

SPORTS NEWS



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Men's Lacrosse

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Start of conference play on tap for this week

The Bearcats lone game this week will be the America East conference opener, against Stony Brook on Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Seawolves Field. The game will be the lone conference road game for the Binghamton, who will play four of five America East games at the East Gym Complex.

Bearcats fall to nationally-ranked Hofstra

In its first game against a nationally-ranked opponent this season, Binghamton was defeated on the road by #19 Hofstra, 15-5 in Hempstead, N.Y. The host Pride jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the opening 10 minutes of the game and never looked back.

"After the first 10 minutes of the first quarter, we settled down and did a great job defensively for the rest of the game," head coach Ed Stephenson said. "Hofstra came out with a lot of firepower and we need to handle the pressure offensively a lot better. When we can do that, we will be a better team."

Five different Bearcats — all freshmen — netted a goal against Hofstra. Attacker **Phil Cavallo (Cedarhurst, N.Y./Lawrence)** scored his team-high seventh goal of the season. Also scoring were attackers **Brian Morgan (Littleton, Col./Heritage)**, **Joe Vavala (Dewey Beach, Del./Cape Henlopen)** and **Scott Mitchell (Smithtown, N.Y./Hauppauge)**, and midfielder **Charlie Cook (Liverpool, N.Y.)**.

Goalies **Kevin McKeown (Brewster, N.Y.)** and **Adam Skiadas (Binghamton, N.Y.)** split time in goal and combined for 15 saves in the game.

Rookie of the Week honors for Cavallo

Freshman attacker **Phil Cavallo (Cedarhurst, N.Y./Lawrence)** was named the America East Rookie of the Week last Tuesday. During the first full week of the regular season, Cavallo netted six goals, including a team-record five tallies against Lafayette on March 1.

"Phil capitalized on our offensive opportunities," Stephenson said. "He found soft spots in the defense when other guys were double-teamed, and he worked around the goalie until he could get a high percentage shot in the net."

Through three games this season, Cavallo leads the team with seven goals and seven points. His goal output already surpasses that of any Bearcat last season. With at least one goal in each of his first three games, Cavallo can become the first Bearcat to score goals in four consecutive contests if he finds the net against Stony Brook.

2003 Schedule/Results (1-2, 0-0 AE)

FEBRUARY

26 Sat. +@ Villanova L 4-13

MARCH

1 Sat. ^@ Lafayette W 10-7

4 Tue. @ Hofstra L 5-15

12 Wed. * @ Stony Brook 3 p.m.

22 Sat. * QUINNIPIAC 1 p.m.

29 Sat. * ALBANY 1 p.m.

APRIL

5 Sat. @ Drexel 1 p.m.

9 Wed. WAGNER 4 p.m.

12 Sat. * VERMONT 1 p.m.

19 Sat. * HARTFORD noon

24 @ Siena 4 p.m.

26 @ Colgate 1 p.m.

30 America East Semifinals TBA

MAY

3 America East Champ. TBA

+ played at University of Pennsylvania

^ played at Lehigh University

* America East Conference game

Home games listed in **BOLD CAPS** and played at East Gym Complex