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Softball



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**Current record – 6-5 Overall (0-0 Mid-American)**

## BULLS PLACE SECOND AT HAWAII'S MALIHINI TOURNAMENT

The University at Buffalo softball team posted a 3-3 record in the seven-team Malihini Tournament, hosted by the University of Hawaii, in Honolulu, HI over the weekend, defeating Baylor, Kent State and Loyola Marymount and losing to UC-Riverside, Boston College and Hawaii. The Bulls received the tournament's second-place trophy, winning the four-way tie for second by virtue of allowing the fewest runs in the tournament. The host Rainbow Wahine won the tournament with an undefeated 5-0 record. Senior *Jessica Kensy (Cheektowaga, NY/Maryvale)* and sophomore *Jackie O'Brien (Selkirk, NY/Bethlehem Central)* were named to the All-Tournament team for Buffalo. Kensy hit .313 in the six games, getting five hits and driving in three runs. O'Brien had three hits in eight at bats for a .375 average, and she had a double and an RBI in the Bulls' 7-5 win over Mid-American Conference foe Kent State on Friday.

## BULLS BEAT NO. 25 BAYLOR

Highlighting the Bulls performance at the Malihini Tournament was a 1-0 win over Baylor on Thursday, behind the play of sophomore *Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)* and senior *Jessica Kensy (Cheektowaga, NY/Maryvale)*. Baylor came in to the game ranked 25th in the nation in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Top 25 poll. Kensy hit a two-out single up the middle in the top of the second inning to score sophomore *Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)*, and Evans pitched the complete game, striking out six and allowing just two hits, none through the first five innings, to lead the Bulls to the win. The Lady Bears threatened in the bottom of the seventh when Kelly Levesque led off with a walk and Stephanie Pomes doubled down the left field line to put runners at second and third with no outs. Evans struck out the next two batters and then fielded a grounder by Carrie Leerberg and threw her out at first to preserve the shutout.

## EVANS CONTINUES EARLY EFFECTIVENESS

Sophomore *Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)* appeared in all six of Buffalo's games at the Malihini Tournament, finishing with one win and two saves. Evans pitched 32.1 innings and allowed just seven earned runs for a 1.52 earned run average. She allowed just 20 hits and struck out 23 batters in the tournament. Evans earned the 1-0 shutout victory over No. 25 Baylor and then came on in relief to secure Buffalo's wins over Kent State and Loyola Marymount. Against the Golden Flashes, Evans pitched 2.1 innings and struck out seven of the eight batters she faced.

## MALONE PROVIDES POWER AT THE PLATE

Senior *Kelly Malone (Waterford, MI/Waterford Kettering)* hit her first two home runs of the season at the Malihini Tournament, first a solo shot to left center in the Bulls' 7-5 win over Kent State and then a two-run blast to right center in the first inning of Buffalo's 4-3 win over Loyola Marymount. Malone, who missed all but the first game of the 2002 season with a knee injury, now has 12 career home runs.

## UP NEXT

The Bulls will now travel to San Jose, CA on Wednesday to play in the San Jose State Invitational on Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15. The Bulls will play the host Spartans and Southern Utah each twice in the three-team tournament. Buffalo then opens Mid-American Conference play with a three-game series at Marshall on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23.

## 2003 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

### February

#### at Florida International Tournament

Fri., 28 vs. Florida A&M L, 2-10  
vs. Tennessee W, 8-2

### March

Sat., 1 vs. Furman W, 6-2  
at Florida International L, 1-5  
Sun., 2 at Florida International W, 2-0

#### at Malihini Invitational

Thur., 6 vs. No. 25 Baylor W, 1-0  
Fri., 7 vs. UC-Riverside L, 2-3  
vs. Kent State W, 7-5  
Sat., 8 vs. Boston College L, 0-3 (8)  
vs. Loyola Marymount W, 4-3  
Sun., 9 vs. Hawaii L, 0-2

#### at San Jose State Invitational

Fri., 14 vs. Southern Utah 2:00 pm  
vs. San Jose State 4:00 pm  
Sat., 15 vs. Southern Utah 1:00 pm  
vs. San Jose State 5:00 pm

Sat., 22 at Marshall\* (DH) 1:00 pm  
Sun., 23 at Marshall\* 1:00 pm  
Tue., 25 at Canisius (DH) 3:00 pm  
**Thur., 27 NIAGARA (DH) 3:00 pm**  
Sat., 29 at Kent State\* (DH) 1:00 pm  
Sun., 30 at Kent State\* 1:00 pm

### April

**Thur., 3 COLGATE (DH) 3:00 pm**  
**Sat., 5 NORTHERN ILLINOIS\* (DH) 1:00 pm**  
**Sun., 6 EASTERN MICHIGAN\* (DH) 1:00 pm**  
**Tue., 8 ST. BONAVENTURE (DH) 3:00 pm**  
**Sat., 12 OHIO\* (DH) 1:00 pm**  
**Sun., 13 OHIO\* 1:00 pm**  
**Wed., 16 CANISIUS (DH) 3:00 pm**  
Fri., 18 at Central Michigan\* 3:30 pm  
Sat., 19 at Central Michigan\* (DH) 1:00 pm  
Tue., 22 at St. Bonaventure (DH) 3:00 pm  
Wed., 23 at Niagara (DH) 3:00 pm  
**Fri., 25 MIAMI (OH)\* 3:00 pm**  
**Sat., 26 MIAMI (OH)\* (DH) 1:00 pm**  
Tue., 29 at Western Michigan\* (DH) 3:00 pm

### May

**Sat., 3 AKRON\* (DH) 1:00 pm**  
**Sun., 4 AKRON\* 1:00 pm**  
Thur., 8- at MAC Championships TBA  
Sat., 10 (Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH)

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

\*Denotes Mid-American Conference games  
(DH) Denotes doubleheader • All times Eastern