

SPORTS NEWS



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Volleyball

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Bearcats head to Villanova Wildcat Classic

After going 2-2 this past weekend at the Western New York Tournament, the Binghamton volleyball team will take part in the Villanova Wildcat Classic this coming weekend. The Bearcats face Fairfield at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, the host Wildcats at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and finish up against Virginia Commonwealth (VCU) at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Heading into this weekend, Binghamton has never faced Fairfield, Villanova nor VCU.

Banner weekend for Crocus

Senior middle blocker **Anne Crocus (Bethlehem, Pa./Freedom)** was named to the Western New York All-Tournament team by virtue of several outstanding performances in the team's four matches. She recorded a school-record 17 total blocks against Canisius on Saturday, breaking the old record of 15 total blocks, which was set by current Binghamton assistant coach Kishan Zuber against Le Moyne on Sept. 8, 1999. Crocus also had a career-high 25 kills against Texas-Arlington as well as a match-high 20 kills against Canisius. For the weekend, she averaged 4.43 kills and 1.93 blocks per game.

Smith back on track

After missing almost all of last season with a knee injury, senior outside hitter **Jen Smith (North Tonawanda, N.Y./North Tonawanda)** made the most of her first weekend back on the court. She averaged 3.71 kills and 2.71 digs per game. Smith turned in a pair of double-doubles including a 19-kill, 14-dig performance against Texas-Arlington.

Picking up where she left off

Sophomore setter **Ashley Meffert (Louisville, Ky./Fern Creek)**, who was named to the America East Conference all-rookie team in 2003, appears ready to follow up on her solid freshman campaign. In four matches this past weekend, she averaged a team-high 11.86 assists and 2.86 digs per game. Meffert had 50 assists against both Niagara and Texas-Arlington. She posted three doubles-doubles (assists-digs) and had a season-high 12 digs in the match against Texas-Arlington. Last season, Meffert set the Binghamton single-season record with 11.25 assists per game.

Moving up the charts

Heading into the Wildcat Classic, senior outside hitter **Michele Heck (Chicago, Ill./Resurrection)** has posted 1,079 career kills, which is the third-highest total in school history. She needs 134 kills to tie Nicole Canestrare (1993-96) for second place all-time. In addition, senior middle blocker **Anne Crocus** has 471 career total blocks, which ranks fourth all-time. She needs five more total blocks to tie Mitzi Livermore (1983-87) for third place all-time with 476 total blocks.

2004 Schedule/Results (2-2, 0-0 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	4:30 p.m.
11 Sat.	~ at Villanova	10:30 a.m.
11 Sat.	~ vs. VCU	3:30 p.m.
17 Fri.	% vs. Akron	4:30 p.m.
18 Sat.	% at George Washington	noon
18 Sat.	% vs. Jacksonville	3 p.m.
19 Sun.	at Hofstra	3 p.m.
22 Wed.	at Syracuse	7 p.m.
24 Fri.	+ CORNELL	7 p.m.
25 Sat.	+ ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.)	1 p.m.
25 Sat.	+ FDU	6 p.m.

OCTOBER

1 Fri.	++ vs. West Virginia	4:30 p.m.
2 Sat.	++ at St. Francis (Pa.)	12:30 p.m.
2 Sat.	++ vs. Canisius	4:30 p.m.
5 Tues.	* at Albany	7 p.m.
8 Fri.	* at Northeastern	7 p.m.
9 Sat.	* at Hartford	6 p.m.
10 Sun.	* at Siena	1 p.m.
15 Fri.	* MAINE	7 p.m.
16 Sat.	* NEW HAMPSHIRE	5 p.m.
22 Fri.	* at Stony Brook	6 p.m.
23 Sat.	* at UMBC	2 p.m.
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

Kills Per Game

Anne Crocus 4.43 kpg.

Digs Per Game

Ashley Meffert 2.86 dpg.

Assists Per Game

Ashley Meffert 11.86 apg.

Service Aces Per Game

Megan Hoag 0.36 sapg.

Total Blocks Per Game

Anne Crocus 1.93 bpg.

BEARCATS BY THE NUMBERS

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Heading into this weekend, Binghamton has never faced Fairfield, Villanova nor Virginia Commonwealth (VCU).

