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(Men's Basketball)

Burlington, Vt. – **Trevor Gaines** had 22 points and 14 rebounds to pace five players in double figures in leading Vermont to a 100-73 victory over Albany on Thursday evening at Patrick Gymnasium.

Vermont (2-2) used 11 consecutive points to take the lead for good at 27-20 midway through the first half. **Tony Orciari** and **Jed Thibault** hit back-to-back 3-pointers in that run. Thibault finished with 15 points, while Orciari had 12.

Albany (1-4) closed within 36-32 on a three-pointer by **E.J. Gallup**, who netted a season-high 25 points. The Catamounts tallied eight of the game's next nine points to pull away for good. Gaines, who scored six in that outburst, totaled 16 points and 11 rebounds in the opening period.

The Great Danes, who were without starters **Joe Vukovic** and **Steve Albany**, trailed 48-35 at halftime. **Will Brand** had 16 points, and **Sam Hopes** scored 12.

Vermont's **Scotty Jones** had 17 points and 12 rebounds and **Matt Sheftic** was fifth UVM player in double figures with 12. The Catamounts shot 57.8 percent from the field, including 79 percent in the final half.

"We were short-handed tonight, and they threw a lot of bodies at us," Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. "They wore us out on the glass with their size advantage, and took advantage of our short bench."

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(Women's Basketball)

Buffalo, N.Y. – Senior forward **Tiffany Bell** scored 23 points and grabbed eight rebounds in leading unbeaten Buffalo to a 71-56 victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at Alumni Arena.

Buffalo (4-0) scored seven unanswered points to take a 13-6 lead with 14:30 left in the first half. Senior guard **Maria McClure**, who had nine points, broke an early tie with a three-point field goal. The Bulls, who upset No. 22 North Carolina in their opening game, later pushed out to a 32-15 advantage.

Albany (0-6) closed the gap to 32-23 at halftime behind the play of **Liz Tucker**, who tallied a season-high 22 points on 7-of-11 shooting and added seven rebounds.

The Great Danes were still within striking distance at 44-34 with 14:07 remaining, but Buffalo used a 19-5 run to take control. **Tara Perrier** keyed the outburst with back-to-back 3-pointer baskets. The Bulls, who received votes in this week's Associated Press Top 25 poll, shot 50 percent from the floor in the final period.

"Buffalo has a veteran team with seniors, and their experience showed tonight," Albany coach **Mari Warner** said. "Our team has come a long way since a few days ago. Their character and heart is starting to shine."

Freshman guard **Kathryn Hemlock** scored a season-best 13 points off the bench for the Great Danes, who are off until Dec. 5 when they host Green Mountain.

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EIGHT ALBANY PLAYERS ON ALL-NORTHEAST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM

Piscataway, N.J. – Senior offensive tackle **J.T. Herfurth** and sophomore free safety **Samson Brown** lead a group of eight University at Albany players who have been chosen to the 2000 All-Northeast Conference Football Team, as announced today by the conference office.

Joining Herfurth and Brown on the first-team unit were linebacker **Josh Bazan**, defensive tackle **Jason Martin** and offensive guard **Rafael Cruz**. Split end **Chris Phillis**, offensive guard **Alex Argulewicz** and tailback **Brian Manigault** were second-team selections for the Great Danes, who finished 5-6 overall and were 5-3 in the NEC.

Herfurth, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound left tackle who will play in the 2001 Hula Bowl All-Star Classic on January 20, and Brown, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound defender, make their second straight appearance on the All-NEC squad. Herfurth, a '99 second-team choice, blocked for an offense that is ranked 14th nationally in rushing (215.2 yards/game) and 32nd in scoring at 31.1 points per game. Brown, a first-team pick as a freshman, made 82 tackles (58 solo), and added four pass break-ups and two fumble recoveries.

Bazan, a 6-foot, 211-pound inside linebacker, led the Great Danes in tackles (109), hits for loss (18), sacks (6.0), fumble recoveries (4) and fumbles forced (4). At 6-foot-1 and 285 pounds, Martin had 47 tackles and 3.5 sacks for minus-38 yards. Cruz, a 6-foot-4, 305-pound senior, started all 11 games at right guard.

Phillis, a junior from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., is a member of the All-NEC team for the second consecutive year. Phillis hauled in 49 receptions for 856 yards and eight touchdowns, and accounted for 1,039 all-purpose yards. His reception and receiving yard totals were both the third-best single-season marks in school history.

Manigault set UAlbany's single-season rushing record with 1,041 yards, breaking a mark established by Dave Soldini in 1984. Manigault, who rushed for 100 or more yards in four games this year, also broke season records for touchdowns (15), rushing TDs (15) and scoring with 90 points. Argulewicz, a 6-foot-1, 290-pound sophomore, was a starter at left guard in his first season as regular on the offensive line.

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> Robert Morris' Tim Levcik and Sacred Heart's Kayode Mayowa Named Northeast Conference Football Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year Robert Morris' Brent Hockenberry Selected Offensive Rookie of the Year Sacred Heart's Brian Pawlowski Chosen Defensive Rookie of the Year Sacred Heart's Jim Fleming Tabbed Coach of the Year

Piscataway, NJ -- Robert Morris junior quarterback Tim Levcik (Ford Cliff, PA/Ford City) was selected Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Year and Sacred Heart sophomore linebacker Kayode Mayowa (Providence, RI/LaSalle Academy) was named NEC Defensive Player of the Year in a vote by league head coaches. Robert Morris freshman tight end Brent Hockenberry (Kittanning, PA/Kittanning) was tabbed Offensive Rookie of the Year, while Sacred Heart freshman defensive back Brian Pawlowski (Somerset, NJ/Somerville) earned Defensive Rookie of the Year honors. Sacred Heart's Jim Fleming was voted NEC Coach of the Year.

Five time defending champion Robert Morris was awarded with eleven first team all-conference selections and 14 overall to lead all NEC schools. Sacred Heart (three first team) and Wagner (two first team) landed ten all-stars, followed by Albany (five first team, eight overall), Monmouth (4, 5), St. John's (0, 2) and St. Francis (PA) (0, 1).

After firmly establishing himself as the league's top signal caller last season, Levcik took his game to another level in 2000 to become the first Robert Morris player to win Offensive Player of the Year honors. A two-time Player of the Week award winner, he completed 142-267 passes (53.2 percent) and ranked second in the league with 1,925 yards and 21 touchdowns. He was picked off just nine times and sported a 133.0 pass efficiency rating. His 21 touchdown passes broke Jake Newman's school record of 20 set in 1997, while his 1,925 passing yards surpassed his own Colonial mark of 1,726 yards set in his freshman season. With 5,112 career passing yards, he is the second most prolific passer in NEC history behind CCSU's Keith Toolan, who threw for 5,145 yards from 1996-99. Levcik has also developed a well-deserved reputation as a clutch player, stemming from the five career fourth quarter comeback victories he has engineered, including three in this past season alone. In his three years with the club, the Colonials have posted a 22-8 record, captured three straight NEC titles and finished first in the Don Hansen I-AA Mid-Major Poll the last two seasons.

Mayowa is an intense competitor who proved last season's phenomenal freshman campaign was no fluke. With the quickness of a defensive back and the strength of a lineman, Mayowa ranked second in the NEC with 123 tackles (55 solo), and added 15 tackles-for-losses, 5.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, four pass breakups and an interception. In just two seasons, he ranks second on the NEC career list with 43 tackles-for-losses. Due in part to his contributions, Sacred Heart held five conference opponents to seven points or less in 2000.

After a slow start, Hockenberry developed into one of the league's elite pass receiving tight ends and was Levcik's favorite target over the second half of the season. With reliable hands and the ability to run deep routes, Hockenberry led the NEC with 18.4 yards-per-catch and tied for second with eight touchdown receptions. He caught 28 of his 34 passes over the last five games of the season and finished with 624 yards, tops among NEC tight ends and fourth in the conference. A three-time NEC Rookie of the Week honoree, Hockenberry joins Levcik (1998) and Archie Wannamaker (1996) as Colonials to be named Offensive Rookie of the Year.

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One of the driving forces behind a Sacred Heart defense that ranked second nationally in scoring defense (13.4 ppg), Pawlowski patrolled the secondary with abandon and displayed a knack for making big plays. A two-time Rookie of the Week winner, Pawlowski tied for the third in the league with four interceptions. He finished the season with 73 tackles, including seven tackles-for-losses, 3.0 sacks, five passes defended, two blocked kicks and two fumble returns for touchdowns.

