

BUFFALO SOFTBALL



This Week:



Buffalo

vs.



Pittsburgh

Wednesday March 29 • 4:00 PM (DH) • Trees Field



Buffalo

vs.



Bowling Green

Friday March 31 • 1:00 PM (DH) • Nan Harvey Field



Buffalo

vs.



Toledo

Saturday April 1 • 2:00 PM • Nan Harvey Field



Buffalo

vs.



Toledo

Sunday April 2 • 1:00 PM • Nan Harvey Field

Bulls At A Glance

Overall Record.....	8-21
MAC Record.....	0-0
Home Record.....	0-0
Road Record.....	0-2
Neutral Record.....	8-19
When Scoring 5 or less Runs.....	3-21
When Scoring more than 5 runs.....	5-0
When the Bulls hit a home run.....	4-5
When a UB pitcher strikes out more than five.....	2-1

2006 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

FEBRUARY

	<u>at Golden Panther Invitational</u>	
Fri., 24	vs. St. John's	W, 10-6
Fri., 24	vs. Notre Dame	L, 0-1
Sat., 25	vs. Memphis	W, 1-0
Sat., 25	vs. St. John's	L, 6-11
Sun., 26	vs. Memphis	Rained Out

MARCH

	<u>at Plant City Tournament</u>	
Sat., 4	vs. Boston University	W, 9-4
Sat., 4	vs. Illinois State	L, 0-11
Sun., 5	vs. Harvard	W, 4-3
Sun., 5	vs. Michigan State	L, 1-5
	<u>at Adidas Tournament</u>	
Thur., 9	vs. Temple	L, 3-7
Thur., 9	vs. Tennessee	L, 0-9
Fri., 10	vs. Hofstra	L, 1-7
Fri., 10	vs. NC State	L, 2-5
Sat., 11	vs. UIC	L, 1-3
Sat., 11	vs. Boston University	W, 7-4 (10)
Sun., 12	vs. Jacksonville	L, 1-7
	<u>at USF Spring Break Tournament</u>	
Tue., 14	vs. Northern Illinois	L, 0-9
Tue., 14	at South Florida	L, 3-6
Wed., 15	vs. Fordham	L, 5-15
Wed., 15	vs. Canisius	W, 8-0
	<u>at USF Speedline Invitational</u>	
Fri., 17	vs. Dartmouth	L, 2-5
Fri., 17	vs. Fordham	W, 7-4
Sat., 18	vs. Illinois-Chicago	L, 0-2
Sat., 18	vs. Elon	L, 4-5
Sun., 19	vs. George Mason	W, 3-2
Sun., 19	vs. Ohio	L, 4-13
Wed., 22	at Canisius (DH)	Postponed
	<u>at ECU State Farm Pirate Classic</u>	
Fri., 24	vs. Penn State	L, 0-6
Sat., 25	vs. California	L, 0-13
Sat., 25	vs. East Carolina	L, 0-4
Sun., 26	vs. Coastal Carolina	L, 0-8
Wed., 29	at Pittsburgh (DH)	4:00 pm
Fri., 31	BOWLING GREEN* (DH)	1:00 pm

APRIL

Sat., 1	TOLEDO*	2:00 pm
Sun., 2	TOLEDO*	1:00 pm
Fri., 7	CENTRAL MICHIGAN* (DH)	1:00 pm
Sat., 8	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	2:00 pm
Sun., 9	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm
Fri., 14	at Akron* (DH)	1:00 pm
Sat., 15	at Ohio*	2:00 pm
Sun., 16	at Ohio*	1:00 pm
Tue., 18	at Canisius (DH)	1:30 pm
Fri., 21	at Western Michigan* (DH)	1:00 pm
Sat., 22	at Northern Illinois*	5:00 pm
Sun., 23	at Northern Illinois*	1:00 pm
Thu., 27	at St. Bonaventure (DH)	3:00 pm
Sat., 29	at Kent State*	2:00 pm
Sun., 30	at Kent State*	1:00 pm

MAY

Tue., 2	NIAGARA (DH)	3:00 pm
Wed., 3	at Syracuse (DH)	3:00 pm
Fri., 5	BALL STATE* (DH)	1:00 pm
Sat., 6	MIAMI (OH)*	2:00 pm
Sun., 7	MIAMI (OH)*	1:00 pm
Wed.-Sat., 10-12	at MAC Championships	TBA

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

All times Eastern

*Denotes MAC games

(DH) Denotes doubleheader

BULLS FALTER AT STATE FARM PIRATE CLASSIC

The Bulls finished a weekend they would like to forget, going 0-4 at the ECU State Farm Pirate Classic. While UB met the likes of nationally-ranked California and a tough Penn State squad, the Bulls failed to score a run in the four-game tournament. Junior **Sophie Barstad** was the starting pitcher in all four games, but had a tough time with some of the opposing hitting. **Mary Russell** led the Bulls with a .400 batting average this past weekend.

