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Women's Volleyball



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Record – 7-6 Overall (0-0 Mid-American)

BULLS FINISH SECOND AT JMU TOURNAMENT

The University at Buffalo volleyball team lost a heartbreaking five-game match to the host Dukes to finish second at the James Madison Tournament over the weekend. Buffalo took easy 3-0 decisions from Campbell (30-19, 30-19, 30-16) and North Carolina A&T (30-20, 30-8, 30-13) in its first two matches of the tournament before falling to James Madison in the championship match, 30-17, 20-30, 23-30, 30-26, 16-14.

Against James Madison, four Bulls reached double digits in kills, led by sophomore **Nikki Morzenti (Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater)** with 16. Junior setter **Amy Brown (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** had 46 assists, 10 digs and five blocks in the match. Junior **Katie Weekley (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne)** and sophomore **Wendy Haskell (Clarence Center, NY/Clarence)** paced the Bulls against North Carolina A&T with seven kills apiece. The seven kills were a career high for Haskell. Against Campbell, Morzenti led the Bulls with nine kills, nine digs and two blocks, and sophomore **Lauren Burd (York, PA/Central York)** had eight kills and two blocks.

BROWN, GARCIA NAMED TO ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Junior setter **Amy Brown (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** and freshman libero **Lizaiha Garcia (Dayton, OH/Beavercreek)** were named to the All-Tournament Team at the James Madison Tournament over the weekend. Brown averaged 8.45 assists per game, 1.64 digs per game and 0.73 blocks per game in the three matches while Garcia led the Bulls with a 3.36 digs per game average. For Garcia, it was the second straight All-Tournament Team honor as she was also named to the All-Tournament Team at the Montana State Tournament. She has led the Bulls in digs in 10 of their 13 matches this season and has a team-leading 3.34 digs per game average on the year. Brown leads the Bulls with 10.09 assists per game while also adding 1.93 digs and 0.64 blocks per game so far this season.

BULLS SWEEP NIAGARA

Prior to the James Madison Tournament, the Bulls cruised to an easy 3-0 win over local rival Niagara last Wednesday night, 30-22, 30-28, 30-25. Three players reached double figures in kills to lead the Bulls' offensive attack. Sophomore **Nikki Morzenti (Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater)** had a team-high 13 kills while adding nine digs, and junior **Katie Weekley (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne)** and freshman **Tammy Julé (Regina Beach, Saskatchewan/Riffel)** had 10 kills apiece. Weekley recorded a match-high six blocks, and Julé added seven digs. Junior setter **Amy Brown (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** finished the match with 34 assists, six digs and four kills, and freshman libero **Lizaiha Garcia (Dayton, OH/Beavercreek)** had a team-high 10 digs.

UP NEXT

The Bulls begin Mid-American Conference play this weekend at Western Michigan at 7 pm on Friday, September 24 and at Eastern Michigan at 1 pm on Saturday, September 25. Buffalo then returns home for a six-match homestand, beginning on Friday, October 1 against Northern Illinois.

2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

September

Wed., 1 at Syracuse L, 0-3

WNY Tournament

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

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

vs. Stony Brook W, 3-1

Wed., 8 **CANISIUS W, 3-0**

Montana State Tournament

Fri., 10 vs. Boise State L, 0-3

at Montana State L, 0-3

Sat., 11 vs. Dartmouth W, 3-2

vs. Portland L, 0-3

Wed., 15 at Niagara W, 3-0

James Madison Tournament

Fri., 17 vs. Campbell W, 3-0

Sat., 18 vs. North Carolina A&T W, 3-0

at James Madison L, 2-3

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

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

October

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fri., 22 at Ohio* 7:00 pm

Sat., 23 at Akron* 7:00 pm

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

Sun., 31 at Marshall* 3:00 pm

November

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

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

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

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

Tues., 16 MAC First Round (Campus sites)

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

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

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

*Mid-American Conference contests

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**

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