

SPORTS NEWS



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Men's Lacrosse

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Bearcats fall to Albany 9-6

Playing in a constant wind-driven rain on a muddy field, the visiting Great Danes (4-3, 1-0 AE) scored four unanswered goals late in the first half and defeated host Binghamton 9-6.

The Great Danes, picked to finish atop the America East Conference this season, led 1-0 until a pair of Binghamton goals in a span of nine seconds in the second quarter gave the Bearcats their only lead of the afternoon, a 2-1 edge with 10:58 remaining in the second period. Later in the period, however, Albany scored four goals in a span of 4:56 and led 5-2 at intermission. The Great Danes then scored three goals to open the third quarter and led 8-2 midway through the third period before Binghamton made the game close with three goals in the final period.

"I was pleased with our effort today," head coach Ed Stephenson said. "We were only three goals away from the top team in the conference, and that's something to feel good about. We gave up some easy goals and didn't convert on some good scoring opportunities, but those are mistakes we can learn from. If we can do that, we'll be in great shape to make a run at qualifying for the America East Championship."

Cavallo and Chaapel are BU's top scorers

Freshman attacker **Phil Cavallo (Cedarhurst, N.Y./Lawrence)** extended his school record for consecutive games with a goal to six games against Albany. He leads the team with 11 goals this season and is tied for the team lead with 11 points. Through games of March 23, he was tied for the America East lead in individual goals per game. Freshman attacker **Brian Chaapel (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy)** had two goals against Albany and is tied with Chaapel for the team lead with 11 points (5 goals, 6 assists).

McKeown continues to shine in goal

Freshman goalie **Kevin McKeown (Brewster, N.Y.)** started his fourth game in goal against Albany and produced 13 saves. McKeown, who was last week's America East Player of the Week, is averaging 9.4 saves per game with a .573 save percentage. He has 30 saves in his last two outings.

Kaylor gets nine ground balls against Albany

Freshman defender **Kevin Kaylor (Beverly, Mass.)** had a season-high nine ground balls against Albany, as the Bearcats tallied 37 ground balls in the game. Kaylor, a mainstay on Binghamton's starting defensive unit, has a team-best 18 ground balls this season.

This Week: Bearcats travel to Drexel

The Bearcats will travel to Philadelphia next Saturday at 1 p.m. for a matchup with Drexel. The Dragons are currently receiving votes in the national rankings, and recently lost 11-10 to Albany.

2003 Schedule/Results (2-4, 1-2 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 L 6-9

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