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## Women's Tennis



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**Current record – 4-4 Overall, 0-2 MAC**

### BULLS OPEN MAC SLATE WITH TOUGH LOSSES

The University at Buffalo women's tennis team opened the Mid-American Conference portion of the schedule with a pair of tough losses on the home courts. UB played impressively in matches against league rivals Bowling Green and Ball State but came away with a pair of defeats, 4-3 to the Falcons and 5-2 to the Cardinals. However, there were some bright spots in both matches.

In Friday's match against Ball State, the Bulls won the top three singles matches. Number one **Miglana Nenova (Rousse, Bulgaria/Eurointellect)** fell behind in the first set, 2-1, but was able to defeat Susie Schoenberger, 6-3, 6-4. **Kristen Ortman (Amherst, NY/Amherst)** had little trouble knocking off Heidi Romer, 6-1, 6-0. In the most exciting match of the day, **Katrin Fischer (Ternitz, Austria/Borg)**, at number three, needed three sets to defeat Cameron Benjamin, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4, after trailing 3-2 in the final set.

On Saturday, although the Bulls dropped a 5-2 decision to Ball State, it was not without heroics from Nenova and Ortman. UB's top two singles players posted impressive come-from-behind victories for the Bulls' lone points. Nenova won the opening game of the first set against the Cardinals' Melissa Roach, but dropped the next six, losing the set 6-1. Nenova then rallied to win the second set, 6-4, after falling behind early again. In the exhausting third set finale, Nenova trailed Roach 4-1 before mounting another rally and winning the next five games, including breaking Roach of her serve in the final game, taking the set, 6-4. The win kept intact Nenova's unbeaten mark in dual meet competition, which now stands at 8-0.

Meanwhile, Ortman also started slowly in her match against Jenny Batty, dropping the opening set, 6-3. Ortman then started a comeback of her own, bageling Batty in the second set, 6-0, before taking the third set, 6-3. Ortman is now 6-2 in dual meets, including 4-0 when playing at the number two slot.

The Bulls are off for the next two weeks. They head to Tampa for spring break matches the week of March 14. UB faces Wisconsin-Green Bay on March 14 and Dayton on March 19 on neutral courts. The Bulls will also tangle with Division II power Tampa on March 17.

#### 2003-04 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September		
Sun., 14	at Rochester	W, 7-0
Sun., 21	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W, 7-0
Fri.-Sun., 26-28	CAN-AM TOURNAMENT	No team scoring
October		
Fri., 10	CLEVELAND STATE	W, 7-0
Sat., 18	at Binghamton	W, 6-1
Sat., 18	vs. Siena (at Binghamton)	L, 3-4
November		
Sat.-Mon., 1-3	at Dartmouth Big Green Tour.	No team scoring
February		
Sun., 15	at Duquesne	L, 3-4
Fri., 27	<b>BOWLING GREEN*</b>	<b>L, 3-4</b>
Sat., 28	<b>BALL STATE*</b>	<b>L, 2-5</b>
March		
Sun., 14	vs. Wisc.-Green Bay (in Tampa, FL)	9:00 am
Wed., 17	at Tampa	3:00 pm
Fri., 19	vs. Dayton (in Tampa, FL)	9:00 am
Fri., 26	at Northern Illinois*	1:00 pm
Sat., 27	at Western Michigan*	1:00 pm
April		
Fri., 2	<b>MARSHALL*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Sat., 3	<b>MIAMI (OH)*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Fri., 9	<b>AKRON*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Fri., 16	at Toledo*	1:00 pm
Sat., 17	at Eastern Michigan*	1:00 pm
Wed.-Sun., 21-25	MAC Championships (at N. Illinois)	TBA

\*Mid-American Conference matches

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** • All Times Eastern

#### 2003-04 Statistics (MAC records in parentheses)

Singles	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Total	Doubles	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Total
Miglana Nenova	4-0 (2-0)	4-0 (0-0)					12-3 (2-0)	Ortman/Nenova	6-1 (1-1)			12-2 (1-1)
Kristen Ortman	2-2 (0-0)	4-0 (2-0)					10-6 (2-0)	Ortman/Kollarova	0-1 (0-0)			0-1 (0-0)
Katrin Fischer			4-3 (1-1)	1-0 (0-0)			9-6 (1-1)	Kollarova/Fischer		4-0 (0-0)		4-0 (0-0)
Michelle Kollarova			1-0 (0-0)	3-0 (0-0)			8-0 (0-0)	Fischer/Nenova		1-0 (0-0)		1-0 (0-0)
Lisa Wittman				0-1 (0-0)	4-2 (0-1)		6-4 (0-1)	Ugowski/Williams			2-0 (0-0)	3-1 (0-0)
Erica Zielinski				0-1 (0-1)	1-1 (0-1)	3-0 (0-0)	6-5 (0-2)	Zielinski/Wittman		0-3 (0-2)	2-1 (0-0)	4-5 (0-2)
Sheri Ugowski				0-1 (0-1)		2-0 (0-0)	2-1 (0-1)	Zielinski/Fischer				1-1 (0-0)
Onessa Williams				0-1 (0-0)		0-3 (0-2)	0-4 (0-2)	Ugowski/Fischer			0-3 (0-2)	0-3 (0-2)
<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>6-2 (2-0)</b>	<b>8-0 (2-0)</b>	<b>5-3 (1-1)</b>	<b>4-4 (0-2)</b>	<b>5-3 (0-2)</b>	<b>5-3 (0-2)</b>	<b>53-29 (5-7)</b>	<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>6-2 (1-1)</b>	<b>5-3 (0-2)</b>	<b>4-3 (0-2)</b>	<b>25-12 (1-5)</b>

Tournament results are included with individual totals