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Softball



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Current record – 4-17 Overall (0-0 Mid-American Conference)

BULLS PARTICIPATE AT BETHUNE-COOKMAN TOURNAMENT

After getting rained out of their mid-week doubleheader at the University of South Florida, the University at Buffalo softball team went 1-4 at the Bethune-Cookman Tournament over the weekend, defeating Elon (2-0) and losing to Bethune-Cookman (4-0), Connecticut (1-0), Fordham (8-0) and UTEP (2-0). The Bulls are now 4-17 overall on the season.

BULLS SHUT OUT ELON

In their only win of the Bethune-Cookman Tournament, the Bulls shut out Elon on Friday by a 2-0 score. After sophomore **Mary Russell (Apalachin, NY/Owego Free Academy)** led off the second inning with a double to left field, she scored the first run of the game on a squeeze bunt by junior **Lisa Wheat (Olympia, WA/Tumwater)**. Senior **Julie Hibner (Salem, OR/South Salem)** then drew a two-out walk in the fourth and came around to score on a single to right by junior **Lauren Picciano (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)** for an insurance tally. Wheat and Picciano both finished with two hits in the game, and senior **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** earned the win on the mound, allowing just five hits and striking out three in the complete game.

WHEAT'S BAT COMES ALIVE

After going just 2-for-18 (.111) in her first nine games of the season, junior **Lisa Wheat (Olympia, WA/Tumwater)** saw her bat come alive at the Bethune-Cookman Tournament over the weekend. Wheat went 3-for-9 (.333) with a double and an RBI in four games. She drove in sophomore **Mary Russell (Apalachin, NY/Owego Free Academy)** with a squeeze bunt for the second time this year in the Bulls' 2-0 win over Elon on Friday. Wheat also scored Russell with a squeeze bunt in the Bulls' 3-2 win over Jacksonville at the Speedline Classic.

MAGUR PRODUCES AGAINST FORMER TEAM

Senior **Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott/Connecticut)** led the Bulls' offense against her former team, Connecticut, at the Bethune-Cookman Tournament on Saturday. Magur was 2-for-3 with a double in the Huskies' 1-0 win. Magur currently leads the Bulls with a .265 batting average (9-for-34). She has three doubles, one run scored and two RBIs on the year.

OFFENSIVE STAT LEADERS

Sophomore **Mary Russell (Apalachin, NY/Owego Free Academy)** leads the Bulls in numerous statistical categories at the conclusion of tournament play, including at bats (64), hits (16), doubles (six) and RBIs (six). Senior **Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott/Connecticut)** leads the team with a .265 batting average (9-for-34), and both Russell and Magur have been perfect in the field so far this season with 1.000 fielding percentages. Freshman **Laura Kor (Beaverton, OR/Westview)** leads the team in runs scored (six) and slugging percentage (.386), and junior **Lauren Picciano (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)** has a team-high five stolen bases in five attempts.

UP NEXT

The Bulls open Mid-American Conference play with a three-game series at Marshall on Friday and Saturday. The series will be the last conference clash between the two teams before Marshall moves to Conference USA next season.

2005 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

February

at Arizona State Kajikawa Classic (Tempe, AZ)

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)

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)

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 (Clearwater, FL)

Thur., 10	vs. Massachusetts	L, 2-9 (9 inn.)
Thur., 10	vs. Brigham Young	L, 1-4
Fri., 11	vs. Illinois-Chicago	L, 4-8
Fri., 11	vs. Jacksonville	W, 3-2
Sat., 12	vs. Pittsburgh	L, 0-1
Sun., 13	vs. Villanova	L, 0-3
Wed., 16	at South Florida (DH)	cancelled

at Bethune-Cookman Tournament (Daytona Beach, FL)

Fri., 18	at Bethune-Cookman	L, 0-4
Fri., 18	vs. Elon	W, 2-0
Sat., 19	vs. Connecticut	L, 0-1
Sat., 19	vs. Fordham	L, 0-8
Sun., 20	vs. UTEP	L, 0-2
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