INJURY REPORT

Playing so many games in a season, injuries are bound to happen. However, the Bulls have had more than their fair share this season. Senior **Lauren Picciano** broke her arm as she was hit by pitch a couple of weeks ago. **Colleen Greene** and **Erin Zilka** have both been missing from action the past few games. Both players are recovering from their respective injuries and hope to be ready for the conference opener this weekend.

DON'T GET CAUGHT STEALING

The Bulls have shown their speed so far this season. In 28 stolen base attempts, the Bulls have been caught just three times. **Marcy Hansen** currently leads the team going a perfect 7-of-7 on the base paths. She is followed closely by **Erin Zilka**, who is perfect on all five of her attempts. **Mary Russell**, who is known for her speed, is 7-of-8 on the season. Senior **Lauren Picciano** was 3-for-4 before being injured. Russell and Picciano share the single-season stolen base record at 15 steals a piece.

UB-OPPONENT CONNECTIONS

The Bulls have numerous connections with teams they will be facing this weekend:

- The Bulls meet Pittsburgh for just the second time ever when they travel down there this week. The Bulls fell 1-0 to the Panthers last season when the two teams met at the Speedline Classic.
- The Bulls begin MAC play against Bowling Green, a team they are just 3-10 against all-time. The Falcons swept a three-game series last year.

- The Bulls are 2-3 all-time against Toledo. The two team have not met since the 2004 season when the Bulls took two against the Rockets.

SCOUTING THE FIELD

The Panthers are coming off a victory over Seton Hall where they scored a school-record 17 runs in the victory. Pittsburgh is 17-12 on the season at 3-1 in BIG EAST play. The Panthers are the third team the Bulls will face from the BIG EAST having already face St. John's and Notre Dame. UB travels to Syracuse later in the season. Bowling Green is just one win shy of its best start in school history at 17-8. The Falcons have a busy week prior to playing Buffalo as they face Notre Dame and Michigan in non-conference weekday action. Like the Bulls, Toledo has struggled as of late, dropping its last six games. The rockets meet Youngstown State and then begin MAC play with a doubleheader at Kent State on Friday before coming to Buffalo.

BARSTAD NAMED MAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sophie Barstad earned MAC Player Of The Week honors for the first time her career after hitting .393 during the week of March 13-20. Barstad drove in 12 runs, while hitting two home runs in the 10 games. Barstad also emerged as the victorious pitcher in three of the contests, pitching to a 2.38 ERA.

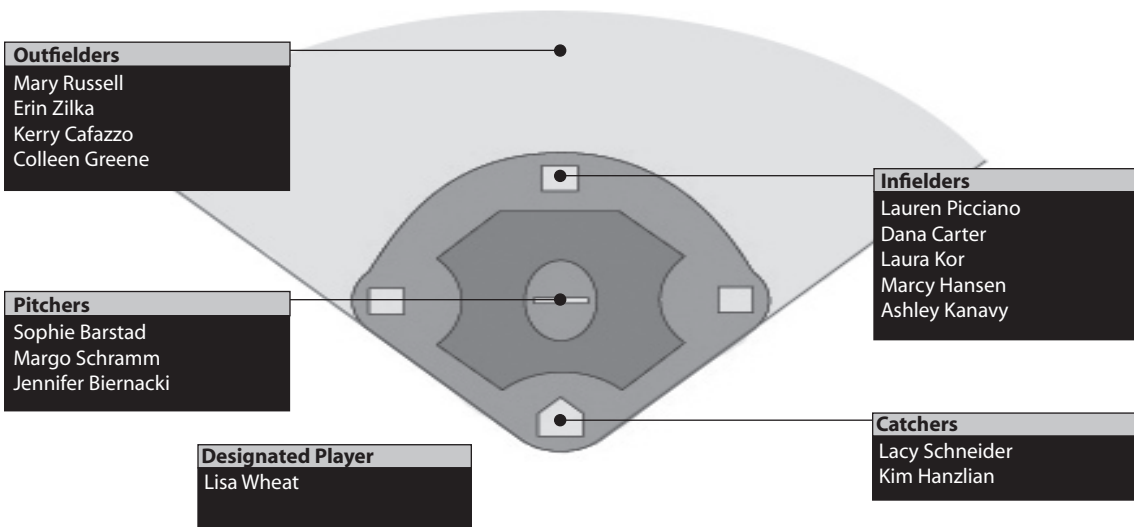
CALIFORNIA NATIVE GETTING IT DONE

Freshmen **Erin Zilka** has wasted no time getting used to Buffalo softball as is shown by her start to the season. Zilka is currently second on the team in batting average at .297 and she is tied for first in home runs with four. Zilka has been batting in the leadoff spot for the Bulls lately and is second on the team in on-base percentage.

