

SPORTS NEWS



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Volleyball

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This Week: Bearcats take to the road

Binghamton will travel to Boston and New Hampshire in the coming week, taking on Northeastern at 7 p.m. on Friday and visiting the Wildcats at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Bearcats lose two home conference matches

Binghamton entered the week with a 2-0 record in conference play, but dropped to 2-2 after losing a five-game match to Stony Brook and falling in four games to Hartford. The Bearcats rallied to tie the match with Stony Brook at 2-2, but the Seawolves took a 6-0 lead in the fifth and deciding game, winning the match 30-16, 23-30, 30-26, 27-30, 15-9. Binghamton won the first game against Hartford 30-28, but then lost three straight games, 30-25, 30-20, 30-25. Sophomore middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** paced BU offensively during the week, recording 22 kills and 18 blocks. She increased her season block total to 125, a total no BU spiker has reached since Leigh Houghton had 178 in 1997. She is on pace to finish with the fifth-highest single-season block total in program history. Her team-leading attack percentage of .342 ranks near the top of the America East Conference and would be the second-best season mark in BU history. Donna Lund hit .359 in 1990. Classmate **Jennifer Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** had 20 kills to go along with 42 assists, 15 digs and five blocks during the week. She leads the team with 3.26 kills and 0.51 service aces per game. Junior outside hitter **Nicole Savin (Port Jefferson Station, N.Y./Comsewogue)** had a season-high 24 digs to lead BU. Junior middle hitter **Allison Beard (Elkland, Pa.)** had a team-high 18 kills with a .318 hitting percentage against Hartford. Senior setter **Amanda Breitfeld (Allentown, Pa./Central Catholic)** had 51 assists in the two matches, boosting her season mark to 4.89 per game. Binghamton played both its matches without leading setter **Glorimar Ortega (Naranjito, Puerto Rico)**.

Stats Corner

In their second season at the collegiate level, the sophomore trio of Anne Crocus, Jennifer Smith and **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./Resurrection)** continue to key Binghamton's offense. The three individuals rank 1-3 on the team in kills, averaging a collective 8.93 per game. Each has played in all but four games this season. Smith is also second on the team in digs with 3.01 per game and Crocus is second in service aces with 0.37 per contest. As freshmen last season, the three combined for 8.2 kills per game, with Heck leading the way at 3.54, the third-highest single-season total ever at BU. Junior defensive specialist **Shannon Kelly (Ridge, N.Y./Longwood)** leads the team with 3.28 digs a game and sophomore setter Glorimar Ortega is dishing out 6.33 assists per contest. In addition to leading the conference in blocks per game, the Bearcats as a team are tied with New Hampshire for the lowest opponent attack percentage (.194).

2002 Schedule/Results (7-13)

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

13 Fri.	% Cornell	L	1-3
	% Providence	W	3-0
14 Sat.	% Robert Morris	L	1-3
	% Howard	W	3-0

17 Tue. BUFFALO

24 Tue.	@ Lafayette	W	3-0
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26 Thu. TULSA

28 Sat.	@ Canisius	L	1-3
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29 Sun. MARIST

OCTOBER

8 Tue.	*ALBANY	W	3-2
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13 Sun.	*@ Maine	W	3-1
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18 Fri. *STONY BROOK

19 Sat.	*HARTFORD	L	1-3
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25 Fri.	*@ Northeastern	7 p.m.	
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26 Sat.	*@ New Hampshire	4 p.m.	
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29 Tue.	*@ Albany	7 p.m.	
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NOVEMBER

1 Fri.	*MAINE	7 p.m.	
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3 Sun.	@ Siena	2 p.m.	
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8 Fri. *NEW HAMPSHIRE

9 Sat.	*NORTHEASTERN	4 p.m.	
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15 Fri.	*@ Hartford	7 p.m.	
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16 Sat.	*@ Stony Brook	5 p.m.	
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17 Sun. COLGATE

23 Sat.-	America East Champ.	3 p.m.	
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24 Sun.		TBA	
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+ Univ. Maryland Tournament

^ Illinois-Chicago Tournament

% Robert Morris Colonial Classic

* America East Conference match