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Women's Volleyball



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BULLS DROP TWO CONFERENCE MATCHES

The University at Buffalo volleyball team suffered two 3-0 losses in Mid-American Conference action over the weekend, dropping their record to 7-10 overall and 0-4 in the MAC. On Friday, the Bulls lost a 30-19, 30-23, 30-27 decision to Northern Illinois before losing to Ohio on Saturday, 30-23, 30-21, 30-23. Ohio entered the match ranked 28th in the *USA Today*/CSTV Coaches Poll and 11th in the Mideast Region according to the Richkern.com/AVCA Regional Rankings, both released on September 27.

Against NIU, poor hitting hurt the Bulls as they committed 32 attacking errors, 12 in the first game and 10 apiece in games two and three. Junior **Katie Weekley** (Dayton, OH/*Chaminade-Julienne*) had a strong match for the Bulls with nine kills and four blocks. Senior **Molly Schrantz** (Depew, NY/*Lancaster*) also recorded nine kills and fell just shy of a double-double with 10 digs. Freshman libero **Lizaiha Garcia** (Dayton, OH/*Beavercreek*) had a match-high 20 digs, and junior setter **Amy Brown** (Pittsburgh, PA/*Mt. Lebanon*) had 29 assists, nine digs, three blocks and two kills.

The Bulls had a much stronger match on Saturday against Ohio but could not stay with the Bobcats long enough to steal a game. The Bulls rallied from five points down in game one to tie the score at 13-13, but the Bobcats gradually pulled away to earn the 30-23 win. Buffalo led game two by a 15-14 score, but again Ohio outlasted the Bulls en route to the easy 30-21 win. Schrantz and sophomore **Nikki Morzenti** (Safety Harbor, FL/*Clearwater*) each recorded a team-high nine kills, while Garcia had a team-high 12 digs. Brown finished with 25 assists and three blocks, and sophomore **Lauren Burd** (York, PA/*Central York*) had a match-high five blocks.

MORZENTI RECORDS 500TH CAREER KILL

Sophomore **Nikki Morzenti** (Safety Harbor, FL/*Clearwater*) had a team-high nine kills in the Bulls' 3-0 loss to Ohio on Saturday, putting her over the 500 mark for her career. Morzenti currently leads the Bulls with 172 kills this season (3.02 per game) and 503 for her career. As a freshman last season, she finished second on the team with 331 kills (2.88 per game). Her 331 kills were the most ever recorded by a freshman in UB volleyball history.

MAC STATS UPDATE

Below is a look at where some of Buffalo's players ranks among the Mid-American Conference's stat leaders (through matches of Sunday, October 3):

Katie Weekley..... Blocks per game 4th (1.28)
Amy Brown Assists per game..... 10th (10.02)
Lizaiha Garcia Digs per game..... 10th (3.76)

UP NEXT

The Bulls are in the midst of a six-match homestand. Looking to snap their five-match losing streak, they next host Kent State at 7 pm on Friday, October 8 and Akron at 2 pm on Sunday, October 10. The Bulls split two matches with Kent State last season, winning 3-2 at home and losing 3-1 on the road, and they lost both matches to Akron, 3-2 at home and 3-0 on the road.

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*	L, 0-3
Sat., 2	OHIO*	L, 0-3
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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