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Comments: Softball

Rindge, N.H. -- Freshman third baseman Erin Craig went 4-for-8 with two home runs and three runs batted in, while sophomore shortstop Jackie Knapp (Schenectady, H.S.) also went 4-for-8 with five RBIs to lead Albany to a 2-1, 18-3 New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep over Franklin Pierce on Wednesday afternoon.

In the opening game, with the score even at one apiece in the top of the fifth, Craig slammed a solo home run. Sophomore pitcher Kelly Poynton struck out 10 and only yielded three hits in the complete game victory.

Junior Kate Carnevale went 5-for-6 in Albany's 18-3 rout over Franklin Pierce (6-22, NECC 5-13) in the twinbill. Knapp hit a home run and a triple, while Craig added her second homer of the day.

Albany improves to 22-13 overall, and 7-9 in conference play. The Great Danes travel to Union College tomorrow in a non-conference doubleheader at 3:00 p.m.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	100	010	0	-	2	4	1
Franklin Pierce	001	000	0	-	1	3	0

Kelly Poynton and Ellen Braun.

Kara Hofsaes and Jen McGillin.

(Game 2)

Albany	250	65	-	18	14	2
Franklin Pierce	100	11	-	3	7	7

Jessica Hansen and Ellen Braun.

Kara Hofsaes, Therese Canestri, and Jen McGillin and Rachel Rivard.



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FPC Earns Bizarre Sweep Over UAlbany

Wilson, Smith Lead the Way For Ravens' Fourth Straight Win

RINDGE, NH (Apr. 30, 1997) – Junior Henry Wilson (Gilsum, NH/Monadnock Regional) went 4-for-7 with three runs batted in and six runs scored while junior Jim Smith also hit 4-for-7 with six runs and four RBI to lead the Franklin Pierce College baseball team in a bizarre sweep over the University of Albany Wednesday, 17-16 and 9-4, in a New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) doubleheader.

In the opener, sophomore Marc Mott cracked a double to score junior Jon Cipollina in the bottom of the 11th inning to clinch the victory. The Ravens led 13-11 entering the ninth inning when Albany erupted for five runs. Freshman Mike Oliva's double scored freshman Chris Robilotti to cut the lead to 13-12. Freshman Jon Jacobsen belted a two-run single to give the Great Danes a 14-13 edge. Senior Jamie Lent then roped a two-run triple to grab a 16-13 lead.

Cipollina opened the bottom of the ninth inning with a single and advanced to second on an error. Smith then belted a single as did Mott to put runners on first and second. Senior Brett Jasinsky grounded into a fielder's choice, but advanced to second on a throwing error, while Smith scored. The Ravens knotted the score 16-16 when senior Anthony Jardim's single scored freshman Ryan Scanlon, who was pinch-running for Jasinsky.

Lent led the way for the Danes, batting 6-for-7 and totaling four runs, two RBI, a double and a triple. Oliva went 3-for-6 with four RBI and two doubles.

In the nightcap, Albany erased a 9-4 deficit and exploded for eight runs in the top half of the seventh inning. As the Danes led 12-4 with two outs, the umpires halted the game due to darkness, nullifying the inning and giving the Ravens a 9-4 victory.

Wilson and Smith again led the way for the Ravens (5-7 in the NECC, 9-18 overall), who won their fourth straight game. Wilson went 2-for-3 with an RBI-double while Smith hit 1-for-2 with two RBI, two runs and a double. Sophomore Jed Pellerin (Charlestown, NH/Fall Mountain) batted 2-for-4 and scored two runs. Sophomore pitcher Shane Mitchell earned the win to improve to 4-1 on the year.

Lent paced Albany with two RBI while batting 2-for-2. Junior Dan Gallagher went 2-for-3 with two doubles and two RBI as Albany slipped to 6-10 in the NECC and 15-16 overall.

The Ravens visit Sacred Heart Friday for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. and close the season Saturday at home against Stony Brook (1 p.m.).

Game 1		R	H	E
Albany	063 101 005 00	16	15	4
Franklin Pierce	160 041 103 01	17	15	4

Batteries-UA: Ken DeDeo, Marcus Hartel, Jason Trufant (L) and Dennis Cirilla; **FPC:** Brian Archibald (8), Jeff Burstein and Jeff Burstein (8), Jon Cipollina.

Game 2		R	H	E
Albany	102 010	4	11	3
Franklin Pierce	404 100	9	9	1

Batteries-UA: Mark Zacharczyk (L), John Hoyt and Steve Lizza; **FPC:** Shane Mitchell (W, 4-1) and Jeff Burstein.

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Comments: College Sports (Women's Lacrosse)

Rindge, N.H. -- Rafaela Nikas scored three goals and one assist, all in the opening half, and then made six saves as a goalkeeper in the final period, as Albany routed Franklin Pierce, 16-5, on Tuesday afternoon.

Karen Karpus, who had three goals, and Nikas each scored twice as the Great Danes jumped to a 7-0 advantage. Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland) had two goals, while Lauren Pouchak (Averill Park) added one goal and one assist.

Allisson Pennington made three saves in the first half as the Albany goalkeeper, before Nikas made her first appearance as a collegian in the cage for the final 30 minutes.

Amy Hingston and Jarni-Ellen Ladakakos each had two goals for the Ravens, who fell to 0-8 on the season. Albany (7-4) hosts Quinnipiac on Thursday at Varsity Field in its final regular-season contest.

-agate-

Albany (7-4)	11	5	-	16
Franklin Pierce (0-8)	1	4	-	5

Albany -- Scoring: Rafaela Nikas 3-1, Karen Karpus 3-0, Stacy Mayer 2-2, Rebecca Kaiser 2-0, Dawn DiMicco 1-2, Lauren Pouchak 1-1, Jess Spadafora 1-1, Zaida Maldonado 1-0, Junko Mitani 1-0, Laura Walls 1-0.
Saves: Allisson Pennington 3, Rafaela Nikas 6.

Franklin Pierce -- Scoring: Amy Hingston 2-0, Jarni-Ellen Ladakakos 2-0, Jenni Kapanen 1-0. Saves: Alison Davis 12.

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Comments: College Sports

Kelly Poynton Selected as NECC Pitcher of the Week

Michael Oliva and Erin Craig Earn NECC Rookie of the Week Awards

Lowell, Mass. -- University at Albany's Kelly Poynton has been chosen as the New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Week (April 21-27) in softball.

Poynton, a sophomore, had a 2-1 record with a 0.00 ERA against three conference opponents. In 20 innings pitched, she three three complete games, including a one-hit shutout vs. New Hampshire College. Poynton, who is 6-5 on the season with a 2.41 ERA, allowed eight hits for the week to go with 24 strikeouts and eight walks.

Freshman third base Erin Craig was selected as the NECC Rookie of the Week in softball, and hit .409 (9-for-22) in eight games with three runs, four RBIs and one double. Albany is 20-13 overall.

Michael Oliva, a freshman outfielder, was tabbed as the NECC Rookie of the Week in baseball. He batted .432 (16-for-37) in nine games with nine runs, five doubles, one home run, four stolen bases, and 11 RBIs. Albany's lead-off hitter went 7-for-13 in Sunday's twinbill at Southern Connecticut State, and has upped his average to .359 on the season. The Great Danes are 15-14 overall, and already have their most victories since 1987.

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Comments: College Sports

(Softball) Albany (20-13) has reached the 20-win mark for the third time in the 1990's ... Chris Cannata, the former Voorheesville H.S. head coach, is 56-37 to date as the UA mentor ... Jackie Knapp (Schenectady) batted .500 (14-for-28) in eight games last week, while Kate Carnevale (Columbia) hit .423 (11-for-26) with seven runs, seven RBI's and nine stolen bases ... Amy McGroty (Schalmont) is 5-2 on the mound with a 1.60 ERA, and leads the UA regulars with a .382 batting average ...

(Baseball) Albany (15-14) has 15 victories in a season for the first time since 1987 ... freshman Michael Oliva hit .432 (16-for-37) at the top of the order in nine games last week, and scored nine runs to go with 11 RBIs ... Tony Gregoli (LaSalle Institute) is batting .347 with five doubles in 19 contests ... freshman Chris Robilotti (Colonie) is hitting .300 with 11 runs and 10 RBIs ... Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central), who has a .299 BA, leads the club in home runs (4) and slugging percentage (.506) ...

(Women's Lacrosse) Dawn DiMicco has set a freshman single-season scoring record with 30 goals and two assists ... her goal total is the third highest number in the program's history ... DiMicco, a guard on the basketball team, and Rafaela Nikas, an all-conference outside hitter in volleyball, are the Danes' top scorers ... Nikas has 16 goals and nine assists ...

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College Notes 2-2-2-2

(Men's Lacrosse) Tom Alexander (Guilderland), Greg Myers (Shaker) and John Gilson (Shenendehowa) are among a group of Albany defensemen who have the Great Danes allowing 9.20 goals per game ... Alexander leads the team in groundballs with 35 ... Albany has won five of its last six to improve to 6-4 ...

(Track) Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) blew away the record book in finishing 17th in the 3,000 at Penn Relays ... her time of 9:39.34 bettered the school record by more than 19 seconds ... Dodge ran 9:58.86 at last year's NCAA Division II championships ... Providence's Dana Ostrander (Shenendehowa) finished right behind Dodge in 18th (9:39.99) ...

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Comments: College Sports

(Baseball)

New Haven, Conn. -- Freshman outfielder Michael Oliva collected eights, drove in six runs, and scored four times, as Albany split a New England Collegiate Conference double-header at Southern Connecticut State. The Owls rallied to win the opener, 13-12 in 13 innings, while the Great Danes took the nightcap, 14-4.

In the second game, freshman catcher Steve Lizza slugged a grand slam over the right field fence to highlight a six-run first inning. Scott Tower improved to 3-1 on the mound by recording three strikeouts and three walks in his second complete game of the season.

Glen Maxwell's RBI single with two outs in the 13th inning gave Southern Connecticut State (16-15, NECC 10-6) a victory in the first contest, which lasted four-and-one-half hours. Dan Gallagher (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk), who went 4-for-5 with a double and two runs in the opener, helped Albany (15-14, NECC 6-8) take a 12-8 lead into the bottom of the ninth.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	030	320	301	000	0	-	12	25	0
So. Connecticut	001	060	014	000	1	-	13	16	4

(two outs when winning run scored)

Bill Jarvela, Neil Hagin (7), Jonathan Davis (9) and Dennis Cirilla.

Eric Kvelums, Chris Garozzo (5), Dave McLoughlin (10) and Joe DiSorbo.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Game 2)

Albany	600	017	0	-	14	13	0
So. Connecticut	000	210	1	-	4	10	2

Scott Tower and Steve Lizza.

