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MILLER'S THREE FIRST-HALF GOALS HELP BOSTON U. DEFEAT ALBANY, 11-6

Albany, N.Y. – **Mary Beth Miller** scored three first-half goals and added two assists in leading Boston University to an 11-6 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Terriers clinched a berth in next week's conference postseason tournament.

Boston U. (7-9, AE 4-1) led 2-1 early in the opening period, but then tallied four consecutive goals over an eight-minute stretch. **Kaitlyn Cuneo** scored unassisted on a spin move from the left side, before Miller connected on back-to-back goals, including a free-position shot. **Lindsay Lewis**, who had two goals and two assists, finished off the run by cutting to the top of the crease.

Albany (5-10, AE 2-3) closed within four goals on three occasions after that outburst, including 7-3 at halftime. Senior midfielder **Alexis DiDomenico** converted a fastbreak pass from **Kate Fontana** for her second goal of the game, and the Great Danes cut the deficit to 10-6 with 6:39 remaining.

The Terriers' **Rachel Olanoff** followed with a free-position goal one minute later as her team moved into a tie for second place with UMBC in the league standings. Goalkeepers **Anne Sheridan** and **Lauren Beatty** combined to make eight saves.

Albany goalkeeper **Jen Daly** turned aside a career-high 20 shots, including 12 in the first half. Fontana finished with two goals and one assist for the Great Danes, who can earn the America East tournament's fourth seed with a victory at home over Stony Brook in the regular-season finale on Sunday at 12 noon.

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| Boston U. (7-9, AE 4-1) | 7 | 4 | - | 11 |
| Albany (5-10, AE 2-3) | 3 | 3 | - | 6 |

Boston U. – Scoring: Mary Beth Miller 3-2, Lindsay Lewis 2-2, Kaitlyn Cuneo 2-0, Sasha Lang 1-0, Danica Strutt 1-0, Hannah Cross 1-0, Rachel Olanoff 1-0, Noelle Hopper 0-2, Angie Martin 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Anne Sheridan (47:11, 5 saves, 4 GA), Lauren Beatty (12:49, 3 saves, 2 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Kate Fontana 2-1, Alexis DiDomenico 2-0, Courtney Hill 1-0, Krissy Rajczak 1-0, Sarah Spillett 0-1, Nikki Donohue 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 20 saves, 11 GA).

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

UALBANY ELIMINATED IN FIRST ROUND OF AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

New Haven, Conn. -- **Erin Katims** won both her singles and doubles matches in leading No. 1 Boston U. to a 7-0 victory over No. 8 UAlbany in first round action of the America East Women's Tennis Championship on Friday, April 30 at the Connecticut Tennis Center.

Katims teamed with **Elisa Glas** to defeat the Great Danes tandem of **Courtney Michels** and **Amanda Brown**, 8-2, in No. 1 doubles. The Terries captured the doubles point as **Elena deMendoza** and **Monica Shepherd** topped UAlbany's duo of **Lisa Fund** and **Erika Van Zandt** in second doubles, 8-0.

In singles action, Michels put a battle, but fell to deMendoza, 6-2, 6-3, in No. 1 singles. Katims beat Brown in second singles, 6-0, 6-0, and Boston U.'s **Elisa Glas** defeated Fund in No. 3 singles, 6-0, 6-0.

The Great Danes will face #4 New Hampshire in the consolation round on Saturday, May 1 at 9 a.m.

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America East Women's Tennis Championship
(Connecticut Tennis Center - New Haven, Conn.)

Boston U. 7, UAlbany 0

Singles:

- #1. Elena deMendoza (Boston U.) def. Courtney Michels (UAlbany), 6-2, 6-3
- #2. Erin Katims (Boston U.) def. Amanda Brown (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-0
- #3. Elisa Glas (Boston U.) def. Lisa Fund (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-0
- #4. Aimee Charest (Boston U.) def. Kerry Levis (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-0
- #5. Gabrielle Hernandez (Boston U.) def. Erika Van Zandt (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-0
- #6. Lindsey Dynof (Boston U.) unopposed win

Doubles:

- #1. Erin Katims/Elisa Glas (Boston U.) def. Courtney Michels/Amanda Brown (UAlbany), 8-2
- #2. Elena deMendoza/Monica Shepherd (Boston U.) def. Lisa Fund/Erika Van Zandt (UAlbany), 8-0
- #3. Aimee Charest/Gabrielle Hernandez (Boston U.) unopposed win

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BASEBALL DOWNS CENTRAL CONN. STATE, 8-1, IN NON-LEAGUE ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Junior **Derek DeGrazio** drove in four runs, including a fourth inning three-run double, in UAlbany's 8-1 victory over Central Connecticut State in non-conference play on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (27-6), winners in 10 of its last 12 contests, got on the board first with a four-run fourth. First baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** and **Kirt Zimniewicz** were issued walks to leadoff the frame and right fielder **Brendan Chiavaro** followed with a bunt single. DeGrazio, a designated hitter, then lined a base-clearing double down the right field line and later scored on a **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) single.

Zimniewicz, who extended his hit streak to a team-high 14 consecutive games with a single in the fifth, knocked a two-run basehit to left field in the sixth giving the Great Danes a 7-0 lead. UAlbany's **Ethan Vaiana**, a junior right-hander, went seven innings on the mound, giving up one run on five hits to improve his record to a perfect 5-0 on the season.

Central Connecticut State (29-11-1), who entered the game riding a six-game win streak, notched its lone run in the eighth on a single by catcher **Tim D'Aquila** that plated **Sean Salvatore**. Left-hander **Nate Cole** allowed four runs on five hits in four innings of work to pick up the loss. Blue Devil shortstop **Keith Stegbauer** singled in the third inning to collect his school-record 80th basehit of the year.

The Great Danes, who own a one-game lead over Binghamton in the America East Conference standings, return to action when they travel to take on the Bearcats in a three-game weekend set, beginning on Saturday, May 1. First pitch in game one of a doubleheader is scheduled for 12 noon.

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| Albany (27-6) | 000 | 412 | 01X | - | 8 | 9 | 1 |

Ethan Vaiana, Roman Dubiel (8), Giorgio Fuda (9), Shawn Ryan (9) and Jason Martin. Nate Cole, Chris Skrypack (5), Hasani Franke (7) and Tim D'Aquila.

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UALBANY SOFTBALL SWEEPS VERMONT IN AMERICA EAST TWINBILL

Burlington, Vt. – Senior pitcher **Andee Lindgren** tossed a two-hit shutout in the opener and drove in five runs to lead UAlbany to a 14-5 win in the nightcap over Vermont in America East Conference softball action on Thursday, April 28 at Archie Post Field. The Great Danes won the opener 7-0 to claim the season-series against the Catamounts.

UAlbany (28-15, AE 14-1) scored seven runs in the first inning of the nightcap as Lindgren, who finished 5-for-6 at the plate with two doubles and six RBI for the day, cleared the bases on a three-run double and later scored on a passed ball. Freshman **Leanne Tillman** plated another run with a single and **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) hit a two-run double to cap off the scoring. The Great Danes scored another run in the fourth on Lindgren's RBI single.

Vermont (5-30-2, AE 2-12-1) scored two runs in the fifth on **Meghan Doonan's** two-out double. UAlbany tacked on six runs in the sixth inning as Tillman, who went 2-for-3 at the plate with four RBI, drove in three runs on a double. Lindgren and **Maegan Larsen** added RBI singles. The Catamounts responded with three runs in the bottom half of the inning as **Heidi Gebo** hit a RBI double to plate **Gillian Rappaport** and **Kate DeForge**, who went 4-for-4 at the plate, drove in two runs on a double.

Senior **Kristin Couris** went the distance, allowing five earned runs on 12 hits with one walk and two strikeouts to earn the victory.

The Great Danes scored seven runs to back a strong pitching performance by Lindgren, who hurled her third complete game shutout of the season with one walk and matched her season-high with 12 strikeouts to improve to 15-2.

UAlbany got on the board in the first on Lindgren's RBI double. Sophomore **Ashley Rios** led off the second inning with a double and scored on a Vermont miscue. Larsen singled to plate **Katrina Dunning** for a 3-0 lead. The Great Danes built a 6-0 cushion in the fourth as Nolette and **Leslie Busch** hit back-to-back singles and scored on **Kelly Ogden's** single.

UAlbany, who has sole possession of first place in the league standings, hosts Binghamton on Saturday, May 1 for a three-game weekend series. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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Game 1

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| UAlbany | 121 | 200 | 1 | - | 7 | 9 | 1 |
| Vermont | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 2 | 3 |

Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham

Kara Massey, Sara Burke (4) and Samantha Chase

Game 2

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| UAlbany (28-15, AE 14-1) | 700 | 106 | - | 14 | 11 | 2 |
| Vermont (5-30-2, AE 2-12-1) | 000 | 023 | - | 5 | 12 | 3 |

Kristin Couris and Leanne Tillman

Meghan Doonan and Angy Montgomery

(Game ended in the sixth due to eight-run rule)

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UALBANY ATHLETES RECEIVE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS

Albany, N.Y. – State University of New York Chancellor Robert L. King announced today that five University at Albany student-athletes are recipients of the Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award. UAlbany athletes honored are **Victor Camacho** (football), **Rhonda Corcoran** (women's field hockey), **Jill Friedman** (women's golf), **Kevin Rae** (men's lacrosse) and **Paul Roche** (men's track & field).

The Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award recognizes a combination of academic excellence and outstanding athletic achievement. The winners were selected by the athletic directors at SUNY's Division I institutions. The awards program, co-sponsored by USA Today, takes place this evening at the State University Plaza in Albany.

Camacho, a senior from New York City, has a 3.77 cumulative grade point average in business administration with a finance concentration. He had a team-high 94 tackles from his inside linebacker position in leading UAlbany to a share of its second consecutive Northeast Conference championship in 2003. An All-NEC selection, Camacho was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America national first team, and was the NEC's Scholar-Athlete of the Year in football.

Corcoran, a senior from Camden, N.Y., has a 3.80 GPA in psychology. She served as a co-captain on the UAlbany field hockey team, and was a starter in 18 of 19 games played as a defender. She was chosen to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association National All-Academic Team.

Friedman, a junior golfer from Liverpool, N.Y., posted a 3.64 GPA in business administration. She tied for 11th at last weekend's Northeast Championships, and is averaging 85.4 strokes per round during the fall-spring schedule. The Great Danes will compete at the first-ever America East Conference championships on May 3-4.

Rae, a junior goalkeeper on the men's lacrosse team from Yorktown Heights, N.Y., is majoring in business administration/finance and owns a 3.28 GPA. He ranks 12th among the NCAA Division I leaders with a .600 save percentage, plus leads the America East in saves at 14.5 per game. Rae, who tied a season-best with 19 saves against Syracuse last Saturday, has twice been chosen as the conference's player of the week this spring.

Roche, a senior from Niskayuna, N.Y., has a 3.07 GPA in economics with minors in psychology and business administration. He won the long jump with a leap of 23-feet, 2.5-inches at the 2004 America East Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships. Roche was also second in the 55-meter hurdles, as the Great Danes captured their second consecutive conference indoor team title.

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JILL DEDMAN NAMED UALBANY WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY ASSISTANT COACH

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany head women's field hockey coach Phil Sykes announced today the hiring of former Boston College standout and national team member Jill Dedman as assistant coach.

Dedman, a native of Orange, Conn., played for the U.S. National Field Hockey Team from June 2001 to September 2003 as a goalkeeper. She competed at several major international events, including the 2002 World Cup in Perth, Australia. During her time with the national team, Dedman worked with the under-23 national team goalkeepers and coached members of the National Futures program.

As a collegiate player, Dedman was a two-time Big East Conference Goalkeeper of the Year, including her senior season, when she recorded a 1.40 goals against average, six shutouts and 141 saves. She was named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association's All-America third team in 1999, and was a member of the Regional All-America squad on three occasions.

Dedman, who was chosen to the All-Big East squad in three consecutive years, played in the 2000 NFHCA North-South Division I Senior All-Star Game. She was ranked among the nation's leaders in save percentage and GAA, and finished her career with 539 saves and 18 shutouts.

Dedman, 26, earned a B.A. in education from Boston College in May 2000, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in educational psychology. She was a Big East Academic All-Star and an NFHCA All-Academic recipient.

UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ADDS HOUSTON PRODUCT FOR 2004-05

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today that **Tanika Thrower**, a 5-foot-6 point guard from Houston, Texas (Northbrook H.S.), has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Great Danes next season.

Thrower, a three-year All-District 22-5A first-team selection, averaged 24.0 points, 4.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 3.0 steals per game during her senior season. She shot 49.0 percent from the field and connected on 33.0 percent of her three-point attempts in her final season. On the AAU level, Thrower was a member of the Houston Hot Shots team that lost in the 2001 national championship game.

"Tanika is extremely athletic, is a super competitor and has the ability to create off the dribble," Patterson commented. "Tanika is a quality individual and will fit well with our expectations of a student-athlete at the University at Albany."

Thrower joins a group of four athletes who signed during the November period. Kelly Martinson, a 5-foot-11 shooting guard from Madison, Wis. (Madison Memorial), Sherri Mikus, a 5-foot-11 point guard from Harrisburg, Pa. (Susquenita), Kirsten Peterson, a 6-foot-4 center from Owego, N.Y. (Newark Valley) and Gia Sanders, a 6-foot guard/forward from Bowie, Md. (The Bullis School) all made commitments last fall.

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ANDEE LINDGREN NAMED AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Andee Lindgren** has been selected as the America East Conference Pitcher of the Week in softball as announced on Monday afternoon by the conference office.

Lindgren, a senior from La Habra, Calif., leads UAlbany in both pitching and hitting with a 1.13 ERA and .424 batting average, respectively. She owns a 14-2 record in 19 appearances this season on the mound, plus has hurled 13 complete games and two shutouts. Lindgren, who has earned America East Conference honors for three consecutive weeks, has allowed only 18 earned runs this year and has amassed 127 strikeouts. The conference pitching and batting leader has a team-high 50 hits and 13 doubles, plus is tied for first with 23 RBI.

Lindgren, a left-handed hurler, picked up two complete-game conference wins last week on the mound against Maine. She allowed only one earned run on 10 hits with four walks and 13 strikeouts in 14.0 innings. Lindgren recorded her second shutout of the season with a 2-0 win over the Black Bears on April 25 to help her team remain in sole possession of first place in the league standings. She has won her last five starts and owns a 7-1 mark and 0.91 ERA in league play.

Albany (26-15, AE 12-1) entertains Manhattan in a non-league doubleheader on Tuesday, April 27. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m.

MERRICK THOMSON NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) has been chosen as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in men's lacrosse as announced on Monday afternoon by the league office. He won the weekly award for the third time this season.

Thomson set the school's single-game record with eight goals, plus had three assists, in a 21-13 victory against Hartford on April 21. The freshman attack broke a UAlbany mark previously held by three players, including Dan Small's seven-goal effort against Boston College on April 8, 2000. Thomson, who leads the league in scoring at 4.00 points per game, has 37 goals and 11 assists for 48 points this year.

Albany (8-4, AE 4-1) meets Binghamton at home on Saturday, May 1 for the America East regular-season title and top seed in the upcoming conference postseason tournament. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

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KATE FONTANA EARNS AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Kate Fontana** has been named as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's lacrosse as announced on Monday afternoon by the conference office. Fontana, a freshman midfielder, earned the weekly award for the third time this year.

Fontana totaled six goals and two assists in a pair of America East games last week. She posted career-highs in goals (5) and points (7) in a 13-11 victory over conference-rival Vermont on April 23, plus has six ground balls and four caused turnovers.

Fontana is seventh among the America East leaders in scoring at 3.14 points per game, and has 32 goals and 12 assists overall. She is also first in the conference in ground balls (3.93 pg) and caused turnovers (2.29 pg).

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BASEBALL DEFEATS VERMONT, 8-2, TO WIN AMERICA EAST WEEKEND SERIES

Albany, N.Y. -- First baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** homered and tripled in UAlbany's 8-2 victory over America East Conference-foe Vermont on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. Senior right-hander **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) went the distance on the hill for the Great Danes, who took two out of three from the Catamounts over the weekend.

Albany (26-6, AE 7-2) broke open a 2-2 game with a four-run fifth inning. Second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz** scorched a RBI double down the left field line to plate **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central). **Brendan Chiavaro** followed with a two-run single through the left side of the infield and would later score on a fielder's choice to give UAlbany a 6-2 advantage.

The Great Danes, who entered the game in a first-place tie with Binghamton atop the conference standings, grabbed the lead in the first inning on Schoonmaker's team-leading ninth home run of the season, a solo shot to right center. The senior would later drill a RBI triple, his fourth on the year, down the right field line in the eighth to cap his team's day on offense.

Vermont (10-19, AE 4-5) erased a 2-0 deficit in the fourth inning on a two-run homer off the bat of **Kyle Brault**. The UVM right fielder has belted eight round-trippers this spring.

