

# University at Albany

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### **Albany 57, Hartford 53**

West Hartford, Conn. – Junior forward **Maree Jones** (Albany H.S.) scored nine of her career-high 16 points in the first half to give Albany its first-ever America East Conference road win over top-ranked Hartford, 57-53, on Saturday afternoon at Chase Family Arena.

Albany (5-10, AE 2-4) went on a 6-0 run after Hartford's **Liz Stitch** pulled her team within one, 48-47, with 4:03 remaining in the second half. Sophomore **Becky Ayers**, who finished with 11 points and three steals, scored five points in a stretch that would keep the Great Danes ahead. Ayers, who made 9-of-9 from the foul line, converted a conventional three-point play with 1:07 left on the clock for a 54-47 cushion.

Hartford (14-3, AE 5-1), which saw its nine-game winning streak snapped with the loss, trailed 40-29 with 10:56 remaining. The Hawks then scored 10 of the contest's next 14 points to cut the deficit to 44-39. Sophomore **Erika Messam**, who added 10 points, knocked down a three-pointer on the baseline and converted one of two attempts from the charity stripe. Freshman **Danielle Matulis** sank all four of her free throws in that run.

The Great Danes, who were winless in their previous 18 conference games on the road since joining the league in 2001-02, took control from the beginning as they scored the game's first seven points to take a 7-0 lead at the 16:22 mark of the first half. Senior **Sarah Sweetland**, who tallied 11 of her 13 points in the opening period, scored five points in that stretch.

Albany, which led 31-18 at intermission, took their biggest lead of the game in the opening minute of the second half on a jumper by junior **Alicia Learn** and a pair of free throws by Ayers for a 35-18 advantage.

"This win does a lot for our confidence and will help us carry momentum into our next game," said Albany coach Trina Patterson, whose team won back-to-back conference games for the second time in school history. "The thing today was to keep scoring. We did a phenomenal job taking care of that goal, especially Mookie (Maree Jones) and Sarah."

Hartford sophomore **Danielle Wexler** came off the bench to lead the team in scoring with 11 points, while **Tanika Price** grabbed a team-high six rebounds and added 10 points. The Great Danes won the battle of the boards, 35-30, while holding the home team to 30-percent shooting on 15-of-50 from the floor.



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### **WOMEN-Vermont 51, Albany 44**

Burlington, Vt. – Senior **Aaron Yantzi** led four players in double figures with a team-high 13 points as Vermont rallied in the second half to defeat Albany, 51-44, in America East Conference action on Wednesday night at Patrick Gymnasium.

Vermont (8-7, AE 2-5) took advantage of Albany's scoreless drought of 9:39 in the second half and used a 6-0 run to tie the contest at 35-all at the 10:11 mark as Yantzi knocked down two free throws. The Catamounts continued their run to take a 44-35 lead with 2:25 left on the clock. Junior **Tiffany Spinka**, who finished with 11 points, scored five points in that span on a three-pointer and a baseline jumper.

Albany (5-11, AE 2-6) pulled within five, 49-44, with 23 seconds left on senior **Sarah Sweetland's** 3-pointer before Vermont's **Theresa LaRocque**, who dished out a career-high 10 assists, converted both free throw attempts to seal the victory.

The Catamounts, who forced 21 turnovers with 14 steals, scored seven unanswered points to make it 17-11 with 10:15 remaining in the first half. Spinka's three-pointer from the top of the key ignited the run.

The Great Danes scored seven of the contest's next 10 points to tie it at 20 behind **Jen Schumacher's** 3-pointer from the right side.

Vermont's **Ashleigh Cuncic's** layup with 2:30 remaining gave her team a 27-23 lead before junior **Alicia Learn**, who matched her career-high with 10 rebounds and added eight points, cut the deficit on a jumper in the paint to make it 27-25 at halftime.

The Great Danes, who recorded a season-low 44 points, scored six unanswered points to take a 31-27 lead with 17:42 left in the second half on **Becky Ayres'** driving layup.

"Tonight was a gut-check game for us," commented Albany head coach Trina Patterson. "We did not dig down deep and do the things we needed to do to pull out the victory. It was a sloppy game and a tough game offensively for us."

Vermont's **Katie McNamara** posted her fifth double-double of the year with 10 points and a team-best 10 rebounds, while **Lani Boardman** chipped in 10 points in a contest that featured six lead changes and three ties. Albany, who held a 40-33 rebounding advantage, was led by Ayres' 15 points and junior **Danielle Hutcheson's** team-high 11 boards.



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### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL – Boston U. 77, Albany 60**

Albany, N.Y. – Junior **Becky Bonner** led four players in double figures with a team-high 19 points and pulled down a team-best nine rebounds as Boston U. defeated Albany, 77-60, in America East Conference action on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Boston U. (10-7, AE 5-3) trailing by four, 23-19, with 10:22 remaining in the first half went on a 10-2 run to take control of the contest. Junior **Adrienne Norris**, who finished with 10 points, eight rebounds and four assists, sparked the run as she sunk both free throw attempts. Freshman **Nadia Bibbs** came off the bench to score five points in that span, including her jumper in the lane to tie the game at 25-all and converted one-of-two attempts from the charity stripe to give her team the lead. Freshman **Erica Kovach's** 3-pointer made it 29-25 at the 5:42 mark.

Albany (5-12, AE 2-6) started the second half on a 5-0 spurt to cut into the 40-30 halftime deficit. Junior **Maree Jones** (Albany), who grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds, converted a driving layup, while sophomore **Becky Ayers**, who led the Great Danes with a team-high 18 points, knocked down a 3-pointer from the top of the key to make it 40-35 at the 18:20 mark.

The Terriers pushed their lead to 11 with 12:31 left in the second half on junior **Larissa Parr's** jumper in the lane for a 54-43 lead. The Great Danes never got closer than five, as they scored eight of the game's next 10 points. Junior **Danielle Hutcheson**, who scored all 11 of her points in the second half, made a layup underneath to make it 56-51 with 8:03 left on the clock.

"Our goal today was to keep Boston U. off the glass," commented Albany coach Trina Patterson. "We gave up too many offensive rebounds and easy second chance baskets. They had fresh legs coming off their bench and I think that hurt us on the boards today."

Senior **Katie Terhune** added 16 points, as she went perfect from the charity stripe (8-8) and fellow senior **Marisa Moseley** chipped in 11 points and three steals. Sophomore **Jen Schumacher** came off the bench to add 14 points for the Great Danes, who were outrebounded 45-30 on the glass.

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**UALBANY MEN'S TRACK & FIELD PLACES SECOND AT ADIDAS INDOOR GAMES**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) set a new meet record in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:50.46 and was a member of the winning 4x400-meter relay team at the Adidas Boston Indoor Games at Northeastern's Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center. Northeastern won both the men's and women's titles. The Great Danes finished second in the men's standings and sixth in the women's competition.

Burns, a sophomore, added to his 800 title by helping **Nelson English** (Guilderland), **Stephen Evans** and **Aggrey Morris** in posting the winning 4x400-relay time of 3:16.32. English also clocked in a first-place time of 22.24 in the 200-dash, while Morris took home second in the 400-dash with a time of 48.78.

Senior **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) crossed the line in 7.62 to win the 55-meter hurdles and also had a second-place effort in the long jump with a mark of 22-feet, 8.5-inches. **Jonathan Jones**, **Noel Campbell** and **Eric Opuana** added third-place showings in the triple jump, 800 and 35-pound weight throw, respectively.

The UAlbany women's 4x400-meter relay team of **Eliana Durko**, **Ricshara Knight**, **Anisha Andrews** and **Adanna Andrews** established a school-record time of 3:53.66 to pace the Great Danes. Senior **Diane Matthews** finished in a time of 2:16.29 to take second in the 800, while freshman **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) clocked in at 2:59.27 to place third in the 1,000. Senior **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs) posted a third-place finish in the triple jump with a leap of 39-feet, 3.25-inches.

