



BULLDOGS BASEBALL

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2007 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Result/Score
2/24	at Morehead State	W 2-0
	at Morehead State	W 4-1
2/25	at Morehead State	W 21-9
2/28	at Evansville	L 1-4
3/3	at Belmont	L 1-8
	at Belmont	L 4-6
3/4	at Belmont	L 2-9
3/6	IU-SOUTHEAST	W 6-5
3/7	at Indiana	L 0-6
3/10	at Ohio	L 5-7
3/11	at Ohio	W 7-5
	at Ohio	L 3-9
3/13	HUNTINGTON	W 18-0
3/16	WRIGHT STATE*	L 1-9
3/17	WRIGHT STATE*	W 3-1
	WRIGHT STATE*	L 5-11
3/20	MARIAN	W 7-4
3/21	at Dayton	L 8-9 (12)
3/24	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	L 4-8
	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	L 5-15
3/25	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	L 3-7
3/27	INDIANA TECH	L 6-7
3/30	CLEVELAND STATE*	L 6-10 (13)
3/31	CLEVELAND STATE*	W 3-1
	CLEVELAND STATE*	W 7-2
4/5	INDIANA STATE	L 3-6
4/7	at UW-Milwaukee*	W 5-2
	at UW-Milwaukee*	L 0-1
4/10	at Wright State*	L 1-4
	at Wright State*	L 8-12
4/13	at Cleveland State*	L 0-3
4/14	at Cleveland State*	L 2-3
	at Cleveland State*	W 4-2
4/17	at Wright State*	L 4-5
4/20	UIC*	L 3-6
4/21	UIC*	L 1-6
	UIC*	W 19-10
4/24	at Marian	3:00 p.m.
4/25	at Cincinnati	6:30 p.m.
4/27	at Youngstown State*	3:00 p.m.
4/28	at Youngstown State (DH)*	1:00 p.m.
5/1	at Valparaiso (DH)	1:00 p.m.
5/9	at IPFW (DH)	3:00 p.m.
5/11	at UIC*	7:00 p.m.
5/12	at UIC (DH)*	2:00 p.m.
5/16	at Xavier	3:00 p.m.
5/18	UW-MILWAUKEE (DH)*	12:00 p.m.
5/19	UW-MILWAUKEE (DH)*	12:00 p.m.



All home games in **BOLD CAPS** played at Bulldog Park
(DH) Doubleheader
* Horizon League game
All times Eastern

This week in Butler Baseball...

April 24 - at Marian, 3:00 p.m.
April 25 - at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
April 27 - at Youngstown State, 3:00 p.m.
April 28 - at Youngstown State (DH), 1:00 p.m.

The Week Ahead: The Bulldogs begin a nearly four-week, 13-game road swing this week when they head down the road to Marian College for a 3:00 p.m. contest against the Knights on Tuesday (April 24). Butler then turns to Cincinnati on Wednesday (April 25) for a 6:30 p.m. contest with the Bearcats before opening a three-game stint against Horizon League foe Youngstown State with a 3:00 p.m. game on Friday (April 27) and a twin-bill at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday (April 28).

Previewing The Bulldogs: Butler (13-24, 6-14 Horizon League) continues to feature one of the most powerful offenses in the Horizon League along with a commanding pitching staff. The Bulldogs' 22 home runs and 151 walks lead the league, while their .363 slugging percentage is third-best. Catcher Joe Dempsey and outfielder Tony Barnes are tied for second in the conference with five home runs each, while infielders Joel Matheny and Joe Pauley have each added three. Outfielder Dustin Bucalo paces the squad with a .318 batting average and five stolen bases. The Butler pitching staff also ranks among the best in the league, logging a conference-best 322 innings while recording the second-most strikeouts and yielding the second-fewest walks. Right-hander Ryan Kruszka is third in the league with a 3.12 ERA, while righty Jon Dages touts a league-high 50 strikeouts. Southpaw Bryan Bokowy has been steady as the team's third starter, while right-hander Brian Deter has returned to his strong form in his last two starts. Head coach Steve Farley (406-454-1) is in his 16th season at Butler.

Last Week's Results:

April 17 - Wright State 5, Butler 4 (Nischwitz Stadium - Dayton, Ohio)

Trailing by one in the top of the ninth, Butler loaded the bases with two outs but was unable to push the tying run across as Wright State held off the Bulldogs for a 5-4 decision on April 17. Butler held a 4-1 advantage in the fourth inning before the Raiders rallied for the go-ahead run in the seventh.

April 20 - UIC 6, Butler 3 (Bulldog Park - Indianapolis, Ind.)

