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## UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATED BY UTAH VALLEY STATE, 73-66

Orem, Utah - **David Heck** had 15 of his 19 points in the second half as Utah Valley State rallied for a 73-66 victory over UAlbany on Saturday evening at McKay Center.

The Wolverines, who trailed by 10 at halftime, shot 60 percent from the field over the final 20 minutes in improving to 8-5 overall. UAlbany (7-5) had its five-game winning streak halted, including three straight on the road.

UVSC broke a 52-all tie with seven unanswered points. **Richard Troyer**, who had all eight of his points after halftime, canned a three-pointer. Heck, who made 7-of-12 from the floor, followed with a basket, before **Ryan Toolson** made a pair of free throws following a bench technical with 4:54 remaining. Toolson finished with 16 points.

UAlbany's **Jamar Wilson**, who scored 20, got his team within 61-57 with a jumper. But the Wolverines, who have won 17 of their last 20 at home, pushed their lead out to 70-60 in the closing moments.

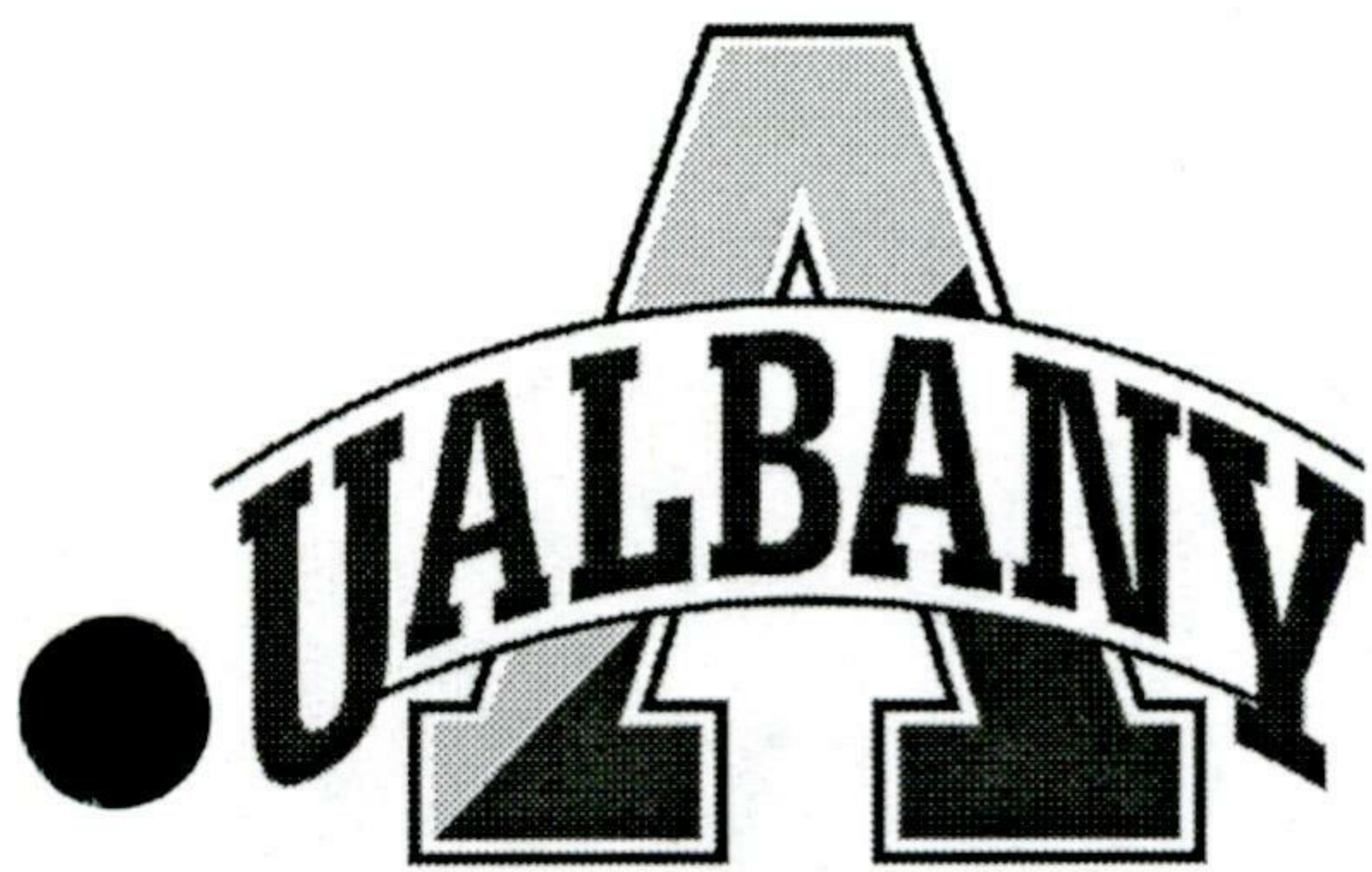
UAlbany guard **Jon Iati** netted a season-high 25 points off the bench, including a career-best seven 3-pointers. **Brent Wilson** added 13 points and eight rebounds. **Matt Peterson** was the third USVC player in double figures with 11, all in the final stanza.

"We got into foul trouble right away in the second half and then just started exchanging baskets," UAlbany head coach **Will Brown** said. "We were flat defensively and they played with more energy and a sense of purpose. This is a tough place to play, but we didn't have a good defensive showing."

In the first half, UAlbany reversed a 15-14 deficit with nine straight points. Freshman **Reid Anderson** put his team ahead with a three-point field goal from the left wing. Jamar Wilson, who had 14 first-half points, tallied the last four markers in that run, including a spinning jumper in the lane. Toolson closed the gap to 25-21 with a 3-pointer from the top of the arc. But the Great Danes would take a 33-23 lead to the break as Iati made a pair of long-range shots, including a 22-footer with two seconds left in the period.

Explained Iati, who scored more than 20 points for the eighth time in his career, "We didn't do what we needed to do to stop their (offensive) sets. They hit some shots and we stopped talking and communicating. When we lock people down defensively we are good, but when we don't we are average at best."

The Great Danes start their America East Conference schedule with a home game against New Hampshire on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. before traveling to Binghamton for a 1 p.m. contest on Saturday, Jan. 6.



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## UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO LAMAR, 56-43, IN NON-CONFERENCE GAME

Beaumont, Texas – Amanda Ward's team-high 15 points were not enough as the UAlbany women's basketball team ended their two-game trip through Texas with a 56-43 loss at Lamar in a non-conference game at the Montagne Center.

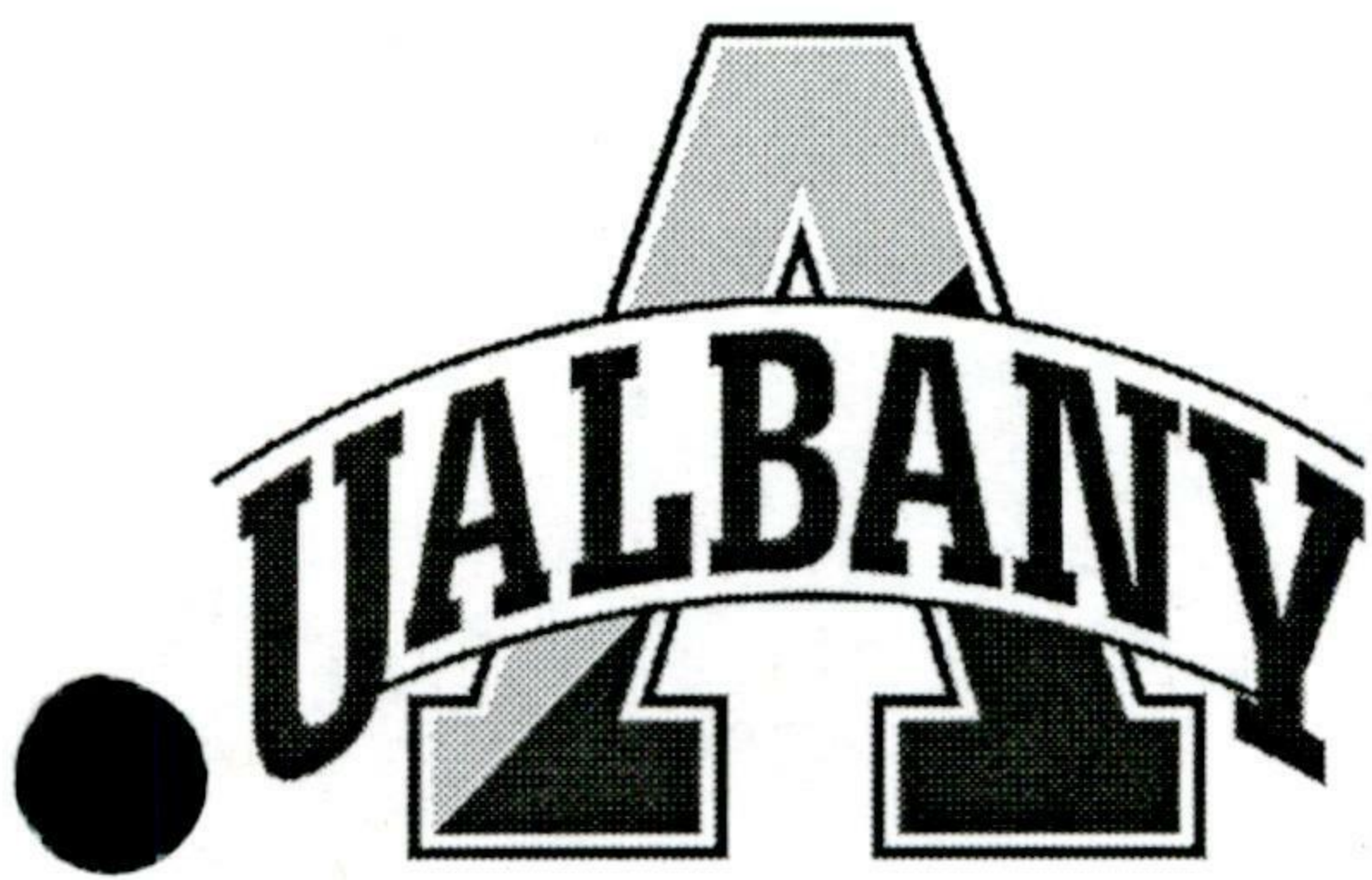
In the first half, Ward hit a layup at 12:09 to put the Great Danes up 12-11, but it was the final lead of the evening for UAlbany. Lamar outscored the Great Danes 20-10 the rest of the period and went into halftime up 31-22. The Cardinals were led by senior forward Dionne Pounds, who had seven points in the half. Lamar went 12-of-16 from the free throw line in the period, while UAlbany struggled from the charity stripe, hitting just 2-of-9. UAlbany shot just 29.0 percent in the first half as a team.

