

SPORTS NEWS



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Volleyball

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Bearcats to host three conference matches this week

After winning both road matches last week, the Binghamton volleyball team (14-12, 4-3 AE) hosts three matches against America East Conference foes this week. Albany comes to Binghamton on Tuesday night for a 7 p.m. match. On Friday the Bearcats host Hartford at 7 p.m. and on Saturday at 5 p.m., Northeastern will visit.

Halfway through conference play, the Bearcats have posted a 4-3 conference record, putting them in a tie for third place. The Bearcats have faced all three of upcoming opponents once each this season. Albany and Northeastern each beat Binghamton in three games. Hartford was not as fortunate, losing to Binghamton in three games.

The top four teams in the conference qualify for the postseason tournament.

Improving conference play

Halfway through conference play, the Bearcats are one win away from tying last year's mark of five conference wins, which is a team best since entering the America East. Currently Binghamton is tied with Maine for third place in the eight team conference. Last season the Bearcats finished in a tie for fifth place.

Heck named America East Co-Player of the Week

For the first time this season outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./ Resurrection)** was named the America East Volleyball Co-Player of the Week. This past week, she averaged 5.50 kills and 4.13 digs per game. This the fifth time during the 2004 season a Binghamton volleyball player has received conference honors, Anne Crocus was honored three times as America East Player of the Week and Jacki Kane received America East Rookie of the Week two weeks ago.

Record streak

This was the third week in a row that a school record was broken. Friday night versus the Seawolves, senior outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./ Resurrection)** had a school record 72 attack attempts in a match. Nicole Canestrare had 66 attack attempts on September 21, 1996 versus Fredonia. Two weeks prior Heck broke two school records in one match against Siena-career kills and attack attempts. Last week the team broke single-match blocking record against Maine.

Miscellaneous notes

Four Binghamton players posted a double-doubles this past week. Sophomore setter **Ashley Meffert (Louisville, Ky./ Fern Creek)**, had a double-double (assists-digs) against Stony Brook with a season-high 61 assists and 16 digs. Sophomore middle blocker **Megan Hoag (Brunswick, Ohio/Padua Franciscan)** had 10 kills and 15 digs against Stony Brook on Friday night. Senior outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./ Resurrection)**, who averaged 5.5 kills and 4.13 digs per game, and senior outside hitter **Jen Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y./ North Tonawanda)**, who averaged 4.25 kills and 3.63 digs per game, both had a double-double in each of the matches the team played in last week.

2004 Schedule/Results (14-12, 4-3 AE)

SEPTEMBER

3 Fri.	^ vs. Buffalo	L 0-3
4 Sat.	^ at Niagara	W 3-1
4 Sat.	^ at Canisius	W 3-0
5 Sun.	^ vs. Texas-Arlington	L 1-3
10 Fri.	~ vs. Fairfield	L 0-3
11 Sat.	~ at Villanova	L 0-3
11 Sat.	~ vs. VCU	W 3-0
17 Fri.	% vs. Akron	W 3-2
18 Sat.	% at George Washington	L 2-3
18 Sat.	% vs. Jacksonville	W 3-1
19 Sun.	at Hofstra	L 0-3
22 Wed.	at Syracuse	L 1-3
24 Fri.	+ CORNELL	L 1-3
25 Sat.	+ ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.)	W 3-1
25 Sat.	+ F. DICKINSON	W 3-1

OCTOBER

1 Fri.	++ vs. West Virginia	L 0-3
2 Sat.	++ at St. Francis (Pa.)	W 3-0
2 Sat.	++ vs. Canisius	W 3-0
5 Tues.	* at Albany	L 0-3
8 Fri.	* at Northeastern	L 0-3
9 Sat.	* at Hartford	W 3-0
10 Sun.	at Siena	W 3-2
15 Fri.	* MAINE	W 3-2
16 Sat.	* NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 1-3
22 Fri.	* at Stony Brook	W 3-2
23 Sat.	* at UMBC	W 3-0
26 Tues.	* ALBANY	7 p.m.
29. Fri.	* HARTFORD	7 p.m.
30 Sat.	* NORTHEASTERN	5 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5 Fri.	* UMBC	7 p.m.
6 Sat.	* STONY BROOK	5 p.m.
12 Fri.	* at New Hampshire	7 p.m.
13 Sat.	* at Maine	4 p.m.
19 Fri.-	America East Champ.	TBA
21 Sun.		

^ Western New York Tournament @ Canisius
~ Wildcat Classic @ Villanova
% George Washington Tournament
+ Binghamton Tournament
++ St. Francis (Pa.) Tournament
* America East Conference match

2004 Binghamton Statistical Leaders

Attack Percentage	
Anne Crocus	.351
Kills Per Game	
Anne Crocus	4.14
Digs Per Game	
Jen Smith	3.24
Assists Per Game	
Ashley Meffert	10.89
Service Aces Per Game	
Kristin Stephens	0.36
Total Blocks Per Game	
Jacki Kane	1.67

BEARCATS BY THE NUMBERS

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The Bearcats have not lost a fifth game this season, they are 4-0 in the deciding game.