Colin Ziegel delivered a three-run double in the fourth inning to give Butler its first lead of the game, but UIC rallied in the late innings to claim a 6-3 decision over the Bulldogs in the series opener on April 20. The Bulldogs got another strong outing from starting pitcher Jon Dages, who allowed just three runs on six hits before being pulled in the fifth after being struck in the leg by a batted ball for the final out of the inning.

April 21 - Butler 1-19, UIC 6-10 (Bulldog Park - Indianapolis, Ind.)

After UIC pitching held the Bulldogs to just one run in the first game of a doubleheader on April 21 in falling to the Flames 6-1, Butler came out swinging in the night cap, romping for seven unearned runs in the seventh before holding on for a wild 19-10 victory at Bulldog Park. Butler collected 20 hits in the final game of the series with the Flames after being limited to just a single run on seven hits in the day's opening contest. Butler's offense was unable to provide the same support in the first contest as it did in the second, as the Bulldogs tallied only one run on seven hits.

Hit Parade: Butler's 20 hits against UIC on Saturday (April 21) are the most for the Bulldogs in a single game this season, topping the previous high of 19 against Morehead State on Feb. 25. Butler has collected double-figure hit totals in 14 games this season, including four with 15 or more.

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On The Road Again: Butler opens what will amount to a nearly month-long road swing this week beginning with its non-league contest at Marian on Tuesday (April 24). From there, the Bulldogs will travel to Cincinnati, Youngstown State, Valparaiso, IPFW, UIC and Xavier before returning home to Indianapolis for a four-game set with conference foe UW-Milwaukee to close the regular season. During the four-week span, Butler will play 13 games, including four double-headers. Before it is all said and done, the Bulldogs will have played 21 of 24 games on the road from April 7 through May 12 after playing 13 of 14 at home from March 13 through April 5.

Power Up: The Butler offense leads the Horizon League with 22 home runs this year, with eight players hitting at least one. Tony Barnes and Joe Dempsey are each tied for second in the league with five a piece, while Joel Matheny and Joe Pauley find themselves in a ninth-place tie with three long balls each. Kyle Cox and Colin Ziegel have added two home runs, while Matt Ferguson and Ricky Chomicz have collected one.

...But Don't Forget The Arms: The Bulldogs not only have the most powerful bats in the Horizon League but they also tout some of the most effective arms. The Butler pitching staff is currently second in the league in strikeouts with 214 and touts the second-fewest walks with 122. Meanwhile, the team's 4.67 ERA is the third-lowest in the conference. Ryan Kruszka ranks third in the league with a 3.12 ERA, while Jon Dages (3.78) and Bryan Bokowy (4.53) rank seventh and 12th, respectively. Additionally, Dages is tied for the league lead with 50 strikeouts.

What A Difference Six Makes: The Bulldog pitching staff has been one of the best in the league this year, touting a team ERA of 4.67 for the third-best in the conference. That bodes well for Butler, as the Bulldogs are 11-6 on the year when holding its opponent to five runs or less. It's the sixth run that tends to cause problems, as Butler is only 2-18 when an opponent breaches the six-run mark.

Not Your Average Power Source: Senior catcher Joe Dempsey is a big reason why the Bulldogs lead the Horizon League with 22 home runs this year, tied for second in the league with five long balls. Even more impressive is his ability to hit with power without sacrificing bat control, as the team co-captain has struck out only 14 times in 124 at bats, a rate of only one punch-out in nearly every nine at bats. His strikeout total is also the lowest of all of the Butler starters and the fewest among the top-10 home run hitters in the league.

Control Freaks: Butler opponents have not been given too much of a free ride this season. The Bulldog pitching staff has allowed only 3.41 walks per nine innings this year, the second-lowest mark in the Horizon League. Meanwhile, Butler pitchers have combined to strike-out 214 batters, the second-most in the league, for a rate of 5.98 per game.

Earning His Keep: Sophomore right-hander Ryan Kruszka has been one of the Bulldogs top pitchers of late. In three of his last four starts, he has gone 8.0 innings while allowing no more than two earned runs in each of the games.

Major League Calling: Former Butler pitcher Pat Neshek reached baseball's highest stage last summer, as the Minnesota Twins called him up from Triple-A Rochester on July 6. He earned his first relief appearance against the Texas Rangers, allowing just one hit in two innings of relief, and became a vital part of the Twins' post-season run in the final months of the season. He finished his initial season with 37.0 innings pitched, recording a 4-2 record and a 2.19 ERA while striking out 53. This season, Neshek boasts a 2-0 record with a 3.24 ERA, 12 strikeouts and only four walks in nine games.

