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Women's Tennis



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BULLS FALL TO MARSHALL, MIAMI ON HOME GROUND

The University at Buffalo women's tennis team returned home to begin a three-match homestand against Mid-American Conference opposition. On Friday, the Bulls fell 7-0 to Marshall, ranked 48th in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Saturday, Miami (OH) came to town with the Bulls falling 5-2 to the RedHawks.

Against the Thundering Herd, UB's top doubles tandem of *Miglena Nenova (Rousse, Bulgaria/Eurointellect)* and *Kristen Ortman (Amherst, NY/Amherst)* gave the duo of Jessica Johnson and Ashley Kroh a strong battle. UB took a 2-0 lead early in the match against the 14th-ranked doubles team in the country, but Johnson and Kroh then took the next eight of nine games to secure an 8-3 victory.

The Bulls were also swept in the singles competition but put up a good fight. Johnson downed Nenova, 6-4, 6-2, at first singles. Ortman, who took a 2-1 lead in the first set before suffering an ankle injury, played through the pain but was unable to defeat Alice Sukner, 6-2, 6-1.

Although the final score showed a Marshall sweep, UB did not back down against the nationally-ranked Thundering Herd. "What we want to accomplish when we play a good team like this is to be physically confident for every point no matter the outcome," said UB head coach Kathy Twist. "The games were closer than the scores looked. We had a lot of 40-30s and deuces."

The Bulls returned to the Village Glen on Saturday for the match with Miami. Nenova and Ortman took an 8-6 win over Katrina Lomidze and Linda Jirouskova. UB led 4-1 and 6-3 in the pro-set match before Miami forged a 6-6 tie. Nenova and Ortman then were able to put away their opponents by winning the final two games for the 8-6 win. Miami claimed the doubles point by winning the second and third matches.

Nenova and Ortman, playing the top two singles spots for UB, posted individual victories for the Bulls' lone points. At number one, Nenova rolled past Lomidze, 6-4, 6-1. Ortman had little trouble downing Jirouskova, 6-2, 6-1, at number two.

The Bulls play their final home match of the season on Friday, April 9 when they host Akron at 1:00 pm. If the weather permits, the match will be played outdoors at the UB Tennis Center. If not, and the extended forecast doesn't look promising, the match will be moved to the Village Glen Tennis Center in Williamsville.

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	BOWLING GREEN*	L, 3-4
Sat., 28	BALL STATE*	L, 2-5
March		
Sun., 14	vs. Wisc.-Green Bay (in Tampa, FL)	W, 7-0
Wed., 17	at Tampa	W, 6-3
Fri., 19	vs. Dayton (in Tampa, FL)	W, 5-2
Fri., 26	at Northern Illinois*	L, 3-4
Sat., 27	at Western Michigan*	L, 0-7
April		
Fri., 2	MARSHALL*	L, 0-7
Sat., 3	MIAMI (OH)*	L, 2-5
Fri., 9	AKRON*	1:00 pm
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

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2003-04 Statistics (MAC records in parentheses)

Singles	Singles						Total	Doubles	Doubles			Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	
Miglena Nenova	9-2 (4-2)	4-0 (0-0)					17-5 (4-2)	Ortman/Nenova	10-4 (2-4)			16-5 (2-4)
Kristen Ortman	2-2 (0-0)	9-2 (4-2)					15-8 (4-2)	Ortman/Kollarova	0-1 (0-0)			0-1 (0-0)
Katrin Fischer			7-7 (1-5)	1-0 (0-0)			12-10 (1-5)	Kollarova/Fischer	4-2 (0-2)	0-1 (0-0)		4-3 (0-2)
Lisa Wittman				2-6 (0-4)	4-2 (0-1)		8-9 (0-5)	Fischer/Nenova	1-0 (0-0)			1-0 (0-0)
Michelle Kollarova			1-0 (0-0)	3-0 (0-0)	2-4 (1-2)		10-4 (1-2)	Ugowski/Williams		2-0 (0-0)		3-1 (0-0)
Erica Zielinski				0-1 (0-1)	1-2 (0-2)	4-1 (0-1)	7-7 (0-4)	Zielinski/Wittman	1-5 (0-2)	2-3 (0-2)		5-9 (0-4)
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)		2-6 (0-5)	2-7 (0-5)	Ugowski/Fischer	0-2 (0-2)	1-4 (0-2)		1-6 (0-4)
Team Totals	11-4 (4-2)	13-2 (4-2)	8-7 (1-5)	6-9 (0-6)	7-8 (1-5)	8-7 (0-6)	73-51 (10-26)	Wittman/Ugowski		0-2 (0-2)		0-2 (0-2)
Tournament results are included with individual totals								Team Totals	10-5 (2-4)	6-9 (0-6)	5-10 (0-6)	31-28 (2-16)