

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Volleyball

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### Binghamton wins two at Big Orange Tournament

The Bearcats (2-1) used balanced play throughout the lineup to win two of its first three matches to open the season. The Bearcats defeated Colgate 30-17, 30-26, 30-23 and cruised past Siena 30-19, 30-22, 30-22. The lone setback was to the host Orangewomen by scores of 23-30, 25-30, 31-29, 24-30. Binghamton received contributions from everywhere in the lineup in all three matches, including the final match against Siena when five different players each had at least seven kills.

"We have five people that are all very strong attackers and that helped balance our offense this weekend," head coach Glenn Kiriyama said. The weekend was a preview of coming attractions, as the Bearcats will face both Colgate and Siena again this season.

### Smith and Crocus earn all-tournament honors

Junior right-side hitter **Jen Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** and junior middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** were each named to the Big Orange All-Tournament team. Smith paced the Bearcats with 3.20 kills and 1.20 service aces per game while sporting a .362 attack percentage. She had a career-high eight service aces against Colgate, including six in the final game as she served six straight points to close the match. She also recorded a double-double with 13 kills and 13 digs against Syracuse. It was the 18th double-double of her career. Crocus, who is the school's career leader in attack percentage, boasted a .314 mark for the weekend while averaging 3.10 kills and 1.10 blocks per game.

### Meffert enjoys outstanding collegiate debut

The Bearcats play over the weekend was made possible by the successful debut of freshman setter **Ashley Meffert (Louisville, Ky./Fern Creek)**. Meffert tallied 108 assists (10.80 per game) for the weekend, and was remarkably consistent doing it. She had 31 assists against Colgate, 41 against Syracuse and 36 against Siena.

"Ashley picked up our offense quickly," Kiriyama said. "She did well against our opponents this weekend and she will continue to get better."

### Jimerson returns to the lineup after red-shirt season

Junior outside hitter **Morgan Jimerson (Grandview, N.Y./Nyack)** returned to the lineup this weekend after missing 1 1/2 seasons due to tendinitis in her knee. She showed little signs of rust, compiling 2.10 kills per game while making a mere five errors (.302 attack percentage) in the three matches.

### Binghamton Invitational on tap for this weekend

The Bearcats will visit Colgate on Tuesday night before hosting the Binghamton Invitational on Friday and Saturday. Joining the field for the tournament are Canisius, Quinnipiac and Youngstown State. Binghamton is 2-1 all-time against Canisius and 0-1 against Youngstown State, while they will face Quinnipiac for the first time. All six tournament matches (two on Friday night and four on Saturday) will be played in West Gymnasium.

"We will see some tough competition this weekend," Kiriyama said. "We got off to a good start this past weekend and we're looking forward to hosting our own tournament."

### 2003 Schedule/Results (2-1)

#### SEPTEMBER

*Sept. 5-6: at Syracuse Big Orange Tournament*

5 Fri.	vs. Colgate	W	3-0
6 Sat.	@ Syracuse	L	1-3
6 Sat.	vs. Siena	W	3-0
9 Tue.	@ Colgate		7 p.m.

**12 Fri. QUINNIPIAC 7 p.m.**

**13 Sat. YOUNGSTOWN STATE 1 p.m.**

**13 Sat. CANISIUS 6 p.m.**

*Sept. 20: at CCSU Invitational*

20 Sat. vs. Iona 1:30 p.m.

20 Sat. @ Central Connecticut 4 p.m.

*Sept. 26-27: at Columbia Classic*

26 Fri. @ Columbia 7 p.m.

27 Sat. vs. Winthrop 10 a.m.

27 Sat. vs. Rider 2 p.m.

#### OCTOBER

*Oct. 3-4: at Canisius Tournament*

3 Fri. @ Canisius 7 p.m.

4 Sat. St. Francis (Pa.) 1 p.m.

4 Sat. vs. Niagara 7 p.m.

7 Tue. \*@ UMBC 7 p.m.

**10 Fri. \*STONY BROOK 7 p.m.**

**11 Sat. \*HARTFORD 5 p.m.**

17 Fri. \*@ Northeastern 7 p.m.

18 Sat. \*@ Albany 4 p.m.

22 Wed. @ Marist 7 p.m.

24 Fri. \*@ Maine 7 p.m.

25 Sat. \*@ New Hampshire 7 p.m.

**28 Tue. \*UMBC 7 p.m.**

**31 Fri. \*ALBANY 6 p.m.**

#### NOVEMBER

**1 Sat. \*NORTHEASTERN 5 p.m.**

**7 Fri. \*NEW HAMPSHIRE 7 p.m.**

**8 Sat. \*MAINE 5 p.m.**

**11 Tue. SIENA 7 p.m.**

14 Fri. \*@ Hartford 7 p.m.

15 Sat. \*@ Stony Brook 4 p.m.

*Nov. 21-23: at America East Championship (TBA)*

\* America East Conference match

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

All games played at East Gym except on

Sept. 12, Sept. 13 and Oct. 11