Joe Miller, Chris Garozzo (2), David Vadnais (6) and Joe DiSorbo.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Dawn DiMicco scored four goals, including her 30th of the season, and goalkeeper Allisson Pennington made a critical save with 21 seconds remaining, as Albany rallied for a 10-9 victory over St. Michael's on Sunday at Varsity Field.

St. Michael's (7-2) reeled off five unanswered goals to take a 7-5 lead early in the second half. Megan Mattiace, who scored three times, and Betty Soule each had two goals in that stretch. Albany (6-4) responded with five consecutive goals of its own to go back in front. Rafaela Nikas bounced a shot past goalkeeper Kelly Sharenko to put the Great Danes ahead, and then broke through two defenders for a 10-7 advantage with 8:19 remaining.

Nicki Collette closed the Lady Knights within one goal with 2:41 left, before Albany's Pennington (11 saves) stopped Taryn Elacqua from short range in the closing moments to preserve the victory.

Senior Lauren Pouchak (Averill Park H.S.) had one goal and two assists for the Great Danes, while Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland) scored once.

-agate-

St. Michael's (7-2)	6	3	-	9
Albany (6-4)	5	5	-	10

St. Michael's -- Scoring: Megan Mattiace 3-0, Betty Soule 2-0, Joleen Wise 2-0, Madeleine Clinton 1-1, Nicki Collette 1-0, Mandee Galbraith 0-2. Saves: Kelly Sharenko 26, Julia Gillard 1.

Albany -- Scoring: Dawn DiMicco 4-0, Rafaela Nikas 2-0, Lauren Pouchak 1-2, Laura Walls 1-1, Rebecca Kaiser 1-0, Karen Karpus 1-0. Saves: Allisson Pennington 11.

(Softball)

New Haven, Conn. -- Freshman infielder Stephanie Pelkey had the game-winning hit in both contests to lead Southern Connecticut State to a New England Collegiate Conference double-header sweep, 2-1 and 1-0, over Albany on Sunday afternoon.

Southern Connecticut State (19-16, NECC 10-6) trailed 1-0 in the opener, but Pelkey lined a two-run double in the sixth inning. In the second game, she had an RBI single in the fourth to provide the lone run.

Right-hander Dori Link recorded the shutout by scattering 10 hits, and improved to 9-8 on the season. Link was aided by an interference call on Albany's Kate Carnevale in the sixth with the bases loaded.

Sophomore shortstop Jackie Knapp (Schenectady H.S.) went 5-for-8 with a double in the twinball, and raised her batting average to .358 overall. Albany (20-13, NECC 5-9) had a six-game win streak stopped.

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	010	000	0	-	1	6	2
So. Connecticut	000	002	x	-	2	4	1

Jessica Hansen and Ellen Braun.

Lindsey Tripp and Melissa Nolan.

(Game 2)

Albany	000	000	0	-	0	10	1
So. Connecticut	000	100	x	-	1	4	1

Kelly Poynton and Ellen Braun.

Dori Link and Melissa Nolan.

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(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- John Baumann had three goals and one assist, and scored twice in a seven-goal fourth quarter to lead Albany to a 12-3 victory over Northwood in a Division II contest on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (6-4), which has won five of its last six starts, held a 5-3 lead after three periods. Matt Polletta started the final-quarter barrage, when he hit the top left corner on a feed from behind the cage by David DeVito.

Baumann, a junior attackman, had a hand in three of his team's next four goals. He bounced off two defenders before scoring over goalkeeper Ray Avendt's shoulder, and then assisted on Polletta's second goal of the afternoon for a commanding 10-3 advantage with 4:31 left.

Albany's Mike Kittner tallied three goals and one assist, while Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) added his team-leading 27th goal of the season and one assist.

Andy Noteman scored twice, and Avendt made 15 saves for Northwood (5-6). UA goalkeeper Gary Lockwood turned back 17 shots, and the Great Dane defense limited the visitors to just 1-for-9 on extra-man opportunities.

-agate-

Northwood (5-6)	0	2	1	0	-	3
Albany (6-4)	2	2	1	7	-	12

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Northwood -- Scoring: Andy Noteman 2-0, John Cooper 1-1, Todd Bacalja 0-1, Ryan Benson 0-1. Saves: Ray Avendt 15.

Albany -- Scoring: Mike Kittner 3-1, John Baumann 3-1, Matt Polletta 2-0, Mike McCarthy 1-1, Brian Ryniker 1-0, Dan Small 1-0, Trevor Lisky 1-0, Greg Giuliani 0-2, Michael Wood 0-1, David DeVito 0-1, Peter Fries 0-1. Saves: Gary Lockwood 17.

(Track & Field)

Philadelphia, Pa. -- Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) automatically qualified for the NCAA Division II championships in the 100-meter hurdles with a school-record 13.99 seconds at the 103rd Penn Relays.

Williamson bettered her own school standard in qualifying on the Franklin Field surface. She had run 14.05 at North Carolina State's Raleigh Relays in March. In addition, Williamson was a member of the sixth-place women's shuttle hurdle relay, which set another school mark in 59.06.

Samantha Cohen and Matt Perry eclipsed two Albany racewalking records. Cohen was fifth in the 5,000-meter Olympic Development event with a time of 24:55.36, while Perry walked 51:25.28 to finish seventh in the men's 10,000 meters.

Ben Wright (Averill Park) and Dennis King (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons) help Albany's distance medley relay place 18th, and post the No. 2 time in school history with a 10:01.94 clocking. Halim Wise ran a 47.8-second anchor leg, as the Great Danes were second (3:18.01) in the CTC 1,600-relay.

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Kelly Poynton fired a three-hitter in the opener and Amy McGrody (Schalmont) threw a six-hit shutout in the nightcap to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference double-header sweep, 7-1 and 4-0, over Stony Brook on Saturday at Albany Field.

Poynton allowed just three singles and an unearned run, while recording four strikeouts and four walks. The sophomore right-hander improved to 6-4 on the season.

In the second game, McGrody raised her record to 5-2 by scattering six hits in posting her first shutout this spring. She also went 3-for-5 at the plate in the twinbill with a double, three runs scored, and two RBIs.

Sophomore shortstop Jackie Knapp (Schenectady) went 3-for-3 in the second game for Albany (20-11, NECC 5-7). The Great Danes have won six straight, and 11 of their last 13 contests.

Stony Brook falls to 4-26 overall and 2-12 in conference play.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Stony Brook	000	000	1	-	1	3	2
Albany	030	040	x	-	7	8	2

Stephanie Spader and Alice Yee.

Kelly Poynton and Ellen Braun.

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

(Game 2)

Stony Brook	000	000	0	-	0	6	3
Albany	202	000	x	-	4	7	1

**Stephanie Spader and Alice Yee.
Amy McGroty and Ellen Braun.**

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Frank Colon's two-run double in the eighth inning put his team ahead for good in the first game, and Stony Brook went on to sweep a New England Collegiate Conference double-header from Albany, 10-3 and 4-2, on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Colon's double snapped a 3-3 tie, and George Kearns followed in the same inning with a two-run homer over the left field fence. Dennis Kelly went the distance on the mound to even his record at 4-4 on the season.

In the second game, second baseman Spyros Economou went 3-for-3 with a double and four RBIs. Greg MacKoul and Tim Loyal, who picked up the save, combined on a four-hitter for Stony Brook (13-17, NECC 9-5).

Freshman Jon Jacobsen went 4-for-8 in the twinbill with two doubles and two RBIs for Albany (14-13, NECC 5-7).

-agate-

(Game 1)

Stony Brook	200	000	152	-	10	11	0
Albany	101	100	000	-	3	7	3

Dennis Kelly and Frank Colon.

Marcus Hartel, John Hoyt (8) and Dennis Cirilla.

(Game 2)

Stony Brook	020	011	0	-	4	8	1
Albany	001	100	0	-	2	4	4

**Jason Trufant, Jonathan Davis (6) and Dennis Cirilla.
Greg MacKoul, Tim Loyal (7) and Frank Colon.**

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(Women's Lacrosse)

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. -- Senior Chrissy Gaurino scored three goals in leading Vassar to a 13-10 come-from-behind victory over Albany on Friday afternoon.

Chapel Love, who had two goals and one assist, scored with 9:47 remaining to break a 9-9 deadlock. Gaurino found the net twice in the next three minutes for a 12-9 advantage.

Albany (5-4) built a 6-4 halftime cushion behind the play of freshman Dawn DiMicco, who had five goals and one assist. Vassar (12-3) rallied in the final period to take a 9-7 lead, before the Great Danes drew even on a goal by Stacey Mayer with 12:30 left.

Albany's Rafaela Nikas had two goals and one assist. Vassar goalkeeper Cindy Tate made 11 saves, while Laura Jackson contributed two goals and one assist to the Brewers attack.

-agate-

Albany (5-4)	6	4	-	10
Vassar (12-3)	4	9	-	13

Albany -- Scoring: Dawn DiMicco 5-1, Rafaela Nikas 2-1, Stacey Mayer 2-0, Jess Spadafora 1-0. Saves: Kim Martini 4, Allisson Pennington 1.

Vassar -- Scoring: Chrissy Guarino 3-0, Chapel Love 2-1, Laura Jackson 2-1, Laura Phillips 1-1, Sarah Bennett 1-0, Liz Little 1-0, Michelle Moor 1-0, Molly Moran 1-0, Julia Ware 1-0. Saves: Cindy Tate 11.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Track & Field)

Philadelphia, Pa. -- Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) and Xiomara Davila Diaz automatically qualified for the NCAA Division II championships in the 3,000-meter run and 400-hurdles, respectively, at the 103rd Penn Relays.

Dodge, a senior, shattered her own school record in the 3,000 with a time of 9:39.34 on the Franklin Field surface, and finished 17th overall. She previously ran 9:58.96 in last year's NCAA championship. Providence's Krissy Haacke (Shaker) placed 12th in 9:35.95, while teammate Dana Ostrander (Shenendehowa) was 18th in 9:39.99.

Davila Diaz ran 1:01.07 in the women's 400-meter hurdles to finish in 14th position. Her time qualifies for the NCAA meet in Edwardsville, Illinois on May 22-24.

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(Baseball)

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. -- Sophomore catcher Dennis Cirilla went 4-4 with a triple and three runs to lead Albany to a 7-6 non-conference victory at Marist on Thursday afternoon.

Senior second baseman Jaime Lent hit a two-run home run in the second inning and sophomore Tony Gregoli added a two-run double in the fourth inning. Marist (19-15) scored one run in the ninth, but freshman pitcher Mark Zacharczyk held on to notch his first collegiate victory.

Albany (14-11) hosts Stony Brook in a New England Collegiate Conference double-header on Saturday at noon.

