

Women's Tennis Finishes Season

The University of Toledo women's tennis team closed out their season with a loss to University at Buffalo this Sunday at the Shadow Valley Tennis club. With this loss, the UT women's tennis team will end their spring season with a record of 9-12 overall and 1-7 in Mid-American Conference play.

The Rockets jumped out to an early lead on with doubles play. Third-year duo Sidnay Huck and Colleen O'Brien finished their match with a 6-3 victory on court three. Following up that victory was the pair of third-year Megan Miller and second-year Claire Aleck, who teamed up on court to take down the Bulls duo, 6-4. This gave Toledo a 1-0 lead early in the match.

Buffalo came back to even the score with a singles victory, but UT quickly regained the advantage, as first-year Dee Dee Leenabanchong secured a victory over first-year Buffalo player Anna Savchenko.

"We started out strong with some really great doubles action today," head coach Tracy Mauntler told UTRockets. "Unfortunately, we couldn't grab enough singles matches. Dee Dee dominated from start to finish, and Mimi had to come back after losing the first set to an extremely experienced Buffalo player. We are young, and I believe that these tough 4-3 losses we've experienced will help motivate the team in the off season."

The Bulls returned from that deficit in in the No. 2 and 3 singles. Buffalo took victory in both matches and gained a 3-2 advantage. First-year Toledo athlete Mimi Kendall-Woseley fell behind early in her match against third-year Buffalo athlete Tanja Stojanovska when Stojanovska took a 6-4 win in the opening set. Kendall-Woseley bounced back from this to take down Stojanovska in the final two frames to win her match, but Buffalo managed to secure a victory on court six, clinching the season finale.

This match ends the season for the Rockets, sending them into the offseason in preparation for the 2017 fall season.

UT goes 1-2 against Ball State

The University of Toledo softball team (20-30, 8-9 MAC) went 1-2 over the weekend against MAC West foe Ball State University (29-20, 13-4 MAC).

Second-year pitcher Heather Webb (9-6) was stuck with the loss in the opener after allowing two earned runs on six hits and 10 walks. She struck out seven batters, tying a season-high, in her seventh complete game.

Second-year pitcher Kailey Minarchick (8-10) took the loss in

Game 2 after allowing five earned runs on eight hits. First-year pitcher Leah Allison relieved Minarchick in the fourth and allowed four runs on five hits in three innings of relief work.

BALL 2, UT 1

The Cardinals got off to a fast start with a leadoff homer in the bottom of the first. Webb retired two consecutive Cardinals to end the inning with no further damage.

Third-year first baseman Samantha Showalter led off the third by being hit by a pitch. Showalter advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by fourth-year outfielder Celeste Fidge and then evened the score at one run apiece after crossing the plate on a BSU fielding error.

Neither team could get much more offense going until an RBI double by second-baseman Maddy Labrador gave Ball State a 2-1 edge in the sixth.

Second-year Megan Choate led off the final inning for UT and put the game-tying run on first after being hit by a pitch. Choate advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by fourth-year catcher Ashley Maynard and a grounder to first by Rice.

Ball State pitcher Carolyn Wilmes (13-9) struck out her final batter to register the victory.

BALL 9, UT 4

Rice (2-for-4, two runs), second-year third baseman Katie Cozy (2-for-3, RBI), third-year outfielder Kylie Gross (1-for-4, 2B, 2 RBI, run) and third-year outfielder Ashley Rausch (1-for-3, RBI, run) led the Toledo offense in Game 2.

A leadoff single by Rice and a base-on-balls for Rausch put two Rockets on in the opening frame. Gross launched a two-out RBI double to left to score both runners and give UT a quick lead. After Gross advanced to third on a wild pitch, she scored on Cozy's RBI single to right field, giving Toledo a 3-0 lead to start the game.

An infield single and two walks loaded the bases for Ball State in the bottom half of the first, and a two-out single to right field put the Cardinals on the board.

Neither team got much going until the Ball State offense exploded for four runs in the third on a sacrifice fly and a three-run bomb by outfielder Kennedy Wynn.

The Cardinal team added another to its scoreboard total with an RBI single in the fourth to give Ball State a 6-3 advantage.

Rice ignited Toledo's offense again in the top of the sixth with a two-out single to left. After Rice swiped second, she scored another tally off an RBI single by Rausch.

Ball State extended its lead with three runs plated in the home half of the sixth and secured its 9-4 victory by not allowing a UT runner on in the seventh.

UT 5, BALL 2

In the circle for the Rockets, second-year Minarchick (9-10) earned the victory by allowing pair of runs in the fourth in her fourth complete game of the season. Minarchick permitted six hits and two free bases while retiring one Cardinal in the game.

Rice started the game with a leadoff walk and advanced to second on a wild pitch. After she swiped third, Showalter scored Rice on a grounder to the pitcher to put UT on the board.

Gross led off the second frame by being hit by a pitch. After a sacrifice bunt moved her to second, Gross plated Toledo's second tally with an RBI double by Cozy down the left field line.

Rice gave Toledo a 3-0 advantage by launching a leadoff blast to left on the first pitch of the third inning.

UT's offense didn't let up in the fourth and put three aboard on a fielder's choice, free base and hit batter. Rausch

stepped into the box and drew a walk to force a run and a fielding error by the BSU first baseman allowed Maynard to cross the plate and give the Rockets a 5-0 edge.

The Cardinals started off the bottom of the inning with consecutive singles, and a fielder's choice loaded the bases. Ball State lined a two-out RBI double to right field to score two runners and put Ball State on the scoreboard.

Neither team threatened again until the Cardinals put a pair of base runners on board in the home half of the seventh. A sacrifice fly moved a runner to third, but a grounder to Rice at second ended the game.

The team will head to Rochester, Michigan April 26 to face off against Oakland in a doubleheader.

