

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Women's Soccer

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### Bearcats seize regular season title and top seed

Binghamton (12-5-1, 6-3 AE) completed a dramatic rise in the America East standings with back-to-back wins to capture a share of the conference regular season title and earn the No. 1 seed for the upcoming America East tournament. Strapped in the No. 6 position and fighting for a berth in the playoffs entering the week, BU pulled off a Boston sweep — knocking off defending champion Boston University and league-leading Northeastern in a span of three days. The pair of wins over teams the Bearcats had never beaten vaulted BU into a three-way tie for first place with Maine and New Hampshire, and Binghamton won the tiebreak with a better record against the next-highest teams in the standings (Boston and Northeastern).

### BU will make playoff debut as No. 1 seed

After missing out on the America East tournament by just one win in each of the last two seasons, BU will make a big splash in its playoff debut by carrying the top seed into the six-team tournament. The women will look to continue the legacy established by the men's squad, which won the 2003 America East title with semifinal and championship game wins on the West Gym field. Binghamton is 4-1 this year against the other five teams in the tournament, with the only blemish coming in double overtime in the conference opener at New Hampshire.

### Binghamton makes mockery of pre-season poll

The Bearcats were picked to finish eighth out of 10 teams in the coaches' pre-season poll, and by now holding the No. 1 seed, BU has exceeded that prediction by seven spots.

### Leightman-led teams racking up win totals

In his seventh year at the helm, Jeff Leightman has now coached his team into the post-season for the fifth time. He will receive strong consideration for America East Coach of the Year honors, which will be announced at Thursday's championship banquet in Binghamton. Leightman's teams have averaged more than 11 wins a season, and his overall win percentage stands at 66% (80-39-10).

### America East Tournament Pairings

#### Quarterfinals — November 2

No. 6 Hartford @ No. 3 New Hampshire (1 p.m.)

No. 5 Northeastern @ No. 4 Boston University (7 p.m.)

#### Semifinals – November 5 (at Binghamton)

No. 4/5 winner at No. 1 Binghamton (11 a.m.)

No. 3/6 winner vs. No. 2 Maine (1:30 p.m.)

#### Championship Game — November 7 (at Binghamton)

Semifinal winners (noon)

### 2004 Results (12-5-1, 6-3 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 L 2-3 (2ot)  
3 Sun. \*@ Maine W 1-0  
8 Fri. \*@ UMBC W 2-0  
**10 Sun. WEST VIRGINIA L 1-4**  
**15 Fri. \*ALBANY W 4-2**  
**17 Sun. \*STONY BROOK L 0-2**  
22 Fri. \*@ Hartford W 2-1  
24 Sun. \*@ Vermont L 0-1  
**28 Thu. \*BOSTON UNIV. W 2-1 (ot)**  
**30 Sat. \*NORTHEASTERN W 2-0**

#### NOVEMBER

**5 Fri. \$ Boston or Northeastern 11 a.m.**  
**7 Sun. \$ Championship Game noon**

+ played at North Rockland High School

\* America East Conference game

\$ America East semifinals/final at Binghamton

### Leading Scorers

Name	G	A	Pts.
Kim Povill	7	7	21
Tatiana Mathelier	7	4	18
Caitlin O'Shaughnessy	4	5	13
Deli Plourde	2	5	9
Kelly Sanders	2	4	8

### Goalkeeping Stats

Name	GP	GAA	Sv. %
Kristie Bowers	16	1.20	78.2
Kristy Doerner	3	0.80	83.3