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### **UALBANY-UMASS WOMEN'S LACROSSE GAME ON MARCH 17 HAS BEEN POSTPONED**

Albany, N.Y. - The University at Albany's women's lacrosse game with the University of Massachusetts, scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 at Union College's Frank Bailey Field, has been postponed due to the winter storm that hit the Capital Region the previous day. The contest has been tentatively rescheduled for UAlbany's Varsity Field on Wednesday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m.

### **SACRED HEART DEFEATS WOMEN'S TENNIS IN NON-CONFERENCE PLAY**

Latham, N.Y. - Sacred Heart's **Lauren Galatie** and **Pamela Pillo** won in singles and doubles play in leading the Pioneers to a 7-0 victory over Albany in women's tennis action on Wednesday, March 17 at Tri-Cities Latham Courts.

Galatie and Pillo teamed up to defeat Albany's tandem of **Krista Babiarz** and **Amanda Brown**, 8-1, in No. 1 doubles. The Great Danes' duo of **Lisa Fund** and **Kerry Levis** couldn't rally a comeback win as they fell to **Lissa Van Brecht** and **Katelyn Kittredge**, 8-6, at No. 2 doubles.

Sacred Heart swept all singles matches, with Galatie beating Babiarz, 6-0, 6-0, at No. 1 singles, and Pillo topping Brown, 6-0, 6-0, in second singles. Fund highlighted the Great Danes' efforts with a 6-3, 7-5 loss to Van Brecht in third singles.

Albany hosts Providence on Saturday, March 20 at Tri-Cities Latham. Match time is set for 4:30 p.m.

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### **Sacred Heart 7, Albany 0**

#### **Singles:**

- #1 Lauren Galatie (Sacred Heart) def. Krista Babiarz (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #2 Pamela Pillo (Sacred Heart) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #3 Lissa Van Brecht (Sacred Heart) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-3, 7-5
- #4 Jeanne Sampson (Sacred Heart) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-3, 6-0
- #5 Darcy Shoop (Sacred Heart) def. Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #6 Sacred Heart won by default

#### **Doubles:**

- #1 Lauren Galatie/Pamela Pillo (Sacred Heart) def. Krista Babiarz/Amanda Brown (Albany), 8-1

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#2 Lissa Van Brecht/Katelyn Kittredge (Sacred Heart) def. Kerry Levis/Lisa Fund (Albany), 8-6

#3 Sacred Heart won by default

### **WOMEN'S GOLF FINISHES SECOND AT FAIRFIELD SPRING INVITATIONAL**

North Myrtle Beach, S.C. – UAlbany junior **Diane Onofry** finished fourth on the final day of the rain-shortened Fairfield Spring Invitational as the Great Danes placed second in the team standings. Onofry fired an 82 the first day and shot a nine hole score of 45 yesterday for a total of 127 on the par-72, 5,900-yard course at Possom Trot Golf Club.

Long Island University's **Shauna Wilde** won individual honors as she carded a total score of 119 in leading her club to the tournament title. Albany's **Jill Friedman** shot a 129 total for fifth place, while **Anne Lyons** (132), **Lauren Bruce** (135), and **Diane Wasileski** (146) rounded out the Great Danes scoring.

Albany will return to action on April 24-25 as the team competes at the Northeast Intercollegiates in Amherst, Mass.

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### **Fairfield Spring Invitational**

**Final Team Standings:** 1. Long Island 500, **2. Albany 524**, 3. Fairfield 532

**Individual Winner:** Shauna Wilde, Long Island, 119

**Albany Scores:** 4. Diane Onofry 82-45=127, 5. Jill Friedman 87-42=129, Anne Lyons 86-46=132, Lauren Bruce 91-44=135, Diane Wasileski 96-50=146.

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### **UALBANY TIED FOR SECOND AFTER FIRST DAY OF FAIRFIELD INVITATIONAL**

Myrtle Beach, S.C. – UAlbany junior **Diane Onofry** fired an 82 on the first day of the Fairfield Spring Invitational in leading Albany to a two-team tie with Fairfield on Monday, Mar. 15. The Great Danes posted a team score of 346 after the first round of the two-day event at the Heather Glenn Golf Course.

Junior **Anne Lyons** carded an 86, while junior **Jill Friedman** was one stroke back with an 87. Junior **Lauren Bruce** shot a 91 and junior **Diane Wasileski** finished with a 96 to complete the Great Danes scoring.

Day two of the invitational is underway all day Tuesday, Mar. 16.

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**Team Standings:** 1. Long Island 338, T2. Fairfield 346, **T2. Albany 346**

**Albany Scores:** Diane Onofry 82, Anne Lyons 86, Jill Friedman 87, Lauren Bruce 91, Diane Wasileski 96.

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### **UALBANY BASEBALL DEFEATS ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.), 11-4, ON THE ROAD**

Staten Island, N.Y. – **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) and **Kirt Zimniewicz** each drove in three runs as UAlbany defeated St. Francis (N.Y.), 11-4, in a non-league game at the College of Staten Island.

Albany (14-3), whose eight-game winning streak is its longest since 1994, carried a 5-4 lead into the top of the ninth before exploding for six runs in the frame. Zimniewicz, a senior second baseman, doubled home shortstop **Joe Lamb** and Vallone, after they reached on singles. Right fielder **Brendan Chiavaro**, the reigning America East player of the week, singled home **Dan Schoonmaker**, who was intentionally walked, and Zimniewicz to give the Great Danes a 9-4 advantage. **Pat Delaney** and Lamb, who went 4-for-6 and scored three runs, capped off the uprising with a pair of RBI singles.

St. Francis (2-9) scored all four of its runs in the seventh after falling behind 5-0. **Johnny Lluberes** lined a bases-loaded single to score **Tom Curry**. **Greg Clements** followed with a RBI single that plated **Joe DeSiena**. The final two runs of the frame were unearned.

Vallone, a junior center fielder, snapped a scoreless tie in the fifth when he tripled home Lamb and later scored on a fielding error. Vallone, who also had three runs in the game, knocked in Delaney and Lamb with a single in the seventh to give the Great Danes a 5-0 lead.

UAlbany's **Ethan Vaiana** got the start on the mound and went four innings, giving up two hits and no runs to earn his first victory of the year. The Terriers' **Rob Eberhart** pitched three innings of relief, allowing four runs on four hits to pick up the loss.

The Great Danes return to action when they travel to Coppin State for a doubleheader on Saturday, April 3. First pitch is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

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Albany (14-3)	000	020	306	-	11	15	2
Saint Francis (2-9)	000	000	400	-	4	5	3

Ethan Vaiana, Mark Suchowiecki (5), Scott McGovern (7), Roman Dubiel (7), Shawn Ryan (9) and Jason Martin, Fred Estes.

Tom Curry, Rob Eberhart (5), Lou Monti (8), Brian Honeyman (9) and Mike Molinini, Tom Greene.

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### UALBANY SOFTBALL SWEEPS CROSSTOWN-RIVAL SIENA IN HOME OPENER

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Ashley Rios** knocked in the game-winning run on a pinch-hit single to left field in game one of the doubleheader to give UAlbany a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over crosstown-rival Siena on Tuesday, March 30 at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the nightcap, 5-2, to complete the non-league sweep.

Siena (0-14) broke open a scoreless opener in the sixth as **Jennifer Griner** led off with a single, while **Veronica Arredondo**, who went 3-for-7 on the day, followed with a bunt single. One out later, **Tara Campbell** hit a two-run single to right to plate Griner and Arredondo for a 2-0 lead. The Saints added one run in the seventh on Arredondo's sacrifice fly to center to make it 3-0.

Albany (14-12) rallied in the bottom of seventh as **Liz Wieboldt** hit a sacrifice fly to center to plate **Carly Isaacs**. **Julie Gannon** singled past the shortstop to score **Danielle Buyea** to close the gap to 3-2. **Jess Kostenblatt** tied the game as she crossed the plate on an error by the second baseman. Rios, who went 2-for-3 from the plate, lined the game-winning shot with two outs into the left-field gap.

Senior **Andee Lindgren** earned her seventh consecutive victory of the season on the mound by allowing two earned runs on six hits with three walks and eight strikeouts. Siena's **Jannelle Iaquinto** was credited with the loss as she gave up just one earned run on nine hits with one strikeout in 6.2 innings of work.

In game two, Albany scored three runs in the second to take control. Shortshop **Maegan Larsen** doubled to center to put her team on the scoreboard, while Kostenblatt followed with a two-run single to left to plate Larsen and Rios.

The Saints responded in the third with two runs on **Kelly Boyle's** triple to center to score Arredondo and Griner. Albany added two insurance runs in the fourth as Kostenblatt delivered a RBI single to right and later scored on **Jen Nolette's** double to left center for a 5-2 lead.

Freshman **Casey Halloran** picked up her fourth win of the year, giving up no earned runs on five hits with one walk and one strikeout. Campbell earned the loss for Siena, allowing three earned runs on six hits, walking two and striking out two.

Albany travels to Baltimore, Md. on Saturday, April 3 to open its America East Conference schedule against newcomer UMBC. The doubleheader starts at 12 noon.

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**MORE**

**Game 1**

Siena	000	002	1	-	3	6	2
Albany	000	000	4	-	4	9	1

Jannelle Iaquinto and Colleen Price  
Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham

**Game 2**

Siena (0-14)	002	000	0	-	2	5	3
Albany (14-12)	030	200	x	-	5	9	1

Tara Campbell, Tisha Salamino (4) and Colleen Price  
Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham, Leanne Tillman

**WOMEN'S TENNIS FALLS TO HOLY CROSS ON THE ROAD**

Worcester, Mass. – **Carrie Simmons** won both her singles and doubles matches in leading Holy Cross to a 6-1 victory over UAlbany on Tuesday, March 30 in women's tennis action at the Holy Cross Tennis Courts.

Simmons teamed with **Kerry Trimmer** in No. 1 doubles to defeat Albany's tandem of **Courtney Michels** and **Amanda Brown**, 8-1. She later won in second singles over Brown, 6-0, 6-0.

The Great Danes earned their first point of the match as Michels won in No. 1 singles against the Crusaders **Brittany Burns**, 2-6, 6-5, retired.

Albany hosts Big East Conference member St. John's on Friday, April 2 at Tri-Cities Latham. The match begins at 3 p.m.  
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**Holy Cross 6, UAlbany 1**

**Doubles:**

- #1. Carrie Simmons/Kerry Trimmer (Holy Cross) def. Courtney Michels/Amanda Brown (Albany), 8-1
- #2. Melissa Levy/Katie Irwin (Holy Cross) def. Lisa Fund/Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 8-2
- #3. Holy Cross wins doubles point

**Singles:**

- #1. Courtney Michels (Albany) def. Brittany Burns (Holy Cross), 2-6, 6-5, ret.
- #2. Carrie Simmons (Holy Cross) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #3. Kerry Trimmer (Holy Cross) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #4. Melissa Levy (Holy Cross) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #5. Allison Levy (Holy Cross) def. Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #6. Holy Cross wins by default

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### **TRINA PATTERSON RECEIVES TWO-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that head women's basketball coach Trina Patterson has received a two-year contract extension.

Patterson, who has two years remaining on her original four-year contract, was named the ninth head coach in the Albany women's basketball program's history on May 6, 2002.

"I am extremely pleased with the progress that our program has made," McElroy said. "Trina and her staff have provided strong leadership and a positive environment for our student-athletes. The program's improvement over the last two years has paved the way for continued success."

Coach Patterson led UAlbany to its first-ever America East Conference postseason tournament appearance in 2003-04. The Great Danes, who finished 13-16 overall, and tied for fourth in the conference standings with a 9-9 mark, defeated Hartford in the quarterfinal round, before losing to eventual champion Maine in the semifinals.

With Patterson at the helm, the UAlbany program showed a five-win improvement from the previous year with a 9-18 record in 2002-03. The Great Danes were 4-23 and winless in conference play the season prior to her appointment.

"I am excited about the opportunity to continue to move our program in a positive direction," said Patterson, who served as an assistant coach on the 2003 USA Basketball Women's Pan American Games Team. "This extension is a clear indication the administration is pleased with our efforts. Dr. McElroy, Gail Cummings-Danson (associate athletics director) and the entire University administration have been very supportive. I am thankful to my players and staff whose hard work and commitment have been instrumental in our progress."

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### **BASEBALL'S CHIAVARO SELECTED AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass.- University at Albany's **Brendan Chiavaro** was named the America East Conference Player of the Week in baseball as announced today by the league office. Albany (13-3) is off to its best start as a Division I program, and owns its largest win streak since 1994 with seven straight victories.

Chiavaro, a senior right fielder, went 6-for-13 from the plate with six RBI and two runs scored in UAlbany's four-game sweep of Yale over the weekend. In game two of last Saturday's doubleheader he drove in four runs, including a three-run home run that gave his team an 8-3 advantage, en route to a 10-5 victory. On Sunday, Chiavaro plated two more runs to help lead the Great Danes to an 8-0 victory in the nightcap of a twinbill.

The Newburgh, N.Y., native has started all 16 games this season and is batting .302 with two home runs, 18 RBI and 13 runs scored.

### **LACROSSE'S MARTOCCHIA CHOSEN AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Chris Martocchia has been named America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office.

Martocchia registered career-highs in points (7) and assists (4) in a 19-11 victory over Quinnipiac in the America East opener for both teams last Saturday. Martocchia, who scored three times and added three ground balls, had four points in the opening half as his team led 12-4 at halftime. The sophomore attackman's previous best scoring total was five points (3 goals, 2 assists) against Princeton in last year's NCAA opening-round contest.

Martocchia is fifth in the league in scoring (3.0 points per game) and is seventh in goals (1.60 pg). The Great Danes, who won their conference opener for the third straight year, are off to the program's best start at the Division I level with a 4-2 record.

### **KATE FONTANA NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE CO-ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Kate Fontana has been chosen America East Conference Co-Rookie of the Week in women's lacrosse, as announced today by the league office.

Fontana, a freshman midfielder, totaled six goals, three assists, 12 ground balls and five caused turnovers in the Great Danes' two victories last week. Albany (3-4) posted back-to-back victories for the first time in nearly one year.

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## **ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2**

Fontana recorded season-highs in goals (4), assists (2) and points (6) in a 13-9 win over Quinnipiac on March 23. She scored three times in the opening period in staking her team to a 9-4 halftime lead. She followed with two goals and one assist in a 12-5 victory against Siena last Saturday.

A native of East Syracuse, N.Y., Fontana leads the team in scoring with 13 goals and four assists. She is first among the America East leaders in ground balls (4.86 per game) and second in caused turnovers (2.29 pg).

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### UALBANY SWEEPS TWO FROM YALE TO TAKE ALL FOUR WEEKEND GAMES

West Haven, Conn. – First baseman **Derek DeGrazio** drove in the winning run in the top of the ninth inning with a RBI double to give UAlbany a 3-2 victory over Yale in game one of a doubleheader on Sunday afternoon at Yale Field. The Great Danes, who defeated the Bulldogs twice the previous day, won the nightcap, 8-0, to secure a four-game weekend sweep.

Yale (5-10) got on the board early in game one when **Jake Doyle** lined a two-run single to center field that plated **Josh Zabar** and **Randy Leonard**.

