

2001 UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO WEEKLY FOOTBALL RELEASE • THIS WEEK'S GAME •

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (1-2) AT BUFFALO (1-2) SATURDAY, SEPT. 29, 2001 • 7:00 PM UB STADIUM (31,000) • AMHERST, NY MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE GAME

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Quick Facts

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Bulls Look For Two Straight: The University at Buffalo football team returns home on a high note to take on Central Michigan in a Mid-American Conference battle on Saturday at UB Stadium.

Buffalo snapped an 18-game road losing streak with a convincing 37-20 win at Connecticut last Saturday to earn firstyear head coach Jim Hofher his first win at UB. The Bulls scored 34 unanswered points in the second half to claim the victory.

Buffalo has not been home for nearly a month, following a 31-15 opening night loss to Rutgers back on August 30.

Central Michigan, meanwhile, looks to rebound from a 52-28 loss to No. 25 Toledo at home on Saturday. The Chippewas have lost two straight after bouncing Eastern Kentucky, 42-28, in their 2001 opener.

The Bulls haven't won back-to-back games since the 1998 season when they topped Morgan State (35-17) and Canisius (47-0) in back-to-back weeks.

BULLS AT NIGHT: Buffalo is looking to snap a five-game losing streak under the lights on Saturday, dating back to a 20-17 win over Bowling Green on Sept. 23, 2001 at UB Stadium.

This will also mark the last night game of the 2001 season for Buffalo.

PELZ EARNS MAC KUDOS: University at Buffalo sophomore placekicker Dallas Pelz earned accolades from the Mid-American Conference after UB's 37-20 victory at Connecticut on Saturday.

The former All-Western New York player was named the MAC East Division Special Teams Player of the Week after he kicked

the first three field goals of his career and was perfect on four PATs in the game. Pelz, who assumed the placekicking duties this season, opened the scoring with a 36-yard field goal in

Dallas Pelz

the first quarter, tied the game with a 32yard field goal in the third guarter and put

Idle - Marshall

the game away with a 37-yarder to give the Bulls a 30-13 lead with 5:05 remaining.

He became the first Buffalo kicker to boot three field goals in a game since Scott Keller turned the trick at Lafayette back in 1998. He also had seven kickoffs, one of which went for a touchback, which were returned for an average of just 17.5 yards per return. He is now 3-for-4 on field goals for the season and a perfect 5for-5 on PATs.

2001 Mid-American Conference Standings							
		East I	Division	1			
	MA	AC Div.	MAG	C Overall	Ove	rall	
Team	\mathbf{W}	L	W	L	W	L	Strk
Bowling Green	1	0	1	0	3	0	W-3
Akron	1	0	1	0	1	2	L-2
Marshall	0	0	0	0	1	1	W-1
Kent State	0	0	0	0	1	2	L-1
Miami	0	0	0	0	1	2	W-1
Buffalo	0	1	0	1	1	2	W-1
Ohio	0	1	0	1	0	3	L-3
	-	-	Division		0	-	
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	Strk
Toledo	1	0	1	0	3	0	W-10
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0	1	2	L-2
Northern Illinois	0	0	0	0	2	1	W-1
Eastern Michigan	0	0	0	0	1	2	L-2
Ball State	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{0}$	3	L-2 L-3
Central Michigan	0	1	0	0	1	2	L-3 L-2
	0	1	0	1	1	L	L-2
Saturday's Re. @ Michigan 38, Western		gan 17		Miami @		State, 1:0	
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@ West Virginia 34, Kent State 14 Central Michigan @ Buffalo, 7:00 Definition 20 Definition 20							
Buffalo 37, @ Connecticut 20 Iowa State 31, @ Ohio 28			Northern Illinois @ Toledo, 7:00 Bowling Green @ Marshall, 7:00				
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Indiana State 21, @ Easte				(MAC g	games i	n italics)
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@ Northern Illinois 41, Sam	Housto	on State 16					



Pelz becomes the third UB player in their MAC history to earn MAC Player of the Week honors. Previously Craig Rohlfs (1999) and Duane Williams (2000) earned the distinction.

BULLS TAME HUSKIES IN SECOND HALF:

The University at Buffalo football team used a dominating second half effort last Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium to post a 37-20 victory over host Connecticut before 16,517 fans.

The win was UB's first this season and touched off a number of other firsts:

 $\sqrt{}$ It was the first Buffalo victory for new head coach Jim Hofher.

 $\sqrt{}$ It was Buffalo's first road win since returning to Division I-A football in 1999.

 $\sqrt{11}$ It marked UB's first road win since a 16-14 victory at Lafayette on September 18, 1998 – a stretch of 18 straight games. The win also snapped a five-game winning streak by Connecticut in the series.

Fittingly, in a game that was involved in so many streaks and firsts, it was the decimation of another long streak that catapulted the Bulls to the victory. The Bulls (1-2) had gone 12 straight quarters at Memorial Stadium without a touchdown, dating back to a 26-25 loss back in 1995 in Storrs.

In the second half, however, Buffalo wrote some new history, scoring on six straight drives, reeling off 34 unanswered points and dominating in every phase of the game. That was particularly impressive, considering the Bulls gave up a disappointing late first-half touchdown and trailed 13-3 at intermission.

The key play of the game came on the first drive of the second half by Connecticut (0-3). After the

Huskies picked up two straight first downs, UB senior linebacker **Duane Williams** tipped a Keron Henry pass that was intercepted by junior **Ryan Buttles**, in his first



Duane Williams

career start. That play stemmed the Connecticut momentum and the Bulls, who had scored just 10 offensive points through 10 quarters of the 2001 season, exploded after that.

Senior quarterback **Joe Freedy** led the Bulls on six straight scoring drives, starting with an 11-play, 76-yard effort after the turnover, capped by sophomore

tailback Marquis

Dwarte, who went eight yards to paydirt to make it 13-10 Connecticut with 9:08 left in the third quarter.

After a three-and-



Marquis Dwarte

out stop, capped by a 10-yard sack by safety **Craig Rohlfs** – who had five tackles in the game – Freedy and Co. went to work again. This time UB went 25 yards with sophomore kicker **Dallas Pelz** kicking a 32-yard field goal to tie the game at 13-13 with 4:45 left in the third quarter. Pelz had three field goals in the game, the most since Scott Keller booted three in the win at Lafayette in 1998.

Buffalo's defense again got the ball back and this time UB took the lead for good as Dwarte capped an impressive 80-yard drive with a one-yard burst with 12:50 remaining in the game. Dwarte was dominant in the second half, rushing for 122 of his game-high 150 yards in the second stanza and becoming the first UB back to rush for three touchdowns in a game since senior **Derrick Gordon** turned the trick in 1999 versus Central Michigan. Dwarte finished with 150 yards

• MAC PEPSI PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (SEPT. 24TH) •

• EAST DIVISION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK •

Offense: Ben Roethlisberger, QB, Miami (Fr., Findlay, OH) - Completed 80.0% (20-of-25) of his passes in leading the RedHawks to a 21-14 win over Cincinnati. Roethlisberger piled up 264 yards and was responsible for all three Miami touchdowns on passes of 7 and 43 yards, and a scoring run of 11 yards. He did not throw an interception and has completed 60.3% of his passes this season. **Defense:** Brandon Hicks, NG, Bowling Green (Sr., Fairborn, OH) – Had an interception which he returned 31 yards for a touchdown to key the Falcons. 42-23 win over Tomple. Hicks score pusched BG's cuchian to 21-10 order in the third guarter. He also added two sacks for minus 22

Falcons, 42-23 win over Temple. Hicks, score pushed BG's cushion to 21-10 early in the third quarter. He also added two sacks for minus 22 yards among his seven tackles. BG leads the MAC in scoring defense (12.0 ppg) and total defense (265.0 ypg).

Special Teams: Dallas Pelz, PK, Buffalo (So., Holland, N.Y.) - Booted the first three field goals of his career from 36, 32 and 37 yards in the Bulls, 37-20 triumph over Connecticut. UB snapped its four-game losing streak. His first field goal gave UB a 3-0 lead and his second tied the game at 13. Pelz also had kickoff duties for the Bulls.

• WEST DIVISION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK •

Offense: Chester Taylor, TB, Toledo (Sr., River Rouge, MI) - Scored five touchdowns (4 rushing, 1 receiving) in a 52-28 conference win over Central Michigan. Totalled 164 rushing yards on 22 carries in celebrating his 22nd birthday. The five TDs tied a MAC record school record for most touchdowns in a single game.

