

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Softball

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### Binghamton goes 5-4 on spring road trip

The Binghamton softball team won its last four games to finish with a 5-4 record at the University of Central Florida Spring Fling this past week. Included in those final four victories were a pair of 1-0 wins over a strong host team from Central Florida.

"We are very happy with our performance," head coach Holly Brown said. "We improved in every game we played. Our team showed a lot of heart in coming back to win those last four games. Facing a team like Central Florida gave us a lot of confidence."

Brown and the Bearcats were not sure what to expect, having not practiced outdoors prior to the tournament. With a 5-4 record in the bag, the team is still stressing improvement.

"This was a very good week but we want to keep improving," Brown said. "We are still switching our lineup around to see what will work best for us during the rest of the season."

### Weeks tosses a pair of complete-game shutouts

Sophomore pitcher **Michelle Weeks (Bunnell, Fla./ Flager Palm Coast)** threw two complete-game shutouts during the Bearcats' four-game winning streak. During the nine-game road trip, she went 2-1 with a 1.67 ERA. She struck out 28 batters in 27 innings and allowed no runs over her last 18.1 innings of work. Weeks pitched a pair of 1-0 wins over Central Florida, striking out 13 batters and surrendering just six hits.

### Bearcats gelling offensively and defensively

Offensively, the Bearcats were led in hitting by senior first baseman **Leah Truncale (Newburgh, N.Y./ Newburgh)**, who batted a team-high .357, scored two runs and belted a triple. Sophomore infielder **Marybeth Yerdon (Lacona, N.Y./ Sandy Creek)** hit .273 with a double and two RBI. As far as timely hitting, Binghamton had many people step up and contribute.

"We had a lot of people step up and hit which is the way it needs to be for us this year," Brown said. "We can't just win with one person hitting well."

Defensively, Binghamton allowed one run over the final 29 innings. A combination of good pitching and timely defense proved pivotal down the stretch.

"Our defense is really coming together," Brown said. "Michelle was great on the mound and (junior catcher Jessica) Chellis called a good game. Our outfield really improved as the week went on."

### 2003 Schedule/Results (5-4)

#### SOFTBALL (5-4)

#### MARCH

9 Sun.	+Colorado State	L	0-2
10 Mon.	+Syracuse	L	0-8
	+Colorado State	L	0-1
11 Tue.	+Penn	W	5-1
	+Evansville	L	1-3
12 Wed.	+Butler	W	4-1
	+@ Central Florida	W	1-0
13 Thu.	+Bucknell (5 inn.)	W	10-0
	+Central Florida	W	1-0
21 Fri.	~Central Connecticut		9 a.m.
	~George Mason		3 p.m.
22 Sat.	~Cleveland State		1 p.m.
23 Sun.	~TBA		
29 Sat.	*MAINE (DH)		noon
30 Sun.	*MAINE (DH)		noon

#### APRIL

5 Sat.	*ALBANY (DH)		1 p.m.
6 Sun.	*ALBANY (DH)		noon
8 Tue.	SYRACUSE (DH)		3:30 p.m.
12 Sat.	*@ Vermont (DH)		noon
13 Sun.	*@ Vermont (DH)		noon
16 Wed.	COLGATE (DH)		3 p.m.
18 Fri.	*@ Hartford (DH)		1 p.m.
19 Sat.	*@ Hartford (DH)		11 a.m.
24 Thu.	DREXEL (DH)		3:30 p.m.
26 Sat.	*BOSTON (DH)		noon
27 Sun.	*BOSTON (DH)		noon
29 Tue.	@ Cornell (DH)		3 p.m.

#### MAY

3 Sat.	*@ Stony Brook (DH)		noon
4 Sun.	*@ Stony Brook (DH)		noon
8 Thu.-	@ America East Championship		TBA
10 Sat.	hosted by Stony Brook		
	+ Central Florida Spring Fling		
	~ George Mason Tournament		
	* America East Conference games		