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MEN'S - 1. Northeastern 117.33, **2. Albany 108**, 3. Southern Connecticut State 91.33, 4. New Hampshire 53.50, 5. Yale 53, 6. Williams 39, 7. Colgate 38, 8. Massachusetts-Amherst 33, 9. Maine 28, 10. Boston College 25, 11. Holy Cross 14, 12. Stonehill 13.33, 13t. New Haven 12, 13t. Hartford 12, 15. Georgetown 10, 16. Massachusetts-Lowell, 7.50.

WOMEN'S - 1. Northeastern 123.33, 2. South Florida 123, 3. Connecticut 122, 4. Yale 79.33, 5. Boston College 62.83, **6. Albany 53.50**, 7. Williams 40, 8. Colgate 16.50, 9. Massachusetts-Amherst 15.50, 10. Southern Connecticut State 10, 11t. New Haven 6, 11t. Stonehill 6, 13. Massachusetts-Lowell 5.



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### **SUNDAY'S UALBANY-BOSTON U. BASKETBALL GAME ON LOCAL TELEVISION**

Albany, N.Y. – America East Conference TV Network will televise the University at Albany's men's basketball game with Boston University on Sunday, Feb. 1. Game time is 12 noon at Case Gymnasium in Boston, Mass. The Great Danes are making the second of two appearances on the conference's television package.

The Super Bowl Sunday broadcast, produced by MBC Teleproductions of Allentown, Pa., will air live on WNYT-TV (NewsChannel 13) in the Capital Region. Fox Sports New York and Empire Sports Network are also on the network. Bob Picozzi (play-by-play) and former America East player of the year and Holy Cross standout Ron Perry (color) will handle the broadcast duties. The Great Danes are playing for the first time on Super Bowl Sunday.

### **UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM WILL BE DEDICATED IN STEPHEN MULDERRY'S MEMORY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Department of Athletics and Recreation will dedicate the men's basketball locker room in the name of former captain **Stephen Mulderry**, who was among the missing in the World Trade Center tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. The dedication ceremony will take place at halftime of UAlbany's game with New Hampshire on Saturday, Feb. 7, as Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today.

Mulderry, who was popular among his teammates, and affectionately known as "Zipper", was a co-captain on the 1989-90 UAlbany squad which posted a 20-9 record and reached the NCAA Division III East Regional Tournament. He averaged 11.5 points, 5.7 assists and 2.4 steals as a senior. Mulderry, a Bishop Maginn High School graduate, and two-year starter for UAlbany coach Richard "Doc" Sauers, also led the 1988-89 team to an ECAC Upstate New York championship during a 20-8 campaign.

A backup guard at the scholastic level, Mulderry worked his way into the Albany starting lineup after trying out for the team as a freshman. He played on the junior varsity squad his first year, before seeing limited minutes off the bench on the varsity as a sophomore. Mulderry finished his collegiate career seventh on the school's all-time assists list with 325, and fourth in assist average at 4.27 per game.

Mulderry, who graduated with a B.S. in economics in 1990, went on to work as vice president of equity trading for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, an employee-owned investment banking firm.

His parents, William and Anne, his four brothers, Andrew, Peter, Daniel and Bill, and his three sisters, Amy, Nell and Darra, are expected to be present at the dedication.

In addition, Peter Pedro, a former Albany football captain and one of the school's career rushing leaders, and a group of Mulderry's classmates, are raising funds to create the Stephen Mulderry Memorial Scholarship to benefit a UAlbany student-athlete who hails from the Capital Region. For more information on pledge forms or donations, interested parties can contact the Athletic Development Office, at 518-437-4416.



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### **MEN – Vermont 53, Albany 48**

Albany, N.Y. – **Taylor Coppentrath** scored 17 points and **Scotty Jones** added 12, as Vermont held off Albany for its ninth straight win with a 53-48 America East Conference victory on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Vermont (12-5, AE 8-0) led 39-30 midway through the second half, but Albany (3-15, AE 1-8) rallied with 13 of the game's next 18 points. Freshman guard **Jon Iati**, who had 16 of his game-high 18 points in the final period, led the charge. Iati scored seven, including a three-point field goal, in that stretch, before **Aquawasi St. Hillaire's** 16-foot jumper closed the gap to 44-43 with 4:26 remaining.

The Catamounts, who have won 12 of their last 13 outings, regrouped when Coppentrath, a 6-foot-9 junior, hit two free throws and Germain Njila canned a three-pointer for a 49-43 cushion. Albany fought right back on **Levi Levine's** 3-pointer from the top of arc and St. Hillaire's tip-in with 30.8 seconds to play.

With Vermont still ahead 49-48, the Catamounts' **Alex Jensen** missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity, but Coppentrath, who had five rebounds, put back the errant free throw. Iati, who connected on 7-of-18 from the field, had a chance to tie the contest, but his 3-point shot from the left corner went in-and-out with nine seconds left.

"I think my man fell down on that in-bounds play," Iati explained. "I thought I made it, but the shot rimmed out. I was starting to feel it in the second half, but we just never seem to put a solid 40 minutes together. We had so many turnovers at the start and fell behind."

The Catamounts, who shot 50 percent from the floor on 22 of 44 attempts, jumped out a 15-2 lead at the start. **T.J. Sorrentine** netted seven of his nine points in that outburst. Vermont led by as much as 15 points in the opening period, before settling for a 28-18 halftime advantage.

Albany's **Chris Wyatt**, who had six rebounds and four steals, Levine and St. Hillaire each scored eight points, as their team lost for the sixth consecutive time. Freshman Courtney Johnson added six points, six rebounds and a career-high eight assists.

"We hold our opponent in the fifties again, and we still come up short," said Albany coach Will Brown, whose team has held the opposition to less than 60 points in four of the last five games. "I have said this repeatedly that we are not a high-powered offensive team. We played good defense, but then it's the little things like not boxing out or a missed a free throw that hurt us."



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### **UALBANY PLACES 52 ON AMERICA EAST FALL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL**

Boston, Mass. – Fifty-two University at Albany student-athletes have been named to the 2003 America East Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll for earning grade point averages of 3.0 or higher. The athletes were members of teams in the six championship sports which America East offered in the fall season, including men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball.

UAlbany also had 23 student-athletes on the Commissioner's Honor Roll who posted a 3.50 GPA and above during the 2003 fall semester. Five athletes from local high schools were on that list, including **Joe Pienta** (Ichabod Crane) and **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) from the men's cross country squad. Women's cross country was represented by **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) and **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central). Averill Park's **Susan Spierre**, a member of the women's volleyball team, was one of four athletes to earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

### **FOUR PLAYERS ON FOOTBALL GAZETTE MID-MAJOR ALL-AMERICA TEAM**

Westmont, Ill. – University at Albany's **Mike Laroche** (Queensbury H.S.) has been named to the Football Gazette NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America Team. Laroche, a 6-foot-4, 290-pound right tackle, was a first-team selection.

