

Bridgewater State Women's Basketball

Notes:

Bridgewater State will be making its' first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2015 and 11th overall. The Bears made five straight trips to the national tournament from 2011 to 2015, another in 2008, and four in a row from 1983 to 1986.

Bridgewater State is 2-12 all-time in NCAA Tournament play. The Bears' last win in the NCAA Tournament came in 1985, an 80-59 first round victory over Rhode Island College.

BSU enters the tournament with an overall mark of 21-6. Bridgewater earned the automatic qualifier to the NAAs by winning the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Tournament championship on Sunday with a remarkable 64-59 comeback victory over third-seeded Westfield State University. The Bears, who overcame a 23-point second half deficit in the championship game, were the top seed at the MASCAC Tournament after posting a 10-2 conference mark during the regular season.

The BSU women's basketball team is under the watchful eye of 26-year head coach, **Bridgett Casey**. The five-time (2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2023) MASCAC Coach of the Year sports a career mark of 377-280 (.574) including a conference regular season record of 195-105 (.650). Casey's 377 wins are by far the most in program history as she is the only BSU women's basketball coach to reach not only the 300-win milestone but also the 200-win plateau.

The Bears were well represented on the All-MASCAC Team. **Kylie Grassi** was named the MASCAC Player of the Year and was selected to the All-MASCAC First Team. **Sophia Gaucher** was named the MASCAC Defensive Player of the Year and was also selected to the All-MASCAC First Team. **Caroline Tripp** earned All-MASCAC Second Team honors. **Bridgett Casey** was named the MASCAC Coach of the Year for the fifth time in her BSU coaching career (2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2023).