-agate-

Albany	030	310	000	-	7	10	2
Marist	102	000	021	-	6	9	0

Mark Zacharczyk and Dennis Cirilla.

Jake Ketcham, Kevin Olore (4), Eric Becker (8), Mark Barron (9) and Andrew Russell, Jeff Lynch (5), Fred Manriquez (7)

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Dennis Cirilla had three hits, including a double, and drove in three runs in leading Albany to a 9-3 victory over New Hampshire College in the opener of a New England Collegiate Conference double-header at Varsity Field. The Penmen came back to take the nightcap, 3-0.

In the first game, freshman Michael Oliva, who had four hits in the twinbill, slugged a three-run homer to highlight a five-run second inning. Chris Robilotti (Colonie H.S.) went 3-for-5 at the plate with one double and two runs scored.

Freshman Scott Tower improved to 2-1 on the mound, as he allowed five hits and recorded six strikeouts in throwing his first complete-game this season.

New Hampshire College (13-15, NECC 9-5) won the second game, as Steve Shea and Mark Perec combined on a four-hit shutout. Jason Long had an RBI single in the fourth, and Scott Blumshek doubled and scored in the fifth.

Albany (13-11, NECC 5-5) travels to Marist on Thursday (3:30 p.m.).

-agate-

(Game 1)

New Hampshire College	010	000	002	-	3	5	0
Albany	051	000	12x	-	9	19	0

Mike Warden, Lucas Adams (2) and Kevin Pinard.

Scott Tower and Dennis Cirilla.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Game 2)

New Hampshire College	000	120	0	-	3	7	0
Albany	000	000	0	-	0	4	1

Steve Shea, Mark Perec (7) and Kevin Pinard.

Bill Jarvela and Dennis Cirilla.

(Track & Field)

Philadelphia, Pa. -- Sophomore Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) finished ninth in the women's heptathlon at the 103rd Penn Relays on Wednesday afternoon at Franklin Field. Johnston broke her own school record with 4,556 points in the seven-event competition.

Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) will run in the 3,000 on Thursday evening, while Albany is entered in both the women's 400- and 1,600-meter relays.

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore Kelly Poynton fired a one-hitter and struck out 14 batters in the first game to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference double-header sweep, 7-0 and 16-2, over New Hampshire College on Wednesday at Albany Field.

Poynton, who improved to 5-4 on the season, allowed just a first-inning single by Kate Wentworth and walked four in the complete-game outing.

Shortstop Jackie Knapp (Schenectady H.S.) went 3-for-7 on the afternoon, plus scored twice, and drove in three runs. Kate Carnevale (Columbia) added three hits, two runs, three RBIs and three stolen bases in the twinbill.

Albany improves to 18-11 overall and 3-7 in the conference, while New Hampshire College falls to 1-15 and 1-11.

-agate-

(Game 1)

New Hampshire College	000	000	0	-	0	1	4
Albany	132	100	x	-	7	13	0

Katie Palos and Kelly Greenfield.

Kelly Poynton and Ellen Braun.

(Game 2)

New Hampshire College	000	20	-	2	5	4
Albany	514	6x	-	16	12	0

(game ended by 10-run rule)

Sarah Wolstencroft, Katie Palos (4) and Kelly Greenfield.

Jessica Hansen and Ellen Braun.

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Comments: College Sports

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore pitcher Marcus Hartel threw a four-hit shutout in the nightcap in leading Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference double-header sweep over Keene State on Tuesday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 8-0, and the opener, 11-7.

Hartel improved to 3-1 on the season by allowing just four singles in the complete-game effort. The right-hander recorded five strikeouts and two walks.

Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central), a junior center fielder, went 4-for-8 in the two-game set, and hit solo homers in each contest. Senior second baseman Jamie Lent collected five hits, drove in six runs and scored twice for the Great Danes.

In the first game, Lent's RBI single broke a 7-7 deadlock in the seventh inning. Freshman Michael Oliva doubled and scored in the four-run frame.

Brian Hamilton and Jared Seavey each had four hits in the double-header for Keene State, which falls to 10-15 overall and 6-6 in conference play.

Albany (12-10, NECC 4-4) hosts New Hampshire College in another conference twinbill on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

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Albany Baseball 2-2-2-2

-agate-

(Game 1)

Keene State	200	002	300	-	7	9	0
Albany	021	130	40x	-	11	14	2

**Michael Leighton, Martin Testo (5), Brad Cooke (7) and Ben Forbes.
Jason Trufant, Neil Hagin (7), Jonathan Davis (7) and Dennis Cirilla.**

(Game 2)

Keene State	000	000	0	-	0	4	2
Albany	200	141	x	-	8	9	0

**Ryan Royce, Matt McKeown (5), Brad Cooke (5) and Ben Forbes, Todd
Robichaud (6).**

Marcus Hartel and Dennis Cirilla.

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Comments: College Sports

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Dawn DiMicco scored a season-high five goals, including three in the second half, as Albany came from behind for a 12-9 victory over Le Moyne on Monday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (5-2) ripped off three unanswered goals to break a 6-6 deadlock early in the final period. Laura Walls fired a 10-yard shot over goalkeeper Deirde Beers' left shoulder to break the tie with 22:53 remaining. DiMicco and Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland H.S.) each scored in the next two minutes for a 9-6 lead.

LeMoyne (4-6) jumped out to a 4-0 advantage in the opening stanza as Maria Hoppe and Charis Shafer each found the net twice. The Great Danes responded with five consecutive goals to get back into the contest, as DiMicco scored twice in that stretch.

Hoppe finished with four goals, including her 26th of the season, and added one assist. Beers made 21 saves in the Le Moyne cage.

Kim Martini and Allisson Pennington combined to make six saves for the Great Danes, who have won three straight, and play at Rensselaer on Wednesday. Kaiser, a junior, added two goals and one assists to the Albany attack.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

-agate-

Le Moyne (4-6) 5 4 - 9

Albany (5-2) 5 7 - 12

Le Moyne -- Scoring: Maria Hoppe 4-1, Jenny Hughes 2-1, Charis Shafer 2-0, Erin Crowley 1-0, Jodi Sherwin 0-1, Meghan George 0-1; Saves: Deirde Beers 21.

Albany -- Scoring: Dawn DiMicco 5-0, Rebecca Kaiser 2-1, Jess Spadafora 2-0, Laura Walls 1-1, Karen Karpus 1-0, Stacey Mayer 1-0; Saves: Kim Martini 3, Allisson Pennington 3.

(Softball)

Lowell, Mass. -- University at Albany's Jackie Knapp (Schenectady H.S.) has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week (April 14-20) in softball. Knapp, a sophomore shortstop, earned the weekly award for the second time this season.

In six games, Knapp batted .364 (8 for 22) to go with nine runs, seven RBIs, four triples, one home run, three walks, and an .864 slugging percentage.

Knapp, the '95 Big 10 MVP as a scholastic player, upped her batting average to .308 on the season, and leads the Great Danes in runs (26), RBIs (26), triples (4), home runs (4) and slugging percentage (.590).

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Comments: College Sports

Men's Lacrosse: Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) scored the game-winner with 26 seconds left in Sunday's 13-12 victory over Dowling in the 4th annual Dowling College Invitational ... McCarthy, a junior midfielder, had a career-high six goals in Saturday's opening-round 27-2 win over New Hampshire College ... McCarthy leads the the Great Danes with 26 goals and five assists ... he had 24 goals and one assist as a sophomore ... Sean McConaghy (Columbia) is third in scoring with 19 points (14 goals, 5 assists) ... Albany (5-4) has won four of its last five ...

Women's Lacrosse: Albany is 4-2 entering Monday's game against LeMoyne ... three local players are in the starting lineup ... co-captain Lauren Pouchak of Averill Park (5 goals, 1 assists) plays on defense ... Rebecca Kaiser (5 goals, 4 assists) and Zaida Maldonado, a sophomore midfielder, both played at Guilderland High School ...

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College Sports 2-2-2-2

Softball: Jackie Knapp (Schenectady) hit .364 in six games last week with nine runs, seven RBIs, four triples, one homer, and a .864 slugging percentage ... Amy McGroty (Schalmont) leads the Albany regulars with a .369 batting average, while Knapp is hitting .308 ... Kate Carnevale (Columbia), who transferred from North Adams State, is batting .302 and leads the Danes in runs (29) and stolen bases (11) ... the Great Danes (14-11) have already surpassed last year's victory total, when they finished 13-17 in their first Division II campaign ...

Baseball: Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central) leads Albany in runs (14) and doubles (5), and is tied for first in RBIs with 13 ... Mullen is hitting .276 in 18 starts ... Chris Robilotti (Colonie), a freshman third baseman, has upped his batting average to .290 in 13 games played, and has eight runs and six RBIs

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Comments: College Sports

(Softball)

Albany, N. Y. -- Freshman Beth Ponte hit the game-winning home run in the top of the eighth to lead Keene State to a 4-3 extra-inning victory over Albany in the opener of a New England Collegiate Conference double-header on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field. The Owls also took the second game, 4-1.

Albany (14-11, NECC 1-7) rallied to tie the score at three apiece in the fifth when sophomore shortstop Jackie Knapp (Schenectady H.S.) hit an RBI triple and Erin Craig followed with a sacrifice fly. Keene State reliever Lindsay Blood, who earned a save in the nightcap, allowed no hits in 2.2 innings to pick up the victory.

In the second game, Albany took a short-lived 1-0 lead in the third on Craig's RBI single. Keene State (12-14, NECC 10-2) scored twice in the fourth to go on top for good, when sophomore Erin Van Nostrand drove in two Owls with a base hit to right field.

Kate Carnevale (Columbia), a junior second base, had two singles in the twinbill for the Great Danes.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Keene State	010	110	01	-	4	9	2
Albany	000	120	00	-	3	5	1

Kara Suhie, Lindsay Blood (6) and Melissa Camire
Jessica Hansen and Ellen Braun

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Albany Softball 2-2-2-2

(Game 2)

Keene State	000	201	1	-	4	6	2
Albany	001	000	0	-	1	6	0

**Carrah Fisk, Lindsay Blood (6) and Lianne Blad
Kelly Poynton and Ellen Braun**

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Comments: Women's Lacrosse

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Dawn DiMicco scored a season-high four goals, including three early in the second half, in leading Albany to a 7-6 victory over Sacred Heart on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field.

DiMicco netted three consecutive goals in the opening eight minutes of the final stanza to break a 4-4 halftime tie. She bounced a shot from the right side past goalkeeper Christine Maursky 27 seconds into the period. After DiMicco tallied an unassisted goal, teammate Rafaela Nikas (1 goal, 1 assist) picked off an errant pass and fed her in front for a third straight score.