Kroft gave up two runs on five hits and struck out five batters in his first complete game of the year to improve his season record to 5-1 on the mound. Vermont's **Justin Bissonnette** allowed six runs on eight hits and fanned seven in five innings of work to pick up the loss.

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| Vermont (10-19, AE 4-5) | 000 | 200 | 000 | - | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Albany (26-6, AE 7-2) | 110 | 040 | 11X | - | 8 | 12 | 2 |

Adam Kroft and Jason Martin.

Justin Bissonnette, Mike Smith (6), Jon Pleafka (8) and Matt Naimoli.

SOFTBALL BLANKS MAINE, 2-0, TO TAKE AMERICA EAST WEEKEND SERIES

Albany, N.Y. - Senior pitcher **Andee Lindgren** hurled a complete-game shutout and sophomore **Ashley Rios** went 3-for-3 at the plate with one RBI in leading UAlbany to a 2-0 win over Maine in America East Conference softball action on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who have won eight of their last 10 contests, swept the Black Bears in the previous day's doubleheader to capture the weekend series.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

UAlbany (26-15, AE 12-1) took a 1-0 lead in the second as senior right fielder **Liz Wieboldt**, who is on a six-game hitting streak, lined a one-out double to right center and later scored on Rios' single to right.

The Great Danes, who remained in first place in the America East standings by pounding out 10 hits, added an insurance run in the third inning. Senior left fielder **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) singled to left, stole second and advanced to third on **Leslie Busch's** single up the middle. Freshman third baseman **Kelly Ogden** drove in Nolette with a RBI single to left field.

Maine (18-17, AE 6-6) threatened in the fifth as **Lindsey Tibbetts** led off the inning with a single to right. Senior second baseman **Sara Asadoorian** reached on a fielder's choice, advanced to second on a misplay of **Jessica Brady's** grounder, before moving to third on a throwing error. Lindgren got **Lauren Dulkis** to groundout to end the inning.

Lindgren, who has won her five last appearances, allowed only four hits with seven strikeouts and two walks to improve to 14-2 on the mound. Maine's **Candace Jaegge** was credited with the loss, giving up two earned runs on 10 hits with four strikeouts.

UAlbany will entertain Manhattan on Tuesday, April 27 in a non-league doubleheader. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m.

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| UAlbany (26-15, AE 12-1) | 011 | 000 | x | - | 2 | 10 | 3 |

Candace Jaegge and Lindsey Tibbetts.

Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham.

LELAND SCORES CAREER-HIGH SIX GOALS IN UNH'S VICTORY OVER ALBANY

Durham, N.H. – Sophomore attack **Katie Leland** scored a career-high six goals and two assists in leading New Hampshire to its tenth straight win with a 20-1 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Memorial Field.

New Hampshire (11-4, AE 4-0) leaped to a 3-0 lead in the opening nine minutes. **Jill Albee**, a junior attacker who had three goals and one assist, scored a pair in that outburst, including a free-position shot. **Laura Dodsall** added an unassisted goal.

Albany (5-9, AE 2-2) got on the scoreboard, when freshman **midfielder Kate Fontana** tallied her 32nd goal of the season. However, the Wildcats responded with six consecutive goals over the next 17 minutes to take a 9-1 halftime lead.

Leland, a member of last year's America East all-rookie team, scored four times in that decisive run. She finished off the first half by converting a feed from **Kelly Blaney** with five seconds left before the intermission. Junior midfielder **Jess Burnap**, who had four goals and one assist, scored twice in that stretch.

Kristin Blanchette had two second-half goals and added three assists for the Wildcats, who remain in first place in the conference standings and are receiving votes for the national top-20 poll. Leland tallied her sixth of the game and 46th of the season with 9:46 remaining. Goalkeepers **Stacey Plati** and **Julie Bevad** combined to make five saves.

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ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

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| Albany (5-9, AE 2-2) | 1 | 0 | - | 1 |
| New Hampshire (11-4, AE 4-0) | 9 | 11 | - | 20 |

Albany – Scoring: Kate Fontana 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (50:14, 5 saves, 17 GA), Barbara Czaplinski (9:46, 1 save, 3 GA).

New Hampshire – Scoring: Katie Leland 6-2, Jess Burnap 4-1, Jill Albee 3-1, Kristin Blanchette 2-3, Laura Dossall 2-0, Kelly Blaney 1-2, Alexa Webster 1-1, Leanne Ferretti 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Stacey Plati (55:35, 3 saves, 1 GA), Julie Bevad (15:25, 2 saves, 0 GA).

WOMEN'S GOLF FINISHES FIFTH AT NORTHEAST INTERCOLLEGIATES

Amherst, Mass. - Harvard's **Meredith Chiampa** fired a one-over-par 72 in the final round to win medalist honors at the Northeast Intercollegiates on Sunday afternoon at Hickory Ridge/The Orchard Golf Course. The Crimson captured the team title by 34 strokes over runner-up Boston University. UAlbany was fifth in the 13-team field.

UAlbany's **Jill Friedman**, who placed 11th overall, shot an 82 to finish with a two-day total of 168. **Diane Onofry**, who carded an 84 on the first day, tied for 16th place to round out the Great Danes' top-20 performers. **Lauren Bruce** improved her first-day score by four strokes with a final-round 86 to end up in a tie for 22nd. **Anne Lyons** placed 28th, while **Diane Wasileski** tied for 49th place.

Wellesley's **Susan Choi** and Boston U.'s **Leah Johnson**, the first-round leaders, slipped to second place and 13th place, respectively, over the final 18 holes. **Erin Wilson** of Harvard finished third, while **Sue Gleeson** of Central Connecticut State and **Audry Longo** of Mount Holyoke tied for fourth.

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Northeast Intercollegiates (Hickory Ridge/The Orchard - Amherst, Mass.)

TEAM: 1. Harvard 647, 2. Boston U. 681, 3. Dartmouth 684, 4. Central Connecticut State 690, **5. UAlbany 695**, 6. Mount Holyoke 706, 7. Amherst 709, 8. Wellesley 720, 9. St. Lawrence 736, 10. Hartford 751, 11. Holy Cross 777, 12. Bryant 788, 13. Vassar 859.
INDIVIDUAL: 1. Meredith Chiampa, Harvard, 82-73--155, 2. Susan Choi, Wellesley, 80-79--159, 3. Erin Wilson, Harvard, 83-78--161, 4. Sue Gleeson, CCSU, 84-79--163 and Audry Longo, Mt. Holyoke, 86-77--163.

UAlbany Top Finishers: 11. Jill Friedman, 86-82--168; T16. Diane Onofry, 84-90--174; T22. Lauren Bruce, 90-86--176; 28. Anne Lyons, 87-90--177; T49. Diane Wasileski, 104-93--197.

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BASEBALL SPLITS AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER AGAINST VERMONT

Albany, N.Y. – Right fielder **Brendan Chiavaro** hit a two-run home run in the first inning to set the tone as UAlbany defeated Vermont, 20-8, in game two of an America East Conference doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Catamounts took the opener, 7-2.

UAlbany (25-6, AE 6-2) trailed 2-0 in the first inning of the nightcap before a four-run frame put the Great Danes up for good. First baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** started the surge with a single and later scored on an error along with **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central), who reached on a single, to tie the game at two. Chiavaro blasted his fifth homer of the year over the left field fence to give UAlbany a 4-2 lead.

The Great Danes put up six runs in each of the next two innings, including a **Derek DeGrazio** three-run blast in the second, to claim a 16-3 advantage. Schoonmaker, who went 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored in game two, lined a RBI double to right field as part of a four-run sixth inning.

Senior right-hander **Steve Emmerthal** went six innings for UAlbany, giving up five earned runs on 11 hits to earn his fourth win of the season.

In the opener, Vermont (10-18, AE 4-4) right fielder **Kyle Brault** went 2-for-4 with three RBI, including his team-leading seventh home run of the season, to lead his squad to a 7-2 victory. The Catamounts' **Chris Blazek** collected the win by going eight innings on the hill and allowing two runs on two hits.

Chiavaro, who had five RBI on day, drove in both UAlbany runs in the opener and sophomore right-hander **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) picked up his first loss of the season.

Both teams will square off again tomorrow at 12 noon.

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(Game 1)

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| Albany | 100 | 000 | 100 | - | 2 | 7 | 1 |

Chris Blazek, Bryan Rembisz (9) and Matt Naimoli.

Nick Murphy, Scott McGovern (7) and Fred Estes.

(Game 2)

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| Vermont (10-18, AE 4-4) | 201 | 021 | 2 | - | 8 | 14 | 4 |
| Albany (25-6, AE 6-2) | 466 | 004 | X | - | 20 | 15 | 3 |

Brandon Miles, Mike Smith (3), Jared Slater (5), Chris Marsh (6) and Nick Roberts.
 Steve Emmerthal, Giorgio Fuda (7) and Jason Martin.

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2-2-2-2-UALBANY ATHLETICS

LIZ WIEBOLDT KNOCKS IN WINNING RUN TO LEAD UALBANY OVER MAINE

Albany, N.Y. – Senior right fielder **Liz Wieboldt** knocked in the game-winning run in the 14th inning of the nightcap to lead UAlbany to a 4-3 win against Maine in America East Conference softball action on Saturday, April 24 at Albany Field. The Great Danes defeated the Black Bears, 4-3, in the opener.

Maine (18-16, AE 6-5) took an early 3-0 lead in the first inning of the second game as **Jessica Brady** reached on an infield single and advanced to second on a groundout. Sophomore **Molly McKinney**, who finished 3-for-8 at the plate and scored two runs, was issued a walk with two outs and **Amy Kuhl** followed with a three-run homer over the right field fence.

UAlbany (25-15, AE 11-1) scored one run in the second on **Ali Meacham's** RBI groundout to second to plate Wieboldt. The Great Danes tied the contest at 3-all in the fourth as **Andee Lindgren**, who finished 3-for-7 at the plate, led off with a double to center. Wieboldt followed with an infield base hit and Meacham knocked in both runners with a single to right.

In the 14th inning, **Jen Nolette** (Columbia), who finished 6-for-11 on the day with a triple and scored four runs, hit a leadoff single through the left side and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Lindgren followed with a two-out walk. Wieboldt reached on a fielder's choice as the shortstop tried to get Lindgren with the force at second, but was called safe on the play. Meanwhile, Nolette scored the winning run as the throw to home was not in time.

Freshman **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) earned her ninth win of the season, tossing a complete game and allowing three earned runs on 11 hits with nine strikeouts and one walk. **Jennifer Merchant** was credited with the loss as she went the distance, giving up three earned runs on 10 hits with five walks and four strikeouts.

In the opener, UAlbany scored one run in the first on Wieboldt's RBI single down the left field line to plate Nolette. The Great Danes added another run in the second as pinch runner **Carly Isaacs** scored on Nolette's fielder's choice.

The Black Bears cut the deficit in half as **Sara Asadoorian** led off the third with her second double of the day and later scored on Brady's RBI groundout. The Great Danes scored a run in the bottom of the fourth as **Katrina Dunning** hit a RBI single to make it 3-1.

Maine scored once in the fifth as pinch runner **Tara Vilardo** scored on a UAlbany miscue and tied the contest on **Lindsey Tibbetts** RBI single in the sixth. The Great Danes broke the deadlock in the bottom half of the inning on **Kelly Ogden's** single to right for a 4-3 lead.

Lindgren hurled a complete game, allowing one earned run on six hits with two walks and six strikeouts for her 13th victory of the year. **Sarah Bennis** picked up the loss, allowing three earned runs on 11 hits with two walks and four strikeouts.

UAlbany will conclude its three-game series against Maine on Sunday, April 25. First pitch is set for 11 a.m.

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Game 1

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| Maine | 001 | 011 | 0 | - | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| UAlbany | 110 | 101 | x | - | 4 | 11 | 2 |

Sarah Bennis and Lindsey Tibbetts

Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham

Game 2 (14 Inn.)

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| Maine (18-16, AE 6-5) | 300 | 000 | 000 | 000 | 00 | - | 3 | 11 | 2 |
| UAlbany (25-15, AE 11-1) | 010 | 200 | 000 | 000 | 01 | - | 4 | 10 | 2 |

Jennifer Merchant and Molly McKinney, Lindsey Tibbetts

Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham

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3-3-3-3-UALBANY ATHLETICS

#6 SYRACUSE DOWNS UALBANY, 18-8, IN MEN'S LACROSSE ACTION

Syracuse, N.Y. – **Michael Powell** tied a career high with five goals and added one assist in leading No. 6 Syracuse to an 18-8 victory over UAlbany on Saturday afternoon before 4,926 fans at the Carrier Dome.

Syracuse (9-2) raced to a 7-1 lead midway through the second quarter. Powell, a three-time first-team All-American, scored three times in that stretch. He gave his team a 4-0 advantage with 1:40 left in the opening period when he broke up defenseman **Roy Vaccaro's** pass to goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** and found an empty net while falling to the turf. Powell, the nation's second-leading scorer, also added a backhanded goal from the right side with 12:33 left in the second period.

Albany (8-4) reeled off three consecutive goals to close within 7-4 with 5:23 left before the intermission. Senior attack **Michael Solazzo**, who had a pair of goals, netted a 14-yard blast, before **Brendan Russell** connected on a bounce shot off a drive in the middle.

The Orangemen, who were coming off a 14-10 loss to Rutgers one week ago, then took control with seven of the game's next eight goals. Leading 8-4 at halftime, Syracuse tallied three unanswered goals in a one minute-and-19-second span early in the third quarter. Defenseman **Scott Ditzell** found the cage in transition following one of goalkeeper **Jay Pfeifer's** 14 saves. **Brian Crockett**, who had two goals and two assists, then scored back to back, with the first goal resulting after an Albany turnover at midfield. Later Powell's fifth goal of the game gave his team a 14-5 lead, as he beat two defenders and nailed a spinning shot inside the left post.

"Syracuse is very athletic and plays good individual defense," said UAlbany coach **Scott Marr**, whose team had its four game win streak stopped, but will still play Binghamton for the America East Conference regular-season title at home next Saturday. "This was still an important step for our program. It was good for our players to go up against great athletes and also see what it takes to be one of the best lacrosse programs over the last 25 years."

Rae, a junior, tied a season high with 19 saves, including 10 in the first half, to keep his team close. Syracuse's **Steve Vallone** scored four goals, with two coming in each half. **Brian Nee** added two goals and two assists for the Orangemen, who are 143-14 all-time in this facility.

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| UAlbany (8-4) | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | - 8 |
| #6 Syracuse (9-2) | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2 | - 18 |

UAlbany: Scoring – Michael Solazzo 2-0, Brendan Russell 1-0, Merrick Thomson 1-0, Matthew Green 1-0, Chris Martocchia 1-0, Tim Primrose 1-0, Alan Beach 1-0, Luke Daquino 0-1, Frank Resetarits 0-1. Goalkeeper – Kevin Rae (60:00, 19 saves, 18 GA).

Syracuse: Scoring – Michael Powell 5-1, Steve Vallone 4-0, Brian Nee 2-2, Brian Crockett 2-2, Brett Bucktooth 2-0, Greg Rommel 1-1, Sean Lindsay 1-1, Scott Ditzell 1-0, Jarett Park 0-1, Alex Zink 0-1, Kevin Dougherty 0-1. Goalkeepers – Jay Pfeifer (45:00, 14 saves, 6 GA), Nick Donatelli (15:00, 5 saves, 2 GA).

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UALBANY TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES IN ACTION AT PENN RELAYS

Philadelphia, Pa. – The University at Albany men's 4x400-meter relay team lowered their IC4A-qualifying time during second day action at the 110th Penn Relays on Friday afternoon at Franklin Field.

Nelson English, Stephen Evans, Jeremiah Wilson and **Aggrey Morris** teamed up to record a time of 3:15.50, which topped their previous season-best mark of 3:16.40 set last week at the UConn Invitational. The Great Danes' **Naron Stewart** had a high jump of 6-feet, 6.75-inches to finish in a tie for 12th overall.

Shamere Boland, Gered Burns, English and Morris ran their sprint medley relay in a time of 3:25.74 to place 13th.

In the women's competition, the UAlbany 4x100-meter relay team consisting of **Katisha Cunningham, Teresa Covert, Jillian Sherman** and **Tequirra Cox** placed sixth in the ECAC final with a time of 47.71.

The Albany shuttle hurdle relay squad placed sixth out of 11 teams. **Eliana Durko, Ricshara Knight, Patty Diedrich** and Covert combined to post a time of 58.10, which was .17 seconds off the school record.

Jennifer Aubin (Saratoga Springs) had a triple jump of 37-feet, 1.75-inches, which placed her 12th in the eastern division, while Covert clocked in a time of 13.84 in her 100-meter hurdle heat.

Final day competition gets underway tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

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FONTANA SCORES CAREER-HIGH FIVE GOALS IN 13-11 WIN AT VERMONT

Burlington, Vt. – Freshman midfielder **Kate Fontana** scored a career-high five goals and added two assists in leading Albany to a 13-11 America East Conference victory over Vermont on Friday afternoon at Centennial Field. The Great Danes, who ended a two-game skid, moved into a tie for third place in the conference standings.

