

SPORTS NEWS



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Men's Lacrosse

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Bearcats conclude second season of competition

After being eliminated from a possible spot in the America East Championship last weekend following a 13-7 loss to Hartford, Binghamton concluded the regular season with a pair of non-conference road games. The Bearcats defeated Siena 9-5 before falling to Colgate 9-3. Against the Saints, Binghamton pulled away from a 2-2 halftime deadlock to score three goals in the third period and take a 5-2 lead into the final quarter. The Bearcats were outshot by Siena 20-18 and recorded five fewer ground balls, but won for the second time when allowing more shots. On Saturday, the Red Raiders scored the game's first three goals and built a 5-2 halftime lead in cruising to the win. Colgate controlled play from the outset, outshooting Binghamton 34-20 and winning 14 of 16 faceoffs.

The Bearcats finished the regular season with a 1-4 America East record, good for fifth place. Binghamton was tied with Quinnipiac, but gained an edge thanks to a 7-6 victory over the Bobcats. Hartford, which eliminated the Bearcats hopes of a berth in the America East Championship, takes the #1 seed into the conference tournament.

McKeown continues stubborn GAA ways

Freshman goalie **Kevin McKeown (Brewster, N.Y.)**, who already ranked second in the conference in both goals against average and save percentage, was at his best against Siena. McKeown produced 16 saves, just one off his season high, while allowing only five goals. After allowing the Saints second goal just over a minute into the second period, McKeown held Siena off the scoreboard until the final minutes of the third period. McKeown concludes his first collegiate season with a 6.55 GAA and .607 save percentage.

Cavallo ends season on a tear

Freshman attacker **Phil Cavallo (Cedarhurst, N.Y./Lawrence)**, who has led the Bearcats in scoring since the second game of the season, netted four goals and passed off two assists in the win over Siena. The six points were a new single-game high for Binghamton. Cavallo bested his previous mark of five points (5 goals) in a 10-7 win over Lafayette earlier this season. Cavallo added another goal against Colgate, and finished the season with a team-best 27 goals and 30 points. He scored at least one goal in every game and had eight games with multiple goals. Entering last week's games, Cavallo ranked among the conference leaders in goals per game (2.25/game).

Bearcats make great strides in second varsity season

Just two years removed from club-level status, the Bearcats showed vast improvement from their inaugural season, reaping quick benefits from a recruiting class of 25 individuals that featured 23 freshmen, including five high school all-Americans. Binghamton defeated Quinnipiac 7-6 on March 21 for its first-ever America East victory and finished fifth in a highly competitive conference. A narrow 5-4 loss to Vermont at Binghamton Alumni Field on April 12 was all that kept the Bearcats from earning a berth in the America East Championship later this month.

2003 Schedule/Results (4-8, 1-4 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 L 7-13

24 @Siena W 9-5

26 @Colgate L 3-9

+ 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