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Softball



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BULLS END SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The University at Buffalo softball team won seven of its final nine games of the 2004 season to finish with a 25-23 overall record and an 11-10 record in the MAC, marking their most successful season in their five-year Division I history. The 25 wins are the most ever recorded in a season in UB softball history, and the Bulls also finished over .500 for the first time in their Division I tenure. Buffalo's 11 MAC wins are the most it has recorded in one season league play, surpassing the eight wins the Bulls had in 2002 and improving on their 7-13 conference record from one year ago. The Bulls finished in seventh place in the league standings, falling just shy of making the six-team MAC Tournament field for the first time.

BULLS SWEEP TOLEDO IN SEASON FINALE

The Bulls finished the 2004 season with a doubleheader sweep at Toledo on Saturday, winning game one by a 6-1 score and taking the nightcap by a 1-0 margin.

Buffalo jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in game one, highlighted by a two-run triple by junior *Melissa Pace (Long Beach, CA/Millikan)* in the first inning. Senior *Marce Ross (Innisfil, Ontario/St. Peter's)* and junior *Ann Magur (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott/Connecticut)* then each drove in a run in a three-run fourth inning. Freshman pitcher *Sophie Barstad (Canby, OR/Canby)* went the distance on the mound for the Bulls, allowing just four hits and striking out four.

The only scoring in game two came with one out in the top of the fourth inning when Magur belted her third home run of the season to give the Bulls a 1-0 lead. Junior *Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)* shut the Rockets down, pitching the first no-hitter of her career and tying her career high with 12 strikeouts.

BULLS SPLIT WITH BALL STATE

On Wednesday, the Bulls split at doubleheader at Ball State, taking a 5-0 decision in the opener before falling by a 2-1 score in the nightcap.

In the opener, senior *Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)* led the Bulls' offense by going 3-for-4 with three RBIs. The Bulls got on the board with one run in the fourth and then exploded for four insurance runs in the seventh to seal the victory, highlighted by a three-run double to left center by Nasti. Junior *Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)* pitched the complete game and allowed just two hits while striking out eight.

The Cardinals struck early in game two, scoring twice on four hits in the bottom of the first inning. The Bulls got on the board in the top of the sixth inning when senior *Marce Ross (Innisfil, Ontario/St. Peter's)* hit a solo home run, her second of the season, but that was the only run the Bulls could get. Evans went the distance for the Bulls again, allowing seven hits and striking out three.

EVANS FINISHES SEASON WITH FIRST CAREER NO-HITTER

Junior *Stacey Evans (Collinsville, IL/Triad)* has flirted with no-hitters on numerous occasions during her three-year career, but she finally got one on Saturday in the Bulls' season finale at Toledo. Evans allowed no hits in a complete-game 1-0 win while also tying her career high with 12 strikeouts. She finished the year with a UB single-season record 178 strikeouts. Her 29 appearances, 13 wins, 182.1 innings pitched, nine shutouts and 1.38 earned run average in 2004 are also school records. Evans is a candidate for MAC Pitcher of the Year honors.

NASTI CONCLUDES STELLAR FOUR-YEAR CAREER

Senior *Breanne Nasti (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)* finished her storied four-year career as the best hitter in Buffalo softball history. Nasti stands atop virtually every UB single-season and career batting record list, including career batting average (.387), career home runs (27) and career RBIs (113). Her 27 career homers rank second all-time in the history of the MAC, and her 46 career doubles are tied for fourth and her 113 career RBIs are 10th all-time in the league.

2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

February

at Georgia Invitational (Athens, GA)

Fri., 13	vs. Virginia Tech	L, 0-5
	vs. Appalachian State	W, 6-5
Sat., 14	at Georgia	cancelled

at Frost Classic (Chattanooga, TN)

Fri., 27	vs. Alabama	L, 3-6
	vs. Wisconsin	L, 2-4
Sat., 28	vs. Tennessee Tech	L, 1-4
	at Tennessee-Chattanooga	W, 5-1 (8 inn)
Sun., 29	vs. North Texas	W, 2-1
	vs. Tennessee-Martin	L, 1-2 (8 inn)

March

at Arizona State Tournament (Tempe, AZ)

Fri., 5	vs. New Mexico State	W, 5-3 (8 inn)
	at Arizona State	L, 0-8
Sat., 6	vs. New Mexico State	W, 5-4 (8 inn)
	at Arizona State	L, 0-6
Sun., 7	vs. New Mexico State	W, 4-3
	at Arizona State	L, 0-10
Wed., 17	at UC-Riverside (DH)	cancelled

at San Diego Classic (San Diego, CA)

Fri., 19	vs. Indiana	L, 1-2
	vs. Dartmouth	W, 1-0
Sat., 20	vs. Southern Utah	L, 3-4
	at San Diego	W, 7-4
Sun., 21	vs. San Diego State	L, 0-6
Thur., 25	at Canisius (DH)	L, 1-4; W, 3-0
Sat., 27	at Miami (OH)* (DH)	W, 2-1; L, 4-6
Sun., 28	at Miami (OH)*	L, 0-1

April

Sat., 3	KENT STATE* (DH)	cancelled
Sun., 4	KENT STATE*	cancelled
Wed., 7	at Niagara (DH)	postponed
Fri., 9	at Akron*	W, 2-0
Sat., 10	at Akron* (DH)	W, 4-0; L, 0-3
Thur., 15	BOWLING GREEN* (DH)	W, 1-0; L, 0-4
Sat., 17	at Ohio* (DH)	L, 0-1 (12 inn); L, 1-2
Sun., 18	at Ohio*	W, 2-1
Wed., 21	at Columbia (DH)	W, 1-0; L, 1-5
Thur., 22	at Stony Brook (DH)	W, 9-3; W, 10-1
Sat., 24	WESTERN MICHIGAN* (DH)	L, 0-2; W, 2-1
Sun., 25	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	L, 2-4 (8 inn)
Wed., 28	at St. Bonaventure (DH)	W, 7-4; W, 5-1

May

Sat., 1	MARSHALL* (DH)	W, 5-0; W, 5-2
Sun., 2	MARSHALL*	L, 3-5
Wed., 5	at Ball State* (DH)	W, 5-0; L, 1-2
Sat., 8	at Toledo* (DH)	W, 6-1; W, 1-0

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

All times Eastern

*Denotes MAC games

(DH) Denotes doubleheader