Freshman guard Charity Iromuanya's jumper at 18:49 of the second half made the score 31-26, but it was as close as UAlbany would come. Up 34-28, Lamar held UAlbany scoreless for four minutes, going on a 7-0 run that began with a three-pointer by Pounds at 16:56 and ended with a jump shot by senior guard Shaquita Coffey at 13:08. The Cardinals built their lead as high as 19 points, 53-34, after senior guard LaToya Carson scored seven consecutive points in a span of 2:38, but Ward tallied seven of the Great Danes' final nine points to make it a 56-43 final.

UAlbany (4-8) finished the evening shooting 24.2 percent, and was outrebounded 45-40. Junior Kristin Higy tied a season high with 12 rebounds for the Great Danes. Freshman guard Britney McGee scored 10 first-half points. Pounds led Lamar with 14 points, while Carson added 12 points and six rebounds. The Cardinals improve to 5-8 with the victory.

"When we play very physical teams, it keeps us off balance and results in poor shooting. We were out of sync offensively. We have a lot of talent, but we were not offensive-minded tonight," UAlbany coach Trina Patterson said.

UAlbany returns home to face St. Bonaventure on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. before starting its America East Conference schedule with a game at Binghamton on Thursday, Jan. 4.



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## UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL UPSETS UTAH, 59-58, FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT VICTORY

Salt Lake City, Utah - Jamar Wilson hit a fastbreak layup with 34 seconds remaining and Brent Wilson made a key steal in the closing moments, as UAlbany upset Utah, 59-58, on Thursday evening at Huntsman Center.

The Great Danes, who posted their fifth straight victory, built a 48-39 lead midway through the second half on back-to-back three-point field goals by Jason Siggers, who scored a career-high 22 points off the bench. Utah (5-8) would rally with 13 of the game's next 16 points. Stephen Weigh, who netted a career-best 22 on 7-of-9 shooting, drilled a three-pointer, before Daniel Deane hit a 19-foot jumper that tied the contest at 52 apiece.

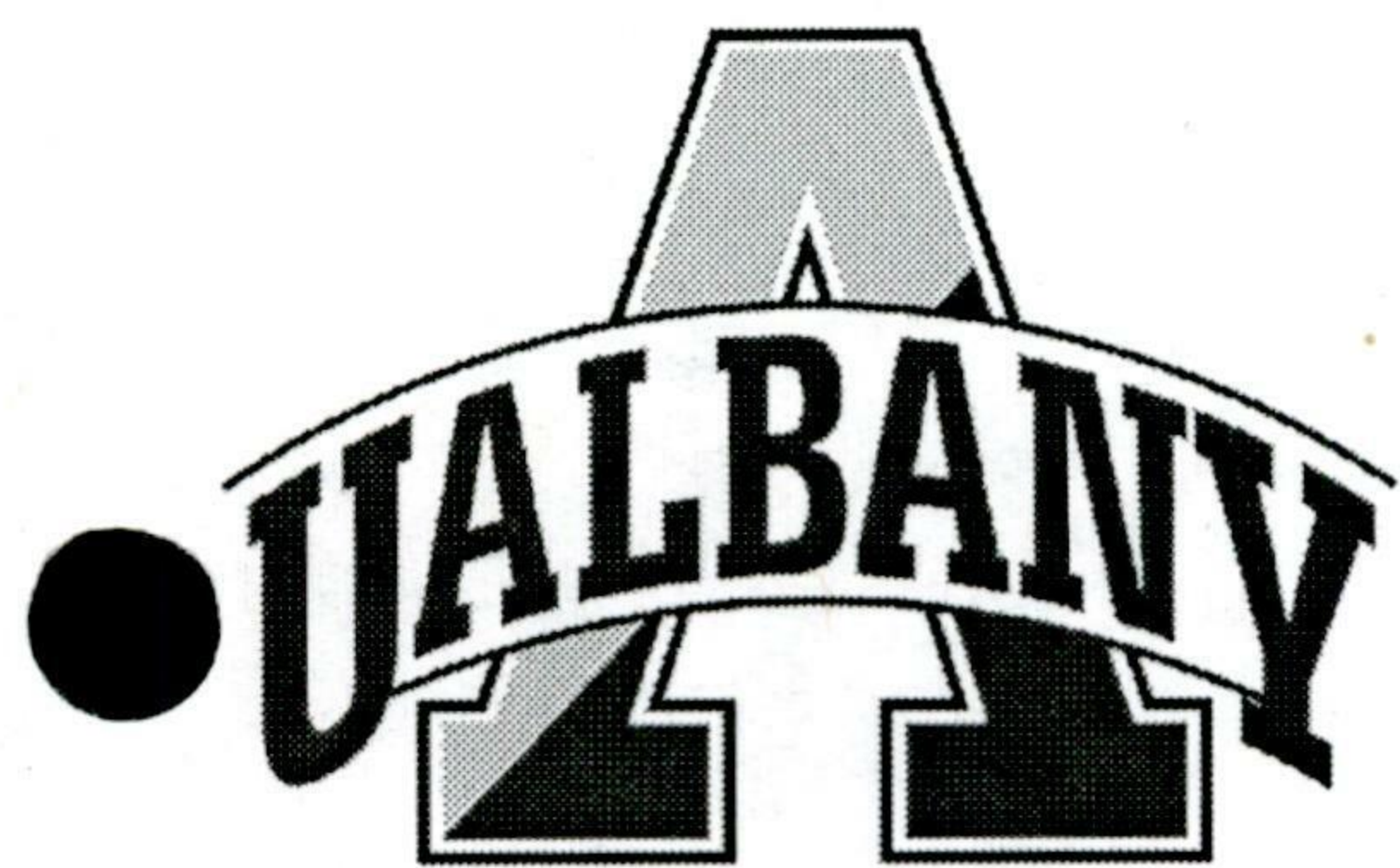
The game went back-and-forth over the final five minutes. UAlbany (7-4) took a 57-54 lead when Jon Iati made a 22-foot, three-point shot. The Runnin' Utes, who have made 12 NCAA appearances since 1991, then went back in front. Weigh, a 6-foot-6 freshman, sank two free throws and Luke Nevill banked in a 15-foot turnaround under heavy pressure for a 58-57 advantage with 1:24 left.

Nevill, a 7'1" center who had 17 points and seven rebounds, misfired on the left baseline which led to Jamar Wilson's break out for what proved to be the winning points. Brent Wilson, who totaled 22 points and nine rebounds, then came up with two big plays to seal the outcome. Wilson stole the ball off Nevill with eight seconds left and then grabbed an offensive rebound off a missed front end of a one-and-one free throw opportunity by Jamar Wilson, who had eight points and took a horrific spill with 44.9 seconds to play in the opening half. He returned after being treated for a neck sprain.

"I am so happy for this team," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose squad won in an arena where the home team has won 83 percent of its games. "They fought through so much adversity in this game in one of the toughest places to play in the country. [Jason] Siggers and [Brent] Wilson turned in some special performances. We will enjoy this one."

"It's definitely great to win whether it's by twenty or by one. Coach [Brown] has been preaching defense all year and it is about time we figured it out. We were scared when Jamar [Wilson] went down with the injury. We just wanted to get it done for him. This is an example of how far this team has come," said Brent Wilson.

The Great Danes finish their two-game road trip with a game at Utah Valley State on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 9:05 p.m.



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## UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL EARNS SECOND STRAIGHT WIN, 58-48

Huntsville, Texas – Sherri Mikus had a team-high 14 points as the UAlbany women's basketball team won its second straight game, 58-48, over non-conference foe Sam Houston State on Thursday evening at Johnson Coliseum.

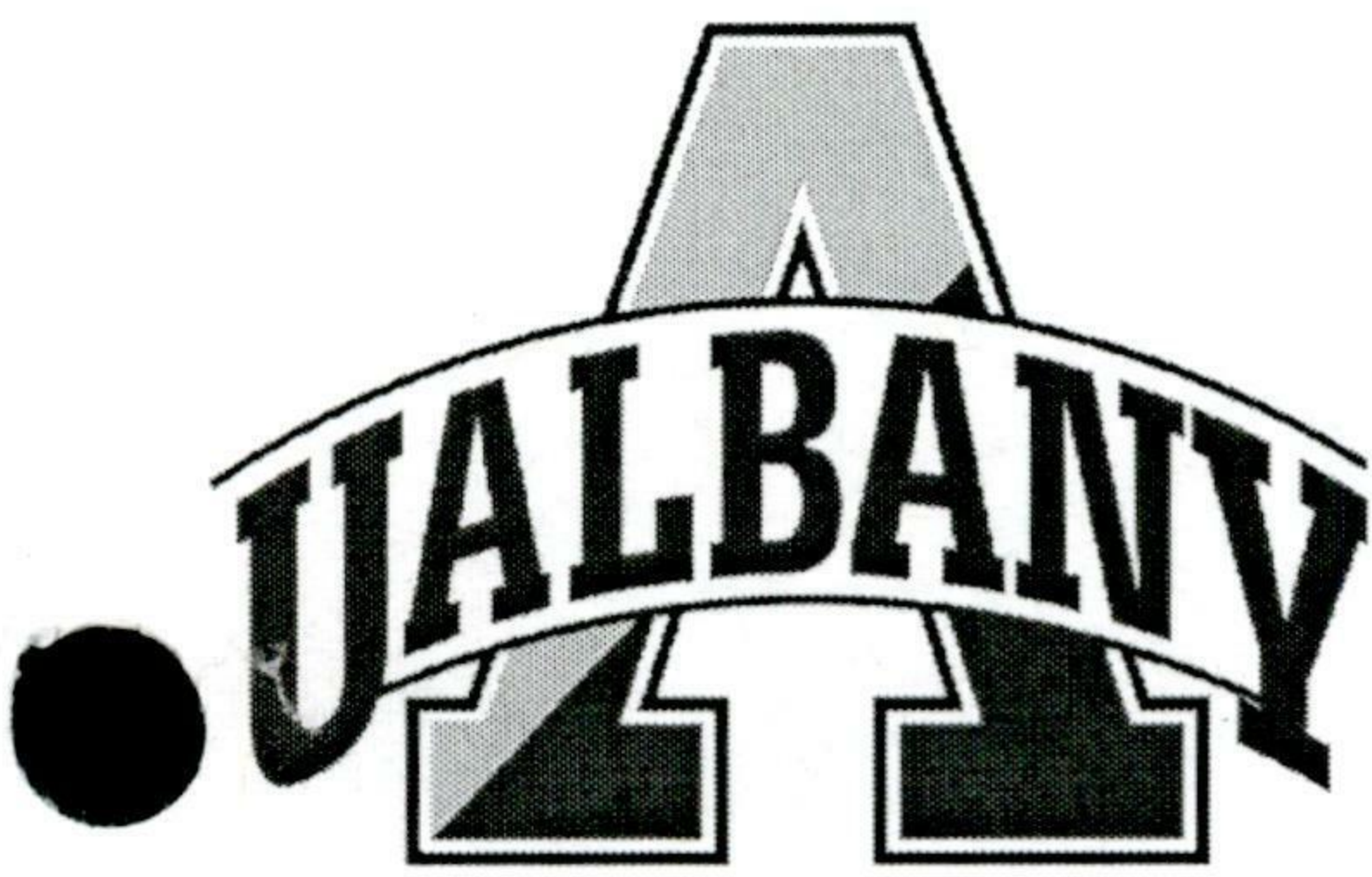
With the Great Danes up 13-11 midway through the first half, UAlbany went on a 23-6 run over the final 9:23 to end the period with a 36-17 lead. Senior guard Amanda Ward had nine first-half points, while junior forward Kristin Higy added eight points and eight rebounds. The Great Danes shot 51.6 percent as a team in the half.