Albany (5-8, AE 2-1) snapped a 3-3 tie midway through the opening period with three consecutive goals. Freshman attack **Sarah Spillett**, who had one goal and two assists, began the run by connecting on a free-position opportunity. **Alexis DiDomenico** then tallied the first of her three goals, before Fontana found the net with 11:37 left in the stanza.

Courtney Hill, who totaled two goals and one assist, scored unassisted with eight seconds remaining before halftime in staking the Great Danes to an 8-4 lead. Albany pushed out to a six-goal early in the final half. Freshman attack **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) netted a shot with 15 seconds elapsed in the period, before Fontana converted off Spillett's feed.

Vermont (4-10, AE 0-5) regrouped with four of the game's next five goals to close within 11-8 with 6:58 remaining. **Vanessa Cox**, a junior attack who tallied three goals and two assists, scored twice. **Katie Sobocinski** added one of her two goals in that stretch.

However, Fontana ended the comeback attempt 42 seconds later with a free-position shot for her fifth of the game and 31st of the season. DiDomenico increased her team's margin to 13-8 with 5:23 to play, as she fired home Fontana's crossing pass for her 94th goal as a collegian.

Ashleigh Wilson and **Sara Talbot** each scored twice for the Catamounts, who have dropped four straight. Albany travels to conference-leader New Hampshire on Sunday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m.

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| Albany (5-8, AE 2-1) | 8 | 5 | - | 13 |
| Vermont (4-10, AE 0-5) | 4 | 7 | - | 11 |

Albany – Scoring: Kate Fontana 5-2, Alexis DiDomenico 3-0, Courtney Hill 2-1, Sarah Spillett 1-2, Nikki Donohue 1-1, Krissy Rajczak 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 9 saves, 11 GA).

Vermont – Scoring: Vanessa Cox 3-2, Ashleigh Wilson 2-0, Katie Sobocinski 2-0, Sara Talbot 2-0, Sarah Booker 1-2, Mary Medvedkov 1-0, Erin Hall 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kate McBride (60:00, 13 saves, 13 GA).

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DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY TEAM SETS SCHOOL MARK AT PENN RELAYS

Philadelphia, Pa. – University at Albany women's distance medley relay team set a school record in first day competition at the 110th Penn Relays on Thursday afternoon at Franklin Field.

Diane Matthews, Eliana Durko, Adanna Andrews and **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) teamed up to post a time of 11:52.16, which surpassed the previous school mark set on April 3 of this year at the Texas Relays, to place fourth overall.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team qualified for tomorrow's final by clocking in the second-fastest time in UAlbany history. **Katisha Cunningham, Teresa Covert, Jillian Sherman** and **Tequirra Cox** crossed the finish line in 47.19 to place first in their heat. Covert, who is the reigning ECAC Division I Female Co-Field Athlete of the Week, also had a second-place finish in the eastern division long jump with a leap of 19-feet, 2.5-inches.

Other Great Dane competitors included **Joy Williams**, who had a shot put toss of 40-feet, 11-inches, and **Ricshara Knight**, a 17th-place finisher in the eastern division high jump with a mark of 5-feet, 3.25-inches. Knight was also a member of the 4x400-relay squad that clocked in at 3:56.47. Durko ran 1:05.56 in the 400-hurdles and teammate **Meghan Howell** had a 3,000-meter run time of 10:07.87 to finish 19th.

Tomorrow's events get underway at 9:00 a.m. The meet concludes on Saturday.

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THOMSON SETS RECORD WITH EIGHT GOALS IN 21-13 VICTORY OVER HARTFORD

West Hartford, Conn. – Freshman attack **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) set the school's single-game record with eight goals and added three assists in leading Albany to a 21-13 America East Conference victory over Hartford on Wednesday evening at Al-Marzook Field. The Great Danes moved into sole possession of second place in the league standings and clinched a berth in the upcoming conference postseason tournament.

Albany (8-3, AE 4-1) led 11-9 midway through the third quarter, but then reeled off seven consecutive goals to take control. Thomson set up **Luke Daquino** with the man-advantage to begin the run with 6:51 left in the stanza. He then scored both unassisted and on an extra-man opportunity 56 seconds apart.

The Great Danes, who have won four straight and seven of their last eight outings, led 15-9 after three periods, as sophomore attack **Chris Martocchia**, who had two goals and two assists, found the net off a feed from Daquino. **Bakary Janneh's** unassisted goal with 9:34 remaining in the final quarter ended the scoring spree, and gave his squad a commanding nine-goal advantage.

Hartford (0-12, AE 0-5), who are suffering through a winless campaign after reaching last year's America East tournament championship game, responded with four unanswered goals to close within, 18-13. Sophomore midfielder **Garrett Kikot**, who had five goals and one assist, scored twice in that stretch.

Albany's Thomson then converted his eighth goal of the game off **Frank Resetarits'** crossing pass with 4:20 remaining to end any threat. Thomson's performance eclipsed a school standard that was previously held by three players, including Dan Small's seven-goal effort against Boston College on April 8, 2000.

Resetarits finished with three goals and two assists, as the Great Danes posted their highest offensive output against an America East opponent. Daquino, who had one goal and four assists, became the seventh player in school history to reach the 150-point mark in a career. He has 153 points (66 goals, 87 assists) as a collegian. Albany meets No. 6 Syracuse at the Carrier Dome on Saturday, April 24. Game time is 4:30 p.m.

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| Albany (8-3, AE 4-1) | 5 | 3 | 7 | 6 | - | 21 |
| Hartford (0-12, AE 0-5) | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | - | 13 |

Albany – Scoring: Merrick Thomson 8-3, Frank Resetarits 3-2, Chris Martocchia 2-2, Michael Solazzo 2-0, Luke Daquino 1-4, Brendan Russell 1-1, Jim Stankard 1-1, Matthew Green 1-0, Eric Wolf 1-0, Bakary Janneh 1-0, Tim Primrose 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (50:52, 8 saves, 9 GA), Chris Gill (9:08, 3 saves, 4 GA).

Hartford – Scoring: Garrett Kikot 5-1, Mike Gillis 3-0, Lawrence McDonald 1-3, Chris Sauro 1-1, Matt Holman 1-1, Andrew Rohmer 1-0, Josh Wasson-McQuigge 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jordan Karem (51:24, 12 saves, 18 GA), Franklin Pargh (8:36, 0 saves, 3 GA).

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UALBANY BASEBALL SWEEPS PACE IN A NON-LEAGUE DOUBLEHEADER

Albany, N.Y. -- Shortstop **Joe Lamb** went 2-for-3 with one RBI and one run scored in UAlbany's 4-1 victory over Pace in game one of a doubleheader on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes took the nightcap, 5-4, as **Jason Martin** scored the winning run on a passed ball in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Albany (24-5) snapped a 1-1 tie in the opener with three runs in the sixth inning. Second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz** led off with a single up the middle and would later score on a wild pitch. Martin rocketed a double off the right-center field wall to plate **Brendan Chiavaro**. Lamb, who had two doubles in the contest, would later hit a sacrifice fly to right field giving the Great Danes a three-run cushion.

UAlbany's **Ethan Vaiana** gave up one run and scattered four hits, while striking out six to improve his mark to 4-0 on the season. **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater) pitched the seventh by allowing no hits to collect his eighth save of the year.

In game two, the Great Danes jumped out to an early four-run lead as Zimniewicz hit a run-scoring single up the middle and **Derek DeGrazio** belted a three-run homer, his fourth of the season, off of the left field foul pole.

Pace (7-21) sliced the deficit in half in the third with RBI singles by **Paul Bonaros** and **Doug Hehner**. The Setters tied the game in the seventh behind two unearned runs. Bonaros, who walked to get on base, eventually came across on a fielding error as his team drew even at four apiece.

Martin drew a pinch-hit walk with one out in the bottom of the seventh and would later reach third base on an error. Lamb was intentionally walked to load the bases and with **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) at bat a passed ball allowed Martin to hit the plate as the winning run.

Reliever **Roman Dubiel** pitched one-third of an inning to collect the win for the Great Danes and go to 4-0 on the year, while Pace's **Matt Reilly** went the distance and gave up four earned runs on two hits in the loss. Albany left-hander **Mark Suchowiecki** got the start on the mound and allowed two runs on seven hits in six innings of work.

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(Game 1)

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David Qualben, Robert Van Riper (6) and Mike Ferrauto.
 Ethan Vaiana, Shawn Ryan (7) and Jason Martin.

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UALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

(Game 2)

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| Pace (7-21) | 002 | 000 | 2 | - | 4 | 8 | 3 |
| Albany (24-5) | 400 | 000 | 1 | - | 5 | 2 | 3 |

(winning run scored with one out in the bottom of the seventh)

Matt Reilly and Matt Pisseri, Mike Ferrauto.

Mark Suchowiecki, Shawn Ryan (7), Roman Dubiel (7) and Fred Estes.

WAGNER TOPS UALBANY IN NON-LEAGUE SOFTBALL DOUBLEHEADER

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Christina Hopkins** hit a three-run home run in the third inning of the nightcap to lead Wagner to a non-league twinbill sweep over UAlbany in softball action on Wednesday, April 21 at Albany Field. The Seahawks defeated the Great Danes, 7-4, and won the opener, 2-1.

In the second game, Wagner (19-22-1) jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning as **Marie Bianca** scored on an UAlbany miscue and **Kim Bruckner** followed with a RBI single to center to plate **Jessica Van Manen**.

Hopkins, who finished 2-for-5 at the plate in the series with three RBI, blasted her first collegiate homer over the center field fence with two outs in the third for a 5-0 advantage.

UAlbany (23-15) scored four runs in the bottom half of the inning as **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) was issued a lead-off walk, stole second and scored on **Jen Nollete's** (Columbia) single to left field. Sophomore **Katrina Dunning**, who went 2-for-4 with a double, followed with a RBI double to center and later scored on **Andee Lindgren's** single. **Ali Meacham**, who went 3-for-6 at the plate for the day, hit a RBI double to left center to close the gap to 5-4.

Wagner added two insurance runs in the fifth as **Natalie Stollmeyer**, who finished 2-for-3 at the plate, rocketed a two-out home run to right center. Freshman pitcher **Dara Gadziala** went the distance for her fourth victory of the year, allowing four earned runs on seven hits with one walk and four strikeouts. **Carisa Marcucci** was credited with the loss, giving up three earned runs on six hits with one walk and one strikeout in three innings of work.

In the opener, Wagner took an early 1-0 lead in the first on Bianca's one-out homer over the right field fence. The Seahawks tacked on another run in the third as Van Manen singled to left field in scoring **Natalie Stephens**.

UAlbany rallied in the seventh as pinch-hitter **Ashley Rios** led-off with a single to left. Nolette, who went 2-for-7 at the plate with two RBI, smoked a two-out triple to the centerfield gap to plate **Leslie Busch**. Dunning grounded out to second to end the Great Danes' threat.

Morgan Miller earned the complete-game victory, allowing one earned run on seven hits with one walk and one strikeout for her seventh win on the season. **Laura Gremillion** was issued the loss for UAlbany, giving up two earned runs on five hits with two strikeouts in four innings of work.

UAlbany will host America East Conference-foe Maine on Saturday, April 24 in a doubleheader. First pitch is scheduled for 12 noon.

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UALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

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Game 1

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| Wagner | 101 | 000 | 0 | - | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| UAlbany | 000 | 000 | 1 | - | 1 | 7 | 0 |

Morgan Miller and Jessica Van Manen

Laura Gremillion, Kristin Couris (5) and Ali Meacham

Game 2

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| Wagner (19-22-1) | 203 | 020 | 0 | - | 7 | 8 | 0 |
| UAlbany (23-15) | 004 | 000 | 0 | - | 4 | 7 | 1 |

Dara Gadziala and Jessica Van Manen

Carisa Marcucci, Danielle Buyea (4) and Leanne Tillman

WOMEN'S TENNIS DROPS DUAL MATCH TO BIG EAST-OPPONENT PROVIDENCE

Albany, N.Y. – Cheri Lapane and Sara Bitetti each won in straight sets at first and second singles to lead Providence to a 7-0 victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at University Courts.

Lapane defeated UAlbany's Courtney Michels, 6-3, 6-0, while Bitetti upended Amanda Brown, 6-3, 6-1. The Friars' sophomore tandem also teamed for an 8-0 pro-set triumph at first doubles.

The Great Danes' Erika Van Zandt (Tamarac) dropped a 6-1, 6-1 setback to Marissa Bigelli at No. 5 singles.

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Providence 7, Albany 0

Singles: Cheri Lapane (P) def. Courtney Michels (A), 6-3, 6-0; Sara Bitetti (P) def. Amanda Brown (A), 6-3, 6-1; Molly Gilbride (P) def. Lisa Fund (A), 6-1, 6-0; Andrea Lee (P) def. Kerry Levis (A), 6-1, 6-1; Marissa Bigelli (P) def. Erika Van Zandt (A), 6-1, 6-1; Providence won No. 6 singles by default.

Doubles: Lapane/Bitetti (P) def. Michels/Brown (A), 8-0; Lee/Gilbride (P) def. Fund/Levis (A), 8-0; Providence won No. 3 doubles by default.

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UALBANY BASEBALL FALLS AT HOLY CROSS, 7-5, IN NON-LEAGUE PLAY

Worcester, Mass. – Sophomore **Tucker Frawley** belted a three-run home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to lead Holy Cross past UAlbany, 7-5, in non-conference baseball action on Tuesday afternoon at Fitton Field.

Holy Cross (8-19-1) mounted a four-run rally in the seventh to tie the game at four. First baseman **Drew Bigda** led off with a triple and was driven in by **Chris Doneski**. Catcher **Mike Marron** and third baseman **Mike Schell** hit back-to-back RBI singles later in the frame to cap off the Crusaders scoring surge.

Doneski and **Matt Perron** were issued walks in the eighth and Frawley, a second baseman, stepped to the plate with two outs and hit his first homer of the year over the right field fence to put Holy Cross up 7-4.

Albany (22-5), who suffered only its second loss in the past 18 games, grabbed a one-run advantage in the second as **Derek DeGrazio** doubled home **Kirt Zimniewicz**. First baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a triple in the fourth. Zimniewicz followed with a RBI double to left center and was later driven in on a DeGrazio single to make it a 3-0 contest. Shortstop **Joe Lamb** gave the Great Danes a four-run lead with a RBI single in the seventh.

The Crusaders' **Scott Hampe** earned his second win of the season, going one and two-thirds innings giving up two hits and one run. **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) picked up the loss by allowing three runs on two hits in 1.1 innings of work. **Kyle Thomas** got the start for UAlbany and gave up no runs on four hits in six innings on the mound.

The Great Danes return to action tomorrow afternoon as they host Pace in a non-conference doubleheader at Varsity Field. First pitch is slated for 1:30 p.m.

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| Holy Cross (8-19-1) | 000 | 000 | 43x | - | 7 | 11 | 0 |

Kyle Thomas, Nick Ragone (7), Roman Dubiel (7), Shawn Ryan (7) and Fred Estes, Jason Martin.

Matt Blake, Scott Hampe (8) and Mike Marron.

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2-2-2-2-2-2-UALBANY ATHLETICS

TERESA COVERT NAMED ECAC CO-FIELD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Teresa Covert** was named the ECAC Division I Female Co-Field Athlete of the Week as announced today by the league office.

Covert, a senior, broke her own school record in the long jump with a leap of 19-foot, 5.5-inches and qualified for the NCAA East Regionals at the UConn Invitational on April 17. The Susquehanna, Pa. native also won the 110-meter hurdles (13.99) and was third in the triple jump (38-8.25).

She will compete at the NCAA East Regionals in Gainesville, Florida on May 28-29. Covert became the first-ever UAlbany athlete to qualify for the national championships at the Division I level as she did so a year ago in the 110-hurdles.

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LACROSSE'S KEVIN RAE NAMED AMERICA EAST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Kevin Rae** has been chosen as the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's lacrosse as announced on Monday afternoon by the conference office. Rae received the award for the second time this season. In addition, **Frank Resetarits** was named the conference's rookie of the week.

Rae, a junior goalkeeper from Yorktown Heights, N.Y., made a season-high 19 saves, including eight in the fourth quarter, in last Saturday's 9-6 America East victory over Vermont. He also stopped 15 shots in a 12-9 non-league win against Yale on April 14, as his team defeated the Bulldogs for the first time in five meetings.

Rae has recorded 10 or more saves in nine of 10 starting assignments this spring. He is 14th nationally in save percentage (.623) and owns a 9.24 goals against average.

Resetarits, a freshman attack from Hamburg, N.Y., totaled eight points (3 goals, 5 assists) in a pair of UAlbany victories last week. He tallied two goals and two assists in a conference win over Vermont, and earlier in the week had one goal and a season-high three assists against Yale. Resetarits is third among the America East scoring leaders with 35 points (22 goals, 13 assists). UAlbany (7-3) is tied for second in the league standings.

