



Men's Soccer Game Notes

NO. 4 BINGHAMTON BEARCATS (9-8-1) VS. NO. 5 UMBC RETRIEVERS (12-5-0)

America East Quarterfinal Round

November 7, 2009 • Bearcats Sports Complex • 7 p.m. EST •



STORY LINES

• Binghamton (9-8-1) is in the America East Tournament for the seventh consecutive season. The Bearcats have advanced to an AE conference-record six straight championship games and have won the title in 2003 and 2006.

• The Bearcats have met UMBC twice before in the America East Tournament. Binghamton won 4-1 in the 2005 semifinals on the road and took a 1-0 decision in the semifinals two years ago at the Bearcats Sports Complex.

• Binghamton is 1-0-2 all time in America East quarterfinal games. Last season, the Bearcats beat New Hampshire 3-1 on a goal and two assists by Cameron Keith. In 2004, Binghamton and New Hampshire played to a scoreless draw before the Bearcats won the decisive shootout 3-2. One year later, the Bearcats and Boston tied 1-1 before Binghamton won the shootout 5-4. All three games were played at Binghamton.

• The Bearcats are 2-1-0 all time in America East Tournament games played at the Bearcats Sports Complex. Their lone setback was a 1-0 loss to Vermont in the America East title game.

• In America East Tournament games played at home, the Bearcats are 4-1-4 all time. At the old West Gym Field, Binghamton was 2-0-4 and won all four penalty kick shootouts. The 2003 and 2006 America East finals were held at the West Gym Field.

TALE OF THE TAPE

	BINGHAMTON	UMBC
Record	9-8-1	12-5-0
Conference Record	4-3-0	3-4-0
Home Record	6-0-1	8-2-0
Road Record	2-6-0	2-3-0
Neutral Record	1-2-0	0-0-0
Goals Per Game	1.50	2.29
Goals Against Average	1.04	1.20
Shutouts	5	6
Top Scorer	Jake Keegan (6 g., 15 pts)	Andrew Bulls (15 g., 40 pts.)
Top Goalkeeper	Jason Stenta (1.04 GAA)	Phil Saunders (1.20 GAA)
Head Coach	Paul Marco	Pete Caringi
Alma Mater (Year)	West Virginia (1991)	UMBC (1978)
Year at School	8th	19th
Record at School	85-52-30	198-126-37
Overall Record	132-89-34 (13 years)	368-153-45

AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, November 7 — Quarterfinals

Game 1: No. 6 Boston University at No. 3 Hartford, 7 p.m.

Game 2: No. 5 UMBC at No. 4 Binghamton, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11 — Semifinals

Game 3: Game 2 Winner at No. 1 New Hampshire, 12 p.m.

Game 4: Game 1 Winner at No. 2 Stony Brook, 7 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday, November 14/15 — Final

Game 5: Game 3 Winner vs. Game 4 Winner, TBA

2009 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

SEPTEMBER

1 Tue.	SYRACUSE	W 3-2
5 Sat.	COLGATE	W 1-0 ot
11 Fri.	+ Villanova	L 1-2
13 Sun.	+ @ Lafayette	L 0-1
18 Fri.	^ Gonzaga	L 1-2 ot
20 Sun.	^ UC-Davis	W 1-0
23 Wed.	@ Cornell	W 2-0
27 Sun.	NIAGARA	W 4-0
30 Wed.	@ Bucknell	L 0-1

OCTOBER

3 Sat.	RHODE ISLAND (TWC)	T 1-1
7 Wed.	* ALBANY	W 2-1 ot
10 Sat.	* @ Stony Brook	L 0-1
16 Fri.	* BOSTON UNIV. (FSC)	W 2-1
21 Wed.	* @ Hartford	L 1-2
24 Sat.	* @ Vermont	W 2-1
28 Wed.	* @ New Hampshire	L 1-2
31 Sat.	* UMBC	W 4-0

NOVEMBER

3 Tue.	@ Hartwick	L 1-2
7 Sat.	UMBC (AEQ)	7 p.m.
11 Wed.	America East Semifinals	TBA
14 Sat.	America East Final	TBA

* America East Conference game
+ Lafayette Tournament
^ New Mexico Tournament

2009 LEADING SCORERS

Name	G	A	TP	GW
Jake Keegan	6	3	15	0
Kyle Kucharski	2	6	10	1
Scott Zobre	2	4	8	2
Kyle Manscuk	3	0	6	1
Matt Kristek	3	0	6	1
Tyler Bailey	2	1	5	0
Andy Tiedt	2	0	4	1
Greg Mathers	2	0	4	1
Ryan Walter	1	2	4	1
Yusuf Yusuf	1	1	3	0
Adam Whitehead	1	1	3	1
Josh Sailer	1	0	2	0
Liam Carson	1	0	2	0
Santigui Tounkara	0	2	2	0
Matthew Robertson	0	1	1	0

2009 GOALKEEPING

Name	GP-S	GAA	Sv. %	SO
Jason Stenta	18-18	1.04	.817	5.0

2009 SQUAD BREAKDOWN

By Class

Seniors (4): Carson, Kucharski, Stenta, Terry

Juniors (5): Grad, Manscuk, Sailer, Yusuf, Zobre

Sophomores (6): Collins, Ryan, Tiedt, Tounkara, Walter, Wyllie

R-Freshmen (2): Hughes, Kristek

Freshmen (12): Bailey, Bunce, Hayen, Hobbs, Keegan, Klim, Mathers, Robertson, Roney, Scirto, Weinzimer, Whitehead

By Position

Goalkeepers (3): Grad, Hayen, Stenta

Backs (9): Bunce, Carson, Hughes, Kucharski, Manscuk, Robertson, Sailer, Weinzimer, Yusuf

Midfield (11): Bailey, Collins, Hobbs, Klim, Mathers, Roney, Ryan, Scirto, Terry, Walter, Wyllie

Forwards (6): Keegan, Kristek, Tiedt, Tounkara, Whitehead, Zobre

By State or Country

England (3): Hobbs, Mathers, Whitehead

Maryland (1): Ryan

New York (20): Bailey, Bunce, Collins, Grad, Hayen, Hughes, Keegan, Klim, Kristek, Kucharski, Manscuk, Roney, Sailer, Scirto, Stenta, Tiedt, Walter, Weinzimer, Yusuf, Zobre