Defense: Vince Thompson, CB, Northern Illinois (Jr., Chicago, IL) - Broke open a tight game with a 33-yard interception return for a touchdown in a 41-16 win over Sam Houston State. Added six solo stops, one tackle for a loss and three deflections.

Special Teams: Nick Melcher, DE, Western Michigan (rs-Fr., Oak Forest, I.) – Playing in just his third game, Melcher broke through the middle and blocked a Michigan punt in the third quarter. The effort resulted in the Broncos getting the ball at the Michigan 34-yard line.



on 25 carries. while Gordon had 24 yards rushing in the game.

Buffalo continued its domination by scoring on its next three drives as well. Junior **Maurice Bradford**, who had a team-high six catches for 71 yards, caught a 10-yard slant pass for a touchdown from Freedy to make it 27-13 with 9:27 left. That drive went 84 yards in seven plays.

After another Pelz field goal, UB closed its scoring after an interception by senior **Bobby Johnson**, who also led the Bulls with 10 tackles. This time Dwarte broke three tackles and went 23 yards on a fourth-and-two play to give UB a 37-13 cushion and put a punctuation mark on UB's second-half offensive explosion.

The Bulls got on the scoreboard first in the game after a time-consuming drive that led to a 36-yard field goal by Pelz with 5:06 left in the first quarter. The drive took 6:07 off the clock and consumed 46 yards on 14 plays. Buffalo converted two key third down conversions and a fourthand-two at the Husky 19 along the way. Freedy, who made his 25th consecutive

start, hit tight end

Chad Bartoszek for 24 yards on a thirdand-16 early in the drive. The field goal was Pelz' first in his UB career and marked the first time the Bulls have led a game in the 2001 campaign.



Chad Bartoszek

The Huskies responded with a drive that went 49 yards in 10 plays early in the second quarter. The Bulls stopped the Huskies on a third-and-one play at their own 14-yard line to force a 30-yard field goal by Marc Hickok with 9:19 left in the first half.

As planned, the Bulls inserted redshirt freshman quarterback **Randall Secky** for

its third drive and after the UConn field goal he was sacked and fumbled with the Huskies recovering at the Buffalo 20yard line. That was when the Bulls' defense held their ground. On back-toback plays from the UB one-yard line, the Bulls stuffed the Huskies as **Bobby Johnson** and Buttles stopped tailback Taber Small on fourth down for a oneyard loss.

The Bulls, however, could not move the ball and after punting from their own end zone saw UConn returner Cliff Hill return the ball 34 yards to the Buffalo 13. Once again, however, the UB defense stood tall forcing Hickok to make a 33-yard field goal to give UConn a 6-3 lead with :49 left in the half.

However, that wasn't the end of the UConn scoring in the half. After stopping Buffalo in three straight plays, the Huskies got the ball back at their own 46. On the very first play, quarterback Keron Henry hit O'Neil Wilson with a 54-yard bomb with just :10 left in the half that put Connecticut up 13-3 at halftime.

That, however, would not deter Buffalo in the second half as the Bulls held the ball for 20:41 and outgained the Huskies, 314-40, after intermission. The Bulls converted 7-of-10 third down conversions in the second half and caused three Connecticut turnovers. Connecticut's only touchdown was a fluke play after UB safety Deonne McClelland recorded his first career interception. During his return, McCelland was stripped of the ball and the Huskies Cliff Hill picked it up and went 72 yards for the score. The Buffalo defense has allowed only one touchdown in the second half through three games this season.

The stars were many for Buffalo. Freedy completed 16-of-26 passes in the second half and finished 20-of-36 for 218 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions. Bartoszek added four catches for 40 yards for Buffalo while seven UB receivers caught passes.

Defensively, the Bulls allowed only 221 yards in the game – their lowest output since giving up 175 in

a 20-17 win over Bowling Green last season – and just 11 first downs, two in the second half. Johnson led the way with 10 tackles while redshirt frosh **J.J. Gibson** added seven



J.J. Gibson

tackles as did senior Chris Shelly.

Buffalo's special teams were also strong. Besides Pelz' three field goals, junior punter **Scott McMahan** averaged 42.8 yards per punt and had a careerbest 60 yard boot. Junior flanker **Andre Forde** had four punt returns for 32 yards and two receptions for 30 yards as well.

BULLS-CHIPPEWAS HISTORY: Saturday's game between the Bulls and Chippewas will be just the second in the school's histories.

Central Michigan rolled up 394 yards via the ground in a 38-19 win at UB Stadium back on October 9, 1999.

Eric Flowers ran for 219 yards in that contest to pace Central Michigan, which rang up 29 first downs in the game.

Derrick Gordon led the UB offense with 19 carries for 124 yards and three touchdowns, while quarterback **Joe Freedy** completed 11-of-30 passes for 175 yards.

Chris Shelly had 13 tackles to lead the Bulls while **Craig Rohlfs** added 10 stops in the game.

OFFENSE BUSTS LOOSE: The Buffalo offense had been waiting a long time for a second half like they played at Connecticut.

The Bulls scored on six straight posses-



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sions in the second stanza and scored the most points by a Buffalo team since its return to Division I-A. It was also the most points the Bulls have scored since a 65-40 loss at Villanova in 1998.

CARDIAC KIDS?: The Bulls last three wins have all come when trailing at halftime.

Buffalo trailed Bowling Green and Kent State at the half last season before pulling out identical 20-17 victories and were in a 13-3 hole at halftime to Connecticut.

The 10-point deficit the Bulls overcame at halftime was the largest since coming back from 10 points down to win 14-10 at Hofstra in 1996.

HOFHER OVERHEARD: Head coach Jim Hofher participated in the weekly Mid-American Conference teleconference call on Monday morning and had the following comments:

On his team's win at Connecticut

"The simple things from the game are that we did several things better than we did in the first two. Offensively, we finally found a way to run the ball, Marquis Dwarte had 150 yards and three touchdowns. It was pretty methodical and workmanlike. Our offensive line is a young group that we expected would be a work in progress and they played by far their best game of the season. Joe Freedy played his most consistent game, in terms of seeing things right and having good distribution of the football. Defensively, we created three turnovers which will always help and we did a much better job on third down conversion rate on offense while holding Connecticut to 4of-14 "

On his team's comeback at UConn

"We had given up a stupid play at the end of the half that should not happen (a 54-yard touchdown pass). We simply made the kids understand that it wasn't like it was a methodical drive and that we were being dominated...the play stunk but we had to get back to business. We put a challenge on our offensive linemen that we had to run the ball better. You have to consider we were able to get the game tied at 13-13 to start the fourth quarter and won the game 37-20.

Ultimately what happened is our kids have been doing a terrific job in their conditioning and that really showed itself in the fourth quarter."

On the quarterback situation for CMU

"Clearly Joe (Freedy) played his best game of the season. I don't know that we'll practice much differently but our intent is that Joe is the starter and he has clearly earned that opportunity for his performance against Connecticut."

On Central Michigan

"They are an exciting team to watch. They're exceptionally quick on defense and they play extremely hard. They are very multiple in their pressures and really, really aggressive on defense. Offensively they are resembling what more and more teams in college football look like with a spread offense. They have a very dynamic quarterback who can run, make you miss, so you really have to have a plan for him. They are massive throughout their offensive line, much bigger than anyone we've played so far."

FREEDY FIRES BACK: Senior quarterback **Joe Freedy** responded in the best way possible to the thought of losing his starting job: he played one of the best games of his career.

Freedy, who ran his starting streak to 25 straight after competing with redshirt frosh **Randall Secky** for the starting nod during the week, completed 16-of-26 passes for 175 yards and a touchdown **in the second half alone** at Connecticut.

His 20 completions moved him past Chad Salisbury into third place all-time with 380 and he also moved into third place all-time in attempts (see page 7) with 722. He needs just six yards to move past Frank Reilly into third place all-time in passing yardage (currently 4.241) and his next



Joe Freedy

touchdown pass will tie him with Gordon Bukaty for fifth place all-time with 25.

The Coaching Matchup: The Bulls are coached by Jim Hofher (Cornell, '79), who was named the 22nd head coach in UB football history on November 30, 2000.

Hofher is into his 23rd year of collegiate coaching – all at the Division I level – this year and has an all-time head coaching record of 45-38 after spending eight seasons as head

coach at Cornell (1990-97).

Hofher has also been on staffs at Wake Forest, Tennessee, Syracuse, North Carolina and Mid-American Conference rival Miami, OH.



Jim Hofher

As an assistant coach he was part of two staffs that saw their head coaches earn National Coach of the Year honors, with John Mackovic at Wake Forest and at Syracuse with Dick MacPherson.

