# SPORTS NEWS

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# Golf

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## Bearcats end fall season with victory at home

Binghamton rallied from two strokes down in the final round to overtake Central Connecticut State and win the NBT Bank Collegiate Classic, hosted by BU Saturday and Sunday at En-Joie Golf Course. The Bearcats carded rounds of 300-295=595 to edge the Blue Devils (298-299) and the rest of the 11-team field. The title was Binghamton's fourth in seven fall tournaments.

"It was a great team win," head coach Nick Lasky said. "A lot of teams can't finish when they have the opportunity. This is a team of finishers."

## Kunz works overtime to snare medalist honors

Senior **Joe Kunz (Webster, N.Y.)** shot 73-72=145 to tie for the overall lead, and then captured medalist honors on the first playoff hole. Kunz, whose even-par 72 on Sunday included three birdies, went into a playoff with golfer from St. Bonaventure. On hole No. 1, Kunz hit a 3-iron off the tee and positioned it in the middle of the fairway. His 150-yard wedge approach landed 25 feet from the hole, and he made quick work of a two-putt. His opponent, meanwhile, missed the green on his approach and made bogey. The medalist honors were Kunz' first of the fall and fourth in the last two seasons.

"I knew once there was a playoff that Joe was going to win," Lasky said. "He is a tremendous match play competitor. Joe put together a solid round and made some key up-and-downs when he had to."

## Late push by Hendrickson and Kunz secures win

Seniors **Keith Hendrickson (Syosset, N.Y.)** and **Joe Kunz (Webster, N.Y.)** keyed the comeback victory — a team win that was still in doubt as the final two groups reached hole No. 16. Clubhouse leader Central Connecticut State was already on the highway after shooting a 299 earlier on Sunday. Playing later in the day amid high winds and brisk mid-40 degree temperatures, BU needed to make up some strokes in the closing holes, and the team's top two scorers delivered. Hendrickson finished birdie-birdie-par and Kunz finished birdie-par-par. That swing was enough to give the Bearcats a two-stroke margin.

## 2003 Fall Schedule/Results

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| **SEPTEMBER** | | |
| 5 Fri.-6 Sat. | @ Colgate Invitational | 1st of 21 |
| 13 Sat.-14 Sun. | @ Central Conn, Invitational | T-4th of 12 |
| 20 Sat.-21 Sun. | @ Dartmouth Tournament | 6th of 19 |
| 27 Sat.-28 Sun. | @ Cornell Invitational | 1st of 17 |
| **OCTOBER** | | |
| 5 Sun. | @ ECAC Championship at Seven Oaks GC | 1st of 14 |
| 11 Sat.-12 Sun. | @ Yale MacDonald Cup | 5th of 18 |
| **18 Sat.-19 Sun.** | **NBT BANK CLASSIC at En-Joie GC** | **1st of 11** |

## Stroke Averages

| Name | Tot | Low | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Keith Hendrickson | 955 | -2 | 73.5 |
| Joe Kunz | 827 | even | 75.2 |
| Jeff Wolniewicz | 980 | -2 | 75.4 |
| Kevin Crawford | 839 | +2 | 76.3 |
| Eric Vinal | 841 | -2 | 76.4 |
| Brad Moulton | 627 | -1 | 78.4 |

## McLaughlin puts up "unbelievable" round of 69 on Sunday

Sophomore **Chris McLaughlin (Northport, N.Y.)** put on a clinic Sunday afternoon, firing a 3-under 69 (37-32) that Lasky deemed "unbelievable." Playing for BU's second team, which placed third in the field (310-296), McLaughlin collected five birdies — including three on the back side — and posted the lowest round of the 120 played at En-Joie. Together with his opening-round 80, McLaughlin tied for fifth in the field.

"It's unbelievable that anyone could shoot that low the way this course was playing today," Lasky said, referring to the bitter cold weather conditions and course length. "Chris played an incredible round of golf."

## Freshman Wolniewicz: par-par-par-par-par-par-par-par-par-par-par-par-par-par-par

Freshman **Jeff Wolniewicz (West Seneca, N.Y.)** was the model of consistency on Sunday, collecting 15 pars en route to a 75. He parred the entire back side, and finished the tournament with the most pars (29) in the 60-player field.

## Up Next: Spring season opens at Towson Classic in late March

With the cancellation of the Army Invitational, the Bearcats' fall season is complete. The team returns to competition at the Towson Drew Upton Classic on March 28-29. Binghamton was fourth out of 21 teams the last time it played at the Towson event, back in 2002.