Next Up: Butler gets a late-season break next week, as they take on host Valparaiso in a double-header on May 1 for the only action of the week. Game time is set for 1:00 p.m. EDT.



AROUND THE HORIZON LEAGUE Standings

School	League	Overall
UIC	11-4 (.733)	20-14
Wright State	14-7 (.667)	21-14
Cleveland State	7-7 (.500)	10-26
UW-Milwaukee	8-8 (.500)	9-22
Youngstown State	5-11 (.313)	12-24
Butler	6-14 (.300)	13-24

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, April 24

Butler at Marian, 3:00 p.m.
 Cleveland State at Toledo, 3:00 p.m.
 Wright State at Dayton, 3:00 p.m.
 UW-Milwaukee at Northwestern, 4:00 p.m.
 Cedarville at Wright State, 7:00 p.m.
 Northern Illinois at UIC, 8:35 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25

UW-Milwaukee at Northern Illinois, 3:00 p.m.
 Purdue-North Central at UIC, 4:05 p.m.
 UW-Milwaukee at Northern Illinois, 5:30 p.m.
 Akron at Cleveland State, 6:00 p.m.
 Butler at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
 Toledo at Youngstown State, 7:00 p.m.

Recent Results

Friday, April 20

UIC 6, Butler 3
 UW-Milwaukee 11, Cleveland State 5
 Wright State 9, Youngstown State 3

Saturday, April 21

UIC 6, Butler 1
 Butler 19, UIC 10
 Cleveland State 10, UW-Milwaukee 3
 UW-Milwaukee 2, Cleveland State 1
 Youngstown State 9, Wright State 8
 Wright State 11, Youngstown State 6

Sunday, April 22

Wright State 9, Youngstown State 5

2007 Butler Leaders

(standings based on Horizon League minimums)

Batting Average

Dustin Bucalo	.318
Joe Dempsey	.306
Joe Pauley	.294
Tony Barnes	.275
Jason Jamerson	.273

Runs Scored

Joe Pauley	26
Tony Barnes	22
Dustin Bucalo	16
Joel Matheny	14
Jason Jamerson	14

Home Runs

Tony Barnes	5
Joe Dempsey	5
Joel Matheny	3
Joe Pauley	3

Wins

Bryan Bokowy	3
Jon Dages	3
Brian Deter	2
Ryan Kruszka	2

Slugging Percentage

Joe Dempsey	.492
Tony Barnes	.466
Dustin Bucalo	.409
Joel Matheny	.407
Joe Pauley	.404

Hits

Joe Pauley	40
Joe Dempsey	38
Tony Barnes	36
Dustin Bucalo	35
Jason Jamerson	30

Stolen Bases

Dustin Bucalo	5
Ricky Chomicz	4
Four tied at	3

Saves

Jeff Sinkiewicz	2
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On Base Percentage

Joel Matheny	.395
Joe Pauley	.394
Dustin Bucalo	.375
Joe Dempsey	.367
Colin Ziegel	.330

RBI

Joe Dempsey	30
Joe Pauley	19
Colin Ziegel	17
Jason Jamerson	14
Two tied at	13

ERA

Ryan Kruszka	3.12
Jon Dages	3.78
Bryan Bokowy	4.53

Innings Pitched

Jon Dages	69.0
Ryan Kruszka	52.0
Bryan Bokowy	51.2

Opposing Batting Average

Jon Dages	.279
Ryan Kruszka	.284
Bryan Bokowy	.309

Strikeouts

Jon Dages	50
Bryan Bokowy	39
Ryan Kruszka	32
Evan DePotter	23
Brian Deter	19

Butler Baseball 2007 Statistics

Overall: 13-24 Home: 7-10 Away: 6-14 Neutral: 0-0 Horizon: 6-14

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
9 BUCALO, Dustin...	.318	28-27	110	16	35	8	1	0	4	45	.409	9	1	18	1	.375	0	6	5-7	65	2	0	1.000
33 DEMPSEY, Joe.....	.306	36-33	124	11	38	6	1	5	30	61	.492	13	0	14	2	.367	2	0	3-6	165	29	6	.970
10 PAULEY, Joe.....	.294	37-36	136	26	40	6	0	3	19	55	.404	18	5	27	5	.394	1	4	3-5	50	112	16	.910
5 BARNES, Tony.....	.275	34-32	131	22	36	6	2	5	13	61	.466	9	0	33	2	.319	1	2	0-0	85	7	4	.958
4 JAMERSON, Jason...	.273	32-29	110	14	30	1	0	0	14	31	.282	7	0	23	2	.306	4	3	1-1	43	63	5	.955
8 MATHENY, Joel....	.242	32-29	91	14	22	6	0	3	13	37	.407	18	5	15	2	.395	0	4	2-4	28	69	13	.882
16 ZIEGEL, Colin....	.227	33-22	88	8	20	3	0	2	17	29	.330	8	6	23	0	.330	1	2	1-2	77	6	4	.954

