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Golf

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Bearcats continue mastery of Cornell GC

Binghamton kept its string of victories at the Cornell Invitational in tact with a come-from-behind win on Sunday. Thanks to a stellar final round, BU (309-293=602) overcame runner-up Loyola (603) and topped the field of 17 teams at the 6,901-yard Robert Trent Jones course. The tournament title was BU's third straight at Cornell — and second of the 2003 fall season. The Bearcats won a nation-best seven tournaments last season.

"The team's been a little tight recently," admitted head coach Nick Lasky. "Sometimes the expectations that we all place on them — including the players themselves — are difficult to live up to. But everyone loosened up a bit, especially after shooting so well on Sunday."

Hendrickson posts another top-10 finish

Senior **Keith Hendrickson (Syoset, N.Y.)** placed sixth in the field at Cornell, and remains the team's steadiest player this fall. He shot 75-74=149 and now has put seven of eight rounds at 75 or better. His stroke average of 73.4 is more than two shots lower than his 2002-03 figure.

"Keith has been the backbone of the team," Lasky said. "Tee to green he has been phenomenal. Once his putts start to drop, he can go even lower."

Freshman Wolniewicz continues exceptional play

Freshman **Jeff Wolniewicz (West Seneca, N.Y./West Seneca West)** was the team's low man for the second time in three weeks, tying for third place among 90 individuals after carding back-to-back 2-over 74s. Six of his eight collegiate rounds have been at 75 or lower, and his 2-under 70 at Colgate on September 6 remains the team's best score of the fall.

"Jeff just continues to put up low numbers," Lasky said. "He didn't let the weather conditions bother him at Cornell. It's just unbelievable how steady he is."

Kunz and Crawford rebound to post low scores on Sunday

After struggling in Saturday's opening round, senior **Joe Kunz (Webster, N.Y.)** and sophomore **Kevin Crawford (Lockport, N.Y.)** rebounded with outstanding rounds on Sunday. Kunz fired an even-par 72, shaving nine strokes off his Saturday scorecard. His five-birdie round featured three consecutive birdies on holes 8, 9 and 10, and a back-nine 34. Crawford shook off a dismal 87 on Saturday to post a pivotal 73 on Sunday. It was on the same course where Crawford shot 73-73 to win the 2002 New York State high school championship in 2002.

"On Sunday Joe showed what he is capable of doing," Lasky said. "He provided the low score the team really needs from him on a weekly basis. And it was big for Kevin to shake off the 87 and play solid golf. He's back to the form she displayed last spring when he sparked the team."

Up Next: Army Invitational

Binghamton faces another important test against District 1 rivals at the Army Invitational this weekend. After mediocre performances at the first two regional events (4th, 6th), BU needs to assert itself against the host Black Knights and Central Connecticut State, among others to maintain its position as an NCAA-caliber team.

2003 Fall Schedule/Results

SEPTEMBER

5 Fri.-	@ Colgate Invitational	1st of 21
6 Sat.		
13 Sat.-	@ Central Conn, Invitational	T-4th of 12
14 Sun.		
20 Sat.-	@ Dartmouth Tournament	6th of 19
21 Sun.		
27 Sat.-	@ Cornell Invitational	1st of 17
28 Sun.		

OCTOBER

4 Sat.-	@ Army Invitational	10 a.m.
5 Sun.		
11 Sat.-	@ Yale MacDonald Cup	10 a.m.
12 Sun.		
18 Sat.-	NBT BANK CLASSIC	10 a.m.
19 Sun.	at En-Joie GC	
25 Sat.-	@ The Tillinghast (St. John's)	10 a.m.
26 Sun.		

Stroke Averages

Name	Tot	Low	Avg.
Keith Hendrickson	587	even	73.4
Jeff Wolniewicz	597	-2	74.6
Joe Kunz	454	even	75.6
Kevin Crawford	462	+1	77.0
Brad Moulton	466	-1	77.6
Eric Vinal	467	even	77.8