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Women's Volleyball



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Record – 2-2 Overall (0-0 Mid-American)

BULLS DROP SEASON OPENER AT SYRACUSE

The University at Buffalo's 2004 volleyball campaign got underway at Syracuse last Wednesday night, and the Bulls got off to a rough start with a 3-0 loss to the Orange. Game scores were 30-18, 30-20 and 30-25. Freshman **Tammy Julé** (*Regina Beach, Saskatchewan/Riffel*) led Buffalo with six kills, while sophomore **Lauren Burd** (*York, PA/Central York*) and junior setter **Amy Brown** (*Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon*) added five kills apiece. Brown also finished the match with 22 assists and six digs.

BULLS GO 2-1 AT WNY TOURNAMENT

Following their season opener at SU, the Bulls posted a 2-1 record at the Western New York Invitational over the weekend, defeating Binghamton 3-0 (30-26, 30-25, 31-29) and Stony Brook 3-1 (30-24, 28-30, 30-28, 30-25) and losing to Texas-Arlington 3-0 (30-23, 30-15, 30-22).

Junior **Katie Weekley** (*Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne*) led the Bulls' charge against Binghamton with 12 kills and four blocks, while freshman **Tammy Julé** (*Regina Beach, Saskatchewan/Riffel*) added 11 kills, three service aces and two blocks. Julé led Buffalo against Texas-Arlington with a match-high 14 kills on 30 attempts for a .300 hitting percentage while Weekley added 11 kills and two blocks. Against Stony Brook, sophomore **Nikki Morzenti** (*Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater*) had a team-high 21 kills, 10 digs and three blocks, while Julé and Weekley added 15 and 12 kills, respectively. Buffalo had 12 team blocks in the match, including six apiece from Weekley and sophomore **Lauren Burd** (*York, PA/Central York*) and five from Julé.

MORZENTI NAMED TO ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Buffalo sophomore **Nikki Morzenti** (*Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater*) was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Western New York Invitational after averaging 3.90 kills per game and 2.50 digs per game in three matches. Morzenti had a match-high 21 kills in the Bulls' 3-1 win over Stony Brook, just one shy of her career high. She averaged 2.88 kills and 2.38 digs per game as a freshman last season.

FRESHMEN GET IN THE ACTION

The Bulls have gotten significant contributions from freshmen **Tammy Julé** (*Regina Beach, Saskatchewan/Riffel*) and **Lizaiha Garcia** (*Dayton, OH/Beavercreek*) early on in the 2004 season. Julé, a 6-1 outside hitter, has started all four matches and is averaging a team-high 3.54 kills per game. Julé led the Bulls in kills against both Syracuse (six) and Texas-Arlington (14), and she has recorded double digits in kills in each of the last three matches. Garcia, a 5-4 libero, is averaging a team-high 3.08 digs per game. She had a season-high 16 digs in the Bulls' 3-1 win over Stony Brook.

UP NEXT

The Bulls will open the home portion of the 2004 schedule on Wednesday, September 8 with a 7 pm match against Canisius College. The match will be the inaugural event in the newly-renovated Alumni Arena, which received a make-over during the summer months. Wednesday's match will be the Bulls' only home match during the month of September. They then travel to Bozeman, MT to participate in a tournament at Montana State on Friday and Saturday.

2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

September

Wed., Sept. 1 at Syracuse L, 0-3

WNY Tournament (Buffalo, NY)

Fri., Sept. 3 vs. Binghamton W, 3-0

Sat., Sept. 4 vs. Texas-Arlington L, 0-3

vs. Stony Brook W, 3-1

Wed., Sept. 8 CANISIUS 7:00 pm

Montana State Tournament

Fri., Sept. 10 vs. Boise State 3:00 pm

at Montana State 9:00 pm

Sat., Sept. 11 vs. Dartmouth 11:00 am

vs. Portland 5:00 pm

Wed., Sept. 15 at Niagara 7:00 pm

James Madison Tournament

Fri., Sept. 17 vs. Campbell 4:30 pm

Sat., Sept. 18 vs. North Carolina A&T 10:00 am

at James Madison 7:00 pm

Fri., Sept. 24 at Western Michigan* 7:00 pm

Sat., Sept. 25 at Eastern Michigan* 1:00 pm

October

Fri., Oct. 1 NORTHERN ILLINOIS* 6:00 pm

Sat., Oct. 2 OHIO* 2:00 pm

Fri., Oct. 8 KENT STATE* 7:00 pm

Sun., Oct. 10 AKRON* 2:00 pm

Thu., Oct. 14 MARSHALL* 7:00 pm

Fri., Oct. 15 CENTRAL MICHIGAN* 7:00 pm

Fri., Oct. 22 at Ohio* 7:00 pm

Sat., Oct. 23 at Akron* 7:00 pm

Fri., Oct. 29 at Ball State* 7:00 pm

Sun., Oct. 31 at Marshall* 3:00 pm

November

Thu., Nov. 4 TOLEDO* 7:00 pm

Fri., Nov. 5 MIAMI (OH)* 7:00 pm

Fri., Nov. 12 at Kent State* 7:00 pm

Sat., Nov. 13 at Bowling Green* 7:00 pm

Tues., Nov. 16 MAC First Round (Campus sites)

Fri., Nov. 19 MAC Quarterfinals (Bowling Green, OH)

Sat., Nov. 20 MAC Semifinals (Bowling Green, OH)

Sun., Nov. 21 MAC Championship (Bowling Green, OH)

*Mid-American Conference contests

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**

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