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Current record – 7-4 Overall, 3-3 MAC

BULLS FINISH HOME SLATE WITH WEEKEND SPLIT

Buoyed by five victories in six singles matches, the University at Buffalo defeated Northern Illinois, 5-2, in Mid-American Conference action on Friday to open the final homestand of the season. It was the third MAC victory of the season for the Bulls, the most since the program joined the league in 1999. Unfortunately, they couldn't keep the momentum and fell to league-leading Western Michigan, ranked 51st in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll, 6-1, on Saturday. UB is now 7-4 overall and 3-3 in league play.

After dropping the doubles point in the opener against the Huskies, UB came alive in singles play. **Andreea Novaceanu (Bucharest, Romania/Emil Racovita)** got things rolling for the Bulls with a second-set comeback to down Cassie Drake, 6-2, 6-4, at first singles. Novaceanu trailed Drake 4-2 in the second set before rattling off four consecutive games to take the match.

At number two, **Miglena Nenova (Rousse, Bulgaria/Eurointellect)** needed a super-tiebreaker victory to down Ivonne Andrade. The pair split 6-4 decisions in the first two sets with Nenova winning four of the final five games of the second set to force the super-tiebreaker. Nenova took control of the extra session, winning 10-8, to claim the match.

UB also picked up wins at third singles from **Kristen Ortman (Amherst, NY/Amherst)**, fourth singles from **Katrin Fischer (Ternitz, Austria/Borg)** and sixth singles from **Tina Jacob (Singapore/Raffles JC)**. Ortman defeated Christy Svetlic, 6-2, 7-6 (5). Fischer rolled past Daniela Martinez, 6-3, 6-2. Jacob knocked off Megan Brooks, 7-6 (3), 6-1. The lone UB loss of the singles matches was at number five as **Sabrina Carmona (Sao Paulo, Brazil/MMDC)** was downed by Dora Delgadillo, 6-1, 7-5.

Novaceanu and Ortman were the only Bulls to take a victory in the doubles as they downed Andrade and Svetlic, 8-5, at number one.

On Saturday, against a strong Western Michigan squad, UB's lone win came from Nenova at second singles as she rallied to defeat Malena Remyse in a super-tiebreaker. Nenova opened with a 7-6 loss in the first set, dropping the tiebreaker, 7-5. She then returned to claim a 6-4 win in the second set to force the super-tiebreaker, closing with a 10-6 win in the extra session. It was the second super-tiebreaker victory for Nenova in as many days.

The remainder of the Bulls' lineup was swept in straight sets by the Broncos while WMU also took all three doubles matches.

The Bulls hit the road for the final three matches of the regular season. UB faces 70th-ranked Marshall in Huntington, WV on Friday, then travels to Miami (OH) on Saturday to face the RedHawks. The regular season concludes with an April 22nd matchup at Akron.

2004-05 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

September

Sun., 19 at Cleveland State W, 6-1
 Fri.-Sun., 24-26 at Bowling Green Invitational No team scoring

October

Sat., 2 **ST. FRANCIS (PA)** W, 7-0
 Sat.-Sun., 9-10 at Binghamton Tournament No team scoring
 Sat., 16 **ROBERT MORRIS** Cancelled
 Tues., 19 at Niagara Postponed to Feb. 25
 Fri.-Tues., 22-26 at ITA Regionals No team scoring
 Sat.-Mon., 30-1 at Dartmouth Invitational No team scoring

February

Fri., 11 **DUQUESNE** L, 2-5
 Fri., 25 at Niagara W, 7-0

March

Sat., 12 at Mercyhurst W, 8-1
 Fri., 25 **TOLEDO*** W, 6-1
 Sat., 26 **EASTERN MICHIGAN*** L, 2-5

April

Fri., 1 at Bowling Green* L, 1-6
 Sat., 2 at Ball State* W, 4-3
 Fri., 8 **NORTHERN ILLINOIS*** W, 5-2
 Sat., 9 **WESTERN MICHIGAN*** L, 1-6
 Fri., 15 at Marshall* 1:00 pm
 Sat., 16 at Miami (OH)* 1:00 pm
 Fri., 22 at Akron* 1:00 pm
 Wed.-Sat., 27-30 at MAC Championships (Toledo, OH) TBA

*Mid-American Conference matches
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2004-05 Statistics (MAC records in parentheses)

Singles	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Doubles	1	2	3	Total
Andreea Novaceanu	3-3 (2-3)	4-0 (1-0)					17-4 (3-3)	Novaceanu/Jacob	3-3 (0-2)	0-1 (0-1)		7-4 (0-3)
Miglena Nenova	3-2 (0-1)	3-1 (2-1)	2-0 (1-0)				11-8 (4-2)	Novaceanu/Ortman	2-1 (2-1)			2-1 (2-1)
Kristen Ortman		1-2 (0-1)	6-2 (3-2)				11-8 (3-3)	Nenova/Ortman	2-0 (1-0)	5-1 (1-1)		11-6 (2-1)
Katrin Fischer			1-0 (0-0)	7-3 (3-3)			14-6 (3-3)	Nenova/Jacob		0-3 (0-3)		0-3 (0-3)
Sabrina Carmona					3-5 (1-5)	1-0 (0-0)	4-5 (1-5)	Fischer/Carmona		0-1 (0-0)	2-3 (0-3)	2-4 (1-3)
Tina Jacob				0-1 (0-0)	2-0 (0-0)	6-2 (4-2)	10-7 (4-2)	Williams/Fischer			2-2 (0-2)	5-3 (0-2)
Jamie Jackson					0-1 (0-0)	1-1 (0-0)	2-7 (0-0)	Jackson/Williams			0-2 (0-0)	1-2 (0-0)
Onessa Williams							2-4 (0-0)	Novaceanu/Fischer				1-1 (0-0)
Elizabeth Paoletti							0-5 (0-0)	Jackson/Paoletti				1-4 (0-0)
Team Totals	6-5 (2-4)	8-3 (4-2)	9-2 (4-2)	7-4 (3-3)	5-6 (1-5)	8-3 (4-2)	71-54 (18-18)	Fischer/Jacob				1-1 (0-0)
								Team Totals	7-4 (2-3)	5-6 (1-5)	4-7 (1-5)	31-28 (5-13)