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Men's Basketball

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Bearcats drop final two games of season

Binghamton (14-13, 9-7 AE) lost its last two games of the season, but still recorded a winning record for the first time in three years and first under head coach Al Walker. The 14 wins ties the most since the 1997-98 team won 17 games in the program's Division III finale.

Team secures fourth place in America East

The Bearcats finished in fourth place in the nine-team America East Conference — just one game out of third. The three-game improvement over last season (from 6-10 to 9-7) matches Northeastern as the biggest turnaround in the league. If eligible, BU *would have* carried the No. 4 seed into the post-season conference quarterfinals, which begin on Sunday, March 9. Binghamton, picked sixth in the coaches' pre-season poll, finished ahead of Maine, Northeastern, Stony Brook, Albany and New Hampshire.

Seniors go out with solid numbers in Texas

Binghamton's four graduating seniors took the floor for the final time Saturday in Corpus Christi, and made their impact felt by scoring 46 of BU's 68 points (68%). **Stanley Ocitti (Cambridge, Mass./International)** netted a team- and career-high 17 points on 5-for-6 shooting from the field and a perfect 4-of-4 from the free throw line. **Jeffrey St. Fort (Miami, Fla./Monsignor Pace)** and **Charles Baker (Missouri City, Texas/Westbury Christian)** added 12 and 10 points, respectively, and **Anthony Green (Philadelphia, Pa./Germantown)** chipped in seven — three of which came on a record-breaking three-pointer. With 16:48 to play, Green nailed his 71st three-pointer of the season, breaking the old mark of 70 shared by two former Division III standouts.

Green strengthens case for all-star honors

Senior guard **Anthony Green (Philadelphia, Pa./Germantown)** dropped 30 points on Stony Brook Wednesday, and remains a constant throughout the league's stat sheet. Green, who was twice named America East Player of the Week, is among the top-3 in six different categories. He leads the league in steals (1.85 per game) and free throw percentage (84%), is second in assists (4.22), three-pointers made (2.63) and three-point percentage (34.1), and third in scoring (16.7). Green also is eighth in field goal percentage (37.1%) and 20th in rebounding (4.8) — the shortest player among that list.

St. Fort caps stellar four-year career with 1,335 points, 528 rebounds

Senior forward **Jeffrey St. Fort (Miami, Fla./Monsignor Pace)** netted 18 points in his final two collegiate games, and closed out his four-year career with 1,335 points, including 250 this season. He will graduate sixth on the program's all-time list. St. Fort also collected 528 rebounds to reach the top-15 in that category. Only two other players in program history reached St. Fort's totals in both scoring and rebounding.

Room for improvement: Road play, rebounding and second-half comebacks

Even with the team's success in 2002-03, coach Walker will surely turn his attention to the handful of areas that consistently hindered BU's performance this season. On the negative side, BU went 3-11 on the road with losses in seven of their final eight away games. Spanning back to last season, the Bearcats have now dropped 17 of their last 20 road games. A lack of rebounding also hurt the team down the stretch. Binghamton was outrebounded in eight of its final nine games. Demonstrating the importance of hitting the glass, BU was 9-2 when it held a rebounding advantage. The other stat that was eye-catching involved second-half comebacks, or the lack thereof. When trailing at the break, BU was 0-10 this season. In the last two seasons, the Bearcats have rallied from a halftime deficit just once in 27 opportunities.

2002-03 Results (14-13, 9-7 AE)

NOVEMBER

23 Sat.	LAFAYETTE	W	77-68
26 Tue.	COLUMBIA	W	70-42
29 Fri.	@ LIU-Brooklyn	W	75-66

DECEMBER

3 Tue.	@ Dartmouth	L	61-67
6 Fri.	+ Denver	W	74-69
7 Sat.	+ @ Iowa State	L	56-86
14 Sat.	@ Syracuse	L	58-94
27 Fri.	@ Villanova	L	53-68
30 Mon.	GEORGE WASH.	L	64-68

JANUARY

2 Thu.	*@ New Hampshire	W	80-50
4 Sat.	*@ Boston Univ. (ot)	L	65-70
7 Tue.	ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.)	W	74-62
11 Sat.	*STONY BROOK	W	64-59
15 Wed.	*HARTFORD	W	55-52
18 Sat.	*@ Maine	L	64-79
21 Tue.	*ALBANY	W	86-59
26 Sun.	*NEW HAMP. (TV)	W	82-71
29 Wed.	*@ Northeastern	L	48-59

FEBRUARY

2 Sun.	*VERMONT	W	61-50
6 Thu.	*@ Hartford	L	51-65
9 Sun.	*BOSTON UNIV. (TV)	L	82-85
12 Wed.	*@ Vermont	L	54-74
15 Sat.	*MAINE	W	63-62
20 Thu.	*@ Albany	W	76-59
23 Sun.	*NORTHEASTERN (TV)	W	66-54
26 Wed.	*@ Stony Brook	L	70-77

MARCH

1 Sat.	@ Texas A&M-Corpus	L	68-72
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* America East Conference game
+ Iowa State Challenge (runners-up)