The Bearkats went on an 8-2 run to start the second half and continued to chip away at the lead. Sophomore Morgan Collom's jumper with 4:06 remaining made the score 50-45, but the Great Danes made six consecutive free throws to finish the game and cement the 58-48 victory.

Mikus' 14-point evening was her third-highest output of the season. The junior guard also tied a season-high with four steals. Ward finished the evening with 11 points and five rebounds. The Great Danes were 10-for-10 from the free-throw line. Senior forward LaToya Bennett led the Bearkats (3-8) with 10 points, while Collom was second with eight points.

"We're coming together at the right time," UAlbany coach Trina Patterson said. "We're 2-0 with this lineup. I'm pleased we held on. We do have to work on defending against the runs."

The Great Danes, who improve to 4-7 with the win, continue their road trip with a game at Lamar on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 8:00 p.m.



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## UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL HOLDS OFF CORNELL FOR A 78-75 WIN ON THE ROAD

Ithaca, N.Y. – Brent Wilson had 19 points and Jamar Wilson added 17, as UAlbany posted its fourth consecutive victory in a 78-75 win over Cornell on Friday evening at Newman Arena.

In a back-and-forth affair, Cornell (4-6) took a 68-66 lead on a three-point field goal by freshman Louis Dale, who had 15 of his 22 points in the final period. UAlbany (6-4) went back in front when Brian Lillis was fouled as he connected on driving layup from the left. Lillis, who matched a career-high with 14 points and added six rebounds and three blocks, completed the three-point play with a free throw.

The Great Danes, who shot 63.6 percent from the field in the second half, would eventually move out to a 76-72 lead in the final minute. Lillis made a steal at mid-court and hit a layup. Jamar Wilson, who handed out six assists, later made a 10-foot jumper. Dale would close the gap with one of his 3 three-pointers. But Wilson sank two free throws with eight seconds remaining and Dale misfired from long range at the other end under heavy pressure.

Freshman Ryan Wittman had 20 points, including four 3-pointers, while Graham Dow scored 12. The Big Red have dropped five of their last six games by a combined 15 points. UAlbany's Brent Wilson, who 12 second-half points, made 8-of-9 from field. Sophomore Jimmie Covington had a career night with seven points and seven rebounds off the bench.

"We won't get any style points, but that's a good win because we stuck together and got it done," said head coach Will Brown, whose team is above .500 after ten games for the first time in the program's Division I history. "Cornell is tough to defend and they shoot the ball well from three. We feel better about ourselves because we have strung some wins together."

Cornell led 34-32 at halftime by overcoming a pair of nine-point deficits in the period. UAlbany built a 23-14 margin when freshman Reid Anderson converted a three-point play when he was fouled on a baseline drive. The Big Red then held the visitors scoreless for six-plus minutes. During the span, Cornell ran off 10 unanswered points to go ahead on two free throws by Dow. Andrew Naeve's two foul shots gave his team the lead at the break.

"We just made the plays we needed to win the game," said Lillis, who had the same scoring total against Cornell in last year's contest. "There are so many things that happen in these close games. At halftime, I just said to the rest of the team that we get too satisfied when we have a lead. When we were up nine, we played with no purpose and were selfish."



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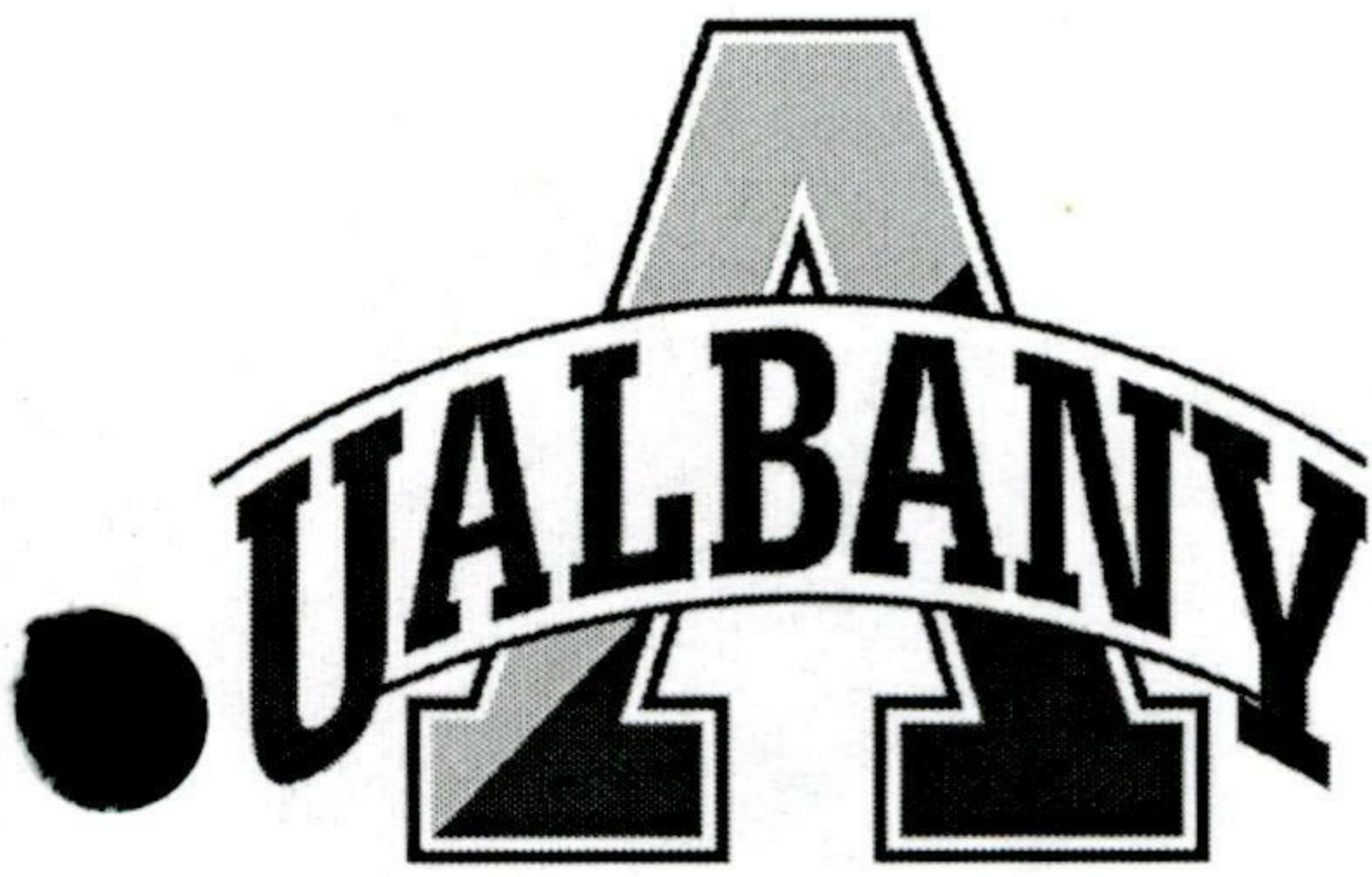
### UALBANY'S RYAN CHROBAK ON NACDA ACADEMIC ALL-STAR FOOTBALL TEAM

Cleveland, Ohio – University at Albany's Ryan Chrobak has been chosen to the ninth annual Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team, as announced by the FCS ADA. Chrobak was one of 54 student-athletes selected.

Chrobak, who started for the fourth year at cornerback on UAlbany's nationally-ranked defense, graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in criminal justice last May. He is currently working toward his master's degree in the same discipline.

Chrobak totaled 43 tackles, including 27 unassisted, with one sack, one interception, one forced fumble and a team-leading nine pass break ups. He had four or more tackles against seven opponents this season. Chrobak, who was voted the team's top defensive back for the third consecutive year, finished his career ranked 23rd on the school's all-time tackles list with 188. He also had 29 pass break-ups and six interceptions.

A native of Clinton, N.Y., Chrobak has been involved in several community service projects as a member of the football program, including Reading for Elementary Kids, Campus Clean-Up and Walk for Breast Cancer. In addition, he was named to this year's ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District I squad.



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### **JAMAR WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Jamar Wilson has been chosen the America East Conference Player of the Week in basketball, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. Wilson was honored for the second time this year, and has won the weekly award on six occasions during his career.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 senior, averaged 21.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and 5.5 assists in a pair of non-league victories over Harvard and St. Bonaventure last week. He totaled 20 points, nine rebounds and tied a career-high with two blocks, as his team came from 13 down in the second half to upend Harvard, 79-76, on Dec. 12. Wilson broke a 74-all tie by following his own miss in the lane and making a pair of free throws. He had 13 of his 22 points in the first half in last Saturday's 71-56 win against St. Bonaventure at SEFCU Arena. Wilson, who scored 20-plus in back-to-back games for the first time this season, added eight assists, seven rebounds and four steals.

