
University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: James Allen, Sports
Company: Troy Record

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-31-97 (Monday)
Pages including this
cover page: 2

Comments: College Sports

Football: The Albany program begins spring practice on April 2 with a look toward its first fall as a member of the Eastern Football Conference. The Great Danes, who are preparing for their third season at the NCAA Division II level, will compete in a 12-team, two-division league which is comprised of schools from New York and New England.

The spring practice schedule includes 10 workouts with pads and five sessions without pads. The Great Danes will end spring drills with a controlled scrimmage on Saturday, May 3 at University Field.

Albany has eight starters returning on offense and seven on defense from last year's 7-3 club. Loren Baker, a 6'3", 260-pound lineman from Gloversville High, was an all-ECAC choice at left offensive tackle.

Track & Field: Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II championships on May 22-24 in the 100-meter dash and 100-hurdles. She finished fourth in both events at North Carolina State's Raleigh Relays over the weekend, and shattered a school record in the hurdles with a time of 14.06 seconds.

Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) was 14th in the women's 3,000 in the 80-team North Carolina State meet.

Dennis King (ND-Bishop Gibbons) and Ben Wright (Averill Park) went one-two at 800 meters at the Virginia State Relays on March 25. King ran 1:54.34.

Albany Sports 2-2-2

Softball: Jackie Knapp (Schenectady H.S.) slugged three home runs and batted .346 on Albany's nine-game Florida trip. Knapp, a sophomore shortstop, and former Big Ten MVP, scored 14 runs and had 16 RBIs.

Baseball: Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central) hit .316 in six games on Albany's spring swing through Virginia. Mullen, a junior center fielder, homered twice to go with eight RBIs and a .737 slugging percentage.

Men's Lacrosse: Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) leads Albany in scoring with seven goals in three games this season. McCarthy scored four times in Saturday's 29-2 rout at Queens College.

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-29-97 (Saturday)
Pages including this
cover page: 2

Comments: Men's Lacrosse and Track & Field

Men's Lacrosse

Flushing, N.Y. -- Junior attack John Baumann recorded four goals and two assists and senior attack Michael Wood (LaSalle Institute) added three goals and three assists in a 29-2 rout over Queens College on Saturday afternoon.

The Great Danes improve to 1-2 with their first victory of the 1997 season. Albany senior Mike Kittner tallied four goals and one assist while Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa H.S.) added four goals.

Queens' Tracy Smith and Brian Shepard each scored one goal apiece.

-agate-

Albany	9	6	8	6	-	29
Queens	1	1	0	0	-	2

Albany -- Scoring: John Baumann 4-2, Michael Wood 3-3, Mike Kittner 4-1, Mike McCarthy 4-0, Dan Small 1-4, Tim Benedict 3-1, Juan Vives 1-2, Matt Polletta 1-2, Peter Fries 1-2, Sean McConaghy 1-1, Trevor Lisky 1-1, Brian Wolfeld 1-1, Gavin Henry 1-0, Greg Michaels 1-0, Eric Marra 1-0, Jess Fassler 1-0; Saves: Gary Lockwood 4.

Queens -- Scoring: Tracy Smith 1-0, Brian Shepard 1-0; Saves: Joe Lunati 14.

****MORE****

College Sports 2-2-2-2

Track & Field

Raleigh, N.C. -- Freshman Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) finished fourth in the women's 100-meter dash and the 100-meter hurdles while also provisionally qualifying for the NCAA Division II Championships in both events at the Raleigh Relays on Saturday afternoon at NC State's Paul Derr Track.

Williamson captured fourth place in the 100-meter dash in 12.00 seconds and clocked in at 14.06 in the 100-meter hurdles.

Other provisional qualifiers for the NCAA's included Granville's Tonya Dodge placing 14th in the 3,000-meter run (10:06.25) and Xiomara Davila Diaz finishing 12th in the 400-meter hurdles (1:03.67).

The women's 4x200 meter relay team finished 9th out of 24 schools with a time of 1:43.76.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Daily Gazette

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-28-97 (Friday)
Pages including this
cover page: 1

Comments: Softball

Cocoa Beach, Fla. -- Kate O'Hearn fired a one-hitter in the second game in leading Georgian Court College to an 8-0 victory over Albany on Friday at the Cocoa Expo Sports Center. The Lions also won the first contest by a 5-1 score.

O'Hearn struck out 10 Great Danes and walked seven in five innings of work. Catcher Millie Collazo went 3-for-3 at the plate, and drove in three runs.

In the first game, Georgian Court's Dina Adams scattered five hits, while striking out four and walking one. Jackie Knapp (Schenectady H.S.) had an RBI single for Albany, which ended its Florida trip with a 7-2 record.

-agate-

[Cocoa Beach, Fla.]

(Game 1)

Georgian Court	000	211	1	-	5	6	1
Albany	001	000	0	-	1	5	1

Adams and Collazo.

Poynton and Faraone.

(Game 2)

Albany	000	00	-	0	1	4
Georgian Court	211	04	-	8	9	1

(game halted by 8-run rule)

Hansen, Poynton (5) and Farrone, Braun (3).

O'Hearn and Collazo.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-27-97 (Thursday)
Pages including this
cover page: 1

Comments: Women's Tennis

(Hilton Head, S.C.)

-agate-

Nebraska-Kearney 5, Albany 1

Singles: Tefft (N) def. Bliss (A), 7-5, 6-0; Tesmer (N) def. Travin (A), 6-1, 6-1; Louis (N) def. Wood (A), 6-4, 6-0; Rademacher (N) def. Tuchband (A), 4-6, 6-1, 8-6; Jethani (A) def. Briggs (N), 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 8-6; Kotlich (N) def. Papageorgiou (A), 6-0, 6-0.

No Doubles.

