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Women's Soccer

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Bearcats prepare for Maine and Albany

After getting a critical 1-0 over Stony Brook on Saturday, the Binghamton women's soccer team has a pair of America East Conference games on the schedule this week. On Thursday, the Bearcats host Maine at 2 p.m. and on Sunday, they travel to Albany for a 1 p.m. contest.

"This week is very important for us," head coach Jeff Leightman said. "If we can come out of the week with two victories, we will be back in pretty good shape for getting into the (America East Conference) tournament."

Bowers returns in goal

Freshman goalie **Kristie Bowers (Rochester, N.Y./ Greece Olympia)** is back in the lineup after suffering an injury the previous week against Northeastern. In her first game back, she made six saves against Stony Brook in recording her fifth solo shutout of the season. Fellow freshman **Kristy Doerner (Shoreham, N.Y./Shoreham-Wading River)** had been in goal the previous game and a half and recorded her first career solo shutout against New Hampshire on Oct. 5.

"It's good to see Kristie back even though Doerner did a good job during the past week," Leightman said. "She not quite 100 percent yet but she has been courageous in her comeback."

Defense looking sharp after second straight shutout

The defense continues to be the strength of the team after the Bearcats shut out Stony Brook for their sixth shutout of the season. Having also blanked New Hampshire the previous Sunday, Binghamton has now gone more than two games without allowing a goal.

"Our defense is very tough when we are organized," Leightman said. "We have had some lapses when we have allowed a spurt of goals. Still, when we are on top of our game, we are very strong in the backfield."

Clutch goal

Junior defender **Tatiana Mathelier (Pomona, N.Y./ Saddle River Day)** scored with 45 seconds left in the first half of Binghamton's win over Stony Brook on Saturday. Although she has played mainly on defense this season after two seasons up front, Mathelier couldn't have picked a better time to score her first goal of the season.

With time running down in the first half, sophomore midfielder **Kelly Sanders (Ramsey, N.J./ Ramsey)** seized the ball near midfield and fired the ball to Mathelier, who was stationed inside the box. She then took the fast break pass and fired it in the net to give the Bearcats the only goal they would need.

2003 Results (7-5-1, 1-2-1 AE)

AUGUST

29 Fri. @ Syracuse L 1-7
31 Sun. @ Niagara W 3-0

SEPTEMBER

5 Fri. ST. JOHN'S W 2-0
7 Sun. ST. BONAVENTURE W 1-0
12 Fri. ST. PETER'S W 4-2
14 Sun. @ Navy L 1-3
17 Wed. @ FDU W 1-0
21 Sun. *@ Hartford L 1-3
24 Wed. @ West Virginia L 0-5
28 Sun. @ UMass W 3-2

OCTOBER

2 Thu. *@ Northeastern L 0-3
5 Sun. *NEW HAMPSHIRE T 0-0
11 Sat. *STONY BROOK W 1-0
16 Thu. *MAINE 2 p.m.
19 Sun. *@ Albany 1 p.m.
23 Thu. *UMBC 3 p.m.
26 Sun. *VERMONT 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 Sat. *@ Boston University 1 p.m.
4 Tue. @ America East Qtrs. TBA
7 Fri. @ America East Semis TBA
9 Sun. @ America East Final TBA

* America East Conference game

Leading Scorers

Name	G	A	Pts.
Danielle White	5	3	13
Tracy Kasmarcik	3	3	9
Kelly Burnham	3	2	8
Caitlin O'Shaughnessy	2	1	5

Goalkeeping Stats

Name	GP	GAA	Sv. %
Kristie Bowers	12	1.96	.763
Kristy Doerner	2	1.52	.769