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Volleyball

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This Week: Back home for two conference matches

The Bearcats will be at home on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. to take on New Hampshire and Northeastern, respectively. Binghamton fell to both teams 3-0 on the road.

Bearcats beat Siena to end losing streak

After getting swept by Albany and Maine, Binghamton ended a six-match losing streak with an exciting 3-2 win against Siena. Albany defeated Binghamton 30-20, 30-26, 30-11 and Maine won 30-20, 30-23, 30-25. Against Siena, BU lost the first two games by identical 30-27 scores before winning 32-30, 30-20, 15-11. Prior to winning the third game against Siena, Binghamton had lost its previous 17 games stretching over six matches.

"Siena is a solid team," said head coach Glenn Kiriyama. "This was a nice win for us. We really seized momentum in the third game and then fought well to win the match."

Sophomore setter **Glorimar Ortega (Naranjito, Puerto Rico)** pounded out a match-high 18 kills with an attack percentage of .405 against Siena. She also added six assists, nine digs and five blocks. Ortega hit .306 for the week and totalled 21 kills, 23 assists, 14 digs and nine blocks.

"Glorimar played exceptionally well against Siena," Kiriyama said. "She was definitely our leader offensively in one of our better overall hitting matches this season (in terms of attack percentage)."

Sophomore middle hitter **Jennifer Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** recorded double-digit kills in all three matches during the week, and finished the week with 34 kills, 14 assists and 27 digs. She leads the Bearcats with 3.02 kills per game and is second with 2.82 digs. Junior outside hitter **Allison Beard (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** also had a strong week, tallying 24 kills and eight blocks with a .283 attack percentage. Sophomore middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** continues to rank among the top 10 in the country in blocks per game, averaging 1.57 per contest. Crocus leads the Bearcats and the America East Conference with a total of 148 blocks. Senior setter **Amanda Breitfeld (Allentown, Pa./Central Catholic)** had a season-high 36 assists against Siena.

Junior defensive specialist **Shannon Kelly (Ridge, N.Y./Longwood)** added 30 digs to her season total and continues to lead the team with 3.08 digs per game, a total that ranks among America East leaders. Anne Crocus leads the team with a .297 hitting percentage. Binghamton leads the conference in blocks per game (2.49) and are third in opponent hitting percentage (.198).

2002 Schedule/Results (8-17, 2-6 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**	**L**	**2-3**
19 Sat.	***HARTFORD**	**L**	**1-3**
25 Fri.	*@ Northeastern	L	0-3
26 Sat.	*@ New Hampshire	L	0-3
29 Tue.	*@ Albany	L	0-3
NOVEMBER			
1 Fri.	***MAINE**	**L**	**0-3**
3 Sun.	@ Siena	W	3-2
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.-24 Sun.	America East Champ.	TBA	

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