Millersville 7, Albany 2

Singles: Manevla (M) def. Bliss (A), 6-1, 6-0; Pfeiffer (M) def. Travin (A), 6-4, 6-2; Wood (A) def. Marmor (M), 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; Sureth (M) def. Tuchband (A), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; Whisam (M) def. Jethani (A), 6-1, 6-3; Lukens (M) def. Papageorgiou (A), 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles: Manevla-Pfeiffer (M) def. Bliss-Travin (A), 8-4; Wood-Tuchband (A) def. Marmor-Whisam, by default; Rizera-Burns (M) def. Jethani-Papageorgiou (A), 8-0.

Albany Record: 9-7.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-26-97 (Wednesday)
Pages including this
cover page: 1

Comments: College Sports

(Track & Field)

Petersburg, Va. -- Sophomore Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) was a double-winner in the 100- and 200-meter dash, and was part of a school-record performance in the 4x100-relay at the Virginia State Relays.

Williamson teamed with Tara Bialy, LaShawna Thompson and Xiomara Davila Diaz break a 20-year-old relay standard. The Great Danes were first across the finish line in 48.64 seconds to eclipse the old mark of 49.3.

Diaz also won the triple jump and 300-intermediate hurdles, while Samantha Cohen set a school mark in the 1,500-meter racewalk with a time of 6:47.74.

In the men's competition, Dennis King (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons) and Ben Wright (Averill Park) finished one-two in the 800. King ran 1:54.34, while Wright was just behind in 1:54.94.

Albany competes in North Carolina State's Raleigh Relays on Friday and Saturday.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-25-97 (Tuesday)
Pages including this
cover page: 2

Comments: Softball and W. Tennis

(Softball)

Cocoa Beach, Fla. -- Sophomore shortstop Jackie Knapp (Schenectady H.S.) belted three home runs and had nine RBIs in leading Albany to a doubleheader sweep over Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 12-4 and 13-5, on Tuesday at Cocoa Expo Sports Center.

In the first game, Knapp drilled a three-run homer in the first inning, and lined a two-run single in the fourth. Senior catcher Ellen Braun and freshman Erin Craig also homered. Braun had a two-run blast in the sixth, while Craig hit a solo shot in the seventh.

In the nightcap, Amy McGrody (Schalmont H.S.) keyed a 10-run first for the Great Danes with a grand slam. McGrody, a junior pitcher, went all five innings on the mound to run her record to 2-0.

Knapp hit solo home runs in the third and fifth frames, drove in four runs, and was 3-for-3 at the plate. Albany improved to 6-0 on the season.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	320	202	3	-	12	7	5
M.I.T.	211	000	0	-	4	3	7

Kara Faraone and Ellen Braun. Amber Crabbe and Kim Murdoch.

(Game 2) - halted in fifth inning by 8-run rule

M.I.T.	2	03	00	-	5	7	7
Albany	(10)	11	01	-	13	11	3

Amy McGrody and Ellen Braun. Kathleen Barron and Jackie Baskin.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

-agate-

(at Hilton Head, S.C.)

Albany 5, Edinboro 1

Singles: Bliss (A) def. Ahwesh (E), 6-0, 6-2; Wood (A) def. Messina (E), 6-4, 6-2; Tuchband (A) def. Senkewitz (E), 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles: Ahwesh-Kinderman (E) def. Bliss-Travin (A), 8-3; Wood-Tuchband def. Messina-Senkewitz (E), 8-2; Jethani-Papageorgiou (A) def. Muscio-Kurutz (E), 8-5.

Albany Record: 9-5.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-24-97 (Monday)
Pages including this
cover page: 1

Comments: Softball

Cocoa Beach, Fla. -- Kelly Poynton fired a three-hitter and totaled 11 strikeouts in Albany's 3-1 triumph over La Roche College on Monday afternoon. The Great Danes upped their record to 4-0 with three victories on the day, including a morning doubleheader sweep from St. Catherine from Minnesota, 26-0 and 9-1.

Poynton picked up her first victory on the mound against La Roche from Pittsburgh, Pa. The sophomore transfer from Seton Hall also walked five in the complete-game effort.

Amy McGroty (Schalmont H.S.) had four hits, drove in seven runs and scored three times in Albany's 26-0 rout of St. Catherine. The junior pitcher picked up the win with three innings of scoreless relief. In the second game, Kate Carnevale (Columbia H.S.) went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, and Cari Crockett added two singles and two RBIs for the Great Danes.

Albany plays M.I.T and La Roche in Florida on Tuesday.

-agate-

[at Cocoa Beach, Fla.]

(Game 1) - game ended by 8-run rule

St. Catherine	0	0	0	00	-	0	1	9
Albany	5	(15)	2	4x	-	26	14	0

Lewandoski and Hanlin.

Poynton, McGroty (3) and Busse, Crockett (3).

MORE

Albany Softball 2-2-2

(Game 2) - game ended by 8-run rule

St. Catherine	001	00	-	1	1	1
Albany	601	11	-	9	7	3

DeBowe and Hanlin.

Tighe and Crockett.

La Roche	001	000	0	-	1	3	3
Albany	010	011	x	-	3	6	0

Apanascwicz and Giacomino.

Poynton and Braun.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-24-97 (Monday)
Pages including this
cover page: 2

Comments: Baseball & W. Tennis

(Baseball)

Virginia Beach, Va. -- Sophomore catcher Dennis Cirilla collected four hits, drove in three runs and scored twice in leading Albany to a 10-3 victory over Loras (Iowa) College on Monday afternoon at Cox High School Field.

Cirilla went 4-for-4 at the plate with a double, as Albany (3-3) avenged Sunday's 7-4 loss to the Duhawks. Freshman pitcher Jason Trufant allowed two earned runs to go with one strikeout and two walks in picking up the complete-game win.

Chris Robiloti (Colonie H.S.), a freshman third baseman, had a two-run single in the first inning, as the Great Danes jumped out to a 6-0 advantage. Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central) singled and scored three runs to lead Albany's 12-hit attack.