Pennsylvania (2): Terry, Wyllie

Quebec (1): Tounkara

Scotland (2): Carson, Robertson

Pronunciation Guide

Kristek: CHRIS-stick

Kucharski: Kuh-CHAR-ski

Manscuk: MANS-sick

Sailer: SAY-lahr

Santigui Tounkara: San-TEE-gee Tune-CAIR-uh

Tiedt: TEET

Wyllie: WHY-lee

Yusuf: YOU-suf

2009 BINGHAMTON MEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/ Last School
1	Jason Stenta	Sr.	G	6-3	190	Binghamton, N.Y./ Chenango Valley
2	Kyle Manscuk	Jr.	B	6-3	180	Rochester, N.Y./Aquinas Institute
3	Greg Mathers	Fr.	M	5-10	164	Macclesfield, England/Tytherington
4	Ryan Walter	So.	M	5-10	155	Snyder, N.Y./Nichols
5	Liam Carson	Sr.	B	6-0	190	Broxburn, Scotland/Montagu Secondary
6	Matthew Robertson	Fr.	B	6-0	182	Abereznshire, Scotland/Banchory Academy
7	Chris Hobbs	Fr.	M	6-1	161	Cleveland, England/Conyers School
8	Jake Keegan	Fr.	F	5-9	150	Stormville, N.Y./John Jay
9	Andy Tiedt	So.	F	6-2	185	Akron, N.Y./Akron
10	Adam Whitehead	Fr.	F	6-1	154	Lancashire, N.Y./Our Lady's
11	Scott Zobre	Jr.	F	5-10	150	Poughkeepsie, N.Y./Poughkeepsie
12	Josh Sailer	Jr.	B	6-0	173	Endwell, N.Y./Maine Endwell
13	Kyle Kucharski	Sr.	B	5-9	155	Maine, N.Y./ Maine-Endwell
14	Cameron Wyllie	So.	M	5-10	155	Pine Grove, Pa./Pine Grove Area
15	Chris Terry	Sr.	M	5-9	160	Beech Creek, Pa./ Central Mountain
16	Matt Ryan	So.	M	5-9	165	Gaithersburg, Md./Gonzaga
17	C.J. Scirto	Fr.	M	5-7	140	Lockport, N.Y./St. Joseph's
18	Yusuf Yusuf	Jr.	B	5-10	175	Chestnut Ridge, N.Y./Ramapo
19	Tyler Bailey	Fr.	M	5-10	160	Spencer, N.Y./Spencer Van Etten
20	Joel Collins	So.	M	5-9	150	Johnson City, N.Y./Johnson City
21	Austin Hughes	R-Fr.	B	6-2	165	Delmar, N.Y./Bethlehem Central
22	Tommy Klim	Fr.	M	5-11	160	Delmar, N.Y./Bethlehem
23	Chris Hayen	Fr.	G	6-6	203	Oneonta, N.Y./Oneonta
24	David Grad	Jr.	G	6-0	165	Brooklyn, N.Y./ The Beacon School
25	Kevin Bunce	Fr.	B	5-11	155	Hopewell Junction, N.Y./John Jay
26	Adam Weinzimer	Fr.	B	6-2	178	Dix Hills, N.Y./St. Anthony's
27	Matt Kristek	R-Fr.	F	5-9	165	Vestal, N.Y./Vestal
28	Kyle Roney	Fr.	M	6-1	160	Middleburg, N.Y./Middleburg
29	Santigui Tounkara	So.	F	5-11	165	Sherbrooke, Quebec/San Diego State Univ.

Head Coach: Paul Marco (West Virginia '91), eighth season

Assistant Coaches: John Scott (Abertay '00), Beau Brinsko (Herkimer '03)

2009 QUICK FACTS

Name: Binghamton University

Location: Vestal, N.Y.

Founded: 1946

Enrollment: 14,373 (11,523 undergraduates)

Nickname: Bearcats

Colors: Dark Green, Black and White

Affiliation: NCAA Division I

Conference: America East

Home Field (Capacity): Bearcats Sports Complex (2,534)

Surface: Synthetic Turf

President: Lois B. DeFleur

Athletic Director: Dr. Joel Thirer

Senior Associate AD: Jim Norris

Senior Associate AD: Jason Siegel

All-Time Men's Soccer Record: 418-273-81

Division I Record (since 2001): 78-61-28

Division II Record (1998-00): 25-26-3

Division III Record (1960-97): 315-186-50

All-Time America East Record: 30-18-10

Head Coach: Paul Marco (West Virginia '91)

Assistant Coach: John Scott (Abertay '00)

Assistant Coach: Beau Brinsko (Herkimer '03)

Binghamton's 2008 Overall Record: 12-6-3

Binghamton's 2008 AE Conf. Record/Place:
5-3-0/3rd

2008 Post Season: AE Finals

Letterwinners R/L: 13/9

Starters R/L: 7/4

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PAUL MARCO

HEAD COACH • EIGHTH SEASON • WEST VIRGINIA (1991) • 2007 AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR



Paul Marco is in his eighth season as the head soccer coach at Binghamton University. Under his guidance, the Bearcats have been transformed from a team that won just two

games the year before his arrival into a rising power on the national scene. Marco has led Binghamton to two America East Conference titles (2003 and 2006), two America East regular season titles (2006 and 2007) and a conference-record six consecutive appearances in the America East championship game (2003-present).

As the Bearcats have made their place among the elite squads in the conference, they have also gained attention in the national polls. In four of the past six seasons, Binghamton has either received votes or been ranked in both the NSCAA/adidas and College Soccer News weekly polls.

Under Marco's guidance, the Bearcats have excelled just as much in the classroom as they have on the playing field. The 2007 team posted the highest combined GPA in the nation (3.37) out of over 200 programs. The

Binghamton 2005 squad had the third-highest combined GPA among all NCAA Division I men's soccer programs (3.30) and the 2006 team was ranked fourth (3.26). Individually, Binghamton has had one COSIDA Academic All-American and eight NSCAA Scholar All-Americans since Marco became the head coach.

Recruiting top-notch players has been a major key to Marco's quick success at Binghamton. Including this season's recruiting class, he had landed four NSCAA High School All-Americans, four Junior College All-Americans and several international players who have been instrumental the past five seasons.

Prior to his arrival at Binghamton, Marco was the head coach at West Virginia from 1996-2001. During his tenure, he guided the Mountaineers to a record of 47-62-4. His best season was in 1999, when West Virginia went 13-5-1 and received the third seed in the Big East Championship tournament. That year, Marco was named the Big East Coach of the Year. In addition, Marco's 1998 team also advanced to the conference tournament, posting an 11-8-1 mark.

Before taking over the head coaching reigns in 1997, Marco served as the Mountaineers' assistant coach from 1992-95, helping lead the program to an Atlantic 10

conference championship and NCAA tournament berth in 1992.

A former Division I player for West Virginia, Marco led the program to one of its finest seasons in school history in 1990. His 12 points steered the team to a 12-5-1 record -the best mark in 23 years.

In 1991, Marco graduated cum laude from West Virginia with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He is teacher certified in grades K-12. Marco also received his master's degree from the University in 1994 in physical education/athletic coaching.

Besides holding a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Advanced National Diploma, a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) "B" License, Marco has been a member of the NSCAA national staff for 13 years. Four years ago, he was promoted to the NSCAA Senior Staff. In that capacity, Marco has taught various levels of the NSCAA academy curriculum courses, and has published numerous articles. He also served as vice president of the Big East Soccer Coaches for three years.

Marco and his wife, Sheryl, have two children. They reside in Endicott.

