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Bearcats win Rhode Island and America East titles

Binghamton capped its remarkable run in the final four tournaments of the spring with team titles at the Rhode Island Invitational and the America East Championship. Before that, the Bearcats were runners-up at both the Yale Invite and the New England Championship.

At Rhode Island, BU shot 299 to outpace host and tournament favorite Rhode Island (309) and the rest of the 13-team field. The final 18 holes were rained out. Then four days later, Binghamton wrapped up its first America East title with an 18-stroke win over runner-up Hartford at En-Joie. Head coach John Affleck was selected as the conference Coach of the Year. With the honor, Affleck now has been Coach of the Year at all three NCAA levels.

The two wins give the Bearcats seven tournament titles in 2002-03 — believed to be the most of any Division I program in the country.

NCAA bid virtually a lock after brilliant spring

Thanks to a stellar 2nd-2nd-1st-1st finish in the team's final four tournaments, BU seems assured of receiving one of the three NCAA bids allotted to the New England region. In the latest *GolfWeek/Sagarin* Ratings, BU was ranked third behind only Rhode Island and Yale. The Bearcats toppled Yale twice this spring, and beat Rhode Island on its home course. In addition, the Bearcats defeated any would-be contenders from below in the rankings.

Freshman Moulton on a roll

Freshman **Brad Moulton (Orangeville, Ontario)** has the lowest stroke average in the spring (75.7), and grabbed medalist honors for the first time in his young collegiate career at Rhode Island. He shot 1-under 71 at the difficult Newport National Golf Course in Middletown. After bogeying the first two holes, Moulton went on a birdie rampage, collecting six in all, including four on the back side. He shared medalist honors with a player from Rhode Island. Then at En-Joie, he shot 73-74 to place third at the conference championship.

Kunz fires 2-under 70 to wrap up America East medalist honors

Junior **Joe Kunz (Webster, N.Y.)** shot a 2-under 70 in Tuesday's final round to capture medalist honors at the America East Championship. Kunz, who began the 2002-03 season with back-to-back medalist honors, now ended the season with low honors again. He secured the individual title with an eagle 2 on the par-4 16th hole. After driving the green on the 310-yard 16th hole, he sank a 15-foot putt. One hole earlier, Kunz dropped in a birdie putt on the par-4 15th.

Fuchs finishes runner-up at America East Championship in final home event

Senior captain **Adam Fuchs (Plainview, N.Y./Plainview-JFK)**, competing for the final time on BU's home course, shot 72-73 to finish second at the America East Championship — behind only teammate Joe Kunz. For Fuchs, it marked the ninth top-10 finish in 13 tournaments this season. He leads the team with a 74.5 stroke average after 13 tournaments in 2002-03.

Up Next: NCAA Regional

The Bearcats now await the official announcement of the NCAA Championship field, which will come on Monday, May 5. The most likely scenario has Binghamton headed to the East Regional, May 15-17 at Auburn University Club in Alabama.

2003 Spring Schedule/Results

MARCH

14 Fri.	@ Stetson	W13.5-7.5
31 Mon.	@ George Wash. Invit. at Swan Pt. CC, Md.	T-9th of 20

APRIL

5 Sat.-	@ Yale Invitational	2nd of 22
6 Sun.	at Yale GC	
12 Sat.-	@ New England Champ.	2nd of 19
13 Sun.	at Tripp GC (R.I.)	
25 Fri.	@ Rhode Island Invit.	1st of 13
28 Mon.-	AMERICA EAST CHAMP.	1st of 4
29 Tue.	at En-Joie GC	

Top Stroke Averages

Name	Tot	Low	Avg.
Adam Fuchs	1789	-3	74.5
Joe Kunz	1817	-2	75.7
Keith Hendrickson	1666	even	75.7
Brad Moulton	1606	-1	76.0
Kevin Crawford	539	even	76.6
Eric Vinal	1318	+1	77.5