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Comments: College Sports

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior right-hander Kelly Poynton fired her second no-hitter of the season in the first game and Jessica Hansen tossed a shutout in the nightcap to lead Albany to a non-conference doubleheader sweep, 2-0 and 5-0, over Union on Thursday at Albany Field.

Poynton, who also allowed no hits against Russell Sage on April 20th, recorded her ninth shutout this spring. She struck out 10 batters and walked four to improve to 17-3 on the season. Senior first base Amy McGrody (Schalmont) singled and scored in the fourth inning.

In the second game, Hansen captured her 13th victory by scattering seven hits with three strikeouts and one walk. Freshman outfielder Nichol Carella singled, doubled, and scored three times to lead the Great Dane attack. Albany (32-9) ends its regular schedule with a 14-game winning streak.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Union	000	000	0	-	0	0	3
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Albany	000	200	x	-	2	9	2
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Apryle Pickering and Cassie Lawton.

Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

W - Poynton (17-3), L - Pickering.

(Game 2)

Union	000	000	0	-	0	7	1
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Albany	001	031	x	-	5	7	1
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Meg Crowley and Cassie Lawton.

Jessica Hansen and Lisa deSousa.

W - Hansen (13-1), L - Crowley.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- First baseman Kevin Murphy had four hits, including a double, and John Lunney scored three runs to lead Mount St. Mary to a 13-7 non-conference victory over Albany on Thursday at Varsity Field.

Albany (19-13) trailed 6-2 in the eighth inning, when Jeff Rossiter had an RBI single and Mike Kuebler followed with a two-run homer over the left field fence to close the gap.

Mount St. Mary (21-7) scored seven times in the ninth to take control. Designated hitter Jason Losey lined a three-run double into the right-field gap to key the uprising.

The Knights' Matt Hallock (Colonie Central) singled twice and drove in two runs. Albany's Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central) singled and hit an inside-the-park home run in the third.

-agate-

Mount St. Mary (21-7) 100 212 007 - 13 13 0

Albany (19-13) 001 100 032 - 7 10 2

Steve Sosler, Anthony White (9) and Ryan Kingsley.

Scott Tower, John Hoyt (5), Ken DeDeo, Jr. (7) and Rob Ryan.

W - Sosler (3-1), L - Tower (1-2).

HR - Heath Mullen (A), Mike Kuebler (A).

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Comments: College Sports

(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman attackman Tom Terzulli had two goals and two assists as Rensselaer rallied in the second half for an 11-9 victory over Albany on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

The Engineers, who improved to 7-5 overall, can secure the Capital District College Lacrosse League championship with a victory against Skidmore on Saturday.

Albany (8-3), which had a six-game win streak halted, built a 7-3 halftime advantage as sophomore Dan Small had three goals in the opening period.

Rensselaer dominated the second half, and scored six straight times to go ahead. Terzulli tied the contest with one his team's four man-advantage goals, and then his brother, Ben, followed 19 seconds later off the subsequent face-off.

Albany's Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) later netted his second goal of the afternoon after a turnover at midfield to close the gap to 9-8 with 9:39 remaining. However, Dave Perlman scored off a failed clear and Vic Adaniel hit a drive from the left side to push Rensselaer out to a three-goal lead.

-agate-

Rensselaer (7-5)	2	1	3	5	-	11
Albany (8-3)	3	4	0	2	-	9

Rensselaer -- Tom Terzulli 2-2, Cliff Dealy 2-0, Dave Perlman 2-0, Ben Terzulli 1-2, Vic Adaniel 1-1, Joe Battaglia 1-0, Mike Monroe 1-0, Pat Blount 1-0, Craig Esteves 0-1; Saves: Gerald Kean 23.

Albany -- Dan Small 3-0, Mike McCarthy 2-1, Keith Willa 2-0, Peter Fries 1-0, Trevor Lisky 1-0, Tim Benedict 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 19.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Second baseman Josh Sanchez's two-run single in the seventh put Albany ahead for good, and the Great Danes went on to post an 18-11 non-conference victory over New Paltz on Tuesday at Albany Field.

New Paltz (6-20) took a 10-9 lead in the sixth on a two-run homer over the left field fence by first baseman Joe McGuire, who had four hits and drove in four runs.

Albany (18-12) still trailed 11-9 with one out in the seventh, when Mike Kuebler walked with the bases loaded and Sanchez followed with his game-winning hit up the middle. The Great Danes added a six-run frame in the eighth, as Chris Robilotti (Colonie Central) and Tony Gregoli (Columbia) each drove in a pair with singles.

Pitcher Ken DeDeo, Jr. (LaSalle Institute) earned his first victory of the season in relief by scattering three hits over three innings. Sanchez finished with three hits and scored three times, while freshman Steve Checkfield belted his 10th home run, a solo shot in the third, and added a double.

-agate-

New Paltz (6-20) 006 112 100 - 11 14 4

Albany (18-12) 103 410 36x - 18 19 3

Matt Kemler, Vincent Perry (6), Chris Celano (7), Sergio Santana (7) and Keith Teegarden. Marc McConnell, Anthony Puccia (5), Ken DeDeo, Jr. (7) and Dennis Cirilla.

W - DeDeo, Jr. (1-2), L - Perry (0-1).

HR - Vincent Perry, Joe McGuire, Steve Checksfield.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Lacrosse Teams Among Nation's Best)

Senior attackman Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) is ninth in goals per game (2.90) among the current NCAA Division II leaders, while goalkeeper Gary Lockwood is first in goals against average (5.83) and save percentage (.729).

Albany (8-2) is ranked ninth in the STX/USILA national poll for the third straight week. The Great Danes host Rensselaer for the Capital District College Lacrosse League championship on Wednesday.

Rafaela Nikas, a senior midfielder on the Albany women's team, is ranked sixth in goals per game (3.57) and ninth in points (4.29) among the nation's leaders. The Great Danes have already completed their regular schedule with a school-record 11-3 mark, and remain third nationally in this week's Brine/IWLCA poll.

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(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Albany catcher Lisa deSousa's two-run single broke open a tight contest in the opener of a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader with Massachusetts-Lowell, and the Great Danes' 5-1 victory secured a first-ever conference championship on Monday at Albany Field. Albany (30-9, NECC 15-1) went on to win the nightcap, 7-2, and extend its winning streak to 12 straight.

Shortstop Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia H.S.) gave her club a 2-0 lead in the fourth with an RBI single, before Mass.-Lowell's Megan Culhane sliced the deficit in half with a pinch-hit double in the sixth. deSousa ripped a single down the left-field line to score both Nichol Carella and Nicsevic in the bottom of the inning.

Pitcher Jessica Hansen upped her record to 12-1 on the season by scattering seven hits with two strikeouts and no walks.

In the second game, Nicsevic cleared the bases with a double into the right-field gap to highlight a seven-run fourth. Junior hurler Kelly Poynton won her sixth straight start, and improved to 16-3 overall.

(Game 1)

Mass.-Lowell	000	001	0	-	1	7	2
Albany	010	103	x	-	5	9	2

Rachel Ronnquist and Heidi Anderson.

Jessica Hansen and Lisa deSousa.

W - Hansen (12-1), L - Ronnquist (8-4).

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Game 2)

Mass.-Lowell 101 000 0 - 2 7 0

Albany 000 700 x - 7 9 2

Danielle Bretton, Rachel Ronnquist (4) and Kristine Botto.

Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

W - Poynton (16-3), L - Bretton (1-4).

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore right-hander Jason Trufant fired a two-hitter in the first game, as Albany split a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader with first-place Massachusetts-Lowell at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the opener, 6-2, while the visitors rallied for a 10-6 victory in the second contest.

Trufant, who is 7-1 on the season, allowed one earned run while recording five strikeouts and six walks in a 139-pitch complete game. Steve Checksfield, who homered in both games, and scored six runs on the day, singled, doubled, and belted a solo shot in the seventh to lead the Albany offense.

In the nightcap, sophomore catcher Rob Ryan (Shenendehowa), who went 5-for-8 in the twinbill with two home runs and six RBIs, gave Albany (17-12, NECC 11-5) a 5-4 lead in the sixth with a two-run blast over the center field fence.

Massachusetts-Lowell (23-7, NECC 13-3), the 25th-ranked team in Division II, rallied in the seventh. Tom Fratto doubled to lead off the inning, and later scored on third-strike passed ball to tie the contest. The River Hawks plated five runs in the eighth to regain the lead for good. Jim Peloquin's infield hit over the mound scored Mark Rurak, before Glen Magnan and Steve Botto followed with RBI singles.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Mass.-Lowell 000 010 010 - 2 2 1

Albany 012 020 10x - 6 7 2

Ryan Kearney, Tom Clarke (8) and Dave Harne, Mark Babbitt (8).

Jason Trufant and Dennis Cirilla.

W - Trufant (7-1), L - Kearney (5-3).

HR - Michael Oliva, Steve Checksfield, Rob Ryan.

(Game 2)

Mass.-Lowell 040 000 15 - 10 12 3

Albany 100 202 01 - 6 12 1

Matt Marengi, Nate Linstad (6) and Dave Harne.

Mark Zacharczyk, Heath Mullen (7), Scott Tower (8) and Rob Ryan.

W - Linstad (1-0), L - Mullen (0-1).

HR - Steve Checksfield, Ty Ebert, Rob Ryan.

(NECC Awards)

Rindge, N.H. -- Kelly Poynton was chosen as the New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Week (April 20-26) in softball, while Steve Checksfield was the NECC Rookie of the Week in baseball for the second time this season.

Poynton, a junior right-hander, posted a 3-0 record with one save in four appearances last week. In 22 innings, she yielded one earned run, while fanning 35 batters and recording two shutouts.

Checksfield batted .571 (12-for-21) in five games for the Great Danes last week. He scored nine runs, and added five RBIs, four doubles, two home runs with a 1.048 slugging percentage. He went 6-for-6 with one walk at the plate in the first game of a doubleheader with New Haven last Saturday.

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(Women's Lacrosse)

Colchester, Vt. -- Rafaela Nikas scored four times, tallied ^{two} ~~four~~ assists, and tied school single-season records for goals and ~~points~~ in leading visiting Albany to a 15-9 victory over St. Michael's in the Great Danes' final regular-season contest on Sunday.

Nikas, a senior midfielder, has 50 goals and ~~62~~ points this spring, and matched totals established by Debbie August earlier this decade. Nikas also set the program's career assist record (³⁵37), breaking a mark held by Jenn O'Donnell (1993-96). ^{Tied}

Stacey Mayer added a season-high four goals with one assist for the Great Danes, while freshman Marguerite Lanaux tallied three goals. Allisson Pennington and Terri Crispo combined on 12 saves. Albany (11-3) awaits a possible ECAC Division II tournament bid.

Freshman attacker Joleen Wise had a game-high five goals and assisted on two others for St. Michael's (7-2).

-agate-

Albany (11-3)	9	6	-	15
St. Michael's (7-2)	3	6	-	9

Albany -- Scoring: Rafaela Nikas 4-~~4~~, Stacey Mayer 4-1, Marguerite Lanaux 3-0, Laura Walls 2-1, Anne Colonna 1-0, Marie Cimaglia 1-0, Dawn DiMicco 0-~~6~~; Saves: Allisson Pennington 10, Terri Crispo 2. ⁵

St. Michael's -- Scoring: Joleen Wise 5-2, Kimberly Ryan 3-1, Katie Guillian 1-0; Saves: Kelly Sharenko 8, Julia Gillard 6.

