

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Men's Soccer

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### Bearcats return to campus this week for preseason

The Binghamton men's soccer team, which captured both the America East Conference regular and tournament championships in 2006, reports back to campus on Aug. 15 to begin its three weeks of preseason training. The Bearcats return seven starters and 15 letterwinners from last season's squad that finished 9-7-5 (6-1-1 AE).

Binghamton has advanced to the America East championship four consecutive years, a feat achieved by just one other program in conference history. The Bearcats won the 2003 title and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. In 2004 and 2005, the Bearcats were nationally-ranked during the season in both the adidas/NSCAA and *College Soccer News* national polls.

This season, Binghamton moves into the Bearcats Sports Complex and will play all of its regular-season home games at the 2,500-seat, synthetic turf facility.

### Top returning players to watch

Senior back **Adam Chavez** (Endicott, N.Y.), junior back **Barry Neville** (Mearns Castle, Scotland) and sophomore goalkeeper **Jason Stenta** (Binghamton, N.Y.) form the nucleus of a solid defensive unit which allowed just 0.90 goals per game last season and shutout eight opponents.

Chavez was named first-team all-conference last season as well as second-team All-New York Region. Neville, the team captain was named the 2006 America East Tournament MVP while Stenta was named second-team all-conference and was selected to the America East All-Tournament team.

Junior backs **Liam Carson** (Broxburn, Scotland) and **Mark Wood** (Lincolnshire, England) were also full-time starters in the backfield last season.

On offense, senior **Matt Narode** (Glenmont, N.Y.) and junior **Cody Germain** (Glenmont, N.Y.) are the top returnees. Narode, who led the Bearcats in scoring in 2005, was named second-team all-conference last year. This summer, he competed for the Albany Admirals PDL squad and was named to the All-Eastern Conference Team. Germain bounced back from an early season injury in 2006 and was named to the America East All-Tournament Team. Sophomore midfielder **Kyle Kucharski** (Maine, N.Y.) was also a starter at the end of the 2006 campaign.

### Bearcats face Syracuse and Siena during preseason

Following two days of training, the Bearcats square off against Syracuse on Saturday, Aug. 18 at the David L. Emerson Soccer Farm in Oxford, N.Y. Kickoff is slated for 5 p.m. The Orangemen finished 7-8-1 in 2006 but defeated Binghamton 1-0 on Sept. 20 at home.

Six days later, the Bearcats head to Loundonville, N.Y. to face Siena at 4:30 p.m. In the most recent meeting between the two squads, the Bearcats took a 3-1 decision on Oct. 11, 2005 at West Gym Field. The Saints were 3-13-2 last season.

### 2007 Schedule/Results (0-0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat. Aug. 18	vs. Syracuse (Exhibition)	5 p.m.
Fri. Aug. 24	@ Siena (Exhibition)	4:30 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 1	@ Radford +	3:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 2	vs. Winthrop +	noon
Fri. Sept. 7	vs. Robert Morris ^	5 p.m.
Sun. Sept. 9	@ Pittsburgh ^	2:30 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 11	@ Bucknell	4 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 14	@ Richmond #	8 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 15	vs. Duquesne #	5:30 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 22	@ Hartwick	7 p.m.
<b>Sat. Sept. 29</b>	<b>CORNELL</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat. Oct. 6</b>	<b>*BOSTON</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed. Oct. 10</b>	<b>* UMBC</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sat. Oct. 13	*@ Hartford	7 p.m.
<b>Tues. Oct. 16</b>	<b>COLGATE</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat. Oct. 20</b>	<b>*MAINE</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Wed. Oct. 24	*@ New Hampshire	7 p.m.
<b>Sat. Oct. 27</b>	<b>*ALBANY</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Wed. Oct. 31	*@ Vermont	2 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 3	* @ Stony Brook	7 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 10	America East 1st Round	TBA
Wed. Nov. 14	America East Semis	TBA
Sat. Nov. 17	America East Finals	TBA

\* America East Conference Game

+ @ Radford Highlander Classic

^ @ Pittsburgh Invitational Tournament

# @ Richmond Nike Challenge Cup

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** and played at the Bearcats Sports Complex

### 2006 Leading Scorers

Name	G	A	Pts.
Peter Sgueglia	4	4	12
Barry Neville	3	1	7
Bryan Arnault	2	3	7
Cody Germain	2	3	7
Matt Narode	2	2	6
Ibrahim Yusuf	2	0	4
Joey Neilson	2	0	4
Liam Carson	1	0	2
Jason Stenta	0	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>58</b>

### 2006 Goalkeeping Stats

Name	GP	GAA	Sv. %	SO
Jason Stenta	17	0.72	.814	8.0
Ryan Bertoni	4	1.66	.696	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>.787</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>.818</b>	<b>8.0</b>