ANDEE LINDGREN & KELLY OGDEN EARN AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Andee Lindgren** has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in softball as announced on Monday afternoon by the conference office. Lindgren earned the award for the second straight week. Freshman **Kelly Ogden** was also chosen the league's rookie of the week.

Lindgren, a senior from La Habra, Calif., leads UAlbany in both pitching and hitting with a 1.22 ERA and .441 batting average, respectively. She owns a 12-2 record with 11 complete games and one shutout. Lindgren has allowed only 17 earned runs this year and has amassed 114 strikeouts. The reigning America East pitcher of the year leads her team in hits (45), doubles (12) and RBI (22).

Lindgren, a left-handed hurler, picked up two conference wins last week on the mound, allowing a total of only two earned runs on six hits with five walks and 18 strikeouts in 12.0 innings of work. She went 9-for-15 at the plate with a .600 average for the week. She drove in five runs with three doubles and scored six runs.

Ogden, a third baseman from Pine Bush, N.Y., is second on the team with 21 RBI and is tied for first in home runs (3). She went 6-for-17 at the plate with a double, two homers and nine RBI. Ogden hit a two-run blast to give her team the lead in UAlbany's 5-4 come-from-behind win over Vermont on April 12.

Albany (23-13, AE 9-1) hosts Wagner on April 21 in a non-league doubleheader. First pitch is set for 3 p.m.

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BASEBALL DOWNS STONY BROOK, 7-2, TO SWEEP A-EAST WEEKEND SERIES

Albany, N.Y. – Designated hitter **Derek DeGrazio** went 2-for-4, including the go-ahead two-run homer in the fourth inning, as UAlbany posted a 7-2 victory over Stony Brook in America East Conference baseball action on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes, who have won 16 of their last 17 contests, swept all three games from the visitors during the weekend series.

Stony Brook (12-18, AE 1-5), who swept Albany in the teams' four-game league series last year, grabbed the lead in the third on **Stephen Didbury's** RBI single that plated **Nick Theoharis**. Shortstop **Matt Devins** followed with a sacrifice fly, which drove in **Andrew Larsen**, to give the Seawolves a two-run advantage.

Albany (22-4, AE 5-1), who set a school single-season win total surpassing the 1999 squad, put up three runs in the fourth to take the lead for good. Second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz** doubled to leadoff the frame and **Brendan Chiavaro** drove him in with a single to left center. DeGrazio, a junior designated hitter, then stepped to the plate and blasted his third home run of the year over the left-field fence to give the Great Danes a 3-2 lead. Zimniewicz belted a two-run homer, his seventh of the season, in the eighth, as his team scored three times in the frame.

Senior right-hander **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) went eight innings on the hill by allowing two runs on five hits, while striking out a season-high 10 batters to improve to 4-1 on the year. Reliever **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater) pitched a scoreless ninth. Stony Brook's **Ryan Claypool** went three innings and gave up three runs on three hits in the loss.

The Great Danes return to action when they travel to non-league opponent Holy Cross on Tuesday, April 20. First pitch is scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

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| Stony Brook (12-18, AE 1-5) | 002 | 000 | 000 | - | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Albany (22-4, AE 5-1) | 000 | 300 | 13X | - | 7 | 8 | 0 |

Adam Kroft, Shawn Ryan (9) and Jason Martin.

Ryan Claypool, Matt Restivo (4), Brian Murtagh (7), Kurt Jung (8) and Cole Cicutelli.

SOFTBALL SHUTS OUT HARTFORD, 10-0, TO CAPTURE WEEKEND SERIES

West Hartford, Conn. – Freshman third baseman **Kelly Ogden** went 2-for-3 at the plate with a double and three RBI to pace UAlbany's offense in a 10-0 shutout over Hartford in America East Conference action on Sunday afternoon at Al-Marzook Field.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

The Great Danes, who have won 11 of their last 12 contests and are riding a season-high six-game winning streak, swept the Hawks in the previous day's doubleheader to capture the weekend series.

UAlbany (23-13, AE 9-1) took a 1-0 lead in the fourth as senior **Andee Lindgren**, who finished 3-for-4 at the plate with one RBI and scored two runs, led off the inning with a double to left center and later scored on a wild pitch.

The Great Danes, who pounded out 31 hits against the Hawks during the three-game series, scored nine runs on eight hits in the sixth. Ogden hit a lead-off single down the left field line and Lindgren followed with a single up the middle. Senior **Liz Wieboldt** singled to center to plate pinch-runner **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) and later scored on **Ali Meacham's** infield single. **Maegan Larsen** and **Katrina Dunning** each hit RBI singles before scoring on Ogden's three-run double to center. Lindgren capped off the inning with a RBI single up the middle for a 10-0 lead.

Hartford (4-15, AE 2-6) threatened in the bottom of the sixth inning as **Liz Borawski** reached on a fielder's choice and **Amy Sullivan** followed with a single to center with two outs. However, **Ryan Williams** grounded out to second to end the game.

Freshman **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) pitched a five-hitter, allowing no runs with no walks and six strikeouts for her eighth victory. Halloran recorded her seventh complete game and third shutout of the season. Hartford's **Nicole McMillon** was credited with the loss, allowing eight earned runs on nine hits with one walk in 5.1 innings of work.

UAlbany will entertain Wagner on Wednesday, April 21 in a non-league doubleheader. First pitch is at 3 p.m.
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| UAlbany (23-13, AE 9-1) | 000 | 109 | - | 10 | 11 | 1 |
| Hartford (4-15, AE 2-6) | 000 | 000 | - | 0 | 5 | 1 |

(game ended in sixth due to eight-run rule)

LONG ISLAND DEFEATS WOMEN'S TENNIS IN NON-LEAGUE PLAY

Flushing, N.Y. – **Veronica Aposto-Efremov** and **Krystina Bachner** teamed to win their doubles match and each were victorious in singles play in leading Long Island University to a 7-0 win over UAlbany on Sunday, April 18 at the National Tennis Center.

Aposto-Efremov and Bachner defeated the Great Danes' tandem of **Courtney Michels** and **Amanda Brown** in an 8-2 pro-set at No. 1 doubles. **Annicris Garcia** and **Xenia Roman Korobochkina** teamed to top **Lisa Fund** and **Erika Van Zandt**, 8-1, in second doubles to claim the doubles point.

The Blackbirds swept all six singles matches with freshman **Merve Koksai** defeating Michels in No. 1 singles, 6-1, 6-1. Aposto-Efremov beat Brown in second singles, 6-0, 6-0, while Bachner won No. 3 singles with a 6-1, 6-2, decision over Fund.

UAlbany entertains Providence on Wednesday, April 21 in Tri-Cities Latham. Match time is set for 2 p.m.

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ALBANY 3-3-3

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Long Island 7, UAlbany 0

Singles:

- #1. Merve Koksal (Long Island) def. Courtney Michels (UAlbany), 6-1, 6-1
- #2. Veronica Aposto-Efremov (Long Island) def. Amanda Brown (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-0
- #3. Krystina Bachner (Long Island) def. Lisa Fund (UAlbany), 6-1, 6-2
- #4. Ellen Anolin (Long Island) def. Kerry Levis (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-1
- #5. Annicris Garcia (Long Island) def. Erika Van Zandt (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-1
- #6. Long Island won by default

Doubles:

- #1. Veronica Aposto-Efremov/Krystina Bachner (Long Island) def. Courtney Michels/Amanda Brown (UAlbany), 8-2
- #2. Annicris Garcia/Xenia Roman Korobochkina (Long Island) def. Lisa Fund/Erika Van Zandt (UAlbany), 8-1
- #3. No match-Long Island wins the double point Chiavaro drove him in with a single to left center. DeGrazio, a junior designated hitter, then stepped to the plate and blasted his third home run of the year over the left field fence to give the Great Danes a 3-2 lead.

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BASEBALL SWEEPS AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER FROM STONY BROOK

Albany, N.Y. - Center fielder **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) drove in three runs in the opener and first baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** had three RBI in the nightcap as UAlbany swept Stony Brook, 10-4 and 5-1, in America East Conference baseball action on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The doubleheader served as the home opener for the Great Danes, who have won 15 of their last 16 contests.

Albany (21-4, AE 4-1) trailed 4-3 in game one heading into the fifth before scoring three times to take the lead for good. **Brad Daniels**, **Joe Lamb** and Vallone delivered three straight doubles, producing two runs, to leadoff the frame. **Brendan Chiavaro** finished off the scoring with a sacrifice fly to bring in Vallone.

The Great Danes crossed the plate four more times in the seventh, including **Pat Delaney's** two-run homer, to secure the victory for **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy), who improved to 5-0 on the season. The sophomore right-hander gave up four runs on five hits in six innings of work, while **Kyle Thomas** pitched the last three frames by allowing no hits to pick up his first save of the year.

Stony Brook (12-17, AE 1-4) grabbed an early 1-0 lead on **Matt Devins'** RBI double in the first. **Andrew Larsen** hit a run-scoring single and **Isidro Fortuna** lined a two-run home run to give the Seawolves a 4-0 lead in the third.

In game two, UAlbany's **Steve Emmerthal** went the distance on the mound giving up one run on four hits, while striking out a season-high nine batters to go to 3-2 on the season.

Schoonmaker, who extended his hitting streak to 10 straight games, had a RBI double in the first and followed it up with a two-run blast, his team-leading eighth of the season, in the third to give the Great Danes a 4-1 advantage.

Stony Brook's **Kevin Fitzgerald** gave up five runs on 12 hits and struck out seven in six innings to pick up the loss for the Seawolves, whose lone run came on solo homer off the bat of Larsen in the third inning.

Both teams will close out their three-game weekend series on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

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(Game 1)

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Jon Lewis, Kris Bakey (7), Kurt Jung (7) and Cole Cicutelli.
Nick Murphy, Kyle Thomas (7) and Fred Estes.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

(Game 2)

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| Stony Brook (12-17, AE 1-4) | 001 | 000 | 0 | - | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Albany (21-4, AE 4-1) | 202 | 010 | X | - | 5 | 12 | 0 |

Kevin Fitzgerald and Cole Cicatelli
Steve Emmerthal and Jason Martin.

SOFTBALL SWEEPS AMERICA EAST-FOE HARTFORD IN DOUBLEHEADER

West Hartford, Conn. -- Senior **Andee Lindgren** went 2-for-4 at the plate with a double and RBI and went the distance on the mound in leading UAlbany to a 6-2 victory over America East Conference-rival Hartford in the opener of a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Al-Marzook Field. The Great Danes completed the sweep with an 11-1 victory in the nightcap.

UAlbany (22-13, AE 8-1) got on the board first on **Ashley Rios'** RBI double to left center in the second inning. In the third, Lindgren doubled down the left field line to plate **Katrina Dunning**, who finished 3-for-7 at the plate with a RBI and scored three runs. **Liz Wieboldt** followed with a sacrifice fly to give her team a 3-1 advantage.

The Great Danes added two more runs in the fourth as **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) hit a two-out RBI single through the left side and **Leslie Busch**, who reached on a single, scored on a passed ball. Freshman **Kelly Ogden's** homer over the left field fence gave her squad a 6-0 cushion.

Hartford (4-14, AE 2-5) scored two runs in the seventh on **Liz Borawski's** two-run single to center to plate **Michelle Mariano** and **Monica Hayes**. Lindgren, a left-handed hurler, picked up her 12th victory of the season, giving up two earned runs on five hits with four walks and nine strikeouts.

In the second game, UAlbany scored 10 runs in the second inning on six hits, plus was issued five walks by two Hartford pitchers. Lindgren, who finished the day 4-for-6 at the plate and drove in three runs, singled twice in the inning with two RBI. Nolette, Dunning, Wieboldt and Busch each had a RBI single during the outburst.

The Hawks lone run on the game came in the third inning as **Mallory Rapoza** scored on **Ryan Williams'** RBI single up the middle. Albany starting pitcher **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) earned the win by tossing two hitless innings with three walks and one strikeout.

UAlbany will conclude the three-game weekend series against Hartford on Sunday at 12 noon.

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Game 1

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| Hartford | 000 | 000 | 2 | - | 2 | 5 | 1 |

Lindgren and Meacham
Jamie Graves and Nikki Thompson

Game 2

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| UAlbany (22-13, AE 8-1) | 0(10)1 | 00 | - | 11 | 9 | 1 |
| Hartford (4-14, AE 2-5) | 0 0 1 | 00 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 |

Casey Halloran, Laura Gremillion (3), Carisa Marcucci (5) and Leanne Tillman
Briana Hout, Caitlin Eichler (2) and Nikki Thompson
(game ended in fifth due to eight-run rule)

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

ERIC OPUANA BREAKS 19-YEAR-OLD RECORD IN HAMMER AT UCONN MEET

Storrs, Conn. – University at Albany's **Eric Opuana** shattered the school record in the hammer throw to highlight his team's performance at the UConn Invitational on Saturday afternoon at George J. Sherman Family-Sports Complex. Albany was second in the team standings behind the host school.

Opuana finished second in the competition with an IC4A-qualifying mark of 191-feet, 5-inches. His throw broke a 19-year-old school standard set by Marc Mercurio, who threw 184-10 in 1985.

Brandon Howlett took first place in the discus with a school-record mark of 177-3. Howlett has won three meets this springs, including the Duke Invitational. **Jonathan Jones** was also first in the long jump with a personal best leap of 23-2. **Naron Stewart** qualified for the IC4A championships in May by taking second in the high jump. He cleared the bar a 6-feet, 9.75-inches.

Other first-place finishers for UAlbany were **Nelson English** (Guilderland) in the 200-meter dash (22.07), **Robbie Freeman** in the 5,000 (14:53.88) and **Rob Caracciolo** in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:28.26). English, a sophomore, ran the first leg on the winning 4x400-meter relay (3:16.40), and was second in the 100-dash.

In the women's meet, **Teresa Covert** broke her own UAlbany record in the long jump, and qualified for the NCAA East Regionals. Covert, who delivered a jump of 19-feet, 5.5-inches, also won the 100-hurdles (13.99) and was third in the triple jump (38-7). The Great Danes placed third in the team competition.

Diane Matthews finished first in the 800-meter run by breaking Xiomara Davila Diaz's 1997 school record with a time of 2:12.87. **Megan Howell** established another UAlbany standard in the 3,000-steeplechase, as she took second in 11:08.04. **Tracy Estriplet's** 56-second third leg helped the Great Danes capture first in the 4x400 relay with a school-record time of 3:51.76.

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UConn Track & Field Invitational

MEN – 1. Connecticut 127, 2. UAlbany 91, 3. Brown 74, 4. Massachusetts 21, 5. Dartmouth 4.

WOMEN – 1. Connecticut 171, 2. Brown 145, 3. UAlbany 126, 4. Rhode Island 123, 5. Massachusetts 48, 6. Boston University 16.

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UALBANY WINS THIRD STRAIGHT WITH 9-6 VICTORY OVER VERMONT

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman attack **Frank Resetarits** had two goals and two assists and **Kevin Rae** made a season-high 19 saves in leading Albany to its third straight win with a 9-6 America East Conference victory over Vermont on Saturday afternoon at University Field. The Great Danes moved into a tie for second place in the conference standings.

Albany (7-3, AE 3-1) used a five-goal first quarter to build a 6-1 halftime lead. Junior attack **Luke Daquino**, who had one goal and two assists, and Resetarits combined on their team's first two scores. **Chris Martocchia** and **Michael Solazzo** added unassisted goals, before Resetarits found an empty net with the man-advantage following a failed clear.

The Great Danes, who have won six of their last seven contests, pushed out a 6-0 lead early in the second quarter, when freshman attack **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) scored off Daquino's crossing pass in a two-man advantage situation. Albany would maintain a 7-2 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Vermont (4-7, AE 1-2) would pull within three goals on three separate occasions in the final period. **Denning Coates** and **R.J. Harrison** scored 19 seconds apart to close the gap to 7-4 with less than one minute elapsed in the stanza. Albany's Thomson, who had two goals and one assist, then connected on an extra-man opportunity from the right side of the crease with 6:48 left.

After the teams traded goals over the next four minutes, Vermont's **Sean Layton** rifled a spinning, 18-yard blast into the net to cut the deficit to 9-6 with 2:08 remaining. The Catamounts, who won the shots-on-goal battle, 40-27, had two extra-man chances in the stretch, but Rae turned aside eight shots in the final quarter to keep the lead safe.

Vermont goalkeeper **Mike Gabel** had 12 saves, as his team used an effective double-team defense to control the flow of the game in the second half. Harrison, a senior midfielder, finished with one goal and one assist.

