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TWENTY-THREE STUDENT-ATHLETES COMMIT TO UALBANY TRACK & FIELD

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head coach Roberto Vives has announced that twenty-three student-athletes have committed to the Great Danes' track & field program for the 2004-05 academic year.

Ryan Gaedje (Shenendehowa) posted a time of 9:21 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, which was the best mark in the state of New York in 2004. He also finished third in the 2,000-meter steeplechase at the outdoor nationals and ran a 4:20.2 mile leg on the national record-setting 4x1-mile relay team that won the indoor national championship. Gaedje was part of the state champion cross country team at Shenendehowa and ran 15:13 at Saratoga on a 5,000-meter course.

Nicholas Jones (Shenendehowa), a high school teammate of Gaedje, is a three-time Section II All-Star in the pole vault. He was a four-time indoor and outdoor state championship qualifier. Jones, who took home first at the Yale Invitational, owns a personal-best mark of 15-feet.

David Parker (Niskayuna) joins Jones in the pole vault for the Great Danes. He has eclipsed 14-feet, 6-inches in the event. Parker cleared 14-feet at the New York State Indoor Championships this past season. Parker's high school teammate **Andrew Korsun** (Niskayuna) is another addition to the UAlbany squad, as he will compete as a sprinter.

Ricardo Estremera represented his native Puerto Rico in the Junior Central American and Caribbean Games as he finished fourth in the 1,500-meter run. He also competed at the World Junior Cross Country Championship in Belgium last March. Estremera owns a career-best mark of 3:55 in the 1,500.

Drew Harrison qualified for the New York State finals in the 100, 200, and the 4x100 relay as a senior, while garnering All-State honors in the 200. He was named Nassau County track & field MVP following the 2004 campaign. His 4x400 relay squad set a Long Island indoor record in 2003. He owns a personal-best time of 48.87 in the 400, which will be the event he is expected to compete in for the Great Danes.

Michael Lynch placed sixth in the New York State Indoor Championships in the shot put, while **Mike Reynolds** finished fourth in the pole vault at the indoor and outdoor championships. Lynch and Reynolds own personal-bests of 54-feet, 3-inches and 15-feet, 4-inches in their respective events.

Junior Burnett, a transfer from G.C. Foster College in Jamaica, finished eighth in the 2004 Jamaica Olympic Trials in the 200. He has personal-bests of 21.3 in the 200 and 46.9 in the 400.

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Arinna Gerasimova is one of the top female jumpers in the Ukraine as she owns career-best marks of 19-feet, 8-inches in the long jump and 41-feet, 8-inches in the triple jump, both of which surpass current UAlbany marks.

Danielle Trimpop ran on the 4x1-mile relay team that finished second at the Indoor National Championships. She also ran a 3:40 in her 1,200-meter leg on the distance medley relay squad that placed third at the championships. Trimpop is projected to compete in cross country and distance events for the Great Danes.

Corinna Hengen owns a personal-best mark of 11-feet, 6-inches in the pole vault and was a fifth-place finisher at the New York State Indoor Championships.

Rachel Selkregg was a national-qualifier in the high jump in 2002 and competed at the Empire State Games in 2003. She qualified for sectionals three times in both the high jump and 4x400 relay. Her top mark in the high jump is 5-feet, 3-inches.

Kelly Peao is expected to compete in the 400 at UAlbany. Her best time in the event is 58.53 and she participated in the New York State Championships.

2004-05 University at Albany Women's Track & Field Commitments

Name	Events	Hometown/High School
Lauren Diffendale	800m, 1000m	Rockaway, N.Y./Archbishop Molloy
Jill Gavin	high jump	Hamburg, N.Y./Hamburg
Arinna Gerasimova	triple jump, long jump	Ukraine/Zaporizhia
Corinna Hengen	pole vault	Stanfordville, N.Y./Pine Plains
Natalie Labron	distance	Kew Gardens, N.Y./Archbishop Molloy
Valerie Maignon	sprinter, long jump	Cambria Hts., N.Y./Archbishop Molloy
Brenna Militello	multi-event, high jump	Rochester, N.Y./Gates Chilli
Amy Morrison	pole vault	Groton, N.Y./Groton
Kelly Peao	400m	Corning, N.Y./Corning Painted Post
Rachel Selkregg	high jump	Lakewood, N.Y./Southwestern
Danielle Trimpop	800m, 1500m	Warwick, N.Y./Warwick

2004-05 University at Albany Men's Track & Field Commitments

Name	Events	Hometown/High School
Anthony Basile	high jump, long jump	Chester, N.Y./Chester Academy
Junior Burnett	200m, 400m	Jamaica/G.C. Foster College
Ricardo Estremera	pole vault, 1500m	Puerto Rico/Univ. of Puerto Rico Sec.
Ryan Gaedje	steeplechase	Rexford, N.Y./Shenendehowa
Drew Harrison	400	Westbury, N.Y./Westbury
Nicholas Jones	pole vault	Ballston Lake, N.Y./Shenendehowa
Andrew Korsun	sprinter	Niskayuna, N.Y./Niskayuna
Michael Lynch	shot put	Longwood, N.Y./Longwood
David Parker	pole vault	Niskayuna, N.Y./Niskayuna
Mike Reynolds	pole vault	Fairport, N.Y./Fairport
Rokim Robinson	400	Yonkers, N.Y./Roosevelt
Tom Scahill	distance	Williamson, N.Y./Williamson Central

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RYAN, SCHOONMAKER AND DeGRAZIO EARN POSTSEASON HONORS

Albany, N.Y.- University at Albany's **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater) and **Dan Schoonmaker** were named Honorable Mention All-Americans by CollegeBaseballInsider.com. The three-year old web site released its All-American teams on Tuesday, June 15. Ryan along with teammate **Derek DeGrazio** were voted to the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-Northeast Region First Team as announced on Wednesday, June 16.

Ryan, a junior closer, was selected as a relief pitcher on both teams after collecting a school record 14 saves this past season, which ranks him third nationally among Division I players. He posted a 3.60 ERA with 28 strikeouts in 25 innings of work and established another UAlbany mark with 27 appearances.

Schoonmaker, the 2004 America East Conference Player of the Year, garnered the honor as a first baseman. The senior, who also saw time at third base, batted .353 with ten home runs and a UAlbany record 51 RBI. Schoonmaker finished his career ranked among the top three in school history in home runs (23), RBI (125) and triples (11).

DeGrazio, who was also named to the America East First Team, was the ABCA First Team selection as a designated hitter. The junior batted .369 with six homers, 45 RBI and 32 runs scored.

The ABCA Northeast Region encompasses 43 Division I schools. The 43 head coaches nominate their players for recognition and then vote to select First and Second All-Northeast Teams.

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DeGRAZIO AND SCHOONMAKER NAMED TO ECAC BASEBALL SECOND TEAM

Cape Cod, Mass.- University at Albany's **Derek DeGrazio** and **Dan Schoonmaker** were named to the ECAC Division I Baseball All-Star Team as announced on Tuesday, June 22 by the league office. DeGrazio and Schoonmaker were each voted to the second team.

DeGrazio, a member of the America East Conference first team, garnered the honor as a designated hitter. The junior batted .369 with six homers, 45 RBI and 32 runs scored. He was also selected to the American Baseball Coaches Association All-Northeast Region First Team on June 17.

Schoonmaker, the 2004 America East Player of the Year, was named to the ECAC all-star team as a first baseman. A CollegeBaseballInsider.com honorable mention All-America selection, the senior batted .353 with 10 home runs and a UAlbany record 51 RBI. Schoonmaker finished his career ranked among the top three in school history in home runs (23), RBI (125) and triples (11).

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COVERT & HOWLETT ADVANCE TO NCAA DIVISION I TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Gainesville, Fla. – University at Albany's **Teresa Covert** and **Brandon Howlett** qualified for the NCAA Division I championships in women's 100-meter hurdles and men's discus throw, respectively, on Saturday evening at the NCAA East Regional Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The two-day competition was held at the University of Florida's Percy Beard Track.

Covert, a senior from Susquehanna, Pa., needed a committee review to advance after she was originally placed sixth in 100-hurdles final. The top five finishers in each event qualify for the NCAA championships in Austin, Texas on June 9-12. After UAlbany coach Roberto Vives asked for the committee to reread the results, the officials ruled that Covert and Villanova's **Monique Morgan** finished in a dead heat for fifth. In order to break the tie, the two athletes were instructed to rerun the race to determine the NCAA representative. The Villanova coaching staff conceded the spot when they determined Morgan would not be able to compete again due to an injury.

"I saw her at the line as finishing fifth," Vives said. "It was a tough angle for the officials with Teresa (Covert) running in lane one, so asked the committee to take a look at it. I am happy it worked out for her and Brandon (Howlett). They were our most valuable team members throughout the season, so it's nice to see them make nationals."

Covert, a two-time America East Conference champion in the 100-hurdles, became the first UAlbany track athlete to qualify for the NCAA Division I nationals last year. She officially posted a season-best time of 13.47 seconds in this evening's race.

Howlett, a junior from New Haven, Conn., is the first UAlbany male athlete to reach the national championships. He posted his second-best throw of the season with a toss of 181-feet to finish fourth among the regional competitors. Howlett set the school record (184-0.50) with a second-place finish at the America East outdoor meet on May 2. North Carolina State's James Rowell won the discus with a mark of 190-07.

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NCAA East Regional Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships (Percy Beard Track, Gainesville, Fla.)

Women's 100-Meter Hurdles Final

1. Lashinda Demus (South Carolina), 12.99, 2. Ebony Foster (North Carolina State), 13.04, 3. Andrea Bliss (Florida), 13.05, 4. Kellie Wells (Hampton), 13.34, **5. Teresa Covert (Albany), 13.47**, 6. Monique Morgan (Villanova), 13.47, 7. Jessica Czaikowski (West Virginia), 13.61, 8. Shameka Marshall (Rutgers), 13.64, Hyleas Fountain (Georgia), DNS.

Men's Discus Throw Final

1. James Rowell (North Carolina State), 190-07, 2. Ryan McIntyre (Florida), 184-04, 3. Lucais MacKay (Georgia), 183-11, **4. Brandon Howlett (Albany), 181-00**, 5. Nate Michael (Navy), 178-02, 6. Marqus Johnson (Florida State), 176-07, 7. Chad McClendon (Georgia), 176-01, 8. Thomas Carey (St. Francis, Pa.), 171-09.

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MAINE REACHES AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP WITH 11-5 WIN OVER UALBANY

Orono, Maine – Shortstop **Jason Harvey** singled in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, and Maine went on to eliminate Albany, 11-5, in the loser's bracket of the America East Conference baseball championship on Friday evening at Mahaney Diamond.

Maine (34-20) advanced to Saturday's championship against Stony Brook at 12 noon. The America East winner receives an automatic NCAA berth in this four-team, double-elimination tournament. Albany ends its season with a 37-14 record.

The Great Danes, who upended defending champion Northeastern, 8-1, earlier in the day, took a 5-2 lead in the sixth. **Dan Schoonmaker** gave his team the lead with a two-run triple to right-center, before catcher **Jason Martin** added a RBI double. Martin went 3-for-5 at the plate and drove in two runs.

The Black Bears rallied with four runs in the seventh inning in a contest that was delayed one hour and 15 minutes due to rain. **Pete Saunders** lined a two-run single to center field, and then scored on a passed ball to draw his team even at five apiece. Harvey followed with a single through the left side that plated **Mike Ferriggi**.

Albany had a chance to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh. **Brad Daniels** reached base when he was hit by a pitch and then moved to third via a wild pitch and ground out. But Maine closer **Scott Robinson**, who recorded his fourth victory of the season with 3.2 innings of effective relief work, left Daniels stranded when he struck out both **Steve Wyland** and Schoonmaker.

"It was quite a battle, a back-and-forth game," commented Maine coach Paul Kostacopoulos about a contest that lasted three-and-one-half hours. "We bunched some hits together and scored some runs. This team just seems to do the little things that gets them over the hump."

Maine broke up the tight game with a five-run eighth inning. **Joe Hough** scored a pair of runners with a triple into the left-field gap, before **Matt McGraw** followed with a RBI double. Ferriggi, a second baseman, then belted his first home run of the season, a two-run blast, over the left-field fence.

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America East Conference Baseball Championship – Loser's Bracket

#2 Maine (34-20)	000	200	450	-	11	14	0
#3 Albany (37-14)	000	203	000	-	5	12	0

Steve Richard, Ryan Harris (4), Scott Robinson (6) and Aaron Izaryk.

Ethan Vaiana, Scott McGovern (4), Mark Suchowiecki (7), Shawn Ryan (8), Roman Dubiel (8), Giorgio Fuda (9) and Jason Martin.

W - Robinson (4-0), L - McGovern (1-1).

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TERESA COVERT ADVANCES TO NCAA EAST REGIONAL 100-HURDLES FINAL

Gainesville, Fla. – University at Albany's **Teresa Covert** ran the seventh-fastest time in qualifying to advance to the 100-meter hurdles final at the NCAA East Regional Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Friday at the University of Florida's Percy Beard Track.

Covert, a senior from Susquehanna, Pa., sprinted a season-best 13.56 seconds to finish third in her preliminary heat behind North Carolina State's Ebony Foster (13.15) and Hampton's Kellie Wells (13.41). Florida's Andrea Bliss, a senior from Kingston, Jamaica, ran the day's best time, as she was clocked in 13.05.

Covert, a two-time America East Conference champion in this event, needs to place among the top-five finishers in Saturday's final to reach the NCAA championships in Austin, Texas on June 9-12. She became the first UAlbany track athlete to qualify for the NCAA Division I nationals last year. Covert was unable to get through the preliminary round in the 100-meter dash, as she was fifth in her heat in 11.90 seconds.

Sophomore **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) finished fourth in his heat in the 800-meter run with a season-best time of 1:50.27. Burns, the America East champion at this distance, was five-tenths of a second from qualifying for the finals. In addition, **Naron Stewart** tied for eighth place in the men's high jump final, as he cleared the bar at 6-feet, 9-inches. **Eric Opuana**, the school record-holder in the hammer throw, threw 177-feet to end up in 16th place.

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NCAA East Regional Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships (Percy Beard Track, Gainesville, Fla.)

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

1. Ebony Foster (North Carolina State), 13.15, 2. Kellie Wells (Hampton), 13.41, 3. Teresa Covert (Albany), 13.56, 4. April Garner (Connecticut), 13.65, 5. Chiquita Martin (South Carolina), 13.90, 6. Jelyn Quick (Clemson), 14.16, 7. Chloe Davis (Hampton), FS.

Saturday's 100-Hurdles Final Participants

1. Andrea Bliss (Florida), 13.05, 2. Ebony Foster (North Carolina State), 13.15, 3. Hyleas Fountain (Georgia), 13.27, 4. Lashinda Demus (South Carolina), 13.29, 5. Kellie Wells (Hampton), 13.41, 6. Shameka Marshall (Rutgers), 13.52, 7. Teresa Covert (Albany), 13.56, 8. Monique Morgan (Villanova), 13.57, 9. Jessica Cziakowski (West Virginia), 13.58.

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UALBANY ELIMINATES NORTHEASTERN, 8-1, AT AMERICA EAST TOURNAMENT

Orono, Maine – Right-hander **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) fired a four-hitter and **Jason Martin** drove in three runs, as Albany kept alive in the loser's bracket of the America East Conference baseball championship with an 8-1 victory over top-seeded Northeastern on Friday afternoon at Maine's Mahaney Diamond.

Albany (37-13) moves on to face the loser of the Maine-Stony Brook contest in an elimination game this evening at 7:00 p.m. Tonight's winner will play for the America East championship and an automatic NCAA berth on Saturday.

The Great Danes, who lost to Maine, 9-3, in the opening round of this four-team, double-elimination championship, scored four runs in their first at-bat. After two walks and a bunt single, Martin rocketed a two-run double, his 10th of the season, to right field. **Justin Meagher** pushed across another run with a bases-loaded walk, before Martin scored himself on **Craig Farley's** fielder's choice ground ball.

Albany held that lead behind Kroft's pitching until a two-out rally in the sixth inning. **Steve Wyland** and **Dan Schoonmaker** each walked with two down, before Martin lined a RBI single over second baseman **Eric Murray's** head. **Derek DeGrazio**, who went 2-for-4 for the second straight game, delivered another run-scoring single to left field for a 6-0 lead. Martin later scored on third baseman **Tim Bush's** throwing error, and Meagher blooped a RBI single to right.

Kroft, a senior, was in control most the way on the mound in upping his record to 8-3 on the season. He allowed just a lead-off home run by **Jeff Heriot**, his 12th of the year, in the seventh. Kroft struck out 11 batters, one off his career-high total, and walked one in posting his third complete game this season. The 6-foot-5, 222-pound hurler also became the school's all-time leader with 197 strikeouts.

"Adam (Kroft) was dominant and we did a nice job of capitalizing early in that first inning," Albany coach Jon Mueller said. "Adam's pitched like he has all year. He was always around the plate and was never in any trouble."

Northeastern (28-20) went quietly in the ninth, as Heriot struck out and **Miguel Paquette** hit into a 4-6-3 double play to end the contest. The Huskies, who won the 2003 tournament championship, had defeated Albany just six days earlier in a game that decided the America East regular-season title and No. 1 seed. Starting pitcher **Devin Monds** fell to 5-4 overall, as he was lifted in the first after facing just seven batters.