Albany (13-3), who has won seven straight games for the first time since 1994, responded in its half of the second with a single by DeGrazio that brought in **Kirt Zimniewicz**. Right fielder **Brendan Chiavaro** was thrown out at the plate on the play. The Great Danes knotted the score at two in the seventh on **Fred Estes'** groundout to the second baseman that plated Chiavaro, who had singled.

In the ninth, Zimniewicz hit a one-out double to left-center, before DeGrazio knocked him in with a double down the left-field line. **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) pitched the ninth to pick up his sixth save of the season and secured the win for **Roman Dubiel**, who pitched one inning of relief. **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy), last week's America East Conference Pitcher of the Week, got the start and went seven innings, allowing no earned runs on eight hits and struck out six.

In the second contest, Albany's **Kyle Thomas**, **Mark Suchowiecki** and **Nick Ragone** (Christian Brothers Academy) combining on a three-hit shutout, with Thomas going five innings to improve his mark to 3-0 on the season. Sophomore third baseman **Pat Delaney** and Chiavaro, a senior outfielder, drove in two runs apiece to propel the Great Danes' offense. **Dan Schoonmaker** belted his second home run of the season, a solo blast, in the first.

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#### (Game 1)

Albany	010	000	101	-	3	8	1
Yale	200	000	000	-	2	8	1

Nick Murphy, Roman Dubiel (8), Shawn Ryan (9) and Fred Estes.  
 Josh Sowers, Jon Hollis and Eric Rasmussen.

#### (Game 2)

Albany (13-3)	112	021	1	-	8	13	0
Yale (5-10)	000	000	0	-	0	3	2

Kyle Thomas, Mark Suchowiecki (6), Nick Ragone (7) and Jason Martin.  
 Mike Mongiardini, Brett Rosenthal (5) and Eric Rasmussen, Cody Slape, John Janco.

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### SOFTBALL LOSES TO RADFORD IN TITLE GAME OF HIGHLANDER CLASSIC

Radford, Va. – UAlbany reached the championship of Radford University's Highlander Classic, as senior left fielder **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) hit a two-out, two-run triple to give UAlbany a 2-1 win over Brown in an elimination contest on Sunday, March 28 at Dedmon Center Field. Radford's **Jennifer Bosley** fired a two-hit shutout later in the day in leading her team to a 7-0 win over the Great Danes in the title game.

In the championship game, Radford (18-21) knocked out 10 hits and received a solid pitching performance by Bosley, who picked up her 10th win of the season. The sophomore right-hander recorded her seventh shutout, allowing two hits with one walk and five strikeouts.

The Highlanders scored two runs in the first behind **Ashley Smith's** RBI single up the middle and **Amanda Walling's** RBI triple to right field. In the second inning, **Sara Beth Clayton** rocketed a three-run homer over the center field fence to make it 5-0. Radford tacked on two more runs in the third on **Josi Sutton's** RBI single through the left side and **Colleen Casey** scored on a throwing error.

Albany's only threat came in the fourth as the Great Danes had two runners on with one out, but failed to advance the runners. **Kristin Couris** was credited with the loss, allowing four earned runs on eight hits and one walk. **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) came in for relief in the fourth and gave up two hits with one walk and two strikeouts.

In game one, Brown (6-7) took a 1-0 lead in the fifth inning on **Andrea Miranda's** two-out RBI single, scoring pinch-runner **Barbara Maloni**. Albany (12-12) responded in the bottom half of the fifth as **Julie Gannon** was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. **Ali Meacham** reached base on a fielder's choice, while **Maegan Larsen** followed with a single up the middle. Sophomore **Ashley Rios** reached on a fielder's choice before Nolette drove in the winning runs.

Senior hurler **Andee Lindgren** tossed a complete-game four-hitter, allowing one earned run, walking two and striking out five for her sixth straight victory on the year.

The Great Danes entertain crosstown-rival Siena on Tuesday, March 30 in their home opener. The doubleheader begins at 2 p.m. at Albany Field.

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### Highlander Classic (Day Three)

#### Game 1

Brown (6-7)	000	010	0	-	1	4	0
UAlbany	000	020	x	-	2	5	1

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Marissa Berkes and Jaimie Wirkowski  
Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham

### Game 2 (Championship Game)

UAlbany (12-12)	000	000	0	-	0	2	4
Radford (18-21)	232	000	x	-	7	10	1

Kristin Couris, Casey Halloran (4) and Ali Meacham  
Jennifer Bosley and Josi Sutton

### UALBANY FALLS TO MARIST AT HOME IN WOMEN'S TENNIS ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Marist College's **Annarel Hicks** won both her singles and doubles matches to lead the Red Foxes to a 7-0 victory over UAlbany in women's tennis action on Sunday, March 28 at the Albany Bubble.

Hicks defeated **Amanda Brown**, 6-0, 6-0, in No. 1 singles and teamed with **Diana Perachio** in No. 1 doubles to triumph over Albany's duo of Brown and **Courtney Michels**, 8-2.

Marist swept all singles matches, with Perachio winning in second singles against the Great Danes' **Lisa Fund**, 6-0, 6-0.

Albany returns to action on Friday, April 2 as the Great Danes host Big East Conference member St. John's at Tri-Cities Latham. Match time is set for 3:00 p.m. -agate-

**Marist 7, Albany 0**

#### Singles:

- #1 Annarel Hicks (Marist) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #2 Diana Perachio (Marist) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #3 Yana Tikhonko (Marist) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #4 Yana Krugly (Marist) def. Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #5 Marist earns point by default
- #6 Marist earns point by default

#### Doubles:

- #1 Diana Perachio/Annarel Hicks (Marist) def. Amanda Brown/Courtney Michels (Albany), 8-2
- #2 Yana Tikhonko/Yana Krugly (Marist) def. Lisa Fund/Kerry Levis (Albany), 8-0
- #3 Marist wins double point

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#### **DiDOMENICO AND SPILLETT EACH SCORE FOUR TIMES IN NON-LEAGUE WIN**

Schenectady, N.Y. – Alexis DiDomenico and Sarah Spillett each scored four goals, as Albany posted its second straight win with a 12-5 non-conference victory over Siena on Saturday evening at Union College's Frank Bailey Field.

Siena (2-6) erased an early 3-0 deficit, when Christina Pampalone tallied all three of her goals in a seven-minute stretch. Pampalone, a freshman midfielder, converted a free-position shot to draw her team even with 11:45 left in the period.

Albany (3-4) regrouped with three unanswered goals in regaining the lead.

Spillett, who matched her season-high goal total, put her team ahead with a drive from the right side. DiDomenico then finished off a fastbreak following a Siena turnover, and followed with free-position shot inside the right post for a 6-3 lead with 4:45 remaining before halftime.

The Great Danes, who had not posted back-to-back victories since last March, turned a three-goal halftime margin into a 10-4 advantage midway through the final period. Spillett found the net with just three minutes and 29 seconds elapsed in the second half. Freshman Kate Fontana then scored consecutive goals, as she bounced in a free-position opportunity before connecting in the middle of the field on a drive through the Saints' defense.

Fontana finished with two goals and one assist, while Kim Reny scored once and assisted on a pair. DiDomencio, who also had an assist, produced her highest scoring single-game scoring total since April 27, 2002. Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle made 10 saves for the Saints, who dropped their fourth straight.

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Albany (3-4)	7	5	-	12
Siena (2-6)	4	1	-	5

Albany – Scoring: Alexis DiDomenico 4-1, Sarah Spillett 4-0, Kate Fontana 2-1, Kim Reny 1-2, Nikki Donohue 1-1, Krissy Rajczak 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 8 saves, 5 GA).

Siena – Scoring: Christina Pampalone 3-0, Joan Paul 1-0, Stephanie Petruccelli 1-0, Colleen Agostinacchio 0-1, Claire Devine 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle (60:00, 10 saves, 12 GA).

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### UALBANY'S TERESA COVERT PLACES FOURTH AT RALEIGH RELAYS

Raleigh, N.C. – UAlbany's **Teresa Covert** placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a NCAA Regional-qualifying time of 13.79 in day-two action at the Raleigh Relays on Saturday afternoon at Paul Derr Track.

**Meghan Howell** broke her own school mark in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:11.69. **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) ran 4:35.54 in the 1,500, which is a UAlbany freshman record, while teammate **Diane Matthews** ran 4:39.18.

On the men's side, **Gered Burns** (Guilderland), who was the first-ever UAlbany athlete to garner an invite to the Relays, placed 11th in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:54.35. **Rob Caracciolo** clocked in at 9:23.58 to finish 10th in the steeplechase.

### UALBANY'S COX WINS 100-METER DASH AT WEST POINT INVITATIONAL

West Point, N.Y. – **Tequirra Cox** placed first in the 100-meter dash and was also part of the winning 4x100-relay team at Army's Dick Shea Open on Saturday afternoon at Shea Stadium.

Cox, who ran an ECAC-qualifying and personal-best time of 11.95 in the 100, was joined by **Katisha Cunningham**, **Ricshara Knight**, a third-place finisher in the 400, and **Tequirra Cox** on the 4x100 team that clocked in with an ECAC-qualifying standard of 48.30.

Senior **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs) placed first in the triple jump with a leap of 38-feet, 4.25-inches, while teammate **Laura Subik** finished second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 12:03.60. **Patricia Diedrich** and **Eliana Durko** had third-place finishes in the 100-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles, respectively.

**Robbie Freeman** crossed the finish line in 15:17.50 to win the 5,000-meter run and **Eric Opuana** had an IC4A-qualifying throw of 172-feet, 10-inches in the hammer throw for the UAlbany men's squad.

**Nelson English** captured first in the 400-dash with a time of 49.33 and **Rich Villanueva** clocked in at 55.94 to take second in the 400-hurdles. They were joined by **Stephan Evans** and **Noel Campbell**, who placed fourth in the 800, on the second-place 4x400 relay team in a time of 3:20.45.

Other top-three finishers for the Great Danes included **Chris Pierson** (steeplechase), **Anthony Robibero** (110 hurdles), **Shamere Boland** (100) and **Jonathan Jones** (long jump).

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### **SOFTBALL WINS TWICE ON SATURDAY AT RADFORD'S HIGHLANDER CLASSIC**

Radford, Va. – Sophomores **Ashley Rios** and **Maegan Larsen** each drove in four RBI as UAlbany blanked Maryland-Eastern Shore, 15-0, in game two of second-day action at Radford University's Highlander Classic on Saturday, March 27 at Dedmon Center Field. The Great Danes defeated Niagara, 5-1, in the first game.

UAlbany (11-11) pounded out a season-high 15 hits against Maryland-Eastern Shore (1-18). In the first with the bases loaded, Rios hit a two-run double to left center, while Larsen followed with a tripled into the right-field gap to plate two more runs.

**Leanne Tillman** hit a RBI single to left field to make it 5-0.

The Great Danes tacked on five more runs in both the second and fourth innings. Larsen doubled to center field to plate **Julie Gannon** and **Katrina Dunning** in the second. **Carly Isaacs**, who went 2-for-3 from the plate with two RBI, singled to center for the fifth run in that inning. In the fourth, Isaacs picked up her second RBI on a double to left, while **Megan Childs**, who was perfect in three trips to the plate, hit an RBI double to left. Rios singled later in the inning to drive across two more runs.

**Danielle Buyea** earned her first win of the season on the mound, tossing a one-hitter in five innings of work. The junior right-hander struck out six.

In the first game of the day, UAlbany took a 1-0 lead in the second on Gannon's double to right field. Niagara tied the contest in the fifth inning as **Lauren Dombrowski** doubled to left center to plate **Jamie Horn**, who reached base on a single.

The Great Danes responded in the bottom half of that inning as **Ali Meacham** led off with a double to center. **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) pinch ran for Meacham and scored on **Leslie Busch's** single over the shortstop's head to take a 2-1 lead.

Albany added three insurance runs in the sixth inning behind Gannon's RBI single and Meacham's two-run double to left field.

Freshman **Laura Gremillion** picked up her first collegiate win as she allowed one earned run on five hits over five innings. She walked one and struck out two. **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) earned her first career save as she came in the sixth and allowed just one hits in two innings of relief.

The Great Danes will face Brown at 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 28. The winner will advance to meet Radford in the championship game at approximately 11 a.m.

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**Highlander Classic (Day Two)**

**Game 1**

Niagara	000	010	0	-	1	6	0
UAlbany	010	013	x	-	5	7	1

Tegan Bennett, Ashleigh Barber (6) and Nicole Sum  
 Laura Gremillion, Casey Halloran (6) and Ali Meacham

**Game 2 (5 Inn.)**

Md.-Eastern Shore (1-18)	000	00	-	0	1	1
UAlbany (11-11)	550	5x	-	15	15	1

Lesley Aitkenhead and Heather Patnode  
 Danielle Buyea and Leanne Tillman

**VALLONE AND CHIAVARO LEAD UALBANY BASEBALL IN SWEEP OVER YALE**

West Haven, Conn. – **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) and **Brendan Chiavaro** each drove in four runs to lead UAlbany to a 10-5 win over Yale in the second game of a double-header on Saturday afternoon at Yale Field. The Great Danes rallied with three runs in the seventh inning to win the first game, 3-1.

Albany (11-3) jumped ahead early in game two with a four-run first inning. **Brad Daniels** led off the game with a walk and was followed by a **Joe Lamb** single. Vallone, a junior center fielder, then hit a three-run home run to left field to put the Great Danes on top. Chiavaro capped off the scoring with a single that plated **Derek DeGrazio**.

Yale (5-8) sliced into Albany's 5-0 lead in the second when **Eric Rasmussen** hit a two-run single and **C.J. Orrico** knocked in **Jake Doyle** on a sacrifice fly.

Chiavaro, a senior right fielder, blasted a three-run homer in the third to give the Great Danes, whose five-game winning streak is the longest since April 16-19 of last year, an 8-3 advantage. **Steve Emmerthal** pitched a complete-game giving up four earned runs on seven hits to earn his second victory of the season, while **Chris Winkler** gave up six runs on six hits in two innings of work to pick up the loss for the Bulldogs.

In game one, Yale grabbed a 1-0 lead in the sixth on a **Justin Ankney** home run to right field. Albany responded in the seventh when Lamb reached on a fielder's choice and **Kirt Zimniewicz** and **Craig Farley** scored as a result of a throwing error by the shortstop. **Dan Schoonmaker** followed with a RBI single to center that scored Lamb.

**Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) pitched the seventh to convert his fifth save in five chances to secure the win for **Adam Kroft**, who gave up one run on four hits with six strike outs. Yale's **Alec Smith** tossed 6.2 innings allowing no earned runs in the loss.

Both teams square off again tomorrow in another double-header. First pitch in game one is slated for 12 noon.

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**(Game 1)**

Albany	000	000	3	-	3	9	1
Yale	000	001	0	-	1	4	2

Adam Kroft, Shawn Ryan (7) and Jason Martin.

Alec Smith, Jon Hollis (7) and Eric Rasmussen.

**(Game 2)**

Albany (11-3)	413	200	0	-	10	11	2
Yale (5-8)	030	020	0	-	5	7	1

Steve Emmerthal and Fred Estes.

Chris Winkler, Doug Shimokawa (3), Colin Ward-Henninger (4), Matt Fealey (7)  
and Eric Rasmussen, Cody Slape.