NEWCOMERS MAKE IMMEDIATE IMPACT

In addition to Zilka other newcomers have made strong first impressions for the Bulls. **Dana Carter**, who was recruited to play first base, has

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stepped in and gone 1-1 as a pitcher. She has appeared in four games in the pitcher's circle. Walk-on's **Ashley Kanavy** and **Jennifer Biernacki** have both been more impressive as of late. Kanavy has stepped in to play second base due to some of the injuries and has just two errors in 41 chances. Biernacki has appeared in 11 games in the pitching circle and has struck out 13 on the season.

CURRAN TOPS THE CENTURY MARK

With a victory over Boston University, head coach Marie Curran became the first UB skipper to win 100 games. As Buffalo's only coach at the Division I level, Curran has a record of 102-185. Curran led the Bulls to their first ever appearance in the MAC Tournament last season and is looking to make it two in a row this year.

BULLS AMONG LEAGUE LEADERS

As the most recent conference rankings were released, **Sophie Barstad's** name could be found under many of the categories. Barstad and teammate **Erin Zilka** are tied for fourth with four home runs. Barstad is second in the MAC with 21 RBIs and 10th in totals bases. In the pitching categories, she is third with seven wins, sixth in strikeouts, tied for second in appearances and tied for fourth in shutouts. She leads the MAC in innings pitched (111.0), games started (16) and complete games (11).

NEW FACE IN THE DUGOUT

Joining head coach Marie Curran and long-time pitching coach Jackie Beavers, is first-year assistant coach Angela Churchill. Churchill served as the graduate assistant last season at fellow MAC member school, Ohio. Prior to her stint with the Bobcats, Churchill was a four-year letterwinner at Michigan. Churchill will work with the Bulls' infielders and help with hitting.

UB COMING OFF FIRST MAC TOURNEY APPEARANCE

For the first time since joining the MAC, the Bulls participated in the MAC Tournament last season, finishing with a 1-2 record. UB defeated Kent State for their first ever tournament victory, but had its season ended by Central Michigan. Buffalo is looking to make it two consecutive trips this season.

UP NEXT

The Bulls remain at home as they host Central Michigan in a double-header on Friday beginning at 1 pm and then host a weekend series against Eastern Michigan.

AROUND THE MAC

EAST	MAC	Overall
Bowling Green	0-0	17-8
Ohio	0-0	15-15
Kent State	0-0	9-12
Miami	0-0	13-18
Akron	0-0	7-12
Buffalo	0-0	8-21

WEST	MAC	Overall
Western Michigan	0-0	10-7
Northern Illinois	0-0	10-9
Eastern Michigan	0-0	9-15
Ball State	0-0	6-10
Central Michigan	0-0	8-15
Toledo	0-0	7-16

MAC Players Of The Week

East Player of the Week:

Amanda Sacks • So. • SS • Ohio
 • Sacks hit .476 (10-for-21) over the eight games, posting a .522 on-base percentage and a slugging mark of .619.

West Player of the Week:

Lauren Clark • So. • SS • Eastern Michigan
 • Clark batted .416 over the week, with five hits. She had two doubles, two RBI, two walks, and stole her team leading sixth base.

East Pitcher of the Week:

Michelle Sauter • So. • RHP • Ohio
 • Sauter put together four solid performances in the circle last week, going 3-1 overall. Sauter allowed just two earned runs on the week, posting a minuscule 0.54 ERA, and recorded a 31:3 strikeout-to-walk ratio

West Pitcher of the Week:

Michelle Lloyd • Jr. • RHP • Eastern Michigan
 • Lloyd totaled 10.1 innings, 12 strike outs, one earned run and gave up just four hits in two starts for the Eagles.. She threw an extra-inning no-hitter in a loss to No. 12 Michigan.