In his first shot at a head coaching position after 15 years as an assistant, Fleming took over a program with no apparent future and almost overnight built it into one of the nation's great success stories of 2000. The Pioneers finished second in the conference and set a school and NEC record with ten victories. The program's eight-game turnaround (from 2-9 to 10-1) is the best in NCAA Division I this season. Fleming, an Eddie Robinson award finalist, built his reputation as a defensive coach in stops at Villanova and East Carolina, and brought the same approach to Sacred Heart this season. The Pioneers lowered their points allowed from 31.7 ppg in 1999 (seventh in the NEC) to the nation's second lowest average in 2000 at 13.4 ppg. In addition to upgrading the talent base at the skill positions - he added Justin Holtfreter at quarterback, Marvin Royal at running back and DeVeren Johnson at wide receiver - Fleming was also instrumental in steering the offense to a more wide open attack, resulting in a jump from 12.1 ppg last season (seventh in NEC) to 28.5 ppg in 2000 (third in NEC).

Robert Morris sophomore Sam Dorsett (Hollywood, FL/Flanagan) and Sacred Heart junior Marvin Royal (Pleasantville, NJ/Fairfield University) comprise the first team all-NEC backfield. Dorsett is the latest in a succession of talented running backs to emerge from the Moon Township campus. He led the NEC in rushing with 1,219 yards on 217 carries (5.6 ypc), and added eight touchdowns. Honored on three occasions as NEC Player of the Week, Dorsett registered six 100+ yard games and ranks 19th nationally with 121.3 ypg. Royal boosted a Sacred Heart running attack that averaged a modest 118.8 ypg last season to 171.2 ypg in 2000. A transfer from Fairfield, Royal's 1,068 yards rushing was only exceeded by Dorsett. A workhorse who led the NEC with 224 carries, he averaged 4.8 ypc and added ten touchdowns. His school-record 302-yard rushing performance against Iona on October 28 landed him a spot in Sports Illustrated's "Faces In The Crowd."

Wagner senior Jason Bain (Windham, NH/Pinkerton Academy) and Robert Morris senior Opio Gary (Bronx, NY/Bayside) are the league's first team all-NEC wideouts. Bain, who led the NEC in both catches (51) and receiving yards (877) in 2000, concluded his stellar career as the league's all-time leader in pass receptions (142) and receiving yards (2,294). A consistent threat week-in and week-out, Bain reeled in six touchdown passes and ranks 23rd in 1-AA in yardage (87.7 ypg). A big-play force for the Colonials, Gary collected a team-high 35 receptions for 514 yards and seven touchdowns. He set an NEC single-game record with three touchdowns receptions against St. Francis (PA) on September 30.

Wagner junior tight end Daryn Plummer (Somerset, NJ/Franklin) earns first team all-NEC honors at tight end. A converted linebacker, Plummer took to his new position immediately, and paced NEC receivers with ten touchdown catches. A terrific natural athlete, Plummer led all NEC tight ends with 36 catches, good for 418 yards.

Robert Morris' Mark Leyenaar (Palm Harbor, FL/East Lake) and Albany's J.T. Herfurth (East Northport, NY/John Glenn), both repeat honorees, head the first team all-NEC offensive line. Leyenaar, a junior center who was a first team pick in 1999, anchored a Colonial line that allowed just 12 sacks all season. A second team selection last season, Herfurth is a versatile senior tackle for the Great Danes. His strong play did not go unnoticed, as he was awarded a spot on the North team at the upcoming Hula Bowl on January 20. Joining Leyenaar and Herfurth are Albany senior guard Rafael Cruz (Tarrytown, NY/ Sleepy Hollow), Robert Morris junior tackle Pat Linberg (Renovo, PA/Bucktail Area) and Monmouth junior tackle Matt Herdman (Bergenfield, NJ/Bergenfield), who at 6-2, 240 lbs., is the smallest member of the outfit.

The first three-time all-NEC defensive lineman in league history, Monmouth senior end Cornell Key (Browns Mills, NJ/Pemberton) is joined on the line by Albany senior tackle Jason Martin (North Syracuse, NY/Cicero-North Syracuse) and two players from Robert Morris, senior tackle Brad Kirit (Moon Township, PA/Moon Area) and junior end Matt Grayson (Front Royal, VA/Warren County). Monmouth has stockpiled tremendous talent on its defensive line since the NEC's inception, typified by Key, who was one of the league's most dominant pass rushers this season. Key registered 11.5 sacks and 19 tackles-for-losses to rank second and fourth, respectively, in the NEC this season. Kirit earns first team recognition for the second consecutive year despite battling injuries all season. The NEC's all-time sack leader with 19.5, he paced the Colonials with 5.0 quarterback takedowns in 2000. An undersized lineman at 6-1, 210 lbs., Grayson utilized his quickness to total 42 tackles (31 solo), eight tackles-for-losses and 2.0 sacks. Martin made 45 stops (22 solo), and added seven tackles-for-losses and 3.0 sacks for the Great Danes.

Arguably the deepest position in the NEC, three new faces form the first team all-NEC linebacking core, including Mayowa, the NEC Defensive Player of the Year. Monmouth sophomore Joe Sentipal (Hasbrouck Heights, NJ/Hasbrouck Heights) was a terror to conference quarterbacks this season, and enjoyed one of the most productive defensive seasons in league history. Honored on four occasions as NEC Player of the Week, Sentipal set a league single-season record with 15.5 sacks and finished tied for first with 24 tackles-for-losses totaling 134 yards. Playing for the nation's top ranked defensive unit in terms of total defense, he added 88 tackles (58 solo), four fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles. With a penchant for making critical plays, Albany sophomore Josh Bazan (Bronx, NY/Cardinal Spellman) concluded the season with team-highs in tackles (106 total; 68 solo), tackles-for-losses (17), sacks (4.5), fumble recoveries (four) and forced fumbles (three). He also intercepted a pass and broke up six more.

Three of the four members of the first team all-NEC secondary are second time honorees. Robert Morris senior strong safety Ray Thomas (Jamaica, NY/August Martin) led the Colonials in tackles for the second straight year with 80 (35 solo). Thomas, who plays the run like a linebacker and is effective in pass coverage schemes, was credited with nine tackles-for-losses and five pass breakups. His teammate, senior cornerback Nick Downs (Hughesville, MD/LaPlata) ends his career as the most prolific pickoff artist in league history. He tied a school and NEC single-season record with seven interceptions in 2000, raising his career total to 14. He also returned two interceptions for touchdowns and broke up seven passes. Albany sophomore free safety Samson Brown (Bronx, NY/Cardinal Spellman) was third on the Great Danes with 80 tackles (56 solo). He recovered two fumbles and broke up seven passes. Although he is the lone newcomer to the all-NEC secondary, Sacred Heart junior Kiheme Cowan (Woodbridge, NJ/Woodbridge) is no stranger to all-star teams. Cowan was recognized as a second team all-conference running back in 1999, before making the switch to defensive back under new head coach Jim Fleming. A quick study and top-flight athlete, Cowan recorded three interceptions, six pass breakups, two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and one blocked kick.

Robert Morris junior Jeff Carlo (Wilkes-Barre, PA/Elmer Meyers) is a three-time all-NEC selection at placekicker, including first team nods in 1998 and 2000. He drilled 11-15 field goal attempts and 40-44 PAT's to finish third overall and second among kickers with 73 points. His prowess as a long distance kicker was further enhanced by a school-record 55-yard field goal against Buffalo State on September 2. Carlo is the NEC's career leader with 29 field goals and ranks third in scoring (and first among placekickers) with 198 points.

Monmouth senior Darrell Nick (Forked River, NV/Lacey) returns for a second go-around as the league's top punter. Nick set a single-season league record and ranks sixth nationally with an average of 42.1 yards-per-kick. He led the NEC in punting average for the third time in four seasons and placed 15 kicks inside the 20 yard line.

Robert Morris senior Opio Gary (Bronx, NY/Bayside) is a double award winner, earning first team plaudits as a return specialist and wide receiver. Gary averaged 26.4 yards on his 14 kickoff returns to rank second in the league and 13th in I-AA. He also broke off two long returns of 75 and 67 yards.

