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### GREAT DANES FALL ON THE ROAD TO IOWA STATE 76-64

Ames, Iowa - Jiri Hubalek had 22 points and Wesley Johnson added 20 as Iowa State pulled away in the second half for a 76-64 victory over UAlbany on Sunday evening before 13,330 fans at Hilton Coliseum.

The Cyclones, who have won five of their last six outings, led 37-33 early in the final period, but then took control with 15 straight points. Johnson, a 6'7" sophomore, did all of the damage in that stretch. He buried three consecutive 3-pointers from the left corner, right wing and left wing. He then converted a conventional three-point play and drilled another long-range shot for a 52-33 advantage with 14:15 remaining.

"The first four minutes of the second half we turned the ball over on three consecutive possessions," said UAlbany head coach Will Brown. "The lead went to double figures immediately. (Wesley) Johnson got into a shooting rhythm and played with confidence. They are huge upfront. But I thought our freshman played with confidence, especially in the second half."

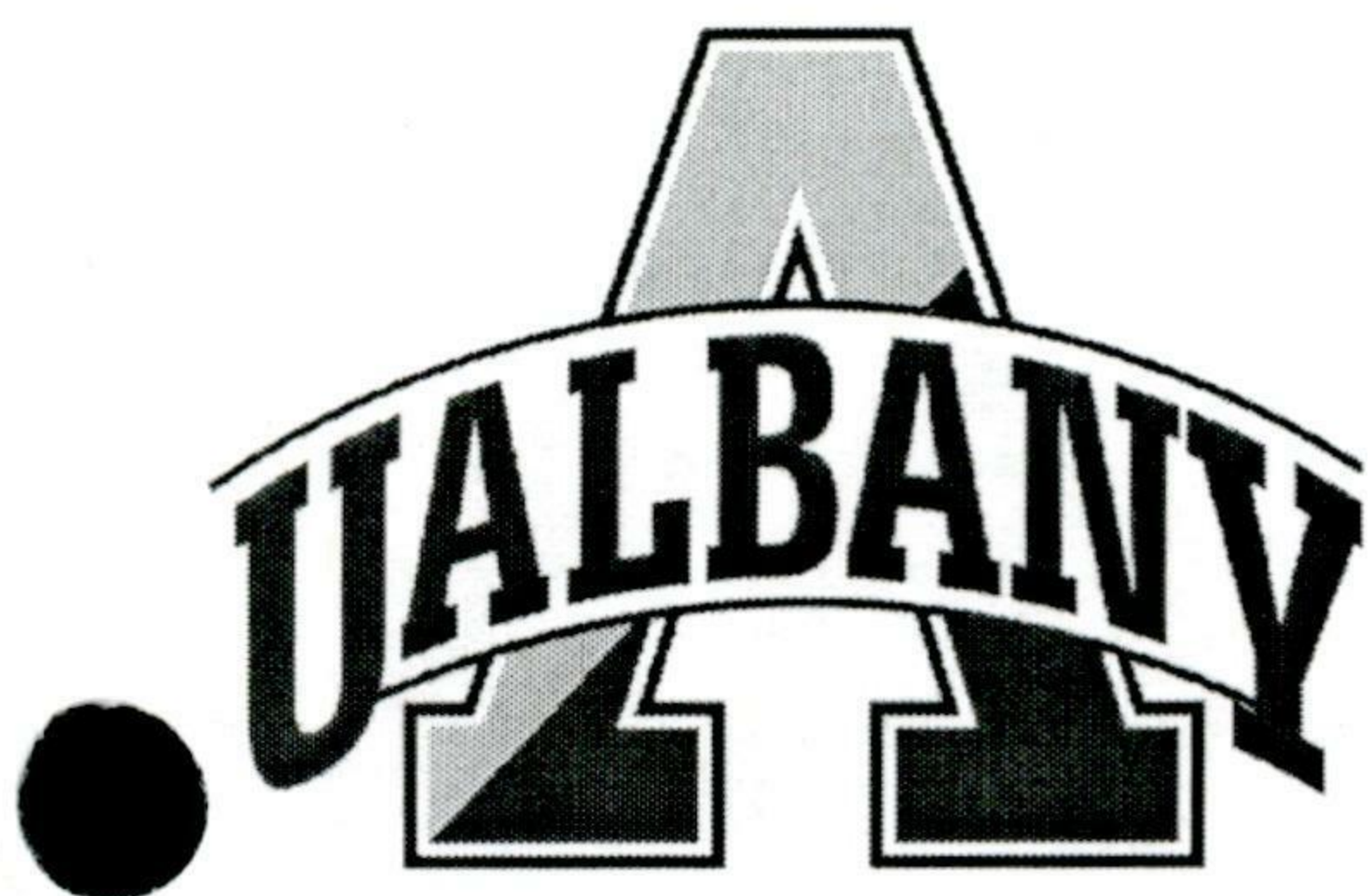
UAlbany (5-7) closed the margin to eight on three separate occasions after that point. Brent Wilson, one of two lowans returning to his home state, fueled the last run. Wilson, who had 12 points, including the 1,000th of his career, drained a three-pointer from the top of the arc, before Jon Iati's two free throws sliced the deficit to 62-54 with 5:03 to play. However, Iowa State (8-5) pushed the lead back to double figures when Hubalek split a pair of free throws and made a turnaround in the lane. He added 10 rebounds and three blocks.

"This was a great experience," explained Wilson, a senior tri-captain. "To have that many friends and family turn out was overwhelming. I know both Brian (Lillis) and I appreciate it. It seems that we continually dig ourselves a hole. We need to limit our opponents' runs; they can't be 10 or 11 points."

Lillis, a native of the Des Moines area, led UAlbany with 13 points and grabbed six rebounds. He has reached twin figures in 11 of 12 games this season. Tim Ambrose came off the bench to add 10 for the Great Danes, who begin conference play on Jan. 3. Rahshon Clark was the third ISU player in double digits with 12 points.

Iowa State leaped to an 11-5 lead when Hubalek scored in the lane off a lob pass. The 6-foot-10 center had 13 first-half points. UAlbany came back with nine unanswered to take its first lead, as Iati made a three-point field goal from the left corner. The game seesawed the rest of the period. The Great Danes broke a 20-20 deadlock when Wilson hit a jumper after grabbing an offensive rebound and Josh Martin sank two free throws. But the Cyclones tallied 12 of the half's final 16 points. Hubalek and Diante Garrett each made a pair of foul shots to put their team ahead at the break.

"Turnovers against a Big 12 team lead to big baskets," said Lillis, the Great Danes leading-scorer at 13.3 points per game. "They just kept dropping in shots over-and-over again. Playing these kinds of teams on the road is great for us, as long as we keep getting better."



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### **SANDERS LEADS UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVER ST. FRANCIS, 70-63**

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward Gia Sanders recorded her third double-double of the season, with a career-high 18 points and a game-high 11 rebounds in leading UAlbany to a 70-63 win over St. Francis, N.Y. in women's basketball action on Friday evening at SEFCU Arena.

UAlbany (2-11) jumped out to a seven-point lead, 15-8, on a Charity Iromuanya layup with 15:35 on the clock in the first half. St. Francis (3-9) embarked on a 15-2 stretch to take a 23-17 advantage with two free throws by Kristen Miah with 8:36 to play. After two made free throws by Janea Aiken gave the Great Danes a 34-33 lead with 29 seconds on the clock, Iromuanya stole the ball from Miah to hold onto the halftime advantage for UAlbany.

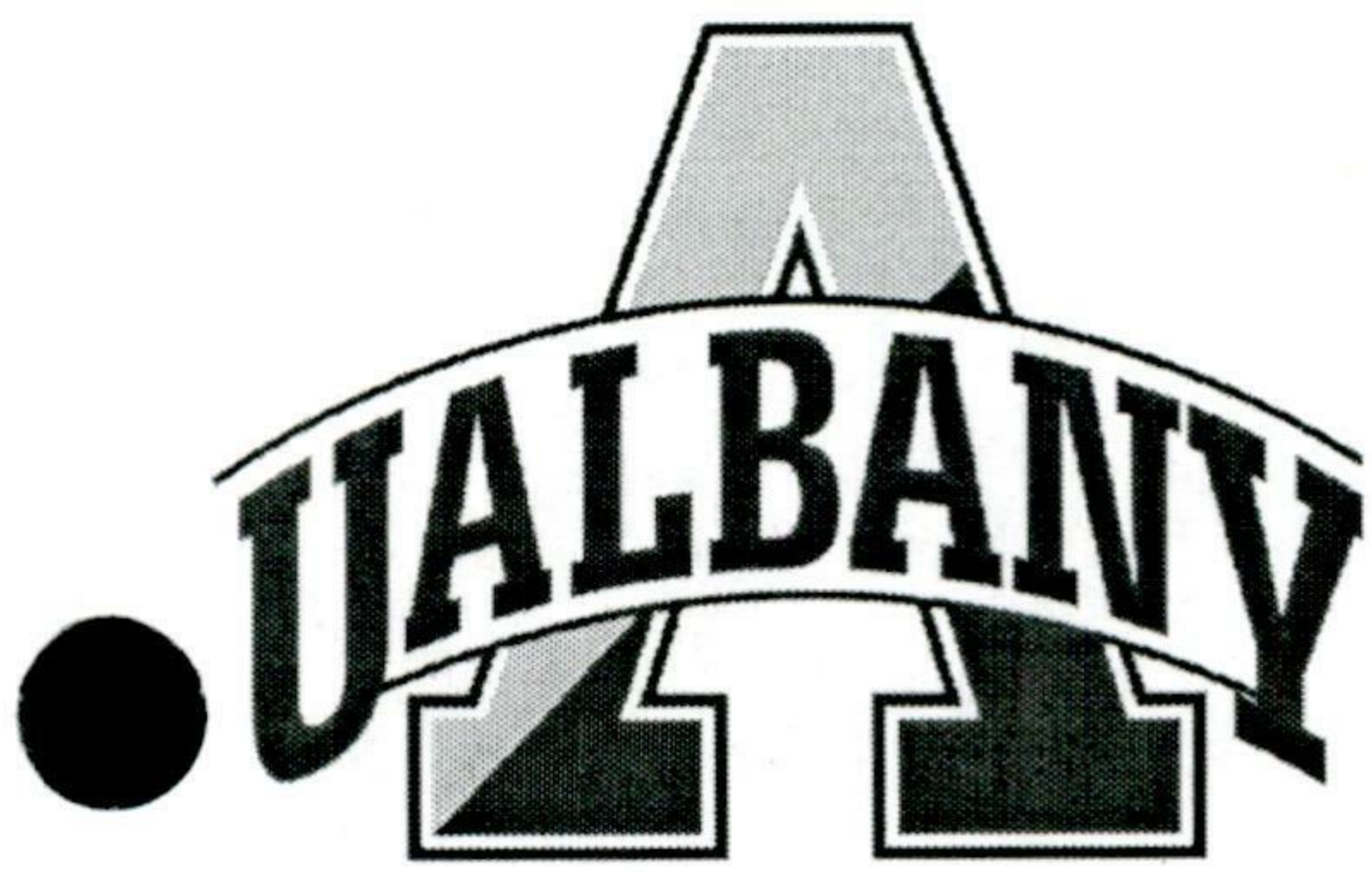
The Great Danes, who broke a nine-game skid with the win, used a 15-2 run in the second half to build up a 61-46 lead with 5:22 left to play. St. Francis cut the lead back to single digits, pulling within 62-53 on two foul shots by Katja Bavendam, who finished with 20 points and 11 boards for the Terriers. UAlbany used strong foul shooting down the stretch, as Sanders, Britney McGee and Iromuanya hit six straight from the line as time wound down.

"This was one of our must-wins," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson. "Confidence is key, along with getting on a roll heading into conference play. If we continue to play the way we have played the last two games, we are going to get some wins against our conference opponents."

Sanders, who recorded her 500th career rebound in the game, also finished with four steals, three blocks and two assists en route to being named the America East Player of the Game. McGee shot 5-of-9 from beyond the 3-point line to finish with 18 points to stretch her double-digit scoring streak to five straight games. Iromuanya also reached double figures for the Great Danes, adding 11 points, four steals and two assists.

Tiffany Hill led all players with 24 points and seven rebounds, playing all 40 minutes for St. Francis. Miah, who went 4-for-4 from the charity stripe, added nine points, four boards and a game-high five assists.

UAlbany will have an eight-day layoff before starting conference play in the New Year, visiting New Hampshire on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 1 p.m.



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## **ANTHONY THOMAS HELPS BOISE STATE RALLY PAST UALBANY, 74-68, AT SEFCU ARENA**

Albany, N.Y. – Anthony Thomas scored 11 of his 15 points in the final four minutes of play as Boise State rallied for a 74-68 victory over UAlbany in a non-conference matchup on Saturday evening at SEFCU Arena.

UAlbany (5-6) built a 51-37 advantage with 16:32 remaining when Brian Lillis hit a slam dunk off a steal by Jerel Hastings. Boise State (8-3) responded with an 11-3 run to get back into the contest. Tyler Tiedeman, who had 14 points, buried a three-point field goal from the left corner and scored off a duck-under move in the lane to begin the run. Reggie Larry, a 6-foot-6 senior who had 22 points and 12 rebounds, slammed home a pair of baskets to close the gap to 54-48.

The Great Danes, who had won 20 of their last 22 home games, were still ahead 62-57 when Hastings drilled a baseline jumper. But Thomas, who made 5-of-7 from the floor, went to work down the stretch. He gave the Broncos the lead for good at with a 16-foot jumper in the circle and then converted a drive for a 68-65 lead.

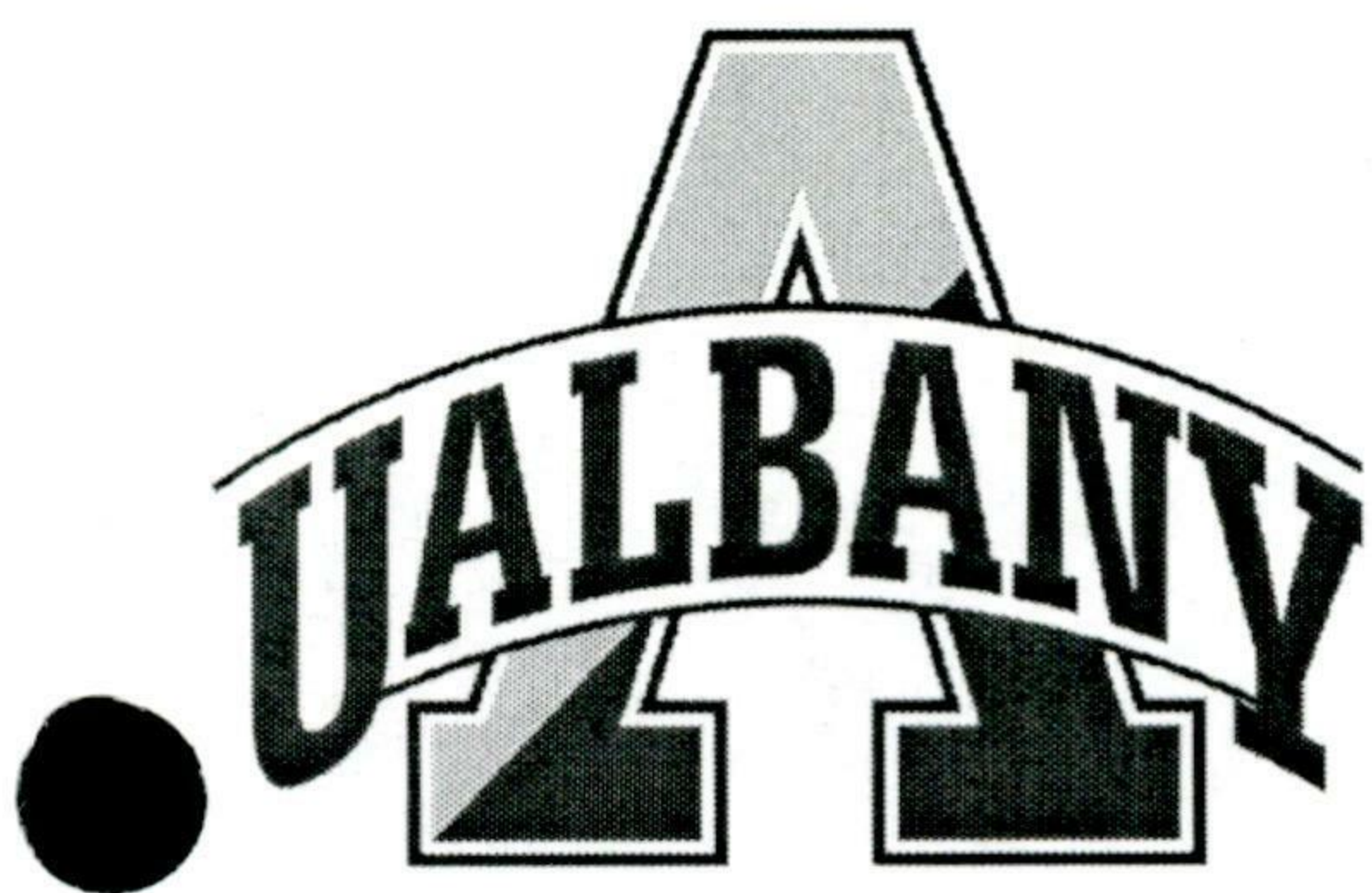
Lillis, a 6'5" senior who led the Great Danes with 16 points, sliced the margin to one with a 12-footer on the left baseline off the dribble. Thomas, the Western Athletic Conference's top freshman last year, answered with a layup off a back-door cut and Paul Noonan sank a pair of free throws for a 72-67 cushion with 28.2 seconds to play.

