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Softball



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Current record – 17-17 Overall (6-9 Mid-American)

BULLS END MIAMI'S WINNING STREAK WITH DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP

The University at Buffalo softball team ended Miami's nine-game winning streak by sweeping a doubleheader from the visiting RedHawks on Saturday afternoon. The Bulls earned a 1-0 win in game one and then held on for a 3-2 win in game two to improve to 17-17 overall and 6-9 in the Mid-American Conference. Junior **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** led the Buffalo offense with three hits, one run scored and one RBI on the afternoon while extending her current hitting streak to 10 games. The Bulls recorded their only two hits in game one in the first inning with junior **Dominique Jones (Jamesville, NY/Jamesville-DeWitt)** hitting a single to left and then coming around to score on a double by Nasti, her 11th double of the season. Buffalo got on the board early in game two also, with sophomore **Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)** leading off the bottom of the first with a double to right center and then scoring on a double to right by senior **Kelly Malone (Waterford, MI/Waterford Kettering)**. The RedHawks took advantage of two Buffalo errors in the top of the fourth to tie the game at 1-1, but the Bulls went back on top with a two-run, three-hit sixth inning. Nasti led off the inning with a single through the right side of the infield and then moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)**. Freshman **Lauren Picciano (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)** followed with a bunt single that moved Nasti to third. Picciano then broke for second base where nobody was covering as Miami's Jessica Zogaib tried to catch up to her and tag her out, and Nasti ran home and beat Zogaib's throw to the plate for Buffalo's second run of the game. Junior **Jessica Labella (Kings Park, NY/Kings Park)** then singled to right to score Picciano with the eventual game-winning run. Miami's Allison Maxey led off the top of the seventh with a solo home run to straightaway center field for the RedHawks' last run of the game.

The RedHawks took a 4-0 decision from the Bulls in the series opener on Friday night, doing all of their damage in the fifth inning with a two-out rally, highlighted by a three-run home run by Chelsie McWhorter.

BULLS BEAT NIAGARA, 5-1; SET STOLEN BASE RECORDS

The Bulls earned their third win of the season over local rival Niagara University on Wednesday by a 5-1 score. Offensively for the Bulls, junior **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** and freshman **Lauren Picciano (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)** each finished with two hits in the game, while senior **Kelly Malone (Waterford, MI/Waterford Kettering)** drove in two runs with a third-inning single. As a team, the Bulls stole a UB single-game record six bases in the win, including three by junior **Marce Ross (Innisfil, Ontario/St. Peter's)**. Ross' three steals are also a school single-game record. She has a team-high seven stolen bases on the season and 15 career stolen bases, tied for fifth all-time at UB.

SAGE, ROBBINS TURN IN STRONG PERFORMANCES

Senior pitcher **Andrea Sage (Depew, NY/Depew)** allowed just six hits and struck out six in the complete-game 1-0 victory over Miami in game one of Saturday's doubleheader. The shutout was the first of Sage's collegiate career. Junior **Heather Robbins (West Bloomfield, MI/West Bloomfield)** also turned in a strong performance in game two on Saturday, pitching the complete game and allowing six hits and striking out four for her third win of the year.

UP NEXT

The Bulls are at Western Michigan for a 3 pm doubleheader on Tuesday, April 29 before returning home for their final three-game series of the regular season against Akron on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4. Saturday's doubleheader and Sunday's single game will both begin at 1 pm. In-between games one and two on Saturday, there will be a special ceremony during which the UB Softball Stadium will be renamed Nan Harvey Field in recognition of a monetary gift from Nan Harvey, UB Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator.

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) cancelled
Wed., 23 at Niagara W, 5-1
Fri., 25 MIAMI (OH)* L, 0-4
Sat., 26 MIAMI (OH)* (DH) W, 1-0; W, 3-2
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