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### **UALBANY OPENS AMERICA EAST PLAY WITH 19-11 VICTORY OVER QUINNIPIAC**

Hamden, Conn. – **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) equaled a season-high with five goals, as Albany won its third straight with a 19-11 victory over Quinnipiac in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Saturday afternoon at Bobcat Field. Albany (4-2, AE 1-0) is off to its best start since moving to the Division I level in 2000.

Quinnipiac (1-5, AE 0-1) tied the contest at two apiece with 5:36 left in the first quarter, as **Leigh DiPace** tallied the first of his three goals on the day. The Great Danes went back ahead with nine unanswered goals. Thomson, a freshman attackman, scored three times in that stretch, while **Frank Resetarits** added a pair of goals. **Matthew Green** ended the run by rifling a shot past goalkeeper **Joe Prota** for an 11-2 lead with 4:59 left before halftime.

The Bobcats, who trailed 12-4 at the intermission, sliced the deficit to 16-11 with 8:06 remaining on **Eric Trama's** unassisted goal, his third of the contest. However, Albany's **Luke Daquino**, who handed out a career-high six assists, scored twice in a two-minute-and-six-second span to thwart any comeback attempt.

**Chris Martocchia** had three goals and a career-best four assists for the Great Danes, who won their conference opener for the third straight year and produced the program's highest single-game goal total in America East play. Resetarits finished with three goals and one assist, while goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made 13 saves.

**Mike Stottler** had two goals, including his 11th of the season, and added two assists for the Bobcats, who dropped an 12-11 decision to Albany in last year's regular-season meeting. Goalkeepers **James Nastro** and Prota combined to make 10 saves.

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Albany (4-2, AE 1-0)	7	5	4	3	-	19
Quinnipiac (1-5, AE 0-1)	2	2	4	3	-	11

Albany – Scoring: Merrick Thomson 5-1, Chris Martocchia 3-4, Frank Resetarits 3-1, Luke Daquino 2-6, Michael Solazzo 2-0, Matthew Green 2-0, Alan Beach 1-0, Brendan Russell 1-0, Tim Primrose 0-1, Ernie Spaulding 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 13 saves, 11 GA).

Quinnipiac – Scoring: Leigh DiPace 3-0, Eric Trama 3-0, Mike Stottler 2-2, Andy Pelletier 2-0, Eddie Morley 1-0, Marc Handel 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Joe Prota (30:00, 6 saves, 12 GA), James Nastro (30:00, 4 saves, 7 GA).

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### UALBANY SOFTBALL SPLITS TWO IN DAY ONE OF HIGHLANDER CLASSIC

Radford, Va. – Senior **Liz Wieboldt** went 2-for-3 from the plate and drove in two runs in leading UAlbany to a 4-2 win over Ivy League member Brown in day one of Radford University's Highlander Classic at Dedmon Center Field on Friday, March 26. The Great Danes dropped their second game to Radford, 5-4.

Brown jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first on **Jaimie Wirkowski's** RBI single through the left side to plate **Rachel Fleitell**, who led off the inning with a walk.

Albany (9-11) responded with four runs in the top of the inning as **Jen Nolette** led off with a single down the right field line, advanced to second on a passed ball and later scored on an fielding error. **Kelly Ogden** singled to score **Katrina Dunning**, while **Andee Lindgren**, who went 2-for-3, followed with a single to center. Wieboldt singled with no outs to plate Ogden and Lindgren for a 4-1 lead.

Lindgren picked up her fifth consecutive win as she tossed a complete game four-hitter, allowing two earned runs, striking out six and walking three to improve to 5-1 overall.

In game two, **Sara Beth Clayton** lined out to center to plate **Kat Peck** for the game-winning run in the sixth, as Radford rallied from a 4-2 deficit with three runs on one hit in that inning.

In the first, **Brittany Burnham** singled to center, stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Dunning's sacrifice fly to left to take a 1-0 lead. Radford responded with two runs in the bottom half of that inning as **Colleen Casey** hit a two-run double to left field to take a 2-1 advantage.

Albany scored one run in the fourth on Ogden's RBI double to right center and used two runs in the fifth to make it 4-2. **Jess Kostenblatt** was issued a walk to lead off the fifth inning, advanced to second on a sac bunt and went to third on Nolette's single to right. After a pitching change, Wieboldt doubled to left to plate Kostenblatt and Nolette.

The Highlanders (15-20) started their comeback in the sixth on a single by **Lindsay Woody**, an error and a walk to load the bases with no outs. Pinch hitter **Hallie East** flied out to center to plate Woody, while **Lara Wohlgemuth** followed with an RBI fielder's choice to tie the game at four.

UAlbany's **Carisa Marcucci** was credited with the loss in a third of an inning of work, giving up three runs, one earned, on one hit and one walk. Peck earned the win in 2.1 innings of relief work, allowing no runs on three hits and struck out one.

**MORE**

The Great Danes will face Niagara at 10 a.m. and Maryland-Eastern Shore at 2 p.m. in day two action of the Radford Classic tomorrow.

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**Highlander Classic**

**Game 1**

Brown	100	100	0	-	2	4	1
UAlbany	400	000	x	-	4	7	1

Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham

Marissa Berkes and Jaimie Wirkowski

**Game 2**

UAlbany (9-11)	100	120	0	-	4	8	2
Radford (15-20)	200	003	x	-	5	6	0

Casey Halloran, Kristin Couris (4), Carisa Marcucci (6), Andee Lindgren (6) and Leanne Tillman and Ali Meacham

Jennifer Bosley, Kat Peck (5) and Morgan Nicholas and Josi Sutton

**UALBANY'S HOWLETT PLACES SECOND IN THE DISCUS AT RALEIGH RELAYS**

Raleigh, N.C. – UAlbany's **Brandon Howlett** had a personal-best and IC4A-qualifying throw of 164-feet, 8.5-inches in the discus to place second in first-day action at the Adidas Raleigh Relays on Friday afternoon at Paul Derr Track. The two-day event has no team scoring.

**Aggrey Morris** finished in a time of 49.05 in the 400-meters, while **Naron Stewart** cleared 6-feet, 7-inches in the high jump and **Joel Vazquez** crossed the finish line in 55.38 in the 400-hurdles.

On the women's side, **Teresa Covert**, who competed at last year's NCAA Championships, clocked a time of 14.09 in the 100-meter hurdles to advance to tomorrow's final and also placed third in her heat in the 100-dash with a time of 12.27. Junior **Joy Williams**, a transfer from Southern Connecticut State, had a shot put of 40-feet, 11.75-inches for the Great Danes.

Tomorrow's competition gets underway at 10:30 a.m.

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### FONTANA'S FOUR GOALS LEADS UALBANY TO 13-9 WIN OVER QUINNIPIAC

Troy, N.Y. – Freshman **Kate Fontana** scored three of her season-high four goals in the opening period in leading Albany to a 13-9 non-conference victory over Quinnipiac on Tuesday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

Albany (2-4) snapped a 2-2 deadlock with seven unanswered goals en route to a 9-4 halftime lead. Freshman attacker **Sarah Spillett**, who scored three times, found the net off a pass from **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville H.S.) after a failed clear. **Colleen McGuinness** converted Fontana's crossing pass five minutes later following a turnover.

The Great Danes, who had not played in nearly two weeks due to the weather, later upped their margin to 9-2 with three goals in a one-minute-and-29-second span. Fontana, a midfielder, ended that decisive run by scoring twice. She gained the draw control, raced downfield, and sent a low shot past the goalkeeper, and then finished off a fastbreak with 4:12 left in the period.

Quinnipiac (1-5) never got closer than the final margin in the second half. Albany's Spillett netted a pair of free-position shots, while Fontana added her 11th goal of the season and assisted on another. The Great Danes avenged last year's 17-9 loss to the visitors on this same field.

**Amy Willis** and **Kim Unser** each had two goals and one assist for the Bobcats, who were coming off their first win of the season two days ago. Freshman **Ashley Thompson** totaled 15 saves in the cage. The Great Danes' **Kim Reny** scored twice, including her fifth of the year, while goalkeeper **Jen Daly** turned aside 10 shots.

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Quinnipiac (1-5)	4	5	-	9
Albany (2-4)	9	4	-	13

Quinnipiac – Scoring: Amy Willis 2-1, Kim Unser 2-1, Jennifer Larson 2-0, Christy Smallman 1-0, Kate Danowski 1-0, Megan Goodhand 1-0; Lauren Eagan 0-1;  
Goalkeeper(s): Ashley Thompson (60:00, 15 saves, 13 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Kate Fontana 4-2, Sarah Spillett 3-0, Kim Reny 2-0, Nikki Donohue 1-1, Alexis DiDomenico 1-1, Krissy Rajczak 1-1, Colleen McGuinness 1-0;  
Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 10 saves, 9 GA).

### UALBANY'S NICK MURPHY NAMED AMERICA EAST PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) was named the America East Conference Pitcher of the Week in baseball as announced today by the league office.

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## **ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2**

Murphy, a sophomore right-hander, is off to a 3-0 start in four appearances with a 1.61 ERA, plus has thrown a team-high 22.1 innings pitched. He has struck out a conference-best 25 batters, while walking just eight and allowing only four earned runs for the Great Danes, who are 9-3 overall and off to their best start since upgrading to Division I play in 2000.

The sophomore pitched 7.1 innings giving up five hits and allowing one earned run while striking out eight to pick up his first victory in a 5-3 contest versus previously unbeaten Missouri on Feb. 22. Murphy tossed six innings of five-hit ball with eight strikeouts and one walk in a 21-1 defeat of UNC-Asheville on March 6. He improved to 3-0 with six innings of work allowing up three earned runs on 10 hits while striking out six and walking one in an 8-4 win over New York Tech on March 14.

Murphy went 1-1 last season with a 5.67 ERA in 27 innings pitched in his rookie campaign. Albany returns to action on Thursday, March 25 when they travel to Long Island University. First pitch is slated for 3 p.m.

## **ANDEE LINDGREN NAMED AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL PITCHER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Andee Lindgren** has been selected as the America East Conference Pitcher of the Week in softball as announced by the conference office on Tuesday, March 23.

Lindgren, a senior from La Habra, Calif., leads the UAlbany pitching staff with a 1.12 earned run average and holds a 4-1 record in seven appearances this season. The reigning America East Pitcher of the Year, has recorded five complete games and amassed a team-high 46 strikeouts. She has allowed only seven earned runs this year, while limiting opponents to a .219 batting average.

The lefty hurler recorded double-figure strikeouts in back-to-back games in leading the Great Danes to Hampton University's Lady Pirate Classic Championship on March 13. Lindgren, who was named the tournament MVP, struck out a season-high 12 batters in Albany's 2-1 win over Delaware State and followed with a 10 strikeout performance against the Hornets for her fourth win of the season. She is second in the conference in pitching and batters struck out, plus is seventh as a hitter among the A-East batting leaders with a .347 average.

Albany (8-10) travels to Radford, Va. to take part in the Highlander Classic from March 26-28. The Great Danes will square off against Brown at 10:00 in the morning, before facing Radford at 12:00 noon in first-day action at Dedmon Center Field.

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### **LACROSSE'S KEVIN RAE & MERRICK THOMSON HONORED BY AMERICA EAST**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Kevin Rae** has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. In addition, **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) was the America East Rookie of the Week.

Rae, a junior goalkeeper from Yorktown Heights, N.Y., posted a .660 save percentage and a 9.00 goals against average in two victories last week. He made 17 saves, including five in the fourth quarter, as Albany upset No. 17 Massachusetts, 11-10, on March 16. Rae also matched a season-best with 18 saves in a 9-8 victory over Drexel on Sunday (March 21). He turned aside seven shots in the third period, when the Great Danes reversed a two-goal halftime deficit into a 9-7 lead. Rae is second among the league leaders with a .624 save percentage.

Thomson, a freshman attackman, totaled seven goals and three assists in two games. He led all scorers with five goals and one assist against UMass, and became the first UAlbany player to score five times since Luke Daquino accomplished the same feat against Quinnipiac on May 1, 2002. Thomson also had two goals and two assists against Drexel. His diving shot off a scramble in front of the cage tied the contest at six apiece in the third quarter. He then set up Frank Resetarits with a crossing pass for the go-ahead goal with 6:29 left in the period. Thomson is tied for second among the conference scoring leaders at 3.20 points per game (12 goals, 4 assists).

### **UALBANY GREATS DANES SPORTS LUNCHEON SLATED FOR WEDNESDAY**

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany athletics department will host the UAlbany Great Danes Sports Luncheon on Wednesday, March 24 at Armory Automotive Center on 64 Colvin Avenue. The event begins at 12 noon. A buffet-style lunch is price at \$10.00. For more information, contact the UAlbany marketing office, at 518-442-4683.

Head basketball coaches Will Brown and Trina Patterson will wrap up their seasons, while UAlbany's spring sports coaches look at their upcoming America East Conference schedules.

UAlbany will also unveil its new athletic logo, a primary mark that is more closely aligned with the University's identity. In addition, representatives from Sasaki Associates, Inc. will be in attendance. The company begins the development of a plan this week that will study the future growth of the school's athletic facilities with regard to the intercollegiate athletics, recreation and intramural programs. The four-month study will help the University identify priorities, provide cost estimates and looks at ways that the athletic complex can utilize its current space.

**\*\*\*Schedule Change** – Tuesday's women's lacrosse game with Quinnipiac has been moved to a 12:00 noon start at Rensselaer's Harkness Field (March 23). The contest was originally scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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### **UALBANY DOWNS DREXEL, 9-8, IN NON-LEAGUE MEN'S LACROSSE ACTION**

Yorktown Heights, N.Y.- Freshman attackman **Frank Resetarits** scored five goals, including three in the third quarter, as Albany rallied for a 9-8 non-league victory over Drexel on Sunday afternoon at Yorktown High School's Murphy Field.

Drexel (3-4) built a 6-4 halftime lead. Senior midfielder **Joe Fiore** scored a pair of first-quarter goals, before **Greg Dougherty** and **Erik Haugen** twice gave the Dragons a three goal advantage in the second stanza with unassisted tallies.

Albany (3-2) went ahead with four unanswered goals over the opening eight minutes of the second half. Freshman **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy), who had two goals and two assists, converted a diving shot off a scramble in front of the cage to tie the contest at six apiece. Resetarits put his team in front on a drive from the left side with 8:48 left in the third quarter. He then finished off a crossing pass from Thomson for an 8-6 lead.

The Great Danes, who are coming off an 11-10 upset of No. 17 Massachusetts last Tuesday, led 9-7 after three quarters after **Michael Solazzo** scored unassisted. But Drexel's **Yoni Cohen** cut the deficit in half when he fired a shot inside the left post with 13:06 remaining.

Each team's defense took control the rest of the way. The Dragons' **Ryan Harney** made five of his 12 saves in the final period. Albany's **Kevin Rae**, who had 11 of his 18 saves in the second half, helped the Great Danes snuff out Drexel's extra-man opportunity in the final minute of play.

**Sean Moloney**, **Jonathan Decanio** and Cohen each had one goal and one assist. **Luke Daquino** had three assists for the Great Danes, who posted an 11-10 victory in last year's match-up between these teams.