"We knew it was going to be a hard-fought and we were going to have to play 40 minutes," said Thomas, who hit the game winning shot in last year's 83-82 BracketBusters victory over UAlbany. "They bumped us and were physical. I knew the lanes would open up later in the game when they were expected the ball to go inside."

In the first half, each team was hot from the field at better than 50 percent. Boise State led 21-20 on a slam dunk in transition by Larry, who scored 12 in the period. UAlbany went back ahead on Brian Connelly's foul-line jumper. The Great Danes still led 36-34, but then tallied eight of the game's next 10 points. Lillis had a pair of baskets, while Jon Iati canned a three-pointer from right of the key in that sequence.

Freshman guard Josh Martin had all 15 of his points in the opening half and added six assists for the Great Danes, who shot just 30.8 percent from the field in the final stanza. The Broncos, who had not played since Dec. 13, have now won five of six road games this season.

"We lost to a very good team," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team was coming off a loss to Duke, the nation's sixth-ranked squad. "We had them on the ropes and we let them get out of here with a win. I am disappointed that our team lacked both communication and execution over the last five minutes."



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## MARIST HOLDS OFF UALBANY, 75-71, IN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT SEFCU ARENA

Albany, N.Y. -- Rachele Fitz matched a career-high with 28 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as Marist held off UAlbany, 75-71, on Saturday afternoon at SEFCU Arena. The Red Foxes, who were coming off a 10-day layoff, have won 11 of their last 12 games.

Marist (11-2) led 45-43 early in the second half, but then ran off 13 of the game's next 16 points. Fitz, who made 9-of-15 from the field and 10-of-10 from the line, connected on a three-point play when she was fouled on a reverse layup to begin that outburst. She added a pair of baskets in that span after collecting offensive rebounds. Sarah Smrdel was later fouled as she drilled a three-point field goal from the top of the arc. Her four-point play handed the Red Foxes a 58-46 lead with 11:07 remaining.

UAlbany (1-11) responded with an 11-2 run to get back into the contest. Gia Sanders, who had 10 points and four rebounds, scored on a left-baseline cut, before Britney McGee canned a 3-pointer following a steal that sliced the deficit to 60-57 with 9:14 left. McGee, a sophomore guard, finished with 17 points, six rebounds and three steals.

The Great Danes, who have dropped nine straight, including three of their last four outings by four points or less, trimmed the lead to 68-67 with 1:11 to play when McGee split a pair of free throws. Marist's Nikki Flores sank a 16-foot jumper in the circle to beat the shot clock on her team's next possession. After Meg Dahlman's tipped a Sanders' pass, Flores recovered the loose ball and made two foul shots that sealed the outcome. Flores was one of three Marist players in double figures with 16 points.

"We played well against another talented team," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose squad shot a season-high 49.2 percent from the floor. "It's tough when you look at our overall record, but we need to erase the past and stay positive. We just have to put it all together and we will be fine in the second semester."

The Red Foxes jumped out to a 20-13 lead over the opening seven-plus minutes. Fitz, a 6-foot sophomore, converted a three-point play when she was fouled on a baseline turnaround and then made two free throws to give her team its biggest lead of the period. UAlbany took its first lead at 24-22 when Joy Sterling scored in the lane.

Freshman Janea Aiken extended the Great Danes' advantage to 34-29 when she made a bank shot in transition. But the Red Foxes, who reached the NCAA Sweet Sixteen last year, rallied with seven unanswered. Julianne Viani, who netted a season-best 21 points, made one of her three 3-pointers, before Fitz hit two free throws to put her team ahead.

"I was happy that we came out aggressive, especially on offense," explained Mikus, who had a season-high 10 points and seven rebounds off the bench against the team favored to win the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title. "We shot ourselves in the foot with the way we rebounded. We played the whole game and never gave up."



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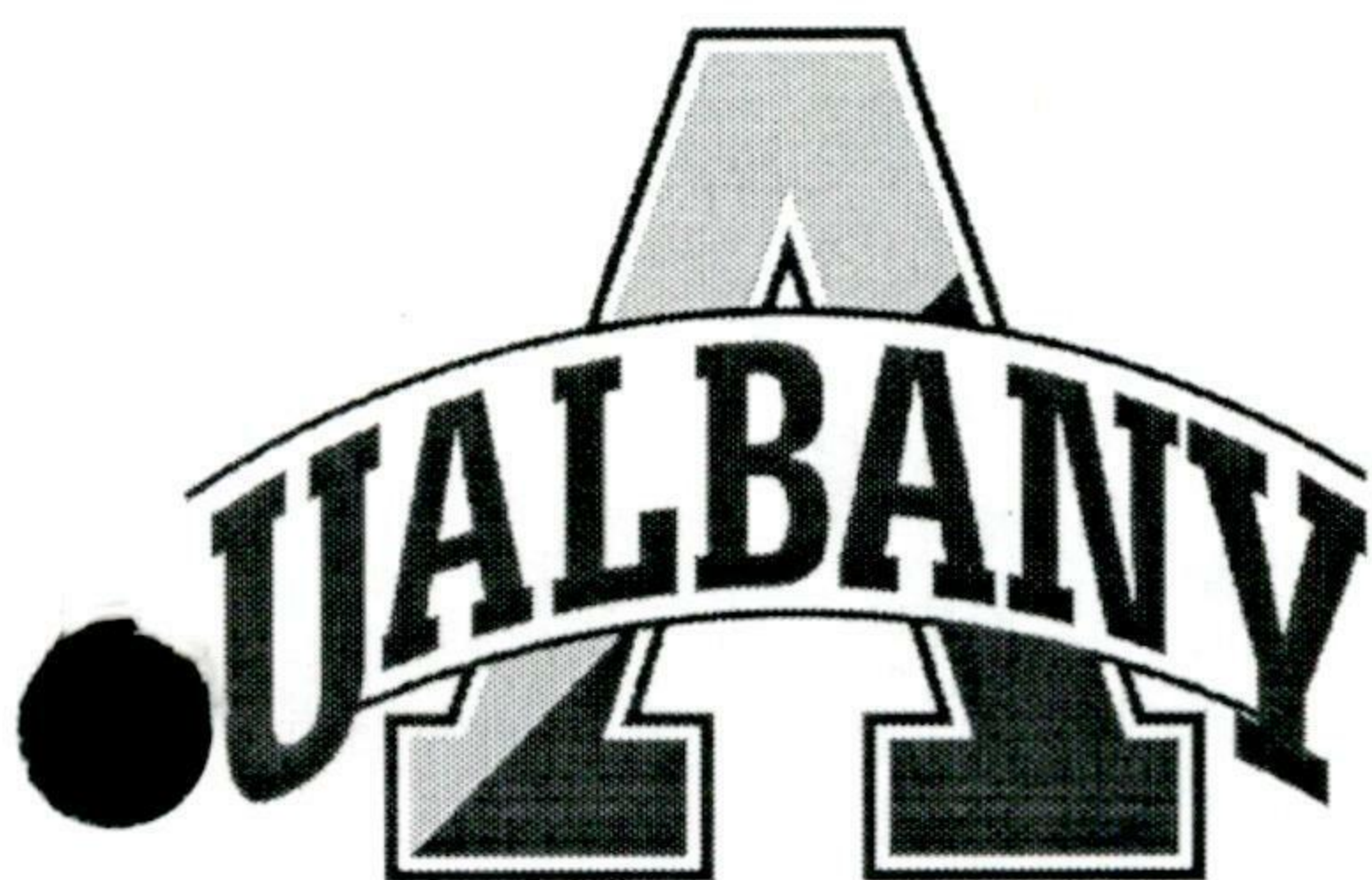
### **MICHAEL DUNGEY ON COLLEGE SPORTING NEWS FCS ALL-AMERICA SQUAD**

Chicago, Ill. -- University at Albany's Michael Dungey has been named to the College Sporting News 2007 Fabulous 50 FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) All-America Team. In all, 37 teams and 13 conferences are represented on the squad.

Dungey, a 6-foot-2, 275-pound defensive lineman, was the lone player from the Northeast Conference chosen. He earned all-conference recognition for the third consecutive year, including his second first-team selection. Dungey, who received the team's most valuable player award earlier this month, made 44 tackles, broke up two passes and recovered one fumble. He led the team in tackles for a loss (11.5) and was second in sacks (5.5).

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Dungey played both tackle and end on UAlbany's defensive line this season. In 45 career games, he totaled 125 tackles, including 31.0 for a loss and 11.5 sacks. The senior tri-captain led a defensive unit that ranked 17th in scoring (19.4 ppg), 19th in rushing defense (118.3 ypg) and 27th in total defense (334.0 ypg) among the Division I FCS national leaders.

UAlbany captured the Northeast Conference championship, its third league title since 2002, and made a Gridiron Classic appearance this season. The Great Danes matched their best record at the Division I FCS level with an 8-4 mark.



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## UALBANY FALLS TO RICHMOND, 73-62, IN NON-CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ACTION

Richmond, Va. – Johanna McKnight scored 23 points, including four shots from 3-point range to lead Richmond to a 73-62 win over UAlbany in non-conference women's basketball action at the Robins Center on Wednesday afternoon.

UAlbany jumped out to an early 4-0 lead to start the game, but Richmond scored eight straight points behind two 3-pointers by McKnight and Brittani Shells to take an 8-4 lead at 16:06. Britney McGee dropped a trey of her own at 15:40 to pull the Great Danes back within one, but McKnight hit her second shot from behind the arc at 15:18 to give the Spiders an 11-7 advantage at 14:15.

The Great Danes battled back, pulling within one, 15-14, at 11:37 as Gia Sanders, who hit a jumper on the previous possession, blocked a Richmond shot and gathered the rebound, dishing the ball off to McGee on the fast break. McGee, who would finish 5-7 from behind the arc, drained a trey at 10:52 to give the Great Danes a 17-15 lead.

Richmond took a 20-17 lead on a 3-pointer by Shells at 9:29, but UAlbany would score on back-to-back possessions to take a 23-22 advantage with 7:00 left to play. The teams would exchange baskets for the remainder of the period, as both teams would shoot 48 percent from the floor in the half. Richmond's Kara Powell converted a conventional 3-point play with 1.4 seconds left to give the Spiders a 35-34 lead heading into the halftime break.

Richmond scored the first points of the second half courtesy of a jumper and free throw from forward Christina Champion, taking a 38-34 lead with 19:27 on the clock. After the Spiders took a 41-38 advantage with 7:38 remaining, UAlbany would score four unanswered points to take a 42-41 lead, but Crystal Goring would respond for Richmond, putting the Spiders back in front by one with 15:00 to play.

McKnight and Danielle Bell dropped back-to-back 3-pointers to extend Richmond's lead to 49-42 with 12:55 left. The Spiders would continue to build upon that lead, taking a 55-42 advantage before McGee would break UAlbany's scoring drought with a three of her own at 10:33. The Great Danes would get baskets from TaNika Thrower and Sanders to pull within 55-49 with 9:08 remaining.

Richmond would then embark on an 11-0 run, holding the Great Danes scoreless for almost five minutes before Sherri Mikus hit a jumper in the lane to cut the Spiders' lead to 66-51 at 4:14. UAlbany would outscore the Spiders 8-3 over the next two minutes to pull within 10, 69-59, before Shells hit two free throws to put Richmond back up 12 with under 30 seconds left to play. McGee and Janea Aiken dropped 3-pointers on consecutive possessions to cut the lead to nine with 28 ticks on the clock. However, the Spiders, who went 6-for-6 from the charity stripe in the final minute of play, got two more points from McKnight from the line at 14.4 to set the final deficit.

"We played 20 minutes of excellent basketball," said Great Danes head coach Trina Patterson. "We executed well, shot well, and we had excellent post play. This was a very good Richmond team. The effort was there on our part, we just didn't play for 40 minutes. Our long term goal is still conference play."

McGee tied her career-high in points, scoring 19. Sanders and Kristin Higy each posted double-doubles in the defeat for UAlbany. Sanders tallied 13 points and added 12 rebounds, while Higy scored 10 points to accompany a game-high 15 boards.

McKnight scored a game-high 23 points for the Spiders to go along with six steals. Champion finished with 10 points and Shells had 14 to round out the double-digit scorers.

The Great Danes will return to the court on Saturday, Dec. 22 when they host Marist at 2 p.m. at SEFCU Arena.



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## GREAT DANES RANKED NO. 12 IN LACROSSE MAGAZINE PRESEASON POLL

Baltimore, Md. – *Lacrosse* magazine released today the national publication's preseason college rankings. UAlbany is listed No. 12 in a poll that was compiled by the magazine's staff after consultations with coaches. Duke was tabbed as the preseason favorite to capture the NCAA Division I men's championship.