As a head coach, he led the Big Red of Cornell to more Ivy League victories than any other coach in school history and captured a pair of Ivy League titles.

Hofher is a native of Middletown, CT and was recruited and played quarterback for NFL coaching legend George Seifert at Cornell.

Central Michigan is coached by Mike DeBord who is in his second season at Central Michigan and has a 3-11 career



mark. DeBord came to Mt. Pleasant from the University of Michigan where he was the offensive coordinator for three seasons and spent eight years total in Ann Arbor.

DeBord has also coached at Northwestern, Colorado State, Ball State, Eastern Illinois, Fort Hays and Franklin College in his 19-year coaching career.

BULLS HAVE SHOVE IN SECOND HALF: The Bulls defense has shown the dividends of UB's intense conditioning and fitness program overseen by strength coach Jim Peal.

The Bulls have allowed just two second half touchdowns in the first three games and have outscored their opponents 49-25 in the second half this season.

BUTTLES STEPS IN ABLY: Junior linebacker **Ryan Buttles** has been biding his time patiently since transferring two years ago from Siena College.

Saturday when given his first starting opportunity he was clutch.

The Pike, NY native had six tackles and was involved in two of the biggest plays

in the game. He stopped UConn tailback Taber Small on fourth-and-inches from the UB goalline in the first half and gathered in a tipped ball for his first career interception to swing



Ryan Buttles

the momentum early in the third quarter.

Besides his six solo stops, Buttles also broke up a pass and had a tackle for loss. Buttles got the call when starter **Lamar Wilcher** suffered a right shoulder injury in practice last week and could not go. Wilcher is questionable for Saturday's game.

Said head coach Jim Hofher after the Connecticut game, "Ryan Buttles was a

warrior out there."

BULLS BOAST DEFENSIVE TURNAROUND: The latest Mid-American Conference team statistics confirm UB's improvement on the defensive side of the ball.

The Bulls, who ranked last in total defense in the MAC last season, continue to move up the ladder in the MAC and the national charts in 2001 under the direction of defensive coordinator **Thurmond Moore**

Buffalo currently ranks **first** in the MAC in pass defense and **11th in the nation** giving up just 132.0 yards per game. That figure has helped UB rank third in the confer-



ence in total defense (297.0), down 131.1 yards per game from last season. The Bulls also rank second in first downs allowed (45) and pass efficiency defense in the MAC and third in kickoff coverage (17.5 per return).

The Bulls rank 40th nationally in total defense as compared to closing the 2000 season at 101st in the nation.

KICKERS HAVE CAREER DAY: The UB kicking combination of **Dallas Pelz** and **Scott McMahan** had career days in the win over Connecticut.

Pelz hit all three field goal attempts in the game (36, 32 and 37 yards) and accounted for 13 points in the game. McMahan, meanwhile, averaged 42.8 yards per punt and boomed a careerbest 60-yarder in the first half.

ROHLFS HITS STRIDE AGAIN: Senior free safety **Craig Rohlfs** has been one of the MAC's best when healthy and so far this year he is back to his old form.

Rohlfs, fully recovered from a pair of

shoulder surgeries that limited him to six games last season, had his seventh career interception and his first collegiate touchdown when he returned a pass 82 yards for Buffalo's first score against Rutgers.

Rohlfs' interception return was the third longest in UB history and Buffalo's first interception return for a score since the final game of the 1998 season (22 games). It was also the 15th career turnover Rohlfs has been involved in (7 interceptions/5 fumble recoveries/3 forced fumbles) during his UB career.

Rohlfs now ranks tied for ninth all-time with former teammate Carlos Spencer with 120 solo tackles in the UB career record books.

NICE DISTRIBUTION IN UB PASSING GAME:

The Bulls have really spread the ball around in the early season in their passing game, as exemplified by seven players catching passes in the win at Connecticut.

For the season, Buffalo has had 11 different receivers catch balls and seven of them have between five and 11 grabs so far this year. Sophomore **Chad Bartoszek** and junior **Andre Forde** lead the way with 10 receptions each.

SHELLY APPROACHING TOP TEN: Senior defensive end **Chris Shelly** is approaching UB's top 10 in tackles for loss in a career.

Shelly, a Pittsburgh, PA native, currently has 19 stops behind the line of scrimmage in his career, three behind Todd Schaffer (22) for 11th place and four behind former teammate Dan Poulsen (23) for 10th place.

Shelly had a second-quarter sack versus Rutgers and also had six tackles in the game. The sack was Shelly's first since registering one at Kent State back on October 30, 1999. Shelly has made the



THE START CHART

The following list includes all 2001 players who have started at least one game at Buffalo. Numbers in parentheses indicate current streak of consecutive starts:

Chris Shelly	30(3)
Bob Dzvońick	
Joe Freedy	
Craig Rohlfs	24 (3)
Brandon Jordan	
Tim Hedges	. 14 (14)
Derrick Gordon	13 (1)
Duane Williams	12 (1)
Jamie Guerra	
Andre Forde	
John Nolan	
Marquis Dwarte	8
Mike Lambert	9 (3)
Mark Graham	7 (7)
Zeke McKine	6
Marvin Brereton	5
Bobby Johnson	
Omari Jordan	5 (3)
Youdlain Marcellus	3
Albert Grundy	3
Dan Lindsay	3
Andy Avery	
Eric Weber	
Erik Zeppuhar	3 (3)
Jeff Mills	3 (3)
Chad Bartoszek	3 (3)
Lamar Wilcher	2
J.J. Gibson	3 (3)
Scott McMahan	
Dallas Pelz	
Kevin Dunn	
Brian Johnessee	
Ryan Buttles	
Tom Shaughnessy	1 (1)
Maurice Bradford	
Marcus Clarett	1

QUICKIE STATS Buffalo's record is:

When leading at the half	0-0
When trailing at the half	1-2
When leading after three quarters	
When trailing after three quarters	
When tied after three quarters	1-0
When scoring first	1-0
When opponent scores first	0-2
When running more plays than opponent	
When opponent runs more plays	
When committing more turnovers	0-1
When committing less turnovers	1-1
When turnovers are even	
When committing at least two turnovers	1-2
When committing less than two turnovers	0-0
When winning time of possession	1-0
When opponent wins time of possession	0-2
When running 70 or more offensive plays	
When running less than 70 offensive plays .	0-2
Rushing for 200 yards or more	
Rushing for less than 200 yards	1-2
When passing for 200 yards or more	1-0
When passing for less than 200 yards	
Gaining more total yards than opponent	1-0
Gaining less total yards than opponent	0-2
Playing at home	0-1
Playing on the road	1-1
Playing on natural grass	
Plaving on artificial surface	0-0

transition from linebacker to defensive end for his senior season.

JOHNSON ADJUSTING JUST FINE: Senior Bobby Johnson has made quite a smooth transition from strong safety to outside linebacker – making an early bid

for All-MAC honors in the process.

Johnson is tied for the team lead with 26 tackles (12 solos) and had his first interception as a Bull at Connecticut.

The native of

Trabuco Hills, CA has been one of the fiercest hitters in the conference since his arrival at UB.

GIBSON MAKING AN IMPACT: Redshirt freshman J.J. Gibson is tied for the team lead in tackles through three games in his first season at Buffalo and has proven himself to be an extremely sure-handed tackler.

Of his 26 tackles so far this season, 21 of them have been solo, putting him on pace to rank among the top three in single-season history for solo stops.

Gibson played his high school ball in the shadow of UB's North Campus at Sweet Home High School. He became the first freshman since Buffalo has returned to Division I to lead the Bulls in tackles in his very first game.

BRADFORD FINDING A HOME: Junior flanker Maurice Bradford is another Bull who is starting to get comfortable in new surroundings.

Bradford, a second-team Junior College All-American at tailback at SUNY Morrisville in 1999, was UB's top receiver against Connecticut with six catches for 71 yards and caught his first career touchdown pass in the process.

Bradford made the adjustment during spring drills after timing out as UB's fastest player. The Binghamton, NY native rushed for



Maurice Bradford

over 1,600 yards in his final year at Morrisville.

New Faces IN New Places: The Bulls had eight new starters in the lineup for the season opener versus Rutgers, including four redshirt freshmen (offensive linemen Eric Weber and Erik Zeppuhar, defensive tackle Craig Johnson and strong safety J.J. Gibson).

Other first-time starters were tight end Chad Bartoszek, offensive tackles Andy Avery and Jeff Mills and linebacker Lamar Wilcher

BANGED-UP BULLS: The Bulls have been fortunate in terms of major injuries thus far this season.

