

SPORTS NEWS



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Women's Basketball

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This Week: Boston and New Hampshire

Binghamton (7-15, 5-9 AE) concludes its regular season with a pair of conference games. After traveling to Boston for a Wednesday game at 7 p.m., the Bearcats return home for a Saturday game against New Hampshire at 1 p.m. at West Gym. Senior guard **Iesha Eldridge (Buffalo, N.Y./ Buffalo Academy)** will play her last home game at West Gym against the Wildcats.

Binghamton falls at Stony Brook 54-47

The host Seawolves (8-16, 6-7 AE) closed the game with a 9-0 run and defeated visiting Binghamton (9-15, 5-9 AE) 54-47 Tuesday night at the USB Sports Complex. Stony Brook disrupted the Bearcats offense throughout the game with a stifling zone defense, as they allowed 25 fewer points than their defensive average entering the game.

"We just weren't aggressive enough against the zone and made too many poor decisions with the ball," associate head coach Rich Conover said. "We knew what was coming and practiced our offense against the zone all week. We couldn't penetrate and get easy opportunities tonight."

In a game that featured seven ties and five lead changes in the final 11:45 of the game, Binghamton took a two-point lead with 1:55 remaining on a free throw by junior forward **Leala Wegwerth (Maplewood, Minn./ Roseville)**. However, the Bearcats were then held scoreless the rest of the way as the Seawolves rallied.

Freshman guard **Jen Blues (Overland Park, Kan./ Blue Valley North)** led Binghamton with a game-high 15 points. Blues hit three 3-pointers and scored eight points in the first six minutes of the second half as the Bearcats rallied from a three-point halftime deficit. Also scoring in double figures for Binghamton was freshman forward **Rachel Laws (Wyncote, Pa./ Cheltenham)**, the current America East Rookie of the Week. Laws scored seven of her 10 points in the second half in reaching double figures for the eighth time in 11 games. Wegwerth tied a game-high with seven rebounds. The Bearcats maintained a 37-30 rebounding edge over their hosts, including 13 offensive boards.

Redshirt freshman guard **Kasi Quam (Kenyon, Minn./ Kenyon Wanamingo)** made a pair of three-pointers as the Bearcats closed the first half on an 8-0 run to trail by just three, 21-18, at the break. Binghamton then outscored their hosts 13-4 to open the second half, and led 31-25 with 13:47 remaining.

"Kasi came in and gave us a huge boost at the end of the first half. We were kind of dead in the water before she hit a couple of three-pointers right before the half. She got us back in the game and I can't say enough about that."

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