

2005 VOLLEYBALL RECAP

• Binghamton won its first America East Volleyball Championship and advanced to the NCAA Championship with a 3-1 win over Stony Brook. The Bearcats fell to No. 2 Penn State, 3-0, in the first round of the 64-team NCAA tournament.

• Albany posted a school-record 28 wins as the America East regular-season champion. The Great Danes' Eileen Nicole Rodriguez concluded her career with an NCAA record 547 service aces.

• Stony Brook's up-and-down season peaked in the first round of the 2005 America East Volleyball Championship as the No. 4 seeded Seawolves shocked top-seeded Albany, 3-2.

• Albany hosted Syracuse on November 1, marking the first-ever televised regular-season match in conference history. The Great Danes came back from a 2-0 deficit in that match to post a dramatic 3-2 victory over the Orange.

• Brianne Paulson of Hartford was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District team.

2005 YEARLY AWARD WINNERS

Player of the Year: Blair Buchanan, Albany

Defensive Specialist of the Year: Ashley DeNeal, Albany

Setter of the Year: Blair Buchanan, Albany

Rookie of the Year: Sarah Ball, UMBC

Coach of the Year: Glenn Kiriyama, Binghamton