Buffalo has lost only senior tight end Marvin Brereton for an extended period of time. Brereton was lost for the season when he suffered a torn patella tendon in his left knee in the opener versus Rutgers. He is expected to apply for a sixth-year with the NCAA.

Sophomore linebacker Lamar Wilcher missed the Connecticut game with a sublexed right shoulder and is questionable for Saturday's game.

BULLS' CAPTAINS: University at Buffalo head football coach Jim Hofher announced his team's 2001 captains following a team vote prior to the annual Blue-White Spring Scrimmage back in April.

Named as captains by vote of their





BULLS IN THE RECORD BOOKS

PASS ATTEMPTS

1.	Cliff Scott (1991-94)	_1,101
2.	Marty Barrett (1980-83)	_ 956
3.	Joe Freedy (1998-present)	_ 722
4.	Frank Reilly (1988-89)	_ 697
5.	Chad Salisbury (1997-98)	671
6.	Mark Taylor (1993-96)	_ 544
7.	Jim Rodriguez (1978-80)	_ 536
8.	Ken Hyer (1981-84)	_ 529
9.	Mick Murtha (1966-69)	_ 520

PASS COMPLETIONS

1.	Cliff Scott (1991-94)	545
2.	Marty Barrett (1980-83)	513
3.	Joe Freedy (1997-present)	380
4.	Chad Salisbury (1997-98)	372
5.	Frank Reilly (1988-90)	325
6.	Ken Hyer (1981-84)	273
7.	Jim Rodriguez (1978-80)	250
8.	Mark Taylor (1993-96)	248

PASSING YARDS

1. Cliff Scott (1991-94) 2. Marty Barrett (1980-83) 3. Chad Salisbury (1997-98) 4. Frank Reilly (1988-90) 5. Joe Freedy (1998-present) 6. Ken Hyer (1981-84) 7. Jim Rodriguez (1978-80) 8. Mark Taylor (1993-96) 9. Mick Murtha (1966-69) 10. John Stofa (1961-63)	7,578 6,945 4,947 4,246 4,241 3,420 3,401 3,143 2,885 2,133
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TOUCHDOWN PASSES

1. Marty Barrett (1980-83)	44
2. Cliff Scott (1991-94)	43
3. Chad Salisbury (1997-98)	31
4. Frank Reilly (1988-90)	27
5. Gordon Bukaty (1958-60)	25
6. Joe Freedy (1998-present)	24
7. Ken Hyer (1981-84)	22
8. Jim Rodriguez (1978-80)	20
9. Mick Murtha (1966-69)	16
10. John Stofa (1961-63)	14
Mark Taylor (1993-96)	14

SOLO TACKLES (1977-PRESENT)

1. Craig Guest (1993-96) 23	50
2. Pete Conley (1992-95) 1	91
3. Shane Currey (1978-81) 14	48
4. Mike Laipple (1983-86)13	37
5. Cosmo Nestola (1979-92) 13	35
6. Tory Smith (1997-2000) 12	25
7. Frank Berrafato (1978-81) 12	23
8. Bill Stonecypher (1989-92) 1	21
Carlos Spencer (1997-2000) 12	20
Craig Rohlfs (1998-present) 12	20

teammates for the 2001 season are seniors **Joe Freedy (Bethel Park, PA/ Bethel Park)** on offense and **Bob Dzvonick (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler), Craig Rohlfs (Cincinnati, OH/Moeller)** and **Duane Williams (Detroit, MI/Denby)** on defense.

"The kids on the team felt very strongly when given a chance to select captains for the 2001 season, and have selected these seniors overwhelmingly," said Hofher. "We as a staff feel like the most powerful award for an athlete to receive is to be selected by his peers as an acknowledged leader, and all four of these guys fit the bill."

OFFENSIVE LINE TURNS TO YOUTH: The Bulls' offensive line is the team's youngest unit.

Before the season started, Buffalo lost returning starter **Matt Baniewicz** for medical reasons and a week into camp, fifth-year senior **Josh Stello** was unable to overcome a complete reconstruction of his right knee and was forced to end his career.

That means that of the six UB starters upfront last season (including the tight end), the Bulls lost four of them (Baniewicz and seniors Gabe Kogler, David Pruce and Brandon Shaughnessy) before the season opener in 2001. That unit last season averaged 196 yards rushing per game in the final six weeks of the season.

On opening night against Rutgers, Andy Avery, Eric Weber, Erik Zeppuhar and Jeff Mills all made their first career starts alonside senior Tim Hedges, who has started 14 consecutive games.

SHALER CONNECTION: The Bulls have three starters from Shaler High School in Pittsburgh, PA.

Offensive guard **Erik Zeppuhar**, nose guard **Bob Dzvonick** and defensive end **Chris Shelly** are all UB starters and played under the tutelage of Frank Rocco for the Titans of Shaler.

100 YARDERS x 3: The Bulls have a trio of players on their roster who have rushed for over 100 yards in a game in their careers as seniors **Albert Grundy** and **Derrick Gordon** and sophomore **Marquis Dwarte** have all turned the trick.

Grundy and Gordon have both been over the century mark twice while Dwarte had his third 100-yard game in a 37-20 win over Connecticut when he rambled for 150 yards on 25 carries with three touchdowns.

LAZOR AMONG YOUNGEST IN COUNTRY: UB assistant coach Bill Lazor is currently the youngest offensive coordinator in Division I-A, and the second youngest coordinator overall, according to information compiled by Navy Sports Information Director Scott Strasemeier.

Lazor, who starred at Cornell from 1991-93 under UB head coach Jim Hofher, saw his career records for attempts (873), completions (470), yards (5,697) and touchdowns (34)



Bill Lazor

broken by his quarterback Ricky Rahne at Cornell last season.

Lazor directed Cornell's passing game last season and helped the Big Red average 294.4 passing yards per game and 26.4 points per game.

The list of youngest coordinators:

Coordinator/School	Position	Age
Tyrone Nix/So. Miss.	Defensive	28
Bill Lazor/Buffalo	Offensive	29
Rob Boras/UNLV	Offensive	30
Matt Eberflus/Missouri	Defensive	31
Jon Wauford/Miami, OH	Defensive	31
Bill O'Brien/Georgia Tech	Offensive	31



2001 Practice and Interview Schedule Sunday No player interviews. Phone interviews available with Coach Hofher or players by appointment only. Monday Coach Hofher on Mid-American Conference Media Teleconference from 11:05-11:13.

Phone number: 913-981-5509 Replay number: 402-530-0485 Print and Radio Media Interviews with players between 1:30-2:00

pm at UB Stadium. Coach Hofher by appointment only.

<u>Tuesday</u>

Weekly Football Media Luncheon at Holiday Inn Amherst: 11:30 am-12:15 pm Featured players and Coach Hofher available for one-on-ones after formal conference. Print and Radio Media

Interviews with players between 1:30-2:00 pm at UB Stadium. Coach Hofher by appointment only.

Television and Still Photographers Coach Hofher and players available for oneon-one interviews from 3:30-3:45 pm. The first 20 minutes of practice may be shot by television and still photographers.

Wednesday

Print and Radio Media Interviews with players between 1:30-2:00 pm at UB Stadium. Coach Hofher by appointment only. Television and Still Photographers Coach Hofher and players available for oneon-one interviews from 3:30-3:45 pm. The

first 20 minutes of practice may be shot by television and still photographers. Thursday

Print and Radio Media Interviews with players between 1:30-2:00 pm at UB Stadium. Coach Hofher by appointment only.

Television and Still Photographers Coach Hofher and players available for oneon-one interviews from 3:30-3:45 pm. The first 20 minutes of practice may be shot by television and still photographers.

Friday

No player/coaches interviews.

Saturday

Game day – post-game interviews only. All interviews must be arranged through: PAUL VECCHIO Asst. Athletic Director for Communications office - 716-645-6840 home - 716-941-0291 cell - 716-912-0631

Mark Hudspeth/Navy Offensive 32 Al Golden/Virginia Defensive 32

STILL LOOKING FOR PAYDIRT ON KICKOFF

RETURN: The Bulls have gone 124 straight games without returning a kickoff for a score.

You have to go back to Oct. 14, 1989 when UB Hall of Famer Alan Bell returned a kickoff 89 yards against Ithaca for the last time a Buffalo player took a kickoff back for six

EXCELLING IN THE CLASSROOM: The UB football program continues to excel in the classroom as six current Bulls earned distinction on the Mid-American Conference honor roll last fall.

