

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Volleyball

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### Bearcats split four matches played during the week

Binghamton won two of its four matches during the week, sweeping Colgate 3-0 on September 9 before losing two of three matches while hosting the Binghamton Invitational. BU topped Colgate for the second time in five days, winning 30-25, 30-18, 30-21. At its home tournament, the Bearcats blanked Quinnipiac (30-10, 30-17, 32-30), and was defeated in four games by Youngstown State (34-32, 15-30, 18-30, 26-30) as well as by Canisius (30-28, 28-30, 27-30, 25-30).

"We saw some strong competition at our tournament," head coach Glenn Kiriya said. "We executed well [against Quinnipiac]. There was good communication between the setter and the hitters. The setter made good decisions. We let down a little bit in the second game, but we fought well throughout the match. Everyone was able to get playing time in the third game and it was good to see the newcomers playing well."

### Meffert lends a helping hand

Freshman setter **Ashley Meffert (Louisville, Ky./Fern Creek)** had an outstanding weekend, averaging 12.64 assists per game during the Binghamton Invitational. She had a season-best 55 assists in the match with Canisius. That mark was the most assists in a match by a BU player since Sara DeClemente also had 55 assists on September 29, 2001. Seven matches into her collegiate career, Meffert is averaging 11.33 assists per game, a figure which ranks near the top of the America East leaderboard.

### Smith and Crocus lead strong offensive effort

Junior outside hitter **Jen Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y.)** and junior middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** have led a balanced attacking effort for Binghamton. Smith is attacking at a torrid .408 clip while leading the squad with 3.72 kills per game. She also ranks second on the team with 2.67 digs per game. Crocus, the school's all-time leader in attack percentage, is hitting .359 while averaging 3.13 kills per game. She is also averaging 1.13 blocks per game. Both players were at their best during the Binghamton Invitational. Smith tallied 28 kills with a .543 attack percentage and Crocus totalled 31 kills and a .329 attack percentage. To this point in the season, BU has four players with at least 2.75 kills per game and three hitters with at least a .328 attack percentage.

### Kelly serves up aces against Quinnipiac

Senior defensive specialist **Shannon Kelly (Ridge, N.Y./Longwood)**, known mostly for being a libero, helped the team's effort against Quinnipiac with a career-high six service aces. She previously had five aces against Dartmouth on November 9, 2001. This season Kelly is also averaging 2.04 digs per game.

### Central Connecticut State Invitational next on tap

Binghamton will have the week off before heading to the Central Connecticut State Invitational next Saturday. At that tournament BU will take on Iona at 1:30 p.m. and then face the host Blue Devils at 4 p.m.

### 2003 Schedule/Results (4-3)

#### 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	W	3-0

**Sept. 12-13: BINGHAMTON INVITATIONAL**

<b>12 Fri.</b>	<b>QUINNIPIAC</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-0</b>
<b>13 Sat.</b>	<b>YOUNGSTOWN STATE</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>1-3</b>
<b>13 Sat.</b>	<b>CANISIUS</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>1-3</b>

*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.
<b>10 Fri.</b>	<b>*STONY BROOK</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>11 Sat.</b>	<b>*HARTFORD</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>28 Tue.</b>	<b>*UMBC</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>31 Fri.</b>	<b>*ALBANY</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>

#### NOVEMBER

<b>1 Sat.</b>	<b>*NORTHEASTERN</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>7 Fri.</b>	<b>*NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>8 Sat.</b>	<b>*MAINE</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>11 Tue.</b>	<b>SIENA</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
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