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Softball



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Final record – 13-25 Overall (8-16 Mid-American)

BULLS HAVE BEST FINISH IN MAC IN 2002

The University at Buffalo softball team ended the 2002 campaign, their best yet in the Division I era, with a 13-25 overall record and an 8-16 record in the Mid-American Conference (sixth place in the East and 11th place overall). They ended the year by winning four of their last five games and eight of their last 13. Last week, Buffalo won one of three games at MAC East Division champion Akron, 9-0 on Tuesday, and then swept Miami (OH) in a three-game series on Saturday and Sunday, 2-0, 6-0 and 4-2.

NASTI, EVANS SET SCHOOL RECORDS

Sophomore **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** went 3-for-4 with a double and a triple in the Bulls' season finale against Miami on Sunday to end the year with a UB single-season record .451 batting average (51-for-113). That mark also currently stands as the Mid-American Conference single-season record, and Nasti's current .406 career batting average also ranks No. 1 on the MAC career list. Freshman pitcher **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** picked up her team-leading seventh win of the year on the mound against the RedHawks on Sunday, and she struck out five batters to give herself a UB single-season record 101 strikeouts on the season.

MAGUR, NASTI IN RUNNING FOR MAC SPECIALTY AWARDS

Sophomore **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** and freshman **Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott/Connecticut)** both completed successful 2002 seasons that have them in the running for All-MAC honors. Nasti is a candidate for MAC Player of the Year honors after setting a school and conference record with a .451 batting average on the season. Nasti ended the year hitting safely in 16 of her last 17 games, hitting .500 during that stretch (29-for-58) and stringing together a 14-game hitting streak from April 14 to May 1. She hit .486 and had an .892 slugging percentage in MAC games only, and she recorded at least one hit in 19 of 24 MAC games with 13 multiple-hit and six multiple-RBI performances in league play.

Magur is a candidate for MAC Freshman of the Year honors after ending the year hitting .450 in her last 12 games (18-for-40) to raise her season average to .342. She also drove in 17 runs in the last 12 games to tie Nasti for the team lead with 25 total RBIs on the season. Magur had 10 multiple-hit games and seven multiple-RBI games on the year. In MAC games only, she hit .370 with 27 hits, 14 RBIs, nine doubles, one triple and two home runs. She also provided the Bulls with solid defensive play all season long in center field, making 52 putouts and recording five assists in 59 chances for a .966 fielding percentage.

The All-MAC teams and the MAC specialty award winners will be announced on Wednesday, May 8 prior to the start of the 2002 MAC Softball Championship in Akron, OH.

AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The University at Buffalo softball team announced its 2002 team awards at UB's annual Athletic Awards Banquet, held at Samuel's Grande Manor on Sunday, April 28. Sophomore **Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)** earned Most Valuable Player honors, freshman **Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)** was named Top Newcomer, freshman **Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott/Connecticut)** was named Most Improved and freshman **Melissa Pace (Long Beach, CA/Millikan)** received the team's Coach's Award.

2002 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

March

at Charleston Southern Tournament

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

at National Invitational Softball Tournament

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

Sat., 6	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	L, 1-2
Sun., 7	W. MICHIGAN* (DH)	W, 2-1 (12); L, 4-6
Tue., 9	at Colgate	L, 9-10
Wed., 10	ST. BONAVENTURE (DH)	W, 5-4; W, 6-1
Sat., 13	at Northern Illinois* (DH)	L, 0-9; L, 1-9
Sun., 14	at Northern Illinois*	L, 1-6
Sat., 20	KENT STATE* (DH)	W, 5-0; L, 0-1
Sun., 21	KENT STATE*	L, 4-6
Tues., 23	CANISIUS (DH)	W, 2-1 (10); L, 3-9
Thur., 25	at St. Bonaventure (DH)	cancelled
Fri., 26	NIAGARA (DH)	W, 4-0; L, 4-6
Sat., 27	at Bowling Green* (DH)	W, 6-1; W, 7-4
Sun., 28	at Bowling Green*	L, 7-10
Tue., 30	at Akron* (DH)	L, 2-3; W, 9-0

May

Wed., 1	at Akron*	L, 0-6
Sat., 4	MIAMI (OH)* (DH)	W, 2-0; W, 6-0
Sun., 5	MIAMI (OH)*	W, 4-2

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

*Denotes Mid-American Conference games

(DH) Denotes doubleheader

All times Eastern