Sacred Heart (1-7), which defeated the Great Danes, 14-12, in last year's ECAC Division II championship, closed the gap in the final six minutes. Junior attack Deirdre Hynes, who scored three times and added one assist, drew her team within one goal at the 1:28 mark.

Kathryn Fontaine had two goals for the Pioneers, while Maursky (Shenendehowa) stopped 12 shots in the SHU net. Kim Martini and Allisson Pennington combined to make eight saves for Albany, which improved to 4-2.

-agate-

Sacred Heart (1-7)	4	2	-	6
Albany (4-2)	4	3	-	7

Sacred Heart -- Scoring: Deirdre Hynes 3-1, Kathryn Fontaine 2-0, Jennifer Smith 1-0; Saves: Christine Maursky 12.

Albany -- Scoring: Dawn DiMicco 4-0, Rafaela Nikas 1-1, Laura Walls 1-0, Karen Karpus 1-0, Rebecca Kaiser 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 4, Kim Martini 4.

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Comments: College Sports

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. --

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LeMOYNE 5, ALBANY 4

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Jaime LeChase (L), 6-0, 6-0; Erica Svenheim (L) def. Marci Travin (A), 6-1, 6-0; Mary Wood (A) def. Aimee Churchill (L), 6-1, 6-0; Donesa Nicholson (L) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-4, 6-3; Laura Donnelly (L) def. Anju Jethani (A), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Elpi Papageorgiou (A) def. Jessica Peebles (L), 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

Doubles: LeChase-Svenheim (L) def. Bliss-Travin (A), 8-5; Wood-Tuchband (A) def. Churchill-Nicholson (L), 8-5; Donnelly-Peebles (L) def. Jethani-Papageorgiou (A), 8-6.

Albany Record: 10-9

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Comments: Men's Lacrosse

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman midfielder Gavin Chamberlin scored four times, including the go-ahead goal with 7:45 left in the third quarter, as C.W. Post rallied in the second half for a 16-13 victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

C.W. Post, the nation's top-ranked team in the latest USILA Division II poll, trailed 8-6 at halftime, but regrouped behind the play of junior attackman Dave Loiacono, who had four goals and five assists.

Sophomore Todd Bolognese, who recorded three goals and one assist, scored twice early in the third period to draw the Pioneers even at eight apiece. Albany's Mike Kittner (2 goals, 4 assists) scooped up a loose ball in front of the C.W. Post cage, and hit the net to regain the lead at 9-8.

But C.W. Post (7-1) responded with four unanswered goals, two on extra-man situations, to go back in front for good. Loiacono had a hand in three scores, and found the cage unassisted with 3:04 left in third period for a 12-9 lead. The Pioneers converted seven of 10 extra-man opportunities in the contest.

Albany (3-4), which jumped out to a 6-1 advantage in the opening quarter, got three goals and one assist from freshman Sean McConaghy (Columbia H.S.), and midfielder Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa H.S.) scored three times. Gary Lockwood made 13 saves in the UA cage, while Vin Fredericks stopped eight shots for C.W. Post.

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Albany Lacrosse 2-2-2-2

-agate-

C.W. Post 16, Albany 13

C.W. Post (7-1)	3	3	6	4	-	16
Albany (3-4)	6	2	1	4	-	13

C.W. Post -- Scoring: Dave Loiacono 4-5, Gavin Chamberlain 4-0, Todd Bolognese 3-1, Dan Scarano 2-1, Luis Gonzalez 1-3, David Kelly 1-0, Joe Buccello 1-0; Saves: Vin Fredericks 8.

Albany -- Scoring: Sean McConaghy 3-1, Mike McCarthy 3-0, Mike Kittner 2-4, Brian Ryniker 2-0, Peter Fries 1-1, Gavin Henry 1-0, Michael Wood 1-0, David DeVito 0-1, John Baumann 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 13.

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Comments: College Sports

(Women's Lacrosse)

Loudonville, N.Y. -- Freshman attack Laura Walls recorded three goals and one assist in leading Albany to an 11-0 victory over Siena on Tuesday afternoon at Siena College.

Walls scored twice in the opening period to lead Albany to a 4-0 halftime advantage. Junior Rafaela Nikas tallied two goals and two assists, while Karen Karpus added two goals and one assist.

Junior attack Rebecca Kaiser had one goal and two assists. Dawn DiMicco, Lauren Pouchak and Audrey Dafoe each scored goals.

Goalkeepers Kim Martini and Allisson Pennington combined for their second shutout on the season, while Saints goalkeeper Elizabeth Byrne stopped 15 shots.

The Great Danes improve to 3-2, while Siena falls to 1-6. Albany hosts Sacred Heart University on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field.

-agate-

Albany (3-2)	4	7	-	11
Siena (1-6)	0	0	-	0

Albany -- Scoring: Laura Walls 3-1, Rafaela Nikas 2-2, Karen Karpus 2-1, Rebecca Kaiser 1-2, Dawn DiMicco 1-0, Lauren Pouchak 1-0, Audrey Dafoe 1-0. Saves: Kim Martini 3, Allisson Pennington 0.

Siena -- No Scoring. Saves: Elizabeth Byrne 15.

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Comments: College Sports

Albany's Bill Jarvela Selected NECC Pitcher of the Week

Lowell, Mass. -- University at Albany's Bill Jarvela (Roy C. Ketcham H.S. / Wappingers Falls, N.Y.) has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Week (April 7-13).

Jarvela, a winner in two starts against conference teams last week, scattered nine hits in a complete-game victory on Sunday at New Haven. The 6-foot right-hander struck out four and walked one in a 5-2 victory over the Chargers.

Jarvela also went six innings in a 9-7 triumph at Massachusetts-Lowell on April 9. He allowed four earned runs, and recorded three strikeouts.

On the season, Jarvela leads the Albany staff with a 3-1 record and a 3.75 earned run average in 25.0 innings pitched. He has 14 career victories in a Great Danes uniform. Albany is 9-8 overall, and 2-4 in NECC play.

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Comments: College Sports

(Track & Field)

Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) won three events and set two meet records at the seventh annual Albany Invitational on Saturday ... Williamson eclipsed a meet record which had stood for 12 years in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.65 seconds ... she provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II championships ... Williamson and Xiomara Davila Diaz ran two legs on the 400-meter relay, which posted an NCAA-qualifying mark of 48.10 seconds ... Davila Diaz went on to run a NCAA provisional time in the 400 (56.50) ... Dennis King (ND-Bishop Gibbons) was a winner in the 800 and 5,000 ... Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) shattered a 14-year-old record in the 10,000 last Friday evening ... Dodge finished first in 36:55.94 to break a mark set by Kathy McCarthy in 1983, and provisionally qualified for NCAAs ... other locals to capture individual titles for Albany include: Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa, heptathlon), Erica Viger (Granville Central, 400-hurdles), Andrea Viger (Granville Central, 1,500), Jayson Vasquez (Amsterdam, 400-hurdles) and Rob Naughtner (Guilderland, 1,500) ...

(Men's Lacrosse)

Sean McConaghy (Columbia) and Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) were a two-man wrecking crew against Skidmore (12-3, W) and Keuka (10-9, W) last week ... McConaghy had six goals and one assist, and McCarthy added five goals and two assists ... Albany improved to 3-3, and faces Division II's top-ranked team in C.W. Post at home on Wednesday ... McCarthy leads the Danes in scoring with 18 points (14 G, 4 A) ... ***more***

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Baseball)

Albany (9-8, NECC 2-4) is 5-5 on the road this season as opposed to a 4-9 away record in 1996, after splitting two double-headers at the conference's top teams (Mass.-Lowell and New Haven) last week ... Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central) is hitting .306, and has two homers, four doubles, and a team-leading 12 RBIs ... Bill Jarvela improved to 3-1 on the mound with a complete-game victory at New Haven on Sunday ... Jarvela, who has 14 career victories, had four strikeouts and one walk in a 5-2 win ...

(Softball)

Amy McGroty (Schalmont) continues to lead all UA regulars in hitting with a .386 average and is second in RBIs with 16 ... Jackie Knapp (Schenectady) is batting .286 with three home runs ... Knapp, a sophomore shortstop and former Big 10 MVP, has a team-high 19 RBIs ...

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball)

West Haven, Conn. -- Senior pitcher Bill Jarvela posted his third victory of the season with a complete-game effort in the nightcap, as Albany split a New England Collegiate Conference double-header with New Haven on Sunday afternoon. The Great Danes won the second game, 5-2, while the Chargers took the opener, 4-2.

Jarvela improved to 3-1 on the mound with four strikeouts and one walk over seven innings. Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central), who went 4-for-8 at the plate in the twinbill, had an RBI single in a three-run third inning. Chris Jones drove in another run with a single in the fifth.

In the first game, New Haven (7-3, NECC 4-2) scored four times in the third frame. Jason Scheets delivered an RBI single, and later came across on Jeremiah Kurasz's RBI double.

Albany (9-8, NECC 2-4) got a fine outing from freshman pitcher Jason Trufant, who allowed just five hits over nine innings. Trufant struck out five and walked two. The Great Danes play a non-conference double-header at Union on Tuesday.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	100	000	010	-	2	6	2
New Haven	004	000	00x	-	4	5	1

Jason Trufant and Dennis Cirilla.

Brian Cline and Richard Clark.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Game 2)

Albany	003	020	0	-	5	9	0
New Haven	000	011	0	-	2	9	1

Bill Jarvela and Dennis Cirilla.

Jim Klemyk, Chris Kuruc (6) and Richard Clark.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Philadelphia, Pa. -- Tina Anello scored the go-ahead goal with 5:48 remaining to lift Philadelphia Textile to a 12-11 victory over visiting Albany on Sunday afternoon.

Albany (2-2) trailed 11-9 midway through the second half, but Dawn DiMicco and Jess Spadafora each scored to tie the contest. Spadafora drew the Great Danes even with 7:54 left, when she hit the upper left corner on a breakaway.

Anello tallied her sixth of the season two minutes later for Philadelphia Textile, which improved to 5-5 overall.

Ashley Bottomley led the Lady Rams with two goals and two assists, while goalkeeper Steph Sarin made 14 saves. Karen Karpus had four goals for Albany, which dropped a 16-11 decision at Shippensburg on Saturday. Freshman Kim Martini stopped 19 shots in her first collegiate start at goalkeeper.

-agate-

Albany (2-2)	5	6	-	11
Philadelphia Textile (5-5)	5	7	-	12

Albany -- Scoring: Karen Karpus 4-0, Dawn DiMicco 2-0, Jess Spadafora 2-0, Rafaela Nikas 1-2, Stacey Mayer 1-1, Rebecca Kaiser 1-0; Saves: Kim Martini 19. Philadelphia Textile -- Scoring: Ashley Bottomley 2-2, Hope Taylor 2-1, Megan Casey 2-0, Jill Bialy 1-0, Jesse Burckhardt 1-0, Tina Anello 1-0, Meghan Curry 1-0, Melissa Organtini 1-0, Melissa DerPilbosian 1-0; Saves: Steph Sarin 14.

