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Women's Volleyball



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Record – 7-14 Overall (0-8 Mid-American)

BULLS FALL TO MARSHALL, 3-1

The University at Buffalo volleyball team dropped a 3-1 decision to the visiting Marshall Thundering Herd on Thursday night in Alumni Arena. Game scores were 27-30, 30-22, 30-24 and 30-22. Marshall entered the match ranked 13th in the Mideast Region in the latest RichKern.com/AVCA Division I Regional Rankings, released on October 11. The Bulls hit .317 in game one, led by seven kills from sophomore **Nikki Morzenti (Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater)**, and held on for a 30-27 win to take an early lead in the match. The Thundering Herd, however, rebounded to win three straight games behind the hitting of freshman Kelly-Anne Billingsy. Billingsy, the Mid-American Conference East Division Player of the Week for the past two weeks and the MAC leader in kills per game, had a match-high 24 kills on 53 attempts to lead the Thundering Herd's charge. Morzenti led the Bulls with 19 kills and eight digs, and junior **Katie Weekley (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne)** added 11 kills. Sophomore **Brandie Clark (Medicine Hat, Alberta/Medicine Hat)** finished with a career-high 46 assists, four kills and eight digs, and freshman libero **Lizaiha Garcia (Dayton, OH/Beavercreek)** had a match-high 23 digs.

BULLS SHUT OUT BY CMU, 3-0

The following night, the Bulls dropped a 3-0 decision to visiting Central Michigan in Alumni Arena, 30-21, 31-29, 30-25. The Bulls were led by junior **Katie Weekley (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne)** with a team-high 10 kills and six blocks, including two solos. Sophomore **Lauren Burd (York, PA/Central York)** had five blocks and freshman **Tammy Julé (Regina Beach, Saskatchewan/Riffel)** and sophomore **Brandie Clark (Medicine Hat, Alberta/Medicine Hat)** added three blocks apiece for the Bulls, who had 12 team blocks in the match. Clark also finished with 30 assists and two kills, and sophomore **Nikki Morzenti (Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater)** recorded eight kills, a team-high 13 digs and two blocks. Freshman libero **Lizaiha Garcia (Dayton, OH/Beavercreek)** had 11 digs. Freshman **Sarah Streib (Baldwinsville, NY/Baker)** had four kills, four digs, two assists and two service aces. She served six straight points for the Bulls in game two to get them out to a 23-20 lead before CMU mounted a comeback to win 31-29.

STAT LEADERS

Sophomore **Nikki Morzenti (Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater)** currently leads the Bulls with 2.99 kills per game. Junior **Katie Weekley (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne)** is averaging a team-high 1.35 blocks per game, and freshman **Lizaiha Garcia (Dayton, OH/Beavercreek)** has a team-leading 3.99 digs per game. Junior **Amy Brown (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** leads the team with 10.05 assists per game.

RECORD WATCH

Senior **Molly Schrantz (Depew, NY/Lancaster)** currently has 923 career kills and 961 career digs. She should soon become just the fifth player in UB volleyball history to reach the 1,000 mark in both statistical categories.

UP NEXT

The Bulls are on the road for their next four matches, beginning at Ohio on Friday, October 22 at 7 pm.

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*	L, 2-3
Sun., 10	AKRON*	L, 1-3
Thu., 14	MARSHALL*	L, 1-3
Fri., 15	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	L, 0-3
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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