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Women's Soccer

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Bearcats split two conference games

Binghamton (8-6-1, 2-3-1 AE) saw both sides of shutouts during the week, losing to Maine, 1-0, in overtime, before blanking Albany on the road, 3-0. The win over Albany extended the program's unbeaten streak to 13 games against the Great Danes (12-0-1).

Roller coaster results in America East play

Since conference play began in full in October, the Bearcats have not produced back-to-back games with the same result — be it a win, loss or tie. That pattern will have to change if BU hopes to advance to the America East tournament. With three games remaining, the Bearcats likely have to win twice to secure a top-6 spot. Consecutive home games against lower-ranking UMBC and Vermont present the best chance, as BU must head to No. 1 Boston University for the regular-season finale.

Kasmarcik ends long drought with pair at Albany

Senior forward **Tracy Kasmarcik (Binghamton, N.Y./Susquehanna Valley)** snapped the longest scoring drought of her prolific collegiate career, netting two goals against Albany. Kasmarcik, who now has 44 career goals and 108 points, had gone 10 games without scoring. She opened the season by scoring in three of BU's first four games, including netting two game-winners.

"Tracy is playing the best soccer of her career," head coach Jeff Leightman said. "She's creating chances and despite the fact that she isn't scoring as we've seen her do in the past, she's still the most dangerous player on the field on any given day."

Defense produces seventh shutout of season

While the team's offense has struggled (four goals in the team's last five games), its defense has stepped up of late. The shutout at Albany was the team's seventh of the season — nearly double last year's total. Binghamton has surrendered just one goal in the last 382 minutes of soccer spanning four games.

Up Next: Make or break home games

The Bearcats have their final two home games this week — and they are crucial to the team's post-season chances. The Thursday encounter with UMBC pits BU against its closest rival for the sixth and final playoff spot. On Sunday, BU hosts a Vermont team that also remains in the playoff hunt. Binghamton defeated the Catamounts 2-1 on the road last season. The Bearcats have never faced UMBC.

2003 Results (8-6-1, 2-3-1 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 3 p.m.
26 Sun. *VERMONT 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 Sat. *@ Boston University 1 p.m.
4 Tue. @ America East Qtrs. TBA
7 Fri. @ America East Semis TBA
9 Sun. @ America East Final TBA

* America East Conference game

Leading Scorers

Name	G	A	Pts.
Danielle White	5	4	14
Tracy Kasmarcik	5	3	13
Kelly Burnham	3	3	9
Caitlin O'Shaughnessy	3	1	7

Goalkeeping Stats

Name	GP	GAA	Sv. %
Kristie Bowers	14	1.78	.765
Kristy Doerner	3	1.28	.786

America East Standings

Team	W-L-T	Pts.
Maine	4-0-1	13
Boston Univ.	4-0-1	13
Northeastern	4-2-0	12
New Hampshire	3-1-1	10
Hartford	3-2-1	10
Binghamton	2-3-1	7
UMBC	2-3-0	6
Vermont	1-3-1	4
Stony Brook	1-4-0	3
Albany	0-6-0	0