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Women's Volleyball

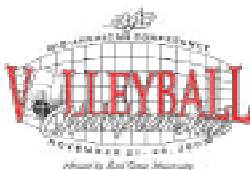


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Current record – 11-19 Overall (5-11 Mid-American)

BULLS SPLIT FINAL TWO REGULAR SEASON MATCHES, WILL FACE NORTHERN ILLINOIS IN FIRST ROUND OF THE 2003 MAC TOURNAMENT

The University at Buffalo volleyball team split the final two matches of the regular season over the weekend, shutting out Marshall (30-27, 35-33, 30-24) on Friday night before falling to Ohio by a 3-0 score (30-19, 30-22, 30-16) on Saturday night. The Bulls finished the regular season with an 11-19 overall record and a 5-11 Mid-American Conference mark. The five conference wins are the most the Bulls have recorded in one season since joining the league in 1998.

Buffalo is the number 11 seed in the 2003 MAC Tournament, which begins on Tuesday, November 18 with first-round matches at campus sites. The Bulls will travel to Northern Illinois to face the sixth-seeded Huskies (19-10 overall, 8-8 MAC) at 8 pm Eastern time. In their only meeting during the regular season, the Bulls came from behind to earn a 3-2 win at Northern Illinois on November 1 (24-30, 18-30, 30-25, 30-28, 15-12). The winner of Tuesday's match will advance to the quarterfinals to face No. 3 Akron (16-12 overall, 11-5 MAC), which received a first-round bye. The quarterfinals, semifinals and final match of the 2003 MAC Tournament will be hosted by Ball State in Muncie, IN on Friday, November 21, Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23.



BROWN SETS SINGLE-SEASON ASSISTS RECORD

With 1,256 assists at the conclusion of the regular season, sophomore setter **Amy Brown (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** has become the Bulls' single-season assist leader, passing Barb Tinus who compiled 1,192 assists during the 1986 season. In addition, Brown's current 11.12 assists per game is the UB single-season record, as well as the only time a Buffalo setter has recorded double digits in assists per game for a season. Brown has led the Bulls to 1,442 assists this season as a team, just four away from tying the school record for team assists in a season (1,446), set last year. Brown also currently ranks fifth all-time at UB in career assists with 2,204.

BURD STEPPING UP LATE IN SEASON

Freshman middle hitter **Lauren Burd (York, PA/Central York)** started the last four matches of the regular season for the Bulls, filling in for the injured **Alexis Bouie (Albion, NY/Albion)**. Burd averaged 2.00 kills per game and 1.33 blocks per game in the Bulls' two matches over the weekend to up her season averages to 1.13 kills per game and 0.96 blocks per game. She recorded a career-high nine kills in Buffalo's 3-0 sweep of Marshall on Friday.

BULLS AMONG THE MAC LEADERS

The following players rank among the MAC's statistical leaders:

Lindsay Matikosh	Kills per game	T10th (3.52)
	Service aces per game	T11th (0.34)
	Points per game	10th (4.13)
Amy Brown	Assists per game	9th (11.12)
Katie Weekley	Blocks per game	1st (1.51)
Alexis Bouie	Blocks per game	T6th (1.16)

2003 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August	WNY TOURNAMENT (Buffalo, NY)	
Fri., 29	NC STATE	W, 3-1
	SIENA	W, 3-1
Sat., 30	BOSTON COLLEGE	L, 1-3
	SYRACUSE	L, 1-3
September	Duke Classic (Durham, NC)	
Fri., 5	vs. Southern Illinois	W, 3-1
Sat., 6	at Duke	L, 0-3
	vs. UNC-Charlotte	W, 3-0
	UCF Fall Invitational (Orlando, FL)	
Fri., 12	at Central Florida	L, 1-3
Sat., 13	vs. Georgia Southern	L, 0-3
	vs. Central Michigan	L, 0-3
	Bison Scramble (Lewisburg, PA)	
Sat., 20	at Bucknell	W, 3-0
	vs. Stony Brook	L, 2-3
Fri., 26	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	L, 1-3
Sat., 27	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	L, 1-3
October		
Wed., 1	at Canisius	L, 2-3
Fri., 3	at Miami (OH)*	W, 3-2
Sun., 5	BOWLING GREEN*	W, 3-2
Sat., 11	at Toledo*	L, 0-3
Wed., 15	at Niagara	W, 3-0
Fri., 17	at Akron*	L, 0-3
Sun., 19	BALL STATE*	L, 0-3
Fri., 24	MARSHALL*	L, 0-3
Sat., 25	KENT STATE*	W, 3-2
Wed., 29	AKRON*	L, 2-3
Fri., 31	at Central Michigan*	L, 0-3
November		
Sat., 1	at Northern Illinois*	W, 3-2
Fri., 7	OHIO*	L, 0-3
Sun., 9	at Kent State*	L, 1-3
Fri., 14	at Marshall*	W, 3-0
Sat., 15	at Ohio*	L, 0-3
Tues., 18	at Northern Illinois#	8 pm
Fri.-Sun., 21-23	MAC Championship (Muncie, IN)	TBA

*Mid-American Conference contests

#MAC Tournament First Round

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**

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