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| Vermont (4-7, AE 1-2) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | - | 6 |
| Albany (7-3, AE 3-1) | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | 9 |

Vermont – Scoring: R.J. Harrison 1-1, Dan Zwiko 1-0, Mark Prior 1-0, Colin Thompson 1-0, Denning Coates 1-0, Sean Layton 1-0, Austin Humphries 0-1, Pete Hein 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Mike Gabel (60:00, 12 saves, 9 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Frank Resetarits 2-2, Merrick Thomson 2-1, Luke Daquino 1-2, Chris Martocchia 1-0, Michael Solazzo 1-0, Matthew Green 1-0, Tim Primrose 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 19 saves, 6 GA).

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE LOSES TO UMBC, 11-9, IN AMERICA EAST PLAY

Baltimore, Md. – **Kelly Fahey** and **Jen Dragoni** each scored three goals, as UMBC came from behind in the second half to post an 11-9 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday evening at UMBC Stadium.

Albany (4-8, AE 1-1) took a 7-6 lead with 54 seconds elapsed in the final period on a free-position shot by freshman attack **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville), who had two goals and two assists.

UMBC (3-8, AE 2-1) responded with five unanswered goals to go ahead for good. Sophomore attack **Kate Worthington** tied the contest nearly two minutes later on a feed from **Jenny Kasper**. Dragoni and **Kelly Fiorani**, who scored twice and assisted on three more, each added a pair of goals to complete the run. Dragoni's unassisted tally gave her team an 8-7 advantage with 18:15 remaining.

The Great Danes, who had won their conference opener against Binghamton on April 10, reeled off three consecutive goals midway through first half to take a 6-4 lead. Freshman midfielder **Kate Fontana** netted her 26th of the season to begin that outburst, before she set up **Nikki Donohue** for the go-ahead goal with 8:32 left before the intermission.

The Retrievers, who have won three of their last four outings after opening with seven straight losses, drew even by halftime. Fahey, a freshman midfielder, scored back-to-back, including her 17th goal of the year, in a one-minute-and-five second span.

Albany midfielder **Alexis DiDomenico** had three goals, including her 91st as a collegian, while goalkeeper **Jen Daly** made nine saves. Worthington scored twice for the Retrievers, who have lost to six teams this season ranked in the latest IWLCA national top-20 poll.

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| Albany (4-8, AE 1-1) | 6 | 3 | - | 9 |
| UMBC (3-8, AE 2-1) | 6 | 5 | - | 11 |

Albany – Scoring: Alexis DiDomenico 3-0, Krissy Rajczak 2-2, Kate Fontana 2-1, Nikki Donohue 1-0, Sarah Spillett 1-0, Elizabeth Michalenko 0-1, Jenn Rajczak 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 9 saves, 11 GA).

UMBC – Scoring: Kelly Fahey 3-0, Jen Dragoni 3-0, Kelly Fiorani 2-3, Kate Worthington 2-0, Stephanie Crouch 1-0, Lauren Hess 0-3, Jenny Kasper 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kristina Raab (60:00, 7 saves, 9 GA).

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STONY BROOK TOPS UALBANY IN AMERICA EAST TENNIS ACTION

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Sophomore **Anne Cathrine Valle** defeated UAlbany's **Courtney Michels**, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 1 singles to help guide Stony Brook to a 6-1 dual-match victory over the Great Danes in America East Conference tennis action on Friday, April 16 at University Courts.

UAlbany won the doubles point after the home team defaulted at both first and second doubles. Senior **Erika Van Zandt** battled with the Seawolves' **Olesya Ianovitch** at No. 5 singles in losing a three-set match, 7-6, 7-4 (9), 6-0, to highlight the Great Danes' efforts. **Georgia Bushell** topped **Amanda Brown**, 6-1, 6-2, in second singles.

UAlbany returns to action on Sunday, April 18 against Long Island. Match time is set for 11 a.m.

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Stony Brook 6, UAlbany 1

Singles:

- #1. Anne Cathrine Valle (Stony Brook) def. Courtney Michels (UAlbany), 6-1, 6-1
- #2. Georgia Bushell (Stony Brook) def. Amanda Brown (UAlbany), 6-1, 6-2
- #3. Lauren Conching (Stony Brook) def. Lisa Fund (UAlbany), 6-3, 6-0
- #4. Victoria Vasile (Stony Brook) def. Kerry Levis (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-0
- #5. Olesya Ianovitch (Stony Brook) def. Erika Van Zandt (UAlbany), 7-6, 7-4 (9), 6-0
- #6. Stony Brook won by default

Doubles:

- #1. Courtney Michels/Amanda Brown (UAlbany) def. Anne Cathrine Valle/Georgia Bushell (Stony Brook), won by default
- #2. Lisa Fund/Erika Van Zandt (UAlbany) def. Lauren Conching/Victoria Vasile (Stony Brook), won by default
- #3. No match-UAlbany wins the double point

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UALBANY TAKES TWO FROM VERMONT IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PLAY

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Kelly Ogden** put her team ahead in the fifth inning with a two-run homer, and UAlbany went on to a 5-4 win over America East Conference-rival Vermont in the nightcap of the doubleheader on Thursday, April 15 at Albany Field. The Great Danes defeated the Catamounts, 7-1, in the opener.

UAlbany (20-13, AE 6-1) trailed 3-0 before scoring five runs in the fifth inning. Freshman **Leanne Tillman** doubled to left center with two outs to ignite the Great Danes comeback. **Leslie Busch** singled to right and was followed by **Jen Nolette's** (Columbia) RBI single to right center. Sophomore **Katrina Dunning**, who went 3-for-7 at the plate with three RBI on the day, knocked in two runs on a single to center. Ogden, who finished 2-for-7 at the plate with four RBI, rocketed the ball over the left field fence for her second home run of the year to finish off the uprising.

Vermont (4-20, AE 1-4) jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning as **Kate Haber** led off with a single past the third baseman, stole second and later scored on an UAlbany miscue. **Heidi Gebo** scored the second run of the inning on an error by the shortstop. The Catamounts added a run in the fifth on **Kate Ramsey's** RBI double to left and a run in the seventh as Gebo hit a two-out solo-homer to left.

Freshman **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) went the distance, allowing two earned runs on six hits, five strikeouts and no walks for her sixth victory of the season.

In game one, Vermont took a 1-0 lead in the first as Haber scored on a UAlbany error. The Great Danes responded with two runs in the bottom half of the inning as **Andee Lindgren**, who went 3-for-5 at the plate, hit a RBI double to left and scored on **Liz Wieboldt's** double to left center.

UAlbany, who is second behind Boston University in the conference standings, added two runs in the second on Busch's RBI single and Dunning's sacrifice fly for a 4-1 advantage. The Great Danes tacked on one run in the third and two in the fourth.

Lindgren pitched five innings of one-hit ball, allowing no earned runs with one walk and nine strikeouts for her 11th victory. Junior **Danielle Buyea** tossed two scoreless innings of relief, giving up two hits with two walks and two strikeouts.

UAlbany travels to West Hartford, Conn. to face conference-foe Hartford doubleheader action on Saturday, April 17. First pitch is slated for 1 p.m.

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Game 1

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| Vermont | 100 | 000 | 0 | - | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| UAlbany | 221 | 200 | x | - | 7 | 11 | 2 |

Kara Massey and Samantha Chase

Andee Lindgren, Danielle Buyea (6) and Ali Meacham, Leanne Tillman

Game 2

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| Vermont (4-20, AE 1-4) | 200 | 010 | 1 | - | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| UAlbany (20-13, AE 6-1) | 000 | 050 | x | - | 5 | 9 | 4 |

Meghan Doonan and Samantha Chase

Casey Halloran and Leanne Tillman

UALBANY BASEBALL DEFEATS ST. JOHN'S, 5-1, IN NON-LEAGUE PLAY

Jamaica, N.Y. – Second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz** belted a pair of home runs and first baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** went 3-for-4 as UAlbany defeated St. John's, 5-1, in non-conference action on Thursday afternoon at the Ballpark at St. John's.

Albany (19-4) grabbed the lead in the first as Schoonmaker, who has hit safely in eight straight games, singled to right scoring **Joe Lamb**. The Great Danes, who have won 13 of their last 14 contests, posted three more tallies in the third as Zimniewicz blasted a two-run homer over the right field fence and third baseman **Steve Wyland** singled in **Derek DeGrazio** to make it 4-0.

St. John's (18-12), who is coming off a split at No. 9 Notre Dame on Monday, April 12, notched its lone run of the game in the seventh on a solo-shot off the bat of pinch-hitter **Anthony DeRosa**.

Albany right-hander **Ethan Vaiana** got his third start of the year on the mound and held the Red Storm, who had won 16-of-18 entering the game, hitless over the first 5.2 innings. He gave up no runs and issued four walks, while striking out five in six innings of work to improve to 3-0 on the year. **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater) worked a scoreless ninth, and was one of three relievers to hold the home bats in check. **Anthony Sullivan** gave up four runs on six hits in three innings to pick up the loss.

The Great Danes will play at Varsity Field for the first time as they open their home slate by hosting America East Conference-rival Stony Brook in a doubleheader on Saturday, April 17. First pitch is scheduled for 12 noon.

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| Albany (19-4) | 103 | 000 | 001 | - | 5 | 11 | 0 |
| St. John's (18-12) | 000 | 000 | 100 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 |

Ethan Vaiana, Scott McGovern (7), Roman Dubiel (8), Shawn Ryan (9) and Jason Martin, Fred Estes.

Anthony Sullivan, Justin Muir (4), Geno Orsogna (6), Jim Wladyka (7), Robert Delaney (8), Craig Hansen (9) and Joe Burke.

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UALBANY RALLIES IN FOURTH QUARTER FOR 12-9 VICTORY OVER YALE

Albany, N.Y. – Junior attacker **Luke Daquino** scored two of his season-high three goals in the fourth quarter, as Albany rallied for a 12-9 non-league victory over Yale on Wednesday evening at University Field. The Great Danes played under the lights at home for the first time in the program's 35-year history.

Yale (4-5) reversed a 7-5 deficit in the third period with four consecutive goals. Senior attacker **Scott Kenworthy** began that outburst, when he found the net for the third time in the contest by beating Albany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** to the stick-side. After **David Schecter** tied the game at seven apiece nearly one minute later, leading-scorer **Seth Goldberg** put his team ahead after finishing off a fastbreak following a turnover at midfield.

The Bulldogs, who had won the previous four meetings between these teams, including a 13-11 decision last year, took a 9-7 lead with 10:08 left in the final stanza, as **Colin Neville** scored in transition off **Christian Jensen's** feed.

The Great Danes, who are off to their best start as a Division I program with a 6-3 record, then reeled five unanswered goals in a seven-minute span. **Michael Solazzo**, a senior who matched a season-high by scoring three times, drove from the right side and rifled a shot over the helmet of Yale goalkeeper **Jordan Ellis** to tie the contest.

Daquino then scored back-to-back less than two minutes apart to put Albany on top for good. He drove from behind the cage and connected on a one-handed shot for a 10-9 lead with 4:14 to play. Daquino then tallied his 14th goal of the season from the top of the crease in a man-advantage situation. **Brendan Russell** added an empty-net goal for insurance to complete the run with 1:42 left as Yale attempted to double the ball.

Yale's **Ned Britt** finished with two goals, both in the first half, and had two assists, while Schecter scored once and assisted on two others. **Chris Martocchia** had two goals and one assist for the Great Danes, who have won five of their last six outings.

Rae, a junior netminder, made 15 saves, including six in the second quarter, as the visitors were held scoreless on seven extra-man opportunities. Meanwhile, the Great Danes converted all four of their man-up chances.

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| Yale (4-5) | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 9 |
| Albany (6-3) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | - | 12 |

Yale – Scoring: Scott Kenworthy 3-0, Ned Britt 2-2, David Schecter 1-2, Seth Goldberg 1-0, Colin Neville 1-0, Ryan Capilupi 1-0, Dan Brillman 0-2, Christian Jensen 0-1;
 Goalkeeper(s): Jordan Ellis (10:00, 10 saves, 12 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Luke Daquino 3-1, Michael Solazzo 3-0, Chris Martocchia 2-1, Frank Resetarits 1-3, Brendan Russell 1-1, Matthew Green 1-0, Merrick Thomson 1-0;
 Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 15 saves, 9 GA).

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WOMEN -- Massachusetts 17, Albany 15

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior attack **Hope Zelinger** scored four of her six goals in the second half, as Massachusetts rallied in the final six minutes for a 17-15 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (4-7) took a 14-13 lead with 6:30 remaining, when **Alexis DiDomenico** hit the top right corner after spinning around a defender. Massachusetts (3-8) responded with four consecutive goals to go ahead for good. Zelinger tied the contest as she spun to her left after hauling in **Brianna Bubeck's** feed. Sophomore midfielder **Kerri Connerty** put her team in front on a free-position shot with 4:48 left, before **Tracey Drown** found the right side of the net 37 seconds later on another free-position opportunity.

The Great Danes ran off five unanswered goals in the first half en route to a 10-5 advantage. Freshman attack **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville), who matched a season-best performance with four goals and two assists, scored three times in that stretch. **Kate Fontana**, a freshman midfielder who totaled three goals and one assist, added a free-position tally during the outburst.

Massachusetts would eventually draw even at 10 apiece with 13:22 remaining in the final period. Brubeck, who netted three of her four goals after the intermission, tied the game off a crossing pass from Connerty. The contest went back-and-forth over the next seven minutes, as neither team had more than a one-goal margin.

Albany's **Courtney Hill** tallied a career-high four goals, including two in each half, while DiDomenico scored twice, including the 88th of her career. Connerty finished with two goals and four assists for the Minutewomen, who were coming off a 12-11 loss to George Washington three days ago, the team's fifth one-goal setback this season.

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| Massachusetts (3-8) | 7 | 10 | - | 17 |
| Albany (4-7) | 10 | 5 | - | 15 |

Massachusetts -- Scoring: Hope Zelinger 6-1, Brianna Brubeck 4-1, Kerri Connerty 2-4, Tracey Drown 2-1, Maura McGarrity 2-1, Lindsay Cassell 1-1, Samantha Sepulveda 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Remy Bacaicoa (60:00, 8 saves, 15 GA).

Albany -- Scoring: Krissy Rajczak 4-2, Courtney Hill 4-0, Kate Fontana 3-1, Alexis DiDomenico 2-0, Nikki Donohue 1-1, Sarah Spillett 1-0, Jenn Rajczak 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 8 saves, 17 GA).

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UALBANY'S HOWLETT NAMED ECAC FIELD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Brandon Howlett** was named the ECAC Division I Men's Field Athlete of the Week for the second straight week as announced today by the league office.

Howlett, a junior from New Haven, Connecticut, placed first in the discus at the 17th annual Williams Relays on April 10. He posted a meet and school mark of 177-feet, 1-inch to place first out of 21 competitors. Howlett, who broke Brad Dean's school standard set in 1994, had a NCAA Regional qualifying-toss of 174-feet to place first at the Duke Invitational on April 3.

BINGHAMTON DEFEATS UALBANY IN AMERICA EAST TENNIS ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Lya Kushnirovich** won both her doubles and singles matches in leading Binghamton to a 7-0 victory over UAlbany in America East Conference tennis action on Tuesday, April 13 at the UAlbany Bubble.

Kushnirovich defeated UAlbany's **Amanda Brown**, 6-0, 6-1, in No. 2 singles and earlier teamed with **Janine Sadaka** in No. 1 doubles to top the Great Danes tandem of **Courtney Michels** and Brown, 8-1. The Bearcats claimed the doubles point on **Melis Altinay** and **Sherri Stern's** 8-1 win over **Lisa Fund** and **Erika Van Zandt** in second doubles.

Binghamton swept all singles matches with Altinay defeating Michels, 6-0, 3-0, default in No. 1 singles, while Sadaka beat Fund in third singles, 6-1, 6-0.

UAlbany travels to Staten Island on Thursday, April 15 to face Wagner. Match time is set for 3 p.m.

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Binghamton 7, UAlbany 0

Singles:

- #1. Melis Altinay (Binghamton) def. Courtney Michels (Albany), 6-0, 3-0, default
- #2. Lya Kushnirovich (Binghamton) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-0, 6-1
- #3. Janine Sadaka (Binghamton) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-1, 6-0
- #4. Vera Popova (Binghamton) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-0, 6-1
- #5. Sherri Stern (Binghamton) def. Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #6. Jen Peterson (Binghamton) won by default

Doubles:

- #1. Lya Kushnirovich/Janine Sadaka (Binghamton) def. Courtney Michels/Amanda Brown (Albany), 8-1
- #2. Melis Altinay/Sherri Stern (Binghamton) def. Lisa Fund/Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 8-1
- #3. Binghamton wins double point, default

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UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER SIGNS TWO MORE FOR 2004 SEASON

Albany, N.Y.— The University at Albany women's soccer program has announced that two more student-athletes have signed national letters of intent for the 2004-05 academic year. **Meghan Garrity** (Smithtown, N.Y./Smithtown) and **Alicia Gibson** (Belchertown, Mass./Belchertown) have chosen to play for head coach **Kalekeni Banda**, who has received a total of eight commitments overall.