Wilson, who moved past the 1,700-point mark as a collegian, leads the America East in scoring at 18.2 points per game. He is also second in rebounding (7.4 pg) and third in assists (5.4 pg). UAlbany (5-4) is above the .500 mark after nine games for the first time as a Division I program.



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## UALBANY ENDS THREE-GAME SKID WITH 60-55 VICTORY OVER SACRED HEART

Albany, N.Y. – Kristin Higy had 15 points and a career-high 13 rebounds, as UAlbany halted a three-game losing streak by holding off Sacred Heart, 60-55, on Sunday afternoon at SEFCU Arena.

UAlbany (3-7) led 16-12 midway through the first half, but then went on a 12-2 run. Amanda Ward, who had 13 points and eight rebounds, and freshman guard Britney McGee buried consecutive three-point field goals to ignite that outburst. Higy, who had 13 first-half points, converted a driving layup and scored on the right baseline during that span. The Great Danes, who held the visitors to 5-of-29 shooting in the period, would take a 30-16 lead to the locker room.

In the second half, the Great Danes increased their advantage, as Sherri Mikus made back-to-back baskets with a right-baseline jumper and a fastbreak layup. McGee, who had 11 points, would later drill a pair of three-pointers that pushed the margin to 51-32 with 11:46 remaining.

Sacred Heart (4-5) still trailed by 16 points with less than five minutes to play. But the Pioneers, who won their first-ever Northeast Conference championship and reach the NCAAs last year, came roaring back with 12 of the game's next 14 points. Amanda Pape, who led all scorers with 16 points, had two baskets in that run. Jasmine Walker tallied a conventional three-point play when she was fouled on a follow shot in the lane, before Kerri Burke's driving layup off the glass closed the gap to 58-52 with 31 seconds left.

The Great Danes, who had dropped six of their last seven coming into the contest, were able to hang on for the win. Ward, a senior guard, made both ends of a one-and-one opportunity with 14.7 seconds remaining. Higy, who recorded her second career double-double, later grabbed an offensive rebound off a missed free throw to seal the outcome.

"We started two freshmen and were still able to get a great win against a conference championship team," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, who squad limited the Pioneers to 29.2 percent from the field overall. "We got careless toward the end. We need to stay focused and understand the intensity of the game."

Walker, a 6-foot-1 senior, totaled 11 points and 11 rebounds, her 18th career double-double. Kaitlin Sowinski, a 6-foot-4 sophomore, was the third Sacred Heart player in twin figures with 11 points. UAlbany's Mikus finished with six points and a career-high nine rebounds.

"We started strong with a good tempo and a fast pace," offered Higy, the America East Conference player of the game who made 7-of-9 from the floor and added five assists and three steals. "This is a huge turning point for us in that we are trying to find our identity. It's good to get a win before the break. This will give us some confidence heading to Texas (two-game road trip)."





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## UALBANY WINS THIRD STRAIGHT IN 71-56 VICTORY OVER ST. BONAVENTURE

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson scored 22 points to pace four players in double figures, as UAlbany won its third straight in a 71-56 victory over St. Bonaventure on Saturday afternoon at SEFCU Arena.

UAlbany (5-4) led 27-23 in the opening half, but then scored 11 of the game's next 13 points to end the period. Sophomore forward Brian Connelly, who had 10 points off the bench despite battling the flu over the last few days, scored in the lane, before freshman Reid Anderson hit a three-point field goal from the left corner. Wilson, a 6'1" senior who also had eight rebounds, seven assists and four steals, ended that spurt with a 10-footer off the dribble and a pair of free throws for a 38-25 halftime advantage.

St. Bonaventure (3-7) closed the gap to seven on two occasions early in the final period. Zarryon Fereti, one of four Bonnies in twin figures with 11 points, made a pair of free throws to slice the deficit to 40-33 with 15:11 remaining. But the Great Danes responded with a 10-3 run to pull away. Brent Wilson, a 6-foot-8 junior who recorded his first career double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds, scored in the paint and made a three-pointer from the right corner during that stretch. Jason Siggers gave his team a 50-36 lead when his layup attempt counted on a goal-tending call.

The Great Danes, who held the visitors to 32.8-percent shooting on 19-of-58 attempts, pushed their margin to as much as 17 points over the final eight minutes of play. Carl Ross converted a fastbreak layup from Jamar Wilson for a 62-45 lead with 5:37 left. Siggers, a senior, finished with 16 points to extend his double-digit scoring streak to six games.

"We are just trying to gain some momentum," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team is above the .500 mark after nine games for the first time in eight Division I seasons. "Playing hard and being productive are two different things. Why we are happy to get the win, but we had too many mental breakdowns on both ends of the floor."

A.J. Hawkins had 14 points and eight rebounds to lead the Bonnies, an Atlantic 10 Conference member who lost for the fifth straight time. Paul Williams, a 6-foot-10, 240-pound post player, and James Williams scored 12 points apiece. The two programs were meeting for the first time since 1929.

"We executed on the offensive end, especially in our motion set," said Jamar Wilson, who went over 1,700 points for his career. "At times we were stagnant on defense. We are trying to find that killer instinct when we have 12- to 15-point leads. We want to put a bunch of wins together and create that steamroll effect."



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### **JOY STERLING TO MISS REMAINDER OF THE SEASON DUE TO LEG INJURY**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany basketball forward Joy Sterling will miss the remainder of the 2006-07 season due to compartment syndrome in her lower legs. The injury, confirmed by Dr. Max Alley of Capital Region Orthopaedic Group, will require surgery that will be scheduled at a later date.

“Joy provides a lot for our team with her energy and her rebounding ability,” said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson. “We are going to have to get other people on the team to step up and fill in.”

Sterling, a 5-foot-11 sophomore from Granada Hills, Calif., will apply for a medical. She had appeared in six games for the Great Danes this season, after averaging 4.6 points and a team-high 6.3 rebounds as a freshman.



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## UALBANY DEFEATS HARVARD, 79-76, FOR SECOND STRAIGHT WIN

Cambridge, Mass. – Brian Lillis blocked James Lambert's three-point field goal attempt in the closing seconds, as UAlbany rallied from a huge second-half deficit to post a 79-76 victory over Harvard on Tuesday evening at Lavietes Pavilion.

Harvard (5-4) built a 51-38 advantage with 14:11 remaining on a pair of free throws by Jim Goffredo, who was one of five Crimson players in double figures with 20 points. UAlbany (4-4) stormed back into the contest over the next six minutes behind the play of Jason Siggers, who had 15 of his 17 points in that span. Siggers converted a layup off Lillis' steal to tie the game at 63 apiece with 8:07 to play.

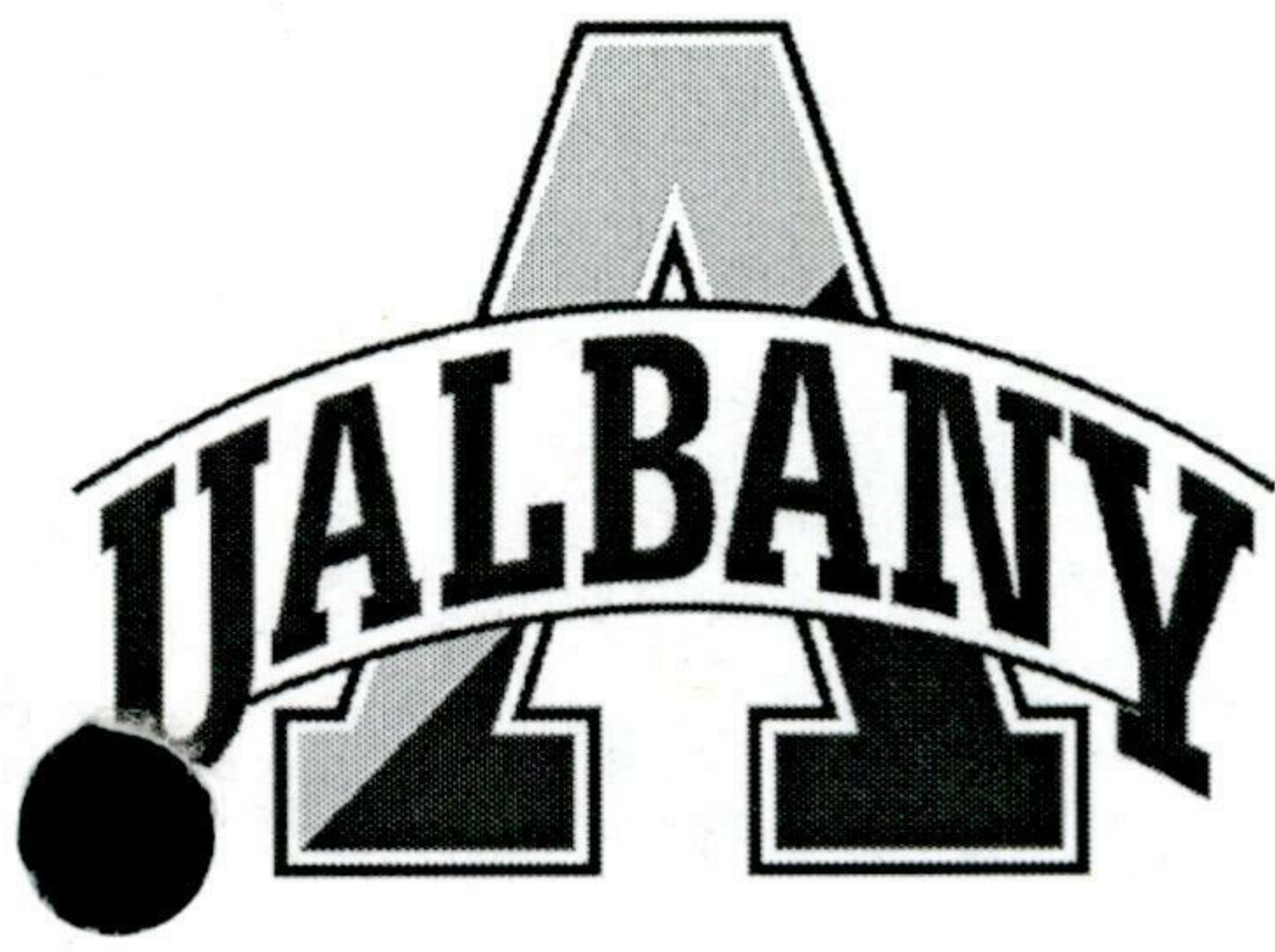
Harvard eventually regained the lead at 68-65 on Goffredo's three-pointer from the left wing. But the Great Danes drew even at 72-all on a 3-pointer by Brent Wilson, who had 20 points and five rebounds. Jamar Wilson gave UAlbany the lead for good with two free throws and a put back of his own miss for a 78-74 lead. Jamar Wilson finished with 20 points and nine rebounds.

