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Softball



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**Current record – 17-26 Overall (8-8 Mid-American Conference)**

## BULLS SWEEP ST. BONAVENTURE

The University at Buffalo softball team began the week with a non-conference doubleheader sweep of visiting St. Bonaventure on Wednesday, 3-1 and 7-0. Freshman **Lacy Schneider (Idyllwild, CA/Hemet)** was 2-for-3 in game one while freshman **Marcy Hansen (Claremont, CA/Claremont)** was 2-for-3 in game two to lead the Bulls' offense. Buffalo had just three hits in game one before exploding for seven hits in game two. The Bulls took advantage of St. Bonaventure's five errors, five passed balls and one wild pitch on the day to extend their winning streak to seven games, the longest in the program's history.

## BULLS DROP THREE GAMES AT BOWLING GREEN

Following their doubleheader sweep of St. Bonaventure, the Bulls saw their seven-game winning streak come to an abrupt end over the weekend when they dropped all three games of their series at Bowling Green. The Falcons earned two shutout wins in Saturday's doubleheader, 1-0 in eight innings and 8-0 in five innings, and then finished things off with a 2-1 win on Sunday. Freshman **Marcy Hansen (Claremont, CA/Claremont)** was a combined 4-for-8 on the weekend to lead the offense. She has now hit safely in nine of the last 10 games.

## HANSEN TIES SINGLE-GAME STOLEN BASE RECORD; RUSSELL BECOMES CAREER STOLEN BASE LEADER

Freshman **Marcy Hansen (Claremont, CA/Claremont)** had three stolen bases in the Bulls' 7-0 win over St. Bonaventure on Wednesday, tying the UB single-game record set by Marce Ross against Niagara on April 23, 2003. Hansen is 10-for-13 in stolen bases this season. Junior **Lauren Picciano (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott)** (12-for-13) and sophomore **Mary Russell (Apalachin, NY/Owego Free Academy)** (12-for-12) lead the team with 12 stolen bases apiece so far this season. Russell had a stolen base at Bowling Green on Sunday to become UB's career stolen base leader with 27, passing Ross who had 26 steals during her four-year career from 2001-04. Russell also holds UB's single-season stolen base record of 15, set last year.

## BARSTAD NAMED MAC EAST PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore pitcher **Sophie Barstad (Canby, OR/Canby)** was named the Mid-American Conference East Division Pitcher of the Week last Monday, April 25. The honor was the first of Barstad's career and the first for a UB softball player this season. Barstad went 2-0 in two appearances on the week, including a three-hit 2-0 shutout of league-leading Central Michigan on Wednesday, April 20. The loss was only the second conference loss of the season for the Chippewas, who continue to stand atop the MAC West Division standings with a 14-5 league record. Barstad also pitched a complete-game 8-1 win in the nightcap of a doubleheader sweep at Youngstown State on Thursday, April 21. For the week, she allowed just one run in 13.0 innings pitched for a 0.54 ERA while striking out six. Barstad currently has a 9-10 overall record with a 2.22 ERA and 68 strikeouts this season. In MAC games only, she is 5-3 with three shutouts and a 1.54 ERA.

## UP NEXT

The Bulls are at Niagara on Tuesday for a non-conference doubleheader before concluding the regular season with a three-game series against Ohio at Nan Harvey Field on Saturday and Sunday. The Bulls are currently tied with Kent State for sixth place overall in the Mid-American Conference standings and are in good position to make their first-ever MAC Tournament appearance. The top eight teams advance to the tournament that begins on Wednesday, May 11 at Firestone Stadium in Akron, OH.

## 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*	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 inn.); 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)	W, 3-1; W, 7-0
Sat., 30	at Bowling Green* (DH)	L, 0-1 (8 inn.); L, 0-8

### May

Sun., 1	at Bowling Green*	L, 1-2
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