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Drexel (3-4)	3	3	1	1	-	8
Albany (3-2)	2	2	5	0	-	9

Drexel—Scoring: Joe Fiore 2-0, Sean Moloney 1-1, Yoni Cohen 1-1, Jonathan Decanio 1-1, Mike Filippone 1-0, Greg Dougherty 1-0, Erik Haugen 1-0, Chris O'Connor 0-1; Goalkeeper: Ryan Harney (60:00 minutes 12 saves, 9 GA).

Albany—Scoring: Frank Resetarits 5-0, Merrick Thomson 2-2, Chris Martocchia 1-0, Michael Solazzo 1-0, Luke Daquino 0-3; Goalkeeper: Kevin Rae (60:00 minutes, 18 saves 8 GA).



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### **UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER SIGNS SIX FOR 2004 SEASON**

Albany, N.Y.— The University at Albany women's soccer program has announced that six student-athletes have signed national letters of intent for the 2004-05 academic year. Head coach **Kalekeni Banda**, who is entering his second season at UAlbany, will mentor the newcomers when they begin play in the fall.

"These six future Great Danes represent a tremendous step forward for UAlbany women's soccer," said Banda, who was hired in March 2003 to rebuild the program. "I am very excited about the foundation these elite soccer players provide. Each young woman brings something unique to our emerging program, but they share a high level of competitive experience and an intense motivation to succeed on and off the field. They are prepared to win and will make an immediate impact."

**Ashley Augusto**, a 5-foot-7 goalkeeper, hails from Ludlow, Mass., where she led Wilbraham & Monson Academy to the Class C Academy Championship in 2000 and 2001. She was the team's leading scorer before moving to net, where she broke school records for shutouts in a season (15) and most wins in a season during the 1999 campaign. Augusto, who was an All-State selection and team MVP as a senior, is a Dean's List student and four-year varsity basketball player.

**Rachel Boles** is a 5-foot-5 midfielder from Medford, N.J. and was a captain on the Shawnee High School varsity squad, which finished the season ranked No. 1 in Southern New Jersey with a record-breaking 21-win season. She is a six-year member of the Medford Strikers Scream premiere team that finished the 2002-03 season ranked third in Region I and 10th nationally. Boles was selected as a "Player to Watch" in the Olympic Conference as a senior, following a junior campaign where she was an all-conference selection.

**Adrienne Heady** is a product of North Rockland High School in Stony Point, N.Y. The 5-foot-4 midfielder, who was an all-league and all-county performer as a senior, tallied 10 goals and 11 assists this past season. She was part of a scholastic team that made it to the final four in New York's Class AA and climbed as high as No. 2 in the National Adidas poll during the 2003 campaign. The midfielder ranked third in assists in Section I and 10th in goals scored in Class AA. Heady, a National Honors Society student, is a four-year Eastern New York Olympic Development Program player and a member of the Yorktown Jaguars club organization and Empire State Team.

**MORE**

## 2-2-2-2-2-2-UAlbany Athletics

**Kearsten Leggett** comes to UAlbany from Canyon High School in Canyon Country, California. The 5-foot-4 midfielder was an All-Foothill League first-team selection and earned All-Santa Clarita Valley second-team honors as a senior. Her squad won the Foothill League Championship three years in a row and this past season they went undefeated in league play. Leggett, who plays on the Football Club of Santa Barbara Premiere club team, was named 2002 women's soccer player of the year at Canyon High, where she is a member of the Honor Society and also competes in cross country and swimming.

**Uju Ogbuawa** is a 5-foot-6 forward from Fort Washington, Md., where she played at Oxon Hill High School. A three-year starter in the midfield, she earned first-team all-county honors as a sophomore and junior. She garnered "Athlete of the Year" honors in soccer following the 2002-03 campaign at Oxon Hill, where she also competes with the indoor track squad. Ogbuawa, a two-time regional player, is a six-year starter on the Maryland Olympic Developmental Program team and also plays club soccer for Virginia's PWSI Eclipse. She maintains a 3.9 GPA and has been a three-year honor roll athlete.

**Morgan Warwick**, a 5-foot-4 defender from Cairo-Durham High School in East Durham, N.Y., has played at the varsity level since eighth grade. She earned all-conference recognition five straight years, including first-team honors the past three seasons, and was named the Patroon League MVP in 2001 and 2002. Warwick, who also participates in snowboarding and softball, was a team captain and Section B All-Star in soccer her final three scholastic seasons. She was a member of the two-time state finalist Capital United Premier – Blue Thunder club team.

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### 2004 UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER NEWCOMERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **MEN'S LACROSSE UPSETS #17 MASSACHUSETTS, 11-10, ON THE ROAD**

Amherst, Mass.- Sophomore attack **Chris Martocchia** scored twice in the fourth quarter, including the go-ahead goal with six minutes and 15 seconds remaining, as Albany upset 17th-ranked Massachusetts, 11-10, on Tuesday afternoon at Garber Field.

Albany (2-2) rallied from a 9-7 deficit midway through the final period with four consecutive goals. **Luke Daquino**, who had one goal and two assists, drove from behind the cage to tie the contest at nine apiece with 7:59 left. Martocchia followed with the go-ahead goal, when he fired a low shot from 12 yards away past goalkeeper **Bill Schell**.

Martocchia gave his team an 11-9 lead with 3:22 to play, as he netted his sixth goal of the season by rifling a shot between the goalkeeper's legs. Massachusetts (2-3) tried to rally in the final two minutes. **Sean Morris** scored from the left side off a pass from **Kevin Glenz** with 1:25 remaining. Following an Albany penalty, the Minutemen had an opportunity to draw even. But UMass was unable to convert a pair of shots on the extra-man advantage.

The Great Danes, who defeated a top-20 team for the first time in the program's history, trailed 5-3 at halftime, and by as much as three goals in the third quarter. Freshman **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy), who led all scorers with five goals and one assist, scored twice in the third period that closed the gap to 8-7.

"This has to be the program's biggest win when you consider UMass has reached the NCAA quarterfinals the last three years," said Albany coach **Scott Marr**, whose goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made 17 saves, including five in the final quarter. "We didn't make the same turnovers in the second half that we did in the first. We played cleaner and capitalized on our offensive opportunities."

UMass' **Neil Lundberg** had two goals and two assists, including an unassisted tally that gave his team an 8-6 advantage after three periods. **Gene** and **Matt Tundo** each added two goals and one assist. Albany's **Frank Resetarits** and Martocchia each had a pair of goals to go with one assist.

"I found myself with a short stick defender on me on both of my goals," Martocchia said. "When the slide didn't come I was able to shoot low at the goalkeeper. Even though we were behind we tried to stay positive in order to have a chance."

-agate-

Albany (2-2)	2	1	3	5 - 11
#17 Massachusetts (2-3)	2	3	3	2 - 10

Albany—Scoring: Merrick Thomson 5-1, Chris Martocchia 2-1, Frank Resetarits 2-1, Luke Daquino 1-2, Brendan Russell 1-2; Goalkeeper: Kevin Rae (60:00 minutes, 17 saves, 10 GA).

Massachusetts—Scoring: Neil Lundberg 2-2, Matt Tundo 2-1, Gene Tundo 2-1, Kevin Glenz 1-2, Chris Doyle 1-0, Ryan Connolly 1-0, Sean Morris 1-0; Goalkeeper: Bill Schell (60:00 minutes, 7 saves, 11 GA).

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### UALBANY BASEBALL SWEEPS DOUBLEHEADER AGAINST NEW YORK TECH

Old Westbury, N.Y. – **Brendan Chiavaro** hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning to put UAlbany ahead for good in its 8-4 victory over New York Tech in the first game of a doubleheader on Sunday afternoon at President's Field. Chiavaro, who went 6-for-8 on the day, drove in two runs as the Great Danes took the nightcap, 16-6.

Albany (9-3) trailed 4-3 in game one heading into the sixth before **Pat Delaney** drew a walk and Chiavaro, a senior outfielder, knocked him in with his first home run of the season to put the Great Danes ahead. **Fred Estes** increased the advantage with a three-run home run in the seventh that brought in Delaney and Chiavaro.

UAlbany's **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) improved to 3-0 on the season throwing six innings and striking out six.

In game two, Albany exploded for seven runs in the first inning en route to its third straight win. **Jason Martin**, a senior catcher, started the surge with a two-run double that plated **Joe Lamb**, who had two RBI and scored three runs in the contest, and **Brad Daniels**. **Derek DeGrazio** would later hit a bases-clearing triple, scoring Martin, **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) and Chiavaro. Freshman **Jeff Reynolds**, who went 3-for-4 in game two with four runs, also contributed a RBI single in the inning.

**Kyle Thomas** picked up his second win of the season tossing five innings, giving up three earned runs and striking out four against the Bears, who fall to 2-7 on the year. **Dan Schoonmaker**, a senior first baseman, went 3-for-5 with three RBI in the second half of the twin bill for UAlbany, who defeated New York Tech, 12-6, on Saturday.

The Great Danes return to action on Tuesday, March 16 when they travel to Holy Cross. First pitch is scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

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#### (Game 1)

Albany	010	112	3	-	8	10	2
New York Tech	012	100	0	-	4	10	1

Albany: Nick Murphy, Shawn Ryan (7) and Fred Estes.

#### (Game 2)

Albany (9-3)	702	610	0	-	16	18	1
New York Tech (2-7)	000	220	2	-	6	10	6

Albany: Kyle Thomas, Mark Suchowiecki (6), Ryan Sullivan (7) and Jason Martin.

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### **KELLY OGDEN LEADS UALBANY'S HIT ATTACK IN SWEEP OVER HAMPTON**

Hampton, Va. – Freshman **Kelly Ogden** hit the game-winning home run in the sixth inning to give UAlbany a 4-3 win over Hampton in game two of the doubleheader on Sunday, March 14 at Lady Pirate Field. Ogden's lead off homer over the left field fence marked her first collegiate blast.

Hampton took a 3-1 advantage in the third as **Frema Osei-Boakye** and **Yonetti Gwaltney** hit back-to-back singles and later scored on **Maggie Wolfe's** one-out double to left field.

Albany (8-10) responded in the fifth, as **Maegan Larsen** led off with her first home run of the season. **Brittany Burnham**, who reached base with a walk, scored on a throwing error by the catcher on **Leslie Busch's** stolen base attempt to even the score.

**Casey Halloran** picked up her third victory of the season as she pitched four scoreless innings of relief, giving up two hits with one walk and two strikeouts.

In the first game, the Great Danes knocked out nine hits as senior pitcher **Kristin Couris** hurled a complete game shutout, allowing two hits, two walks and struck out one for her first victory of the year.

Albany took a 2-0 lead in the fourth as **Andee Lindgren** and **Jess Kostenblatt** scored on Larsen's double to left center. The Great Danes added two more in the fifth. **Jen Nolette** singled to center and later scored on Ogden's double. **Ali Meacham** singled over the shortstop's head to plate Ogden to make it 4-0.

The Great Danes tacked on four runs in the sixth as Ogden hit a base-clearing triple to right center and Lindgren followed with a RBI groundout.

Albany, who totaled 17 hits against the Lady Pirates, returns to action on March 26 as the Great Danes face Brown and Radford in day one of the Highlander Classic in Radford, Va. Game times are set for 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

-agate-

#### **Game 1 (6 innings)**

Albany	000	224	x	-	8	9	0
Hampton	000	000	x	-	0	2	4

Kristin Couris and Ali Meacham

Kristine Minter and Jennifer Gonzales

#### **Game 2**

Albany (8-10)	100	021	0	-	4	8	4
Hampton	012	000	0	-	3	5	1

Carisa Marcucci, Casey Halloran (4) and Leanne Tillman

Chandra Pryor, Kristine Minter (5) and Jaclyn Pittman and Jennifer Gonzales

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### **UALBANY BASEBALL RALLIES TO DEFEAT NEW YORK TECH 12-6**

Old Westbury, N.Y. – **Dan Schoonmaker** went 3-for-5 and drove in four runs in UAlbany's 12-6 come-from-behind victory over New York Tech on Saturday afternoon at President's Field.

Albany (7-3), who did not have an extra base hit on the day, trailed 6-3 heading into the eighth inning before scoring four runs and five more in the ninth to secure the victory. In the eighth, the Great Danes capitalized on three hit batters and took a 7-6 lead when Schoonmaker lined a single past the second baseman that plated **Brad Daniels** and **Joe Lamb**.

Schoonmaker, a senior first baseman, knocked in two more runs in the ninth to increase UAlbany's advantage. Lamb went 2-for-5 on the day with two RBI and scored two more for the Great Danes, while teammate **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

New York Tech (2-5) was led by **Tim Smith** and **Anthony St. George**, who combined to knock in five runs for the Bears.

Albany's **Roman Dubiel**, a junior, pitched 2.2 innings and struck out four in relief of **Adam Kroft** to earn his second career victory. Reliever **Wayne Seder**, who came in following **Andrew Karkoulas'** seven innings of work, picked up the loss for the Bears.

Both teams will square off again tomorrow in a double-header. First pitch in game one is slated for 12 noon.

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Albany (7-3)	200	100	045	-	12	12	0
New York Tech (2-5)	000	220	200	-	6	11	2

Albany: Adam Kroft, Roman Dubiel (7) and Jason Martin

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### UALBANY SOFTBALL CAPTURES LADY PIRATE CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Hampton, Va. – Senior **Andee Lindgren** hurled a complete-game five-hitter with 10 strikeouts and drove in one run in leading Albany to a 2-1 victory over Delaware State in the championship game of Hampton University's Lady Pirate Classic on March 13.

Albany (6-10) jumped out to an early 2-0 lead as **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) led off the first with a walk, stole second and scored one out later on **Kelly Ogden's** RBI single to right. Lindgren followed with a double to right center to plate Ogden for the second run of the inning.

In the sixth, Delaware State attempted a comeback as **Janice Savage** doubled with two outs and scored on **Carol McCray's** double to center to make it 2-1. However, Lindgren got **Catrina Ansbach** to pop out to end the inning.

Hampton scored three runs in the fourth to back a solid pitching performance by **Kristine Minter** in the first game of the day. Minter went the distance allowing one run on eight hits, with two walks and two strikeouts.

The Pirates broke a 1-1 tie as **Maggie Wolfe** led off the inning with a single and was followed with a double by **Camille Whittaker**. **Chandra Pryor** knocked in Wolfe and Whittaker with a double to left, while **Jennifer Gonzales** singled down the right field line to plate Pryor.

Albany got on the board in the first inning as Lindgren doubled home **Katrina Dunning** with two outs. Hampton's Whittaker also homered in the second.

Lindgren, who improves to 4-1 on the season, was named the Most Valuable Player of the Lady Pirate Classic. The lefty hurler pitched two complete games, allowing two runs on nine hits with 22 strikeouts and one walk. Dunning and **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) were named to the all-tournament team.

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### Lady Pirate Classic

#### Game 1

Albany	100	000	0	-	1	8	0
Hampton	010	300	x	-	4	7	3

Laura Gremillion, Danielle Buyea (4) and Ali Meacham

Kristine Minter and Jennifer Gonzales

MORE

**Game 2 (Championship Game)**

Delaware State	000	001	0	-	1	5	0
Albany (6-10)	200	000	x	-	2	5	0

Janice Savage and Catrina Ansbach  
Andee Lindgren and Leanne Tillman

**MEN'S LACROSSE – Delaware 10, Albany 7**

Newark, Del. – Freshman attackman **Cam Howard** totaled four goals and two assists to lead Delaware to its fifth victory over the season with a 10-7 non-league win over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Rullo Stadium.

