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TERESA COVERT QUALIFIES FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 100-HURDLES

Fairfax, Va. – University at Albany's **Teresa Covert** placed fourth in the women's 100-meter hurdles final at the NCAA East Regional Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday afternoon at George Mason Stadium.

Covert, who overcame a slow start when she grazed the first hurdle, finished in 13.54 seconds to earn one of five automatic berths to the NCAA Division I Championships that will be held at Sacramento State's Hornet Stadium on June 11-14. She becomes the first UAlbany track athlete to qualify for the NCAA Championships since the program sent six women to the Division II nationals in 1997. The Great Danes upgraded to their current status in the 1999-2000 season.

"I knew I was falling back during the race," said Covert, who ran the fourth-fastest time in qualifying (13.47) on Friday. "I tried to dig deep and catch up, and was able to pass two or three runners at the last hurdle and sprint to the finish. It's more relief right now because that was close."

South Carolina's Tiffany Ross hit the tape first in 13.12, and was followed by Miami's Sharienne Lawson (13.25) and Florida's Andrea Bliss (13.31). Covert, the ECAC and America East hurdles champion, edged Hyleas Fountain, of Georgia, by five-hundredths of a second for fourth place.

"When you're a runner you are always looking ahead, so I haven't had time to think about this accomplishment," explained Covert, a Temple transfer who had not competed for two years prior to this season due to family commitments. "But I am amazed how it has all happened; I had no idea how far this would come in such a short period."

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NCAA East Regional Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships
(George Mason Stadium, Fairfax, Va.)

Women's 100-Meter Hurdles Final

1. Tiffany Ross (South Carolina), 13.12, 2. Sharienne Lawson (Miami), 13.25, 3. Andrea Bliss (Florida), 13.31, 4. Teresa Covert (Albany), 13.54, 5. Hyleas Fountain (Georgia), 13.59, 6. Opal Jones (Syracuse), 13.60, 7. Dana Rogers (Georgia Tech), 13.67, 8. Kim Jones (Florida State), DNF.

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TERESA COVERT ADVANCES TO NCAA EAST REGIONAL 100-HURDLES FINAL

Fairfax, Va. – University at Albany's **Teresa Covert** ran the fourth-fastest time in qualifying to advance to the 100-meter hurdles final at the NCAA East Regional Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Friday afternoon at George Mason Stadium.

Covert, a junior from Susquehanna, Pa., sprinted 13.47 seconds from the eighth lane to finish second in her preliminary heat behind South Carolina's Tiffany Ross (13.35). Florida's Andrea Bliss ran the day's best time, as she was clocked in 13.34. Covert's time was six-hundredths of a second off the school record she established in qualifying at the America East Conference championships on May 3.

Covert, the ECAC and America East champion in this event, needs to place among the top-five finishers in Saturday's final to reach the NCAA championships in Sacramento, Calif. on June 11-14.

In addition, **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) and **Joel Vazquez** (Amsterdam) each finished 25th in the 110-hurdles (14.48) and 400-hurdles (53.68), respectively. Both athletes failed to advance in qualifying. **Jesse Bennett** tied for 19th in the 100-meter dash in 10.90 seconds, while **Aggrey Morris** was 32nd in the 400-dash (48.14). **Kristof Molnar**, a two-time America East champion, did not finish in the 800-meter run due to injury.

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NCAA East Regional Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships
(George Mason Stadium, Fairfax, Va.)

Women's 100-Meter Hurdles (Heat No. 1)

1. Tiffany Ross (South Carolina), 13.34, 2. Teresa Covert (Albany), 13.47, 3. Camilla Harris (Long Island), 13.85, 4. Kellie Wells (Hampton), 14.02, 5. Deanna Lane (Florida State), 14.13, 6. Jessica Dunston (Temple), 14.18, 7. Allison Nesbitt (Duke), 14.39.

Saturday's 100-Hurdles Final Participants

1. Andrea Bliss (Florida), 13.34, 2. Tiffany Ross (South Carolina), 13.35, 3. Sharienne Lawson (Miami), 13.43, 4. Teresa Covert (Albany), 13.47, 5. Hyleas Fountain (Georgia), 13.49, 6. Kim Jones (Florida State), 13.51, 7. Dana Rogers (Georgia Tech), 13.63, 8. Opal Jones (Syracuse), 13.66.

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ALBANY VOLLEYBALL SIGNS FIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR 2003 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany volleyball coach Kelly Sheffield announced today that five student-athletes have committed to play for the Great Danes this fall. Albany is coming off a 12-win turnaround from the previous season, going 16-15 and advancing to the America East Conference postseason tournament for the first time in school history.

Among the signees for Sheffield, who is in his third year, are three all-state high school players, a Canadian Junior National team member and a transfer from the University of Memphis.

Blair Buchanan, a 5-foot-10 setter from Muncie, Ind., is a two-time first-team all-state player who led Delta H.S. to the state championship the last two seasons. She also earned first-team All-America honors at the 2001 Junior Nationals. Buchanan will not have to look far to find a familiar face, as teammate **Ashley DeNeal** has also signed to play with UAlbany. DeNeal, a 5-foot-8 outside hitter and libero, was also a two-time first-team all-state player and led the Lady Eagles in kills and digs both her junior and senior years.

Joining the Delta teammates are **Kristin Fiorillo**, **Shelby Goldman** and **Ashley Green**. Fiorillo, a 5-foot-4 setter from Painted Post, N.Y., was named to the New York Class B all-state first team and led Corning West H.S. to a runner-up finish at the state tournament. Goldman, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter from Whitby, Ontario, was a member of the 2001 Canadian Junior National Team and her squad placed second at the 2000 national championships. Green, a 6-foot-1 athlete from Indianapolis, Ind., spent her freshman year at Memphis seeing action as both an outside and middle hitter in 58 games. During her senior season at Brebeuf H.S., she had 405 kills and posted a .504 hitting percentage as the 2001 Indianapolis Star Player of the Year.

"I am very excited about this class coming in," commented Albany coach Kelly Sheffield, whose team will begin its 2003 schedule at the Niagara University Tournament on August 29. "First and foremost, they are great kids. Secondly, this group is coming in with a lot of past team and individual success. All of them are great athletes that have also excelled at sports other than volleyball. There's probably not too many groups of players that are more excited about the month of August arriving that these five are."



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UALBANY FOOTBALL RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM 21 STUDENT-ATHLETES

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today that 21 student-athletes have committed to play for the Great Danes in the fall of 2003. UAlbany, the defending Northeast Conference champion, begins its schedule against Atlantic 10 Conference opponent and NCAA Division I-AA playoff team Northeastern on Sept. 6.

"It's a good recruiting class," said Ford, who has 194 career victories as a college head coach and was the 2002 NEC coach of the year. "On defense we addressed our needs at both inside and outside linebacker. We found running backs with size and speed, picked up a quarterback who can run and throw, and are excited about the three incoming wide receivers."

The 2003 class features 20 high school standouts and one prep school athlete. The group is comprised of 17 players from the state of New York, plus three from New Jersey and one from Massachusetts. The breakdown by position includes three wide receivers, four running backs, one quarterback, two tight ends, one offensive lineman, one placekicker, five linebackers, two defensive linemen and two defensive backs.

The Great Danes landed seven all-state players, including Chenango Forks' **Kelsey Jenks**, a two-time first-team Class B selection by the New York State Sportswriters Association. Jenks, a 6-foot-1, 220-pound athlete who will play linebacker in college, was named the *Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin* Player of the Year. He rushed for 1,502 yards, played nose guard on defense and will participate in the Governor's Bowl on July 12. Defensive end **Andrew Berg** (6-2, 240) and outside linebacker **Trevor DuPont** (6-1, 210) each earned first-team all-state honors in Class AA and Class A, respectively. Berg, who totaled 77 tackles as a senior at Baldwin H.S., received the Martone Award as Nassau County's top lineman. DuPont (Victor Central) was a member of the All-Greater Rochester first team.

UAlbany also picked up running back **Vince Marzano** (Mechanicville) and quarterback **Casey Balog** (Brockport), a pair of second-team all-state performers. Marzano ran for 1,375 yards and 14 touchdowns for the Class C program. Balog, who competed in Class AA, earned All-Greater Rochester and All-Monroe County recognition. **Zach Tarnowski** (Chenango Forks), a third-team Class B tight end, and **Mike Wall** (Solvay), a second-team Class B kicker/receiver, also were voted to the all-state squads.

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2003 University at Albany Football Newcomers

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	High School/Hometown
Casey Balog	QB	6-3	195	Brockport/Brockport, N.Y.
Dan Barnes	OLB	5-10	200	Rondout Valley/Kingston, N.Y.
Dan Beigel	FB	6-1	225	Clinton Central/Clinton, N.Y.
Andrew Berg	DE	6-2	240	Baldwin/Freeport, N.Y.
Joseph Bernard	DB	5-8	170	Curtis/Staten Island, N.Y.
Wayne Carrabus	FB	6-2	235	Bellport/Bellport, N.Y.
Irani Dearaujo	WR	6-2	180	Choate-Rosemary (Conn.)/Queens, N.Y.
Colin Disch	OLB	6-2	190	North Plainfield/North Plainfield, N.J.
Trevor DuPont	OLB	6-1	210	Victor Central/Victor, N.Y.
Josh Furnas	WR	6-1	195	Elmira Free Academy/Elmira, N.Y.
Gabe Gallucci	WR	6-2	170	Ithaca/Ithaca, N.Y.
Ross Jatkola	TE	6-4	220	Dennis-Yarmouth/South Yarmouth, Mass.
Kelsey Jenks	LB	6-1	220	Chenango Forks/Chenango Forks, N.Y.
Omar Johnson	TB	6-0	200	Burlington City/Edgewater Park, N.J.
Bobby Lane	DE	6-3	230	North Bergen/North Bergen, N.J.
Kevin Lanning	DB	6-1	180	Lindenhurst/Lindenhurst, N.Y.
Vince Marzano	RB	6-0	205	Mechanicville/Mechanicville, N.Y.
Mitch Pawluk	LB	5-11	210	Webster Schroeder/Webster, N.Y.
Zach Tarnowski	TE	6-3	230	Chenango Forks/Binghamton, N.Y.
Mike Wall	PK/SE	5-7	150	Solvay/Syracuse, N.Y.
Jeff Wentzell	OT	6-3	285	Pine Bush/Pine Bush, N.Y.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2002-03 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR Gary Jones and Teresa Covert Receive Male and Female Awards

ALBANY, N.Y. – **Gary Jones**, an All-America football running back, and **Teresa Covert**, an ECAC and conference champion track athlete, have been selected as the University at Albany's 2002-03 Male and Female Athletes of the Year, as Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today. The athletes were chosen in voting by the head coaches of UAlbany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program.