2006 University at Buffalo Softball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown	High School/Previous School
2	Mary Russell	OF	R/R	5-3	Jr.	Apalachin, NY	Owego Free Academy
3	Margo Schramm	P	R/R	5-7	So.	Phoenix, AZ	Catalina Foothills/Iowa Lakes CC
4	Marcy Hansen	UT	S/L	5-7	So.	Claremont, CA	Claremont
5	Lauren Picciano	IF	L/R	5-9	Sr.	Endicott, NY	Union-Endicott
6	Ashley Kanavy	IF	R/R	5-4	Fr.	Syracuse, NY	Westhill
9	Lisa Wheat	OF	R/R	5-7	Sr.	Olympia, WA	Tumwater
10	Colleen Greene	IF	R/R	5-4	Jr.	Cheektowaga, NY	Cleveland Hill
12	Jennifer Biernacki	P	R/R	5-5	Fr.	Medina, NY	Medina
13	Lacy Schneider	C	R/R	5-6	So.	Idyll, CA	Hemet
14	Dana Carter	IF	L/L	6-0	Fr.	Williamsville, NY	Williamsville South
15	Kerry Cafazzo	UT	R/R	5-5	So.	Everett, MA	Everett
16	Sophie Barstad	P	R/R	5-9	Jr.	Canby, OR	Canby
18	Kim Hanzlian	C	R/R	5-7	Fr.	Cheektowaga, NY	John F. Kennedy
24	Laura Kor	IF	R/R	5-10	So.	Beaverton, OR	Westview
44	Erin Zilka	OF	R/R	5-6	Fr.	Benicia, CA	Benicia

Feb 24, 2006 at Miami, Fla.

St. John's..... 100 023 0 - 6 10 4
Buffalo..... 020 602 X - 10 8 2

WP-BARSTAD (1-0) LP-LERCH (0-2) T-2:16 A-107
HR UB - BARSTAD

Feb 24, 2006 at Miami, Fla.

Buffalo..... 000 000 0 - 0 4 1
Notre Dame..... 001 000 X - 1 3 0

WP-BARGER (3-0) LP-SCHRAMM (0-1) T-1:40 A-143

Feb 25, 2006 at Miami, Fla.

Buffalo..... 100 000 0 - 1 1 2
Memphis..... 000 000 0 - 0 5 1

WP-BARSTAD (2-0) LP-J. Kubesch (2-1) T-1:38 A-0

Feb 25, 2006 at Miami, Fla.

St. John's..... 231 401 0 - 11 11 4
Buffalo..... 330 000 0 - 6 5 2

WP-FOLEY (2-1) LP-SCHRAMM (0-2) T-2:17 A-0
HR UB - PICCIANO

Mar 04, 2006 at Plant City, FL

Buffalo..... 121 100 4 - 9 11 2
Boston University... 220 000 0 - 4 8 0

WP-BARSTAD (3-0) LP-Detwiler T-2:00 A-0

Mar 04, 2006 at Plant City, FL

Illinois State..... 414 02 - 11 9 0
Buffalo..... 000 00 - 0 2 1

WP-BIRK (4-2) LP-BIERNACKI (0-1)
HR ILS - PATTON, BIRK

Mar 05, 2006 at Plant City, FL

Buffalo..... 100 300 0 - 4 10 0
Harvard..... 100 002 0 - 3 6 1

WP-CARTER (1-0) LP-Vertovez (0-1)
HR UB - ZILKA
HR HARVARD - Brown

Mar 05, 2006 at Plant City, Fla.

Michigan State..... 000 310 1 - 5 9 1
Buffalo..... 000 100 0 - 1 7 2

WP-R. Turney (3-2) Save-L. Noel(2) LP-BARSTAD (3-1)
T-1 hr 50 A-220
HR MSU - D. Feenstra 2 (2)

Mar 09, 2006 at Clearwater, Fla.

Buffalo..... 000 00 - 0 1 4
Tennessee..... 135 0X - 9 8 0

WP-M. Rhodes (5-0) LP-BARSTAD (3-2) T-1:09 A-184
HR TN - J. Griffin

Mar 10, 2006 at Clearwater, FL

Hofstra..... 200 020 3 - 7 9 2
Buffalo..... 000 001 0 - 1 5 4

WP-Hodge (4-1) LP-SCHRAMM (0-3) T-1:54 A-120
HR HOFSTRA - Wambold, Lane, Ulrich

Mar 10, 2006 at Clearwater, Fla.

