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Women's Volleyball



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BULLS END SEASON WITH FIRST-ROUND MAC TOURNAMENT LOSS AT WESTERN MICHIGAN

The University at Buffalo volleyball team saw its 2004 season come to an end with a disappointing three-game loss at Western Michigan on Tuesday night in the first round of the Mid-American Conference Tournament. Game scores were 30-19, 30-14 and 30-15. The Bulls end the 2004 season with an 8-22 overall record.



The Bulls, the tournament's 13th seed after compiling a 1-15 conference record, were led by junior **Katie Weekley** (Dayton, OH/*Chaminade-Julienne*) with six kills and sophomore **Lauren Burd** (York, PA/*Central York*) with four kills and five blocks. Junior setter **Amy Brown** (Pittsburgh, PA/*Mt. Lebanon*) had 16 assists and a team-high seven digs. Senior **Molly Schrantz** (Depew, NY/*Lancaster*) finished with four kills and three digs.

The Broncos entered the match as the 11th seed in the Mideast Region in the latest RichKern.com/AVCA Regional Ranking. WMU was the fourth seed in the MAC Tournament after finishing with an 11-5 league record. The Broncos hit .358 as a team in the match, including .500 in the third game, and they got double-digit kill performances from both Abby Gephart (13) and Ashley Schatzle (10) to lead their attack.

The Broncos went on to defeat No. 5 Eastern Michigan 3-0 in the quarterfinals on Friday before falling to top-seeded Ohio by a 3-2 margin in Saturday's semifinals. The Bobcats took the tournament title with a 3-0 win over No. 3 Marshall in the championship match on Sunday.

SCHRANTZ FINISHES SUCCESSFUL FOUR-YEAR CAREER

Molly Schrantz (Depew, NY/*Lancaster*) was the lone senior on the Bulls' 2004 roster who saw her four-year career come to an end at Western Michigan on Tuesday. Schrantz entered the match needing just 10 kills to reach 1,000 for her career, but she fell shy of the mark with just four kills against the Broncos. Schrantz recorded her 1,000th career dig against Miami (OH) on November 5, making her just the ninth player in UB volleyball history to accomplish that feat. She finished her career with 1,020 career digs (ninth all-time in UB volleyball history) and 994 career kills (eighth all-time in UB volleyball history).

BULLS IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Three Bulls put themselves in the UB single-season record book with their performances in 2004. Freshman libero **Lizaiha Garcia's** (Dayton, OH/*Beaver Creek*) 407 digs are tied for seventh all-time in UB volleyball history, and her 3.88 digs per game average is the third-highest single-season average in UB volleyball history. Junior **Katie Weekley's** (Dayton, OH/*Chaminade-Julienne*) 1.30 blocks per game rank seventh on UB's single-season charts, and junior setter **Amy Brown's** (Pittsburgh, PA/*Mt. Lebanon*) 9.75 assists per game are the second-highest single-season total in UB volleyball history, behind her own mark of 11.10 assists per game that she set in 2003.

In addition to **Molly Schrantz** (Depew, NY/*Lancaster*) on the career charts, Weekley moved up to fourth place with 324 career block assists, and she also broke onto the career charts for block solos (82, eighth) and total blocks (406, fourth). Brown moved up to third all-time with 3,065 career assists.

2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

September

Wed., 1 at Syracuse L, 0-3

WNY Tournament

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

Montana State Tournament

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

James Madison Tournament

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

at Ohio* L, 0-3

Fri., 22 at Akron* L, 0-3

Fri., 29 at Ball State* L, 0-3

Sun., 31 at Marshall* L, 1-3

November

Thu., 4 **TOLEDO*** L, 1-3

Fri., 5 **MIAMI (OH)*** W, 3-2

Fri., 12 at Kent State* L, 0-3

Sat., 13 at Bowling Green* L, 0-3

Tues., 16 at Western Michigan# L, 0-3

*Mid-American Conference contests

#Mid-American Conference Tournament First Round

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**

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