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Softball



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**Current record – 7-10 Overall (1-2 Mid-American)**

## BULLS OPEN MAC SEASON AT MARSHALL

The Bulls opened the Mid-American Conference portion of their 2003 schedule at Marshall last weekend, where they dropped both ends of a doubleheader on Saturday, 3-2 in 10 innings and 6-0, and then rebounded for a 3-0 win in the series finale on Sunday. Sophomore pitcher *Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)* held the Thundering Herd to four hits en route to the complete-game shutout, and she also helped her own cause in the fifth inning with an RBI-single that scored *Allison Round (Markham, Ontario/Markham District)* to give the Bulls a 3-0 advantage. Buffalo put two runs on the board in the top of the first thanks to a double by senior *Kelly Malone (Waterford, MI/Waterford Kettering)* that scored sophomore *Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)* and junior *Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)*. Magur was 2-for-4 with a double in the win. She led the Bulls with four hits in the three-game series.

## BULLS PICK UP FIRST MAC WIN EARLY

Sunday's 3-0 win at Marshall gave the Bulls a 7-10 overall record and a 1-2 conference mark, and it also marked their earliest MAC win in their three years in the league. The Bulls started the 2001 season with an 0-9 conference record and the 2002 season with an 0-7 mark in the MAC. The win was also Buffalo's first-ever win over the Thundering Herd. Marshall had swept three-game series in each of the past two seasons for a 6-0 series record prior to last weekend's games.

## MAGUR EARNS MAC ACCOLADE

Sophomore *Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)* was named Mid-American Conference Female Scholar Athlete of the Week on March 19 following her performance at the San Jose State Invitational. Magur, a management major with a 3.83 GPA, went 4-for-5 with a double, a run scored and two RBIs in a doubleheader loss to the host Spartans. The center fielder went 1-for-2 in the opener, a 4-3 eight-inning loss, and then went 3-of-3 from the leadoff position in the nightcap and knocked in UB's lone run. For the rain-shortened three-game tournament, Magur hit .444 (4-of-9). In 17 games this season, she is hitting .314 with 16 hits, nine runs scored, six RBIs and four doubles.

## EVANS AMONG THE MAC LEADERS

After earning seven wins all of last season, sophomore pitcher *Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)* earned her fifth win of the season on Sunday at Marshall. Evans has had a hand in all seven of the Bulls' wins this season, earning saves in the two games in which she didn't get the win. She ranks among the Mid-American Conference's leaders in every statistical category: earned run average (second, 1.33), wins (tied for sixth), saves (tied for first), shutouts (tied for second, three), innings pitched (second, 84.0), appearances (tied for third, 13), games started (tied for second, 11), complete games (first, 11), strikeouts (second, 63) and opponent batting average (seventh, .222).

## UP NEXT

The Bulls have two local non-conference doubleheaders scheduled for this week, at Canisius at 3 pm on Tuesday, March 25 and at home against Niagara at 3 pm on Thursday, March 27. The Bulls then get back to MAC play this weekend with a three-game series at Kent State on Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, March 30.

## 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

Thur., 13 vs. San Jose State L, 3-4 (8)  
vs. San Jose State L, 1-4  
Fri., 14 vs. Southern Utah L, 0-3  
Sat., 15 vs. Southern Utah cancelled

Sat., 22 at Marshall\* (DH) L, 2-3 (10); L, 0-6  
Sun., 23 at Marshall\* W, 3-0  
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