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## Women's Volleyball



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**Current record – 5-23 Overall (0-18 Mid-American)**

### BULLS END SEASON WITH LOSSES TO MIAMI, OHIO

The University at Buffalo volleyball team ended its 2001 season with two losses over the weekend to Miami on Friday, 3-0 (30-19, 30-27, 30-20), and to Ohio on Sunday, 3-1 (30-21, 21-30, 30-17 and 30-24). Buffalo's five seniors - *Larissa LaCour (West Islip, NY/West Islip)*, *Keri Shiels (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin)*, *Wendy Ryder (Bernhards Bay, NY/Genesee CC)*, *Heather Barfuss (Huntington, NY/John H. Glenn)* and *Amelia Liddle (Toronto, Ontario/Leaside)* - were honored prior to the match against the Bobcats in a special Senior Day ceremony. LaCour led the Bulls in the match by posting a double-double with 45 assists and 11 digs.

### MATIKOSH, BOUIE AND ASHARE ENJOY SOPHOMORE SUCCESS

Buffalo sophomore *Lindsay Matikosh (North Tonawanda, NY/North Tonawanda)*, *Alexis Bouie (Albion, NY/Albion)* and *Becky Ashare (Coram, NY/Longwood)* all improved on their freshman season totals during the 2001 season. Matikosh finished the year as Buffalo's leader in both kills (323) and digs (315), up from 278 kills and 299 digs in 2000. Matikosh's career numbers of 601 kills and 614 digs after two seasons put her on pace to become just the fourth player in Buffalo history to finish her career over the 1,000 mark in both of those categories. Tracey Quider (1983-86), Candie Hirst (1992-95) and Laurie Santelli (1991-95) are the only three players in Buffalo history to have accomplished that feat thus far. Bouie finished the 2001 season with 196 kills (third on the team) and 82 blocks (first on the team), well over her freshman season totals of 68 kills and 42 blocks. Ashare came back with a bang after redshirting in 2000, improving on her freshman season totals of 92 kills and 44 blocks in 1999 with 200 kills and 58 blocks in 2001. She also led the Bulls in hitting percentage (.241).

### LACOUR ETCHES NAME IN BUFFALO RECORD BOOKS

Senior *Larissa LaCour (West Islip, NY/West Islip)* finished the 2001 season with 1,009 assists, a total that ranks seventh all-time on Buffalo's single-season assists list. Additionally, her 9.609 assists per game average this season ranks third all-time in UB history. LaCour's 2,381 career assists place her fourth all-time, and her 6.962 career average is also the fourth-highest in Buffalo history.

### ASHARE RECEIVES ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Sophomore *Becky Ashare (Coram, NY/Longwood)* was named to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District I Volleyball Second Team, as selected by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) and released on Thursday, November 15. Ashare, a middle hitter, appeared in 27 of the Bulls' 28 matches this season, starting 15, and she led the team in hitting percentage (.241) while also ranking second on the squad in kills with 200 (2.44 per game) and in blocks with 58 (0.71 per game). Ashare is a UB Scholar Athlete, a member of the Mid-American Conference Academic Honor Roll, a member of Chi Alpha Sigma and a MAC Scholars Commissioner's Award recipient. A psychology major, she holds a 4.0 grade point average.

### 2001 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

<b>August</b>	<b>UB MORGAN CLASSIC</b>	
<b>Fri., 31 -</b>	<b>STONY BROOK</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>September</b>		
<b>Sat., 1</b>	<b>ST. JOHN'S</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
	<b>CANISIUS</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
	<u>at Massachusetts Invitational</u>	
Fri., 7 -	vs. New Hampshire	L, 2-3
Sat., 8	vs. Massachusetts	L, 1-3
	vs. Dartmouth	L, 1-3
	<u>at UMBC Tournament</u>	
Fri., 14 -	vs. Morgan State	dnp
	vs. UMBC	dnp
Sat., 15	vs. Virginia Commonwealth	dnp
	vs. Loyola	dnp
Wed., 19	at Syracuse	L, 1-3
Fri., 21	at Marshall*	L, 1-3
Sat., 22	at Ohio*	L, 1-3
Fri., 28	at Toledo*	L, 0-3
Sat., 29	at Northern Illinois*	L, 0-3
<b>October</b>		
Wed., 3	at Niagara	W, 3-2
<b>Fri., 5</b>	<b>BOWLING GREEN*</b>	<b>L, 2-3</b>
<b>Sun., 7</b>	<b>MIAMI (OH)*</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
<b>Tues., 9</b>	<b>COLGATE</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>Fri., 12</b>	<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
<b>Sun., 14</b>	<b>BALL STATE*</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
Fri., 19	at Kent State*	L, 1-3
Sat., 20	at Akron*	L, 0-3
<b>Wed., 24</b>	<b>BINGHAMTON</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
Fri., 26	at Bowling Green*	L, 0-3
Sat., 27	at Central Michigan*	L, 0-3
<b>November</b>		
<b>Fri, 2</b>	<b>EASTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
<b>Sat., 3</b>	<b>MARSHALL*</b>	<b>L, 2-3</b>
<b>Fri., 9</b>	<b>KENT STATE*</b>	<b>L, 2-3</b>
<b>Sat., 10</b>	<b>AKRON*</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
Fri., 16	at Miami (OH)*	L, 0-3
<b>Sun., 18</b>	<b>OHIO*</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**

\*Mid-American Conference contests

dnp - did not participate