

SPORTS NEWS



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Volleyball

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This Week

Binghamton (1-5) faces Syracuse (5-1) in its home opener on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the West Gym. Binghamton's meeting against Syracuse this coming Wednesday marks the second all-time between the two schools. The Orangewomen won last year's meeting in Syracuse on Oct. 3, 3-1 (27-30, 30-27, 23-30, 22-30).

This coming weekend, Binghamton will travel to its third tournament in as many weeks when it takes part in the Robert Morris Colonial Classic. Heading into the weekend, the Bearcats have never faced three out of their four opponents (Robert Morris, Howard and Providence). Cornell leads the all-time series against Binghamton 14-2 (there has also been one tie in the series).

Last Week

The Bearcats went 1-2 at the Illinois-Chicago Tournament, falling to Iowa (30-17, 30-20, 30-28) and the host school (30-25, 30-23, 30-22) before defeating Buffalo (30-26, 30-27, 18-30, 27-30, 15-11). Sophomore setter **Jennifer Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** was named to the all-tournament team.

Against Iowa, sophomore middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./ Freedom)**, who was named to the Maryland Invitational all-tournament team last week, had a team-high eight kills and a team-high seven total blocks. Senior setter **Amanda Breitfeld (Allentown, Pa./ Central Catholic)** tallied 12 assists and junior defensive specialist **Shannon Kelly (Ridge, N.Y./ Longwood)** posted a team-high 10 digs.

Against Illinois-Chicago, Smith led the Bearcats with a 10 kill, nine dig performance. Crocus added a team-high nine total blocks.

In the win over Buffalo, Sophomore setter **Jennifer Smith** had a team-high 17 kills. She just missed her career-high of 18 kills, which she recorded against Iona on Sept. 30, 2001. Junior middle blocker **Allison Beard** had 14 kills, sophomore outside hitter **Michele Heck** had 12 kills and 19 digs, and sophomore middle blocker **Anne Crocus** posted 11 kills and eight total blocks. Junior defensive specialist **Shannon Kelly** posted a career-high 22 kills in the win over Buffalo. Her previous high of 17 was recorded against Army on Sept. 7, 2001.

Binghamton statistical leaders

Sophomore setter **Jennifer Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** leads Binghamton with 2.79 kills per game. Right behind her is sophomore outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./ Resurrection)** with 2.42 kills per game. Senior setter **Amanda Breitfeld (Allentown, Pa./ Central Catholic)** is averaging 5.05 assists per game while sophomore setter **Glorimar Ortega (Naranjito, Puerto Rico)** is posting 4.75 assists per game. Heck leads the Bearcats with 2.75 digs per game. Sophomore middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./ Freedom)** is posting 1.88 blocks per game, a figure that leads the America East. As a team, the Bearcats lead the conference in blocks with 2.77 per game. Crocus is also third in hitting percentage (.291) and tied for fourth in service aces (0.50/game). Junior defensive specialist **Shannon Kelly (Ridge, N.Y.)** is third in digs with 3.50 per game.

2002 Schedule/Results

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	7 p.m.	
13 Fri.	% Cornell	2 p.m.	
	% Providence	4 p.m.	
14 Sat.	% Robert Morris	11 a.m.	
	% Howard	3 p.m.	
17 Tue.	BUFFALO	7 p.m.	
24 Tue.	@ Lafayette	7 p.m.	
26 Thu.	TULSA	7 p.m.	
28 Sat.	@ Canisius	5 p.m.	
29 Sun.	MARIST	2 p.m.	

OCTOBER

8 Tue.	*ALBANY	7 p.m.	
13 Sun.	* @ Maine	1 p.m.	
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