-agate-

(at Virginia Beach, Va.)

Albany (3-3)	601	030	0	-	10	12	2
Loras	000	002	1	-	3	7	3

Jason Trufant and Dennis Cirilla.

Sean Dardis, Dennis Hobein (5) and Mike Englebrecht, Mark Mortensen (5).

(Women's Tennis)

[at Hilton Head, S.C.]

-agate-

****MORE****

Albany Sports 2-2-2

Merrimack 6, Albany 3

Singles: Bliss (A) def. Vinson (M), 6-1, 6-3; Travin (A) def. McKeeman (M), 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); Wood (A) def. Tucker (M), 6-4, 6-2; Burns (M) def. Tuchband (A), 6-4, 6-3; Charbonneau (M) def. Jethani (A), 6-0, 6-0; Forest (M) def. Papageorgiou (A), 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles: Vinson-Charbonneau (M) def. Bliss-Travin (A), 8-2; McKeeman-Burns (M) def. Wood-Tuchband (A), 9-7; Tucker-Forest (M) def. Jethani-Papgeorgiou (A), 8-0.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-23-97 (Sunday)
Pages including this
cover page: 1

Comments: Baseball

Virginia Beach, Va. -- Sophomore Phil Schrabecck stroked a two-run single in the fourth inning, and Loras (Iowa) College went on to a 7-4 victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Cox High School Field.

Schrabecck's hit was the key to a four-run frame which snapped a 2-2 tie. Senior infielder Paul Peterson singled and doubled, scored twice, and drove in one run for the Duhawks.

Freshman pitcher Ken DeDeo (LaSalle Institute) went all the way on the mound for Albany (2-3). The right-hander allowed five earned runs in his first start as a collegian, but showed good control with eight strikeouts and just one walk. Paul Lettieri, a freshman outfielder, had an RBI single in third inning for the Great Danes.

-agate-

(at Virginia Beach, Va.)

Loras	002	400	1	-	7	9	3
Albany	002	020	0	-	4	4	3

Mark Wojtowicz, Kevin Gorman (3), Janecke (5) and Tony Sahn.
Ken DeDeo and Steve Lizza, Dennis Cirilla (5).

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-22-97 (Saturday)
Pages including this
cover page: 2

Comments: Men's Lacrosse & Baseball

Old Westbury, N.Y. -- Junior midfielder Gavin Wynot scored five goals and senior attack Joe Brock added four goals and seven assists to power New York Tech to a 22-7 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Presidents Field.

New York Tech, ranked third nationally in the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association's Division II poll, improved to 3-1, while the Great Danes were playing in their season-opening contest.

Wynot and Brock each scored twice in the first half in leading the Bears to a 9-3 advantage at the intermission. Jeff Rysanek (2 assists) and Steve Tempone added four goals apiece.

Albany's Mike McCarthy, a junior midfielder from Shenendehowa H.S., had two goals and one assist.

-agate-

Albany (0-1)	2	1	3	1	-	7
New York Tech (3-1)	5	4	5	8	-	22

Albany -- Scoring: Mike McCarthy 2-1, David DeVito 1-2, John Baumann 1-1, Peter Fries 1-0, Sean McConaghy 1-0, Brian Ryniker 1-0, Matt Polletta 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 11, Brian Ranaudo 1.

New York Tech -- Scoring: Gavin Wynot 5-1, Joe Brock 4-7, Jeff Rysanek 4-2, Steve Tempone 4-0, Ian Kyranakis 2-0, Rob Brown 1-4, Greg Bonda-Riva 1-0, Frank Santodonato 1-0, Anthony Tirino 0-1, Chris Lehman 0-1, David Grace 0-1, Jason Fastiggi 0-1; Saves: Adam Wor 13.

more

(Albany Baseball)

Norfolk, Va. -- Senior pitcher Bill Jarvela allowed one earned run in a complete-game effort in leading Albany to a 5-3 victory over Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday morning. In the afternoon at Virginia Beach, Va., Tufts' Dan Morse belted a double to score the go-ahead runs in a 15-14 win over the Great Danes.

In the first game, Jarvela went all seven innings while making his first start of the season. The right-hander scattered seven hits and recorded seven strikeouts and five walks. Sophomore outfielder Chris Jones tripled and scored in the second inning, while infielder Jamie Lent went 2-for-3 with two runs.

Morse lined a two-run double in the fourth inning to snap a 10-10 tie in the second contest. Freshman shortstop Ryan Redwine added a three-run homer in the fifth.

Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central H.S.) slugged his second home run in as many days, a grand slam in the second inning. Albany, which is 2-2 on the season, meets Loras College from Iowa on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

-agate-

(Game 1 -- at Norfolk, Va.)

Albany	120	011	0	-	5	6	1
Virginia Wesleyan	000	000	3	-	3	7	2

Bill Jarvela and Dennis Cirilla.

David Parker and Chris LeMore.

(Game 2 -- at Virginia Beach, Va.)

Albany	370	000	4	-	14	16	7
Tufts	046	230	x	-	15	8	3

Marcus Hartel, Ken DeDeo (3), Jonathan Davis (3) and Dennis Cirilla.

Chris Ray, Zack Brown (2), Matt Marengi (7), Jeff Taglienti (7) and Jamie Wing.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-21-97 (Friday)
Pages including this
cover page: 1

Comments: College Baseball

Virginia Beach, Va. -- Junior outfielder Heath Mullen had two doubles and drove in three runs to lead Albany to a 12-2 victory over North Adams State in the season opener for both teams on Friday morning. The Great Danes dropped a 16-2 decision to Bentley in their afternoon contest.

Dennis Cirilla's double into the left-field gap scored two UA runners in a five-run third inning against North Adams State. Freshman Scott Tower threw six innings in his first collegiate start, and allowed two unearned runs while striking out four and walking two.