Jones, a junior tailback from Ravena, N.Y., was named to the 2002 Associated Press Division I-AA All-America squad as a second-team selection. He also was a member of the *The Sports Network* and *Football Gazette* All-America teams. Jones, who established nine single-season school records and broke two conference marks, was voted the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Year. A first-team All-NEC choice, Jones was tabbed as the *Football Gazette* I-AA Offensive Player of the Week on two occasions, ECAC player of the week once, and NEC player of the week four times.

Jones, who led the Great Danes to their first-ever NEC championship and ECAC Division I-AA Classic title, rushed for 1,509 yards, scored 23 touchdowns, and accounted for 1,949 all-purpose yards. He ranked third among the national rushing leaders at 125.8 yards per game, and ran for 100 or more yards in nine contests. The Albany standout was fourth nationally in scoring (11.4 points/game) and seventh in all-purpose yardage (162.4 ypg). Jones earned the ECAC MVP award as he rushed for 194 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-0 upset of unbeaten Duquesne to cap an 8-4 campaign.

Covert, a junior from Susquehanna, Pa., became the first UAlbany female track athlete to capture an ECAC title, when she placed first in the outdoor 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.59 seconds. Covert won two events at the America East Conference outdoor championships in the 100-meter dash and 100-hurdles. She established school records in both events during qualifying, and sprinted 11.60 seconds in the 100-dash preliminaries to break a 16-year-old UAlbany record. Covert also ran the anchor leg on the second-place 4x400 relay that set a school mark and finished third in the triple jump (40-03.25). Albany posted its best-ever showing by taking second in the team standings.

During the indoor season, Covert was the America East 55-meter hurdles champion with a time of 8.07 seconds. She also was second in the long jump and fifth in the 200-meter dash at the conference meet. Covert, a Temple University transfer who did not compete the last two years due to family commitments, placed second at the ECAC championships in the 60-meter hurdles and went 8.44 seconds in a preliminary heat to shatter another school record. In addition, she set UAlbany's indoor long jump standard at 18-feet, 8.75-inches.

University at Albany Athletes of the Year

2002-03: *Male*: Gary Jones (Football), *Female*: Teresa Covert (Track & Field)
2001-02: *Male*: Chris Phillis (Football), *Female*: Amy Di Micco (Field Hockey)
2000-01: *Male*: Michael Oliva (Baseball), *Female*: Dawn Di Micco (Basketball/Lacrosse)
1999-00: *Male*: Todd Cetnar (Basketball), *Female*: Megan Buchanan (Basketball)
1998-99: *Male*: Steve Checksfield (Baseball/Football),
Female: Kelly Poynton (Softball) & Xiomara Davila Diaz (Track & Field)
1997-98: *Male*: Joe Savino (Football), *Female*: Rafaela Nikas (Lacrosse/Volleyball)
1996-97: *Male*: Jomo Forrester (Soccer/Track) & Anthony Vitti (Football),
Female: Tonya Dodge (Cross Country/Track)
1995-96: *Male*: Dennis King (Cross Country/Track), *Female*: Debbie August (Lacrosse)
1994-95: *Male*: Jeffrey York (Track & Field), *Female*: Melinda Cook-Carpenter (Softball)
1993-94: *Male*: Jason Graber (Basketball), *Female*: Lynda Nealis (Basketball)

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BOVE AND MASSE NAMED TO VERIZON ALL-DISTRICT I ACADEMIC TEAMS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Emil Bove** has been chosen to the Verizon University Division Academic All-District I Men's At-Large Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Bove, who earned first-team all-district honors for the second straight year, will be placed on the national ballot. The District I team includes student-athletes from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Bove, a senior defenseman on the men's lacrosse team, posted a 4.00 cumulative grade point average in a dual major of public policy and economics. He led the Great Danes to an America East Conference championship and the school's first-ever NCAA appearance at the Division I level. Bove, who was third on the UAlbany squad with 45 ground balls, was named to the America East all-tournament team.

A native of Seneca Falls, N.Y., Bove recently received the University's Outstanding Senior Award, Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence and Athletes Leadership Award. A Phi Beta Kappa student, Bove was an ECAC Merit Medal recipient as the school's top senior male student-athlete.

Theresa Masse, who has a 3.68 GPA in psychology with a dual minor in education and sociology, was voted to the Academic All-District I Women's At-Large second team. Masse, a first-team All-America East Conference defender in women's lacrosse, ranked among the league leaders in ground balls at 2.94 per game. She shared UAlbany's top senior female student-athlete honors when she was awarded an ECAC Merit Medal earlier this month. Masse, a native of Liverpool, N.Y., will pursue a master's degree in elementary education.

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM
S E L E C T E D B Y C O S I D A

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Nine Players Repeat On Verizon Academic All-District I At-Large Team
Maine Places Three Student-Athletes On First-Team; Boston College, Cornell Also Gain Three Berths

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – Nine student-athletes, including Albany's **Emil Bove** (Seneca Falls, N.Y.), Maine's **Martin Kariya** (North Vancouver, British Columbia) and Cornell's **Mark McRae** (Toronto, Ontario), were repeat selections among the 20 named to the 2003 Verizon University Division Academic All-District I At-Large Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Bove, Kariya and McRae earned first-team All-District I recognition for the second-straight year while Vermont's **Thomas Hajek** (St. Catharines, Ontario) and Hartford's **Chris Holmes** (Fort Erie, Ontario) moved up from the 2002 second-team All-District I At-Large squad.

Rounding out the first-team for the 2003 District I At-Large roster are first-time choices **Francis Doyle** (Guelph, Ontario) and **Jacob Jentzer** (Bangor, Maine) of Maine, **David LeNeveu** (Fernie, British Columbia) of Cornell, **Victor Sapezhnikov** (Brooklyn, N.Y.) of Marist and **Paul Taylor** (Elm Grove, Wis.) of Boston College.

Others named to the All-District I At-Large team for the second-straight year were second-team choices **Yann Danis** (Lafontaine, Quebec) of Brown, **Ben Eaves** (Fairbault, Minn.) of Boston College, **Scott Paltowitz** (Queensbury, N.Y.) of Cornell and **Dan Shevchik** (Wilton, Conn.) of Harvard.

Maine, Cornell and Boston College all placed three student-athletes on the 2003 Verizon Academic All-District I team. The Black Bears had all three players on the first-team, which advances to the national Academic All-America ballot, while Cornell had two first-team selections. All three BC student-athletes were second-team choices. Marist, Brown and Canisius also each had two berths on the 2003 All-District I team.

Eight ice hockey players were named to the 2003 All-District I squad, including five first-team choices. Swimming and diving is the second-most dominant sport on this year's team with four players, followed by tennis with two.

Geography also plays an interesting role with eight student-athletes on the All-District I team from Canada, including six first-team selections. Last year, there were nine international student-athletes on the All-District I team, but only five from Canada and four others from Europe.

To qualify for the Verizon Academic All-District program, a student athlete must be at least a sophomore in class, a starter or significant reserve on his team and have compiled a minimum 3.20 cumulative GPA. The District I team includes student-athletes from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

The 10 student-athletes selected for the All-District I first-team will be placed on the Verizon Academic All-America ballot. Results of the voting for the national At-Large squad will be announced June 10.

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2003 Verizon University Division Academic All-District I At-Large Team/Add 1

2003 Verizon All-Academic District I University Division At-Large Team**FIRST TEAM**

Name	School	Sport	Yr.	Hometown	Major (GPA)
Emil Bove	Albany	Lacrosse	Sr.	Seneca Falls, N.Y.	Public Policy & Economics (4.00)
Francis Doyle	Maine	Ice Hockey	Jr.	Guelph, Ontario	Business (3.79)
Thomas Hajek	Vermont	Ice Hockey	Sr.	St. Catharines, Ontario	Business Administration (3.79)
Chris Holmes	Hartford	Golf	Sr.	Fort Erie, Ontario	Economics & Finance (3.92)
Jacob Jentzer	Maine	Swimming	Sr.	Bangor, Maine	Biochemistry & Psychology (4.00)
Martin Kariya	Maine	Ice Hockey	Sr.	N. Vancouver, British Columbia	Mathematics (3.78)
David LeNeveu	Cornell	Ice Hockey	So.	Fernie, British Columbia	Applied Econ. & Mgmt. (3.87)
Mark McRae	Cornell	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Toronto, Ontario	College Scholar/Pre Med (3.87)
Victor Sapezhnikov	Marist	Tennis	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Business/Finance (4.00)
Paul Taylor	Boston College	Fencing	Jr.	Elm Grove, Wisc.	Classics/Physics (3.918)

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Sport	Yr.	Hometown	Major (GPA)
Greg Blaisdell	New Hampshire	Alpine Skiing	Sr.	Manchester, Maine	Biochemistry (3.65)
Nick Ciarcia	Brown	Wrestling	Jr.	Berlin, Conn.	Economics & Philosophy (3.85)
Trevor Charles	Marist	Swimming	Sr.	Middletown, N.Y.	History (3.805)
Yann Danis	Brown	Ice Hockey	Jr.	Lafontaine, Quebec	Business Economics (3.44)
Ben Eaves	Boston College	Ice Hockey	Jr.	Fairbault, Minn.	English (3.36)
Mark Miyashita	Canisius	Lacrosse	Sr.	Richmond, British Columbia	Education (3.43)
Andrew Naumann	Boston College	Swimming	Jr.	Tucson, Ariz.	Computer Science (3.851)
Scott Paltrowitz	Cornell	Tennis	Jr.	Queensbury, N.Y.	Industry & Labor Relations (4.12)
Dan Shevchik	Harvard	Swimming	Sr.	Wilton, Conn.	Applied Mathematics (3.311)
Tom Wnuk	Canisius	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Cheektowaga, N.Y.	Accounting (3.86)