2000 NEC Football Major Award Winners

Offensive Player of the Year QB Tim Levcik	Robert Morris	6-6	230	Jr	Ford Cliff, PA/Ford City
Defensive Player of the Year LB Kayode Mayowa	Sacred Heart	5-10	190	So	Providence, RI/LaSalle Academy
Offensive Rookie of the Year TE Brent Hockenberry	Robert Morris	6-3	195	Fr	Kittanning, PA/Kittanning
Defensive Rookie of the Year DB Brian Pawlowski	Sacred Heart	6-3	195	Fr	Somerset, NJ/Somerville
Coach of the Year Jim Fleming	Sacred Heart				

2000 NEC Football All-Conference 1st Team

Offen	se					
Pos	Name	School	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown/High School
QB	Tim Levcik	Robert Morris	6-6	230	Jr	Ford Cliff, PA/Ford City
RB	Marvin Royal	Sacred Heart	5-10	200	Jr	Pleasantville, NJ/Fairfield U.
RB	Sam Dorsett	Robert Morris	5-9	190	So	Hollywood, FL/Flanagan
WR	Jason Bain	Wagner	6-2	200	Sr	Windham, NH/Pinkerton Academy
WR	Opio Gary	Robert Morris	6-0	190	Sr	Bronx, NY/Bayside
TE	Daryn Plummer	Wagner	6-2	215	Jr	Somerset, NJ/Franklin
OL	Rafael Cruz	Albany	6-4	300	Sr	Tarrytown, NY/Sleepy Hollow
OL	Matt Herdman	Monmouth	6-2	240	Ĭr	Bergenfield, NJ/Bergenfield
OL	J.T. Herfurth	Albany	6-6	290	Sr	East Northport, NY/John Glenn
OL	Mark Leyenaar	Robert Morris	6-4	285	Jr	Palm Harbor, FL/East Lake
OL	Pat Linberg	Robert Morris	6-3	290	Jr	Renovo, PA/Bucktail Area
Defer	ise					
DL	Matt Grayson	Robert Morris	6-1	210	Jr	Front Royal, VA/Warren County
ĎĹ	Cornell Key	Monmouth	6-2	260	Sr	Browns Mills, NJ/Pemberton
DL	Brad Kirit	Robert Morris	6-1	250	Sr	Moon Township, PA/Moon Area
DL	Jason Martin	Albany	6-1	285	Sr	North Syracuse, NY/Cicero-North Syracuse
LB	Josh Bazan	Albany	6-0	211	So	Bronx, NY/Cardinal Spellman
LB	Kayode Mayowa	Sacred Heart	5-10	190	So	Providence, RI/LaSalle Academy
LB	Joe Sentipal	Monmouth	5-11	215	So	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ/Hasbrouck Heights
DB	Samson Brown	Albany	6-1	200	So	Bronx, NY/Cardinal Spellman
DB	Kiheme Cowan	Sacred Heart	5-9	155	Jr	Woodbridge, NJ/Woodbridge
DB	Nick Downs	Robert Morris	5-9	160	Sr	Hughesville, MD/Laplata
DB	Ray Thomas	Robert Morris	5-8	170	Sr	Jamaica, NY/August Martin
Speci	ai Teams					
ĸ	Jeff Carlo	Robert Morris	6-0	170	Jr	Wilkes-Barre, PA/Elmer Meyers
P	Darrell Nick	Monmouth	5-10	175	Sr	Forked River, NJ/Lacey
RS	Opio Gary	Robert Morris	6-0	190	Sr	Bronx, NY/Bayside

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2000 NEC Football All-Conference 2nd Team

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Pos	Name	School	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown/High School
QB	Aaron Smith	Wagner	6-5	215	Jr	Schenectady, NY/Mohonasen
RB	Brian Manigault	Albany	5-9	195	Jr	Hempstead, NY/Uniondale
RB	Matt Merklinger	Monmouth	5-11	200	Jr	West Orange, NJ/Seton Hall Prep
WR	Chris Phillis	Albany	6-1	192	Jr	Saratoga Springs, NY/Saratoga Springs
WR	DeVeren Johnson	Sacred Heart	6-6	215	Jτ	San Diego, CA/Champlain JC
TE	Brent Hockenberry	Robert Morris	6-3	195	Fr	Kittanning, PA/Kittanning
OL	Alex Argulewicz	Albany	6-1	285	So	Wallkill, NY/Wallkill Central
OL	Josef Dunn	Wagner	6-4	240	Jr	Southbury, CT/Holy Cross
OL	Bob Hansbury	Wagner	6-2	270	Jr	Westmont, NJ/Haddon Township
OL	Chris Hevey	Sacred Heart	6-2	255	Jr	Hanscom, MA/Bedford
OL	Kevin Wachhaus	Robert Morris	6-4	265	Fr	Lancaster, PA/Manheim
) Defe	nce					
DL	Shaun Hubbard	Sacred Heart	6-3	230	Jr	Neptune, NJ/Fort Scott CC (KS)
DL	Shawn Oliver	St John's	6-1	240	Sr	Yonkers, NY/Roosevelt
DL	Brian Russo	Wagner	6-0	230	Sr	Sewaren, NJ/Woodbridge
DL	Kyle St. George	Sacred Heart	6-1	235	So	Guilford, CT/Guilford
LB	Josiah Mooney	St John's	6-1	197	Sr	Tyler, TX/Bishop Thomas K. Gorman
LB	Mike Steed	Wagner	5-11	225	Jr	Poughkeepsie, NY/N.Y. Military Academy
LB	Jemond Riffe	Robert Morris	6-0	225	Sr	Cleveland, OH/St. Joseph's
DB	Ryan Castellani	Wagner	6-0	178	So	Peckville, PA/Valley View
DB	Kevin Goode	Wagner	5-11	185	Sr	Rochester, NY/Bishop Kearney
DB	Daunte Neal	St. Francis (PA)	6-1	180	So	Marbury, MD/Lackey
DB	Brian Pawlowski	Sacred Heart	6-3	195	Fr	Somerset, NJ/Somerville
Spec	ial Teams					
K	Tim Redican	Sacred Heart	5-8	170	So	Meriden, CT/Francis T. Maloney
P	Mike Kraft	Sacred Heart	6-2	190	Jr	North Arlington, NJ/North Arlington
RS	Phil Davis	Wagner	5-9	180	So	Mount Holly, NJ/Holy Cross

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FRESHMAN GUARD RASHEE DURANT WITHDRAWS FROM SCHOOL

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Scott Beeten announced today that freshman guard Rashee Durant has withdrawn from school. Durant, a 6-foot, 180-pound point guard from Wilmington, N.C., had signed a letter-of-intent on August 28 to play for the Great Danes in 2000-01.

Durant, who did not appear in any of Albany's opening four games, averaged 8.0 points, 5.0 assists and 3.5 steals as a senior at Blue Ridge School in St. George, Virginia. He was chosen to the Virginia Independent Schools (VIS) Division I all-state team.

Durant was selected to the All-Virginia Prep League squad three consecutive years, and is the school's all-time leader in assists and steals and fourth on the career scoring list. He led Blue Ridge to the VIS Division I state championship in 1999-2000. The Barons finished 21-5 and also captured the league title.

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(Men's Basketball)

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman guard **E.J. Gallup** scored a season-high 22 points and **Will Brand** added 19 to lead Albany to 101-55 victory over Green Mountain in the Great Danes' home opener on Sunday at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (1-3) made six of its opening nine shots en route to a 16-2 lead with 16:49 left in the period. Brand, a 6-foot-5 junior, scored 10 of his 16 first-half points in that outburst, while Gallup canned a pair of three-point field goals.

Joe Vukovic, who had 12 points, upped his team's lead to 33-10 midway through the half, when he converted a three-point play after being fouled on a follow shot in the lane.

The Great Danes, who shot 57.5 percent from the field in the opening stanza, cruised to a 56-34 halftime advantage, and handed **Scott Beeten** his first win as a Division I head coach.

"We were sharp early, and the focus was good," said Beeten, who was the associate head coach at the University of California the last three years. "Will Brand got us going with his shooting and rebounding. The team earned the win tonight."

Green Mountain, a NAIA program, was led by **John Saporita**, who had 16 points, and made four 3-point shots. Sophomore guard **Jason Ryerson** scored 13.

