for-16) and *Kerry Cafazzo (Everett, MA/Everett)* (1-for-14) have accounted for 23 of the Bulls' 39 hits so far this season. They have a combined .215 batting average (23-for-107) with four doubles, two home runs, five RBIs and seven runs scored. Schneider currently leads the Bulls with a .333 batting average and team highs of eight hits and three RBIs.

UP NEXT

The Bulls will compete at the Speedline Classic next, hosted by the University of South Florida. Buffalo is scheduled to face Massachusetts at 4 pm and Brigham Young at 6 pm on Thursday, March 10 and Illinois-Chicago at 4 pm and Jacksonville at 6 pm on Friday, March 11. The tournament will continue through Sunday with games to be announced based on seedings.

2005 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

February

at Arizona State Kajikawa Classic (Tempe, AZ)

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| Fri., 11 | vs. New Mexico | cancelled |
| Fri., 11 | at Arizona State | cancelled |
| Sat., 12 | vs. Texas | cancelled |
| Sat., 12 | vs. Fresno State | cancelled |
| Sun., 13 | vs. Sacramento State | cancelled |

at Houston Tournament (Houston, TX)

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| Fri., 25 | vs. Central Connecticut | W, 3-1 |
| Fri., 25 | at Houston | L, 3-6 |
| Sat., 26 | vs. Northern Illinois | L, 0-3 |
| Sun., 27 | at Houston | L, 0-5 |
| Sun., 27 | vs. Central Connecticut | L, 0-5 |

March

at Western Kentucky Invitational (Bowling Green, KY)

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| Fri., 4 | vs. Indiana | L, 0-4 |
| Fri., 4 | at Western Kentucky | W, 2-1 |
| Sat., 5 | vs. Austin Peay | L, 0-3 |
| Sat., 5 | vs. Tennessee-Martin | L, 1-6 |
| Sun., 6 | vs. Austin Peay | L, 1-6 |

at South Florida Speedline Classic (Tampa, FL)

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| Thur., 10 | vs. Massachusetts | 4 pm |
| Thur., 10 | vs. Brigham Young | 6 pm |
| Fri., 11 | vs. Illinois-Chicago | 4 pm |
| Fri., 11 | vs. Jacksonville | 6 pm |
| Sat., 12 | TBA | TBA |
| Sun., 13 | TBA | TBA |

Wed., 16 at South Florida (DH) 5 pm

at Bethune-Cookman Tournament (Daytona Beach, FL)

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| Fri., 18 | at Bethune-Cookman | 9 am |
| Fri., 18 | vs. Elon | 1 pm |
| Sat., 19 | vs. Connecticut | 9 am |
| Sat., 19 | vs. Fordham | 1 pm |
| Sun., 20 | vs. UTEP | 1 pm |

Fri., 25 at Marshall* (DH) 1 pm

Sat., 26 at Marshall* 1 pm

Wed., 30 at Eastern Michigan* (DH) 2 pm

April

Sat., 2 at Kent State* (DH) 1 pm

Sun., 3 at Kent State* 1 pm

Wed., 6 CANISIUS (DH) 3 pm

Sat., 9 AKRON* (DH) 1 pm

Sun., 10 AKRON* 1 pm

Sat., 16 at Northern Illinois* (DH) 1 pm

Wed., 20 CENTRAL MICHIGAN* (DH) 2 pm

Thur., 21 at Youngstown State (DH) 4 pm

Sat., 23 MIAMI (OH)* (DH) 1 pm

Sun., 24 MIAMI (OH)* 1 pm

Wed., 27 ST. BONAVENTURE (DH) 3 pm

Sat., 30 at Bowling Green* (DH) 1 pm

May

Sun., 1 at Bowling Green* 1 pm

Tue., 3 at Niagara (DH) 3 pm

Sat., 7 OHIO* (DH) 1 pm

Sun., 8 OHIO* 1 pm

Wed., 11- at MAC Championships TBA

Sat., 14 (Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH)

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** All times Eastern

*Denotes MAC games (DH) Denotes doubleheader