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Women's Soccer

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Bearcats close out home slate with tie, win

Binghamton (9-6-2, 3-3-2 AE) posted a tie and a win during the week, concluding its home slate with an impressive 5-1-2 record. On Thursday, BU battled UMBC to a 1-1 overtime draw, and then three days later, the Bearcats earned a much-needed 3-2 win over Vermont.

America East tournament spot will go down to wire

With just one regular-season game remaining, the Bearcats are still in the hunt for the sixth and final America East tournament berth — but the road will be difficult. Binghamton is currently one point ahead of UMBC, but the Retrievers have two games remaining to BU's one. While the Bearcats have to face the top team in the league (Boston University) on the road, UMBC has a road game at eighth-place Stony Brook and a home game at third place Northeastern. Wins are worth three points in the standings — meaning any UMBC win would necessitate a Binghamton upset of Boston. A Bearcats' loss at Boston would give UMBC the tie-break advantage if the two teams wind up with 11 points apiece. A tie or win against the Terriers would swing the tie-break in Binghamton's favor.

"That's how much that tie hurt against UMBC," head coach Jeff Leightman said. "If we win, we're in. It's unfortunate we couldn't get the job done."

Kasmarcik back to scoring goals in bunches

Senior forward **Tracy Kasmarcik (Binghamton, N.Y./Susquehanna Valley)** collected five points in the two games, including two against Vermont. Kasmarcik tallied her fourth game-winning goal of the season, and now has four goals in her last three contests after going 10 games without a goal.

Seniors step up at crucial time

In addition to Kasmarcik's production, BU received a timely goal from senior midfielder **Danielle Kosecki (Syracuse, N.Y./Solvay)** against UMBC, and an assist from fourth-year forward **Irene Morales (New Rochelle, N.Y.)** against Vermont. Kosecki's goal was her first of the season, and Morales' assist was her second of 2003.

Up Next: Top dog — Boston University

The Bearcats will close out the regular season at league-leading Boston University on Saturday. Leightman knows his team must play their best to beat the Terriers.

"I think we can go in and win," he said. "We've proven that we can play at a high level on a game-by-game basis, but the lack of consistency is what lets us down. We've got to go do our part and get a result on Saturday. Then hopefully we will deserve to get in. In order to make post-season you have to beat the best teams — and that's our job right now."

2003 Results (9-6-2, 3-3-2 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 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.
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	16	1.72	.778
Kristy Doerner	3	1.28	.786

America East Standings

Team	W-L-T	Pts.
Boston Univ.	5-1-1	16
Hartford	5-2-1	16
Northeastern	5-2-0	15
Maine	4-2-1	13
New Hampshire	4-2-1	13
Binghamton	3-3-2	11
UMBC	3-3-1	10
Stony Brook	2-5-0	6
Vermont	1-5-1	4
Albany	0-7-0	0