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Women's Basketball

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This Week: Stony Brook

Binghamton (7-14, 3-8 AE) continues its conference schedule with a Tuesday game at Stony Brook. The Bearcats ride a two-game winning streak into the week.

Laws named America East Rookie of the Week

Freshman forward **Rachel Laws (Wyncote, Pa./ Cheltenham)** has been named the America East Conference Rookie of the Week for Feb. 17-23. She earned the award by averaging 10.5 points and seven rebounds in the Bearcats' two wins last week, which vaulted the squad from ninth to sixth in the conference standings. Laws shot 52.9 percent from the floor for the week. Her 31 minutes and four assists against Albany were both career-highs. Laws has now reached double figures in scoring seven times in the past 10 games.

Binghamton wins road game at Northeastern 80-72

Junior point guard **Kate Townley (St. Paul, Minn./ Cretin-Derham Hall)** led four players in double figures and Binghamton displayed its strongest offensive game of the season, surging to an 80-73 win over Northeastern.

Townley wound up with a season-high 16 points. She made all five of her shots from the field and also nailed six free throws. Jen Blues (Overland Park, Kan./ Blue Valley North) added 14 points and freshman guard **Rachel Laws (Wyncote, Pa./ Cheltenham)** had 12 points. Junior forward **Leala Wegwerth (Maplewood, Minn./ Roseville)** came off the bench for the first time this season and had 13 points. The Bearcats shot 51 percent for the game, made a season-high 28 free throws, and outrebounded their hosts 35-32.

Bearcats rally to beat Albany 50-42

Binghamton (8-14, 4-8 AE) ended the game on an 18-2 run that carried the Bearcats past visiting Albany (9-14, 3-9 AE) 50-42 in an America East Conference game Wednesday night from West Gym. With the win, BU moved up two spots into a tie for sixth place in the nine-team league.

The Bearcats trailed 40-32 with 7:24 remaining, but held Albany to just one field the rest of the way. Juniors **Kate Townley (St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)** and **Leala Wegwerth (Maplewood, Minn./Roseville)** combined for 10 of the 18 points during the clinching run, which centered around 9-of-10 shooting from the free throw line.

Sophomore center **Kristin Hibler (Hutchinson, Kan./Hutchinson)** recorded her first collegiate double-double with 12 points and a game-high 11 rebounds for the Bearcats, who snapped a six-game losing streak. Binghamton held a 41-28 margin on the glass.

2002-03 Schedule/Results

NOVEMBER

22 Fri.-	+ Eastern Kentucky	L 67-75
23 Sat.	+ @ Morehead State	L 59-65
27 Wed.	CORNELL	W 66-48

DECEMBER

5 Thu.	LEHIGH	ppd.
7 Sat.	WAGNER	L 65-85
9 Mon.	@ Columbia	L 65-75
14 Sat.	@ Manhattan	W 66-65
21 Sat.	@ Syracuse	L 51-72

JANUARY

3 Fri.	@ Texas Pan Am	W 61-59
5 Sun.	@ Texas A&M-CC	L 49-66
11 Sat.	*STONY BROOK	W 69-50
15 Wed.	*@ Hartford	W 59-54
18 Sat.	*MAINE	L 45-64
20 Mon.	ARMY	W 63-49
22 Wed.	*@ Albany	L 62-75
25 Sat.	*@ New Hampshire	W 67-59
29 Wed.	*NORTHEASTERN	L 43-53

FEBRUARY

1 Sat.	*@ Vermont	L 63-66
5 Wed.	*HARTFORD	L 55-58
8 Sat.	*BOSTON	L 49-61
12 Wed.	*VERMONT	L 58-79
16 Sun.	*@ Maine (TV)	L 62-66
19 Wed.	*ALBANY	W 50-42
22 Sat.	*@ Northeastern	W 80-73
25 Tue.	*@ Stony Brook	7 p.m.

MARCH

5 Wed.	*@ Boston	7 p.m.
8 Sat.	*NEW HAMPSHIRE	1 p.m.
13 Thu.-	America East Championship	
15 Sat.	hosted by Hartford	

+ Morehead State Tournament

* America East Conference game