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Record – 7-16 Overall (0-10 Mid-American)

BULLS STRUGGLE IN TWO LEAGUE LOSSES

The University at Buffalo volleyball team struggled in two Mid-American Conference losses over the weekend, falling to Ohio on Friday and Akron on Saturday, both by 3-0 scores. The Bulls failed to have a player reach double digits in kills in either match, and they fell to 7-16 overall and 0-10 in the conference.

Ohio entered Friday's match ranked seventh in the Mideast according to the RichKern.com/AVCA Regional Rankings and 27th in the nation according to the USA Today/CSTV Coaches poll, and the Bobcats proved to be too much for the Bulls in a 30-17, 30-15, 30-15 three-game sweep. The Bobcats, winners of their 10th consecutive match, controlled play at the net, recording a .330 hitting percentage while holding the Bulls to a -.096 mark. Melissa Griffin led Ohio with 14 kills on 18 attempts. Briana Adamovsky recorded 34 assists for the Bobcats while Michael Blackburn had a match-high 18 digs. Buffalo was led by junior **Katie Weekley (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne)** with five kills and sophomore **Nikki Morzenti (Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater)** with three kills and seven digs.

On Saturday at Akron, the Bulls dropped a 30-20, 30-24 and 30-18 decision to the Zips. Buffalo hit just .031 in the match and committed 29 costly attack errors while recording just 33 kills on 127 attempts. Freshman **Tammy Julé (Regina Beach, Saskatchewan/Riffel)** led the Bulls with nine kills while Morzenti recorded six kills and seven digs. Freshman libero **Lizaiha Garcia (Dayton, OH/Beavercreek)** had a team-high 12 digs, and Weekley had four kills and a match-high six blocks, including two solos. Akron was led by Emily Kocinski with 13 kills and 13 digs and Jennifer Stewart with a match-high 14 kills. Lori Snider had a match-high 15 digs.

STAT LEADERS

Sophomore **Nikki Morzenti (Safety Harbor, FL/Clearwater)** currently leads the Bulls with 2.86 kills per game. Junior **Katie Weekley (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne)** is averaging a team-high 1.33 blocks per game, and freshman **Lizaiha Garcia (Dayton, OH/Beavercreek)** has a team-leading 3.91 digs per game. Junior **Amy Brown (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** leads the team with 10.05 assists per game.

Three Bulls also rank among the Mid-American Conference's statistical leaders:

Amy Brown Assists per game.....10th
Lizaiha Garcia Digs per game.....10th
Katie Weekley Blocks per game3rd

RECORD WATCH

Senior **Molly Schrantz (Depew, NY/Lancaster)** is inching closer to the 1,000 mark for both career kills and career digs. Following last weekend's matches, Schrantz has 930 career kills and 970 career digs. If she reaches the 1,000 mark in both statistical categories, she will be just the fifth player in UB volleyball history to do so.

UP NEXT

The Bulls conclude their current four-match road trip with matches at Ball State on Friday, October 29 at 7 pm and at Marshall on Sunday, October 31 at 3 pm. The Bulls are looking for their first MAC win of the season and to snap an 11-match losing streak, their longest since ending the 2000 season with 19 straight losses.

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*	L, 0-3
Sat., 23	at Akron*	L, 0-3
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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