In the final 20 seconds, the Crimson, who had their four-game winning streak halted, had several opportunities to force overtime. But Goffredo missed a three-point try and Lillis blocked two perimeter jumpers. The Crimson's Evan Harris had 15 points, while Brian Cusworth, a 7-foot, 255-pound center, added 12 points, seven rebounds and five blocked shots.

"Hopefully we keep playing like we did the last ten minutes instead of the way we played the first thirty," said Lillis, who had nine points, seven rebounds, five assists and a career-high four blocks. "Defense is the way for us and the coaches have continually talked about it. It's tough to switch off on their perimeter players."

Harvard led 33-31 at halftime in a game that was tight throughout the opening period. The Crimson wiped out a 24-21 deficit with seven straight points. Andrew Puzar scored in a crowded land to put his team ahead. Still leading 27-26, Drew Housman and Goffredo drilled back-to-back 3-pointers. However, the Great Danes, who shot just 33 percent in the stanza, clawed back into the fray by the break with Jamar Wilson and Siggers doing all of the scoring from the foul line.

"We showed some mental toughness and took our game to another level," said head coach Will Brown, whose program rallied from a double-figure deficit in the second half for the seventh time at the Division I level. "We won the game, Harvard didn't lose it. I knew we couldn't outscore them. We defended them and made them defend us."



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## **COLIN DISCH NAMED TO 2006 AFCA DIVISION I-AA COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAM**

Waco, Texas – University at Albany's Colin Disch has been selected to the American Football Coaches Association 2006 Division I-AA Coaches' All-America Team, as announced today by the national organization. Disch, a junior inside linebacker, is the third UAlbany player to make the AFCA All-America squad since the program upgraded in 1999. J.T. Herfurth (2000) and Geir Gudmundsen (2004), a pair of offensive tackles, were previously chosen.

A native of North Plainfield, N.J., Disch was named the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. He also made his third consecutive appearance on the All-NEC first team. Disch recorded 100-plus tackles (103) for the third year in a row, plus added 11 hits for a loss, four pass break-ups, two forced fumbles and one interception. His top effort came in a 17-10 upset of nationally-ranked Delaware, when he totaled 15 tackles, including 10 unassisted. He also had 14 tackles against NEC champion Monmouth.

Disch ranks third among the school's all-time tackles leaders with 346, and needs just nine to establish the career mark as a senior. He has posted double-figure hits against 21 opponents as a collegian.

UAlbany featured on of the top defensive units among NCAA Division I-AA teams this season. The Great Danes, who finished 7-4 overall, ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense (13.0 ppg) and total defense (240.8 ypg) and fifth in rushing yards allowed (90.2 ypg).

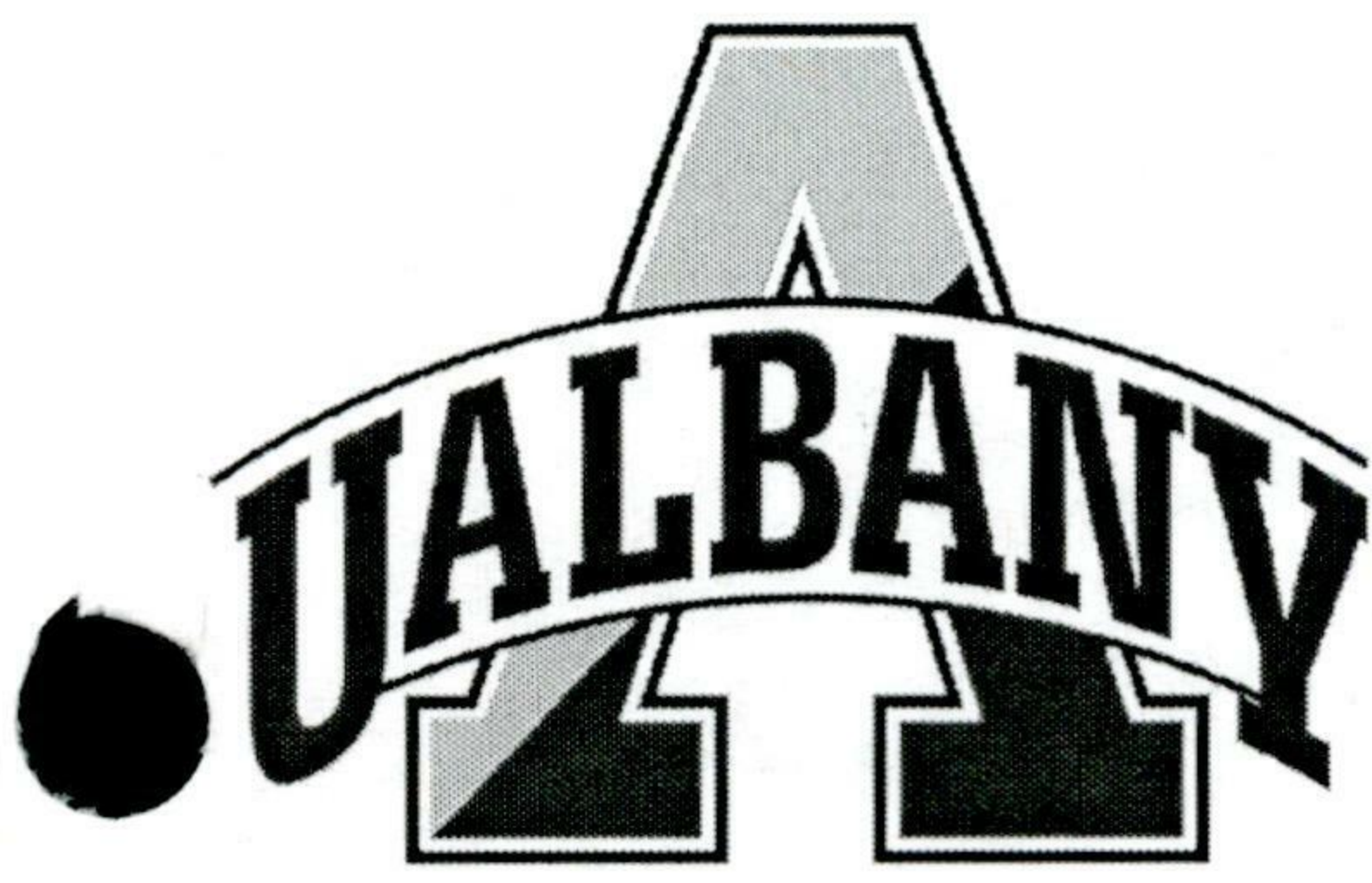
The American Football Coaches Association has selected an All-America team every year since 1945. The AFCA's Division I-AA Committee is made up of three head coaches from each of the AFCA's nine districts. This year's All-America team includes 22 seniors and three juniors.

### **UAlbany's AFCA Division I-AA All-Americans**

2006: LB Colin Disch

2004: OT Geir Gudmundsen

2000: OT J.T. Herfurth



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## JOLENE ANDERSON SCORES SEASON-HIGH 28 IN WISCONSIN'S WIN OVER UALBANY

Madison, Wis. – Jolene Anderson scored 28 points, one off her career-high, to lead Wisconsin to a 75-46 victory over UAlbany on Sunday afternoon before 5,043 fans at the Kohl Center. The Badgers, who are receiving votes in the current Associated Press national poll, are off to their best start in five years with a 10-1 record.

UAlbany (2-7) trailed by as much as 10 points in the early portion of the contest, but then closed within 17-13 when Amanda Ward scored on the left baseline. Ward, a senior guard, finished with a team-high 16 points and was the lone Great Dane in double figures.

The Badgers, who won their fourth straight and are a perfect 7-0 at home this season, then ran off seven unanswered points. Anderson, a preseason All-Big Ten Conference selection, scored on a follow shot, before freshman guard Rae Lin D'Alie banked in a three-point field goal from the left wing. Janese Banks, a 5'10" junior who recorded her third career double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds, completed the spurt with a layup following a steal.

Wisconsin still led 26-18 three minutes later, but then pushed its margin to double figures. Danielle Ward's blocked shot started a fastbreak that led to Banks' conventional three-point play when she was fouled on a driving layup. Freshman Sarah Ingison then connected on a 19-footer from the left corner.

The Badgers, who led 36-20 at halftime, would effectively end any suspense midway through the final period behind the play of Anderson, a junior who made 11-of-19 from the field and scored 20-plus points for the fourth time this season. She was fouled while making a short bank shot for a three-point play and then converted a layup after her steal for a commanding 58-33 advantage with 11:19 remaining.

"We played without fear," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose squad was dominated on the boards, 50-27, by a starting lineup that featured two 6-foot-4 frontcourt players. "We had a lot of point-blank shots in the first half and missed a lot of layups. We didn't get a lot of second opportunities (at the basket) and gave up too many on the defensive end. They denied our perimeter players in the second half and we got sloppy."

Freshman guard Britney McGee had seven points, five rebounds and four steals for the Great Danes, who shot 34 percent from the field on 18-of-53 attempts. Sherri Mikus and Kristin Higy added six points apiece.