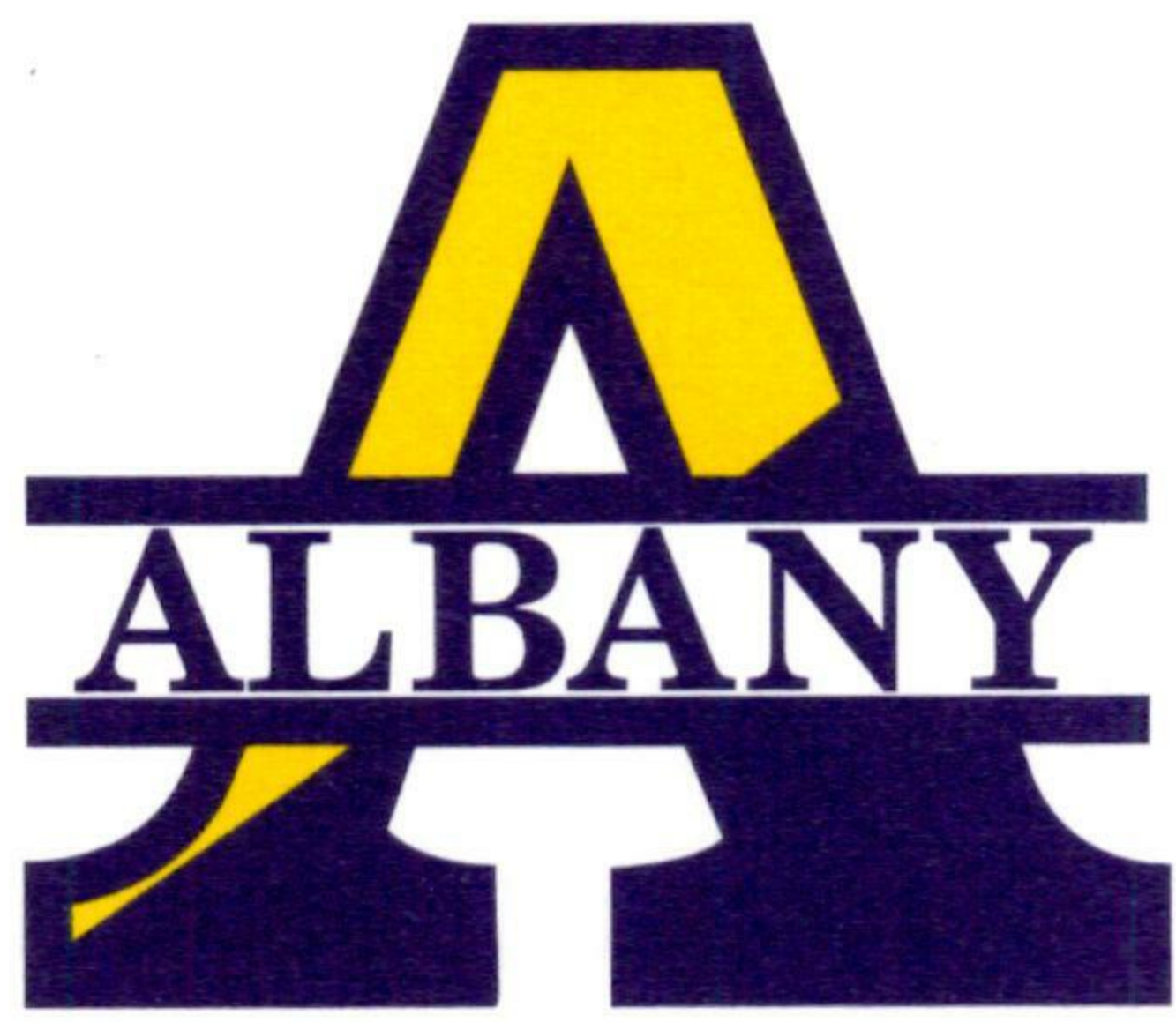
The Great Danes had three players on the All-America second team, including senior tailback **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk), junior offensive tackle **Geir Gudmundsen** and senior inside linebacker **Victor Camacho**. Jones, who was also on the Associated Press and Sports Network All-America squads, rushed for 1,524 yards and 19 touchdowns. He broke or tied 12 school records, including the career rushing mark with 3,033 yards.

### **SAUERS TO BE HONORED AT WEDNESDAY'S UALBANY-VERMONT GAME**

Albany, N.Y. – Former University at Albany men's basketball coach Richard "Doc" Sauers will be honored in a halftime ceremony, when the Great Danes take on America East Conference-rival Vermont on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m.

Sauers, who is being recognized on the occasion of his recent induction into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame, is one of the winningest coaches in the history of college basketball, and coached the UAlbany program from 1955-97. He led the Great Danes to eleven NCAA and four NAIA post-season tournament appearances during his career. He posted a 702-330 record in 41 seasons.





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### UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2004 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the school's football schedule for 2004. The Great Danes, who shared their second consecutive Northeast Conference championship last fall, will play seven games against conference opponents. The non-league schedule features two of the Patriot League's top three teams in Lehigh and Fordham, Atlantic 10 Conference member Hofstra, and Brown from the Ivy League.

UAlbany begins its sixth NCAA Division I-AA campaign on Thursday, September 2 at Hofstra. Albany and the Pride, who are led by veteran coach Joe Gardi, will meet for the first time since the 2000 season finale. The Great Danes also travel to Lehigh (Oct. 2) and Brown (Sept. 18). Lehigh finished 8-3 last year and tied for second in the Patriot League standings. Former UAlbany assistant Pete Lembo has coached the Mountain Hawks for three seasons. Associated Press All-America tight end Adam Bergen is the top returnee with 70 receptions for 840 yards and six touchdowns. Brown (5-5) tied for second in the Ivy League and ended 2003 with three straight wins. Running back Nick Hartigan ranked second among the nation's rushing leaders at 149.8 yards per game.

The Great Danes will open their home schedule with Fordham on Sept. 11. The 6:00 p.m. kickoff represents the first night game at University Field since the 2000 season. Head coach Dave Clawson, a member of Bob Ford's Albany coaching staff from 1989-90, guided the Rams to a 9-3 record last year. Fordham returns two first-team All-Patriot League players in cornerback Tad Kornegay, who had 72 tackles and four interceptions, and defensive tackle Aki Jones (6-4, 290).

St. Francis, Pa. will be the opponent for Homecoming and Family Weekend on Oct. 9. Hall of Fame Weekend is set for Oct. 16 against Monmouth, who earned a share of the 2003 NEC title and advanced to the ECAC Classic. Conference-rivals Wagner and Central Connecticut State will also visit University Field.

The Great Danes, who posted seven or more victories for the seventh time in the last eight years, had a 7-4 record in 2003. Eleven starters return from that squad, including five on offense and six on defense. All-America and All-NEC left tackle Geir Gudmundsen (6-6, 315) leads the list of returnees.

#### 2004 University at Albany Football Schedule

**September** -- 2 (Thurs.), at Hofstra, 7:00; 11 (Sat.), Fordham, 6:00; 18 (Sat.), at Brown, 1:00; 25 (Sat.), at Sacred Heart\*, 1:00.

**October** -- 2 (Sat.), at Lehigh, 1:00; 9 (Sat.), St. Francis, Pa.\* (HC), 1:00; 16 (Sat.), Monmouth\* (HOF), 1:00; 23 (Sat.) at Stony Brook, 6:00; 30 (Sat.), Wagner\*, 1:00.

**November** -- 6 (Sat.), at Robert Morris\*, 1:30; 13 (Sat.), Central Connecticut State\*, 1:00.

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### **Hartford 57, Albany 48**

West Hartford, Conn. – Sophomore guard **Aaron Cook** scored 19 points, as Hartford posted its fourth consecutive victory with a 57-48 America East Conference win over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Chase Family Arena.

Hartford (8-8, AE 3-4) reversed an 11-10 deficit in the opening period with 13 consecutive points. **Louis Bosley** hit a turnaround bank-shot to put his team ahead. Cook and **Ryan Stys** connected on back-to-back three-point field goals to complete the run. The Hawks, who held the visitors to 27-percent shooting in the first half, upped their margin to 15 points on **Charles Ford's** slam-dunk, before settling for a 31-18 halftime lead.

Albany (3-14, AE 1-7) began the final period by scoring 13 of the game's next 17 points. Freshman **Jon Iati**, who scored a team-high 17, and **Levi Levine** each drained a three-pointer in that outburst, before **Aquawasi St. Hillaire's** layup sliced the lead to 35-31 with 11:36 remaining.

