

SPORTS NEWS



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Women's Soccer

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Bearcats open with pair of wins on road

Binghamton jumped out of the gate with a pair of one-goal wins to open the season. In a span of three days, BU posted non-conference wins over Manhattan (2-1) and St. Bonaventure (3-2). It is the second time in three seasons that the Bearcats have opened the season with a 2-0 mark. The 2002 squad went 2-0-1 to begin the campaign.

Freshmen making immediate impact in lineup

Freshmen **Kim Povill (Massapequa, N.Y.)**, **Maria Krug (Norwich, Conn.)** and **Tricia Reed (Oswego, N.Y.)** have quickly made their presence felt on the attack, while first-year defender **Katie Kerrigan (Middletown, N.Y.)** has earned a starting role in back. Of Binghamton's 16 points, the attacking trio has eight, including five from Povill, who along with Krug lines up as a starter. Reed scored the game-winner against St. Bonaventure, and Kerrigan has been solid on the right side of the defense.

Squad is loaded with youth, but seven starters return

Head coach Jeff Leightman has brought in a large group of freshman to bolster his program, though the starting unit is still top-heavy with upperclassmen. In all, the 24-member team includes nine freshman and eight more sophomores. Of the 11 starters on opening day, three were freshmen and another was a sophomore. Four juniors and three seniors round out the starting lineup.

BU continues success against non-conference foes

The team's opening two wins continues a successful trend for Binghamton against non-conference opponents. Going back to the 2002 season, BU is 14-6-1 during the regular season against non-conference foes. Since elevating to Division I in 2001, BU has feasted on the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. With the win over Manhattan, Binghamton is now 9-0 against seven different teams from the MAAC. The Bearcats also are 5-2 against the Atlantic 10 and 4-1-1 against the Northeast Conference.

Up Next: Big East member St. John's

The Bearcats will have a week off before playing St. John's on the road. The Red Storm were ranked ninth in the Northeast region preseason poll, according to *SoccerBuzz*. Binghamton has won two of three games against St. John's, including a 2-0 home victory last fall.

2004 Results (2-0, 0-0 AE)

AUGUST

27 Fri. + Manhattan W 2-1
29 Sun. @ St. Bonaventure W 3-2

SEPTEMBER

5 Sun. @ St. John's 2 p.m.
10 Fri. LEHIGH 4 p.m.
14 Tue. @ Cornell 7 p.m.
17 Fri. FDU 4 p.m.
19 Sun. LONG ISLAND UNIV. 1 p.m.
24 Fri. @ St. Peter's 4 p.m.
26 Sun. CANISIUS 3 p.m.

OCTOBER

1 Fri. *@ New Hampshire 3:30 p.m.
3 Sun. *@ Maine 11 a.m.
8 Fri. *@ UMBC 4 p.m.
10 Sun. WEST VIRGINIA noon
15 Fri. *ALBANY 4 p.m.
17 Sun. *STONY BROOK noon
22 Fri. *@ Hartford 6 p.m.
24 Sun. *@ Vermont 1 p.m.
28 Thu. *BOSTON UNIV. 1:30 p.m.
30 Sat. *NORTHEASTERN 11 a.m.

NOVEMBER

2 Tue. America East Quarterfinals TBA
5 Fri. America East Semifinals TBA
7 Sun. America East Championship TBA

~ exhibition played in Oxford, N.Y.

+ played at North Rockland High School

* America East Conference game

Leading Scorers

Name	G	A	Pts.
Kim Povill	2	1	5
Kelly Sanders	1	1	3
Deli Plourde	1	1	3
Tricia Reed	1	0	2

Goalkeeping Stats

Name	GP	GAA	Sv. %
Kristie Bowers	2	1.50	.700