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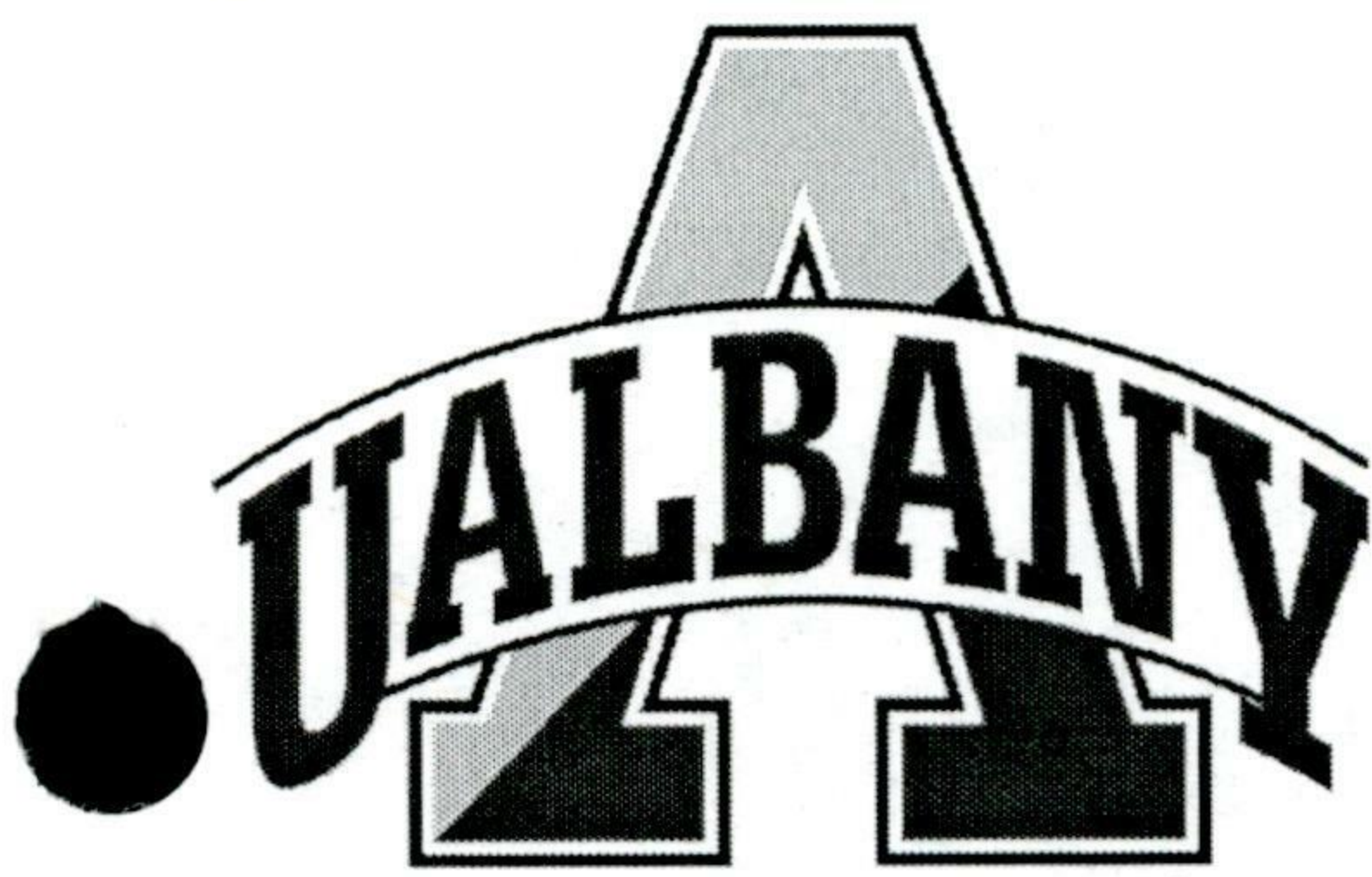
### **JUNIOR BURNETT TIES SCHOOL RECORD IN 60M DASH AT YALE SEASON OPENER**

New Haven, Conn. – University at Albany's Junior Burnett won the 60-meter dash in a school-record time and was a member of the first-place 4x400-meter relay to highlight his team's performance at the Yale Season Opener on Saturday afternoon at Coxe Cage.

Burnett tied a UAlbany standard, set by Alix Rodrigues in 2001, when he sprinted 6.86 seconds to hit the tape first in the 60-meter event. He also ran the second leg on a relay that posted an IC4A-qualifying time of 3:16.75. Other relay members were Pat Weider, Joe Belokopitsky (Shaker) and Joe Greene, who ran a 47.1 split on the anchor leg.

Greene, a sophomore, ran the third-fastest time in school history to win the 500-meter dash in 1:03.09. The Great Danes had three other first-place finishers, including John Moore (Fonda-Fultonville) in the 800-meter run (1:55.65), Freddie Wills in the high jump (6'4") and Luke Schoen in the pole vault (15-9). Schoen recorded the second-best height by a UAlbany vaulter. James Nixon cleared the bar at 16-feet, 3-inches in 1993. Ricardo Estremera was second in the 3,000 with a personal-best time of 8:31.78.

In the women's competition, Jessica and Jenna Ortman went one-two in the 800-meter run. Jessica qualified for ECACs by covering the distance in 2:11.22. She also was a member of the winning 4x400 relay that crossed the line in 3:55.44. Adanna Andrews, who also was a competitor on the relay, won the 500-meter dash in 1:17.0. Alyssa Lotmore (Bishop Maginn) took second in the 5,000 with an ECAC-qualifying mark of 17:12.95.



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## UALBANY ENDS FOUR-GAME LOSING STREAK WITH 62-52 WIN OVER BROWN

Albany, N.Y. – Jason Siggers scored 17 points and Brent Wilson added 16 as UAlbany snapped a four-game losing streak with a 62-52 non-conference win over Brown on Saturday afternoon at SEFCU Arena.

Brown (3-7) rallied from a 44-29 deficit in the second half to close within five on two occasions. Damon Huffman, who had 15 points, sank a pair of free throws to get his team within 48-43 with 8:45 remaining. However, UAlbany (3-4) would push the lead back to double figures when senior guard Jamar Wilson, who fell just short of a triple-double with nine points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, followed his own miss in the lane and Brent Wilson buried a three-point field goal from the top of the arc.

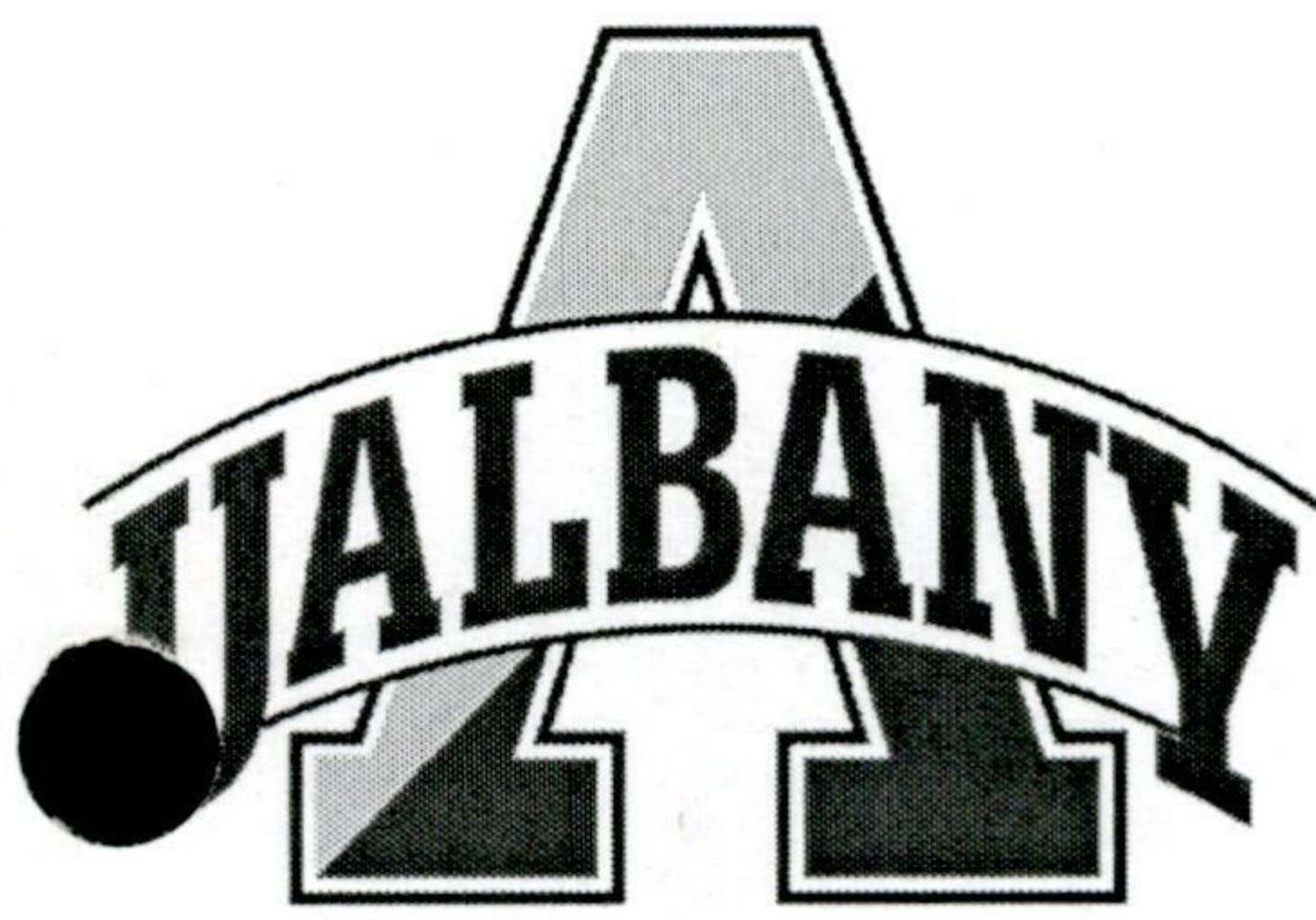
The Great Danes led 20-16 midway through the opening period, but then ran off 12 unanswered points. Jon Iati ignited that stretch with a 3-point field goal from the right corner. Jamar Wilson converted a drive with a one-handed scoop off the glass, before Brent Wilson drilled one of his four 3-pointers. Siggers, who 10 first-half points, hit a layup after Jamar Wilson's steal to hand his club a 32-16 advantage.

UAlbany led 37-29 early in the final period, but then re-established their margin with a string of seven straight points. Brian Connelly, who had eight points and five rebounds, connected with a jump hook on the left baseline. Brent Wilson, a 6-foot-8 junior, added another long-range jumper from the right wing, before Jamar Wilson's 15-footer closed out the run.

"They are a disciplined and dangerous team," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose squad has won 13 of its last 15 at home. "They expose the slightest breakdown on defense. We defended well in the first half, but had too many mental lapses in the second half. We were flat offensively when they threw the 1-3-1 (defense) at us."

