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Men's Soccer

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Bearcats kick off season at Radford Highlander Classic

After two weeks of preseason training, the Binghamton men's soccer team launches its 2007 season at the Radford Highlander Classic this weekend. The Bearcats face the host school at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday before squaring off against Winthrop on Sunday at noon.

Binghamton tied both of its preseason games. On Aug. 18, the Bearcats tied Syracuse 2-2. Six days later at Siena, the Bearcats and Saints played to a scoreless draw.

In the America East preseason poll, the Bearcats were picked to finish first. The Bearcats were ranked just a single point ahead of Boston and two points ahead of Vermont.

Scouting Binghamton

Binghamton went 9-7-5 in 2006 and captured both the America East Conference regular season and tournament titles. The Bearcats advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in four seasons before losing 2-1 at then No. 17 Harvard in the first round.

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.

Scouting Radford and Winthrop

Radford finished 8-6-4 in 2006 and placed third in the Big South Conference. The Highlanders advanced to the Big South Tournament semifinals before losing to High Point. Winthrop, meanwhile, is the defending Big South regular season and tournament championships. The Eagles, who went 15-3-4 last year, are ranked No. 30 according to the *College Soccer News* preseason poll.

2007 Schedule/Results (0-0-0)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sat. Aug. 18	vs. Syracuse (Exhib.)	T 2-2
Fri. Aug. 24	@ Siena (Exhib.)	T 0-0
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.
Sat. Sept. 29	CORNELL	7 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 6	*BOSTON	7 p.m.
Wed. Oct. 10	* UMBC	7 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 13	*@ Hartford	6 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 16	COLGATE	7 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 20	*MAINE	7 p.m.
Wed. Oct. 24	*@ New Hampshire	7 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 27	*ALBANY	7 p.m.
Wed. Oct. 31	*@ Vermont	2 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 3	* @ Stony Brook	1 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
TOTALS	20	14	54
OPPONENTS	20	18	58

2006 Goalkeeping Stats

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