

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Indoor Track

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### Bearcats compete at a pair of meets

The Binghamton men's and women's track and field teams continued their indoor seasons at two meets this past weekend. Head coach Mike Thompson took some of the team to the Penn State National Open. The rest of the team went to the Bucknell Open.

### Men's 4x400 relay team breaks school record

The highlight on the men's side at the Penn State National Open was the 4x400 relay team breaking the school record with a time of 3:20.17. The old mark of 3:20.67 was set back in 1999. The relay team consisted of sophomore **Hasani Hampden (Freeport, N.Y.)**, freshman **Mike Nolan (Rockville Centre, N.Y./ South Side)**, and seniors **Mike Stewart (Massapequa, N.Y.)** and **Frank Savinon (Franklin Square, N.Y./ H. Frank Carey)**.

"Mike and Frank (who ran the third and fourth legs of the race) ran incredible legs," Thompson said. "They were the ones who got us under the record."

### Lloyd and Least continue strong seasons

On the women's side at the Penn State Open, senior **Larisa Least (Geneseo, N.Y.)** broke her own school record in the 500 with a time of 1:17.41. She set the previous record of 1:17.91 earlier this season. Senior **Marie Lloyd (Spencerport, N.Y./ Churchville-Chili)** also ran in the 500 and her time of 1:17.52 was also underneath the previous school record

"Larisa and Marie are both running really well right now," Thompson said. "Their goal is to qualify for the ECAC meet and they are only .5 seconds away from doing it. They should meet the standard in the next few weeks."

### Tassler, Kirsch and Ksionzyk shine at Bucknell

Sophomore **Heather Tassler (Hartsdale, N.Y./ Woodlands)** had a strong meet at the Bucknell Open, finishing eighth in the 55 (7.616) and sixth in the 200 (26.93). On the men's side, sophomores **Andy Kirsch (East Greenbush, N.Y./ Columbia)** and **Mike Ksionzyk (Olean, N.Y.)** finished third and fourth in the pole vault. Both cleared a height of 14-9

"Heather ran the best that she has all season," Thompson said. "She is looking very good right now. Andy and Mike are on the verge of breaking the 15 foot barrier."

Other top finishers for Binghamton on the men's side were sophomore **Nick Tillman (Binghamton, N.Y./ Susquehanna Valley)** and freshman **Mark Ropiecki (Central Valley, N.Y./ Monroe Woodbury)**, who tied for third in the high jump (1.91 meters) and senior **Bobby Heytota (Bayport, N.Y./ Bayport-Blue Point)**, who was fifth in the 1,000. On the women's side, freshman **Stacy Kramer (Loudonville, N.Y./ Colonie)** was third in the mile (5:20.04) and freshman **Joy Romulus (Washingtonville, N.Y.)** was fifth in the 800 (2:23.89).

### 2002-03 Schedule/Results

#### NOVEMBER

26 Tue. WestPoint Invitational no scoring

#### DECEMBER

7 Sat. Cornell Relays no scoring

#### JANUARY

11 Sat. WestPoint Invitational no scoring

17 Fri.- Pole Vault Summit no scoring

18 Sat. (@ Reno, Nev.)

19 Sun. Great Dane Classic M 10/10  
W 7/10

25 Sat. @ Cornell w/ Buffalo M 3/5  
W 5/5

31 Fri.- Bison Open No scoring

1 Sat. @ Bucknell

31 Fri.- Penn State National Open No scoring  
@ State College, Pa.

#### FEBRUARY

9 Sun. @ Syracuse w/ Albany 10:45 a.m.

14 Fri.- Collegiate Invitational noon

15 Sat. (@ New York City Armory)

15 Sat. Cornell Denault Invit. 10 a.m.

21 Fri.- America East Champ. 10 a.m.

22 Sat. (@ Boston Univ.) 10 a.m.

#### MARCH

8 Sat. IC4A/ECAC Champ. 10 a.m.