Mark McAndrews led all scorers with 19 points for the Bears, who were held to the lowest shooting figure by an opponent (27.5 percent) in the UAlbany program's Division I history. UAlbany's Brent Wilson, who has 5-for-8 from the floor and added six rebounds, broke out his three-game shooting slump.

"It's definitely good to win," said Siggers, who made 7-of-13 from the field and scored in twin figures for the fourth straight time. "We defended, rebounded and made some shots. Everyone was hungry today. We just have to continue to buy in to what we are doing defensively."



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### THOMSON & RESETARITS ON INSIDE LACROSSE PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

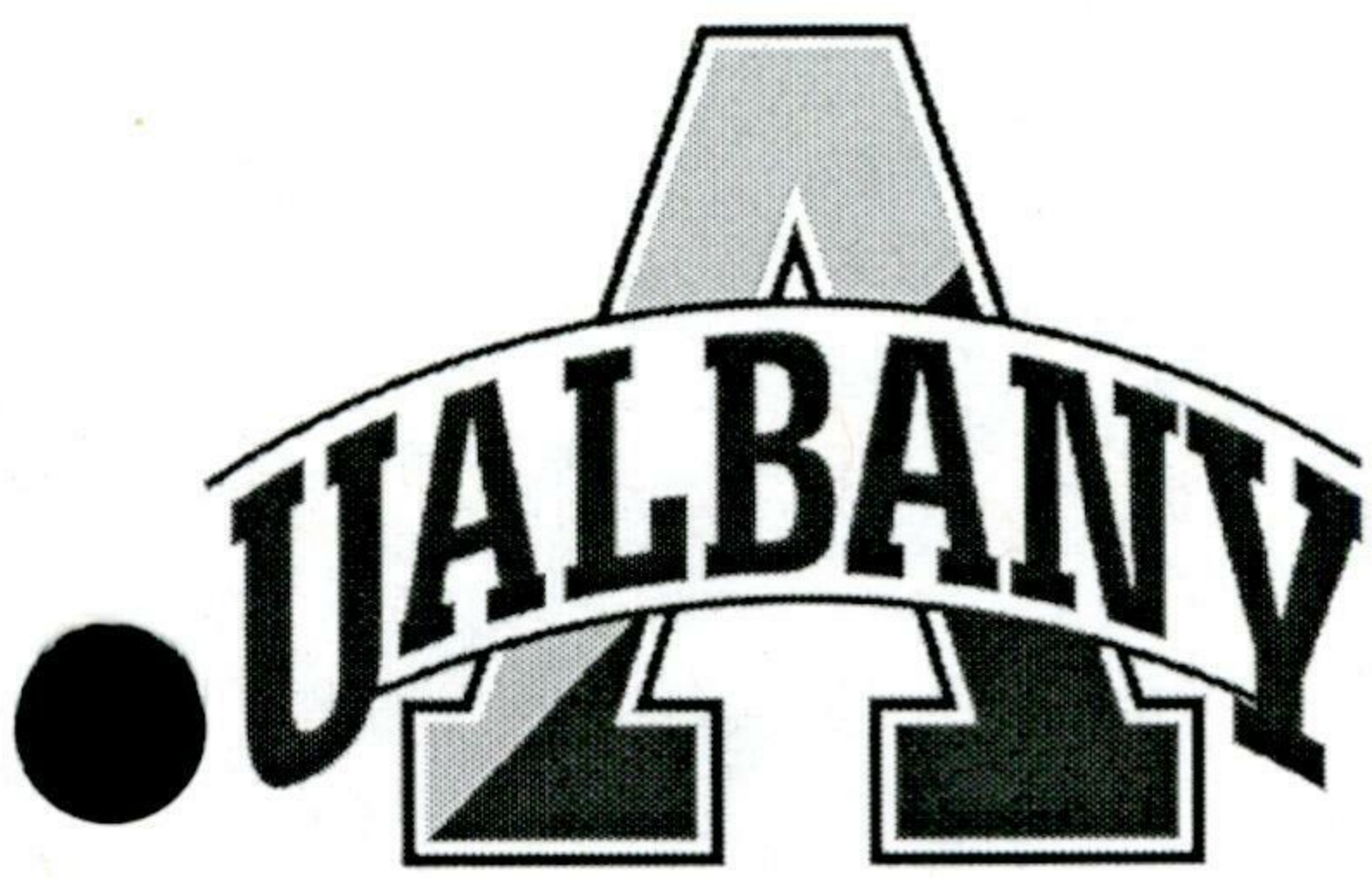
Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Merrick Thomson (Albany Academy) and Frank Resetarits have been named to the Inside Lacrosse/Face-Off Yearbook Preseason Division I All-America Team. Thomson and Resetarits are honorable mention selections.

Resetarits, a senior attack from Hamburg, N.Y., was the top scorer in Division I last year at 4.27 points per game. He totaled 45 goals and 19 assists for 63 points. Resetarits ranks sixth on the school's all-time scoring list with 161 points (101 goals, 60 assists).

Thomson, a senior attack from Stoney Creek, Ontario, tallied 31 goals and 11 assists for the nation's third-leading offense. Thomson is third on UAlbany's career scoring chart with 175 points (132 goals, 43 assists). He already is the school's all-time goal scorer.

UAlbany was recently ranked No. 20 in the Inside Lacrosse/Face-Off Yearbook national preseason poll. The Great Danes have won the America East Conference championship and earned an NCAA berth in three of the last four seasons.





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### **B.A. WALKER SCORES 25 IN LEADING VCU TO A 75-57 WIN OVER UALBANY**

Albany, N.Y. – B.A. Walker scored 19 of his 25 points in the second half, as Virginia Commonwealth pulled away for its fourth straight win in a 75-57 victory over UAlbany on Wednesday evening at SEFCU Arena.

The Great Danes, who led by as much as 10 points in the opening half, were still ahead 26-18 when Jamar Wilson converted a left-handed drive. The 6-foot-1 senior finished with 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Virginia Commonwealth (6-2) then went to work with two separate runs. The Rams scored 13 of the period's final 15 points to take a 31-28 halftime lead. Jesse Pellot-Rosa, who had 13 points and 10 rebounds, sliced the margin in half with a tip-in. Walker later canned one of his five 3-pointers following an offensive rebound to put his team ahead.

VCU held a 37-31 advantage early in the final stanza, but then seized control with a 17-3 outburst. Wil Fameni, a 6-foot-7, 240-pound transfer from Arizona State, ignited that stretch with a conventional three-point play when he was fouled on a basket in the lane. Jamal Shuler had six of his 11 points in that span, including a three-pointer from the left wing. Walker, who made 10-of-15 from the field, connected on a driving layup to push his team's lead to 54-34 with 11:56 remaining.

"They seemed to have more pep in their step," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team played a VCU squad they met in last year's BracketBusters event. "They outplayed us with their athleticism, length and quickness. We struggled in the halfcourt once they went to a small lineup."

Fameni had 10 points and six rebounds for the Rams, who shot 68 percent from the floor after halftime on 17-of-25 attempts. Michael Anderson added five points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Jason Siggers had 13 points for the Great Danes, who saw their seven-game home winning streak come to an end.

"We need to find ourselves," said Wilson, whose club lost for the fourth consecutive time after opening with a pair of wins. "When they started to hit some shots, we got lackadaisical. We're not playing like champions right now. We were embarrassed on our home floor. We need to defend better and get tougher."



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### HEATHER TURNER SCORES 20 IN BUFFALO'S 61-35 WIN OVER UALBANY

Buffalo, N.Y. -- Heather Turner scored 20 points, on 9-of-10 shooting, to lead Buffalo to a 61-35 non-conference win UAlbany on Wednesday evening at Alumni Arena.

Buffalo (4-5) raced to a 15-4 lead at the start and maintained a double-figure advantage the rest of the way. Turner made consecutive layups to put her club in front, before Rachelle Matthys buried back-to-back three-point field goals. Matthys finished with 11 points and five rebounds.

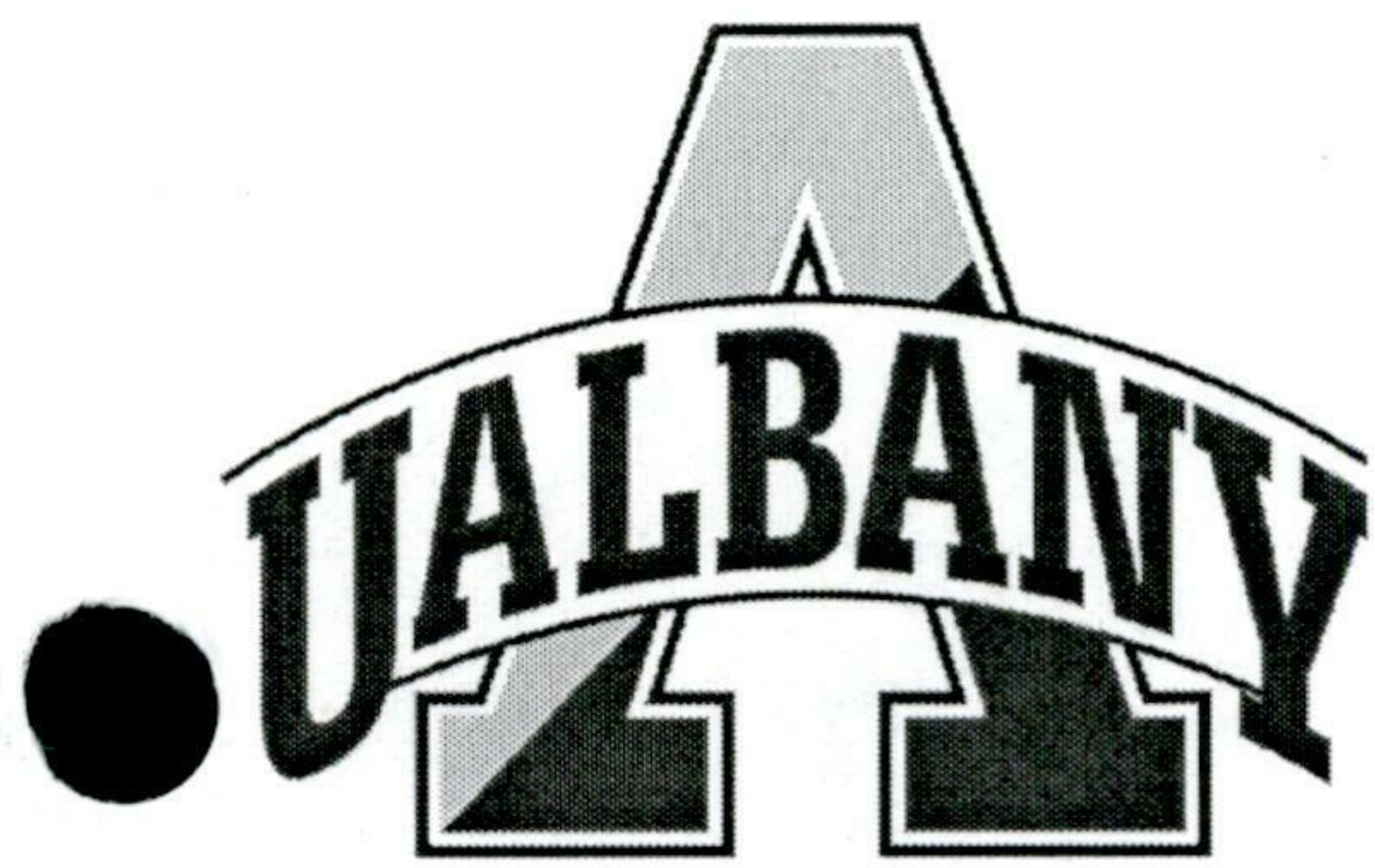
The Bulls, who ended a three-game skid in their previous outing against Niagara, increased their margin to as much 19 points in the opening period. Jamie Schneiber hit a pair of free throws with 4:21 left before the break. Buffalo settled for a 33-18 halftime lead.