They are:

Player Major
Andy Avery Psychology/Pre-Med
Marquis Dwarte Psychology
Andre Forde Business Management
Alex Lazo Financial Analysis
Jeff Mills Math/Economics
Jason Smalarz Finance

ON THE AIRWAVES: All UB football games can be heard on WGR Sports Radio 55 this season with Rick Maloney (play-byplay) and Chris Brown (color analysis) on the call.

The games can also be heard over the internet by going to WGR's website (www.wgr55.com). In addition, this year Bulls' home football games are expected to have instant stats on the UB website (www.buffalobulls.com).

ON THE TUBE: The Bulls will get plenty of exposure on television this season with two home games and one road game aired live in Buffalo and all five home aames rebroadcast in the Buffalo market. In addition, head coach Jim Hofher will join Assistant Athletic Director Paul

Vecchio for Bulls Football Focus on the Empire Sports Network. The show will air this year on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm on the Empire Sports Network.

UB's home games will air on tape delay on Adelphia 13. Those games will feature Brian Blessing and Mark Collins on the call with Gary Pufpaff handling sideline duties.

The Adelphia 13 schedule:

Replay Date/Time
ın Sun., 9/30 – 12:30, 7:30 pm
Sun., 10/14 – 12:30, 7:30 pm
Sun., 11/4 – 12:30, 7:30 pm
Sun., 11/11 – 12:30, 7:30 pm

BULLS AGAINST THE MAC: The Bulls currently have an all-time record of 12-30 against MAC members. The breakdown: Akron (0-2), Ball State (0-3), Bowling Green (1-1), Central Michigan (0-1), Eastern Michigan (0-0), Kent State (5-4), Marshall (1-4), Miami, OH (0-3), Northern Illinois (1-3), Ohio University (2-5), Toledo (2-3) and Western Michigan (0-1).

The Bulls do not play Toledo, Ball State, Northern Illinois or Western Michigan this season.

PAIR OF BULLS IN THE NFL: Two former Buffalo standouts - Ed Ellis, '97 and Drew Haddad, '00 are on NFL rosters with the San Diego Chargers and the Indianapolis Colts, respectively.

Ellis, a 1997 UB grad, is listed as San Diego's starter at right tackle. He was a four-year starter for the Bulls on their offensive line, and he earned All-America honors from Gridiron Report after his senior season in 1996, helping the Bulls to an 8-3 record. In his five-year professional football career, Ellis has also been a member of the New England Patriots, where he was a fourth-round draft pick in 1997, and the Washington Redskins organizations. He signed a three-year



Third	l Down E	fficiency	
Opponent	Result	Pct.	
Rutgers	3-14	21.4%	
Bowling Green	4-16	25%	
UConn	10-20	50.0%	
C. Michigan			
Miami			
Marshall			
Kent State			
E. Michigan			
Ohio			
Army			
Akron			
Totals	17-50	34%	
Tim	e of Pos	session	
Opponent	Buffalo	Opp.	Diff.
Rutgers	28:58	31:02	-2:04
Bowling Green	23:09	36:51	-13:42
UConn	33:53	26:07	+7:46
C. Michigan			
Miami			
Marshall			
Kent State			
E. Michigan			
Ohio			
Army			
Akron			
Avg. per game	28:40	31:20	-2:40
N	umber of	Plays	
Opponent	Buffalo	Opp.	Diff.
Rutgers	65	68	-3
Bowling Green	62	76	-14
UConn	86	57	+29
C. Michigan	00		
Miami			
Marshall			
Kent State			
E. Michigan			
Ohio			

Totals	215	201	114
Turn	over Bred	akdown	
Opponent	Buffalo	Opp.	Diff.
Rutgers	2	3	+1
Bowling Green	3	0	-3
UConn	2	3	+1
C. Michigan			
Miami			
Marshall			
Kent State			
E. Michigan			
Ohio			
Army			
Akron			
Totals	7	6	-1

213

201

+12

Army

Akron Totals deal with the Chargers in March.

Haddad earned a spot on the Colts' roster after an impressive preseason, and he is listed as a backup on the depth chart at wide receiver and punt returner.

Haddad led the Colts in receiving during the preseason with 16 catches for 170 yards and one touchdown. Even more noteworthy, however, were the two punt returns he ran back for touchdowns in back-to-back weeks during the preseason - a 94-yard return against Seattle and an 84-yard return against Detroit. In the Colts' 49-year regular season history, no player has ever run back punt returns for touchdowns in consecutive games.

Haddad signed on as a free agent with the Colts in January after spending parts of the 2000 campaign on both the Colts' and the Buffalo Bills' practice squads.

New Era/New Look: The Bulls not only have a new head coach (23-year college veteran Jim Hofher) but will be sporting a new look in 2001.

The Bulls will be wearing new home and away jerseys as well as a new helmet design featuring a Bulls' horn on a blue helmet.

BULLS' DID YOU KNOW?

√ Sophomore **Demetrius Austrum** is the cousin of former Florida State standout Corey Simon, drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the first round of the 2000 draft.

 $\sqrt{\text{Andy Avery, Jason Smalarz}}$ and Jeff Mills were all admitted into UB's prestigious Honors Program upon enrolling.

√ The Bulls have two players who hail from Canada (**Marvin Brereton** and **Youdlain Marcellus**).

 $\sqrt{}$ Junior college transfer **Maurice Bradford** has modeled for Abercrombie and Fitch, Polo and Target Stores and his work was featured in ESPN's College Gameday Preview in August.

 $\sqrt{\text{Bob Dzvonick}}$'s father is a wellknown judge in the Pittsburgh area.

√ Redshirt freshman offensive guard **Dan Minocchi** is a relative of former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano.

 $\sqrt{\text{Redshirt freshman offensive lineman}}$ WIIIiam Paris is the son of long-time NFL standout Bubba Paris, who was part of several San Francisco 49er Super Bowl champion teams.

 $\sqrt{\text{Derrick Gordon}}$ comes from Jamaican descent and, as a superstition, eats raw onions before games.

 $\sqrt{}$ Junior **Jason Montanez** is related to musician Wyclef Jean, formerly of The Fugees.

 $\sqrt{\text{Aaron McMickle}}$ traveled with a USA wrestling team to Russia and Turkey and his father ran for Senate in Ohio.

 $\sqrt{1}$ Freshman **Tim Dance** worked at a cemetery in his native Erie, PA.

√ Freshman **Rob Schroeder** was named Defensive MVP of the New York vs. New Jersey Governor's Bowl this summer as the Empire State won for the first time in four meetings.

 $\sqrt{}$ Freshman **Kevin Concepcion** was named Offensive MVP of the Rochesterarea Eddie Meath All-Star Game.

√ Defensive tackle **Bill Meholif** was named MVP of the prestigious Northeast Ohio All-Star classic this summer. Meholif attended St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, the alma mater of former UB great Drew Haddad, currently with the Indianapolis Colts.

√ Running backs coach **Brian Polian** is the son of Indianapolis Colts President and General Manager Bill Polian and grew up in the Buffalo area while his father was the architect of the Bills' unprecedented four-year run to the Super Bowl.



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Rutgers 31, Buffalo 15 August 30, 2001 • UB Stadium Amherst, NY

	•Scoring Summary•						
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total		
Rutgers	7	13	3	8	31		
Buffalo	0	0	0	15	15		

Seabrooks 73 interception return (Sands kick), 7-0 Smith 1 pass from Cubit (pass failed), 13-0

2 14:41 Thomas 1 run (Sands kick), 20-0 2 4:57 3 5:57 Sands 44 FG, 23-0 4 11:32 Rohlfs 82 interception return (Pelz kick), 23-7 4 9:25 Martin 24 pass from Cubit (Carty pass), 31-7 Lindsay 16 pass from Freedy (Forde pass), 31-15 4 5:15

•Team Statistics•

	Scarlet Knights	Bulls
First downs	15	16
Rushing Attempts-Yards	45-196	25-55
Passing yards	157	180
Passing (C-A-I)	11-23-2	21-40-2
Offensive plays	68	65
Total net yards	353	235
Average gain per play	5.2	3.6
Fumbles (number-lost)	1-1	2-0
Penalties (number-yards)	10-59	11-71
Interceptions by (number-yards	s) 2-73	2-81
Number of Punts-Avg.	6-47.3	11-39.0
Punt returns-yards	3-11	4-25
Kickoff returns-yards	0-0	6-116
Possession time	31:02	28:58
Third down conversions	8-of-16	3-of-14
Fourth down conversions	0-of-0	0-of-0
Sacks by (number-yards)	2-16	3-20

Individual Statistics

Rushing: UB: Grundy 13-51, Dwarte 7-32, Freedy 5-(-28). RU: Thomas 30-177, Ohene 9-31, Jones 1-0, Cubit 5-(-12).