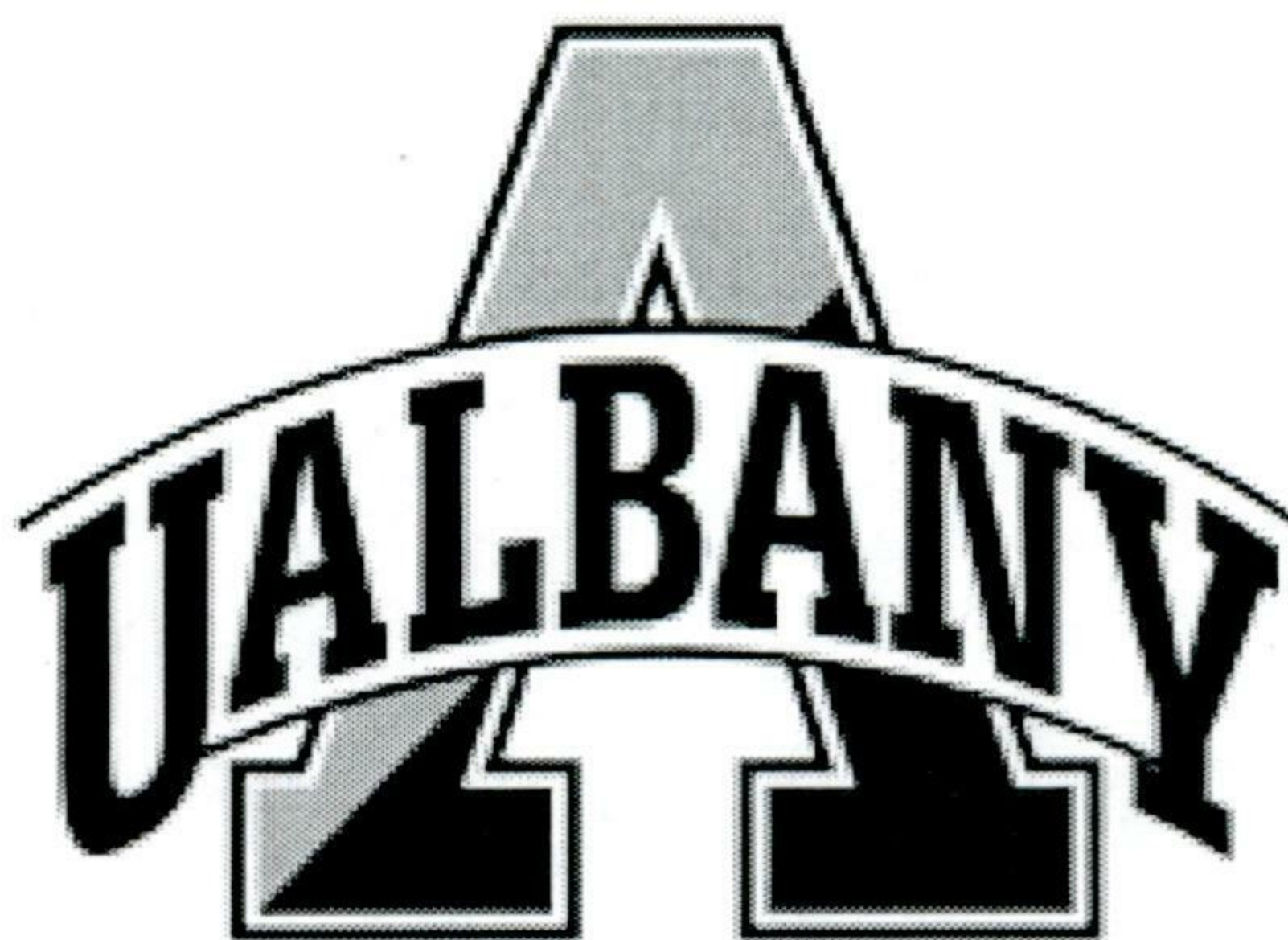
Eight teams on the UAlbany's 2008 schedule are ranked in the preseason top 20. Johns Hopkins (#3), Notre Dame (#5), Princeton (#6) and Syracuse (#9) are among the top teams. Delaware (#13), Massachusetts (#14), Yale (#19) and Drexel (#20) are also featured in the poll.

UAlbany made its fourth NCAA appearance in the last five years by winning the America East Conference championship in 2007. The Great Danes, who finished 15-3 overall, dropped a 12-11 overtime decision to top-ranked Cornell in the quarterfinal round. The NCAA matchup was rated last season's top game by *Lacrosse* magazine. UAlbany returns 24 letterwinners off that squad, including USILA All-America midfielder Jordan Levine and honorable mention All-America goalkeeper Brett Queener. The Great Danes were ranked 10th in last year's final USILA national poll.

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### Lacrosse Magazine Preseason Division I Rankings

1. Duke, 2. Virginia, 3. Johns Hopkins, 4. Georgetown, 5. Notre Dame, 6. Princeton, 7. Cornell, 8. Maryland, 9. Syracuse, 10. North Carolina, 11. Towson, 12. Albany, 13. Delaware, 14. Massachusetts, 15. Colgate, 16. Bucknell, 17. Navy, 18. Ohio State, 19. Yale, 20. Drexel.



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## UALBANY ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULE FOR 2008 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the school's women's lacrosse schedule for the 2008 season. The Great Danes, who reached the America East Conference tournament championship for the first time in the program's history last season, will play six games against conference opponents. The non-league schedule features three teams who made last year's NCAA Tournament field in North Carolina, Syracuse and Vanderbilt.

UAlbany begins its ninth season at the NCAA Division I level on Saturday, Feb. 23 against North Carolina. The Tar Heels, who posted a 16-5 record, reached the NCAA quarterfinals and finished fourth in the national polls. Syracuse and Vanderbilt will both travel to UAlbany's John Fallon Field in April. The Orange also reached the NCAA quarterfinal round, but are now coached by former SU men's standout Gary Gait. Katie Rowan, a first-team All-American, leads a program that was ranked seventh nationally last year. Vanderbilt placed No. 10 in the final IWLCA national poll. The Commodores, who went 11-6 overall, feature two All-America players in Margie Curran and Sasha Cielak.

In addition to Syracuse (April 2) and Vanderbilt (April 13), the Great Danes will play non-conference home games with Colgate, Le Moyne, Siena and Longwood. UAlbany has non-league road dates with Harvard, Marist and St. Bonaventure. Three America East opponents in Boston University, Binghamton and Stony Brook will invade the Capital Region. The Terriers, who play here on March 22, captured last year's conference title for the third year in a row to earn an automatic NCAA berth and were ranked No. 20 by Inside Lacrosse. The America East Conference postseason tournament, slated for April 25-27, will be held at the highest seed's home facility.

Lindsey Hart, who has led the program to eight wins in each of her first two seasons as head coach, has 11 letterwinners returning from last year's squad. The Great Danes lost the program's all-time scorer, but return four players who totaled 20 or more points. Kayla Best, a sophomore midfielder, earned second-team All-America East recognition with 32 goals and 10 assists. Sophomore attacker Christine Grueniger added 28 goals and three assists and was a member of the conference's all-rookie team. Senior Brittany Scott (16 goals, 5 assists) and junior Rory Redmond (17 goals, 3 assists) are proven midfielders. UAlbany's incoming class features three first-team U.S. Lacrosse high school All-Americans in Tee Ladouceur, Nikki Branchini and Jodi Battaglia, plus five other newcomers who were selected in the honorable mention category.

### 2008 University at Albany Women's Lacrosse Schedule

February - 23 (Sat.), at North Carolina, 1:00.

March - 1 (Sat.), at Marist, 3:00; 3 (Mon.), at Siena, 3:30; 5 (Wed.), at Harvard, 4:00; 9 (Sun.), **Le Moyne**, 1:00; 11 (Tue.), **Colgate**, 7:00; 16 (Sun.), at St. Bonaventure, 1:00; 22 (Sat.), **Boston U.\***, 6:00; 26 (Wed.), at UMBC\*, 7:30; 30 (Sun.), **Longwood**, 11:00 a.m.

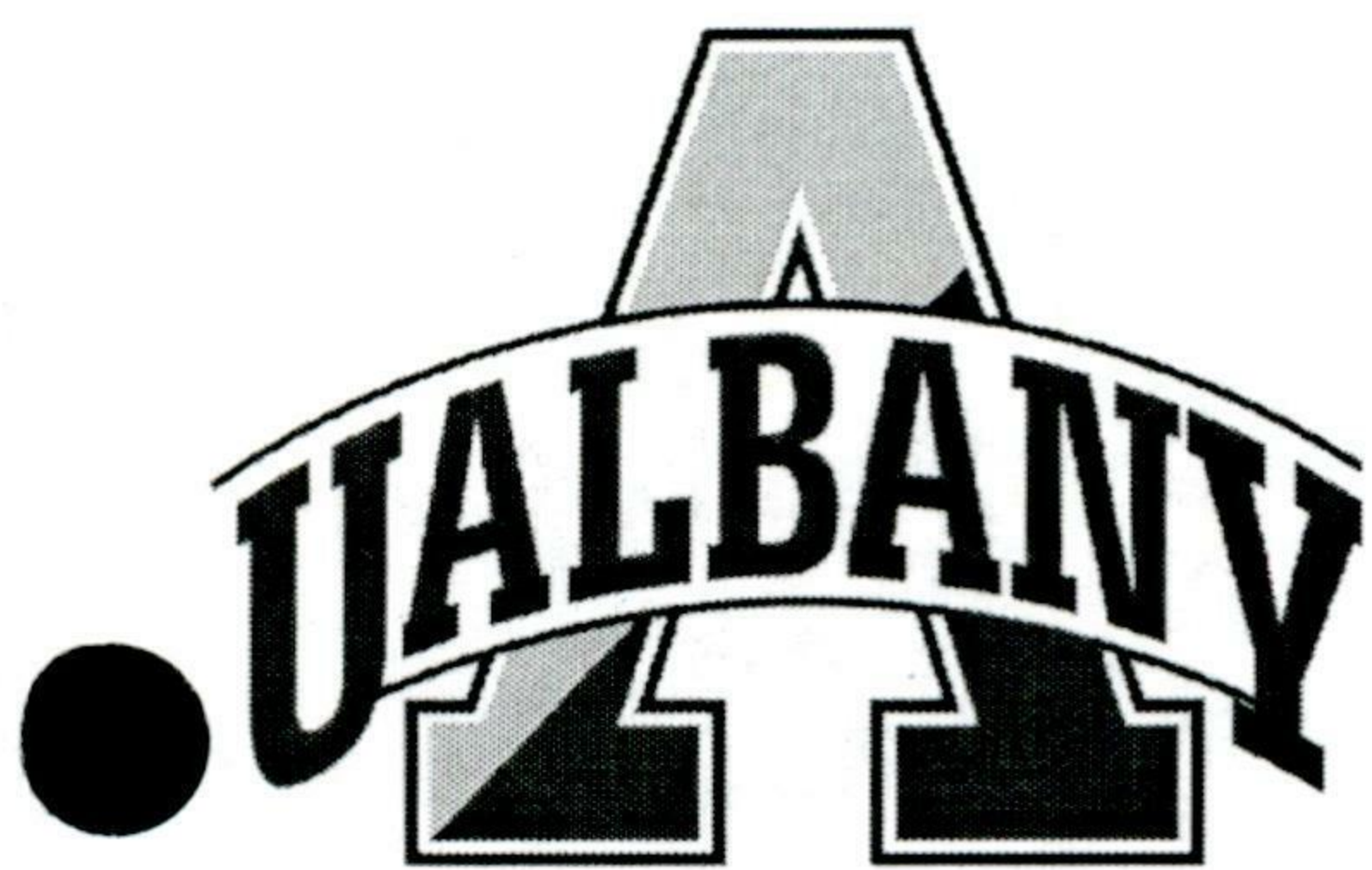
April - 2 (Wed.), **Syracuse**, 4:00; 5 (Sat.), at Vermont\*, 1:00; 9 (Wed.), **Binghamton\***, 7:00; 13 (Sun.), **Vanderbilt**, 12:00; 16 (Wed.), at New Hampshire\*, 3:00; 19 (Sat.), **Stony Brook\***, 1:00; 25 (Fri.), at America East Conference Tournament+; 27 (Sun.), at America East Conference Tournament+.

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### UALBANY ANNOUNCES DEFENDING A-EAST CHAMPION SOFTBALL 2008 SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced on Tuesday, Dec. 18 the school's softball schedule for the 2008 season. The Great Danes, who reached the NCAA Tournament after capturing their third consecutive America East Conference tournament championship last year, will play a three-game series against seven conference opponents. The non-league schedule features tournaments at Stetson, Winthrop and Georgia.

UAlbany begins its ninth season at the NCAA Division I level on Friday, Feb. 29 in DeLand, Fla. against Western Michigan, Maine and host Stetson, which reached the NCAAs in 2007 for the first time after winning the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament. The Great Danes travel to Rock Hill, S.C. the weekend of March 14-16 for the Winthrop/adidas Invitational. UAlbany's pool will include Fairfield, UNC-Wilmington, Ohio and North Carolina A&T. The following weekend, UAlbany travels to Athens, Ga. for the Georgia Spring Fling against Kent State and the host Bulldogs. The Great Danes also visit Kennesaw State of the Atlantic Sun Conference. The Owls were the Atlantic Sun regular-season champions last season.

The Great Danes open up America East play at home with Binghamton on March 29-30. Conference opponents UMBC, Vermont, Maine and Boston University will also visit Albany Field. UAlbany hit the road to face Hartford and Stony Brook. The Great Danes will also host non-conference foes Siena and Marist, while also playing at Manhattan and Siena.

UAlbany posted a 35-17 record last season en route to winning a third straight America East Conference Tournament Championship and playing in the NCAA Hempstead Regional at Hofstra University. The Great Danes recorded the program's first-ever wins in NCAA Division I play by defeating both Harvard and Hofstra. UAlbany then lost to Baylor in the NCAA Regional Championship.

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#### 2008 University at Albany Softball Schedule

February - 29 (Fri.), at Stetson Tournament+;

March - 1 (Sat.), at Stetson Tournament+; 2 (Sun.) at Stetson Tournament+; 14 (Fri.), at Winthrop Tournament&; 15 (Sat.), at Winthrop Tournament&; 16 (Sun.), at Winthrop Tournament&; 21 (Fri.), at Georgia Tournament#; 22 (Sat.), at Georgia Tournament#; 23 (Sun.), at Georgia Tournament#; 25 (Tues.), at Kennesaw State (DH), 4:00; 27 (Thurs.), **Siena (DH)**, 2:30; 29 (Sat.), **Binghamton\* (DH)**, 1:00; 30 (Sun.), **Binghamton\***, 12:00;

April - 1 (Tue.), **Marist (DH)**, 2:30; 5 (Sat.), **UMBC\* (DH)**, 1:00; 6 (Sun.), **UMBC\***, 12:00; 9 (Wed.), **Vermont\* (DH)**, 2:00; 12 (Sat.), **Maine\* (DH)**, 1:00; 13 (Sun.), **Maine\***, 12:00; 15 (Tue.), at Manhattan (DH), 3:00; 19 (Sat.), at Hartford\* (DH), 1:00; 20 (Sun.), at Hartford\*, 12:00; 23 (Wed.), **Vermont\* (DH)**, 2:00; 26 (Sat.), at Stony Brook\* (DH), 1:00; 27 (Sun.), at Stony Brook\*, 4:00; 29 (Tue.), at Siena (DH), 2:30;

May - 3 (Sat.), **Boston U.\* (DH)**, 1:00; 4 (Sun.), **Boston U.\***, 12:00;

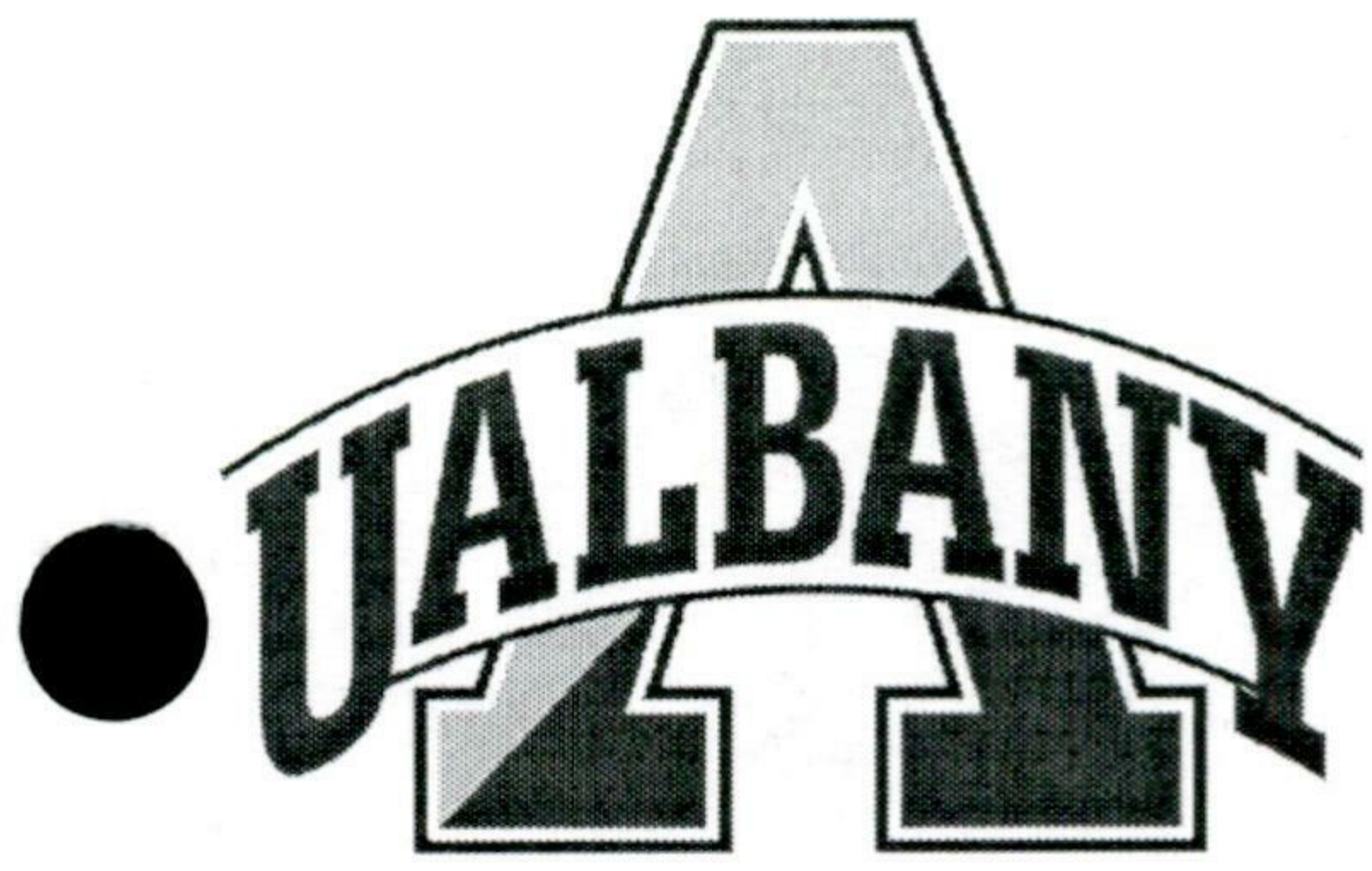
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### NO. 6 DUKE DOWNS UALBANY BEFORE CAPACITY CROWD

Durham, N.C. -- DeMarcus Nelson scored 23 points to pace five players in double figures in leading Duke, the nation's sixth-ranked team, to a 111-70 victory over UAlbany on Monday evening at Cameron Indoor Stadium. The game was played before a capacity crowd of 9,314, the 264th consecutive home sellout since 1990.