The Hawks, who have won the last four meetings in this series, responded with a 10-2 run to pull away for good. Ford made a three-point shot in that span, and Cook hit another long-range jumper for a 45-33 advantage with 8:30 to play.

"I thought we lost that game in the last ten minutes of the first half," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose team shot 36.5-percent for the game, including 5-of-21 from three-point territory in losing their fifth-straight. "When we are struggling offensively we need both our defense and rebounding to be better. Their scramble defense was affective because we could not make them pay by hitting open shots."

Hartford's **Rich Baker** was the only other Hawk in double-figures, as he came off the bench to score 11. **Sean Regan** added six points and eight rebounds, as his team scored its final nine points from the free throw line. Albany's Levine finished with 12 points and seven rebounds, while St. Hillaire added 11.

"We need to come out at the start of the game with intensity," explained Levine, who has scored in double-figures in 31-of-32 games. "We waited too long to execute what we are trying to accomplish. It's tough for us to get down that far."



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### **UALBANY MEN'S TRACK & FIELD PLACES SECOND AT CORNELL CHALLENGE**

Ithaca, N.Y. - Senior **Paul Roche** captured first in the heptathlon, with a school record total of 4,627 points, to help lead the University at Albany men's track and field squad to a second-place finish in the Cornell University Challenge on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Sophomore **Patricia Diedrich** placed first in the pentathlon for the UAlbany women, who finished fourth at the challenge. Cornell won both the men's and women's championships.

Sophomore **Gered Burns**, who garnered Most Outstanding Performer honors at last weekend's Great Dane Classic, clocked in at 2:30.27 to take home first in the 1,000-meters. Burns was joined by **Noel Campbell**, **Richard Villanueva** and **Eric Zorilla** on the winning 4x800-meter relay squad, who finished in a time of 7:54.43.

**Eric Opuana** and **Kamar Elliott** had second-place finishes in the weight throw and triple jump, respectively. Opuana had a school record-toss of 56-feet, 9.5-inches and Elliott had a leap of 48-feet, 2.5-inches. Senior **Aggrey Morris** captured second in the 400-meters in a time of 50.74 and sophomore **Nelson English** placed second in the 200-meter dash, clocking in at 22.52.

On the women's side, Diedrich and **Eliana Durko** were first and second, respectively, in the 60-meter high hurdles. Also finishing first for the Great Danes was the 4x800-meter relay team of **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn), **Anisha Andrews**, **Adanna Andrews** and **Diane Matthews**. Lotmore also placed third in the one-mile run, while Adanna Andrews and Matthews each captured fourth in the 800-meter run and the 1,000-meter, respectively. Matthews' time of 2:57.68 missed qualifying for the ECAC Championships by .14 of a second.

Other top-three finishers for the Great Danes were **Joy Williams**, who placed second in the shot put, and **Natasha Bermudez**, who finished third in the weight throw by setting a new UAlbany record of 51-feet, 8.25 inches.

The UAlbany men's and women's track and field squads return to action on Friday, Jan. 30 when they will take part in the Husky Invitational in Boston, Massachusetts. Events get underway at 5:00 p.m.

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### **SUNDAY'S UALBANY-HARTFORD BASKETBALL GAME TELEVISED LOCALLY**

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The broadcast, produced by MBC Teleproductions of Allentown, Pa., will air live on WNYT-TV (NewsChannel 13) in the Capital Region. Fox Sports New York and Fox Sports Digital Network are also on the network. The contest can be seen on a tape delay basis on NESN (2 p.m.) and Empire Sports Network (6 p.m.).

Eric Frede (play-by-play) and former America East player of the year and Holy Cross star Ron Perry (color) will handle the broadcast duties. Chris Day is the producer.

### **SAUERS TO BE HONORED AT UALBANY-VERMONT GAME ON JAN. 28**

Albany, N.Y. – Former University at Albany men's basketball coach Richard "Doc" Sauers will be honored in a halftime ceremony, when the Great Danes take on America East Conference-rival Vermont on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m.

Sauers, who is being recognized on the occasion of his recent induction into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame, is one of the winningest coaches in the history of college basketball, and coached the UAlbany program from 1955-97.

Sauers led the Great Danes to eleven NCAA and four NAIA post-season tournament appearances during his career. His teams averaged more than 17 wins per season and recorded just one losing campaign. From 1975 until his retirement in March 1997, the Great Danes participated in 10 NCAA tournaments. In 1993-94, UAlbany established a school record for victories with a 25-3 mark, and reached the Division III East Sectional final. Albany also qualified the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) playoffs seven times and won a pair of championships in 1978 and 1989.

Coach Sauers finished his career with a 702-330 career record in 41 seasons. He stands alongside such legendary mentors as Kentucky's Adolph Rupp and North Carolina's Dean Smith in the 700-win club. Sauers achieved that prestigious mark on Feb. 8, 1997 in an 89-71 victory over Bridgeport.



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### **UALBANY'S JAMAL HUGHES WILL NOT PLAY BASKETBALL THIS SEASON**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Jamal Hughes will miss the remainder of the 2003-04 basketball season due to personal reasons, as Director of Athletics and Recreation Dr. Lee McElroy announced today.

Hughes, a 6-foot-8, 220-pound sophomore from Rochester, N.Y., has not appeared in any games this season. He had returned to the program between semesters after leaving in mid-November to attend to personal and family matters.

Hughes, a transfer from Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kansas, averaged 8.2 points and 6.8 rebounds on the junior college level last year. He was named to the NJCAA Region VI All-Division II first team, and helped his squad capture the regional championship.

### **UALBANY'S LEE McELROY INSTALLED AS NACDA'S THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT**

Cleveland, Ohio – University at Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy has been chosen as the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics' Third Vice President, as NACDA announced today. McElroy will replace Col. Randall Spetman, the former director of athletics at the U.S. Air Force Academy, in an interim action taken by NACDA's officers.

McElroy, with more than 30 years of experience in athletics and educational administration, is in his fourth year as the athletics director at Albany, leading a 19-sport program. He led the university's drive to join the America East Conference in 2001 and is currently serving as president of the conference's Executive Committee.

McElroy served on NACDA's Executive Committee in 1995 and from 1999-2003. He has been chair of the United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup Committee since 1998 and was chair of the John McLendon Memorial Minority Postgraduate Committee from 1999-2003. He is currently serving a three-year term on the Division I Management Council. He had previously served on the NCAA committees on athletics certification, financial aid, degree completion program and the special committee on agents and amateurism.

NACDA, which is now in its 39th year, is the professional and educational association for more than 6,100 college athletics directors, associates, assistants and conference administrators at more than 1,600 institutions throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. Through its series of management seminars, clinics and workshops, and publication of the bi-monthly magazine *Athletics Administration*, NACDA offers educational opportunities to its members. More than 1,200 athletics administrators annually attend the NACDA Convention. Additionally, NACDA operates the Directors' Cup program, which honors the all-sports champion in each of the NCAA Divisions – I, II and III – and the NAIA, for a total of four trophies.



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### **WOMEN – Albany 70, Stony Brook 66**

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Jen Schumacher** came off the bench to lead three players in double figures with a career-high 23 points as Albany earned its first America East Conference win of the season against Stony Brook, 70-66, on Wednesday night at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

With the game tied at 66-all, junior **Maree Jones** hit the eventual game-winning jumper in the lane with 18 seconds remaining to give Albany the lead for good, 68-66. After a missed three-point attempt by Stony Brook's **Mykeema Ford**, who scored a team-high 21 points, and a foul by **Sherry Jordan**, Schumacher sunk both of her free throws with 5.1 seconds left on the clock to seal the Great Danes' victory in snapping a five-game losing skid.