Note: Only first-team selections advance to the national Academic All-America ballot

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

S E L E C T E D B Y C O S I D A

2003 Verizon Academic All-District I Women's At-Large (University Division) Team
Please observe the release date of May 22, 2003

First Team

Name (sport)	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major (s)
Rachel Barrie (ice hockey)	St. Lawrence	Jr.	Amprior, Ontario	3.894	Psychology
Jennifer Cooley (crew)	Connecticut	Sr.	New Hartford, Conn.	3.959	Elem. Education
Michelle Haricy (gymnastics)	New Hampshire	Sr.	Collegeville, N.H.	3.87	Mathematics
Rachel Goldberg (gymnastics)	Cornell	So.	Indianapolis, Ind.	3.70	Nutritional Science
Ashley Grosso (lacrosse)	Niagara	Gr.	Baldwinsville, N.Y.	4.00	Elem. Education
Irina Khouade (fencing)	St. John's	Sr.	Khiuski, Russia	3.92	Finance
Milena Matijevic (tennis)	Niagara	Jr.	Niagara Falls, Ontario	3.980	Mathematics
Alexis Ressler (field hockey)	Vermont	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	3.88	Class. Civilization
Carolyn Steele (field hockey)	Dartmouth	Sr.	Clinton, N.Y.	3.75	Engineering
Ariene Stevens (fencing)	St. John's	Sr.	Fairport, N.Y.	3.96	Criminal Justice

Second Team

Name (sport)	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major (s)
Marian Al-Shikurchy (tennis)	Niagara	So.	Fontitull, Ontario	3.833	Political Science
Kate Allery (swimming)	Massachusetts	Sr.	South Hadley, Mass.	3.516	Psychology
Cortene Bredia (ice hockey)	Dartmouth	Sr.	Warburg, Alberta	3.34	Genetics
Sarah Broderick (field hockey)	Northeastern	Sr.	Harwich, Mass.	3.308	Finance/MIS
Doria DiBona (ski)	Brown	Sr.	Waterville Valley, N.H.	3.63	History
Allison Edgar (hockey)	New Hampshire	Jr.	Brigden, Ontario	3.75	Exercise Science
Alyson Fiorillo (swimming)	Marist	Jr.	Pottsville, Pa.	3.798	Chemistry
Courtney Legath (lacrosse)	Boston College	So.	Moorestown, N.J.	3.805	Sec. Education
Theresa Masse (lacrosse)	Albany	Sr.	Liverpool, N.Y.	3.68	Psychology
Erin Westenfield (lacrosse)	Canisius	Jr.	Clarence, N.Y.	3.93	History

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THREE ALBANY BASEBALL PLAYERS EARN AMERICA EAST RECOGNITION

Boston, Mass. - University at Albany's **Steve Emmerthal** and **Dan Schoonmaker** have been named second-team All-America East Conference in baseball as announced today by the conference office. In addition, **Kyle Thomas** was selected to the America East all-rookie team by a vote of the league's coaches

Emmerthal, a junior right-hander, appears on the all-conference second team for the second straight year. He led the Great Danes' pitching staff with five victories, a 3.94 earned run average and 73 strikeouts, which ranked fourth in the league. In conference play, he went 3-2 with a 3.72 ERA and four complete games, including a one-hit shutout of Vermont on April 27. He earned him conference pitcher-of-the-week honors for his performance.

Schoonmaker, a junior designated hitter/third baseman, earns all-conference honors for the first time. He batted .375 in league play with three home runs and 22 RBI, and hit safely in 19 of 24 contests. Schoonmaker, who missed 15 games at the start of the season with an injury, led the team overall with a .336 batting average, three triples, seven home runs, 34 RBI and a .630 slugging percentage. He was named America East player of the week on April 14.

Thomas, a freshman right-hander, becomes the second UAlbany player to be named to the nine-member all-rookie squad. Thomas was second on the team with four wins and third in strikeouts with 42. In conference play, he went 3-3 with a 4.78 ERA. On May 11, he tossed his first complete game, allowing two runs on six hits in a league win over Hartford. He shared America East rookie of the week honors in mid-April.

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TERESA COVERT WINS 100M HURDLES AT ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Princeton, N.J. – Junior **Teresa Covert** became the first Albany harrier to win an ECAC individual championship when she took first in the 100-meter hurdles at the 2003 Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Princeton University's Weaver Track and Field Stadium and Frelinghuysen Field. The Great Danes finished 26th in the team standings.

Covert, who was victorious in both the heats and semifinal races, crossed the tape in 13.59, 14-tenths of a second ahead of Opal Jones of Syracuse. She also served as the third leg of the 4x100 relay team that finished ninth in the preliminaries, missing the finals by one-tenth of a second.

Junior **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs) placed seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 39-feet, 9.25 inches.

In the IC4A Championships, **Brandon Howlett** took 11th in the Discus throw with a toss of 154-feet, 9-inches, while **Kamar Elliott**, a cornerback on the UAlbany football team, was 17th in the triple jump with a leap of 46-feet, 4.75-inches.

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ALBANY ENDS SEASON WITH DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP OF NEW YORK TECH

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman right fielder **Brad Daniels** drew a one-out walk with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh to push across the winning run, as Albany swept a non-conference doubleheader from New York Tech on Saturday afternoon at Heritage Park. The Great Danes took the first, 4-2, and won the nightcap, 8-7, to split the four-game series.

Albany (20-32) began the seventh with a single by **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central), who had four hits and three RBI in the twinbill. After a wild pitch, **Dan Britton** relieved **Jamie Roggenkamp**. Britton walked **Derek DeGrazio** and **Kirt Zimniewicz** to load the bases before retiring **Fred Estes**, who had a two-run double in the third, with a strikeout. Daniels worked out a walk when Britton's 3-2 pitch was high and inside to force home Vallone to end the Albany baseball season with a victory.

New York Tech (15-32) tied the game at six with a four-run fourth. **Garret McDevitt** provided the big blow when he hit a **Kyle Thomas** offering over the fence in left field to drive in three and even the score. After DeGrazio helped Albany retake the lead with an RBI-double in the fourth, the Bears matched that run in the top of fifth when **Sean Braithwaite** raced home on a passed ball.

Steve Emmerthal picked up his fifth win of the year, pitching the final two innings and worked his way out of a bases loaded jam in the seventh to preserve the tie. **Brendan Chiavaro** had three hits and **Joe Lamb** scored twice for the Great Danes, while **Tim Smith** and **Jelani Arnold** had two hits apiece for the Bears.

In the first game, Vallone doubled to right-center field to drive in two and then scored on an error by the catcher to give the Great Danes an early 3-0 lead. **Jeff Mazzola** relieved starter Will Haskell, who pitched in his final game, in the second and finished the contest, allowing one run on three hits to win his third game of the season.

-agate-

(Game 1)

New York Tech	010	100	0	-	2	5	4
Albany	300	001	x	-	4	3	2

Steve Park and Garret McDevitt
Will Haskell, Jeff Mazzola (2) and Fred Estes

(Game 2)

New York Tech (15-32)	200	410	0	-	7	9	2
Albany (20-32)	213	100	1	-	8	12	1

(1 out, 3 runners left on when game ended)
Kyle Patten, Jamie Roggenkamp (3), Dan Britton (7) and Garret McDevitt
Kyle Thomas, Steve Emmerthal (6) and Fred Estes

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NEW YORK TECH SWEEPS A DOUBLEHEADER FROM ALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – Junior right fielder **Anthony St. George** went 3-for-4 with a run scored in game two as New York Tech swept a non-conference doubleheader from Albany on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Bears took the first, 3-0, and came-from-behind to win the nightcap, 8-4.

Albany (18-31) jumped out to an early lead in game two by scoring three in the bottom of the first. After **Brad Daniels** doubled and **Joe Lamb** was hit by pitch, **Brendan Chiavaro's** sacrifice bunt was thrown away by New York Tech starter **Chris Perez**, which allowed Daniels to score. Lamb would touch home on **Dan Schoonmaker's** groundball to third, which was mishandled by **Brian MacMurray**. MacMurray then threw wide of third attempting to get Chiavaro, who ran home to tally the third run of the inning.

New York Tech (14-30) took the lead with a four-run fifth. **Tim Smith** singled with the bases loaded to drive in one and **Sean Braithwaite's** sacrifice fly tied the game at 3. **Anthony Mangione** broke the deadlock with a two-run single to give the Bears a 5-3 advantage. New York Tech added two in the sixth and one in the seventh to increase their lead.

Perez went the distance, allowing four runs, two earned, on five hits while striking out four to pick up his third victory. Braithwaite had two RBI and **Jelani Arnold** scored twice for the Bears.

In the opener, **Andrew Karkoulas** tossed a two-hitter and the Bears scratched across a run in the fifth and two in the sixth to end their five-game losing streak. Everyone for New York Tech but Karkoulas had one hit off Albany starter **Mike Mueller**, who made his final appearance at Varsity Field.

The Great Danes wrap up the 2003 season with a twinbill against New York Tech tomorrow at Heritage Park. The first game is scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m.

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New York Tech	000	012	0	-	3	8	0
Albany	000	000	0	-	0	2	1

Andrew Karkoulas and Garret McDevitt
 Mike Mueller, Roman Dubiel (6) and Jason Martin

New York Tech (15-30)	001	042	1	-	8	9	3
Albany (18-32)	300	010	0	-	4	5	3

Chris Perez and Gary Needham
 Mike Burke, Adam Kroft (5), Shawn Ryan (6), Ethan Vaiana (7) and Jason Martin

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ANDEE LINDGREN NAMED SECOND TEAM ALL-NORTHEAST REGION

Lawrenceville, N.J. -- Junior left-handed pitcher **Andee Lindgren** was named to Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Northeast Region second team in voting by the region's head coaches. It marks the first time that an Albany player has earned all-region honors at the Division I level.

