

SPORTS NEWS



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Volleyball

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Binghamton wins one of three matches in busy week

The Bearcats started the week by avenging an earlier loss to conference foe UMBC with a 3-0 sweep. Earlier this season, Binghamton was within four points of a four-game victory before the Retrievers clawed their way back to win the match. The Bearcats attacked at a .274 clip and produced 12 service aces in the win. Later in the week, Binghamton suffered narrow losses to Albany (3-1) and Northeastern (3-2).

Match against Northeastern one for the record books

Despite the loss, the final stat sheet against the Huskies was cluttered with school records and career highs. The Bearcats totaled 83 assists in the match, which tied the school record set against Colby on Oct. 3, 1997. The individual record of 81 assists was also set in that match, by Jocelyn Torres. Freshman **Ashley Meffert (Louisville, Ky./Fern Creek)** dished out 69 assists against Northeastern, a mark bested only by Torres' school record. Binghamton also had 87 kills, the most since setting the school record with 95 in the match with Colby. The team total was made possible by the Bearcats producing three players with more than 20 kills for the first time in at least five years. Junior outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./Resurrection)** established a new career-high with 26 kills, while junior middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** and classmate **Morgan Jimerson (Grandview, N.Y./Nyack)** had 21 and 20, respectively.

"This was a tremendous match," head coach Glenn Kiriya said. "We had a good effort all around in every aspect of the game. In particular we connected better in getting our sets to the middle hitters and giving them good opportunities. Anne [Crocus] was unstoppable in the middle."

Crocus the ringleader of East Gymnasium block party

Binghamton averaged 2.83 blocks per game in its three matches last week, including 14.0 total blocks against Albany and Northeastern. Crocus led the way with 19 blocks, while senior outside hitter **Allison Beard (Elkland, Pa.)** added 16. Crocus leads the conference with 1.35 blocks per game for the season, while the team mark of 2.37 blocks per game ranks second to only Northeastern (2.50).

Hoag has outstanding week in the middle

Freshman middle hitter **Megan Hoag (Brunswick, Ohio/Padua Franciscan)** had her second double-double of the season against Northeastern, producing a season-high 16 kills to go along with 16 digs. She averaged 2.50 kills and 2.75 digs per game for the week, and also added 15 blocks and nine service aces. She had six blocks and five aces in the sweep of UMBC.

Savin continues to lead strong defensive effort

Senior libero **Nicole Savin (Port Jefferson Station, N.Y./Comsewogue)** averaged 4.50 digs per game for the week and continues to lead the squad with 3.52 digs per game, a mark that ranks sixth in the conference. Savin had 22 digs against Northeastern and 18 against Albany.

Homestand to continue with pair of weekend matches

The Bearcats will play host to New Hampshire on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and then take on Maine on Saturday at 5 p.m. Earlier this season Binghamton defeated Maine 3-1 while falling in three games to defending conference champion New Hampshire. The Bearcats are in the midst of playing six straight matches at home for the first time since 1997.

2003 Schedule/Results (14-12, 4-6 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 W 3-1

24 Fri. *@ Maine W 3-1

25 Sat. *@ New Hampshire L 0-3

28 Tue. *UMBC W 3-0

31 Fri. *ALBANY L 1-3

NOVEMBER

1 Sat. *NORTHEASTERN L 2-3

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