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Women's Tennis



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Current Record - 7-3 Overall (0-0 Mid-American)

BULLS ROLL THROUGH SPRING BREAK COMPETITION

The University at Buffalo women's tennis team won all three of its matches this past week during its Spring Break competition and have now won six straight matches. The Bulls defeated Barry University, 9-0, and Southern Illinois, 4-3. UB finished its trip with a 7-2 victory over Nova Southeastern, avenging last year's loss.

POPESCU GOES 6-0 ON THE WEEK

Sophomore *Diana Popescu (Alexandria, Romania/ AL. I. Cuza)* won all six of her matches this past week in Florida. She claimed three doubles victories from the number one spot and then claimed three victories from the number two singles spot. Against Barry, Popescu won her doubles match, 8-5, and then won her singles match in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1. Against Southern Illinois, Popescu claimed an 8-4 victory in doubles, while again winning singles in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. To conclude the trip Popescu won her doubles match against Nova Southeastern, 8-3, and then won her singles match in three sets, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2. Barry and Nova Southeastern are both ranked in the top 20 in the nation in Division II. Popescu is now 10-6 in singles play and 14-6 in doubles action.

HARIJANTO CONTINUES TO ROLL

Junior *Denise Harijanto (Jakarta, Indonesia)* went 5-1 on the week, winning all three of her matches at first doubles and then going 2-1 in singles play at first singles. In doubles play, Harijanto combined with Popescu, while in singles she won her matches against Barry and Nova Southeastern, but fell in a tightly contested match against Southern Illinois, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (2). Harijanto leads the team in singles victories and is tied with Popescu with their 14 doubles wins.

BULLS BEGIN CONFERENCE PLAY

The Bulls have concluded non-conference play and their final eight matches will all be against Mid-American Conference opponents. The Bulls begin defense of their MAC Title this weekend at Eastern Michigan and Toledo. UB will face the Eagles on Friday and the Rockets on Saturday.

2008-09 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September		
12-14	at Princeton Invitational	NTS
October		
10-12	at Fall MAC Invitational	NTS
23-28	at ITA Regionals	NTS
January		
Sat., 31	at Boston College	L, 6-1
February		
Sun., 1	at Brown	L, 6-1
Sat., 7	MANHATTAN	W, 7-0
Fri., 13	at Syracuse	L, 5-2
Sat., 14	at Cornell	W, 4-3
Fri., 27	at Duquesne	W, 7-0
Sat., 28	at Pittsburgh	W, 5-2
March		
Tue., 10	at Barry	W, 9-0
Wed., 11	vs. Southern Illinois	W, 4-3
Fri., 13	at Nova Southern	W, 7-2
Fri., 20	at Eastern Michigan*	1:00 pm
Sat., 21	at Toledo*	1:00 pm
Sat., 28	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	1:00 pm
April		
Fri., 3	at Miami (OH)*	1:00 pm
Sat., 4	at Ball State*	1:00 pm
Fri., 10	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm
Sat., 11	BOWLING GREEN*	1:00 pm
Sat., 18	AKRON*	1:00 pm
22-26	MAC Championships	TBA

* Mid-American Conference matches
Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** All Times Eastern

2008-09 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

	Singles	Doubles
Denise Harijanto	15-3	14-3
Sofya Ivanyuk	1-4	2-6
Jenelle Jones-Mitchell	1-6	2-2
Aleksandra Petrova	8-8	5-9
Diana Popescu	10-6	14-6
Smaranda Stan	13-7	4-10
Anna Subenkova	8-7	4-11
Diana Toia	6-9	5-10
Caitlin Turner	0-0	0-0