.411

*Senior middle blocker **Anne Crocus** hit .411 in Binghamton's match against Texas-Arlington on Sept. 5. She had a career-high 25 kills and made just two errors in 54 attack attempts.*

1

*Last season, sophomore **Ashley Meffert** became the first Binghamton player named to the America East Conference All-Rookie Team.*

2

*Senior middle blocker **Anne Crocus** has been named to the America East All-Conference team the past two seasons.*

2

*Sophomore middle blocker **Megan Hoag** reached double figures in digs twice at the Western New York Tournament Sept. 3-5, 2004. She posted a season-high 12 digs against Texas-Arlington on Sept. 5.*

3

*Sophomore **Ashley Meffert** posted three double-doubles (assists-digs) in four matches at the Western New York Tournament Sept. 3-5, 2004.*

4.43

*Senior middle blocker **Anne Crocus** averaged a team-best 4.43 kills in four matches at the Western New York Tournament Sept. 3-5, 2004.*

5

Including this weekend at the Villanova Tournament, Binghamton is taking part in five tournaments during the non-conference portion of its 2004 schedule.

11.86

*Sophomore **Ashley Meffert** averaged 11.86 assists at the Western New York Tournament on Sept. 3-5, 2004. She posted 50 assists twice. Last season, Meffert averaged a school-record 11.25 kills per game.*

471

*With 471 career total blocks, senior middle blocker **Anne Crocus** ranks fourth all-time in school history. She needs five more total blocks to tie Mitzi Livermore (1983-87) for third place all-time with 476 total blocks.*

1,079

*Senior outside hitter **Michele Heck** has posted 1,079 career kills, which is the third-highest total in school history. She needs 134 kills to tie Nicole Canestrare (1993-96) for second place all-time.*

1,527

*Sophomore setter **Ashley Meffert** already ranks fifth all-time in school history with 1,527 assists. In fourth place is Jocelyn Torres (1996-98) with 1,861 assists.*

CAREER HIGHS

Emily Collins

Digs

1, vs. Siena (Nov. 11, 2003)

Anne Crocus

Kills

25, vs. Texas-Arlington (Sept. 5, 2004)

Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)

.769 (10-0-13) vs. Youngstown (Sept. 9, 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, vs. Northeastern (Nov. 1, 2003)

Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)

.750 (14-2-16), vs. Lafayette (Sept. 24, 2002)

SCHOOL RECORD

Assists

4, vs. Hartford (Nov. 15, 2002)

Service Aces

5, twice, most recently vs. UMBC (Oct. 2, 2003)

Digs

21, vs. Canisius (Sept. 2, 2001)

Blocks

6, vs. Illinois-Chicago (Sept. 7, 2002)

Megan Hoag

Kills

16, vs. Northeastern (Nov. 1, 2003)

Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)

.417 (11-1-24) vs. Canisius (Oct. 3, 2003) and

.417 (14-4-24) vs. New Hampshire (Nov. 7, 2003)

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

6, four times, most recently vs. Albany (Oct. 31, 2003)

Amanda Hubbard

Digs: 8, vs. Buffalo (Sept. 3, 2004)

Jacki Kane

Kills: 1, vs. Canisius (Sept. 4, 2004)

Blocks: 1, vs. Canisius (Sept. 4, 2004)

Ashley Meffert

Kills

6, vs. New Hampshire (Nov. 7, 2003)

Attack Percentage (min. 12 attempts)

.333 (4-0-12) vs. Niagara (Oct. 4, 2003)

Assists

69, vs. New Hampshire (Nov. 7, 2003)

Service Aces

4, vs. Maine (Nov. 8, 2003)

Digs

14, vs. Stony Brook (Oct. 10, 2003) and vs. Northeastern (Nov. 1, 2003)

Blocks

6, vs. Winthrop (Sept. 27, 2003)

Megan Phillips

Digs: 5, vs. Niagara (Sept. 4, 2004)

Kaitlyn Robertson

Kills

5, vs. Canisius (Sept. 13, 2003)

Assists

5, vs. Canisius (Sept. 13, 2003)

Service Aces

1, vs. Quinnipiac (Sept. 12, 2003) and vs. Texas Arlington (Sept. 5, 2004)

Digs

6, vs. Texas-Arlington (Sept. 5, 2004)

Blocks

3, vs. Niagara (Oct. 4, 2003)

Kathleen Schauer

Kills: 5, vs. Niagara (Sept. 4, 2004)

Digs: 4, vs. Niagara (Sept. 4, 2004)

Blocks: 2, three times, most recently vs. Texas-Arlington (Sept. 5, 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, vs. Central Connecticut (Oct. 15, 2001)

Kristin Stephens

Kills: 1, vs. Texas-Arlington (Sept. 5, 2004)

Digs: 1, vs. Texas-Arlington (Sept. 5, 2004)