

SPORTS NEWS



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Golf

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Bearcats finish runner-up at BU Invitational

For just the second time in seven events this fall, Binghamton did not win a golf tournament it entered. The Bearcats were runners-up at their own BU Invitational, held Saturday and Sunday at En-Joie Golf Course in Endicott. The team shot 300-307=607 to place second behind St. Bonaventure (599) in the 11-team field. The Bonnies opened up a five-stroke advantage after the opening round, and posted the win after BU struggled to a season-worst 307 in the final round. Binghamton's two rounds were only the second and third team scores not below 300 this fall. The Bearcats had averaged just over 295 entering the home tournament.

McLaughlin quietly making case for starting spot

Freshman **Chris McLaughlin (Northport, N.Y.)** shot 75-73=148 to place second in the field of 60 — the best performance by any of BU's nine golfers. As Binghamton's starting five continues to achieve great success, McLaughlin has quietly put together a strong fall in a back-up role. The former two-time Suffolk County scholastic champion has placed in the top-10 twice in his three tournament showings, and carries a 75.2 stroke average, which is fourth-best among the entire team.

BU's "second team" outperforms starting unit

Showing the depth coach John Affleck has in his 10-man lineup, BU's second team played head-to-head against the starting five at En-Joie and defeated them, despite not being afforded a drop score. Playing with four men, the all-freshmen group of **Chris McLaughlin (Northport, N.Y.)**, **Kevin Crawford (Lockport, N.Y.)**, **Scott Harvey (Brantford, Ontario/Brantford Collegiate Institute)** and **Casey Wheat (Elmira, N.Y./EFA)** shot 302-303=605 to edge the top unit by two strokes. Crawford fired an even-par 72 in the opening round, and Harvey and Wheat carded final-round scores of 75 and 76, respectively. McLaughlin shined the most, producing six birdies and finishing second in the entire field (75-73=148). The team's other freshman, **Matt Mattingly (Manlius, N.Y./Centennial)**, injured his wrist and was unable to play, leaving the "second" unit without the luxury of a kick-out score.

Fuchs extends string of top-10 finishes

Despite struggling to a final-round 78, senior captain **Adam Fuchs (Plainview, N.Y./JFK-Plainview)** extended his remarkable streak of top-10 finishes to 17 tournaments. Fuchs fired an opening-round 72, and wound up in a tie for fourth place in the field of 60. He carries a team-best scoring average of 72.9.

Up Next: The Tillinghast

On Monday, the Bearcats will head to Scarsdale, N.Y., to prepare for The Tillinghast, a 36-hole tournament hosted by St. John's Tuesday and Wednesday. The elite tournament, won last year by eventual NCAA champion Minnesota, will be a 14-team event featuring the nation's fifth-ranked program, UC-Irvine, along with San Diego, James Madison and Rollins. The event will conclude BU's fall season, which has produced a record five team titles.

2002 Fall Schedule/Results

SEPTEMBER

7 Sat.-	@ Colgate Invitational	1st of 22
8 Sun.	at Seven Oaks GC	
13 Fri.-	@ Bucknell Invitational	1st of 16
14 Sat.	at Bucknell Golf Course	
21 Sat.-	@ Dartmouth Tourn.	T-3rd of 17
22 Sun.	at Hanover CC	
28 Sat.	@ Columbia Invitational	1st of 8
	at Great Hope GC (Md.)	
30 Mon.	@ Rehoboth Beach Invit.	1st of 10
	at Kings Creek CC, Del.	

OCTOBER

5 Sat.-	ECAC CHAMPIONSHIP	1st of 16
6 Sun.	at Hiawatha Links	
19 Sat.-	BU INVITATIONAL	2nd of 11
20 Sun.	at En-Joie GC	
22 Tue.-	@ The Tillinghast	8 a.m.
23 Wed.	at Quaker Ridge GC	

Top Stroke Averages

Name	Tot	Low	Avg.
Adam Fuchs	1021	-3	72.9
Keith Hendrickson	1044	even	74.6
Joe Kunz	1049	-1	74.9
Chris McLaughlin	451	+1	75.2
Brad Moulton	1064	+1	76.0
Eric Vinal	1078	+1	77.0