Delaware (5-1) broke a 5-5 tie with 30 seconds left in the second quarter, when Howard scored unassisted. The go-ahead goal was set up by an Albany turnover at midfield. The Blue Hens pushed out to an 8-5 advantage in the third period. Howard was involved in both goals, as he set up **Matt Alrich** before scoring unassisted with 4:01 left in the stanza.

Albany (1-2) would later close the gap to 8-7. **Chris Martocchia**, who had two goals and one assist, scored late in the third period. Freshman **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) tallied his third goal of the game from **Frank Resetarits** with 5:21 remaining in the contest.

However, the Blue Hens, who avenged last year's 16-12 loss to Albany on this same field, regrouped with a pair of goals over the next two minutes to seal the verdict. Alrich, a senior attacker, netted his 14th of the season, before his team controlled the following face-off and Howard scored unassisted.

Delaware goalkeeper **Chris Collins** stopped a season-high 17 shots, including five in the fourth quarter. Alrich, who has scored in 21 consecutive games, finished with three goals and one assist. Albany's Resetarits had two goals and two assists, while goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** recorded 15 saves.

-agate-

Delaware 10, Albany 7

Albany (1-2)	3	2	1	1	-	7
Delaware (5-1)	3	3	2	2	-	10

Albany – Scoring: Merrick Thomson 3-0, Frank Resetarits 2-2, Chris Martocchia 2-1, Tim Primrose 0-1, Luke Daquino 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 15 saves, 10 GA).

Delaware – Scoring: Cam Howard 4-2, Matt Alrich 3-1, Andy Hipple 1-0, Kurt Nordhoff 1-0, Ryan Metzbower 1-0, Jordhan Hall 0-1, Ryan Overs 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Chris Collins (60:00, 17 saves, 7 GA).

**UALBANY TENNIS DEFEATED BY CROSSTOWN-RIVAL SIENA**

Latham, N.Y. – Siena's **Denisa Hluchova** won both her singles and doubles match in leading the Saints to a 7-0 win over crosstown-rival Albany in women's tennis action on Saturday, March 13 at Tri Cities Latham Court.

Hluchova defeated **Krista Babiarz**, 6-4, 6-2, in No. 1 singles and teamed with **Sugam Langer** to beat the Great Danes tandem of Babiarz and **Amanda Brown**, 8-2.

Siena swept all singles matches, with **Julia Lebedev** topping Brown, 6-0, 6-1, in second singles and **Betsy Brookins** defeating Albany's **Lisa Fund**, 6-0, 6-0, in third singles.

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Albany returns to action on Wednesday, March 17 as the Great Danes host Sacred Heart at Tri-Cities Latham. Match time is set for 2:00 p.m.

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**Siena 7, Albany 0**

**Singles:**

- #1 Denisa Hluchova (Siena) def. Krista Babiarz (Albany), 6-4, 6-2
- #2 Julia Lebedev (Siena) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-0, 6-1
- #3 Betsy Brookins (Siena) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #4 Brooke Fisher (Siena) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #5 Meghan Slenkamp (Siena) def. Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #6 Sugam Langer (Siena) won by default

**Doubles:**

- #1 Denisa Hluchova/Sugam Langer (Siena) def. Krista Babiarz/Amanda Brown (Albany), 8-2
- #2 Brooke Fisher/Meghan Slenkamp (Siena) def. Kerry Levis/Lisa Fund (Albany), 8-3
- #3 Julia Lebedev/Betsy Brookins (Siena) won by default

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### **UALBANY FALLS TO TOP-SEED MAINE, 62-49, IN AMERICA EAST SEMIFINALS**

West Hartford, Conn. – **Julie Veilleux** scored 15 points and **Heather Ernest** added 12 points and 11 rebounds in leading top-seed Maine to a 62-49 victory over Albany in the semifinal round of the America East Conference Women's Basketball Championship on Friday evening at the University of Hartford's Chase Family Arena.

Maine (24-6) advanced to the America East championship for the second straight year, and will meet the winner of the other semifinal between Boston University and Northeastern. The title game is scheduled for Saturday at 4:00 p.m., with the champion receiving an automatic NCAA Tournament berth.

The Black Bears, who have won 18 of their last 19 contests, led wire-to-wire. Veilleux, who had 10 first-half points, made a conventional three-point play when she was fouled on a baseline shot. Ernest, the America East player of the year for the second consecutive season, then connected on a layup in transition for a 16-5 lead with 13:08 remaining in the period.

Albany (13-16) later closed the gap to single digits at 27-18 when **Alicia Learn**, who had 13 points, buried a 16-foot jumper. But the Black Bears, winners in all seven meetings between these programs, ended the half with six unanswered points. **Abby Schrader** scored in the lane, before senior guard **Kim Corbitt** hit a layup after her steal with two seconds left before intermission.

The Great Danes, who were held to 25.9-percent shooting in the opening stanza, found themselves down by 19 points early in the final period. Schumacher, who had 13 second-half points, then heated up with three consecutive 3-point field goals that whittled the deficit to 40-27 with 16:10 to play.

However, Maine quickly slammed the door with seven straight points. Veilleux, a 6-foot-1 senior who made 6-of-10 field goals, was fouled as she scored on a follow shot in the lane for a three-point play. She followed with a short jumper in the paint, before **Missy Traversi** sank a pair of free throws.

"They are a very good team and they came out on fire," said Albany coach Trina Patterson, whose squad defeated Hartford in the quarterfinals, 52-50, in their first postseason appearance since 1999. "It was all catch up from there, and we didn't seem to have the physical energy to get back into it. I am proud of what we did this season, and our seniors were a big part of those accomplishments."

**MORE**

## ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Schrader finished with nine points and six rebounds for the Black Bears, who will attempt to avenge last year's 69-65 loss to Boston U. in the championship final. Albany's **Danielle Hutcheson** posted her 11th double-double of the season with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

"We had good looks but we just couldn't hit a shot when we had a chance to cut into the lead," said Albany captain **Sarah Sweetland**, whose team established the most single-season victories in the program's Division I history after not winning any conference games two years ago. "We had some jitters in the first half and rushed things. Our confidence peaked at the end of the season. We always had the talent, but Coach Patterson brought it out of us."

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### **UALBANY SOFTBALL WINS TWO IN FIRST DAY OF LADY PIRATE CLASSIC**

Hampton, Va. – **Katrina Dunning** singled in the game-winning run in the fifth inning as UAlbany defeated Delaware State, 2-1, on the first day of Hampton University's Lady Pirate Classic on Friday afternoon. Dunning knocked in two more runs to give the Great Danes a 5-0 win over Morgan State in their second game of the day.

Delaware State snapped a scoreless tie in the bottom of the fourth inning as **Catrina Ansbach** doubled home **Kathryn Powell**, who reached on a single.

Albany (5-9) responded in the fifth when **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) lined a two-out single to left field plating **Julie Gannon**, who walked and stole second. Nolette, who advanced to third on the throw home, came across when Dunning singled off of the third base bag.

Right-hander **Andee Lindgren** improved to 3-1 on the season by tossing a complete-game allowing four hits and striking out a season-high 12 for the Great Danes.

In game two against Morgan State, UAlbany scored four times in the fifth and **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) threw a complete-game shutout, giving up three hits while striking out two.

In the fifth, Dunning hit a two-out single to right field that brought in **Leanne Tillman**, who drew a walk, and **Leslie Busch**, who reached on an error. Lindgren followed with a double to the left-center gap scoring Dunning from first. **Ashley Rios** then tripled down the right field line plating Lindgren to give Albany a five-run advantage.

The Great Danes return to action tomorrow in day two of the Lady Pirate Classic. They will battle Hampton at 9 a.m. and will participate in either the championship or consolation game during the afternoon.

#### --agate— **Lady Pirate Classic**

(Game 1)

Albany	000	020	0	-	2	5	0
Delaware State	000	100	0	-	1	4	1

Andee Lindgren and Ali Meacham

Janice Savage, Jessica Murray (5) and Catrina Ansbach

(Game 2)

Morgan State	000	000	0	-	0	3	3
Albany (5-9)	100	040	x	-	5	7	2

Keyana Smith and Aubrey Love

Casey Halloran and Leanne Tillman

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### **UALBANY ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL ROUND**

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OFFICIAL BASKETBALL BOX SCORE -- G A M E T O T A L S  
 #4 Albany vs #5 Hartford  
 03/11/04 8:30 p.m. at Chase Family Arena (West Hartford, CT)

VISITORS: #4 Albany 13-15, 9-9

No.	N A M E	TOT-FG			3-PT			REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE							
11	Ayers, Becky	*	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	11		
20	Hutcheson, Danielle	*	1-5	0-0	1-3	0	4	4	5	3	1	2	0	0	15		
21	Sweetland, Sarah	*	1-2	1-1	1-2	0	2	2	1	4	2	2	0	0	34		
22	Learn, Alicia	*	8-15	0-0	3-4	1	6	7	2	19	1	3	1	3	35		
44	Jones, Maree	*	4-9	0-1	2-4	0	3	3	1	10	1	1	0	5	38		
10	Schumacher, Jen		2-7	0-2	4-6	1	2	3	2	8	4	1	0	1	27		
12	Johnson, Stacy		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1		
23	James, Tanya		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	11		
33	Clark, Lyndsay		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	11		
54	Majors, Sharon		1-1	0-0	2-5	0	5	5	3	4	0	0	0	0	17		
TEAM						0	1	1					3				
TOTALS			18-41	1-4	15-28	2	28	30	21	52	10	16	2	9	200		

TOT-FG 1stH: 9-22 40.9% 2ndH: 9-19 47.4% OT: 0-0 00.0% Game: 43.9% Deadbl  
 3pt-FG 1stH: 0-1 00.0% 2ndH: 1-3 33.3% OT: 0-0 00.0% Game: 25.0% Rebs  
 FThrow 1stH: 5-9 55.6% 2ndH: 10-19 52.6% OT: 0-0 00.0% Game: 53.6% 8

HOME TEAM: #5 Hartford 18-12, 9-9

No.	N A M E	TOT-FG			3-PT			REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
		FG	FGA	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE							
12	Messam, Erika	*	1-8	0-0	6-8	1	2	3	4	8	4	4	0	2	31		
21	Gale, Jenna	*	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	12		
22	Matulis, Danielle	*	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	0	0	12		
24	Murray, Bridget	*	0-4	0-3	0-0	1	3	4	2	0	0	2	0	1	20		
44	Stich, Liz	*	4-12	3-6	3-4	3	8	11	3	14	1	5	0	1	32		
03	Wexler, Danielle		2-6	2-5	2-2	1	1	2	0	8	0	2	0	1	25		
14	Witt, Ikea		1-4	0-0	9-10	3	4	7	3	11	1	1	0	0	26		
15	DiDonato, Kate		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3		
54	Clark, Jessica		2-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	3	5	0	1	0	0	10		
55	Price, Tanika		1-6	0-0	0-5	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	2	29		
TEAM						1	4	5									
TOTALS			12-47	5-14	21-31	12	26	38	26	50	8	16	0	7	200		

TOT-FG 1stH: 7-20 35.0% 2ndH: 5-27 18.5% OT: 0-0 00.0% Game: 25.5% Deadbl  
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 FThrow 1stH: 9-10 90.0% 2ndH: 12-21 57.1% OT: 0-0 00.0% Game: 67.7% 5

OFFICIALS: John Palermo, Frank Geiselman, Rachelle Jones

TECHNICAL FOULS:

#4 Albany - none  
 #5 Hartford - none

ATTENDANCE: 1508

SCORE BY PERIODS:

	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
#4 Albany	23	29					52
#5 Hartford	26	24					50

PTS IN THE PAINT: #4 Albany - 20 #5 Hartford - 12  
 PTS OFF TURNOVERS: #4 Albany - 12 #5 Hartford - 16  
 2ND CHANCE POINTS: #4 Albany - 01 #5 Hartford - 08  
 FAST BREAK POINTS: #4 Albany - 04 #5 Hartford - 02

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### **UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES PHIL SYKES FIELD HOCKEY HEAD COACH**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Phil Sykes as head women's field hockey coach. Sykes previously was interim head coach at Cornell University and an assistant coach at Towson University in Maryland.

Sykes served as Cornell's interim head coach during the 2003 season. Under his tutelage, midfielder Karleigh Burns received second-team All-Ivy League recognition. As a Towson assistant for two years, Sykes coordinated daily practices, handled offensive and defensive strategy and assisted with recruitment of student-athletes. In 2002, the Tigers posted their first winning season since 1996 with a 10-9 record as a member of the Colonial Athletic Association. Sykes, who worked with two all-conference players, also gained head coaching experience during the permanent coach's maternity leave.

Sykes, 33, has also coached and played on the international level. He was the head coach of the UTS Hockey Club's men's and women's teams in Sydney, Australia for one season. Sykes played on the U.S. National Men's Field Hockey Team from 1986-97, and was a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team. He also competed at the 1995 Pan American Games in Argentina, where the U.S. squad won a bronze medal. Sykes participated in eight U.S. Olympic Festivals, and his team won two gold medals.

A native of Livermore, Calif., Sykes received his B.S. in kinesiology from California State University, Hayward in 1999. He also has experience as a tennis professional, plus is certified by the USPTA. Sykes coached on both the junior college and high school levels in the 1990s.



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### Women's Lacrosse – Colgate 12, Albany 10

Troy, N.Y. – Sophomore midfielder **Eden Haladay** scored the go-ahead goal with less than nine minutes remaining in leading unbeaten Colgate to a 12-10 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

Albany (1-4) tied the contest at eight apiece with 10:37 to play, when **Alexis DiDomenico** scored from left of the goalkeeper after collecting a high pass from **Kim Reny**. Colgate (3-0) answered with four consecutive goals to go back in front for good. Haladay converted from the top of the crease off a pass from a driving **Kelly Winning**. **Katie McVeigh**, who had three goals and two assists, scored twice in that outburst, including a free-position shot that gave her team a 12-8 lead.

The Great Danes, who were coming off their first win of the season last Sunday against La Salle, trailed 4-3 at halftime, but drew even on three occasions in the final period. Freshman attacker **Sarah Spillett**, who had a season-high four goals, tied the game twice. She connected on a shot after receiving **Jenn Rajczak's** pass in a play that originated off a turnover, and the score was deadlocked at 7-7 with 15:17 left.

Winning, a sophomore midfielder, finished with three goals and one assist for the Raiders, who shared last year's Patriot League regular-season crown. **Brianne Tierney** and **Becky Ortolano** added a pair of goals.

Albany's **Kate Fontana**, a first-year midfielder, tallied a season-best three goals, including her seventh of the season. Freshman goalkeeper **Jen Daly** made 12 saves.

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Colgate (3-0)	4	8	-	12
Albany (1-4)	3	7	-	10

Colgate – Scoring: Katie McVeigh 3-2, Kelly Winning 3-1, Brianne Tierney 2-0, Becky Ortolano 2-0, Amanda Bradshaw 1-0, Eden Haladay 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Sue Bielamowicz (60:00, 9 saves, 10 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Sarah Spillett 4-0, Kate Fontana 3-0, Jenn Rajczak 1-1, Kim Reny 1-1, Alexis DiDomenico 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 12 saves, 12 GA).