Karim Ouattara was the fourth Albany player in double figures with 11 points. Sophomore forward **Steve Albany**, making his first start of the season, added nine points and a career-high eight rebounds.

Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Women's Basketball)

Bethlehem, Pa. – Sophomore guard **Jen Brickey** scored 26 points to lead Hofstra to a 64-48 victory over Albany in the consolation of the Christmas City Classic on Sunday at Lehigh University's Stabler Center.

Hofstra (1-2) used a 14-2 run in the first half to build a 23-9 lead. Brickey, whose scoring total was two off her career high, nailed a three-point field goal to finish off that spurt. The Flying Dutchwomen, who led 28-15 at halftime, held Albany to 18-percent shooting in the opening period.

Albany (0-5) rallied to within 37-32 with 11:17 remaining, when **Cara Caffell** converted a three-point play as she was fouled on a follow shot in the lane. Hofstra, who lost to Robert Morris, 78-62, in the first round on Saturday, took control with 17 of the game's next 18 points. **Kimberley Coke** scored six of her 10 markers in that stretch, while Brickey added five points.

"I saw a lot of improvement today," Albany coach **Mari Warner** said. "We are taking better care of the ball. In the second half, we worked hard on defense to stay in the game, but then we were exhausted on offense."

Liz Tucker and Caffell each had nine points to lead the Great Danes, who made just 17 of 61 field goals on the afternoon. **Tara Dilsworth** was the third Hofstra player in double figures with 12 points. Brickey, who canned 8 of 14 shots from the floor, including four 3-pointers, added six rebounds.

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(Women's Basketball)

Bethlehem, Pa. – Sophomore **Anne Tierney** scored 17 points to pace four players in double figures, as Lehigh posted a 76-51 victory over Albany in the opening round of the Christmas City Classic on Saturday at Stabler Center. Robert Morris defeated Hofstra, 78-62, in the other first-round match-up.

Lehigh (2-1) led 18-16 midway through the first half, but then tallied 12 unanswered points to take control. **Sara Hessel**, a 6-foot senior who had 11 points, hit a jumper and made two free throws in that outburst. Tierney, the Patriot League's top rookie last year, sank two foul shots for a 30-16 advantage with 3:49 left in the period.

Albany (0-4) made just 6-of-22 field goals in the opening period, and trailed 36-22 at halftime. The Great Danes, who committed 22 turnovers, never got closer than 10 points in the final stanza.

"Lehigh is a good ball club," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**. "I thought we did a decent job on Tierney, but they made good adjustments against our defense in the second half. We are not taking care of the basketball and are missing open shots."

Gina Zang had 14 points for the Mountain Hawks, who made 28 of 32 free throws on the afternoon. Sophomore **Shelita Burks** scored 10 off the bench.

Dawn DiMicco was UAlbany's top scorer with eight points, while **Cara Caffell**, a 6-foot-2 junior, had a season-high 10 rebounds to go with six points. The Great Danes will meet Hofstra in Sunday's consolation at 1:00 p.m.

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(Women's Basketball)

Albany, N.Y. – **Megan Cobb** had 21 points and 11 rebounds to pace four players in double figures, as Iona posted a 61-47 victory over Albany in the Great Danes' home opener on Wednesday evening the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Gaels reversed a 30-29 deficit early in the second half with nine of the game's next 11 points. **Karen Culbertson**, who had 11 points, hit a jumper and a baseline shot on consecutive possessions to put her team ahead for good. **Michelle Fahy's** free throw pushed the lead to 38-32 with 11:33 remaining.

Iona (1-1) later led 40-36, but then put the game away with an 11-3 spurt. Cobb, a junior guard who netted 15 second-half points, finished off that outburst with a baseline jumper for a 51-39 advantage with 4:02 to play.

The Great Danes, who shot 32.8 percent from the field, made just 1-of-13 in the opening 10 minutes and fell behind, 15-2. However, **Jess McGinlay**, a sophomore who scored a career-high 18 off the bench, helped get her club back in the contest, and Albany (0-3) trailed 22-19 at halftime.

Iona's Fahy finished with 14 points, while **Jessica Attinelly** had 12. **Liz Tucker** was the only other Albany player in twin figures with 10.

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ALISSA GIBBS NAMED TO ALL-INDEPENDENT VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Stony Brook, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Alissa Gibbs** has been named All-Independent Conference in women's volleyball, as voted by the school's head coaches and sports information directors. Gibbs, a sophomore from Ballston Lake, N.Y. (Shenendehowa H.S.), was one of six players on the first team.

Gibbs, an outside hitter who appeared in 86 games, averaged 3.28 kills, 3.22 digs, 0.42 service aces and 0.19 blocks. She recorded 12 double-doubles in kills and digs this season, including a 20-kill, 32-dig performance against Army on Oct. 3. Gibbs was a two-time Suburban Council All-Star on the scholastic level.

Virginia Tech's Ana Lang was named the Independent Player of the Year. David Thorn, of Texas-Pan American, earned coach of the year honors, while UTPA's Mindy Hubik was the conference's top rookie.

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(Men's Basketball)

Niagara University, N.Y. – **Michael Schmidt** scored 20 points and connected on five three-pointers to lead Niagara to a 74-66 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at Gallagher Center.

Albany (0-3) led 61-60 with 6:45 remaining, when sophomore **Sam Hopes**, who scored 16 points off the bench, hit a driving bank shot. Niagara (2-0) responded with 11 unanswered points. **Shey Cohen** hit a basket in the lane to put his team on top for good, before Schmidt buried a three-point shot for a 66-61 lead with 4:26 left.

In the first half, the Great Danes built a 27-20 lead behind the play of freshman guard **E.J. Gallup**, who had 13 of his 15 points in the period. Niagara, who was picked to finish second in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference preseason poll, stormed back with 11 consecutive points. Schmidt, a Texas A&M transfer, tallied eight markers in that stretch. The Purple Eagles later led 50-47 early in the second half, but Albany scored six straight to go back in front, as **Joe Vukovic** netted all ten of his points after halftime.

"Niagara has more talent and is a lot deeper than we are at this point," Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. "Stewart and Greene can really play, and we have a lot of kids who have not played major roles previous to this year."

Demond Stewart, the MAAC preseason player of the year, finished with 19 points, while **James Reaves** came off the bench to add 14 points and 15 rebounds. **Will Brand** had 15 points and eight rebounds for the Great Danes.

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(Women's Basketball)

Denver, Colo. – Senior center Michaela Pavlickova scored a career-high 31 points to pace four players in double figures, as Denver posted an 88-57 victory over Albany in the Pioneers' home opener at Magness Arena on Sunday afternoon.

Albany (0-2) led 18-16 at the 11-minute mark in the first half on a jumper by **Dawn DiMicco**, who scored 12 points. Denver (2-0) later ripped off 10 unanswered points to take a 35-24 lead with 3:30 remaining. The Pioneers, who are coming off a 16-11 campaign, and are picked to win the Sun Belt Conference's West Division title, held a 43-30 lead at the intermission.

Denver shot 54 percent from the field in the second half, and clinched the contest with a 13-2 run to open the period. Pavlickova, who was a unanimous preseason All-Sun Belt selection, tallied 19 second-half markers. The Pioneers used full-court pressure to force Albany into 31 turnovers.

"Once again we came out fighting early in the game," Albany coach Mari Warner said. "However, they ran away from us with a couple of good spurts. Denver changed their defenses and utilized several traps. We just couldn't execute."

Guards Melissa Garcia and Nikki Weddle scored 16 and 15 points, respectively, for the Pioneers, who will play Minnesota in Cancun, Mexico in their next contest. Senior Liz Tucker led the Great Danes with 14 points and six rebounds. Albany meets Iona in its first game at the Recreation and Convocation Center this season on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m.

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(Men's Basketball)

New Britain, Conn.—Senior Pat Maloney scored eight of his 20 points in the final minute of play, as Catholic upended Albany, 59-56, in the consolation of the Mohegan Sun Classic on Saturday evening at Detrick Gymnasium.

Catholic (1-1) rallied from a 51-46 deficit with 4:44 to play with 10 unanswered points. Maloney was fouled while making a fall-away 14-foot jumper, and his three-point play gave the Cardinals a 54-51 lead. Maloney canned 5 of 6 free throws in the final 34 seconds to keep his team in front.

