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Softball



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Current record – 10-14 Overall (1-2 Mid-American Conference)

BULLS BEGIN MAC SEASON WITH 1-2 RECORD

The University at Buffalo softball team opened the 2004 Mid-American Conference season with one win and two losses in a three-game series at Miami (OH) over the weekend. On Saturday, freshman **Shannon Prochaska (Aloha, OR/Aloha)** hit a pinch-hit double to drive in senior **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** with the game-winning run in the top of the sixth inning to give the Bulls a 2-1 victory over the RedHawks in game one. The victory marked the first time in their four years in the league that the Bulls have opened the MAC season with a win. Junior **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** earned the win on the mound for the Bulls, allowing just four hits and no earned runs and striking out six in the complete game. In Saturday's nightcap, the Bulls got on the board first with freshman **Colleen Greene (Cheektowaga, NY/Cleveland Hill)** hitting a leadoff single in the second inning and eventually scoring on a Miami error. The RedHawks broke things open in the bottom of the third with a grand slam by Jackie Poggendorf, and they added two more insurance runs in the fourth. Greene drove in two runs in the top of the fifth and Nasti hit a leadoff home run in the top of the seventh to account for the Bulls' other three runs in the 6-4 final. In Sunday's series finale, the Bulls were shut out by a 1-0 score. Miami scored the lone run of the game in the third inning on a Buffalo fielding error.

BULLS SPLIT DOUBLEHEADER AT CANISIUS

Before beginning MAC play on Saturday, the Bulls split a doubleheader at local rival Canisius College on Thursday. The Bulls dropped the opener by a 4-1 score as the Griffs scored two runs in the third and then added two more in the fifth. Buffalo got on the board in the top of the sixth to spoil the shutout with senior **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** scoring on a Canisius fielding error. Nasti was 4-for-4 from the plate in the game to lead the Bulls' offense. In the nightcap, the Bulls put two runs across the plate in the fourth thanks to a bases-loaded double by freshman **Sophie Barstad (Canby, OR/Canby)**, and they added a single run in the fifth on a single up the middle by senior **Allison Round (Markham, Ontario/Markham District)** for a 3-0 victory. Junior **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** pitched a one-hitter and struck out 11 in the win.

EVANS POSTS 0.00 ERA ON WEEK

Pitcher **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** allowed no earned runs in three complete games last week, posting a 0.00 ERA in 20.0 innings of work while walking just five batters and striking out 20. Evans pitched a one-hit, 3-0 shutout of Canisius on Thursday and pitched two four-hitters against Miami, a 2-1 win on Saturday and a 1-0 loss on Sunday. The junior lowered her team-leading season ERA to 2.13 and improved her season record to 4-6.

FRESHMEN GETTING IN ON THE ACTION

Three Buffalo freshmen made significant offensive contributions last week, driving in five of the Bulls' 10 runs in five games. In a 3-0 win over Canisius on Thursday, freshman **Sophie Barstad (Canby, OR/Canby)** doubled to drive in the first two runs of the game, and in a 2-1 win over Miami on Saturday, it was freshman **Shannon Prochaska (Aloha, OR/Aloha)** doubling to drive in the game-winning run in the top of the sixth. Freshman **Colleen Greene (Cheektowaga, NY/Cleveland Hill)** got into the action in a 6-4 loss to Miami on Saturday, driving in two runs in the fifth inning with a single to left center.

UP NEXT

The Bulls open the home portion of the 2004 schedule with a three-game series against Kent State this weekend at Nan Harvey Field. Saturday's doubleheader and Sunday's single game both begin at 1 pm.

2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

February

<i>at Georgia Invitational (Athens, GA)</i>		
Fri., 13	vs. Virginia Tech	L, 0-5
	vs. Appalachian State	W, 6-5
Sat., 14	at Georgia	cancelled
<i>at Frost Classic (Chattanooga, TN)</i>		
Fri., 27	vs. Alabama	L, 3-6
	vs. Wisconsin	L, 2-4
Sat., 28	vs. Tennessee Tech	L, 1-4
	at Tennessee-Chattanooga	W, 5-1 (8 inn)
Sun., 29	vs. North Texas	W, 2-1
	vs. Tennessee-Martin	L, 1-2 (8 inn)

March

<i>at Arizona State Tournament (Tempe, AZ)</i>		
Fri., 5	vs. New Mexico State	W, 5-3 (8 inn)
	at Arizona State	L, 0-8
Sat., 6	vs. New Mexico State	W, 5-4 (8 inn)
	at Arizona State	L, 0-6
Sun., 7	vs. New Mexico State	W, 4-3
	at Arizona State	L, 0-10
Wed., 17	at UC-Riverside (DH)	cancelled
<i>at San Diego Classic (San Diego, CA)</i>		
Fri., 19	vs. Indiana	L, 1-2
	vs. Dartmouth	W, 1-0
Sat., 20	vs. Southern Utah	L, 3-4
	at San Diego	W, 7-4
Sun., 21	vs. San Diego State	L, 0-6
Thur., 25	at Canisius (DH)	L, 1-4; W, 3-0
Sat., 27	at Miami (OH)* (DH)	W, 2-1; L, 4-6
Sun., 28	at Miami (OH)*	L, 0-1

April

Sat., 3	KENT STATE* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 4	KENT STATE*	1 pm
Wed., 7	at Niagara (DH)	3 pm
Fri., 9	at Akron*	3 pm
Sat., 10	at Akron* (DH)	1 pm
Wed., 14	BOWLING GREEN* (DH)	2 pm
Sat., 17	at Ohio* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 18	at Ohio*	1 pm
Wed., 21	at Columbia (DH)	3 pm
Thur., 22	at Stony Brook (DH)	3 pm
Sat., 24	WESTERN MICHIGAN* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 25	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	1 pm
Wed., 28	at St. Bonaventure (DH)	3 pm

May

Sat., 1	MARSHALL* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 2	MARSHALL*	1 pm
Wed., 5	at Ball State* (DH)	2 pm
Sat., 8	at Toledo* (DH)	1 pm
Thur., 13-	at Mid-American Conference Tournament	
Sat., 15	(Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH)	

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** • All times Eastern
*Denotes MAC games • (DH) Denotes doubleheader