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### **DANIELLE HUTCHESON EARNS FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICA EAST HONORS**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Danielle Hutcheson** has been selected first-team All-America East Conference in women's basketball, as announced by the league office on Wednesday, March 10. She is the first UAlbany player to be named to the all-conference first team.

Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 junior who garnered second-team all-league recognition last year, ranks ninth among the America East leaders in scoring at 13.2 points per game, plus is second in rebounding with a 9.8 average. She is also fourth in field goal percentage (.478) and fourth in blocked shots (0.95 pg). Hutcheson is currently riding an 11-game double figure-scoring streak and has recorded 10 double-doubles this season, one shy of the school record that she established last year. UAlbany's center has scored in double figures 17 times and has grabbed 10 or more rebounds in 11 games.

A native of Phoenix, Ariz., Hutcheson was chosen America East player of the week on two occasions during the regular season. She ranks fourth on the school's all-time rebounding list with 684 and is ninth in scoring with 965 points.

The Great Danes, the fourth seed, will square off with No. 5 Hartford in the America East Tournament's quarterfinal round on Thursday, March 11 at the University of Hartford's Chase Family Arena at The Sports Center. Tip-off is approximately 8:30 p.m.

### **2003-04 America East Women's Basketball All-Conference Selections**

**First Team** – Heather Ernest (Maine), **Danielle Hutcheson (Albany)**, Rachel Laws (Binghamton), Katie Terhune (Boston U.), Aaron Yantzi (Vermont).

**Second Team** – Melissa Heon (Maine), Sherry Jordan (Stony Brook), Maren Matthias (New Hampshire), Erika Messam (Hartford), Maralene Zwarich (Northeastern).

**Third Team** – Becky Bonner (Boston U.), Adrienne Norris (Boston U.), Jessica Smith (Stony Brook), Kate Townley (Binghamton), Leala Wegwerth (Binghamton).

**All-Rookie Team** – Jody Burrows (Northeastern), Mykeema Ford (Stony Brook), Jessica Smith (Stony Brook), Ray Williams (New Hampshire), Ikea Witt (Hartford).

**Player of the Year:** Heather Ernest, Maine

**Rookie of the Year:** Jessica Smith, Stony Brook

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Joi Jefferson, Northeastern

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### NO. 1 JOHNS HOPKINS USES NINE-GOAL SECOND PERIOD TO BEAT UALBANY

Baltimore, Md. – **Conor Ford** and **Peter LeSueur** each had three goals and two assists in leading Johns Hopkins, the nation's top-ranked team, to a 17-6 victory over Albany on Tuesday afternoon at Homewood Field. The Blue Jays, who are No. 1 in the STX-USILA national poll for the second straight week, upped their home-winning streak to 22 straight games.

Albany (1-1) built a 3-1 lead in the first period, as **Brendan Russell** and **Matthew Green** scored a pair of unassisted goals. **Michael Solazzo**, a senior attackman, added one of his two goals on the day, off a feed from **Bakary Janneh**.

The Blue Jays, who lost to Virginia, 9-7, in last year's NCAA Division I championship game, then went to work with a nine-goal second quarter. All-America attack **Kyle Barrie**, who had two goals and four assists, tied the contest at three apiece, before **Kyle Harrison** gave his team the lead for good with an unassisted goal. Johns Hopkins completed the outburst by finding the net twice in the final seven seconds of the period. LeSueur, following a face-off, tallied his third goal of the half as time expired.

In the third quarter, Albany's **Frank Resetarits** halted the run, when he converted his third goal of the season on an assist from **Chris Martocchia**. But the Blue Jays, who have won seven national titles in their storied history, followed with six unanswered goals. Duke transfer **Matt Rewkowski** scored a pair of goals, both on the man-advantage, in that stretch.

Goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made 18 saves, two off his career-high, for the Great Danes, who dropped a 16-7 decision on this same field last year. Johns Hopkins' **Kevin Boland** finished with two goals and three assists, as his team capitalized on 6-of-11 extra-man opportunities.

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Albany (1-1)	3	0	1	2	-	6
#1 Johns Hopkins (3-0)	1	9	6	1	-	17

Albany – Scoring: Michael Solazzo 2-0, Brendan Russell 1-1, Luke Daquino 1-0, Frank Resetarits 1-0, Matthew Green 1-0, Chris Martocchia 0-2; Bakary Janneh 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 18 saves, 17 GA).

Johns Hopkins – Scoring: Conor Ford 3-2, Peter LeSueur 3-2, Matt Rewkowski 3-0, Kyle Barrie 2-4, Kevin Boland 2-3, Kyle Harrison 1-1, Joe Benson 1-0, Frank Potucek 1-0, Jamison Koesterer 1-0, Jake Byrne 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Scott Smith (45:00, 6 saves, 4 GA), Jesse Schwartzman (14:07, 3 saves, 1 GA), Jim Maimone-Medwick (0:53, 0 saves, 1 GA).

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### **MEN'S LACROSSE MEETS TOP-RANKED JOHNS HOPKINS ON TUESDAY**

Albany, N.Y. – After beginning the season with a 16-5 victory over Manhattan, the University at Albany men's lacrosse team will take on Johns Hopkins, the nation's top-ranked squad, on Tuesday, March 9. Game time is 3:00 p.m. at Homewood Field in Baltimore, Maryland.

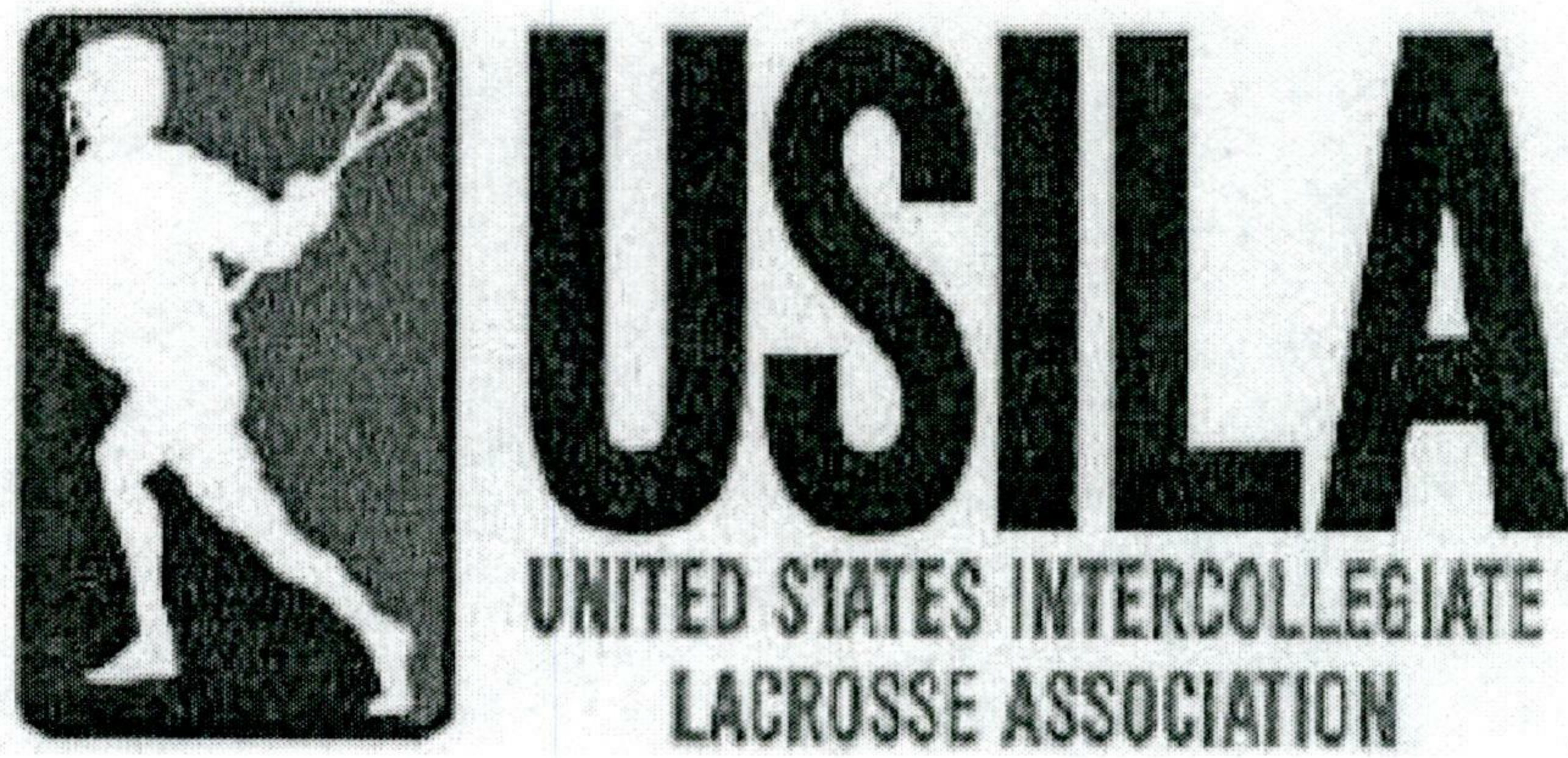
Johns Hopkins (2-0) is ranked No. 1 for the second straight week in the STX-USILA national poll. The current rankings were announced on Monday afternoon. The Blue Jays, who reached the NCAA Division I championship game last year, defeated Princeton, 14-5, last Saturday. **Kyle Harrison**, a second-team All-America midfielder, scored a career-high four goals and added one assist, as his team ran its home winning streak to 21 straight games.

UAlbany (1-0) won its season opener for the second straight year, as reigning America East Conference player of the year **Luke Daquino** totaled three goals and four assists against Manhattan. **Michael Solazzo**, a second-team all-conference attackman, added three goals and three assists, plus reached the 100-plateau in career points (102). **Kevin Rae**, the 2003 America East championship MVP, had 10 saves in three quarters of work at goalkeeper.

Head coach **Scott Marr**, a 1991 Johns Hopkins graduate, is in his third season at the helm. Marr led the Great Danes to their first-ever NCAA appearance and the America East Conference championship last season. UAlbany will also meet No. 3 Syracuse in the Carrier Dome on Saturday, April 24.

### **Geico/USILA-STX National Men's Lacrosse Coaches Poll (March 8)**

1. Johns Hopkins (2-0), 2. Maryland (2-0), 3. Syracuse (2-0), 4. Rutgers (2-0), 5. Notre Dame (1-0), 6. Georgetown (1-1), 7. Princeton (1-1), 8. Duke (2-1), 9. North Carolina (1-1), 10. Denver (3-0).



**Polls**

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2004  
Geico/STX Coaches Poll  
Men's Lacrosse  
March 8, 2004  
Week 2



◆ Division I ◆ Division II ◆ Division III

Division I				
No.	Name	Record	Points	Previous
1	<i>Johns Hopkins</i>	2-0	(6) 195	1
2	<i>Maryland</i>	2-0	(4) 192	2
3	<i>Syracuse</i>	2-0	183	3
4	<i>Rutgers</i>	2-0	145	T8
5	<i>Notre Dame</i>	1-0	135	T8
6	<i>Georgetown</i>	1-1	132	T11
7	<i>Princeton</i>	1-1	129	5
8	<i>Duke</i>	2-1	127	6
9	<i>North Carolina</i>	1-1	123	4
10	<i>Denver</i>	3-0	123	T11
11	<i>Hofstra</i>	1-1	95	19
12	<i>Loyola</i>	1-1	89	7
13	<i>Cornell</i>	1-1	84	10
14	<i>Massachusetts</i>	2-1	76	13
15	<i>Navy</i>	2-1	75	n/r
16	<i>UMBC</i>	1-1	50	18
17	<i>Virginia</i>	1-3	39	16

18	<i>Towson</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>17</i>
19	<i>Army</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>n/r</i>
20	<i>Air Force</i>	<i>2-1</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>14</i>
<b>Others receiving votes (in order): <i>Bucknell, Ohio State, Fairfield, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Dartmouth</i></b>				

<b>Division II</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Previous</b>
<i>1</i>	<i>New York Institute of Technology</i>	<i>(9) 2-0</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>LeMoyne College</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Limestone College</i>	<i>2-0</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Pace University</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Adelphi University</i>	<i>0-1</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Bryant College</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Mercyhurst College</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>Dowling College</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>LIU-C.W. Post</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>Wheeling Jesuit University</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>10</i>
<b>Others receiving votes (in order): <i>Bentley, Molloy</i></b>				

<b>Division III</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Previous</b>
<i>1</i>	<i>Salisbury</i>	<i>(15) 4-0</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Middlebury</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>284</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Cortland</i>	<i>1-0</i>	<i>266</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Washington College</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>259</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Hampden-Sydney</i>	<i>2-0</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Nazareth</i>	<i>2-0</i>	<i>221</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Ithaca</i>	<i>2-0</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>Gettysburg</i>	<i>1-0</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i>	<i>2-1</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>Whittier</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Lynchburg</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>Roanoke</i>	<i>2-0</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>Franklin &amp; Marshall</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>9</i>
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### WOMEN'S LACROSSE EARNS FIRST VICTORY WITH LAST-MINUTE GOAL

Hamilton, N.Y. – Freshman attacker **Colleen McGuinness** scored the game-winning goal with 24 seconds remaining, as Albany posted its first victory of the season with a 9-8 non-league win over La Salle on Sunday afternoon at Colgate University's Tyler's Field.

La Salle (0-2) rallied from an 8-6 deficit with less than seven minutes to play, when **Kate Henwood** and **Catie Borneman** each scored unassisted to tie the contest. Albany (1-3) controlled the draw and set up for the last possession. **Nikki Donohue**, passing from behind the cage, found McGuinness in front who dodged the goalkeeper and hit the net with her second goal of the season.

The Explorers, who dropped a 13-6 decision to Colgate the previous day, took a 6-5 lead midway through the second half. Sophomore midfielder **Kristen Davis** scored her third goal of the game to put her team ahead.

The Great Danes regrouped with three consecutive goals over the next seven minutes. Donohue, a sophomore attacker, drew her team even when she connected off a pass from **Jenn Rajczak**. Freshman **Kate Fontana**, who totaled three goals and one assist, converted two free-position shots for an 8-6 advantage with 7:54 left.

La Salle's Borneman finished with two goals and one assists, while Henwood, an All-Atlantic 10 Conference midfielder, scored twice. Albany goalkeeper **Jen Daly** had 13 saves as the freshman earned her first win on the collegiate level.

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Albany 9, La Salle 8

Albany (1-3)	3	6	-	9
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La Salle (0-2)	1	7	-	8
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Albany – Scoring: Kate Fontana 3-1, Colleen McGuinness 1-1, Nikki Donohue 1-1, Alexis DiDomenico 1-0, Kim Reny 1-0, Caitlin Navor 1-0, Courtney Hill 1-0, Jenn Rajczak 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 13 saves, 8 GA).

La Salle – Scoring: Kristen Davis 3-0, Catie Borneman 2-1, Kate Henwood 2-0, Rebecca Boudwin 1-0, Tiffany Grossi 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brttany Friedrich (60:00, 13 saves, 9 GA).