In the second game, Bentley shortstop Brian Hayes belted a grand slam in the first inning, and slugged a three-run homer in the sixth en route to an eight-RBI performance.

Albany's Mullen (Greenwich Central H.S.) went 2-for-3 at the plate, and added a solo home run in the third. The Great Danes meets Virginia Wesleyan and Tufts in single games on Saturday.

-agate-

(Game 1)

North Adams State	010	001	0	-	2	4	3
Albany	025	212	x	-	12	10	3

Mullen, Bennett (3), Dunn (5) and Taylor.

Tower, Zacharczyk (7) and Cirilla, Ebert.

(Game 2)

Albany	001	000	1	-	2	5	1	
Bentley	(10)0	0	204	x	-	16	15	0

Trufant, Hoyt (1) and Cirilla, Ryan.

Farrar and Holmes.



UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

NOTICE OF SPORTS NEWS CONFERENCE

To: Members of the Media

From: Brian DePasquale, University at Albany
Office: (518) 442-3072
Pat Hanlon, New York Giants
Office: (201) 939-2036

Date: Friday, March 21, 1997
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Site: University at Albany
Recreation and Convocation Center
Atrium - Lobby Level

Subject: New York Giants Head Coach
Jim Fassel will entertain questions
following a tour of the University
at Albany and the team's summer
training camp facilities.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Bob Weiner, Sports
Company: Daily Gazette

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-17-97 (Monday)
Pages including this
cover page: 5

Comments: COLLEGE NOTES

TRACK & FIELD: Roberto Vives has been selected as the 1997 NCAA Division II East Region Women's Indoor Track Coach of the Year ... three Albany athletes were chosen to Eastern Track Magazine's Division II All-East team ... sophomore Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) earned all-East honors in the 55-meter hurdles and 200-dash ... sophomore Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) was chosen in the pentathlon, while Xiomara Davila Diaz (400 meters) and Albany's 4x400-relay were also named ...

SPRING SCHEDULES ATTACHED ...



UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

SPORTS NEWS

For Immediate Release
Thursday, March 13, 1997

Contact: Brian DePasquale
(518) 442-3072

**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES
MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH SCREENING COMMITTEE**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany has named a seven-member screening committee as part of its search process for a head men's basketball coach, Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards announced today. Dr. Richard Hall, Distinguished Service Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Board (IAAB), will serve as committee chair.

In addition to Professor Hall, the screening committee includes Sheila Mahan, Senior Assistant to the President for Enrollment Management; Carson Carr, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; Gail Cummings-Danson, Associate Director of Athletics; Bob Fortune, Chairman of The University at Albany Foundation Council for Intercollegiate Athletics, and Vice President at Barry, Bette & Led Duke, Inc.; David Anderson, Key Bank Vice President for Community Relations; and Michael J. Castrilli, President, Student Association.

Richard "Doc" Sauers retired as Albany's head coach last Monday after serving in that position since 1955. He finished his career with a 702-330 record in 41 seasons, and is one of 11 coaches in NCAA history reach the 700-career win mark.

"We are very appreciative that these individuals have agreed to be part of the process," said Richards, who will not comment on candidates during the search. "It will be a tremendous challenge to find Coach Sauers' successor, but I feel we have a very dedicated group. Our next head basketball coach must make sure our student-athletes graduate, recruit with the institution's high academic standards in mind, and continue the winning tradition that has been developed here over the last four decades."

The University will accept all applications and nominations until a successful candidate is found. The final decision will be made by Dr. Richards, with the concurrence of Vice President for Students Affairs James P. Doellefeld.



UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

SPORTS NEWS

For Immediate Release
Monday, March 10, 1997

Contact: Brian DePasquale
(518) 442-3072

**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY'S RICHARD "DOC" SAUERS
ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT AS HEAD BASKETBALL COACH**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany's **Richard "Doc" Sauers**, one of the winningest head coaches in the history of college basketball with 702 victories, announced today his retirement as head coach, effective June 1, after more than four decades in the position.

"There is no better coach in America -- at any level," said Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards, who will make known the University's search plans for Sauers' successor at a later date. "Dick has served the coaching profession with dignity for more than 40 years, and has been recognized by his peers on numerous occasions. Now it is time for the University and the Capital Region to stand and honor a coach who has developed a program known for its amazing consistency, winning teams, quality student-athletes and been a constant source of pride for collegiate athletics."

Sauers, who will be 67 years old on April 3rd, finishes his career with a 702-330 record in 41 seasons as Albany's coach. He stands alongside such legendary mentors as Kentucky's Adolph Rupp, North Carolina's Dean Smith, DePaul's Ray Meyer and F.C. "Phog" Allen of Kansas, as one of 11 coaches in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) annals to reach the 700-career win mark. Sauers achieved that prestigious victory plateau one month ago on February 8 in his team's 89-71 triumph over Bridgeport.

Sauers, whose teams averaged 17.1 wins per season during his tenure, and had just one losing campaign, became the University's head coach in 1955, when the school was known as the New York State College for Teachers and the team's nickname was the Pedagogues. Since that time, the institution has evolved into a top research center with a broad mission of undergraduate and graduate education, and the nickname has become the Great Danes. Meanwhile, the men's basketball program has moved from the NCAA's College Division to Division III, and finally upgraded to the current Division II level.

"I congratulate Doc on his absolutely wonderful career here at the University at Albany," said University President Dr. Karen R. Hitchcock. "Not only is he a national star, but he is a star here, and always will be."

