

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Women's Tennis

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### Binghamton heads to Quinnipiac and Hartford

Having swept its past three matches, the Binghamton women's tennis team (8-5, 1-0 AE) continues its season with a pair of road matches this week. On Saturday, the Bearcats square off against Quinnipiac at 2 p.m. The following morning, the squad heads to Hartford for an 11 a.m. contest.

"This is an important week for us," head coach Mike Stevens said. "Last year, Quinnipiac beat us 6-1 so this will be a test of how much we have improved since then. A win over Hartford would be great because we'd be 2-0 in the (America East) conference."

### Bearcats roll to three wins on spring trip

Binghamton went 3-0 on its spring trip to Hilton Head, S.C. last week. The Bearcats swept Wisconsin-Whitewater, Towson and Savannah State all by identical 7-0 scores. In the process, the team won 26 of its 27 matches.

"Coming back with three wins was good," Stevens said. "We got to play everyone and we continued to improve as the week went on."

### Altinay continues super season

Sophomore Zeynep Altinay (Antalya, Turkey) is 23-4 this season at the No. 1 singles position. She has won her last nine matches, including two that were decided by a super tiebreaker. Having gone 17-7 as a freshman, Altinay has shown tremendous improvement in her sophomore campaign.

"Zeynep has become a better competitor this season," Stevens said. "She has improved a lot even since the fall season. She is one of our hardest workers and has become a team leader both vocally and by example."

### What a difference a year makes

Last season, the Bearcats were 3-10 through its first 13 matches. This season, with the addition of several solid newcomers, Binghamton is already five wins ahead of last season's total through 13 matches.

The key additions to this season's squad have been sophomore Jelena Koprivica (Belgrade, Serbia) and freshmen Jenn Naegeli (Putnam Valley, N.Y.) and Alyssa Freeman (Atlantic Beach, N.Y.). Koprivica, who transferred from Boise State, has gone 18-5 while playing primarily at No. 2 singles. Naegeli is 13-9 while playing mainly at No. 4 singles and Freeman is 12-11 at No. 5 singles.

### 2004-05 Schedule/Results (8-5, 1-0 AE)

#### SEPTEMBER

11 Sat.- @ Bloomsburg Invit. no scoring  
12 Sun.  
15 Wed. ITHACA W 7-0  
17 Fri.- @ Eastern Collegiate Champ.no scoring  
19 Sun. hosted by Army

#### OCTOBER

9 Sat.- BU INVITATIONAL no scoring  
10 Sun. with Buffalo, Colgate, Siena  
23 Sat. @ ITA East Regional no scoring  
hosted by Penn

#### JANUARY

28 Fri.- @ Cornell Invitational no scoring  
30 Sun.

#### FEBRUARY

5 Sat. vs. Seton Hall (at Army) L 3-4  
6 Sun. @ Army L 1-6  
12 Sat. @ Syracuse L 0-7  
15 Tue. @ St. Bonaventure W 7-0  
19 Sat. vs. UConn (at Army) W 5-2  
20 Sun. vs. Air Force (at Army) W 5-2

#### MARCH

5 Sat. vs. UMass (at Cornell) L 3-4  
6 Sun. vs. UMBC (at Cornell) W 6-1  
12 Sat. @ Cornell L 1-6  
21 Mon. + Wis.-Whitewater W 7-0  
23 Wed. + Towson W 7-0  
24 Thu. + Savannah State W 7-0

#### APRIL & MAY

2 Sat. @ Quinnipiac 2 p.m.  
3 Sun. @ Hartford 11 a.m.  
9 Sat. @ Stony Brook 9 a.m.  
vs. Providence (at Stony) 12:30 p.m.  
12 Tue. COLGATE 3 p.m.  
19 Tue. BUCKNELL 2 p.m.  
20 Wed. ALBANY 3 p.m.  
29 Fri.- @ America East Champ. TBA  
1 Sun. held at Conn. Tennis Center  
+ played at Hilton Head, S.C.

### 2004-05 Top Singles Records

Zeynep Altinay	23-4	No. 1
Jelena Koprivica	18-5	No. 2
Lya Kushnirovich	21-6	No. 3
Jenn Naegeli	13-9	No. 4
Alyssa Freeman	12-11	No. 5

### 2004-05 Doubles Records

Jenn Naegeli	16-9	No. 1 & 2
Jelena Koprivica	14-9	No. 1 & 2