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Comments: College Sports (Track, Softball, Baseball, M. Lacrosse, Tennis)

(Track & Field)

Philadelphia, Pa. -- Samantha Cohen set a school record in finishing second in the Olympic Development 5,000-meter racewalk, and Luis Soto was second in the men's long jump to highlight the University at Albany's performances at the 104th annual Penn Relays Carnival at Franklin Field.

Cohen chopped over one minute off her own Albany mark with a time of 23:19.88, and was runner-up to champion Jill Zenner (Miami Valley Track Club), who walked 23:09.91. Soto leaped 23-feet, 11-inches in the eastern long jump event, and was just behind Northeastern's Dave Klemic (24-00.25). Soto also tied for 18th in the high jump (6-6).

Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) ran a season-best 13.62 in the women's 100-hurdles in qualifying, but did not make the finals. However, she helped two relay teams establish school standards. The shuttle hurdle relay, which included Shenendehowa's Janna Johnston, was second in its heat in 57.93 seconds, while the sprint medley shattered a three-year old mark by nine seconds in 4:07.09.

Matt Perry set a fourth record with a ninth-place finish in the Olympic Development 10,000m racewalk, and was clocked in 51:00.71. Ronald Edmundson (46-6) and Harold Valestin (46-4.25) were eighth and ninth, respectively, in the eastern triple jump.

Finally, the Great Danes finished fifth in the men's IC4A 4x100 relay with a time of 41.95, and followed behind first-place East Carolina (40.79). Greg Miller (Albany H.S.) and Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam) ran the second and third legs on a unit which reached the championship for the first time in school history.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Amy Smith walked and scored the winning run on a fielder's choice in the seventh inning of the second game to lead Albany to a doubleheader sweep over New Haven on Saturday at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who clinched a share of the New England Collegiate Conference title, won the nightcap, 2-1, and the first contest, 3-2.

Jennifer D'Amato's RBI single drew New Haven (27-13, NECC 11-3) even at one apiece in the second game. Albany (28-9, NECC 13-1) rallied in the seventh, when Kate Carnevale (Columbia) hit a ground ball to D'Amato at shortstop with the bases loaded and no outs. The UNH infielder's throw to the plate failed to get Smith in time.

Junior pitcher Kelly Poynton improved to 15-3 on the season by scattering four hits with 10 strikeouts and one walk.

The Great Danes also came from behind in the opener, as freshman Nichol Carella singled in pinch-runner Cari Crockett with no outs in the seventh. The Chargers took a 2-1 lead in the sixth as Heather Romagna had an RBI single and scored in the frame. New Haven committed two fielding errors in the last inning to help set up Carella's heroics.

-agate-

(Game 1)

New Haven	000	002	0	-	2	8	2
Albany	000	100	2	-	3	7	2

(no outs when winning run scored)

Carrie Roseman and Jaclyn Kupka.

Jessica Hansen and Lisa deSousa

W - Hansen (11-1), L - Roseman (9-8).

(Game 2)

New Haven	001	000	0	-	1	4	4
Albany	010	000	1	-	2	3	1

(no outs when winning run scored)

Jo-Lynn Cimino and Becky Snow.

Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

W - Poynton (15-3), L - Cimino (10-4).

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Dave Galla hit three home runs and drove in six runs in the first game, and Chris Teodosio homered twice with six RBIs in the nightcap to lead New Haven to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep, 24-22 and 17-15, over Albany at Varsity Field. The six-and-one-half-hour slugfest featured 18 round-trippers between the two teams.

Galla, a junior outfielder, blasted a pair of two-run homers in the seventh and ninth to give New Haven (23-8-1, NECC 12-3-1) a 24-18 cushion. Albany's Chris Robilotti (Colonie Central) homered for the third time in the contest to close the gap in his team's last at-bat, and finished with eight RBIs in the nine-inning marathon. Freshman Steve Checksfield went 6-for-6 at the plate with two doubles, one home run, and four runs scored.

In the second game, the Chargers built a 17-7 lead in the sixth. T.T. Gallagher, who scored six runs and had six RBIs on the day, keyed that inning with a three-run shot over the left field fence. Albany (16-11, NECC 10-4) rallied again in the last inning. Jim Lovett (Colonie Central) belted a pinch-hit three-run homer, and was followed by two more out-of-the-park hits by Checksfield and Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central).

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

(Game 1)

New Haven 502 066 302 - 24 23 3

Albany 143 341 024 - 22 19 3

John Zullo, Jason Scheets (5), Chris Kuruc (6) and Eric Hernandez.

Scott Tower, John Hoyt (5), Neil Hagin (7) and Dennis Cirilla.

W - Scheets (4-2), L - Tower (1-2).

(Game 2)

New Haven 602 126 0 - 17 14 1

Albany 011 322 6 - 15 17 1

Chris Kuruc and Eric Hernandez.

Tony Gregoli, Ken DeDeo, Jr. (5) and Rob Ryan.

W - Kuruc (11-1), L - Gregoli (1-1).

(Men's Lacrosse)

Worcester, Mass. -- Brian Ryniker totaled four goals and two assists and John Baumann scored three times and assisted on three more to lead Albany to its sixth straight win with a 26-4 victory over Assumption.

Baumann, a junior attackman, and had two goals and two assists in the first half, as Albany (8-2) raced to an 11-2 halftime lead. Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) netted three goals, including his 29th of the season, and added one assist.

Keith Willa (Shenendehowa) had two goals and one assist, as sixteen Albany players found the scoring column. Trevor Lisky (LaSalle Institute) and Sean McConaghy (Columbia) each recorded two assists.

Chris Remsen had two goals, while goalkeeper Ted Zayka made 15 saves for Assumption (0-11).

-agate-

Albany (8-2) 6 5 9 6 - 26

Assumption (0-11) 0 2 0 2 - 4

Albany -- Scoring: Brian Ryniker 4-2, John Baumann 3-3, Mike McCarthy 3-1, Peter Fries 3-0, Andrew Poplinger 2-2, Dan Small 2-2, Keith Willa 2-1, Rich Angel 2-1, Tets Wakino 1-2, Tim Benedict 1-1, Eric Marra 1-1, Ben Mack 1-0, Carl Gravano 1-0, Sean McConaghy 0-2, Trevor Lisky 0-2, Kris Bremer 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 1, Mike Shelli 9, Mike Arnone 3, Rich Waine 1.

Assumption -- Scoring: Chris Remsen 2-0, Andreas 1-1, Brian Wilson 1-0, Bryan Hopkins 0-1; Saves: Ted Zayka 15.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. --

-agate-

Albany 8, Franklin Pierce 1

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Erica von Stralen (F), 6-1, 6-0; Darcy Wheeler (A) def. Carolyn Knight (F), 6-4, 7-5; Ruth Butz (F) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-1, 6-4; Erinn Langford (A) def. Ali Smith (F), 6-0, 6-1; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Kerrie Rowe (F), 2-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-0; Kate McCarthy (A) def. Amy Spencer (F), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: Bliss-Langford (A) def. von Stralen-Butz (F), 8-5; Wheeler-Hahn (A) def. Knight-Smith (F), 8-3; Lauren Hargett-McCarthy (A) def. Rowe-Spencer (F), 8-3.

Record: Albany (9-4).

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(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Rafaela Nikas had three goals and one assist, and Albany set a single-season record for victories with an 11-6 victory over Vassar on Friday at Varsity Field.

Albany (10-4) jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the first half, and were never threatened. Nikas, a senior playing in her final regular-season home game, scored twice and assisted on another in the period.

Dawn DiMicco added two goals and one assist, while Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland H.S.), a senior attacker, scored twice. Goalkeeper Allisson Pennington had a season-high 18 saves.

Chapel Love led Vassar (4-8) with two goals, while Lana Maier made 17 saves.

-agate-

Vassar (4-8)	2	4	-	6
Albany (10-3)	6	5	-	11

Vassar -- Scoring: Chapel Love 2-0, Liz Little 1-0, Laura Phillips 1-0, Michelle Moor 1-0, Andrea Fleck 1-0; Saves: Lana Maier 17.

Albany -- Scoring: Rafaela Nikas 3-1, Dawn DiMicco 2-1, Rebecca Kaiser 2-0, Laura Walls 2-0, Stacey Mayer 1-0, Karen Karpus 1-0; Saves: Allisson Pennington 18, Kim Martini 1.

(Academic All-America)

University at Albany's Liz Peck has been selected to the GTE Academic All-America College Division Women's Fall-Winter At-Large national first team.

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Peck, a first-team All-America midfielder in field hockey, is currently enrolled in the University's molecular biology doctoral program. She earned her B.S. in biology last spring, and had an undergraduate 3.68 grade point average. Peck captained the Great Danes to a school-record 17-2 campaign and the 1997 ECAC Division II championship.

Jen Cordes, a sophomore forward in field hockey, was chosen to national Academic All-America third team. Cordes has a 3.96 GPA in the pre-law program with a major in sociology with a minor in history.

1997-98 GTE Academic All-America College Division Women's Fall-Winter At-Large

First Team

Vista **Beasley**, Emory, III, cross country, sr, 3.55, biology, Fitzgerald, Ga.
Kristen **Beutler**, Denison, IV, soccer, sr, 3.94, economics, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Monica **Bradley**, Drew, II, field hockey, jr, 4.00, religious studies, Newton, N.J.
Danielle **Duffy**, Swarthmore, II, field hockey, sr, 3.67, biochemistry-premed, Media, Pa.
Tiffany **Ebensperger**, Wisconsin-Oshkosh, V, cross country, sr, 3.40, biology-prevet, Juda, Wis.
Jennifer **Erdos**, Allegheny, II, swimming, sr, 3.96, biology, Meadville, Pa.
Cindy **Farris**, Angelo State, VI, cross country, jr, 3.97, math, San Angelo, Texas
Katie **Horst**, East Stroudsburg, II, field hockey, jr, 4.00, history, Dauberville, Pa.
Kim **Lupo**, Emory, III, cross country, sr, 4.00, sociology, Germantown, Tenn.
Amy **Meschke**, Austin College, VI, swimming, sr, 3.87, Spanish-history, Richardson, Texas
Pauliina **Miettinen**, Franklin Pierce, I, soccer, jr, 3.53, secondary education-psychology, Helsinki, Finland
Laura **Nelson**, Wis-Oshkosh, V, cross country, sr, 3.92, elementary education, Schofield, Wis.
Liz **Peck**, Albany, I, field hockey, grad, 3.68, molecular biology, Pawling, N.Y.
Kim **Rausch**, William Smith, I, soccer, sr, 3.95, biology, Bolton, Mass.
Sharon **Sanborn**, Case Western Reserve, IV, swimming, sr, 4.00, biomedical engineering, Mesa, Ariz.