THE BEARCATS UNDER PAUL MARCO

- 2003 and 2006 America East Champions
- 2006 and 2007 America East Regular Season Champions
- 2004, 2005, 2007 & 2008 America East Runner Up
- 2003 NCAA Tournament Second Round
- 2006 NCAA Tournament First Round
- One Division I All-American
- 11 Division I Regional All-Americans
- Two America East Striker of the Year Selections
- Four America East Defender of the Year Selections
- One America East Goalkeeper of the Year Selection
- One COSIDA Academic All-American
- Eight NSCAA Scholar All-Americans

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD AT BINGHAMTON

Year	Overall	Conf.	Place	Postseason
2002	6-11-1	2-6-0	17th	None
2003	12-3-7	4-1-4	2nd	America East Champions, NCAA 2nd Round
2004	11-2-8	4-2-3	3rd	America East Finals
2005	12-4-5	4-2-2	3rd	America East Finals
2006	9-7-5	6-1-1	1st	America East Champions, NCAA 1st Round
2007	14-6-0	5-3-0	1st	America East Finals
2008	12-6-3	5-3-0	3rd	America East Finals
2009	9-8-1	4-3-0	4th	-
Totals	85-52-30	33-21-10		

HIGHEST NATIONAL RANKINGS BY SEASON

Year	NSCAA/adidas	College Soccer News
2003	No. 26 (Final)	-
2004	No. 19 (Sept. 19)	No. 19 (Sept. 19)
2005	No. 19 (Sept. 25)	No. 25 (Sept. 25)
2007	RV (two weeks)	RV (four weeks)

CAREER-HIGHS

Kyle Kucharski

Assists: 3, vs. Syracuse (9-1-09)

Andy Tiedt

Points: 3 (1 goal, 1 assist), vs. Bucknell (9-19-08)

Jake Keegan

Points: 3 (1 goal, 1 assist), vs. Boston (9-19-08)

Tyler Bailey

Points: 3 (1 goal, 1 assist), vs. UMBC (10-31-09)

Scott Zobre

Assists: 2, vs. Vermont (10-24-09)

Points: 3 (1 goal, 1 assist), vs. Niagara (9-27-09)

Jason Stenta

Saves: 10, three times, most recently vs. Gonzaga (9-18-09)

CAREER STATISTICS

Name	G	A	TP	GW
Scott Zobre	6	4	16	4
Jake Keegan	6	3	15	0
Kyle Kucharski	2	10	14	0
Andy Tiedt	4	3	11	2
Liam Carson	5	1	11	3
Kyle Manscuk	3	0	6	1
Matt Kristek	3	0	6	1
Ryan Walter	1	3	5	1
Yusuf Yusuf	2	1	5	0
Tyler Bailey	2	1	5	0
Greg Mathers	2	0	4	1
Josh Sailer	2	0	4	1
Adam Whitehead	1	0	2	1
Santigui Tounkara	0	2	2	0
Matt Robertson	0	1	1	0

CAREER HONORS

Liam Carson

- 2009 1st-Team America East All-Conference

Kyle Kucharski

- 2009 2nd-Team America East All-Conference

Kyle Manscuk

- 2008 2nd-Team America East All-Conference
- 2007 America East All-Rookie Team
- 2008 America East Fall Academic Squad

Jason Stenta

- 2006 & 2009 2nd-Team America East All-Conference
- 2006 America East All-Rookie Team
- 2006 & 2007 America East All-Tournament Team
- America East Player of the Week three times (Sept. 4, 2007, Sept. 17, 2006 & Oct. 23, 2006)
- ECAC Co-Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 24, 2006)
- 2007 Radford Highlander Classic Defensive MVP
- 2009 New Mexico Invitational All-Tournament Team

Andy Tiedt

- 2008 America East All-Rookie Team
- America East Rookie of the Week (Sept. 15, 2008)

Ryan Walter

- 2009 2nd-Team America East All-Conference
- 2008 America East All-Rookie Team
- 2009 Lafayette Soccer Classic All-Tournament Team

Scott Zobre

- 2009 2nd-Team America East All-Conference
- America East Rookie of the Week (Sept. 24, 2007)
- 2009 New Mexico Invitational All-Tournament Team

Jake Keegan

- 2009 2nd-Team America East All-Conference
- 2009 America East All-Rookie Team
- 2009 Lafayette Soccer Classic All-Tournament Team
- America East Rookie of the Week (Oct. 19, 2009)

Matt Kristek

- America East Rookie of the Week (Oct. 19, 2009)

BEARCATS BY THE NUMBERS

1

Binghamton posted the highest overall team GPA in the nation during the 2007-08 academic year (3.37).

3

Senior back **Kyle Kucharski's** three assists against Bucknell on Sept. 1 is the highest total in program history since Binghamton moved up to the NCAA Division I level in 2001.

4

Binghamton has scored four goals in a game twice this season. The Bearcats beat Niagara 4-0 on Sept. 27 and downed UMBC 4-0 on Oct. 31.

6

Binghamton has advanced to a conference-record six consecutive America East championship games. The Bearcats won the crown in 2003 and 2006.

7

Binghamton has clinched a spot in the America East Tournament for the seventh year in a row.

9

Freshman forward **Jake Keegan** has nine points (four goals and an assist) in the past six games.

9-25-05

Binghamton was last nationally ranked on Sept. 25, 2005. The Bearcats were No. 19 in that week's NSCAA/adidas poll and No. 25 in the College Soccer News poll.

11.7

Binghamton has averaged 11.7 wins in each of the previous six seasons.

19-1-2

Since moving into the Bearcats Sports Complex two seasons ago, Binghamton has a home record of 19-1-2 overall. This includes a 17-0-2 mark during the regular season.

20

Binghamton ranked No. 20 in the nation in home attendance during the 2008 season with an average of 1,115 fans per game.

28

Binghamton has gone unbeaten in its last 29 regular season home games, with a record of 24-0-6 during that span. The Bearcats' last home setback during the regular season was a 1-0 double-overtime decision against UMBC on Oct. 5, 2005.

35

Senior goalkeeper **Jason Stenta** has posted a program-record 36 career shutouts.

308

Senior goalkeeper **Jason Stenta** has made a program-record 308 career saves.

1,187

Since moving into the Bearcats Sports Complex at the start of the 2007 season, Binghamton has averaged a conference-best 1,187 fans per game.

1,161

Binghamton leads the America East Conference in home attendance with 1,161 fans per game.

BINGHAMTON'S GAME RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL

Goals (Division I): 3, Cameron Keith vs. Cornell (9-29-07) and vs. Maine (10-20-07)

Goals (All-Time): 5, Feyyaz Baskent vs. Utica (1971) and Charley Lineweaver vs. Utica (1973)

Assists (Division I): 3, Kyle Kucharski vs. Syracuse (9-1-09)

Assists (All-Time): 5, Marty Freidman vs. Utica (1971)

Points (Division I): 6, Cameron Keith vs. Cornell (9-29-07) and vs. Maine (10-20-07)

Points (All-Time): 10, Feyyaz Baskent vs. Utica (1971) and Charley Lineweaver vs. Utica (1973)

Saves (Division I): 10, four times, most recently by Jason Stenta vs. Gonzaga (9-18-09)

Saves (All-Time): 34, Andy Pierce (1965)

TEAM

Goals (Division I): 6, vs. Philadelphia (9-27-03)

Goals (All-Time): 11, vs. New Paltz (10-18-95)

Goals Allowed (Division I): 5, four times, most recently vs. Northeastern (11-3-02)

Goals Allowed (All-Time): 7, vs. Franklin Pierce (10-31-98)

MISCELLANEOUS GAME RECORDS

(DIVISION I ONLY)

Goals Scored at Home: 6, vs. Philadelphia (9-27-03)

Goals Scored on the Road: 5, at Niagara (9-18-04)

Goals Scored in a Conference Game: 5, vs. Maine (10-20-07)

