

SPORTS NEWS



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Volleyball

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Bearcats swept in pair of conference matches

Binghamton started a five-match road swing with contests against conference rivals Northeastern and Albany. On Friday evening, first-place Northeastern extended its winning streak to 11 matches with a 30-18, 30-26, 30-28 victory. After dropping the first game, the Bearcats hung close in the second and third games, but ultimately could not overcome 28 attack errors that led to a .071 attack percentage.

"We were up against a good team, but we didn't execute well," head coach Glenn Kiriya said. "We picked it up as the match went on, but we didn't pass well and that affected our hitting."

One night later the Bearcats were handed a 30-25, 31-29, 30-12 loss at the hands of the Great Danes. Albany produced 14 service aces and raced to the finish with a .581 attack percentage in the third game. The Great Danes lead the America East and rank third in the nation in service aces, averaging 2.83 per game entering this weekend's matches.

"We didn't handle the ball as well as we could have," Kiriya said. "I thought if we had handled the ball better our middle hitters could have gotten more chances."

Crocus perfect from the floor against Albany

Junior middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** tallied nine kills without an error against Albany, maintaining a .500 attack percentage for the match. She also produced six blocks and three service aces. For the season, Crocus leads Binghamton with a .363 attack percentage and 1.34 blocks per game.

Heck moves closer to top of school's career kills list

Junior outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./Resurrection)** had 10 kills against Northeastern and added eight more against Albany. That weekly total gives her 876 kills in her career, which ranks fifth in school history. Leigh Houghton (1995-98) is fourth on the list with 889 kills.

Strong team defense holds up in conference

Entering this weekend's matches the Bearcats had held their opponents to a .168 attack percentage. That figure ranked first among America East teams, placing Binghamton just ahead of New Hampshire and Albany.

Binghamton prepares for busy week away from home

The Bearcats will travel to Marist for a non-conference matchup at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Next weekend the team's string of five straight road matches will conclude with conference matches against Maine and New Hampshire.

2003 Schedule/Results (11-9, 2-3 AE)

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

12 Fri.	QUINNIPIAC	W	3-0
13 Sat.	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	L	1-3
13 Sat.	CANISIUS	L	1-3

Sept. 20: at CCSU Invitational

20 Sat.	vs. Iona	L	0-3
20 Sat.	@ Central Connecticut	L	2-3

Sept. 26-27: at Columbia Classic

26 Fri.	@ Columbia	W	3-1
27 Sat.	vs. Winthrop	W	3-1
27 Sat.	vs. Rider	W	3-0

OCTOBER

Oct. 3-4: at Canisius Tournament

3 Fri.	@ Canisius	L	1-3
4 Sat.	St. Francis (Pa.)	W	3-1
4 Sat.	vs. Niagara	W	3-2
7 Tue.	*@ UMBC	L	2-3
10 Fri.	*STONY BROOK	W	3-1

11 Sat. *HARTFORD **W 3-0**

17 Fri. *@ Northeastern L 0-3

18 Sat. *@ Albany L 0-3

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