Turner, who also had seven rebounds, and her team held UAlbany (2-6) scoreless for an eight-minute span in the second half, embarking on a run of 12 unanswered points during that stretch. The Great Danes were held to 22-percent shooting, making just 13 of 59 from the field.

"We have a lack of confidence on offense right now," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team's schedule does not get any easier with a trip to Wisconsin this Sunday. "I am very concerned about our slow starts. We have to get back to the drawing board and figure out what we can do to score."

Sherri Mikus was the lone UAlbany player in double figures with 10 points and five rebounds. Britney McGee and Amanda Ward added six points apiece.

"We haven't found our groove on offense," Mikus explained. "Their (Buffalo) zone got us. We didn't get the shots we wanted. We took the shots they gave us, not the ones we wanted to take. We had to take long jumpers and three's instead of being aggressive in the paint and going to the hoop."



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## **BUCHANAN & GOLDMAN ON AVCA ALL-NORTHEAST REGION VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Lexington, Ky. – University at Albany's Blair Buchanan and Shelby Goldman have been named to the AVCA All-Northeast Region Women's Volleyball Team, as announced by the American Volleyball Coaches Association on Wednesday afternoon. Buchanan and Goldman were honorable mention selections.

Buchanan, a senior setter from Muncie, Ind., makes her third consecutive appearance on the all-star squad. She was recently named the America East Conference player and setter of the year for the third season in a row, the only athlete in NCAA history to win both awards three times. Buchanan ranked second among the America East leaders in assists at 11.34 per game and averaged 2.43 digs. She completed her career as the school's all-time assists leader with 5,049.

Goldman, a senior outside hitter from Whitby, Ontario, is on the AVCA all-region team for the first time. She was voted to the All-America East first team for the third straight year after averaging 4.23 kills and 2.87 digs. Goldman accounted for 19 double-doubles, including an 18-kill, 12-dig performance against St. John's in last week's first round of the NCAA Tournament. She holds the UAlbany career record with 1,671 kills, and established the single-season mark this fall with 524.

UAlbany (19-13) captured the America East Conference championship and reached the NCAAs for the second time in the last three years. Buchanan and Goldman helped the Great Danes register a combined 98-34 record over the past four years, including a Division I school-record 28 wins in 2005.



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## **DISCH & COLEMAN ON SPORTS NETWORK I-AA MID-MAJOR ALL-AMERICA TEAM**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Colin Disch and Andre Coleman have been chosen to The Sports Network Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America Football Team, as announced by the national wire service on Monday afternoon. Disch is a member of the first team for the second consecutive year. He becomes the fifth player in the UAlbany program's history to be named to the squad on multiple occasions.

Disch, who was recently named the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year for the second straight time, recorded 100-plus tackles (103) for the third consecutive season. He added 11 hits for a loss, four pass break-ups, two forced fumbles and one interception. A junior inside linebacker from North Plainfield, N.J., Disch ranks third on the school's all-time tackles list with 346. His top performance came in an upset of nationally-ranked Delaware when he accounted for 15 tackles, including 10 unassisted.

Coleman, a 6-foot-4, 290-pound senior, earns mid-major All-America honors for the first time, plus is the first UAlbany defensive lineman to be recognized. A defensive end from Buffalo, N.Y., Coleman made 42 tackles and led the Great Danes in tackles for a loss (13.0) and sacks (6.0). A two-time All-NEC first-team selection, he was invited to and played in the 2006 East Coast Bowl All-Star Game.

UAlbany featured one of the top defensive units among NCAA Division I-AA teams this season. The Great Danes, who finished 7-4 overall, ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense (13.0 ppg), and fifth in both rushing yards allowed (90.2 ypg) and total defense (240.8 ypg).

### **UAlbany's Sports Network All-Americans (First Team)**

2006: LB Colin Disch, DE Andre Coleman

2005: LB Colin Disch, OG Aaron Kimball

2004: OT Geir Gudmundsen

2003: TB Gary Jones, OT Geir Gudmundsen, OT Mike Lacroche

2002: TB Gary Jones, OG Alex Argulewicz, LB Josh Bazan

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### **CARA ENRIGHT SCORES 19 TO LEAD ARMY TO A 63-51 VICTORY OVER UALBANY**

Albany, N.Y. – Cara Enright scored 13 of her 19 points in the first half in leading Army to a 63-51 non-conference victory over UAlbany on Sunday afternoon at SEFCU Arena.

Army (7-2) broke open a tight game with a 15-2 run midway through the opening period. Margaree King followed her own miss, before Megan Evans hit a one-hander in the lane to start that decisive stretch. Jen Hansen, who had 15 points, would later make a 3-point field goal from the right wing in transition. Enright would give her team a 28-13 lead with a three-point play when she was fouled on an up-and-under move.

UAlbany (2-5) scored on the first possession of the second half to slice the deficit to 31-23, when Gia Sanders converted a drive from the foul line. But the Black Knights, who captured last year's Patriot League title, would slowly pull away over the next 10 minutes. Hansen canned one of her four 3-pointers to push the lead back to double figures. Stefanie Stone, who had 11 points, hit a turnaround and Enright followed with a jump hook off the glass. Another three-pointer by Hansen from the right corner increased her team's margin to 47-30.

The Great Danes, who defeated Holy Cross in their last outing one week ago to snap a three-game skid, whittled away at the lead behind the play of Kristin Higy, a 6-foot-1 junior who recorded her first double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Sanders delivered in the lane off a pass from a driving Britney McGee to close the gap to 54-47 with 1:18 remaining.

Army would ended that threat as Stone came up with a conventional three-point play on her team's next possession as she was fouled on a basket in close range. Alex McGuire made a pair of free throws with 33.5 seconds to play.

"We were out of sync and passive on offense," UAlbany coach Trina Patterson said. "There were too many stretches where we gave them second chances and that took the air out of our bubble. Our turnovers were unforced. We need to stop thinking and just play the game."

Freshman Charity Iromuanya had a career-high 10 points off the bench for the Great Danes, who shot 32.7 percent and made 22 turnovers. Sanders and McGee had nine points apiece. Army's finished with eight points and eight rebounds.

"The loss hurts and cuts deep," said Higy, who added three assists and two steals before fouling out in the last minute. "We knew that (Cara) Enright could really shoot the ball well, and she did that in the first half. We just have to keep improving every game and hit the goals we are setting for ourselves."

**MEN'S BASKETBALL EDGED BY CROSSTOWN-RIVAL SIENA, 76-75, IN DOUBLE OVERTIME**

Albany, N.Y. -- Kenny Hasbrouck scored 22 points and hit a pull-up jumper in the lane with one minute and 11 seconds left in the second overtime to lead Siena to a 76-75 victory over UAlbany before 11,271 fans on Saturday, December 2 at Pepsi Arena.

Jamar Wilson, who had 19 points and 11 rebounds, had a couple of opportunities to possibly put UAlbany (2-3) ahead at the end. He missed a driving shot in the lane with nine seconds remaining. Jason Siggers then grabbed the offensive rebound, but Siena's Ronald Moore stole the ball. Moore, who was fouled on the play, missed both free throws, but Wilson's three-pointer at the buzzer rattled in and out.

"It was a great game for anyone who bought a ticket," said UAlbany head coach Will Brown, whose team played in the longest game in this series since 1961. "It's obvious that winning is important to both schools. We had plenty of opportunities to win the game. But we didn't make free throws and had one or two defensive breakdowns at the wrong time."

Siena (3-3) came from 59-55 down in regulation to force the first extra period, as Kenny Hasbrouck made two free throws with 42.1 seconds left. Siggers, who had 14 of his 17 points in the overtimes, made consecutive 3-pointers to begin the first session, but the Saints fought back and drew even at 69 apiece on David Ryan's free throw. In the second extra period, the lead changed hands several times. Siggers connected on another long-range jumper for a 75-71 advantage. Hasbrouck answered on his team's next possession with a 3-pointer off a screen.

Freshman Edwin Ubiles had 20 points, including 4 three-pointers, for the Saints, who have won five of the last six meetings in this series, including two consecutive overtime decisions. UAlbany's Brian Lillis and Brian Connelly had 12 and 11 points, respectively.

"A double-overtime loss is going to sting for awhile," said Siggers. "We were not as focused on defense, and you can't let that happen if you're going to win. My shot wouldn't go in the hole until late in the game. If I get an open shot, I am going to keep trying."

Siena reversed a 25-24 deficit in the first half with seven unanswered points. Ryan hit a layup, before Ubiles canned a 3-pointer from the right wing. Hasbrouck completed the run with a pair of free throws. The Saints, who shot 52 percent in the opening period, would take a 34-30 lead to the locker room.