[Rocket Baseball struggles on the Road](#)

The University of Toledo baseball team (14-26, 7-8 MAC) struggled on the road this past weekend. The Rockets defeated the Dayton Flyers 11-7 on Wednesday, lost 1-0 to Kent State (24-12, 10-2 MAC) on Friday in 15 innings, lost 3-2 on Saturday and lost 10-1 on Sunday.

UT 11, UD 7

In Toledo's 11-7 victory over Dayton, UT kept UD from scoring in the first three innings and took advantage of two early Flyer errors. This led to four, netting UT a 4-0 lead. Second-year infielder Riley Campbell singled and reached third base on a failed pickoff attempt. Third-year outfielder Matt Hansen reached base on an error while Campbell scored the first run. Fourth-year designated hitter Josh Cales delivered a two-out RBI single to score Hansen.

Third-year infielder Casey Gose walked in the second inning and advanced to third on a single from third-year outfielder Brad Boss. Campbell scored Gose on a sacrifice bunt. Dalton Bollinger, third-year infielder, doubled in the third inning and scored on fourth-year outfielder Jacob Britt's RBI single.

Dayton answered in the fourth inning with three runs off first-year right-handed pitcher Joey Prechtel, cutting UT's lead to 4-3. The Rockets felt the threat and scored six runs to re-extend their lead to 10-3 in the following inning.

Cales hit a home run on an 0-2 count before second-year outfielder Ross Adolph walked and advanced to second base on fourth-year catcher Corey Tipton's sacrifice bunt. Britt walked as well, and both baserunners advanced on another Flyer error, with Adolph scoring and Britt stopping at third.

The fifth inning continued with Gose's RBI single to score, making the score 7-3. Boss came to bat and crushed a two-run home run to right field, giving him four home runs on the season. Hansen added to the home runs in the fifth with a solo home run to right field.

The Flyers responded with a run in the sixth inning, but again Toledo would re-extend their lead with another run for a 11-4 lead in the top of the seventh, with a total of 13 hits. Campbell singled and scored on Bollinger's RBI double. This makes a total of 16 doubles on the season for Bollinger and

ranks among the top 20 in the country, per UTRockets.com.

Dayton tacked on two runs in the seventh inning and another in the ninth, but Toledo fought to defeat the Flyers, 11-7. Prechtel (1-2) earned his first collegiate win, pitching four full innings and allowing three runs on two hits and two walks.

KSU 1, UT 0

Friday evening's 1-0 loss to Kent State was a pitchers' duel stretching out to 15 innings in the series opener. The Rockets collected 11 hits while fourth-year left-handed pitcher Steven Calhoun threw nine scoreless innings.

The Rockets had an opportunity to score in the sixth inning. First-year infielder Antonio Bennett singled on a bunt and advanced to second on Boss' sacrifice bunt. Campbell singled to left field, and Bennett advanced to third with one out. Hansen bunted to move Campbell to second, but the baserunners were stranded.

KSU's closest opportunity to score also came in the sixth inning, but Calhoun continued battling to close out the inning.

Bennett led off the 10th inning with a single, but the Golden Flash double play stopped the Rocket threat. Second-year right handed pitcher Luke Schaefer relieved Calhoun in the 10th and continued the shutout for the next three innings.

Cales led with a walk, and first-year Michael Ryan bunted for a single two innings later. The Rocket threat went sour after Cales and Ryan reached base.

In the 14th, third-year outfielder AJ Montoya singled and Cales was hit by a pitch with one out. Again, another double play ended the Rocket threat. Cales pitched a shutout inning to continue to the 15th inning.

Kent State walked to start the final inning and stole a base, putting a runner in scoring position with no outs. Cales struck out the following batter, but a chopper hit to shortstop found its way to center field to give KSU the extra-inning 1-0 victory.

KSU 3, UT 2

Saturday afternoon was quiet until the seventh inning, when the Rockets scored the first two runs of the game. UT would not score again and collected seven hits.

Tipton singled and stole second base with one out. Boss singled and advanced to third on a two-base error, allowing Tipton to score. Campbell hit a straight shot at the shortstop, who couldn't handle the hit, and Boss scored from third base.

Kent State copied Toledo in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 2-2, and the Rockets fell short of another scoring opportunity in the following inning. Adolph singled, stole second and advanced to third on a catcher throwing error with two outs but was left stranded to end the inning.

The Rockets didn't score in the final inning, even after Boss advanced to third on a single, giving the Golden Flashes the opportunity to score and win the game. KSU did end up scoring a run in the final inning and took a 3-2 victory over Toledo.

Fifth-year left-handed pitcher Ross Achter pitched six scoreless innings out of eight total, allowing two runs on nine hits and two walks. Achter tied his career-high of 10 strikeouts.

KSU 10, UT 1

UT bats only collected four hits from Adolph, Boss and Campbell. From the four hits, the Rockets ended up with just a run in the fourth inning.

KSU scored a run in the third inning to take the early 1-0 lead. Toledo answered in following inning with a run to tie the game at 1-1. Montoya was hit by a pitch and stole second with one out. Adolph hit an RBI single to score Montoya – the only Rocket run of the game.

The Golden Flashes scored four runs in the fifth inning to take a 5-1 lead. An additional five runs were tacked on in the seventh to defeat the Rockets 10-1 on 10 hits in the series finale.

The midnight blue and gold continue with road trips to Michigan State on Wednesday, April 26 at 3:05 p.m. and Louisville from April 28-30. First pitches against the Cardinals are at 6 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Rockets sweep Buffalo

After Easter weekend, the University of Toledo's baseball team is now 13-23, 7-5 MAC with a five-game winning streak.

The Rockets lost to Notre Dame this past Wednesday 8-3 and swept Buffalo 4-3 on Friday, 21-20 on Saturday and 7-6 on Sunday.

UT vs. ND

The Rockets had a scoring opportunity to start but were unable to take an early lead.

Third-year outfielder Brad Boss started the game with a single, and second-year infielder Riley Campbell bunted to reach base while advancing Boss. Third-year outfielder Matt Hansen moved Boss and Campbell on a sacrifice bunt, but they

were left stranded on base.