“Meghan and Alicia both possess the critical traits we’re looking to build around, namely great athleticism and skill, high-level club experience and a readiness to play at this level,” stated Banda, who is entering his second season at UAlbany. “They are passionate soccer players whose priorities are in sync with our own. In addition to possessing great athletic talent, both will enter UAlbany as prestigious College Scholars, joining (fellow recruit) Uju Ogbuawa in gaining that distinction. We can’t wait to have them on campus.”

Garrity, a 5-foot-4 midfielder/defender from Smithtown, New York, is in her first year as a full-time member of the HBC Rolling Thunder premier team. Prior to joining HBC, she participated in the Long Island Select program and spent her developmental years with the Smithtown soccer club. As a scholastic player at Smithtown High, she was defensive MVP and garnered conference all-academic honors while leading her team to a Suffolk County scholastic championship in 2003. Garrity is an accomplished member of the track team at Smithtown and qualified for the Indoor State Championships in the triple jump as a senior. Along with Adrienne Heady (Stony Point) and Morgan Warwick (East Durham), Garrity becomes the third New Yorker to join the 2004 recruiting class.

Gibson, a 5-foot-4 midfielder, hails from Belchertown, Massachusetts where she played her club soccer for the New England Mutiny and Western United premier programs. Her Western United team was a State Cup finalist in 2003. Gibson, a four-year starter and three-year captain at Belchertown High School, led her team to a Division II State Championship her senior year. She led the league in total points and is a three-time All-Western Massachusetts first-team selection and a two-time all-state player. As a senior, she captained the Belchertown girls’ basketball team to a state championship berth. Gibson, a member of the National Honor Society, joins former teammate Ashley Augusto (Ludlow) as the second Massachusetts product committed to play for the Great Danes next fall.

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2004 UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER NEWCOMERS

Name, Pos., Ht., Hometown (High School)

Ashley Augusto, GK, 5-7, Ludlow, Mass. (Wilbraham & Monson Academy)

Rachel Boles, MF, 5-5, Medford, N.J. (Shawnee)

Meghan Garrity, MF/D, 5-4, Smithtown, N.Y. (Smithtown)

Alicia Gibson, MF, 5-4, Belchertown, Mass. (Belchertown)

Adrienne Heady, MF, 5-4, Stony Point, N.Y. (North Rockland)

Kearsten Leggett, MF, 5-4, Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon)

Uju Ogbuawa, F, 5-6, Fort Washington, Md. (Oxon Hill)

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ANDEE LINDGREN NAMED AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Andee Lindgren** has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in softball as announced on Monday afternoon by the conference office.

Lindgren, a senior from La Habra, Calif., leads UAlbany in both pitching and hitting with a 1.23 ERA and .414 batting average, respectively. She owns a 10-2 record in 15 appearances this season on the mound, plus has hurled 10 complete games and one shutout. Lindgren, who earned America East pitcher of the week honors on March 23, has allowed only 15 earned runs this year and has amassed 96 strikeouts. The reigning America East Pitcher of the Year leads her team in hits (36), doubles (9) and RBI (17), plus has two homers on the season.

Lindgren, a left-handed hurler, picked up three conference wins last week on the mound, allowing a total of only three earned runs on 18 hits with eight walks and 30 strikeouts in 20.0 innings. She matched a season-high with 12 strikeouts in her team's league-opening 7-1 victory against UMBC on April 5. Lindgren went 13-for-20 at the plate with a .650 average for the week. She drove in 10 runs with two doubles and two home runs.

Albany (18-13, AE 4-1) hosts conference-foe Vermont on April 14 in a doubleheader. First pitch is set for 2 p.m.

MERRICK THOMSON NAMED A-EAST MEN'S LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – Freshman attacker **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) has been selected the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in men's lacrosse. Thomson earned the weekly award for the second time this season.

Thomson scored four goals, two in each half, in last Saturday's 16-7 conference victory over Stony Brook. His low bounce shot, off a crossing pass, with 2:59 left in the second quarter gave his team an 8-5 halftime lead. He has scored four or more points in five consecutive games, and is averaging 5.2 points in that span.

Thomson, who ranks among the top-10 nationally in goals and points, leads the conference in scoring with 25 goals and seven assists for 32 points. Albany (5-3, AE 2-1) meets Ivy League-foe Yale at UAlbany's University Field (football stadium) on Wednesday, April 14 under the lights at 7:00 p.m.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

SCHOONMAKER CHOSEN AMERICA EAST BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Dan Schoonmaker** was named the America East Conference Player of the Week in baseball as announced on Monday afternoon by the league office.

Schoonmaker, a senior who is positioned at both first and third base, went 11-for-20 last week with five home runs and 15 RBI. He drove in 10 runs, including a grand slam and a three-run homer, in UAlbany's non-league doubleheader sweep of Canisius on April 7. The Great Danes won the twinbill, 18-4 and 7-5.

A High Falls, N.Y. native, Schoonmaker homered and scored two runs in UAlbany's 12-5 win over UMBC in game one of a doubleheader on April 9. In the nightcap, he went 3-for-4, including a solo home run in the first inning. He had two RBI and scored two runs in his team's 14-5 victory over the Retrievers on April 10.

Schoonmaker, who leads the team in home runs (7) and RBI (36), belted his fifth home run in as many games with a solo blast in the seventh. He ranks fourth among the America East leaders in hitting with a .398 average.

The Great Danes, who are 18-4 overall and 2-1 in America East play, return to action on Tuesday, April 13 as they take on Niagara in a non-league doubleheader. First pitch is scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

FONTANA SHARES AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S LACROSSE ROOKIE AWARD

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Kate Fontana** has been chosen America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's lacrosse as announced on Monday afternoon by the conference office. She received the weekly honor for the second time this spring.

Fontana, a freshman midfielder from East Syracuse, N.Y., matched a season-high with six points on three goals and three assists in last Friday's 20-14 victory over league-rival Binghamton. She added season-bests in draw controls (8) and caused turnovers (7), plus had six ground balls. Fontana, who has registered three or more points in seven consecutive games, also had two goals and one assist in a 10-7 loss to Holy Cross on April 7.

Fontana is seventh among the America East scoring leaders with 29 points (21 goals, 8 assists). She leads the conference in ground balls with a 4.5 average, and is also first in caused turnovers at 2.4 per game.

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MERRICK THOMSON SCORES FOUR GOALS IN 16-7 VICTORY OVER STONY BROOK

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman attacker **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) scored four times and **Luke Daquino** added three goals and two assists in leading Albany to a 16-7 America East Conference victory over Stony Brook on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Stony Brook (4-5, AE 1-2) took a 4-3 lead in the first quarter, when **Matthew O'Connor** converted a crossing pass from **Jason Cappadoro** following a failed clear. Albany (5-3, AE 2-1) responded with four unanswered goals to go ahead for good. Junior midfielder **Brendan Russell**, who had two goals and one assist, scored on an extra-man opportunity to give his team a 5-4 lead with 32 seconds elapsed in the second period. **Frank Resetarits** and **Matthew Green** followed with unassisted goals to complete the run.

The Great Danes, who were coming off a 10-9 conference loss to UMBC on April 3, added to their 8-5 halftime lead with three consecutive goals in the third quarter. Daquino, the reigning America East player of the year, rifled a 10-yard shot past goalkeeper **Errol Wilson** in a man-advantage situation. Resetarits, a freshman who had three goals and one assist, then found the net by driving through two defenders from the left side. Daquino ended the outburst when he finished off **Tim Primrose's** crossing pass from just outside the crease.

Thomson added two fourth-quarter goals, including his 25th of the season, as Albany built a 15-6 margin midway through the final stanza. **Chris Martocchia** added two goals and one assists for the Great Danes, who have won four of their last five outings. Starting goalkeeper Kevin Rae made 15 saves, including eight in the third period when his team's defense took control.

Adam Marksberry led the Seawolves with three goals, including two in the opening period, plus had one assist. Goalkeeper **Errol Wilson**, who made his first start of the season, turned aside 10 shots in just over three quarters of action.

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| Stony Brook (4-5, AE 1-2) | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 7 |
| Albany (5-3, AE 2-1) | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | - | 16 |

Stony Brook – Scoring: Adam Marksberry 3-1, Jason Cappadoro 1-1, Matthew O'Connor 1-1, George LaFlare 1-0, Eric Hatkewitz 1-0, Mike Kirschner 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Errol Wilson (45:42, 10 saves, 12 GA), Scott Rothstein (14:18, 2 saves, 4 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Merrick Thomson 4-0, Luke Daquino 3-2, Frank Resetarits 3-1, Brendan Russell 2-1, Chris Martocchia 2-1, Matthew Green 1-2, Eric Wolf 1-0, Michael Solazzo 0-2, Tim Primrose 0-1, Jim Stankard 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (52:51, 15 saves, 6 GA), Chris Gill (7:09; 2 saves, 1 GA).

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

LOTMORE AND HOWLETT SET SCHOOL TRACK MARKS AT WILLIAMS RELAYS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Brandon Howlett** posted a meet and school mark in the discus and Alyssa Lotmore (Bishop Maginn) set a school record in the 5,000-meter run at the Williams Relays on Saturday afternoon.

Howlett threw the discus 177-feet, 1.5-inches to take first place in the event. **Eric Opuana** had a first-place hammer throw of 177-feet, while Sam Gonzalez (Fonda-Fultonville) was first across the line in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:57. **Aggrey Morris** was second in the 200-meter dash in 22.05 seconds. **Dustin Wilson** had a leap of 21-feet, 7.75-inches to place second in the long jump, while **Nelson English** was also second in the 100-dash (11.11).

Lotmore, a freshman who was part of the school record-setting distance medley relay team at last weekend's Texas Relays, was clocked in a time of 17:34.68 in the 5,000 to notch another school mark. She eclipsed a standard set by Tonya Dodge in 1997. **Teresa Covert** was a double-winner for the Great Danes in the 100-meter hurdles and the 100-dash. She posted a time of 14.67 in the 100-hurdles and 12.21 in the 100-dash.

SOFTBALL RECORDS SEASON-HIGH 16 HITS IN 11-3 WIN OVER STONY BROOK

Stony Brook, N.Y. -- Sophomore second baseman **Katrina Dunning** went 3-for-5 at the plate with a double and three RBI in leading UAlbany to an 11-3 win over Stony Brook in an America East Conference contest on Saturday afternoon at University Field. The Great Danes, who won two of three in the weekend series, pounded out a season-high 16 hits against the Seawolves.

UAlbany (18-13, AE 4-1) got on the scoreboard first in the second inning as **Ashley Rios** hit her third home run of the season over the right field fence. In the third, **Andee Lindgren**, who went 3-for-5 with two RBI, delivered a two-out single to center and **Liz Wieboldt** followed with a single. Sophomore **Ali Meacham** singled up the middle to plate Lindgren for a 2-0 advantage.

Stony Brook (17-21, AE 3-3) cut the deficit in half in the bottom of the third as **Jane Stein** scored on a **Hayley Durham** single. The Great Danes tacked on another run in the fourth as Dunning lined a RBI single down the left-field line, before Wieboldt was hit by a pitch to lead off the fifth and later scored on shortstop **Maegan Larsen's** ground out to second to make it 4-1.

The Seawolves scored two runs in the bottom half of the inning. Durham singled down the right-field line to plate **Rachael Vogl**. Stein later crossed the plate on an UAlbany miscue to pull within one, 4-3.

The Great Danes scored seven runs on six hits in the seventh inning. Larsen hit a one-out, two-run single through the left side and **Leslie Busch** followed with a RBI single up the middle. Dunning doubled down the right field line to plate two more runs a batter later. Lindgren capped off the barrage with a two-run single up the middle, marking her second hit of the inning.

Lindgren earned her 10th victory of the season, pitching 4.1 innings, allowing one earned run on six hits with two walks and seven strikeouts. Freshman **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) came in the fifth inning and gave up no hits and struck out three in 2.2 innings of work.

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| Stony Brook (17-21, AE 3-3) | 001 | 020 | 0 | - | 3 | 6 | 1 |

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ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

Andee Lindgren, Casey Halloran (5) and Ali Meacham

Angela Andrews, Sarah Hoffman (7), Christina Voth (7) and Margaret Blair

UALBANY BASEBALL DOWNS UMBC, 14-5, TO TAKE WEEKEND SERIES

Baltimore, Md. -- Shortstop **Joe Lamb** went 4-for-6 and drove in three runs to lead UAlbany past UMBC, 14-5, in America East Conference play on Saturday afternoon at Baseball Factory Field. The Great Danes won two of three games during the weekend series.

Albany (18-4, AE 2-1) carried a 5-4 lead heading into the sixth before putting four runs on the board. Lamb singled in **Pat Delaney** and two batters later first baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** had a RBI groundout. Later in the inning, **Kirt Zimniewicz** singled in **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) and Lamb to give UAlbany a five-run cushion.

The Great Danes struck for three more in the seventh as **Brendan Chiavaro** homered and Brad Daniels tripled in Delaney. Lamb followed with a RBI single.

UMBC (6-20, AE 1-2) had taken an early 2-0 lead in the first inning on RBI singles by **Zach Clark** and **Mike Orlando**. Albany sliced the deficit in half in the fourth when Schoonmaker hit his fifth home run in five games, a solo blast for his seventh of the season.

The Great Danes broke through with four runs in the fifth. Lamb singled in Delaney and Vallone followed with a two-run home run. Chiavaro singled in Schoonmaker to make it a 5-2 contest. UMBC put two on the board in the fifth as Dan Carpenter and Clark each had RBI groundouts.

UAlbany's **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) gave up four earned runs on eight hits in seven innings of work to earn the win and improve to 3-1 overall. **Jon Pavlis** picked up the loss by allowing five runs on eight hits in 4.2 innings on the mound for the Retrievers.

The Great Danes return to action on Tuesday, April 13 as they take on Niagara in a doubleheader in Syracuse, New York. First pitch is slated for 3:00 p.m.

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Adam Kroft, Roman Dubiel (8), Shawn Ryan (9) and Jason Martin.

Jon Pavlis, Steve Evans (5), Blake Phipps (6), Mike Johnson (7), Kyle Wildasin (8) and Jon Gossard.

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UALBANY BASEBALL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER AT UMBC TO OPEN A-EAST PLAY

Baltimore, Md. – Sophomore **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) tossed a complete game allowing four earned runs on 10 hits, while striking out six to help give UAlbany a 12-5 win over University of Maryland, Baltimore County in game one of a doubleheader on Friday afternoon at Baseball Factory Field. It was the America East Conference opener for both teams. UMBC took the nightcap, 9-3, to snap the Great Danes' 11-game winning streak.

Albany (17-4, AE 1-1) grabbed the lead in game one behind back-to-back homers from second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz** and right fielder **Brendan Chiavaro** in the second inning. **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) and **Dan Schoonmaker** hit consecutive blasts in the third to give the Great Danes a 4-0 advantage.

UMBC (6-19, AE 1-1) got on the board in the fourth as **Zach Clark** hit a solo home run to center field. Later in the inning, **Jon Gossard** grounded into a double play to bring home **Kyle Wildasin**, making it a 5-2 game.

The Great Danes responded in the fifth behind a two-run home run off the bat of designated hitter **Derek DeGrazio**, who went 3-for-5 with three RBI. Shortstop **Joe Lamb** hit a two-run shot of his own in the ninth to put UAlbany up 12-4. Murphy, who pitched his first-career complete game, earned the win to improve his mark to 4-0 on the season, while the Retrievers' **Eric Butkiewicz** gave up six earned runs on nine hits in seven innings of work to pick up the loss.

In game two, Schoonmaker, who has homered in four straight games, went deep in the first inning to put Albany ahead 1-0. Wildasin hit a two-run shot in the bottom of the first to give the Retrievers a 2-1 advantage. Lamb singled in DeGrazio to knot the score at two in the second. UMBC grabbed the lead for good in the third inning behind two unearned runs.

Kevin Brooks and **Dan Carpenter** each hit two-run doubles in the fourth to put the Retrievers up 8-2. **Zach Clark** pitched a complete game, allowing two earned runs on nine hits for the win, while **Kyle Thomas** went 3.2 innings giving up six earned runs on four hits in the loss.

Both teams will close out their three-game series tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

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(Game 1)

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Nick Murphy and Fred Estes.

Eric Butkiewicz, Bo Sauter (8) and Jon Gossard, Bryan Owens.

(Game 2)

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| UMBC (6-19, AE 1-1) | 202 | 401 | X | - | 9 | 6 | 3 |

Kyle Thomas, Steve Emmerthal (4), Scott McGovern (6) and Jason Martin.

Zach Clark and Jon Gossard.

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UALBANY SPLITS TWINBILL AGAINST AMERICA EAST-RIVAL STONY BROOK

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Center fielder **Jane Stein** was hit-by-a-pitch in the bottom of the eighth inning in game two of the doubleheader to give Stony Brook a 3-2 win over UAlbany in America East Conference softball action on Friday, April 9 at University Field. The Great Danes recorded a 5-0 shutout victory in the opener on a four-hitter by **Andee Lindgren**.

