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Women's Tennis

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Bearcats conclude record-breaking season

The Binghamton women's tennis team (16-8) advanced to the finals of the America East Championships before losing 4-1 to a Boston team that has now won 13 of the last 14 conference titles. Binghamton swept through Albany and New Hampshire by identical scores of 4-0 to reach the finals and in the process, they extended their school-record winning streak to 13 matches. The 16 victories marks the most dual matches Binghamton has won in a season and the .667 winning percentage is Binghamton's best since going 10-4 (.714) during the 1996-97 year.

"This was an amazing year," head coach Jamie Campbell said. "It's hard to describe how much this team means to me and how much this they mean to each other. It is the most hard-working team I've ever been around and they deserve all of the success that they've achieved."

Five players earn all-conference honors

By reaching the America East Conference finals, Binghamton had five players named to the America East All-Conference team. Freshman **Justina Hakimi (Manhasset, N.Y./ Herricks)**, who finished the season with a 20-8 record, including a 13-5 mark at first singles, was named all-conference in just her first season.

"Justina inspired the whole team through her relentless determination on the court," Campbell said. "She set an example for all of our players, including our two captains."

Seniors **Amy Weissberg (Syosset, N.Y.)** and **Kristin Jobe (Baytown, Texas/ Texas City)** each concluded their careers by earning all-conference honors for the second year in a row.

"One of the biggest reasons-if not the biggest reason we had our success this year is because of our captain," Campbell said. "It's hard to find leaders who have done as much as they have both on and off the court."

Junior **Janine Sadaka (Great Neck, N.Y.)** and sophomore **Amy Linda (Bronx, N.Y./ LaGuardia)** each earned all-conference accolades for the first time.

Campbell named America East Coach of the Year

Fifth-year head coach **Jamie Campbell** was named the America East Conference Coach of the year for the first time in her career. In the process she becomes just one of two Binghamton coaches to earn conference Coach of the Year honors on two different NCAA Division levels. Three years ago, Campbell was named the New England Conference Coach of the Year (NECC) when Binghamton was an NCAA Division II school. She also led Binghamton to two consecutive winning seasons.

"It means a great deal coming from my peers to get this award," Campbell said. "This is a reflection of my team and the players were the ones who got me coach of the year."

2002-03 Schedule/Results (16-8)

SEPTEMBER

21 Sat.- @ Bucknell Invitational no scoring
22 Sun.
27 Fri.- @ Quinnipiac Invitational no scoring
29 Sun.

OCTOBER

5 Sat.- **BINGHAMTON INVIT.** no scoring
6 Sun. w/ **Bucknell, St. Bona.**
19 Sat. **FORDHAM** **W 4-3**
SIENA **W 6-1**
25 Fri.- @ ITA East Regional no scoring
27 Sun. hosted by Harvard

JANUARY

26 Sun. @ Army L 0-7

FEBRUARY

1 Sat. +**COLGATE** **L 2-5**
14 Fri. vs. Villanova (at Penn) W 7-0
15 Sat. @ Penn L 0-7
22 Sat. @ Princeton L 0-7
23 Sun. @ Rutgers L 1-6

MARCH

8 Sat. UMass L 1-6
8 Sat. UMBC L 0-7
11 Tues James Madison W 4-3
11 Tues. Cleveland State W 7-0
12 Wed. Toldeo W 5-2
13 Thu. Rhode Island W 7-0
21 Fri. +**ST. BONAVENTURE** **W 7-0**
28 Fri. @ Hartford W 7-0
29 Sat. @ Quinnipiac W 5-2

APRIL

11 Fri. **STONY BROOK** **W 4-2**
12 Sat. **BUCKNELL** **W 4-3**
13 Sun. **VERMONT** **W 7-0**
15 Tue. **ALBANY** **W 7-0**
25 Fri. vs. Albany W 4-0
26. Sat. vs. New Hampshire W 4-0
27. Sun vs. Boston L 1-4