Duke (10-0) shot 60.3 percent from the field and made 15 of 26 from three-point range in recording the highest point total by an opponent in the UAlbany program's history. The Blue Devils, who have won three national titles since 1991, used pressure defense to force 21 turnovers.

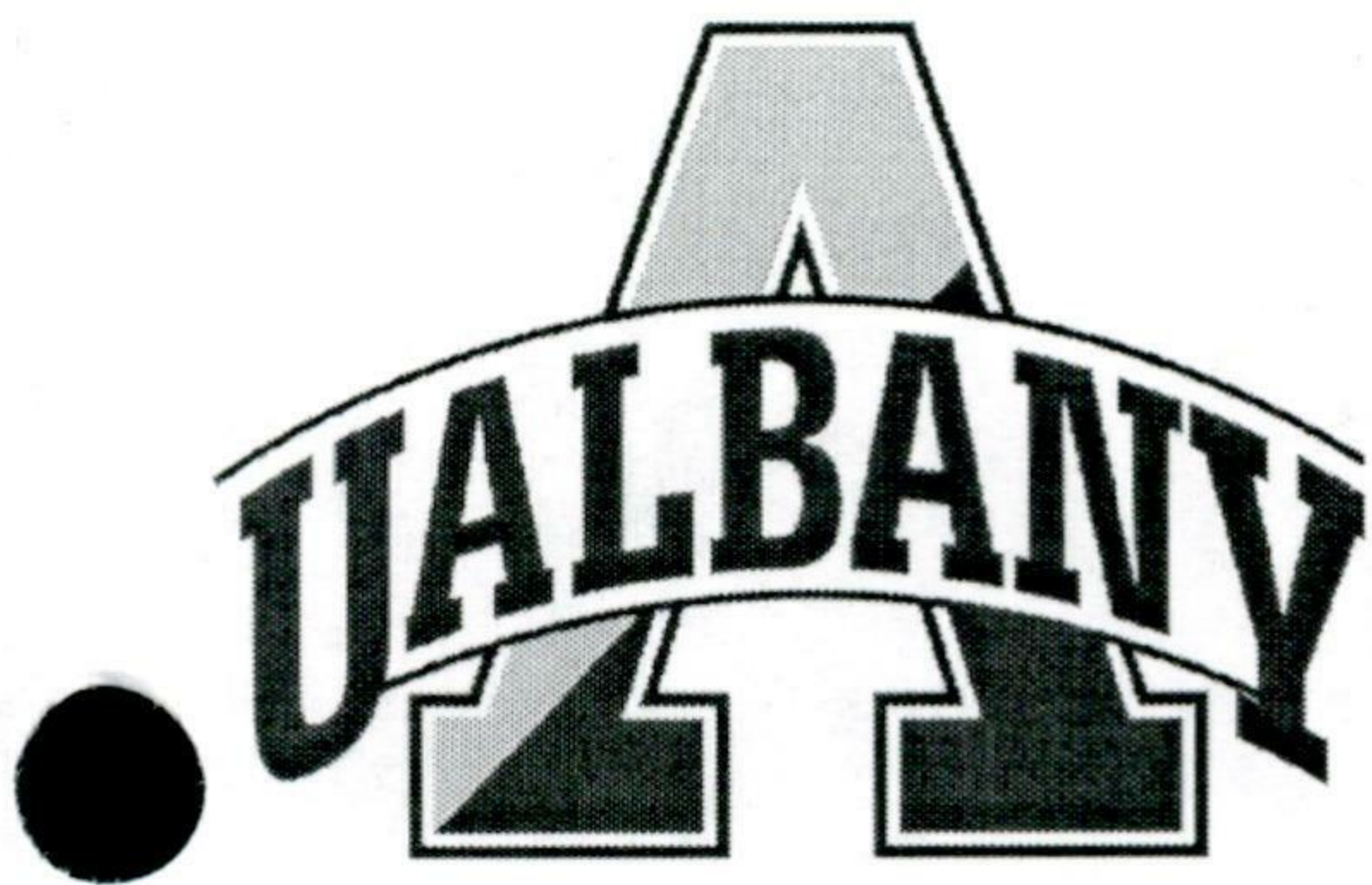
"Their pressure got to us and we turned the ball over too many times early in the game," UAlbany coach Will Brown explained. "They made us pay for every mistake and got into a rhythm. They have so many weapons and there is no drop off when they substitute. They are unselfish and communicate on both ends of the floor."

The Blue Devils, who have won 57 consecutive non-league games at home, opened up a 25-11 lead over the opening nine minutes by hitting 10-of-14 from the field. Nelson, a 6-foot-4 senior, made a pair of three-point field goals in that outburst.

UAlbany (5-5) cut into the deficit on an over-the-head layup by Tim Ambrose, who had 12 first-half points. Duke came back with nine of the next 11 points to push out to a 34-17 advantage. Greg Paulus buried one of his team's nine 3-pointers in the stanza to begin that stretch. Taylor King canned another long-range jumper to end the run. The Blue Devils shot 60.6 percent overall in the half.

Ambrose finished with a career-high 24 points, on 10-of-16 shooting. Brian Connelly had 12 points and eight rebounds, while Brian Lillis added 10. Duke's Jon Scheyer and King scored 18 and 17, respectively, off the bench. Brian Zoubek, a 7'2" center, had all 13 of his points in the final period.

"The shots they made were not always contested," said Brent Wilson, who had eight points and six rebounds. "When you give teams open looks like that they are going to make you pay. Playing here is a memory that we will cherish forever, but we need to use this game to help us move forward with our season."



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## **TIM AMBROSE NAMED AMERICA EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Cambridge, Mass. - Tim Ambrose was named the America East Conference's men's basketball rookie of the week after leading UAlbany to a 66-53 victory over St. Francis, N.Y. on Saturday, Dec. 15 at SEFCU Arena.

Ambrose, a 6-foot-0 freshman guard, scored all of his career-high 17 points in the second half, including six in a run of 15 that put the Great Danes in front for good. He posted career numbers in free throws (8) and steals (3) in just 16 minutes of action off the bench.

Ambrose, who reached double-figure scoring totals for the second time this season, becomes the second player to earn the conference's rookie of the week honor, after classmate Josh Martin earned the honor on Nov. 26. Ambrose is averaging 8.4 points per game for the Great Danes on the season.



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## UALBANY DEFEATS ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.), 66-53, IN MEN'S BASKETBALL ACTION

Albany, N.Y. - Tim Ambrose came off the bench to score all 17 of his career-high total in the second half to lead UAlbany to a 66-53 victory over St. Francis, N.Y. on Saturday afternoon at SEFCU Arena. The Great Danes snapped a three-game losing streak.

St. Francis (3-8) pushed out to a 31-24 lead with 15:47 remaining when Kayode Ayeni, who had 17 points, scored off a loose ball in the lane. UAlbany (5-4) responded with 15 unanswered over the next six-plus minutes. Ambrose, who fueled the run, followed up a missed jumper and hit two free throws. Brian Connelly, who totaled 15 points and nine rebounds, put his team ahead with a driving bank shot on the left baseline. Brian Lillis later made a one-hander on the right baseline, before Ambrose sank a pair of foul shots for a 39-31 cushion.

The Great Danes, who have won 20 of their last 22 home games, still led 39-36, but then pulled away with an 11-2 outburst. Ambrose made two free throws and a baseline jumper in that span. Jon Iati's three-pointer from left of the key provided his club with a 50-38 lead with 5:29 remaining.

"When you are coming off final exams you never know what you're going to get," said UAlbany head coach Will Brown, whose team meets No. 6 Duke in its next game on Monday. "We practiced better than we played this week. Tim Ambrose brought a lot of energy off the bench. He has the talent and the ability, I just have to be patient with him."

The Terriers, who have dropped five straight, had two other players in double figures. Ricky Cadell finished with 14, while Marcus Williams had 10. Robert Hines, the team's top scorer, did not play due to a suspension. Lillis, a 6'5" senior, had 14 points and eight rebounds. Brent Wilson was the fourth UAlbany player in twin figures with 10.

In a first half where both teams struggled offensively, St. Francis reversed a 20-18 deficit with six straight points. Marcus Williams converted a back-door layup to put his team in front and then scored off a steal. The Terriers took a 24-22 lead to the locker room.

The Great Danes, who shot 34.8 percent and committed 12 turnovers in the period, led 14-9 midway through the half. But Kayode Ayeni, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, wiped out that margin by tallying seven points in a row, including a three-point field goal from the left corner.

"We just didn't have any energy from the beginning, and that's the older guys fault," said UAlbany's Brent Wilson. "(Tim) Ambrose and (Al) Turley stepped up and showed they are capable. They definitely have the talent and you saw a glimpse of that today. This (the win) was important because you don't want to go on this next stretch with a losing streak."



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### **UALBANY-DUKE VIEWING PARTIES PLANNED THROUGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany Alumni Association has viewing parties planned nationwide for the UAlbany-Duke basketball game on Monday, Dec. 17. The contest will be televised to more than 90 million homes on ESPN2. Mike Patrick and Len Elmore will be the announcers for the broadcast. Tip-off is 7:02 p.m. ET.

ESPN2 viewing parties are scheduled for Boston, Mass., Walnut Creek, Calif., Plainview, N.Y. on Long Island, Los Angeles, Calif., Nashville, Tenn., New York City, Durham, N.C., Philadelphia, Pa. and Washington, D.C. The Across the Street Pub will host an event for Capital Region fans. For more information contact Carmelina Morrison at [cmorrison@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:cmorrison@uamail.albany.edu) or 518-442-3084.

The Great Danes are traveling to one of the jewels of the sports world when they meet Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium. The facility seats 9,314 fans and has recorded 263 consecutive sellouts since 1990.

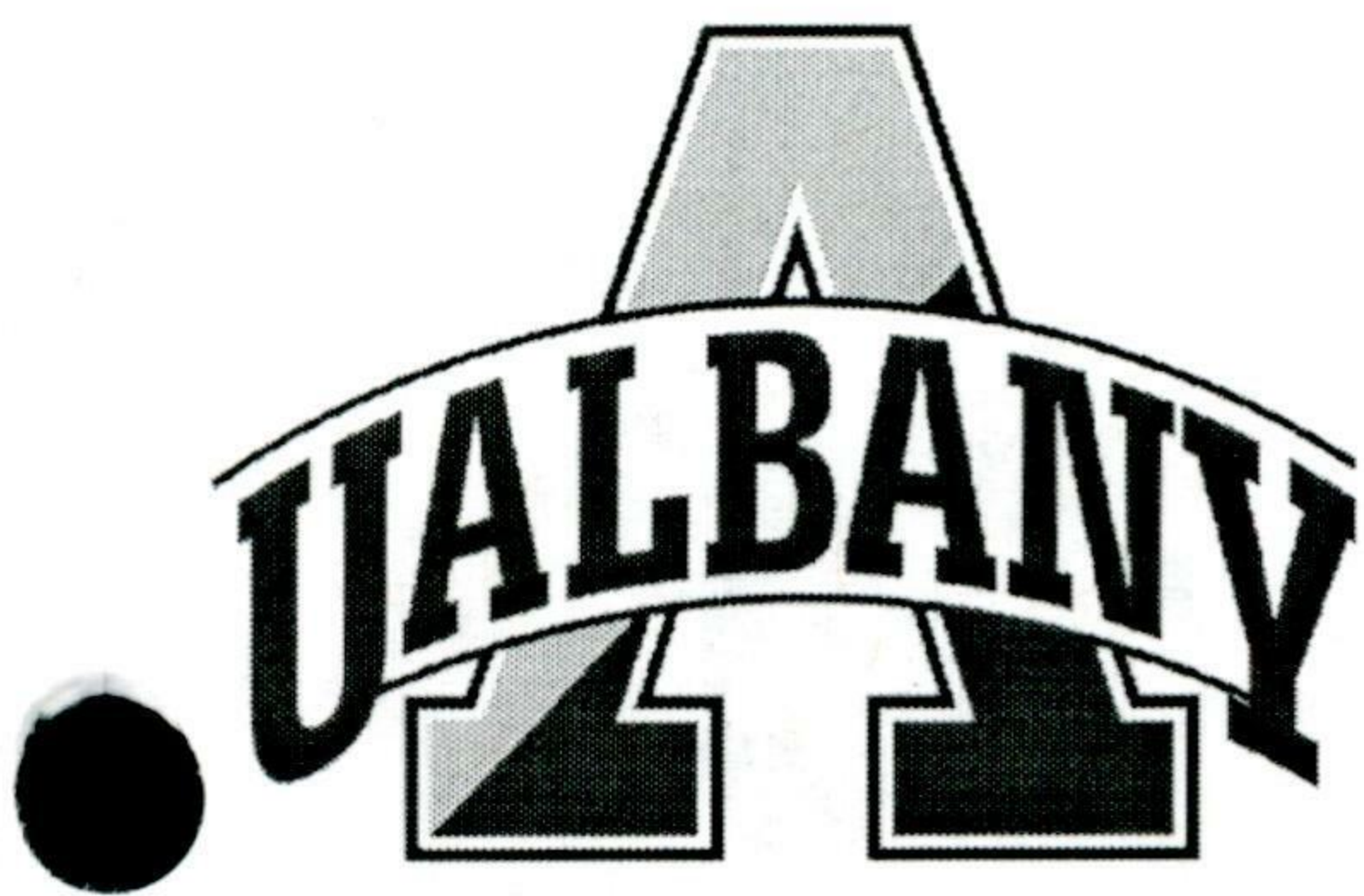
The Blue Devils, who are No. 6 nationally in the Associated Press poll and No. 7 in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' rankings, are off to a perfect 9-0 start. Mike Krzyzewski, one of the winningest coaches in the history of the sport with 784 career victories, has led the program to three national titles (1991, 1992, 2001) and 10 Final Four appearances.