Goals Scored in a AE Tournament Game: 4, vs. UMBC (11-9-05)

Goals Scored in a NCAA DI Tournament Game: 1, vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (11-15-03) and vs. Harvard (11-11-06)

Goals Allowed at Home: 3, vs. Lafayette (9-25-01)

Goals Allowed on the Road: 5, four times, most recently vs. Northeastern (11-3-02)

Goals Allowed in a Conference Game: 5, vs. Northeastern (11-3-02)

Goals Allowed in a AE Tournament Game: 2, vs. Boston (11-13-04)

Goals Allowed in a NCAA DI Tournament Game: 2, vs. Harvard (11-11-06)

Fastest Goal to Start a Game: 1:22, Graham Munro vs. Vermont (9-24-05)

Fastest Two-Goal Span: 36 seconds, vs. Maine (10-20-07)

Fastest Three-Goal Span: 1:37, vs. Maine (10-20-07)

Most Penalty Kicks: 2 (made both), vs. Stony Brook (10-23-02)

Defensively Speaking....

including this season, Binghamton has posted the lowest goals against average in the America East Conference four times in seven seasons. The Bearcats had been the best defensive team in the conference the previous two years and have not ranked lower than third since 2003.

Year	GAA	Rank
2003	0.38	1st
2004	0.88	2nd
2005	0.63	2nd
2006	0.90	3rd
2007	0.59	1st
2008	0.55	1st
2009	1.04	2nd

Top 10 List

Since 2003, Binghamton has ranked among the top 10 teams in the nation in terms of goals against average. This includes a microscopic 0.38 GAA which led the nation in 2003.

Year	GAA	Rank
2003	0.38	1st
2005	0.63	7th
2007	0.59	9th
2008	0.55	7th

Major Award Winners

Since joining the America East in 2002, Binghamton has earned eight major awards from the conference at the conclusion of the regular season. The Bearcats have had the Defender of the Year four times, best striker twice, top goalkeeper once and top coaching staff once.

Year	Player (Award)
2003	Graham Munro (Defender)
2003	Stefan Gonet (Goalkeeper)
2004	Charles Darkwah (Striker)
2004	Graham Munro (Defender)
2005	Graham Munro (Defender)
2007	Coaching Staff of the Year
2007	Cameron Keith (Striker)
2007	Adam Chavez (Defender)

First in the Nation

In its Division I era, Binghamton has been a statistical champion three times. Last season, the Bearcats posted the highest save percentage in the nation (.893). In 2003, Binghamton had the lowest goals against average (0.38) and highest shutouts per game average (0.70).

Statistical Marks

Since 2006, senior goalkeeper **Jason Stenta** has been ranked nationally in defensive statistical categories four times. Last season, he was ranked third overall with an .893 save percentage.

Year	Category (Rank)	Stats.
2006	GAA (18th)	0.72
2007	GAA (12th)	0.59
2008	GAA (10th)	0.55
2008	Save Pct. (3rd)	.893

Six Binghamton players named all-conference in 2009

The America East has announced its 2009 men's soccer all-conference teams, which includes six players from Binghamton. Senior back **Liam Carson** was named to the first team while senior goalkeeper **Jason Stenta**, senior back **Kyle Kucharski**, junior forward **Scott Zobre**, sophomore midfielder **Ryan Walter** and freshman forward **Jake Keegan** were named to the second team. In addition, Keegan was named to the All-Rookie Team.

Carson missed last season with an injury but has returned this season as the team captain and has anchored the Bearcat backline. He has paced a defense that ranks second in the conference with 0.98 GAA and has recorded five shutouts. This marks Carson's first appearance on an all-conference team.

Kucharski also earns his first all-conference selection. He ranked fourth in the America East with 0.35 assists per game and scored a pair of goals. Against Syracuse on Sept. 1, he tallied a career-high three assists.

Stenta currently ranks second in the conference with an 0.98 GAA and an .823 goals against average. He was also named to the second team in 2006.

Zobre earns his first appearance on an all-conference squad. He ranked second on the squad this season with four assists and eight total points.

After earning All-Rookie honors last season, Walter moved up to the second team this season. Playing at the pivotal central midfield position, he scored the game-winning goal against Boston on Oct. 16.

Keegan, meanwhile, is the first Binghamton freshman to be named first- or second-team all-conference since Graham Munro earned first-team honors in 2002.

BEARCATS SPORTS COMPLEX

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

#	DATE	ATT.	OPPONENT
1.	10-3-09	2,604*	Rhode Island
2.	10-18-08	2,534 *	Vermont
3.	11-17-07	2,078	Vermont (AE Finals)
4.	9-1-09	2,063	Syracuse
5.	9-19-08	1,892	Bucknell
6.	9-29-07	1,862	Cornell
7.	10-6-07	1,782	Boston
8.	9-5-09	1,573	Colgate
9.	10-20-07	1,351	Maine
10.	11-14-07	1,084	UMBC (AE Semis)

* Sell out

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

YEAR	DATES	OVERALL	AVERAGE
2007	8	10,390	1,298 (No. 21)
2008	7	7,804	1,115 (No. 20)
2009	7	8,310	1,161
Overall	22	25,543	1,187

NOTE: National ranking in parenthesis

OVERALL RECORD: 19-1-2

REGULAR SEASON RECORD: 17-0-2

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED.....

A BINGHAMTON PLAYER.....

Scored at least two goals

Cameron Keith, 2, vs. New Hampshire (10-25-08)

Scored at least three goals

Cameron Keith, 3 vs. Maine (10-20-07)

Had at least two assists

Scott Zobre vs. Vermont (10-24-09)

Had at least three assists

Kyle Kucharski vs. Syracuse (9-1-09)

Made at least 10 saves

Jason Stenta vs. Gonzaga (9-18-09)

Made a penalty kick

Barry Neville vs. Albany (10-27-07)

Attempted a penalty kick

Barry Neville vs. Colgate (9-5-08)

Last time an opponent made a penalty kick

Corey Curnette of Bucknell (9-28-05)

Last time an opponent attempted a penalty kick

Ian Peach of Albany (10-7-09)

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Scored at least three goals

4, vs. UMBC (10-31-09)

Scored at least four goals

4, vs. UMBC (10-31-09)

Scored at least five goals

5, vs. Maine (10-20-07)

Scored at least six goals

6, vs. Philadelphia (9-27-03)

Scored at least three goals in a half

3, second half vs. Syracuse (9-1-09)

Scored at least four goals in a half

4, first half vs. Philadelphia (9-27-03)

Won an overtime game

2-1 vs. Albany (10-7-09)

Won a penalty kick shootout

6-5 vs. Boston in AE semis (11-1-06)

Lost an overtime game

2-1 vs. Gonzaga (9-18-09)

Lost a penalty kick shootout

4-2 vs. Stony Brook in AE finals (11-12-05)

Men's soccer posts highest GPA in the nation during 2007-08 academic year

The Binghamton men's soccer team posted the highest team GPA among over 200 NCAA Division I programs during the 2007-08 academic year. The results were posted by the NSCAA.

The Bearcats attained a cumulative GPA of 3.37 in 2007-08, their highest ever as a Division I program. Among Division I schools, the Bearcats finished ahead of second-place Dartmouth (3.34), which was the top Division I school last season.

