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Softball



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**Current record – 15-23 Overall (8-5 Mid-American Conference)**

## BULLS ON A STREAK

The University at Buffalo softball team improved to 15-23 overall and 8-5 in the Mid-American Conference after going an undefeated 3-0 last week. The Bulls earned a 2-0 win over Central Michigan on Wednesday and then swept a non-conference doubleheader at Youngstown State on Thursday, 9-0 and 8-1. The second game of the Central Michigan doubleheader and the three-game weekend series against Miami (OH) were cancelled due to rain and wet field conditions.

Following its 3-0 week, Buffalo is currently riding a five-game winning streak, the longest in its Division I era. The Bulls have won nine of their last 11 games and 11 of their last 15.

## BULLS KNOCK OFF LEAGUE-LEADING CENTRAL MICHIGAN

The Bulls scored both of their runs in Wednesday's 2-0 win over Central Michigan in the bottom of the fifth inning following a 50-minute rain delay that was called with one out and a 3-1 count on sophomore **Mary Russell (Apalachin, NY/Owego Free Academy)**. When play resumed, Russell drew a walk and freshman **Marcy Hansen (Claremont, CA/Claremont)** hit a sharp single to first with two outs, putting two on for senior **Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott/Connecticut)**. With a 3-2 count and the runners moving, Magur hit a blooper into right field, scoring the first run of the game. Freshman **Lacy Schneider (Idyllwild, CA/Hemet)** followed with another single to right field, scoring Hansen with the insurance run before Magur was thrown out at the plate to end the inning. Sophomore **Sophie Barstad (Canby, OR/Canby)** earned the win on the mound, allowing just three hits while striking out one. The game was called after the top of the sixth inning after a second rain delay lasting 25 minutes.

## EVANS RECORDS 500TH CAREER STRIKEOUT

Senior **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** recorded her 500th career strikeout in the second inning of the Bulls' 9-0 shutout at Youngstown State on Thursday. She entered the game with 498 career Ks and struck out the first two batters in the bottom of the second for her 500th strikeout. Evans is UB's single-season and career strikeout leader, and she holds virtually every school single-season and career pitching record. This season, she has seven wins, three shutouts, two saves, a 2.36 earned run average and 88 strikeouts in 130.1 innings.

## HOME RUN HAPPY

The Bulls hit four home runs in the doubleheader against Youngstown State on Thursday, including three by freshman **Laura Kor (Beaverton, OR/Westview)**. Kor and sophomore **Mary Russell (Apalachin, NY/Owego Free Academy)** hit solo shots to left field in back-to-back innings in game one. Russell's homer was the first of her career. Kor then hit a three-run homer in the fourth and a solo shot in the sixth in game two.

Kor leads the Bulls with five home runs so far this season. Breanne Nasti set the school's single-season home run record when she hit 10 as a freshman in 2001.

## UP NEXT

The Bulls host St. Bonaventure in a non-conference doubleheader at 3 pm at Nan Harvey Field on Wednesday, April 27 before traveling to Bowling Green for a three-game Mid-American Conference series on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1.

## 2005 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

### February

at Arizona State Kajikawa Classic (Tempe, AZ)

Fri., 11	vs. New Mexico	cancelled
Fri., 11	at Arizona State	cancelled
Sat., 12	vs. Texas	cancelled
Sat., 12	vs. Fresno State	cancelled
Sun., 13	vs. Sacramento State	cancelled

at Houston Tournament (Houston, TX)

Fri., 25	vs. Central Connecticut	W, 3-1
Fri., 25	at Houston	L, 3-6
Sat., 26	vs. Northern Illinois	L, 0-3
Sun., 27	at Houston	L, 0-5
Sun., 27	vs. Central Connecticut	L, 0-5

### March

at Western Kentucky Invitational (Bowling Green, KY)

Fri., 4	vs. Indiana	L, 0-4
Fri., 4	at Western Kentucky	W, 2-1
Sat., 5	vs. Austin Peay	L, 0-3
Sat., 5	vs. Tennessee-Martin	L, 1-6
Sun., 6	vs. Austin Peay	L, 1-6

at South Florida Speedline Classic (Clearwater, FL)

Thur., 10	vs. Massachusetts	L, 2-9 (9 inn.)
Thur., 10	vs. Brigham Young	L, 1-4
Fri., 11	vs. Illinois-Chicago	L, 4-8
Fri., 11	vs. Jacksonville	W, 3-2
Sat., 12	vs. Pittsburgh	L, 0-1
Sun., 13	vs. Villanova	L, 0-3
Wed., 16	at South Florida (DH)	cancelled

at Bethune-Cookman Tournament (Daytona Beach, FL)

Fri., 18	at Bethune-Cookman	L, 0-4
Fri., 18	vs. Elon	W, 2-0
Sat., 19	vs. Connecticut	L, 0-1
Sat., 19	vs. Fordham	L, 0-8
Sun., 20	vs. UTEP	L, 0-2
Fri., 25	at Marshall* (DH)	L, 1-4; L, 0-4
Sat., 26	at Marshall*	W, 3-2
Wed., 30	at Eastern Michigan* (DH)	L, 1-3; W, 9-0

### April

Sun., 3	at Kent State*	cancelled
Mon., 4	at Kent State* (DH)	L, 0-1; W, 6-4
Sat., 9	AKRON* (DH)	W, 2-1; W, 2-0
Sun., 10	AKRON*	L, 1-3
Mon., 11	CANISIUS (DH)	W, 1-0 (8); L, 2-7
Sat., 16	at Northern Illinois* (DH)	W, 2-1; W, 5-1
Wed., 20	CENTRAL MICHIGAN* (DH)	W, 2-0; cancelled
Thur., 21	at Youngstown State (DH)	W, 9-0; W, 8-1
Sun., 24	MIAMI (OH)* (DH)	cancelled
Mon., 25	MIAMI (OH)*	cancelled
Wed., 27	ST. BONAVENTURE (DH)	3 pm
Sat., 30	at Bowling Green* (DH)	1 pm

### May

Sun., 1	at Bowling Green*	1 pm
Tue., 3	at Niagara (DH)	3 pm
Sat., 7	OHIO* (DH)	1 pm
Sun., 8	OHIO*	1 pm
Wed., 11-	at MAC Championships	TBA
Sat., 14	(Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH)	

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

All times Eastern

\*Denotes MAC games

(DH) Denotes doubleheader