### **TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION AT SATURDAY'S ST. FRANCIS BASKETBALL GAME**

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany Department of Athletics, in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps, will be collecting for Toys for Tots around Saturday's UAlbany basketball game with St. Francis, N.Y. at SEFCU Arena. Tip-off is 2:00 p.m.

The collection will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. by the SEFCU Arena Ticket Office. Anyone bringing a new, unwrapped toy to the game will receive a complimentary game ticket with the purchase of an additional one. Any University employee who donates a toy will receive a free admission to the non-conference game.

In addition, the UAlbany Varsity Club is sponsoring Water Bottle Giveaway Day. The first 1,000 fans in attendance on Saturday will receive a great gift for the holidays.



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## UALBANY ANNOUNCES DEFENDING AMERICA EAST CHAMPION'S 2008 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced on Wednesday, Nov. 12 the school's baseball schedule for the 2008 season. The Great Danes, who reached the NCAA Regionals for the first time in school history and captured their first-ever America East Conference championship last year, will play a four-game series against six conference opponents. The non-league schedule features Notre Dame along with perennial powers Coastal Carolina, Wofford and St. John's.

UAlbany begins its ninth season at the NCAA Division I level on Friday, Feb. 22 in Clearwater, Fla. against Iowa, Liberty and Notre Dame, which reached the Big East Tournament for the sixth consecutive season in 2007. The Great Danes will end February and begin March with a four-game series at Wofford, the defending Southern Conference Champion. UAlbany will also visit Coastal Carolina of the Big South Conference. The Chanticleers were the Big South regular-season and tournament champions last season.

The Great Danes open up America East play at home with Hartford on April 4-6. Conference opponents Vermont and Stony Brook will also visit Varsity Field. UAlbany will hit the road to face Maine, Binghamton and UMBC this spring. The Great Danes will also host non-conference foes Manhattan, Marist, Le Moyne and New York Tech.

UAlbany posted a 29-29 record last season en route to winning its first-ever America East title. The Great Danes traveled to Fayetteville, Ark. to face the host Razorbacks and Creighton in NCAA play.

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### 2008 University at Albany Baseball Schedule

February - 22 (Fri.), Iowa+, 3:30; 23 (Sat.), Liberty+, 3:30; 23 (Sat.), Notre Dame+, 7:00; 24 (Sun), Notre Dame+, 1:00; 29 (Fri.) at Wofford, 4:00.

March - 1 (Sat.), at Wofford (DH), TBA; 2 (Sun.) at Wofford, TBA; 7 (Fri.), at Furman, 5:00; 8 (Sat.), at Furman, 2:00; 9 (Sun.), at Furman, 12:00; 12 (Wed.), at Manhattan, 3:30; 14 (Fri.), at St. John's, 3:00; 15 (Sat.) at New York Tech, 1:00; 16 (Sun.), at Fordham, 1:00; 18 (Tues.) at Hofstra (DH), 1:30; 21 (Fri.), at Coastal Carolina, 6:00; 22 (Sat.), at Coastal Carolina, 2:00; 23 (Sun.) at Coastal Carolina, 1:00; 25 (Tues.) at UNC-Greensboro, 6:00; 26 (Wed.) at UNC-Greensboro, 6:00; 28 (Fri.), at Towson, TBA; 29 (Sat.) at Towson (DH), TBA.

April - 2 (Wed.), **Manhattan**, 3:30; 4 (Fri.), **Hartford\***, 3:00; 5 (Sat.), **Hartford\* (DH)**, 12:00; 6 (Sun.), **Hartford\***, 1:00; 8 (Tue.), at Marist, TBA; 11 (Fri.), at Maine\*, 3:00; 12 (Sat.), at Maine\* (DH), 12:00; 13 (Sun.), at Maine\*, 1:00; 18 (Fri.), at Binghamton\*, 3:00; 19 (Sat.), at Binghamton\* (DH), 12:00; 20 (Sun.), at Binghamton\*, 1:00; 22 (Tue.), at Le Moyne, 4:00; 25 (Fri.), **Vermont\***, 3:00; 26 (Sat.), **Vermont\* (DH)**, 12:00; 27 (Sun.), **Vermont\***, 1:00; 29 (Tue.), **Marist**, 3:00.

May - 2 (Fri.), at UMBC\*, 7:00; 3 (Sat.) at UMBC\* (DH), 2:00; 4 (Sun.), at UMBC\*, 1:00; 6 (Tue.), **Le Moyne**, 3:00; 9 (Fri.) **New York Tech**, 3:00; 10 (Sat.), **New York Tech**, 12:00; 11 (Sun.), **New York Tech**, 1:00; 15 (Thurs.), **Stony Brook\***, 3:00; 16 (Fri.), **Stony Brook\* (DH)**, 12:00; 17 (Sat.), **Stony Brook\***, 1:00

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### **UALBANY'S MICHELLE SIMPSON NAMED TO ALL-ECAC FIELD HOCKEY SQUAD**

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's Michelle Simpson has been named to the ECAC Division I Field Hockey All-Star Team for the second consecutive season, as announced by the conference office on Tuesday.

Simpson, who recently wrapped up her second season with the Great Danes, was named to the 2007 Longstreth/NFHCA Division I All-America and NFHCA All-Northeast Regional squads. She earned America East Conference first-team honors for the second straight year after finishing with 13 goals and eight assists for 34 points.

UAlbany finished the season at 15-5 overall after falling to conference champion Boston University in the America East Championship on Nov. 4. The Great Danes finished No. 19 in the final NFHCA national rankings.

### **JORDAN LEVINE ON INSIDE LACROSSE PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM**

Baltimore, Md. – University at Albany's Jordan Levine has been voted to the 2008 Inside Lacrosse Magazine's Face-Off Yearbook Division I Preseason All-America Team. Levine, a first-team selection, heads a list of four Great Danes chosen. Corey Small earned preseason third-team recognition, while Craig McDonald and Brett Queener were picked in the honorable mention category.

Levine, a senior from Bethpage, N.Y., totaled 23 goals and 16 assists as a USILA All-America midfielder last year. He established the program's Division I record with 91 ground balls. He was previously named by the national publication as a Tewaaron Trophy candidate. Small, a junior attackman, had 24 goals and seven assists as a member of UAlbany's high-powered offense. McDonald, a senior defenseman, and Queener, a senior goalkeeper, led a defensive unit that allowed 9.44 goals per game.

In addition, Face-Off Yearbook announced its preseason All-America East Conference squad. Senior attack Derek Dale and junior defenseman Garrett Pedley joined Levine, Small, McDonald and Queener on that list. UAlbany finished with a 15-3 record one year ago and reached the NCAA quarterfinal round. The Great Danes were ranked 10th in the final USILA national poll.



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## ECAC Announces 2007 Division I Field Hockey All-Stars

CAPE COD, Mass. - American University senior defender Denise Infante has been chosen as the 2007 ECAC Division I Field Hockey Player of the Year. Infante received the Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year honor, as she scored 13 goals and recorded 28 points on the season. American captured its fifth straight league title, and finished with an overall record of 16-5. Infante's selection marks the second consecutive season that a defender has been named Player of the Year.

Katie O'Donnell of Maryland has been chosen as the 2007 ECAC Division I Rookie of the Year. O'Donnell led the nation with 2.52 points per game, as Maryland posted a 18-3 record. She was also named ACC Offensive Player of the Year.

The All-ECAC forwards are Bob Dirks of Boston College, Lizzy Peijs of Connecticut, Sarah Shute of Boston University, and Danielle Collins of Vermont. Peijs (43 points) and Collins (34 points) were each named the Offensive Player of the Year in their respective conferences. Dirks scored 13 goals to go with 12 assists, earning her an All-ACC selection. Shute scored 15 goals for BU, which finished the season with an overall record of 18-6.

Pam Spuehler of Boston University was one vote shy of an unanimous All-ECAC selection at the midfield position. Spuehler led BU in goals and assists, as the Terriers captured the America East title. Also in the midfield are Alli Lokey from Temple University and Michelle Simpson of Albany. Lokey totaled 46 points on the season, ranking her fourth in the nation. Simpson, just a sophomore, receives her second nod onto the All-ECAC team in as many years.

Joining Infante as All-ECAC defenders are Jennifer Kleinhans of Connecticut and Sarah Hudak of Boston University. Kleinhans, the 2006 ECAC Division I Player of the Year, earned the Big East Defensive Player of the Year honor. Hudak is the third BU player named to the All-ECAC team, as she garnered the America East Defensive Player of the Year award this season.

Kelsey Cutchins of James Madison University was voted as the All-ECAC Goalkeeper of the Year. She was second in the nation with a 0.93 goals against average, leading JMU to a 19-4 record and the Colonial Athletic Association title.

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### 2007 ECAC Division I Field Hockey All-Stars

**Player of the Year**

Denise Infante Sr. American

**Rookie of the Year**

Katie O'Donnell Fr. Maryland

**Forwards**

Bob Dirks Jr. Boston College  
Lizzy Peijs Sr. Connecticut  
Sarah Shute Sr. Boston University  
Danielle Collins Sr. Vermont

**Midfielders**

Pam Spuehler Sr. Boston University  
Alli Lokey Sr. Temple  
Michelle Simpson So. Albany

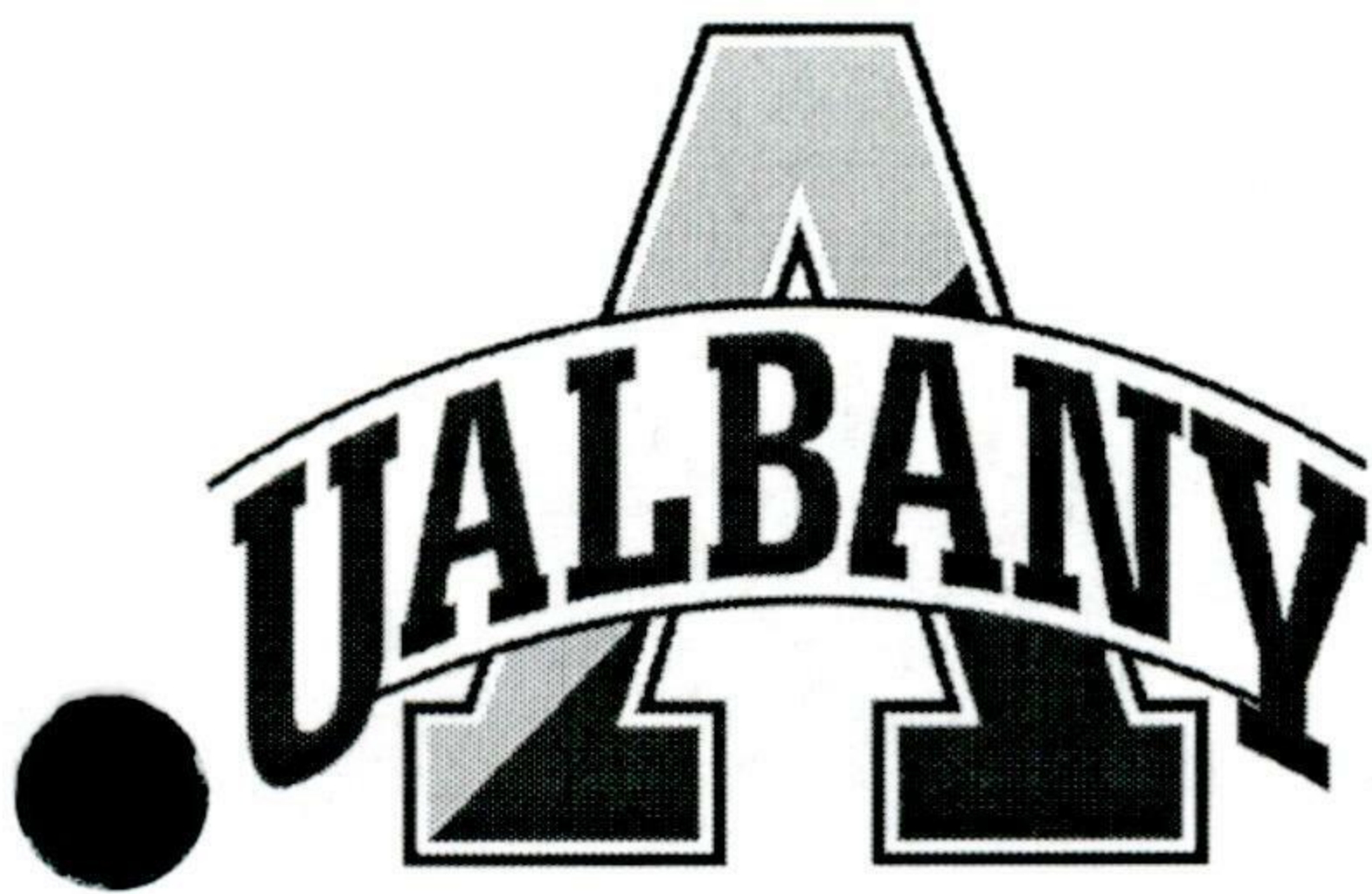
**Defenders**

Denise Infante Sr. American  
Jennifer Kleinhans Jr. Connecticut  
Sarah Hudak Sr. Boston University

**Goalkeeper**

Kelsey Cutchins So. James Madison





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## UALBANY FOOTBALL ANNOUNCES POSTSEASON TEAM AWARDS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Michael Dungey received the most valuable player award at the football program's postseason awards banquet, held at the Campus Center Ballroom. He also was voted the team's top defensive lineman.

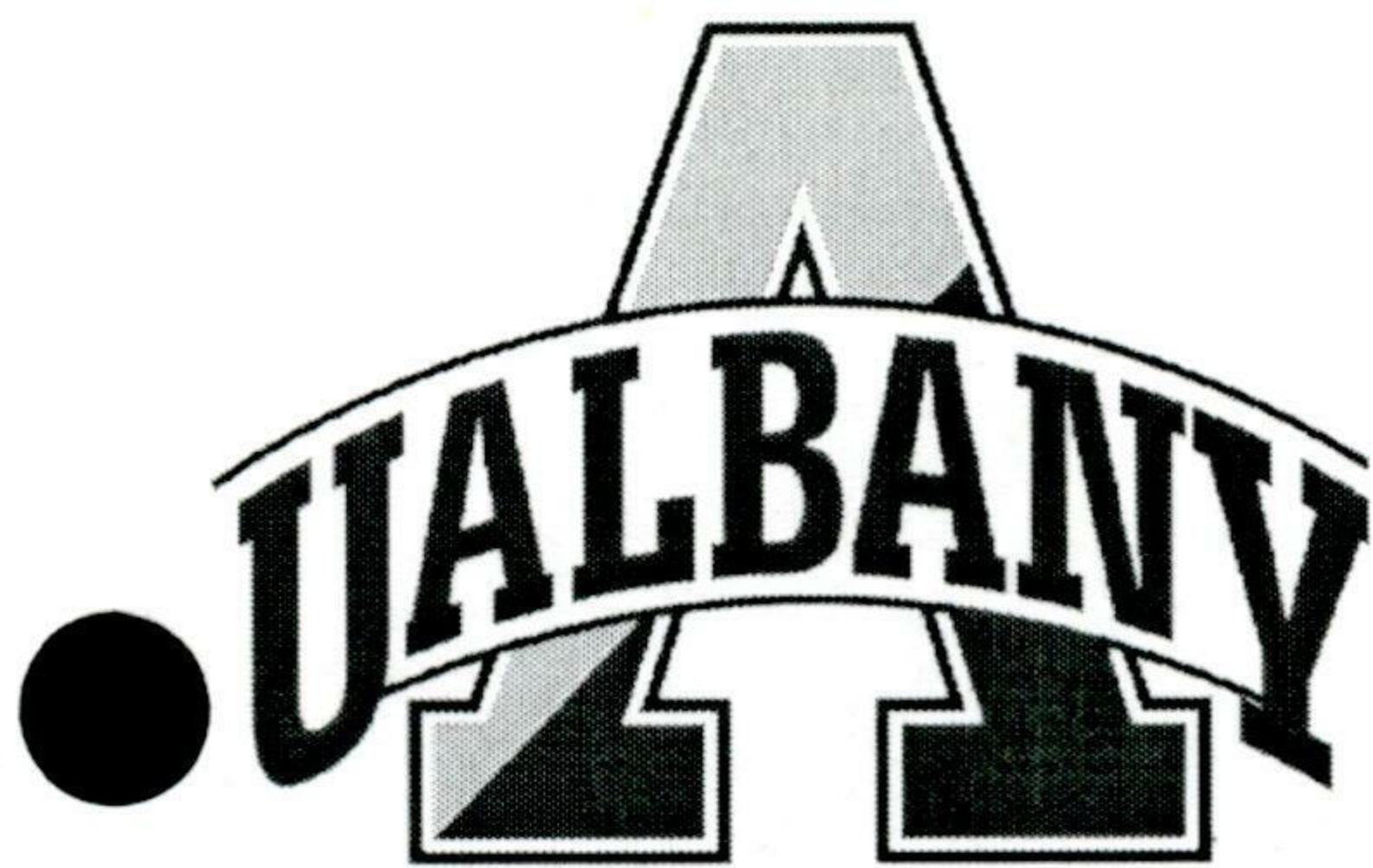
Dungey, a 6-foot-2, 275-pound senior, played both defensive tackle and end this season. He had 44 tackles with 11.5 hits for a loss, 5.5 sacks, two pass deflections and one fumble recovery. He led a defensive unit that ranks among the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision leaders in rushing yards allowed (118.3 ypg) and total defense (334.0). Dungey has 125 tackles and 11.5 sacks as a collegian.

