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Men's Tennis

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Bearcats ease into season with win at Ithaca

Binghamton (1-0) continued its seven-year tradition of opening its fall campaign with fellow Central New York school Ithaca, and also continued its mastery with a 7-0 win on Thursday. The Bearcats are 30-7 all-time against the Division III Bombers. No singles player dropped more than three games in posting straight-set wins, and BU swept all three doubles matches.

Strong showing at Bloomsburg event

Head coach Michael Starke was pleased with his team's performance at the two-day, non-scoring Bloomsburg Duals, which also featured Bucknell and Villanova. The format utilized eight singles matches and four doubles matches against each opponent. The Bearcats captured seven of eight singles matches against all three opponents, swept all four doubles matches against Bucknell and Villanova, and won three of four doubles contests against the host Huskies.

"The team was impressive," Starke said. "If this is an early indication, then it is a good one. We played well and our form was good for early season. Our conditioning was superior to that of the other teams."

Sophomore **Edwin Gerard (Bayside, N.Y./Professional Children's School)** played in the No. 2 singles spot, and won all four of his matches in dominating fashion.

"This is the new and improved Edwin," Starke said. "His incredibly hard work over the summer has paid off and he is a serious threat on the court."

Israeli recruit looks sharp at number one singles

Freshman **Dan Hanegby (Herzeliya, Israel)** began his collegiate career in impressive fashion, stepping into the top spot vacated by Akshay Rao, and rolling through the week unbeaten. After a 6-0, 6-1 win over Ithaca, Hanegby won all three of his matches at Bloomsburg in straight sets. In addition, he and senior doubles teammate **Steve Spencer (Plantation, Fla./Nova)** won all three of their doubles matches.

"Dan appears ready to fill the shoes at No. 1," Starke said. "He brings an explosive baseline game, terrific passing shots and great competitive intensity to our program."

Up Next: Home match against Siena

The Bearcats continue their abbreviated fall season with a home match against Siena on Saturday. Last fall, BU blanked the Saints 7-0. Binghamton is 5-0 all-time against Siena.

2003 Fall Schedule/Results (1-0)

SEPTEMBER

4 Thu.	@ Ithaca	W 7-0
6 Sat.-	@ Bloomsburg Duals	no scoring
7 Sun.		
13 Sat.	SIENA	1 p.m.
20 Sat.-	@ Cornell Invitational	9 a.m.
21 Sun.		

OCTOBER

4 Sat.	@ Williams	10 a.m.
11 Sat.	BUFFALO	3 p.m.
17 Fri.-	@ ITA Regional	9 a.m.
21 Tue.	hosted by Cornell	

Individual Records

Singles

Name	Pos.	Singles	Career
Dan Hanegby	No. 1	4-0	4-0
Edwin Gerard	No. 2	4-0	10-8
Steve Spencer	No. 3	2-2	38-37
Richemn Mourad	No. 4	4-0	4-0
Brian O'Connor	No. 5	3-0	21-12
Juan Garcia	No. 6	2-1	2-1

Doubles

Team	Pos.	Doubles
Hanegby/Sherwood	No. 1	4-0
Gerard/Vallabhaneni	No. 2	2-1
Mourad/Valle	No. 3	3-0