Second Team

Stephanie **Andrews**, Seattle Pacific, VIII, gymnastics, sr, 3.90, business, Bellevue, Wash.
Charee **Campbell**, DePauw, V, swimming, sr, 3.86, biology, Kempton, Ind.
Melanie **Forster**, Hardin-Simmons, VI, soccer, soph, 4.00, biology, Tyler, Texas
Elise **Henry**, Nebraska-Omaha, VII, cross country, sr, 4.00, biology-premed, Council Bluffs, Iowa
Casey **Iezzi**, Lebanon Valley, II, field hockey, sr, 3.86, English literature, Bainbridge, Pa.
Lauren **Johnson**, California-San Diego, VIII, soccer, sr, 3.30, political science-history, San Diego, Calif.
Tina **Keck**, Illinois College, V, cross country, sr, 3.96, accounting, Millstadt, Ill.
Shanon **LeBlanc**, Mass-Lowell, I, field hockey, sr, 3.72, psychology, Amesbury, Mass.
Dacotah Joy **Lehr**, North Dakota State, VII, cross country, jr, 3.94, pharmacy, Gackle, N.D.
Kim **Olsen**, North Carolina Wesleyan, III, soccer, sr, 3.70, biology, Avon, Conn.
Marisa **Proctor**, Alma, IV, diving, sr, 3.98, English, Tecumseh, Mich.
Emilie **Replogle**, Delaware Valley, II, soccer, jr, 3.87, large animal science, Oxford, Pa.
Ellen **Shultz**, Hope, IV, cross country, sr, 3.98, psychology-Spanish, Maple City, Mich.
Lotta **Thunberg**, New Hampshire College, I, soccer, jr, 3.95, international business, Mora, Sweden
Julie **Waterhouse**, Wis-LaCrosse, V, swimming, sr, 3.73, Spanish-elementary education, Hartland, Wis.

Third Team

Celina **Boer**, Muhlenberg, V, soccer, jr, 3.85, biology, Maple Glen, Pa.
Jen **Cordes**, Albany, I, field hockey, soph, 3.96, sociology-prelaw, Windsor, N.Y.
Alissa **Drasch**, Drew, II, soccer, sr, 3.8, psychology-French, Ashford, Conn.
Doris **Hausleitner**, Alaska-Anchorage, VIII, Nordic skiing, sr, 3.66, biology, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada
Ellie **Hickerson**, Amherst, I, soccer, sr, 3.65, American studies, Davenport, Iowa
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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, Men's Lacrosse)

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Shortstop Mike Negrón homered twice and scored three runs, and Mike Kuebler had four hits, including a solo home run, to lead Albany to an 8-7 non-conference victory over Massachusetts College on Thursday at Varsity Field.

Negrón hit a two-run homer in the second inning, and added a solo blast to lead-off the sixth, as the Great Danes built an 8-5 lead. Michael Oliva added three hits, including a two-run single in the fourth.

Massachusetts College (6-19) closed with one run in its last at-bat on an RBI single by Norm Sweet and Tim Snyder's suicide-squeeze bunt. However, Albany reliever Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central) earned his fifth save this season by forcing both Brent Scorgie and Jose Diaz into ground outs to end the game.

Albany (16-9) has won 12 of its last 15 contests, and hosts New Haven in an important New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader on Saturday.

-agate-

Mass. College (6-19)	010	040	002	-	7	7	1
Albany (16-9)	120	311	00x	-	8	12	2

Matt Breen, Rick Dupee (6) and Jose Diaz.

Marc McConnell, David Schrepper (5), Neil Hagin (5), John Hoyt (7), Heath Mullen (9) and Dennis Cirilla.

W - McConnell (2-1), L - Breen, SAVE - Mullen (5).

HR - Mike Negrón, 2 (3), Mike Kuebler (2).

MORE

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(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- John Baumann had four goals and three assists to lead Albany past American International, 33-2, on Thursday at Varsity Field.

The Great Danes, who won their fifth straight, opened up with an eight-goal first quarter to quickly dispatch an undermanned AIC squad. Baumann, a junior attackman, scored twice in the period.

Albany (7-2) had 19 players find the scoring column, and used four goalkeepers. Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) tallied four goals and one assist, and recorded his 100th career point. Sean McConaghy (Columbia) had three goals and three assists, while Trevor Lisky (LaSalle Institute) scored once and assisted on another.

American International (1-9) got one goal each from Justin Mickiewicz and Ed Cochran, while Ed Carson made 25 saves in the AIC cage.

-agate-

American International (1-9)	0	1	0	1	-	2
Albany (7-2)	8	5	12	8	-	33

AIC -- Scoring: Justin Mickiewicz 1-0, Ed Cochran 1-0, Ryan Hollister 0-1; Saves: Ed Carson 25.

Albany -- Scoring: John Baumann 4-3, Mike McCarthy 4-1, Sean McConaghy 3-3, Brian Ryniker 3-1, Dan Small 3-1, Andrew Poplinger 3-1, J.P. Tripp 3-0, Tets Wakino 2-0, Vinny Saulino 2-0, Eric Marra 1-2, Peter Fries 1-1, Trevor Lisky 1-1, Carl Gravano 1-1, Tim Benedict 1-0, Kris Bremer 1-0, Keith Willa 0-3, Ben Mack 0-1, Rich Angel 0-1, Mike Shannon 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 1, Rich Waine 3, Mike Arnone 0, Mike Shelli 1.

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, Track, W. Lacrosse, Softball)

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore right-hander Jason Trufant fired a four-hit shutout in the second game to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep over Franklin Pierce at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the nightcap, 10-0, and the first contest, 14-2.

Trufant blanked his third opponent this season in improving to 6-1 on the mound, and turned in a five-strikeout, no-walk effort. Michael Oliva doubled and scored twice, and shortstop Mike Negron blasted a three-run homer over the left field fence in the second.

Albany (15-9, NECC 10-2) solidified its second-place standing in the conference by jumping on Franklin Pierce (4-19, NECC 2-12) early in the first game. Rob Ryan (Shenendehowa) had two hits and three RBIs, while Mike Kuebler doubled twice and drove in three runs. Jeff Burstein had two hits, including a solo home run in the fourth, for the Ravens.

(Game 1)

Franklin Pierce	100	100	00	-	2	7	2
Albany	230	301	23	-	14	20	1

(game halted by 12-run rule in eighth)

Tim McDonald, Shane Mitchell (8) and Jeff Burstein.

Mark Zacharczyk, Tony Gregoli (5) and Rob Ryan, Dennis Cirilla (7).

W - Zacharczyk (5-1), L - McDonald (1-2).

HR - Burstein (3), Sanchez (1).

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2
baseball - cont.

(Game 2)

Franklin Pierce	000	000	0	-	0	4	0
Albany	040	321	x	-	10	12	0

Cory Dinon and Jeff Burstein.

Jason Trufant and Dennis Cirilla, Steve Lizza (6).

W - Trufant (6-1), L - Dinon (1-2).

HR - Negron (1).

(Track & Field)

Philadelphia, Pa. -- Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) placed fifth in the women's heptathlon at the 104th annual Penn Relays Carnival on Wednesday at Franklin Field.

Johnston, who was tenth after the first four events, set a school record in the javelin (113-feet, 4-inches), ran a personal-best 2:23.79 in the 800-meter run, and went 17-9 in the long jump to move up in standings. She finished with 4,650 points.

"I was surprised by my energy level in the 800," said Johnston, who was second in the day's final event. "I had to put a not-so-good first day behind me, but I am satisfied with my performance."

Virginia Tech's Katie Ollendic was first in the seven-event competition with 5,378 points, while Christi Smith (Akron) took second with 5,214. Sheila Acosta, of the University of Puerto Rico-Bayamno, had 5,039 points in third place, and Isabella Seguin, of Sherbrooke University in Canada, followed with 4,885.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Tricia Hayes (Columbia) scored off a back-handed shot 23 seconds into sudden-death overtime to lift Rensselaer to a 12-11 victory over Albany on Wednesday at Albany Field.

Albany (9-3), which had a seven-game win streak halted, forced the first overtime, when Dawn DiMicco scored on a rebound off goalkeeper Stefanie Maroney's initial save with 40 seconds left in regulation.

The Great Danes went up 11-9 in the extra period on a pair of unassisted goals by Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland) and Rafaela Nikas. Rensselaer (5-5) rallied to draw even at 11 apiece on Bethany Weiser's free-position goal, and the contest went to a sudden-death session.

Weiser led all scorers with five goals and one assist, while Maroney made 20 saves in the Rensselaer cage. Albany's DiMicco tallied a team-high five goals, while Nikas scored four times.

-agate-

Rensselaer (5-5)	4	5	2	1	-	12
Albany (9-3)	4	5	2	0	-	11

Rensselaer -- Scoring: Bethany Weiser 5-1, Nancy Kelly 2-1, Dawn Arthur 2-0, Emilie Wangerman 1-2, Jessica Allen 1-1, Tricia Hayes 1-1; Saves: Stefanie Maroney 20.

Albany -- Scoring: Dawn DiMicco 5-0, Rafaela Nikas 4-0, Jess Spadafora 1-0, Rebecca Kaiser 1-0, Stacey Mayer 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 7, Kim Martini 4.

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior pitcher Kelly Poynton tossed a two-hit shutout in the opener and earned a save as a reliever in the second game to lead Albany to a doubleheader sweep over Franklin Pierce at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the New England Collegiate Conference twinbill, 4-0 and 2-0.

MORE

Albany Sports 3-3-3-3
Softball - cont.

Poynton upped her record to 14-3 overall with her eighth shutout this season. The UA right-hander struck out nine and walked two. Shortstop Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) lined a two-run triple into the right-field gap in the fifth.

In the nightcap, Poynton came on in relief of starter Jessica Hansen, and allowed one hit while fanning five batters in three innings of work for her second save. Amy McGrody (Schalmont), who tapped out three hits, had RBI singles in the fourth and sixth.

Albany (26-9, NECC 11-1) has won 11 of its last 12 contests. Franklin Pierce falls to 5-21 overall and 3-9 in the conference.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Franklin Pierce	000	000	0	-	0	2	2
Albany	000	031	x	-	4	6	0

Rachael Rivard and Katelyn Kirby.

Kelly Poynton and Amy Smith.

W - Poynton (14-3), L - Rivard (1-11).

(Game 2)

Franklin Pierce	000	000	0	-	0	3	1
Albany	000	101	x	-	2	5	0

Kara Hofsaes and Katelyn Kirby.

Jessica Hansen, Kelly Poynton (5) and Amy Smith.

W - Hansen (10-1), L - Hofsaes (4-10), SAVE - Poynton (2).

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(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore attackman Sean McConaghy (Columbia) had a season-high four goals and Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) added three goals and two assists to lead Albany to its fourth straight victory with a 16-7 triumph over Union on Tuesday at Varsity Field.

Albany (6-2) used a seven-goal opening period to take command early. McConaghy scored for the third time in the quarter on a two-man advantage for a 7-1 lead with 1:13 left in the stanza. The Great Danes pushed out to a 14-4 cushion by the middle of the third stanza, when Trevor Lisky (LaSalle Instiute) found the net in transition off a turnover at midfield.

Freshman Scott Dutcher had three goals, including his 20th of the season, for Union (2-9). Goalkeepers Grant Pollock and Nick Kammerman combined on 23 saves.

Albany, ranked ninth in this week's USILA Division II national poll, got two goals apiece from Peter Fries, Dan Small and John Baumann. Gary Lockwood, the nation's leader in save percentage, stopped 13 shots during his three quarters in the cage.

-agate-

Union (2-9)	1	3	0	3	-	7
Albany (6-2)	7	3	4	2	-	16

Union -- Scoring: Scott Dutcher 3-0, Chad Kimball 2-0, Nick Balascio 1-0, Chad Schneider 1-3, Colin Murdock 0-2, Mike Guild 0-1, Saves: Grant Pollock 17, Nick Kammerman 6.

Albany -- Scoring: Sean McConaghy 4-0, Mike McCarthy 3-2, John Baumann 2-1, Peter Fries 2-1, Dan Small 2-1, Keith Willa 1-1, Trevor Lisky 1-1, Brian Ryniker 1-0, Eric Marra 0-1, Carl Gravano 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 13, Rich Waine 1, Mike Arnone 2, Mike Shelli 2.