In the nightcap, UAlbany (17-13, AE 3-1) took a 1-0 lead in the second on **Liz Wieboldt's** RBI double down the right field line. Stony Brook (17-20, AE 3-2) tied the contest in the bottom half of the inning as **Hayley Durham** scored on **Jackie Anderson's** RBI single to right.

Freshman **Leanne Tillman** hit her first collegiate home run over the left field fence to give the Great Danes a 2-1 advantage in the fifth. In the bottom of the seventh, Stony Brook forced extra innings as Durham was issued a walk and **Laura Bradford** scored as the ball-four pitch got away from the catcher.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Lindgren retired Anderson and got **Margaret Blair** to ground out to third for two outs. Stony Brook loaded the bases on two walks and a single up the middle by Bradford before Stein, who went 3-for-7 at the plate on the day, was hit by a pitch to plate **Jamie Neuner** with the winning run.

Sarah Hoffman went the distance for Stony Brook, by allowing two earned runs on 10 hits and two strikeouts to even her record at 6-6. Lindgren was credited with the loss as she pitched 1.2 innings of relief, giving up one run on two hits, with three walks and three strikeouts. Freshman **Casey Halloran** started the contest, allowing one earned run on eight hits. She walked one and struck out five in six innings of work.

In game one, UAlbany knocked out nine hits to back a strong pitching performance by Lindgren, who hurled her first shutout of the season, allowing four hits and fanning eight for her ninth victory.

The Great Danes jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second as Lindgren, who finished 4-for-7 at the plate with two RBI and two doubles, hit a lead-off single through the right side, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt and scored on **Julie Gannon's** RBI single. UAlbany tacked on another run in the fourth as **Ali Meacham** singled to right field to plate **Kelly Ogden**, who reached on a single.

In the sixth inning, UAlbany scored three runs as Wieboldt and Gannon lined RBI singles and Lindgren drilled a RBI double to left center to seal the victory.

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UAlbany will wrap-up the three-game series against Stony Brook on Saturday afternoon. Game time is at 12 noon.

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Game 1

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Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham

Angela Andrews, Christina Voth (6) and Rachael Vogl

Game 2 (8 Inn.)

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| Stony Brook (17-20, AE 3-2) | 010 | 000 | 11 | - | 3 | 10 | 1 |

Casey Halloran, Andee Lindgren (7) and Leanne Tillman, Ali Meacham

Sarah Hoffman and Margaret Blair

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UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE WINS AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE OPENER

Albany, N.Y. – **Alexis DiDomenico** scored four of her season-high five goals in the second half, as Albany won its America East Conference opener for the second straight year with a 20-14 victory over Binghamton on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (4-6, AE 1-0) led 10-9 early in the second half, but then broke the game open with four unanswered goals. Freshman midfielder **Kate Fontana**, who had three goals and three assists, started the run when she fired in a low shot after DiDomenico controlled the draw. DiDomenico then connected on back-to-back shots, as she scored from the top of the crease before turning a failed clear into an unassisted goal. **Colleen McGuinness** finished off a fastbreak for a 14-9 advantage with 20:16 remaining.

The Great Danes, who recorded their highest goal total since April 27, 2002, would later push out to an 18-11 cushion. DiDomenico, a senior midfielder, scored twice in that span, including a perfect give-and-go play from **Nikki Donohue** for her 19th goal of the season. **Courtney Hill's** free-position shot gave her team a seven-goal margin with 4:50 left.

Binghamton (2-6, AE 0-1) led on four occasions in the first half. **Becky Green**, who totaled three goals and four assists, put her team ahead, 7-6, with 8:02 remaining before halftime. Albany regrouped with three consecutive goals over the final six minutes of the period to take a 9-7 lead at the intermission. Freshman attack **Krissy Rajczak**, who had a season-best four goals to go with two assists, found the net twice in that stretch.

The Bearcats' **Heather Grose** netted a game-high six goals, including three in each half, while goalkeeper Christa Quon made 21 saves in facing 49 shots. Albany's Donohue finished with three goals and one assist, as her team snapped a two-game skid. Starting goalkeeper **Jen Daly** made 11 stops in the cage. DiDomenico became the seventh player in school history to score 100 career points, and now has 86 goals and 17 assists as a collegian.

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| Binghamton (2-6, AE 0-1) | 7 | 7 | - | 14 |
| Albany (4-6, AE 0-1) | 9 | 11 | - | 20 |

Binghamton – Scoring: Heather Grose 6-0, Becky Green 3-4, Laura Gabbamonte 2-0, Lauren Wetherell 2-0, Allison Lak 1-0, Anna Riordan 0-3, Michelle Gross 0-1;
Goalkeeper(s): Christa Quon (60:00, 21 saves, 20 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Alexis DiDomenico 5-1, Krissy Rajczak 4-2, Kate Fontana 3-3, Nikki Donohue 3-1, Courtney Hill 2-0, Sarah Spillet 1-4, Jenn Rajczak 1-2, Colleen McGuinness 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (57:02, 11 saves, 12 GA), Barbara Czaplinski (2:58, 1 save, 2 GA).

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UNION TOPS GREAT DANES IN WOMEN'S TENNIS ACTION

Schenectady, N.Y. – **Lauren Stellato** and **Jennie Werts** won in singles and doubles play in leading Union to a 7-0 win over UAlbany in women's tennis action on Thursday, April 8 at the Viniar Sports Pavilion.

Stellato teamed with Werts in No. 1 doubles to top UAlbany's tandem of **Courtney Michels** and **Amanda Brown**, 8-2. Union won the doubles point as **Amanda Brody** and **Dara Brumberger** held off **Lisa Fund** and **Kerry Levis**, 8-4, in second doubles.

The Dutchwomen swept all singles matches with Stellato defeating Michels in No. 1 singles, 6-2, 6-1. Brown highlighted the Great Danes efforts with a 6-0, 7-5 loss to Werts in second singles, while Brody beat Fund, 6-1, 6-1, in No. 3 singles.

UAlbany returns to action on Tuesday, April 13 as the Great Danes entertain America East Conference-rival Binghamton. Match time is slated for 3 p.m.
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Union 7, UAlbany 0

Singles:

- #1. Lauren Stellato (Union) def. Courtney Michels (Albany), 6-2, 6-1
- #2. Jennie Werts (Union) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-0, 7-5
- #3. Amanda Brody (Union) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-1, 6-1
- #4. Lisa Keary (Union) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-1, 6-1
- #5. Dara Brumberger (Union) def. Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 6-0, 6-1
- #6. Union won by default

Doubles:

- #1. Lauren Stellato/Jennie Werts (Union) def. Courtney Michels/Amanda Brown (Albany), 8-2
- #2. Amanda Brody/Dara Brumberger (Union) def. Lisa Fund/Kerry Levis (Albany), 8-4
- #3. Union wins double point, default

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UALBANY'S HOWLETT NAMED ECAC FIELD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Brandon Howlett** was named the ECAC Division I Men's Field Athlete of the Week as announced today by the league office.

Howlett, a junior from New Haven, Connecticut, placed first in the discus at the Duke Invitational on April 3 at Wallace Wade Stadium. He recorded a NCAA Regional-qualifying toss of 174-feet, which is the second-best throw in UAlbany history. Howlett, a defensive tackle on last year's Great Danes' football squad, beat a field of 55 competitors and his winning throw surpassed the second-place finisher by nearly five feet.

UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER SIGNS FIVE FOR 2004 CAMPAIGN

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's soccer coach Johan Aarnio announced today that five student-athletes have committed to play for the Great Danes beginning in the 2004 season. **Michael Dineen, Trevor Elmo, Eric Newsome, Amir Vafae** and **Erhan Zekiroski** have signed enrollment certificates to become members of the UAlbany program.

"This recruiting class is filled with talented individuals who will have an opportunity to help our team," stated Aarnio, who is entering his fifth season at the helm on the Great Danes program. "We were able to address our needs as we have added both creative players and strong-sized players. Above all we have recruited players with winning mentalities. The program has a bright future with both experienced players and talented high school athletes."

Dineen, a 6-foot-4 defender, hails from Stony Brook, New York where he was a two-time All-Suffolk County first-team selection as a scholastic player at Ward Melville. As a captain during his senior season, he contributed four goals and four assists for a squad that went 12-5. Dineen, whose Smithtown Bad Boys club team won the Virginia Cup in 2001, also played on the Long Island Scholastic team at the New York State Empire Games two years, capturing a silver medal in 2002 and bronze in 2003. He is a five-year varsity starter and four-year honor roll student.

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2-2-2-2-2-2-UALBANY ATHLETICS

Elmo, a 6-foot-1 midfielder from Highland Mills, New York, tallied 16 goals and 53 assists during his four-year varsity career at Monroe-Woodbury, where he led his scholastic team to the 2003 sectional title. His premier club team, the Wappinger Falcons, won three consecutive New York East State cups, including a berth in the semifinals of the 2000 Regional tournament. The Falcons were also a semifinalist at the prestigious Nike Cup tournament and a Super Y-League national qualifier. Elmo, who is currently playing with the East Fishkill Rebels, was on the Hudson Valley Scholastic team at the New York State Empire Games for the past three years, leading the team to a bronze medal in 2002 and silver in 2003. He is a four-year honor roll student who has participated in the New York East Olympic Developmental Program.

Newsome, a 5-foot-10 defender from Central Valley, New York, was a four-year starter and team captain as a senior at Monroe-Woodbury, where he was Trevor Elmo's teammate. He is a member of the East Fishkill Rebel club team and has gained international experience playing in Ireland. Newsome, who participates with the New York East Olympic Developmental Program, was part of the 2003 Hudson Valley scholastic soccer team, the silver-medal winning squad at Empire State Games.

Vafae, a 5-foot-11 forward, netted 63 goals and 48 assists during his four-year career at Marian Catholic High School in San Diego, California. He captained his team to the Division IV California Interscholastic Federation championship during his senior campaign. He led his La Jolla Nomads premier club team to a sixth-place national ranking and back-to-back state cup finals in 2002 and 2003. Vafae, who lettered four years in both cross country and track, has international experiencing traveling to Spain, England, Mexico and Thailand.

Zekiroski, a 6-foot-1 midfielder from Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, totaled 40 goals and 28 assists during his career at Don Bosco Prep. He led the Ironmen to five consecutive league crowns, three all-county titles, the New Jersey North championship and the state final in 2003. Zekiroski garnered all-county, all-North Jersey and all-state first-team honors as a senior along with being named all-parochial and all-league. He was a contributing member of the successful Jersey Knight Nomads, who won back-to-back state cups as well as being the runner-up in the Region I premier league. He is currently playing with the New York/New Jersey Metrostars, the national finalist of the Y-League.

2004 UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY MEN'S SOCCER NEWCOMERS

Name, Pos., Ht., Wt., Hometown (High School)

Michael Dineen, D, 6-4, 192, Stony Brook, N.Y. (Ward Melville)

Trevor Elmo, M/F, 6-1, 180, Highland Mills, N.Y. (Monroe-Woodbury)

Eric Newsome, D, 5-10, 155, Central Valley, N.Y. (Monroe-Woodbury)

Amir Vafae, F, 5-11, 175, San Diego, Calif. (Marian Catholic)

Erhan Zekiroski, M/F, 6-1, 170, Pompton Lakes, N.J. (Don Bosco Prep)

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UALBANY BEGINS SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE ON MONDAY, APRIL 12

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head coach Bob Ford's fifth spring practice at the Division I-AA level might be his most challenging for his program. Ford must replace 11 starters -- six on offense and five on defense -- from a 7-4 squad that shared its second consecutive Northeast Conference championship.

The list of graduates includes the school's all-time rusher and two-time NEC offensive player of the year Gary Jones, All-America offensive tackle Mike Laroche, All-NEC defensive tackle David Parks, linebacker Victor Camacho, the team's leading tackler, and kicker/punter Stan Zylinski.

"We lost some quality people to graduation, and that group of seniors will always hold a special place in my heart," states Ford, who has a 201-141-1 career record in 35 seasons at the collegiate level. "Every spring you have to fill positions, but also evaluate the younger players. On offense, the quarterback situation is just one of several positions that we need to take a hard look at. The defense is solid on paper, but we will experiment with personnel, especially on the line. All the kicking positions are up for grabs."

The Great Danes begin full-scale preparations for the 2004 season on Monday, April 12 with the first of 15 NCAA-allowed spring practices. The schedule runs through May 5.

OFFENSE: Albany's multiple, option scheme must replace its entire offensive backfield, including Associated Press All-America tailback Gary Jones. Fortunately, the Great Danes have a pair of All-NEC linemen returning.

Left tackle **Geir Gudmundsen** (6-6, 315), who has made 33 consecutive starts, was named to two All-America teams. **Brandon Shaw** (6-0, 295) is a highly valued performer with his ability to play at center and left guard. Both players were instrumental in helping the offense rank fourth nationally in rushing at 292.3 yards per game.

Uli Delgado (Gloversville H.S.) and **Nicholas Bazan** will battle for the starting quarterback job during the spring. "We need to throw the ball better than we did a year ago and be improved in the decision-making process," Ford says. Delgado, who started five games, passed for 284 yards and ran for 95 more. Bazan missed all but one game last year with a broken collarbone.

Rohann Vidal and **David Fantell** are expected to be the leading candidates at tailback. Vidal, a three-year letterman, rushed for 370 yards and five touchdowns as a junior. The fullback spot will be decided between a pair of redshirt freshmen in **Wayne Carrabus** and **Dan Beigel**.

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ALBANY SPRING FOOTBALL 2-2-2

Split end **Jason Miller** led the Great Danes with 15 receptions for 321 yards and two touchdowns, plus along with flanker **Joel Howarth** became a solid blocking tandem in the run game. Young receivers like **Ronnie DeAraujo** (6-2, 185) will also press for playing time. **Tom Burkart** (Averill Park) looks like the man to beat at tight end at 6-foot-4 and 230 pounds.

DEFENSE: The Great Danes' defense probably turned in its best season as a Division I-AA unit in 2003, and were among the national leaders in scoring and rushing against.

Brian Becker (Saratoga Springs), the team's most improved player, emerged as a top-notch linebacker. Becker (5-11, 225) was second on the team in tackles with 63, plus added two sacks and two interceptions. **Will Boone** had 40 tackles despite missing three games with an injury. Redshirt freshman **Colin Disch** (6-1, 203) has moved to the inside.

A healthy **Kurt Campbell** (6-1, 225) gives the defense an all-conference type roverbak. Campbell, plagued by injuries as a collegian, has combined for 86 tackles and 16 pass break-ups during his career. **Tom Cuozzo** (31 tackles) filled in admirably for Campbell last year and will move to outside linebacker. **Chris Stellato** (31 tackles) can also play both positions. **Trevor DuPont**, a redshirt freshman, should move up the depth chart.

Three starters have graduated on the defensive line, but tackles **Matt Kryzak** (6-0, 295), of Albany Academy, and **Justin Sands** (6-1, 285) have seen many downs in the trenches. Kryzak made 22 tackles and 3.0 sacks last year, while Sands had 25 tackles, including eight for losses. **Jermaine Lee** (30 tackles, 3.5 sacks) has tremendous ability.

Andre Coleman (14 tackles, 3.0 sacks, could become a dominating player at defensive end. **Eddie Unverzagt**, a converted fullback, and redshirt freshman **Kelsey Jenks** will try the end spot during the spring.

The team's deepest positions may be in the secondary. Starting corner-backs **Kamar Elliott** (27 tackles) and **Ryan Chrobak** both return. Chrobak, a former receiver, was fifth on the squad in tackles (47) and added eight pass break-ups. **Lucas Kurtz** (55 tackles, 15 PBUs) has the size, at 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds, to be an imposing free safety.

KICKING GAME: Stan Zylinski did all of the kicking and punting last year. **Joe Iannello** and **John Neuberger** (Scotia-Glenville) will work on their skills in the spring, before the incoming freshmen can help out.

2004 UALBANY FOOTBALL SPRING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 12 - Spring Practice Begins, 3:30 p.m.

Week #1 -- April 12, 14, 15, 16

Week #2 -- April 18, 19, 21, 23, 24

Week #3 -- April 26, 28, 30, May 1

Week #4 -- May 3, 5

Wednesday, May 5 - Spring Practice Ends, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 8 - Fall Camp Begins

Monday, August 9 - First Fall Practice Session

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UALBANY BASEBALL SWEEPS TWO FROM CANISIUS IN NON-LEAGUE PLAY

Buffalo, N.Y. – **Dan Schoonmaker** drove in seven runs, including a grand slam to propel UAlbany past Canisius, 18-4, in game one of a doubleheader on Wednesday afternoon at Demske Sports Complex. He went 3-for-4 with three RBI in a 7-5 win in the nightcap.

Albany (16-3), who owns its longest winning streak since 1994 with 10 straight victories, led 2-1 after the first inning in game one and erupted for six runs in the second.

Tony Vallone (Greenwich Central), who went 4-for-6 in the contest, started the surge with a RBI single to left field that brought in **Brad Daniels**. Two batters later, catcher **Jason Martin** doubled in Vallone and Schoonmaker.

