

College Football

Cardinals stun Bulls with quick start

The University at Buffalo football team, which had excelled in limiting turnovers, penalties and mistakes in its first four games, saw a nightmarish first half doom them in a 55-25 homecoming loss to Ball State before 14,885 at UB Stadium.

The Bulls never recovered from

a one-two punch to open the game as Ball State stormed to a 14-0 lead in the first five minutes of the game. After a 65-yard drive for a score to open the game, the Cardinals blocked a Bulls' punt in the end zone to shock the big homecoming crowd and the Bulls.

Buffalo never recovered mentally and Ball State would go on to take a 38-3 lead into halftime en route to the victory.

"I'm definitely disappointed with the way things got started today, but you have to give credit to Ball State," said head coach Turner Gill after the game. "It doesn't matter what you have done in the past, it is all about what you do today. It doesn't matter who you play, you have to come out and compete every day."

Buffalo's only score of the first half came on the first-ever field goal attempt by senior walk-on Adam Tanalski. Tanalski drilled a 42-yard kick, the longest successful field goal of the season for the Bulls.

After intermission, the Cardinals scored a touchdown on its first drive before UB got on the board again. The Bulls got their first touchdown of the game late in the third quarter, and their first defensive score of the season. Junior safety Kareem Byrom returned a Nate Davis pass 43 yards for a touchdown that cut the Ball State lead to 45-10. It was Davis' first interception of the season and the fourth of Byrom's career. It was the fifth straight game UB (1-4, 0-3 in the MAC) recorded an interception.

The Bulls narrowed the lead to 45-17 when sophomore quarterback Drew Willy connected with Ernest Jackson for a 20-yard touchdown strike. Willy would go on to complete 27-of-40 passes for a career-best 321 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Willy's final touchdown of the day came on a 10-yard strike to freshman Naaman Roosevelt with 9:02 remaining in the game. That score capped a 10-play, 80-yard drive that saw Willy throw for 64 yards on 6-of-8 pass-

ing. Roosevelt was Willy's favorite target throughout the day, as the true frosh grabbed a career-high seven catches for 72 yards. Willy then hit Jackson for a two-point conversion for Buffalo's final scoring play of the day. Jackson also had a career-best five catches for 74 yards for the Bulls.

Senior tight end Chad Upshaw had another excellent day, catching five passes for 83 yards, including a 33-yard hookup with Willy. Junior Terrance Breaux added six catches for 84 yards for Buffalo. The Bulls' running game was limited to 42 total yards courtesy of seven sacks by the Cardinals. Redshirt frosh James Starks had 65 yards rushing on 19 carries and added three catches for 16 yards.

Defensively, the Bulls were led by senior linebacker Jeff Bublavi who had eight tackles, including 1.5 for loss. Senior linebacker Ramon Guzman added seven tackles and a pass breakup.

The Bulls will host MAC rival Miami at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Hall of Fame

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1992-2000. During his eight years with the Blizzard, Pikuzinski scored 317 goals and 823 points, the most in franchise history.

In between, Pikuzinski played with the MISL's Canton Invaders, where he won four championships and was named League MVP three years in a row. He also played for two years with the Cleveland Crunch from 1990-92.

Bruce Smith

Known perhaps as the most immovable object on a legendary irresistible force, Smith was drafted number one overall by Buffalo in the 1985 NFL draft out of Virginia Tech, where he earned the Outland Trophy and first team All-American honors as a senior. His recognition was only beginning as he helped shape and give character to the great Buffalo Bills' team to come.

In his first year, Smith was chosen AFC Defensive Rookie of the Year and named to the Football Digest All-Rookie team. In 1987, he earned Pro Bowl MVP, first team All-Pro, NFLPA Defensive Lineman of the Year, and UPI Defensive Player of the Year, followed by UPI AFC Co-Defensive Player of the Year in 1988.

During the Bills' Super Bowl years of the early 1990's, Smith's defensive skills earned a treasure trove of honors that included Pro Bowl selections, defensive lineman of the week, month and year awards, All-Pro designations, and en route, set a club record with 19 sacks in a season. His stellar play anchored a defense that helped the Bills to an unprecedented four consecutive AFC Championships.

A 15-year starter with the Buffalo Bills, Smith set a team record with eight Pro Bowl selections, was the recipient of multiple NFLPA Defensive Lineman of the Year awards, including a stretch of three straight years. He later set a new NFL record for most double-digit sack seasons (13) and the NFL record for career sacks, while a member of the Washington Redskins.

Jody Swanson Starck

As a young girl, Swanson learned the ropes of sailing from her father. But she would quickly set her own course for a successful competitive boating career that now spans more than two decades.

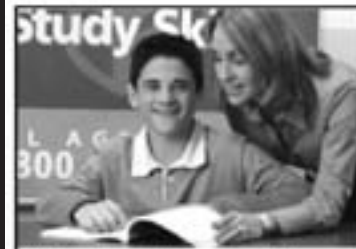
Her first championship was earned during her first year of competitive sailing, a Youth World Lighting Championship in 1984. From 1989 to 2005, Swanson added several more titles to her collection, including two U.S. Sailing Adams Cup Women's Championships, a gold medal at the 1990 Goodwill Games, a silver medal at the 1995 Pan-American Games, and several Rolex International titles.

Swanson was twice named the Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year, the most prestigious sailing award recognized worldwide for on-the-water achievement.

Swanson is also an accomplished coach, winning the 2004 Women's Nationals with a team of two junior sailors from the Buffalo Canoe Club.

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