MORE

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(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany climbed to third in this week's Brine/IWLCA Division II national poll. The Great Danes, 9-2 overall, were fourth in the previous rankings, and host Rensselaer on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

-agate-

Brine/IWLCA Division II Poll

1. West Chester (8-2), 2. Gannon (7-2), 3. Albany (9-2), 4. Shippensburg (7-5), 5. Millersville (5-4), 6. East Stroudsburg (6-1), 7. Bloomsburg (7-4), 8. Lock Haven (5-5), 9. Limestone (7-3), 10. Longwood (8-6).

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Comments: College Sports

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Kelly Poynton fired a no-hitter, her seventh shutout of the season, in the nightcap to lead Albany to a non-conference doubleheader sweep against Russell Sage at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who set a school record for single-season victories by improving to 24-9 overall, won the second game, 8-0, and the first, 9-0.

Poynton, a junior right-hander, recorded 11 strikeouts and walked two to up her record to 13-3. Jessica Hansen and Amy McGrody (Schalmont H.S.) combined to blank Russell Sage (10-16) on three hits in the opener.

Shortstop Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia H.S.) singled and doubled in each contest, and drove in six runs in the twinbill. Lisa deSousa and Kara Faraone added five hits apiece on the afternoon.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Russell Sage	000	00	-	0	3	1
Albany	702	2x	-	9	11	0

(game ended by 8-run rule)

Paula Weeden and Liz Mahon.

Jessica Hansen, Amy McGrody (4) and Lisa deSousa.

W - Hansen (9-1), L - Weeden.

(Game 2)

Russell Sage	000	00	-	0	0	4
Albany	052	01	-	8	10	0

Tracey Johnas and Liz Mahon.

Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

W - Poynton (13-3), L - Johnas.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(NECC Rookie of the Week)

Rindge, N.H. -- University at Albany's Lisa deSousa has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Apr. 13-19) in softball. deSousa, a freshman catcher, batted .360 with five runs, five RBIs and two doubles, as the Great Danes won seven of eight games played last week.

deSousa is hitting .302 on the season with 22 runs, seven extra-base hits, and a team-leading 24 RBIs.

(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany (5-2) is ranked ninth for the second straight week in the STX/USILA Division II national poll. The Great Danes moved into the top ten for the first time this season last Monday.

STX/USILA Division II Poll

1. C.W. Post (8-1), 2. Adelphi (8-3), 3. New York Tech (7-2), 4. LIU-Southampton (5-3), 5. Bentley (7-3), 6. Pfeiffer (8-5), 7. Dowling (8-4), 8. Pace (9-3), 9. Albany (5-2), 10. St. Andrews (6-7).

(Women's Lacrosse)

The Albany-Castleton State contest, slated for today, was cancelled due to poor field conditions in Vermont, and will be not be rescheduled.

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Comments: College Sports

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Albany's non-conference doubleheader with Stonehill at Varisty Field was postponed due to rain. The Great Danes led 5-4 after three innings in the first game, when the field became unplayable due to the conditions. Albany faces St. Rose at Bleecker Stadium on Monday evening.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Lynsey Allen and Patricia Thomas, of Pace, won in straight sets over Albany's Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central) in the Flight III doubles final at the Great Dane Classic at University Courts.

Allen and Thomas, the tournament's top seed, captured a 6-2, 6-1 decision in the championship. Sunday's singles winners were Concordia's Mutsumi Izutsu (Flight I) and Pace's Amy Maurer (Flight III).

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Comments: College Sports (7 events)

(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior attackman Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa H.S.) had a season-high four goals and three assists to lead Albany to a 15-5 victory over Sacred Heart on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Albany (5-2), ninth in the latest STX/USILA Division II national rankings, blew open a tight contest with a seven-goal third quarter. Dan Small had three goals, including his 14th of the season, and John Baumann scored twice in the period.

Sacred Heart (4-6), which had a four-game win streak halted, led 2-1 late in the first quarter when Chris Lukowski found the net in transition. The Great Danes rallied with three straight goals to take a 4-2 halftime lead. McCarthy scored in a short-handed situation on a crossing pass from defenseman Brian Vanderlofske to end that run.

Albany goalkeeper Gary Lockwood made 18 saves, while Small and Baumann each finished with three goals and one assist. Sophomore Sean McConaghy (Columbia H.S.) added two goals and assisted on another. Ken Martin led the Pioneers with three goals, while goalkeepers Matt McGreevy and Art DeGaetano combined on 19 saves.

-agate-

Sacred Heart (4-6)	2	0	2	1	-	5
Albany (5-2)	2	2	7	4	-	15

Sacred Heart -- Scoring: Ken Martin 3-0, Chris Lukowski 1-1, Raymond Gogarty 1-0, Tom Hogrefe 0-2, Brad Wilson 0-1; Saves: Matt McGreevy 11, Art DeGaetano 8.

Albany -- Scoring: Mike McCarthy 4-3, Dan Small 3-1, John Baumann 3-1, Sean McConaghy 2-1, Carl Gravano 2-0, Keith Willa 1-0, Brian Vanderlofske 0-1, Peter Fries 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 18, Mike Arnone 0, Mike Shelli 0.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore midfielder Dawn DiMicco tied the school's single-game records for goals and points by scoring seven times and assisting on another to lead Albany past Shippensburg, 18-10, in a battle of top-five Division II teams on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Albany (9-2) broke a 2-2 tie with six consecutive goals to seize control. Rafaela Nikas had two goals and two assists in that stretch, and split two defenders to place a low shot past goalkeeper Nicole Porter for an 8-2 advantage with 7:38 left in period.

Shippensburg (6-5), ranked third in the latest Brine/IWLCA national poll, closed within 10-6 early in the final period. However, DiMicco scored twice in a run of four straight goals to hand her club its seventh consecutive victory.

Allisson Pennington and Kim Martini combined on 14 saves for Albany, which is rated fourth nationally. Kate Scattergood had four goals for the Lady Raiders, while Porter turned aside 12 shots.

-agate-

Shippensburg (6-5)	5	5	-	10
Albany (9-2)	10	8	-	18

Shippensburg -- Scoring: Kate Scattergood 4-0, Kerri Hopkins 1-1, Danielle Argento 1-1, Tracey Happold 1-0, Rita Kipp 1-0, Carolyn Nieradka 1-0, Erin Wyda 1-0, Jessica Rice 0-1, Amanda Bragg 0-1; Saves: Nicole Porter 12.

Albany -- Scoring: Dawn DiMicco 7-1, Rafaela Nikas 4-2, Laura Walls 2-0, Jess Spadafora 1-0, Stacey Mayer 1-0, Rebecca Kaiser 1-0, Katie Cunningham 1-0, Karen Karpus 1-0, Ann Costello 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 10, Kim Martini 4.

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore right-hander Jason Trufant threw his second shutout of the season, a two-hitter, in the second game to lead Albany to a doubleheader sweep against Sacred Heart at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the nightcap, 12-0, and the first contest, 13-7, in the New England Collegiate Conference twinbill.

Trufant, who allowed singles in the fifth and sixth innings, struck out six and walked one in posting his fifth victory of the season. Michael Oliva had three hits and scored twice, while Tony Gregoli (LaSalle Institute) hit a two-run homer.

In the opener, Sacred Heart (4-22, NECC 1-9) held a 6-1 lead, when Albany scored five times in the fourth. Oliva, a sophomore outfielder, had a two-run triple, before Gregoli drew his team even with an RBI double.

The Pioneers went back ahead, 7-6, on lead-off home run in the seventh by Brian Brunckhorst. Albany (13-9, NECC 8-2) rallied again in the bottom half of the inning as shortstop Mike Negrón cleared the bases with a triple in a six-run frame.

(Game 1)

Sacred Heart	303	000	100	-	7	13	2
Albany	001	600	60x	-	13	15	3

Matt Iaricci, Jim Agostino (6) and Rich Salerno.

Mark Zacharczyk, Heath Mullen (9) and Dennis Cirilla.

W - Zacharczyk (4-1), L - Iaricci (0-3).

HR - Dionne (4), Brunckhorst (1).

MORE

Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

baseball - cont.

(Game 2)

Sacred Heart	000	000	0	-	0	2	4
Albany	031	530	x	-	12	10	1

Mike Schechy, Ray Turner (4) and Shawn Stillway.

Jason Trufant and Dennis Cirilla, Steve Lizza.

W - Trufant (5-1), L - Schechy (0-1).

HR - Tony Gregoli (3).

(Track & Field)

Albany, N.Y. -- Luis Soto and Flavia Cass set school records in the men's long jump and women's discus, respectively, as Albany hosted a five-school meet at University Field on Saturday. The Great Danes easily outpointed Plattsburgh, Marist, St. Rose and Siena in both the men's and women's team competition.

Soto went 24-feet, 3.50-inches in the long jump to break an Albany standard he set in Puerto Rico last March, and also won the high jump (6-4). Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam H.S.) was a double-winner in the 110- and 400-hurdles, while Ben Wright (Averill Park) was first in the 1,500 in 4:03.64.

Flavia Cass established a record in the discus with a mark of 122-0, and added a pair of first-place finishes in the shot put and hammer throw. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) and Andrea Viger (Granville Central) each won two events. Williamson ran 14.10 seconds in the 100-hurdles, and sprinted 12.19 in the 100-dash. Viger posted victories in the 1,500 (4:57.64) and 3,000 (10:55.64).

-agate-

MEN: 1. Albany 161, 2. Plattsburgh 66.60, 3. Marist 51.40, 4. St. Rose 16, 5. Siena 5.

Individual: 200 - Steven Kantrowicz (A), 22.04; 400-Hurdles - Jayson Vazquez (A), 57.31; 800 - Corey Davidson (P), 1:58.54; 100 - Steven Kantrowitz (A), 10.93; 400 - Chris Verkey (P), 49.49; 110-Hurdles - Jayson Vazquez (A), 14.55; 1,500 - Ben Wright (A), 4:03.64; 3,000 Steeplechase - Greg Salamone (M), 10:02.84; 5,000 - Doug Carl (A), 15:52.64; 10,000 - Andy Rickert (A), 34:16.94; Shot Put - Jeremy Smith (M), 43-9.25; High Jump - Luis Soto, 6-4; Triple Jump - Harold Valestin (A), 46-7.50; Long Jump - Luis Soto (A), 24-3.50; Javelin - Jason Jaconetti (A), 139-11; Hammer - Stephen Pinckney (A), 148-7; Discus - Nick Dimilia (M), 137-11; 4x100 Relay - Albany, 42.80; 4x400 Relay - Albany, 3:25.62.

WOMEN: 1. Albany 149, 2. Plattsburgh 56, 3. Marist 52, 4. Siena 4, 5. St. Rose 1.

Individual: 200 - Seidah Abu-Bakir (A), 25.84; 400-Hurdles - Xiomara Davila Diaz (A), 1:03.27; 800 - Tamara Dieudonne (A), 2:23.24; 100 - Ellakisha Williamson (A), 12.19; 400 - Kate Pieper (M), 1:00.54; 100-Hurdles - Ellakisha Williamson (A), 14.10; 1,500 - Andrea Viger (A), 4:57.64; 3,000 - Andrea Viger (A), 10:55.64; 5,000 - Jen Glover (M), 19:24.64; Shot Put - Flavia Cass (A), 31-4.50; High Jump - Seidah Abu-Bakir (A), 5-1.75; Triple Jump - Tamirah Haywood (A), 33-10.25; Long Jump - Dominique Pino (M), 16-10.50; Hammer - Flavia Cass (A), 117-05; Discus - Flavia Cass (A), 122-0; Javelin - Janna Johnston (A), 97-1; 4x100 Relay - Albany, 49.51; 4x400 Relay, 4:13.63.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central) reached the Flight II doubles final on the second day of competition at the Great Dane Classic. The three-day tournament concludes on Sunday with champions crowned in five singles and doubles classifications.

MORE

Albany Sports 4-4-4-4
tennis - cont.

Langford-Hahn defeated Concordia's Nicole Fontaine and Marie Pilla, 6-0 and 6-1, in the semi-final round, and will meet the top seed in the final. Pace's Kimberley Kaufman and Amy Maurer came from behind for a three-set triumph in the other semifinal.

Albany's Lauren Hargett (Guilderland) and Kate McCarthy lost in straight sets, 6-2 and 6-1, in the Flight III doubles championship to Pace's Lynsey Allen and Patricia Thomas.

In singles action, Langford dropped a 6-3, 6-3 decision to the third seed Jackie Fitzharris, of Hofstra, in the Flight III quarterfinals.

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Kelly Poynton fired a two-hit shutout, her sixth of the season, in the nightcap to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep over Sacred Heart at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 2-0, and the first, 2-0.

Poynton, a junior right-hander, allowed two singles with seven strikeouts and two walks in improving to 12-3 overall. Erin Craig had an RBI single and Amy McGroty (Schalmont) scored another run with a groundout in the third inning.

In the first contest, Albany's Jessica Hansen had a no-hitter for 6 1/3 innings, before Sacred Heart's Diana Saccente broke it up with a single up the middle in the seventh. Hansen won for the eighth time this spring with an eight-strikeout, no-walk effort.

Kate Carnevale (Columbia H.S.) had an RBI single in the third, and Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) singled and scored in the sixth for Albany (22-9, NECC 9-1). Sacred Heart falls to 7-18 and 6-4.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Sacred Heart	000	000	0	-	0	1	1
Albany	001	010	x	-	2	7	0

Molly McNear and Diana Saccente.

Jessica Hansen and Lisa deSousa

W - Hansen (8-1), L - McNear (4-8).

(Game 2)

Sacred Heart	000	000	0	-	0	2	3
Albany	000	020	x	-	2	5	1

Nicole Menard and Diana Saccente

Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

W - Poynton (12-3), L - Menard (1-2).

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(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Albany's Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn H.S.) won in straight sets in Flight III singles to advance to the quarter-final round at the Great Dane Classic on Friday in the University's Bubble. The three-day tournament continues with singles and doubles play in the championship and consolation brackets.

Langford defeated Franklin Pierce's Amy Spencer, 6-3 and 6-0, and will meet third-seed Jackie Fitzharris, of Hofstra, in Saturday's quarterfinals.

Marissa Tuchband, who won her Flight II first-round match, fell to Hofstra's Ilona Bona, 6-1 and 6-0, in the quarterfinals, while teammate Kate McCarthy won a three-setter in opening round before losing to Flight III's top seed Amy Maurer. The Pace freshman won, 6-1, 6-1.

Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) dropped a 6-2, 6-2 decision to Pace's Donna Carnicelli in Flight I singles action.

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, W. Lacrosse, Softball)

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- First baseman Damian Torres homered twice, including his ninth of the season, and drove in five runs to power St. Rose past Albany, 17-4, on Thursday at Varsity Field.

St. Rose (17-17) held a 3-2 lead after three innings on the strength of a two-run blast by Torres, who upped his RBI total to 41 this year. The Golden Knights, which pounded out 15 hits, parlayed three Albany fielding errors into a four-run fourth to break the game open.

Andy Negus (Scotia-Glenville H.S.) had three hits and scored twice from his lead-off spot, while pitcher Keith Lansley (Shenendehowa) picked up his first win by scattering three hits in 8 1/3 innings.

Steve Checksfield's two-run single in the third was the lone bright spot for Albany (11-9). The Great Danes, who won the first meeting, 11-3, and St. Rose face each other for the third time this spring at Bleecker Stadium on Monday, April 20 (7:00 p.m.).

-agate-

St. Rose (17-17) 003 404 015 - 17 15 1

Albany (11-9) 002 000 002 - 4 3 5

Keith Lansley, Wally Dow (9) and Mike Wilson.

Ken DeDeo, Jr., John Hoyt (4), David Schrepper (7) and Rob Ryan, Steve Lizza (6).

W - Lansley (1-5), L - DeDeo, Jr. (0-2)

HR - Torres, 2 (9); Nolan (1).

(W. Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore midfielder Dawn DiMicco had four goals and two assists and Rafaela Nikas added four goals and one assist to lead Albany to its sixth straight win with a 19-2 victory over Siena on Thursday at Varsity Field.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Albany (8-2) snapped an early 1-1 tie with five consecutive goals to take control. Nikas found the net twice in that stretch, before Jess Spadafora tallied one of her three goals on the afternoon for a 6-1 lead with 9:11 left in the period.

Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland H.S.) scored three times and assisted on another, while Allisson Pennington and Kim Martini combined on eight saves in the Great Dane cage.

Senior Elizabeth Byrne made a season-high 28 saves for Siena (2-4), and teammates Cynthia Gutterrez and Dierdre Coen each had one goal.

-agate-

Siena (2-4)	2	0	-	2
Albany (8-2)	9	10	-	19

Siena -- Scoring: Cynthia Gutterrez 1-0, Dierdre Cohen 1-0; Saves: Elizabeth Byrne 28.

Albany -- Scoring: Dawn DiMicco 4-2, Rafaela Nikas 4-1, Rebecca Kaiser 3-1, Jess Spadafora 3-1, Laura Walls 2-0, Katie Cunningham 1-1, Karen Karpus 1-1, Danielle Ballard 1-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 5, Kim Martini 3.

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia H.S.) had three hits and scored four runs to lead Albany to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over St. Rose on Thursday at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the twinbill, 7-4 and 7-4.

Albany (20-9) trailed 4-3 in the opener, when Nicsevic lined a two-run double in the sixth to put her team ahead. She later scored in the same inning on Lisa deSousa's double. Pitcher Jessica Hansen posted her seventh victory, a complete-game effort, and helped her own cause with three singles.

In the second game, Anne Bink (Colonie Central) had an RBI double and scored in Albany's six-run second inning. Kelly Poynton, a junior right-hander, improved to 11-3 overall with an eight-strikeout, two-walk outing. Kori-Ann Taylor had a two-run triple in the third for St. Rose (6-20).

-agate-

(Game 1)

St. Rose	400	000	0	-	4	5	2
Albany	020	014	x	-	7	11	2

Gretchen Guenther and Maureen Walker.

Jessica Hansen and Lisa deSousa.

W - Hansen (7-1), L - Guenther (4-7).

(Game 2)

St. Rose	000	300	1	-	4	8	2
Albany	060	001	x	-	7	9	0

Kori-Ann Taylor and Maureen Walker.

Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

W - Poynton (11-3), L - Taylor (2-8).

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, Softball)

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Shortstop Mike Negrón had three hits and drove in three runs and Steve Checksfield had three RBIs to lead Albany past Union, 10-8, in a non-conference game on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

Albany (11-8) built a 6-0 lead on a Checksfield's two-run homer in the first inning, while Negrón had an RBI double in the third and a run-scoring single in the fifth.

Union (9-11) scored five times in the sixth as first baseman David Poindexter keyed the frame with a two-run double. The Great Danes pulled away with four runs in the bottom of the inning. Chris Robilotti (Colonie Central H.S.) doubled and scored to lead-off, while Negrón delivered an RBI single to left field.

Albany's Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central H.S.) worked the ninth in relief to pick up his fourth save of the season.

-agate-

Union (9-11)	000	005	201	-	8	6	5
Albany (11-8)	211	024	00x	-	10	13	3

Jay Warzala, Jed Cahill (6), Rob Krickovich (6) and Jeff Harrigan.

Marc McConnell, David Schrepper (6), Jason Trufant (8), Heath Mullen (9) and Dennis Cirilla.

W - McConnell (1-1), L - Warzala (2-2), SAVE - Mullen (4).

HR - Checksfield (5).

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman catcher Lisa deSousa delivered a two-out RBI single in the eighth inning to lead Albany to a 6-5 victory in the first game of a non-conference doubleheader with Dowling at Albany Field. The Golden Lions came back to take the nightcap, 4-2.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Albany (18-9) trailed 5-4 in the opener, before Nichol Carella tripled and later scored on a fielder's choice in the sixth to tie the contest. Carella, who singled in the eighth, scored the winning run on deSousa's base-hit through the left side of the infield. Pitcher Kelly Poynton improved to 10-2 with two innings of relief work.

Michelle Giardinello doubled and scored in a three-run seventh to hand Dowling (20-6) the decision in the second game. Cindy McSweeney went 3-for-4 to lead the Golden Lions' attack, and junior hurler Chrissy Wolf limited the Great Danes to three hits.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Dowling 003 101 00 - 5 10 2

Albany 101 021 01 - 6 12 1

Sherran Wilson, Chrissy Wolf (8) and Emilie Montgomery.

Jessica Hansen, Kelly Poynton (7) and Lisa deSousa.

(Game 2)

Dowling 000 001 3 - 4 11 2

Albany 010 000 1 - 2 3 0

Chrissy Wolf, Sherran Wilson (7) and Melissa Dunn, Emilie Montgomery (7).

Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

Skidmore College Sports

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EVENT: Skidmore College Men's Lacrosse
vs. University at Albany

SITE: Skidmore Stadium, Saratoga Springs, NY--4:00p.m.

SCORE: Albany 14
Skidmore 7

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Albany (4-2)	2	3	4	5	14
Skidmore (4-4)	0	2	1	4	7

Albany Scoring: Carl Gravano (5-1), Mike McCarthy (2-1), Dan Small (2-1), John Baumann (2-0), Keith Willa (0-2), Sean McConaghy (1-0), Peter Fries (1-0), Andrew Poplinger (1-0).

Skidmore Scoring: Chuck Turlinski (2-1), Hunter Markwald (2-0), Jeff Drake (0-3), Bob Weinstein (1-1), Phillip Balatsos (1-0), Scott Toth (1-0), Kris Belcher (0-1).

Goalies: Albany, Gary Lockwood (50:00, 14 saves, 4 goals), Mike Shelli (7:00, 2 goals, 2 saves), and Mike Arnone (3:00, 1 goal, 0 saves)

Skidmore, Mike Votano (17 saves)

Man Up: Skidmore: 2-9, Albany : 0-5

Penalties: Skidmore: 5 for 4:30, Albany: 11 for 10:00

Shots: Skidmore 34, Albany 37.

Notes: Carl Gravano scored five goals and assisted on another to lead the University at Albany to a 14-7 win over Skidmore. Mike McCarthy and Dan Small had two goals and an assist and John Baumann added two goals for the 4-2 Great Danes. Gary Lockwood had 14 saves in 50:00 in net for Albany. Chuck Turlinski had two goals and an assist and Hunter Markwald scored twice for Skidmore. Mike Votano stopped 17 shots in net for the 4-4 Thoroughbreds. Skidmore will host Elmira College on Saturday at 3 p.m.

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, Softball, W. Lacrosse, M. Lacrosse)
(Women's Lacrosse)

Hamden, Conn. -- Rafaela Nikas had four goals, including her 31st of the season, and Dawn DiMicco added three goals and two assists as visiting Albany dismantled Quinnipiac, 13-1, to post its fifth straight victory on Tuesday afternoon.

Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland H.S.) had one goal and one assist in the opening 12 minutes as the Great Danes surged to a 5-0 lead. Albany (7-2) pushed out to a 10-0 halftime advantage with DiMicco and Nikas combining for five first-half scores.

Allisson Pennington had 13 saves in the Great Dane cage. Kate LaBreck stopped 20 shots for Quinnipiac (3-5), and Carrie Janik tallied her team's lone goal with seven minutes remaining.

-agate-

Albany (7-2)	10	3	-	13
Quinnipiac (3-5)	0	1	-	1

Albany -- Scoring: Rafaela Nikas 4-0, Dawn DiMicco 3-2, Laura Walls 2-0, Rebecca Kaiser 1-1, Stacey Mayer 1-0, Anne Colonna 1-0, Marguerite Lanaux 1-0, Karen Karpus 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 13.

Quinnipiac -- Scoring: Carrie Janik 1-0; Saves: Kate LaBreck 20.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany moved up two spots to fourth in this week's Brine/IWLCA Division II national poll. The Great Danes had won four straight to up their record to 6-2. West Chester is first in the rankings with a 7-1 record.

-agate-

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Brine/IWLCA Division II Poll

1. West Chester (7-1), 2. Gannon (7-1), 3. Shippensburg (5-3), 4. Albany (6-2), 5. Lock Haven (5-2), 6. Millersville (4-3), 7. Bloomsburg (2-3), 8. East Stroudsburg (2-3), 9. Longwood (5-5), 10. Limestone (2-5).

(Men's Lacrosse)

The Great Danes moved into the top ten for the first time this season in the STX/USILA Division II national poll. Albany (3-2) is ninth, while Adelphi, 8-2 overall, holds down the No. 1 spot.

-agate-

STX/United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Division II Poll

1. Adelphi (8-2), 2. C.W. Post (7-1), 3. New York Tech (5-2), 4. LIU-Southampton (5-2), 5. Limestone (8-3), 6. Bentley (6-2), 7. Pace (5-3), 8. Dowling (7-4), 9. Albany (3-2), 10. Pfeiffer (6-5).

(Softball)

Manchester, N.H. -- Kelly Poynton fired a three-hit shutout, her fifth of the season, in the nightcap as Albany swept a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader at New Hampshire College. The Great Danes won the first game, 11-0, and the second, 3-0.

Poynton, a junior right-hander, struck out nine, and improved to 9-2 on the season. Amy McGroty (Schalmont H.S.), who recorded four hits in the twinbill, had an RBI single in the first, and Kate Carnevale (Columbia) stroked a run-scoring single in the sixth.

In the first contest, Jessica Hansen and McGroty scattered five hits on the mound for Albany (17-8, NECC 7-1). Third base Erin Craig, who went 5-for-7 at the plate on the day with two doubles and three runs, led the Great Dane offense.

New Hampshire College fell to 1-16 overall and 1-9 in the conference.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	131	51	-	11	11	0
New Hampshire College	000	00	-	0	5	2

(game halted by 8-run rule in fifth)

Jessica Hansen, Amy McGroty (4) and Lisa deSousa.
Sarah Wolstencroft and Erika Chadwick.

(Game 2)

Albany	001	002	0	-	3	9	0
New Hampshire College	000	000	0	-	0	3	3

Kelly Poynton and Amy Smith.

Katie Palos and Anna Salvatore.

(Baseball)

Manchester, N.H. -- Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central H.S.) singled in the winning run and recorded his third save as a relief pitcher in a 6-4 victory in the second game, and Albany split a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader at New Hampshire College.

The Penmen won the opener, 24-12.

Steve Checksfield hit a solo homer, his fourth of the season, and doubled as Albany (10-8, NECC 6-2) took a 4-3 lead into the sixth. NHC's Adam Aliberti belted a lead-off home run to tie the contest in the bottom of the inning.

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

Mullen's RBI single scored Mike Kuebler, who had earlier walked, in the eighth and Rob Ryan (Shenendehowa H.S.) added an insurance run when he came home on a double-steal attempt. Mullen sent the side down in order in the Penmen's last at bat.

New Hampshire College (12-12, NECC 6-4) used a 13-run fourth inning to blow open the first game. Jason Longo doubled twice and scored five times, while Nick Xintaras also had two doubles with five RBIs. Michael Oliva and Jeff Rossiter each had a pair of doubles for the Great Danes.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany 400 106 1 - 12 12 3

New Hampshire College 204 (13)31 7 - 24 17 3

(game halted by 12-run rule in seventh)

Scott Tower, Neil Hagin (4), John Hoyt (4), Anthony Puccia (5), Ken DeDeo, Jr. (6) and Dennis Cirilla, Steve Lizza (5).

Todd Shufelt, Joel Grace (7) and Kevin Pinard, Jason Trask (6).

(Game 2)

Albany 301 000 02 - 6 4 1

New Hampshire College 102 001 00 - 4 9 1

Tony Gregoli, Heath Mullen (8) and Rob Ryan.

Alan Hill, Mark Perec and Kevin Pinard.

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STEVE CHECKSFIELD NAMED NECC ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

University at Albany's Steve Checksfield has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Apr. 6-12) in baseball.

Checksfield batted .471 (8-for-17) in five games with eight runs scored, nine RBIs, three home runs, and one triple. He added three walks and two stolen bases, and had a 1.118 slugging percentage.

Albany's freshman outfielder belted an RBI triple and scored in a six-run eighth inning in Saturday's come-from-behind 8-7 victory over Southern Connecticut State. In the nightcap of the SCSU doubleheader, he drove in what proved to be the winning run in a 3-2 triumph.

Checksfield is hitting .339 on the season, and leads the Great Danes in RBIs (15), runs (15), and total hits (19). Albany is 9-7 overall, and tied for first place in the conference standings with a 5-1 record.

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(Track & Field)

Williamstown, Mass. -- University at Albany's Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) won three events and established three meet records at the Williams College Relays on Saturday. In the men's competition, Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam H.S.) was first in the 110-high hurdles in 15.15 seconds.

Williamson was a triple-winner in the 100-meter dash (12.17) and 100-hurdles (14.24), and set her third meet standard in the 200-dash with a time of 25.26 seconds. Other Albany individual champions include Tony Davidson, who ran a personal-best 50.01 in the 400-dash and Ronald Edmundson in the triple jump (45-3.50).

Vazquez was also a member of the winning men's 4x200 relay, which was clocked in 1:30:14. The Albany quartet included Greg Miller, a freshman from Albany High School.

Erica Viger (Granville Central) was involved in two school records. She was second in the 2000-meter steeplechase in 8:20.24, while the distance medley relay posted a time of 12:58.84. The relay, which included Erica and her twin sister, Andrea, and Jen Dott, of Colonie Central High, eclipsed a mark (13:01.29) set in 1982.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central H.S.) hit a two-run homer and earned a save on the mound in the first game as Albany swept a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader against Southern Connecticut State, 8-7 and 3-2, on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Southern Connecticut (8-6, NECC 4-4) held a 5-2 lead into the eighth, but Albany (9-7, NECC 5-1) scored six times in the inning. Mike Kuebler's two-run triple tied the contest at five apiece, before Pat Pickett (Shenendehowa) singled up the middle to put his team ahead. Mullen, a senior outfielder, followed with a two-run blast over the left-field fence's 345-sign for an 8-5 lead.

Marco Vitiello and Jason Oliverio hit back-to-back home runs with two outs in the ninth to close the gap for the Owls. Mullen came on to earn his second save this spring by striking out Jimmy Tziokas with the tying run on third base.

In the nightcap, the Great Danes took a 3-0 lead in third on RBI singles by Josh Sanchez and Steve Checksfield. Southern Connecticut's Shawn Upton had a run-scoring single and later reached home plate on wild pitch to slice the deficit to 3-2. Albany reliever Tony Gregoli (LaSalle Institute) came on in the sixth, and retired all five SCSU batters he faced to slam the door.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Southern Conn. State	021	002	002	-	7	14	1
Albany	010	100	06x	-	8	10	1

Paul Cranick, Joe Piccirillo (8) and Jack Micknak.

Jason Trufant, Heath Mullen (9) and Dennis Cirilla.

W - Trufant (4-1), L - Cranick (1-1), SAVE - Mullen (2).

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Baseball - cont.

(Game 2)

Southern Conn. State	000	020	0	-	2	7	0
Albany	012	000	x	-	3	7	2

Rit Lacomis and Jack Micknak.

Mark Zacharczyk, Tony Gregoli (6) and Rob Ryan.

W - Zacharczyk (3-1), L - Lacomis (5-1), SAVE - Gregoli (1).

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Amy McGrody (Schalmont H.S.) had two hits and drove in two runs in the opener as Albany split a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader with Southern Connecticut State at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the first game, 3-2, but dropped the second, 9-1.

McGrody had a two-run single in the first inning and Erin Craig added a RBI double in fifth in the opener. Pitcher Kelly Poynton picked up her first save with three innings of work in relief of starter Jessica Hansen. Albany is 15-8 overall, and 5-1 in the NECC.

In the second contest, SCSU pitcher Lindsey Tripp scattered five singles with three strikeouts and no walks to improve to 2-4 on the season. Shortstop Keri McDermott went 3-for-3 with six RBIs, and belted a grand slam over the left field fence in the fifth inning for Southern Connecticut State (7-14-1, NECC 5-3).

-agate-

(Game 1)

Southern Conn. State	001	001	0	-	2	9	1
Albany	200	010	x	-	3	6	2

Jessica Hansen, Kelly Poynton (5) and Lisa deSousa.
Samantha Byrne and Melissa Nolan.

(Game 2)

Southern Conn. State	001	44	-	9	11	1
Albany	100	00	-	1	5	0

(game halted by 8-run rule)

Lindsey Tripp and Jessica Graham.

Kelly Poynton, Kara Faraone (5) and Lisa deSousa.

(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa H.S.) and Dan Small each scored three goals to lead Albany past Dowling, 11-8, on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Albany (3-2) snapped a 7-7 tie with 8:43 left in the third quarter, when Trevor Lisky forced a turnover at midfield and passed ahead to Andrew Poplinger for the go-ahead goal. The Great Danes took a 9-7 lead early in the fourth period on Small's third goal of the game.

Dowling (7-4), seventh nationally in the latest STX/USILA Division II poll, closed within one goal on a shot from the top by Bryan Stellwagen with 4:43 left. Albany's McCarthy answered one minute later when he rifled a 15-yard blast into the top corner for a 10-8 advantage. The senior attackman added an empty-net goal, his 13th of the season, with 17 seconds left.

Albany goalkeeper Gary Lockwood made a season-high 21 saves, while Tom Sykes turned aside 17 shots for the Golden Lions. Dowling's Jason O'Connor led all scorers with four goals.

MORE

Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

M. Lacrosse - cont.

-agate-

Dowling (7-4) 2 3 2 1 - 8

Albany (3-2) 4 2 2 3 - 11

Dowling -- Scoring: Jason O'Connor 4-0, Bryan Stellwagen 2-1, Tim Moltisanti 1-1, Rich Hamilton 1-0, James Adams 0-1, Ryan McAleavey 0-1; Saves: Tom Sykes 17.

Albany -- Scoring: Mike McCarthy 3-0, Dan Small 3-0, John Baumann 2-0, Keith Willa 1-0, Carl Gravano 1-0, Andrew Poplinger 1-0, Trevor Lisky 0-2, Joe Goldsmith 0-1, Tim Benedict 0-1, Peter Fries 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 21, Mike Arnone 0.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Fairfield, Conn. -- Dawn DiMicco and Rafaela Nikas each had three goals and two assists as Albany won its fourth straight with a 13-11 victory over Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart (1-6) rallied from an 8-4 halftime deficit to tie the contest at 10 apiece with 17:26 remaining on Laura Mack's unassisted goal. The Great Danes tallied a pair of free-position goals, one minute and 23 seconds apart, to break the deadlock. Jess Spadafora provided the go-ahead score with 12:34 left, before DiMicco fired in her 17th of the season.

Sacred Heart attacker Deidre Hynes, who had a game-high five goals, got her club within 12-11, but Nikas' third goal of the contest sealed the verdict with 1:50 to play.

Kim Martini and Allisson Pennington combined on 15 saves for Albany (6-2). Freshman Virginia Capicchioni stopped 21 shots for the Pioneers.

-agate-

Albany (6-2) 8 5 - 13

Sacred Heart (1-6) 4 7 - 11

Albany -- Scoring: Dawn DiMicco 3-2, Rafaela Nikas 3-2, Marguerite Lanaux 3-0, Karen Karpus 2-0, Stacey Mayer 1-0, Jess Spadafora 1-0, Rebecca Kaiser 0-2; Saves: Kim Martini 11, Allisson Pennington 4.

Sacred Heart -- Scoring: Deidre Hynes 5-0, Laura Mack 3-0, Kathryn Fountaine 2-0, Jill Corrigan 1-0; Saves: Virginia Capicchioni 21.

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(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Danielle Ballard scored a season-high three goals and Marguerite Lanaux added two goals and three assists as Albany routed Franklin Pierce, 22-2, on Friday at Varsity Field.

Albany (5-2), ranked sixth nationally in the latest Brine/IWLCA Division II national poll, posted its highest goal total since the 1995 season.

The Great Danes jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the opening nine minutes, and were never threatened. Karen Karpus and Stacey Mayer each had two goals and one assist. Zaida Maldonado (2 goals) and Rebecca Kaiser (1 goal), a pair of Guilderland High School graduates, joined the scoring parade.

Franklin Pierce (1-3), which was outshot, 47-3, got one goal apiece from Enjeree Richardson and Jenni Kapanen. Goalkeepers Mary McDowell and Jodi Burns combined to make 12 saves.

-agate-

Franklin Pierce (1-3)	0	2	-	2
Albany (5-2)	15	7	-	22

Franklin Pierce -- Scoring: Enjeree Richardson 1-0, Jenni Kapanen 1-0; Saves: Mary McDowell 7, Jodi Burns 5.

Albany -- Scoring: Danielle Ballard 3-0, Marguerite Lanaux 2-3, Stacey Mayer 2-1, Karen Karpus 2-1, Marie Cimaglia 2-1, Laura Walls 2-0, Zaida Maldonado 2-0, Rafaela Nikas 1-2, Dawn DiMicco 1-1, Anne Colonna 1-1, Rebecca Kaiser 1-0, Audrey Dafoe 1-0, Kristin McCarthy 1-0, Ann Costello 1-0, Jess Spadafora 0-1; Saves: Kim Martini 1, Terri Crispo 0.

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Comments: College Sports

(Softball)

Troy, N.Y. -- Kelly Poynton struck out 13 batters en route to her fourth shutout of the season in the opener, as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with Rensselaer. The Great Danes won the first game, 3-0, but dropped the second, 7-6.

Poynton improved to 8-1 with a two-hitter, and has not allowed an earned run in 42 2/3 consecutive innings. Erin Craig and Amy McGroty produced RBI singles in the first, before Poynton doubled and scored in the seventh.

Melissa Fratine hit a solo homer to lead-off the seventh inning to hand the Engineers a victory in the second contest. Albany (14-7) rallied from a 6-1 deficit in the final inning. Lisa deSousa's two-run single drew her club even.

(Game 1)

Albany	200	000	1	-	3	8	2
Rensselaer	000	000	0	-	0	2	1

Kelly Poynton and Amy Smith.

Larina Suker and Kristin Bisceglia.

(Game 2)

Albany	000	100	5	-	6	7	6
Rensselaer	203	100	1	-	7	8	2

Amy McGroty and Amy Smith.

Suzi Vnenchak and Kristin Bisceglia, Christine Ciccone.

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior catcher John Constantino had three hits and drove in six runs to lead Mercy to a 10-3 victory over Albany in contest shortened to five innings by rain on Thursday at Varsity Field.

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Constantino had a two-run single and Mike McManus belted a two-run homer over the left field fence, as the Flyers jumped on top with five runs in the first inning. Joe Greene had two hits and scored three times for Mercy (7-13-1).

Steve Checksfield was the lone bright spot for Albany (7-7). The freshman slugged his third home run in as many days, a two-run shot in the third.

-agate-

Mercy (7-13-1)	520	21	-	10	10	2
Albany (7-7)	102	00	-	3	2	0

(Game Halted by Rain After Five Innings)

Sam Maietta, David Gonazalez (3) and John Constantino.

Ken DeDeo, Jr., John Hoyt (1), Marc McConnell (5) and Rob Ryan.

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Comments: College Sports

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman right fielder Steve Checksfield had two hits, including a solo homer, scored twice, and drove in a pair of runs to lead Albany to an 11-3 victory over St. Rose on Wednesday in a steady rain at Varsity Field.

The Great Danes, who had dropped the six previous meetings with St. Rose, won for the first time in the series since both programs have competed at the Division II level.

St. Rose (11-14) took a 2-0 lead in the first inning as Damian Torres had an RBI single and Russ Faden scored on a wild pitch. Albany (7-6) responded with a five-run frame in its first at-bat. Checksfield's RBI single got his team on the board, before shortstop Mike Negrón's two-run single through the middle handed the Great Danes a 3-2 advantage.

Checksfield belted his second home run in as many days, a solo blast over the left field fence, in the second. Dennis Cirilla and Tony Gregoli (LaSalle Institute) added RBI doubles in the fourth for a commanding 8-2 lead.

Andy Negus (Scotia-Glenville) singled twice and scored two runs for the Golden Knights, while Torres also collected two hits.

Albany starter Scott Tower picked up his first victory on the mound by allowing four hits with seven strikeouts and one walk over six innings. The Great Danes host Mercy on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

-agate-

St. Rose (11-14)	200	000	100	-	3	5	1
Albany (7-6)	520	220	01x	-	11	15	3

David Benyo, Mike Seeberger (4), Wally Dow (8) and Mike Wilson.

Scott Tower, Mark Zacharczyk (7), Marc McConnell (8), Heath Mullen (9) and Dennis Cirilla.

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Comments: College Sports

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman right fielder Steve Checksfield had three hits, including a two-run homer, and scored four times in leading Albany to a 15-1 victory over Quinnipiac in the Great Danes' home opener on Tuesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (6-6) posted a 10-run sixth inning to blow the contest wide open. Michael Oliva, who went 3-for-5 at the plate, doubled and scored in that frame, while shortstop Mike Negron had an RBI triple. Checksfield, who walked twice in the sixth, delivered his two-run blast in the eighth.

Meanwhile, Albany pitcher Jason Trufant scattered three hits in six inninings on the mound, and improved to 3-1 by recording eight strikeouts with one walk.

Quinnipiac (5-8) took a 1-0 lead in the first on Toby Peterson's home run. The Great Danes came back with two runs in the bottom half of the inning on back-to-back RBI singles by Dennis Cirilla and Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central H.S.). Cirilla finished with two hits and three RBIs, while Mullen singled twice and drove in a pair.

The Great Danes host St. Rose on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

-agate-

Quinnipiac (5-8)	100	000	000	-	1	4	2
Albany (6-6)	201	00(10)	02x	-	15	17	1

Mike Boudreau, Ryan Brown (6), Dan Brown (6) and Mark Broccoli, Nate Noyes (6).
Jason Trufant, Neil Hagin (7), Anthony Puccia (9) and Dennis Cirilla, Rob Ryan (7).
W - Trufant (3-1), L - Boudreau (0-1).

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Comments: College Sports

(Poynton Receives NECC Pitching Award)

Rindge, N.H. -- University at Albany's Kelly Poynton has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Week (Mar. 30-Apr. 5) in women's softball. She earned the award for the second straight week.

Poynton, a junior right-hander, allowed no earned runs in a pair of conference victories. In 12.2 innings pitched, she recorded 15 strikeouts and walked four batters. She fired a three-hitter and fanned 10 in a 6-1 victory in the opener of a doubleheader with Stony Brook, and scattered seven hits in capturing her seventh straight win in the nightcap.

Poynton, of Orchard Park, N.Y., has not allowed an earned run in 35.2 consecutive innings and has three shutouts in that stretch.

(Softball)

North Adams, Mass. -- Albany pitchers Jessica Hansen and Kara Faraone combined on a two-hit shutout in the opener as the Great Danes split a non-conference doubleheader with Massachusetts College. Albany (13-6) won the first game, 10-0, but dropped the second, 5-1.

Hansen allowed two hits over the opening three innings, before Faraone struck out four batters in her stint on the mound. Sophomore infielder Erin Craig cleared the bases with a triple to hand the Great Danes a 4-0 lead in the second.

In the second contest, Massachusetts College's Kris Planke scattered four hits in a complete-game effort. She struck out one batter, and walked two.

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-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany 062 02 - 10 5 1

Mass. College 000 00 - 0 2 3

Hansen, Faraone (4) and deSousa.

Bush and O'Rourke.

(Game 2)

Albany 001 000 0 - 1 4 1

Mass. College 001 112 x - 5 4 0

Faraone, Hansen (4) and Smith.

Planke and O'Rourke.

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Comments: College Sports (Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior attackman Chris Asaro scored inside the left post with 18 seconds gone in overtime to lift LIU-Southampton to a 14-13 victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon in the Great Danes' home opener at Varsity Field.

Albany (2-2) forced the extra period with one second remaining in regulation, when Trevor Lisky pushed a loose ball in front past Southampton goalkeeper Larry Falkman (19 saves) on an extra-man opportunity.

LIU-Southampton (4-2), which won a one-goal decision against the Great Danes in last year's ECAC Division II championship, trailed 11-10 early in the final period. Mike Snak, who had a team-high five goals, hit the net on back-to-back man-up shots to put his team ahead. Albany tied the contest at 12 apiece on Peter Fries' unassisted goal with 8:39 left, before the Colonials went back in front two minutes later as Charles Masterson scored from the right side in another extra-man situation.

Dan Small led the Great Danes with two goals and one assist, while Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa H.S.), Carl Gravano and Lisky each scored twice. Southampton's Asaro finished with three goals and three assists, and Rob Roddini added two goals and five assists.

-agate- LIU-SOUTHAMPTON 14, ALBANY 13 (OT)
LIU-Southampton (4-2) 3 5 2 3 1 - 14
Albany (2-2) 4 5 1 3 0 - 13

Southampton -- Scoring: Mike Snak 5-0, Chris Asaro 3-3, Robert Roddini 2-5, Rich Stoia 2-0, Les Spence 1-1, Charles Masterson 1-0; Saves: Larry Falkman 19.

Albany -- Scoring: Dan Small 2-1, Trevor Lisky 2-0, Carl Gravano 2-0, Mike McCarthy 2-0, Keith Willa 1-1, John Baumann 1-1, Peter Fries 1-1, Tim Benedict 1-0, Vinny Saulino 1-0, Ben Mack 0-1, Gavin Henry 0-1, John Gilson 0-1, Sean McConaghy 0-1; Saves: Rich Waine 5, Mike Shelli 0, Mike Arnone 9.