Stony Brook (2-12, AE 1-4) trailed by as many as 10 points in the second half before using a 13-2 run to take a 40-39 lead with 14:02 remaining on the clock. Ford, who scored eight points in that span, ignited the spurt by knocking down two from long range. Jordan gave her team the lead as she converted both shots from the charity stripe.

Albany (4-10, AE 1-4) rallied from an eight point deficit as senior **Sarah Sweetland** knocked down two 3-pointers to pull her team within two, 58-56, with 4:34 on the clock. Junior **Danielle Hutcheson**, who finished with 18 points, three blocks and a team-high nine rebounds, tied the contest at 58 apiece on her layup. Ford was fouled on the next possession on a long-range jumper, but connected on only one foul shot to give her team the advantage, 59-58. Sweetland scored the next four points to give Albany a 62-59 lead with 2:26 on the clock.

"It feels great to get this win tonight," said Albany head coach Trina Patterson, who picked up her first career victory against Stony Brook in five attempts. "This victory will give us a lot of confidence and momentum heading into Saturday's game at Hartford. I thought our kids played with a lot of heart and character tonight and I'm proud of them." "I thought Sarah Sweetland's 3-pointer was a key basket for us, she carried the team down the stretch and showed a lot of poise out there on the court."

Jordan added 16 points, eight rebounds, four assists and five steals for the Seawolves, while Sweetland chipped in 10 points and Jones grabbed seven boards with five steals for the Great Danes. Albany held a 36-32 advantage on the glass in a contest that featured two ties and nine lead changes.



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**MEN'S- Stony Brook 65, Albany 61 (overtime)**

Stony Brook, N.Y.- **Cori Spencer** scored four of his 12 points in overtime as Stony Brook won its third straight at home with a 65-61 America East Conference victory over Albany Wednesday evening at Indoor Sports Complex.

Stony Brook (6-10, AE 3-4) trailed 55-52 in regulation, but **D.J. Munir** tied the contest with a conventional three-point play. Munir, who had 12 points, was fouled on a drive from the right side, and made the subsequent free throw with 5.1 seconds left. Albany's **Levi Levine** misfired on a 30-footer at the buzzer.

In the extra period, the Seawolves never trailed, as **Mike Popoko** hit a pair of free throws and **Mike Konopka** scored on a follow shot in the lane for a 59-55 lead. Albany (3-13, AE 1-6) closed within one when freshman guard **Jon Iati** made a three-pointer. Spencer, a 6-7 junior, then hit a turnaround in the lane and sank two foul shots to keep his team in front.

The Great Danes, who have lost four straight, rallied from an 18-point halftime deficit by going on a 15-2 run to start the final half. **Courtney Johnson**, who had a career-high 17 points, converted a fastbreak layup to end that outburst. Stony Brook still led 50-44 with 7:37 to play, but the Great Danes rallied with six straight points. Levine scored in the lane to draw his team even at 50 apiece nearly four minutes later.

Albany took its first lead since early in the contest at 53-52, when Johnson was fouled on a drive from the right side. **Aquawasi St. Hillaire**, who had 11 points and 10 rebounds, would later put back Iati's missed jumper for a 55-52 advantage.

"We were embarrassed in the first half but played with some desperation in the second," Johnson commented. "We played defense and passed the ball. I think we were a little fatigued in overtime."

The Seawolves reversed an early 11-8 deficit with 11 unanswered points. Konopka, who had a team-high 13 points, gave his team the lead with a fastbreak layup, before hitting a foul-line jumper to finish off the run. Stony Brook would later push out to a double-figure lead with 5:19 left in the period when **Bobby Santiago** canned a three-pointer for a 28-16 advantage. The Seawolves, who shot 55.6-percent in the opening stanza, took a 40-22 lead to the locker room.

"The difference in the two halves was energy and effort," said Albany coach Will Brown, whose team lost here in double-overtime last year. "We can't let chances like this on the road slip through our fingers. We're playing hard but not executing in the stretch."

Stony Brook's Popoko finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Iati and Levine finished with 13 and 10, respectively.



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### **UALBANY MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM WINS GREAT DANE CLASSIC**

New York, N.Y.— Junior **Kamar Elliot** had a personal-best and IC4A-qualifying indoor triple jump of 48-feet, 3.5-inches to help lead the University at Albany men's track team to the Great Dane Classic title on Sunday, Jan. 18 at the New York City Armory. Senior **Jen Aubin** broke her own school record in the triple jump with a mark of 39-feet, 5.75-inches as the UAlbany women's squad placed second behind Northeastern.

**Noel Campbell, Richard Villanueva, Eric Zorilla** and **Gered Burns**, who also took home gold in the 800-meters, teamed up to win the 4x800-meter relay in a time of 7:52.33. Sophomore **Stephen Evans** clocked in at 1:04.74 to capture the 500-meter title for the Great Danes, who were joined in the top-five by Northeastern, Monmouth, Southern Connecticut State and UMBC.

The Albany women's 4x800-meter relay team consisting of **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn), who placed first in the 1,000-meters, **Adanna Andrews, Anisha Andrews** and **Diane Matthews**, a winner in the 800-meter, captured the title in an ECAC-qualifying time of 9:21.48.

Junior **Joy Williams**, who was a winner last week at the Encuentro de Atletismo in Puerto Rico, set the UAlbany record in the shot put with a throw of 45-feet, 3.5-inches. Monmouth, Binghamton and Temple joined the Great Danes in rounding out the top-five.

The Albany men's and women's track and field squads return to action on Friday, Jan. 23 at Cornell. Events get underway at 4:00 p.m.

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**MEN – 1. Albany 128.45**, 2. Northeastern 104.66, 3. Monmouth 90, 4. Southern Connecticut State 72.2, 5. UMBC 67.25, 6. Rider 56.7, 7. Wheeling Jesuit 49, 8. Binghamton 35.83, 9. Lafayette 26.2, 10. Temple 19.7, 11. Hunter 3.

**WOMEN – 1. Northeastern 167, 2. Albany 114.5**, 3. Monmouth 85.5, 4. Binghamton 72.5, 5. Temple 60, 6. UMBC 53, 7. Rider 49, 8. Lafayette 24.5, 9. Wheeling Jesuit 15, 10. Hunter 6, 11. Southern Connecticut State 5.



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### **Maine 56, Albany 50**

Orono, Maine- Sophomore guard **Kevin Reed** scored 12 of his 15 points in the second half in leading Maine to a 56-50 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Alfond Sports Arena.

Maine (10-5, AE 4-2) trailed 27-26 early in the second half, but then went ahead by scoring 10 of the game's next 12 points. **Freddy Petkus** hit a three-pointer from the left corner to put his team ahead, before scoring in the lane on a transition play for a 36-29 advantage with 11:25 remaining. The Black Bears, who have won five of their last seven outings, upped their margin to 48-38 six minutes later, when **Eric Dobson** hit a baseline jumper off a dribble move.

Albany (3-12, AE 1-5) regrouped with a 10-2 run to get back into the contest. **Aquawasi St. Hillaire** tallied back-to-back baskets in that stretch, before **Chris Wyatt's** free throw sliced the deficit to 50-48 with 1:55 left.

The Black Bears, who have won all five meetings in this series, stayed in front as **Joe Campbell** followed **Chris Markwood's** missed drive on his team's next possession. Dobson and Reed each sank a pair of free throws over the final 38 seconds to keep the lead safe.

"We did a great job defensively," Albany coach **Will Brown** commented. "Campbell's offensive rebound broke our back because we played solid defense for 32 seconds of the possession. It was a great hustle play."

Maine led 21-19 at halftime, as both teams struggled shooting the basketball. The Great Danes, who have dropped seven of their last eight starts, took their first lead at 25-23 early in the final period on a basket by St. Hillaire, who finished with 10 points and six rebounds.