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America East Conference Baseball Championship – Loser's Bracket

#1 Northeastern (28-20)	000	000	100	-	1	4	1
#3 Albany (37-13)	400	004	00x	-	8	6	1

Devin Monds (5-4, L), Adam Ottavino (1), Jim Madison (6) and Matt Morizio.
 Adam Kroft (8-3, W) and Jason Martin.

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MAINE DEFEATS UALBANY, 9-3, IN OPENING ROUND OF A-EAST TOURNAMENT

Orono, Maine – Right-hander **Mike MacDonald** threw seven scoreless innings to record his sixth victory of the season in leading Maine to a 9-3 victory over Albany in the opening round of the America East Conference baseball championship on Thursday evening at Mahaney Diamond.

Albany (36-13) will meet top-seeded Northeastern (28-19) in the loser's bracket of this four-team, double-elimination tournament on Friday at 12 noon. Stony Brook, the No. 4 seed, upended the Huskies, 15-6, in the first round, as third baseman Nick Theoharis homered twice and drove in five runs.

Maine (33-19) jumped on the Great Danes early with a five-run first inning. After **Simon Williams** walked and **Aaron Izaryk** singled to start the frame, first baseman **Joel Barrett** delivered a two-run single to right field. Designated hitter **Pete Saunders**, who had three RBI, drove in another with a base-hit, before Albany catcher **Jason Martin's** throwing error led to another run. Second baseman **Mike Ferriggi** then chased starter Steve Emmerthal with a run-scoring double to center field.

Emmerthal, a first-team all-conference pitcher who had won his last seven decisions on the mound, faced just eight batters in suffering his first loss since March 7. **Kyle Thomas**, who took over for Emmerthal with two outs in the first, was solid in relief, as he gave up five hits over 7.1 innings. Meanwhile, Maine's MacDonald also scattered just five hits, but recorded nine strikeouts with just one walk.

The Black Bears, who won two of three games from Albany on this same field two weeks ago, increased their lead to 7-0 in the fifth. Izaryk, a junior catcher, belted a two-run homer, his fifth of the season, that just cleared the right-field fence.

The Great Danes, who were making their first-ever America East postseason tournament appearance, broke through in the eighth when **Derek DeGrazio**, who went 2-for-4, lined an RBI-double to the left-field wall and Martin plated another run with a single.

"We got off to a rough start," Albany coach Jon Mueller commented. "We had some opportunities to score in the early innings, but were careless on the basepaths. Kyle (Thomas) did well to hold them down, but it is very tough to come back on a guy like (Mike) MacDonald when you give him a big lead."

Maine added two more runs in the eighth, as Saunders doubled to center field in scoring **Joe Hough** and **Ryan Quintal**, who had both singled. The Great Danes picked up a run in the ninth on shortstop **Joe Lamb's** sacrifice fly to center field.

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America East Conference Baseball Championship – First Round

#3 Albany (36-13)	000	000	021	-	3	9	3
#2 Maine (33-19)	500	020	02x	-	9	10	2

Steve Emmerthal (8-3, L), Kyle Thomas (1) and Jason Martin.

Mike MacDonald (6-3, W), Greg Norton (8), Scott Robinson (9) and Aaron Izaryk.

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UALBANY'S SCHOONMAKER NAMED AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jon Mueller Voted Coach of the Year After Leading Program to School-Record 36 Wins

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Dan Schoonmaker** leads a group of six players who have been selected to the America East All-Conference Baseball Team, as announced on Wednesday evening by the conference office. Schoonmaker was voted the conference's player of the year, while **Jon Mueller** was chosen the coach of the year in voting by the league's head coaches.

Schoonmaker, a senior first baseman, and one of six UAlbany players on the All-America East first team, batted .362 with 10 home runs and a school-record 49 RBI. He had 27 extra-base hits, including 13 doubles, and posted a .622 slugging percentage. The High Falls, N.Y. native, also had a .994 fielding percentage with just two errors in 320 total chances. Schoonmaker, who was a second-team all-conference choice last year, is second in home runs (23) and third in RBI (123) on the UAlbany's all-time lists.

Right-hander **Steve Emmerthal** makes his third consecutive appearance on the All-America East Conference squad. Emmerthal has an 8-2 record with a 3.88 earned run average. He leads the league in wins, a school record, and is third in strikeouts at 9.04 per nine innings. Emmerthal, who has a 19-9 won-loss mark on the mound as a collegian, is second in wins and third in strikeouts (185) among UAlbany's career leaders.

Shortstop **Joe Lamb**, designated hitter **Derek DeGrazio**, outfielder **Brendan Chiavaro** and second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz** joined Schoonmaker and Emmerthal on the all-conference first team.

Lamb, a junior, led America East in runs (46) and was second in stolen bases (21) to go with a .328 batting average. Lamb, who tied a school record with 14 doubles, had a .934 fielding percentage and helped turn 33 double plays. Zimniewicz, a senior who was part of a strong defensive middle infield, was the league's top hitter with a .391 batting average, plus totaled 10 home runs, nine doubles, 42 RBI and 44 runs scored.

DeGrazio was fourth among the league's hitting leaders with a .369 average. He drove in 43 runs with six homers, 11 doubles and a .567 slugging percentage. Chiavaro batted .312 with nine extra-base hits, 35 runs and 42 RBI.

Mueller, who is in his fifth season as UAlbany's head coach, led his team to a 36-12 overall record and a tie for second in the conference's regular-season standings. The Great Danes, who reached the America East postseason tournament for the first time, shattered the school's previous single-season win total, when the program went 21-21 in 1999.

Mueller (Stillwater H.S.), a minor league standout with the Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs and Adirondack Lumberjacks, also coached the team to impressive non-league victories over Missouri and St. John's.

UAlbany meets Maine in the opening round of the America East Conference Baseball Championship on Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. The four-team, double-elimination tournament is being played at Mahaney Diamond in Orono, Maine.

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UALBANY SENDS ELEVEN ATHLETES TO NCAA EAST REGIONAL TRACK MEET

Albany, N.Y. – Eleven athletes will represent the University at Albany at the NCAA East Regional Outdoor Track & Field Championships on May 28-29. UAlbany's regional qualifiers will compete at the University of Florida's Percy Beard Track in Gainesville, Fla. The group includes **Teresa Covert**, **Meghan Howell**, **Gered Burns** (Guilderland), **Brandon Howlett**, **Eric Opuana**, **Kamar Elliott**, **Naron Stewart**, **Andres Vives** (Shenendehowa), **Shamere Boland**, **Jesse Bennett** and **Kenrick McBean**.

Covert, a senior from Susquehanna, Pa., qualified in both the 100-meter hurdles and 100-meter dash. Covert, who was the America East Conference champion in both events, finished fourth in the 100-hurdles at last year's NCAA East Regional and became the first UAlbany track athlete to qualify for nationals. She placed second in the 100-hurdles at the ECAC championships earlier this month, and has the ninth-best time (13.60) this season in the event. She set a school record in the 100-dash (11.55) in the preliminary round at the America East meet.

Howlett, a junior from New Haven, Conn., has been ranked regionally in the discus throughout the spring. He finished second at the America East championships with the region's fifth-best throw this season at 184-feet, 0.50-inches. The toss shattered a 10-year-old school record. Howlett, who was fourth at the IC4A meet two weeks ago, won four events this year, including the Duke and UConn Invitationals.

Stewart captured his second consecutive America East high jump title, when he cleared the bar with a season-best leap of 6-9.75. Opuana, the conference champion in the hammer throw, eclipsed a 19-year-old school record at the UConn Invitational. He threw 191-5 to break Marc Mercurio's 1985 standard.

Burns and Elliott reached the NCAA regional field as America East champions in the 800-meter run and triple jump, respectively. Burns, who also anchored the winning 4x800-meter relay at the conference meet, helped the Great Danes finish second in the closest championship in league history. Elliott, a defensive back on the UAlbany football team, went 48-11.75 in claiming his A-East crown.

UAlbany's 4x100-meter relay was also victorious at the America East championships. Vives, Bennett, McBean and Boland make up a group that ran the second-fastest time in school history, when the unit sprinted 41.60 seconds at the IC4A championships on May 15.

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NORTHEASTERN TOPS UALBANY, 8-1, TO CLINCH AMERICA EAST NO. 1 SEED

Brookline, Mass. – First baseman **Miguel Paquette** delivered a three-run double in the third inning to put Northeastern on the board and the Huskies went on to defeat UAlbany, 8-1, in America East Conference baseball action on Saturday afternoon at Friedman Field. Northeastern locked up the regular-season title and top seed for next week's conference tournament, while the Great Danes will be the three seed.

Northeastern (28-18, AE 14-6) loaded the bases in the third as **Eric Murray** singled, **Brad Czarnowski** walked and **Jeff Heriot**, who went 3-for-4 on the day with three runs scored, was hit by a pitch. Paquette then stepped to the plate and lined a two-out double to left field giving the Huskies a three-run advantage. Northeastern added to the lead in the seventh on a **Tim Bush** sacrifice fly and RBI singles by Heriot and **Paul Koslowski** to make it 7-0.

Albany (36-12, AE 14-7) notched its lone run of the contest in the ninth on a bases-loaded walk to second baseman **Steve Wyland**. Shortstop **Joe Lamb** and center fielder **Brad Daniels** each had two-hit days for the Great Danes, who swept Friday's doubleheader and the regular-season title came down to the final game of the season.

Northeastern's **Devin Monds** earned the win as he went eight innings by allowing one run on six hits, while striking out 10 batters. **Kyle Thomas** picked up the loss for the Great Danes. The sophomore right-hander, who is 4-2 on the season, gave up four earned runs on six hits in six innings of work.

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Albany (36-12, AE 14-7)	000	000	001	-	1	6	2
Northeastern (28-18, AE 14-6)	003	010	31X	-	8	11	1

Kyle Thomas (4-2), Mark Suchowiecki (7), Roman Dubiel (7), Scott McGovern (8) and Jason Martin.

Devin Monds (5-3), Tim Bush (9) and Matt Morizio.

UALBANY EARNS THE THIRD SEED FOR A-EAST BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Boston, Mass. – Northeastern University has been crowned the 2004 America East Conference regular-season champion and will be the No. 1 seed for the upcoming America East Baseball Championship. University of Maine (No. 2), University at Albany (No. 3) and Stony Brook University (No. 4) round out the four-team field for the double-elimination tournament set for May 27-29 at Mahaney Diamond in Orono, Maine.

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Northeastern (28-18, AE 14-6) and UAlbany (36-12, AE 14-7) met on Saturday afternoon with the regular-season title up for grabs, and the Huskies came away with an 8-1 victory. The Great Danes, who will be making their first-ever America East Championship appearance, slipped to the third seed after Maine (31-19, AE 14-7) swept its three-game weekend series from UMBC. The Black Bears held the tie-breaker over UAlbany after winning two of three against the Great Danes on May 15-16.

Stony Brook (26-24, AE 11-9) defeated Binghamton in game one of a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon to lock up the fourth spot.

Northeastern and Stony Brook will get the tournament underway on Thursday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m. UAlbany, who established a school single-season victory total by surpassing the 21-win squad from 1998, takes on Maine at 7:00 p.m.

2004 America East Baseball Championship

(Mahaney Diamond – Orono, Maine)

Thursday, May 27

Game 1 – No. 1 Northeastern vs. No. 4 Stony Brook, 3:30 p.m.

Game 2 – No. 2 Maine vs. No. 3 Albany, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 28

Game 3 – Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 12 noon

Game 4 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 3:30 p.m.

Game 5 – Winner Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 29

Game 6 – Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, 12 noon

Game 7 – (same teams if necessary)

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UALBANY BASEBALL SWEEPS TWO FROM NORTHEASTERN IN A-EAST PLAY

Brookline, Mass. – Senior catcher **Jason Martin** lined a two-run double in the ninth inning to give UAlbany the lead en route to a 6-2 victory over America East Conference-rival Northeastern in game one of a doubleheader on Friday afternoon at Friedman Field. The Great Danes, who own a one-half game lead over the Huskies atop the league standings, came from behind to win the nightcap, 4-2.

The two teams will play for the conference's regular season title and the No. 1 seed in next week's postseason tournament on Saturday at 12 noon.

Albany (36-11, AE 14-6) trailed 2-1 in the opener before rallying with a five-run outburst in the ninth. Freshman second baseman **Steve Wyland** reached on an error to leadoff the frame and moved to third on a **Dan Schoonmaker** double. Following an intentional walk to **Derek DeGrazio** and a pitching change, Martin put the Great Danes on top, 3-2, with a double to center field. Pinch-hitter **Brendan Chiavaro** added a sacrifice fly and left fielder **Craig Farley** hit a two-run single up the middle scoring **Brad Daniels** and Martin to finish the uprising.

Northeastern (27-18, AE 13-6) loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth before Albany closer **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) struck out the only batter he faced to end the game and collect his 14th save in 15 opportunities this year.

Senior right-hander **Steve Emmerthal** went 8.2 innings by allowing two runs on nine hits to earn his eighth victory, which is a UAlbany record for wins in a season. Northeastern's **Jordan Thomson** went eight innings in the loss.

The Huskies grabbed a 2-1 lead in the third as **Tim Bush**, who went 2-for-3 with a run scored, knocked in **Jeff Heriot** with a sacrifice fly to left field.

In the nightcap, UAlbany erased a 2-1 deficit with a three-run sixth inning, which included five straight hits. Following singles by **Pat Delaney** and Farley, Daniels doubled down the left field line to even up the contest. Shortstop **Joe Lamb** lined a RBI single to center field giving the Great Danes a one-run advantage. Wyland capped off the surge with a run-scoring single.

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UAlbany senior **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) went the distance on the mound to improve his mark to 7-3. The right-hander gave up two runs on four hits with five strikeouts and one walk. Northeastern's **Justin Hendrick** received the loss as he allowed four runs on 10 hits in 6.2 innings of work.

The Great Danes got on the board in the first inning as Schoonmaker drove in Lamb, who singled and moved to third on a Wyland double, with a sac fly.

The Huskies went ahead with a two-run fourth. **Miguel Paquette** singled in **Brad Czarnowski** and Heriot scored on a fielder's choice.

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(Game 1)

Albany	100	000	005	-	6	7	0
Northeastern	011	000	000	-	2	9	3

Steve Emmerthal (8-2), Shawn Ryan (9) and Jason Martin.

Jordan Thomson (8-3), Adam Ottavino (9) and Matt Morizio.

(Game 2)

Albany (36-11, AE 14-6)	100	003	0	-	4	10	1
Northeastern (27-18, AE 13-6)	000	200	0	-	2	4	2

Adam Kroft (7-3) and Jason Martin.

Justin Hendrick (5-4), Jim Madison (7) and Dan Milano.

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UALBANY GREAT DANES SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC ON MONDAY, MAY 24

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany will host the 11th annual Great Danes Scholarship Golf Classic on Monday, May 24 at Shaker Ridge Country Club. Proceeds directly benefit the UAlbany athletic scholarship fund. The shotgun tee-off, scramble format begins at 12:15 p.m.

The Great Danes Scholarship Golf Classic is one way to assist UAlbany's more than 450 student-athletes in attaining their educational and athletic pursuits through scholarship contribution. In 2003-04, the Great Danes have won America East Conference championships in men's lacrosse, men's indoor track and women's golf, while football shared its second consecutive Northeast Conference title. In addition, men's lacrosse made its second straight NCAA Division I tournament appearance.

Shaker Ridge County Club is hosting the Great Danes Scholarship Golf Classic for the first time. Shaker Ridge is set up at 6,743 yards from the championship tees and plays to par 71 (36-35). The course, designed by Jim Thomson, previously hosted the annual Capital District Skins Game.

VICTOR CAMACHO & DIANE MATTHEWS RECEIVE ECAC MERIT MEDALS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy recently announced that Victor Camacho and Diane Matthews have been chosen to receive Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Merit Medals. The awards are annually given to the school's top senior male and female student-athlete who have shown excellence in the classroom and as competitive athletes during the current academic year.

Camacho, a Football Gazette Division I-AA All-America linebacker, has a 3.77 cumulative grade point average in business administration with an emphasis in finance. He graduated last December and is currently working in the field of investment banking. Camacho was chosen to the CoSIDA Academic All-America national first team, and was voted the 2003 Northeast Conference Scholar-Athlete in the sport of football. He led the Great Danes with 94 tackles, including 52 unassisted.

Matthews, a captain on the women's track & field team, has a 3.54 GPA in psychology with a dual minor in sociology and general education studies. Matthews placed second in the 800-meter run at the America East Conference outdoor championships. She set the school's indoor 800m record with a time of 2:13.59 in finishing third at the A-East meet in February. An America East Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll recipient, Matthews is also a member of four relays that have eclipsed UAlbany records during the indoor and outdoor seasons.

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SOFTBALL'S ANDEE LINDGREN NAMED TO NFCA ALL-NORTHEAST REGION

Fairfield, Conn. – Senior left-hander pitcher **Andee Lindgren** was selected to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Northeast Region Second Team in voting by the region's head coaches, as announced on Thursday, May 20. It marks the second straight year Lindgren has been named to the Northeast Region second team and the third overall for a UAlbany player to earn all-region honors at the Division I level.

