

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Golf

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### Bearcats rally to place seventh at The Tillinghast

Binghamton closed out its fall campaign with a strong finish at The Tillinghast — a premier 36-hole tournament hosted by St. John's at Quaker Ridge GC in Scarsdale, N.Y. Despite playing without No. 3 man Keith Hendrickson, the Bearcats overcame a shaky start to tie for seventh in the 14-team field. After an opening-round 312 that dropped BU into 13th place, Binghamton returned to form in the final round, carding a 293 to move up five spots. James Madison won the tournament with a 576, followed by UC-Irvine (584), San Diego (596), St. John's (599), UC-Riverside (600), Johnson & Wales (602), BU (605), Akron (605), Charlotte (613) and Fordham (615) in the top-10.

### McLaughlin leads team in first starting role

In his first start with the top group, freshman **Chris McLaughlin (Northport, N.Y.)** led Binghamton with rounds of 76-74=150. He tied for 17th place with teammate Joe Kunz (Webster, N.Y.) and four others. In four tournaments thus far in 2002-03, McLaughlin owns two top-10 and two top-20 finishes. His 75.1 scoring average ranks fourth on the team.

### BU's final-round 293 matches No. 5 UC-Irvine

In Wednesday's final round, BU carded a 293, which was the second-best round of the day, behind only James Madison's tournament-low 284. Binghamton's performance equalled that of runner-up UC-Irvine, which is ranked No. 5 in the nation in scoring. A day after no BU golfer broke 76, all five broke 76, headed by senior captain **Adam Fuchs (Plainview, N.Y./JFK-Plainview)** and junior **Joe Kunz (Webster, N.Y.)**, who each shot a 3-over 72. Kunz's round featured an eagle on the 14th hole.

### Vinal returns to starting lineup at 11th hour

With junior No. 3 man Keith Hendrickson ailing after Monday's practice round, BU summoned **Eric Vinal (Syracuse, N.Y./Nottingham)** to fill in, and the junior responded with solid rounds of 79-75=154 on a course site unseen. Vinal, who was a starter for BU's first seven fall tournaments, capped his final-round 75 with a brilliant eagle on the finishing hole. His 175-yard six iron found the hole.

### Fall season one of the finest in program history

With five wins in eight tournaments, BU completed one of the most successful fall seasons in school history. Thanks to a team scoring average of 297.1, the Bearcats finished in the top-10 in each of the eight events, winning five. The highlight was BU's first-ever ECAC title, accomplished against a strong field that included Hartford, Harvard and Penn. The team's overall record was 94-9-3 (90%).

### In the Spring: March trip to Florida will kick off six-tournament season

With the fall season in the rear view mirror, BU will not resume competition until March 17-18 with the Stetson (Fla.) Invitational. The month of April will be critical to the Bearcats' quest for an NCAA bid, as BU will face its region rivals in two key tournaments — the New England Championship (April 11-12) and the University of Rhode Island Invitational (April 25-26). Binghamton will then close out the regular season by hosting the America East Championship, held April 28-29 at En-Joie GC. There, BU will no doubt battle reigning champion and rival Hartford for the conference crown.

### 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 at Great Hope GC (Md.)	1st of 8
30 Mon.	@ Rehoboth Beach Invit. at Kings Creek CC, Del.	1st of 10

#### OCTOBER

5 Sat.-	<b>ECAC CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>1st of 16</b>
6 Sun.	at Hiawatha Links	
19 Sat.-	<b>BU INVITATIONAL</b>	<b>2nd of 11</b>
20 Sun.	at En-Joie GC	
22 Tue.-	@ The Tillinghast	T-7th of 14
23 Wed.	at Quaker Ridge GC	

### Top Stroke Averages

Name	Tot	Low	Avg.
Adam Fuchs	1173	-3	73.3
Keith Hendrickson	1044	even	74.6
Joe Kunz	1199	-1	74.9
Chris McLaughlin	601	+1	75.1
Brad Moulton	1218	+1	76.0
Eric Vinal	1232	+1	77.0