

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Volleyball

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### This Week: No matches until conference debut

After a busy week, the Bearcats will be off until Tuesday, October 8, when Binghamton will make its America East debut in a home match against Albany at 7 p.m. at East Gym. Beginning with the Marist match, BU will play four of five matches at home.

### Bearcats split four matches in busy week

In one of its busiest stretches of the season, Binghamton split four matches, beginning and ending the week with three-game sweeps. BU defeated Lafayette and Marist 3-0 while falling in three games to Tulsa and dropping a four-game set to Canisius.

The Bearcats had a record-setting night at Lafayette on Tuesday, winning 30-13, 30-21, 30-22. Binghamton set a program record with a .672 hitting percentage against the Leopards. It was the first time in nearly two years that BU had even hit over .500 in a match. Individually, sophomore outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Illinois/Resurrection)** had 14 kills and established the individual match record for attack percentage, hitting at a .750 clip (14-2-16). Sophomore setter **Glorimar Ortega (Naranjito, Puerto Rico)** had 11 kills in 12 attempts to go along with 25 assists and five digs.

Thursday night at East Gym the Bearcats dropped a 3-0 match to a Tulsa squad that entered the night with a 12-2 record. Binghamton lost the three games 30-27, 30-15, 30-25. The key point in the match occurred midway through the second game. After BU rallied to tie the match at 12-12, the Golden Hurricane embarked on an 18-3 run to close out the game and seize control of the match. Sophomore middle hitter **Jennifer Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** and second-year middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** each had 13 kills, while Ortega dished out 26 assists. Smith also led the team with 15 digs.

On Saturday evening in Buffalo, Ortega recorded a career-high 31 assists and Binghamton outhit Canisius, but ended up falling in four games by scores of 30-28, 30-26, 27-30, 30-27. Smith and Heck had 18 kills apiece and Crocus added six blocks. The team's 86 digs were the second most this season, nearly eclipsing the 92 digs from a five-game set against George Washington on August 31.

In its final match of the week, Binghamton swept Marist at East Gym. The scores were 30-25, 30-26, 32-30. In the third and final game, Marist established a 29-27 lead, but the Bearcats fought off back-to-back game points to knot the score at 29. After denying Marist a third game point, BU served three straight points to close out the match. Heck had a team-high 13 kills, while Smith and Ortega had 11 apiece. Ortega also handed out 23 assists and Crocus had four more blocks to add to her America East-leading total.

### Stats Corner

With 19 more total blocks this week, Anne Crocus has stretched her season total to 91 rejections. She continues to lead the America East with 1.54 blocks per game and needs just nine more blocks to surpass her team-leading total from a year ago. The Bearcats lead the conference with 2.49 blocks per game. Crocus also leads the team and is second in the conference with a .343 attack percentage. Glorimar Ortega averaged 26.3 assists per match this week and now averages 5.58 per game for the season. Jennifer Smith has been the team's most versatile player, averaging a team-best 3.22 kills per game while also digging out 2.98 balls per game. She also has 30 service aces. **Shannon Kelly (Ridge, N.Y./Longwood)** is averaging a team-high 3.25 digs per game.

### 2002 Schedule/Results (5-11)

#### 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.	<b>SYRACUSE</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>0-3</b>
13 Fri.	% Cornell	L	1-3
	% Providence	W	3-0
14 Sat.	% Robert Morris	L	1-3
	% Howard	W	3-0
17 Tue.	<b>BUFFALO</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>2-3</b>
24 Tue.	@ Lafayette	W	3-0
26 Thu.	<b>TULSA</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>0-3</b>
28 Sat.	@ Canisius	L	1-3
29 Sun.	<b>MARIST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-0</b>

#### OCTOBER

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

#### NOVEMBER

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

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