"The love, affection and respect that his players have for him was especially evident that night just one month ago, as they carried him around the arena floor after his 700th win," Hitchcock added. "He is a role model for them, and for us. He teaches us what sportsmanship is all about -- dedication, fairness, giving your all. Though we wish so much that he would stay, we understand that he hears the siren call of the links at Woolfert's Roost, and a wonderful retirement. He is part of our university family, and he, Elaine and their entire family always will be welcome here at the University at Albany."

more

SAUERS 2-2-2

Added Vice President for Student Affairs James P. Doellefeld, "I have been watching teams coached by Doc Sauers for many years, and I always have admired their focus, their intensity, and their ability to rise to whatever challenge they faced. The rivalries with Potsdam, Hartwick and Siena are particularly memorable.

"Not only is he one of the best coaches I ever have seen, he is one of the best coaches anyone ever has seen," he continued. "He has been an outstanding ambassador for the University at Albany, and we are fortunate that we will still have him for the next few months. After that, I guess, his family and golfing pals at the Roost finally will have him all to themselves."

Sauers, whose UA team went 17-10 as a member of the New England Collegiate Conference in his last season, and rebounded from his lone losing record the previous year, became the 15th person to coach his 1,000th game at the collegiate level in February 1996. In his final year, Sauers and Mount St. Mary's Jim Phelan were the only active coaches with 40 or more seasons at the same school.

Albany teams under Sauers were always geared toward post-season play. Since 1975, the Great Danes made nine NCAA tournament appearances, and prior to that there were four NAIA tournament invitations. In 1993-94, UA established a school record for victories with a 25-3 mark, and reached the the Division III East Sectional final. Albany also qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) playoffs seven times, and won two championships in 1978 and 1989.

Coach Sauers guided the Great Danes to 20-win campaigns on 10 occasions, and incredibly his clubs have reached the 17-victory mark in 26 different seasons. He was named the 1985 NCAA Division III Coach of the Year after Albany went 22-6 and gained a national tournament berth. In 1994, he was chosen as both the East Region and New York State Coach of the Year for the third time in his career. Sauers was inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame in 1992.

Sauers and his wife, the former Elaine Sykes of Schenectady, have two children, Cheryl and Stephen, and a grandson, Jordan. Stephen played for his father in the late 1980s, and is presently an assistant basketball coach at Division I Marist College.

###

NCAA All-Division College Coaching Victories

Wins, Coach, Teams Coached, Tenure (thru March 9)

1. 876, Adolph Rupp (Kentucky, 1931-52, 1954-72)
2. 875, Dean Smith (North Carolina, 1962 -)*
3. 828, Clarence "Big House" Gaines (Winston-Salem, 1947-93)
4. 772, Jim Phelan (Mount St. Mary's, Md., 1955 -)*
5. 767, Henry Iba (NW Missouri State 1930-33, Colorado 1934, Oklahoma State 1935-70)
6. 759, Ed Diddle (Western Kentucky, 1923-64)
7. 746, F.C. "Phog" Allen (Baker 1906-08, Kansas 1908-09, Haskell 1909, Central Missouri State 1913-19, Kansas 1920-56)
8. 724, Ray Meyer (DePaul, 1943-84)
9. 712, Jerry Johnson (LeMoyne-Owen, 1959 -)*
10. 702, Richard Sauers (Albany, 1956-87, 1989-97)
11. 700, Bob Knight (Army 1966-71, Indiana 1972 -)* *active

more

SAUERS 3-3-3

Milestone Victories in the Career of Richard "Doc" Sauers

(Joined Albany athletic staff on September 23, 1955)

Win#	Date, Site	Details
#1	Dec. 3, 1955, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats New Paltz State Teachers College 92-58 at Page Hall in Sauers' second game as head coach
#100	Mar. 7, 1961, Jersey City, N.J.	UA defeats Jersey City 64-63 in NAIA College Div. Tournament
#200	Feb. 6, 1968, Binghamton, N.Y.	UA defeats Harpur College (now Binghamton University) 75-60
#300	Feb. 13, 1974, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Oneonta State 62-59 at University Gym to assure Sauers his 20th consecutive winning campaign
#400	Jan. 30, 1980, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Plattsburgh 70-56 to begin the season with a best-ever 14-2 record and solidify a #5 national ranking
#500	Feb. 22, 1985, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Brockport 91-66 at University Gym in SUNYAC Tournament's first round
#600	Jan. 4, 1992, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Montclair State 69-56 at University Gym
#665	Jan. 26, 1995, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Mount St. Mary 78-56 at RACC as Sauers passes John Wooden on the all-time victory list
#700	Feb. 8, 1997, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Bridgeport 89-71 at RACC

SAUERS' BIOGRAPHY

PERSONAL

Name: Richard James Sauers
Birthdate: April 3, 1930
Age: 66
Overall & Albany Record: 702-330 (41 years)
Wife: Elaine
Married: August 22, 1964
Children: Cheryl, Stephen

EDUCATION

Penn Township High School, Claridge, Pa.
 Slippery Rock State College, B.S. in physical education, 1951
 Pennsylvania State University, M.S. in education, 1955 and
 Ed.D. in physical education, 1961

