

SPORTS NEWS



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Men's Lacrosse

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Binghamton earns first-ever America East win

In the season's home opener, the Bearcats edged Quinnipiac (1-6, 0-1 AE) 7-6 at Binghamton Alumni Field. The game marked the first America East victory for Binghamton.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bearcats trailed 6-5 and were forced to play the first three minutes of the quarter a man down due to an illegal stick violation. The Bobcats, however, were unable to find the net while playing a man up, and Binghamton knotted the score at 6-6 just 45 seconds after the penalty expired. Just under two minutes later, freshman midfielder **Mike Tran (Brooklyn, N.Y./Benjamin Cardoza)** scored the game-winning goal off a pass from classmate **Brian Morgan (Littleton, Col./Heritage)**. Tran also had an assist in the game, as he recorded his first two points of the season. The Bearcats then defended their lead over the final 9:19 of the game to secure the win.

"We hustled for 60 minutes, and that was a real positive for us," head coach Ed Stephenson said. "We displayed a concerted effort, and I was encouraged to see us finish off plays we had struggled with in our previous games. It gave me the feeling that we are ready to break out offensively. We saw a matchup of the league's two youngest teams tonight, and I think we saw the future of the league."

Cavallo extends record streak against Quinnipiac

Freshman attack **Phil Cavallo (Cedarhurst, N.Y./Lawrence)** had two goals against the Bobcats, extending his streak of games with a goal to five. Cavallo has scored at least once in every game this season and holds the school record for consecutive games with a goal. He is leading the Bearcats with a total of 10 goals and 10 points.

Chaapel and McKeown keys to Quinnipiac win

Freshman attacker **Brian Chaapel (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy)** had two goals and two assists against Quinnipiac, and is second on the team with nine points for the season (3 goals, team-high 6 assists). Freshman goalie **Kevin McKeown (Brewster, N.Y.)** played his second complete game in goal, and produced 17 saves, including seven in the pivotal fourth quarter. He was named the America East Player of the Week for the period of March 17-23.

"Kevin played an outstanding game tonight," Stephenson said. "Whenever we had a breakdown defensively, he was there to make a big save. He let in a goal early on, but like all good goalies, he didn't let it affect him and did what he had to do to have a great game."

This Week: Bearcats face Albany as conference play continues

Binghamton will play host to the University at Albany on Saturday at 1 p.m. The game will be played on campus at the East Gym Complex. The Great Danes (3-3, 0-0 AE) are the reigning America East regular season champions and are coming off an 11-10 victory over Drexel.

2003 Schedule/Results (2-3, 1-1 AE)

FEBRUARY

26 Wed. +@Villanova L 4-13

MARCH

1 Sat. ^@Lafayette W 10-7

4 Tue. @Hofstra L 5-15

12 Wed. *@Stony Brook L 4-9

21 Fri. *QUINNIPIAC W 7-6

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