Campbell who grabbed 11 rebounds, and Dobson each finished with 11 points for the Black Bears, who remained alone in fourth place in the conference standings. Albany's **Jon Iati** had 10 of his team-high 12 points in the second half. **Levi Levine** and Wyatt score 11 and 10, respectively.

"We have no room for error, and we are not a deep team," Brown offered. "We struggle to manufacture points. Maine did a decent job on defense and was very aggressive at that end of the floor. With their backcourt, they can be as good as their frontcourt can play."



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### WOMEN – Maine 73, Albany 53

Albany, N.Y. – Junior **Missy Traversi** came off the bench to lead four Maine players in double figures with 16 points as Maine defeated Albany, 73-53, in America East Conference action Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (3-10, AE 0-4) was down by four, 35-31, with 18:56 remaining in the second half before the Black Bears exploded to score 21 of the game's next 25 points. Junior **Melissa Heon**, who added 11 points and four assists, tallied eight points in that span to give her team the lead for good, 56-35, with 12 minutes left in the contest.

The Great Danes were trailing by five with 10:44 remaining in the first half, but rallied to tie the contest at 15-all on junior **Danielle Hutcheson's** layup with 9:07 on the clock. Sophomore **Jen Schumacher**, who added nine points and three rebounds, ignited the run on a three-pointer from the right side.

Maine (9-5, AE 4-0) responded scoring nine of the games' next 11 points to push its lead to 24-17 with 4:55 left in the first half. Senior **Heather Ernest**, who finished with 12 points and three steals, scored five points in that span on a three-pointer from the top of the key and two free throws.

The Great Danes cut the deficit to two points on Hutcheson's jumper on the baseline before the Black Bears extended their lead to six, 31-25, with under a minute left before intermission. After sophomore **Becky Ayers** converted both attempts from the foul line after a technical foul was issued to Maine's **Melissa Heon**, the Black Bears closed out the first half with four unanswered points by Traversi to take a 35-27 halftime advantage.

"I give Maine a lot of credit today for their defensive effort," commented Albany head coach Trina Patterson. "I thought they picked up their defensive intensity in the second half and we were not able to recover. Danielle had a great game today. She has been very consistent for us in the last two games and worked hard on both ends of the court."

Hutcheson recorded her fourth double-double of the year with a team-high 20 points and grabbed a career-high 16 points. The Great Danes were perfect from the charity stripe for the game, converting all 12 attempts in setting a school single-game record. Maine's **Julie Veilleux** chipped in 11 points and pulled down a team-best seven rebounds.



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### **UALBANY TRACK TO HOST GREAT DANE CLASSIC AT NYC ARMORY**

Albany, N.Y.— The University at Albany men's and women's track and field teams will host the Great Dane Classic this Sunday, January 18. Events will get underway at 2:00 p.m. at the New York City Armory.

The 12-school field will feature fellow America East Conference members Binghamton, UMBC and Northeastern. Other participants include Lafayette, Monmouth, Rider, Southern Connecticut State, Temple and Wheeling Jesuit. Rounding out the field will be two Division III programs, Moravian and Hunter College.

The UAlbany men's and women's track squad is coming off solid performances in last weekend's events in Puerto Rico and at Army's Carlton Crowell Open. The Great Danes had 11 combined first-place finishers, including **Kamar Elliott's** personal best and IC4A-qualifying triple jump of 48-feet, 7.5 inches, and **Alyssa Lotmore's** (Bishop Maginn) 1,600-meters title at the Encuentro de Atletismo held in San Juan, Puerto Rico Jan. 7-9. Junior **Sam Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville) notched two first-place finishes to help lead his team, who had seven overall champions, at Army's Crowell Open on Jan. 10.



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### **WOMEN – Binghamton 70, Albany 60**

Vestal, N.Y. – Junior **Kristin Hibler** led four players in double-figures with a career-high 19 points to lead Binghamton over Albany, 70-60, in America East Conference action on Wednesday evening at West Gymnasium.

Binghamton (7-4, AE 2-1) used a 6-0 spurt to take a 19-10 lead with 10:13 remaining in the first half. Four different Bearcats scored in that span, including sophomore **Rachel Laws** who ignited the run on a conventional three-point play at the 12:47 mark.

Albany (3-9, AE 0-3) used a 5-0 run to pull within one as junior **Alicia Learn** made a fadeaway jumper with 6:28 left in the period. Junior **Maree Jones**, who matched her career-high with a team-best 15 points, knocked down one of two foul shots to close the gap to 26-25. **Danielle Hutcheson**, who recorded her third double-double of the season with 13 points and 12 rebounds, tied the contest at 27 apiece with 3:30 left in the first half.

The Bearcats tallied eight unanswered points to take a 35-27 lead into halftime. Sophomore **Jen Blues** scored five of her 15 points in that span.

Trailing 46-34 at the 12:36 mark, Albany used an 11-3 run to close the deficit to 51-45 with 7:45 left in the second half. Learn and Jones combined to score nine points during that span.

The Bearcats sealed the victory by converting 5-of-6 foul shots down the stretch with **Kate Townley** and Hibler knocking down their four combined attempts.

"I thought Maree Jones had a great game tonight," Albany head coach Trina Patterson commented. "She did a great job on both ends of the floor and played great defense on Laws."

Patterson continued, "I thought we shot the ball better today and we were competitive, but we are not playing well enough to win."

Sophomore **Jen Schumacher** added 13 points, as Albany held a 34-28 rebounding advantage. Senior **Leala Wegwerth** tallied 14 points and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds, while Laws finished with 13.



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### **MEN – Binghamton 59, Albany 53**

Albany, N.Y. – **Brandon Carter** scored 13 of his 16 points in the second half in leading Binghamton to a 59-53 America East Conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Binghamton (6-9, AE 2-2) led 45-44 with six minutes remaining, but then ripped off seven straight points. **Billy Williams** canned a three-point field goal, before Carter converted a layup after one of his career-best six steals. The 6-foot-3 senior finished off a fastbreak following a second consecutive Albany turnover for a 52-44 lead.

Albany (3-11, AE 1-4) clawed back into this tight-fisted battle by scoring eight of the game's next 10 points. Freshman guard **Jon Iati** buried two 3-pointers in that run, including a 21-foot jumper that got his team within 54-52 with 1:53 left. However, the Great Danes failed to capitalize on several chances in the end, and the visitors made five of six free throws over the final 41 seconds to stay ahead.

"We didn't make the plays we needed to down the stretch," said Albany coach Will Brown, whose team shot 37.8 percent from the field and committed 16 turnovers. "They are a bigger and more physical team than we are, but I thought we did a good job on (Nick) Billings. We just made too many poor decisions when it counted, and that cost us an opportunity to get a win."

The contest featured 10 lead changes and eight ties through the opening 32 minutes of play. Binghamton's **Nick Billings**, a 7-foot center who had 11 points, gave his team the lead for good, at 41-40 with 8:34 remaining, with a turnaround on the left baseline.

Freshman guard **Troy Hailey** had 14 points, two off his career-high, for the Bearcats, who have won six straight in this series. **Aquawasi St. Hillaire** and **Levi Levine** each had 13 points for the Great Danes, who have dropped six of their last seven outings. **Chris Wyatt**, a 6-foot-6 junior, added a season-high 11 points and grabbed five rebounds.

"They presented some tough matchups for us because we are so undersized," said Wyatt, who had his biggest offensive night in nearly two years while also guarding Billings on the defensive end. "It's frustrating in that we put ourselves in a position to win. We know what to do; we just have to do it."



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### **UALBANY'S JON IATI NAMED AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jon Iati** has been chosen as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in men's basketball, as announced today by the conference office. He received the award for the fourth time this season.

