

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Volleyball

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### This Week: Albany, Maine and Siena

The Bearcats will travel to Albany on Tuesday at 7 p.m. and take on Maine at East Gym at 7 p.m. Friday. BU will also take on Siena in Loudonville, N.Y. at 2 p.m. Sunday. Albany will be looking to revenge a 3-2 loss to the Bearcats from October 8. Binghamton trailed Albany 2-0 before rallying for a 3-2 win. By the time the week is over, the Bearcats will have played four of five matches on the road.

### Bearcats lose twice, Crocus sets career record

Binghamton was swept 3-0 by both Northeastern and New Hampshire in a pair of road matches last week. Against Northeastern, BU lost 30-17, 30-28, 30-27. "It was a pretty good overall effort," said coach Glenn Kiriya. "We did a good job of coming back and playing pretty even in the second and third games, thanks to tough serving and better blocking. In particular, Anne Crocus was dominant at the net." Sophomore middle hitter **Jennifer Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** led BU offensively with nine kills, 12 assists and seven digs. Senior setter **Amanda Breitfeld (Allentown, Pa./Central Catholic)** had 16 assists. Against New Hampshire, the league's top team, Binghamton led 7-3 in the first game before a 7-1 run by the Wildcats gave them a 10-8 lead. BU would wind up losing 30-23, 30-11, 30-19. Sophomore outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./Resurrection)** led the way with seven kills and nine digs. Binghamton was held to just 22 kills, the lowest team total since October 13, 2000, when BU also had 22 kills against Juniata College in a 3-0 loss.

The news wasn't all bad during the week, however, as sophomore middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** continued her all-out assault on the BU record books. Crocus broke the all-time record for career block assists with her third rejection against New Hampshire. With 159 block assists in her career, she eclipses the previous mark of 158 set by Marnie Andrews (1992-95). With 11 total blocks in six games on the week, Crocus also boosted her season average to 1.64 per game, a mark that ranks eighth in the country. Crocus is on pace to record the fifth-highest single-season block total in school history. With 232 total blocks in less than two full seasons, she will have a chance to make a run at the all-time BU record of 459, set by Donna Lund (1990-93). Not at all a one-dimensional player, Crocus leads the Bearcats with a .320 attack percentage, which, if it holds, would be the second-best single-season mark in program history. Crocus is third on the team with 2.63 kills per game.

### Stats Corner

Sophomore outside hitter **Jennifer Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** leads the Bearcats with 3.05 kills per game. She also leads the team and is fourth in the conference with 0.46 service aces per game, and is seventh in the conference with 2.90 digs per game. Junior defensive specialist **Shannon Kelly (Ridge, N.Y./Longwood)** is third in the conference with a team-best 3.09 digs per game. The Bearcats as a team lead the league in blocks and are fourth in opponent attack percentage.

### 2002 Schedule/Results (7-15, 2-4 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.	<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>W</b>	<b>3-2</b>
13 Sun.	*@ Maine	W	3-1
18 Fri.	<b>*STONY BROOK</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>2-3</b>
19 Sat.	<b>*HARTFORD</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>1-3</b>
25 Fri.	*@ Northeastern	L	0-3
26 Sat.	*@ New Hampshire	L	0-3
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