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Women's Soccer

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Bearcats stretch unbeaten streak to five games

Continuing the program's best start in eight years, BU won twice to raise its overall mark to 6-1-1 entering conference play this week. During the team's five-game unbeaten streak, the Bearcats have outscored opponents, 13-2.

BU continues success against non-conference foes

With just one non-conference game remaining in 2004 (Oct. 10 vs. nationally-ranked West Virginia), BU is 18-7-2 in non-conference games in the last three seasons. And with the wins over St. Peter's and Canisius last week, BU is now a perfect 11-0 against seven different teams from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference since elevating to Division I in 2001. The Bearcats also are 5-2 against the Atlantic 10 and 5-1-1 against the Northeast Conference.

Scoring is widespread throughout lineup

Binghamton has outscored opponents, 18-7, with 10 different players notching goals in 2004. Four players have game-winners, including junior midfielder **Kelly Sanders (Ramsey, N.J./Ramsey)** and freshman forward **Tricia Reed (Oswego, N.Y./Oswego)**, who have two clinchers apiece.

Povill beginning to rack up numbers on attack

Freshman forward **Kim Povill (Massapequa, N.Y./Massapequa)** is off to a quick start in her promising collegiate career. In eight games, Povill has team-highs of four goals and 11 points.

Bearcats still looking to crack regional rankings

Despite the team's strong start, BU has not received much attention from the regional polls. The Bearcats were "receiving votes" in last week's NSCAA Northeast poll and were not among the top-15 in the regional rankings released by SoccerBuzz. The only blemishes on BU's slate this fall have been a 2-0 loss to a St. John's team that is No. 6 in the NSCAA regional poll, and a scoreless deadlock against a Cornell team that is also "receiving votes." Coach Jeff Leightman's squad will have a chance to sway the committees with two difficult road tests this weekend.

Team needs to step up offense in America East play

Beginning with its opening conference games set for this weekend, BU will try to reverse a scoring drought against America East opponents that has limited its success in the program's first two seasons in the league. Since joining the conference in 2002, BU is 6-8-3 in league play, and has scored two or more goals just four times — twice each against Albany and Vermont. In two seasons against perennial conference contenders Boston, Maine, New Hampshire and Northeastern, the Bearcats have been outscored 11-0.

Up Next: New Hampshire and Maine

The Bearcats begin conference play with a difficult road swing to Durham, N.H. and Orono, Maine for two games in three days. They will face a New Hampshire team that is coming off wins over Providence and Rhode Island before meeting a 6-2-1 Maine team that is ranked No. 7 in the region.

2004 Results (6-1-1, 0-0 AE)

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

5 Sun. @ St. John's L 0-2
10 Fri. LEHIGH W 1-0
14 Tue. @ Cornell T 0-0 (ot)
17 Fri. FDU W 3-1
19 Sun. LONG ISLAND UNIV. canc.
24 Fri. @ St. Peter's W 6-0
26 Sun. CANISIUS W 3-1

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	4	3	11
Caitlin O'Shaughnessy	3	4	10
Kelly Sanders	2	1	5
Deli Plourde	1	3	5

Goalkeeping Stats

Name	GP	GAA	Sv. %
Kristie Bowers	8	0.91	.837