



## BULLS LOOK TO GO FURTHER IN POSTSEASON PLAY

The Bulls return 17 letterwinners for the 2000 season and will be led by six seniors. In addition, UB has a strong group of newcomers to help solidify the program in the coming years. The 2000 season should be one of both experienced play and learning as the Bulls look to make a run at the Mid-American Conference championship and beyond.

UB looks to build from a disappointing ending to a successful 1999 season that saw the Bulls finish in fourth place in the MAC regular season standings after a school-record 12-game unbeaten streak to start the year. But the Bulls were eliminated in the first round of the MAC Tournament in a double overtime loss to Ohio, which has left the Bulls hungry for more entering this season and looking for more than just an appearance in the conference tournament.

The teams' strength will be the defensive side of the field which was strong last year and should remain so this season. The Bulls have also added some depth and quickness to the middle of the field with new recruits. Following is a look at the team by position:

### Goalkeeper

Leading the way at the keeper position is senior **Jaime Adams (Rochester, NY/Greece Athena)**. A second team All-MAC selection last season, Adams started in 17 of the 19 games and had a goals against average of 0.81. She recorded 95 saves on the season for an average of 5.59 per game while allowing just 14 goals against. She also recorded eight shutouts on the season.

Backing her up and pushing for time between the pipes will be **Emily Cox (Fairport, NY/Fairport)**. A freshman last year, Cox started in two games and saw action in over 200 minutes, only allowing two goals over that time for a goals against average of 0.85. With those kind of numbers, Cox could see more time at keeper this season.

### Defenders

**Linnaea DiNallo (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa)** leads a strong Bulls defense going into the season. DiNallo, a first team Northeast Region All-American and first team All-MAC selection last year, helped guide the Bulls to a ranking of 22nd in the nation in team defense. Much of that can be credited to DiNallo's leadership in the back.

Also playing defense will be senior **Cheri Rogers (Rochester, NY/Greece Athena)** and sophomores **Meghan Maul (Dix Hills, NY/Half Hollow Hills)**, **Christine Hunter (Oakville, Ontario/White Oaks)** and **Megan Hosey (Spencerport, NY/Spencerport)**.

Rogers missed some games early last year, but started in the last 11 games of the season and gives the Bulls another experienced player in the back. Hunter, Hosey and Maul saw action in roughly half the games last season, but should all see increased roles this year.

Newcomers who will be looked at for playing time on the defensive side include **Robin Aparo (Victor, NY/Victor Central)**, **Devon Russell (Albany, NY/Academy of the Holy Names)**, **Theresa Potenza (Williamsville, NY/Williamsville East)** and **Zita McKenna (Oakville, Ontario/Irquois Ridge)**. All of these newcomers could see time in the back to help solidify an already strong defense.

### Midfield

The midfield area is stacked with experience and talent. **Heather Collins (Amherst, NY/Sweet Home)** and **Paula Listrani (Rochester, NY/Greece Athena)** are two seniors expected to lead the team from this position. Collins is a three-year starter who knows how to lead the team on the field. She played in 16 games last season and recorded one goal and three assists.

She will be helped in the midfield by first team All-MAC player Paula Listrani. A first team Northeast Region All-American last year, Listrani is on pace to become the top scorer in UB women's soccer history. Last year, she recorded 13 goals and 10 assists, only the second player to ever have 10 or

more in both categories in UB history. She is currently fourth on the all-time points scored list for UB and needs just 25 points to become the school's all-time leader.

Also returning in the midfield position will be senior **Jennifer Keefe (Elmira, NY/Elmira Free Academy)** and sophomore **Elizabeth Pfeffer (Liverpool, NY/Cicero North Syracuse)**. Keefe played in 18 games last season and can be expected to see time in every game this year as well. Pfeffer got her career off to a great start, scoring 10 goals and two assists on the season, including a hat trick against Detroit Mercy.

**Paula Sinclair (Hamilton, Ontario/Barton Secondary)** is another player who could see time in the midfield position. Her versatility allows her to play virtually every position on the field and helps the team in terms of depth.

Newcomers who may play in the middle of the field include **Eric McGarry (Burnt Hills, NY/Burnt Hill-Ballston Lake)**, who will see time on the outside with her great touch with her left foot. **Nicole Olszewski (Lancaster, NY/Lancaster)**, **Lindsay Mislin (Tonawanda, NY/Tonawanda)**, **Kelly Damon (West Seneca, NY/West Seneca East)** and **Darrah Graziano (Greece, NY/Greece-Athena)** are all midfielders who give the team depth with added speed and quickness.

### Forward

Returning in the front for the Bulls are sophomores **Andrea Sullivan (Dublin, OH/Dublin Coffman)** and **Samantha Swerdloff (Montclair, NJ/Montclair)**. Last season, Swerdloff exploded onto the scene early in the year, scoring goals in six of the first seven games. She finished the year with eight goals and four assists on the year. Swerdloff, along with Listrani and Pfeffer, became the highest scoring trio in UB history as all eclipsed the 20-point mark last season.

Sullivan played in 17 games on the season and finished with three assists, providing a good combination up front with Swerdloff.

**Lauren West (Niskayuna, NY/Niskayuna)** and **Emily Russell (Albany, NY/Academy of the Holy Names)** are two newcomers to the team who add both speed and quickness to the front line.

One of the main goals of the program under Coach Tassy's leadership has always been team unity. That hasn't changed this season as the cast of newcomers will blend with the veterans to give the Bulls both experience for this season and learning for the future.



Senior goalkeeper Jaime Adams will be a key to the Bulls' success this season.