Lindgren, the America East Conference Pitcher of the Year, was the ace of the UAlbany pitching staff this season, leading the team to a school-record 34 wins and a second-place finish at the America East softball championship tournament. The LaHabra, Calif. native posted a record of 20-6 with five saves and an ERA of 1.18. She matched the school's single-season victories record and shattered the strikeout mark with 171. In addition, Lindgren was first-team All-America East and named to the conference's all-tournament team.

TWO GREAT DANES EARN ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT I DISTINCTION

Jamaica, N.Y. -- Senior catcher **Stacy Kowal** and junior pitcher **Andee Lindgren** were both named second team Verizon Academic All-District I in voting by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Kowal was named to the all-district squad for the second consecutive year. Kowal, who has a 3.59 cumulative grade point average in business administration, hit .271 with 11 RBI this season and was a first-team All-America East catcher. Lindgren, who has a 3.57 GPA in psychology, went 20-6 with a 1.18 ERA and recorded 171 strikeouts as the A-East pitcher of the year.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2003 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the school's football schedule for 2003. The Great Danes, the defending Northeast Conference champions, will play a seven-game conference slate, and meet non-conference opponents Northeastern, an NCAA Division I-AA playoff team, Brown from the Ivy League, Towson and St. Peter's.

UAlbany begins its fifth Division I-AA campaign on Saturday, September 6 with Northeastern. The Huskies made their first NCAA appearance by sharing the Atlantic 10 Conference championship. Don Brown, the Atlantic 10 coach of the year, led his squad to a 10-3 overall record. Albany will end its 11-game schedule on Nov. 15 at Towson, a member of the Patriot League.

The Great Danes will open their home schedule with Brown on Sept. 20. Albany will be playing an Ivy League school for the first time. Stony Brook will be the opponent for Homecoming and Family Weekend on Oct. 25. Hall of Fame Day is set for Oct. 4 against St. Peter's in the first meeting between the two programs. The Peacocks tied for second in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference standings last year.

In addition, Sacred Heart and Robert Morris, a pair of past NEC champions, will visit University Field. Sacred Heart, who captured the title in 2001, and Stony Brook tied for second place in the conference standings last season. Robert Morris has won or shared five league championships under former New York Jets' coach Joe Walton.

The Great Danes, who also won the 2002 ECAC Division I-AA Classic with a 24-0 victory over previously unbeaten Duquesne, finished with an 8-4 record last year. Head coach Bob Ford will return 15 starters, including eight on offense and seven on defense. Gary Jones, a second-team Associated Press All-America tailback, leads the returnees after rushing for 1,509 yards and scoring 23 touchdowns as a junior.

2003 Albany Football Schedule

September -- 6 (Sat.), at Northeastern, 12:30; 13 (Sat.), at Central Connecticut State*, 6:00; 20 (Sat.), **Brown**, 1:00; 27 (Sat.), **Sacred Heart***, 1:00.

October -- 4 (Sat.), **St. Peter's** (HOF), 1:00; 11 (Sat.), at St. Francis, Pa.*, 1:00; 18 (Sat.), at Monmouth*, 1:00; 25 (Sat.), **Stony Brook*** (HC), 1:00.

November -- 1 (Sat.), at Wagner*, 1:00; 8 (Sat.), **Robert Morris***, 1:00; 15 (Sat.), at Towson, 12:30.

*Northeast Conference Opponent
(HC) - Homecoming/Family Weekend

All Times Eastern
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ALBANY SPLITS AN AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER WITH HARTFORD

Bristol, Conn. -- Sophomore shortstop **Joe Lamb** went 2-for-2 with three runs scored in game two, as Albany split an America East Conference doubleheader with Hartford on Sunday afternoon at Muzzy Field. The Great Danes lost the first, 9-4, but took the nightcap, 9-2, to prevent being swept in the series by the Hawks.

Albany (18-30, AE 10-14) got on the board quickly in the first inning of the nightcap, as Lamb singled to left field and then stole second. After a **Brendan Chiavaro**, who had two hits, three runs and four RBI in the doubleheader, walk and a double steal, **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central), who had four hits in the twinbill, singled to right field to drive in a pair. The Great Danes added two in the third, as Lamb and Chiavaro scored when Hartford pitcher **Joe Connolly** threw **Dan Schoonmaker's** sacrifice bunt attempt down the right field line to make the score 4-0.

Hartford (9-30-1, AE 7-11) cut the deficit in half in the bottom of the third on RBI-singles by **Brian Eck** and **Josh Topp**. The Great Danes increased their lead to 8-2 with a four-run sixth. Chiavaro added the big blow with a two-run single to right center, which plated **Brad Daniels** and Lamb, who homered in the first game. Freshman **Kyle Thomas** went the distance, allowing two runs on six hits while striking out four to improve to 4-5.

In the opener, Topp hit a grand slam and Eck added a two-run double as Hartford won its fourth straight game over Albany dating back to last season. The Hawks blew the game open with a four-run first and five-run third off of Albany starter **Adam Kroft**. **Cory Parker** had two hits and was one of four Hartford players to score twice in the contest. **Brian Mascaro** tossed a complete game, giving up four runs on eight hits and striking out six to win his third game.

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(Game 1)

Albany	002	011	0	-	4	8	3
Hartford	405	000	x	-	9	7	3

Adam Kroft, Nick Murphy (3) and Jason Martin
Brian Mascaro and Brian Eck

(Game 2)

Albany (18-30, AE 10-14)	202	004	1	-	9	9	1
Hartford (9-30-1, AE 7-11)	002	000	0	-	2	6	3

Kyle Thomas and Fred Estes

Joe Connolly, Kyle Valentine (3), Zach Stefka (7) and Brian Eck

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NINTH ANNUAL ALBANY SPRING TRACK & FIELD CLASSIC

Albany, N.Y. –
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MEN – 1. Albany 201, 2. Rensselaer 79.50, 3. Binghamton 77, 4. Williams 47.50, 5. U.S. Merchant Marine 43, 6. Greater Boston Track Club 41, 7. Union 33, 8. Brockport 32, 9. Club Santurce 31, 10. Colgate 24, 11. Alfred 22, 12. Marist 19, 13. Oneonta State 17, 14. Albany Running Exchange 16, 15. William Paterson 14, 16. Providence Cobras 10, 17. Hunter 8, 18(t). New Paltz 8, 18(t). Cortland 7, 20(t). Roberts Wesleyan 6, 20(t). Stony Brook 6, 20(t). Oswego 6, 23. Plattsburgh 5, 24(t). Babson 2, 24(t). Rochester 2, 26. Syracuse Chargers 1.

Track Events

100 – Stanley Egor (Greater Boston Track Club), 10.55, 200 – Stanley Egor (Greater Boston Track Club), 20.96, 400 – Aggrey Morris (Albany), 48.32, 800 – Kristof Molnar (Albany), 1:51.71, 1,500 – Matt Dresser (Binghamton), 3:58.14, 5,000 – Andy Allstadt (Albany), 15:51.12, 10,000 – Jamie Rodriguez (Albany Running Exchange), 32:40.63, 110-Hurdles – Paul Roche (Albany), 15.18, 400-Hurdles – Joel Vazquez (Albany), 53.94, 3,000-Steeplechase – Louis DiNuzzo (Colgate), 9:09.84, 4x100 Relay – Albany, 41.56, 4x400 Relay – Albany, 3:17.27, 4x800 Relay – Marist, 7:56.97.

Field Events

High Jump – Nick Tillman (Binghamton), 6-06.25, Pole Vault – Andy Kirsch (Binghamton), 14-01.25, Long Jump – Ray Smith (Providence Cobras), 23-03.25, Triple Jump – Dwaine Alleyne (Rensselaer), 48-11, Shot Put – Aaron Kimball (Albany), 54-09.50, Discus – Justin Sievert (Union), 150-11, Hammer – Jesse Doty (Stony Brook), 189-07.50, Javelin – Jim Motzkin (Rensselaer), 63.39 meters.

WOMEN – 1. Albany 220, 2. Williams 100, 3. Binghamton 60, 4. Ithaca 47, 5. Oneonta State 45, 6. Rensselaer 43, 7. Club Santurce 42, 8. Rochester 35, 9. Hunter 32, 10. New Paltz 24, 11. Brockport 19, 12. Alfred 14, 13. Roberts Wesleyan 12, 14. Oswego State 9, 15. Cortland 8, 16(t). William Paterson 6, 16(t). Albany Running Exchange 6, 18. Union 5, 19. Plattsburgh 3, 20. Sacred Heart 1.

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Track Events

100 - Tequirra Cox (Albany), 12.38, 200 - Elma Pabon (Club Santurce), 25:06, 400 - Tracy Estriplet (Albany), 59.31, 800 - Dinnah Decatus (Albany), 2:16.72, 1,500 - Zerlinda Martinez (Albany), 4:45.13, 3,000 - Christy Ecklund (Stony Brook), 10:50.83, 5,000 - Donna Mahoney (Holy Cross), 18:09.68, 10,000 - Maria Compson (Oneonta State), 45:24.14, 100-Hurdles - Teresa Covert (Albany), 13.89, 400-Hurdles - Marie Lloyd (Binghamton), 1:04.86, 3,000-Steeplechase - Erin Yaichuck (Binghamton), 12:01.49, 4x100 Relay - Albany, 46.93, 4x400 Relay - Albany, 4:01.91.

Field Events

High Jump - Meghan Morningstar (Ithaca), 5-05, Pole Vault - Allison Benson (Rensselaer), 11-05.75, Long Jump - Jillian Sherman (Albany), 17-08.25, Triple Jump - Jennifer Aubin (Albany), 39-08.75, Shot Put - Healy Thompson (Williams), 47-10.50, Discus - Healy Thompson (Williams), 134-04, Hammer - Torrey Baldwin (Williams), 165-0, Javelin - Jen Stucznski (Roberts Wesleyan), 115-09.50.

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NCAA Tournament - First Round
Princeton 16, Albany 10

Princeton, N.J. - Sophomore attack **Jason Donegar** had five goals, including four in the decisive third quarter, in leading Princeton to a 16-10 victory over Albany in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday afternoon before 2,436 fans at Class of '52 Stadium.

Princeton (11-3) broke a 5-5 halftime tie with five consecutive goals in the third period. Senior midfielder **Will MacColl**, who had a season-high four goals and added one assist, put his team on top for good when he drove around Albany's **Matthew Fiasconaro** and scored from the right side with 10:36 left in the quarter.