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Comments: Albany Track & Field Invitational

Albany, N.Y. -- Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) won three events and set two meet records as Albany defended its women's title at the seventh annual Albany Invitational on Saturday afternoon at University Field. The Great Danes also captured their fourth consecutive men's championship.

Williamson, a sophomore, provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II championships, and eclipsed a meet record which had stood for 12 years with a time of 24.65 seconds in the 200-meter dash. She also won the 100-hurdles in a meet-record 14.25, and the 100-dash in 12.06. In addition, Williamson anchored Albany's 400-relay, which was clocked in 48.10 to break another meet standard and qualify for NCAAs.

The Great Danes were first in the team standings with 282 points, while Binghamton was second with 149.

Xiomara Davila Diaz, who also ran on the 400-relay, turned in an NCAA-qualifying performance at 400 meters. She ran a provisional mark of 56.50, which established another Albany Invitational record.

Local women who won individual titles on Saturday include Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) in the heptathlon, Erica Viger (Granville Central) in the 400-hurdles, and Andrea Viger (Granville Central) in the 1,500.

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Albany Track & Field 2-2-2-2

Albany scored 302 points in the men's competition to outdistance runner-up Ithaca (164) for its fourth straight crown. Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons), who won at 5,000 meters on Friday evening, was first in the 800 in 1:55.14. Other Great Dane athletes who garnered two events were Rich O'Riley (long jump, triple jump) and Tom Marshall (discus, shot put).

Sophomore Jayson Vasquez (Amsterdam) was a winner in the 400-hurdles and a member of the first-place 400-relay team. Rob Naughter (Guilderland) took the 1,500 in 4:04.34.

-agate-

Men

(Team)

1. Albany 302, 2. Ithaca 164, 3. Plattsburgh 116, 4. Binghamton 101, 5. St. Rose 41. 6. U.S. Merchant Marine 27, 7. RIT 22, 8. Hartwick 10, 9. Siena 5.

(Individual)

100 - 1. Geoffrey York (unattached), 11.08; 2. Jomo Forrester (Albany), 11.21; 3. Brian Hamilton (Binghamton), 11.43.

110-Hurdles - 1. Geoffrey York (unattached), 14.10; 2. Jayson Vasquez (Albany), 15.26; 3. Osborne Jewdyer (Binghamton), 15.55.

200 - 1. Jomo Forrester (Albany), 22.51; 2. Halim Wise (Albany), 22.60; 3. Geoffrey York (unattached), 22.67.

400 - 1. Jason Gurwitz (Albany), 49.74; 2. Mike Pedersen (Ithaca), 50.04; 3. Joe Petry (St. Rose), 50.74.

400-Hurdles - 1. Jayson Vasquez (Albany), 54.84; 2. Chris Verkey (Plattsburgh), 57.94; 3. Steve Trimmingham (Albany), 1:00.84.

800 - 1. Dennis King (Albany), 1:55.14; 2. Ben Wright (Albany), 1:56.34; 3. Corey Davidson (Plattsburgh), 1:56.84.

1,500 - 1. Rob Naughter (Albany), 4:04.34; 2. Doug Carl (Albany), 4:07.14; 3. Ian DeGiouire (St. Rose), 4:08.24.

Discus - 1. Tom Marshall (Albany), 39.14 meters or 128-5; 2. Robert Gibbs (Ithaca), 126-6; 3. John Hill (Plattsburgh), 117-2.

Shot Put - 1. Tom Marshall (Albany), 15.06 meters or 49-5; 2. David Park (U.S. Merchant Marine), 46-6.26; 3. Jason Jaconetti (Albany), 43-1.25.

Long Jump - 1. Rich O'Riley (Albany), 6.55 meters or 21-6; 2. Mark Bowles (Ithaca), 20-11.25; 3. Ben Goodwin (St. Rose), 20-10.75.

High Jump - 1. Richard Perez (Inter-City Striders), 1.95 meters or 6-4.75; 2. Mark Bowles (Ithaca), 6-2.75; 3. David Kelley (Ithaca), 6-2.75.

Triple Jump - 1. Rich O'Riley (Albany), 13.99 meters or 45-10.75; 2. David Kelley (Ithaca), 44-9.5; 3. Harold Valestin (Albany), 44-3.25.

Decathlon - 1. Keith Beck (Binghamton), 6,094; 2. John Kobrick (Binghamton), 6,040; 3. Lance McDonald (Hartwick), 4,489.

400 Relay - 1. Albany (Kantowitz, Vasquez, Forrester, Wise), 42.54; 2. Binghamton, 43.24; 3. Ithaca, 44.04.

1,600 Relay - 1. Ithaca (Pedersen, Kucma, Lewek, Henderson), 3:25.04; 2. Plattsburgh, 3:27.24; 3. Albany, 3:27.84.

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Albany Track & Field 3-3-3-3

Women

(Team)

1. Albany 282, 2. Binghamton 149, 3. Plattsburgh 133, 4. St. Rose 24, 5. Hartwick 6, 6. Siena 3.

(Individual)

100 - 1. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 12.06; 2. Tara Bialy (Albany), 12.88; 3. Tameka Hutcherson (Albany), 13.02.

100-Hurdles - 1. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 14.25 (meet record; old mark: Monique Hacker, Binghamton, 14.50, 1996); 2. Xiomara Davila Diaz (Albany), 14.75; 3. Monique Hacker (Binghamton), 15.79.

200 - 1. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 24.65 (meet record; old mark: Winsome Foderingham, Albany, 24.7, 1985); 2. Xiomara Davila Diaz (Albany), 25.64; 3. LaShawna Thompson (Albany), 27.33.

400 - 1. Xiomara Davila Diaz (Albany), 56.50 (meet record; old mark: Nicole Ogunade (Queens), 58.76, 1996); 2. Tameka Medlin (Binghamton), 1:00.84; 3. Karen Bellamy (St. Rose), 1:01.44.

400-Hurdles - 1. Erica Viger (Albany), 1:06.44; 2. Maria Valentini (Albany), 1:07.84; 3. Amy Nutt (Ithaca), 1:09.94.

800 - 1. Isabelle Julien (Plattsburgh), 2:25.44; 2. Liz Hamilton (Albany), 2:33.04; 3. Julie Thomas (Binghamton), 2:34.94.

1,500 - 1. Andrea Viger (Albany), 5:09.34; 2. Liz Hamilton (Albany), 5:10.24; 3. Leigh Gantner (Binghamton), 5:12.64.

Discus - 1. Flavia Cass (Albany), 35.20 meters or 115-6; 2. Stacey Goddeau (Plattsburgh), 93-3; 3. Janelie Nephew (Plattsburgh), 76-3.

Shot Put - 1. Stacey Goddeau (Plattsburgh), 10.25 meters or 33-7.5; 2. Flavia Cass (Albany), 33-0; 3. Katie Castine (Plattsburgh), 28-3.

Long Jump - 1. Monique Hacker (Binghamton), 5.27 meters or 17-3.5; 2. Randie Mason (Albany), 15-8.25.

Triple Jump - 1. Monique Hacker (Binghamton), 10.74 meters or 35-2.75; 2. Stephanie Merrow (Binghamton), 31-4; 3. Renee Martin (Albany), 30-7.

High Jump - 1. Renee Martin (Albany), 1.45 meters or 4-9.

Heptathlon - 1. Janna Johnston (Albany), 4,311; 2. Amy Morrison (Plattsburgh), 3,461; 3. Ellen Favata (Hartwick), 3,144.

400 Relay - 1. Albany (Williamson, Hutcherson, Bialy, Davila Diaz), 48.10 (meet record, old mark: Southern Connecticut State, 49.4, 1987).

1,600 Relay - 1. Albany (E. Viger, Valentini, A. Viger, Dickerson), 4:08.14; 2. Plattsburgh, 4:20.54; 3. Binghamton, 4:26.54.

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Comments: College Sports

(Men's Lacrosse)

Keuka Park, N.Y. -- Freshman attackman Sean McConaghy (Columbia H.S.) had three goals and one assist and junior midfielder Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) scored three times as Albany rallied in the fourth quarter for a 10-9 victory at Keuka on Saturday afternoon.

Albany (3-3) trailed 7-4 heading into the final stanza, but reeled off six unanswered goals. David DeVito bounced a seven-yard shot into the net on a feed from Matt Polletta to break a 7-7 deadlock. Keuka (3-4) scored twice in the final two minutes and 18 seconds to close the gap on a sloppy field. Junior Dan Barry had four goals and three assists to lead the Warriors.

Junior goalkeeper Gary Lockwood had nine saves in the Albany cage, while Keuka's Jim Ellwood stopped 15 shots.

-agate-

Albany (3-3)	0	3	1	6	-	10
Keuka (3-4)	3	0	4	2	-	9

Albany -- Scoring: Sean McConaghy 3-1, Mike McCarthy 3-0, Matt Polletta 1-1, David DeVito 1-0, John Baumann 1-0, Brian Ryniker 1-0, Mike Kittner 0-3, Gavin Henry 0-1, Eric Marra 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 9.

Keuka -- Scoring: Dan Barry 4-3, John Panzetta 3-0, Jared Carbone 1-0, Kyle Houser 1-0, Chris Herron 0-1, Chris Stack 0-1; Saves: Jim Ellwood 15.

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Comments: Albany Track & Field Invitational

Albany, N.Y. -- Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) shattered a 14-year-old school record in winning the women's 10,000-meter run, and provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II championships on the first day of competition at the seventh annual Albany Invitational on Friday evening at University Field.

Dodge, a senior, battled the cold and wind to finish first in 36:55.94, and broke a mark set by Kathy McCarthy who ran 37:26 in 1983.

Albany's Samantha Cohen won the 3,000-meter racewalk for the second consecutive year, and eclipsed her own meet record in 14:23.54. Plattsburgh's Jeremy Burt (10,000) and UA's Matt Perry (3,000 racewalk) successfully defended their men's Albany Invitational titles.

Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons) was one of six Great Danes to win individual events by capturing the 5,000 in 15:19.14. Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) has the first-day lead after four events in the women's heptathlon with 2,584 points.

Saturday's schedule, which begins at 10:00 a.m., includes finals in 30 events. The meet continues through the decathlon's 1,500 meters, which is expected to start at 4:30 p.m.

-agate-
Men

Team (First Day): 1. Albany 50, 2. Ithaca 46, 3. Plattsburgh 42, 4. Binghamton 25, 5. RIT 22, 6. U.S. Merchant Marine 10, 7. St. Rose 5.