ND scored two runs in the first inning on a two-run double after loading the bases.

Second-year outfielder Ross Adolph doubled to start the second inning, and first-year infielder Malave Bettinger walked with no outs.

UT was unable to take advantage to score, however, leaving two baserunners stranded again.

Rockets began their comeback the following inning, starting with first-year infielder Antonio Bennett's walk and another walk from Boss.

Campbell reached base on an error, and Hansen scored Bennett on a sacrifice fly to center field.

UT fought and scored another two runs in the seventh inning, cutting ND's lead, 4-3.

Bennett singled and scored his second run of the game on Boss's one-out triple to right-center field. Campbell hit a sacrifice bunt to score Boss.

These were the Rockets' last runs of the game, with a total of six hits.

Notre Dame responded with an additional four runs to secure their 8-3 victory in the bottom of the seventh on nine hits and an error over the Rockets. Ryan Smoyer, a Bowling Green, Ohio native, was credited with the win for the Irish.

Game 1 vs. Buffalo

The Rockets came up with a run in the first inning after keeping the Bulls from scoring to start the game. Boss was hit by a pitch and advanced to second from Matt Hansen's single. Third-year infielder Dalton Bollinger scored Boss on his RBI

double to right field.

Buffalo tied the score in the third inning with a solo home run, but Toledo bounced back with a solo home run from Bollinger to take back the lead, 2-1.

The game went quiet until the bottom of the seventh, when first-year catcher Michael Ryan and Boss singled. Hansen came up to bat and hit a two-out RBI single to extend the Rocket lead to 3-1.

The Bulls answered the following inning with a run. A walk was dealt and a one-out single threatened the Rockets. An RBI single scored a run to cut the Rocket lead, 3-2, but third-year outfielder AJ Montoya threw out the runner trying to turn the base hit into a double.

Just like the third, another home run was tacked on in the eighth, only this time by Montoya, giving UT a 4-2 lead.

Toledo got into trouble in the final inning with three consecutive walks leading to another Buffalo run. A Bulls fielder's choice scored the run to trail by one, 4-3, but the Rockets shut them down to secure a victory.

Steven Calhoun (3-2), fourth-year left-handed pitcher, was the starting pitcher and received credit for the win. Michael Jacob, second-year closing pitcher, recorded his sixth save of the season.

Game 2

Saturday's game took four hours, all in regular regulation. The final score ended up looking like a football score, 21-20, and there were five half innings with no scoring. ****A total of forty-one runs were scored, setting an NCAA record this year so far for the most runs scored in a game. According to Jed Shilling from 88.3 WXUT****

Each member of the Toledo lineup had at least two hits,

collecting a total of 22, six of which were for extra bases, including Hansen's three-run home run.

Hansen had a successful career day, going 3-for-6, scoring four runs and recording a career-high seven RBIs. A UT player hasn't had seven RBIs since Dan Sherwood's seven vs. Buffalo on April 10, 2010.

UT scored five runs in the first two innings and 16 more from the fifth to the eighth inning. Buffalo, with a total of 24 hits, scored four runs in the first inning, 13 from the third to the sixth, and a final three in the eighth.

The Rockets were down 13-5 going into the bottom of the fifth before their 16-run scoring spree.

Fourth-year right-handed pitcher Josh Cales, now 1-1, received credit for the win.

Game 3

Buffalo scored a run in the opening inning on a one-out double and an RBI single, but its lead didn't last long.

Toledo responded with two runs to take a 2-1 lead. Boss singled and was moved to third by Campbell and Hansen. Bollinger came up to bat with two outs and hit his fourth home run of the season, making it his third in the last five games.

The Bulls retook the lead with three runs in the third inning, but the Rockets again answered with a home run, coming from Boss this time, to cut UB's lead to 4-3.

Buffalo responded with another run in the fourth.

UT tied the score in the sixth inning at 5-5. Campbell walked and Hansen hit a two-run home run clear over the right field wall.

The Rocket team copied its sixth inning scoring drive.

Bettinger walked and Ryan hit a two-run home run to center field on the first pitch of his at-bat.

Buffalo pulled within one run in the eighth inning on a walk and an RBI double, but second-year right-handed pitcher Luke Schaefer recorded the last two outs of the eighth and all of the ninth to lead Toledo to a 7-6 victory.

First-year right-handed pitcher Layne Schnitz-Paxton (1-3) received credit for the win and Schaefer recorded his first save of the season.

The midnight blue and gold will head south for a matchup against the University of Dayton Flyers on Wednesday, April 19 at 3 p.m.

UT will head east this coming weekend to take on the Kent State University Golden Flashes for a three-game series with first pitches at 6 p.m. Friday, April 21, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22 and 1 p.m. Sunday, April 23.

UT softball grabs one win against CMU

Over the weekend, the University of Toledo softball team went 1-2 against Central Michigan University with losses of 1-0 on Friday, followed by a 4-2 win and a 6-4 loss on Saturday. The results drop the Rocket record to 20-27 overall and 8-7 in Mid-American Conference play.

CMU 1, TOL 0

A two-out ninth-inning RBI single from CMU center fielder Allison Curtis was all Central Michigan (25-11, 10-3 MAC) needed at Scott Park, as CMU prevailed in a pitcher's duel over Toledo Softball (19-26, 7-6 MAC), 1-0.

Though tagged with the loss, second-year pitcher Heather Webb (9-9) was outstanding in the circle in pitching her seventh complete game of the season. She took a no-hitter into the ninth and only permitted one walk, which came in the third inning.

The Rockets threatened in the opening frame when fourth-year infielder Chandler Rice and third-year outfielder Ashley Rausch reached on a walk and fielding error, respectively. Both runners advanced into scoring position off a perfectly executed sacrifice bunt by third-year infielder Samantha Showalter. UT missed a golden opportunity, as a popout to shortstop and a retired batter left the Rocket duo stranded.

Toledo put two aboard in the bottom half of the third with consecutive two-out singles by Rausch and Showalter, but fourth-year outfielder Celeste Fidge ripped a line drive to right that found CMU first baseman Erika Underwood's glove.

In the next three frames, the only athlete to get on base was Rice, with a deep double to center in the fifth. Toledo tried to get its offense going again in the home half of the seventh when second-year third baseman Katie Cozy reached on a free base. Third-year Courtney Heinritz pinch ran for Cozy at first and advanced on a groundout to second by second-year shortstop Megan Choate. First-year outfielder Maddie Emery stepped into

the box and connected for a deep ball to left that was, unfortunately, caught by the left fielder.

Once again, Rausch stepped to the dish and got things started for Toledo with a single to right. Showalter advanced her on her second sacrifice bunt of the contest. Fidge followed with a walk to put two Rockets aboard, but a fielder's choice to third on the next play ended the UT threat with zero damage.

After two immediate popouts to Rice at second, Webb's no-hitter ended with a single up the middle in the ninth. After she swiped second, Curtis stepped up to bat and connected for a single to right field. Fidge launched the ball home, but not before CMU scored a run to gain a 1-0 lead.

TOL 4, CMU 2

The Rockets jumped on the scoreboard first with a pair of runs scored in the bottom of the second. Third-year catcher Kylie Gross connected on her first pitch for a single to right center. Cozy drove a hard double to the center field fence on the next play to allow Gross to plate the first run of the game. After Cozy advanced on a single through the right side by Choate, she gave UT a 2-0 edge by scoring off a wild pitch.

Central Michigan wasted no time answering back and evened the score at 2-2 with two runs scored on an RBI double and a UT fielding error in the top of the third.

Rice led off the bottom of the frame and lined her first pitch down the right field line for a single. A CMU fielding error put Rausch aboard on her sacrifice bunt, and both Toledo runners advanced on a double steal. Rice gave the Rockets back their lead by scoring on a sacrifice fly executed by Fidge.

Rice hit a 2-1 pitch over the left-field fence for the 19th homer of her career.

CMU 6, TOL 4

The Chippewas were the first to score, plating a pair of runs off a wild pitch and an RBI single to left in the second inning.

With CMU leading 2-0, the Chips packed the bags in the top of the third on a single, a walk and a hit batter. A two-out walk forced a Central Michigan tally, but the Rockets got out of the inning with no further damage.

In the bottom half of the frame, Rice hit a leadoff single on the first pitch and advanced to second on a groundout by Showalter. Fidge stepped into the box and drove a two-out single to left-center that allowed Rice to cross the plate and put UT on the board.

Cozy brought Toledo within one of the Chips by scoring on a

fielding error in the fourth.

Consecutive hit batters put two Rockets aboard in the home half of the fifth. Rausch and Showalter advanced bases on a sacrifice bunt by Fidge, and a throwing error permitted Rausch to cross the plate and knot the score at 3-3. After Showalter advanced to third on the error, she gave UT its first lead of the game, scoring on a sacrifice fly by Gross.

In the top of the sixth, the Chippewas wasted no time scoring on a sacrifice fly and deadlocked the score at 4-4.

The midnight blue and gold put three aboard on a free base, a fielding error and a hit batter in the sixth. Showalter stepped up to bat and drove a ball to third base with one down. The CMU third baseman threw Choate out at home, and CMU pitcher Hanna Warren retired Fidge to escape the inning.

CMU infielder Rachel Vieira lined a 1-0 pitch up the middle for a single, and CMU outfielder Sydney Heath gave the Chippewas a 6-4 lead on a two-run blast to center. Central Michigan continued to threaten, loading the bases on a fielder's choice, a double and a free base with one down. The Rockets got out of the inning with plays at home and second base.

With one final chance to extend or win the contest in the seventh, Gross drove a leadoff double to right center. She was stranded on base after three consecutive groundouts by the Rockets.

The Rockets will head to Michigan State April 19 to face against off the Spartans at 4 p.m. in East Lansing.

Toledo track beats BGSU for first time since 2000

The Rocket women's track and field team faced off against crosstown rival Bowling Green on Friday, April 7; UT came away with the 100-99 victory.

This marks the first time Toledo has defeated BGSU since 2000. With the teams so close, it came down to the final few events. In the triple jump, third-year Deja Martin jumped into third place on her final attempt with a 10.89 that landed the Rockets two points.

First-year distance runner Athena Welsh was neck-and-neck in the 3000-meters with Rachel Walny. Welsh was able to pull away down the stretch to take the victory, which secured the win for UT.

The jump crew for Toledo proved a big lift, winning three of the four events.

Fourth-year Madeline Pacella set a new meet record in the high jump, going 1.75 meters over the bar to win the event.

Fellow fourth-year Ty-Shai Freeman finished right behind her in high jump and won the triple jump, flying 11.74 meters.

In the long jump, second-year Madison Pierce jumped 5.63 meters, good enough for a second place finish.

UT took first and third in the javelin throw. Second-year Anne Bellman paired with first-year Kallie Strauss with throws of 33.21 and 29.84 meters, respectively.

Toledo dominated in distance events as well. In the 2000-meter

steeplechase, second-year distance runner Olivia Chinn took first place at 7:03.17, and first-year teammate Zita Molnar finished right behind her at 7:07.05

In the 1500-meter the Rockets swept the podium, with Petrolena Simiuc, Joan Jepkuri, and Janelle Noe winning first, second and third, respectively.

Four events later, Simiuc took another victory in the 800-meter with a time of 2:17.51. Fourth-year Theresa Warsecke finished third for the Rockets at 2:21.41.

UT also won the 400-meter hurdles, as second-year Yana Khabina ran a 1:02.62, and graduate student Dandadeva da Silva and second-year Nautica Hill took second and third on podium in the 200-meter dash.

The midnight blue and gold will return to the track April 14-15 in Muncie, Indiana for the Ball State Challenge.

UT Softball wins 1 of 3 against Miami of Ohio

Over the weekend, the University of Toledo Rocket softball team went 1-2 against the Miami University Redhawks by scores of 5-9 on Friday and 14-1 and 4-0 on Saturday. The results bring the Rocket record to 18-25 overall and 6-5 in Mid-American Conference play.

Toledo 5, Miami 9

Toledo's offense was led by two-hit efforts from fourth-year second-baseman Chandler Rice (2-for-3, 2B, two runs), third-year outfielder Ashley Rausch (2-for-4, 2B, RBI, two runs), fourth-year outfielder Celeste Fidge (2-for-4, 2B, three RBI) and third-year outfielder Kylie Gross (2-for-4, 2B).

On the mound for the Rockets, second-year pitcher Kailey Minarchick was replaced by first-year pitcher Alissa Noble

after allowing five runs off five hits in 0.2 innings of work. Noble (3-7) was given the loss after permitting two earned runs off five hits in 4.1 innings. Second-year pitcher Heather Webb came in relief of Noble in the sixth and allowed two runs off one hit and three walks in one inning.

UT's offense got off to a fast start when Rice reached on a leadoff walk in the first inning. Rice advanced to third on a single by Rausch. After Rausch stole second, Fidge hit a one-out double to right center to score both runners and give Toledo a 2-0 advantage.

Miami put two on base in the bottom of the inning off a single and a walk. Three consecutive, two-out singles scored three runs to give Miami a 5-2 edge by the end of the first.

Neither team threatened to score again until the fifth inning. Rice ignited the Rockets' offense with a leadoff double to left-center off the second pitch. Rausch followed with a double down the right-field line to score Rice, and first-year IF Morgan Paaverud followed suit with a double to left-center to bring home Rausch and put UT within one. Fidge then drove a single through the right side, which allowed Paaverud to plate a run and knot the scoreboard at 5-5. Toledo was unable to take the lead and ended the inning with two stranded.

Miami took back its lead with a pair of runs scored off a double and single on two outs in the home half of the fifth.

Toledo received a leadoff double from Gross to begin the sixth, but no Rockets could get on base after that. The Redhawk team expanded its lead to 9-5 via a sacrifice fly and a wild pitch in the bottom of the inning.

Miami 14, Toledo 1

Toledo was the first to threaten after it put two runners on off a pair of singles in the second. Both runners advanced into scoring position off a passed ball, and second-year infielder Megan Choate loaded the bases on a two-out walk. Unfortunately, a popup to the shortstop left the runners stranded.

A solo homer and two-run shot by the Redhawks with one out in

the third ended first-year pitcher Leah Allison's day (0-2) on the mound, as Noble was summoned out of the bullpen in relief. With a runner on first, Miami soon loaded the bases on a single through the right side, then drove a double to center to clear the bases to gain a commanding 6-0 advantage. Minarchick replaced Noble and allowed two more runs off a couple of hits to boost the Miami lead to 8-0.

Second-year third baseman Katie Cozy lined a two-out double to center field in the next half inning, but a groundout to the pitcher quickly ended UT's threat in the fourth.

Consecutive walks to the Redhawks and a single up the middle loaded the bases for Miami in the bottom of the fourth. A couple of RBI singles extended the gap to 10-0.

Toledo got a baserunner on in the fifth on a leadoff single to right by fourth-year catcher Ashley Maynard. Rausch put the Rockets on the scoreboard by lining a double to left field that brought Maynard home.

Toledo 4, Miami 0

A walk and a fielder's choice put UT into business right from the start of the game. Fidge drove a one-out single to right to score both runners and nab a quick 2-0 lead. After a walk advanced Fidge to second, a fielding error by the Redhawk third baseman permitted the senior to score and extend the gap to 3-0.

Miami managed two base runners in the bottom half of the inning off a walk and a fielder's choice but lined out to Cozy at third to end the frame.

Neither team threatened again until the fourth, when Choate led off with a free pass after being hit by a pitch. The second-year advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by third-year outfielder Marriah Wise and scored Toledo's last tally on a double to right by Rice.

The Rocket softball team will head to Ypsilanti, MI, on April 14 to face off against the Eastern Michigan Eagles at 2:00 p.m.

Toledo Baseball powers through busy weekend

The University of Toledo baseball team (10-22, 4-5 MAC) had a busy week, starting Tuesday and ending with back-to-back games over the weekend.

UT lost at Wright State 4-2 in the teams' first matchup, then headed to Bowling Green to face off against the Falcons, losing again 5-4 early Saturday afternoon, but winning 20-4 late Saturday afternoon and 8-4 on Sunday in extra innings.

Wednesday's game versus Dayton was postponed for Wednesday, May 10.

UT vs WSU

Toledo took an early 1-0 lead in the opening inning. Third-year outfielder Brad Boss hit a longball to left-center field on the game's first pitch. Riley Campbell, second-year infielder, bunted Boss to third base. Third-year outfielder Matt Hansen had a flyout down the left field line into foul territory and hit it deep enough to score Boss.

This was the first time the Rockets would score, and the team would not repeat again until the seventh.

WSU answered with two runs in the second to take the lead with a triple, RBI single and a walk with the bases loaded.

The Raiders added another two runs, one in the third and one the sixth, to lead the Rockets 4-1 on eight hits.

Fourth-year catcher Corey Tipton came up to the plate in the seventh inning with two outs and hit his second home run of

the season. This was the Rockets' last run of the game; the team lost 4-2 on seven hits.

UT vs BGSU Game 1

Friday's game was postponed and a doubleheader took place Saturday afternoon at 12:05 p.m. By the seventh inning, the Rocket team was down 5-0.

Fourth-year left-handed pitcher Steven Calhoun (2-2) kept the Falcons from scoring in the first three innings. The UT offense struggled until the last two innings, coming up short with a four-run comeback.

Third-year outfielder Ross Adolph started a late comeback in the eighth inning for the Rockets with a double to center and scored on fourth-year designated hitter Jake Krupar's pinch-hit double along the left field line.

UT's comeback continued in the final inning with Hansen's single to center field. Hansen advanced a base on a single from third-year infielder Dalton Bollinger.

Adolph doubled again to score Hansen. First-year infielder Malave Bettinger scored Bollinger with a sacrifice fly.

First-year catcher Michael Ryan singled, and Adolph scored the final run of the game, coming up short, losing 5-4.

UT vs BGSU Game 2

First pitch was set for 1:05 p.m. Saturday but was moved to 3 p.m. to accommodate Friday's postponed game. The Rocket team carried over its momentum from the end of the earlier game and kept full steam ahead, routing the Falcons 20-4 on 23 hits.

The whole UT lineup contributed to the offensive hitting spree, especially third-year outfielder AJ Montoya. Montoya went 4-for-4 with a pair of home runs and doubles, a walk and four runs scored.

The Rockets got off to an early start, scoring four runs after Boss and Hansen both walked. Bollinger came up to bat and singled to load the bases for Montoya.

Montoya then cleared the bases with a grand slam for an early Rocket lead of 4-0.

UT added two more runs between the second and third innings. Boss hit a solo home run to right field in the second. Montoya doubled in the following inning and scored on Adolph's single.

Bowling Green cut Toledo's lead to 5-2 by the fifth inning, but Toledo answered with another four runs in the seventh.

The Rocket lineup batted all the way around from the seventh inning on. Bollinger singled to start the seventh and Montoya walked.

With one out, fourth-year right-handed pitcher Josh Cales walked to loaded the bases. Ryan contributed with a three-run triple to center field and first-year infielder Antonio Bennett hit an RBI single to score Ryan.

BG tacked on two runs in the seventh inning, scoring its last runs of the game on ten hits. UT scored ten more runs in the last two innings, five apiece, securing a big win over their archrival.

Bollinger singled to start the eighth, and Montoya hit his second home run of the game. Adolph doubled, and two wild pitches allowed him to score, making the lead 12-4. Ryan walked and moved to third on Bennett's double. With one out, both baserunners scored on Boss's two-run double.

The Rockets kept at it in the final inning and were able to finish strong. Toledo hasn't scored 20-plus runs in a game in over seven years.

Fifth-year left-handed pitcher Ross Achter (3-3) pitched for 6.2 innings, only allowing an earned run on 10 hits with two

walks and eight strikeouts. Cales pitched 2.1 innings of relief for the win.

UT vs BGSU Game 3

UT and BG started off the first three innings in a pitcher's duel until the Rockets jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the fourth.

Campbell and Hansen both singled, while Bollinger was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Montoya. Montoya hit a pop up for two outs, and Adolph came in to help, hitting a two-run single to right field.

UT added another run the fifth inning. Bennett doubled, advanced on Boss's flyout and scored on Campbell's second hit of the day.

Fourth-year right-handed pitcher Sam Shutes pitched six-plus innings, allowing two runs on four hits, four walks, and five strikeouts. Shutes kept the Falcons from scoring until the sixth inning.

BG took a 4-3 lead after the eighth and would not score again for the rest of the matchup.

The Rockets answered with a run in the ninth to tie the game 4-4 before heading into extra innings. Bollinger led off the ninth and hit a solo home run to tie the game. Jacob pitched the bottom of the ninth to force the game into extra innings.

UT scored four runs in the 10th to secure the series win. Bennett walked and advanced to second on Boss's bunt. Campbell's groundout moved Bennett and Boss to the next base.

Hansen walked, and Bollinger hit a two-out, two-run double to score Bennett and Hansen. Montoya hit another home run to extend the Rocket lead to 8-4 before fifth-year right-handed pitcher Caleb Schillace secured the win.

The midnight blue and gold will travel west to South Bend, IN to battle the Notre Dame Fightin' Irish Wednesday, April 12.

On Easter weekend, a three-game series against the University of Buffalo will take place at Scott Park. First pitches are at 3:05 p.m. on Friday and 1:05 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Women's tennis falls to WMU

The Toledo women's tennis team fell in both of its matches over the weekend. On Friday, the team lost to Western Michigan 5-2.

The Rockets are now 8-8 on the season but have lost their first three Mid-American Conference matches.

"We competed very well at spots, but we need everyone to step up at the same time against these tough MAC opponents," said head coach [Tracy Mauntler](#). "With such a quick turnaround this weekend, our team is already back on track and focused on NIU."

The Broncos took control early by taking the second and third matches in doubles play as second-year WMU athlete Denise Azcui and third-year Olivia Meyers defeated first-year UT

athlete Mimi Kendall-Wooseley and second-year Randi Goodland 6-4.

The WMU pair of fourth-year Barbare Eristavi and second-year Ketja Fevralev took down third-year Megan Miller and second-year Claire Aleck of UT 6-3.

WMU also won the first two spots in singles competition, as Meyers beat Kendall-Wooseley 6-3 ,6-4 in the two spot.

The Rockets won the next two matches to cut it close, as third-year Colleen O'Brien and first-year DeeDee Leenabanchong captured the first victories of the day for UT.

However, Toledo could not capitalize in the final matches: Azcui of WMU defeated Miller 7-5, 6-3 and Eristavi beat Aleck 6-4, 6-2.

The midnight blue and gold will look to bounce back as Friday April 7 as they travel to take on the Miami (OH) Redhawks at 7 p.m.

Rocket softball dominate

Buffalo

The University of Toledo softball team (14-23, 2-3 MAC) dominated the University at Buffalo (6-27, 2-3 MAC) to collect its first two victories in Mid-American Conference play in its home opener at Scott Park.

First-year Alissa Noble (3-6) collected the win in Game 1 after throwing four innings of relief work. Noble did not permit any runs or hits, while retiring three and walking one in the contest. Second-year Heather Webb allowed three runs on eight hits and struck out three in three frames.

Toledo 6, Buffalo 3

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Rocket offense was led by fourth-year second-baseman Chandler Rice, who went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI. Rice also tallied two doubles, which makes her the sole record holder at Toledo with 44 career doubles.

UB jumped on the board first with a two-run double in the top of the second inning.

Toledo's offense got to work in the bottom of the second, thanks to a hit batter and an infield single by fourth-year catcher Ashley Maynard. Second-year shortstop Megan Choate drove an RBI single to left-center to score first-year infielder Samantha Golden from second and put UT on the board,

2-1.

Buffalo put two runners aboard in the third thanks to consecutive singles to center field. The Bulls team added one to its scoreboard total after an RBI single.

The Rockets answered back with a run of their own when fourth-year right-fielder Celeste Fidge executed a sacrifice fly that allowed Rice to cross the plate.

Toledo loaded the bases in the bottom of the fourth off a hit batter, fielder's choice and Buffalo fielding error. Rice's RBI double to right scored Maynard and Choate to give UT its first lead of the game, 4-3. Third-year centerfielder Ashley Rausch knocked in the last two runs on her single to center.

Toledo 7, Buffalo 0

Seven Rockets contributed at least one hit in the nightcap. Fidge (2-for-4), Maynard (2-for-2), third-year left-fielder Kylie Gross (2-for-4) and third-year first baseman Samantha Showalter (2-for-3) each recorded a pair of hits and a run scored.

UT managed the game's initial scoring threat during the bottom of the second after Maynard and Choate both got on with two-out singles. Gross drove a single down the left field line off the first pitch that allowed Choate and Maynard to score a pair of runs. Rice's RBI single to right brought home Gross and closed out the inning's scoring.

Toledo added more to its total in the third after third-year utility player Courtney Heinritz grounded out to second, which permitted Showalter to score. Maynard followed with a two-out single through the left side to bring home Fidge and bring UT's lead to 5-0.

The midnight blue and gold added valuable insurance on the board in the fourth frame. With Rausch and Showalter on base following an infield single and a fielder's choice, respectively, a double down the right field line by Fidge brought home UT's sixth and seventh tallies.

Second-year right-hand pitcher Kailey Minarchick's no-hitter was spoiled with one down in the top of the sixth as the Bulls connected on two singles. Toledo finished off the two-hit shutout by getting Scott out on a fielder's choice and by Minarchick getting her third strikeout.

Rice climbed into first place all-time at Toledo with 317 total bases in her career.

Toledo 5, Buffalo 1

In Sunday's series finale, the Rockets never trailed and defeated Buffalo, 5-1, at Scott Park to complete a weekend sweep.

Rausch led the UT offense by going 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored. Choate (2-for-3) also tallied a pair of hits and a run scored. Rice and Showalter each knocked in a tally, while also scoring a run. Rice improved her career-high hitting streak to 15 games.

In the circle, Minarchick (5-8) earned the victory by allowing one run on six hits and zero walks in four innings of work. Noble notched her first save of the season after allowing just one baserunner on a hit-by-pitch in three innings of relief work.

“If we show up and compete in every game, then we can put ourselves in position to win,” said head coach Kristen Butler. “We did a great job of executing our game plan this weekend. We have to keep our focus because we turn around and play EMU on Tuesday.”

Toledo took a quick 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Rice led off the game with a double to left-center and was soon followed by Rausch, who reached on a single up the middle. Fidge knocked in the first run on an RBI single to left. A fielding error by the Bulls’ left fielder advanced Fidge to second and allowed Rausch to cross the plate.

Another two-run inning in the UT third extended the lead to 4-0. Rausch drove a leadoff double to left-center to get the Rockets into business. Showalter immediately followed with an identical double to bring home Rausch.

Buffalo loaded the bases on consecutive singles and a fielder's choice in the fourth and finally crossed the plate with the help of a Toledo fielding error.

Choate gave UT a 5-1 advantage by plating a run in the fifth on a fielding error by Buffalo's shortstop.

The Rockets will return to Scott Park on April 4 when they host Eastern Michigan University in a doubleheader at 1 p.m.

Baseball starts MAC play

The University of Toledo baseball team had a busy schedule this past week. UT struggled at the University of Michigan on Tuesday, losing 12-0, and came back home the following day to defeat Oakland University, 8-5. The Rockets hosted MAC West foe Western Michigan University this past weekend at Mercy Field with a 1-0 win on Friday, a 4-1 loss on Saturday, and 9-8 win on Sunday afternoon.

Game @ U of M

The Rockets collected seven hits and a walk against the Wolverines. UT had the chance to score in the third inning with two singles from third-year outfielder Brad Boss and second-year infielder Riley Campbell. Runners were on first and third with one out, but Michigan created a ground ball double play to stop the Toledo threat.

Michigan quickly scored four runs in the second inning and added another five runs in the fifth before scoring the last

three runs scored in the sixth. The Rockets failed to score and the game ended 12-0.

Game vs Oakland

The Grizzlies took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning, but Toledo responded in the bottom of the inning with three runs.

The Rockets loaded the bases on third-year infielder Dalton Bollinger's single, a one-out double along the right field line from first-year infielder Malave Bettinger and second-year outfielder Ross Adolph's hit-by-pitch. Fourth-year catcher Corey Tipton hit a three-run double to left-center field and scored the base runners, 3-1, with two outs.

Oakland took a 5-3 lead by the sixth inning and kept Toledo from scoring until later in that same inning. The Rockets then tied the game, 5-5. Bollinger singled, stole second and reached third base on a wild pitch. Fourth-year right-handed pitcher Josh Cales pinch hit for Bettinger and hit an RBI double to the left field corner. Tipton scored Cales and collected his second two-RBI game.

UT took the lead in the seventh inning with two runs. Boss reached base from an Oakland error and advanced from Campbell's sacrifice bunt. Third-year shortstop Matt Hansen drove Boss home with an RBI triple to deep left-center field. Bollinger hit an RBI single to left field to make the score 7-5.

The Rocket team tacked on its final run of the game in the eighth inning. Adolph was walked, stole second base and scored on the RBI single from first-year infielder Antonio Bennett. First-year right-handed pitcher Nate Haugh, now (1-2) was credited with the win and his first career win.

Game 1 vs WMU

Friday's game seemed to be a pitcher's duel, as both teams earned only four hits each. UT scored the only run of the game in the bottom of the fourth inning with a home run from Hansen.

The Rocket team had another opportunity to add to its lead in the sixth, but Hansen and third-year outfielder AJ Montoya were left stranded on the bases.

Fourth-year left-handed pitcher Steven Calhoun, now (2-1), had a total of 105 pitches in eight scoreless innings. Second-year left-handed pitcher Michael Jacob earned his fifth save of the season and only had to throw nine pitches for three outs. The game ended by a score of 1-0.

Game 2

The first two innings were quiet until WMU scored three runs in the third inning. Toledo cut WMU's lead in the following inning with a run.

Montoya hit an RBI single into left field, scoring Hansen, and Bollinger advanced to second base. This would be Toledo's lone run of the game with six hits and one error.

Again, the game went quiet until the Bronco team scored its final run in the eighth inning. WMU scored its four runs on ten hits with no errors. The end score was 4 WMU, 1 UT.

Game 3

Sunday's afternoon game went into 13 innings and took more than four hours to complete.

Toledo got on the board early with a run from an RBI sacrifice fly by Montoya to score Boss and kept the WMU bats quiet for

the first two innings. The Broncos responded with two runs in the third inning and added another run in the seventh, leading the Rockets 3-1.

Tipton hit a home run for the Rockets to left-center field in the seventh inning to cut WMU's lead to one, 3-2. Montoya copied that, only in the ninth inning, to tie the game 3-3 before extra innings.

WMU responded with three runs in the 10th inning and two more in the 13th and was feeling confident about winning in extra innings.

The Rockets had some fight left in them. Hansen was the key player coming into the 10th inning when he hit a three-run home run, bringing home Campbell and fourth-year outfielder/designated hitter Jake Krupar. Tipton hit a two-run double to left-center, scoring Adolph and Montoya.

Fourth-year right-handed pitcher Sam Shutes was the starting pitcher for UT and pitched seven innings with four strikeouts on 103 pitches, giving up three runs on four hits and one walk. Jacob came in and pitched the next three innings before Cales pitched two-and-a-third innings. Luke Schaefer pitched the final two thirds of the 13th and was credited with the win.

The midnight blue and gold will host the University of Dayton Flyers April 5 at 3:05 p.m. This weekend, the Rockets will head south to take on rival Bowling Green State University in a three-game series with first pitches at 3:05 p.m. on Friday and 1:05 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

UT Baseball struggles against NIU Huskies

This past weekend, the University of Toledo baseball team (5-18, 0-3 MAC) took on the Northern Illinois University Huskies (7-16, 3-0 MAC) in three games at Mercy Field.

Game One

The Rockets fell 16-2 in their Friday night game against the Huskies.

Friday night, the Rockets started the game off with a run in the first inning. Third-year outfielder Matt Hansen singled and then was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by second-year infielder Riley Campbell. Third-year infielder Dalton Bollinger singled to left field to send Hansen home to take the early 1-0 lead.

The Rockets would not score another run until the sixth inning. Third-year outfielder AJ Montoya tripled into right field and then scored from first-year infielder Malave Bettinger's single.

Northern Illinois had quiet first, third, sixth and eighth innings. The Huskies started with two runs in the second inning and continued with five runs in the fourth. Another two runs were added in following inning. NIU continued with two runs in the seventh inning and an additional five runs in the final inning.

Game Two

The second game was much closer for the midnight gold and blue, but they ultimately fell in extra innings by a score of 7-4.

The Rockets took a 4-0 lead after the opening inning, making

it the second consecutive game of scoring in the opening inning. Third-year outfielder Brad Boss was walked and advanced from Campbell's nicely placed bunt single. Hansen was walked to load the bases and Bollinger hit a sacrifice fly to deep center field to score Boss.

Montoya singled to right field to score Campbell with one out. Hansen and Montoya were moved into scoring position by Bettinger. With two outs, second-year outfielder Ross Adolph hit a two-run double along the left field line to extend UT's lead to 4-0.

Fifth-year left-handed pitcher Ross Achter held NIU scoreless through the first five innings. Achter allowed one run in the sixth inning and came back to shut them down the following inning. UT was not able to give Achter any more run support after the opening inning.

The Huskies tied the game with a three-run inning in the eighth, but the Rockets had the bottom of the ninth to still win the game. Fourth-year outfielder Jake Krupar pinch-hit and reached base with a single. First-year infielder Antonio Bennett walked, and both base runners advanced from Boss' sacrifice bunt. Campbell was intentionally walked and the Huskies could breathe after a double play to end the inning before extra innings.

The tenth inning was quiet for both teams, before the Huskies came around looking to score. The eleventh inning belonged to the Huskies when they scored the final three runs to win the game 7-4.

Game Three

The series finale on Sunday started off quiet for the first two innings. NIU got on the board first, scoring four runs in the third inning.

UT cut NIU in half with a pair of runs in the sixth inning.

Campbell was able to beat out an official scorer's single due to Hansen's single. Campbell and Hansen advanced a base due to a passed ball and scored on Bollinger's two-run single.

In the seventh inning, the Rockets pulled within a run, 4-3, but could not come any closer. First-year catcher Michael Ryan was walked and retired on first-year infielder Antonio Bennett's choice. Bennett advanced to second base on a groundout and raced to score a run by Campbell's single.

The Rockets could not shut down the Huskies in the ninth inning and allowed them to score five runs to extend their lead 9-3 and win the series finale.

The midnight blue and gold will continue their homestand through this coming weekend with a quick non-conference matchup against Oakland University on Wednesday, March 29 at 3:05 p.m. The Broncos of Western Michigan University will be coming to town on Friday for a three-game series. Game times are 3:05 p.m. March 31 and 1:05 p.m. for both April 1 and April 2. UT will make a quick trip down I-75 April 4 for a 5:30 p.m. in-state, non-conference game at Wright State University in Dayton.