24 MOSSER, Bobby....	.333	4-2	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	.500	1	2	2	0	.556	0	0	0-0	0	3	0	1.000
17 CURLESS, Garrett.	.333	3-0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
2 CHOMICZ, Ricky...	.322	21-16	59	10	19	5	0	1	5	27	.458	3	1	12	0	.365	0	3	4-4	28	2	4	.882
22 MONTAGANO, Alex...	.291	19-15	55	8	16	3	0	0	2	19	.345	6	1	11	0	.371	0	0	1-1	17	3	0	1.000
39 NEAT, Ryan.....	.250	26-23	68	8	17	2	0	0	4	19	.279	11	1	14	1	.358	1	5	0-0	199	16	1	.995
11 BETSCH, Rick.....	.233	17-8	30	6	7	0	0	0	5	7	.233	9	0	11	0	.410	0	2	3-5	17	2	0	1.000
1 HART, Nate.....	.206	28-17	63	10	13	3	0	0	10	16	.254	11	4	12	2	.354	1	3	3-4	21	0	1	.955
15 TORMOEHLEN, Brand	.200	14-5	20	5	4	3	0	0	4	7	.350	3	3	7	1	.385	0	0	0-0	20	2	2	.917
23 RODRIGUEZ, Edwin.	.200	4-1	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	3	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	6	1	0	1.000
6 FERGUSON, Matt...	.177	21-18	62	8	11	1	0	1	8	15	.242	7	0	22	2	.261	0	1	0-0	75	15	2	.978
26 NICKOL, Austin...	.167	4-1	6	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.167	0	0	1	0	.167	0	1	0-0	5	1	1	.857
18 COX, Kyle.....	.156	17-8	32	3	5	0	0	2	5	11	.344	3	1	8	1	.243	1	1	1-1	28	0	1	.966
29 SCHULTZ, Kyle....	.143	10-3	14	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	.143	4	0	6	0	.316	1	0	0-0	3	4	1	.875
30 McLAUGHLIN, Kyle.	.118	8-5	17	3	2	1	0	0	2	3	.176	6	0	5	0	.348	0	0	0-0	8	0	0	1.000
3 RITTER, Geoff....	.077	15-3	13	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	.077	2	0	6	0	.200	0	0	1-1	5	0	0	1.000
21 BYZET, Matt.....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	3	4	0	1.000
Totals.....	.260	37-37	1244	182	323	55	4	22	159	452	.363	151	30	274	21	.350	13	37	28-41	966	403	64	.955
Opponents.....	.297	37-37	1292	213	384	87	6	23	187	552	.427	122	35	214	11	.370	13	32	56-72	988	403	52	.964

LOB - Team (306), Opp (315). DPs turned - Team (13), Opp (25). CI - Team (0), Opp (1). IBB - Team (3), MATHENY 1, DEMPSEY 1, CHOMICZ 1, Opp (6). Picked off - MATHENY 1, ZIEGEL 1, BUCALO 1, PAULEY 1, HART 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
14 KRUSZKA, Ryan....	3.12	2-5	12	7	2	0/2	1	52.0	57	23	18	17	32	12	0	2	201	.284	6	7	2	1	4
28 DAGES, Jon.....	3.78	3-5	12	11	0	0/2	0	69.0	75	35	29	16	50	14	2	7	269	.279	6	10	0	2	6
32 BOKOWY, Bryan....	4.53	3-4	11	7	1	0/0	0	51.2	67	28	26	15	39	25	0	1	217	.309	0	2	1	0	5