Lindgren, the America East Conference Player of the Year, led both UAlbany and the league in hitting (.430) and pitching (1.04 ERA), as her team captured their first regular-season conference title (17-2) and matched the school record for single-season wins with a 34-18 overall mark. The La Habra, Calif. native, posted a 18-4 record on the mound with 18 complete games, four shutouts and broke the single-season strikeout record with 179. She pounded out 64 hits, 18 doubles and knocked in 34 runs. In addition, Lindgren was named first-team All-America East and to the conference's All-Tournament team.

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UALBANY BASKETBALL SIGNS JUNIOR COLLEGE STAR BRANDON PERRY

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that Brandon Perry, a junior college player from Texas, has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Great Danes in 2004-05.

Perry, a 6-foot-1, 187-pound guard from Carrollton, Texas, averaged 15.5 points, 3.3 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 1.2 steals per game as a sophomore at Jacksonville Community College. An All-Region XIV Conference selection, Perry shot 41.2 percent from the three-point line and made 81.2 percent of his free throws. The Jaguars finished 15-16 overall, including 11-11 in conference play, as a member of one of the top JUCO leagues in the nation.

Perry averaged 13.9 points and made 78 three-point field goals on a 17-14 squad in his first year at Jacksonville Community College. At the scholastic level, he played at Newman-Smith High School, near Dallas, where he scored at a 22.8 clip as a senior. He was named to the Class 5A All-District first team.

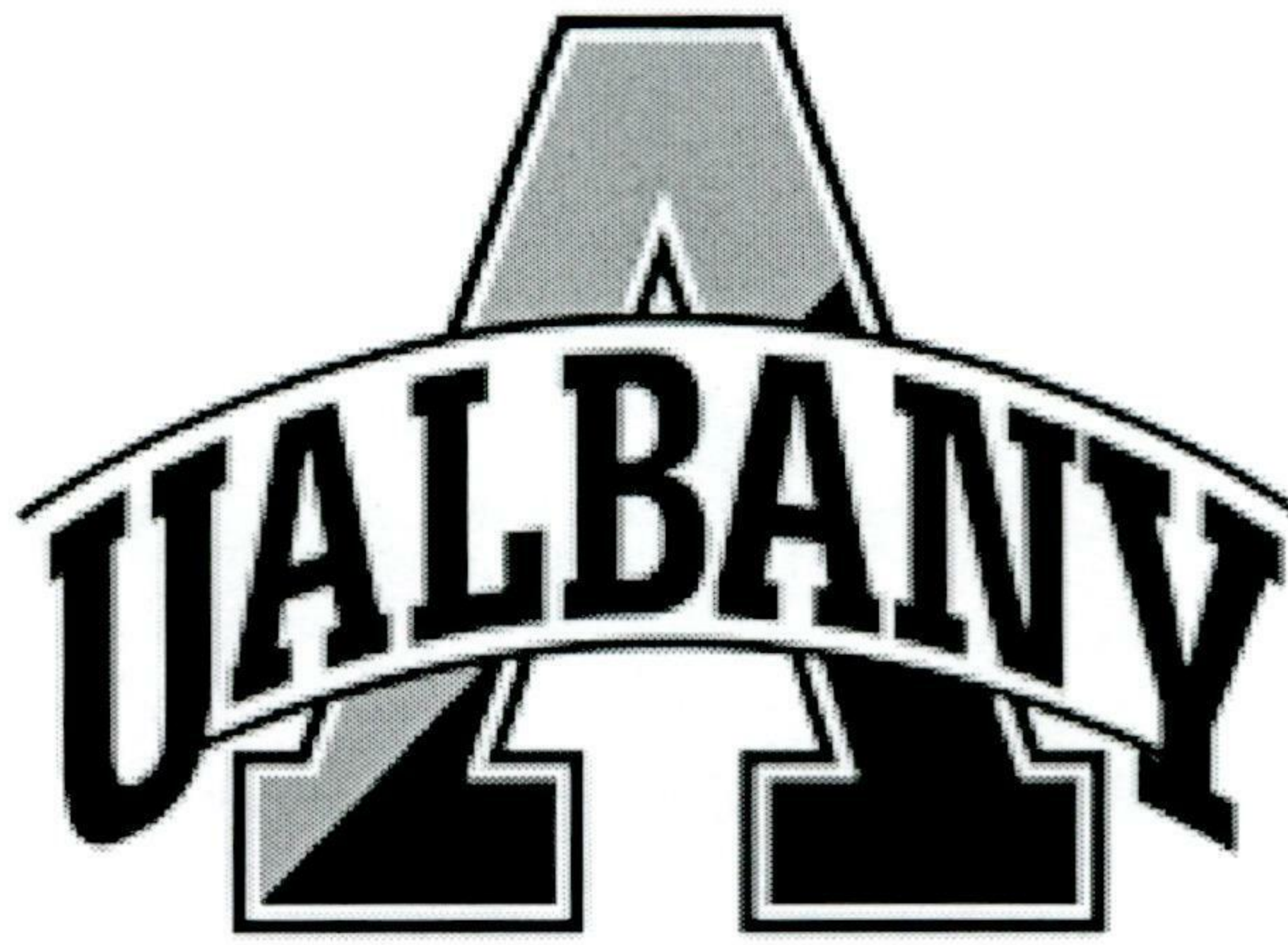
"Brandon is strong and athletic, and we expect him to contribute immediately," said Brown, who recently completed his third season as UAlbany's head coach. "He can defend the perimeter, plus stretch the opponent's defense as a three-point shooter. He also has the experience of playing against Division I players of all levels on every night over the last two years."

Perry joins a class of four high school players who signed during the early period last November. David Bauman, a 6-foot-2, 180-pound guard from Sarver, Pa. (Freeport), Joe Dyson, a 6-foot-9, 240-pound center from Wilmington, Del. (Sanford School), Brian Lillis, a 6-foot-5, 200-pound swingman from Urbandale, Iowa (West Des Moines Dowling) and Brent Wilson, a 6-foot-8, 210-pound forward from Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Prairie) made their commitments last fall.

University at Albany's Men's Basketball Signings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown (High School)</u>
David Bauman	G	6-2	180	Sarver, Pa. (Freeport)
Joe Dyson	C	6-9	240	Wilmington, Del. (Sanford School)
Brian Lillis	G/F	6-5	200	Urbandale, Iowa (West Des Moines Dowling)
Brandon Perry+	G	6-1	187	Carrollton, Texas (Newman-Smith)
Brent Wilson	F	6-8	210	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Prairie)

+Jacksonville (Texas) Community College transfer



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UALBANY FOOTBALL RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM 21 STUDENT-ATHLETES

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today that 21 student-athletes have committed to play for the Great Danes in the fall of 2004. The Great Danes, who shared their second consecutive Northeast Conference championship last season, begin their schedule against Atlantic 10 Conference opponent Hofstra on Thursday, Sept. 2.

"We certainly addressed many of our needs," said Ford, who has 201 career victories as a college head coach, and has led UAlbany to seven or more wins in seven of the last eight years. "We have a set of linebackers that run very well along with two excellent defensive tackles. The four incoming quarterbacks provide us with depth and talent at the position. The offensive linemen have the credentials to go with size and strength. Finally, Chris Lynch will help us as both a kicker and punter."

The 2004 class is comprised of 16 players from the state of New York, plus three from New Jersey, one from California and one from Florida. The breakdown by position includes four quarterbacks, six offensive linemen, one wide receiver, four linebackers, three defensive linemen, two defensive backs and one placekicker.

The Great Danes landed four quarterbacks for the future. **Jason Boltus**, at 6-foot-4 and 220 pounds, will be the tallest signal-caller in the program's history. He was named third-team All-Central New York by the *Syracuse Post-Standard*. California native **Daniel Bocanegra** (6-1, 190) attended the same high school as New England Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady. He passed for 1,668 yards and ran for 690 as a senior. **Kyle Watson** (6-2, 210) threw for more than 1,000 yards at Brick Township High School in New Jersey. All-Suffolk County standout **Zach Kerzner** (6-0, 205) accounted for 3,296 total yards during his scholastic career.

UAlbany also picked up a pair of second-team all-state offensive linemen in **Ryan Anderson** (Watervliet) and **Nik Schultz** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake). Anderson (6-2, 285) was a member of the Class C all-state team, and was a consensus All-Area offensive tackle. Schultz, an All-Area offensive guard who checks in at 6-foot-2 and 275 pounds, earned Class A all-state recognition by the New York Sportswriters Association. Local standouts **Sam Pagano** (Colonie Central) and **Jerry Nestleroad** (Shenendehowa) join this group in the trenches. Pagano was named first-team All-Area by *Troy Record*.

Cosmo DePinto, a New Jersey Group IV all-state selection, may be the next dominant defensive tackle in the UAlbany program. He totaled 60 tackles, five sacks and 22 hits for a loss as a senior, when he earned all-county honors. **Chris Lynch**, a first-team All-Suffolk County placekicker, scored 81 career points (10-19 FGs, 51-54 PATs). **Nick Casale** (LaSalle Institute), who made a team-high 88 tackles, was a consensus All-Area linebacker. Defensive back **L.B. McCloskey** (Gloversville) was a third-team All-Area choice by *Daily Gazette*, and an All-Foothills Council selection.

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2004 University at Albany Football Newcomers

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Ryan Anderson	OL	6-2	285	Watervliet, N.Y. (Watervliet)
Daniel Bocanegra	QB	6-1	190	Daly City, Calif. (Junipero Serra)
Jason Boltus	QB	6-4	220	Baldwinsville, N.Y. (C.W. Baker)
Nick Casale	ILB	6-2	215	Waterford, N.Y. (LaSalle Institute)
Cosmo DePinto	DT	6-0	250	Bayonne, N.J. (Bayonne)
Michael Dungey	DE	6-1	280	Rochester, N.Y. (Irondequoit)
Tyler Endres	WR	6-1	175	Brockport, N.Y. (Hilton Central)
Gabe Gardner	ILB	6-3	210	Toms River, N.J. (Toms River East)
Zach Kerzner	QB	6-0	205	Sayville, N.Y. (Sayville)
Jon Leible	OL	6-5	275	Commack, N.Y. (Commack)
Chris Lynch	PK	6-3	185	Lindenhurst, N.Y. (Lindenhurst)
L.B. McCloskey	DB	6-2	190	Gloversville, N.Y. (Gloversville)
Jerry Nestleroad	OL	6-2	255	Mechanicville, N.Y. (Shenendehowa)
Raphael Nguti	OL	6-6	330	Rochester, N.Y. (Brighton)
Dave Nicomini	DB	6-3	205	Newton, N.J. (Kittatinny Regional)
Sam Pagano	OL	6-3	280	Schenectady, N.Y. (Colonie Central)
Tom Pandolf	DT	6-0	270	Holbrook, N.Y. (Sachem)
Mark Peretore	OLB	6-1	205	Apalachin, N.Y. (Vestal)
Nik Schultz	OL	6-2	275	Ballston Spa, N.Y. (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake)
Aaron Scott	OLB	6-2	180	Tampa, Fla. (Robinson)
Kyle Watson	QB	6-2	210	Brick, N.J. (Brick Township)

Ryan Anderson

OL, 6-2, 285
Watervliet, N.Y. (Watervliet)

High School: Member of the New York Sportswriters Association Class C All-State second team ... named second-team All-Area by Albany Times Union, Troy Record and Daily Gazette ... first-team All-Capital Conference as both an offensive and defensive tackle ... 60 tackles and three sacks as a senior ... team finished 8-2 and won Buckley Division ...

Daniel Bocanegra

QB, 6-1, 190
Daly City, Calif. (Junipero Serra)

High School: First-team All-West Catholic Athletic League (WCAL) for the second consecutive year ... honorable mention All-San Jose Mercury News Central Coast Section ... connected on 117 of 216 passes for 1,668 yards ... 11 touchdowns and six interceptions ... completed 54.2 percent of his attempts ... rushed for 690 yards and 11 TDs, and averaged 5.5 per carry ... attended same high school as New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee and Pittsburgh Steeler standout Lynn Swann ...

Jason Boltus

QB, 6-4, 220
Baldwinsville, N.Y. (C.W. Baker)

High School: Third-team All-Central New York by Syracuse Post-Standard ... All-Onondaga League Class AA-1 first team ... passed for 1,310 yards and 15 touchdowns ... also ran for nine scores ... completed 84 of 168 attempts ... threw for 2,210 career yards and 27 TDs ... 11 career rushing touchdowns ... honorable mention All-Central New York as a junior ...

Nick Casale

LB, 6-2, 215
Waterford, N.Y. (LaSalle Institute)

High School: First-team All-Area by Troy Record ... second-team selection by Albany Times Union and Daily Gazette ... Big Ten first-team all-star ... team-high 88 tackles as a linebacker ... also positioned at center on the offensive line ...

Cosmo DePinto

DT, 6-0, 250
Bayonne, N.J. (Bayonne)

High School: First-team All-Hudson County by Newark Star-Ledger and Jersey Journal as a junior and senior ... Hudson County Coaches Association Lineman of the Year ... New Jersey Group IV all-state team ... totaled 60 tackles, five sacks, 22 hits for a loss, four forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries as a defensive end in 2003 ... also played guard on offensive line ... 180 career tackles and 22 sacks ...

Michael Dungey

DE, 6-1, 280
Rochester, N.Y. (Irondequoit)

High School: Second-team All-Greater Rochester by the Democrat & Chronicle ... first-team All-Monroe County Division II All-Star ... played defensive end and on offensive line ...

Tyler Endres

WR, 6-1, 175
Brockport, N.Y. (Hilton Central)

High School: Second-team All-Greater Rochester by Democrat & Chronicle as a defensive back and wide receiver ... first-team All-Monroe County Division II All-Star ... established school record for single-season all-purpose yards ... will also play lacrosse for the Great Danes ...

Gabe Gardner

LB, 6-3, 210
Toms River, N.J. (Toms River East)

High School: First-team All-Shore by Asbury Park Press ... three-year starter ... team-high 130 tackles and added five sacks ... led Raiders to Shore Conference American Division title, the first outright divisional crown in the school's history ... 294 career tackles ...

Zach Kerzner

QB, 6-0, 205
Sayville, N.Y. (Sayville)

High School: All-Suffolk County Division III quarterback ... earned all-county and all-division honors as a junior and senior ... passed for 812 yards and six touchdowns in his final season, plus rushed for 224 yards and three scores ... accounted for 3,296 total yards during his career ... passed for 28 touchdowns and ran for eight TDs ... 157 career tackles and six interceptions as a defensive player ...

Jon Leible

OL, 6-5, 275
Commack, N.Y. (Commack)

High School: Second-team All-Division I selection ... Suffolk County Senior All-Star Game participant ... positioned at defensive tackle and offensive tackle ... made 15 tackles and three sacks as a senior ... 2004 league wrestling champion in the 275-pound class ...

Chris Lynch

PK, 6-3, 185
Lindenhurst, N.Y. (Lindenhurst)

High School: First-team All-Suffolk County ... first-team All-Division I ... made 7-of-11 field goals, including a 45-yarder as a senior ... connected on 24-of-26 point-after attempts ... averaged 36.5 yards per punt ... career-long 73-yarder ... scored 81 career points (10-19 FGs, 51-54 PATs) ...

L.B. McCloskey

DB, 6-2, 190
Gloversville, N.Y. (Gloversville)

High School: Third-team All-Area by Daily Gazette ... first-team All-Foothills Council quarterback and defensive back ... passed for 705 yards and five touchdowns ... rushed for 658 yards and 12 TDs ... threw for 1,556 yards and ran for 1,193 yards during his scholastic career ... first-team all-league in basketball ...

Jerry Nestleroad

OL, 6-2, 255
Mechanicville, N.Y. (Shenendehowa)

High School: Third-team All-Area by Troy Record ... led team to the Suburban Council title with a 7-0 league record ... team advanced to state playoffs and finished 10-1 overall ...

Raphael Nguti

OL, 6-6, 330
Rochester, N.Y. (Brighton)

High School: Honorable mention All-Greater Rochester by Democrat & Chronicle ... first-team All-Monroe County Division III All-Star ... played on both the offensive and defensive line ...

Dave Nicomini

DB, 6-3, 205
Newton, N.J. (Kittatinny Regional)

High School: First-team All-West Jersey and second-team Group II in New Jersey ... two-time All-Sussex County Interscholastic League and all-area free safety ... made 92 tackles to go with two sacks and one interception as a senior ... 27 receptions for 427 yards and nine touchdowns as a wide receiver ... 157 career tackles with four sacks and three interceptions ... 39 catches for 563 yards and 11 TDs ...

Sam Pagano

OL, 6-3, 280
Schenectady, N.Y. (Colonie Central)

High School: First-team All-Area by Troy Record ... second-team selection by Daily Gazette and Albany Times Union ... All-Suburban Council All-Star ... three varsity letters as a guard and tackle on the offensive line ...