The 2007-08 academic year marks the third consecutive time that the Bearcats have ranked among the top four Division I programs in the nation in terms of their overall GPA. During 2006-07, Binghamton was fourth with a 3.26 GPA and the preceding year, it was third with a 3.30 team GPA.

Bearcats rank No. 20 in the nation in home attendance during 2008 season

In 2008, the Binghamton men's soccer team was ranked among the NCAA Division I leaders in terms of average home attendance. During the season, the squad averaged 1,115 fans per game, which was No. 20 in the nation.

Binghamton had seven home games during the 2008 season, including an America East quarterfinal game against New Hampshire on Nov. 8. Against Vermont on Oct. 18, a sellout crowd of 2,534 fans watched the Bearcats beat defending America East champion Vermont 1-0. That game was also aired in the Binghamton area by Time Warner Sports.

In 2007, Binghamton ranked No. 21 in the nation with 1,299 fans per game. Included among the eight home dates, however, were both the America East semifinal and championship game which drew a combined total of over 3,000 fans.

21 Binghamton men's soccer players named to America East 2008 Fall Academic Honor Roll

Last season, 21 men's soccer players were named to the America East 2008 Fall Academic Honor Roll. Each student-athlete had to earn at least a 3.0 GPA during the 2008 fall semester to receive this recognition. In addition, 10 Binghamton players were named to the America East Commissioner's Honor Roll for maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA during the fall 2008 semester.

The following is the complete list of played who were honored by the America East Conference.

Brian Abernethy
Liam Carson
Joel Collins
David Grad
Austin Hughes
Cameron Keith *
Kyle Kucharski
Justin Leskow *
Darren McAllister *
Brendan McGovern *
Barry Neville *
Jason Stenta *
Christopher Terry *
Andrew Tiedt
Ryan Tomko *
Pablo Trillo *
Ryan Walter
Mark Wood
Cameron Wyllie
Yusuf Yusuf *
Scott Zobre

* denotes America East Commissioner's Honor Roll

The Automated ScoreBook
Binghamton Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 03, 2009)
All games

Overall: 9-8-1 Conf: 4-3-0 Home: 6-0-1 Away: 2-6-0 Neut: 1-2-0

##	Player	gp-gs	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	yc	rc	gwg	pk-att
8	Keegan, Jake	18-18	6	3	15	42	.143	0	0	0	0-0
13	Kucharski, Kyle	18-18	2	6	10	15	.133	1	0	1	0-0
11	Zobre, Scott	17-17	2	4	8	32	.062	0	0	2	0-0
27	Kristek, Matt	9-0	3	0	6	9	.333	1	0	1	0-0
2	Mancuk, Kyle	18-18	3	0	6	9	.333	1	0	1	0-0
19	Bailey, Tyler	17-9	2	1	5	9	.222	0	0	0	0-0
9	Tiedt, Andy	18-11	2	0	4	27	.074	0	0	1	0-0
3	Mathers, Greg	11-5	2	0	4	14	.143	0	0	1	0-0
4	Walter, Ryan	13-13	1	2	4	18	.056	5	0	1	0-0
10	Whitehead, Adam	14-4	1	1	3	15	.067	0	0	1	0-0
18	Yusuf, Yusuf	12-1	1	1	3	8	.125	0	0	0	0-0
12	Sailar, Josh	13-3	1	0	2	6	.167	0	0	0	0-0
5	Carson, Liam	18-18	1	0	2	4	.250	1	0	0	0-0
29	Santigi Tounkara	5-0	0	2	2	3	.000	0	0	0	0-0
6	Robertson, Matt	11-11	0	1	1	1	.000	1	0	0	0-0
15	Terry, Chris	18-18	0	0	0	3	.000	1	0	0	0-0
20	Collins, Joel	13-8	0	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0-0
21	Hughes, Austin	12-6	0	0	0	1	.000	1	0	0	0-0
17	Scirto, C.J.	3-2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0
Total		18	27	21	75	218	.124	12	0	9	0-0
Opponents		18	19	13	51	234	.081	18	1	8	0-2

##	Goalie	gp-gs	Goal Average			Saves		Record			
			min	ga	gaavg	saves	pct	w	l	t	sho
1	Stenta, Jason	18-16	1647:24	19	1.04	85	.817	9	8	1	5
Total		18	1647:24	19	1.04	85	.817	9	8	1	5
Opponents		18	1647:24	27	1.48	71	.724	7	9	1	3

Team saves: 0

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Binghamton	8	17	2	0	27
Opponents	8	10	1	0	19

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Binghamton	41	42	0	0	83
Opponents	28	42	0	2	72

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Binghamton	101	110	6	1	218
Opponents	100	126	4	4	234

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Binghamton	94	102	3	0	199
Opponents	79	68	3	1	151

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Binghamton	41	42	2	0	85
Opponents	32	38	1	0	71

Attendance Summary	BING	Opponent
Total	8310	2801
Dates/Avg Per Date	7/1187	8/350
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/83	

MEN'S SOCCER DAILY UPDATE

August 21, 2009

Training in Paradise

Like many of his teammates, past and present, sophomore forward Andy Tiedt played in the PDL this summer to prepare for the upcoming season. Unlike the other players, however, Tiedt traveled to play for a team in the Virgin Islands.

Tiedt found out about the team last year from a friend of his. A friend of his told him he was going to play on the team and asked Tiedt if he wanted to join him.

"These opportunities don't come along every day," Tiedt said. "I wanted to take advantage of the situation. I went down there and it was a beautiful place. We put a lot of work in down there. It was a great experience."

Head coach Paul Marco encourages his players to compete over the summer if the opportunity comes along. When he first heard where Tiedt was going, however, he wasn't sure what to think.

"My first thought was whether (Andy) was going to come back fit," Marco said. "I know that when I go to the Virgin Islands, I don't want to train. I go down there to sit on a beach."

Tiedt definitely trained over the summer. The competition was challenging to him in many ways but he believes the experience helped him immensely.

"The style of play was so much faster than what you see up here," he said. "Obviously it took a little getting used to with the heat being 90 degrees every day. Most of the players I was going up against were able to run all day. It was tough keeping up with them at times but it was good for my game."

One aspect of Tiedt's game that especially improved over the summer was his endurance.

"I put in a lot of hill work," he said. "The ability to keep going during hill workouts is all mental. You want to stop halfway but if you push it out, it kind of coincides with going out on the field and fighting through being tired."

It wasn't all work and no play for Tiedt this summer, especially considering where he was playing.

"I did a little bit of scuba diving down there," he said. "I saw quite a few shipwrecks and it was an amazing time."

Tiedt was named to the America East All-Rookie Team last season. This season, big things are expected from him up front and this past summer helped him raise his game.

"Andy's fitness since he has come back is very good," Marco said. "He is improving every day in training. I am really pleased with how Andy is coming along. He will be a big piece of who we are this year."

MEN'S SOCCER DAILY UPDATE

August 23, 2009

Senior Spotlight: Chris Terry

When the Binghamton men's soccer team graduated 10 players from the 2008 squad, new leaders had to emerge from the underclassmen. One senior who has done just that is midfielder Chris Terry. While he may not be as well known by the casual fan, it is pretty evident how much he has already made his mark within the Bearcat program.

