

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Softball

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### Binghamton splits four-game set at Vermont

Binghamton (10-9, 2-2 AE) split a pair of doubleheader against America East Conference foe Vermont yesterday in Burlington. The Bearcats fell 7-0 in the opener on Saturday before winning the nightcap 3-0. On Sunday, the Bearcats dropped the opener 2-1 before rallying to win the nightcap 6-1.

Sophomore pitcher **Michelle Weeks (Bunnell, Fla./ Flagler Palm Coast)** fired a two hit shutout and struck out a school-record 17 batters as Binghamton won the nightcap on Saturday. Her 17 strikeouts in the nightcap shattered the school record of 11 strikeouts which had been recorded twice. Charlene Cook established the mark on March 7, 1997 against North Carolina Wesleyan and Margaret Yerdon tied the old mark against Denison on March 17, 1998.

The Bearcats gave Weeks a pair of runs in the fourth inning and an insurance run in the top of the sixth inning. Junior catcher **Jessica Chellis (Tunkhannock, Pa./ Tunkhannock)** went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI singles and also scored a run. The other two runs were scored by freshman shortstop **Rose Barre (Watertown, N.Y./ General Brown)**.

In the opening game, the host Catamounts held Binghamton to just two hits and scored in all but one inning. Freshman pitcher **Katie Hansen (Westtown, N.Y./ Minisink Valley)** took the loss, dropping her record to 0-4.

In the first game on Sunday, Binghamton came out swinging as Barre doubled to lead off the game and then scored on a single by sophomore outfielder **Marisa DeStasio (Bethlehem, Pa./ Freedom)**.

For the doubleheader, DeStasio went 3-for-6 with two runs and a RBI. The Bearcats, however, would not score again and the Catamounts scored twice in the fourth inning off of Weeks (5-2) to lock up the win. Weeks went six innings allowing just two hits and striking out five batters but was tagged for the loss.

Binghamton trailed 1-0 heading into the top of the sixth inning of the second game before exploding for three runs in each of the last two innings to pull out the win. Sophomore designated hitter **Samantha Ackerman (Hopewell Junction, N.Y./ John Jay)** had the clutch hit of the afternoon, belting a three-run triple that cleared the bases in the top of the seventh inning to ice the game. On the mound, junior pitcher **Shannon Fleishman (Bath, N.Y./ Haverling)** allowed just one run on three hits to even her record at 2-2.

### Team notes

Junior catcher **Jessica Chellis (Tunkhannock, Pa./ Tunkhannock)** extended her hitting streak to 13 games by going 3-for-6 in Saturday's doubleheader against Vermont, but went hitless in Sunday's doubleheader ... sophomore outfielder Marisa DeStasio (Bethlehem, Pa./ Freedom) went 6-for-12 on the weekend, scoring four runs and driving in two more runs ... in the process, she took over the team lead with a .298 batting average and 17 hits.

### 2003 Schedule/Results (10-9, 2-2)

#### MARCH

9 Sun.	+Colorado State	L	0-2
10 Mon.	+Syracuse	L	0-8
	+Colorado State	L	0-1
11 Tue.	+Penn	W	5-1
	+Evansville	L	1-3
12 Wed.	+Butler	W	4-1
	+@ Central Florida	W	1-0
13 Thu.	+Bucknell (5 inn.)	W	10-0
	+Central Florida	W	1-0
21 Fri.	~Central Connecticut	L	3-5 (8)
22 Sat.	~Cleveland State	L	1-4
	~George Mason	W	6-0
	~Stony Brook	W	4-1
23 Sun.	~Brown	W	6-4
	~Cleveland State	L	1-4

#### APRIL

12 Sat.	*@ Vermont (DH)	L	7-0
		W	3-0
13 Sun.	*@ Vermont (DH)	L	1-2
		w	1-6

15 Tues.	* ALBANY (DH)	2 p.m.
16 Wed.	COLGATE (DH)	3 p.m.
18 Fri.	*@ Hartford (DH)	1 p.m.
19 Sat.	*@ Hartford (DH)	11 a.m.
22 Tues.	* vs Maine (DH) ^	2 p.m.
24 Thu.	DREXEL (DH)	3:30 p.m.
26 Sat.	*BOSTON (DH)	noon
27 Sun.	*BOSTON (DH)	noon
29 Tue.	@ Cornell (DH)	3 p.m.

#### MAY

3 Sat.	*@ Stony Brook (DH)	noon
4 Sun.	*@ Stony Brook (DH)	noon
8 Thu.-	@ America East Championship TBA	
10 Sat.	hosted by Stony Brook	
	+ Central Florida Spring Fling	
	~ George Mason Tournament	
	^ At Boston	

\* America East Conference games