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Albany Track & Field 2-2-2-2

3,000 Racewalk - 1. Matt Perry (Albany), 14:23.84.

3,000 Steeplechase - 1. Brendan Howell (Albany), 9:41.94; 2. Ian Golden (Ithaca), 9:53.64; 3. John Powell (RIT), 10:11.34.

5,000 - 1. Dennis King (Albany), 15:19.14; 2. Andy Weishoor (Ithaca), 15:34.84; 3. Ben Wright (Albany), 15:43.24.

10,000 - 1. Jeremy Burt (Plattsburgh), 31:04.84; 2. Derrick Jones (RIT), 31:10.94; 3. Rich Neily (RIT), 32.14.94.

Pole Vault - 1. John Dematteo (Binghamton), 14-6; 2. Matt Robinson (Binghamton), 13-6; 3. Jess Hafner (Ithaca), 13-0.

Hammer Throw - 1. Dave Park (U.S. Merchant Marine), 45.20 meters or 148-3.50; 2. Steve Pinckney (Albany), 130-6; 3. Ben Wind (Ithaca), 127-11.

Javelin - 1. Joe Mesec (Plattsburgh), 48.26 meters or 158-4; 2. Jason Jaconetti (Albany), 146-10; 3. Mike Schmidt (Plattsburgh), 144-5.

Decathlon (First Day - 5 events) - 1. John Kobrick (Binghamton), 3,238; 2. Keith Beck (Binghamton), 3,149; 3. Lance McDonald (Hartwick), 2,545.

Women

Team (First Day) - 1. Plattsburgh 47, 2. Albany 44, 3. Binghamton 24.

3,000 - 1. Heidi Swarts (Syracuse Chargers), 10:08.94; 2. Julie Thomas (Binghamton), 11:11.04; 3. Leigh Gantner (Binghamton), 11:27.44.

3,000 Racewalk - 1. Samantha Cohen (Albany), 14:23.54 (meet record - old mark: 15:06.87).

5,000 - 1. Heather Swarts (Syracuse Chargers), 18:02.14; 2. Andrea Viger (Albany), 18:52.74; 3. Patricia Murray (Binghamton), 19:22.14.

10,000 - 1. Tonya Dodge (Albany), 36:55.94; 2. Cara Cameron (Plattsburgh), 40:15.14; 3. Katie Vanarman (Plattsburgh), 45:59.34.

Hammer Throw - 1. Christine Iannello (Binghamton), 45.12 meters or 148-0; 2. Deana Murphy (Albany), 93-3; 3. Flavia Cass (Albany), 80-8.5.

Javelin - 1. Mandi Plawner (Albany), 23.76 meters or 77-11.5; 2. Heidi Durucher (Plattsburgh), 63-8.5; 3. Stacy Goddeau (Plattsburgh), 59-5.5.

Heptathlon (First Day - 4 events) - 1. Janna Johnston (Albany), 2,584; 2. Ellen Favata (Hartwick), 2,051; 3. Amy Morrison (Plattsburgh), 2,031.

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Comments: Softball

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore pitcher Kelly Poynton had 10 strikeouts in a complete game, 6-4, victory over Rensselaer in the second contest of a non-conference doubleheader on Friday afternoon at Albany Field. The Engineers won the opening game, 5-3.

Albany (10-9) scored five runs in the bottom of the second inning. Senior catcher Ellen Braun belted a triple deep into left field which drove in two runs. Sophomore shortstop Jackie Knapp (Schenectady H.S.) also added an RBI double.

In the fifth inning of the opening game, Rensselaer first baseman Kelly Holleran hit a triple which drove in two runs to break up a 2-2 tie. Freshman pitcher Larina Suker pitched a complete game scattering four hits, and recorded five strikeouts and three walks.

The Great Danes host Bridgeport in a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Rensselaer	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	-	5	6	2
Albany	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	3	4	1

Larina Suker and Kristin Bisceglia.

Kara Faraone, Jessica Hansen (5) and Ellen Braun.

(Game 2)

Rensselaer	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	-	4	6	0
Albany	1	5	0	0	0	0	x	-	6	6	2

Suzi Vnenchak, Christine Ciccone and Kristin Bisceglia.

Kelly Poynton and Ellen Braun.

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Comments: College Sports (Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore attack Karen Karpus had a career-high five goals and freshman Laura Walls scored three times in leading Albany to an 18-0 victory over Castleton State in the Great Danes' home opener at Varsity Field on Thursday afternoon.

Karpus found the net on three occasions in the opening period as Albany raced to a 12-0 halftime cushion. Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland H.S.), Jess Spadafora and Walls each scored twice in the stanza.

Lauren Pouchak (Averill Park) had two goals for the Danes, while freshman Katie Skiff (Shaker) added one goal.

UA goalkeepers Allisson Pennington and Kim Martini combined on the shutout, while Carla Goyno stopped 10 shots for Castleton State (0-3).

Albany (2-0) travels to Shippensburg and Philadelphia Textile on the weekend.

-agate-

Castleton State (0-3)	0	0	-	0
Albany (2-0)	12	6	-	18

Castleton State -- No Scoring. Saves: Carla Goyno 10. Albany -- Scoring: Karen Karpus 5-0, Laura Walls 3-0, Jess Spadafora 2-1, Lauren Pouchak 2-0, Rebecca Kaiser 2-0, Stacey Mayer 1-1, Rafaela Nikas 1-0, Dawn DiMicco 1-0, Katie Skiff 1-0. Saves: Allisson Pennington 1, Kim Martini 1.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Softball)

New Haven, Conn. -- Jacklyn Kupka and Tammy Hackley homered in each game in leading New Haven to a New England Collegiate doubleheader sweep, 4-1 and 4-1, over Albany on Thursday afternoon.

Kupka slammed a two-run homer over the center field fence in New Haven's four-run third inning in the opener. Albany's Jackie Knapp (Schenectady H.S.), who went 3-for-6 on the day, had two singles.

In the nightcap, Hackley had three hits, including a solo home run in the first inning, for the Chargers. Senior pitcher Betsy Wiaderski took a no-hitter into the seventh. But Kate Carnevale (Columbia) broke up the no-hit bid with an infield single, and later scored on an RBI single by Amy McGroty (Schalmont).

Albany (9-8, NECC 1-5) hosts Rensselaer in a non-conference twinbill on Friday at 3:00 p.m. New Haven improves to 16-4 and 4-0.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	000	100	0	-	1	5	0
New Haven	004	000	x	-	4	7	1

Kelly Poynton and Ellen Braun.

Jo-Lynn Cimino and Becky Snow.

(Game 2)

Albany	000	000	1	-	1	3	2
New Haven	201	010	x	-	4	9	0

Jessica Hansen, Kara Faraone (4) and Ellen Braun.

Betsy Wiaderski and Jaclyn Kupka.

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Comments: College Sports (Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman attackman Sean McConaghy (Columbia H.S.) scored three goals and Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) added two goals and two assists to lead Albany to a 12-3 victory over Skidmore in the Great Danes' home opener at Varsity Field on Wednesday afternoon.

McConaghy and McCarthy each scored in the first quarter as Albany (2-3) raced to a 4-0 advantage. The Great Danes upped their margin to 8-0 with 5:32 left in the third period, when McCarthy, a junior attackman, hit the net on a pass from Tim Benedict.

Skidmore's Scott Toth, who had one goal and one assist, got his club on the board when he intercepted a Paul Rosario pass and scored unassisted.

Gary Lockwood and Brian Ranaudo combined to make seven saves in the Albany cage, while Mike Votano turned aside 11 shots for Skidmore (1-4). The Great Danes outshot the visitors, 42-17.

-agate-

Skidmore (1-4)	0	0	1	2	-	3
Albany (2-3) 4	3	1	4	-	12	

Skidmore -- Scoring: Scott Toth 1-1, Brad Holt 1-0, Sean Kemery 1-0, Evan Ricker 0-1; Saves: Mike Votano 11. Albany -- Scoring: Sean McConaghy 3-0, Mike McCarthy 2-2, Michael Wood 1-1, David DeVito 1-0, Greg Giuliani 1-0, Matt Polletta 1-0, John Baumann 1-0, Ebin Winters 1-0, Mike Kittner 1-0, Brian Ryniker 0-2, Dan Small 0-2, Jess Fassler 0-1, Tim Benedict 0-1, Lorne Brown 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 3, Brian Ranaudo 4.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Baseball)

Lowell, Mass. -- Albany reliever Marcus Hartel got Tom Davis to ground into a force play with the bases loaded in the seventh inning, as the Great Danes took a 9-7 decision in the nightcap of a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader at Massachusetts-Lowell. The River Hawks won the opener, 13-6.

Albany (8-6, NECC 1-3) jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the the second contest. Dennis Cirilla and Jamie Lent had RBI singles in the first inning, and sophomore Chris Jones slugged a two-run homer in the second.

Mass.-Lowell (9-5, NECC 4-2), ranked 26th in the latest Division II poll, closed within 9-7 in the seventh after Ryan Kearney was walked with the bases loaded. Hartel, a sophomore, then faced Davis, who had five RBIs on the day, and induced a ground ball on a 1-2 count.

The River Hawks erased a 6-5 deficit in game one with four runs in the seventh and eighth frames. Mark Rurak's sacrifice fly gave his club the lead for good.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	200	300	100	-	6	13	1
Mass.-Lowell	120	101	44x	-	13	14	1

Scott Tower, Mark Zacharczyk (7), Neil Hagin (7), Jonathan Davis (8) and Dennis Cirilla. Seth Tebbets, Mike Alonardo (8), Ryan Kearney (9) and Todd Antonucci. WP - Tebbets (3-0). LP - Zacharczyk (0-1).

(Game 2)

Albany	440	010	0	-	9	8	1
Mass.-Lowell	002	012	2	-	7	10	3

Bill Jarvela, Tony Gregoli (7), Marcus Hartel (7) and Dennis Cirilla. Eric Tata, Ryan Sullivan (7) and Allen Blackington. WP - Jarvela (2-1). LP - Tata (1-2). Save - Hartel (1).

(Softball)

Lowell, Mass. -- Albany's Julie Tighe scored on a throwing error by shortstop Tricia Metz in the eighth inning, as the Great Danes won a 4-3 decision in the first contest of a New England Collegiate Conference twinbill at Massachusetts-Lowell. The River Hawks took the nightcap, 8-2.

Albany (9-6, NECC 1-3) trailed 3-0 heading into the seventh, but tied the opener on an RBI single by Amy McGrody (Schalmont H.S.). Kara Faraone and Erin Craig also drove in runs with a single and walk, respectively. Tighe came across with the winning run in the extra frame.