Iati averaged 20.5 points and 5.0 assists in two games for the Great Danes. He scored 14 of his career-high 23 points in the first half in a 57-52 win over New Hampshire on Jan. 8. The victory halted a string of seven straight road losses, dating back to last year, and ended a six-game losing streak against conference teams in regular-season play.

The 5-foot-9 freshman totaled 18 points and five assists in last Sunday's 77-70 loss to Northeastern. He played 40-plus minutes for the eighth time this season, and has scored in double figures in 11 of 13 games.

A native of York, Pa., Iati ranks sixth among America East's top scorers at 14.5 points per game. He is also second in three-point field goals made (2.6 pg) and fourth in assists (3.6 pg).



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### **Northeastern 77, Albany 70**

Boston, Mass. – **Jose Juan Barea** scored 20 points and **Javorie Wilson** added 18, as Northeastern rallied in the final five minutes for a 77-70 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Soloman Court.

Albany (3-10, AE 1-3) reversed a 52-51 deficit with six straight points. **Courtney Johnson**, who had a career-high 12 points and five assists, and **Levi Levine** converted lay ups after steals, before **Chris Wyatt** hit a right baseline jumper.

Northeastern (9-6, AE 3-1) regrouped with eight unanswered points for a 60-57 lead with 3:55 remaining. Juan Barea, who had 12 second half points, put his team ahead for good with a four-point play. The sophomore guard was fouled by Levine as he connected on a three-point shot from the right corner in transition.

The Huskies, who forced the visitors to commit a season-high 25 turnovers, still led 60-59, when Wilson canned a three pointer from the left wing. Wilson later added a fastbreak slam dunk for a 69-62 advantage with 1:59 left.

"We gave it away," said freshman **Jon Iati**, who had 18 points and five assists, and was one of three Great Danes to play the entire 40 minutes. "It's the little things we didn't execute in the stretch. We didn't take care of the ball, weren't able to manage the clock, and didn't get our scorers in a position where they could score."

Albany's **Aquawasi St. Hillaire** led his team with a career-high 19 points while Levine finished with 12. Northeastern's **Bennet Davis** had a career-best 16 points on 7-of-8 shooting. The contest was tight throughout with neither team able to distance themselves. The Huskies led 33-31 at halftime.

"Man-for-man they have the most talent in the league," offered Albany coach Will Brown, whose team shot a season-best 56 percent from the field. "They wore us down and made it difficult for our offense with their perimeter pressure. We executed defensively and made their guards work for everything they got."



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### **UALBANY TRACK AND FIELD CAPTURES SEVEN TITLES AT ARMY MEET**

West Point, N.Y.— Junior **Sam Gonzalez** notched two first-place finishes to help lead the University at Albany men's and women's track team, who had seven overall firsts, at Army's Carlton Crowell Open on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Gonzalez, who was the meet's only male double-winner, won the one-mile run with a time of 4:28.8 and the 1000-meter race in 2:35.4. Senior **Paul Roche** won the 60-meter hurdles in a time of 8.27 and sophomore **Jeremiah Wilson** crossed the line in 1:06.2 to place first in the 500-meter dash for the Great Danes.

Sophomore **Ricshara Knight** placed first in the women's pentathlon at the event, which did not have overall team scoring. Freshman **Anisha Andrews** clocked in with a first-place time of 1:20.69 in the 500-meter dash, while her twin sister **Adanna Andrews** was also a winner in the 800-meters with a time of 2:19.4.

The UAlbany track and field squads return to action on Sunday, Jan. 18 when they compete in the Great Dane Classic at the New York City Armory. Events get underway at 2:00 p.m.



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### **WOMEN – Northeastern 73, Albany 52**

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Maralene Zwarich** scored 19 of her team-high 27 points in the second half to lead visiting Northeastern over Albany, 73-52, on Saturday, January 10 in America East Conference action at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (3-8, AE 0-2) was down 35-22 at halftime, but pulled within seven with 12:52 left in the second half on sophomore **Becky Ayers'** free throws to make it 44-37. The Great Danes never got closer than seven, as the Huskies went on a 15-4 run with 7:29 remaining to take a 59-41 lead. Junior **Francesca Vanin** ignited the run as she knocked down two from the charity stripe, while Zwarich added eight points in that span. Vanin, who chipped in 14 points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds, capped off the spurt with a conventional three-point play as she was fouled on her drive to the basket.

Northeastern (8-3, AE 2-0) started the contest with six unanswered points, holding the Great Danes scoreless until the 16:17 mark in the first half. The Huskies, who won their first road game of the season, jumped out to a 19-8 lead with 10:11 remaining on the clock as senior **Joi Jefferson**, who had a game-high seven steals, converted a jumper on the right elbow.

The Great Danes went on a 9-2 run to cut their deficit to 21-17 with 5:59 left before intermission. Ayers, who led Albany in scoring with 13 points, started the run with a three-pointer from the corner. Junior **Alicia Learn**, who finished with 10 points, tallied four points in the spurt.

"I think we were focusing our attention at being at home and we were very tentative today," commented Albany head coach Trina Patterson. "Northeastern put a lot of pressure on the ball and we couldn't use our first option, so we had to look to second and third option on offense. We have to regain some confidence and work out some kinks to prepare for our game at Binghamton."

Senior **Melissa Kowalski** chipped in 12 points for Northeastern, who shot a season-best 50.0 percent from the floor and tied their season-low with 13 turnovers. Freshman **Jody Burrows** and Jefferson each handed out seven assists. Junior **Maree Jones** pulled down 11 boards with nine points for Albany, who held a 43-25 rebounding advantage against Northeastern. The Great Danes matched their season-high with 43 boards and posted a season-best 21 offensive rebounds.



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### **UALBANY TRACK AND FIELD PLACES 12 TOP-FINISHERS AT PUERTO RICO**

San Juan, Puerto Rico - The University at Albany men's and women's track and field team notched a combined 12 first-place finishes at the Encuentro de Atletismo-Dr. Eugenio Guerra meet held January 7-9 at the Estadio Sixto Escobar.

Junior **Kamar Elliott** led the men's team, who had seven champions, with a personal best and IC4A-qualifying triple jump of 48-feet, 7.5 inches. Senior **Naron Stewart's** jump of 6-feet, 3.5-inches tied him for first place in the meet, which did not have overall team scoring.

Junior **Brandon Howlett** won the discus with a toss of 158-feet, 9.5-inches, while teammate **Eric Opuana** took home first place in the hammer throw with a mark of 173-feet, 2-inches. Sophomore **Gered Burns** (Guilderland), senior **Chris Pierson** and sophomore **Robbie Freeman**, all members of the Great Danes cross country squad, placed first in the 600-meter, 1600-meter and the 3200-meter respectively.

Junior **Natasha Bermudez** set a new school record in the hammer throw with a toss of 149-feet, 5-inches to pace the women's squad, who claimed four individual titles. Senior **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs) captured first with a triple jump of 38-feet, 1.25-inches and junior **Joy Williams**, a transfer from Southern Connecticut State, won the shot put with a throw of 41-feet, 6.5-inches

Freshman **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) clocked in with a time of 5:11.11 to win the 1600-meter race and junior **Theresa Juva** won the 3200-meter event in a time of 11:32.41.

The UAlbany track and field squads are in action this weekend at the Army Invitational in West Point, N.Y.



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### **ALBANY DOWNS NEW HAMPSHIRE, 57-52, IN AMERICA EAST ROAD ACTION**

Durham, N.H.- Freshman guard **Jon Iati** scored 14 of his career-high 23 points in the first half, as Albany snapped a four-game losing streak with a 57-52 America East Conference victory over New Hampshire on Thursday evening at Lundholm Gymnasium.

Albany (3-9, AE 1-2) built a 50-40 lead with 5:40 remaining, when **Levi Levine** scored on a dribble move in the lane. New Hampshire (4-9, AE 0-3) reeled off eight unanswered points to get back into the contest. **Marcus Bullock** drained a three-point field goal from the left wing to slice the deficit to 50-48.

