

SPORTS NEWS



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Women's Basketball

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This Week: Lehigh and Wagner

After dropping its first two games of the season, Binghamton (1-2) has a pair of home games this week against Lehigh (Thursday) and Wagner (Saturday). The Bearcats will head into their game against Lehigh on eight days off since their last contest, a 66-48 win over Cornell.

Freshman guard **Jen Blues (Overland Park, Kansas/ Blue Valley North)**, who leads the team in scoring with 14.0 points per game, netted a team-high-tying 14 points against the Big Red. Also scoring 14 points against Cornell was sophomore guard **Laura Scordino (Vestal, N.Y.)**, who is currently tied for second on the squad with 9.3 points per game.

Junior **Leala Wegwerth (Maplewood, Minn./ Roseville)**, who had scored in double figures twice this season, is averaging 9.3 points per game and is tied for the team lead with 4.7 points per game. Junior guard **Kate Townley (St. Paul, Minn./ Cretin Derham Hall)**, who led the America East Conference last season in assists per game, is averaging 5.3 so far this year.

Bearcats win home opener against Cornell 66-48

Binghamton used a 20-3 run early in the second half to pull away from Cornell last Wednesday, winning 66-48 for its first victory of the season. Freshman guard **Jen Blues (Overland Park, Kan./ Blue Valley North)** and sophomore guard **Laura Scordino (Vestal, N.Y.)** each had 14 points to lead the Bearcats.

The Bearcats endured a 12-3 first-half run by Cornell that gave the Big Red an 18-10 lead with 7:32 left before halftime. However, the Bearcats closed the half with a 12-3 run of their own and took a 29-26 lead into the break.

After Cornell got a quick basket in the second half to pull within one, BU embarked on a 20-3 run that spanned nearly 13 minutes. Seven different Bearcats scored during the run, and the lead was never less than 14 points the rest of the way. The Big Red were held to 22 percent shooting in the final 20 minutes.

Also scoring in double figures for Binghamton was junior center **Nicole Dypolt (Calgary, Alberta/ Bishop Grandin)**, who finished with 10 points and three steals. In addition to her 14 points, Blues added five rebounds and four steals. Junior guard **Kate Townley (St. Paul, Minn./ Cretin Derham Hall)** had a season-high seven assists.

Miscellaneous notes

With a 95-24 record in four plus years at Binghamton, head coach **Laurie Kelly** is just five wins away from becoming the second coach in school history to reach the century mark in victories. Dave Wilson (1990-98) is the all-time winningest coach in school history with 148 victories ... heading into this Thursday's game against Lehigh, Binghamton has a 12-game, non-conference winning streak at West Gym. The last non-conference setback at home came against St. Rose, 67-55, on Dec. 20, 2000 ... with its win over Cornell, the Bearcats have now gone 57-4 at West Gym since the start of the 1998-99 season.

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 7 p.m.**
7 Sat. **WAGNER 1 p.m.**
9 Mon. @ Columbia 7 p.m.
14 Sat. @ Manhattan 2 p.m.
21 Sat. @ Syracuse 5 p.m.

JANUARY

3 Fri. @ Texas Pan Am 8 p.m.
5 Sun. @ Texas A&M-CC 4 p.m.
11 Sat. ***STONY BROOK 5 p.m.**
15 Wed. *@ Hartford 7 p.m.
18 Sat. ***MAINE 1 p.m.**
20 Mon. **ARMY 5:30 p.m.**
22 Wed. *@ Albany 7 p.m.
25 Sat. *@ New Hampshire 1 p.m.
29 Wed. ***NORTHEASTERN 7 p.m.**

FEBRUARY

1 Sat. *@ Vermont 1 p.m.
5 Wed. ***HARTFORD 7 p.m.**
8 Sat. ***BOSTON 1 p.m.**
12 Wed. ***VERMONT 7 p.m.**
16 Sun. *@ Maine (TV) noon
19 Wed. ***ALBANY 7 p.m.**
22 Sat. *@ Northeastern 1 p.m.
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