In the sixth, shortstop **Joe Lamb** drove in **Brendan Chiavaro** and **Steve Wyland** with a single to center field. Schoonmaker, a senior first baseman, cleared the bases with a grand slam to right-center later in the frame to give the Great Danes a 16-4 advantage.

Ethan Vaiana gave up three earned runs on six hits, while striking out six in six innings of work to earn his second victory of the season.

In the second contest, Albany used a five-run second inning to stake an early 6-0 lead. Schoonmaker, who has team-highs in homeruns (4) and RBI (31), hit a three-run homer to right field to cap off the Great Danes scoring surge.

Canisius (2-18) rallied in the fifth behind a three-run homerun off the bat of **Kevin Smith** to slice Albany's lead to 7-5.

Shawn Ryan (Stillwater Central) came in to pitch the seventh for UAlbany and with two runners on he forced **Adam Montgomery** into a double play to end the game to remain perfect in save opportunities this season (7-for-7). **Roman Dubiel** threw two innings of relief, giving up one hit and allowing no runs to pick up his third win of the year.

The Great Danes open America East Conference play on Friday, April 9 when they travel to UMBC for a doubleheader. First pitch is scheduled for 12 noon.

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(Game 1)

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| Albany | 260 | 017 | 2 | - | 18 | 19 | 1 |
| Canisius | 130 | 000 | 0 | - | 4 | 7 | 5 |

Ethan Vaiana, Giorgio Fuda (7) and Jason Martin.

J.T. Wright, Mike Bax (6), Seamus Barron (6) and Adam Montgomery.

(Game 2)

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| Albany (16-3) | 150 | 010 | 0 | - | 7 | 9 | 0 |
| Canisius (2-18) | 010 | 130 | 0 | - | 5 | 7 | 3 |

Steve Emmerthal, Scott McGovern (3), Nick Ragone (5), Roman Dubiel (5), Shawn Ryan (7) and Fred Estes.

Jordan Neufeld and Lee Harber.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE – Holy Cross 10, Albany 7

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman midfielder **Tara Sutton** scored five goals, all in the second half, as Holy Cross rallied for its third straight win with a 10-7 non-league victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon in the Great Danes' home opener at Varsity Field.

Albany (3-6) snapped a 2-2 tie with three consecutive goals over the opening eight minutes of the final period. **Sarah Spillett** and **Kate Fontana** sandwiched free-position shots around **Courtney Hill's** drive in transition.

Holy Cross (6-6) responded with six unanswered goals to go back in front. Sutton put her team ahead, 6-5, as she split two defenders with a drive from the top in scoring for third straight time. **Katie Britt**, who had four goals, then found the net twice in a 25-second span for an 8-5 lead. Britt, a senior midfielder, placed a shot inside the left post, and then scored again off Sutton's feed.

The Great Danes, who held a 32-21 shot advantage in the contest, closed within 9-7 with 3:55 remaining. Fontana, who had two goals and one assist, finished off a fastbreak with a low shot to record her team-leading 18th of the season.

However, the Crusaders worked the clock over the final three minutes, before Sutton, who added three assists, connected on a free-position opportunity with 23 seconds left. Sutton, the nation's tenth-leading scorer in Division I, has 40 goals and 14 assists on the season.

Albany's Spillett, a freshman attacker, had two goals and one assist, while goalkeeper **Jen Daly** made eight saves. Holy Cross' **Megan Orr** turned aside 14 shots, including seven in each period.

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| Holy Cross (6-6) | 2 | 5 | - | 7 |
| Albany (3-6) | 2 | 8 | - | 10 |

Holy Cross – Scoring: Tara Sutton 5-3, Katie Britt 4-0, Carolyn Smirti 1-1, Melissa Conley 0-1, Kristin Brown 0-1, Kerry Daly 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Orr (60:00, 14 saves, 7 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Sarah Spillett 2-1, Kate Fontana 2-1, Alexis DiDomenico 1-0, Courtney Hill 1-0, Nikki Donohue 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 8 saves, 10 GA).

WOMEN'S TENNIS – Fordham 7, Albany 0

Bronx, N.Y. - Fordham's Christina Papa won both her singles and doubles matches in leading the Rams to a 7-0 non-conference win over UAlbany in women's tennis action on Wednesday afternoon at the Hawthorn/Rooney Tennis Courts.

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ALBANY 2-2-2

Papa teamed with Lisa Vulin to defeat the Great Danes' tandem of Courtney Michels and Amanda Brown, 8-4, in No. 1 doubles. Fordham won the doubles point as sophomores Elizabeth Murray and Candice Lee topped Albany's duo of Kerry Levis and Erika Van Zandt, 8-2, in second doubles.

Fordham swept all singles matches with Papa leading the way in straight sets over Michels, 6-2, 6-0, in No. 1 singles. Doina Sandor defeated Brown, 6-0, 6-0, in second singles, while Vulin won 6-0, 6-1, in No. 3 singles over Albany's Lisa Fund.

Albany concludes its two-day road swing against Union on Thursday, April 8. Match time is set for 2 p.m.

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Fordham 7, Albany 0

Singles:

#1 Christina Papa (Fordham) def. Courtney Michels (Albany), 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doina Sandor (Fordham) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-0, 6-0

#3 Lisa Vulin (Fordham) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-0, 6-1

#4 Danielle Spigner (Fordham) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-1, 6-0

#5 Christina Leavenworth (Fordham) def. Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 6-0, 6-0

#6 Candice Lee (Fordham) won by default

Doubles:

#1 Christina Papa/Lisa Vulin (Fordham) def. Courtney Michels/Amanda Brown (Albany), 8-4

#2 Elizabeth Murray/Candice Lee (Fordham) def. Kerry Levis/Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 8-2

#3 Doina Sandor/Danielle Spigner (Fordham) won by default

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UALBANY SWEEPS UMBC IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE OPENER

Baltimore, Md. – Senior pitcher **Andee Lindgren** went 6-for-8 from the plate with two home runs, seven RBI and picked up her eighth consecutive win of the season on the mound in leading UAlbany to a doubleheader sweep over UMBC in the America East Conference opener for both teams. The Great Danes won the first game, 7-1, and the nightcap, 9-3, on Monday, April 5 at UMBC Softball Stadium.

In the opener, Albany (16-12, AE 2-0) jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning on **Ali Meacham's** RBI single up the middle to plate **Katrina Dunning**. UMBC tied the game on **Kristie Pickeral's** single past the third baseman in the bottom half of the inning.

The Great Danes, who are on a four-game winning streak, scored one run in the third on a Retriever error and added three runs in the following frame. **Ashley Rios**, who went 2-for-3 at the plate with three RBI, led off the fourth with one of her two home runs. Dunning and Lindgren both hit RBI singles to take a 5-1 advantage. Albany tacked on two more runs in the fifth on Rios' two-run homer over the right field fence.

Lindgren, who went 2-for-4 with two RBI at the plate, allowed one earned run on six hits with three walks and matched her season-high with 12 strikeouts. The left-hander improved to 8-1 on the season.

In the second game, Albany scored three runs in the first as Lindgren rocketed a two-run homer and Rios hit a RBI single past the shortstop. UMBC (17-19, AE 0-2) cut into the deficit on **Kelly Claar's** solo home run in the second. **Liz Wieboldt**, who went 3-for-4 at the plate, drove in Lindgren on a two-out double to center for a 4-1 lead in the third.

The Great Danes, who totaled 27 hits and scored 16 runs in the twinbill, upped their margin to 7-1 in the fifth on Lindgren's second long ball of the contest, a three-run blast. Pickeral hit a two-run homer for the Retrievers in the seventh.

Freshman right-hander **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) earned her second straight victory, giving up three earned runs on six hits in the complete-game effort. Halloran walked two and struck out a season-high seven batters.

Albany travels to Stony Brook, N.Y. to face conference-foe Stony Brook on Friday, April 9 in a doubleheader match-up. Game time is set for 12:00 noon.

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MORE

Game 1

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| Albany | 101 | 320 | 0 | - | 7 | 13 | 1 |
| UMBC | 100 | 000 | 0 | - | 1 | 6 | 2 |

Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham

Laura Nicholson, Amy Sadowl (5) and Jen SanFilippo

Game 2

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| Albany (16-12, AE 2-0) | 301 | 031 | 1 | - | 9 | 14 | 2 |
| UMBC (17-19, AE 0-2) | 010 | 000 | 2 | - | 3 | 6 | 0 |

Casey Halloran and Leanne Tillman

Kelly Claar, Amy Sadowl (5) and Jen SanFilippo

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UALBANY DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY TEAM SETS SCHOOL MARK AT TEXAS

Austin, Texas – The University at Albany women's distance medley relay team set a school mark on the final day of competition at the 2004 Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays on Saturday afternoon at Mike A. Myers Stadium.

Diane Matthews, Ricshara Knight, Adanna Andrews and Alyssa Lotmore (Bishop Maginn) teamed up to eclipse the old UAlbany standard with a time of 11:53.65. Matthews ran her 1,200-meter split in 3:33.20, the fastest-ever in school history. Lotmore, a freshman, ran a 5:05.4 anchor-mile.

UALBANY'S BRANDON HOWLETT WINS DISCUS AT DUKE INVITATIONAL

Durham, N.C. – University at Albany's **Brandon Howlett** placed first in the discus at the Duke Invitational on Saturday afternoon at Wallace Wade Stadium.

Howlett, a defensive tackle on last year's Great Danes' football squad, recorded a NCAA Regional-qualifying toss of 174-feet, which is the second-best throw in UAlbany history. He beat a field of 55 competitors and his winning toss surpassed the second-place finisher by nearly five feet. Howlett, a junior, will compete at the NCAA East Regionals on May 28-29 at the University of Florida.

Fred Frese (Scotia-Glenville) placed 14th in the pole vault with a mark of 14-feet, 1.25-inches, while **Jonathan Jones** had a leap of 21-feet, 9-inches to finish 19th in the long jump for the Great Danes.

The UAlbany women's 4x100-meter relay team finished 13th in a time of 49.46, while the 4x400 relay squad crossed the finish line in 4:05.88 to place 19th.

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NO. 20 UMBC RALLIES IN FOURTH QUARTER FOR 10-9 WIN OVER UALBANY

Baltimore, Md. – Junior midfielder **Rob Cross** scored the game-winner with three minutes and 22 seconds remaining, as No. 20 UMBC rallied in the fourth quarter for a 10-9 America East Conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at UMBC Stadium.

Albany (4-3, AE 1-1) trailed 6-5 in the third quarter, but then scored four of the game's next five goals to go ahead. Freshman attack **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy), who led all scorers with four goals and two assists, twice gave his team the lead in that span. He scored off a pass from **Frank Resetarits** for an 8-7 advantage with 4:16 remaining in the third quarter. **Luke Daquino** gave his team a two-goal margin two minutes later when he converted a man-advantage opportunity.

UMBC (3-3, AE 2-0), ranked No. 20 in this week's STX-USILA national poll, erased that deficit in the opening 54 seconds of the fourth quarter. **James Hyland**, a sophomore who had two assists, scored on his team's first possession, before **Pat Muston** won the ensuing faceoff and found the net by himself to draw the Retrievers even at nine apiece.

Neither team could mount much of a scoring threat over the next 10 minutes in a tightly-played affair that featured eight ties and six lead changes. UMBC's **Franklin Berry** would eventually find Cross cutting toward the goal, and the first-time starter bounced a shot past Albany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**. The Retrievers' **Kevin Cepelak** made 10 saves, including Daquino's shot with 1:57 left.

Chris Martocchia had two goals and one assist for the Great Danes, who had their three-game winning streak halted. UMBC freshman **Drew Westervelt** led his team with two goals and two assists, while Cross and Berry each scored twice.

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|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Albany (4-3, AE 1-1) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | - | 9 |
| #20 UMBC (3-3, AE 2-0) | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | - | 10 |

Albany – Scoring: Merrick Thomson 4-2, Chris Martocchia 2-1, Frank Resetarits 1-2, Luke Daquino 1-0, Lee Busino 1-0; Matthew Green 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 7 saves, 10 GA).

UMBC – Scoring: Drew Westervelt 2-2, Franklin Berry 2-1, Rob Cross 2-0; Brendan Mundorf 1-2, James Hyland 1-2, Joe Cahill 1-1, Pat Muston 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Cepelak (60:00, 10 saves, 9 GA).

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ST. BONAVENTURE RECORDS 16-8 NON-LEAGUE VICTORY OVER ALBANY

East Rochester, N.Y. – **Kelly Chevez** scored a season-high five goals and added two assists, as St. Bonaventure pulled away in the second half for a 16-8 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at East Rochester High School’s Don Quinn Field.

St. Bonaventure (3-2) jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening five minutes. Sophomore attack **Nicole Motondo**, who had two goals and one assist, scored unassisted, before **Laura Spaulding** and Chevez each found the net. Spaulding ended up with four goals overall.

Albany (3-5) closed within 5-3 with 33.2 seconds remaining in the first half, when **Kate Fontana** converted off a feed from **Nikki Donohue**. Fontana, a freshman midfielder, finished with three goals, including her 16th of the season.

The Bonnies, who advanced to last year’s Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament for the first time with a 12-win campaign, then put the nation’s fifth-ranked scoring offense to work in the final period. St. Bonaventure began the period by scoring seven of the game’s next eight goals in building a 12-4 lead.

Sarah Dressler started the run when she connected on a free-position shot. Chevez, a junior attacker, then scored back-to-back goals one-minute-and-six-seconds apart, before **Katie Hurley** added an unassisted tally. Chevez’s fifth goal of the game and 13th of the year gave her team a commanding eight-goal margin with 10:52 remaining.

Albany goalkeeper **Jen Daly** matched a season-best with 16 saves, while freshman **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) had two goals and one assist. St. Bonaventure’s **Eileen Gagnon** stopped 10 shots.

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| Albany (3-5) | 3 | 5 | - | 8 |
| St. Bonaventure (3-2) | 5 | 11 | - | 16 |

Albany – Scoring: Kate Fontana 3-0, Krissy Rajczak 2-1, Nikki Donohue 1-1, Courtney Hill 1-0, Alexis DiDomenico 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 16 saves, 16 GA).

St. Bonaventure – Scoring: Kelly Chevez 5-2, Laura Spaulding 4-0, Nicole Motondo 2-1, Robin Mason 1-1, Sarah Dressler 1-1, Courtney Gibbons 1-0, Alexis Spallone 1-0, Katie Hurley 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Eileen Gagnon (54:41, 10 saves, 8 GA), Courtney Hastrich (5:19, 0 saves, 0 GA).

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UALBANY TRACK & FIELD IN ACTION AT TEXAS RELAYS AND DUKE INVITE

Austin, Texas – University at Albany's **Joy Williams** set the school shot put mark in day-three action at the 2004 Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays on Friday afternoon at Mike A. Myers Stadium. The four-day competition concludes tomorrow.

Williams had an ECAC-qualifying throw of 45-feet, 3.5-inches, which broke Alexis Bowens' previous school standard of 42-feet, 9.75-inches set last year, to place 12th in preliminaries.

Nelson English, Gered Burns (Guilderland), **Stephen Evans** and **Aggrey Morris** clocked in with an IC4A-qualifying time of 3:16.63 in the 4x400-meter relay prelims for the Great Danes' men's team.

Running and field events get underway tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. (ET).

UAlbany's **Trista Neinast** posted an ECAC-qualifying time in the 10,000-meter run at day one of the Duke Invitational on Friday afternoon at Wallace Wade Stadium in Durham, North Carolina. Neinast, who is a member of the Great Danes' cross country squad, finished in a time of 37:10.13 to finish second.

Naron Stewart and **Chris Pierson** were top-10 finishers for the UAlbany men's squad. Stewart had a leap of 6-feet, 6.25-inches in the high jump to tie for eighth-place, while Pierson crossed the finish line in 9:24.34 to place ninth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Track and field events get underway tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

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UALBANY WOMEN'S 4X800-METER RELAY TEAM POSTS ECAC TIME AT TEXAS

Austin, Texas – The University at Albany women's 4x800-meter relay team posted an ECAC-qualifying time at the 2004 Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays on Thursday afternoon at Mike A. Myers Stadium. The four-day meet concludes on Saturday.

Alyssa Lotmore (Bishop Maginn), **Diane Matthews**, **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) and **Adanna Andrews** teamed up to record a time of 9:13.05 in the 4x800 relay, which placed them 13th overall. The Great Danes' **Eliana Durko** ran a time of 1:06.14 in the 400-meter hurdles preliminary round.

In the men's competition, UAlbany's **Eric Opuana**, who qualified for the IC4A's in the hammer throw at last weekend's Dick Shea Open, bettered that mark by over 10 feet with a throw of 183-feet, 7-inches to place 21st. **Rich Villanueva** and **Joel Vazquez** posted times of 56.42 and 57.49, respectively, in 400-meter hurdles qualifying.

Running events get underway tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. (ET).