Albany (0-2) trailed 38-28 with 14:11 remaining but regrouped with 12 straight points. Antione Johnson, who had 13 points, buried a three-point shot from the left wing for a 40-38 advantage. The Great Danes pushed out to a 51-46 lead on a three-pointer by freshman guard E.J. Gallup, who scored all 13 of his points after halftime.

"There were a number of things about tonight's game," Albany coach Scott Beeten said. "We did not rebound, we gave up second shots, they had too many free throws, and we had too many turnovers in critical situations."

Andy Rice had 10 points and 10 rebounds for Catholic, who posted a 24-5 record en route to last year's NCAA Division III Elite Eight appearance. Will Brand was the third UAlbany player in double figures with 11 points.

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(Cross Country)

Bronx, N.Y.—University at Albany freshman Jessica Walton finished second in the women's race while junior Adam Rice finished fourth on the men's side at the IC4A/ECAC Cross Country Championships held Saturday at Van Cortlandt Park.

Walton, a graduate of Fonda-Fultonville High School, covered the 5,000-meter course in 18:31.8, finishing almost nine seconds behind winner Ruth Chege of Seton Hall. Nicole Herring (Academy of the Holy Names) finished 33rd overall and was the second Albany finisher with a time of 19:32.2. Albany's women's team finished 15th out of 24 teams in the event.

Rice led the Albany men's team to a sixth place finish in the 21-team field by running the 8,000-meter course in 26:06.4. He finished under eight seconds behind individual champion Michael Nehr of Marist College, which won the men's team title. Michael Kiernan and James Sawtelle finished 18th and 32nd, respectively, while Joseph Pienta also finished in the first 50 runners overall.

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(Football)

Hempstead, N.Y.—Quarterback Rocky Butler threw a school-record six touchdown passes and runningback Trevor Dimmie rushed for 214 yards to lead Hofstra to a 55-28 non-conference victory over Albany in the regular-season finale for both teams on Saturday at Hofstra Stadium.

Albany (5-6) surprised the Flying Dutchmen in jumping out to an early 14-0 lead. Fullback Ben Kelcey scored on a 30-yard run and Ryan Clair reached paydirt on a 20-yard fumble return.

Hofstra, who finished 8-3 and awaits a possible NCAA Division I-AA playoff appearance, regrouped with 35 unanswered points. Butler, who completed 25 of 36 passes for 327 yards, hit Kahmal Roy with a 44-yards strike for a 21-14 advantage. Butler later fired a 41-yard scoring pass to Jason Maxwell with eight seconds left in the second quarter for a 35-14 halftime lead.

The Great Danes closed the gap to 35-28 early in the fourth quarter on Brian Manigault's 6-yard dash and tight end Greg Sigler's 7-yard reception. Manigault rushed for 103 yards on 19 attempts, and set the school's single-season rushing record with 1,041.

After a failed on-side kick attempt, Butler capped a short drive with a 12-yard TD pass to wideout Tom Kemper. Dimmie's 72-yard sprint to the endzone sealed the verdict with 3:59 to play.

"I was really proud of our effort," Albany coach Bob Ford said. "The 14-point swing just before halftime was critical. We had our chances, but they had too much speed and we couldn't keep them out of the endzone."

Albany's Chris Phillis (Saratoga Springs H.S.) hauled in a career-high ten receptions for 148 yards. Sophomore quarterback Ryan Roeder was 20-of-34 for 230 yards, but was sacked five times.

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(Women's Basketball)

Boulder, Colo.—Freshman center Tera Bjorklund scored 14 points in leading five players in double figures as Colorado defeated Albany 93-43 on Friday evening in front of a crowd of 1,551at the Coors Events Center.

Albany (0-1) jumped out to a 10-9 lead with 15:27 remaining in the first half on a three-pointer by Jess McGinlay. Colorado (1-0) then responded with 26 unanswered points over the next nine-and-a-half minutes to take a 35-10 advantage. Bjorklund, who came off the bench, netted six points during that stretch. The Buffaloes, who shot 44 percent from the field, took a commanding 51-23 lead into the intermission.

The Buffaloes never looked back from their first half lead as Mandy Nightingale and Caroline Koechlin each chipped in five points during a 25-4 run early in the second half to put the Great Danes away. Colorado dominated in the paint, controlling a 56-42 rebound advantage and going to the foul line to convert 24 of 31 free throws. The Buffaloes' defense held Albany to 21 percent shooting, including 5 for 25 from three-point range.

"We had many good looks at the basket, but didn't shoot well tonight," said coach Mari Warner. "Colorado was able to dominate inside as they controlled the boards. We can only learn from this experience. I was happy with our intensity."

Randie Wirt came off the bench to tally a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, leading a Colorado bench that produced 52 points and featured three double-figure scorers. Nightingale recorded 13 points while Eisha Bohman and Britt Hartshorn each had ten.

McGinlay had a career-high 17 points, including three three-pointers, to lead Albany. Marie Connors grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds and Liz Tucker added 17 points for the Great Danes, who play Denver on Sunday.

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(Men's Basketball)

New Britain, Conn. –Corsley Edwards had 20 points and 14 rebounds and Lee Guinn came off the bench to score 20, as Central Connecticut State rallied in the stretch for a 76-67 victory over Albany in the opening round of the Mohegan Sun Classic on Friday evening at Detrick Gymnasium. The Great Danes will face Catholic in the consolation on Saturday.

Central Connecticut State, the defending Northeast Conference champion, trailed 57-54 with seven minutes remaining, but regrouped with 14 of the game's next 19 points. Dean Walker, who had 15 points, hit a pair of free throws to give his team the lead for good at 59:57. Guinn, who connected on 6 of 12 three-point field goals, nailed two long-range jumpers in that stretch. Walker canned a jumper on the right baseline for a 68-62 lead with 3:36 remaining.

The Blue Devils, who made 33 of 48 free throw attempts, led 34-28 at halftime. However Albany fought back early in the second half behind the play of freshman guard E.J. Gallup, who had 15 of his 19 points in the final period. Will Brand led all UAlbany scorers with 20 points and added seven rebounds.

"We showed great heart and executed well," said Albany coach Scott Beeten, who was coaching his first game after three years as an assistant at the University at California. "We were in foul trouble all night, and in the end they had more players than we did."

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(Women's Volleyball)

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Debra Falkenberg collected 15 kills and 12 digs in leading Stony Brook to a 15-2, 16-14, 14-16, 15-10 victory over Albany in the season finale for both teams at USB Sports Complex.

Sophomore Alissa Gibbs (Shenendehowa) had 17 kills and 18 digs for the Great Danes, who finish 3-24 overall. Julie Arbitman, a senior outside hitter, had 13 kills in the final game of her career. Katie McCabe totaled for 14 kills for the Stony Brook (13-19).

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Stony Brook def. Albany, 15-2, 16-14, 14-16, 15-10.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDOUT SIGNS DURING EARLY PERIOD

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head coach Mari Warner announced today that **Alicia Learn** has signed a national letter of intent to play women's basketball in 2001-02. Learn is a 6-foot-2 forward from Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Watkins Glen H.S.). The Great Danes previously inked **Becky Ayers**, a 5'10" guard from Canandaigua, N.Y., and **Danielle Hutcheson**, a 6'3" center from Phoenix, Ariz. during the November signing period.

Learn, an all-around performer, averaged 8.2 points, 6.9 rebounds, 2.8 blocks, 2.5 steals and 3.8 assists as a junior. She led the Senecas to the Class C, Section IV championship, a state regional appearance, and a 19-4 record.

Learn, who has earned two varsity letters, is a two-time All-Interscholastic Athletic Conference (ICA) selection. She has also played softball and volleyball on the scholastic level.

Albany finished with a 12-15 record in its first season as a Division I program last year. The Great Danes begin the 2000-01 schedule with a two-game road trip to Colorado (Nov. 17) and Denver (Nov. 19).

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FRED DUPREE NAMED ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head coach Scott Beeten announced today the hiring of **Fred Dupree** as assistant men's basketball coach. Dupree was recently an administrative assistant at the University of Stony Brook.

Dupree had been on Nick Macarchuk's staff at Stony Brook since August. He previously was a two-year assistant from 1998-2000 at St. Thomas More Prep School in Connecticut, where he worked with six All-America players who went on to play at the NCAA Division I level. His specific duties at St. Thomas More included coaching the post players, scouting, and video analysis of offense and defense.