The Great Danes, who led by as much as 12 points early in the final period, then pulled away. **Courtney Johnson** stole **Griffin Walker's** pass and was fouled as he made a driving layup with 2:20 left. Johnson, a walk-on freshman, completed the three-point play with a free throw for a 53-48 lead. The Wildcats closed within three points twice in the stretch. **Craig Walls**, who had 14 points and eight rebounds, hit a layup with seven seconds to play to get his team within 55-52. Levine, who had 14 points, buried two free throws on his team's next possession to seal the verdict, and end his team's seven-game road losing streak.

"We were more aggressive on defense," said Levine, whose squad forced New Hampshire to commit 18 turnovers. "We got into the passing lanes and contained their guards. I think we have a better understanding of what it is going to take to win."

Albany led 12-11 in the first half, but then ran off nine-straight points. **Chris Wyatt** scored in the lane and then made two free throws for a 21-11 advantage with 3:56 remaining in the stanza. The Great Danes, who held UNH to 33.3-percent shooting in the period, took a 29-20 lead to the locker room.

"It was nice to see us make some clutch free throws," Albany coach **Will Brown** said. "This feels good because we gave away some games we should have won earlier this season. We won this game on the defensive end of the floor. It was a good team effort, our seven guys played well against their 10 guys."



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### **NEW HAMPSHIRE RALLIES OVER ALBANY IN CONFERENCE OPENER FOR BOTH TEAMS**

Durham, N.H. – Senior **Maren Matthias** scored a game-high 18 points and collected eight rebounds to lead New Hampshire to a come-from-behind victory over Albany in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Wednesday evening at Lundholm Gymnasium.

New Hampshire (5-5, AE 1-0) trailed 30-23 at halftime, but came out firing in the second half as the Wildcats used a 13-2 run to tie the game at 36 with 13:15 remaining. Matthias, who scored 11 of her 18 points in the second half, jumpstarted the Wildcats' run with a layup underneath the basket with 18:56 to go. Five Wildcat players scored during that span, including rookie **Salee-Marie Johnson**, whose three-pointer from the baseline tied the game.

Matthias, who shot 8-for-10 from the floor, gave her team its first lead of the game since the Wildcats led 5-3 in the first half on a jumper in the lane with 12:44 left on the clock for a 38-36 advantage.

Albany (3-7, AE 0-1) tied up the game for the fourth and final time at 41-all on sophomore **Jen Schumacher's** baseline jumper with 7:33 to go in the second period.

New Hampshire, who scored 22 points off of 23 Albany turnovers, took control of the contest with a 16-6 run for a 59-47 lead with 1:20 remaining. Sophomore **Emily Hardy** and freshman **Danielle Clark** each scored seven points during that stretch. The Wildcats finished the game making 12 of their final 14 free throws.

In the first half, the Great Danes scored 12 unanswered points to take an early 12-5 lead with 12:28 to go before intermission. Sophomore Becky Ayers, who scored a team-high 13 points, ignited the run on a three-pointer from the left side. After New Hampshire cut the lead to five at 19-14, Albany responded with a 6-1 spurt to take its biggest lead of the contest at 25-15 on a jumper by junior **Maree Jones**, who matched a career-high with 13 rebounds, with 5:14 left in the first period.

"We had a positive first half," stated Albany coach Trina Patterson, who saw three of her starters foul out. "We were in a position to really move forward, but the foul trouble in the second half hurt us at the end of the game."

**Ebony Woods** added 11 points for the Wildcats, while Schumacher contributed 10 points for the Great Danes.

Albany opens the home portion of its America East schedule on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m when they take on the Huskies of Northeastern.



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### **MEN – Boston U. 79, Albany 62**

Albany, N.Y. – **Matt Turner** and **Rashad Bell** each had 14 points as Boston University posted its eighth consecutive win with a 79-62 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Boston U. (8-3, AE 2-0) led 26-24 with seven minutes remaining in the opening period, but then reeled off 19 of the game's next 21 points. Bell, a 6-foot-8 junior, hit a short bank shot in the lane to begin the run, before Turner buried back-to-back three-point field goals for a 36-26 lead.

The Terriers, who employed an effective zone press and made seven of their ten 3-pointers in the first half, built a 45-26 advantage near the end of period. **Jason Grochowalski**, who had nine points off the bench, scored on a follow shot and made two free throws in that stretch. **Shaun Wynn**, who had 10 points, six assists and tied a school record with eight steals, added a three-pointer from the top of the circle.

Albany (2-9, AE 0-2) never got closer than 15 points in the second half, as the Great Danes committed a season-high 20 turnovers in losing their fourth straight. Sophomore **Jerrad Knotts** tallied a career-best 15 points to lead his club. **Levi Levine** and **Jon Iati** scored 12 and 10, respectively.

"They set the tempo with their pressure, and we struggled against it," commented Albany coach Will Brown, whose team has lost all five meetings in the series with Boston U. "We let them get confidence in our own building. They're a good team because they don't beat themselves and make no mistakes. The three guys who come off their bench could start for anyone in the conference.

**Kevin Gardner**, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, totaled 10 points and nine rebounds for the Terriers, as last year's America East regular-season champions shot 47.5 percent from the field, including 10-of-23 from three-point range.

"We wanted to extend the floor and make their guys handle the ball in the backcourt," said Boston U. coach Dennis Wolff, who has guided the Terriers to NIT and NCAA appearances the last two years. "You have to come to these (conference) games with emotion."



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### **MEN – UMBC 67, Albany 62**

Albany, N.Y. – **Rob Gogerty** and **Kareem Washington** each scored 18 points to lead Maryland-Baltimore County to a 67-62 victory over Albany in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Friday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (2-8, AE 0-1) trailed by as much as seven points on four occasions in the second half, but rallied to take a 51-50 lead with 5:18 remaining on **Courtney Johnson's** layup after a steal. UMBC (4-6, AE 1-0) went back ahead for good with five consecutive points. Washington's 18-foot jumper, following an offensive rebound, gave his club a 53-51 lead.

The Great Danes were still in the hunt with 3:02 remaining, when **Jerrad Knotts**, who had a career-high 12 points, made a pair of free throws to slice the deficit to 57-56. But UMBC pulled away with six unanswered points. Washington, who came off the bench to score a season-high total, sank two foul shots and then converted a driving layup after an Albany turnover. Gogerty, a 6-foot-1 senior who had 11 second-half points, buried two free throws for a 63-56 cushion with 29.9 seconds left.

The Great Danes, who have lost five of their last six games, leaped to a 20-13 lead over the opening 12 minutes. Sophomore forward **Levi Levine** had 13 of his game-high 22 points before halftime to help build the margin.

However, UMBC regrouped before the break by shooting 54.5 percent in the period. **Jerrell Dinkins** gave his team its first lead at 27-26 on two foul shots with 2:31 to play in the period. The Retrievers, who were making their America East debut after competing in the Northeast Conference the previous six years, would later move out to a 39-32 advantage early in the final stanza.

"They caused some matchup problems upfront and their guards made some shots down the stretch," Albany coach Will Brown commented. "We have to have the mind set that we are not a good offensive team with not many options. We have to rely on defense and rebounding."

UMBC's **Cory McJimson**, a 6-foot-7 sophomore, recorded 10 points and 12 rebounds from his sixth-man role, as his team ended a three-game losing streak. Albany's **Aquawasi St. Hillaire** had 10 points and seven rebounds.

"The missed free throws definitely hurt us," said Knotts, whose team made 15 of 26 from the line and missed several critical free throw attempts in the second half. "If we had shot our normal percentage it would have made a difference. The mental mistakes and turnovers were key. We've have to keep our heads up; we have a lot of games left."