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Volleyball

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Bearcats win 2 of 3 matches to close 2002 campaign

Binghamton closed out the 2002 season with victories over Hartford and Colgate, while falling to Stony Brook. BU defeated Hartford 30-23, 30-24, 22-30, 34-32 before falling to Stony Brook 26-30, 30-21, 30-26, 21-30, 11-15. In the season finale, Binghamton swept Colgate 30-24, 30-23, 30-23. The Bearcats finish their first ever America East campaign with a 3-9 record, tying for fifth place in the conference with Hartford and Maine.

Sophomore Jen Smith closes season on a tear

Sophomore middle hitter **Jennifer Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** finished the season with some of her strongest overall play. In the match against Hartford, Smith had a career-high 30 kills behind a stellar .542 attack percentage. She also had 14 digs. For the week, Smith attacked at a .358 clip while averaging 5.00 kills per game. She led the team this season with 3.27 kills per game and was one of three players to see action in all 112 games. Her 3.27 kills per game this season is the sixth-highest single-season mark in school history. Smith's strong play in the season's final three matches earned her BU Athlete of the Week honors for the week of November 18.

"Jen ended up playing really strong this season," said BU head coach Glenn Kiriyama. "She became our go-to person on our attacks."

Blocker Anne Crocus marks place in record book

Sophomore middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** finished an outstanding season with totals of three block solos and 12 block assists for the week. She wound up with 174 total blocks this season, the fifth-highest season total in program history. Along the way, Crocus became the school's career leader in block assists by passing Marnie Andrews (1992-95). Crocus now has 186 block assists in her two years on the team. She has 270 total blocks, which represents nearly 59 percent of the career record of 459 held by Donna Lund (1990-93). This season, Crocus' 1.55 blocks per game led the America East and ranked among the top 10 in the nation. Her 58 solo blocks were the most among the national leaders. In addition, her .302 season attack percentage is the second highest in school history.

Sophomore Glorimar Ortega finishes strong

Sophomore **Glorimar Ortega (Naranjito, Puerto Rico)** established her position as the team's setter as the season wore on. Ortega averaged 6.54 assists per game this season, including 10.1 assists per game in the team's final five matches. Ortega also displayed solid hitting skills with 1.65 kills and 0.78 blocks per game.

2002 campaign an effort to build on

"This was a tough season but overall, we improved as the year went on," coach Glenn Kiriyama said. Hopefully we'll keep improving during the offseason and into next year."

2002 Schedule/Results (10-20, 3-9 AE)

AUGUST

30 Fri.	+ UMBC	L	1-3
31 Sat.	+ Univ. Maryland	L	1-3
	+ George Washington	L	2-3

SEPTEMBER

6 Fri.	^ Iowa	L	0-3
7 Sat.	^@ Illinois-Chicago	L	0-3
	^ Buffalo	W	3-2
11 Wed.	SYRACUSE	L	0-3
13 Fri.	% Cornell	L	1-3
	% Providence	W	3-0
14 Sat.	% Robert Morris	L	1-3
	% Howard	W	3-0
17 Tue.	BUFFALO	L	2-3
24 Tue.	@ Lafayette	W	3-0
26 Thu.	TULSA	L	0-3
28 Sat.	@ Canisius	L	1-3
29 Sun.	MARIST	W	3-0

OCTOBER

8 Tue.	* ALBANY	W	3-2
13 Sun.	*@ Maine	W	3-1
18 Fri.	* STONY BROOK	L	2-3
19 Sat.	* HARTFORD	L	1-3
25 Fri.	*@ Northeastern	L	0-3
26 Sat.	*@ New Hampshire	L	0-3
29 Tue.	*@ Albany	L	0-3

NOVEMBER

1 Fri.	* MAINE	L	0-3
3 Sun.	@ Siena	W	3-2
8 Fri.	* NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	0-3
9 Sat.	* NORTHEASTERN	L	0-3
15 Fri.	*@ Hartford	W	3-1
16 Sat.	*@ Stony Brook	L	2-3
17 Sun.	COLGATE	W	3-0

+ Univ. Maryland Tournament
^ Illinois-Chicago Tournament
% Robert Morris Colonial Classic
* America East Conference match

Binghamton recorded seven non-conference wins this season, defeating teams from the Mid American Conference, Big East, Patriot League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.