Dupree, 24, was a senior captain and four-year letterman at Canisius College, where he received a B.S. in business education. The Golden Griffins reached the 1996 NCAA Tournament by capturing the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Tournament championship. He also played on the '95 National Invitation Tournament (NIT) finalist squad that posted a 21-14 overall record.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Dupree was an All-Borough performer at Canarsie High School. During his tenure at St. Thomas More, he taught algebra and geometry for grades 9-12. Dupree takes over for Carlton Owens, who resigned on November 2.

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SOUTHWORTH NAMED ALL-ATLANTIC SOCCER CONFERENCE

Philadelphia, Pa. – University at Albany's Nick Southworth (Maple Hill H.S.) has been chosen to the 2000 Atlantic Soccer Conference all-star squad. He is one of 11 players on the first-team unit.

Southworth, a junior midfielder from Castleton, N.Y., led the Great Danes in scoring with nine goals and four assists. He had three game-winning goals and converted three penalty kicks. Southworth's scoring total of 22 points was the highest single-season mark by a UAlbany player since 1996.

Albany finished its second NCAA Division I campaign with an 8-7-3 overall record.

STEGEL CHOSEN SECOND TEAM ALL-MIDEAST REGION IN FIELD HOCKEY

Glen Allen, Va. – University at Albany's Angie Stegel (Johnstown H.S.) has been named to the 2000 AstroTurf/NFHCA Division I Mideast Region Team by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. Stegel was a second-team selection.

Stegel, a junior forward, led the Great Danes in scoring with 17 goals and seven assists. Her 41 points is the third-best single-season total in school history. She ranks second on UAlbany's all-time scoring list with 35 goals and 15 assists for 85 points.

Albany posted its second consecutive winning season as a Division I program with a 10-8 record.

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(Women's Basketball)

Albany, N.Y. – Liz Tucker scored 15 points and Dawn DiMicco added 11 to lead Albany to a 71-44 exhibition victory over College Montmorency from Quebec on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Great Danes, who went 12-15 in their inaugural Division I campaign last year, scored the game's opening 11 points and never trailed. DiMicco, a senior guard, hit a pair of baskets in the run, before Chris Gray finished off that stretch with a driving layup.

College Montmorency closed within 15-9 on Helene Tshimbalanga's jumper midway through the first half, but Albany ripped off eight unanswered points. Tucker, a senior swing player who added eight rebounds and seven assists to her scoring total, made two free throws in that outburst.

The Great Danes, who held the visitors to 29-percent shooting, led 35-22 at halftime, and were comfortably in front the rest of the way. Junior forward Marie Connors had eight points and eight rebounds. Montmorency was led by guard Pascal Morin, who totaled eight points and seven rebounds.

Albany begins its regular schedule with a two-game road trip to Colorado (Nov. 17) and Denver (Nov. 19). The Great Danes host lona in the home opener on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

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(Football)

Robert Morris 43, Albany 34

Moon Township, Pa. – **Tim Levcik** passed for two touchdowns and **Sam Dorsett** rushed for two scores in leading unbeaten Robert Morris to a 43-34 Northeast Conference victory over Albany on Saturday at Moon Stadium.

Robert Morris (9-0, NEC 7-0) rallied from a 25-20 deficit in the second quarter, when Dorsett, who rushed 142 yards, scored on a six-yard run with 3:51 left in the period. The two-point conversion failed, and RMC led 26-25 at halftime.

The Colonials, who extended the nation's longest win streak to 16 straight, still led 29-28 early in the fourth quarter. After Albany's **Jonathan Garrick** fumbled a punt return, **Ryan Swofford's** one-yard run completed a short 32-yard drive.

Albany (5-5, NEC 5-3) closed within 36-34 on its next possession, as quarterback **Ryan Roeder** fired a 73-yard strike to split end **Chris Phillis**. A two-point pass attempt that would have tied the game failed when the ball was dropped in the end zone.

Robert Morris then put together a 75-yard scoring march to secure sole possession of first place in the conference standings. Levcik, who completed 18-of-35 passes for 302 yards, hit tight end **Brent Hockenberry** with an 18-yard TD pass with 8:01 remaining.

The Great Danes, who piled up 473 total yards, were on the move again, but cornerback **Joe Austin** picked off a Roeder pass at his own 17-yard line. Roeder finished with a careerhigh 279 passing yards with three touchdowns on 13-of-22 attempts.

"We made too many mistakes to beat a great football team," Albany coach **Bob Ford** said. "Their quarterback made some tremendous throws and we couldn't get close to him with any pressure."

Albany's Phillis set a school single-game record with 251 receiving yards, and added a 74-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter. Running back **Ben Kelcey** scored twice in the first half on a seven-yard reception and a 13-yard run.

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior midfielder Robin Lee scored two goals and Marcin Pachowicz tallied the game-winner with less than 11 minutes to play in lifting Adelphi to a 4-2 Atlantic Soccer Conference victory over Albany in the season finale on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Albany (8-7-3, ASC 2-4-2) jumped out to a 2-0 lead early in the contest. Senior **Jon** Brainard opened the scoring at the 31:44 mark when he headed in a ball five yards out on the right side. Bryan Grabon and Jamal Lis-Simmons recorded assists on the play. Seven minutes into the second half, Charlie Justino found the lower left corner of the net off a right cross from Grabon.

Adelphi (10-9, ASC 5-3) responded with four unanswered goals over an 11-minute period. Anders Salamonssen put the Panthers on the scoreboard at the 76:58 mark as he made a seven-yard shot into the lower right corner of the goal. Over the next four minutes, Lee and Pachowicz each nailed shots from 20 yards out to give Adelphi its first lead of the contest. Pachowicz, the ASC leader in goals with 15, sent home a shot from the left side when it rolled past Albany goalkeeper Trevor Serraro. Lee added an insurance goal at the 88:31 mark.

Serraro recorded seven saves for Albany, who earned its first winning season since 1997. **Dario Stawski** stopped two shots for Adelphi, who snapped a five-match losing streak. -agate-

Adelphi (10-9, ASC 5-3)

Albany (8-7-3, ASC 2-4-2) 1 1 -

Adelphi – Robin Lee 2-0, Anders Salamonssen 1-0, Marcin Pachowicz 1-0; Goalkeeper: Dario Stawski (90:00, 2 saves, 2GA).

Albany – Jon Brainard 1-0, Charlie Justino 1-0, Bryan Grabon 0-2, Jamal Lis-Simmons 0-1; Goalkeeper: Trevor Serraro (90:00, 7 saves, 4GA).

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

(Cross Country)

Bronx, N.Y. – Junior **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) finished in 19th place as the Albany men's cross country team placed 21st among 34 teams at the NCAA Division I Northeast Regional on Saturday.

Rodriguez covered the 10,000-meter course in 31:48.6, one minute-and-15 seconds behind the winner, Keith Kelly of Providence. **Mike Kiernan** finished 94th in a time of 33:37.3.

In the women's competition, freshman **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) placed 35th with a time of 21:43.6 in the 5,000-meter event, and was Albany's top finisher. The Great Danes were 20th among 36 teams. **Nicole Herring** (Academy of the Holy Names) finished 99th in 23:10.5.

(Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. – Christine Van Schaick recorded 17 digs and Sara Eckrich added 15 kills in leading Binghamton to a 3-1 victory over Albany on Saturday at University Gym.

Julie Arbitman, playing in her final home contest, totaled 24 digs and eight kills for the Great Danes. Alissa Gibbs (Shenendehowa) posted 14 kills and 13 digs in the loss. Binghamton improved to 18-11, while Albany dropped to 3-22.

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Binghamton def. Albany. 15-7, 15-6, 11-15, 15-10

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Albany 71, Upstate New York AAU 69

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman guard E.J. Gallup scored 15 points and Antione Johnson added 14 to lead Albany to a 71-69 exhibition victory over Upstate New York AAU on Thursday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Upstate New York AAU reversed a 33-19 first-half deficit with a 19-4 run to end the period. Dan Buie, who played as a collegian at Southern California, scored eight of his 17 points in that stretch. Jarming White was fouled on a driving layup, and his three-point field goal gave Upstate AAU a 38-37 halftime advantage.