Tom Pandolf

DT, 6-0, 270
Holbrook, N.Y. (Sachem)

High School: All-Long Island second team by Newsday ... first-team All-Suffolk County ... All-Division I linebacker ... made 82 tackles as a senior when he earned team MVP honors ... member of two consecutive Big Four Division I championship teams ... 165 career tackles ...

Mark Peretore

OLB, 6-1, 205
Apalachin, N.Y. (Vestal)

High School: Member of Section IV Division I All-Star team ... ran for 823 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior, when he earned All-Southern Tier Athletic Conference (STAC) recognition ... rushed for 1,622 career yards and 31 TDs ... top single-game effort was 279 rushing yards ... earned a combined seven varsity letters in four sports ...

Nik Schultz

OL, 6-2, 275
Ballston Spa, N.Y. (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake)

High School: Member of Class A all-state second team as chosen by the New York State Sportwriters Association ... second-team All-Area by Albany Times Union ... third-team selection by Daily Gazette and Troy Record ... named to The Saratogian Dream Team (first team) ... first-team All-Suburban Council on two occasions ... positioned at offensive guard and defensive tackle ...

Aaron Scott

OLB, 6-2, 180
Tampa, Fla. (Robinson)

High School: All-Western Conference defensive back in 2003, when he totaled 65 tackles, nine pass break-ups and three interceptions ... played football for the first time as a senior ... small forward on basketball team for three years, and was an honorable mention all-league selection ...

Kyle Watson

QB, 6-2, 210
Brick, N.J. (Brick Township)

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UALBANY FRESHMAN BASKETBALL PLAYER TODD MARTIN WILL TRANSFER

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that **Todd Martin**, a freshman on the men's basketball team, has decided to transfer to another institution.

Martin, a 6-foot-7, 205-pound forward from Upland, Calif., appeared in 27 games for the Great Danes in 2003-04. He averaged 2.3 points, 2.6 rebounds and 12.5 minutes per game. Martin has not yet decided on which college he will attend in the fall.

McELROY RECEIVES NEYLAND OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AWARD

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Lee McElroy** has been chosen to receive the 2004 General Robert R. Neyland Outstanding Athletic Director Award by the All-American Football Foundation. He will be presented the award at the 60th Banquet of Champions on Tuesday, May 18 at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City.

McElroy has provided the leadership for UAlbany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program since July 2000. During that period, he spearheaded the successful search for a broad-based athletic conference when the University accepted an invitation to join the America East Conference in January 2001. In 2003-04, the Great Danes have won conference titles in men's lacrosse, women's golf and men's indoor track, while football shared its second consecutive Northeast Conference championship.

McElroy was also a key figure as the University successfully completed the NCAA's second cycle of Division I athletics certification in August 2003. A designation of certified means that an institution is operating with a commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, fiscal integrity, equity, welfare and sportsmanship. In addition, he recently helped the University hire an architectural firm in an effort to develop a plan to improve the school's athletic facilities, including the feasibility of the construction of a multi-purpose outdoor stadium and an artificial turf facility.

McElroy, who was a linebacker at UCLA in the late 1960s, is currently serving as president of the America East Conference Executive Committee, and has gained national prominence for his roles with numerous professional organizations and NCAA committees. He is a member of the Division I Management Council as one of four at-large representatives from I-AA or I-AAA conferences.

The All-American Football Foundation is located in Jackson, Mississippi. The foundation, started in 1994, is supported by colleges and universities nationwide, and has been established to honor individuals for distinguished contributions to the game of football in all phases of the game. The group hosts regional award banquets to raise scholarship funds that are presented to institutions for their outstanding college seniors.

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STEVE WYLAND NAMED AMERICA EAST BASEBALL CO-ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Steve Wyland** has been selected as the America East Conference Co-Rookie of the Week in baseball, as announced today by the conference office. Wyland, a freshman third baseman, went 5-for-11 at the plate, including a game-winning hit, in last weekend's series with Maine. Wyland, who is batting .286 on the season, had three hits and drove in both runs in a 2-1 win over Maine on May 15. He lined a two-out, run-scoring single in the ninth to put his team ahead. Albany (34-11, AE 12-6) is in second place in the conference standings heading into the final weekend of the regular season.

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MAINE TOPS UALBANY, 7-3, IN RUBBER GAME OF AMERICA EAST SERIES

Orono, Maine – Center fielder **Simon Williams** went 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored to help lead Maine past UAlbany, 7-3, in America East Conference baseball action on Sunday afternoon at Mahaney Diamond. The start of the contest was delayed one and a half-hours due to rain.

Albany (34-11, AE 12-6), who took the opener of Saturday's doubleheader from the Black Bears before dropping the nightcap, grabbed its first lead of the game in the top of the sixth inning. First baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** singled to right field and would advance to second and then third base on passed balls before **Derek DeGrazio** brought him in with a sacrifice fly to put the Great Danes ahead, 2-1.

Maine (28-19, AE 11-7) responded in its half of the sixth as right fielder **Joe Hough** singled, stole second and advanced to third on an error and **Ryan Quintal** plated him on a sac fly to even the game at two apiece.

Williams and **Jason Harvey** led off the seventh inning for Maine with basehits to right field. A **Pete Saunders** sac fly would drive in Williams, while Harvey crossed the plate on a single by **Joel Barrett** to give the Black Bears a two-run advantage.

The Great Danes, who lost consecutive games for the first time this season, sliced the deficit in half in the eighth as right fielder **Justin Meagher** (Colonie Central) delivered a RBI double to score DeGrazio.

Maine secured the victory with three tallies in the bottom of the eighth. The big blow came on a two-run double off the bat of Williams that brought in **Joe Hough** and **Mike Ferriggi**, who had reached on a walk and error, respectively.

Reliever **Ryan Harris** picked up the win for the Black Bears after pitching 2.1 innings out of the bullpen. Harris surrendered one run on two hits to earn his fifth victory of the season. Albany's **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) worked 6.1 innings, by allowing three earned runs on six hits with five strikeouts in the loss.

The Great Danes will close out the home portion of their schedule on Wednesday, May 19 as they host Le Moyne in a non-league game. First pitch is slated for 4:00 p.m.

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Albany (34-11, AE 12-6) 000 011 010 - 3 7 2

Maine (28-19, AE 11-7) 100 001 23X - 7 9 2

Adam Kroft (6-3), Roman Dubiel (7), Shawn Ryan (8) and Jason Martin.

Steve Richard, Ryan Harris (6) (5-2), Greg Norton (8), Scott Robinson (9) and Aaron Izaryk.

UALBANY TRACK & FIELD IN ACTION AT ECAC AND IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS

New Haven, Conn. – UAlbany senior **Teresa Covert** finished second in the 100-meter hurdles in final-day action of the ECAC Championships on Sunday, May 16 at Yale University. **Naron Stewart** was a fourth-place finisher in the high jump for the Great Danes at the men's IC4A Championships on Sunday.

Covert, who will compete at the NCAA East Regionals in the 100-dash, 100-hurdles and long jump, crossed the finish line in 13.60, which was just .02 seconds behind Pittsburgh's Tamara McGill. **Katisha Cunningham**, **Jillian Sherman** and **Tequirra Cox** teamed up with Covert to place sixth in the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 47.15. UAlbany's **Joy Williams** had a shot put mark of 42-feet, 4.25-inches, which placed her 22nd overall.

Stewart, who is a two-time America East Conference high jump champion, cleared the bar at 6-feet, 9-inches. **Kamar Elliott**, a defensive back on the UAlbany football team, had a triple jump of 46-feet, 5.25-inches to place 19th, while teammate **Sheldon Gomes** finished two spots back with a leap of 45-feet, 11.75-inches.

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UALBANY BASEBALL SPLITS AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER AT MAINE

Orono, Maine – Third baseman **Steve Wyland** drove in two runs and **Steve Emmerthal** struck out 11 as UAlbany defeated Maine, 2-1, in game one of an America East Conference doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Mahaney Field. The Great Danes, who trail Northeastern by one game atop the league standings, fell in the nightcap, 6-1.

Albany (34-10, AE 12-5) knotted the opener at one apiece in the fourth inning. Second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz** and designated hitter **Derek DeGrazio** led off the frame with basehits and **Jason Martin** followed with a sacrifice bunt. Wyland later delivered a run-scoring single that brought in Zimniewicz from third.

DeGrazio, who went 3-for-4, opened the ninth with a single to left field and moved to second on another sac bunt by Martin. Following a strikeout, Wyland lined a two-out basehit to center field that scored pinch runner **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) to give the Great Danes a 2-1 advantage.

UAlbany closer **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) pitched the ninth to collect his 13th save in 14 opportunities on the year. The junior established a UAlbany record with his 24th appearance this season. Emmerthal gave up one run on eight hits with one walk in eight innings on the mound to earn the win. The senior right-hander improved to 7-2 and tied the school mark for wins in a season. **Mike MacDonald** picked up the loss by allowing two runs on 11 hits in 8.2 innings of work for the Black Bears.

Maine (27-19, AE 10-7) grabbed the lead in the second as **Joe Hough** led off with a double and **Ryan Quintal** followed with a triple. Quintal would be left stranded at third as Emmerthal retired the next three batters in order.

In game two, the Black Bears surged ahead with a three-run fourth inning. Shortstop **Jason Harvey** knocked a two-out RBI single to left field that plated Hough, while **Aaron Izaryk** would later deliver a two-run basehit scoring Harvey and **Simon Williams**.

Maine struck again with another two-out rally in the sixth, which included a two-run single off the bat of **Joel Barrett** that gave the Black Bears a six-run cushion.

The Great Danes notched their lone run of the game in the seventh as shortstop **Joe Lamb** hit a sacrifice fly to right field that plated **Justin Meagher** (Colonie Central), who had doubled.

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2-2-2-2-UALBANY ATHLETICS

Maine right-hander **Troy Martin** went the distance, giving up one run on six hits to improve to 4-1 on the year. UAlbany junior **Ethan Vaiana** suffered his first loss of the season as he allowed three runs on seven hits in 3.2 innings on the hill.

Both teams will battle again tomorrow in the series finale. The rubber match is slated for 12 noon.

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(Game 1)

Albany	000	100	001	-	2	11	1
Maine	010	000	000	-	1	9	0

Steve Emmerthal (7-2), Shawn Ryan (9) and Jason Martin.
Mike MacDonald (4-3), Greg Norton (9) and Aaron Izaryk.

(Game 2)

Albany (34-10, AE 12-5)	000	000	1	-	1	6	0
Maine (27-19, AE 10-7)	000	303	X	-	6	10	0

Ethan Vaiana (6-1), Scott McGovern (4), Giorgio Fuda (6) and Jason Martin.
Troy Martin (4-1) and Aaron Izaryk.

UALBANY TRACK & FIELD IN ACTION AT ECAC AND IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS

New Haven, Conn. – UAlbany's **Teresa Covert** posted a NCAA Regional-qualifying time in the 100-meter hurdles semi-finals in day-two action at the ECAC Track & Field Championships on Saturday afternoon at Yale University. **Meghan Howell** set a school standard in the 3,000-meter steeplechase on Friday evening at the championships.

Covert, who will also compete in the 100-meter dash and long jump at the NCAA East Regionals, clocked in with a track record time of 13.63 in the 100-hurdles and will participate in tomorrow's final. Howell established a UAlbany standard and a NCAA Regional time as she broke the tape in 10:56.89 to finish 18th overall in the steeplechase.

The UAlbany women's 4x100-relay team consisting of **Katisha Cunningham**, **Jillian Sherman**, **Tequirra Cox** and Covert qualified for the finals as they posted a time of 46.97. In the 4x400-relay, **Ricshara Knight**, **Tracy Estriplet**, **Anisha Andrews** and **Eliana Durko** teamed up to finish 17th in a time of 3:51.95, which is the second-fastest mark in school history.

Alyssa Lotmore (Bishop Maginn) ran a personal-best time of 2:16.20 in her 4x800-meter leg as the Great Danes placed tenth in the event.

In the men's IC4A competition, UAlbany's **Brandon Howlett** placed fourth in the discus with a toss of 174-feet, 3-inches and **Eric Opuana** had a hammer throw mark of 184-feet, 10-inches to place seventh overall.

The UAlbany 4x100-meter relay team of **Shamere Boland**, **Jesse Bennett**, **Andres Vives** (Shenendehowa) and **Nelson English** crossed the finish line in 41.60, which was .21 seconds off the school record, to finish 13th in the preliminaries.

Gered Burns (Guilderland), who won the 800-meter run title at the IC4A Indoor Championships in March, placed 14th in the 800 prelims with a time of 1:51.00.

Final-day competition gets underway tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

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UALBANY LOSES IN EXTRA INNINGS AT AMERICA EAST TOURNAMENT

Orono, Maine – Third baseman **Christy King** singled in the winning run in the ninth inning to lead Boston University to a 3-2 victory over Albany in the second round of the America East Conference softball championship on Friday afternoon at Kessock Field. The Great Danes, who earned the top seed after winning the conference's regular-season title, were eliminated from this four-team tournament.

Albany (34-18) sent the game into extra innings in the seventh. Shortstop **Maegan Larsen**, who went 2-for-4 with two runs scored, singled through the left side with one out. She later came across after **Brittany Burnham's** grounder in front of the plate was misplayed, and the ensuing throw to first base ended up down the right field line.

In the bottom of the ninth, Boston U.'s **Erin McDonald** led off with a single to right field, and was lifted for pinch-runner **Erika Myrill**. After a sacrifice bunt and fly ball, Myrill advanced to third. King then delivered the game-winning hit, a two-out sharp ground ball off the glove of third baseman **Kelly Ogden**.

The Great Danes, who dropped a 1-0 decision to Maine in the opening round, broke a scoreless deadlock in the fifth, as Larsen singled, stole second, and came across on an error by the center fielder. Boston U. (24-31), the defending America East champion, staged a two-out rally in the bottom of the frame with a pair of runs. **Abbey Pauley** tied the contest with a double into the right-field gap, and later scored on a fielding error.

The Terriers' **Ashlee Freeman** improved to 16-13 on the mound by allowing no earned runs on six hits with four strikeouts and two walks. Shortstop **Jamie Haas** singled twice in four trips to the plate.

Albany left-hander **Andee Lindgren**, the America East player of the year, scattered seven hits over 8.2 innings in taking the loss. Lindgren, whose record fell to 18-4 overall, recorded six strikeouts with two walks.

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America East Conference Tournament – Second Round

Boston U. 3, Albany 2 (9 innings)

#1 Albany (34-18)	000	010	100	-	2	6	1
#3 Boston U. (24-31)	000	020	001	-	3	7	2

(two outs when winning run scored)

Andee Lindgren (18-4) and Ali Meacham.

Ashlee Freeman (16-13) and Josey Mendez.

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UALBANY SOFTBALL BLANKED BY MAINE IN AMERICA EAST OPENING ROUND

Orono, Maine – **Jenna Merchant** fired her fifth shutout of the season to lead fourth-seed Maine to a 1-0 victory over Albany, the No. 1 seed, in the opening round of the America East Conference softball championship on Thursday afternoon at Kessock Field.

Albany (34-17) will meet Boston University, the conference's defending champions, in an elimination game on Friday at 1:30 p.m. Stony Brook defeated the Terriers, 6-2, in the other first-round match-up. Maine (26-20) and Stony Brook will square off in the upper bracket of this four-team, double-elimination tournament at 11:00 a.m.

The Black Bears scored the game's lone run in the second inning. **Erin Provost** reached on an error, went to second on a sacrifice bunt, and then stole third base. Junior catcher **Lindsey Tibbetts** delivered a two-out, run-scoring single into the right-field gap.

Merchant, the 2004 America East pitcher of the year, scattered 10 hits in improved to 10-4 on the mound. She worked out of trouble on several occasions, while her teammates threw two UAlbany runners out at the plate.

Kelly Ogden, who collected three hits, was erased at home in the third by Provost's throw from left field after **Liz Wieboldt** singled. Albany threatened again in the fourth, when **Ashley Rios** led off with a double. Pinch-runner **Julie Gannon** was later cut down, when Merchant snagged **Brittany Burnham's** line drive up the middle and threw back to Tibbetts, who made the tag on a close play at the plate. The Great Danes, who left 12 runners stranded, loaded the bases in the fifth, but a ground out ended the uprising.

Andee Lindgren, the America East player of the year, was the hard-luck loser, as she allowed one unearned run on five hits in falling to 18-3 on the season. The left-hander, who absorbed her first loss since a relief appearance on April 9th, recorded eight strikeouts with one walk.

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America East Conference Tournament – First Round

#4 Maine (26-20)	010	000	0	-	1	5	1
#1 Albany (34-17)	000	000	0	-	0	10	1

Jenna Merchant (10-4) and Lindsey Tibbetts. Andee Lindgren (18-3) and Ali Meacham.

UALBANY'S ROMAN DUBIEL NAMED TO ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT I TEAM

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's **Roman Dubiel** was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District I Team on Thursday, May 13. The right-hander was one of two pitchers selected to the squad.

Dubiel, a junior reliever, has a 3.84 cumulative grade point average with a major in urban studies and a minor in Spanish. He has appeared in 14 games out of the bullpen with a 4-0 record and a 3.44 ERA for the Great Danes, who are 33-9 overall and in first place in the America East Conference standings. The Longueuil, Quebec native has worked 18.1 innings this season, primarily as a set-up man, and has collected one save.

