

SPORTS NEWS



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Volleyball

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This Week: Final tuneups before conference play

The Bearcats will play four matches this week, with two apiece at home and on the road. Binghamton travels to Lafayette on Tuesday for a 7 p.m. match and is home to take on Tulsa at 7 p.m. on Thursday. BU will play back-to-back matches over the weekend, traveling to Canisius at 5 p.m. Saturday and entertaining Marist at home at 2 p.m. Sunday. Both home matches will be played in East Gym.

Last Week: Bearcats lose 3-2 heartbreaker to Buffalo

The Bearcats claimed two of the first three games against the Bulls in East Gym on Tuesday night, but wound up falling in five games, 30-19, 23-30, 30-25, 27-30, 14-16. In the fifth and deciding game, Binghamton held what seemed to be a commanding 13-10 lead. However, after at timeout, the Bulls scored four consecutive points to take a 14-13 lead. The Bearcats fought off Buffalo's initial match point, but the Bulls then scored two consecutive points to win the game and the match.

"We hung in there and gave it a good effort, but we could have done better with our defense against the serve," said Binghamton head coach Glenn Kiriya. "It's always a battle when it goes five games and we did execute better than we had in our past matches."

Despite the loss, the match featured several impressive individual performances. Sophomore outside hitter **Jennifer Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** had a career-high 20 kills and junior defensive specialist **Shannon Kelly (Ridge, N.Y./Longwood)** had a career-high 31 digs. Smith also turned in 15 digs and a team-high three service aces.

Sophomore setter **Glorimar Ortega (Naranjito, Puerto Rico)** had 10 kills, 26 assists, seven digs and six block assists. Sophomore middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)**, who leads the America East Conference with 1.57 blocks per game, recorded seven block assists to go along with a career-high 17 kills and two service aces. Also reaching double figures in kills was sophomore outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./Resurrection)** with 12.

America East Statistical Leaders

In addition to leading the America East in blocks, Anne Crocus is also second in hitting percentage at .345 (121-34-252). Jennifer Smith is third in the conference in service aces with 0.48 per game and Shannon Kelly is third in digs with 3.21 per game.

Individual Statistics: Category Leaders

Kills: Jennifer Smith, 140 (3.04/game)

Attack Percentage: Anne Crocus, .345 (121-34-252)

Assists: Amanda Breinfeld, 231 (5.02/game)

Service Aces: Jennifer Smith, 22 (0.48/game)

Digs: Shannon Kelly, 146 (3.32/game)

Total Blocks: Anne Crocus, 72 (1.57/game)

2002 Schedule/Results (3-9)

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		7 p.m.
26 Thu.	TULSA		7 p.m.
28 Sat.	@ Canisius		5 p.m.
29 Sun.	MARIST		2 p.m.

OCTOBER

8 Tue.	*ALBANY		7 p.m.
13 Sun.	*@ Maine		1 p.m.
18 Fri.	*STONY BROOK		7 p.m.
19 Sat.	*HARTFORD		4 p.m.
25 Fri.	*@ Northeastern		7 p.m.
26 Sat.	*@ New Hampshire		4 p.m.
29 Tue.	*@ Albany		7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 Fri.	*MAINE		7 p.m.
3 Sun.	@ Siena		2 p.m.
8 Fri.	*NEW HAMPSHIRE		7 p.m.
9 Sat.	*NORTHEASTERN		4 p.m.
15 Fri.	*@ Hartford		7 p.m.
16 Sat.	*@ Stony Brook		5 p.m.
17 Sun.	COLGATE		3 p.m.
23 Sat.-	America East Champ.		TBA
24 Sun.			

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