20 DePOTTER, Evan...	3.38	0-1	12	1	0	0/1	0	24.0	17	10	9	13	23	0	0	3	81	.210	2	3	0	0	3
21 BYZET, Matt.....	3.38	0-1	6	1	0	0/0	0	16.0	14	12	6	12	12	3	1	1	60	.233	1	4	0	1	1
31 TEPE, Tyler.....	3.52	1-1	10	0	0	0/1	0	15.1	15	7	6	13	9	3	0	1	58	.259	1	1	0	1	3
12 OCHS, Joe.....	4.09	1-1	3	1	0	0/0	0	11.0	11	7	5	6	5	5	0	0	44	.250	0	0	0	1	2
25 SINKIEWICZ, Jeff.	7.04	0-2	11	3	0	0/0	2	23.0	35	26	18	9	8	6	1	3	98	.357	2	1	0	1	2
36 DETER, Brian.....	7.86	2-2	7	5	0	0/0	1	26.1	47	29	23	5	19	9	0	2	122	.385	3	1	3	4	2
40 SZYMCZAK, Tyler..	7.88	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	8.0	10	8	7	5	6	3	2	0	33	.303	5	0	0	0	1
35 SOKOLOWSKI, Matt.	8.64	0-1	10	0	0	0/1	0	16.2	25	18	16	9	8	5	0	2	74	.338	1	2	0	1	2
37 FELDHEISER, Jamie	9.00	1-1	5	1	0	0/1	0	9.0	11	10	9	2	3	2	0	1	35	.314	1	4	0	1	1
Totals.....	4.67	13-24	37	37	3	2/2	4	322.0	384	213	167	122	214	87	6	23	1292	.297	28	35	6	13	32
Opponents.....	3.96	24-13	37	37	3	3/2	9	329.1	323	182	145	151	274	55	4	22	1244	.260	25	30	2	13	37

PB - Team (6), DEMPSEY 4, MONTAGANO 2, Opp (5). Pickoffs - Team (9), DAGES 3, SINKIEWICZ 2, KRUSZKA 2, DEMPSEY 1, BYZET 1, Opp (5). SBA/ATT - DEMPSEY (41-53), KRUSZKA (10-15), DETER (9-11), TORMOEHLEN (10-10), DAGES (5-9), BYZET (7-9), BOKOWY (7-8), SOKOLOWSKI (7-7), DePOTTER (3-5), TEPE (4-4), MONTAGANO (3-3), SINKIEWICZ (2-2), NICKOL (1-1), SZYMCZAK (1-1), McLAUGHLIN (1-1), OCHS (1-1).

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2007 Game Summary

Inning-by-inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	EX	Total
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Butler	22	18	25	19	23	15	19	25	15	1	182
Opponents	27	14	25	22	26	28	22	25	18	6	213

Win-Loss Record When

Overall.....	13-24	After 6 leading.....	9-1
Conference.....	6-14	..... trailing.....	2-21
Non-Conference.....	7-10	..... tied.....	2-2
Home games.....	7-10	After 7 leading.....	8-1
Away games.....	6-14	..... trailing.....	2-21
Neutral site.....	0-0	..... tied.....	2-1
Day games.....	13-20	After 8 leading.....	11-0
Night games.....	0-4	..... trailing.....	0-22
vs Left starter.....	4-10	..... tied.....	1-1
vs Right starter....	9-14		
1-Run games.....	1-5	Hit 0 home runs.....	8-15
2-Run games.....	5-2	... 1 home run.....	3-7
5+Run games.....	4-8	... 2+ home runs....	2-2
Extra innings.....	0-2		
Shutouts.....	2-3	Opponent 0 home runs	9-12
		..... 1 home run.	3-7
Scoring 0-2 runs....	1-10	..... 2+ HRs.....	1-5
..... 3-5 runs....	5-10		
..... 6-9 runs....	4-4	Made 0 errors.....	3-3
..... 10+ runs....	3-0	.... 1 error.....	5-9
		.... 2+ errors.....	5-12
Opponent 0-2 runs... 8-1			
..... 3-5 runs... 3-5		Opp. made 0 errors..	4-4
..... 6-9 runs... 1-14		..... 1 error... 3-12	
..... 10+ runs... 1-4		..... 2+ errors. 6-8	
Scored in 1st inning 4-4		Out-hit opponent....	10-1
Opp. scored in 1st.. 4-13		Out-hit by opponent.	1-22
Scores first..... 9-7		Hits are tied.....	2-1
Opp. scores first... 4-17			

Record when team scores:

Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
W-L	0-3	0-5	1-2	2-4	2-3	1-3	1-2	3-0	0-2	0-0	3-0

Record when opponent scores:

Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
W-L	2-0	3-1	3-0	0-2	1-2	2-1	0-5	0-3	0-2	1-4	1-4

Record when leading after:

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W-L	4-3	7-5	8-5	9-6	10-3	9-1	8-1	11-0

Record when trailing after:

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W-L	4-12	4-16	3-18	2-18	1-18	2-21	2-21	0-22

Record when tied after:

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W-L	5-9	2-3	2-1	2-0	2-3	2-2	2-1	1-1

Current winning streak : 1

Longest winning streak : 3

Longest losing streak : 6

Home attendance : 1495 (15 dates avg = 99)

Away attendance : 5359 (18 dates avg = 297)

Total attendance: 6854 (33 dates avg = 207)