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BULLS DROP FIRST TWO MAC MATCHES OF THE SEASON

The University at Buffalo volleyball team suffered 3-1 losses in each of its first two Mid-American Conference matches of the season over the weekend. On Friday, the Bulls lost to Western Michigan, 30-17, 26-30, 30-22, 30-22, and on Saturday, they fell to Eastern Michigan, 30-21, 30-24, 27-30, 30-26.

Senior **Molly Schrantz (Depew, NY/Lancaster)** led Buffalo in kills in both matches with 15 against WMU and 17 against EMU. She also added 15 digs against Eastern Michigan for her second double-double in the last three matches. Junior setter **Amy Brown (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** recorded a double-double in both matches with 37 assists, a team-high 10 digs, two blocks and two kills against Western Michigan and 46 assists and 10 digs against Eastern Michigan.

GARCIA, WEEKLEY COME CLOSE TO BREAKING RECORDS

Buffalo freshman **Lizaiha Garcia (Dayton, OH/Beavercreek)** and junior **Katie Weekley (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne)** both came close to breaking school records in the Bulls' 3-1 loss at Eastern Michigan on Saturday.

Garcia had a match-high 30 digs in the loss, which is the most digs recorded by a Buffalo player since Somer Deschambault had 32 in a 3-1 loss to Kent State on November 12, 1999. Deschambault's mark is the current Buffalo record for individual digs in a four-game match. Garcia currently leads the Bulls with 3.58 digs per game this season.

Weekley, meanwhile, had a team-high eight blocks against the Eagles, including seven solo blocks. The current UB individual record for solo blocks in a four-game match is nine, set by Kristin Drabczyk versus Slippery Rock on October 5, 1990. Weekley is leading the Bulls with 67 total blocks on the season, 18 solos and 49 assists, for an average of 1.29 blocks per game.

A LOOK AT THE STATISTICAL LEADERS

Below is a look at where some of Buffalo's players ranks among the Mid-American Conference's statistical leaders (through matches of Sunday, September 26):

Katie Weekley..... Blocks per game 4th (1.29)
Amy Brown Assists per game..... 10th (10.13)
Lizaiha Garcia Digs per game..... 12th (3.58)

Sophomore **Nikki Morzenti (Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater)** currently leads the Bulls in kills per game (3.08), while **Amy Brown (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** is the team leader in attack percentage (.283). Freshman **Tammy Julé (Regina Beach, Saskatchewan/Riffel)** ranks second on the team in kills per game (2.55), while senior **Molly Schrantz (Depew, NY/Lancaster)** ranks third in kills per game (2.33) and second in digs per game (2.54).

UP NEXT

The Bulls now return home to begin a six-match homestand in the newly-renovated Alumni Arena. Buffalo hosts Northern Illinois at 6 pm on Friday, October 1 and defending MAC Champion Ohio at 2 pm on Saturday, October 2.

2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

September

Wed., 1	at Syracuse	L, 0-3
	<u>WNY Tournament</u>	
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
	<u>Montana State Tournament</u>	
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
	<u>James Madison Tournament</u>	
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*	L, 1-3
Sat., 25	at Eastern Michigan*	L, 1-3

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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