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Comments: College Sports (Track, Baseball, Softball, W. Tennis)

(Baseball)

Stony Brook, N.Y. -- Shortstop Mike Negrón drove in two runs and starting pitcher Mark Zacharczyk allowed three hits in leading Albany to a 3-1 victory over Stony Brook in the nightcap of a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader. The Seawolves won the first game, 9-8, at University Field.

Zacharczyk, a sophomore, took a no-hitter into the fifth, and struck out eight batters while walking two in improving to 2-1 on the mound. Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central H.S.) earned a save by forcing both hitters he faced in the seventh to groundout. Negrón had an RBI triple in the fourth, and singled in another run in the sixth. Catcher Rob Ryan (Shenendehowa) added a sacrifice fly for Albany (5-6, NECC 3-1).

In the first game, outfielder Chris Manna belted a grand slam in the fourth inning, and Craig Anzman added a solo home run for Stony Brook (11-7, NECC 2-2). Albany's Michael Oliva singled, doubled, and scored twice, while Tony Gregoli (LaSalle Institute) hit a three-run homer in the fifth.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	002	032	001	-	8	10	3
Stony Brook	030	600	00x	-	9	9	6

Jason Trufant, Scott Tower (4) and Dennis Cirilla.

Dennis Kelly, Edward Rasmison (6), Harrison Edwards (7), Moises Cruz (9) and Craig Anzman.

(Game 2)

Albany	000	201	0	-	3	8	3
Stony Brook	000	000	1	-	1	3	2

Mark Zacharczyk, Heath Mullen (7) and Rob Ryan.

Greg MacKoul, Moises Cruz (5) and Craig Anzman.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Softball)

Stony Brook, N.Y. -- Albany pitcher Kelly Poynton recorded two victories, and allowed one unearned run over 12 innings in the doubleheader to lead the Great Danes to a New England Collegiate Conference sweep over Stony Brook at University Field. Albany won the opener, 6-1, and the second contest, 3-0.

Poynton, a junior right-hander, improved to 7-1 on the season, and has not given up an earned run in 35 consecutive innings. She fired a three-hitter in the first game, while posting 10 strikeouts. In the nightcap, Poynton struck out five batters and walked two in five innings en route to her seventh straight win.

Freshman Anne Bink (Colonie Central H.S.) had two hits in the opener, while Kate Carnevale (Columbia) keyed a three-run sixth inning with an RBI single. Amy McGroty (Schalmont) was the hitting hero in game two, as she collected two hits, two walks, scored once, and drove in one run.

Albany upped its record to 12-5 overall and 4-0 in the NECC, while Stony Brook slipped to 3-8-1 and 2-2.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	000	103	2	-	6	8	1
Stony Brook	000	010	0	-	1	3	3

Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

Stephanie Spader and Christie McMurray.

(Game 2)

Albany	100	110	0	-	3	4	1
Stony Brook	000	000	0	-	0	8	1

Kelly Poynton, Jessica Hansen (6) and Lisa deSousa.

Tricia Lipareli and Christie McMurray.

(Track & Field)

Storrs, Conn. -- Xiomara Davila Diaz was a triple-winner in the women's competition, and Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam H.S.) won the men's 100-hurdles and was second in the 400-hurdles at the University of Connecticut Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

Diaz, a senior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, won the 400-meter dash, 400-hurdles, and the triple jump as Albany finished four points behind the host school in the women's standings. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) was first in the 100-hurdles with a time of 13.96 seconds, and took a pair of seconds in the 100- and 200-dashes. Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) leaped 17-6.25 to win the long jump.

Vazquez sprinted 15.01 seconds in his 100-hurdles victory as the Great Danes were second to Connecticut in the team point totals. Halim Wise was first across the line in the 400 (48.29), while Luis Soto was Albany's third individual winner with a mark of 23-7.75 in the long jump. Ben Wright (Averill Park) and Todd Weiss (Shaker) were each third in the 1,500 meters and 3,000-steeplechase, respectively.

-agate-

MEN -- 1. Connecticut 103, 2. Albany 66, 3. Northeastern 60, 4. Rhode Island 36, 5. Central Connecticut State 30.

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

Individual: 100 - Dave Klemic (Northeastern), 10.75; 200 - Latif Thomas (UConn), 21.42; 400 - Halim Wise (Albany), 48.29; 800 - Chris Malynowski (Rhode Island), 1:56.59; 1,500 - Dan Wilson (UConn), 3:58.41; 5,000 - Travis Landreth (UConn), 15:11.39; 110-hurdles - Jayson Vazquez (Albany), 15.01; 400-hurdles - Brendan Cunningham (Northeastern), 54.90; 3,000 Steeplechase - Clint Santoro (Central Conn.), 9:44.30; 4x100 Relay - UConn, 42.31; 4x400 Relay - UConn, 3:18.25; High Jump - P.J. Allesi (UConn), 2.01 meters; Pole Vault - Jeff Farrington (UConn), 14-0; Long Jump - Luis Soto (Albany), 7.21 meters; Triple Jump - Andy Bilmanis (UConn), 14.63 meters; Shot Put - Ray Wilks (UConn), 17.52 meters; Hammer - Glenn Allen (UConn), 52.32 meters; Javelin - Brian Cooper (Rhode Island), 57.26 meters; Discus - Ray Wilks (UConn), 53.53 meters.

WOMEN -- 1. Connecticut 78, 2. Albany 74, 3. Providence 25, 4. Central Connecticut State 15.

Individual: 100 - Joanne Durant (UConn), 11.89; 200 - Joanne Durant (UConn), 24.09; 400 - Xiomara Davila Diaz (Albany), 1:00.14; 800 - Trish Bailey (UConn), 2:17.32; 1,500 - Dana Ostrander (Providence), 4:42.47; 3,000 - Sara Dupre (Providence), 9:55.60; 5,000 - Marie McMahon (Providence), 16:35.25; 100-hurdles - Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 13.96; 400-hurdles (Albany), 1:03.17; 4x100 Relay - Albany, 48.81; 4x400 Relay - UConn, 4:02.41; High Jump - Heather Francis (UConn), 1.77 meters; Pole Vault - Susan Riall (UConn), 8-6; Long Jump - Janna Johnston (Albany), 5.34 meters; Triple Jump - Xiomara Davila Diaz (Albany), 10.74 meters; Shot Put - Deanna Albano (UConn), 11.64 meters; Discus - Jen Basteri (UConn), 38.43 meters; Hammer - Deanna Albano (UConn), 46.82 meters; Javelin - Susan Riall (UConn), 41.68 meters.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Dani Frisk and Patricia Marci won in straight sets at first and second singles, and teamed for an 8-3 pro-set victory at first doubles as Pace upended Albany, 9-0, in the University Bubble. The Setters captured their 11th straight to improve to 14-1 overall, while Albany fell to 8-4.

-agate-

Pace 9, Albany 0

Singles: Dani Frisk (P) def. Julie Bliss (A), 6-0, 6-2; Patricia Marci (P) def. Darcy Wheeler (A), 6-0, 6-0; Donna Carnicelli (P) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-0, 6-0; Patricia Kim Thomas (P) def. Jennifer Hahn (A), 6-0, 6-0; Amy Maurer (P) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-0, 6-3; Lynsey Allen (P) def. Lauren Hargett (A), 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles: Frisk-Marci (P) def. Bliss-Wheeler (A), 8-3; Parnicelli-Maurer (P) def. Hahn-Langford (A), 8-5; Thomas-Allen (P) def. Kate McCarthy-Hargett (A), 8-4.

Records: Pace (14-1), Albany (8-4).

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Comments: College Sports

(Softball)

Flushing, N.Y. -- Megan Wallin hit two home runs in the first game, as Queens swept a non-conference doubleheader with the Great Danes in Flushing, N.Y. The Knights won the first contest 10-1, and took the nightcap 12-4. Albany falls to 10-5 overall.

The Great Danes scored two runs in the first inning on a walk by senior infielder Kate Carnevale (Columbia H.S.) and a single by catcher Lisa deSousa. Nancy Niscevic (Columbia) tripled for the Great Danes, who committed eight errors in the twinbill.

Albany meets Stony Brook Saturday afternoon at 1:30 PM in a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	3
Queens	7	3	0	0	x	10	10	1

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

Jessica Hansen and Lisa deSousa

Nicole Razar and Alvina Yurick

(Game 2)

Albany	2	1	0	0	1	4	6	5
Queens	4	3	1	3	1	12	13	3

Amy McGroty and Amy Smith

Jennifer Lucas and Alvina Yurick, (3) Lauren Casaceli

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Yataka Izutsu was a double winner as four players recorded victories in singles play and Concordia (N.Y.) upended Albany 5-3 in the spring season-opener for both teams.

Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central H.S.) defeated Marie Pilla in fourth singles (6-0, 6-2). Freshman Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) was the only other winner for Albany as she won her match 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles play, Kate McCarthy paired with Lauren Hargett (Guilderland) in third doubles as they shutout Rachel Renzi and Valeri Ariot, 8-0.

The Great Danes host Pace University tomorrow at 1:00 PM.

-agate-

Concordia 5, Albany 3

Singles: Mitsumi Izutsu (C) def. Julie Bliss (A), 6-1, 6-1; Yataka Izutsu (C) def. Darcy Wheeler (A), 6-0, 6-0; Nicole Fontaine (C) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5); Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Marie Pilla (C), 6-0, 6-2; Erinn Langford (A) def. Rachel Renzi (C), 6-0, 6-0; Valerie Ariot (C) def. Kate McCarthy (A), 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles: Izutsu-Pilla (C) def. Hahn-Langford (A), 8-6; McCarthy-Hargett (A) def. Renzi-Ariot (C), 8-0.

Record: Albany (0-1).

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Comments: College Sports (W. Lacrosse, Baseball)
(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Rafaela Nikas and Stacey Mayer each scored three times in the first half to power Albany past Marist, 18-6, on Thursday at Varsity Field.

Albany (4-2) trailed 2-1 early in the opening period, but then tallied five unanswered goals to take control. Nikas, who had four goals on the afternoon, including her 23rd of the season, tied the contest on a shot off the right post. Laura Walls hit the top left corner to put her club ahead, before Karen Karpus ended the outburst when she beat Christy Uellendahl to the stick side off the face-off with 16:38 remaining in the period.

Sophomore midfielder Dawn DiMicco, who had two goals, found the top shelf on a free-position goal just before halftime to hand the Great Danes a commanding 13-4 halftime advantage. Senior attacker Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland H.S.) contributed one goal and one assist. Pamela Brown and Colleen McMahon each had two goals and one assist, while Uellendahl and Kelly Ulmschneider combined on 18 saves for Marist (1-4).

-agate-

Marist (1-4)	4	2	-	6
Albany (4-2)	13	5	-	18

Marist -- Pamela Brown 2-1, Colleen McMahon 2-1, Allisson Occhicone 1-1, Jamine Aponte 1-0; Saves: Christy Uellendahl 8, Kelly Ulmschneider 10.

Albany -- Rafaela Nikas 4-0, Stacey Mayer 3-0, Dawn DiMicco 2-0, Jess Spadafora 1-1, Danielle Ballard 1-1, Rebecca Kaiser 1-1, Katie Cunningham 1-0, Laura Walls 1-0, Karen Karpus 1-0, Marguerite Lanoux 1-0, Kristen McCarthy 1-0, Marie Cigmalia 1-0, Anne Colonna 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 3, Kim Martini 1, Terri Crispo 2.

(Baseball) -- Albany's home opener with St. Rose was postponed due to wet grounds, and has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 8 at 3:30 p.m.