"If you know our program, you definitely know how important Chris Terry is to us," head coach Paul Marco said. "He's a guy who is close to everyone on the team. He is one of the most respected people ever to play with us. He has the team-first attitude in everything and anything he does. He has certainly helped us improve in what we do."

In each of the past two years, Terry was awarded the ECAC Merit Medal for having one of the top 10 GPAs of any Binghamton student athlete. He is a member of the National College Athlete Honors Society. On a team full of high achievers, Terry has led the way.

On the field, Terry has been a reserve in the backfield the past three seasons. Still, he has kept the team first and never tried to be the center of attention. Becoming a senior, however, led him to elevate his leadership role on the team.

"We lost a real important group of seniors last year," Terry said. "I have always tried to be involved behind the scenes but this year, with there only being four seniors, it's important for me to step up and help some of these younger guys."

"Last year, with all of the seniors we had, it was difficult for any of the underclassmen to embrace the leadership role," Marco said. "Chris has been leading the team in academics since he has been here but on the field, he has become a better leader through the last 10-11 months."

Terry was a NSCAA/adidas Academic All-Region selection at Central Mountain High School in Beach Creek, Pa. In his senior year (2005) he was an all-state nominee. He chose to come to Binghamton for a variety of reasons that made it seem like the perfect fit.

"For me it was a combination of a very competitive Division I program and a good academic reputation," Terry said. "It wasn't too far away from my family, which is very important as well. It all came together when Coach Marco started recruiting me."

At the start of preseason, Marco was impressed with the way Terry prepared for his final campaign.

"Chris has looked sharp," Marco said. "He has come back very fit. Last spring, we had a lot of one-on-one sessions with him on the field and he has looked very good."

Terry has no regrets about being a part of the Binghamton program. The work ethic and desire to accomplish great things are two traits he has always had. The Binghamton program, he says, operates with the same principles in mind.

"This program reinforces everything I believe in terms of working hard to get to where you want to be," Terry said. "Having other guys as well as the coaching staff wanting to do things the same way has been really important."

MEN'S SOCCER DAILY UPDATE

August 26, 2009

Senior Spotlight: Kyle Kucharski

On November 1, 2006, the Binghamton men's soccer team was battling Boston University in the America East semifinals at the old West Gym Field. At stake was a trip to the conference championship game. Since the Bearcats were the No. 1 seed in the tournament, they would host the finals three days later.

The two teams were tied 1-1 after 90 minutes. A pair of 10-minute scoreless sudden death periods followed. Binghamton and Boston then went to a decisive five-round shootout. After five rounds of kicks, however, nothing was decided as each team made all five of its shots.

The match would now be decided by a sudden-death shootout. If one team made their kick and the other team missed, the match would be over. Binghamton would shoot first. Boston would follow.

Head coach Paul Marco called on freshman back Kyle Kucharski to take Binghamton's kick in the top of the sixth round. Instead of showing rookie jitters, however, Kucharski relished the chance to help the Bearcats move on.

"I was excited," he said. "I have always been someone who likes taking the pressure shots. I don't mind stepping up. I didn't think I was going to have a chance to shoot that day but it ended up coming down to me. You get nervous beforehand but once you step up to the ball, it's a matter of doing what you always have done."

Kucharski converted his penalty kick and when fellow freshman goalkeeper Jason Stenta stopped the Terriers' ensuing attempt, the Bearcats clinched their fourth consecutive title game appearance. Three days later, Binghamton won its second America East championship in four years.

Since his freshman year, Kucharski has been a full-time starter on defense. He has also been on the America East Academic Honor Roll each season. Last year, Kucharski even worked as an intern within the Binghamton Athletic Department.

"Kyle is always on top of stuff," Marco said. "He understands what being trustworthy means. It's because he's very organized that he is able to do as well as he does."

Kucharski, however, credits much of his success to the Binghamton men's soccer program. It has helped him grow, both on the field and in the classroom.

"Playing soccer here has absolutely helped me become a better student," he said. "The expectations the coaches have for us stretch far beyond the field. You are not allowed to slip up on or off the field."

Last year, Kucharski's younger sister Taylor joined the Binghamton women's program. The two of them have always had a good relationship and being on campus together has been a help to both of them.

"We are pretty close," he said. "We talk often and try and look out for each other. We may not talk every day but if one of us is having a tough time, we are close enough that we can get together and help each other out."

Heading into his senior season, Kucharski is now one of the team leaders. Marco, for one, has seen a transformation over the past several seasons.

"Kyle has always been a guy who does the right things," Marco said. "But through the years, he has learned that he can have a positive influence on others and play a major role in effecting the team."

MEN'S SOCCER DAILY UPDATE

September 6, 2009

The Ultimate Soccer Mom

This past weekend was a busy one for Dixie Kucharski. On Saturday night, she was in the stands at the Bearcats Sports Complex watching her son Kyle play in Binghamton's game against Colgate. The following afternoon, she was once again in the stands of the Bearcats Sports Complex, this time watching her daughter Taylor and the Binghamton women's team battle Syracuse in its home opener.

All across America, mothers watch their children compete on Saturday mornings at youth soccer games. Very rarely do each of their kids go on to play Division I soccer, let alone at the same school. For Dixie and her husband Carl, however, that is exactly what has occurred.

"I absolutely did not expect this to some day happen," she said. "We are thrilled that both Kyle and Taylor chose to come here. It's a great opportunity to play at a great program. It is also a great school academically. Being from nearby, we are spoiled that we only have to drive 15 minutes to get to the home games."

There have been times, however, when Dixie and Carl have had to go to two road games on the same day. Last August 31 remains their most vivid day of traveling.

"We went from watching the guys play at West Virginia last year straight to the women's game in New Jersey (against NJIT)," Dixie said. "We didn't get to say good bye to Kyle and we did not have a GPS in the car. It was not a good thing. We finally arrived at the game as they were announcing that Taylor had the assist on the first goal of the game. That was an interesting adventure."

As residents of nearby Endwell, Dixie and Karl have seen the impact of the Binghamton soccer programs the past several years. Both coaching staffs have been actively involved with soccer in the community as well as at the university.

"One of the things that is huge for the program is that Paul, John, Beau, Sarah (McClellan) and Matt (Dunn) are very involved with the youth programs in this area," Dixie said. "They have promoted college soccer to the next level here in the community. To see what they are trying to do here in this area is pretty awesome."

Kyle had appreciated having his sister on campus with him and mentions how close they are. It is something Dixie definitely agrees with.

"They are very close," Dixie said. "It is great to watch them (grow) together. They are great friends as well as brother and sister."

Overall, Dixie could not have asked for things to work out any better for their family in terms of athletics.

"Soccer has been such a big part of our family's life since they were four years old," she said. "For it to all come together and for Kyle and Taylor to play at the level that they are is just incredible."

MEN'S SOCCER DAILY UPDATE

September 8, 2009

Return of the Hooligans

Since 2007, the men's soccer team has enjoyed the support of its boisterous student fan club, otherwise known as the Bearcat Hooligans. The group of fans has added to the home field advantage of the Bearcats Sports Complex.

Senior Danny Stern is in his first year as the President of the Bearcat Hooligans. Before the game against Colgate, he talked about how impressed he was with the opening-night performance of the group.

