

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Men's Tennis

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### Bearcats open spring season with pair of defeats

Binghamton began its spring season with matches against Patriot League members Army and Colgate, and the Bearcats were defeated twice, though the final scores were not indicative of the competitive nature of each match.

Against Army, BU held three match points at both first and second doubles, and led in two more singles matches before the host Black Knights rallied to win each match en route to a 6-1 victory. Senior **Brad Davidoff (Roslyn, N.Y.)** posted the team's lone win — a 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 victory at second singles.

"The good news is we are closing the gap," head coach Michael Starke said.

One day later, BU hosted Colgate indoors at the Binghamton Tennis Center, and dropped a 5-2 decision. A pair of 8-6 losses in doubles gave the doubles point to the Red Raiders, and Colgate completed the day by capturing four of six singles matches. The doubles tandem of junior **Steve Spencer (Plantation, Fla./Nova)** and sophomore **Krishna Vallabhaneni (Poughkeepsie, N.Y./Arlington)** earned an 8-4 win at the third spot.

In singles, sophomore No. 1 player **Akshay Rao (New Delhi, India)** rebounded from an off-performance against Army to post a 5-7, 6-1, 7-6 (3) win over Reed Hagmann of Colgate. Rao raised his 2002-03 record to 14-2 overall, 5-1 in duals. Freshman No. 5 **Brian O'Connor (New Rochelle, N.Y.)** earned a 6-4, 6-3 for BU's other win.

### Addition of Gerard expected to give team a boost

Freshman **Edwin Gerard (Queens, N.Y./Edgemont)** has joined the program, and is likely to immediately move into the fourth singles spot. Gerard is also slated to play at No. 2 doubles alongside senior **Brad Davidoff (Roslyn, N.Y.)**. As a scholastic standout, Gerard was ranked #14 in the East Boys 18s.

### Up Next: St. Bonaventure Duals

The Bearcats will head to Olean, N.Y. this weekend to play four matches at St. Bonaventure. There, BU will open with SUNY rival Buffalo — a team the Bearcats edged 4-3 in the fall.

### Individual Records

Name	Pos.	Singles	Career
Akshay Rao	#1	14-2	28-7
Brad Davidoff	#2	6-4	56-36
Brad Sherwood	#3	3-5	30-27
Steve Spencer	#4	2-4	28-30
Brian O'Connor	#5	5-5	5-5
Jordan Steinberg	#6	6-5	6-5

Team	Pos.	Doubles
Rao/Sherwood	#1	5-4
Davidoff/O'Connor	#2	0-2
Spencer/Vallabhaneni	#3	2-2

### 2002-03 Schedule/Results (3-3)

#### SEPTEMBER

5 Thu.	ITHACA	W 7-0
7 Sat.-	@ Bloomsburg Duals	no scoring
8 Sun.	w/ Villanova, Lehigh	
17 Tue.	@ Siena	W 7-0
21 Sat.-	@ Cornell Invitational	no scoring
22 Sun.		

#### OCTOBER

6 Sun.	@ Williams	L 2-5
12 Sat.	BUFFALO	W 4-3
25 Fri.-	@ ITA East Regional	no scoring
29 Tue.	hosted by Penn	

#### JANUARY

25 Sat.	@ Army	L 1-6
26 Sun.	+COLGATE	L 2-5

#### FEBRUARY

1 Sat.	^Buffalo	8 a.m.
	^Rochester	4 p.m.
2 Sun.	^Niagara	8 a.m.
	@ St. Bonaventure	2 p.m.
8 Sat.	!Niagara	12:30 p.m.
	!Bucknell	6:30 p.m.
9 Sun.	!Marist	12:30 p.m.
21 Fri.	@ Cornell	1 p.m.

#### MARCH

9 Sun.	~ St. Louis	noon
11 Tue.	@ Stetson	2:30 p.m.
12 Wed.	~ Buffalo	8 a.m.
13 Thu.	~ Rhode Island	noon
21 Fri.	@ Manhattan	3 p.m.
22 Sat.	@ Concordia	8 p.m.

#### APRIL

5 Sat.	HARTFORD	1 p.m.
11 Fri.	STONY BROOK	3:30 p.m.
13 Sun.	VERMONT	10 a.m.
16 Wed.	BUCKNELL	1 p.m.
25 Fri.-	America East Championship	9 a.m.
27 Sun.	played at Yale	

+ played indoors at Binghamton Tennis Center  
 ~ played in Orlando, Fla.  
 ! played at Cornell  
 ^ played at St. Bonaventure