



2003 Results (25-13, 15-5 PL)

February

15	at Coppin State (2)	Cancelled
16	at Coppin State	Cancelled
21	at Virginia Comm. Univ.	Cancelled
22	at Virginia Comm. Univ.	Cancelled
23	at Virginia Comm. Univ.	Cancelled

March

1	CORNELL (2)	Cancelled
2	CORNELL (2)	Cancelled
9-15	Spring Break Trip	Bradenton, Fla.
9	vs. St. Bonaventure	L 0-4
10	vs. Harvard	W 4-0
11	vs. Rhode Island	W 8-4
12	vs. Yale	W 6-2
13	vs. Indiana Purdue-Ft. Wayne	L 9-7
14	vs. Miami-Ohio	W 4-2
15	vs. Vermont	L 8-5
18	at Temple	L 5-3 (10)
22	BLOOMSBURG (2)	W 10-6
		W 16-7
23	LOCK HAVEN (2)	W 9-3
		W 10-1
26	at Villanova	L 4-2 (7)
29	*at Holy Cross (2)	W 5-4
		W 3-2
30	*at Holy Cross (2)	W 8-6
		L 5-1

April

5	*at Navy (2)	W 4-1
		W 3-2 (9)
6	*at Navy (2)	L 2-1
		W 2-0
8	at St. Bonaventure (2)	Cancelled
12	*at Lehigh (2)	W 3-1
		L 4-0
13	*at Lehigh (2)	W 1-0
		W 6-3
16	DUQUESNE (2)	L 15-3
		W 6-4
19	* ARMY (2)	W 2-1
		L 5-1
20	* ARMY (2)	W 9-0
		L 7-6
22	at Penn State	L 19-6
23	TOWSON	W 9-0
27	* LAFAYETTE (2)	W 2-1
		W 3-0
28	* LAFAYETTE (2)	W 3-1
		W 8-5
29	GEORGE WASHINGTON	L 17-5

May

10-11 Patriot League Tournament

Home contests in **BOLD** at Depew Field.
* Patriot League contest.

Best Bison Pitching Since 1975

With a 3.87 team earned run average, the 2003 Bison pitching staff holds its best team ERA since 1975 (2.38). Bucknell appeared as high as 11th on the NCAA national rankings on April 13 with a 3.12 ERA. Junior **Kevin Miller** has matched his 2001 record of 7-0, while senior **Zach Allen** (6-2) has recorded his career best 1.90 ERA. Starters **R.J. Grant** (5-3) and **Kevin Burns** (5-1) also assisted the Bison while opening on the mound during league play. Bucknell owns an impressive 2.59 ERA in league play. Navy's pitching staff leads the PL with an ERA of 2.42 in PL competition.

What if...

With superb pitching during the 2003 season, the Bison have ranked in the top 30 nationally in three of four reporting weeks. What if the Bison did not play three disappointing games this season - Game one versus Duquesne (15-3), the Penn State match-up (19-6), and the season closer against George Washington (17-5)? The pitching staff would have an even more impressive ERA of 2.88 versus their opponents 4.82 ERA. Bucknell would rank eighth in the nation to date with a deep 0.28 ERA lead in front of No. 6 Mississippi State and only be missing the fourth place mark by 0.02 (Cal. State Fullerton, 2.86).

Broken School and Patriot League Records

Three individual records and one team record were placed in the books during the regular season. **Sam Moss'** 16 sacrifice hits this season broke Bucknell and Patriot League season and career records. **Phil Futrick** set a new school and PL record with 11 saves in 2003. **Zach Allen** threw two one-hit games this season and placed his mark in the record books. Allen is the first Bucknell pitcher to throw two one-hit games in a single season. As a team, the Orange and Blue has recorded a school record 44 sacrifice hits this season. The Bison blew past the old record of 29 sacrifice hits that the 1995 and 2001 teams held.

All-League Honors

Along with receiving three major Patriot League awards, the Orange and Blue placed a league-best eight student athletes on the all-league teams, including five on the second team. Head coach Gene Depew was named by his peers coach of the year, for the third time in the last 10 years. Junior hurler **Kevin Miller** and freshman closer **Phil Futrick** were honored as pitcher and rookie of the year, respectively. Junior shortstop **Ben Stoll** joined Miller and Futrick on the all-league first team. Five Bison were named to the all-league second team, including senior pitcher **Zach Allen**, sophomore catcher **Phil Bunting**, junior second baseman **Sam Moss**, junior outfielder **Brian Hirschberg** and freshman outfielder **Kyle Walter**.