Passing: UB: Freedy 21-40-2 180. RU: Cubit 11-23-2 157.

Receiving: *UB:* Bartoszek 5-66, Forde 4-41, Dwarte 4-10, Lindsay 3-39, Grundy 2-7, Knueven 1-11, Vargas 1-6, Brereton 1-0. *RU:* A. Martin 5-131, Smith 4-17, Stringer 1-11, Thomas 1-(-2). **Time of game:** 3:35. **Attendance** – 22,658

Bowling Green 35, Buffalo 0 Sept. 8, 2001 • Perry Stadium Bowling Green, OH

			•Scor	ing Summ	ary•		
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	
Buffalo	D	0	0	0	0	0	
Bowlir	ng Gree	en 7	21	0	7	35	
Team	Per. 1	Time				Sc	oring Play
BG	1 1	3:20			Alls 2 ru	un (Suishar	n kick), 7-0
BG	21	2:20		H	larris 5 rur	n (Suisham	kick), 14-0
BG	2 9	9:54	Red	d 13 pass i	rom Sahn	n (Suisham	kick), 21-0
BG	2	:55			Alls 2 rur	n (Suisham	kick), 28-0
BG	4 8	8:13		DiBa	cco 18 rur	n (Suisham	kick), 35-0

	•Team Statistics•	
	Bulls	Falcons
First downs	7	19
Rushing Attempts-Yards	24-43	50-184
Passing yards	162	133
Passing (C-A-I)	16-38-2	15-26-0
Offensive plays	62	76
Total net yards	205	317
Average gain per play	3.3	4.2
Fumbles (number-lost)	1-1	1-0
Penalties (number-yards)	6-33	6-45
Interceptions by (number-yard	ds) 0-0	2-28
Number of Punts-Avg.	9-39.0	7-38.7
Punt returns-yards	0-0	6-96
Kickoff returns-yards	3-18	0-0
Possession time	23:09	36:51
Third down conversions	4-of-16	5-of-16
Fourth down conversions	0-of-1	1-of-3
Sacks by (number-yards)	0-0	1-8

Individual Statistics

Rushing: *UB:* Grundy 8-18, Dwarte 8-11, Secky 6-10, Gordon 1-4, Freedy 1-0. *BG:* Harris 13-61, Alls 17-59, DiBacco 9-35, Gibson 3-24, Magner 2-6,

Sahm 5-2, Team 1-(-3).

Passing: *UB:* Secky 12-29-0 134, Freedy 4-9-2 28. *BG:* Harris 7-13-0 74, Sahm 8-12-0 59.

Receiving: *UB:* Forde 4-33, Bradford 3-40, Knueven 2-11, McKine 1-47, Vargas 1-9, Grundy 1-7, Bartoszek 1-5, Gordon 1-4, Dwarte 1-4, Lindsay 1-2. *BG:* Bautista 6-70, Gerling 3-23, Redd 3-12, Baker 1-16, Gibson 1-10, Alls 1-2.

Time of game: 3:00. Attendance - 16,183



Buffalo 37, Connecticut 20 Sept. 22, 2001 • Memorial Stadium Storrs, CT

		•Scor	ing Summ	ary•		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	
Buffalo	3	0	10	24	37	
Connecticut	0	13	0	7	20	
Team Per. Ti	me				Sco	oring Play
UB 1 5:	04				Pelz 3	36 FG, 3-0
UConn 2 9:	19				Hickok 3	30 FG, 3-3
UConn 2 :4	19				Hickok 3	33 FG, 3-6
UConn 2 :1	0	Wils	on 54 pass	s from Her	nry (Hickok I	kick), 3-13
UB 3 9:	08			Dwarte 8	run (Pelz ki	ick), 10-13
UB 3 4:	45				Pelz 32	FB, 13-13
UB 4 12	:50			Dwarte 1	run (Pelz ki	ick), 20-13
UB 4 9:	27	Bradfo	ord 10 pass	s from Fre	edy (Pelz ki	ick), 27-13
UB 4 5:	05				Pelz 37	FG, 30-13
UB 4 2:	43		[Owarte 23	run (Pelz ki	ick), 37-13
UConn 4 2:	16	F	lill 72 fumb	le recover	y (Hickok ki	ick), 37-20

•Team Statistics•						
	Bulls	Falcons				
First downs	25	11				
Rushing Attempts-Yards	45-149	35-115				
Passing yards	237	106				
Passing (C-A-I)	23-41-0	7-22-3				
Offensive plays	86	57				
Total net yards	386	221				
Average gain per play	4.5	3.9				
Fumbles (number-lost)	3-2	0-0				
Penalties (number-yards)	6-50	9-93				
Interceptions by (number-yards)	3-44	0-0				
Number of Punts-Avg.	4-42.8	6-41.2				
Punt returns-yards	4-32	3-43				
Kickoff returns-yards	2-44	6-105				
Possession time	33:53	26:07				
Third down conversions	10-of-20	4-of-14				
Fourth down conversions	2-of-2	0-of-1				
Sacks by (number-yards)	1-10	2-20				

Individual Statistics

Rushing: *UB:* Dwarte 25-150, Gordon 9-24, Freedy 8-(-7), Secky 2-(-16), Team 1-(-2). *UC:* Small 21-81, Henry 11-37, Benson 2-7, Orlovsky 1-(-10). **Passing:** *UB:* Freedy 20-36-0 218, Secky 3-5-0 19. *UC:* Henry 7-18-1 106, Orlovsky 0-4-2 0.

Receiving: *UB*: Bradford 6-71, Bartoszek 4-40, McKine 3-31, Vargas 3-30, Knueven 3-25, Forde 2-30, Lindsay 2-10. *UC*: Hill 3-28, Wilson 1-54, Draytno 1-10, Ridley 1-7, Collins 1-7.

Time of game: 3:06. Attendance - 16,517



BULLS AMONG THE MAC/NATIONAL LEADERS

• JOE FREEDY •
$\sqrt{8}$ 8th in the MAC in passing yards per game (142.0)
$\sqrt{10}$ the MAC in pass efficiency (93.4)
• MARQUIS DWARTE •
$\sqrt{9}$ 9th in the MAC in rushing yards per game (64.3)
$\sqrt{1-5}$ T-5th in the MAC in scoring per game (6.0)
• DALLAS PELZ •
$\sqrt{7}$ 7th in the MAC in scoring (kick) per game (4.7)
$\sqrt{\text{T-50th in the nation/T-5th in the MAC in field goals per game (1.0)}}$
$\sqrt{5}$ 5th in the MAC in field goal percentage (.750)
• LAMAR WILCHER •
$\sqrt{1-2}$ T-2nd in the MAC in tackles for loss per game (2.0)
• Andre Forde •
$\sqrt{8}$ 8th in the MAC in punt return average (7.1)
• Scott McMahan •
$\sqrt{6}$ 6th in the MAC in punting average (39.6)
• CRAIG ROHLFS •
$\sqrt{31}$ st in the nation/4th in the MAC in kickoff return avg. (25.0)
• Mike Lambert •
$\sqrt{\text{T-2nd}}$ in the MAC in interceptions per game (0.5)
• J.J. Gibson •
$\sqrt{17}$ th in the MAC in tackles per game (8.7)
• Bobby Johnson •
$\sqrt{\text{T-2nd}}$ in the MAC in interceptions per game (0.5)
• DEONNE MCCLELLAND •
$\sqrt{\text{T-2nd}}$ in the MAC in interceptions per game (0.5)
• Ryan Buttles •
$\sqrt{\text{T-2nd}}$ in the MAC in interceptions per game (0.5)

•Bulls-Chippewas St	fatistical Co	OMPARISON•
	Buffalo	<i>CMU</i>
Points Per Game	17.3	30.3
Rushing Offense Per Game	82.3	135.0
Passing Offense Per Game	193.0	199.0
Total Offense Per Game	275.3	334.0
Rushing Defense Per Game	165.0	237.7
Passing Defense Per Game	132.0	196.0
Total Defense Per Game	297.0	433.7
Kickoff Return Average	16.2	15.5
Punt Return Average		
Net Punting	33.4	40.9
Quarterback sacks-yards lost	4-30	6-36
Third Down Conversions	17-of-50	18-of-53
Third Down Percentage	34%	34%
Fourth Down Conversions	2-for-3	2-of-5
Fourth Down Percentage	66.7%	40%
Turnover Margin Per Game	-0.3	-0.3
Penalties-Yards	23-154	23-137
Penalty yards per game		45.7

