

MEDIA NOTES



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Men's Lacrosse

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Binghamton heads to America East Championship

Binghamton (7-7, 2-3 AE) travels to UMBC for the 2006 America East Championship this coming weekend. Seeded fourth, the Bearcats face the top-ranked Retrievers on Friday at 5 p.m. The other game features No. 2 Stony Brook and No. 3 Albany.

This marks the third consecutive appearance by Binghamton in the America East Conference Championship. In 2004, Binghamton ousted Stony Brook 7-6 in overtime before losing to Albany 10-4 in the finals. Last season, Albany defeated Binghamton 11-3 in the first round. The Bearcats have never faced UMBC in the postseason.

Binghamton is 1-3 all time against UMBC. The lone Bearcat triumph was a 5-4 decision at the East Gym Complex in 2004.

Freshman pace Bearcats in 2006

Binghamton's stellar freshman class has played a huge role in its fortunes this season. Freshman attack **Chris Mulheron** (Canandaigua, N.Y.) finished the regular season with a team-high 20 assists and 36 points. He has three multiple-goal games and dished out a career-high four assists against Albany last Saturday.

Fellow freshman attack **Jake Boyce** (Pittsford, N.Y.) netted a team-best 22 goals. He has recorded three hat tricks and has scored in all but one game this season.

In the faceoff circle, **J.P. Wioncek** (Beverly, Mass.) ranks 14th in the nation with a 57.6 faceoff percentage (155-of-269) and is tied for ninth with 5.79 ground balls per game. On defense, freshman **John Dreska** (Rockville Center, N.Y.) has scooped up 34 ground balls and has been charged with covering the opposing top midfielder.

Williams on a roll

Junior attack **Rob Williams** (Fulton, N.Y.) enters the America East Championship with nine goals in his past four games. He finished the season with a career-high 18 goals (second on the team) and 22 points. Against America East Conference opponents, Williams netted 10 of his goals.

Between the pipes

Senior goalie **Kevin McKeown** (Brewster, N.Y.) has been named all-conference the last two seasons and was named to the Inside Lacrosse National Team of the Week on March 6. In his past four games, he has averaged 10.3 saves per contest. His season-high of 15 saves came in Binghamton's 7-6, double-overtime upset at then No. 8 Towson on March 4.

Miscellaneous notes

Binghamton finished the season leading the America East in three statistical categories. The Bearcats had the best faceoff percentage (.562) and penalty-killing unit (.698) and were the least penalized squad (3.14 infractions per game)

2006 Schedule/Results (7-7, 2-3 AE)

FEBRUARY

25 Sat. @ No. 6 Cornell L 3-16

MARCH

4 Sat. @ No. 8 Towson (2ot) W 7-6

11 Sat. @ Villanova (ot) W 7-6

14 Tue. HOBART W 7-5

18 Sat. @ Sacred Heart W 10-8

24 Fri. + Bellermine L 4-9

26 Sun. @ No. 7 Princeton L 2-10

APRIL

1 Sat. *@ Hartford W 16-8

8 Sat. *@ Vermont W 9-5

11 Tue. No. 20 COLGATE L 7-8

15 Sat. No. 15 *UMBC L 5-11

22 Sat. No. 19 *STONY BROOK L 8-9

25 Tue. DREXEL W 11-6

29 Sat. *@ Albany L 9-20

MAY

5 ** vs. UMBC 5 p.m.

+ played at Princeton

* America East Conference game

** America East Conference semifinal

Leading Scorers

Name	G	A	Pts.
Chris Mulheron	16	20	36
Jake Boyce	22	2	24
Rob Williams	18	4	22
Stephen Smith	13	7	20
Matt McNamara	10	8	18
Jeff Santucci	10	4	14
Nate Kerstein	6	3	9
Jeff Kaylor	3	4	7
Kevin Joy	3	0	3
Duncan Streeten	1	2	3
Scott Mitchell	1	1	2
David Burpoe	1	0	1
Andrew O'Leary	1	0	1
Sean Meluney	0	1	1
Bobby Bush	0	1	1
Brian Chaapel	0	1	1
John Dreska	0	1	1
Kevin McCarthy	0	1	1

Goalie Stats

Name	GP	GAA	Sv. %
Kevin McKeown	14	9.08	.502
Larry Kline	5	8.03	.639