ATHLETIC

Penn Township H.S.: Basketball, Baseball
 Slippery Rock: Basketball, Tennis

COACHING

1955	Penn State University	Graduate Assistant
1956	University at Albany	Head Coach (11-9)
1957	University at Albany	Head Coach (17-5)
1958	University at Albany	Head Coach (17-5)
1959	University at Albany	Head Coach (17-8)
1960	University at Albany	Head Coach (16-10)
1961	University at Albany	Head Coach (22-6)
1962	University at Albany	Head Coach (19-6)
1963	University at Albany	Head Coach (14-12)
1964	University at Albany	Head Coach (11-11)
1965	University at Albany	Head Coach (16-6)
1966	University at Albany	Head Coach (13-9)
1967	University at Albany	Head Coach (15-7)
1968	University at Albany	Head Coach (18-4)
1969	University at Albany	Head Coach (18-6)
1970	University at Albany	Head Coach (13-9)
1971	University at Albany	Head Coach (17-5)
1972	University at Albany	Head Coach (17-6)
1973	University at Albany	Head Coach (17-8)
1974	University at Albany	Head Coach (17-8)
1975	University at Albany	Head Coach (15-10)
1976	University at Albany	Head Coach (12-11)
1977	University at Albany	Head Coach (19-7)
1978	University at Albany	Head Coach (15-9)
1979	University at Albany	Head Coach (20-7)
1980	University at Albany	Head Coach (21-6)
1981	University at Albany	Head Coach (23-5)
1982	University at Albany	Head Coach (18-10)
1983	University at Albany	Head Coach (17-10)
1984	University at Albany	Head Coach (14-11)
1985	University at Albany	Head Coach (22-6)
1986	University at Albany	Head Coach (18-9)
1987	University at Albany	Head Coach (21-7)
1988	Sabbatical Leave, Barry Cavanaugh served as coach	
1989	University at Albany	Head Coach (20-8)
1990	University at Albany	Head Coach (20-9)
1991	University at Albany	Head Coach (14-12)
1992	University at Albany	Head Coach (21-7)
1993	University at Albany	Head Coach (15-10)
1994	University at Albany	Head Coach (25-3)
1995	University at Albany	Head Coach (18-8)
1996	University at Albany	Head Coach (12-15)
1997	University at Albany	Head Coach (17-10)



UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

NOTICE OF SPORTS NEWS CONFERENCE

To: Members of the Media

From: Brian DePasquale
Assistant Athletics Director for Media Relations
University at Albany
Office: (518) 442-3072
Home: (518) 452-4940

Date: Monday, March 10, 1997
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Site: University at Albany
Recreation and Convocation Center
Hall of Fame Room - Lobby Level

Subject: Richard "Doc" Sauers will announce his retirement as men's basketball head coach after 41 seasons.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-8-97 (Saturday)
Pages including this
cover page: 6

Comments: TRACK & FIELD

Indianapolis, Ind. -- University at Albany's Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) shattered her own school record in the women's mile run with a time of 4:54.72 to finish fifth at the 1997 NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championships on Saturday afternoon. The Great Danes tied for the 15th in the women's final team standings, and posted the best finish by an eastern school in the two-day event held at the RCA Dome.

Dodge, a senior, became the first woman in school history to earn All-America honors in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track. She was 13th at this year's NCAA cross country championships, and placed sixth in the '96 NCAA outdoor 3,000-meter run.

"I am happy to be the first one (All-American in three sports), but I'm sure other people will follow me," said Dodge, whose previous best in the mile was 4:59.40. "I had not run the mile much during the season, but I knew my distance training would favor me."

Xiomara Davila Diaz, a junior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and sophomore Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) also gained All-America recognition in the 55-meter hurdles. Davila Diaz placed fourth in 8.07 seconds, while Williamson, the ECAC and New England Collegiate Conference champion, was fifth in 8.15. Abliene Christian's Delloreen Ennis won her second consecutive NCAA title, and was clocked in 7.74.

MORE

Albany Track 2-2-2

Davila Diaz, who was injured in a tragic auto accident just one year ago (March 6, 1996) which took the life of teammate Kimberly Toone, also qualified for the finals in the 55-meter dash and 400-meter dash. She finished seventh in both events, and set a school record for the second straight day in the 400 with a time 56.52 seconds. She sprinted 57.14 in the qualifying round.

"This is more than what I expected," Diaz said. "I was running for my friend. I know she is proud, and will always be proud of me. Every time I stepped to the line, I said to myself this is for her."

Abilene Christian captured its fifth consecutive NCAA Division II indoor crown with 76 points. St. Augustine's was second with 61.

-agate-

NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championships Final Women's Team Standings

1. Abilene Christian 76, 2. St. Augustine's 61, 3. Lincoln (Mo.) 30, 4. Lewis 20, 5. Cal State-Los Angeles 19, 6. Adams State 17, 7. Augustana 16, 8. Ashland 14, 9. (tie) Nebraska-Omaha and North Dakota State 13, 11. North Carolina Central 12, 12. Western State 10, 13. (tie) Northwest Missouri State and South Dakota 9, 15. (tie) Albany, N.Y. and Mankato State 8, 17. (tie) East Stroudsburg, Saginaw Valley State, Kutztown and Fort Hays State 6, 21. (tie) Emporia State and New York Tech 4, 23. St. Cloud State 2, 24. (tie) St. Joseph's, Calif.-Davis, South Dakota State 1.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-7-97 (Friday)
Pages including this
cover page: 6

Comments: TRACK & FIELD

Indianapolis, Ind. -- University at Albany's Xiomara Davila Diaz qualified for Saturday's final in the women's 400-meter dash with a school-record 57.14 seconds on the first day of competition at the 1997 NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championships. The two-day event is being held at the RCA Dome.

Davila Diaz, a junior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, also reached the finals in the both the 55-meter dash and 55-meter hurdles. She was clocked in 7.23 seconds in the dash, and sprinted 8.04 in the hurdles.

Ellaskisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) will be with Davila Diaz in the 55-hurdles championship field. She finished second in her heat, and was timed in 8.18 seconds. Williamson, a sophomore, narrowly missed the finals in the 55-dash by five one-hundredths of a second with a 7.28-second showing.

Tonya Dodge, a senior from Granville Central High, was just off her own school record in the women's one-mile run by cruising to a 4:59.54 time in qualifying. Dodge, who will also run in tomorrow's 5,000-meter final, placed third in her heat.

Finally, Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons H.S.) ran 4:20.20 in the men's mile to finish sixth in the second heat. His time eliminated him from advancing in the championship.



UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

SPORTS NEWS

For Immediate Release
Wednesday, March 5, 1997

Contact: Brian DePasquale
(518) 442-3072

**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY SENDS FOUR ATHLETES TO
NCAA DIVISION II INDOOR TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany will be represented by four athletes, including three from area high schools, at the 1997 NCAA Division II Indoor Track Championships, which will be held at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 7-8. Albany's NCAA contingent includes **Ellakisha Williamson, Tonya Dodge, Xiomara Davila Diaz** and **Dennis King**.