The Tigers, who have won six national titles and reached the championship final twice since 1992, then scored three more times over the next two minutes. **Josh White**, who had two goals and two assists, connected from eight yards out on an extra-man opportunity. Donegar then found an open net 16 seconds later after the Great Danes turned the ball over deep in their territory.

Donegar, who has 40 goals on the season, later scored from the top of the crease, before MacColl finished off a drive from the left side for a 10-5 lead with 4:14 remaining in the period. Donegar added two more goals in the final three minutes of the stanza to provide his club with a comfortable 12-6 cushion heading into the final quarter.

"We put a scare in them, but they showed why they have been to the final the last three years in that third quarter," said Albany coach **Scott Marr**, whose program was making its first-ever NCAA appearance. "The turning point was that stretch of four goals in two minutes; we played way too much defense and it certainly helped that they won so many face-offs."

Albany (10-6) gave the fourth-seed Tigers all they could handle in the first half. Princeton took a 4-3 lead on back-to-back goals by **Sean Hartofilis** and Donegar. But the Great Danes came back when freshmen **Chris Martocchia**, who had three goals and two assists, and **Matthew Green** scored consecutively to regain the lead. White drew the Tigers even with four seconds to play in the half, as he drove from the right and placed a high shot over Albany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**.

"I was proud of the way we played," said America East player of the year **Luke Daquino**, a sophomore who had two goals and three assists. "Princeton took it to us in the third quarter, but our seniors played their hearts out and went out strong in that final period."

Albany's **Chris Driscoll** added a pair of goals, including a spin move that gave the Great Danes a 2-1 lead early in the second stanza. Rae finished with 11 saves, the eleventh time he has reached double figures this season. All-American midfielder **Brad Dumont** had two goals and one assist for the Tigers, who will play the winner of Sunday's Syracuse-Dartmouth first-round game in the quarterfinals next weekend.

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NCAA Tournament - First Round

Albany (10-6) 1 4 1 4 - 10

Princeton (11-3) 1 4 7 4 - 16

Albany - Chris Martocchia 3-2, Luke Daquino 2-3, Chris Driscoll 2-0, Michael Solazzo 1-0, Matthew Green 1-0, Tim Primrose 1-0, Brendan Russell 0-1, Bobby Gabriel 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 11 saves, 16 GA).

Princeton - Jason Donegar 5-0, Will MacColl 4-1, Josh White 2-2, Brad Dumont 2-1, Sean Hartofilis 2-0, Matt Trevenen 1-0, Ryan Boyle 0-2, Mac Bryson 0-2, Jim O'Brien 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Julian Gould (53:42, 4 saves, 9 GA), Dave Law (6:18, 0 saves, 1 GA).

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BOSTON U. SWEEPS ALBANY TO CAPTURE AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL TITLE

Stony Brook, N.Y.-- Sophomore pitcher **Julie Henneke** tossed all 14 innings and allowed two runs on six hits, as Boston U. swept a doubleheader from Albany to win the America East Conference softball championship at University Field on Saturday afternoon. The Terriers won the first, 5-1, and took the nightcap, 3-1. Boston U. receives an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Boston U. (33-21) jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Henneke's single advanced **Abbey Pauley**, who reached on a fielder's choice, to second before Pauley scored on an RBI-single by **Jamie Hass**. **Jenni Shields** then delivered a two-out two-RBI double to the wall in left field to plate Henneke and Hass.

Albany (34-10) mounted a rally in the top of the seventh as **Julie Gannon** walked with one out. Gannon went to third on **Maegan Larsen's** single to right center and scored on **Liz Wieboldt's** single up the middle. **Ali Meacham** pinch hit for **Megan Craft** and lined into a double play to end the game.

In the first game, Boston U. staved off elimination by scoring three runs in the second, one in the third and one in the fourth. Henneke, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, delivered the big blow with a two-run single in the second to plate **Josey Mendez** and Hass, who went 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Albany pitcher **Andee Lindgren** lasted into the third allowing four runs on seven hits, before being replaced

by **Kristin Couris**. Henneke went the distance, allowing one unearned run on three hits with six strikeouts.

Lindgren, Larsen and **Stacy Kowal** were named to the All-Tournament Team.

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(Game 1)

Boston U.	031	100	0	-	5	11	3
Albany	100	000	0	-	1	3	1

Julie Henneke and Christy King

Andrea Lindgren, Kristin Couris (3) and Stacy Kowal

(Game 2)

Albany (34-10)	000	000	1	-	1	3	1
Boston U. (33-21)	300	000	x	-	3	10	0

Andrea Lindgren, Kristin Couris (6) and Stacy Kowal

Julie Henneke and Christy King

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Hartford Sweeps Albany in America East Doubleheader

Bristol, CT -- The University of Hartford baseball team picked up its first doubleheader sweep of the season by downing Albany 4-2 and 7-4 at Muzzy Field on Saturday afternoon.

The loss drops the Great Danes to 17-29 overall and 9-14 in America East play while the Hawks improve to 8-29-1 and 6-10 in the conference.

In game one, Hartford right-hander **Jeff Swedberg** recorded his first victory of the season to improve his record to 1-7. Swedberg held Albany to two runs on six hits while striking out six in a complete game performance. Albany's **Steve Emmerthal** (4-6) struck-out five batters in the loss.

The Great Danes jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a pair of two out hits by **Jason Martin** and **Dan Schoonmaker**. Martin drove a double down the left field line scoring **Brendan Chiavaro** and Schoonmaker, who was 4-for-6 on the day, followed with an RBI single. The lead would be short lived, however, as Hartford's **Ryan Cuscovitch** blasted a three-run homer in the third to give the Hawks a 3-2 advantage. **Ron Acabbo** then gave the Hawks an insurance run in the fourth with a solo homerun to right center field that put Hartford up 4-2.

In game two, the Great Danes fell behind early as Hartford scored three runs in the first and added two more in the second. The Hawks were powered by the hitting of **Matt Denorfia**, who went 2-for-3 with three RBI in game two and Acabbo, who finished the day 3-for-6 with two homeruns and two RBI.

Albany and Hartford will meet again tomorrow for another doubleheader at Muzzy Field. The start time of the first game has been moved up to 11 a.m.

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(Game 1)

Albany (17-28, 9-13)

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Hartford (7-29-1, 5-10)

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Steve Emmerthal (L, 4-6), Shawn Ryan (4) and Jason Martin

Jeff Swedberg (W, 1-7) and Brian Eck

(Game 2)

Albany (17-29, 9-14)

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Hartford (8-29-1, 6-10)

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Jeff Mazzola (L, 2-5) and Fred Estes

Tony Cekovsky (W, 4-5), John Manning (6), and Brian Eck

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ALBANY ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WITH 3-0 WIN OVER BU

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Junior left fielder **Jen Nolette** went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored, as Albany defeated Boston U., 3-0, in the semifinals of the America East Conference postseason softball tournament at University Field.

The Great Danes (34-8) now advance to the championship game on Saturday, May 10 to face Boston U., who defeated Maine, 19-5, in the losers bracket on Friday afternoon. The winner receives an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Albany starter **Andee Lindgren** and Boston U.'s **Tiffany Finateri**, who had defeated the Great Danes twice last week, were locked in a pitcher's duel for the first six innings. The Great Danes changed all that with three unearned runs in the top of the seventh. After **Maegan Larsen** led off the inning with a bloop hit, she came around to score when **Stacy Kowal's** groundball to short was thrown down the right field line to give Albany a 1-0 lead. **Brittany Burnham**, who came on to run for Kowal, touched home on Nolette's line drive to second, which hit the ground right before **Kristin Knesek** was able to catch it. Finateri's throwing error on **Katrina Dunning's** grounder allowed runners on second and third with one out, before Lindgren, who had two hits, singled through the left side to plate Nolette and increase the lead to 3-0.

"It was a well-played and exciting and we able to take advantage of Boston's mistakes," stated head coach Chris Cannata, who broke the school record for wins in a season. "Tomorrow will be another battle and we need to come ready to play, because we know Boston will."

Lindgren, who matched the school record for wins in a season with 20, tossed her second straight shut out and ninth of season by going the distance, allowing three hits and striking out four.

Boston U. (30-21), the regular season champions, was unable to advance past second base. Its best opportunity came in the bottom of the sixth when **Liz Weiboldt** threw out **Julie Henneke**, who was trying to go from first to third on **Liz Alley's** single.

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Albany (33-8)	000	000	3	-	3	5	2
Boston U (30-20)	000	000	0	-	0	3	3

Andrea Lindgren (W, 20-4) and Stacy Kowal

Tiffany Finateri (L, 7-7), Julie Henneke (7) and Christy King

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America East Conference Softball Championships

First Round – Albany 1, Maine 0

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Junior pitcher **Andee Lindgren** tossed her eighth shutout of the season in leading Albany to a 1-0 victory over Maine in the first round of the America East Conference postseason tournament on Thursday afternoon at Stony Brook's University Field.

Albany (33-8) now faces the regular-season champion Boston University on Friday, May 9 at 11:00 a.m., with the victor advancing to Saturday's championship game. Boston U. blanked Stony Brook, 2-0, in the other first-round contest of this three-day, double-elimination tournament. The champion receives a NCAA automatic berth.

The Great Danes, who tied the school record for most wins in a season, jumped on top in the second when **Liz Wieboldt** tripled down the right field line. As Wieboldt slid into third, the throw by Maine second baseman Sara Asadoorian sailed high allowing the Albany outfielder to score the game's only run. Shortstop **Maegan Larsen**, the America East rookie of the year, had two of the Great Danes' five hits.

"It feels good to win the first game and advance to the all-important winners' bracket," stated Albany coach Chris Cannata, who also guided the Albany program to 33 wins in 1999. "Andee (Lindgren) was once again terrific and she keeps on getting better and better."

Maine (25-21) managed three hits off Lindgren, who went the distance and struck out eight to improve to 19-4 on the season. The Black Bears failed to advance a runner to second, as Albany catcher **Stacy Kowal** threw out both base runners who attempted to steal. Losing pitcher **Jenna Merchant**, whose record fell to 14-9 on the mound, also turned in a solid performance with four strikeouts.

