

SPORTS NEWS



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Women's Soccer

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Bearcats off and running to 2-0 start

For the first time since 1997, BU is 2-0 after posting back-to-back victories over Lafayette and Mt. St. Mary's on the West Gym field. The Bearcats edged a strong Lafayette team, 2-1, before blanking Mt. St. Mary's 2-0 two days later. Against a Leopard team that returned all 11 starters after an 11-8 season in 2001, BU thrilled the home crowd with some late heroics. Just 23 seconds after Lafayette tied the game in the 83rd minute, the tandem of junior **Tracy Kasmarcik (Binghamton, N.Y./Susquehanna Valley)** and sophomore linemate **Tatiana Mathelier (Pomona, N.Y./Saddle River Day, N.J.)** struck for the game-winner. Mathelier sent a cross that Kasmarcik headed into the open net for her seventh career game-winning goal. Two days later, the Bearcats outshot Mt. St. Mary's, 24-6, but needed two goals in the final 29 minutes to secure the win. Senior midfielder **Rosey Mustafa (Montebello, N.Y./Suffern)** opened the scoring in the 60th minute, and freshman midfielder **Lauren Massey (Burlington, Ontario/Notre Dame)** tacked on an insurance goal with less than six minutes to play. The Bearcats peppered their guests with 18 second-half shots. Senior keeper **Lauren Cherry (Wyncote, Pa./Cheltenham)** made four saves for her seventh career shutout.

Unbeaten string now at 12 regular-season games

With the two wins, Binghamton extended its regular-season unbeaten streak to 12 games, dating back to last season. Since a 3-2 defeat to Howard on October 1, 2001, the Bearcats haven't lost in 12 regular-season games — 10 of which came during the 2001 campaign. During that stretch, BU is 10-0-2. The school-record for a regular-season unbeaten streak is 18 games, set during the 1996 and 1997 seasons.

Kasmarcik, Mathelier dynamic up front

After collecting 37 points in 2001 (10th in nation), **Kasmarcik** has three points in two games in 2002. Her game-winner against Lafayette was the seventh in 2+ years, and she is quickly closing ground on BU's all-time top-5 point producers. Her 68 career points is four back of fifth place. **Mathelier**, meanwhile, has already eclipsed her assist total from 2001. With her pair of assists, she surpasses the one "helper" she collected as a freshman. Of course, Mathelier specialized in scoring in 2001, tallying nine goals in eight starts.

Freshmen making immediate impact

The 2002 starting lineup features three freshmen — **Vicky Vernicek (Randolph, N.J.)**, **Meghan Taylor (Campbell Hall, N.Y./Washingtonville)** and **Massey**. Vernicek and Taylor patrol the back line, which has limited opponents to 14 shots and just one goal in two games. Massey has anchored the midfield corps, and has scored twice. The fourth freshman on the roster — midfielder **Kelly Sanders (Ramsey, N.J.)** — came off the bench to notch an assist on BU's first goal of the season.

Homestand continues

Up next for Binghamton is a three-games-in-six-days stretch that includes back-to-back games against Big East members Syracuse and St. John's. The Orangewomen advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament in 2001. This will be the first meeting between the two schools. The Bearcats defeated St. John's, 1-0, in overtime last year on the West Gym field.

2002 Schedule/Results (2-0)

AUGUST

30 Fri. LAFAYETTE W 2-1

SEPTEMBER

1 Sun. MT. ST. MARY'S W 2-0

5 Thu. ST. FRANCIS (Pa.) 4 p.m.

8 Sun. SYRACUSE 1 p.m.

10 Tue. @ St. John's 7 p.m.

20 Fri. FDU 4 p.m.

22 Sun. @ St. Bonaventure 1 p.m.

27 Fri. HOWARD 3 p.m.

29 Sun. @ Colgate 1 p.m.

OCTOBER

2 Wed. *ALBANY 4 p.m.

6 Sun. *@ Maine noon

11 Fri. *@ Vermont 3 p.m.

17 Thu. *@ Stony Brook 3:30 p.m.

20 Sun. *BOSTON UNIVERSITY noon

24 Thu. *HARTFORD 4 p.m.

27 Sun. *NORTHEASTERN noon

31 Thu. @ Buffalo 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3 Sun. *@ New Hampshire 1 p.m.

8 Fri. America East Semifinals TBA

10 Sun. America East Champ. TBA

* America East Conference game

Leading Scorers

| Name | G | A | Pts. |
|-------------------|---|---|------|
| Lauren Massey | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Tracy Kasmarcik | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Rosey Mustafa | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Tatiana Mathelier | 0 | 2 | 2 |

Goalkeeping Stats

| Name | GP | GAA | Sv. % |
|---------------|----|------|-------|
| Lauren Cherry | 2 | 0.50 | .857 |