The contest seesawed in the second half, and Upstate AAU took a 64-62 lead with 5:42 left on Corey Anderson's three-pointer. Albany tallied five straight points, and went back on top 67-64 on Gallup's long-range jumper.

After Buie's three-pointer from the right side tied the game at 67 apiece, the Great Danes went ahead for good on back-to-back baskets in the lane by 6-foot-5 Will Brand, who finished with 12 points and eight rebounds.

White led all scorers with 19 points, while Darwin Carr added 14. Dave Schloss had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Great Danes, who open their regular season against Central Connecticut State on November 17.

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FIVE ALBANY PLAYERS NAMED TO DISTRICT I ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Bethlehem, Pa. – University at Albany led all schools with five players on the 2000 Verizon District I Academic All-America University Division Football Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Harvard University and Canisius College each had three athletes chosen to the 23-player all-district unit. The District I team will advance to the national ballot, and the results of the voting will be announced on December 5.

Albany's **J.T. Herfurth**, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound offensive tackle, makes his third consecutive appearance on the all-District I squad. Herfurth, who has a 3.87 cumulative grade point average in sociology, was recently chosen to play in the 2001 Hula Bowl. He blocks for a unit that ranks 15th nationally in rushing at 225.1 yards per game.

Ben Kelcey, a senior running back, is an all-district selection for the second straight year. He has a 3.54 GPA in mathematics. Kelcey is third on the team in rushing with 229 yards and two touchdowns, and has 12 tackles and four blocked kicks on special teams.

Sophomore roverback **Ryan MacLean** (3.50, business administration), junior outside linebacker **Brian Green** (3.53, finance/marketing) and junior defensive end **Joe Madrak** (3.33, biology) were all-academic selections for the first time.

MacLean, a first-year starter on defense, is second on the team in tackles (71) and hits for loss (13), and leads the squad with eight pass break-ups. Green has made 56 tackles and three pass break-ups in nine starting assignments, while Madrak totals 37 tackles and 3.0 sacks.

The District I team is compiled from NCAA Division I football teams from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

For Immediate Release Nov. 9, 2000

Albany Places 5 On Verizon Academic All-District 1 Football Team

Canisius And Harvard Each Place 3 On 23-Player Squad

BETHLEHEM, Pa. - The University of Albany placed five players while Canisius College and Harvard University each gained three spots on the 2000 Verizon Academic All-District I University Division Football Team as selected by the College Sports

The 23 players named to the District I team, representing 12 NCAA Division I football teams, will advance to the national Academic All-America ballot. Results of the national voting will be announced Dec. 5, 2000.

To be nominated for the Verizon Academic All-America team, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore starter or significant reserve on his team with a 3.20 cumulative grade point average. The District I team is compiled from NCAA Division I football teams from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

More information may be obtained by contacting Tom Byrnes at the Patriot League office at (610) 691-2414 or by e-mail at tbyrnes@patriotleague.org.

2000 Verizon All-Academic District I University Division Football Team

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Pos – Name OFFENSE	School	Yr.	Hometown	Major (CPA)
QB - Neil Rose RB - Adam Ferreri RB - Ben Kelcey WR - Jake Coppola WR - Phil McGeoghan TE - Brandon Shaughnessy OL - David Farrell OL - J.T. Herfurth OL - Caleb Moore OL - David Pruce OL - Ed Vorrasi DEFENSE DL - R.D. Kern DL - Joe Madrak DL - Brandon Purdue DL - Phil Scherrer LB - Brian Green LB - Peter Mazza LB - Steve Norcini DB - Eric Jervis DB - Ryan MacLean DB - Brian Smith SPECIALISTS PK - Brian Colsant P - Brendon Biddle	Harvard Fairfield Albany Canisius Maine Buffalo Yale Albany Dartmouth Buffalo Canisius Harvard Albany Army Harvard Albany Yale Fairfield Canisius Albany Massachusetts Fordham Colgate	Jr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Jr. Jr. Jr. Jr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. S	Mililani, HI North Babylon, NY Buffalo, NY Forestville, NY Feeding Hills, MA Stafford, NY Nashville, TN East Northport, NY Appleton, WI Churdon, OH Rochester, NY Dallas, TX Marcy, NY Marietta, GA Ft. Thomas, KY Auburn, NY Cheshire, CT Berwyn, PA Oneonta, NY Colden, NY Wilmington, DE Vacaville, CA Hamilton, NY	Economics (3.23) Marketing (3.88) Mathematics (3.54) Mathematics (3.828) Marketing (3.29) History (3.242) Undeclared (3.47) Sociology (3.87) Biogenetics (3.23) Political Science (3.526) Finance (3.260) Economics (3.40) Biology (3.33) Mechanical Engineering (3.660) Economics (3.31) Finance/Marketing (3.53) History (3.37) Accounting (3.69) Political Science (3.586) Business Administration (3.50) Accounting (3.36) Biological Science (3.281) Economics (3.52)
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BASKETBALL PLAYERS COMMIT TO UALBANY DURING EARLY PERIOD

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head men's basketball coach Scott Beeten announced today that **Dustin Brown** has signed a national letter of intent to play men's basketball in 2001-02. UAlbany women's coach Mari Warner inked **Becky Ayers**, a 5-foot-10 guard from Canandaigua, N.Y. (Canandaigua Academy) and **Danielle Hutcheson**, a 6-foot-3 center from Phoenix, Ariz. (Greenway H.S.).

Brown, a 6-foot-7, 215-pound forward from San Rafael, Calif. (San Rafael H.S.), averaged 12.0 points and 12.0 rebounds as a junior. He has twice been named All-Metro by the *San Francisco Examiner* and is a two-time All-Marin County Athletic League (MCAL) selection. He contributed 18.0 points and 10.0 rebounds as a sophomore, when his team won the 1999 MCAL championship and posted a 26-6 record.

Ayers averaged 23.6 points, 4.2 rebounds and 3.3 steals in 1999-2000, and led Canandaigua Academy to the Class A state semifinals. A two-time Finger Lakes East Player of the Year, Ayers was chosen to the All-Greater Rochester first team as a sophomore and junior. She already is her school's all-time scorer with 1,566 points, and has tallied 20-plus points in 43 career games. Ayers, who was a member of the state all-tournament team, has been Finger Lakes East's leading scorer the last two seasons.

Hutcheson was named to the *Arizona Republic's* Class 4A all-state team and earned first-team All-Desert Sky Region honors as a junior, when she averaged 20.0 points and 12.0 rebounds. As a sophomore, Hutcheson was chosen third-team all-state and first-team all-region. She averaged 14.5 points and 6.7 rebounds in 1998-99.

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. – Bryan Grabon scored twice, including the go-ahead goal midway through the first half, and added one assist to lead Albany to a 4-2 Atlantic Soccer Conference victory over Binghamton on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

Grabon, a senior midfielder, curled a free kick around a defensive wall and inside the near post to break a 1-1 deadlock at the 32:18 mark. Albany (8-6-3, ASC 2-3-2) broke the match open in the second half with a pair of goals eight minutes apart. Grabon set up Nick Southworth (Maple Hill H.S.), who chipped a shot over the goalkeeper's head for a 3-1 lead. At the 72:11 mark, Grabon netted his fifth goal of the season for a three-goal advantage

Junior striker Motty Gutflais had one goal and one assist for Binghamton (4-13-1, ASC 0-8-0). Goalkeeper Gianni Di Ciollo stopped eight shots. Albany's Trevor Serraro tied a season-high with 12 saves.

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Binghamton (4-13-1, ASC 0-8-0)

Albany (8-6-3, ASC 2-3-2)

Binghamton – Motty Gutflais 1-1, Paul Padrucco 1-0, Davide Di Genova 0-1; Goalkeeper: Gianni Di Ciollo (90:00, 8 saves, 4GA).

Albany – Bryan Grabon 2-1, Charlie Justino 1-0, Nick Southworth 1-0, Jamal Lis-Simmons 0-1, Jarvin Skeete 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (81:33, 12 saves, 1GA), Glenn Koelbl (8:27, 1 save, 1 GA).

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ALBANY'S J.T. HERFURTH ACCEPTS 2001 HULA BOWL INVITATION

Waco, Texas – University at Albany's **J.T. Herfurth** has been invited to play in the 2001 Hula Bowl All-Star Classic on January 20 in Maui, Hawaii. F.A. Dry, the Hula Bowl Selection Committee Chairman, extended the invitation. The 54th annual college football all-star game will be televised nationally by ESPN.

Herfurth, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound lineman, will be the first UAlbany player to participate in the Hula Bowl. Albany is the fifth New York school to be represented in the contest. Syracuse, Army, Cornell and Hofstra have also had players appear in the all-star game.

Herfurth, who has made 29 consecutive starts at left tackle for the Great Danes, has blocked for an offense that is ranked 15th nationally in rushing at 225.1 yards per game and 30th in scoring (31.1 ppg) among Division I-AA teams.

New York Giants running back and '99 Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne was among 25 players from last year's Hula Bowl selected in the 2000 NFL Draft. Albany head coach **Bob Ford** will serve as an assistant on the North squad staff.

MANIGAULT CHOSEN NEC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Piscataway, N.J. -- University at Albany's **Brian Manigault** has been chosen as the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's 37-10 victory over Monmouth.

Manigault, a junior tailback, became the first Albany player since 1989 to rush for 100-plus yards in three consecutive games. He had 19 carries for 114 yards and two touchdowns against Monmouth. He scored on an 8-yard run in the second quarter and a 14-yard dash in the third period.

Manigault also shattered three school single-season records for rushing touchdowns (13), touchdowns scored (13) and scoring with 78 points. He is ranked 37th among the Division I-AA national rushing leaders at 96.4 yards per game, and is tied for 17th in scoring.

Albany (5-4, NEC 5-2) travels to unbeaten Robert Morris (8-0, NEC 6-0) on Saturday, Nov. 11. Joe Walton, who coached the New York Jets from 1983-89, is RMC's head coach.

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior striker **Bryan Grabon** had two goals and assisted on another in leading Albany to a 6-3 non-conference victory over Holy Cross on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Jarvin Skeete scored for the sixth time this season at the 58:55 mark to snap a 2-2 deadlock and begin a run of four unanswered goals. Grabon, who had one goal and one assist in the decisive spurt, gave the Great Danes a commanding 6-2 lead, when he sent a free kick over the goalkeeper's head.

Holy Cross (8-9-0) had tied the match at two apiece with four minutes and two seconds elapsed in the second half on an unassisted goal by **Matt Ney. Michael Kenny** had nine saves for the Crusaders.

Albany's Skeete finished with one goal and two assists, while teammate **Jon Brainard** added one goal and one assist.

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Holy Cross (8-9-0) 1 2 - 3 Albany (7-6-3) 2 4 - 6

Albany – Bryan Grabon 2-1, Jarvin Skeete 1-2, Jon Brainard 1-1, Charlie Justino 1-0, Nick Southworth 1-0, Greg Chevalier 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (66:48, 3 saves, 2GA), Dan Woodrow (23:12, 3 saves, 1GA).

Holy Cross – Patrick Montgomery 1-0, Matt Ney 1-0, Vernon McGeorge 1-0; Goalkeeper: Michael Kenny (90:00, 9 saves, 6GA).

(Women's Volleyball)

Ithaca, N.Y. – **Tina Miller** had nine kills and 12 digs, as St. Francis, Pa. posted a 3-0 victory over Albany in Cornell's Big Red Invitational on Saturday. **Stephanie Daniels** added eight kills for the Red Flash.

Albany's **Julie Arbitman**, a senior outside hitter, totaled 10 kills and 13 digs, while **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) added 12 kills. St. Francis, Pa. improves to 10-22, while the Great Danes fall to 3-20.

-agate-

St. Francis, Pa. def. Albany, 15-8, 15-10, 15-13

College Football

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Albany 37, Monmouth 10

Albany, N.Y. – Junior tailback **Brian Manigault** rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns, and Albany used a 23-point third quarter to post a 37-10 Northeast Conference victory over Monmouth on Saturday at University Field.

Albany (5-4, NEC 5-2) trailed 10-7 in the first quarter following a 40-yard field goal by Monmouth's **Ryan Peterson**. Manigault, who rushed for 100-plus yards for the third straight week, scored on an 8-yard run to put his team on top for good, 14-10, with 13:09 left in the second period.

The Great Danes reached the end zone on their opening three possessions of the second half and blocked a punt for a safety to break the game open. **Ryan MacLean's** 62-yard kickoff return to begin the third quarter set up a 7-yard touchdown run by fullback **Ben Kelcey**. Following an interception by cornerback **Jelani Dandles**, freshman **Dustin Wilson** scored on a 5-yard dash for a 28-10 lead.

Monmouth (3-6, NEC 3-4) went three-and-out on its next series, and **Brian Eidens** blocked **Darrell Nick's** punt attempt for a safety. Albany, which rolled up a season-high 470 yards, including 315 on the ground, scored on the subsequent possession with the free kick. Manigault finished off that short drive with a 14-yard scamper, and in the process set the school's single-season record with his 13th rushing touchdown.

"The coaches have a lot of confidence in our offensive line," said senior offensive tackle **J.T Herfurth**, who was making his final home appearance. "We know every play starts with us. If we keep pounding and keep working, the other team is eventually going to wear down."

"The left side of our line has become a pretty good unit," offered Albany coach **Bob Ford**, whose team has won five of its last six contests following a 0-3 start. "Ryan (Roeder) did a great job of running our option attack today."

Albany quarterback **Ryan Roeder** completed 8 of 12 passes for a career-high 136 yards, and threw a 4-yard scoring pass to **Chris Phillis** in the opening period. Roeder also rushed for 33 yards. Wilson, a tailback, added 75 yards on 17 carries.

Monmouth's **Bill Rankin** was 16-of-30 through the air for 170 yards, including a 37-yard scoring pass to **Kasiem Gordon** in the first stanza. Tailback **Matt Merklinger** rushed for 98 yards and caught two passes for 11.

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(Women's Field Hockey)

Burlington, Vt. – Angie Stegel (Johnstown H.S.) scored early in the first half, as Albany ended its regular season with a 1-0 victory over Vermont on Thursday at Archie Post Field. Albany (10-8) kept alive its hopes for a possible ECAC Championship berth on Nov. 11-12.

Stegel tallied her 17th goal of the season with six minutes and 39 seconds elapsed in the contest, when she hit the lower right corner after teammate Mariah Martin gathered in a rebound.

Goalkeeper Cathi Burek had 15 saves, one off her season-best, in recording her first shutout of the year. Holly Colberg stopped 17 shots for Vermont (8-11). -agate-

Albany (10-8) 1 0 - 1

Vermont (8-11) 0 0 - 0

Albany – Angie Stegel 1-0, Mariah Martin 0-1; Goalkeeper: Cathi Burek (70:00, 15 saves, 0GA).

Vermont – No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Holly Colberg (70:00, 17 saves, 1GA).

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CARLTON OWENS RESIGNS AS ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

Albany, N.Y. – **Carlton Owens** tendered his resignation today, effective immediately, as the University at Albany's assistant men's basketball coach. The announcement was made by head coach Scott Beeten.

Owens, who was hired on August 29, will pursue other opportunities. A national search for the assistant coaching position will begin shortly. Beeten's assistants Mike Gatley and Todd Beeten will take on Owens' duties during the search process.

"I thank Carlton for his contributions during his brief stay with the program," said Beeten, who is preparing for his first season as Albany's head coach.

Owens, 35, was an assistant coach at St. Peter's College last year, and handled recruiting, scouting and individual skills practice. For three years in the mid-1990s, he was an assistant on Tom Penders' staff at the University of Texas. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Owens was a two-time All-Atlantic 10 Conference point guard at the University of Rhode Island. He led the Rams to the 1988 NCAA regional semifinals and an Atlantic 10 championship. Owens, the second-leading scorer and career assists leader in URI history, was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.

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(Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) had 17 kills, 13 digs and seven service aces, as Albany snapped a six-match losing streak with a 3-1 victory over Marist on Wednesday evening at University Gym.

Julie Arbitman, a senior outside hitter, added 15 kills and 12 digs for the Great Danes, who improved to 3-19. **Anne Corrigan's** 16 kills led the Red Foxes, who fell to 1-21 overall. **Heidi Hildebrandt** added 15 kills and 12 digs. -agate-

Albany def. Marist, 15-12, 9-15, 16-14, 15-8