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Men's Soccer

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Bearcats host Vermont in AE Championship Game

Having advanced to its fifth consecutive America East finals, defending champion Binghamton (14-5-0) hosts Vermont (8-9-2) in a rematch of the 2006 title game. The five straight finals appearances ties the conference record set by Boston from 1993-97. Binghamton is seeking its third America East title, having won the crown in 2003 and 2006. Vermont is seeking its fourth conference championship, but its first since 2000.

Scouting Binghamton

Binghamton defeated UMBC 1-0 in the semifinals on Wednesday on a goal by junior midfielder **Cody Germain** (Glenmont, N.Y.) in the 26th minute. Junior midfielder **Justin Leskow** (Endwell, N.Y.) had the assist and sophomore goalkeeper **Jason Stenta** (Binghamton, N.Y.) recorded three saves to notch his 12th shutout of the season.

Binghamton has been led offensively this season by sophomore forward **Cameron Keith** (Aberdeenshire, Scotland), the America East Conference Striker of the Year. He led the conference with 10 goals and 22 points during the regular season. In conference play, Keith scored nine goals. He ended the regular season with three multiple-goal games, including a pair of hat tricks. Defensively, senior back **Adam Chavez** (Endicott, N.Y.) is a two-time, first-team all-conference selection and is the current America East Defender of the Year.

Junior midfielder **Barry Neville** (Mearns Castle, Scotland), who had two goals and five assists this season, joined Keith and Chavez as a first-team all-conference selection. Senior midfielder **Matt Narode** (Glenmont, N.Y.), who scored three times this season, was named second-team all-conference for the second year in a row.

Scouting Vermont

The Catamounts enter the finals on a six-game unbeaten streak, including a 2-0 win over New Hampshire in the semifinals on Wednesday. Junior forward Lee Stephane Kouadio, who leads Vermont with four goals and 10 points, had a goal and an assist in the win over the Wildcats. In their past six games, the Catamounts have gone 4-0-2 and have not surrendered a goal.

Vermont has a pair of first-team all-conference selections in junior back Connor Tobin and senior back Loren Hill. Junior goalkeeper Roger Scully, sophomore midfielder T.J. Gore and senior back Panos Georgiadis were named to the second team.

The series against Vermont

Binghamton is 3-2-2 all time against Vermont, but lost a 2-0 decision in Burlington on Oct. 31. In last season's title game, however, Neville converted a penalty kick with 58 seconds left in the first sudden-death overtime to give the Bearcats their second America East crown in four years. Binghamton is 1-1-2 all time against Vermont at home but Saturday's meeting will be the first at the Bearcats Sports Complex.

2007 Schedule/Results (14-5-0, 5-3-0 AE)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sat. Sept. 1	@ Radford +	W 1-0
Sun., Sept. 2	vs. Winthrop +	W 1-0
Fri. Sept. 7	vs. Robert Morris ^	W 1-0
Sun. Sept. 9	@ Pittsburgh ^	W 1-0
Tues. Sept. 11	@ Bucknell	W 1-0
Fri. Sept. 14	@ Richmond #	L 0-1 ot
Sat. Sept. 15	vs. Duquesne #	L 1-3
Sat. Sept. 22	@ Hartwick	W 2-1
Sat. Sept. 29	CORNELL	W 3-0
Sat. Oct. 6	*BOSTON	W 2-1 ot
Wed. Oct. 10	* UMBC	W 1-0 ot
Sat. Oct. 13	*@ Hartford	L 1-2 ot
Tues. Oct. 16	COLGATE	W 2-0
Sat. Oct. 20	*MAINE	W 5-0
Wed. Oct. 24	*@ New Hampshire	L 0-1
Sat. Oct. 27	*ALBANY	W 3-0
Wed. Oct. 31	*@ Vermont	L 0-2
Sat. Nov. 3	* @ Stony Brook	W 1-0
Wed. Nov. 14	UMBC	W 1-0
Sat. Nov. 17	VERMONT	7 p.m.

* 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

2007 Leading Scorers

Name	G	A	Pts.
Cameron Keith	10	2	22
Justin Leskow	3	5	11
Barry Neville	2	5	9
Matt Narode	3	2	8
Adam Chavez	1	3	5
Scott Zobre	2	0	4
Darren McAllister	1	2	4
Cody Germain	1	2	4
Yusuf Yusuf	1	1	3
Liam Carson	1	1	3
Ryan Tomko	1	0	2
Josh Sailer	1	0	2
TOTALS	27	26	80
OPPONENTS	11	13	35

2007 Goalkeeping Stats

Name	GP	GAA	Sv. %	SO
Jason Stenta	19	0.57	.845	12.0
TOTALS	19	0.57	.830	11.0
OPPONENTS	19	1.39	.750	3.0

BINGHAMTON'S AMERICA EAST TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2003--No. 2 seed

First Round: Bye

Semifinals: BINGHAMTON 1, Hartford 0

Finals: BINGHAMTON 1, Northeastern 1

Binghamton wins shootout 3-2

Tournament MOP: Stefan Gonet

2004--No. 3 seed

First Round: BINGHAMTON 0 New Hampshire 0

Binghamton wins shootout 3-2

Semifinals: Binghamton 3, ALBANY 1

Finals: BOSTON 2, Binghamton 2

Boston wins shootout 5-3

2005--No. 3 seed

First Round: BINGHAMTON 1, Boston 1

Binghamton wins shootout 5-4

Semifinals: Binghamton 4, UMBC 1

Finals: STONY BROOK 1, Binghamton 1

Stony Brook wins shootout 4-2

2006--No. 1 seed

First Round: Bye

Semifinals: BINGHAMTON 1, Boston 1

Binghamton wins shootout 6-5

Finals: BINGHAMTON 1, Vermont 0

Tournament MOP: Barry Neville

2007--No. 1 seed

First Round: Bye

Semifinals: BINGHAMTON 1, UMBC 0

Home team in CAPS

Overall Record: 5-0-6

Home Record: 3-0-4

Road Record: 2-0-2

Overall Record in Shootouts: 4-2

Home Record in Shootouts: 4-0

Road Record in Shootouts: 0-2

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Binghamton has had the America East Striker of the Year in two of the past four seasons.

Cameron Keith earned the honor this year and Charles Darkwah earned the award in 2004.

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Three current Binghamton players were named to the 2006 America East All-Tournament Team. Junior midfielder **Cody Germain** and sophomore **Jason Stenta** earned all-tournament honors while junior midfielder **Barry Neville** was named the MOP.

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Should Binghamton win the conference title, it would be just the third America East squad to win at least three championships. Boston has won a conference-best six titles while Vermont and Hartford have captured the crown three times each.

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Binghamton has had the America East Defender of the Year in four of the past five seasons. **Adam Chavez** earned the honor this year and former All-American Graham Munro earned the award in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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Binghamton is seeking to become the first repeat champion in the America East Conference in 10 years. Boston won five consecutive titles from 1993-97.

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Binghamton is unbeaten in its last 21 home games, having gone 15-0-6 in the process. The last team to beat the Bearcats at home was UMBC on Oct. 5, 2005.