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Women's Lacrosse

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Bearcats defeat Siena 16-15 in Sunday matinee

After a midweek snowstorm pushed the home opener against Siena to Alumni Stadium and the game's start time to 10:30 a.m., Binghamton battled the Saints in the snow on Sunday morning and came away with a 16-15 victory. The Bearcats saw a 10-6 lead at the beginning of the second half disappear and trailed 13-11 with just over 12 minutes remaining. However, BU scored five straight goals in just over four minutes to take a 16-13 lead before holding on to win by the narrowest of margins. Binghamton, which gave up a four-goal lead in each half, scored the game-tying and game-winning goals in a span of 25 seconds, with the game winner coming with 9:20 left in the game. The win snapped the Bearcats 16-game losing streak which dated to the 2002 season.

Freshmen lead the way agianst Siena

The Bearcats received 10 of its 16 goals from freshmen in its win over the Saints. Yorktown High School products **Anna Riordan (Yorktown Heights, N.Y.)** and **Heather Grose (Yorktown Heights, N.Y.)** netted three goals apiece, while **Becky Green (Altamont, N.Y./Guilderland)** and **Michelle Gross (Floral Park, N.Y.)** each had two. Green added three assists, which all came on consecutive goals during Binghamton's late run and a feed to Gross for the game-winning shot.

Wetherell, Van Voorhis help control play

Binghamton controlled play in the game against Siena in part because it seized 20 draw controls, as opposed to just 12 for the Saints. Sophomores **Kathy Van Voorhis (Fishers, N.Y./Victor Central School)** and **Lauren Wetherell (Bethpage, N.Y.)** sparked that effort, combining for nine draw controls. They each had five ground balls, and Wetherell also chipped in two goals and a career-high three assists.

Riordan named Rookie of the Week

Anna Riordan was named the America East Rookie of the Week, the conference announced on March 22. Riordan also earned the nod as the University's Athlete of the Week. The freshman midfielder added to her three goals and two assists against Siena with eight ground balls and four draw controls. She has scored at least two goals in all three of the team's games, and has tallied seven goals and 11 ground balls on the season.

This Week: Long Island and Canisius coming up

Binghamton heads back to the road on Tuesday for a 3 p.m. game at LIU-Brooklyn. The Bearcats then return home on Saturday for a 1 p.m. contest against Canisius. Binghamton will face Long Island for the first time, while it enters the game 0-1 against Canisius.

2004 Schedule/Results (1-2)

MARCH				
6 Sat.	@ Columbia	L	11-17	0-1
12 Fri.	@ C.W. Post	L	6-15	0-2
21 Sun.	**+SIENA**	**W**	**16-15**	**1-2**
23 Tue.	@ LIU-Brooklyn	3 p.m.		
27 Sat.	**CANISIUS**	**1 p.m.**		
29 Mon.	@ Marist	3 p.m.		
APRIL				
1 Thu.	@ Niagara	3 p.m.		
9 Fri.	*@ Albany	noon		
11 Sun.	*@ Vermont	11 a.m.		
18 Sun.	@ Quinnipiac	1:30 p.m.		
20 Tue.	**ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)**	**4 p.m.**		
23 Fri.	*@ New Hampshire	3:30 p.m.		
25 Sun.	***UMBC**	**1 p.m.**		
30 Fri.	***STONY BROOK**	**4 p.m.**		
MAY				
2 Sat.	***BOSTON UNIV.**	**noon**		

+ played at Binghamton Alumni Field
* denotes America East Game

Category Leaders

Goals Scored
Heather Grose—8

Assists
Becky Green—6

Points
Heather Grose—11

Ground Balls
Kathy Van Voorhis—13

Draw Controls
Lauren Wetherell—10