In game two, Mass.-Lowell's Rachel Ronnquist scattered six hits in improving her record to 3-1 on the season. The freshman hurler helped her own cause with a two-run double in the first inning. The River Hawks are 9-8 and 3-3.

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	000	000	31	-	4	6	3
Mass.-Lowell	000	300	00	-	3	7	2

Jessica Hansen and Ellen Braun. Sarah Gagnon and Heidi Anderson. WP - Hansen (3-2). LP - Gagnon (6-7).

(Game 2)

Albany	000	002	0	-	2	6	3
Mass.-Lowell	600	002	x	-	8	7	2

Amy McGroty, Kara Faraone (1) and Ellen Braun. Rachel Ronnquist and Heidi Anderson. WP - Ronnquist (3-1). LP - McGroty (2-2).



River Hawk Notes From The Nest

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UMASS LOWELL BASEBALL
Wednesday, April 9, 1997
Cushing Field, Lowell, Mass.

GAME #1 FINAL: | UMASS LOWELL 13, ALBANY 6

	123	456	789		R	H	E
Albany (7-6, 0-3 NECC)	200	300	100	-	6	13	1
UMass Lowell (9-4, 4-1 NECC)	120	101	44x	-	13	14	1

BATTERIES:

UA: Scott Tower, Mark Zacharczyk (7), Neil Hagin (7), Jonathan Davis (8) and Dennis Cirilla
UML: Seth Tebbetts, Mike Alonardo (8), Ryan Kearney (9) and Todd Antonucci
WP: Tebbetts (3-0) LP: Zacharczyk (0-1)

GAME #2 FINAL: ALBANY 9, UMASS LOWELL 7

	123	456	7		R	H	E
Albany (8-6, 1-3 NECC)	440	010	0	-	9	8	1
UMass Lowell (9-5, 4-2 NECC)	002	012	2	-	7	10	3

BATTERIES:

UA: Bill Jarvela, Tony Gregoli (7), Marcus Hartel (7) and Dennis Cirilla
UML: Eric Tata, Ryan Sullivan (7) and Allen Blackington
WP: Jarvela (2-1) LP: Tata (1-2) Save: Hartel (1)
Home Runs: UA: Chris Jones--1 UML: John Morris--1

LOWELL, Mass.-- Senior third baseman Tom Davis (Billerica) drove in five runs and junior centerfielder Mark Rurak (Lowell) added three RBI as UMass Lowell split a New England Collegiate Conference baseball doubleheader with Albany Wednesday afternoon at Cushing Field. The River Hawks (9-4 overall, 4-2 NECC) rallied with four runs in both the seventh and eighth innings to post a 13-6 victory in the opener, while the Great Danes (8-6 overall, 1-3 NECC) scored eight runs in the first two innings of the nightcap for a 9-7 triumph.

Albany held a 6-5 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh of the opener before UMass Lowell to the lead for good, as senior Todd Antonucci (Revere) doubled home a run and Rurak's sacrifice fly gave the River Hawks a 7-6 edge. Davis singled in the third run of the frame and sophomore Glenn Magnan (Billerica) made it 9-6 by scoring on a wild pitch. UMass Lowell added four more in the eighth on an RBI triple by junior Ryan Kearney (Salem, N.H.) and RBI singles by Antonucci, Rurak and Davis. Rurak had three hits to lead a 14-hit River Hawk attack and Davis had a pair of sacrifice flies to give senior Seth Tebbetts (Hollis, N.H.) a perfect 3-0 mark on the season, as Tebbetts went seven innings and fanned three. Freshman Mark Zacharczyk, the second of four Albany pitchers in the opener, took the loss on the mound for the Great Danes in relief of freshman starter Scott Tower, who struck out 10 in six innings of work, including four in the fourth inning. Four different Albany players had two hits each in a 13-hit effort for the Great Danes in the opener.

The visitors jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead in the first two innings of the nightcap, as sophomore Chris Jones was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to force in a run and run-scoring singles by sophomore Dennis Cirilla and senior Jamie Lent staked Albany to a 4-0 lead. Jones' two run-homer off UMass Lowell junior Eric Tata (Leominster) highlighted the second inning for the Great Danes, but the River Hawks came back with two in the third on an RBI single by senior Allen Blackington (Lawrence) and a sacrifice fly by sophomore Dave McNeil (Lowell). Albany

UMASS LOWELL BASEBALL
Albany Summary
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took a 9-2 lead in the fifth when Cirilla scored on a two-base error, but UMass Lowell answered in the bottom of the frame on McNeil's RBI single. The River Hawks plated two more in the sixth on an RBI double by junior Steve Botto and Davis' fielders choice and made things interesting in the seventh. Sophomore John Morris (Lowell) led off the inning with his first homer of the season and McNeil followed with single to left. Magnan drew a walk but was forced at second on a groundout. After Rurak popped out to catcher for the second out, Botto drew a walk to load the bases and Kearney walked to force in a run. Davis was at the plate with the bases loaded and a 1-2 count, but Albany sophomore Marcus Hartel got him to ground to a force play at second to end the game. Great Dane starter Bill Jarvela picked up the win on the mound for Albany to improve to 2-1 on the season with six innings and three strikeouts, while Hartel picked up his first save. Tata fell to 1-2 on the year with the setback.

UMass Lowell will host Southern Connecticut in a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at Cushing Field.

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Comments: College Sports

(Baseball)

Lowell, Mass. -- Freshman pitcher Jason Trufant has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Mar. 31-Apr. 6) in baseball.

Trufant threw six scoreless innings in Sunday's 2-0 victory over Vassar, when he allowed two hits, both singles, and recorded 10 strikeouts and two walks. The 6-foot-2 right-hander improved to 2-1 on the season.

(Basketball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Richard "Doc" Sauers, one of eleven coaches in NCAA basketball history to reach the 700-career win mark, will be honored for extraordinary service to the University at Albany by the New York State Senate on Tuesday, April 8 at approximately 2:45 in the afternoon.

The Senate will vote on a resolution, sponsored by Sen. Hugh Farley, recognizing Coach Sauers contributions over the past four decades to the University, to the Region and to the State.

Sauers, 67, announced his retirement as Albany's head coach on March 10, and finished his career with 702-330 record in 41 seasons.

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Comments: College Sports

(Baseball)

Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central) and Chris Robilotti (Colonie) are among Albany's top hitters after the first two weeks of the season ... Mullen, who is batting .310, leads the Great Danes in RBIs (10), doubles (4) and home runs (2) ... Robilotti, a freshman third baseman, is batting .300 with four RBIs and seven walks ...

(Softball)

Amy McGroty (Schalmont) and Kate Carnevale (Columbia) are off to productive starts to their junior seasons ... McGroty, a first base/pitcher, leads UA with a .464 batting average and is second in RBIs (13) ... the right-hander is 2-1 on the mound with a 1.83 ERA ... Carnevale, who transferred from North Adams State, is a regular at second base ... she is hitting .293 with 15 runs scored (2nd on team) and five stolen bases (1st on team)

(Track & Field)

Sophomore Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) won three events and provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II championships in the 200-meter dash in a six-team meet at the University of Connecticut's Sherman Sports Complex.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Williamson edged UConn's Talisha Graves by one-tenth of a second in the 200, when she sprinted 24.75 seconds. Williamson, who is a provisional qualifier in three events for the NCAAs on May 22-24, also was first in the 100-dash (12.25) and 100-hurdles (14.25).

Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) placed second in both the 1,500 and 3,000. Dodge set a school record in the 1,500 with a time of 4:30.93, and automatically qualified for the NCAA meet in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Freshman Ben Wright (Averill Park) was one of four individual winners, as the Albany men captured second in the team competition behind Connecticut. Wright won the 5,000 in 15:43.75. Other first-place finishers for UA include Jomo Forrester (100 meters, 11.14), Halim Wise (400, 48.31) and Mark Sutter (Discus, 145-2). The Great Danes also took the 1,600-relay event in 3:16.25.

The seventh annual Albany Invitational is scheduled for April 11-12.

(Women's Tennis)

Freshman Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) is listed 12th in the latest ITA East Region Division II singles rankings ... the Great Danes are No. 15 in the team poll ...

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Comments: College Sports

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman pitcher Jason Trufant threw six scoreless innings and allowed two hits in the opener as Albany swept a non-conference doubleheader, 2-0 and 5-2, over Vassar on Sunday in the Great Danes' home opener at Varsity Field.

Trufant improved to 2-1 on the season by recording 10 strikeouts and two walks. The right-hander gave up singles in the fourth and sixth frames. Right fielder Ty Ebert supported Trufant with RBI singles in the first and third innings.

In the second game, freshman catcher Steve Lizza doubled, tripled and drove in three runs. Lizza lined a double in the left-field gap to score two UA base runners in a four-run fourth. Marcus Hartel picked up his first collegiate victory on the mound by scattering four hits and allowing no earned run over six innings.

Junior outfielder Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central H.S.) went 2-for-5 in the twinbill with an RBI double.

Albany is 7-5 on the season, while Vassar falls to 1-12.

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Albany Baseball 2-2-2-2

-agate-

(Game 1)

Vassar	000	000	0	-	0	2	0
Albany	101	000	x	-	2	8	0

Sean McGlade and Nick Brockert.

Jason Trufant, Heath Mullen (7) and Dennis Cirilla.

(Game 2)

Vassar	000	020	0	-	2	4	2
Albany	000	401	x	-	5	7	2

Jon Howard and Nick Brockert.

Marcus Hartel, Neil Hagin (7) and Steve Lizza.

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball)

Fairfield, Conn. -- Raymond Turner fired a three-hitter in the nightcap to lead Sacred Heart to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep over Albany on Saturday afternoon. The Pioneers won the second game, 9-2, and the first contest, 7-6.

Turner, a 6-foot-1 right-hander, allowed no earned runs in a complete-game effort. He struck out two and walked six. Dan Williams, a freshman catcher, doubled and singled and drove in two runs.

In the opener, Sacred Heart's David Lynch had three hits, including two doubles, and added three RBIs. Albany's Dennis Cirilla went 3-for-4, while shortstop Josh Finn singled twice and had two RBIs.

Albany opens its home schedule with a twinbill against Vassar on Sunday at 12 noon.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	000	100	320	-	6	12	1
Sacred Heart	021	011	20x	-	7	7	0

Tower, Zacharczyk (7) and Cirilla.
Hart, Doxsey (8) and Filippi.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Game 2)

Albany	002	000	0	-	2	3	4
Sacred Heart	501	030	x	-	9	6	1

Jarvela, Davis (7) and Cirilla.
Turner and Williams.

(Softball)

Fairfield, Conn. -- Sophomore infielder Chris Vigliotti drove in the winning run with a single in the seventh inning in the second game, as Sacred Heart won a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader, 2-1 and 3-2, over Albany on Saturday.

