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Women's Tennis

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Binghamton faces Stony Brook and Providence

Having swept its past three four, the Binghamton women's tennis team (9-5, 2-0 AE) faces its most important regular season match of the year when it faces arch rival Stony Brook on Saturday at 9 a.m. Following that match, the Bearcats will battle Providence at 12:30. Both matches will take place at Stony Brook.

"We are looking forward to this weekend, especially to the match against Stony Brook," head coach Mike Stevens said. "The last two years, the matches against them have been very close. It's an important match for us because it determines the seeding in the America East Championships."

Binghamton has won two consecutive matches against the Seawolves. In the 2002-03 season, the Bearcats won 4-2 while last season, the winning margin was 4-3. Both teams tied for third place at the America East Championships last season when their consolation final match was rained out.

Altinay continues super season

Sophomore Zeynep Altinay (Antalya, Turkey) is 24-4 this season at the No. 1 singles position. She has won her last 10 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."

2005 vs. 2004

Last season, the Bearcats were 4-10 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 14 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 19-5 while playing primarily at No. 2 singles. Naegeli is 14-9 while playing mainly at No. 3 and 4 singles and Freeman is 13-11 at No. 5 singles.

2004-05 Schedule/Results (9-5, 2-0 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

3 Sun. @ Hartford W 7-0
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	24-4	No. 1
Jelena Koprivica	19-5	No. 2
Lya Kushnirovich	22-6	No. 3
Jenn Naegeli	14-9	No. 4
Alyssa Freeman	13-11	No. 5

2004-05 Doubles Records

Jenn Naegeli	17-9	No. 1 & 2
Jelena Koprivica	15-9	No. 1 & 2