

SPORTS NEWS



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Volleyball

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This Week: Home matches with Stony Brook, Hartford

Binghamton will put its 2-0 conference record on the line with a pair of home matches this week. Friday night the Bearcats will play host to Stony Brook. On Saturday afternoon BU will take on Hartford at 4 p.m.

Last Week: Successful openers in conference play

The Bearcats won both of their matches last week, winning their first ever America East Conference matches. In their AE debut against Albany, BU rallied from a 2-0 deficit to win in five games. Sophomore middle hitter **Jennifer Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** led five players in double-figures with 13 kills and classmate **Glorimar Ortega (Naranjito, Puerto Rico)** had a career-high 46 assists to go along with eight kills, 10 digs and four blocks. BU lost the first two games by scores of 30-18 and 30-28 before responding with three straight wins; 30-25, 30-26, 15-12. The win marked Binghamton's eighth straight against the Great Danes, dating back to the 1993 season.

In their road opener against Maine on Sunday, Binghamton extended its winning streak to three matches with a 3-1 win. The Bearcats lost the first game 30-27 before responding with 30-16, 30-25, 30-27 wins. In the second game, BU jumped out to a 6-1 lead and closed the game with a 16-4 run. Smith pounded out 15 kills and 20 digs while middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** recorded 13 kills and eight blocks. Ortega had 30 more assists and increased her team-leading average to 6.33 per game.

Crocus had 16 total blocks on the week, surpassing her team-leading total of 96 last season. Crocus now has 107 blocks in 2002, the most for a BU player since Kishan Zuber had 109 in 1999. Crocus is on pace to record 178 blocks this season, which would rank as the fifth-highest single-season total in team history. Sophomore outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./Resurrection)** continued her strong all-around play with 24 kills, 19 digs, seven blocks and six service aces in the two matches. Smith finished the week with 28 kills, 29 digs and seven service aces. She increased her team-leading total to 34 aces on the season.

Crocus named BU Athlete of the Week

Sophomore middle blocker Anne Crocus was named the University's Athlete of the Week on October 14. In a pair of match wins last week, Crocus added to 16 total blocks with 25 kills and a .457 hitting percentage. She is third on the team with 2.89 kills per game and leads the team with a .357 hitting percentage, which also ranks second in the conference.

America East Statistical Leaders

Jennifer Smith leads the team and is ninth in the conference with 3.41 kills per game. She also is third in conference with 0.53 service aces per game. Crocus is sixth in aces with 0.41 per game. Glorimar Ortega is seventh in the conference with 6.33 assists per game. As a team, the Bearcats lead the league in blocks with 2.49 per game.

2002 Schedule/Results (7-11, 2-0 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	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