

SPORTS NEWS



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Men's Lacrosse

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Bearcats surge past Wagner 8-4

Binghamton opened a 2-0 lead with a pair of goals in the first four minutes of the game and defeated the visiting Seahawks 8-4 at Binghamton Alumni Field. The Bearcats led 3-1 at halftime and limited Wagner to just two goals in the first 55 minutes of the game before the Seahawks tacked on two late goals.

"I give us a lot of credit for being focused on the job at hand," head coach Ed Stephenson said. "We are a young team and we could have been looking ahead to a big conference game over the weekend, but were focused and played well all around. Although we didn't have great shooting, we took advantage of the good scoring opportunities we got from close range."

America East foe Vermont edges Binghamton 5-4

In a pivotal conference game on Saturday, the Bearcats fell to Vermont at Binghamton Alumni Field. The Catamounts broke a 3-3 tie just under five minutes into the period, then regained control of the ball and held possession for several minutes. However, freshman midfielder **Matt DeCirce (Binghamton, N.Y.)** knotted the game at 4-4 with his first career goal at the 7:49 mark of the quarter. The Bearcats appeared to get the go-ahead goal a couple of minutes later, but it was waived off due to an offside violation. Vermont then scored the game-winning goal on the ensuing possession and withstood several scoring chances by Binghamton in the closing minutes of the game.

"It was a good game and a defensive battle," Stephenson said. "We overplayed on defense in the first half, and that actually created offensive opportunities for Vermont. We got back into the game in the second half, but their goalie made some outstanding saves and he was the difference in the game."

The loss dropped Binghamton to 1-3 in conference play, while Vermont improved to 2-1. The Bearcats need a win against Hartford in the final conference game to have a chance at qualifying for the America East Championship later this month. BU will host Hartford at the East Gym Complex on Saturday at noon.

Cavallo tacks on six more points in two games

Freshman attacker **Phil Cavallo (Cedarhurst, N.Y./Lawrence)** had three goals and one assist against Wagner and added two more goals against Vermont. He is the team's leading scorer with 19 goals and 20 points this season. The Bearcats trailed Vermont 3-1 at halftime, but Cavallo scored his first goal in the third quarter and added his second just 20 seconds into the fourth quarter to tie the game at 3-3.

Three Bearcats net first collegiate goals

In the game against Wagner, junior transfer **George Sainteus (Wyandanch, N.Y./St. John the Baptist)** and freshman midfielder **Rob Christy (Staten Island, N.Y./Tottenville)** scored their first career goals for Binghamton. On Saturday against Wagner, **Matt DeCirce (Binghamton, N.Y.)** scored his first career goal, which at the time tied the game at 4-4 in the fourth quarter.

2003 Schedule/Results (3-6, 1-3 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 L 6-10

9 Wed. WAGNER W 8-4

12 Sat. *VERMONT L 4-5

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