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## BATES AND VLOEDGRAVEN EARN WEEKLY TENNIS HONORS AFTER LEADING THE BEARCATS TO A PERFECT SEASON START

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.** — Binghamton University juniors Lauren Bates (Buffalo, N.Y./Kenmore West) and Sven Vloedgraven (Lochem, Netherlands/Isendoorn College) led their respective Bearcat squads to perfect records this past weekend to earn the female and male Player of the Week honors, respectively, for the week ending February 7.

Bates led the Bearcat women to wins over Seton Hall, Army and Sacred Heart this past weekend, giving them a 3-0 start to their season. Bates went 3-0 at the No. 1 singles spot and went 2-1 at No. 1 doubles, falling only to Army on Saturday. Bates now ranks ninth all-time in program history with 61 career singles wins and an overall record of 61-24. She also ranks third all-time in doubles with 58 career wins and a record of 58-14.

Vloedgraven, the top-ranked singles player in the Northeast, went unbeaten over the weekend, winning two singles and two doubles matches against Cornell and Marist. Leading the team to a pair of victories, Vloedgraven earned straight-set wins at the No. 1 singles spot. He now boasts an overall singles record of 17-6 this season and a 4-1 record in dual matches. Vloedgraven and partner Gilbert Wong, ranked eighth in the Northeast in doubles, also claimed two wins at the No. 1 doubles spot.

Albany – The Great Danes dropped a 4-3 decision to Long Island on Friday, February 5. The Blackbirds swept Albany in doubles, but the Great Danes didn't go down without a fight. At No. 3 doubles senior Caitlin Crowley (Burnt Hills, N.Y./Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and freshman Sarah Iannone hung tight with the Blackbirds, finally dropping a 9-7 decision to Long Island. The Great Danes then quickly fell to 0-3 with losses at No. 1 and five singles. At No. 2 singles, junior Laine Mackey (Leawood, Kan./Shawnee Mission) pushed the match to three sets, but couldn't pull out the win, losing 6-2 in the third to clinch the win for the Blackbirds. With the match already decided, Junior Susan Ma (Parkville, Mo./Park Hills South), Crowley and Iannone captured three wins for Albany at No. 3, 4 and 6 singles. All three matches were decided by a 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of a third set. The Great Danes next travel to Colgate on February 12.

Binghamton – The Bearcats' women's team began dual meet competition on February 5 with a 7-0 sweep of Seton Hall. The women won all three doubles to capture the point before sweeping the singles. Binghamton then defeated Army, 5-2, on Saturday. The Bearcats lost the doubles point, falling at No. 1 and three doubles. Junior Anna Edelman (Great Neck, N.Y./Great NeckNorth) and sophomore Marina Bykovskaya (Saratov, Russia/Secondary School 8) captured the lone doubles win at the No. 2 spot, defeating Army's Tollerton and Vereno, 8-4. Edelman and Bykovskaya also captured singles wins at No. 4 and 5, respectively. The Bearcats only suffered one singles loss at the No. 3 spot. Junior Yulia Smirnova (Moscow, Russia/Secondary School 1574) fell in three sets to Army's Kristin Beeler. That afternoon, the team improved to 3-0 on the season with a 7-0 win over Sacred Heart. The Bearcats swept all nine matches. Lauren Bates, who claimed victories at No. 1 singles and doubles, is now ranked ninth all-time in program history with 61 career singles wins. She also ranks third all-time in doubles with 58 career wins. Binghamton will return to action on February 19 against Cornell. The Bearcat men improved to 4-0 on the season with a 5-2 win over Cornell on Saturday. The men captured the doubles point with wins at first and second doubles. Senior Moshe Levy (Ra'anana, Israel/De-Cart) and sophomore partner Alexandre Haggai's (St. Denis, Reunion Islands/Lycee Bellepierre) 9-7 win at No. 2 doubles was key in securing the doubles point for the Bearcats. Levy also claimed a singles win at the No. 4 spot. On Sunday, the Binghamton men remained undefeated, downing Marist, 6-1. The team swept the doubles point and only dropped one singles match. Sven Vloedgraven led the team, going undefeated at No. 1 singles and doubles over the weekend. The Bearcats next face No. 53 Columbia on February 19.