"Things are going great," Stern said. "We had a wonderful turnout for the first game (against Syracuse). We started to pick up the energy in the second half and everybody went nuts when we won."

This is the first year that the Bearcat Hooligans are a Student Association (SA) Chartered group. With the backing of the SA, Stern is encouraged about the future.

"It's a good thing to be SA chartered because we have more opportunities to grow," Stern said. "We are very thankful that we got this chance."

At the beginning of every season, there is the challenge of trying to make sure the crowd is in tune with all of the cheers. At the start of the games against Syracuse and Colgate, the Hooligan chants started off with just the core members. By the end of the games, however, many fans had caught on to the basic cheers.

"We are trying to get more unified in the stands as opposed to 30-40 people singing in the front rows," Stern said. "We are trying to get sheets out to people so they can see the lyrics to the songs. That way we can get everybody involved and ready to go."

The involvement of the Bearcat Hooligans has certainly meant a lot to the players. Each of them cite the group as a big part of the game day atmosphere.

"They are amazing," junior back Kyle Manscuk said. "I can't say enough about them. It is such an uplifting thing to walk out on the field and see a bunch of guys cheering for you. Not every college has that."

"It's great to see them in the stands," senior back Kyle Kucharski said. "The songs and the chants and all of the support mean a lot to us. The home atmosphere wouldn't be the same without them."

Perhaps the best display of dedication by the Bearcat Hooligans came after Binghamton's win at Albany in the America East semifinals last fall. When the team returned to campus, they were greeted by the Bearcat Hooligans chanting their songs. Several local TV stations ran the event on their late night newscasts.

"That was amazing," Manscuk said. "I didn't know what to say. I was speechless. It was a great surprise."

With nine seniors on the roster last season, the Bearcat Hooligans were able to come up with cheers for each of them. Now that those players have graduated, however, the challenge for Stern and the Hooligans is to come up with new cheers.

"We have made songs for Kyle Kucharski and Scott Zobre," Stern said before the game against Colgate. "We are going to try them out tonight and see how they work."

MEN'S SOCCER DAILY UPDATE

September 9, 2009

Senior Spotlight: Liam Carson

Since 2002, the Binghamton men's soccer team has been in good hands in terms of leadership. Stephen Bruce was the captain from 2002-04, followed by Graham Munro (2005), Kyle Antos (2006) and Barry Neville (2007-08). This season, the honor of wearing the captain's stripe belongs to senior back Liam Carson.

Four years ago, Carson was a freshman at Virginia Intermont College. It was his coach, who played for Paul Marco when he was at West Virginia, that recommended Binghamton as a place to which he could transfer.

"I heard a lot of good things about this place from my head coach down at Virginia (Intermont)," he said. "He played under Paul Marco at West Virginia and he pointed me in the right direction."

In his one year at Virginia Intermont, Carson got to know Darren McAllister, who like him, hails from Scotland. The two hit it off right away and McAllister guided Carson through a transitional first year. In 2007, McAllister also came to Binghamton.

"We clicked right away with both of us being from Scotland," he said. "(Darren) took me under his wings, showed me the ropes. We have friends ever since."

If Carson's freshman season was an adjustment at Virginia Intermont, then his first road trip at Binghamton was a crash course in dealing with adversity. Against Maryland in the opening weekend of the 2006 season, Carson got called for a red card. On the ensuing trip back to Binghamton, the bus broke down in Harrisburg and the Bearcats had to wait over three hours for a new bus to pick them up. The team finally arrived back on campus at 7 am the next morning.

"It was an eventful weekend for me with the red card and the bus," he said. "It was a nightmare."

It was during those hours waiting for the next bus, however, that Carson began to bond with the rest of the team. He realized then how close the squad was.

"When we were stuck waiting for the next bus, I spent that time getting close to some of the players that I hadn't known before," he said. "It was a bonding session for the team. We stuck it out through adversity. We got through it together."

Carson was to have graduated last season but a season-ending injury after just two games forced him to take a medical redshirt in 2008. During the season, Marco noticed several factors which helped Carson bounce back.

"His own personal desire and self-discipline helped him get through that period," Marco said. "Liam's self-discipline is through the roof. He is also very connected with the team and had some teammates who were very encouraging through last season."

Carson's leadership on the team is unquestioned but it is his ability to listen which has made him the player he is now.

"Liam has the ability to reflect on his performance, the team's performance and the feedback that he has been given," Marco said. "He is then able to apply it. That really shows a sign of growth."

As for Carson, he is just as complimentary of Marco, as well as assistant coach John Scott.

"Paul and John know their stuff," Carson said. "Their knowledge and records speak for themselves. I have learned a lot from them both on and off the field."

With the 2009 season just two games old, Carson is focused on closing out his career on a strong note. He is able, however, to reflect on how being a part of the Binghamton program has helped him grow both as a player and a person.

"I have definitely learned a lot of life skills being a part of this program," Carson said. "I am more organized and have been on top of things. I have nothing but good things to say about my time here."

MEN'S SOCCER DAILY UPDATE

September 15, 2009

Quite an Honor

Since 2006, the Binghamton Athletic Department has inducted 120 student-athletes into its chapter of the National College Athlete Honors Society (Chi Alpha Sigma). The men's soccer program has been well represented, with three current players and nine former players taking part in the induction ceremonies.

In order to be eligible for induction into Chi Alpha Sigma, a student-athlete must have achieved junior academic standing by their fifth semester, have at least a 3.4 cumulative grade point average and have earned at least one varsity letter in a sport sponsored by the NCAA.

Last spring, **Chris Terry**, **Yusuf Yusuf** and **Scott Zobre** were all inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma. Each player has fond memories of that evening.

"It was a great honor," Zobre said. "A lot of the athletes work very hard and people don't realize how much time we spent trying to do well on the field and get good grades. I am glad Binghamton has (the honors society)."

"It meant quite a lot to me be inducted," Yusuf said. "It is a testament to the preparation that the coaches put into us as (both) students and athletes."

"It's nice to be recognized for things you do off the field as well as on the field," Terry said. "It was great to be inducted with Scott and Yusuf because they are both great friends. Anytime you can share an honor with your teammates makes it that more special."

Head coach Paul Marco is just as proud of his three players.

"These guys have just been great people and great students," he said. "It is a testament their hard work, their time management skills and study habits. We are extremely proud of their efforts."

In 2008, **Adam Chavez** and **Darren McAllister** were inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma. The previous year's induction class included **Ryan Tomko**, **Brendan McGovern** and **Pablo Trillo**. In 2006, **Bryan Arnault**, **Mahmoud Ibrahim**, **Graham Munro**, **Darius Ravangard** and **Luc Vallone** were part of Binghamton's inaugural induction class.

Several of those players have continued their education after Binghamton. Arnault and Ravangard went to law school. Trillo is in dental school while Vallone is in veterinary school. Tomko, meanwhile, is working on his MBA here at Binghamton.

"I am very proud of all those guys," Marco said. "Their time here was well spent and they are well on their way to being successes in life."

The Binghamton men's soccer program is no stranger to academic accomplishments. During the 2007-08 academic year, the Bearcats posted the highest GPA in the nation. To Marco and his staff, the success of the Bearcats program goes way beyond wins and losses.