Colin Disch earned the top linebacker award for the third consecutive season. He led the Great Danes in tackles with 70 and completed his career as the school's all-time tackles leader (416). Jason Fralicker was named special teams MVP for the second year in a row. Fralicker, a senior placekicker, broke his own single-season record with 15 field goals and tied the single-game standard with three against both Colgate and Fordham. He was second on the team in scoring with 82 points (15-23 FGs, 37-39 PATs).

Sam Pagano (Colonie Central) picked up the best offensive lineman award. Pagano, a 6-foot-3, 290-pound left guard, blocked for a unit that averaged 208.3 rushing yards, 362.5 total yards and 28.4 points per game. Daniel Bocanegra, a junior flanker, garnered top receiver honors after hauling in 26 passes for 316 yards. He also averaged 7.2 yards per punt return. Dave Nicomini, a junior safety, won the defensive back award with 63 tackles, two pass break-ups and two fumble recoveries.

David McCarty (LaSalle Institute) earned the offensive back award. McCarty rushed for the third-highest single-season total in school history with 1,503 yards and 13 touchdowns. He ran for 100 or more yards in eight games, including six consecutive times to end the season. McCarty, a sophomore tailback, ranks among the nation's top-10 leaders at 125.2 yards per game. Sophomore Vinny Esposito was named the team's top quarterback. Esposito, who finished the season with the program's second-highest single-season passing yardage (1,810), started all 12 games under center for the Great Danes. He threw 12 touchdown passes and was named the Northeast Conference's Offensive Player of the Week on Sept. 10.

UAlbany finished with an 8-4 record, matching its highest win total at the Division I FCS level. The Great Danes captured their third Northeast Conference championship by going undefeated in league play, and made a Gridiron Classic postseason appearance.



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### **MEN'S BASKETBALL DOWNED BY ST. BONAVENTURE 58-54**

St. Bonaventure, N.Y. – Michael Lee had 20 points, including the go-ahead basket with two minutes and 37 seconds remaining, as St. Bonaventure rallied for a 58-54 victory over UAlbany on Saturday evening at the Reilly Center.

St. Bonaventure (5-5) trailed 51-41 with seven minutes to play, but then ran off 15 unanswered points. Tyler Relph and Zarryon Fereti made back-to-back three-point field goals to begin that decisive stretch. Relph, who had all eight of his points during that span, tied the contest at 51 apiece by hitting a shot in the lane.

Lee, a 6-foot-9 forward who had 17 first-half points, put his team ahead for good when he buried a contested 15-footer in the lane. Relph, a senior guard, then drilled a long-range jumper from the left wing for a 56-51 advantage. The Great Danes, who went scoreless for nearly seven minutes, closed within a basket after Brent Wilson made a 3-pointer. But Fereti sealed the outcome by sinking a pair of free throws with 2.7 seconds to play.

UAlbany (4-4) erased a 37-29 deficit early in the final period with 11 consecutive points. Jon Iati, who had 12 points, hit one his four 3-pointers from the right side to start that uprising. Brian Lillis, who had 10 points and a career-high seven assists, converted a fastbreak layup and scored off his own steal to put his team ahead. Brian Connelly's right-baseline jumper gave the visitors a 40-37 lead.

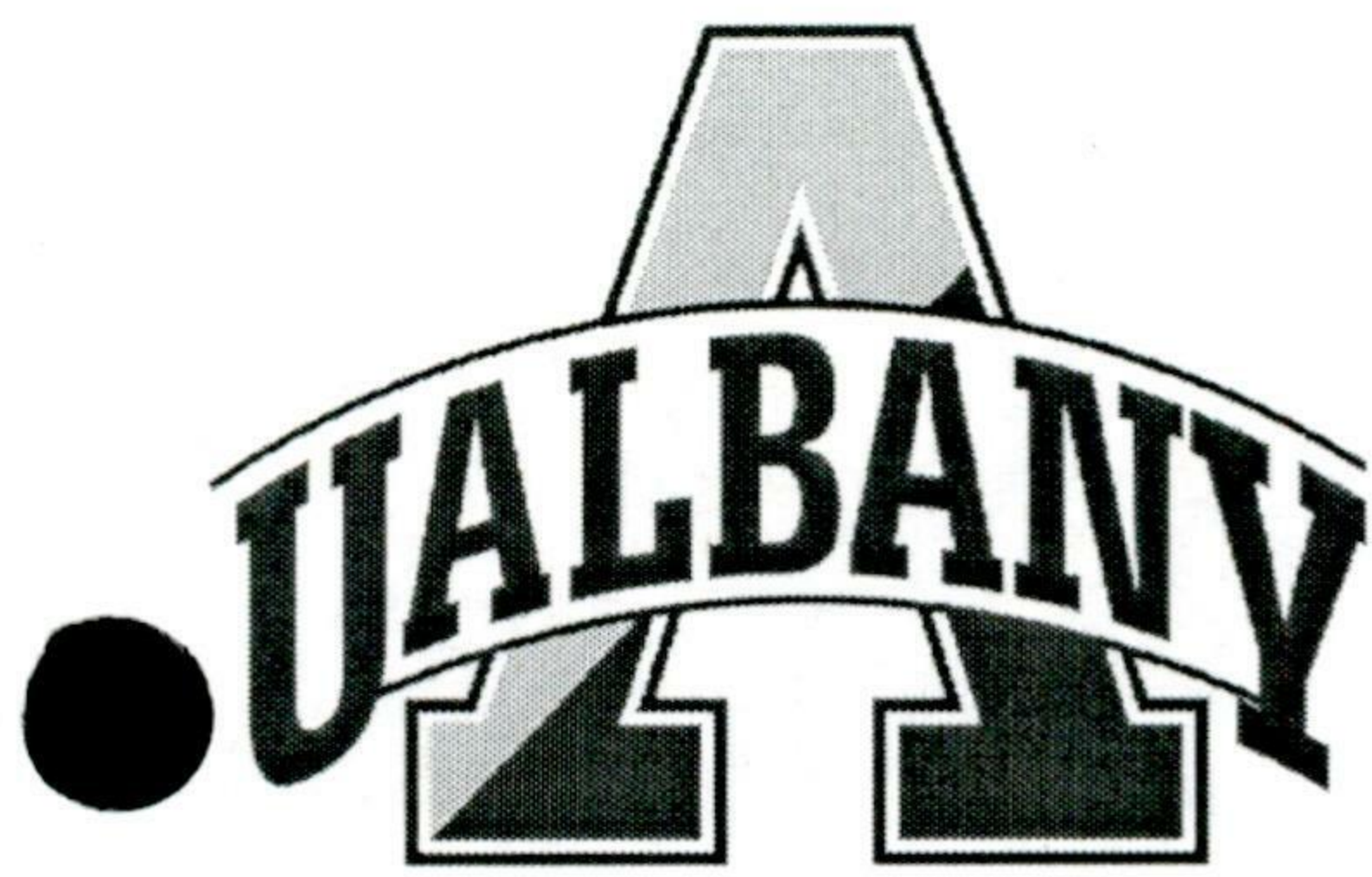
The Great Danes, who lost for the third straight time, still led 45-41, but expanded their margin with three consecutive baskets. Freshman guard Josh Martin fed Brett Gifford in the lane before finishing off a left-handed drive. Jimmie Covington made a jump hook to give his team its biggest lead.

"We only had two turnovers in the second half, and we had plenty of shots, we just couldn't hit them when we needed to," said UAlbany head coach Will Brown, whose team shot just 30.6 percent in the second half. "I have to give St. Bonaventure credit for making big shots when they needed them. With each miss, we start thinking too much and that breaks us down on defense."

Wilson, who had 10 points, drained a three-point shot, as UAlbany took a 29-26 lead in the opening half. But the Bonnies tallied the final nine points of the period. Tyler Benson made a conventional three-point play when he was fouled on a fastbreak layup that provided his team with a 31-29 advantage. Lee, who grabbed eight rebounds and made 8-of-17 from the floor, added two free throws and scored with an offensive board off Fereti's three-point miss.

Fereti finished with 12 points for the Bonnies, who have won three of four at home this season under first-year coach Mark Schmidt. The Great Danes, who did not attempt a free throw in the contest, shot 40.7 percent from the field and had just two of their 13 turnovers in the second half.

"We didn't communicate on defense," added Lillis, who scored in double-digits for the seventh time in eight games this season. "We had our 5-man on their point guard, which isn't a good matchup, and he hit a big three."



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### UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS LATE TO DETROIT MERCY 51-49

Detroit, Mich. – Joyce Massey scored on a driving layup with four seconds remaining to give Detroit Mercy a 51-49 victory over UAlbany in women's basketball action at the Calihan Hall on Saturday afternoon.

The Titans took their first lead of the second half, 49-47, with 38 seconds remaining on a layup by India Bruster. Charity Iromuanya tied the score at 49 with 25 seconds left on a layup. After calling a time-out following Massey's basket, TaNika Thrower received a full court pass from Britney McGee, but her game-tying fadeaway shot attempt rolled off the rim.

Detroit Mercy (1-7) opened the second half by cutting the lead to five, 30-25, with 16:59 remaining. UAlbany responded by scoring nine straight points to take a game-high 14 point lead. Kristin Higy ignited the run by hitting a three-pointer with 16:19 to play and McGee capped the streak with a pair of free throws to give the Great Danes a 39-25 advantage.

The Titans scored 20 of the game's next 26 points over a span of 9:14 to tie the score at 45 with 3:09 remaining in the contest. Bruster, who tallied a team-high 11 points and a game-high 18 rebounds in the contest, started the comeback with a layup. Massey contributed four points and Sandi Brown added five points in the run to spark the Titans. Brown's two foul shots with 3:09 left knotted the score at 45. Freshman Janea Aiken hit two free throws as UAlbany re-took the lead with just over three minutes remaining. Detroit Mercy got a foul shot each from Massey and Bruster to lead to the dramatics of the final minute.

"Our team has to learn how to finish out games on the road," commented UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, whose team drops to 0-8 on the road this season. "We need more maturity and team chemistry and five people playing together."

The Titans jumped out to an early 6-0 lead 3:13 into the first half on a layup by Shawan Stubblefield. UAlbany scored the next nine points, holding the Titans scoreless for over four minutes, capped off by a Higy layup at the 12:46 mark. Britney McGee ignited the run by getting the Great Danes on the board with a foul shot at the 16:35 mark.

After trading baskets in which Detroit Mercy tied the score at 12, UAlbany went on an 11-3 run to jump out to a 23-15 lead with 3:55 remaining in the opening half. Higy bookended the run with a free throw to start the streak and capped it with a jump shot at the 3:55 mark. McGee scored four points in the run and Iromuanya added four of her nine first half points in the stretch. Detroit Mercy scored five of the final eight points of the half to go into the intermission with the Great Danes leading 26-20.

UAlbany (1-9) had three players in double-digits, led by Higy with 12 points. McGee added 11 points and Iromuanya recorded 11 points off the bench. Gia Sanders led UAlbany with eight rebounds, while McGee pulled down seven.



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### UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SIGNS THREE RECRUITS FOR 2008-09

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany volleyball team signed three recruits for the 2008-09 academic year, as announced by head coach Kelly Sheffield on Thursday afternoon. Laurie Gonzalez, Kelly Corkum and Kalyn Mostert will all join the Great Danes next season.

Gonzalez, a native of Carolina, Puerto Rico, will arrive in the spring 2008 semester. A 5-foot-9 libero/outside hitter, Gonzalez was named the 2006-07 St. Francis School Student-Athlete of the Year and earned the top defense and loyalty awards. As a captain of the Borinquen Coqui Under-15 team in 2005, she led her squad to a 3rd place finish at the National Volleyball Festival. She also led St. Francis to a 5th-place finish at the 2006 AAU National Tournament in Orlando, Fla. Gonzalez was a three-time LACC All-District All-Star Selection in her scholastic career.

“Laurie is a stud in the backcourt,” said Sheffield. “She will be one of the great competitors that our program has had. She reads the court very well and her defensive range is very, very good.”

Corkum is a 6-foot-4 right side hitter from Toronto, Ontario. Corkum, who has only been playing competitive volleyball for three years, was the captain of her 2006-07 team and received the Award of Excellence in her first year playing at the under-16 provincials. Corkum, who is a member of the Scarborough Vipers club team, played on the Ontario Volleyball Association’s Region 5 team and was the Queens University Tournament MVP.