.565

*Freshman middle blocker **Jacki Kane** hit .565 in Binghamton's match against Siena College on Oct. 10. She had 13 kills and made no errors in 23 attack attempts.*

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*Senior middle blocker **Anne Crocus** continues to lead the America East Conference in two statistical categories; hitting percentage (.351) and blocks per game (1.63).*

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*Senior middle blocker **Anne Crocus** has been named the America East Conference Player of the Week three times this year. She is the first Binghamton athlete in any sport to earn the weekly honor from the America East Conference three times in a season.*

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*Senior outside hitter **Michele Heck** has posted nine double-doubles (kills-digs) so far this season.*

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*Senior outside hitter **Jen Smith** has posted 12 double-doubles (kills-digs) so far this season.*

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*Freshman outside hitter **Kathleen Schauer** posted a career-high 11 blocks in the match against Maine on Oct. 15.*

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*Freshman middle blocker **Jacki Kane** posted a career-high 16 blocks in the match against Maine on Oct. 15.*

18

*Freshman middle blocker **Jacki Kane** posted a career-high 18 kills in the match against Hartford on Oct. 9.*

61

*With 61 assists, sophomore setter **Ashley Meffert** had a season-high against Stony Brook on Oct. 22.*

547

*With 546 career total blocks, senior middle blocker **Anne Crocus** ranks third all-time in school history. Julie Van Schaick (1984-87) ranks second with 601 total blocks.*

1,333

*Senior outside hitter **Michele Heck** continues to improve her school record of 1,333 career kills, she broke Lauren Caiaccia's (1992-95) school record of 1257 career kills on Oct. 10.*

CAREER HIGHS

Emily Collins

Digs
5, twice, most recently vs. Siena (Oct. 10, 2004)
Service Aces
1, vs. Jacksonville (Sept. 18, 2004)

Anne Crocus

Kills
26, vs. Akron (Sept. 17, 2004)
Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)
.769 (10-0-13) vs Youngstown State (Sept. 9, 2003)
Assists
3, vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (Sept. 25, 2003)
Service Aces
7, vs. Buffalo (Sept. 7, 2002)
Digs
8, vs. George Washington (Aug. 31, 2002)
Blocks
17, SCHOOL RECORD, vs. Canisius (Sept. 4, 2004)

Michele Heck

Kills
26, twice, most recently vs. Stony Brook (Oct. 22, 2004)
Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)
.750 (14-2-16), SCHOOL RECORD, vs. Lafayette (Sept. 24, 2002)
Assists
4, vs. Hartford (Nov. 15, 2002)
Service Aces
5, twice, most recently vs. UMBC (Oct. 2, 2003)
Digs
23, vs. Stony Brook (Oct. 22, 2004)
Blocks
6, vs. Illinois-Chicago (Sept. 7, 2002)

Megan Hoag

Kills
16, vs. Northeastern (Nov. 1, 2003)
Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)
.529 (10-1-17) vs. Stony Brook (Oct. 22, 2004)
Assists
5, vs. Albany (Oct. 31, 2003) and vs. Northeastern (Nov. 1, 2003)
Service Aces
5, vs. UMBC (Oct. 28, 2003)
Digs
21, vs. Stony Brook (Oct. 10, 2003)
Blocks
7, vs. Maine (Oct. 15, 2004)

Amanda Hubbard

Digs
8, vs. Buffalo (Sept. 3, 2004)
Service Aces
2, vs. Stony Brook (Oct. 22, 2004)

Jacki Kane

Kills
18, vs. Hartford (Oct. 9, 2004)
Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)
.565 (13-0-23) vs. Siena (Oct. 10, 2004)
Blocks
16, vs. Maine (Oct. 15, 2004)

Ashley Meffert

Kills
8, vs. Jacksonville (Sept. 18, 2004)
Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)
.471 (8-0-17) vs. George Washington (Sept. 18, 2004)
Assists
69, vs. New Hampshire (Nov. 7, 2003)
Service Aces
4, vs. Maine (Nov. 8, 2003)
Digs
19, vs. Jacksonville (Sept. 18, 2004)
Blocks
7, vs. Siena (Oct. 10, 2004)

Megan Phillips

Assists
4, vs. Jacksonville (Sept. 18, 2004)
Digs
19, vs. St. Francis (Oct. 2, 2004)
Service Aces
2, twice, most recently vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (Sept. 25, 2004)

Katelyn Robertson

Kills
11, vs. Akron (Sept. 17, 2004) and vs. George Washington (Sept. 18, 2004)
Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)
.438 (8-1-16), vs. Siena (Oct. 10, 2004)
Assists
2, vs. Akron (Sept. 17, 2003) and vs. Jacksonville (Sept. 18, 2004)
Service Aces
1, three times, most recently vs. West Virginia (Oct. 1, 2004)
Digs
11, vs. Akron (Sept. 17, 2003) and vs. George Washington (Sept. 18, 2003)
Blocks
3, three times, most recently vs. Syracuse (Sept. 22, 2004)

Kathleen Schauer

Kills
12, vs. Stony Brook (Oct. 22, 2004)
Assists
7, vs. Siena (Oct. 10, 2004)
Digs
10, vs. Virginia Commonwealth (Sept. 11, 2004)
Service Aces
2, three times, most recently vs. St. Francis (Oct. 2, 2004)
Blocks
11, vs. Maine (Oct. 15, 2004)

Jen Smith

Kills
30, vs. Hartford (Nov. 15, 2002)
Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)
.550 (12-1-20) vs. Youngstown (Sept. 13, 2003)
Assists
22, vs. Stony Brook (Oct. 18, 2002)
Service Aces
8, vs. Colgate (Sept. 5, 2003)
Digs
21, vs. Army, September 7, 2001
Blocks
7, twice, most recently vs. Maine (Oct. 15, 2004)

Kristin Stephens

Kills
7, vs. Jacksonville (Sept. 17, 2004)
Digs
3, vs. Hartford (Oct. 9, 2004)
Service Aces
3, vs. Jacksonville (Sept. 18, 2004)
Blocks
3, vs. Maine (Oct. 16, 2004)