Verizon Academic All-District

Shortstop **Ben Stoll** was named to the 2003 Verizon Academic All-District II second-team on Thursday, May 8. Stoll, a management major, completed the fall semester with a 3.51 grade point average. The junior has made Dean's List three semesters at Bucknell. He has been named to the Patriot League Honor Roll for four semesters and received All-Patriot League First Team honors in 2003. The three year member completed the regular season atop the Bison with a .366 batting average. The junior belted 41 hits, including eight doubles, to go along with his 23 runs scored, 12 runs batted in, and team-best 13 stolen bases.



The Patriot League

2003 Patriot League Standings

	League		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L-T	Pct.
# Bucknell	15-5	.750	25-13-0	.658
* Navy	12-8	.600	19-22-0	.463
* Lehigh	9-11	.450	19-22-0	.463
Army	9-11	.450	17-25-1	.407
Holy Cross	8-12	.400	13-23-0	.361
Lafayette	7-13	.350	16-24-0	.400

- clinched regular-season title and #1 seed at PL Tour.
 * - clinched PL Tournament berth

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Bucknell in PL Tournament

1996 (at Bucknell)

Navy W, 10-6
 Navy L, 8-5
 Navy W, 12-7

1997 (at Army)

Navy W, 9-4
 Army L, 16-14
 Army W, 6-5
 Army L, 11-10

1998 (at Navy)

Army W, 9-1
 Navy L, 11-3
 Navy L, 8-6

1999 (at Bucknell)

Navy L, 10-7
 Navy W, 7-4
 Navy L, 13-9

2000 (at Navy)

Army L, 5-4

2001 (at Navy)

Holy Cross W, 10-4
 Navy W, 6-4
 Navy W, 6-2

Overall Tournament Record..... 9-8

Bucknell in NCAA Tournament

1996 (at Florida)

Florida L, 7-0
 Central Florida L, 13-1

2001 (at Miami)

Miami L, 14-6
 Stetson L, 7-0

Overall Tournament Record..... 0-4

Bucknell in NCAA Play-In Games

1996

Siena W, 3-2
 Siena L, 13-2
 Siena W, 17-13

Overall Tournament Record..... 2-1

Best Turnaround in PL History

After suffering from a 15-35 (6-14 PL) season, the Bison posted the best single-season turnaround in league history with a 25-13 overall record and 15-5 Patriot League finish in 2003. Bucknell took a +9 game turnaround in one year. Last season marked Bucknell's first losing conference since 1995.

Bucknell-Navy Series

The Bucknell-Navy series dates back to 1904. Navy leads the series 47-29, however the Bison have gone 3-1 with the Midshipmen the last two consecutive seasons.

Bucknell-Lehigh Series

Bucknell Bison have been battling with the Lehigh Mountain Hawks for over 102 years. The series between the rivals began in 1901. The Herd leads the on-going series, 63-57.

Setting the Table

Head coach **Gene Depew** kept a constant two players at the top of the line-up, juniors **Ben Stoll** and **Sam Moss**. The junior duo hold the top two batting averages for the Bison, Stoll (.366) and Moss (.337). The two highest on base percentages are marked by Moss (.464) and Stoll (.429). Moss leads the Patriot League with his on base percentage. Moss (22) and Stoll (13) lead the team in walks. Between the two players, they have recorded 22 of 48 Bison stolen bases. Stoll leads with 13 stolen bases and Moss has tagged nine.

Hometown Rookie

The Bison added **Kyle Walter** (Mifflinburg, Pa./Mifflinburg) to the roster this season and have seen extreme efforts from the local rookie. Walter, who has played an outstanding center field, owns the team's third-highest batting average (.324). He leads the team with 36 hits and 25 runs scored. The rookie has a perfect stolen base percentage (4-4). Walter received Patriot League Rookie of the Week honors on April 21. He also was named to the All-Patriot League second-team on Wednesday.

Bison Stats Versus the Patriot League

Individual Batting

	Avg	OB%	Slg%
2. Ben Stoll	.366	.429	.426
5. Sam Moss	.337	.464	.449

Individual Pitching

	ERA	BAvg	W-L	IP	Saves
1. Zach Allen	1.90	.207	6-2	42.2	1. Phil Futrick - 11
2. Kevin Miller	2.26	.235	7-0	51.2	2. Matt Daley - 5

Triples

1. Brian Hirschberg - 6

On Base Percentage

1. Sam Moss - .464

Walks

2. Sam Moss - 25

Slugging Percentage

2. Brian Hirschberg - .577