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Softball



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Current record – 1-12 Overall (0-6 Mid-American)

BULLS SHUT OUT BY CANISIUS, LOSE THREE-GAME SERIES AT MARSHALL

The University at Buffalo softball team was shut out at Canisius College on a freezing cold afternoon in downtown Buffalo on Monday, March 25. The Golden Griffins held a 3-0 lead after three innings before breaking the game open with six runs in the fourth to earn a 9-0 victory at the Demske Sports Complex. The Bulls were held to just one hit on the afternoon - a leadoff single by sophomore **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** in the fourth inning - and they hurt their cause by committing three errors in the field. The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was cancelled due to the cold weather conditions.

The Bulls then traveled to Marshall for a three-game Mid-American Conference series that was originally scheduled to be played in Buffalo but was switched to Huntington, WV due to the snow and wet field conditions at the UB Softball Stadium. The Bulls dropped both ends of a doubleheader on Friday, March 29 by 4-3 and 7-1 scores, despite getting five hits from Nasti and four hits from sophomore **Marce Ross (Innisfil, Ontario/St. Peter's)** on the afternoon. In Saturday's single game, Nasti got Buffalo on the board first with a two-out solo home run in the first inning, but Marshall exploded for seven runs in the third to take control of the game. Nasti scored on a wild pitch in the seventh inning to end the game in a 7-2 Marshall win.

SETTING THE TABLE

Against Marshall, sophomores **Marce Ross (Innisfil, Ontario/St. Peter's)** and **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** teamed up to score three of Buffalo's six runs in the three-game series. Ross, Buffalo's leadoff hitter, reached base three times and came around to score on hits by Nasti, batting in Buffalo's third spot in the lineup. Nasti has a team-leading nine RBIs on the season, including three home runs. She has driven in Ross for four of her six other RBIs. Ross has four runs scored on the season, all thanks to hits by Nasti.

EVANS LEADING THE PITCHING STAFF

Freshman **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** struck out nine batters in 11 and two-thirds innings of Buffalo's three-game series at Marshall over the weekend, giving her a team-leading 18 strikeouts on the season. Evans struck out three consecutive batters to get out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth inning of Saturday's single game against the Thundering Herd. Evans has appeared in six games and has pitched a team-high 28.2 innings so far this season.

HOME SCHEDULE SET TO BEGIN

The Bulls host Canisius in a 3 pm doubleheader on Tuesday, April 2 in their home opener at the UB Softball Stadium. Buffalo will then play a doubleheader at Colgate on Wednesday, April 3 before hosting St. Bonaventure on Friday, April 5 and Western Michigan in a three-game MAC series on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7.

2002 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

March

at Charleston Southern Tournament (Charleston, SC)

Sun., 3	vs. Charleston Southern	L, 6-7 (9)
	vs. Central Florida	cancelled
	vs. Furman	cancelled

at National Invitational Softball Tournament (San Jose, CA)

Fri., 8	vs. No. 7 Arizona State	L, 0-2
	vs. Northern Iowa	L, 0-5
	vs. San Jose State	W, 3-2 (8)
Sat., 9	vs. UNC-Greensboro	L, 0-6
	vs. Syracuse	L, 4-9
Sat., 23	at Ohio* (DH)	L, 0-8; L, 3-11
Sun., 24	at Ohio*	L, 0-3
Mon., 25	at Canisius	L, 0-9
Fri., 29	at Marshall* (DH)	L, 3-4; L, 1-7
Sat., 30	at Marshall*	L, 2-7

April

Tues., 2	CANISIUS (DH)	3 pm
Wed., 3	at Colgate (DH)	3:30 pm
Fri., 5	ST. BONAVENTURE (DH)	3 pm
Sat., 6	WESTERN MICHIGAN* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 7	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	1 pm
Sat., 13	at Northern Illinois* (DH)	2 pm
Sun., 14	at Northern Illinois*	2 pm
Sat., 20	KENT STATE* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 21	KENT STATE*	1 pm
Mon., 22	NIAGARA (DH)	3 pm
Thur., 25	at St. Bonaventure (DH)	3 pm
Sat., 27	at Bowling Green* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 28	at Bowling Green*	1 pm
Tue., 30	at Akron* (DH)	2 pm

May

Wed., 1	at Akron*	2 pm
Sat., 4	MIAMI (OH)*	2 pm
Sun., 5	MIAMI (OH)* (DH)	12 pm
Thur., 9-	at MAC Championships	TBA
Sat., 11	(at Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH)	

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

*Denotes Mid-American Conference games

(DH) Denotes doubleheader

All times Eastern