Vigliotti singled to left field with one out in her team's last at bat, after Albany (8-5, NECC 0-2) has tied the contest at 2-2 in the sixth.

In the first game, Heidi Dripchak's sacrifice fly in the eighth inning snapped a 1-1 deadlock. Albany's Kara Faraone, a freshman outfielder, went 3-for-4 at the plate.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	001	000	00	-	1	5	1
Sacred Heart	000	001	01	-	2	6	1

McGroty and Braun.
White and Saccente.

(Game 2)

Albany	010	001	0	-	2	9	2
Sacred Heart	200	000	1	-	3	5	0

Poynton and Braun.
Baker, White (6) and Keating.

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Comments: College Sports (Track & Field)

Storrs, Conn. -- Sophomore Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) won three events and provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II championships in the 200-meter dash in a six-team meet at the University of Connecticut's Sherman Sports Complex on Saturday afternoon.

Williamson edged UConn's Talisha Graves by one-tenth of a second in the 200, when she sprinted 24.75 seconds. Williamson, who is a provisional qualifier in three events for the NCAAs on May 22-24, also was first in the 100-dash (12.25) and 100-hurdles (14.25).

Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) placed second in both the 1,500 and 3,000. Dodge set a school record in the 1,500 with a time of 4:30.93, and automatically qualified for the NCAA meet in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Freshman Ben Wright (Averill Park) was one of four individual winners, as the Albany men captured second in the team competition behind Connecticut. Wright won the 5,000 in 15:43.75. Other first-place finishers for UA include Jomo Forrester (100 meters, 11.14), Halim Wise (400, 48.31) and Mark Sutter (Discus, 145-2). The Great Danes also took the 1,600-relay event in 3:16.25.

-agate-

MEN: 1. Connecticut 212, 2. Albany 138, 3. Rhode Island 114, 4. Northeastern 54, 5. Central Connecticut State 43.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Individual Winners: 100 - Jomo Forrester (A), 11.14; 200 - Jason Newton (RI), 22.34; 400 - Halim Wise (A), 48.31; 800 - Karl Smith (UC), 1:55.70; 1,500 - Jim Formica (N), 3:53.34; 5,000 - Ben Wright (A), 15:43.75; 110-Hurdles - Geoffrey York (unattached), 14.03; 400-Hurdles - Brendon Cunningham (N), 54.30; 3,000 Steeplechase - Paul LaRosa (RI), 9:28.62; 400-Relay - Connecticut, 41.80; 1600-Relay - Albany, 3:16.25; High Jump - Andrew Cowan (N), 6-4.25; Pole Vault - Jeff Farrington (UC), 15-0; Wali Muhammad (UC), 24-1.50; Wali Muhammad (UC), 48-10.75; Shot Put - Steve Santoli (UC), 52-9.50; Discus - Mark Sutter (A), 145-2; Hammer - Bjorn Pettersen (N), 196-8; Javelin - Craig Kelly (UC), 211-11.

WOMEN: 1. Connecticut 180, 2. Massachusetts 128, 3. Rhode Island 123, Albany 97, 5. Providence 24, 6. Central Connecticut State 1.

Individual Winners: 100 - Ellakisha Williamson (A), 12.25; 200 - Ellakisha Williamson (A), 24.75; 400 - Michelle Cooper (M), 59.75; 800 - Angela Girardin (RI), 2:17.12; 1,500 - Marie McMahon (P), 4:25.77; Long Jump - Melanie Bell (M), 17-10.25; Triple Jump - Tamara Peeples (UC), 39-1; Shot Put - Michelle Fournier (RI), 43-5.25; Discus - Typhanie Bates (UC), 145-1; Hammer - Wendy Berutto (UC), 179-1; Javelin - Susan Riall (UC), 139-0; 3,000 - Danyelle Wood (UC), 10:06.36; 5,000 - Gladys Ganiel (P), 17:34.08; 100-Hurdles - Ellakisha Williamson (A), 14.25; 400-Hurdles - Michelle Trefz (RI), 1:03.14; 400-Relay - Massachusetts, 47.23; 1,600-Relay - Connecticut, 3:53.10; High Jump - Heather Francis (UC), 5-6.50.

(Women's Tennis)

Pace 9, Albany 0

Singles: Taub (P) def. Bliss (A), 6-3, 6-0; Carnicelli (P) def. Travin (A), 6-1, 6-0; Thomas (P) def. Wood (A), 6-1, 6-1; Kaufman (P) def. Tuchband (A), 6-0, 6-0; Allen (P) def. Jethani (A), 6-1, 6-1; Cucci (P) def. Papageorgiou (A), 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles: Taub-Carnicelli (P) def. Bliss-Travin, 8-1; Thomas-Kaufman (P) def. Wood-Tuchband (A), 8-2; Cucci-Seeley (P) def. Jethani-Papageorgiou (A), 8-0.

Record: Albany (10-8).

(Men's Lacrosse)

Schenectady, N.Y. -- Senior attack Dave Parrott had three goals and scored the game-winner with 9:26 remaining to lift Union to an 11-10 victory over Albany at Frank Bailey Field on Saturday afternoon.

Albany (1-3) led 6-5 early in the third quarter, but the Dutchmen tallied five unanswered goals to move ahead. Parrott scored twice in that stretch, while Chad Kimball added one goal and one assist.

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

Union (1-1) took a 10-8 advantage into the final period, before Albany's John Baumann tied the contest with his second goal on the day at the 9:59 mark. Parrott answered with the go-ahead goal just 33 seconds later off a feed from Justin Perkins.

Nick Kammerman and Grant Pollock combined on 20 saves in the Union cage, while Albany's Gary Lockwood turned aside 15 shots. Brian Ryniker had three goals and two assists for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Albany (1-3)	3	2	3	2	-	10
Union (1-1)	2	3	5	1	-	11

Albany -- Scoring: Brian Ryniker 3-2, John Baumann 2-1, Mike McCarthy 2-1, Greg Giuliani 1-1, Sean McConaghy 1-0, Matt Polletta 1-0, Mike Kittner 0-1. Saves: Gary Lockwood 15.

Union -- Scoring: Dave Parrott 3-0, Justin Perkins 2-3, Chad Scheider 2-1, Chad Kimball 1-3, Chris DeLano 1-1, Rich Ferro 1-0, Sunil Schneider 1-0, Jason Cyboron 0-1. Saves: Nick Kammerman 9, Grant Pollock 11.

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Albany 7, Concordia 2

Singles: Izutso (C) def. Bliss (A), 6-1, 6-2; Travin (A) def. Radjaa (C), 6-4, 6-1; Wood (A) def. Veauge (C), 6-4, 6-1; Tuchband (A) def. Maria (C), 6-1, 6-2; Jethani (A) def. Matip (C), 6-0, 2-1 (retired); Papageorgiou (A) def. Fzhroder (C), 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles: Izutso-Fzhroder (C) def. Bliss-Jethani (A), 8-6; Wood-Tuchband (A) def. Veauge-Maria (C), 8-3; Travin-Papageorgiou (A) def. Matip-Radjaa (C), by default.

Record: Albany (10-7).

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(Women's Lacrosse)

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. - Junior midfielder Rafaela Nikas scored four goals in leading Albany to a 14-6 victory over Marist in the Great Danes' season opener on Friday afternoon. The contest was originally scheduled for Albany's Varsity Field, but was moved due to poor field conditions.

Nikas found the net on two occasions in the first half as Albany jumped to a 10-4 halftime advantage. Freshman attack Jess Spadafora had two goals and one assist, while Lauren Pouchak (Averill Park H.S.) tallied twice. Katie Skiff (Shaker) scored one goal, while Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland) had one assist.

Allisson Pennington made 13 saves for Albany, which plays at Franklin Pierce on Tuesday. Amy Hoey scored three goals for Marist (1-3).

-agate-

Albany (1-0)	10	4	-	14
Marist (1-3)	4	2	-	6

Albany -- Scoring: Rafaela Nikas 4-0, Jess Spadafora 2-1, Lauren Pouchak 2-0, Laura Walls 2-0, Dawn DiMicco 1-1, Karen Karpus 1-0, Katie Skiff 1-0, Stacey Mayer 1-0, Rebecca Kaiser 0-1. Saves: Allisson Pennington 13. Marist -- Scoring: Amy Hoey 3-0, Lindsay Bennet 2-0, Colleen McMahon 1-0, Allison Occhicone 0-2. Saves: Melani Kopf 12.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior infielder Kate Carnevale (Columbia H.S.) went 3-for-5 with two runs scored as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with Queens College on Friday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the opener, 10-2, and dropped the nightcap, 5-1.

Amy McGroty (Schalmont H.S.) had two singles, walked, and drove in a run in the first game. Freshman Kara Faraone hit a sacrifice fly in Albany's five-run third inning, and added an RBI single in the sixth.

In the second contest, Queens' Stephanie Mazur had an RBI triple and scored in the second inning to give her club a 2-0 lead. Stephanie Powers, who had three hits in the twinbill, pitched a complete-game victory. The right-hander scattered five hits, while recorded five strikeouts and four walks.

Albany (8-3) opens its New England Collegiate Conference schedule at Sacred Heart on Saturday.

(Game 1)

Queens	200	000	-	2	7	6
Albany	005	014	-	10	5	1

(game ended in sixth with one out due to 8-run rule)

Nicole Razar, Alyson Walsh (6) and Alvina Yurick, Michelle Schnepf.
Kelly Poynton and Ellen Braun.

(Game 2)

Queens	002	003	-	5	6	0
Albany	000	010	-	1	6	3

(game halted by darkness)

Stephanie Powers and Marianne Fuscaldo.
Jessica Hansen and Ellen Braun.

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Comments: College Sports

Albany's Jackie Knapp Named NECC Player of the Week

Lowell, Mass. -- University at Albany's Jackie Knapp (Schenectady H.S.) has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week in softball (Mar. 24-30). Freshman pitcher Jessica Hansen was also named as the conference's Rookie of the Week.

Knapp, a sophomore shortstop, batted .409 in eight games, and totaled three home runs, 12 runs scored and 16 RBIs. She went 5-for-7 with three homers and nine RBIs in a doubleheader with Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Knapp, the Big 10 MVP as a scholastic senior, leads the NECC in RBIs with a 1.88 average per game, and is second in home runs (0.33 per game).

Hansen had a 1-1 record in two starts last week, and recorded a 0.78 earned run average. She fired a five-inning no-hitter against La Roche College. Hansen had three strikeouts and two walks in the 8-0 victory.

Albany has a 7-2 record on the season, and is tentatively scheduled for a home-opening twinbill against Queens on Friday at 3:00 p.m.