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LINDGREN & CANNATA EARN AMERICA EAST'S TOP SOFTBALL AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Andee Lindgren** has been chosen the America East Conference Player of the Year in softball as announced on Wednesday, May 12 by the conference office. Lindgren, a senior left-handed pitcher, was also named to the America East first team for the second straight year in voting by the league's head coaches. **Chris Cannata** was named America East Coach of the Year, her second award in as many years.

Lindgren, last year's America East Conference pitcher of the year, led the conference in hitting and pitching. She posted an 18-2 record, including 10-1 in conference play, with a 1.06 earned run average, four shutouts and a league-leading 165 strikeouts. The La Habra, Calif. native, has a .434 batting average and is third in the conference with 18 doubles, fourth with 62 hits and fourth with 34 RBI. She also ranks among NCAA Division I leaders in batting average, doubles per game and ERA.

Cannata, who is in her 10th season at the helm with a 271-142 career record, guided the Great Danes to their first-ever America East Conference regular-season title. Her team matched the school's single-season wins total with a 34-16 record and is the No. 1 seed in this week's conference postseason tournament. The Great Danes have a 46-18 mark in conference play over the last three seasons.

Joining Lindgren on the first team were sophomores **Katrina Dunning** and **Ashley Rios**, and freshman **Kelly Ogden**. Dunning, a second baseman, was named to the second team and all-rookie squad last year. She is fourth on the team in hitting (.317 BA) and has nine doubles and 21 RBI. Rios, a first baseman, is second on the squad with a .383 batting average to go with 18 RBI and three home runs, plus has committed just one error in 71 chances. She was named to the second team and all-rookie team last season. Ogden, a utility player, is second on the team in RBI with 28, and has totaled 44 hits, eight doubles and three homers.

Senior **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) and freshman **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) were both named second-team all-conference. Nolette, an outfielder who was a first-team all-conference selection last year, leads the team in runs scored (31), triples (3), and is second with 50 hits, plus is the conference leader in stolen bases (29). Halloran, a right-handed pitcher, posted an 11-3 mark on the mound in her first collegiate season and held a 1.63 ERA, fourth best in the league. She recorded three shutouts with two saves, plus held a perfect 7-0 mark against conference opponents. Halloran and Ogden were both named to the America East All-Rookie Team.

UAlbany, as the top seed, will meet No. 4 seed Maine on Thursday, May 13 in the opening round of the America East Conference Softball Championship at Kessock Field on the University of Maine campus. First pitch is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. The winner of the three-day, double-elimination tournament receives a NCAA automatic berth. The championship game is scheduled for Saturday, May 15th.

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UALBANY BASEBALL BEATS NEW YORK TECH, 8-5, AT JOE BRUNO STADIUM

Troy, N.Y. – **Derek DeGrazio** had three hits and starting pitcher **Kyle Thomas** posted his fourth victory of the season in leading Albany to an 8-5 non-league victory over New York Tech on Tuesday evening at Joe Bruno Stadium.

Albany (33-9) snapped a 1-1 deadlock with a four-run fifth inning. DeGrazio doubled to left field and later scored on a fielding error to put his team ahead. Another miscue in the field and a balk led to two more runs, before **Dan Schoonmaker** capped the uprising with an RBI single to center field.

New York Tech (15-29) closed the gap to 5-3 with single runs in the seventh and eighth. **Jelani Arnold** led off with a triple to right field and later came across with his team's second run on **Christian Diez's** groundball to the shortstop. **Mike MacMillan's** fielder's choice plated pinch-runner **Anthony Mangione**.

The Great Danes, who have won six of their last eight, put the game away by scoring three times in the eighth. DeGrazio, a junior designated hitter, delivered a run-scoring single to left field. Freshman infielder **Steve Wyland** added a RBI groundout, before **Jason Martin** singled and came home another error.

Thomas, a sophomore right-hander, allowed one unearned run on three hits in 5.1 innings on the mound. He struck out four and walked two, as he picked up his first win since March 28 in improving to 4-1 on the season.

Sophomore catcher **Mike Kenefick** had two hits, while **Kraig Binick** drove in a pair of runs for the Bears, who have dropped five of their last seven.

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New York Tech (15-29)	000	010	112	-	5	7	4
Albany (33-9)	100	040	03x	-	8	7	2

Andrew Karkoulas, Robert Benenati (8) and Mike Kenefick.

Kyle Thomas, Scott McGovern (6), Giorgio Fuda (7), Roman Dubiel (8), Shawn Ryan (9) and Jason Martin.

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UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER SIGNS JUNIOR COLLEGE ALL-AMERICAN

Albany, N.Y.— University at Albany head coach Kalekeni Banda announced the signing of the women's soccer program's first-ever junior college All-American to a national letter of intent. **Jessica Insana**, a sweeper from NJCAA powerhouse Community College of Rhode Island, will enter UAlbany as a transfer student this fall.

"I am very pleased to add a proven leader to our list of incoming players for next fall," stated Banda, who has received nine commitments for the 2004 season. "Jessica has had a tremendous career at CCRI and will bring that winning mentality to UAlbany. Signing an All-American is a nice milestone for our young program."

Insana, who hails from Warwick, R.I., led CCRI to two straight NJCAA Division I national finals, finishing as national champions in 2002 and national runner-up in 2003. She anchored the defense throughout their undefeated 22-win season in her first year with the program and was named "Most Valuable Back" of the national tournament.

Insana, who was a Presidential Scholar at CCRI, garnered All-New England Honorable Mention, NSCAA All-East Region Team, and Board of Governors' Scholar-Athlete Award in her freshman campaign. As a sophomore captain, the sweeper was named First Team All-New England, NSCAA All-Northeast Region Team, NJCAA All-American Honorable Mention and NSCAA Second Team All-American.

2004 UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER NEWCOMERS

Name, Pos., Ht., Hometown (Previous 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)

Jessica Insana, D, 5-4, Warwick, R.I. (Community College of Rhode Island)

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

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

Morgan Warwick, D, 5-4, East Durham, N.Y. (Cairo-Durham)

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UALBANY GRABS TOP SEED FOR AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany will be the number one seed in this week's America East Conference softball championship. The Great Danes garnered the top seed after finishing 17-2 in league play and claiming the program's first-ever regular-season title. The winner of the double elimination tournament receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament field.

UALbany (34-16, AE 17-2) will meet fourth seeded Maine (25-20, AE 12-8) in the opening round on Thursday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m. at Kessock Field on the University of Maine campus. The Great Danes swept the Black Bears in a three-game weekend series earlier this season. Last year, UAlbany defeated Maine in the opening round game with a 1-0 victory.

Stony Brook (29-31, AE 13-7), the number two seed, will play the defending champions, Boston University (23-30, AE 11-7) in the other first round game at 12 p.m. The winners from the first two games will meet on Friday, May 14 at 11 a.m. The winner from that contest advances to Saturday's championship game at 12 p.m. The losers of games one and two will vie to stay alive at 2:30 p.m., with the winner of that game battling the loser of the previous contest to decide who will play for the title.

Senior **Andee Lindgren** leads the UAlbany pitching staff with a 1.06 ERA and is the top hitter with a .434 batting average. The left-hander owns an 18-2 record with 16 complete games, four shutouts and has amassed 165 strikeouts. Lindgren also leads the squad in hits (62), doubles (18) and RBI (34). Also playing key roles for the Great Danes: **Ashley Rios** (.383, 31 hits, 3 home runs and 18 RBI), **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) (.301, 31 runs, 50 hits, 10 doubles and 29 stolen bases), **Kelly Ogden** (.295, 44 hits, 8 doubles, 3 home runs, 28 RBI) and **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) (1.63 ERA, 11-3, 10 complete games, three shutouts, two saves, 62 strikeouts).

2004 America East Softball Championship

(Kessock Field – Orono, Maine)

Thursday, May 13

Game 1 – No. 2 Stony Brook (29-31) vs. No. 3 Boston University (23-30), 12 noon

Game 2 – No. 1 UAlbany (34-16) vs. No. 4 Maine (25-20), 2:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14

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

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

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

Saturday, May 15

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

Game 7 – same teams (if necessary)

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HARTFORD TOPS UALBANY, 5-0, IN AMERICA EAST BASEBALL ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Third baseman **Ron Acabbo** went 3-for-4 with three RBI and one run scored to lead Hartford past UAlbany, 5-0, in America East Conference play on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Hartford (10-28, AE 4-11), who was swept by the Great Danes in Saturday's doubleheader, staked a two-run cushion in the fourth inning behind a two-out rally. After the first two batters were retired in order, second baseman **Kyle O'Neill** reached on a bunt single and **Mike Ciccetti** followed with a base hit up the middle. **Josh Topp** was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Acabbo lined a single to left field that plated two.

The Hawks pushed across two more runs in the sixth as O'Neill led off with a double down the left field line and scored on a single by Topp, who went 3-for-4. Catcher **Brian Eck** doubled home Acabbo, after he reached on a fielder's choice, to give Hartford a 4-0 advantage.

Albany (32-9, AE 11-4), who entered today's action with a one game lead over Northeastern atop the America East standings, was held scoreless for the first time since May 16 of last year. Center fielder **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) went 2-for-3 on the day for the Great Danes.

Hartford's **Tony Cekovsky** stymied the UAlbany hitters as he went seven innings on the mound and scattered three hits to earn his first win of the season. **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) gave up five runs on 14 hits, while striking out a career-high 12 batters, in 7.1 innings of work to pick up the loss.

--agate-

Hartford (10-28, AE 4-11)	000	202	010	-	5	15	0
Albany (32-9, AE 11-4)	000	000	000	-	0	3	0

Adam Kroft, Kyle Thomas (8), Roman Dubiel (9) and Jason Martin.

Tony Cekovsky, Nate Berberian (8) and Brian Eck.

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BASEBALL SWEEPS AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER FROM HARTFORD

Albany, N.Y. – Senior catcher **Jason Martin** went 4-for-7, including his first home run of the season, as UAlbany swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Hartford on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes, who are in first place atop the league standings, rallied to win the opener 4-2 and took the nightcap 6-3.

Albany (32-8, AE 11-3) evened up game one with a two-run seventh inning. Martin hit a one-out homer down the right field line to put his team on the board and slice the Hawk's lead in half. Shortstop **Joe Lamb** would later single home **Steve Wyland**, who had walked and stole second base.

First baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** reached on an error to leadoff the eighth inning for the Great Danes. Second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz**, who has hit safely in 20 of his last 21 games, followed with a double to left field. **Brendan Chiavaro** then reached on a two-base error by the center fielder that plated Schoonmaker to give UAlbany a 3-2 advantage. Designated hitter **Derek DeGrazio** finished off the scoring with a sacrifice fly to center that brought in Zimniewicz.

Hartford (9-28, AE 3-11) staked a lead in the fourth as center fielder **Rick Langer** doubled home **Brian Eck** and **Matt Denorfia** later scored on a wild pitch.

UAlbany's **Steve Emmerthal** went 8.1 innings to earn the win. The senior right-hander gave up no earned runs and scattered four hits to improve to 6-2 on the year. Closer **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) collected the save as he retired the last two batters in order. Hartford's **Jeff Swedberg** picked up the loss.

In the nightcap, Schoonmaker, who went 3-for-4 in the game, singled home Lamb in the first to give the Great Danes an early lead. UAlbany used a five-run third inning to claim a 6-0 advantage. **Brad Daniels**, Chiavaro and DeGrazio each knocked in one run during the surge, which featured three unearned runs.

The Hawks cut the deficit in half with a three-run fifth inning. Left fielder **Josh Topp** was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to bring in **Mike Ciccetti**. Denorfia followed with a sacrifice fly and Eck would later single in **Kyle O'Neill** making it 6-3.

Ethan Vaiana collected the win for UAlbany to improve to a perfect 6-0 on the season, while **Jarrett Stawarz** picked up the loss for Hartford. Ryan pitched a flawless ninth to earn his 12th save in 13 opportunities this year.

Both teams will close out their three-game weekend series on Sunday at 12 noon.

--agate-

(Game 1)

Hartford	000	200	000	-	2	4	4
Albany	000	000	22X	-	4	6	1

Scott Roy, Jeff Swedberg (8) and Ryan Crowley.

Steve Emmerthal, Shawn Ryan (9) and Jason Martin.

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2-2-2-2-UALBANY ATHLETICS

(Game 2)

Hartford (9-28, AE 3-11)	000	030	0	-	3	7	2
Albany (32-8, AE 11-3)	105	000	X	-	6	11	0

Jarrett Stawarz, Jason Krajeski (4) and Brian Eck.

Ethan Vaiana, Shawn Ryan (7) and Jason Martin.

UALBANY SPLITS WITH AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE-FOE BOSTON U.

Albany, N.Y. – **Liz Wieboldt** drove in the game-winning run in the fifth to give UAlbany a 6-3 win over America East Conference-foe Boston U. in game one on Saturday, May 8 at Albany Field. The Terriers topped the Great Danes in the nightcap, 5-3.

In the nightcap, UAlbany (34-16, AE 17-2) took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on **Andee Lindgren's** RBI double to center. The Great Danes, who saw their 11-game winning streak snapped, added two runs in the third for a 3-0 cushion. Freshman **Kelly Ogden** hit a RBI double to left to plate **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) and scored on Lindgren's sacrifice fly to left field.

Boston U. (23-30, AE 11-7) tied the contest in the fifth inning as **Abbey Pauley** and **Jamie Haas** hit back-to-back singles with one out. Sophomore **Liz Alley**, who finished 3-for-8 at the plate on the day, rocketed a three-run homer over the left field fence for her 12th blast of the year.

Jen Nolette (Columbia) led-off the fifth with a single down the right field line, stole second and scored on Wieboldt's single to center for a 4-3 advantage. The Great Danes added two insurance runs in the sixth as **Ali Meacham** hit a one-out double to right center and **Maegan Larsen** followed with a triple to center to plate pinch-runner **Carly Isaacs**. Nolette laid down a bunt single to score Larsen.

Freshman **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) went the distance, allowing three earned runs on eight hits with no walks and three strikeouts for her 11th victory of the year. Junior **DeKenya Williams** got the loss, giving up five earned runs on 10 hits with two walks and two strikeouts.

In the nightcap, the Terriers got on the board first on Williams' two-out RBI single to left to score Pauley. The Great Danes responded in the bottom half of the inning as Lindgren, who finished 2-for-5 at the plate with three RBI, hit her second double of the day to plate Ogden.

UAlbany took a 2-1 lead in the third on Ogden's RBI single to left. Boston U. regained the lead in the fourth as **Amanda Campbell**, **Krysta Peplowski** and **Erika Myrill** hit consecutive singles. With two outs, Haas, who went 3-for-8 at the plate in the series, knocked in Campbell and Peplowski on a double to center to take a 3-2 advantage.

The Terriers, who defeated UAlbany in last year's America East Conference Championship game, added a run in the fifth on **Erin McDonald's** RBI single to right and another run in the seventh on **Emily Varga's** groundout to first.

Peplowski earned her first collegiate win, giving up two earned runs on six hits with one walk in six innings of work. **Brittany Detwiler** picked up her first save of the season, tossing a scoreless seventh inning with two strikeouts. Freshman **Laura Gremillion** was credited with the loss, allowing three earned runs on 10 hits with two strikeouts in four innings of relief.

UAlbany will conclude its regular-season schedule tomorrow afternoon against Boston U. on senior day at Albany Field. First pitch is set for 12:00 noon.

-agate-

Game 1

Boston U.	000	030	0	-	3	8	2
UAlbany	102	012	x	-	6	10	1

DeKenya Williams and Josey Mendez

Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham

MORE

3-3-3-3-UALBANY ATHLETICS

Game 2

Boston U. (23-30, AE 11-7)	100	210	1	-	5	13	1
UAlbany (34-16, AE 17-2)	101	000	1	-	3	6	2

Krysta Peplowski, Brittany Detwiler (7) and Amanda Campbell
Andee Lindgren, Laura Gremillion (4) and Ali Meacham, Leanne Tillman

-agate-

Tenth Annual Albany Spring Classic (Adirondack USATF Track & Field Invitational)

TEAM SCORES - MEN: 1. UAlbany 179, 2. SUNY-Cortland 68.5, 3. Oneonta State 48.5, 4. Williams 43.5, 5. Rensselaer 39.5, 6. Binghamton 38, 7. Plattsburgh State 35, 8. Alfred 33, 9. Rochester 27, 10. Club Santurce 22, 11 (t). Marist 21, 11 (t). Willow Street 21, 13. William Paterson 18, 14. SUNY-New Paltz 17, 15. Gladitor Track Club 16, 16 (t). Runner X 13, 16 (t). Colgate 13, 18. Syracuse Chargers 12, 19 (t). Rhode Island College 10, 19 (t). Syracuse 10, 21. Vassar 9, 22 (t). Union 8, 22 (t). Nsa Shockers 8, 24. SUNY-Brockport 7, 25 (t). Club Gigantes 6, 25 (t). Athletic East 6, 27 (t). Hartwick 5, 27 (t). Albany Alumni 5, 29 (t). WPI 4.5, 29 (t). Worcester Poly Tech 4.5, 31. U.S. Merchant Marine 1.