Buffalo..... 010 001 0 - 2 7 4
NC State..... 100 031 X - 5 7 0

WP-Dalthorp (5-2) LP-BARSTAD (3-2) T-1:45 A-311
ID-408302

Mar 11, 2006 at Clearwater, FL

UIC Flames..... 001 020 0 - 3 8 1
Buffalo..... 000 001 0 - 1 3 0

WP-MCINTRYE (1-5) LP-BARSTAD (3-3) T-1:41 A-124
HR UIC - CATHEY

Mar 09, 2006 at Clearwater, FL

Buffalo..... 000 000 3 - 3 7 3
Temple..... 220 110 0 - 6 8 0

WP-Burdeaux (1-3) LP-CARTER (1-1)
HR UB - ZILKA

Mar 11, 2006 at Clearwater, FL

Buffalo..... 010 000 011 4 - 7 11 2
Boston University... 000 000 111 1 - 4 7 1

WP-BARSTAD (4-3) LP-Hardy (2-6)
HR UB - BARSTAD

Mar 12, 2006 at Clearwater, FL

Buffalo..... 100 100 1 - 3 3 3
 Jacksonville..... 240 010 X - 7 9 2

WP-DOBSON, K (7-6). LP-BARSTAD (4-4)
 HR JU - GLASSCOCK, B

Mar 14, 2006 at Tampa, Fla.

Buffalo..... 000 00 - 0 0 2
 Northern Illinois... 700 2X - 9 4 1

WP-HAGEMANN (3-5) LP-SCHRAMM (0-4) T-1:10
 A- 313

Mar 14, 2006 at Tampa, Fla.

Buffalo..... 201 000 0 - 3 7 0
 USF..... 103 101 X - 6 7 1

WP-CHRISTENSEN (1-1) Save-CASH(1) LP-BARSTAD
 (4-6) T-2:10 A-342
 HR USF - LANDAU (1)

Mar 15, 2006 at Tampa, Fla.

Fordham..... 310 506 - 15 18 1
 Buffalo..... 010 040 - 5 7 2

WP-Wiggins (3-2) LP-SCHRAMM (0-5) T-2:20 A-125
 HR FOR - Twarowski 2, Busciacco 2
 HR UB - ZILKA

Mar 15, 2006 at Tampa, Fla.

Buffalo..... 503 00 - 8 7 0
 Canisius..... 000 00 - 0 4 2

WP-BARSTAD (5-6) LP-Bowers (1-3) T-1:30 A-101

Mar 17, 2006 at Temple Terrace, FL

Fordham..... 000 040 0 - 4 4 0
 Buffalo..... 201 400 X - 7 7 1

WP-BARSTAD (6-6) LP-Wiggins (3-3) T-1:40 A-116
 HR UB - BARSTAD (3)

Mar 17, 2006 at Tampa, Fla.

Buffalo..... 100 001 0 - 2 5 1
 Dartmouth..... 010 040 X - 5 6 0

WP-Megaw LP-BIERNACKI (0-2)
 HR UB - ZILKA, KOR

Mar 18, 2006 at Temple Terrace, Fl.

Buffalo..... 000 000 0 - 0 2 2
 UIC Flames..... 000 200 0 - 2 6 1

WP-CLYNES (3-3) LP-BARSTAD (6-7) T-1:30 A-78
 HR UIC - MARINACCI (1)

Mar 18, 2006 at Tampa, Fla.

Buffalo..... 000 021 1 - 4 6 1
 Elon..... 001 000 4 - 5 6 1

WP-Lilley LP-BIERNACKI (0-3)
 HR UB - BARSTAD
 HR ELON - Smith

Mar 19, 2006 at Tampa, Fla.

George Mason..... 000 011 0 - 2 5 3
 Buffalo..... 001 101 X - 3 9 0

WP-BARSTAD (7-7) LP-Weinkofsky
 HR MASON - Wright, Morg

Mar 19, 2006 at Tampa, Fla.

Buffalo..... 000 040 - 4 10 3
 Ohio..... 092 002 - 13 13 1

WP-WEIDNER LP-SCHRAMM (0-6)
 HR OU - DAVIS

Mar 24, 2006 at Greenville, N.C.

Buffalo..... 000 000 0 - 0 4 1
 Penn State..... 011 400 X - 6 6 1

WP-Reynolds (5-0) LP-BARSTAD (7-8) T-1:35 A-65

Mar 25, 2006 at Greenville, NC

Buffalo..... 000 00 - 0 3 2
 California..... 225 4X - 13 9 0

WP-Frankiewicz (9-0) LP-BARSTAD (7-9) T-1:25 A-155
 HR CAL - Leomiti

Mar 25, 2006 at Greenville, N.C.

Buffalo..... 000 000 00 - 0 6 3
East Carolina..... 004 000 X - 4 3 1

WP-Swann (4-2) LP-BARSTAD (7-10) T-1:41 A-141

Mar 26, 2006 at Greenville, N.C.

Buffalo..... 000 000 - 0 1 2
Coastal Carolina... 040 112 - 8 9 0

WP-DOYLE, C. (7-6) LP-BARSTAD (7-11) T-1:14 A-100
HR COASTAL - JOHNSON, M.