Williamson, a sophomore from Albany, N.Y. (Albany H.S.), has the nation's fourth fastest time in the 55-meter hurdles. She won last weekend's ECAC title in 7.96 seconds. Williamson, the East Region's Track Athlete of the Month for February, will also compete in the 55-meter dash. She finished first in the ECAC final with a time of 7.09 seconds. Williamson has led the Great Danes to both the ECAC and New England Collegiate Conference championships in the last three weeks, and was selected as each meet's top athlete as a triple-winner (200, 55-hurdles, 55-dash) in both competitions.

A senior from Granville, N.Y. (Granville Central H.S.), Dodge is no stranger to NCAA competition. She is the first Albany woman to earn All-America honors in both track and cross country. Dodge, who has qualified for this week's one-mile and 5,000 events, was 13th at the '96 NCAA cross country championships, and sixth in the 3,000 at outdoor nationals last spring. Dodge, the ECAC champion in the 5,000 (17:34.61), has run Division II's third-best mile (4:59.40) this season.

Diaz, a junior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, has qualified for NCAAs in three events. She was clocked in 57.51 in winning the NECC 400-meter crown, and is also among the national entrants in the 55-hurdles (8.13) and 55-dash (7.11). Diaz is making her first NCAA appearance. One year ago tomorrow, she was a passenger in the tragic auto accident which took the life of teammate Kimberly Toone, who was scheduled to compete in two events at indoor nationals.

King, a senior from Schenectady, N.Y. (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons H.S.), will be a competitor in the men's one-mile run. He qualified with a time of 4:12.90 at the Greater Boston Track Club Invitational in January. King, who competed in the '96 NCAA outdoor meet, was the ECAC runner-up last Sunday, and finished third in the IC4A mile at this year's Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden.

In the track program's history, three men have won individual NCAA indoor titles, and all were at the Division III level. Albany's indoor national champions include Geoffrey York, 55-hurdles (1992, 1995); Vernon Miller, 800 meters (1987); and David Walker, high jump (1986).

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-3-97 (Monday)
Pages including this
cover page: 1

Comments: Track & Field

Roberto Vives Named ECAC Women's Indoor Track Coach of the Year

Centerville, Mass. -- University at Albany's Roberto Vives has been selected as the 1997 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division II Women's Indoor Track Coach of the Year.

Vives, who guided the Great Danes to their first ECAC indoor title on Sunday, received the award for the second straight season. He was chosen as both the New England Collegiate Conference's men's and women's coach of the year two weeks ago.

Vives, a Bronx, N.Y. native, is in his 12th season as Albany's track and field head coach, and has produced 14 individual men's and women's NCAA champions during his tenure. The Great Danes will compete at this week's NCAA championships in Indianapolis, Indiana.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Bob Weiner, Sports
Company: Daily Gazette

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-3-97 (Monday)
Pages including this
cover page: 2

Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

Men's Basketball: Albany has withdrawn from consideration for the ECAC tournament due to injuries. Tom McGoldrick (knee), Brad Dixon (knee), Kris Zeisler (back) and Matthew Haggarty (hip) were all injured in the NECC quarter-final loss to Massachusetts-Lowell on Feb. 24. The Great Danes finish at 17-10 in their second Division II campaign, and rebounded from last year's 12-15 record.

Women's Basketball: ECAC tournament bids will be announced later on Monday. Albany, which reached the NECC championship game, has a 19-9 record. Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) and Michele Davis were named to the conference's all-tournament team. Paolino, a 5'4" sophomore point guard, averaged 11.7 points and shot 64.7% from the field (11 of 17) in tournament play. She tied a career-high with 13 points, and added six rebounds in the final, and scored in double figures in all three post-season contests. Paolino averaged just 4.6 points during the 25-game regular season, and scored in double digits once.

Track & Field: Qualifiers for the NCAA Division II championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 8-9 will be announced early this week. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) is a definite in the national field, and was selected as the Female Athlete of the Meet in leading the Albany to its first-ever ECAC Division II women's indoor track championship on Sunday at Lehigh University's Rauch Field House.

*****MORE*****

ALBANY NOTES 2-2-2

Williamson, who was also the Athlete of the Meet at the NECC championships on Feb. 15, set a school record with a first-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles in 7.96 seconds, and tied another Albany mark by capturing the 55-meter dash (7.09). She also breezed to victory in the 200 with a time of 25.33.

Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) and Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) also broke school records in winning the 5,000-meter run and pentathlon, respectively. Dodge, a senior who has provisionally qualified for NCAAs in three events, was clocked in 17:34.61. Johnston scored 3,377 points in her competition, and posted the best marks in the long jump (17-3.50) and high jump (5-3.75).

Jason Gurwitz won at 500 meters for the second consecutive year with a time of 1:05.20, and the first-place 880-yard relay team set a school record (1:32.24) in leading the Great Danes to a third in the ECAC men's championship.

Several local athletes were near the top in their events. Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons) and Jayson Vasquez (Amsterdam) were second in the one-mile run (4:21.11) and 55-hurdles (7.77), respectively. Rob Naughtner (Guilderland) was timed in 2:33.77 to take third in the 1,000.

Roberto Vives was selected as the ECAC women's indoor Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.

WOMEN

1. Albany 98.33; 2. Kutztown 96; 3. Shippensburg 87; 4. East Stroudsburg 57; 5. Millersville 45.33; 6. Massachusetts-Lowell 42; 7. West Chester 40; 8. Southern Connecticut State 39; 9. Lock Haven 27.33; 10. Queens 23; 11. Bloomsburg 20; 12. Sacred Heart 17; 13. Cheyney 10; 14. C.W. Post 2; 15. Stony Brook 1.