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL: **100** – Nick Wetherby (SUNY-Cortland), 10.90; **200** – Nelson English (UAlbany), 22.06; **400** – Stephen Evans (UAlbany), 48.81; **800** – Matt Lo Piccolo (Syracuse), 1:54.37; **1,500** – Louie DiNuzzo (Colgate), 3:59.61; **5,000** – Nick Conway (Willow Street TC), 14:37.08; **10,000** – Dave Whydra (Plattsburgh State), 32:58.85; **110 Hurdles** – Neil Case (Binghamton), 15.34; **400 Hurdles** – Joel Vazquez (UAlbany), 54.95; **3,000 Steeplechase** – Ryan Bank (Alfred), 9:41.00; **4x100 Relay** – SUNY Cortland, 42.32; **4x400 Relay** – SUNY-Cortland, 3:20.36; **4x800 Relay** – SUNY-New Paltz, 9:02.00; **High Jump** – Naron Stewart (UAlbany), 1.99 m; **Pole Vault** – Steve Robin (Alfred), 4.60 m; **Long Jump** – Luis Soto (Club Santurce), 6.96 m; **Triple Jump** – Kamar Elliott (UAlbany), 14.12 m; **Shot Put** – Andrew Wunder (Rochester), 15.23 m; **Discus Throw** – Marcus Matyas, SUNY-Cortland, 46.92 m; **Hammer Throw** – Eric Opuana (UAlbany), 58.21 m; **Javelin Throw** – Chris Smith (Oneonta State), 52.60 m.

TEAM SCORES - WOMEN: 1. UAlbany 144, 2. Williams 120, 3. Oneonta 60, 4. SUNY-Cortland 52, 5. Binghamton 49, 6. Club Santurce 45, 7. Rensselaer 38, 8. Syracuse 30, 9. SUNY-New Paltz 27, 10. Club Gigantes 23, 11 (t). Rochester 20, 11 (t). SUNY-Brockport 20, 13. William Paterson 19, 14. Plattsburgh State 18, 15 (t). Colgate 10, 15 (t). Gladitor Track Club 10, 17. Worcester Poly Tech 5, 18. Nazareth 3.

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL: **100** – Elma Pabon (Club Santurce), 12.34; **200** – Teresa Covert (UAlbany), 24.60; **400** – Larisa Least (Binghamton), 57.42; **800** – Kelly Stevens (Oneonta State), 2:14.35; **1,500** – Alyssa Lotmore (UAlbany), 4:39.86; **5,000** – Stacy Kramer (Binghamton), 18:19.74; **10,000** – Laura Ewald (Oneonta State), 43:57.09; **100 Hurdles** – Veronica Dyer (Gladitor TC), 14.58; **400 Hurdles** – Eliana Durko (UAlbany), 1:03.65; **3,000 Steeplechase** – Betsy Schultz (SUNY-Cortland), 12:08.14; **4x100 Relay** – SUNY-Cortland 49.23; **4x400 Relay** – UAlbany, 3:56.01; **High Jump** – Kristy Karin (Unattached), 1.85 m; **Pole Vault** – Jaime Stitt (Binghamton), 3.45 m; **Long Jump** – Lisa Germain (Colgate), 5.79 m; **Triple Jump** – Au Lumley-Sapanski (Williams), 11.80 m; **Shot Put** – Healy Thompson (Unattached), 14.03 m; **Discus Throw** – Anna Swisher (Williams), 42.98 m; **Hammer Throw** – Felicia Tsai (Rensselaer), 49.83 m; **Javelin Throw** – Courtney Traynor (Unattached), 35.98 m.

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UALBANY DEFEATS BINGHAMTON, 10-4, TO WIN SECOND CONSECUTIVE AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Vestal, N.Y. -- Michael Solazzo and Merrick Thomson each scored three goals and goalkeeper Kevin Rae made 12 saves to lead UAlbany to its second consecutive America East Conference men's lacrosse championship with a 10-4 victory over top-seeded Binghamton on Saturday afternoon at East Gym Complex. The Great Danes earned the league's automatic NCAA tournament berth.

Albany (10-5), the tournament's No. 3 seed, jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the opening quarter. Brendan Russell converted a crossing pass from Chris Martocchia with one minute and 15 seconds elapsed in the contest, before Frank Resetarits connected on a bounce shot. Luke Daquino netted the first of his two goals on an underhanded low shot from the left side with 56 seconds left in the period.

Binghamton (10-6), who won the conference's regular-season crown with an undefeated league record, scored back-to-back 20 seconds apart midway through the second quarter to cut the deficit to 3-2. Rob Williams netted a man-advantage goal, before Matt DeCirce fired in a shot after teammate Chris Bernard took control of a failed clearing attempt.

The Great Danes, who dropped a 9-8 decision on their home field to Binghamton in the regular-season finale one week ago, quieted that comeback nearly one minute later. Solazzo rifled a left-handed shot into the cage on an extra-man opportunity. Daquino gave his team a 5-2 halftime advantage when he sent a high shot inside the far post following a restart with 2:35 left.

Albany's defense took charge in the second and third periods, as the Bearcats were held scoreless for more than 33 minutes. Rae, the championship MVP for the second straight year, made three key stops en route to recording double-figure saves for the 11th time this season. His team's man-down unit wiped out 5-of-6 extra-man chances.

The Great Danes would eventually push out to an 8-2 lead with 8:34 remaining in the fourth quarter. Thomson, a freshman attackman, tallied his second goal of the afternoon after faking the goalkeeper from right of the crease. Solazzo, who also had two assists, then ripped a shot

from the middle of the field inside the right post. The UAlbany senior midfielder added his 24th goal of the season with 3:29 to play, as he came around from behind the cage for a 10-3 advantage.

"Defense is what wins championships, and our man-down unit did a great job today," said Albany coach Scott Marr, whose team had to win on the road for the second straight year in making the NCAA Tournament field. "It's a credit to our kids that they stayed together and were positive. We had to come from two goals down in the fourth quarter in the semifinals and then to win here in the final makes it a well-deserved championship."

Resetarits finished with one goal and two assists and Martocchia had two assists for the Great Danes, who reached the final with a 9-8 overtime win against UMBC in the semifinals last Wednesday. Binghamton's Matt McNamara scored once and assisted on another, while goalkeeper Matt McKeown, the America East player of the year, had nine saves.

"I felt like this was my last opportunity; it might be the last game I may ever play," said Solazzo, who joined Rae, Daquino and defenseman Patrick McSweeney on the America East all-tournament team. "We are not like any other team. We rely on each other and we were definitely on the same page today. Our defense was excellent and Kevin (Rae) made some big saves, so we didn't feel like we had to make plays or rush on offense."

-agate-

America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Championship

#3 Albany (10-5)	3	2	1	4	-	10
#1 Binghamton (10-6)	0	2	0	2	-	4

Albany -- Scoring: Michael Solazzo 3-2, Merrick Thomson 3-0, Luke Daquino 2-0, Frank Resetarits 1-2, Brendan Russell 1-1, Chris Martocchia 0-2, Eric Wolf 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (58:56, 12 saves, 3 GA), Chris Gill (1:04, 0 saves, 1 GA).

Binghamton -- Scoring: Matt McNamara 1-1, David Burpoe 1-1, Matt DeCirce 1-0, Rob Williams 1-0, Chirs Bernard 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin McKeown (60:00, 9 saves, 10 GA).

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UALBANY SWEEPS NON-LEAGUE DOUBLEHEADER AGAINST SIENA

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Jen Nolette** knocked in the game-winning run in the nightcap to lead UAlbany to a non-league twinbill sweep over crosstown-rival Siena on Thursday, May 6 at Siena Field. The Great Danes, who have won a season-high 10 consecutive games, won the opener, 4-1, and defeated the Saints, 5-1, in game two.

UAlbany (33-15) grabbed a 1-0 lead in the nightcap as **Andee Lindgren** and **Ashley Rios** were issued back-to-back walks to lead off the second inning. Sophomore **Julie Gannon**, who went 3-for-6 at the plate with a RBI, advanced both runners over on a sacrifice bunt and **Ali Meacham** hit a sacrifice fly to center to plate Lindgren.

Siena (14-31-1) tied the contest in the bottom of the sixth as **Jamie Walker** hit a lead off double down the right field line, advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt and scored on **Veronica Arredono's** sac fly.

The Great Danes tacked on four runs in the seventh as **Liz Wieboldt** led-off with a double to right center, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt and scored on Nolette's single through the left side. Freshman **Kelly Ogden**, who went 3-for-7 at the plate for the day, singled up the middle to plate Nolette. Rios knocked in Ogden and Lindgren, who reached on an infield single, to give UAlbany a 5-1 lead.

Sophomore **Carisa Marcucci** earned her first collegiate win in a relief appearance. Marcucci allowed one earned run on one hit with one walk and one strikeout in three innings of work. Freshman **Laura Gremillion** started the game and tossed four scoreless innings of two-hit ball.

In the opener, Siena took an early 1-0 lead in the third, as **Jennifer Griner** laid down a bunt single, advanced to second on an UAlbany miscue and scored on an error by the third baseman.

UAlbany responded with four runs in the fourth. Ogden led-off with a single to right center, went to second on a fielding error and scored on Gannon's RBI single up the middle. Wieboldt, who finished 2-for-6 at the plate with a double, singled to right to plate pinch-runner **Carly Isaacs** and later scored on a Siena error. Shortstop **Maegan Larsen** drove in Gremillion on a single to left field.

Lindgren earned the victory, allowing no earned runs on two hits with four strikeouts in four innings of work to improve to 18-2 on the season. Junior **Danielle Buyea** picked up her first save of the season, tossing three scoreless innings of two-hit ball with no walks and one strikeout.

The Great Danes will entertain Boston U. on Saturday, May 8 in an America East Conference doubleheader. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

-agate-

Game 1

UAlbany	000	400	0	-	4	7	4
Siena	001	000	0	-	1	4	3

Andee Lindgren, Danielle Buyea (5) and Ali Meacham
Tisha Salamino, Tara Campbell (4) and Colleen Price

Game 2

UAlbany (33-15)	010	000	4	-	5	9	0
Siena (14-31-1)	000	001	0	-	1	3	1

Laura Gremillion, Carisa Marcucci (5) and Ali Meacham
Adrian St. Cin, Tisha Salamino (7), Tara Campbell (7) and Stacey Vesling

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UALBANY BASEBALL FALLS AT MARIST, 17-1, IN NON-LEAGUE ACTION

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. – **Keith Brachold** went 5-for-6, including two doubles, with four RBI and five runs scored to help lead Marist past UAlbany, 17-1, in non-conference baseball action on Thursday afternoon at McCann Field.

Marist (20-24) knocked out six of its 26 hits in a four-run second inning to take command of the game. Brachold, a junior center fielder, **Bryan Towler**, who went 5-for-6 with three RBI, and **Kevin Buck** each had RBI singles in the frame as the Red Foxes staked a 5-0 advantage.

Albany (30-8) scored its lone run of the contest in the fifth as senior catcher **Jason Martin** singled and later crossed the plate on an error by the second baseman. The Great Dane tally was sandwiched in-between three-run Marist outbursts in the fourth and fifth innings.

The Red Foxes completed the scoring surge with a four-run eighth. Brachold lined a RBI double to right field and would advance to third on a single before scoring on a passed ball. Designated hitter **Justin LePore**, who went 4-for-5 with five RBI's, drove in two more with his double to left center making it 17-1.

Marist's **Lucas Robinson** scattered four hits and surrendered no earned runs in eight innings on the mound to collect his third victory of the season. **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) went two frames and gave up five runs on eight hits to pick up the loss for the Great Danes.

UAlbany closes out its America East Conference home slate this weekend versus Hartford. Game one of Saturday's doubleheader is scheduled for 12 noon.

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Albany (30-8)	000	010	000	-	1	4	1
Marist (20-24)	140	330	24X	-	17	26	1

Nick Murphy, Kyle Thomas (3), Scott McGovern (4), Nick Ragone (6), Ryan Sullivan (8) and Jason Martin, Fred Estes.

Lucas Robinson, Peter Fuller (9) and Bryan Towler.

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SEVEN UALBANY PLAYERS ON AMERICA EAST ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM Freshman Attackman Merrick Thomson Named America East Rookie of the Year

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Luke Daquino** has been chosen to the America East All-Conference Men's Lacrosse first team for the second consecutive year, as announced this afternoon by the conference office. The league's head coaches voted freshman **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) the America East Rookie of the Year.

UAlbany placed six players on the all-conference second team, including **Kevin Rae, Michael Solazzo, Ryan Olmstead, Patrick McSweeney, Frank Resetarits** and Thomson. Freshman **Tom Trapani** joined Thomson and Resetarits on the America East All-Rookie Team.

Daquino, a junior attackman from Farmingville, N.Y., is third among the America East scoring leaders with 17 goals and 30 assists for 47 points. He ranks seventh among the NCAA Division I assists leaders at 2.14 per game. Daquino, the only unanimous all-league selection, is fifth on the school's all-time scoring list with 159 points (67G, 92A).

Thomson leads the conference in scoring at 3.50 points per game. He is fourth nationally in goals (38) and ninth in points (49). He set the school's single-game record with eight goals against Hartford on April 21. Thomson was named the America East rookie of the week on three occasions this spring.

Solazzo, a senior midfielder with 21 goals and five assists, makes his second consecutive appearance on the all-league second team. He has 122 points (92G, 30A) as a collegian. Rae, a junior goalkeeper, is 18th nationally in save percentage (.592) and has a 9.82 goals against average. He has recorded double-figure saves against 10 opponents this season.

Resetarits, a freshman attacker, is fifth in the league in scoring at 3.14 points per game, and has 26 goals and 18 assists. Olmstead and McSweeney, a pair of junior defensemen, lead a unit that is allowing 10.07 goals per game and is eighth nationally in man-down situations at 79.1 percent.

Albany (9-5) travels to top-seeded Binghamton (10-5) on Saturday, May 8 for the America East Conference championship. The champion receives an automatic NCAA berth. Game time is 1:00 p.m. at East Gym Complex. The Great Danes, who won the title last year, are making their third straight appearance in the America East tournament final.

MORE

UALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

WOMEN'S LACROSSE LOSES TO #18 NEW HAMPSHIRE IN A-EAST SEMIFINAL

Durham, N.H. – **Katie Leland** scored five of her six goals in the first half to lead 18th-ranked New Hampshire to a 19-6 victory over Albany in the semifinal round of the America East Conference Tournament on Thursday afternoon at Memorial Field.

New Hampshire (14-4), the No. 1 seed, reached the conference tournament final for the third consecutive year. The Wildcats, who have won a school-record 13 consecutive games, will meet the Boston University-UMBC semifinal winner for the championship on Saturday. Albany, the fourth seed, finished its season with a 6-11 record.

UNH reeled off seven goals in the opening 10 minutes of play to take control early. **Kelly Blaney**, who had two goals and four assists, and Leland each netted free-position shots to begin that outburst. America East Player of the Year **Jess Burnap**, who scored five times and assisted on another, also found the cage twice.

Kim Reny tallied a season-high three goals, all in the second half, for the Great Danes, who qualified for the America East postseason tournament for the second time in the last three years. **Kate Fontana** added a pair of goals, including a free-position shot in the final period that broke the school's freshman single-season scoring record. Fontana, who has 39 goals and 14 assists for 53 points, eclipsed a standard set by Maria Ferrucci in 2000.

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#4 Albany (6-11)	1	5	-	6
#1 New Hampshire (14-4)	14	5	-	19

Albany – Scoring: Kim Reny 3-0, Kate Fontana 2-0, Nikki Donohue 1-0;
Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 14 saves, 19 GA).

New Hampshire – Scoring: Katie Leland 6-3, Jess Burnap 5-1, Kelly Blaney 2-4, Sarah Cahill 2-2, Laura Dosedall 2-0, Kristin Blanchette 1-0, Jill Albee 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Stacy Plati (52:55, 5 saves, 3 GA), Julie Bevad (7:05, 1 save, 3 GA).

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UALBANY ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP WITH OT WIN

Baltimore, Md. – Freshman attackman **Frank Resetarits** scored with 26 seconds remaining in overtime to lift third-seeded Albany to a 9-8 victory over No. 2 seed UMBC in the semifinal round of the America East Conference Tournament on Wednesday evening at UMBC Stadium.

Albany (9-5) will travel to top-seeded Binghamton, who rallied for a 7-6 overtime win over Stony Brook in its semifinal, for the America East championship and NCAA berth on Saturday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m. The Great Danes, who won the title in 2003, advanced to the tournament final for the third consecutive year.

UMBC (6-8) trailed 5-4 after three quarters, but ripped off three goals in a one-minute-and-five-second stretch to take the lead. **Brendan Mundorf**, who had three goals and two assists, beat a double-team off a pass from **James Hyland** to tie the contest. **Pat Muston** then won consecutive face-offs to set up goals by **Rob Cross** and Hyland for a 7-5 lead with 11:17 remaining.

The Great Danes, who dropped a 10-9 decision on this same field during the regular season on April 3, regrouped with three unanswered scores. **Michael Solazzo** and **Brendan Russell** each netted their second goals of the game, as their team drew even at seven apiece. Sophomore attack **Chris Martocchia**, who tied a season-high by scoring three times, then backed his way in from the right side for an unassisted goal with 1:15 to play for an 8-7 lead.

