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Women's Volleyball



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Current record – 4-3 Overall (0-0 Mid-American)

BULLS FINISH STRONG AT DUKE CLASSIC

The University at Buffalo volleyball team earned a split in its final two matches of the Duke Classic in Durham, NC on Saturday, falling to Duke by a 3-0 score (30-18, 30-23, 30-18) before rebounding for a 3-0 win over UNC-Charlotte (30-28, 33-31, 30-27). The split gave the Bulls a 2-1 record in the tournament and improved their season record to 4-3 overall. On Friday, Buffalo earned a come-from-behind 3-1 win over Southern Illinois (27-30, 30-27, 34-32, 30-28). Freshman *Nikki Morzenti (Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater)* and junior *Molly Schrantz (Depew, NY/Lancaster)* were both named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Bulls' two wins over the weekend left Buffalo head coach *Sally Kus* one win shy of her milestone 900th career victory. Kus currently has 899 wins in 28-plus years of coaching at the high school and college levels combined.

MORZENTI OFF TO IMPRESSIVE START

Freshman *Nikki Morzenti (Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater)* led the Bulls at the Duke Classic, averaging 4.0 kills and 3.2 digs in Buffalo's three matches. Morzenti had the best match of her short career in the Bulls' 3-1 come-from-behind win over Southern Illinois on Friday, posting a double-double with season-highs of 20 kills and 17 digs. Morzenti has reached double digits in kills in four of seven matches so far this season, and she is averaging 2.96 kills and 2.58 digs per game.

BLOCKING BULLS

The Bulls posted 14 blocks in both of their wins at the Duke Classic, over Southern Illinois and UNC-Charlotte. Sophomore *Katie Weekley (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne)* led the way in both matches with eight blocks against SIU and seven blocks against Charlotte, including four solos. Senior *Alexis Bouie (Albion, NY/Albion)* added seven blocks against SIU and six blocks against Charlotte. As a team, the Bulls are averaging 3.12 blocks per game so far this season, and they have posted 11 or more blocks in five of their seven matches to date. Weekley is averaging a team-high 1.85 blocks per game, followed by Bouie with 1.15.

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

The Bulls have been a part of close games that have gone past 30 points in four of their seven matches so far this season. In those matches, Buffalo has posted a 2-2 record. At the Western New York Tournament, the Bulls dropped game four of their 3-1 loss to Boston College by a 33-31 score, and in a 3-1 loss to Syracuse, they won game one by a 34-32 score but dropped game three, 33-31, and game four, 31-29. At the Duke Classic, Buffalo earned a 34-32 win in game three of a 3-1 win over Southern Illinois and a 33-31 win in game two of a 3-0 win over UNC-Charlotte.

UP NEXT: UCF FALL INVITATIONAL

The Bulls will participate in the UCF Fall Invitational next weekend, playing host Central Florida at 7 pm on Friday, September 12 and Georgia Southern at 11 am and fellow Mid-American Conference member Central Michigan at 5 pm on Saturday, September 13.

2003 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August	WNY TOURNAMENT (Buffalo, NY)	
Fri., 29	NC STATE	W, 3-1
	SIENA	W, 3-1
Sat., 30	BOSTON COLLEGE	L, 1-3
	SYRACUSE	L, 1-3
September	Duke Classic (Durham, NC)	
Fri., 5	vs. Southern Illinois	W, 3-1
Sat., 6	at Duke	L, 0-3
	vs. UNC-Charlotte	W, 3-0
	UCF Fall Invitational (Orlando, FL)	
Fri., 12	at Central Florida	7:00 pm
Sat., 13	vs. Georgia Southern	11:00 am
	vs. Central Michigan	5:00 pm
	UMES Tournament (Princess Anne, MD)	
Fri., 19	vs. Texas Southern	3:00 pm
	vs. Seton Hall	7:00 pm
Sat., 20	at Maryland Eastern Shore	12:00 pm
	vs. Belmont	4:00 pm
Fri., 26	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	7:00 pm
Sat., 27	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	1:00 pm
October		
Wed., 1	at Canisius	7:00 pm
Fri., 3	at Miami (OH)*	7:00 pm
Sun., 5	BOWLING GREEN*	2:00 pm
Sat., 11	at Toledo*	3:00 pm
Wed., 15	at Niagara	7:00 pm
Fri., 17	at Akron*	7:00 pm
Sun., 19	BALL STATE*	2:00 pm
Fri., 24	MARSHALL*	7:00 pm
Sat., 25	KENT STATE*	7:00 pm
Wed., 29	AKRON*	7:00 pm
Fri., 31	at Central Michigan*	7:00 pm
November		
Sat., 1	at Northern Illinois*	7:00 pm
Fri., 7	OHIO*	7:00 pm
Sun., 9	at Kent State*	6:00 pm
Fri., 14	at Marshall*	7:00 pm
Sat., 15	at Ohio*	7:00 pm
Tues., 18	MAC First Round (Campus sites)	TBA
Fri.-Sun., 21-23	MAC Championship (Muncie, IN)	TBA

*Mid-American Conference contests

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**

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