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Women's Soccer

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Bearcats lose at Boston Univ. 4-0 in season finale

Binghamton (9-7-2, 3-4-2 AE) lost its only game of the week — a 4-0 setback at America East regular-season champion Boston University on Saturday. The loss, together with UMBC's win on Sunday, propelled the Retrievers and not the Bearcats into the sixth and final conference playoff spot.

Binghamton played Boston even for the first 69 minutes before the Terriers exploded for four goals in the game's final 21 minutes. The top team in the conference with a 7-1-1 mark, Boston outshot the Bearcats 14-3.

"We played real well in the first half," head coach Jeff Leightman said. "We had our chances, but we let down in the last twenty minutes."

Binghamton falls short of conference playoff bid

The Bearcats narrowly missed cracking the America East top-six, needing one more win to advance to the conference tournament. A lack of offensive output against the top five teams in the league, and the inability to secure a win in the crucial Oct. 23 matchup with UMBC were key factors. Against the top five teams in the league, BU was outscored 11-1, and was shut out four times. The Bearcats still could've advanced with a victory head-to-head over UMBC, but BU had a potential overtime game-winner disallowed, and had to settle for a 1-1 draw at home.

ECAC tournament selection remains a possibility

The Bearcats can offer a strong case to the ECAC selection committee, with nine wins and a strong non-conference schedule and results (6-3). Particularly impressive is an early-season 2-0 win over a St. John's team that is ranked No. 10 in the Northeast region, along with a shutout victory over FDU. Both of those teams, along with Fordham and Columbia, are under consideration for an ECAC bid.

All-Conference picks will be announced Thursday

The America East will announce its 2003 all-conference teams Thursday evening, and Leightman is hopeful several Bearcats will be chosen. He singled out junior **Tatiana Mathelier (Pomona, N.Y./Saddle River Day School)**, who anchored the back line all season long, as a worthy candidate. Mathelier's defense sparked the team to seven shutouts, and she added a goal and four points on the attack.

Up Next: Await possible ECAC bid

The Bearcats will sit tight for a week until the ECAC tournament selections are announced on Monday, November 10. The four-team tournament will be contested November 15-16.

2003 Results (9-7-2, 3-4-2 AE)

AUGUST

29 Fri. @ Syracuse L 1-7
31 Sun. @ Niagara W 3-0

SEPTEMBER

5 Fri. ST. JOHN'S W 2-0
7 Sun. ST. BONAVENTURE W 1-0
12 Fri. ST. PETER'S W 4-2
14 Sun. @ Navy L 1-3
17 Wed. @ FDU W 1-0
21 Sun. *@ Hartford L 1-3
24 Wed. @ West Virginia L 0-5
28 Sun. @ UMass W 3-2

OCTOBER

2 Thu. *@ Northeastern L 0-3
5 Sun. *NEW HAMPSHIRE T 0-0 (2ot)
11 Sat. *STONY BROOK W 1-0
16 Thu. *MAINE L 0-1 (ot)
19 Sun. *@ Albany W 3-0
23 Thu. *UMBC T 1-1 (2ot)
26 Sun. *VERMONT W 3-2

NOVEMBER

1 Sat. *@ Boston University L 0-4
15 Sat. @ ECAC Tournament TBA

* America East Conference game

Leading Scorers

Name	G	A	Pts.
Tracy Kasmarcik	7	4	18
Danielle White	5	5	15
Kelly Burnham	3	3	9
Caitlin O'Shaughnessy	3	2	8

Goalkeeping Stats

Name	GP	GAA	Sv. %
Kristie Bowers	17	1.86	.766
Kristy Doerner	3	1.28	.786

Final America East Standings

Team	W-L-T	Pts.
Boston Univ.	7-1-1	22
Hartford	6-2-1	19
Maine	6-2-1	19
New Hampshire	5-2-2	17
Northeastern	5-4-0	15
UMBC	4-4-1	13
Binghamton	3-4-2	11
Stony Brook	3-6-0	9
Vermont	1-6-2	5
Albany	0-9-0	0