The Retrievers, who are in their first year as a conference member, sent the contest to an extra period with 56 seconds left in regulation, as **Franklin Berry** fired in a 10-yard shot off Mundorf's pass for his 13th goal of the season.

In the overtime, a shot by UMBC's Cross was blocked off by a defender and the Great Danes gained possession with 1:52 remaining. **Luke Daquino**, who had three assists, would later find Resetarits in front of the crease for the game-winner.

"I was proud of the way we stayed together and persevered, especially in that fourth quarter," said Albany coach Scott Marr, whose team lost to Binghamton, 9-8, in the regular-season finale four days ago. "Their zone defense gave us problems in the first half, but we were able to figure it out in the third quarter. I think this shows how tough we are mentally. It's great that we will get another opportunity against Binghamton."

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America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Semifinal

Albany 9, UMBC 8 (OT)

#3 Albany (9-5)	2	1	2	3	1	-	9
#2 UMBC (6-8)	3	0	1	4	0	-	8

Albany – Scoring: Chris Martocchia 3-0, Michael Solazzo 2-0, Brendan Russell 2-0, Merrick Thomson 1-0, Frank Resetarits 1-0, Luke Daquino 0-3; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (63:34, 7 saves, 8 GA).

UMBC – Scoring: Brendan Mundorf 3-2, Drew Westervelt 1-1, James Hyland 1-1, Rob Cross 1-0, Franklin Berry 1-0, Matt Gallagher 1-0, Joe Cahill 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Cepelak (63:34, 9 saves, 9 GA).

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THREE UALBANY PLAYERS ON AMERICA EAST ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM Great Danes Also Have Three Freshmen on League's All-Rookie Squad

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Alexis DiDomenico**, **Kate Fontana** and **Kristen Mathias** has been chosen All-America East Conference in women's lacrosse, as announced this evening by the conference office. All three players were named to the second team. In addition, **Sarah Spillett**, **Jen Daly** and Fontana were selected to the America East All-Rookie Team.

DiDomenico, a senior midfielder from South Salem, N.Y., ranks tenth among the league leaders in goals at 1.94 per game, and is third in ground balls (3.19 pg). She has 31 goals and three assists this spring. She is currently seventh on the school's all-time scoring list with 115 points, plus is fourth in career goals (98).

Fontana, a freshman midfielder from East Syracuse, N.Y., is sixth in the conference in scoring with 51 points (37 goals, 14 assists), plus is among the national leaders in caused turnovers (2.31 pg) and ground balls (3.81 pg). Fontana, a four-time America East rookie of the week recipient, needs two points to establish the school's single-season frosh scoring record.

Mathias, a sophomore from Randallstown, Md., has made 32 consecutive starts on defense over the last two seasons. She has 26 ground balls and 17 caused turnovers on a unit that has allowed 12.38 goals per game.

Spillett and Daly joined Fontana on the America East all-rookie squad. Spillett, a freshman attacker, totaled 19 goals and nine assists to go with a .380 shot percentage. She added 35 draw controls and 34 ground balls. Daly, a freshman goalkeeper, has a .480 save percentage and a 12.30 goals against average in her first season as a collegian. She has recorded double-figure saves against 10 opponents, including a career-high 20 versus Boston University.

Albany (6-10, AE 3-3) is the No. 4 seed for this week's America East Conference postseason tournament. The Great Danes are at top-seeded New Hampshire on Thursday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m.

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ZIMNIEWICZ'S TENTH-INNING HOMER LEADS UALBANY PAST PACE, 4-3

Pleasantville, N.Y. – Second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz** belted a game-winning solo-home run down the left field line in the tenth inning as UAlbany defeated Pace, 4-3, on Tuesday afternoon at Finnerty Field.

Albany (30-7) tied the game at three apiece in the seventh on a RBI single by center fielder **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) that plated **Brad Daniels**, who doubled to leadoff the frame. In the tenth, Zimniewicz, the reigning America East Conference Player of the Week, sent a fastball over the left field wall to put the Great Danes ahead and extend his hitting streak to a team-high 18 games.

Pace (10-27) first baseman **Matt Castellano** hit a one-out single to left in the sixth and **JC Pullum** followed with a double to right. **Rob Faist** then hit a sacrifice fly to left field that scored Castellano giving the Setters their first lead of the game at 3-2.

The Great Danes put up the first two runs of the afternoon in the third. Vallone knocked a run-scoring single through the left side to bring in Daniels, who went 3-for-4 on the day. Shortstop **Joe Lamb** later crossed the plate as **Brendan Chiavaro** reached on a fielder's choice. Pace's **Mike Ferrauto** lined a two-run homer to right-center in the bottom half of the third to knot the score at two.

UAlbany freshman **Scott McGovern** earned his first career-win as he went 2.2 innings out of the bullpen. The right-hander allowed no runs and gave up just one hit during his stint on the mound. **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) pitched a perfect tenth to collect his 10th save in 11 chances on the season.

Pace reliever **Robert Van Riper** received the loss, while starter **Matt Reilly** went nine innings on the hill, giving up three runs on 10 hits.

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Albany (30-7)	002	000	100	1	-	4	11	0
Pace (10-27)	002	001	000	0	-	3	9	0

Ethan Vaiana, Giorgio Fuda (4), Scott McGovern (7), Shawn Ryan (10) and Fred Estes, Jason Martin.

Matt Reilly, Robert Van Riper (10) and Mike Ferrauto.

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

UALBANY'S BURNS AND COVERT EARN ECAC WEEKLY TRACK HONORS

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) and **Teresa Covert** have been named the ECAC Division I Men's and Women's Track Athletes of the Week as announced today by the league office.

Burns won the 800-meter run and anchored the winning 4x800-meter relay as Albany finished second at the America East Conference Outdoor Championships in Dedham, Mass. on Sunday, May 2. The sophomore clocked in with a time of 1:54.05 to take the 800 by 51 hundredths of a second over Stony Brook's Chris Hunt. Burns, who won the same award three times during this year's indoor season, also ran the fourth leg on the 4x800 relay that posted a first-place time of 7:50.76. The Great Danes finished 1.5 points behind Northeastern in the Championship's closest finish ever.

Covert won three individual titles and set two conference records at the America East Conference Outdoor Championships on May 1-2. She captured first in the long jump with a leap of 19-feet, 3.5-inches and set a school and America East standard with a time of 11.55 in the 100-meter dash preliminaries in day one competition. The Susquehanna, Pa. native also ran a conference record time of 13.48 in her 100-meter hurdles prelim on Saturday.

Covert was a double-winner in the 100-dash and 100-hurdles on the final day of the meet as the Great Danes finished second overall. She easily beat the field in the 100-hurdles with a time of 13.51 seconds. The senior, who also finished second in the triple jump and totaled 38 points overall, narrowly defeated Northeastern's Ahndraea Allen by two-hundredths of a second in the 100-dash by hitting the tape in 11.70.

The UAlbany men's and women's track & field squad will host the 10th Annual Albany Spring Classic this Saturday, May 8 at University Field. Events get underway at 1:00 p.m.

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WOMEN'S GOLF CAPTURES FIRST-EVER AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Hebron, Conn. - **Diane Onofry** fired an 88, the best round of the day, in leading UAlbany to the America East Conference Women's Golf Championships on Tuesday, May 4 at the Anderson's Glen Course of the Blackledge Country Club. The Great Danes finished with a 36-hole score of 723, and won by 20 strokes over second-place Boston University.

Onofry, a junior who won medalist honors, carded an 84 to take the first-day lead, and finished with a two-round score of 172 on the par-72, 5,458-yard course. UAlbany's **Jill Friedman** finished four strokes behind Onofry in second place with a total of 176 (86-90). Albany head coach **Richard "Doc" Sauers** had three golfers among the top-five finishers, as **Anne Lyons** was fifth with rounds of 88 and 96.

Haley Goucher was Boston U's top golfer by shooting a pair of 91s. She was one stroke better than teammate **Leah Johnson**, who turned in a championship score of 183 (94-89).

Lauren Bruce placed 11th with a total of 193 (91-102) and senior **Diane Wasileski** carded a 196 (96-100) for the Great Danes, who grabbed a 21-shot lead after the opening round. The America East Championship, the first for the women in league history, was conducted as a stroke play event with the top four of team's five golfers counting toward the team score in each round.

2004 America East Women's Golf Championships

(Anderson's Glen Course of the Blackledge Country Club - Hebron, Conn.)

Team: 1. UAlbany 349-374--723, 2. Boston U. 370-373--743, 3. Hartford 401-392--793

Individual: 1. Diane Onofry, UAlbany, 84-88-172, 2. Jill Friedman, UAlbany, 86-90-176, 3. Haley Goucher, Boston U., 91-91-182, 4. Leah Johnson, Boston U., 94-89-183, 5. Anne Lyons, UAlbany, 88-96-184, 6. Nicole Saad, Hartford, 92-95-187, T7. JoAnna Krupa, Hartford, 98-91-189, T7. Kara Vaneck, Boston U., 93-96-189, 9. Brenna Gibson, Boston U., 92-98-190, 10. Kerry Hassell, Hartford, 99-93-192, 11. Lauren Bruce, UAlbany, 91-102-193, 12. Nicole Schiffer, Boston U., 97-97-194, 13. Diane Wasileski, UAlbany, 96-100-196, 14. Julie Handler, Hartford, 112-113-225.

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KIRT ZIMNIEWICZ CHOSEN AMERICA EAST BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Kirt Zimniewicz has been chosen the America East Conference Player of the Week in baseball, as announced today by the conference office. Zimniewicz batted .636 in a three-game series with Binghamton on May 1-2. He homered twice, scored five times and drove in four runs.

Zimniewicz, a second baseman who owns a 17-game hitting streak, belted a two-run homer in Sunday's 6-5 victory against the Bearcats. UAlbany (29-7, AE 9-3) remained in first place in the conference standings, and has a one-game lead over Northeastern and Maine.

A senior from Vestal, N.Y., Zimniewicz is among the America East statistical leaders in all the major categories. He is first in batting average (.437) and on-base percentage (.489), second in RBI (40) and slugging percentage (.731) and fifth in home runs with nine.

KATE FONTANA NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Kate Fontana has been selected as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's lacrosse, as announced today by the league office. Fontana, a freshman midfielder, earned the weekly award for the fourth time this season.

Fontana had three goals and one assists in Sunday's 13-8 win over Stony Brook, plus added five ground balls and five caused turnovers. The UAlbany victory secured the fourth seed in this week's America East Conference tournament. The Great Danes will meet top-seeded New Hampshire on Thursday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Fontana is ranked sixth among the conference leaders in scoring at 3.19 points per game, plus leads America East in ground balls (3.39 pg) and caused turnovers (2.31 pg). Fontana, who has 37 goals and 14 assists, is two points from establishing the school's single-season freshman scoring record.

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UALBANY MEN & WOMEN SECOND AT AMERICA EAST TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dedham, Mass. – **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) won the 800-meter run and anchored the winning 4x800-meter relay, as UAlbany finished second in the men's competition at the America East Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Sunday afternoon at Northeastern's Solomon Track. Northeastern edged the Great Danes by 1.5 points, 162 to 160.5, to win the title in the closest meet in conference history.

In the women's competition, UAlbany's **Teresa Covert** was a double-winner in the 100-meter dash and 100-meter hurdles, her second and third individual titles of the championship. However, Northeastern defeated the second-place Great Danes, 193 to 172, in the team standings.

Burns was one of three men to win America East individual titles on the final day, as he raced 1:54.05 to take the 800 by 51-hundredths of a second over Stony Brook's Chris Hunt. Burns also ran the fourth leg on the 4x800 relay that posted a first-place time of 7:50.76. **Noel Campbell**, **Rich Villanueva** and **Eric Zorilla** were also team members.

Naron Stewart captured his second consecutive high jump championship, as he cleared the bar at 6-feet, 9.75-inches. **Kamar Elliott**, a defensive back on the UAlbany football team, won the triple jump with a mark of 48-11.75 after placing second last year.

Nelson English (Guilderland), who was third in the 200-meter dash, made up five meters on his anchor leg to lead the 4x100 relay to a first-place finish. The relay unit sprinted 41.92 seconds, with **Kenrick McBean**, **Jesse Bennett** and **Shamere Boland** running the first three legs. **Brandon Howlett** was second in the discus with a personal-best throw of 184 feet, seven better than his previous top mark.

Covert, who was a winner in the women's long jump and established conference records in two events during qualifying on the first day, easily beat the field in the 100-hurdles with a time of 13.51 seconds. She narrowly defeated Northeastern's Ahndraea Allen by two-hundredths of a second in the 100-dash by hitting the tape in 11.70. Covert, who qualified for the NCAA East Regionals in three events, was also second in the triple jump and scored 38 points overall.

Jennifer Aubin (Saratoga Springs) added to her indoor triple jump title by winning the America East outdoor crown with a leap of 39-feet, 2.50-inches. **Diane Matthews** and **Eliana Durko** placed second in the 800 and 400-hurdles, respectively.

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2004 America East Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships

MEN – 1. Northeastern 162, 2. UAlbany 160.50, 3. New Hampshire 139.50, 4. Boston U. 114, 5. Binghamton 99, 6. UMBC 66, 7. Maine 50, 8. Stony Brook 39, 9. Hartford 16.

WOMEN – 1. Northeastern 193, 2. UAlbany 172, 3. New Hampshire 109.50, 4. Maine 93, 5. Boston U. 80, 6. Vermont 66, 7. Binghamton 60.50, 8. UMBC 38, 9. Stony Brook 23, 10. Hartford 18.

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BASEBALL TOPS BINGHAMTON, 6-5, TO REMAIN ONE GAME AHEAD IN A-EAST STANDINGS

Vestal, N.Y. -- Second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz** went 2-for-5, including a two-run home run, as UAlbany held on to win a thriller over Binghamton, 6-5, in America East Conference play on Sunday afternoon at West Gym Field. The Great Danes, who are in first place atop the league standings, took two-of-three from the Bearcats over the weekend.

Albany (29-7, AE 9-3) carried a 6-3 lead into the bottom of the ninth before the Bearcats staged a late rally. UAlbany closer **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) entered the contest with runners on first and third with one out. He forced **Jamie Boyer**, who belted five homers in Saturday's doubleheader, to pop up to the first baseman for the second out. Binghamton's **Matt Simek** and **Whitney Powell** followed with back-to-back RBI singles to cut the deficit to one run. Ryan then got **Pat Haughie** to pop out to the second baseman to close out the game and collect his ninth save in 10 chances this season.

The Great Danes, who own a one-game lead over both Northeastern and Maine in the conference race, jumped ahead in the first inning as Zimniewicz, who has hit safely in a team-high 17 consecutive games, knocked in **Dan Schoonmaker** with his ninth homer of the season.

Binghamton (17-15, AE 7-5) cut the lead in half in the second, when third baseman **Jay Balback** connected on his tenth round-tripper of the year.

UAlbany's **Steve Wyland** singled home **Jason Martin** as part of a two-run sixth that gave the Great Danes a four-run cushion. The Bearcats responded with one run in both the sixth and seventh innings to narrow the gap, 5-3. Martin, a senior catcher, added a crucial insurance run in the ninth as he singled home **Brendan Chiavaro**.

Adam Kroft (Shenendehowa) earned his team-leading sixth win of the season for the Great Danes. The senior right-hander gave up three runs on seven hits, while striking out five batters in 6.1 innings of work. Binghamton's **Zachary Groh** allowed three earned runs on eight hits in his five innings on the hill to pick up the loss.

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Adam Kroft, Roman Dubiel (7), Shawn Ryan (9) and Jason Martin.
 Zachary Groh, Tom Gaube (6) and Pat Haughie.

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ANDEE LINDGREN FIRES SHUTOUT AS UALBANY SOFTBALL CAPTURES AMERICA EAST REGULAR-SEASON TITLE

Albany, N.Y. - Senior pitcher **Andee Lindgren** tossed her fourth shutout of the season to give UAlbany a 3-0 win over America East Conference-rival Binghamton on Sunday, May 2 at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who swept the three-game weekend series, captured their first regular-season conference title and will be top No. 1 seed at the league's postseason tournament in two weeks.

UAlbany (31-15, AE 16-1) grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the second as sophomore **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville), who went 3-for-3 at the plate with a double and one RBI, hit a two-out single to left, stole second and scored on shortstop **Maegan Larsen's** RBI single to center.

The Great Danes, who have won a season-high eight straight games, tacked on another run in the fourth. Sophomore **Ali Meacham** led-off with a single to center and advanced to second as **Juile Gannon** was hit by a pitch. Burnham doubled to left to plate pinch-runner **Carly Isaacs** for a 2-0 advantage.

UAlbany added an insurance run in the sixth for a 3-0 advantage, as **Liz Wieboldt** was hit by a pitch and advanced to second on a Binghamton miscue. Burnham followed with a two-out single up the middle and Wieboldt scored on a throwing error by the second baseman.

Binghamton (16-21-2, AE 7-9-1) threatened in the seventh as **Jessica Isaacs** hit a two-out single up the middle and **Marybeth Yerdon** was issued a walk. Lindgren struck out **Leigh Ann Savidge** to end the inning.