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America East Conference Softball Championship
(First Round)

Maine (25-21)	000	000	0	-	0	3	4
Albany (33-8)	010	000	x	-	1	5	0

Jenna Merchant (L, 14-9) and Lindsay Tibbetts.

Andrea Lindgren (W, 19-4) and Stacy Kowal.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

EMIL BOVE, THERESA MASSE & ALISSA GIBBS RECEIVE ECAC MERIT MEDALS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that **Emil Bove**, **Theresa Masse** and **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) have been chosen to receive Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Merit Medals. The awards are annually give to the school's top senior male and female student-athletes who have shown excellence in the classroom and as competitive athletes during the current academic year.

Bove, a captain on the men's lacrosse team, posted a 4.00 cumulative grade point average in a dual major of public policy and economics. He recently received the University's Outstanding Senior Award, and has also earned the Chancellor's Award and Athletes Leadership Award. Bove, who has interned with the New York State Energy & Development Authority and with state senator Michael Nozzolio and state assemblyman Sam Hoyt, was the 2001-02 America East Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He was also voted to the Verizon Academic All-American national second-team.

Bove, a starting defenseman from Seneca Falls, N.Y., led the Great Danes to the 2003 America East Conference championship. Albany makes its first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in any sport at the Division I level on Saturday against Princeton. Bove, who was named to the America East all-tournament squad, has 40 ground balls on a defense that is allowing 9.33 goals per game.

Masse and Gibbs share the female award. Masse, who earned first-team All-America East honors as a lacrosse defender, has a 3.68 GPA in psychology with a dual minor in education and sociology. She ranks among the conference leaders in ground balls at 2.94 per game and finished seventh on the school's all-time list with 179. A native of Liverpool, N.Y., Masse was the 2001-02 America East Scholar-Athlete in women's lacrosse and a member of the IWLCA national academic team. She will pursue a master's degree in elementary education.

Gibbs, a senior from Ballston Lake, N.Y., has a 3.55 GPA in computer science with a minor in mathematics. She was named first-team All-America East Conference in volleyball as an outside hitter for the second straight year. Gibbs, who was fourth among the conference leaders with a 3.76 kill average, finished her career second in kills (1,376) and fourth in digs (992) on the school's all-time lists. She received the 2001 America East Scholar-Athlete in women's volleyball and is a two-time Verizon District I all-academic selection. She has worked in software development and data input and plans a career in web design.

PAST ECAC MERIT MEDAL WINNERS

2001-02: Amy Di Micco (Field Hockey), Eddie Scott (Baseball)

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BASEBALL – Lafayette 10, Albany 6

Albany, N.Y. – Right fielder **Adam Rosenberg** belted a grand slam, doubled and drove in five runs in leading visiting Lafayette to a 10-6 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Lafayette (16-24) used a six-run second inning to jump on top early. **Craig Alexander** led off the frame with a solo homer over the left-field fence. The Leopards, who have won four of their last five starts, then went up 2-0 when shortstop **Ted Kramer** bunted on a squeeze-play to score **Russ Giglio**. Rosenberg later stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and deposited his fifth home run of the season over the 345-sign in right field.

The Leopards pushed across three more runs in the fourth to build a 9-1 cushion. Rosenberg, a junior, doubled down the left-field line to plate **Jeff Rodgers**. Center fielder **Jason Boyd** followed with a two-run blast, his fifth of the spring.

Albany (17-27) would close within 10-6 after six innings. **Fred Estes** keyed a three-run fourth by scoring two with a double to left field. **Dan Schoonmaker**, who went 3-for-5 at the plate, lined a RBI triple in the fifth, before **Derek DeGrazio** walked and came across on **Brendan Chiavaro's** fielder's choice RBI.

Lafayette relievers **Don Smith** and **Brandon Ripley** shut down the Albany attack the rest of the way. Smith pitched 2.1 innings and allowed just one hit in facing eight batters, while Ripley finished up the ninth.

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Lafayette (16-24)	060	301	000	-	10	12	4
Albany (17-27)	010	311	000	-	6	8	2

Marcus Ward, Peil Pennington (6), Don Smith (6), Brandon Risley (9) and Craig Alexander, James Duer.

Nick Murphy, Jeff Mazzola (3), Kyle Thomas (4), Steve Emmerthal (4), Adam Kroft (5), Roman Dubiel (6), Shawn Ryan (9) and Fred Estes.

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ANDEE LINDGREN NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PITCHER OF THE YEAR Chris Cannata voted top coach, while Maegan Larsen earns rookie of the year honors

Boston, Mass. - University at Albany's **Andee Lindgren** has been chosen as the America East Conference Pitcher of the Year in softball as announced today by the conference office.

Lindgren, a junior left-hander, was also named to the America East first team in voting by the league's head coaches. **Chris Cannata** was chosen as the Coach of the Year, while **Maegan Larsen** was named Rookie of the Year.

Lindgren, a transfer from Fullerton Community College, took the league by storm in her first year. She went 18-4 overall, 11-1 in league play, including five saves with a 1.02 ERA. She leads the conference with 156 strikeouts and needs 14 more to set the school record. The LaHabra, Calif. native tossed her first career no-hitter, one of seven shutouts this spring, against Sacred Heart on March 21.

Freshman shortstop **Maegan Larsen** was chosen as the league's Rookie of the Year, as well as making the first team and all-rookie squad. The Carteret, N.J. native has started all 40 games this year and leads the team in hitting with a .314 average, which ranks 10th in the conference. She is third in America East with 23 RBI and leads the Great Danes in several offensive categories, including doubles (9), triples (3), home runs (2) and slugging (.492).

UAlbany's **Chris Cannata** was named Coach of Year. Now in her ninth season, the 1985 Albany graduate has amassed a 235-124 career mark in guiding the program through the transition from Division III to the NCAA Division I level. In 1999, she guided the Great Danes to a school-record 33 victories. Cannata has led her current squad to a 32-8 mark, 17-4 in conference, and is the No. 2 seed in this week's conference tournament. Her conference record of 29-16 the last two seasons, is second only to Boston University's 36-6 mark.

Joining Lindgren and Larsen on the first team were senior **Stacy Kowal** and junior **Jen Nolette** (Columbia). Kowal, a senior tri-captain, has been steady behind the plate as a catcher, while hitting .279 with 11 RBI. Nolette, an outfielder, is second on the squad with a .305 average, and leads the team in runs scored (24) and stolen bases (18).

Freshmen **Katrina Dunning** and **Ashley Rios** were both named second-team all-conference and to the America East All-Rookie Team. Dunning, a freshman second baseman, is seventh on the team in hitting with a .275 average and leads the Great Danes with 38 hits and nine doubles. Rios is second on the team in RBI with 18, including one homer, two triples and eight doubles.

Albany will meet third seed Maine on Thursday, May 8 in the opening round of the America East tournament at Stony Brook's University Field. Game time is 12 noon. The winner of the three-day, double-elimination tournament receives a NCAA automatic berth. The championship game is scheduled for Saturday, May 10.

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Albany 8, Manhattan 6

Riverdale, N.Y. -- Freshman right fielder **Brad Daniels** went 2-for-5 with two RBI, as Albany posted an 8-6 non-conference victory over Manhattan on Tuesday afternoon at Van Cortlandt Park.

Albany (17-26) scored twice in each of the first two innings en route to winning for the second time in its last three games. Daniels doubled to lead off the game and scored on **Brendan Chiavaro's** RBI single for a 1-0 lead. Daniels upped the advantage to 4-0 when he doubled to center field to drive a pair of base runners.

After Manhattan (21-22) cut the deficit in half with a two-run third, the Great Danes answered back with two in the fourth and one in the fifth for a 7-2 lead. **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) singled and scored in the fourth, while catcher Fred Estes doubled and later came across on a throwing error.

The Jaspers tallied two in the fifth, one coming on a triple by **Jonathan Holzer**, who had two hits, and the other on a single by **Eric Fierro** that plated Holzer. Manhattan would close within, 8-6, in the eighth, but relief pitcher **Mike Mueller** came on to record the final six outs and earn his first save of the season.

Starter **Ethan Vaiana** went the first seven innings, allowing four runs, two earned, on five hits to improve his record to 1-2. Vallone and Joe Lamb each had two hits apiece for the Great Danes, who return home on Wednesday to take on Lafayette at Varsity Field. Game time is 4:00.

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Albany (17-26)	220	211	000	-	8	9	1
Manhattan (21-22)	002	020	020	-	6	7	5

Ethan Vaiana (W, 1-2), Will Haskell (8), Mike Mueller (8) and Fred Estes

Kyle Wirtz (L, 3-6), Steve Bronder (5), Alex Narus (7), Ian Quinn (8) and Eric Fierro

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ALBANY EARNS NUMBER TWO SEED IN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. -- Albany will be the number two seed in this week's America East Conference softball championship tournament. The Great Danes garnered the second seed after finishing 17-4 in league play, just a half game behind Boston U. The winner of the double elimination tournament receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament field.

Albany (32-8, AE 17-4) will meet the third seed Maine (25-20, AE 13-9) in the opening round on Thursday, May 8 at 12 p.m. at University Field on the University of Stony Brook campus. The Great Danes took three out of four games from the Black Bears earlier this season. Last year, Albany knocked Maine out of the postseason tournament with a 4-0 win in the loser's bracket.

Boston U. (29-20, AE 17-3), the #1 seed and defending champions, will play host Stony Brook (25-31, AE 12-10) in the other first round game at 2:30 p.m. The winners from the first two games will meet on Friday, May 9 at 11 p.m. The winner from that contest advances to Saturday's championship clash at 12 p.m. The losers of games one and two will vie to stay alive at 2:30 p.m., with the winner of that game battling the loser of the previous contest to decide who else will play for the title. See below for complete schedule.

Junior pitcher **Andee Lindgren**, who is 18-4 with five saves and a 1.02 ERA leads Albany. **Maegan Larsen** is the squad's best hitter, batting .314 with two home runs and 23 RBI. Also playing key roles for the Great Danes: **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) (.312, 24 runs, 14 RBI and 18 steals), **Katrina Dunning** (.275, 38 hits, 17 runs, nine doubles, 12 RBI) and **Ashley Rios** (.261, 24 hits, 10 runs, 18 RBI).

2003 America East Softball Championship

at University Field, Stony Brook, N.Y.

Thursday, May 8

Game 1-- No. 2 Albany (32-8) vs. No. 3 Maine (25-20), 12 noon

Game 2-- No. 1 Boston University (29-20) vs. No. 4 Stony Brook (25-31), 2:30 p.m.

Friday, May 9

Game 3-- Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 11 a.m.

Game 4-- Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 1:30 p.m.

Game 5-- Winner Game 4 vs. Loser Game 3, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

Game 6-- Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 5, 12 noon

Game 7-- same teams (if necessary)

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ALBANY WINS AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE MEN'S TRACK & FIELD TITLE

Orono, Maine – **Jesse Bennett** won the 100-meter dash and was a member of the winning 4x100 relay in leading Albany to its first-ever America East Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championship on Sunday afternoon at Clarence Beckett Family Track and Field Complex. The Great Danes, who won the conference's indoor title in February, scored a league-record 230 points.

Bennett, the championship's Most Outstanding Track Performer, was clocked in 10.97 seconds to win the 100-dash, and was third in the 200-dash in 22.15. Bennett also teamed with **Shamere Boland**, **Rickardo Smith** and **Alix Rodriques** to post a winning time of 41.70 in the 4x100 relay.

Kristof Molnar repeated as the America East 800-meter champion, and reached the finish line in 1:51.28. **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) and **Joel Vazquez** (Amsterdam) were winners in the 110-hurdles and 400-hurdles, respectively. Roche, who was second in the long jump on the first day of competition, took the hurdles final in 14.61. Vazquez sprinted 53.35 seconds to beat Maine's Joel Evans.

Albany's **Aggrey Morris** won his team's sixth individual title of meet by running 47.82 in the 400-meter dash. **Kamar Elliott** and **Fred Frese**, a pair of cornerbacks on the school's football team, recorded second-place finishes in the triple jump and decathlon, respectively.

-agate-

Team Standings: 1. Albany 230, 2. Northeastern 158, 3. Maine 106, 4. New Hampshire 105, 5. Boston U. 102, 6. Binghamton 87, 7. Stony Brook 42, 8. Hartford 8.

ALBANY SECOND AT AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Orono, Maine – **Teresa Covert** was a double-winner in the 100-meter dash and 100-meter hurdles, as Albany placed second in the team standings at the America East Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships on Sunday afternoon at Clarence Beckett Family Track and Field Complex. Northeastern repeated in winning the team championship with 183.50 points.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Covert, who set two school records in first-day qualifying, won the 100-dash in 11.78 to defeat Northeastern's Ebony Jack by 23-hundredths of a second. Covert, an easy winner in the 100 hurdles with a time of 13.51 seconds, also anchored the 4x400 relay to a second-place showing in a school-record time of 3:53.16. **Jillian Sherman** (Academy of the Holy Names), **Tracy Estriplet** and **Rebecca Vannoy** were the other members of the relay.

Jennifer Aubin (Saratoga Springs) and Covert posted a two-three finish in the triple jump. Aubin was second with a leap of 40-feet, 6.75-inches, while Covert went 40-3.25. **Ricshara Knight** and **Patricia Diedrich** placed third and fourth, respectively, in the heptathlon.

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Team Standings: 1. Northeastern 183.50, 2. Albany 135, 3. Maine 125, 4. Vermont 114.50, 5. New Hampshire 98, 6. Boston U. 86, 7. Binghamton 52, 8. Stony Brook 51.

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ALBANY SPLITS A CONFERENCE BASEBALL DOUBLEHEADER WITH MAINE

Colonie, N.Y. – **Brad Daniels** singled and scored on a bases-loaded walk in the opener's seventh inning, as Albany split an America East Conference doubleheader with Maine on Sunday afternoon at Heritage Park. The Great Danes rallied to win the first contest, 3-2, but dropped the nightcap, 4-2.

In the second game, Maine (31-12, AE 12-4), which has won eight of its last nine, jumped on the board early with a run in each of the first two innings. **Brett Oullette** singled home **Aaron Izaryk** for the first run of the game, before Williams crossed home in the second on a double play off the bat of **Steve Gambale**. Center fielder **Mike Livulpi** delivered a two-run homer in the top of the fourth to increase the Maine advantage to 4-0.

Albany (16-26, AE 9-11), which fell to fifth in the conference standings with the loss, cut into the deficit with a run in the fifth, as Daniels, who doubled to start the inning, scored on a wild pitch. In the seventh, the UAlbany right fielder led off with hit his first career home run to make the score 4-2. After a Joe Lamb walk, Maine reliever **Adam Labelle**, the losing pitcher in game one, recorded the final three outs to earn his fourth save of the year.

Ryan Harris picked up his third win of the year, going the first four innings and allowing no runs on four hits. Albany's **Kyle Thomas** fell to 3-5 on the mound, as he gave up four runs, including three earned, and struck three in six innings.

In the opener, **Craig Farley** came off the bench and delivered a one-out walk with the bases loaded, as Albany came from behind to win. The Great Danes drew even at two apiece in the bottom of the sixth on an RBI single by **Jason Martin** and **Tony Vallone's** walk with the bases full. **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater) came on in relief to register the victory and even his record at 2-2. **Jeff Mazzola** went the first six innings, allowing two runs on five hits and striking out eight.

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(Game 1)

Maine	000	200	0	-	2	6	0
Albany	000	002	1	-	3	7	1

(one out when winning run scored)

Greg Norton, Adam Labelle (7) and Aaron Izaryk.

Jeff Mazzola, Shawn Ryan (6) and Fred Estes.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

(Game 2)

Maine (31-12, AE 12-4)	110	200	0	-	4	8	1
Albany (16-26, AE 9-11)	000	010	1	-	2	6	1

Ryan Harris, Greg Creek (5), Adam Labelle (7) and Aaron Izaryk.
 Kyle Thomas, Shawn Ryan (7) and Fred Estes.

BOSTON U. SWEEPS SOFTBALL TO WIN AMERICA EAST REGULAR-SEASON

Boston, Mass. – **Jennifer Shields** homered to lead off the ninth inning in the opener, as Boston University swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Albany on Sunday afternoon at BU Softball Field. The Terriers, who won the twinbill, 4-3 and 4-0, captured the conference's regular-season title and earned the No. 1 seed for next weekend's league tournament.

Albany (32-8, AE 17-4) built a 3-0 lead in the first game. **Liz Wieboldt** lined a run-scoring double into the left-field gap in the second inning. The Great Danes, who had won 11 straight entering the contest, tacked on single runs in the fourth and fifth.

Andrea Lindgren belted a solo homer, her first of the season, while **Jen Nolette** plated another runner with a ground out.

Boston U. (29-20, AE 17-3) rallied in its last at-bat to send the game to extra innings. **Tiffany Finateri** produced the first run with a double down the left-field line, before later scoring on an infielder's error. **DeKenya Williams** walked with two outs and the bases loaded to score **Julie Henneke** with the tying run.

In the ninth, Shields slugged her third home run of the year over the right-field fence. Lindgren, who fell to 18-4 overall on the mound, suffered her first loss this season against conference opposition. The Great Danes will be the No. 2 seed in the America East tournament.

Finateri dominated the nightcap with a three-hit shutout, her second of the spring. She struck out three and walked two to improve to 7-6 on the hill. First **baseman Liz Alley**, who had a pair of hits, delivered a RBI single in a two-run first inning. The Terriers, who have won 20 of their last 24 starts, scored twice in the sixth for insurance.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	010	110	000	-	3	8	4
Boston U.	000	000	301	-	4	10	0

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

Tiffany Finateri and Christy King.

(Game 2)

Albany (32-8, AE 17-4)	000	000	0	-	0	3	2
Boston U. (29-20, AE 17-3)	200	002	x	-	4	8	0

Kristin Couris and Ali Meacham.

Tiffany Finateri and Christy King.

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ALBANY SECOND AFTER FIRST DAY AT AMERICA EAST MEN'S TRACK MEET

Orono, Maine – University at Albany's **Naron Stewart** won the high jump and his team stands in second place after the first day of competition on Saturday at the America East Conference Men's Track & Field Championships at the Clarence Beckett Family Track and Field Complex.

Stewart, who also won the America East indoor crown, cleared the bar at 6-feet, 8-inches to win the Great Danes' lone individual title of the afternoon. **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) leaped 22-10 to take second in the long jump and was fourth in the high jump (6-4).

Andy Allstadt and **Rob Caracciolo** recorded a pair of second-place finishes in the 10,000-meter run and 3,000-steeplechase, respectively. **Chris Pierson** was third in the steeplechase, while **Shaun Empie** (Scotia-Glenville) and **Tim Best** (Granville Central) were fifth in their respective events. Empie went 14-5.50 in the pole vault, while Best threw 175-6 in the javelin.

The championship's second day begins with the triple jump final at 11:00 a.m. All America East event champions qualify for the NCAA Regional meet on May 30-31.

-agate-
America East Conference Men's Track & Field Championships
Team Standings (First Day)

1. Northeastern 65, 2. Albany 62, 3. New Hampshire 44, 4. Binghamton 39, 5. Maine 31.
6. Boston University 24, 7. Stony Brook 8.

ALBANY SIXTH AT AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S TRACK MEET AFTER FIRST DAY

Orono, Maine – University at Albany's **Teresa Covert** set two school records in qualifying and finished second in the long jump on Saturday at the America East Conference Women's Track & Field Championships at the Clarence Beckett Family Track and Field Complex. The Great Danes are sixth in the team standings after the first day of competition.

Covert shattered a 16-year-old UAlbany standard in the 100-meter dash preliminaries, when she sprinted 11.60 seconds. The time eclipsed the previous mark of 11.79 set by Winsome Foderingham in 1987. Covert broke the 100-meter hurdles record in qualifying with a time of 13.41. The Temple transfer also finished second in the long jump with a leap of 19-feet, 0.50-inches.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Megan Howell was third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 11:22.19, while **Trista Neinast** took sixth in the 10,000 with a time of 38:48.37. **Jillian Sherman** (Academy of the Holy Names) and **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs) were fifth and seventh, respectively, in the long jump. Sherman, a freshman, posted a mark of 18-3, while Aubin went 17-9.50.

The championship's second day begins with the high jump final at 11:00 a.m. All America East event champions qualify for the NCAA Regional meet on May 30-31.

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America East Conference Women's Track & Field Championships

Team Standings (First Day)

1. Vermont 47.5, 2. Maine 46, 3. Northeastern 38.5, 4. New Hampshire 34, 5. Boston University 28, 6. Albany 24, 7. Binghamton 11, 8. Stony Brook 5.

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SOFTBALL SWEEPS BOSTON U. TO TAKE OVER FIRST PLACE IN THE CONFERENCE

Boston, Mass. -- Freshman **Ali Meacham's** pinch-hit two-run double in the top of sixth gave Albany a sweep of an America East Conference doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at the Boston U. Softball Field. The Great Danes, who moved into first place with the two wins, took game one, 6-1, and came-from-behind in game two, 6-5.

Albany (32-6, AE 17-2), which has won 11 in a row and 18 of its last 20, trailed 5-3 entering the top of the sixth before rallying with three in the frame to take the lead. Megan Craft, who homered in the first game, brought home **Liz Weiboldt** with an RBI-single to cut the lead to 5-4. After a **Stacy Kowal** groundout advanced Craft and **Maegan Larsen** to second and third, respectively, Meacham doubled to left field to drive in the tying and winning runs and make a winner out of **Kristin Couris**, who is now 10-1. **Andrea Lindgren** pitched the final two innings, allowing just one hit to earn her fifth save of the year.

Boston U. (27-20, 15-3), the defending America East champions, had taken the lead in the bottom of the fifth, as **DeKenya Williams'** hit a grand slam over the fence in left center to give the Terriers their first lead of the afternoon.

In the opener, **Katrina Dunning** went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored and Lindgren won her 11th straight game to lead the Great Danes to the win. Craft broke a scoreless tie when she was hit-by-pitch with the bases loaded and Kowal drove in two, as Albany scored four in the fourth. Lindgren, who is undefeated in conference play with an 11-0 mark, went the distance and allowed one hit, a homer to **Tiffany Finateri**, to improve to 18-3 on the season.

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(Game 1)

Albany	000	411	0	-	6	6	0
Boston U.	000	000	0	-	1	1	1

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal

Julie Henneke and Christy King

(Game 2)

Albany (32-6, AE 17-2)	120	003	0	-	6	6	3
Boston U. (27-20, AE 15-3)	001	040	0	-	5	9	0

Kristin Couris, Andrea Lindgren (6) and Stacy Kowal

Erin McDonald, Tiffany Finateri (6) and Christy King

MAINE SWEEPS DOUBLEHEADER FROM ALBANY IN CONFERENCE PLAY

Colonie, N.Y. -- Sophomore catcher **Aaron Izaryk** went 3-for-4 with two runs scored in game two, as Maine swept Albany in an America East Conference doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Heritage Park. The Black Bears took the opener, 7-0, and rallied in the nightcap to win, 5-3.

Albany (15-25, AE 8-10), which has lost six of its last seven, scored a run in the second and two in the third to take a 3-2 lead. **Joe Lamb** stroked a single to left field in the third to plate **Brad Daniels** to tie the game at two. **Ryan Quintal's** throw to third sailed high and bounced into the stands allowing **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) to score and give the Great Danes the lead.

Maine (30-11, AE 11-3), which has won seven straight, tallied three runs in the sixth to take control of the game. Izaryk singled to open the inning, then came around to score on **Brett Oullette's** RBI double, which knotted the game at three. A sacrifice fly by Quintal helped the Black Bears regain the lead at 4-3. Oullette added an insurance run when he raced home on a two-out double by **Simon Williams**. **Mike MacDonald** improved to 5-4 on the season, allowing three runs, two earned, on three hits with five strikeouts in tossing a complete game.

In game one, **Steve Gambale** went 3-for-3 with two runs and two RBI to pace the Black Bears' attack. Gambale's single in the fifth broke a scoreless tie and he added another run-producing base hit in the sixth to chase Albany starter **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa). **Mike Collar** went the distance for Maine to record his second shut out of the season. He allowed four hits, all singles, and struck out seven to move to 7-2 on the season. **Mike Livupli**, **Alain Picard**, and **Joe Drapeau** each had two hits apiece.

The teams will complete the four-game series with a twinbill tomorrow beginning at noon at Heritage Park.

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(Game 1)

Maine	000	025	0	-	7	13	0
Albany	000	000	0	-	0	4	1

Mike Collar and Aaron Izaryk

Adam Kroft, Roman Dubiel (6), Ethan Vaiana (6) and Jason Martin

(Game 2)

Maine (29-11, AE 10-3)	200	003	0	-	5	7	1
Albany (15-24, AE 8-9)	012	000	0	-	3	3	2

Mike MacDonald and Aaron Izaryk

Steve Emmerthal and Jason Martin

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TRINA PATTERSON NAMED ASSISTANT COACH ON WOMEN'S PAN AMERICAN TEAM

Colorado Springs, Colo. -- The 2003 USA Basketball Women's Pan American Games Team coaching staff was completed with the addition of a pair of collegiate head coaches, Indiana University's **Kathi Bennett** and University at Albany's (N.Y.) **Trina Patterson**. The two will serve as assistant coaches to previously named USA head coach, University of Virginia's Debbie Ryan, USA Basketball announced today.

The selections were made by the USA Basketball Women's Collegiate Committee, chaired by University of Texas Senior Associate Athletics Director for Men's and Women's Athletics **Chris Plonsky**. The Pan American Games, held every four years in the year prior to the Olympics and organized by the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO), is a multi-sport competition open to men and women representing countries from North, South and Central America and the Caribbean. This summer the Pan American Games will be held Aug. 1-17, with the women's basketball competition slated for Aug. 2-9, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The field of participants for the women's basketball competition, which will include teams from six nations, is not yet known.

The 2003 USA Basketball Women's National Team Trials, which will be used to select the 12-member USA Women's Pan American Games Team, will be held May 22-25 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Training for the USA Pan Am squad is expected to begin approximately July 15 at a site to be announced.

"It will be an honor and a privilege to work with Kathi Bennett and Trina Patterson on the Pan Am staff," said Ryan. "Kathi is arising star in our profession and I have admired her teams for their hustle and determination. Trina is a special member of this staff because she has international experience that will be valuable during our competition in the Dominican Republic. Both Trina and Kathi will contribute in all aspects of the game as we compete for a gold medal."

The University at Albany's Patterson is a familiar face to USA Basketball after serving on the coaching staff as an assistant for the 1998 USA R. William Jones Cup Team that competed in Taipei, Taiwan, and Beijing, China. The gold-medal-winning squad's roster included current WNBA players Edwina Brown, Erin Buescher, 2002 World Championship gold medalist Tamika Catchings, Summer Erb, Becky Hammon, Lynn Pride, Semeka Randall and Tamika Whitmore.

"Having prior experience with USA Basketball allows me to say that this opportunity is both very grand and unique," said Patterson, whose husband, Carl, is an active Master Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps after 19 years of service. "Working with both outstanding players and coaches along with representing our country during these sensitive times will make this experience extra special."

She joins Ryan on the USA Pan Am staff after playing for her at the University of Virginia. Patterson earned four varsity letters (1983-84 to 1986-87) and was a member of four consecutive NCAA Tournament teams. The Cavaliers captured three Atlantic Coast Conference

regular season titles and won 20 or more games in each season of her tenure. In her senior season as team captain, Virginia posted a 26-5 record and reached the NCAA's regional semifinals. The Cavaliers ended the season ranked 10th by *USA Today* and 11th in the Associated Press polls.

"It is a privilege to work with one of the best coaches in our nation. Debbie Ryan is a phenomenal motivator and teacher and I look forward to assisting and learning from her."

On May 6, 2002, a new era in the University at Albany Women's basketball program began when Albany announced the hiring of Patterson as women's head basketball coach. Patterson, who brought nine years of Division I head coaching experience to the position, was named as the ninth coach in the Albany basketball program's history.

In her first year at the helm of the Great Danes, Patterson led the team to the school's second-best mark (9-18) since joining Division I in 1999. The nine victories were a five-win improvement from the previous year and the team had a winning record (7-6) at home for the first time since the 1999-2000 season. In addition, the team captured its first two America East Conference wins and for the first time Albany had players named to the All-America East teams. Prior to arriving at Albany, Patterson served as the head basketball coach at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va., for eight seasons (1991-92 through 1998-99). She took over a program that fought to establish an identity in the Colonial Athletic Association, and had not experience a winning season at the Division I level. By her third year, Patterson guided the team to a 20-8 record and a third-place finish in the conference standings. She was voted as the 1993-94 CAA Coach of the Year, and the squad established single season records in scoring average and assists. During the previous campaign, the Tribe advanced to the championship game of the 1992 CAA Tournament. Patterson, who mentored five all-conference players, remains the school's all-time winningest coach.

In 1999-2000, Patterson spent one year as the head coach at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

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TANYA JAMES SIGNS WITH UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FOR 2003-04

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today that **Tanya James** has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Great Danes in 2003-04.

James, a 5-foot-7 guard from Toronto, Ontario, averaged 25 points per game for Albert Campbell Collegiate Institute this past season. James led the team in scoring as well as in steals and assists and was named the team's most valuable player. In addition, she has guided her team to the city championship the last four years.

"Tanya James is an extremely talented student-athlete," Patterson stated. "She plays with intensity, loves to compete and win and has untapped potential. I am looking forward to seeing her develop into an outstanding basketball player as well as a model citizen during her years at Albany."

James, who's top output this year was 35 points, earned an all-star selection at the Seneca College high school tournament. Prior to the season, she was named one of the top-five players in the Central Ontario region by the *Toronto Sun*. James attended the Nike All-Canada Camp as a ninth grader.

UAlbany previously signed Lyndsay Clark, a 6-foot-2 forward/center from Dixfield, Maine (Dirigo H.S.), and Nicole Scipione, a 5-foot-11 guard from State College, Pa. (State College H.S.), during the early signing period last November. Both players led their teams to the state championships during the spring, with Clark taking home the crown.