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Indoor Track

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Bearcats compete at America East Championships

The Binghamton indoor track and field teams traveled to the America East Championships in Boston this past weekend. The men's team placed sixth out of eight schools with 38.25 points. The BU women were eighth out of nine teams with 19.5 points.

Savinion captures 800 meter title

Senior **Frank Savinon (Franklin Square, N.Y./H. Frank Carey)** was Binghamton's lone winner in the two-day America East Championship, capturing the 800 meters in 1:53.53. He becomes the first men's track athlete to capture a Division I individual conference title. Savinon was also part of BU's outdoor 4 x 800 relay that won a title last spring.

"Frank showed a lot of grit in his race," head coach Mike Thompson said. "He was boxed in early in the race and was in fourth place toward the end. He really came on strong and won by .01 seconds. A lot of things could have gone wrong in that race but he persevered and never even held the lead until the end. It was a great race for him."

Cloud, Hampden and Shafer place in top four

Junior **Andrew Cloud (Massapequa, N.Y.)** placed third in the weight throw (53-5), and sophomore **Hasani Hampden (Freeport, N.Y.)** took third in the pentathlon (3,257 points). The other top-4 performance was put in by freshman **Luke Shafer (Penfield, N.Y./McQuaid)**, who tied for fourth in the high jump (6-4).

Least and Lloyd continue to pace women's team

On the women's side, senior **Larisa Least (Geneseo, N.Y.)** finished third in the 400 in a school-record time of 57.33. Least, who qualified for the ECAC Championship with that time, had broken the school record earlier in the prelims (58.08), but lowered it less than 24 hours later in the final.

"Larisa came into the race seeded 10th, so to pull out a third-place finish was great," Thompson said. "One of her main goals was to qualify for the ECAC and she did, by .01 of a second."

Senior **Marie Lloyd (Spencerport, N.Y./Churchville-Chili)** placed fifth in both the 500 (1:17.54) and the triple jump (36-6 3/4).

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