Lindgren went the distance as she allowed no runs on five hits with one walk and 10 strikeouts to improve to 17-2 on the year. The Bearcats' **Michelle Weeks** was credited with the loss, giving up two earned runs on six hits with no walks and two strikeouts in four innings of work.

UAlbany will face crosstown-rival Siena on Thursday, May 6 in a non-league doubleheader. First pitch is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

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Michelle Weeks, Katie Hansen (5) and Jessica Chellis
Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham

UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE EARNS AMERICA EAST TOURNEY'S NO. 4 SEED WITH 13-8 VICTORY

Albany, N.Y. - Freshman midfielder **Kate Fontana** had three goals and one assist in leading Albany to a 13-8 America East Conference victory over Stony Brook in the regular-season finale for both teams on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (6-10, AE 3-3) earned the No. 4 seed for this week's America East postseason tournament. The Great Danes will play at top-seeded New Hampshire on Thursday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m. Boston University, the No. 2 seed, and UMBC will meet in the other semifinal.

Stony Brook (6-9, AE 2-4) took an early 3-2 lead, when senior **Beth Arikian** scored back-to-back 44 seconds apart. Arikian, who had two goals and one assist, cut to the top of the crease to put her team ahead with 20:04 left in the first half.

The Great Danes, who missed the postseason last year due to the conference's tiebreaker formula, regrouped with four unanswered goals to end the opening period. **Jenn Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) gave her team the lead with a three-position shot, while Fontana scored twice in that stretch. Albany took a 6-3 halftime advantage, when **Nikki Donohue**, who had two goals and two assists, intercepted goalkeeper **Jen Sandtorv's** clearing attempt and found an empty net with one second remaining.

Albany increased its margin to 9-3 in the opening three minutes of the second half. Senior midfielder **Alexis**

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Stony Brook (6-9, AE 2-4) took an early 3-2 lead, when senior **Beth Arikian** scored back-to-back 44 seconds apart. Arikian, who had two goals and one assist, cut to the top of the crease to put her team ahead with 20:04 left in the first half.

The Great Danes, who missed the postseason last year due to the conference's tiebreaker formula, regrouped with four unanswered goals to end the opening period. **Jenn Rajczak** gave her team the lead with a free-position shot, while Fontana scored twice in that stretch. Albany took a 6-3 halftime advantage, when **Nikki Donohue**, who had two goals and two assists, intercepted goalkeeper **Jen Sandtorv's** clearing attempt and found an empty net with one second remaining.

Albany increased its margin to 9-3 in the opening three minutes of the second half. Senior midfielder **Alexis DiDomenico** tallied her second goal of the game and 31st of the season off a pass from behind the cage by Donohue. Freshman attack **Krissy Rajczak** then scored from 10 yards out, before she set up **Courtney Hill** with a crossing pass to the top of the crease.

Jenn Rajczak, a senior midfielder making her final home appearance, finished with two goals and one assist, while Hill added a pair of goals. Stony Brook's **Carlee Buck** scored twice, including her 22nd of the year, and assisted on another. Sandtorv, who faced 50 shots in the cage, made 21 saves.

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Stony Brook (6-9, AE 2-4)	3	5	-	8
Albany (6-10, AE 3-3)	6	7	-	13

Stony Brook – Scoring: Beth Arikian 2-1, Carlee Buck 2-1, MARRISA TRACHTENBERG 2-0, Amy Taylor 1-0, Stephanie DeGennaro 1-0, Danielle Werner 0-1, Jill Gridley 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Sandtorv (60:00, 21 saves, 13 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Kate Fontana 3-1, Nikki Donohue 2-2, Jenn Rajczak 2-1, Alexis DiDomenico 2-0, Courtney Hill 2-0, Krissy Rajczak 1-1, Kim Reny 1-0, Sarah Spillet 0-1, Caitlin Navor 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 5 saves, 8 GA).

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BINGHAMTON BEATS UALBANY, 9-8, FOR AMERICA EAST TOURNEY'S #1 SEED

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore attackman **Phil Cavallo** scored the game-winning goal with two minutes and 49 seconds remaining, as Binghamton came from behind in the fourth quarter for a 9-8 America East Conference victory over Albany in the regular-season finale for both teams on Saturday evening at University Field.

Binghamton (9-5, AE 6-0) wrapped up their first-ever America East regular-season title and earned the No. 1 seed for next week's conference postseason tournament. The Bearcats will host Stony Brook in the semifinal round. Albany (8-5, AE 4-2), the No. 3 seed, will travel to UMBC, the second seed, on Wednesday, May 5. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The Great Danes, who had won or shared the previous two conference regular-season crowns, reversed a 7-6 deficit in the fourth quarter on unassisted goals by **Luke Daquino** and **Chris Martocchia**. Daquino fired a high shot under the crossbar to tie the contest, before Martocchia worked his way around the cage and scored on a low bounce shot from left of the crease.

The Bearcats got the equalizer with 3:09 to play, when freshman **Nate Kerstein** converted off Cavallo's crossing pass with the man-advantage. Following the faceoff, Albany defenseman **Chris Kivlen** lost possession of the ball. Binghamton's **Matt McNamara**, who had three assists, came up with the ground ball and fed Cavallo for the empty-net goal 20 seconds later.

Albany had taken a 6-4 lead in the third quarter, as **Michael Solazzo** and **Matthew Green** each scored his third goal of the game. However, Binghamton responded with three consecutive goals. **Matt DeCirce** connected on an 18-yard bounce shot with 10 seconds left in the period, before Cavallo, who had two goals and one assist, finished off a fastbreak midway through the final period to put his team ahead.

"We wanted to keep it a controlled game instead of a run-and-gun style, said Binghamton coach Ed Stephenson, whose sophomore goalkeeper **Kevin McKeown** made 14 saves, including eight in the first half. "Our goalkeeper saved us whenever we had breakdowns defensively."

Binghamton's Kerstein finished with two goals and one assist, while **Jeff Santucci** added a pair of goals. The Bearcats have won eight of their last nine starts.

"They are scrappy, physical and very quick defensively," Albany coach Scott Marr commented. "We were sloppy in the fourth quarter, and had too many turnovers. We had a lead, didn't increase it, and they came back on us."

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ALBANY LACROSSE 2-2-2

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Binghamton (9-5, AE 6-0)	0	3	3	3	-	9
Albany (8-5, AE 4-2)	1	2	3	2	-	8

Binghamton – Scoring: Nate Kerstein 2-1, Phil Cavallo 2-1, Jeff Santucci 2-0, Brian Chaapel 1-1, Matt DeCirce 1-0, Rob Williams 1-0, Matt McNamara 0-3, Chris Bernard 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin McKeown (60:00, 14 saves, 8 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Matthew Green 3-0, Michael Solazzo 3-0, Luke Daquino 1-1, Chris Martocchia 1-0, Frank Resetarits 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 7 saves, 9 GA).

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TRACK & FIELD IN ACTION AT DAY ONE OF A-EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dedham, Mass. – UAlbany's **Teresa Covert** captured first-place in the long jump in day one competition at the America East Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships on Saturday afternoon at Northeastern's Solomon Track. The Northeastern men and women each have the lead going into tomorrow's action, while the Great Dane men currently sit in third place and the women in fourth.

Covert had a first-place leap of 19-feet, 3.5-inches and also clocked in a school record-time of 11.55 in the 100-meter dash preliminaries to break her old mark of 11.60 set last year. She will compete in tomorrow's final along with two of her teammate's, **Tequirra Cox** (12.01), who also qualified for the 200 finals, and **Jillian Sherman** (12.31).

Natasha Bermudez set a UAlbany record in the hammer throw with a toss of 156-feet, 7-inches to place second overall. **Meghan Howell** eclipsed her own school standard in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:57.60 to take fifth-place.

On the men's side, UAlbany's **Eric Opuana** won the hammer throw with a toss of 183-feet, 9-inches. **Jonathan Jones** placed third in the long jump with a leap of 22-feet, 7-inches for the Great Danes, who are the defending champions.

Tomorrow's final-day competition will get underway at 9:00 a.m.

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Day One Standings:

WOMEN

1. Northeastern 67, 2. New Hampshire 49.5, 3. Maine 43, 4. UAlbany 33, 5. Binghamton 30.5, 6. Boston U. 23, 7. Vermont 18, 8. Stony Brook 6, 9. UMBC 3.

MEN

1. Northeastern 66, 2. New Hampshire 47, 3. UAlbany 30, 4t. Binghamton 24, 4t. Boston U. 24, 6. UMBC 21, 7. Maine 17, 8. Stony Brook 5.

WOMEN'S TENNIS ELIMINATED FROM AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

New Haven, Conn. – Hartford's **Halley Werner** won both at No. 2 singles and teamed with **Tara Siegel** in No. 2 doubles to lead the #7 Wildcats to a 6-0 win over #8 UAlbany to capture seventh place in second round action of the America East Women's Tennis Championship on Saturday, May 1 at the Connecticut Tennis Center. The Great Danes, who were eliminated from the tournament, fell to #4 New Hampshire earlier in the day.

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Werner defeated UAlbany's **Amanda Brown**, 6-0, 6-2, in second singles, while Siegel topped **Lisa Fund**, 6-2, 6-4, in third singles. **Erika Van Zandt** battled with the Hawks' **Jennifer Surpris**, but lost, 6-3, 6-4. Werner and Siegel fought off the Great Danes tandem of Fund and Van Zandt for an 8-5 victory in second doubles.

In earlier play, New Hampshire's **Jenna Kafferly** won in straight sets over Brown, 6-0, 6-0, in No. 2 singles. In No. 5 singles, **Jess Pasay** defeated Van Zandt, 6-0, 6-0. The Wildcats' duo of **Hallie Erickson** and **Lensey Dixon** handed Fund and **Kerry Levis** an 8-2 decision in second doubles.

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

#4 New Hampshire 5, #8 UAlbany 0

Singles:

#2. Jenna Kafferly (New Hampshire) def. Amanda Brown (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-0

#5. Jess Pasay (New Hampshire) def. Erika Van Zandt (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-0

#6. Tiffany Heineman (New Hampshire) unopposed win

Others (did not finish due to team match decided)

#1. Megan Breen (New Hampshire) and Courtney Michels (UAlbany), 4-4 (DNF)

#3. Hallie Erickson (New Hampshire) led Lisa Fund (UAlbany), 5-2 (DNF)

#4. Lensey Dixon (New Hampshire) led Kerry Levis (UAlbany), 6-0, 1-0 (DNF)

Doubles:

#1. Megan Breen/Jenna Kafferly (New Hampshire) def. Courtney Michels/Amanda Brown (UAlbany), 5-2 (DNF)

#2. Hallie Erickson/Lensey Dixon (New Hampshire) def. Lisa Fund/Kerry Levis (UAlbany), 8-2

#3. Jess Pasay/Tiffany Heineman (New Hampshire) unopposed win

#7 Hartford 6, #8 UAlbany 0

Singles:

#2. Halley Werner (Hartford) def. Amanda Brown (UAlbany), 6-0, 6-2

#3. Tara Siegel (Hartford) def. Lisa Fund (UAlbany), 6-2, 6-4

#4. Amanda Lipsky (Hartford) def. Kerry Levis (UAlbany), 6-1, 6-1

#5. Jennifer Surpris (Hartford) def. Erika Van Zandt (UAlbany), 6-3, 6-4

#6. Randi Taplits (Hartford) unopposed win

Others (did not finish due to team match decided)

#1. Courtney Michels (UAlbany) led Ana Maria Mora (Hartford), 5-7, 4-2 (DNF)

Doubles:

#1. Ana Maria Mora/Lauren Perry (Hartford) def. Courtney Michels/Amanda Brown (UAlbany), 8-1

#2. Tara Siegel/Halley Werner (Hartford) def. Lisa Fund/Erika Van Zandt (UAlbany), 8-5

#3. Randi Taplits/Amanda Lipsky (Hartford) unopposed win

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UALBANY'S JEN NOLETTE DRIVES IN WINNING RUN TO SWEEP BINGHAMTON

Albany, N.Y. – Senior left fielder **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) drove in the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning to give UAlbany a 2-1 win over America East Conference-rival Binghamton in the nightcap on Saturday, May 1 at Albany Field. The Great Danes held off the Bearcats in the opener for a 3-2 victory.

Binghamton (16-20-2, AE 7-8-1) got on the board first in the second game, as **Nicole Vitello** led-off the fourth inning with her seventh home run of the season over the left field fence.

UAlbany (30-15, AE 15-1) tied the contest in the sixth inning as senior **Andee Lindgren** hit a one-out double to left center and advanced to third on sophomore **Ali Meacham's** single up the middle. Pinch-hitter **Julie Gannon** knocked in Lindgren on a two-out single to left field.

In the seventh, shortstop **Maegan Larsen** hit a lead off single through the left side and scored the winning run on Nolette's double to left center. Freshman **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) pitched a solid complete game, allowing one earned run on five hits with three walks and three strikeouts for her 10th win of the year. Binghamton's **Michelle Weeks** gave up two earned runs on eight hits with no walks and 10 strikeouts in a losing effort.

In the opener, UAlbany jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning. Sophomore **Leslie Busch** hit a one-out single to left and advanced to third as **Kelly Ogden**, who went 3-for-6 at the plate, hit one of her two doubles of the day to left center. Lindgren, who finished 3-for-6 at the plate with a double for the series, hit a two-run single to left field to plate Busch and Ogden.

The Bearcats responded in the second inning as **Jessica Chellis** hit a lead off homer over the right field fence to make it 2-1. The Great Danes added an insurance run in the fourth on **Ashley Rios'** RBI single up the middle to plate pinch-runner **Carly Isaacs** for a 3-1 lead.

Binghamton attempted a come-back in the fifth as **Leigh Ann Savidge** laid down a lead off bunt single to start the rally. Shortstop **Rose Barre** singled through the left side to advance **Marybeth Yerdon**, who reached on a fielder's choice. **Marisa DeStasio** followed with a two-out RBI single through the right side to plate Yerdon to make it 3-2. Vitello grounded out to first to end the Bearcats threat.

Lindgren went the distance, giving up two earned runs on seven hits with one walk and nine strikeouts to improve to 16-2 on the season. **Katie Hansen** was credited with the loss, allowing three earned runs on hits with no walks and five strikeouts.

The Great Danes will conclude their three-game conference series with the Bearcats on Sunday, May 2. First pitch is set for 12:00 noon.

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Game 1

Binghamton	010	010	0	-	2	7	2
UAlbany	200	100	x	-	3	8	0

Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham
Katie Hansen and Jessica Chellis

Game 2

Binghamton (16-20-2, AE 7-8-1)	000	100	0	-	1	5	0
UAlbany (30-15, AE 15-1)	000	001	1	-	2	8	1

Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham
Michelle Weeks and Jessica Chellis

BASEBALL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER AT BINGHAMTON IN A-EAST PLAY

Vestal, N.Y. – First baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** belted his team-leading 10th home run of the season as part of a four-run fourth inning in UAlbany's 6-3 victory over America East Conference-foe Binghamton in game two of a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at West Gym Field. The Bearcats, who trailed the Great Danes by one game atop the league standings entering today's play, took the opener 14-7.

Albany (28-7, AE 8-3) trailed 1-0 in the nightcap before shortstop **Joe Lamb** hit a RBI double to center field that scored **Brad Daniels**. Schoonmaker then led off the fourth with a solo-shot to right field giving the Great Danes their first lead of the contest. **Steve Wyland** would later double home **Brendan Chiavaro**, while **Jason Martin** and Daniels each contributed sacrifice fly's in the frame to give UAlbany a four-run advantage.

Chiavaro doubled down the left field line in the fifth to plate second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz**, who has hit safely in 16 consecutive contests, and put the Great Danes up 6-2. Right-hander **Steve Emmerthal** pitched his team-high third complete game of the season to improve his record to 5-2. The senior allowed three runs on six hits, while striking out seven batters in his seven innings of work.

Binghamton (17-14, AE 7-4) first baseman **Jamie Boyer**, who hit five homers on the day, blasted three round-trippers in the opener of the twinbill to propel his squad to a 14-7 victory.

The Bearcats erased a 3-2 deficit with a five-run fourth inning, which included a three-run homer by left fielder **Brendon Hitchcock**. Binghamton's **David Lind** gave up three earned runs on seven hits to collect the win, while **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) received the loss for UAlbany. **Derek DeGrazio** and Zimniewicz, who went 3-for-4, each hit homers for the Great Danes in the opener.

Both teams will battle again tomorrow in the series-finale. First pitch is slated for 12 noon.

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(Game 1)

Albany	010	201	210	-	7	10	4
Binghamton	002	532	11X	-	14	18	2

Nick Murphy, Kyle Thomas (4), Giorgio Fuda (7) and Fred Estes, Jason Martin.
David Lind, Mike Weglinski (7) and Pat Haughie.

(Game 2)

Albany (28-7, AE 8-3)	001	410	0	-	6	12	0
Binghamton (17-14, AE 7-4)	010	110	0	-	3	6	1

Steve Emmerthal and Jason Martin.
Chris Darling, Adam Shatkun (5) and Pat Haughie.