Bulls In the MAC Team Rankings

 $\sqrt{1st}$ in pass defense (132.0 ypg) $\sqrt{3rd}$ in total defense – yards per game (297.0 ypg) $\sqrt{6th}$ in passing offense per game (193.0 ypg) $\sqrt{7th}$ in scoring defense per game (28.7 ppg) $\sqrt{7th}$ in turnover margin per game (-0.33) $\sqrt{7th}$ in rushing defense per game (165.0 ypg) $\sqrt{8th}$ in net punting per attempt (33.4 ypg) $\sqrt{11th}$ in kickoff return average (16.2 ypr) $\sqrt{11th}$ in punt return average (16.2 ypr) $\sqrt{11th}$ in rushing offense per game (82.3 ypg) $\sqrt{12th}$ in total offense per game (275.3 ypg) $\sqrt{12th}$ in scoring offense per game (17.3 ppg)

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	Rutgers	Bowling Green	Connecticut	C. Michigan	Miami, OH	Marshall	Kent State	E. Michigan	Ohio	Army	Akron
					- O	fense –					
LT	Avery	Avery	Avery								
G	Hedges	Hedges	Hedges								
С	Weber	Weber	Weber								
RG	Zeppuhar	Zeppuhar	Zeppuhar								
RT	Mills	Mills	Mills								
TE	Bartoszek	Bartoszek	Bartoszek								
SE	Forde	Forde	Forde								
FL	Lindsay	Lindsay	Bradford								
TB	Grundy	Grundy	Gordon								
FB			Shaughnessy								
QB	Freedy	Freedy	Freedy								
TE	Brereton										
SE		McKine									
					– De	efense-					
DE	Guerra	Guerra	Geurra								
NG	C. Johnson	Dzvonick	Dzvonick								
DT	O. Jordan	O. Jordan	O. Jordan								
DE	Shelly	Shelly	Shelly								
OLB	Williams	B. Jordan	Williams								
MLB	Wilcher	Wilcher	Buttles								
OLB	B. Johnson	B. Johnson	B. Johnson								
CB	Lambert	Lambert	Lambert								
CB	Graham	Graham	Graham								
SS	Gibson	Gibson	Gibson								
FS	Rohlfs	Rohlfs	Rohlfs								
					Seniors inc	licated in BC	סוכ				



Bulls Two-Deep

•OFFENSE• FL 86 - Zeke McKine or 82 - Dan Lindsay

(So., 5-8, 156)

(Jr., 6-6, 250)

78 - Andy Avery

66 - Tim Hedges

(So., 6-6, 262)

(Sr., 6-6, 288)

65 - Eric Weber

(R-Fr., 6-6, 291)

79 – Erik Zeppuhar

(*R*-*Fr.*, 6-4, 264)

63 – Jeff Mills

(So., 6-6, 285)

(So., 5-6, 170)

(So., 6-1, 231)

15-Joe Freedy

(Sr., 6-3, 190)

(Jr., 6-0, 208)

DE 38 - Chris Shelly

(Sr., 6-1, 227)

(Sr., 6-6, 299)

(Sr., 6-1, 284)

(Jr., 6-3, 246)

OLB 99-Duane Williams

(Sr., 6-3, 250)

(Jr., 6-1, 218)

OLB 10-Bobby Johnson

(Sr., 6-1, 200)

(So., 6-1, 190)

29 - J.J. Gibson

(R-Fr., 5-9, 178)

24 - Craig Rohlfs

35 - Mike Lambert

11 - Scott McMahan

(Sr., 5-11, 192)

(Jr., 5-10, 196)

(Jr., 5-11, 170)

(So., 6-0, 185)

(So., 6-0, 185)

(Jr., 6-0, 208) KOR 81 - Andre Forde

(Jr., 6-0, 208)

(Sr., 6-3, 190)

SNP 51-Kevin McCarthy

(Sr., 5-11, 209)

HLD 15 - Joe Freedy

5 – Dallas Pelz

5 – Dallas Pelz

81 - Andre Forde

2 - Mark Graham

or

ILB 33 - Ryan Buttles

91 - Omari Jordan

96-Bob Dzvonick

37 – Jamie Guerra

81 - Andre Forde

28 - Marquis Dwarte

88 - Chad Bartoszek

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(Jr., 5-11, 183) 47 - Mark Campanella (So., 6-3, 244) 60 - John Nolan (Sr., 6-3, 266) 68 - Aaron McMickle (Jr., 6-0, 272) 64 – Kevin Dunn (So., 6-2, 264) 71 - Brian Johnessee (Sr., 6-7, 299) 75 - Alex Alvarez (Jr., 6-5, 290) 31 - Derrick Gordon (Sr., 5-9, 202) 40 - Tom Shaughnessy 31 - Derrick Gordon (Sr., 5-9, 202) 7 - Randall Secky (R-Fr., 6-4, 215) 20 - Maurice Bradford (Jr., 5-10, 172)

•DEFENSE•

56 - Anthony Andriano (Fr., 6-2, 225) 48 - Terrance Dawson (So., 6-3, 265) 94 - Craig Johnson (R-Fr., 6-2, 296) 52 - Demetrius Austrum (So., 6-2, 223) 36 - Brandon Jordan (Sr., 5-11, 214) 4 - Lamar Wilcher (So, 6-1, 230) 1-Jason Coley (Jr., 6-1, 200) 8 - Terek Henderson (R-Fr., 5-7, 168) 22 - Youdlain Marcellus (Jr., 5-10, 201) 19 - Deonne McClelland (Jr., 6-1, 195) 12 – Darren Hicks (R-Fr., 5-8, 161)

5 – Dallas Pelz (So., 6-0, 185) 18 - Michael Baker (Fr, 5-11, 185) 18 - Michael Baker (Fr., 5-11, 185) 86 - Zeke McKine (So., 5-8, 156) 24 - Craig Rohlfs (Sr., 5-11, 192) 7 - Randall Secky (R-Fr., 6-4. 215) 24 - Craig Rohlfs (Sr., 5-11, 192)

85 - Matt Kneuven
(Fr., 6-2, 200)
89 – Jason Smalarz
(So., 6-4, 244)

72 - Dan Minocchi (R-Fr., 6-2, 270)

32 - Albert Grundy (Sr., 6-2, 231)

6 - Ruben Vargas (Sr., 5-9, 190)

20 - Maurice Bradford

(Jr., 5-10, 172)

44 - Rodney Morris (R-Fr., 5-11, 226) •SPECIAL TEAMS•

Ζ Dante McKnight (So., 5-10, 187) LT 79 - Matt Brayton

(Sr., 6-7, 320) LG 60 - Derek McLaughlin (So., 6-5, 295) С 59 - Anders Hill (Sr., 6-5, 285) RG 57 - Kyle Croskey (Jr., 6-3, 310) RT 70 - Adam Kieft (Fr., 6-7, 300) TE 85 - Tory Humphrey (Fr., 6-3, 230) Х 16 - Rod Means (So., 6-3, 192) OB 10 - Derrick Vickers (Jr., 6-1, 190) FB 29 - Terrence Jackson (So., 6-0, 230) TB 6 - Robbie Mixon (Jr., 6-3, 200)

WILL 53 - Ed Hillery (So., 6-1, 225) 98 - Matt Reynolds LE (Jr., 6-3, 260) DT 76 - Josh Skeel (Sr., 6-1, 270) MG 58 - Marvin Smith (Jr., 6-1, 270) RE 41 - Cullen Jenkins (Jr., 6-3, 230) BUCK 24 - James King (So., 6-1, 195) MIKE 31 - Darvin Lewis (Jr., 6-3, 230) RC 8 - Rodrico Epps (Sr; 5-10, 180) LC 1 - Tedaro France (Sr., 6-0, 183) FS 12 - Bryan Keim (So., 5-10, 190) SAM 3 – Finley Carter (Sr., 5-10, 185) Р 40 - Brian Brandt (So., 6-2, 200) PK

19 - Paul Savich (Sr., 5-7, 150) KO 19 - Paul Savich (Sr., 5-7, 150) HLD 15 - Derek Gorney (Jr., 6-2, 200) SNP 96 - Josh Reardon (So., 6-1, 220) PR 25 - Dante McKnight (So., 5-10, 187) KOR 25 - Dante McKnight

(So., 5-10, 187)