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## 2-2-2-2-2-2 UALBANY SPORTS

### UALBANY'S GERED BURNS WINS 800-METER RUN AT IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) won the 800-meter run at the IC4A Indoor Championships on Sunday afternoon at the Boston University Track and Tennis Center. Manhattan College took home the IC4A team title, finishing five points better than second-place Connecticut.

Burns, a sophomore who owns the school record in this event, came from behind in the race by taking the lead on the third lap. He crossed the finish line in 1:50.11 to become the second UAlbany athlete to ever win an IC4A title. Jeffrey York (Troy), a member of the University's Athletic Hall of Fame, won the 55-meter hurdles crown in 1995. The Great Danes finished tied for 25th overall following the two-day competition.

At the ECAC Women's Indoor Championships, UAlbany's distance medley relay team consisting of **Meghan Howell**, **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central), **Ricshara Knight** and **Adanna Andrews** placed fifth. Howell was clocked in a personal-best time of 5:01 for her 1,600-meter split. Susser ran her 1,200-meter leg in a personal-record time of 3:39 at the Reggie Lewis Center.

### HARTFORD TOPS WOMEN'S TENNIS IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE ACTION

Burlington, Vt. – University of Hartford's **Ana Maria Mora** won in straight sets at first singles and teamed with **Tara Siegel** to capture their doubles match, as Hartford defeated Albany, 7-0, in America East Conference women's tennis action on Sunday, March 7 at Patrick Gymnasium.

Albany's **Erika Van Zandt** lost in third-set tiebreaker to **Jennifer Surpris** at No. 6 singles, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (9-7). Sophomore **Jacki Laurenti** pushed Siegel to three sets at No. 5 singles, before losing, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

The Great Danes' tandem of Laurenti and Van Zandt claimed an 8-3 pro-set win over the Hawks' duo of **Amanda Lipsky** and Surpris at third doubles.

Albany returns to action on Saturday, March 13 as the Great Danes entertain crosstown-rival Siena at Tri-Cities Latham Courts. Match time is 10:00 a.m.

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#### **Hartford 7, Albany 0**

##### **Singles:**

- #1 Ana Maria Mora (Hartford) def. Krista Babiarz (Albany), 6-3, 6-1
- #2 Lauren Perry (Hartford) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-2, 6-3
- #3 Halley Werner (Hartford) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 0-3 default, injury
- #4 Amanda Lipsky (Hartford) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-0, 6-4
- #5 Tara Siegel (Hartford) def. Jacki Laurenti (Albany), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1
- #6 Jennifer Surpris (Hartford) def. Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 6-1, 3-6, 7-6(9)

##### **Doubles:**

- #1 **Ana Maria Mora/Tara Siegel (Hartford) def. Krista Babiarz/Amanda Brown (Albany), 8-2**
- #2 Lauren Perry/Halley Werner (Hartford) def. Lisa Fund/Kerry Levis (Albany), 8-3
- #3 Jacki Laurenti/Erika Van Zandt (Albany) def. Amanda Lipsky/Jennifer Surpris (Hartford), 8-3

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### 3-3-3-3-3-3-UALBANY SPORTS

#### UALBANY BASEBALL DROPS SERIES FINALE, 11-9, AT UNC ASHEVILLE

Asheville, N.C. – **Nick Jaksa** collected three RBI on two hits and scored three times as UNC Asheville defeated UAlbany, 11-9, in the finale of their three-game weekend series on Sunday afternoon at Greenwood Field.

UNC Asheville (5-6), which won the series opener, 7-5, on Friday, carried a 4-3 lead heading into its half of the fourth inning before adding four more runs. Jaksa, who gave his team the lead in the first with a two-run single, reached on an error to leadoff the fourth and would come around to score on a single by **Ben Padgett**, who drove in two runs on the day. Later in the inning, **Steve Burnich** hit a single to right field that plated two more Bulldogs.

Albany (6-3), which defeated UNC Asheville 21-1 on Saturday, responded with three runs of its own in the fifth. Catcher **Jason Martin** lined a one-out single to right field plating **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central). **Derek DeGrazio** singled in **Kirt Zimniewicz** and Martin to slice the deficit to 8-6.

The Great Danes trailed 11-7 with two outs in the ninth before Zimniewicz's team-leading third home run scored **Craig Farley**, cutting the margin in half. Reliever **David Williams** would come in and seal the victory for the Bulldogs by picking up his first save of the season.

UNC Asheville's **Granville Gehris** earned the win, throwing five innings and giving up six runs on six hits. **Steve Emmerthal** tossed four innings for the Great Danes, allowing four earned runs on nine hits to collect the loss.

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Albany (6-3)	102	031	002	-	9	7	3
UNC Asheville (5-6)	400	402	01x	-	11	12	2

Steve Emmerthal, Scott McGovern (5), Kyle Thomas (6), Shawn Ryan (8) and Jason Martin.

Granville Gehris, Ryan Stewart (6), Chris Nigro (8), David Williams (9) and Nick Jaksa

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### **MAINE EARNS NO. 1 SEED FOR AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT**

Boston, Mass. – Maine has earned the top seed for next week's Friendship Cottage Cheese America East Conference Women's Basketball Championship. The Black Bears, who finished with a 22-6 overall record and 17-1 mark in conference play, won the regular-season title for the second straight year.

The University of Hartford will host the championship for the third consecutive year, with all contests being played at the Chase Family Arena at The Sports Center from March 10-13.

UAlbany (12-15, AE 9-9) is seeded fourth and will meet No. 5 Hartford (18-11, AE 9-9) in the quarterfinals on Thursday at approximately 8:30 p.m. The Great Danes, who tied the school mark for most single-season wins at the Division I level, swept the regular-season series with Hartford. UAlbany upset the Hawks on their home court with a 57-53 victory on Jan. 24, plus posted a 61-48 win at the RACC on Feb. 21.

Albany's **Danielle Hutcheson** is among the America East's top scorers (13.2 ppg) and rebounders (9.8 pg). Sophomore guard **Becky Ayers** averages 13.0 points and is shooting 85.7 percent from the charity stripe.

The championship begins on Wednesday March 10 with first-round action. New Hampshire (No. 8) and Stony Brook (No. 9) will meet for the right to take on Maine in the quarterfinal round on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

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### **2004 Friendship Cottage Cheese America East Conference Women's Basketball Championship**

(The Chase Family Arena in The Sports Center at The University of Hartford, West Hartford, Conn.)

Wednesday, March 10 - First Round

Game 1 - #7 Northeastern (13-14, 7-11) vs. #10 UMBC (4-23, 4-14), 7:00 p.m.

Game 2 - #8 New Hampshire (10-17, 6-12) vs. #9 Stony Brook (7-20, 6-12), approx. 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 11 - Quarterfinals

Game 3 - #3 Boston U. (17-10, 12-6) vs. #6 Vermont (14-12, 8-10), 12:00 p.m.

Game 4 - #2 Binghamton (17-9, 12-6) vs. Game 1 winner, approx. 2:30 p.m.

Game 5 - #1 Maine (22-6, 17-1) vs. Game 2 winner, 6:00 p.m.

Game 6 - #4 Albany (12-15, 9-9) vs. #5 Hartford (18-11, 9-9), approx. 8:30 p.m.

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### UALBANY CRUSHES UNC ASHEVILLE, 21-1, IN SECOND GAME OF SERIES

Asheville, N.C. – Second baseman **Kirt Zimniewicz** went 2-for-4, driving in four runs and scoring two more, as UAlbany hit its way to a commanding 21-1 victory over UNC Asheville on Saturday afternoon at Greenwood Field.

Albany (6-2), which produced its largest scoring output since March 27 of last year, used a seven-run fourth inning to take control of the contest. Zimniewicz reached via an error to leadoff the top of the frame and then **Derek DeGrazio** singled to right field. **Brendan Chiavaro** knocked in one of his three RBI as his double to left-center plated Zimniewicz. Third baseman **Pat Delaney** followed by driving in both of his runs on the day with a single to left that scored Chiavaro and DeGrazio. Three batters later, shortstop **Joe Lamb** got his second of four hits when he singled up the middle driving in two more runs, and would later score on **Tony Vallone's** (Greenwich Central) double to left field. **Dan Schoonmaker**, who also had three RBI, gave the Great Danes a 9-0 lead with a sacrifice fly that plated Vallone, who reached third on a passed ball.

UNC Asheville (4-6), who defeated Albany 7-5 on Friday, got its lone run of the game on a home run by first baseman **Tony Wall** in the eighth.

Sophomore **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) pitched six innings, giving up five hits and no runs while striking out eight, to improve his record to 2-0 on the season for UAlbany. **Aaron Rembert** received the loss, allowing four earned runs on seven hits in 3.1 innings of work.

Both teams will square off again tomorrow in the final game of their three-game series. First pitch is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

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Albany (6-2)	200	712	234	-	21	22	1
UNC Asheville (4-6)	000	000	010	-	1	6	5

Nick Murphy, Ethan Vaiana (7) and Fred Estes.

Aaron Rembert, Gary Kohler (4), Ryan Haushalter (6), Rodney Quinn (7) and J.K. Whited, Justin Wilkins.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS DEFEATED BY AMERICA EAST-FOE NEW HAMPSHIRE

Burlington, Vt. – **Megan Breen** and **Jenna Kafferly** won in singles and doubles play in leading New Hampshire to a 7-0 victory over Albany in America East Conference tennis action on Saturday morning at Patrick Gym.

Breen paired with Kafferly to upend Albany's tandem of **Krista Babiarz** and **Amanda Brown**, 8-0, in number one doubles. Breen won in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0, at number one singles over Babiarz, while Kafferly defeated Brown, 6-0, 6-0, in number two singles.

The Wildcats earned the doubles point as **Hallie Erickson** and **Lensey Dixon** teamed up to top **Lisa Fund** and **Kerry Levis** in number two doubles, 8-1. New Hampshire swept all singles matches.

Albany will face Hartford on Sunday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m.

-agate-

### New Hampshire 7, Albany 0

#### Singles:

#1 Megan Breen (New Hampshire) def. Krista Babiarz (Albany), 6-0, 6-0

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### **MEN'S LACROSSE BEGINS SEASON WITH 16-5 VICTORY OVER MANHATTAN**

Schenectady, N.Y. – **Luke Daquino** had three goals and four assists, as Albany won its season opener for the second straight year with a 16-5 victory over Manhattan on Saturday afternoon at Union College's Frank Bailey Field.

The Great Danes, who are coming off their first-ever NCAA appearance after winning last year's America East Conference title, leaped to a 6-1 lead in the first quarter. Daquino, a junior attackman, converted a bounce shot into empty net following a failed clear for a 2-0 lead. Freshman **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) scored a pair of goals three minutes apart during the period, including a shot from the top of the crease in an extra-man situation.

Daquino, who tied a career-high with seven points in the contest, was involved in two of his team's three goals in the second quarter. He finished off a pass from **Brendan Russell** with 20 seconds elapsed in the stanza. Daquino then fed **Michael Solazzo** who blasted a shot into the top right corner for a 9-2 lead with 1:13 left before halftime.

Solazzo, who scored three times and added three assists, also found the net in his team's six-goal third quarter. Freshman attacker **Frank Resetarits**, who had two goals and one assist, and **Chris Martocchia** (2 goals) also found the net their team's uprising.

**Nick Cacciatore** had two goals and one assist for the Jaspers, who opened their schedule with a 10-9 overtime win over Sacred Heart last Wednesday. Albany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made 10 saves while playing the opening three quarters. The Great Danes will meet the nation's top-ranked team Johns Hopkins, a 14-5 winner over No. 5 Princeton on Saturday, in Baltimore, Md. on Tuesday, March 9 at 3:00 p.m.

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Albany 16, Manhattan 5

Manhattan (1-1)	1	1	0	3	-	5
Albany (1-0)	6	3	6	1	-	16

Manhattan – Scoring: Nick Cacciatore 2-1, Justin Otto 1-1, Eugene Tanner 1-1, Greg Lewis 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Robert Busweiler (30:00, 7 saves, 9 GA), John Landers (30:00, 6 saves, 7 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Luke Daquino 3-4, Michael Solazzo 3-3, Frank Resetarits 2-1, Merrick Thomson 2-1, Chris Martocchia 2-0, Brendan Russell 1-1, Matthew Green 1-0, Daniel Orlovski 1-0, Ernie Spaulding 1-0, Andrew Maini 0-1, Eric Wolf 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (45:00, 10 saves, 2 GA), Chris Gill (15:00, 3 saves, 3 GA).

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Friday, March 12 - Semifinals

Game 7 – Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 (AE-TV), 6:00 p.m.

Game 8 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 (AE-TV), 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 13 - Championship

Game 9 – Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (AE-TV), 4:00 p.m.

### **ALBANY'S WILLIAMS SETS SCHOOL SHOT PUT MARK AT ECAC CHAMPIONSHIP**

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's **Joy Williams** set a school mark in the shot put with a toss of 47-feet, 5-inches at day one of the ECAC Championships on Saturday afternoon at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass.

Williams, a transfer from Southern Connecticut State, broke her own standard of 45-feet, 3.5-inches to place fourth, which is the best-ever finish for a UAlbany athlete in a throwing event at the ECAC or IC4A Championships. **Eliana Durko** advanced in the 60-meter hurdles, while teammate **Diane Matthews**, the reigning ECAC female track athlete of the week, ran 2:54 in the 1,000 to notch a place in tomorrow's final.

On the men's side, **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) advanced to the finals in the 800-meter run at day one of the IC4A Championships at the Boston University Track and Tennis Center. Burns, who owns the school record in the event, crossed the line in 1:51.39 and will be seeded second at Sunday's final. Senior **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) qualified for the semi-finals in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 7.67 and also placed fifth in his long jump flight with a leap of 21-feet, 1.25-inches.

Day two of the IC4A Championships will begin tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. and the ECAC competition gets underway at noon.

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

#3 Hallie Erickson (New Hampshire) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-0, 6-0

#4 Lensey Dixon (New Hampshire) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-0, 6-0

#5 Jess Pasay (New Hampshire) def. Jacki Laurenti (Albany), 6-0, 6-0

#6 Tiffany Heinemann (New Hampshire) def. Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 6-0, 6-0

**Doubles:**

#1 Megan Breen/Jenna Kafferly (New Hampshire) def. Krista Babiarz/Amanda Brown (Albany), 8-0

#2 Hallie Erickson/Lensey Dixon (New Hampshire) def. Lisa Fund/Kerry Levis (Albany), 8-1

#3 Jess Pasay/Amy Surprenant (New Hampshire) def. Jacki Laurenti/Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 8-0

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### **WOMEN – Albany 64, UMBC 44**

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Becky Ayers** scored a team-high 17 points on 6-of-13 shooting from the floor to lead Albany to a 64-44 victory in the regular-season finale over America East Conference-foe UMBC on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (12-15, AE 9-9) jumped out to a 10-0 lead to begin the contest, as Ayers knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers and junior **Alicia Learn**, who finished with eight points and a career-high eight assists, converted a pull-up jumper on the wing with 16:46 remaining in the first half.

UMBC (4-23, AE 4-14) pulled within five, 14-9, on **Matea Pender's** layup at the 11:06 mark. The Great Danes responded with 11 unanswered points to take a 25-9 lead with 8:01 left. Senior **Sarah Sweetland** converted a fast-break layup off a steal by Learn and later sunk a 3-pointer from the left side, while junior **Maree Jones**, who pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds, connected on a three-point play as she was fouled on a jumper in the lane.

