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Softball



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**Current record – 14-16 Overall (4-8 Mid-American)**

## BULLS TAKE ONE GAME OF THREE-GAME SERIES AT CMU

The University at Buffalo softball team took the opening game of a three-game weekend series against the defending Mid-American Conference champion Central Michigan, silencing the Chippewas in a 2-0 shutout on Friday afternoon. Sophomore pitcher **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** pitched a three-hitter and RBI-singles by junior **Allison Round (Markham, Ontario/Markham District)** in the fifth inning and freshman **Lauren Picciano (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)** in the sixth inning proved to be all that the Bulls would need to earn the impressive victory. The Chippewas advanced a runner to second base in the bottom of the seventh, but Evans got Natalie de la Vega to fly out to center field to end the game and pick up her ninth win and fifth shutout of the season.

CMU took both ends of Saturday's doubleheader, 5-2 and 7-0. Junior **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** led the Buffalo offense with three hits on the afternoon, including a 2-for-3 performance with a double and one run scored in game one. Senior **Kelly Malone (Waterford, MI/Waterford Kettering)** doubled to drive in Nasti with the first run of game one in the fourth inning, and the Bulls then went up 2-0 in the sixth on a solo home run to right field by Round, her first of the season, but the Chippewas put five runs across the plate in the bottom of the sixth to earn the come-from-behind win. Senior **Andrea Sage (Depew, NY/Depew)** suffered the loss for the Bulls despite giving up just one earned run on five hits while striking out seven.

## BULLS DOMINATE CANISIUS

Buffalo played two solid games to earn a doubleheader sweep of local rival Canisius College at the UB Softball Stadium on Wednesday afternoon. The Bulls exploded for nine runs in the final three innings of game one for a 9-1 win before using a five-run third inning to overcome a two-run deficit in the nightcap, finally taking that game by a 6-4 margin. Junior **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** led the Bulls' offense on the afternoon with a combined 3-for-4 performance from the plate with three runs scored and two RBIs. Junior **Marce Ross (Innisfil, Ontario/St. Peter's)** and senior **Jessica Kensy (Cheektowaga, NY/Maryvale)** also drove in two runs apiece, and freshman **Lauren Picciano (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)** was 3-for-6 with two runs scored on the afternoon.

## EVANS ESTABLISHES NEW SINGLE-SEASON STRIKEOUT RECORD

Sophomore pitcher **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** struck out eight batters in the opening game of Wednesday's doubleheader against Canisius to break her own school record for strikeouts in a season. Evans now has 112 strikeouts on the year after recording 101 strikeouts all of last season in her freshman campaign. Evans is also UB's career strikeout leader with 213 Ks.

## NASTI ON SIX-GAME HITTING STREAK

Junior **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** is currently riding a six-game hitting streak, and she has recorded at least one hit in 13 of Buffalo's last 16 games dating back to the start of the MAC season. Additionally, she has at least one hit in nine of Buffalo's 12 league games to date. Over her last six games, Nasti has hit .563 (9-for-16) to raise her season batting average to a team-leading .381 on the year. She also leads the Bulls in hits (32), runs scored (tied with teammate **Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)**, 15), doubles (eight), total bases (40), slugging percentage (.476) and on-base percentage (.475).

## UP NEXT

The Bulls are now scheduled to play doubleheaders at St. Bonaventure on Tuesday, April 22 and at Niagara on Wednesday, April 23 before getting back to MAC play with a three-game home series against Miami (OH) on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26.

## 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) postponed  
Thur., 27 NIAGARA (DH) W, 1-0; W, 10-2  
Sun., 30 at Kent State\* L, 0-2  
Mon., 31 at Kent State\* (DH) L, 1-13; L, 1-2

### April

Wed., 2 COLGATE (DH) postponed  
Sat., 5 NORTHERN ILLINOIS\* (DH) cancelled  
Sun., 6 EASTERN MICHIGAN\* (DH) cancelled  
Tue., 8 ST. BONAVENTURE (DH) postponed  
Sat., 12 OHIO\* (DH) W, 3-2; L, 0-2  
Sun., 13 OHIO\* W, 5-4  
Wed., 16 CANISIUS (DH) W, 9-1; W, 6-4  
Fri., 18 at Central Michigan\* W, 2-0  
Sat., 19 at Central Michigan\* (DH) L, 2-5; L, 0-7  
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