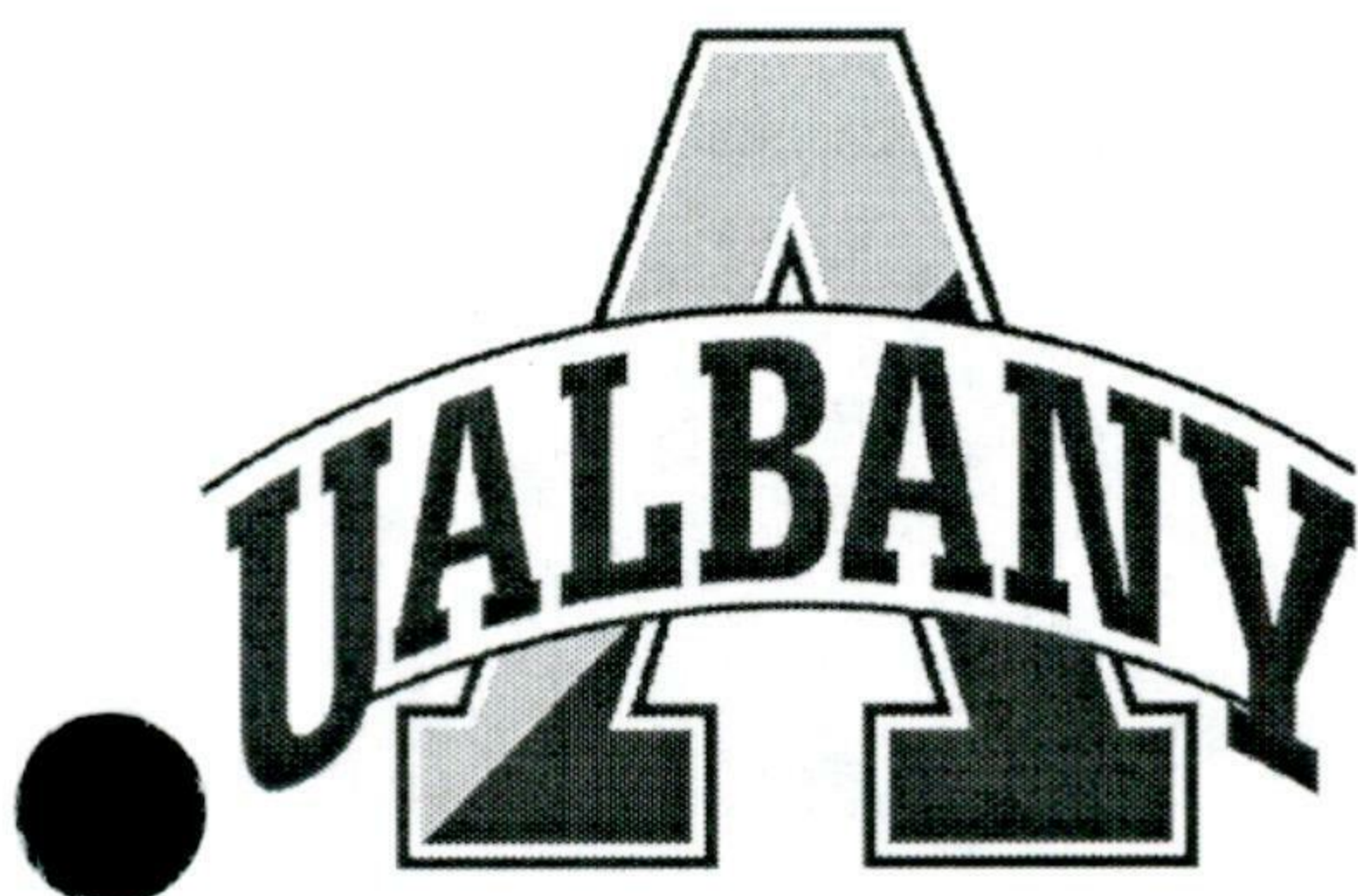
“We have tried to get bigger and more powerful players. Kelly certainly fits that mold,” offered Sheffield. “She will be a player that will be able to slow down other team’s outside attack. She is a lefty and that gives us another dynamic to our offense.”

Mostert also joins the Great Danes from Canada, hailing from Nepean, Ontario. Mostert stands 6-foot-2 and will play a combination of middle blocker, right side and outside hitter. She played on the under-16 indoor regional team at the Ontario Summer Games in 2006. As a member of the under-18 squad in 2006-07, she earned the Most Improved Player award. In the summer of 2007, Mostert had the opportunity to play for Team Ontario in the NTCC tournament, which took place in London, Ontario.

“Kalyn is a very versatile volleyball player,” said Sheffield. “She can hit everywhere along the net and all three tempos. She reads the court very well and her defensive range is very, very good.”

UAlbany recently claimed its third America East Conference Championship in the past four years. The Great Danes, who finished with a 24-10 record, also won their first-ever Division I NCAA Tournament match, a 3-0 victory over Cleveland State. UAlbany then dropped a 3-0 decision to No. 1 Penn State in the second round of the tournament.

“All three players have a great passion for the sport of volleyball and are tremendous competitors,” said Sheffield, who now boasts a 142-79 record in his seven seasons at the helm of the UAlbany program. “They are positive, hard-working and fun people to be around and all three are great students with very supportive families. These are players that will be fun to coach and I think our fans will really have fun watching.”



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## UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO BUFFALO, 70-69, IN OVERTIME

Albany, N.Y. – Stephanie Bennett hit a 3-pointer with 2:17 left in overtime to lead Buffalo to a 70-69 win over UAlbany in women's basketball action at the SEFCU Arena on Wednesday evening.

The Bulls' Heather Turner sank two free throws with 23 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 63-63. Britney McGee attempted a 3-pointer and teammate Amira Ford gathered the rebound but was unable to get the ball in the hoop, sending the game to overtime. McGee scored first in the extra period to give the Great Danes' a two-point lead, but Buffalo tied the game on the next possession on a jumper by Dortae Freeman.

Jamie Schiebner hit two free throws at 3:03, while McGee made one-of-two to keep the Bulls in front. Charity Iromuanya followed with one free throw to tie the game for the sixth time at 67-all before Bennett knocked down her three from the top of the arc. Iromuanya pulled the Great Danes back within one with two more from the charity stripe with 35 seconds left on the clock, and Kristin Higy grabbed a rebound on the defensive end, but UAlbany could not get a final shot off in the last five ticks.

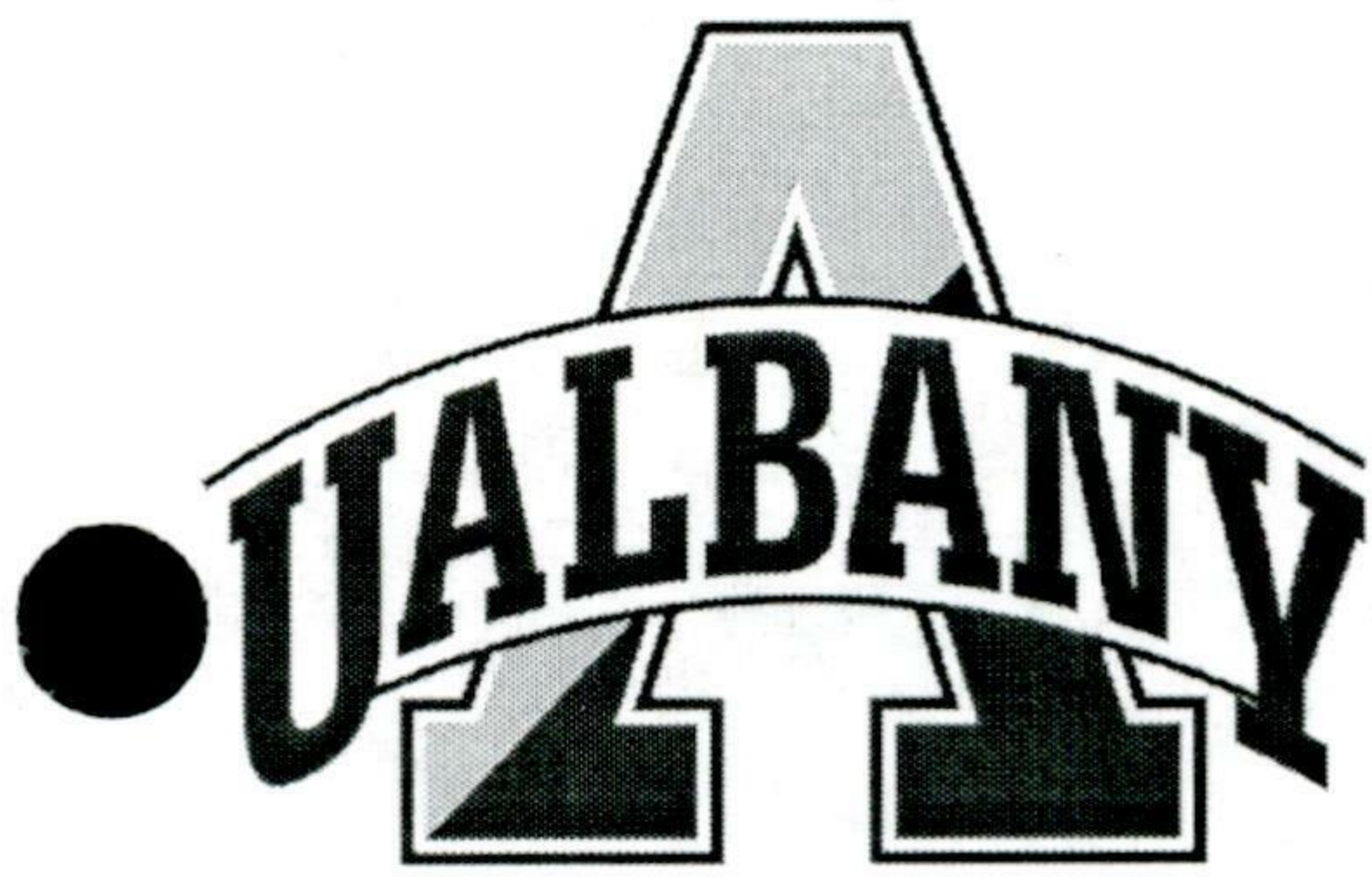
UAlbany (1-8) battled back from a 8-point, 40-32, halftime deficit, outscoring Buffalo 19-9 over a nine-minute span in the second half to tie the game at 59-59 with 3:17 left in the game. The Great Danes, who made a season-high 11 3-point field goals in the game, hit four treys in that span, including one by Higy that tied the score. The teams traded baskets on possessions before Iromuanya made a steal on Freeman and handed the ball off to Higy who scored in the paint to give UAlbany its first lead of the game at 63-61. Higy fouled Turner on the next possession which resulted in the tying free throw shots.

"This is the best loss we've had," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, whose team shot a season-high 39.3 percent from 3-point range. "This is a momentum swing for us. We got in a deep hole, but we had people step up. We've had a slow start, but we're trying to be the best team we can be in January and February and this is a step forward."

Iromuanya led all players with a game and career-high 20 points to go along with five rebounds, three assists and two steals en route to being named the America East Conference Player of the Game. McGee added a career-best 19 points, six boards, three assists and three steals while Higy chipped in with 12 points and a team-best seven rebounds.

Jessica Fortman led Buffalo with 19 points, seven rebounds, two blocks, one steal and one assist. Turner finished with a double-double, scoring 13 points and pulling down a game-high 11 caroms. Bennett, who went 4-for-6 from 3-point land to lead the Bulls to a 64.3 percent shooting percentage from long range, added 14 points for Buffalo (5-3).

UAlbany will continue non-conference play with a road trip to Detroit Mercy on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1:30 p.m.



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### GREAT DANES LOSE ON THE ROAD TO DELAWARE 71-60

Newark, Del. -- Herb Courtney scored 19 points and Alphonso Dawson added 18 in leading Delaware to a 71-60 victory over UAlbany on Wednesday evening at Bob Carpenter Sports Center.

Delaware (2-4) took command early in the final period by turning a three-point halftime lead into a 40-30 cushion with 16:18 remaining. Courtney, a 6'7" forward, made three free throws, before Dawson canned a 3-pointer from the right corner. Dawson, a freshman, had 14 of his 18 points in the second half.

UAlbany (4-3) sliced that double-figure lead in half on several occasions, including 52-47 with 7:55 to play when Jerel Hastings converted a jump hook in the lane. But the Blue Hens responded with nine of the game's next 10 points to pull away. Dawson made a left-baseline jumper and Brian Johnson followed with a three-pointer from the left wing to ignite that decisive run.

The Blue Hens, who made 30 of 47 from the free throw line, scored their final 14 points from the charity stripe. Sam McMahon was the third Delaware player in double figures with 11. Johnson added nine points and five assists for the Blue Hens, who converted 16 UAlbany turnovers into 22 points.

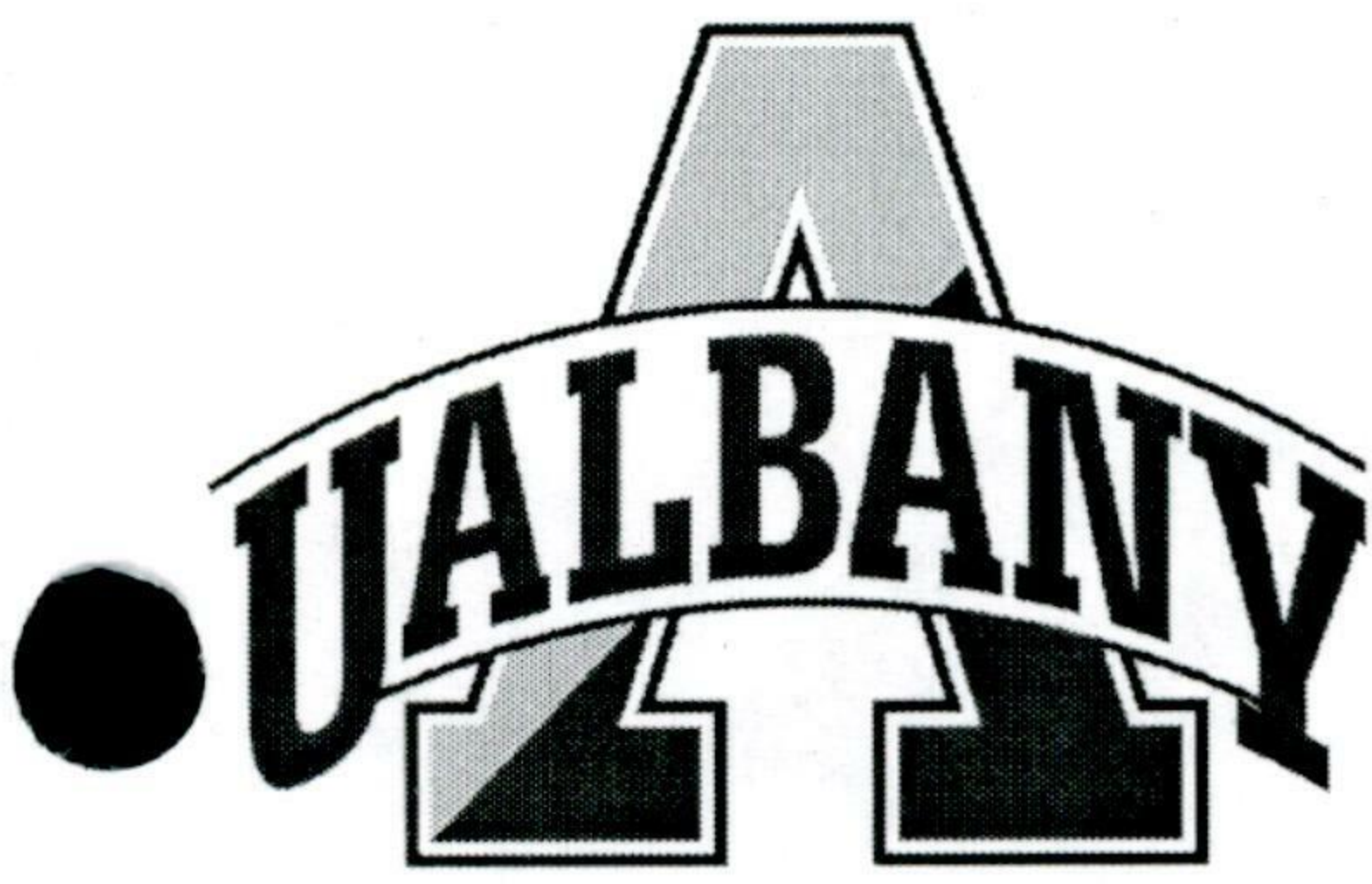
Brian Connelly posted career-highs with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Brian Lillis added 12 points for the Great Danes, who made just 2-of-18 from beyond the 3-point arc. UAlbany lost for the second straight time after winning four in a row.

"We were outworked on both ends of the floor and we got what we deserved, a loss," said UAlbany head coach Will Brown, whose team falls to 1-3 on the road this season. "They played harder and smarter than us. We had poor execution and we are not good enough to turn the ball over that much."

UAlbany trailed early in the contest, but came back to take a 16-14 lead when Brent Wilson drilled a three-point field goal from the right corner. Delaware later went on an 11-2 run to go back in front. Courtney buried a long-range jumper to give his team the lead. Dawson made consecutive baskets, before Johnson's driving shot in transition built a 27-20 advantage.

The Blue Hens, who were coming off a victory in their conference opener on Monday, took a 31-28 lead to the locker room. The Great Danes, who had 10 first-half turnovers, stayed close at the break behind the play of Connelly. The 6-foot-6 junior had 12 points in the period on 6-of-10 shooting.

"They got to every loose ball," added Connelly, who scored in double-digits for the third straight game. "They beat us up on the offensive glass and got rebounds off missed free throws. We didn't seem to have any energy at the start. They made some shots early and gained confidence. We hung our heads at times."