Chippewas Two-Deep •OFFENSE• 9 - Willie Hill (So., 5-11, 180) 73 - Tom Langton (So., 6-7, 315) 63 - Paul Brieger (Jr., 6-4, 305) 69 - Eric Ghiaciuc (Fr., 6-5, 290) 61 - Brandon Pitzer (Fr., 6-3, 285) 78 - Eric Dumont (Sr., 6-6, 315) 86 - Dave Kurzen (Fr., 6-6, 235) 80 - Scott Gibson (Fr., 6-3, 180) 15 - Derrick Gorney (Jr., 6-2, 200) 48 - Troy Peyerk (Fr., 6-0, 230) 21 - Kenan Lawhorne (Fr., 6-2, 205)

•DEFENSE•

54 - Jovan Clarke (Jr., 6-3, 230) 55 - William Brookshire (So., 6-3, 245) 74 - Dominic Mancini (Jr., 6-3, 270) 91 - Jay Davidson (So, 6-4, 275) 56 - Matt Wohlgemuth (So., 6-5, 265) 34 - Omari Colen (Fr., 6-1, 205) 45 - Anthony Tyus (Fr., 5-10, 220) 5 - Ron Bartell (Fr., 6-3, 200) 27 - Richard Kiel (Fr., 5-10, 180) 28 - Joe Ballard (Fr., 6-4, 205) 26 - Jon Nelson (Fr., 6-1, 210)

•SPECIAL TEAMS•

1 - Tedaro France

6 - Robbie Mixon

(Sr., 6-0, 183)

(Jr., 5-11, 190)

81 – Justin Harper (Fr., 5-11, 185)

49 - Adam Supianoski (Jr., 6-3, 235)

LONGEST PLAYS

Longest Rushing Play:

- 1. 95 Ed Malanowics vs. Hobart, Nov. 16, 1929 (TD)
- 2. 91 Alan Bell vs Westminster, Sept. 22, 1990 (TD)
- 3. 3 players tied with runs of 87 yards

Longest Passing Play:

- 1. 91 Mark Taylor to Jamie Gasparre vs. Hofstra, Nov. 2, 1996 (TD)
- 2. 89 Jim Rodriguez to Gary Quatrani vs. John Carroll, Sept. 15, 1979 (TD)
- 3. 87 Mark Taylor to Kali Watkins vs. Maine Nov. 16, 1996 (TD)

Longest Punt:

- 1. 86 Dana Loucks vs. Frostburg State, Nov. 14, 1987 David Anastasi vs. John Carroll, Sept. 2, 1989
- 2. 81- Bill Brogan vs. Cortland State, 1959
- 3. 79 Gerald Carlson vs. Edinboro, Sept. 28, 1996

Longest Field Goal:

Last Shutout:

- 1. 54 Gerald Carlson vs. Edinboro, Sept. 28, 1996
- 2. 52 Bernie Weber vs. Canisius, Oct. 8, 1983 Gerald Carlson vs. Villanova, Oct. 30, 1995
- 3. 51 Mark Mozrall vs. Youngstown State, Oct. 30, 1993

Longest Interception Return:

- 1. 90 Gerry LaFountain vs. Delaware, Nov. 6, 1965 (TD)
- 2. 89 Bill Tipton vs. Lehigh, September 21, 1996 (TD)
- 3. 82 Craig Rohlfs vs. Rutgers, Aug. 30, 2001 (TD)

Longest Punt Return:

- 1. 94 Drew Haddad at Cornell, Oct. 3, 1998 (TD)
- 2. 82 Drew Haddad at Liberty, Oct. 24, 1998 (TD)
- 3. 80 Lou Corriere vs. Johns Hopkins, Nov. 23, 1946 (TD)

Longest Kickoff Return:

- 1. 100 Judd Rosengrant vs. Hobart, 1926 (TD) Chuck Daniels vs. Cortland, Sept. 22, 1956 (TD)
- 95 Jim Ryan vs. Villanova, Oct. 5, 1963 (TD)
 O.D. Underwood vs. Findlay, Sept. 5, 1987 (TD)

THE LAST TIME

Oct. 17, 1998 - Buffalo 47, Canisius 0 Last Time Shutout: Sept. 8, 2001 – Bowling Green 35, Buffalo 0 Last Overtime Game: Nov. 4, 2000 – vs. Kent State, 20-17 (win) Last Overtime Win: Nov. 4, 2000 - vs. Kent State, 20-17 (win) Last Overtime Loss: Oct. 24, 1998 - at Liberty, 27-24 (loss) Last Tie: Oct. 8, 1977 – Buffalo 7, RIT 7 Last Kickoff Returned for a Touchdown: Oct. 14, 1989 – Alan Bell vs. Ithaca (88 yds) Last Punt Returned for a Touchdown: Oct. 24, 1998 – Drew Haddad at Liberty (82 yards) Last Interception Returned for a Touchdown: Aug. 30, 2001 - Craig Rohlfs vs. Rutgers (82 yards) Last Fumble Returned for a Touchdown: Sept. 13, 1997 – Londell Young vs. Delaware State (28 yards)

Last 100 yd Rush Game: Sept. 22, 2001 – Marquis Dwarte at Connecticut (150 yds, 25 atts) Last 200 yd Rush Game: Sept. 21, 1996 – Anthony Swan vs. Lehigh (215 yards) Last 100 yd Receiving Game: Nov. 4, 2000 – Andre Forde (158 yards); Dahnel Singfield (115 yards) vs. Kent State Last 200 yd Receiving Game: Sept. 12, 1981– Joe D'Amico vs. Cortland St., (218 yards) Last 300 yd Passing Game: Nov. 4, 2000 – Joe Freedy vs. Kent State (323 yards) Last 400 yd Passing Game: Oct. 18, 1997 – Chad Salisbury vs. Massachusetts (459 yards) Last Defensive Two-Point Conversion: Nov. 18, 1995 – Eric Lee vs. Boston University (102 yards) Last 50-Yard Plus Field Goal: Sept. 28, 1996 – Gerald Carlson vs. Edinboro (54 yards)

2001 University at Buffalo Football Game-by-Game Statistical Leaders						
Game/Result Aug. 30 RUTGERS L, 31-15	Rushing Grundy 13-51 Dwarte 7-32	Passing Freedy 21-40-2 180 yards, 1 TD	Receiving Bartoszek 5-66 Forde 4-41 Lindsay 3-39, 1 TD	Punting McMahan 11-429 39.0, (long 48)	FG's <u>(Good as marked)</u> Pelz 0-0 1-1 PAT's	Defense Gibson (9-1 – 10) B. Johnson (6-1 – 7) Wilcher (5-1 – 6, 1 FR)
Sept. 8 at Bowling Green L, 35-0	Grundy 8-18 Dwarte 8-11	Secky 12-29-0 134 yards, 0 TD	Forde 4-33 Bradford 3-40 McKine 1-47	McMahan 9-351 39.0, (long 47)	Pelz 0-0 (34) 0-0 PAT's	Wilcher (6-6 – 12, 2 TFL) Rohlfs (5-5 –10, 1 TFL) Gibson (5-4 –9, 1 TFL)
Sept. 22 at Connecticut 1:00 pm	Dwarte 25-150, 3 TDs Gordon 9-24	Freedy 20-36-0 218 yards, 1 TD	Bradford 6-71, 1 TD Bartoszek 4-40 McKine 3-31	McMahan 4-171 42.8, (long 60)	Pelz 3-3 (<u>36, 32, 37)</u> 4-4 PAT's	B. Johnson (3-7 – 10, 1 INT) Gibson (7-0 –7) Buttles (6-0 –6, 1 INT)
Sept. 29 C. MICHIGAN 7:00 pm						
Oct. 6 at Miami (OH) 2:00 pm						
Oct. 13 MARSHALL 1:00 pm						
Oct. 20 at Kent State 2:00 pm						
Oct. 27 at E. Michigan 1:00 pm						
Nov. 3 OHIO 1:00 pm						
Nov. 10 at Army 1:00 pm						
Nov. 17 AKRON 1:00 pm						

- 2001 Football Highlights -

 $\sqrt{}$ The Bulls battled BIG EAST Rutgers before a UB Stadium record crowd of 22,658 fans in the home opener. Quarterback Joe Freedy went over 4,000 career passing yards in the game.

 $\sqrt{}$ Buffalo broke an 18-game road losing streak and scored their first road win since rejoining the Division I-A ranks with a 37-20 win at Connecticut on 9/22. Tailback Marquis Dwarte rushed for 150 yards and three touchdowns and the Bulls scored 34 unanswered points to rally from a 13-3 halftime deficit in the victory.