Boston U. – The Terrier men fall to 1-2 in dual meets with a 6-1 loss on February 6 to Lehigh. Senior Jeff Chudacoff (Highland Park, Ill./Highland Park) and freshman Josh Friedman (Los Angeles, Calif./Milken Community) claimed a win at No. 1 doubles, but Boston U. lost at the No. 2 and 3 spots to drop the doubles point. The Terriers entered singles down 0-1 and only claimed one win at the No. 2 spot. Friedman went undefeated on the day, beating Lehigh's Leland Richardson, 7-5, 6-2. The team next plays crosstown rival Boston College on February 14. The Terrier women split a pair of matches over the weekend at Dartmouth. Boston U. started the weekend out with a 5-2 victory over St. John's before falling in a close match, 4-3, to Dartmouth. The Terriers got off to a quick start against St. John's winning the doubles point. The team then captured four of six singles. Sophomores Petra Santini (Sibenik, Croatia/Gimnazija Za Dopsno Obrazovanje Birotehnika) and Stefanie Nunic (New York, N.Y./Broward Virtual Education) posted decisive 6-1, 6-0 wins at the No. 4 and 1 singles spots, respectively. Senior captain Francine Whu (Staten Island, N.Y./Staten Island Technical) pulled out a tight three-set victory at No. 2 singles to clinch the win for the Terriers. After capturing its first dual meet win of the season, Boston U. faced Dartmouth on Saturday. Freshman Vivien Laszloffy (Budapest, Hungary/Thomas Mann Gymnasium) competed in her first match of the spring season and helped the team capture the doubles point by posting an 8-3 win with partner Nunic at the No. 2 doubles spot. Despite the quick start, the Terriers couldn't hold on for the win in singles, dropping the top four singles spots. Santini remained undefeated on the weekend, defeating Dartmouth's Georgiana Smyser at the No. 5 singles spot for one of two Boston U. singles victories. The Terrier women return to action at the ECAC Women's Indoor Championships on February 12.

Hartford – Both the Hartford men's and women's teams begin play on February 26 against conference rival UMBC.

UMBC – The UMBC men next compete against Morgan State on Saturday, February 13 while the women, whose match against Towson was postponed due to weather, will join the men on Saturday at Morgan State.

Stony Brook – The Seawolf women's team split a pair of matches over the weekend, falling to Columbia in their spring season opener, 5-2, before rebounding with a 7-0 victory over Fairfield. Stony Brook sophomores Katherine Hanson (Smithtown, N.Y./Hauppauge) and Salome Mkervaldize (Brewster, N.Y./Brewster) claimed an 8-5 win over Columbia's No. 2 doubles squad, but the Seawolves dropped the other two doubles matches to lose the point. Down 0-1 to start singles, the team couldn't rebound, losing their top four singles matches. Sophomore Anna Pieschl (Gothenburg, Sweden/Katrinelund) and

junior Fanny Charliquart (Gueugnon, France/Lyce Camille Claudel) posted Stony Brook's only singles victories, winning handily at No. 5 and 6 singles, respectively. On Saturday, the Seawolves blanked Fairfield without dropping a set. They got off to a quick start, sweeping the doubles. Senior Paola Rodolfi (Asuncion, Paraguay/Sek Paraguay International) then led the women in a sweep of the singles matches, capturing a 6-1, 6-0 victory at the No. 1 spot. The women return to action on February 12 against Fordham. The Stony Brook men opened their spring season with a 6-1 win over Fairfield on Saturday. The men captured the doubles point with wins at No. 2 and 3 doubles. After posting a win with freshman partner Roope Kailaheimo (Helsinki, Finland/Mäkelärinteen Lukio) at No. 2 doubles, junior Ivan Rummel (Budapest, Hungary/Altisz Gymnasium) went undefeated on the day with a 6-3, 6-4 win at No. 1 singles. The Seawolves only dropped one match at the No. 4 doubles spot. The men next play at Army on February 13.

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