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### **GREENE NAMED AMERICA EAST INDOOR TRACK PERFORMER OF THE WEEK**

Cambridge, Mass. - University at Albany's Joe Greene has been named the America East indoor track Performer of the Week, as announced by the conference office for the week ending Dec. 3.

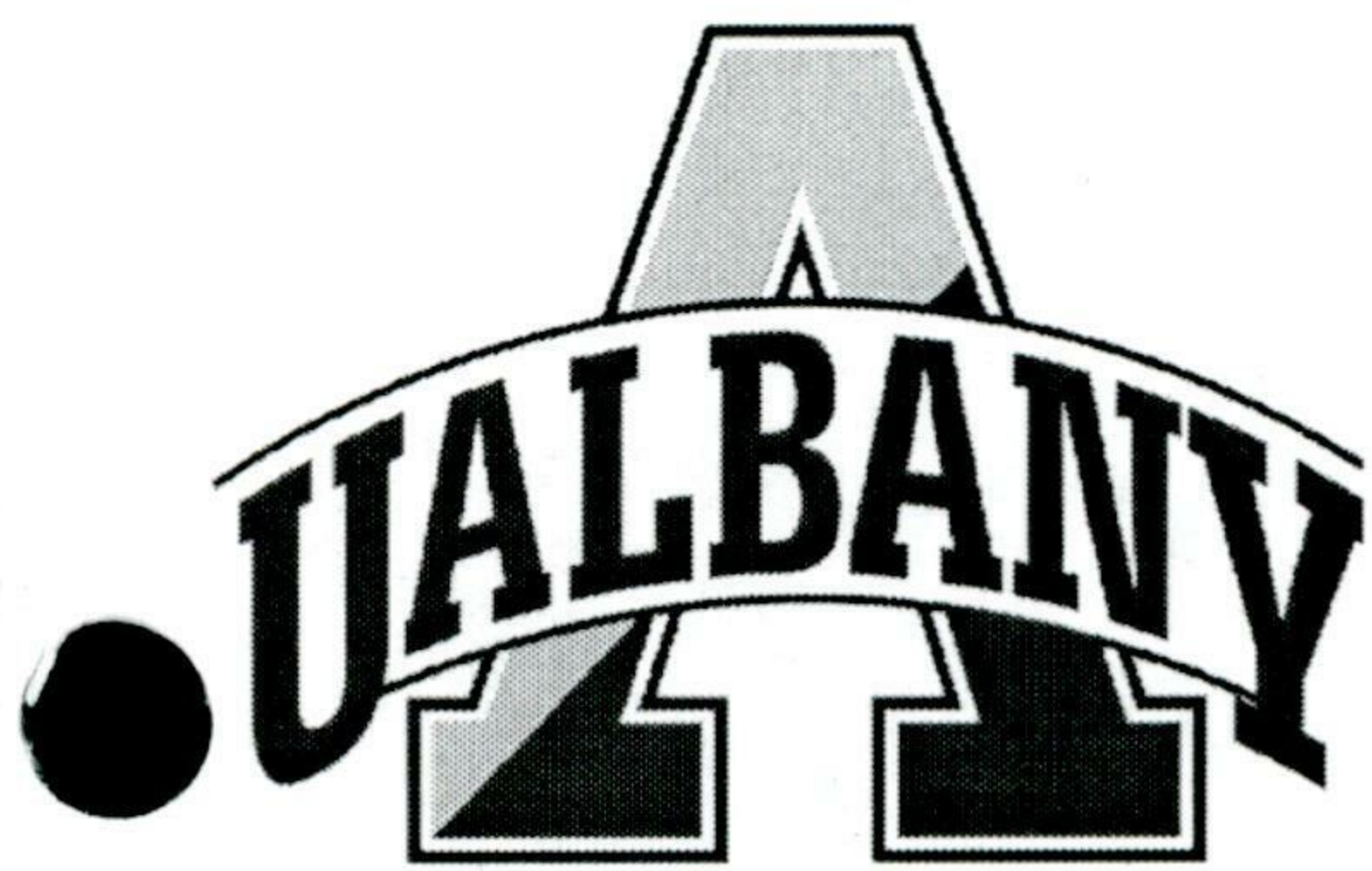
Greene, a junior from Geneva, N.Y., opened the 2007-08 season by taking first in the 55-meter hurdles in 7.69 seconds, qualifying for the IC4A meet in March. The time was a personal-best and the seventh-fastest 55-meter hurdle time in program history. Greene also ran the anchor leg of the first place 4x400-meter relay team that crossed the finish line in an IC4A-qualifying time of 3:19.21

The Great Danes return to the track on Friday, Jan. 11 at the Army Invitational in West Point, N.Y.

### **LIAM GLEASON CHOSEN IN MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT**

Albany, N.Y. – Former University at Albany lacrosse player Liam Gleason was chosen 33rd overall in the fourth round of the Major League Lacrosse supplemental draft, held on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Gleason was picked by the New Jersey Pride, joining former Great Dane teammate Merrick Thomson.

Gleason, a 2007 UAlbany graduate, played in 17 games last season, scoring one goal and picking up nine groundballs. A 6-foot-4 defenseman, Gleason played two seasons with the Great Danes after transferring from Adelphi University. A native of Wading River, N.Y., Gleason made 28 appearances in his UAlbany career and graduated in May with a degree in sociology.



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## UALBANY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR LEE McELROY ATTENDS NACDA/NFL DIVERSITY SUMMIT

New York, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Lee McElroy attended today a Diversity Summit hosted by the National Association of Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and the National Football League. The one-day conference was held at the NFL's League Office.

NCAA President Myles Brand and NCAA Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion Charlotte Westerhaus spoke on minority hiring practices, developing mentorship programs and developing a knowledge network. NFL Director of Football Operations Gene Washington talked about hiring head football coaches. Superintendent of the United States Military Academy Buster Hagenbeck lectured on the value of diversity as it relates to student-athletes and institutions.

NACDA Executive Director Mike Cleary, Ohio State Director of Athletics Gene Smith and Virginia Director of Athletics Craig Littlepage were also in attendance.

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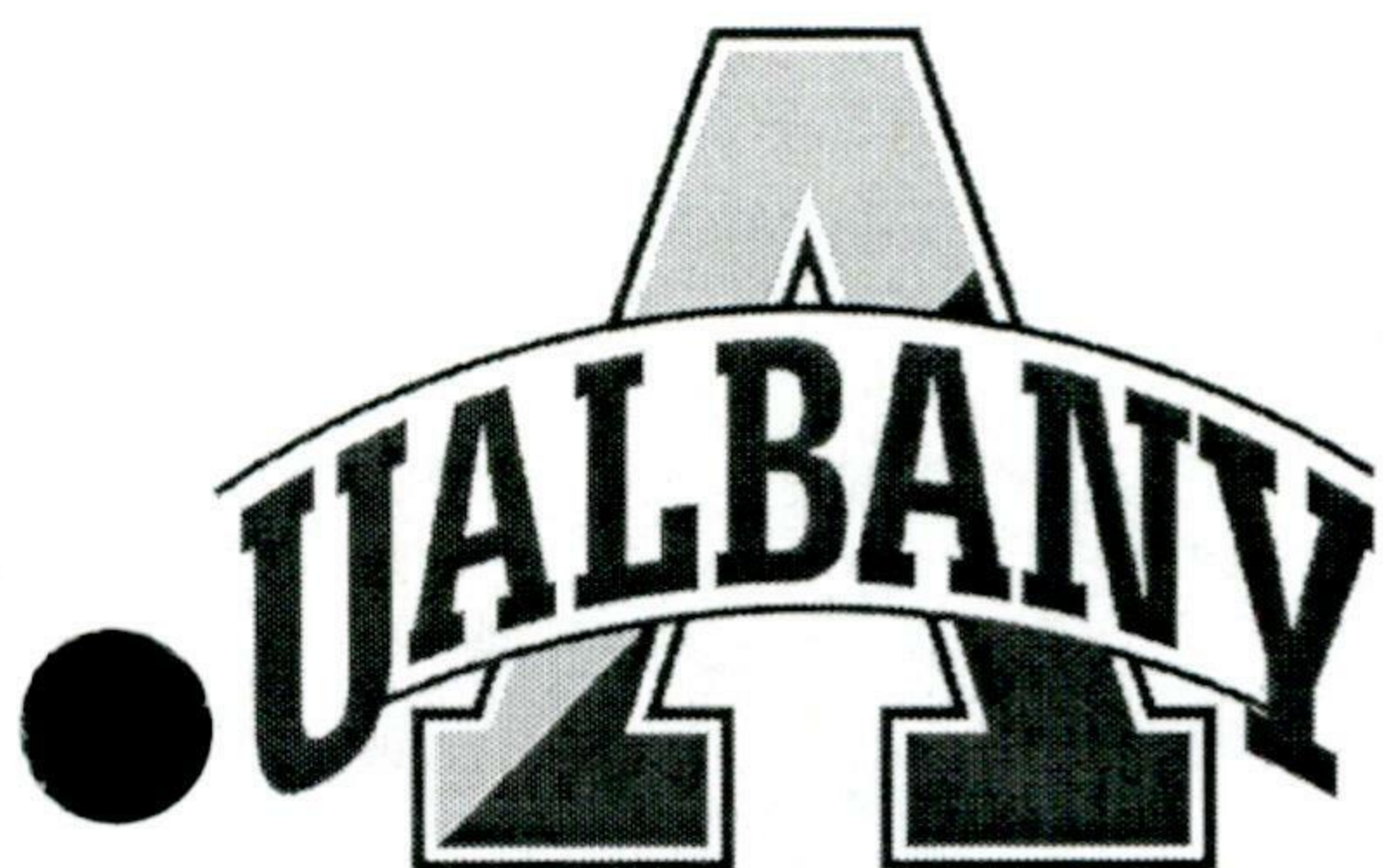
Baltimore, Md. – Inside Lacrosse released today *Face-Off Yearbook's* preseason conference rankings for the America East Conference. UAlbany has been chosen to defend last year's conference championship as voted by the America East coaches.

The Great Danes are coming off an NCAA quarterfinal appearance where they were edged by top-ranked Cornell, 12-11, in overtime. Inside Lacrosse chose that nailbiter as the Game of the Year. UAlbany has won four of the last five America East championships after establishing a school-record 15-3 mark last season.

Scott Marr, the 2007 USILA national coach of the year, has 24 letterwinners returning. The Great Danes lost the program's two all-time leading scorers, but return quality talent led by second-team All-America midfielder Jordan Levine. Goalkeeper Brett Queener and defenseman Craig McDonald were first-team all-conference selections. Midfielders Mike Ammann and Steve Ammann and defenseman Craig Pedley earned second-team All-America East recognition.

**Lax Notes:** UAlbany's Jordan Levine has been listed among Inside Lacrosse's Top 10 Tewaaron Trophy candidates for 2008 ... Levine, a senior midfielder, had 23 goals and 16 assists in 2007, plus established the program's Division I single-season record with 91 ground balls ... Inside Lacrosse picked Princeton (Ivy league), Notre Dame (Great Western Lacrosse League) and Siena (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) as the preseason favorites in their conference ... Princeton, Notre Dame and Siena appear on UAlbany's schedule ...





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**LUKE SCHOEN SETS SCHOOL RECORD IN POLE VAULT AT HUSKY WINTER CARNIVAL**

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's Luke Schoen won the pole vault with a school-record height to highlight the Great Danes' performance at Northeastern University's Husky Winter Carnival at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Schoen set the UAlbany indoor record, previously held by James Nixon since 1993, when he cleared a height of 16-feet, 4.75-inches to place first in the event. The Great Danes won five events on the afternoon.

Junior Joe Greene picked up the first victory of the day in the 55-meter hurdles, crossing the line in 7.69 seconds. The UAlbany 4x400-meter relay team consisting of Greene, Lynval Clarke, Andrew Overbaugh and Felipe Reyes (Christian Brothers Academy) finished first in a time of 3:19.21, qualifying for the IC4A competition in March. Freddie Wills recorded a first-place finish in the long jump (23' 6.25") and Dong Ning Hu recorded the meet's longest triple jump (44' 9.5"). Wills also placed second in the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 7.79. Wilfredo de Jesus Elias was second in the weight throw (55'-3.5") in his collegiate debut.

In the women's competition, freshman Tiffany Sprenkels won the triple jump and qualified for the ECAC meet with a leap of 39-7.25. UAlbany received a second-place finish from Brenna Militello in the high jump (5' 4"). Kadine Johnson finished third in the weight throw with a toss of 44'9.75" and Octavia Clarkson crossed the line third in the 500-meter dash (1:19.93).

UAlbany returns to the track on Friday, Jan. 11 at the Army Invitational in West Point, N.Y.

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**Husky Winter Carnival (Boston, Mass.)**

UAlbany Results –

**55 Meter Dash:** 3. Pat Weider 6.51, 5. Felipe Reyes 6.56, 13. Raphael Jean-Baptiste 6.74, 23. Drew Harrison 6.86. **200 Meter Dash:** 9. Jeffery Barnes 23.21, 16. Torshiro Jenkins 23.52. **500 Meter Dash:** 9. Alan Nimblette 1:06.55, 10. Lynval Clarke 1:06.69, 11. Andrew Overbaugh 1:06.75, 21. Nick Lemp 1:07.73. **55 Meter Hurdles:** 1. Joe Greene 7.69, 2. Freddie Wills 7.79, 6. David Parker 7.96, 11. Anthony Assent 8.13, 12. Nick Assini 8.28. **4x400 Meter Relay:** 1. UAlbany "A" 3:19.21, 5. UAlbany "B" 3:25.08, 26. UAlbany "C" 3:41.15. **High Jump:** T3. David Parker 6-2. **Pole Vault:** 1. Luke Schoen 16-4.75, 3. Michael Dempsey 15-9, 4. David Parker 15-5, Nick Jones NH. **Long Jump:** 1. Freddie Wills 23-6.25, 2. Valette Graham 23-5.25, 3. Fred Casimo 22-1.75, 6. Kyle Nadler 21-10, 44. Nick Jones 15-11.75. **Triple Jump:** 1. Dong Ning Hu 44-9.5, C.J. Ross Foul. **Shot Put:** 3. Renauld Buck 46-10.75, 12. Frank Fazzino 43-6, 50. Nick Jones 28-5. **Weight Throw:** 2. Wilfredo de Jesus Elias 55-3.5, 5. Will Anger 51-8.25, 13. Kevin Lee 44-7.

**Husky Winter Carnival (Boston, Mass.)**

UAlbany Results –

**55 Meter Dash:** 20. Sandy Antenor 7.67, 21. Jenn Garrant 7.67, 23. Sarah Lapierre 7.74, 24. Jessica Antoniades 7.75, 32. Arielle Roberts 7.84. **200 Meter Dash:** 29. Arielle Roberts 27.75, 51. Sarah Lapierre 28.56. **400 Meter Dash:** 10. Rebecca Kelly 1:02.46. **500 Meter Dash:** 3. Octavia Clarkson 1:19.93, 7. Melissa Lee 1:21.67, 9. Laura Bolognino 1:22.09. **800 Meter Run:** 4. Zuliana Fontanez 2:22.04. **55 Meter Hurdles:** 11. Valerie Maignan 9.04. **4x400 Meter Relay:** 4. UAlbany "A" 4:00.8, 14. UAlbany "B" 4:16.76. **High Jump:** 2. Brenna Militello 5-4, Denise Parker NH, Danielle Broeker NH. **Pole Vault:** 16. Corinna Hengen 9-0.25, Krystal Myers NH. **Long Jump:** 18. Jenn Garrant 16-5.25, 37. Valerie Maignan 13-7. **Triple Jump:** 1. Tiffany Sprenkels 39-7.25, 3. Sandy Antenor 37-5.75, 7. Traequanda Brock 35-3. **Shot Put:** 12. Ashley Lewis 34-11.75. **Weight Throw:** 3. Kadine Johnson 44-9.75, 7. Ritshell Verdier 43-3.75, 20. Candice Mann 33-2.5.