MEN

1. Kutztown 165; 2. Shippensburg 117; 3. Albany 95; 4. East Stroudsburg 72; 5. Millersville 71; 6. West Chester 26; 7. Lock Haven 21; 8. Cheyney 20; 9. Bloomsburg 17; 10. Keene State 16; 11. Massachusetts-Lowell 10; 12. Mansfield 5.

University at Albany

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Office Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-2-97 (Sunday)
Pages including this
cover page: 2

Comments: ECAC Division II Indoor Track Championships

Bethlehem, Pa. -- Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) was selected as the Female Athlete of the Meet in leading the University at Albany to its first-ever ECAC Division II women's indoor track championship on Sunday at Lehigh University's Rauch Field House. The Albany men finished third in the team standings for the second straight year.

Williamson, who will compete at next weekend's NCAA championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana, set a school record with a first-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles in 7.96 seconds, and tied another Albany mark by capturing the 55-meter dash (7.09). Williamson also breezed to victory in the 200-meter event with a time of 25.33.

Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) and Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) also broke school records in winning the 5,000-meter run and pentathlon, respectively. Dodge, a senior who has provisionally qualified for NCAAs in three events, was clocked in 17:34.61. Johnston scored 3,377 points in her competition, and posted the best marks in the long jump (17-3.50) and high jump (5-3.75).

Jason Gurwitz won at 500 meters for the second consecutive year with a time of 1:05.20, and the first-place 800-yard relay team set a school record (1:32.24) in leading the Great Danes to a third in the ECAC men's championship.

Several local athletes were near the top in their events. Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons) and Jayson Vasquez (Amsterdam) were second in the one-mile run (4:21.11) and 55-hurdles (7.77), respectively. Rob Naughtner (Guilderland) was timed in 2:33.77 to take third in the 1,000.

MORE

ECAC Track 2-2-2-2

-agate-

WOMEN

1. Albany 98.33; 2. Kutztown 96; 3. Shippensburg 87; 4. East Stroudsburg 57; 5. Millersville 45.33; 6. Massachusetts-Lowell 42; 7. West Chester 40; 8. Southern Connecticut State 39; 9. Lock Haven 27.33; 10. Queens 23; 11. Bloomsburg 20; 12. Sacred Heart 17; 13. Cheyney 10; 14. C.W. Post 2; 15. Stony Brook 1.

MEN

1. Kutztown 165; 2. Shippensburg 117; 3. Albany 95; 4. East Stroudsburg 72; 5. Millersville 71; 6. West Chester 26; 7. Lock Haven 21; 8. Cheyney 20; 9. Bloomsburg 17; 10. Keene State 16; 11. Massachusetts-Lowell 10; 12. Mansfield 5.



River Hawk Notes From The Nest

University Of Massachusetts Lowell Sports Information
One University Avenue, Lowell, Massachusetts 01854

Jim Seavey, Sports Information Director (508) 934-2306
David Rourke, Assistant Sports Info. Director (508) 934-2351

UMASS LOWELL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
New England Collegiate Conference Championship
Saturday, March 1, 1997
Costello Gymnasium, Lowell, Mass.

FINAL: UMass Lowell 70, ALBANY 44

LOWELL, Mass.— Junior Sheila Knower (Templeton) scored 12 points and sophomore Jessica Bruce (Mattapan) added 11 points and eight rebounds as UMass Lowell claimed its fourth New England Collegiate Conference Women's Basketball championship this decade with a 70-44 victory over Albany Saturday night at Costello Gymnasium. The River Hawks earn the conference's automatic berth into the NCAA Division II tournament and improve to 24-5 overall, while the Great Danes are 19-9 overall.

UMass Lowell held Albany to just 22 percent shooting in the first half en route to a 34-14 lead at the break, the River Hawks began the game with an 8-0 run and used a 15-4 run in the final 5:58 of the half. UMass Lowell then used a 12-6 run to start the second half to extend that margin to 26 at 46-20, and the River Hawks' largest lead of 30 came with 6:58 to play on a lay in by freshman Jessica Ouellette (Pembroke, N.H.) to make it 62-32. Senior Debbie Henderson (Port Washington, N.Y.) added 10 points and 12 rebounds for UMass Lowell, which shot 46 percent from the field and held a 47-37 edge on the boards. Sophomore Kelly Paolino (Schenectady, N.Y.) paced Albany with 13 points and six rebounds, while senior Samantha Ginsberg (Nanuet, N.Y.) added eight points for the Great Danes.

Sophomore Marsha Blalock (Roxbury) was named as the tournament Most Valuable Player for UMass Lowell, while Knower and senior Diane DiRoma (Belmont, N.H.) were named to the all-tournament team. Paolino and senior Michele Davis (New Hartford, N.Y.) represented Albany on the all-tournament team, and they were joined by Bridgeport's Dana Williams.

UMass Lowell previously won the NECC title in 1991, 1993 and 1995, and the River Hawks are making their fifth appearance in the NCAA Division II tournament in seven years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jim Seavey, UMass Lowell SID
(508) 934-2306

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

Sports Information Office Fax Cover Sheet

To: Sports Department
Company: Albany Times-Union

From: Brian DePasquale
Company: Assistant A.D./Media Relations
Phone: (518) 442-3072
Fax: (518) 442-3139

Date: 3-1-97 (Saturday)

**Pages including this
cover page:** 1

Comments: Indoor Track & Field

Princeton, N.J. -- The Albany men's 4x400 relay team set a school record and provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championships at the IC4A Championships on Saturday afternoon.

The quartet of Halim Wise, Jomo Forrester, Corey Hudson and Jason Gurwitz ran 3:17.60 and finished third in their heat amongst Division I schools.

On Sunday, the Great Danes travel to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to compete in the ECAC Championships. The NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field championships will be held next week, March 8-9 in Indianapolis, Indiana.