

SPORTS NEWS



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Volleyball

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Bearcats to open conference play

The Binghamton University volleyball team travels Cornell for its final regular season non-conference match. On Friday at UMBC, the Bearcats open their conference schedule at 7 p.m. Sunday Binghamton hosts New Hampshire at 1 p.m. for their first home conference contest of the season. Last season the Bearcats were swept 3-0 by Cornell. Binghamton was 2-0 against UMBC and 0-2 against New Hampshire last season.

Bearcats step up just before conference play

This past week the Bearcats went 2-1 at the Yale Classic. On Friday the team swept Iona 3-0 by scores of 30-26, 30-26, 30-16. Saturday they swept Delaware 3-0 by scores of 30-19, 30-14, 30-27 while hitting an impressive .354. The team was swept later in the day by host Yale 0-3 by scores of 19-30, 26-30, 23-30. Junior outside hitter **Katie Brody (Vestal, N.Y.)** and sophomore middle blocker **Jacki Kane (Centennial, Colo./Grandview)** were named to the all-tournament team.

Strong named AE Co-Rookie of the Week

Freshman outside hitter **Brianna Strong (Elkhart, Ind./Concord)** has been named the America East Co-Rookie of the Week for Sept. 19- Sept. 25. This is the first time in her career she has received this honor. She led the team this past week with 3.83 digs per game. She also averaged 3.17 kills per game, hitting .333 (19-6-39) both second highest on the team. In the win over Iona on Friday, Strong had her second career double-double with 11 kills and 14 digs, the 11 kills is one short of her season-high and the 14 digs tied her season-high. Against Yale she contributed with 8 kills and 9 digs.

Miscellaneous notes

Junior outside hitter **Katie Brody (Vestal, N.Y.)** led the team with 4.44 kills and 4.22 points per game, second on the team 3.00 digs per game; in all three matches she led the team in kills. On Friday against Iona she had fourth double-double of the season with 11 kills and 13 digs. On Saturday against Delaware Brody hit .293 with 17 kills and five errors on 41 attempts. Junior middle blocker **Megan Hoag (Brunswick, Ohio/Padua Franciscan)** averaged 2.22 kills, 2.22 digs, 1.11 aces and .56 blocks per game, while sophomore middle blocker **Jacki Kane (Centennial, Colo./Grandview)** averaged 2.56 kills, 1.44 blocks and 3.33 points per game with a .404 attack percentage.

2005 Schedule/Results (8-8, 0-0 AE)

AUGUST		
27 Sat.	@ Colgate	W 3-0
SEPTEMBER		
2 Fri.	+Holy Cross	W 3-0
3 Sat.	+Siena	W 3-2
	+St. John's	W 3-2
6 Tue.	SYRACUSE	L 1-3
9 Fri.	# St. John's	L 0-3
	# Liberty	L 1-3
10 Sat.	# William and Mary	L 0-3
	# Elon	L 2-3
13 Tue.	COLGATE	W 3-0
16 Fri.	^ Cleveland State	L 0-3
17 Sat.	^ San Diego	L 0-3
	^ Niagara	W 3-2
23 Fri.	\$ Iona	W 3-0
24 Sat.	\$ Delaware	W 3-0
	\$ Yale	L 0-3
28 Wed.	@ Cornell	7 p.m.
30 Fri.	@ UMBC	7 p.m.
OCTOBER		
2 Sun.	*NEW HAMPSHIRE	1 p.m.
7 Fri.	*@ Stony Brook	7 p.m.
9 Sun.	*ALBANY	2 p.m.
14 Fri.	*MAINE	7 p.m.
21 Fri.	*@ Hartford	6 p.m.
23 Sun.	*@ Albany	2 p.m.
28 Fri.	*@ New Hampshire	7 p.m.
30 Sun.	*HARTFORD	2 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
4 Fri.	*STONY BROOK	7 p.m.
6 Sun.	*@ Maine	noon
13 Sun.	*@ UMBC	1 p.m.
18 Fri.-	@ America East Championship	
TBA		
20 Sun.		

+ Crusader Classic
William and Mary Tournament
^ Cleveland State Tournament
\$ Yale Tournament

2005 Binghamton Statistical Leaders

Kills Per Game	
Katie Brody	3.50 kpg.
Digs Per Game	
Megan Hoag	2.50 dpg.
Assists Per Game	
Ashley Meffert	10.39 apg.
Service Aces Per Game	
Megan Hoag	0.55 sapg.
Blocks Per Game	
Jacki Kane	1.29 bpg.