

SPORTS NEWS



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Golf

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Bearcats capture season-opening Colgate Invitational

For the third year in a row, Binghamton took home the team and individual championships at the Colgate Invitational. At Colgate's Seven Oaks Golf Course on Saturday and Sunday, BU put all five players in the top-10, and edged runner-up Lehigh by two strokes in the 36-hole tournament. Led by junior **Joe Kunz (Monroe, N.Y.)**, the Bearcats shot 290-299=589 to top the 22-team field. Kunz fired rounds of 71-75=146 before claiming medalist honors on the first playoff hole. His par on the par-4 13th hole ended the playoff with a Lehigh opponent who also shot 146. Junior **Eric Vinal (Syracuse, N.Y./Nottingham)** placed fifth after rounds of 73-75=148. Vinal's eagle on the par-5 12th hole was crucial to the Bearcats, who tracked down and overtook Lehigh in the tournament's closing holes. Freshman **Brad Moulton (Orangeville, Ontario)** tied for sixth place (74-75=149). On Sunday, he finished the final three holes with a birdie-par-par to help BU clinch the team title. Senior **Adam Fuchs (Plainview, N.Y./JFK-Plainview)** and junior **Keith Hendrickson (Syosset, N.Y.)** tied for eighth place at 150. Fuchs shot 76-74 while Hendrickson went 72-78.

Kunz named BU Athlete of Week

Kunz, a transfer from Monroe Community College in Rochester, N.Y., has been selected as the University's Athlete of the Week for September 9. His opening-round 1-under 71 featured four birdies — including three in a row on the front side. In Sunday's final round, Kunz hit 11 of 14 fairways and shot even-par for the final seven holes to win the individual crown.

"Joe brought his junior college national championship experience into our format, and if he continues to play like this, he will lift the rest of our team," head coach John Affleck said. "He is an outstanding golfer, and an even nicer young man."

Last June, Kunz captured the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Championship for Monroe CC with rounds of 75-73-73-72. He defeated 86 other elite golfers to win the national title by two strokes.

Lineup deep with talent

In head coach **John Affleck's** 14th and final year at the helm, he has assembled perhaps the most talented team from top to bottom in program history. Despite losing three of five starters and seven letterwinners from a year ago, Affleck has brought in seven newcomers with a wealth of talent and playing experience. **Kunz** has immediately made his presence felt, as has freshman Moulton, a top junior golfer from Canada. Eager to crack the starting-five are a group of young golfers with lofty credentials. Freshman **Kevin Crawford (Lockport, N.Y.)** is the reigning New York State high school champion, and freshman **Chris McLaughlin (Northport, N.Y.)** is a two-time Suffolk County scholastic champion.

Up Next

The Bearcats will head to Lewisburg, Pa. for the two-day, 36-hole Bucknell Invitational this Friday and Saturday.

2002 Fall Schedule/Results

SEPTEMBER

7 Sat.-	@ Colgate Invitational	1st of 22
8 Sun.	at Seven Oaks GC	
13 Fri.-	@ Bucknell Invitational	1 p.m.
14 Sat.	at Bucknell Golf Course	8:45 a.m.
21 Sat.-	@ Dartmouth Tourn.	TBA
22 Sun.	at Dartmouth Golf Course	
28 Sat.	@ Lion Collegiate Invit. at Great Hope GC (Md.)	TBA
30 Mon.	@ Rehoboth Beach Invit. at Kings Creek CC, Delaware	TBA

OCTOBER

5 Sat.-	ECAC CHAMPIONSHIP	9:30 a.m.
6 Sun.	at Hiawatha Links	
19 Sat.-	BU INVITATIONAL	1 p.m.
20 Sun.	at En-Joie GC	8 a.m.
22 Tue.-	@ The Tillinghast	TBA
23 Wed.	at Quaker Ridge GC	

Stroke Averages

Name	Tot	Low	Avg.
Joe Kunz	146	-1	73.0
Eric Vinal	148	+1	74.0
Brad Moulton	149	+2	74.5
Adam Fuchs	150	+2	75.0
Keith Hendrickson	150	even	75.0