"Part of our responsibility as a coaching staff is to prepare our players for what is next," Marco said. "We have always talked with our guys about the importance of what's next. We want to get them ready for life and to tackle the world head on."

MEN'S SOCCER DAILY UPDATE

September 21, 2009

A Silver Lining

While Binghamton's overtime loss to Gonzaga on Friday was a bitter pill to swallow, the performance of Yusuf Yusuf was a great moment for a player who has battled through injuries during much of his career. One of the most respected players on the team, the junior back tallied his first goal since 2007.

The Bearcats are loaded with players who care deeply about the program and want everyone to reach their full potential. According to the coaches and players, Yusuf is at the top of that list.

"Yusuf is a very hard worker and is always trying to do or say something to help the team do better," head coach Paul Marco said. "We have a lot of guys who are team-first guys and Yusuf is right up there with the best of them."

Yusuf's career got off to a promising start his freshman year. He scored a goal in just his seventh game. Since then, however, injuries have limited his playing time. That hasn't stopped him, however, from being an integral part of the team.

"He is always trying to help other players out," senior back Kyle Kucharski said. "It has been difficult and frustrating for him being injured but he has always found a way to contribute to the team."

Perhaps the greatest example of Yusuf helping a teammate out came last season in Binghamton's 3-1 win against Bucknell. Ryan Tomko sealed the win with a 40-foot blast that went over the Bison goalkeeper. For Tomko, the motivation for his game-changing blast came from Yusuf, who had been encouraging him to trust his shot regardless of the range.

"Yusuf has been telling me during training just to strike the ball when I have a pretty good shot," Tomko said after the win. "I had the ball and had space from the defenders so I decided to give it a try. With a little luck, it went in."

"I definitely thought he had a good chance to score from that distance," Yusuf said afterwards. "I've kept telling him that during training."

Although he did not play in that game against Bucknell, Yusuf definitely made an impact on the game.

"Yusuf is a great guy who is always willing to put someone in front of him to lend a helping hand," senior goalkeeper Jason Stenta said.

This season, Yusuf he worked his way back into top condition. As a result, his playing time has increased.

On Friday against Gonzaga, Yusuf took matters into his own hands. In the 65th minute, with the Bearcats trailing 1-0, he beat the Zags' goalkeeper in a one-on-one situation to tie the game.

"Now that Yusuf is able to play, it is great to see how he is impacting the team," Kucharski said.

On Sunday against UC-Davis, Yusuf made his first start of the season. While he will continue to help the program off the field, he will now be in a position to make as much of an impact on it.

MEN'S SOCCER DAILY UPDATE

October 8, 2009

Binghamton-Albany Wrap Up

The magic of the Bearcats Sports Complex was in full force on Wednesday night. Binghamton needed a save from Jason Stenta just to stay alive in overtime. Just under two minutes later, Adam Whitehead sealed the Bearcats' second come-from-behind win at home this season. Lots to go over from this one:

He Did It Again

With all due respects to Whitehead, the play of the game had to be Stenta's save of a penalty kick taken by Ian Peach in the 93rd minute. It was his second penalty kick stop this season (the other came against Cornell on Sept. 23).

For Stenta, his ability to stop penalty kicks dates back to his freshman year. In his first season as the Bearcats' starting goalkeeper, Stenta spent time with head coach Paul Marco developing ways to become good at stopping penalty kicks.

"In 2006, I spent a lot of time with Coach Marco working on penalty kicks," he said. "He gave me a couple of ways to read shooters. I just keep using that in the back of my mind and keep going forward from there."

"We spent a tremendous amount of time together back (in 2006) trying to read (penalty kick) situations," Marco said. "Right now, penalty kicks may favor the shooter, but not when you have Stenta in goal."

Stenta's teammates also have little doubt about his ability to come through under the pressure of a penalty kick.

"We got a lot of confidence in Stenta," redshirt freshman forward Matt Kristek said. "He is the best goalkeeper I have ever seen. I am so glad he is on our side and not the other."

A Night of New Heroes

A trio of first-year players played major roles in the Bearcats' win over Albany. Whitehead got the game winner, Kristek got the game tying goal and sophomore forward Santigui Tounkara got an assist on the first goal.

Kristek and Tounkara were inserted as substitutes right after Albany took a 1-0 lead in the 67th minute. It took them less than four minutes to deadlock the game.

"When Coach Marco put me into the game, I knew there wasn't much time left to tie the game up," Kristek said. "It feels great to be able to help the guys out by getting that goal. I am (appreciative) to get the chance."

Wednesday's game was special for Kristek in more way than one. Not only did he score his first collegiate goal but he did it in front of a few very special fans.

"My brother got to come to a (Binghamton) game for the first time," he said. "He was here with his girlfriend. I'm so glad I could score for him."

Tounkara, meanwhile, is also starting to progress in his first season at Binghamton. A transfer from San Diego State, he struggled with injuries earlier in the year. Now, however, Tounkara is thankful not only for being able to play but also for the teammates who have embraced him since he arrived on campus.

"This team has been like a big family to me since I got here (in August)," he said. "I was having trouble with injuries (back in September) but tonight it felt great to (contribute)."

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Pitching In

Last Wednesday, senior goalkeeper Jason Stenta was the center of attention during the Bearcats' 2-1 win over Albany. His save of a penalty kick in overtime was perhaps the defining moment of the game. On Sunday night at the Events Center, however, Stenta was far from noticeable. He was working with the Event Management staff during Sunday night's concert at the Events Center, which featured Hot Chelle Ray, Kid Kutty and Third Eye Blind.

Stenta is one of several men's soccer players who either work or intern on campus. After interning with the sports marketing department his freshman year (for credits), he joined the Event Management Staff the following year.

"A lot of guys on the team try and help out around campus," he said. "Mine is a paid position and helps pay the bills but I enjoy being involved. I got to see a free concert the other night and get paid for it. "Whether we get paid for it or not, a lot of guys like to volunteer and be a part of things here."

During the basketball season, Stenta has been a fixture working at both the Binghamton men's and women's basketball games. He was on hand for the America East men's tournament title game last season as well as the previous two years, when the Events Center hosted the women's tournament (2007) and the men's tournament (2008).

This fall, several players have gotten into the act helping out at women's soccer games. Matt Ryan and Yusuf Yusuf are currently working with the External Operations office, which oversees the game day marketing and promotions. Chris Terry and Kyle Kucharski work with game day operations staff. Yusuf's volunteering goes beyond the athletic department. During the university's Law Day earlier this month, he was passing out flyers to everyone who attended the event.

"I think everyone on this team is definitely involved in this community," Yusuf said. "Especially the older guys. I don't think I remember the last event I went to that Kyle Kucharski wasn't involved in some way—whether or not he was handing out tickets, was the ball boy or he was ushering people in the aisles."

When asked about Kucharski's performance as a ball boy, however, Yusuf was guarded in his choice of words. "Kucharski being the ball boy is always questionable," Yusuf said. "Always questionable."

Although Yusuf had a job to do during some of the women's soccer games, he was able to find time to watch the action and—just as important—check up on his teammates who were the ball boys.

"I wasn't able to yell at them during the Hartford game because I lost my voice yelling (at them during the Stony Brook game)," Yusuf said. "I don't know if Kucharski heard me but I definitely got to Terry."