The Great Danes extended on their 36-17 halftime lead using an 8-2 run to open the second half. Ayers ignited the spurt with one of her five 3-pointers from the right side, while Learn sunk both ends from the charity stripe to give her team a 44-21 lead with 16:34 remaining.

The Retrievers clawed their way back into the contest scoring 11 unanswered points midway through the half. Junior **Anastasia Goncharova**, who led her team with 17 points, hit three of her five 3-pointers in that span. Sophomore **Maria Brown** canned two free throws to make it 44-32, but that would be the closest UMBC would get the rest of the way. Albany used a 6-0 run to build a 24-point cushion with 4:47 left on junior **Danielle Hutcheson's** conventional three-point play as she was fouled underneath the basket on a layup, while Ayers followed with a fast-break layup to make it 57-33.

"We're looking forward to facing Hartford for a third time this year," said head coach Trina Patterson, whose team will open the America East Championship on March 11. "We're not going to take anything for granted and not be overconfident since we've beaten them on their home court earlier this year. Our team has a lot of confidence right now and we're convinced we can beat them again."

Hutcheson finished with 12 points, six rebounds and four steals for Albany, while Brown added seven points, five rebounds and four assists for the Retrievers. Pairings for the Friendship Cottage Cheese America East Women's Championship will be determined later this afternoon.-30-

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### **UALBANY BASEBALL FALLS AT UNC ASHEVILLE, 7-5, IN NON-LEAGUE PLAY**

Asheville, N.C. – **Charles Pippett** went 2-for-4 driving in one run and scoring two more as UNC Asheville defeated UAlbany 7-5 in non-conference play at Greenwood Field on Friday afternoon.

UNC Asheville (4-5) opened the scoring in the second when **Nick Jaksa**, who hit a leadoff double, scored on a wild pitch. Three batters later, **Steve Burnich** hit a sacrifice fly to plate Pippett, who reached on a single and advanced to third on a bunt single and a groundout.

Albany (5-2) trailed 6-0 heading into the top of the eighth, but a two-out rally produced five runs and cut the deficit to one. **Pat Delaney** led off with a single to second base and would later score on **Jason Martin's** two-out base hit. **Tony Vallone** followed with another RBI single scoring **Dan Schoonmaker**. Following a pitching change, **Kirt Zimniewicz** doubled to left field to plate Martin. **Derek DeGrazio** capped off the scoring with a single to right that scored Zimniewicz and Vallone.

Pippett led off the Bulldog eighth with a home run to right field, giving his team a 7-5 advantage. The Great Danes threatened again in the ninth behind one-out singles by **Joe Lamb** and Schoonmaker, which put the go-ahead run at the plate. However, the rally would end as Martin grounded into a game-ending double play.

**Steven Cook** improved to 3-0 on the season, as he pitched 7.2 innings giving up four runs on seven hits, while **Chris Nigro** picked up his first save of the season for the Bulldogs. UAlbany's **Adam Kroft** drops to 1-1 on the year, going 6.1 innings allowing five earned runs on nine hits.

Both teams square off again tomorrow in game two of a three-game weekend series. First pitch is slated for 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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Albany (5-2)	000	000	050	-	5	12	2
UNC Asheville (4-5)	020	020	21x	-	7	11	1

Adam Kroft, Nick Ragone (7), Mark Suchowiecki (8), Shawn Ryan (8) and Jason Martin  
 Steven Cook, David Williams (8), Chris Nigro (9) and Nick Jaksa

### **UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE FALLS TO TOWSON**

Towson, Md. – **Erin Cayea** had three goals and four assists to lead Towson past UAlbany, 17-5, in non-league lacrosse action on Friday afternoon at the Johnny Unitas Stadium.

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## UALBANY SPORTS 2 2 2

Albany (0-3) got on the board first as freshman **Kate Fontana** scored off a pass from **Nikki Donohue** 1:38 into the game. However, Towson (3-0) responded with eight unanswered goals. **Becky Trumbo** notched three goals in that span, while Cayea and **Shannon Witzel** each scored twice. **Caitlin Marshall** added an unassisted goal during the surge.

**Colleen McGuinness** scored an unassisted goal of her own for the Great Danes to end the drought with 10:14 left before the break. A minute later, **Kelly Fitzgerald** scored her first of three goals to give her team a 9-2 advantage. The Tigers held a 12-2 lead at the half.

**Alexis DiDomenico**, **Jenn Rajczak** and **Courtney Hill** each contributed second half goals for UAlbany. Freshman **Jen Daly** played the entire game in goal for the Great Danes, collecting 12 saves.

Albany returns to action on Sunday as they take on La Salle in Hamilton, N.Y. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

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Towson 17, Albany 5

Albany (0-3)	2	3	-	5
Towson (3-0)	12	5	-	17

Albany - Alexis DiDomenico 1-0, Kate Fontana 1-0, Courtney Hill 1-0, Colleen McGuinness 1-0, Jenn Rajczak 1-0, Nikki Donohue 0-1.

Towson - Erin Cayea 3-4, Becky Trumbo 3-1, Kelly Fitzgerald 3-0, Shannon Witzel 2-2, Valerie Bish 2-0, Caitlin Marshall 1-1, Abby Giancola 1-0, Beverly Burns 1-0, Martha Dwyer 1-0, Stephanie Howell 0-2.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS FALLS TO AMERICA EAST OPPONENT VERMONT

Burlington, Vt. – Vermont's **Molly Moran** won both her singles and doubles match in leading the Catamounts to a 7-0 victory over Albany in America East Conference tennis action on Friday, March 5 at Patrick Gym.

Moran paired with freshman **Alexis Accomando** to top Albany's duo of **Krista Babiarz** and **Amanda Brown**, 8-4, in number one doubles. **Liz DeCurtis** and **Jen Fullerton** teamed to beat the Great Danes tandem of **Lisa Fund** and **Kerry Levis**, 8-3, to capture the doubles point for Vermont.

The Catamounts also swept the singles matches, with Moran topping Babiarz, 6-0, 6-1, in number one singles, while DeCurtis defeated Brown, 6-3, 6-2, in number two singles.

Albany will square off against New Hampshire on Saturday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m. -agate-

**Vermont 7, Albany 0**

### Singles:

- #1 Molly Moran (Vermont) def. Krista Babiarz (Albany), 6-0, 6-1
- #2 Liz DeCurtis (Vermont) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-3, 6-2
- #3 Alexis Accomando (Vermont) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #4 Susannah O'Brien (Vermont) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-1, 6-1
- #5 Lauren Koenig (Vermont) def. Jacki Laurenti (Albany), 6-1, 6-1
- #6 Jen Fullerton (Vermont) def. Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 6-2, 6-0

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### Doubles:

#1 Molly Moran/Alexis Accomando (Vermont) def. Krista Babiarz/Amanda Brown (Albany), 8-4

#2 Liz DeCurtis/Jen Fullerton (Vermont) def. Lisa Fund/Kerry Levis (Albany), 8-3

#3 Meg Helstowski/Meghan Linehan (Vermont) def. Jacki Laurenti/Erika Van Zandt (Albany), 8-1

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### **JON IATI NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jon Iati** has been selected America East Conference Rookie of the Year in men's basketball, as announced this afternoon by the conference office. Iati is the second consecutive UAlbany player to win the honor as Jamar Wilson was voted the award by the league's head coaches last year.

Iati, a 5-foot-9 freshman who was also named to the America East All-Rookie Team, ranks ninth among the conference scoring leaders at 14.5 points per game. He is also tied for sixth in assists (2.96 pg) and is fifth in three-point field goals (2.5 pg). Iati scored in double figures 23 times, including a career-high 26 against Stony Brook on Feb. 18. He also posted a 12-game, double-figure scoring streak that ended in the regular-season finale against Northeastern.

A native of York, Pa., Iati was named the America East rookie of the week seven times this season. He leads the nation in total minutes with 1,082 for a 40.1 average, and has played in 40 or more minutes in 20 contests. His 68 three-point field goals rank eighth on the school's single-season list and are the second-best total by a freshman.

The Great Danes, the tenth seed, meet No. 7 New Hampshire in the America East Tournament's first round this evening at Boston University's Walter Brown Arena. Tip-off is approximately 9:30 p.m.

### **2003-04 America East Men's Basketball All-Conference Selections**

**First Team** – Jose Juan Barea (Northeastern), Taylor Coppenrath (Vermont), T.J. Sorrentine (Vermont), Jason Grochowalski (Boston U.), Chaz Carr (Boston U.).

**Second Team** – Mark Flavin (Maine), Nick Billings (Binghamton), Eric Dobson (Maine), Kevin Reed (Maine), D.J. Munir (Stony Brook).

**Third Team** – Ryan Butt (Boston U.), Brandon Carter (Binghamton), Shaun Wynn (Boston U.), Ryan Stys (Hartford), Javorie Wilson (Northeastern).

**All-Rookie Team** – Jon Iati (Albany), Troy Hailey (Binghamton), Blagoj Janev (New Hampshire), Bennet Davis (Northeastern), Mike Popoko (Stony Brook).

**Player of the Year:** Taylor Coppenrath, Vermont

**Rookie of the Year:** Jon Iati, Albany

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Shaun Wynn, Boston U.

**Coach of the Year:** Dennis Wolff, Boston U.

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### **MEN'S LACROSSE BEGINS 2004 SEASON AGAINST MANHATTAN ON MARCH 6**

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany's men's lacrosse team begins its 2004 season on Saturday, March 6 against Manhattan. Game time is 4:00 p.m. at Union College's Frank Bailey Field.

UAlbany will look to repeat as the America East Conference champion in 2004. The Great Danes defeated Hartford, 7-5, in last year's title game, and became the first Albany team to reach the NCAA Tournament in any sport since the school upgraded to Division I. The competition will be keen with the addition of UMBC to the conference. The Retrievers are ranked among the top-20 in the preseason national polls.

Head coach **Scott Marr**, who led Albany to a 10-6 record last season, has his top four scorers returning, including 2003 America East Player of the Year **Luke Daquino**. The junior attackman became the first UAlbany player since 1994 to record 50-plus points in back-to-back seasons with 22 goals and 35 assists. **Michael Solazzo** ranked third among the conference leaders in goals at 2.13 per game. Solazzo, a senior who totaled 32 goals and seven assists last year, was a second-team All-America East attacker. Sophomore **Chris Martocchia** made the league's all-rookie squad after scoring 26 goals and 10 assists. He had five points (3 goals, 2 assists) in his team's NCAA first-round game with Princeton.

In the midfield, **Brendan Russell** earned first-team all-conference honors by scoring 25-plus points for the second straight year with 22 goals and four assists. Sophomore **Matthew Green**, a member of the America East All-Rookie squad, had eight goals and six assists. Junior goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**, the America East championship MVP, has been rock-solid in the cage as a collegian. He had 10 or more saves on 11 occasions last year. **Ryan Olmstead**, who had a team-high 53 ground balls, **Roy Vaccaro** and **Patrick McSweeney** lead an Albany defensive unit that held opponents to eight goals or less seven times.

### **THREE UALBANY ATHLETES ON NFHCA NATIONAL ACADEMIC SQUAD**

Glen Allen, Va. -- University at Albany's **Rhonda Corcoran**, **Cheryl Varga** and **Amber Wade** have been named to the 2003 National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Squad as announced today. Student-athletes selected to the national squad must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.30 through the fall 2003 semester.

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## **ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2**

Corcoran, who is a four-time selection, started 18 of 19 contests for the Great Danes and notched two assists with two defensive saves during the 2003 season. A senior defender, Corcoran holds a 3.8 GPA, while majoring in psychology with a minor in economics. Varga earns the honor for a third straight year. The junior forward tallied two goals with one assist in 19 games this past season. Varga, who is a communication major with a minor in English, owns a 3.7 GPA.

Wade, a three-time member of the squad, started all 19 games for Albany in the backfield and was second on the team with five defensive saves. A junior defender, Wade maintains a 3.5 GPA with a major in biology.

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### **WOMEN – Boston U. 73, Albany 46**

Boston, Mass. – Senior guard **Katie Terhune** had 22 points to lead three players in double figures, as Boston University posted a 73-46 America East Conference victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at Case Gymnasium.

Boston U. (16-10, AE 11-6) used a 13-3 run midway through the second half to pull away for good. Terhune, who shot 8-of-14 from the field, and added six assists and four steals, made two three-point field goals in that stretch. **Becky Bonner**, a 6-foot-2 junior who transferred from Stanford, hit another long-range jumper from the right wing to give her team 51-33 lead with 8:28 remaining.

The Terriers, who employed full-court pressure and a trapping defense, got off a quick start. Boston U. leaped to a 17-6 lead in the opening nine minutes. Bonner, who had 13 points, hit consecutive layups during the outburst. Terhune converted two baskets off steals, the second became a conventional three-point play when she was fouled, and made a 15-foot jumper.

Albany (11-15, AE 8-9) trailed 29-19 at halftime. But the Great Danes, who are in fifth place in the conference standings, were still within striking distance with 12:34 left when **Maree Jones** was fouled as she scored in the lane. Jones' free throw closed the gap to 38-30. Terhune, the school's all-time scorer with 1,915 points, ignited the decisive run with a 3-pointer on her team's next possession.

"We did not play with a lot of energy today," said Albany coach **Trina Patterson**, whose squad committed a season-high 30 turnovers after winning three of their last four outings. "We weren't very smart and had a lot of mental mistakes which resulted in sloppy play. We just want to take this loss and put it behind us."

**Danielle Hutcheson**, a 6-foot-4 center, led the Great Danes with 14 points and 15 rebounds, her 10th double-double of the season. **Alicia Learn** added 10 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals.

"We played exceptionally well on the defensive end," commented Boston U. coach **Margaret McKeon**, whose team has won all seven meetings in this series. "We did a great job of forcing turnovers, getting steals and turning it into offense."

**Adrienne Norris**, a 6-foot-1 junior, had 15 points and eight rebounds for the Terriers, who held the visitors to 38.6-percent shooting and totaled 17 steals. Boston U. inched closer to Binghamton in the America East standings, and trails the second-place Bearcats by one game in the loss column.

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### **UALBANY'S BURNS AND MATTHEWS EARN ECAC WEEKLY TRACK HONORS**

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) and **Diane Matthews** 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 garnered the honor for the third time this year.

Both athletes finished first, while setting school marks in their respective events at the NYU Last Chance Invitational on February 27. Burns, who had already qualified for the IC4A Championships earlier this winter, broke his own school record in winning the 800-meter run. The Altamont, N.Y. native lowered his NCAA provisional time by clocking in at 1:49.50, four seconds ahead of the second-place finisher. This is the third time this season the sophomore has eclipsed the old school mark set by Kristof Molnar in 2003.

Matthews, a senior, broke Jessica Walton's record in the 1,000-meter run when she crossed the line in an ECAC-qualifying time of 2:53.20. Matthews set the school's 800-meter mark at the America East Conference Indoor Championships on February 21.

Burns, who also set the school record in the 1,000 this season, will be competing in the 800 at the IC4A Championships on March 6-7 at the Boston University Track and Tennis Center. Matthews will be in action at the ECAC Championships on March 6-7 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass.