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BURNS QUALIFIES FOR USAT&F NATIONAL MEET, FINISHING SECOND IN 800-METER RUN

New York, N.Y. – UAlbany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) placed second in the championship division of the 800-meter run, tying his school-record time of 1:49.50, as the Great Danes track and field teams competed in the Fifth Annual New Balance Invitational at the New York City Armory.

Burns, the 2003 IC4A champion, finished behind Arkansas' James Hatch. Hatch, a two-time All-American performer, ran the fastest 800 time in the country this season and the fastest all-time at the Armory, in 1:48.24. With his time, Burns qualified for the USA Track & Field National meet, which will be held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass. on Feb. 27.

"Gered feels he belongs with these guys," stated UAlbany head coach Roberto Vives. "He wasn't intimidated at all, and got right out there and ran with them. He feels like he can run with anyone in the country.

Burns, who defeated several All-Americans, was winning the race with 100-meters to go before Hatch caught up and passed to claim the victory.

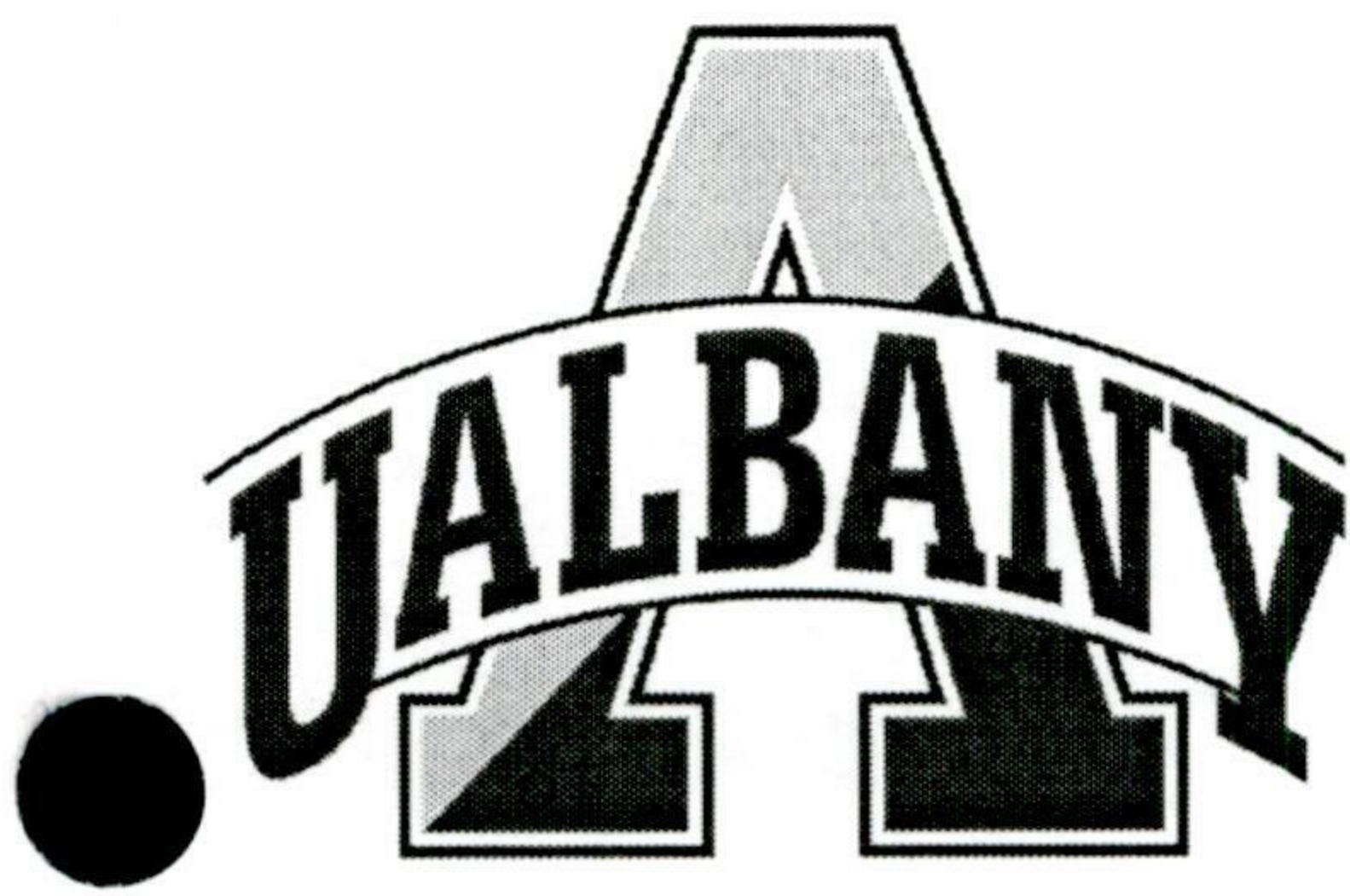
The men's 4x400-meter relay team posted its fastest time of the indoor season, placing second overall with a time of 3:19.80. The team of **Junior Burnett, Marc Pallozzi, Tim O'Riley** and **Stephen Evans** finished just behind C.W. Post, which notched a time of 3:19.44. Evans posted a personal best 400-meter split of 48.5 seconds.

In the men's collegiate triple jump event, **Sheldon Gomes** (Shaker) and **Teiko Aryee** finished second and third, respectively. Gomes posted a season-best distance of 46-feet, 7.25-inches while Aryee jumped 45-feet, 7.25-inches.

In the women's competition, **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) finished sixth in the championship division of the mile with a time of 4:55. Meanwhile, the women's 4x400-meter relay team posted a time of 3:57.60, led by freshman **Kelly Peao's** 58.5 split on the second leg. **Anisha Andrews, Rebecca Vannoy** and **Tracy Estriplet** were the other members of the relay team.

Freshman **Arina Gerasimova** posted a leap of 38-feet, 6.75-inches in the championship division of the triple jump. Gerasimova was one of only 12 women invited to compete in the event, against athletes from Stanford, Ohio State and several other top schools in the nation.

"With all of the top programs there, our team was able to make their presence known," said Vives. "The head coach from Brown sought me out to congratulate me on the progress of the program. It felt like we were at the conference championships. While other teams sat back, our athletes were out there supporting each other. You knew UAlbany was at the meet."



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UALBANY PLACES FIVE IN DOUBLE FIGURES IN 81-68 AMERICA EAST VICTORY

Albany, N.Y. – **Jamar Wilson** had 15 of his 19 points in the second half to pace five players in double figures in leading UAlbany to an 81-68 America East Conference victory over New Hampshire on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany (11-10, AE 7-5) led 33-32 early in the final period, before reeling off nine unanswered points. Wilson, who reached double figures for the 20th consecutive time, canned a three-point field goal to start that run and later added two free throws. **Lucious Jordan**, a 6-foot-2 junior who had 18 points and seven rebounds, converted a driving layup after a steal for a 42-32 lead.

The Great Danes, who shot 52.2 percent from the field after halftime, would run off a string of eight straight points to pull away two minutes later. **Levi Levine**, who totaled 11 points, eight rebounds and six assists, hit a 12-footer in that outburst. Levine then set up **Kirsten Zoellner** with an in-bounds pass that led to slam dunk for a 50-36 advantage with 14:53 remaining.

UAlbany would eventually move out to a 20-point margin, when Levine buried a three-pointer from the left wing. The Great Danes, who made 10 of their opening 16 field goal attempts in the period, tied the program's highest single-season victory total at the Division I level. UAlbany finished 11-17 in the 1999-2000 campaign.

New Hampshire (7-14, AE 3-8) trailed 33-25 in the first half, but then scored the final five points of the stanza to get back into the contest. **Ioannis Karalis** converted a back-door layup and **Blagoj Janev** drilled a 3-pointer from the left corner.

"We did a much better job of attacking on both ends of the floor," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team has won back-to-back games for the third time this season. "Our toughest opponent is ourselves sometimes. We need to get stops and shots. When we get careless with the basketball and bounce it on the floor, then we struggle."

Freshman **Mike Christensen** led the Wildcats, who have dropped five of their last six starts, with 19 points. **Ben Sturgill**, a 6-foot-8 senior who has been playing with a wired-shut broken jaw, and **Craig Walls**, scored 17 and 10, respectively.

Aquawasi St. Hillaire had 13 points, one off his season-high, for the Great Danes, who played before a crowd of 4,091 fans, the largest of the year on Big Purple Growl, the University's Winter Homecoming. Freshman **Brent Wilson**, the fifth UAlbany player in twin figures, had 10 of his 12 points in the first half.

"The difference in the second half was our defensive focus," commented Brent Wilson, who made 5-of-8 from the floor. "We brought a lot of energy to floor with pressure defense. I know I am going to get open looks on offense and I've got to knock them down."



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FRESHMEN HELP UALBANY TENNIS TO SEASON-OPENING WIN OVER FAIRFIELD

Albany, N.Y. – Freshmen **Christina Suarez** and **Aimee Kern** each registered singles and doubles wins to lead UAlbany to a 6-1 season-opening victory over Fairfield on Saturday, Feb. 5 in the UAlbany Bubble.

Fellow freshmen **Amanda Hall** and **Kim Westcott** also finished as double-winners for the Great Danes, who won five of six singles matches. **Kyle Steller** rounded out the singles play with a 6-2, 6-2 win at No. 6.

On the doubles side, Kern teamed with Suarez for an 8-6 victory over **Diana Webb** and **Alexis Accomondo** at No. 1. Then Hall and Westcott defeated **Christina Chacharone** and **Megan Stauffer**, 8-5 at second doubles.

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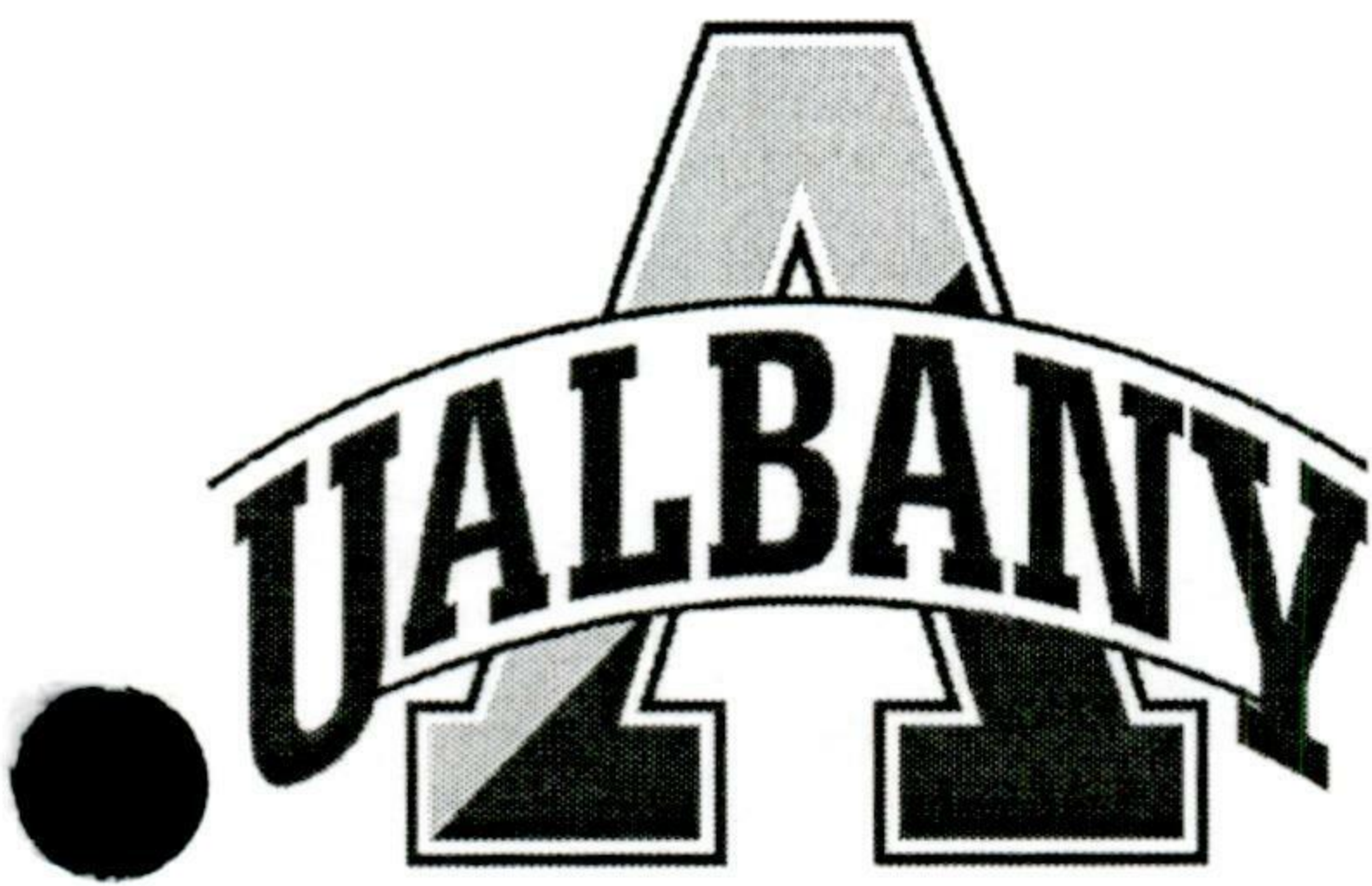
UAlbany 6, Fairfield 1

Singles:

1. Diana Webb (FU) def. Courtney Michels (UA), injury default.
2. Christina Suarez (UA) def. Megan Stauffer (FU), 6-1, 6-3.
3. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Christina Chacharone (FU), 6-3, 6-0.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Alexis Accomondo (FU), 6-2, 6-1.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Tiffany Marsocci (FU), 6-0, 6-7 (5), 10-6.
6. Kyle Steller (UA) def. Michelle Geller (FU), 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles:

1. Kern/Suarez (UA) def. Webb/Accomondo (FU), 8-6.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) def. Chacharone/Stauffer (FU), 8-5.
3. Marsocci/Zaccareo (FU) def. Steller/Kerry Levis (UA), 8-6.



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LINDSAY ADAMS SCORES CAREER HIGH TO LEAD UNH PAST UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – **Lindsay Adams** scored a career-high 23 points as New Hampshire defeated UAlbany, 71-61, in America East Conference women's basketball action on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

New Hampshire (10-9, AE 6-4) thrived from the three-point line in the first half, draining 7-of-13 long-range attempts. With the game tied at 17-17 midway through the opening stanza, **Emily Hardy**, **Ebony Woods** and Adams each hit a three-pointer on consecutive possessions as the Wildcats began to pull away.

UAlbany (10-9, AE 5-5) closed to within 34-30 on a jumper in the lane by **Tanika Thrower**, who led the team with seven first-half points. A trifecta by **Danielle Clark** helped send UNH to the locker room with a 38-30 cushion.

Danielle Hutcheson, who recorded her second straight double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, made two free throws in the first minute of the second half to trim the gap to 38-32. UNH answered right back as Adams scored on a layup and Whitney Edwards converted on a fastbreak. The Wildcats went on a 20-9 run and built a 58-41 lead with 8:51 remaining.

UAlbany attempted a comeback as **Jen Schumacher** drilled a mid-range jumper to make the score 64-53 with 3:04 to play, but the Great Danes did not get any closer than eight the rest of the game.

"They moved the ball really well on offense," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson. "They outplayed us. They were quicker and more aggressive which helped them get to the free throw line. You have to bring you're A-game against a team that has penetrating guards, but that has been our weakness this season."

New Hampshire made 24-of-32 free throw attempts, compared to the Great Danes who finished 8-of-8. The Wildcats, who extended their unbeaten streak to three games, also held a 33-31 advantage on the boards.

Schumacher finished with a team-high 14 points, while freshman **Gia Sanders** scored a career-high eight points. For New Hampshire, Clark tallied 17 points and eight rebounds, while Edwards and Woods each chipped in 10 points.

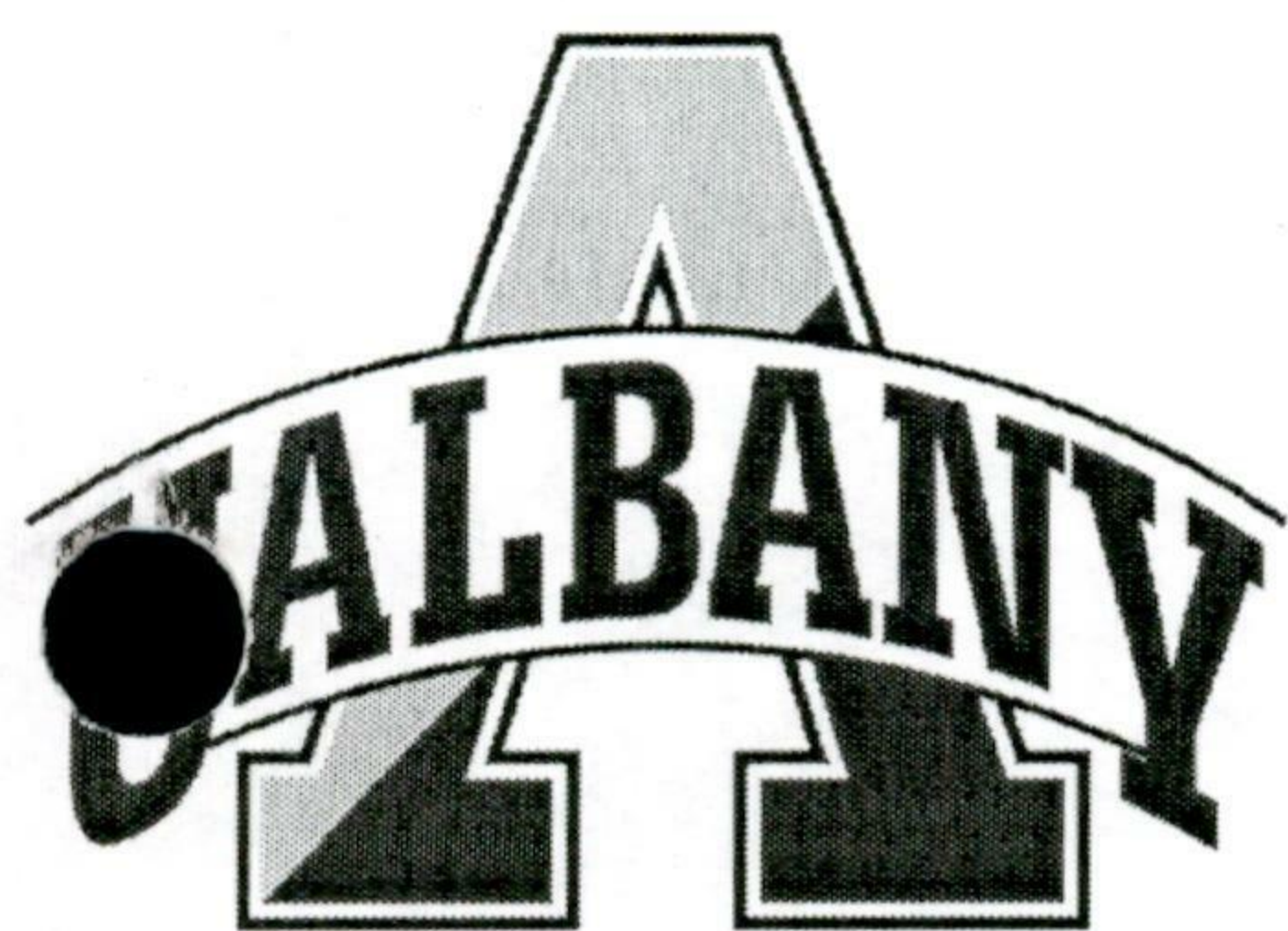
The game was the first half of the Big Purple Growl doubleheader, the university's winter homecoming that attracted 2,416 fans for the contest.

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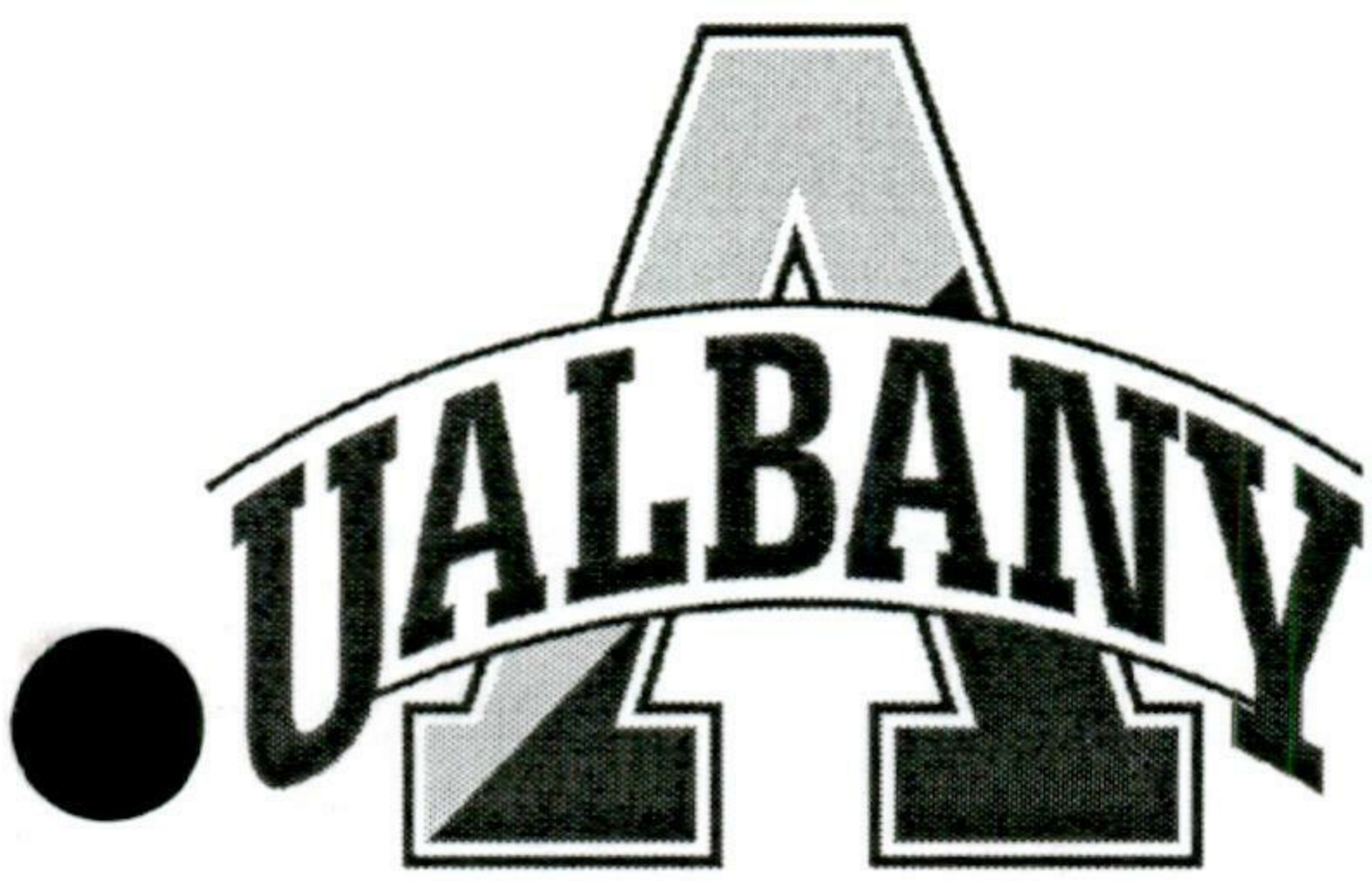
MEN'S 4X400-METER RELAY TEAM VICTORIOUS AT 98TH MILLROSE GAMES

New York, N.Y. – The UAlbany men's 4x400-meter relay team won the Section I College Division at the 98th Millrose Games held at Madison Square Garden on Friday, February 4.

The team of **Stephen Evans**, **Junior Burnett**, **Tim O'Riley** and **Jeremiah Wilson** finished with a time of 3:29.31. Long Island was second with a time of 3:30.39, followed by Global Institute of Technology (3:31.09) and Lehman (3:57.02).

Other members of the UAlbany track and field teams were competing across the city at the Fifth Annual New Balance Collegiate Invitational at the New York City Armory.

Robbie Freeman qualified for the IC4A Championships in the 3,000-meter run, posting a time of 8:24.98. Freshman **Mike Reynolds** notched a personal best in the pole vault, finishing fourth with a height of 14-feet, 9-inches.



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WILSON PACES FOUR IN DOUBLE FIGURES, AS UALBANY RECORDS 69-63 VICTORY

Albany, N.Y. – **Jamar Wilson** scored 13 of his 18 points in the second half, as UAlbany came from behind for a 69-63 America East Conference victory over Stony Brook on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Stony Brook (7-13, AE 2-9) led 33-30 early in the final period after **Jairus McCollum**, who had 10 points, made a pair of foul shots. UAlbany (10-10, AE 6-5) stormed ahead with 13 of the game's next 14 points.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, who added eight assists and three steals, buried a three-point field goal to tie the contest, before freshman **Brian Lillis** converted a fastbreak layup for a 35-33 advantage. Lillis finished with a career-best 11 points off the bench on 5-of-5 shooting. The Great Danes, who made 58.3 percent of its field goals after halftime, pushed out to a 43-34 margin when Wilson connected on four consecutive free throws.

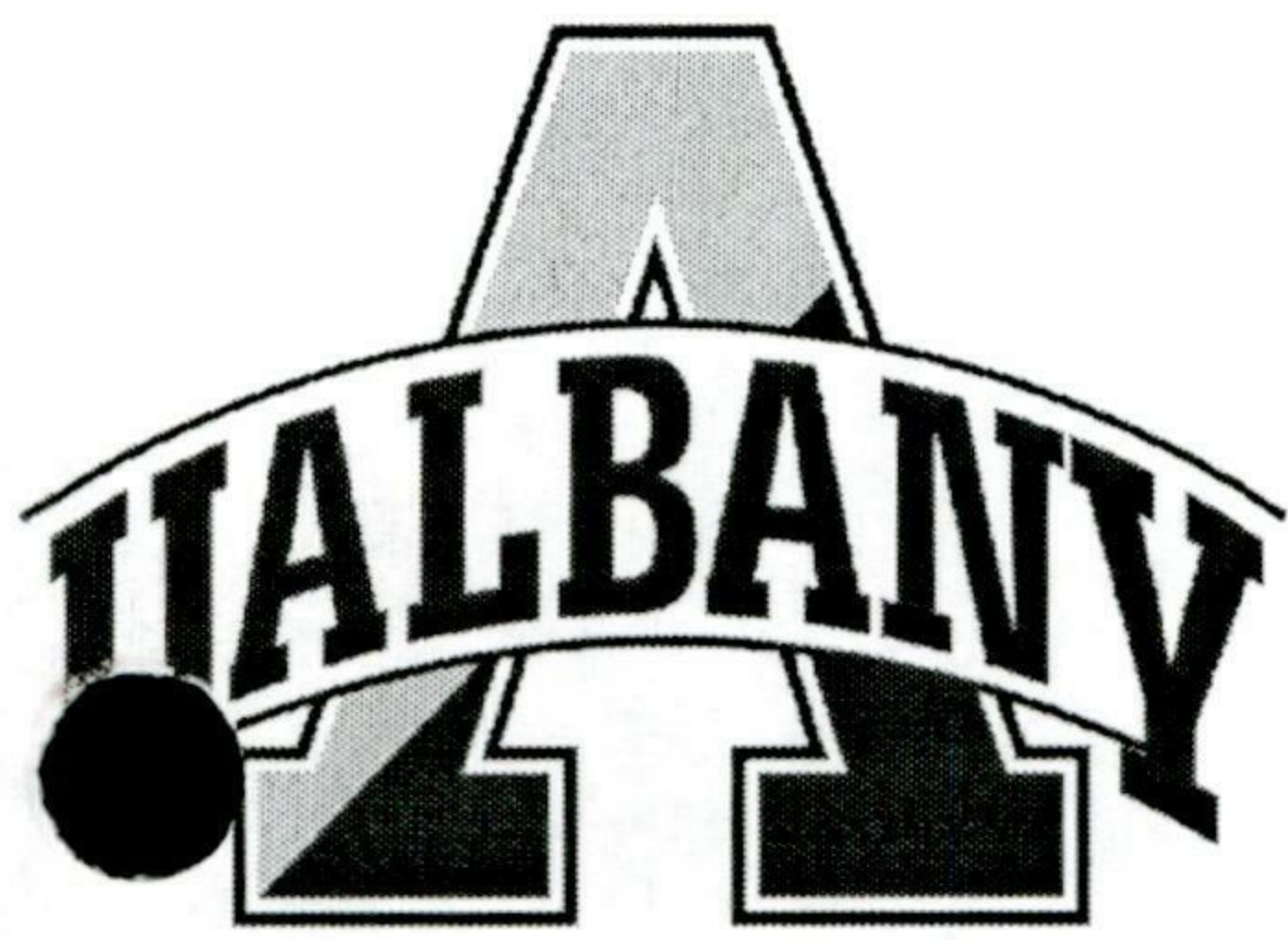
The Seawolves, who had won four of the last five meetings in this series, including two overtime decisions last year, closed within 43-40, as **Bobby Santiago** made one of his career-high five 3-pointers. Santiago, a 6-foot-2 junior, led all scorers with 20 points.

However, UAlbany pulled away with an 11-4 run sparked by the play of **Levi Levine**, who totaled 13 points and eight rebounds. Levine ignited that stretch with a three-pointer from the left wing, and later hit a layup in transition and scored off an offensive rebound. He handed his team a 54-44 lead on another 3-point shot with 7:54 remaining.

"Stony Brook has done a good job of slowing teams down with their zone," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team shot 33 percent in the opening period and trailed by one at the break. "We know we can't hang our heads when our offense is not going well. Our defense must carry us, and it helped get some easy baskets in transition."

The Great Danes led by as much as 12 points, before Stony Brook closed within 64-58 on back-to-back 3-pointers by Santiago and **Hendrick Feist**. **Lucious Jordan**, the fourth UAlbany player in double figures with 14, ended that threat with two free throws. Wilson, who extended his double-digit, scoring streak to 19 straight, made a driving layup to push the lead back to twin figures.

"We have played up to our competition and down to our competition this year, so it is nice to get a win when we are supposed to," said Levine, whose squad doubled last year's victory total with a season-low eight turnovers. "Our defense kept us in it. We were then able to open up opportunities for each other on offense."



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UALBANY HOLDS OFF STONY BROOK, 76-73, FOR THIRD STRAIGHT VICTORY

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Maree Jones** scored a career-high 21 points as UAlbany held on for a 76-73 victory over Stony Brook in America East Conference action on Wednesday evening at the Indoor Sports Complex.

UAlbany (10-8, AE 5-4), led 70-60 with 1:51 remaining before Stony Brook (4-14, AE 2-7) started to rally. **Dana Ferraro** made two free throws and **Mykeema Ford** drilled a three-pointer from the top of the key to bring the Seawolves within 70-65.

Stony Brook then fouled on the in-bounds pass and UAlbany's **Jen Schumacher** converted both free throws to push her team's lead back to seven points with 35 seconds left to play. Ford, who led all scorers with 29 points on 10-of-23 shooting, then connected on her sixth three-pointer of the game, to pull within 72-68.

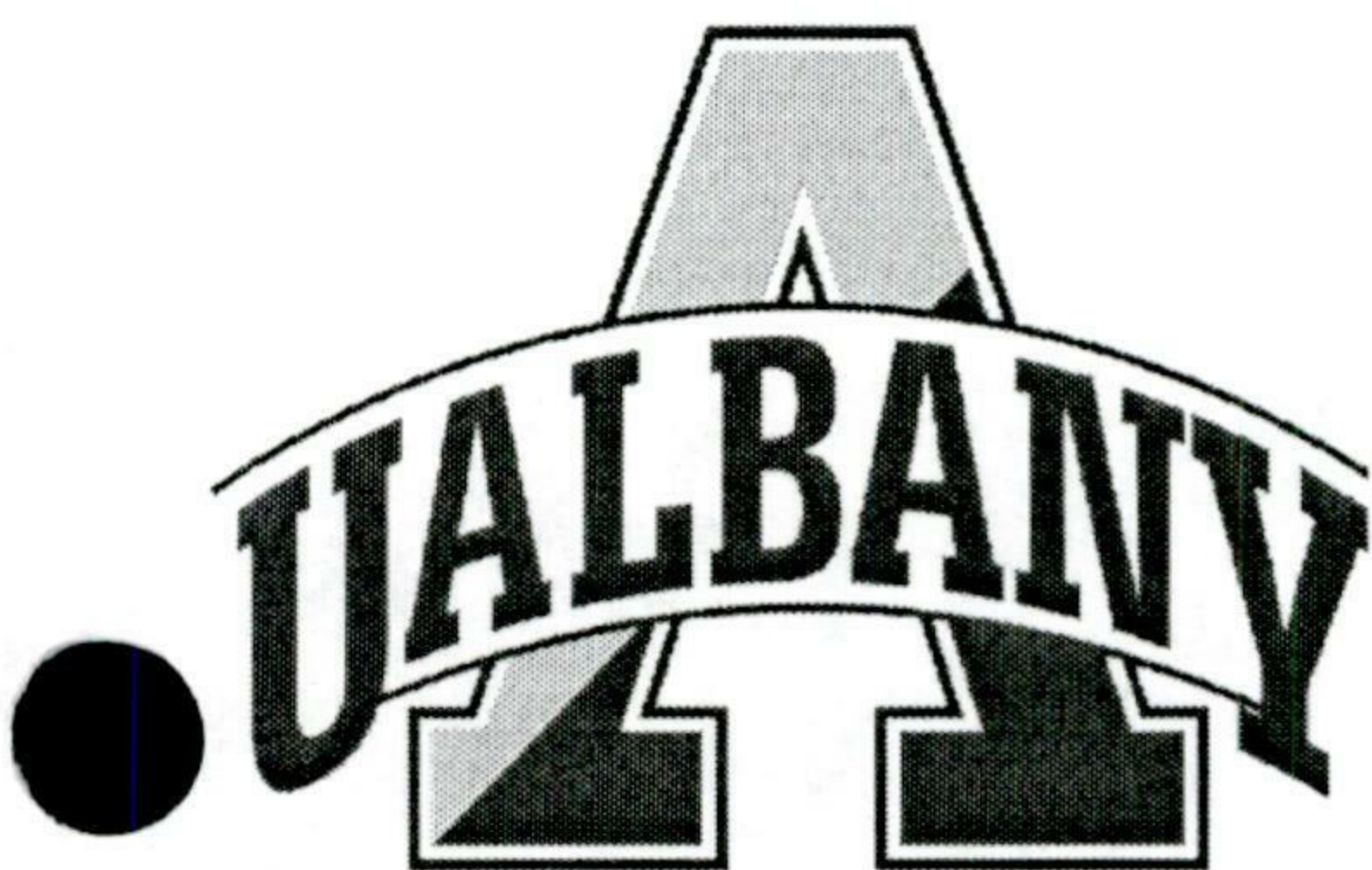
Jones, a 6-foot-1 senior, made two free throws to put the Great Danes back up by six, 74-68, but then missed her next two opportunities at the 16-second mark. Ferraro, who had 10 points and 11 rebounds, then sank two foul shots and stole the ball with full-court press. She then handed the ball off to **Kelly Watson**, who hit a trifecta from the top of the key to make it 74-73 with seven seconds remaining.

UAlbany's Jones, who made 8-of-12 from the field and grabbed eight rebounds, converted a pair of free throws on her team's next possession. Stony Brook's **Stephanie Barlett** hit the front rim on a three-pointer from the right side in attempt to force overtime as time expired.

"We needed to get out of there with a win," said head coach Trina Patterson, whose team extended its unbeaten streak to three games. "We had solid post play from (Danielle) Hutcheson and Jones. They both had good shooting games and a strong first half. We were not mentally sharp at the end. We cannot get overconfident against any team."

Danielle Hutcheson totaled 19 points and 13 rebounds for her fourth double-double of the season. Schumacher, who made 4-of-8 from three-point range, chipped in 18 points for UAlbany, who shot a season-high 58 percent.

Sophomore **Jessica Smith** added 13 points for the Seawolves, who have lost seven of their last eight starts.



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DANIELLE HUTCHESON NAMED AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

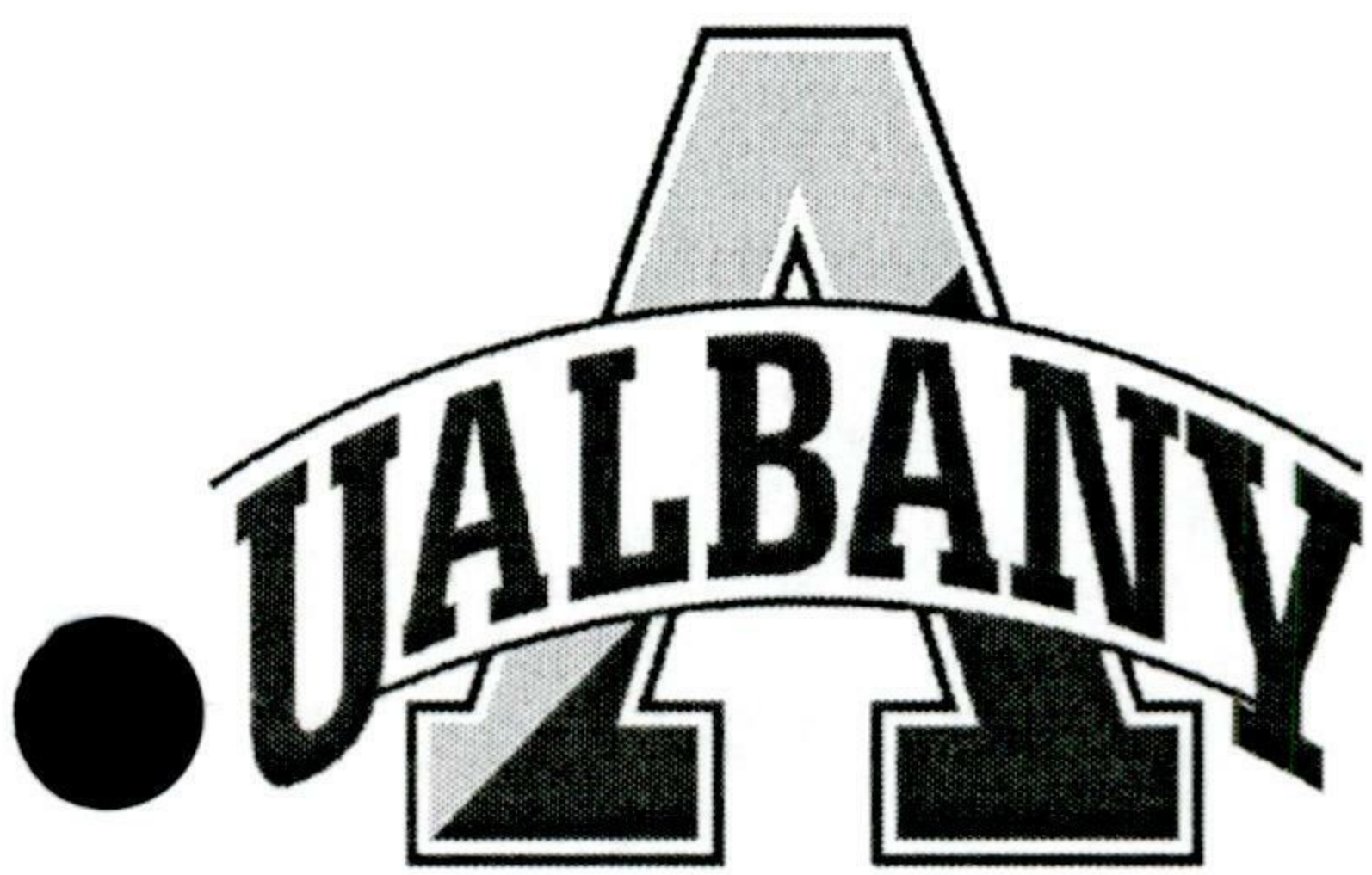
Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Danielle Hutcheson** has been named the America East Conference Player of the Week in women's basketball as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. Hutcheson earned the award for the second time this season and fifth in her career.

Hutcheson helped the Great Danes to their second two-win week in America East play this season, as UAlbany moved into a tie for fifth place in the conference standings. Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 senior center, registered her ninth double-double of the season with 18 points and 13 rebounds in UAlbany's 81-60 victory over Stony Brook on Feb. 23. The co-captain added four blocks and one steal.

Against Northeastern, Hutcheson, who was playing in her final home game at the RACC, scored a season-high 21 points to lead the Great Danes to a 78-68 come-from-behind win. Hutcheson, who added eight rebounds, two assists, two blocks and two steals in the contest, shot 50 percent from the field (16-of-32) last week.

Hutcheson, a preseason all-conference honoree, ranks fifth in the America East in scoring at 15.0 points per game. She leads the league in rebounding (9.6 pg) and blocked shots (1.64 pg).

UAlbany (13-12, AE 8-8) can clinch a first-round bye in the America East tournament with a win at Boston University on Wednesday. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m.



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UALBANY SEEDED FOURTH FOR AMERICA EAST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – Vermont has earned the top seed for next weekend's Choice Hotels International America East Conference Men's Basketball Championship. The Catamounts, who finished with a 21-6 record, including 16-2 in conference play, are looking to win their third consecutive tournament title.

The America East tournament's first three rounds will be held at Binghamton University's Events Center on March 4, 5 and 6. The championship final will be played at the highest remaining seed's home arena on Saturday, March 12. The America East champion receives an automatic NCAA berth.

UAlbany (13-14, AE 9-9) is seeded fourth and will meet No. 5 Binghamton (11-16, AE 8-10) in quarterfinal round action on Saturday, March 5 at 12 noon. The Great Danes, who received their highest seeding since joining the conference in 2001-02, and Binghamton split their regular-season series. UAlbany registered a 68-62 come-from-behind victory on Jan. 12 at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Bearcats posted a 67-53 triumph on their home floor on Feb. 9.

Sophomore guard **Jamar Wilson** is among the America East leaders in scoring (17.0 ppg) and assists (4.2 pg). **Lucious Jordan** (14.8 ppg) and **Levi Levine** (10.6 ppg) also score in double figures for the Great Danes, who improved greatly this season by bettering last year's overall record by eight wins and posting six more victories in conference play.

Binghamton finished the regular season by capturing six of its last eight contests, including a 65-48 victory over Boston University. **Andre Heard**, a 6-foot-3 junior, leads the Bearcats in scoring at 13.9 points per game.

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2005 Choice Hotels America East Conference Men's Basketball Championship

(Binghamton University's Events Center, Vestal, N.Y.)

Friday, March 4

Game 1 - #8 New Hampshire (9-18, 5-13) vs. #9 UMBC (10-17, 5-13), 6:00 p.m.

Game 2 - #7 Stony Brook (11-16, 6-12) vs. #10 Hartford (8-19, 4-14), 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 5

Game 3 - #4 UAlbany (13-14, 9-9) vs. #5 Binghamton (11-16, 8-10), 12 noon

Game 4 - #1 Vermont (21-6, 16-2) vs. Game 1 winner, 2:30 p.m.

Game 5 - #2 Northeastern (19-8, 15-3) vs. Game 2 winner, 6:00 p.m.

Game 6 - #3 Boston U. (20-7, 14-4) vs. #6 Maine (13-14, 8-10), 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 6

Game 7 - Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12 noon (AE-TV)

Game 8 - Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 2:30 p.m. (AE-TV)

Saturday, March 12 – Championship

(at highest remaining seed's home arena)

Game 9 – Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

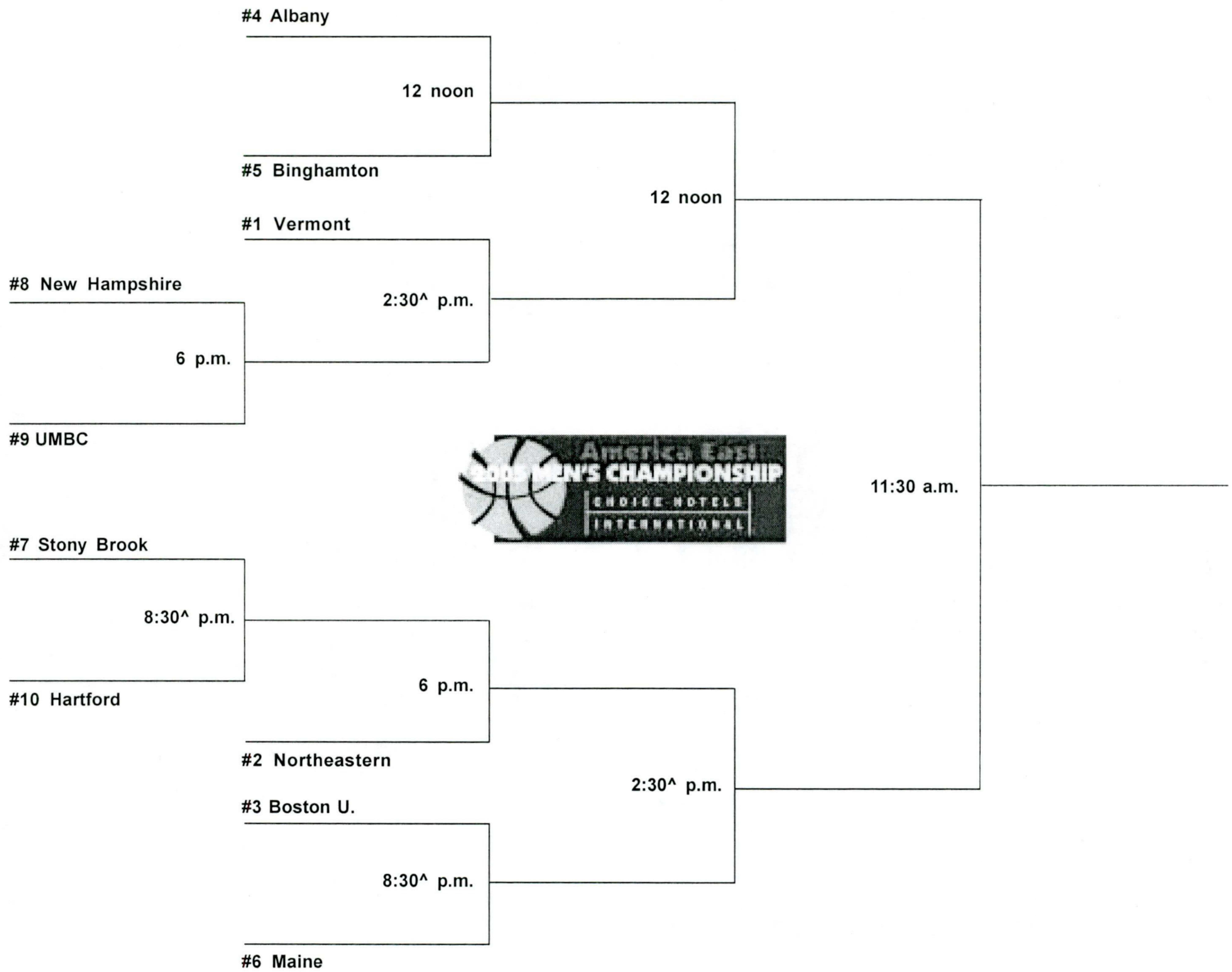
2005 Choice Hotels America East Championship

First Round
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Events Center

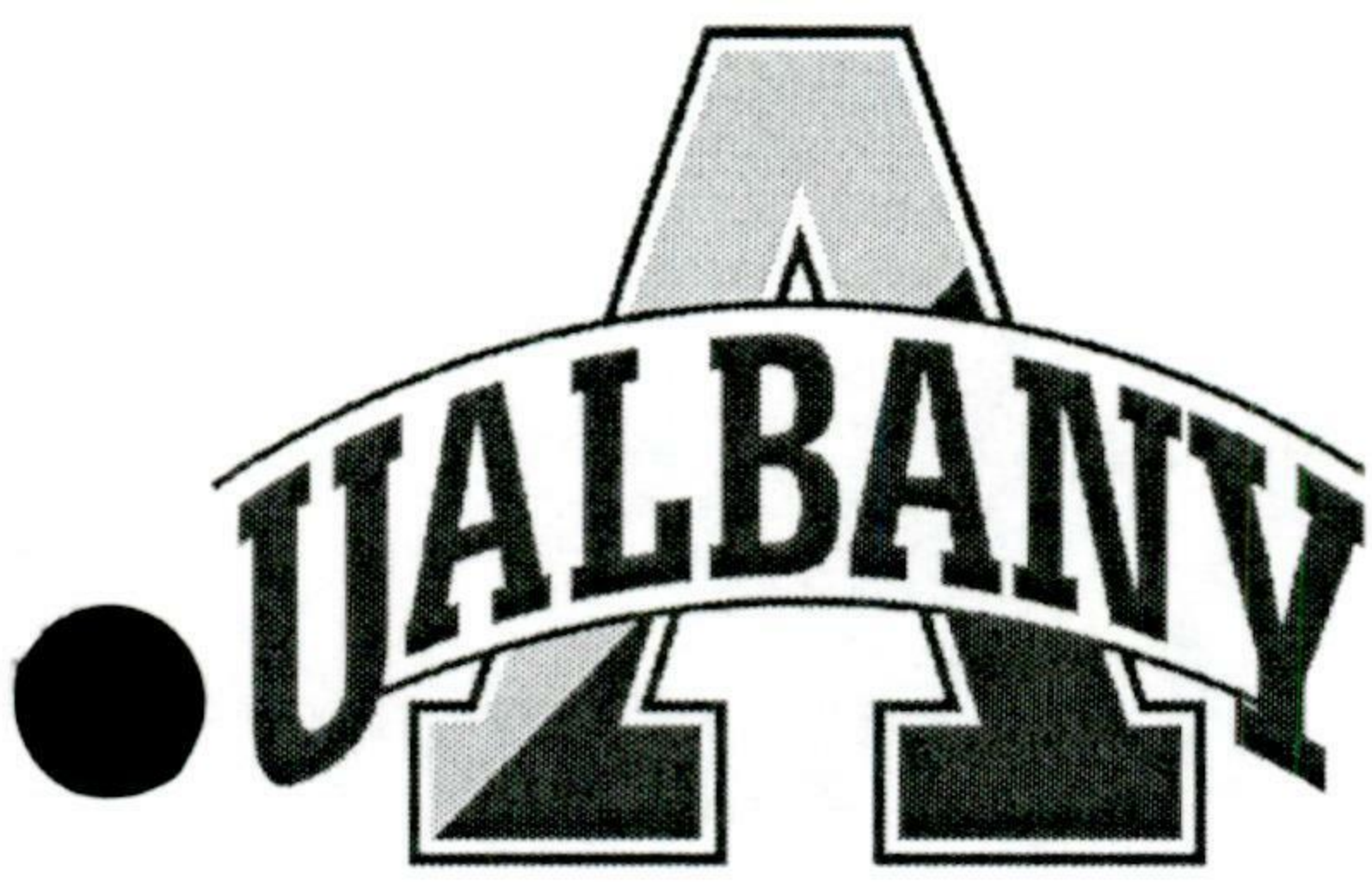
Quarterfinals
Saturday, March 5
Events Center

Semifinals
Sunday, March 6
Events Center

Championship
Saturday, March 12
at higher remaining seed
(ESPN)



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GREAT DANES FALL IN SEMIFINAL ROUND OF UTEP TOURNAMENT

El Paso, Texas -- **Sarah Ramirez** went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while **Simone Holland** drove in three runs as third-seeded UTEP held off second-seeded UAlbany, 9-6, in the semifinal round of the UTEP Tournament on Sunday afternoon at Helen of Troy Field.

The Miners (6-11) jumped out to a 4-1 lead after three innings. **Jennifer Davis** scored on an RBI single by **DeAnna Camacho** to give the Miners a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. After the Great Danes tied it in the bottom of the frame when **Amber Maisonet** scored on a UTEP error, **Kristin Hardy** would put the Miners in the lead for good on a home run to lead off the second. UTEP scored two runs in the third inning, highlighted by an RBI triple by Ramirez.

UAlbany (2-3) scored a run in each the fifth and sixth innings to cut the UTEP lead to 4-3. **Maegan Larsen** scored on an RBI single by **Kelly Ogden** in the fifth and **Danielle Buyea** was plated on a sacrifice fly by Larsen in the sixth.

The Miners scored five in the top of the seventh to take a 9-3 lead. Holland capped off the five-run frame with a two-run single. The Great Danes responded with three runs in the bottom of the inning, to cut the deficit to 9-6. **Ashley Rios** hit a two-run home run and **Ali Meacham** was driven in on a walk to Larsen. With the bases loaded and representing the game-winning run, Maisonet ended the game with a fly out to left field.

Megan Barber pitched a complete game victory for UTEP, while **Casey Halloran** (Columbia H.S.) took the loss for UAlbany, going the distance.

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UTEP Tournament -- Third Day -- Semifinal Round

Helen of Troy Field -- El Paso, Texas

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UTEP -- Megan Barber (4-5) and Denise Emmons.

UAlbany -- Casey Halloran (0-2) and Katie Trott.



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NORTHEASTERN HOLDS ON FOR 70-63 AMERICA EAST VICTORY OVER UALBANY

Boston, Mass. – **Jose Juan Barea** scored 24 points and handed out 10 assists, as Northeastern posted its sixth straight victory with a 70-63 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Sunday afternoon in the regular-season finale for both teams at Solomon Court.

Northeastern (19-8, AE 15-3) led 29-28 at halftime, but then exploded with 19 of the game's next 21 points. **Shawn James**, a 6-foot-9 freshman, had nine of his 15 points in that outburst. Barea, who completed the run with a layup, and **Bennet Davis** each added four points, as the Huskies built a 48-30 margin. James finished with 17 rebounds and 11 blocked shots to record the second triple-double in school history.

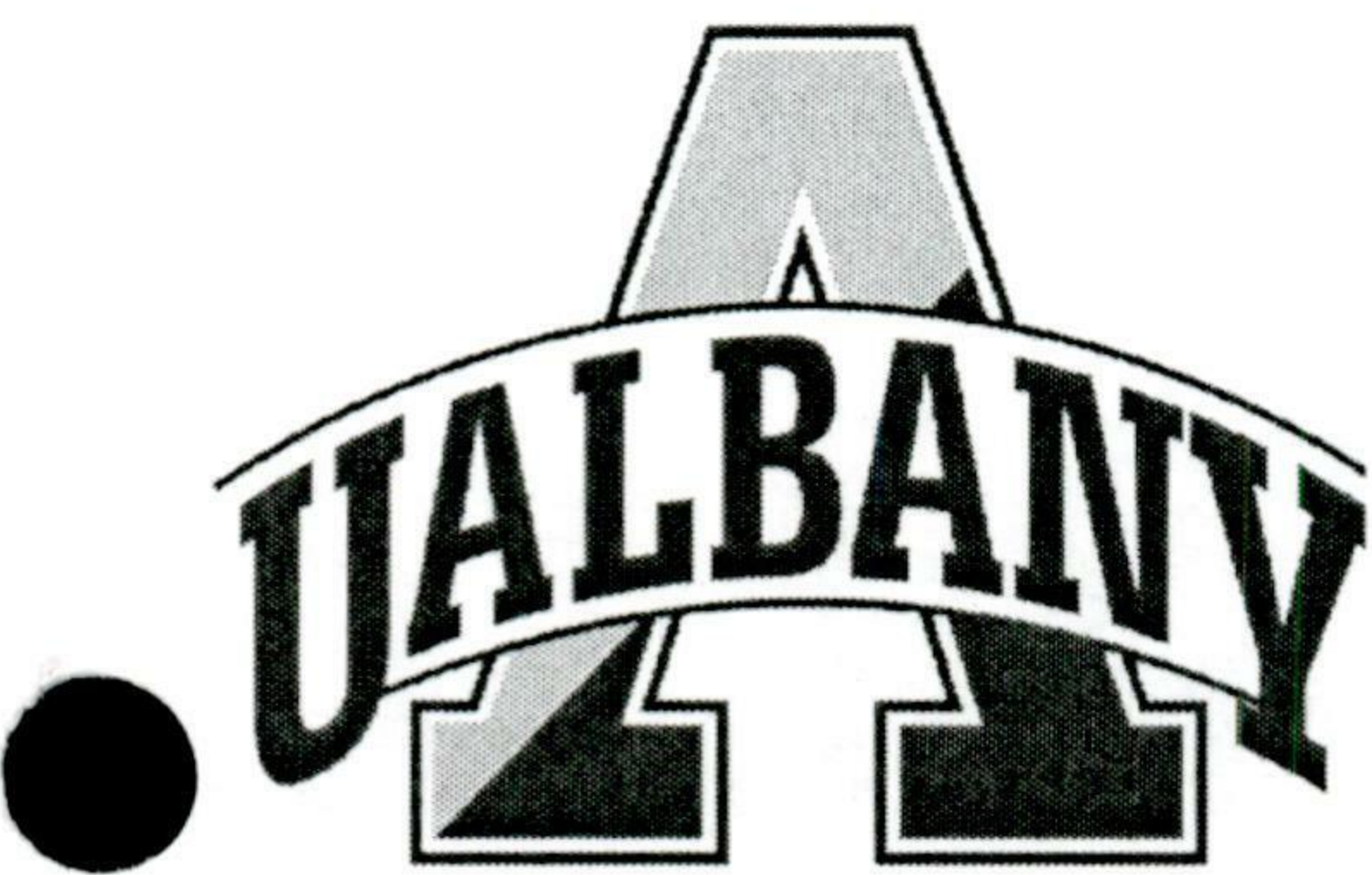
UAlbany (13-14, AE 9-9) worked their way back into the contest on two occasions in the final seven minutes, including cutting the deficit to 60-54 with 2:56 remaining on a driving layup by **Jamar Wilson**, who had 12 points. **Marcus Barnes**, a senior who was playing in his final home game, then drilled a three pointer from the left wing, and Northeastern's lead appeared safe.

However, the Great Danes would not go away in the final minute. **Lucious Jordan**, who had 12 of his 13 points in the final period, hit a layup to close the game to 66-61. Freshman **Brian Lillis**, who had 10 points and five rebounds off the bench, then made one of his career-high six steals, but **Brent Wilson** missed a three pointer from the right corner that would have made it a one possession game.

"They outplayed us the first five minutes of each half," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team missed 12 straight field goal attempts to start the game. "Northeastern is good at going on runs, but we felt we could get back in the contest from any deficit. We had plenty of chances despite their big start to the second half."

Levi Levine was the fourth UAlbany player in double figures with 12 points. Davis, a 6-foot-9 sophomore, totaled 13 points and eight rebounds for the Huskies, who finished in second place in the America East standings and improved their NIT chances.

"We didn't give up and that's important," offered Lillis, whose team will meet Binghamton in the America East Tournament quarterfinal round on Saturday, March 5 at 12 noon. "I went into the game to provide our team with some energy. I'll dive on the floor and do whatever it takes."



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MELODY AGNEW LEADS #12 SYRACUSE TO WIN OVER UALBANY LACROSSE

Syracuse, N.Y. – **Melody Agnew** scored four goals and **Monica Joines** added three goals as #12 Syracuse defeated UAlbany, 17-4, in non-conference action on Sunday, Feb. 27 at the Carrier Dome.

Syracuse (1-0) jumped out to a 3-0 lead at 16:34 in the first half. Agnew scored on a free position shot then **Caitlyn Dragon**, who finished with three goals, scored back-to-back tallies. **Sarah Spillett** put UAlbany (1-2) on the board, taking a feed from **Nikki Donohue**.

The rest of the half belonged to Syracuse, as the Orange poured in eight goals over the final 12 minutes to take an 11-1 halftime lead. Agnew found the net three times during the run. Syracuse, who has won all three meetings against the Great Danes, added to its cushion with two goals at the start of the second half, going ahead 13-1 and ensuring the victory.

Kim Reny, **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville H.S.) and Donohue each scored a second-half goal for the Great Danes. UAlbany goalkeeper **Jen Daly** faced 42 shots from the Orange offense, making a season-high 11 saves. Syracuse's **Jen Kasel** and **Bethel Steele** combined for six saves on 14 UAlbany shots.

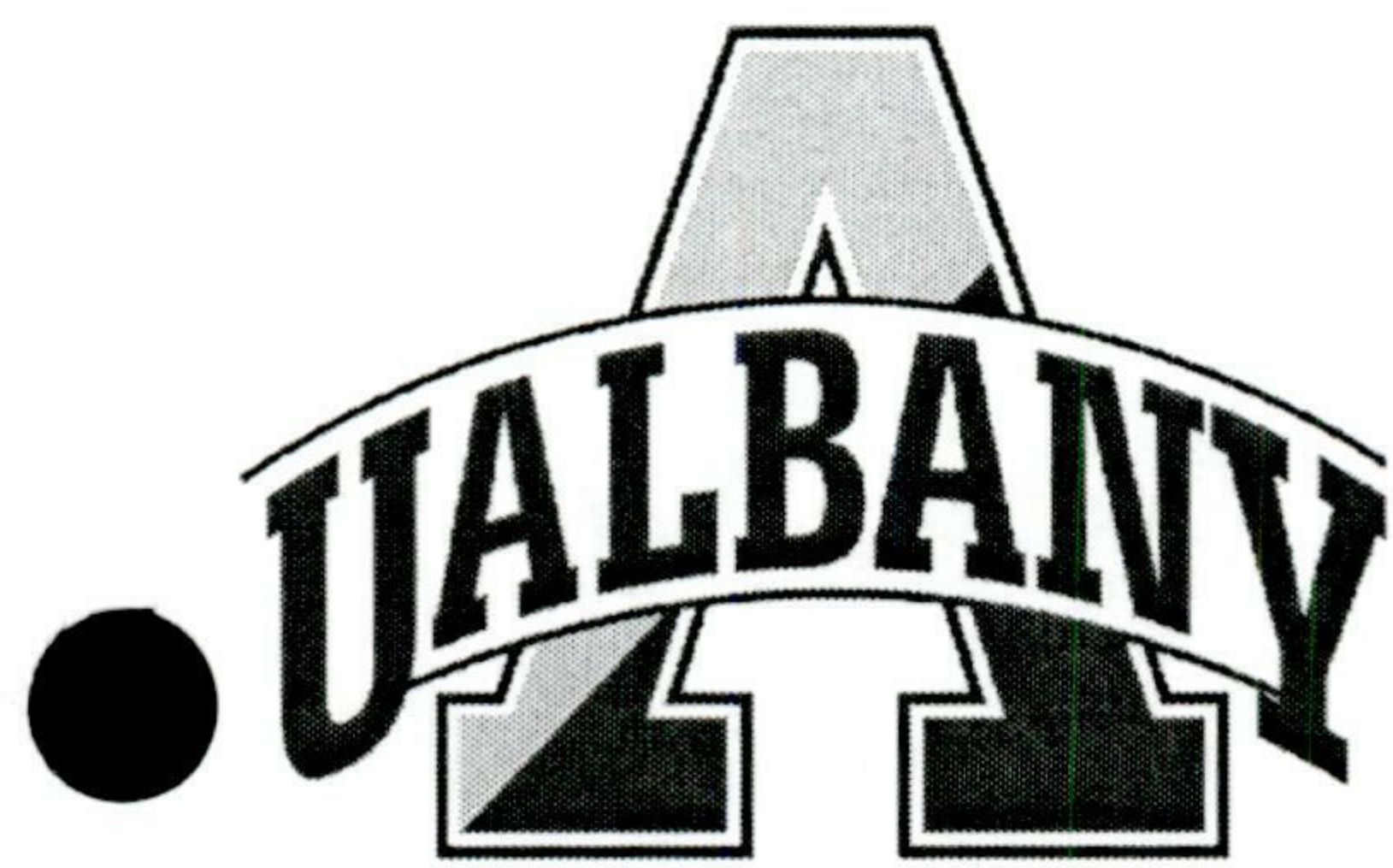
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UAlbany	1	3	-	4
#12 Syracuse	11	6	-	17

UAlbany: Scoring – Donohue (1-1), Spillett (1-0), Rajczak (1-0), Reny (1-0).

Goalkeeper: Daly (60:00, 17 GA, 6 saves).

Syracuse: Scoring – Agnew (4-2), Joines (3-2), Dragon (3-0), O'Connell (2-0), Long (2-0), Fortune (1-0), Looney (1-0), Pike (0-1). Goalkeepers: Kasel (48:41, 2 GA, 5 saves), Steele (11:19, 2 GA, 1 save).



UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS REGISTERS 7-0 SWEEP OF MANHATTAN

Queens, N.Y. – UAlbany earned its first sweep of the season, defeating Manhattan, 7-0, in non-conference action on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Alley Pond Tennis Center.

Courtney Michels and **Aimee Kern** registered identical 6-0, 6-0 straight-set decision at No. 1 and No. 3 singles for the Great Danes. **Amanda Hall**, **Kim Westcott** and **Kyle Steller** also posted 6-0, 6-0 victories. **Christina Suarez** defeated **Meghan Smith**, 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

UAlbany (3-2) also swept the doubles play, with the duos of Hall and Westcott, and Steller and Suarez leading the way with 8-0 shutouts.

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Singles:

1. Courtney Michels (UA) def. Patriece Riley 6-0, 6-0.
2. Christina Suarez (UA) Meghan Smith, 6-0, 6-1.
3. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Meng Nguyen, 6-0, 6-0.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Kathryn Weir, 6-0, 6-0.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Alison Bowlin, 6-0, 6-0.
6. Kyle Steller (UA) def. Garcia, 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles

1. Michels/Kern (UA) vs. Riley/Smith, 8-1.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) vs. Nguyen/Weir, 8-0.
3. Suarez/Steller (UA) vs. Bowlin/Garcia, 8-0.

AMANDA MORIN TOSSES SECOND ONE-HITTER OF THE SEASON

El Paso, Texas -- UAlbany pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls H.S.) tossed her second one-hitter of the season as the Great Danes shut out host UTEP, 3-0, on Saturday afternoon at Helen of Troy Field in the second game on the second day of the UTEP Tournament. In the opening game, New Mexico State downed UAlbany, 9-1, in six innings.

Morin allowed a single to **Simone Holland** in the bottom of the first inning. The only other batter she allowed on base was **Kristin Hardy**, who walked to lead off the second. The right-hander struck out nine in the complete game and improves her record to 2-0. For the Miners (5-11), **Megan Barber** took the loss and drops to 3-5 on the season in going the distance.

The Great Danes (2-2) scored one run in the third as **Leslie Busch** scored on an error by the catcher. UAlbany tacked on two runs in the fifth inning when **Maegan Larsen** hit a double to left field, plating **Ali Meacham** and Busch. Meacham and **Katrina Dunning** each had two hits in the game.

New Mexico State took command of the opener with a five-run top of the second. **Stacy Knight** had a two-run single and **Ashley Roskos** hit a two-run home run to spark the inning. UAlbany scored its only run in the bottom of the frame when **Julie Gannon** drove in Dunning, who led

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off with a triple, on an RBI single. The Aggies (9-11) scored four runs in the sixth to extend the lead to 9-1. Knight went 2-for-3 with three RBI for New Mexico State.

Stephanie Carrasco pitched four innings to record the victory for the Aggies. She struck out two batters and is now 3-3. For the Great Danes, **Lauren Perk** allowed five unearned runs in 3 1/3 innings and took the loss. **Danielle Buyea** pitched 2 2/3 innings, allowing four runs, but only one was earned.

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UTEP Tournament – Second Day

Helen of Troy Softball Complex -- El Paso, Texas

(Game 1)	1	2	3	4	5	6	-	R	H	E
New Mexico State (9-11)	0	5	0	0	0	4	-	9	5	1
UALbany (1-2)	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	1	7	5

Nex Mexico State -- Stephanie Carrasco, Sarah Seagraves (5) and Askley Roskos.

UALbany -- Lauren Perk, Carisa Marcucci (4) and Ali Meacham.

(Game 2)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	R	H	E
UALbany (2-2)	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	-	3	6	1
UTEP (5-11)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	2

UALbany -- Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

Northern Colorado -- Megan Barber and Denise Emmons, Kailey Cruickshank (5).

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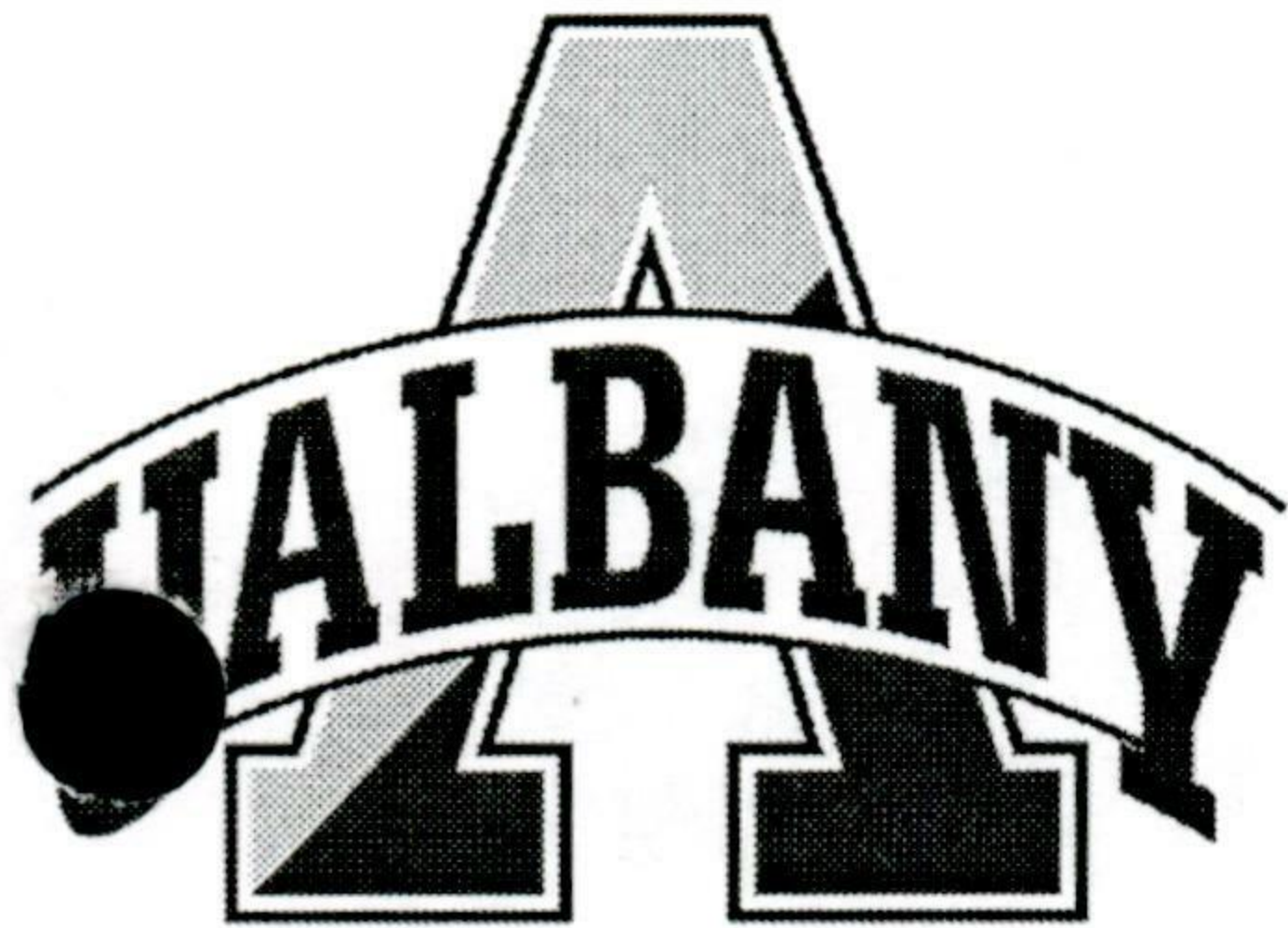
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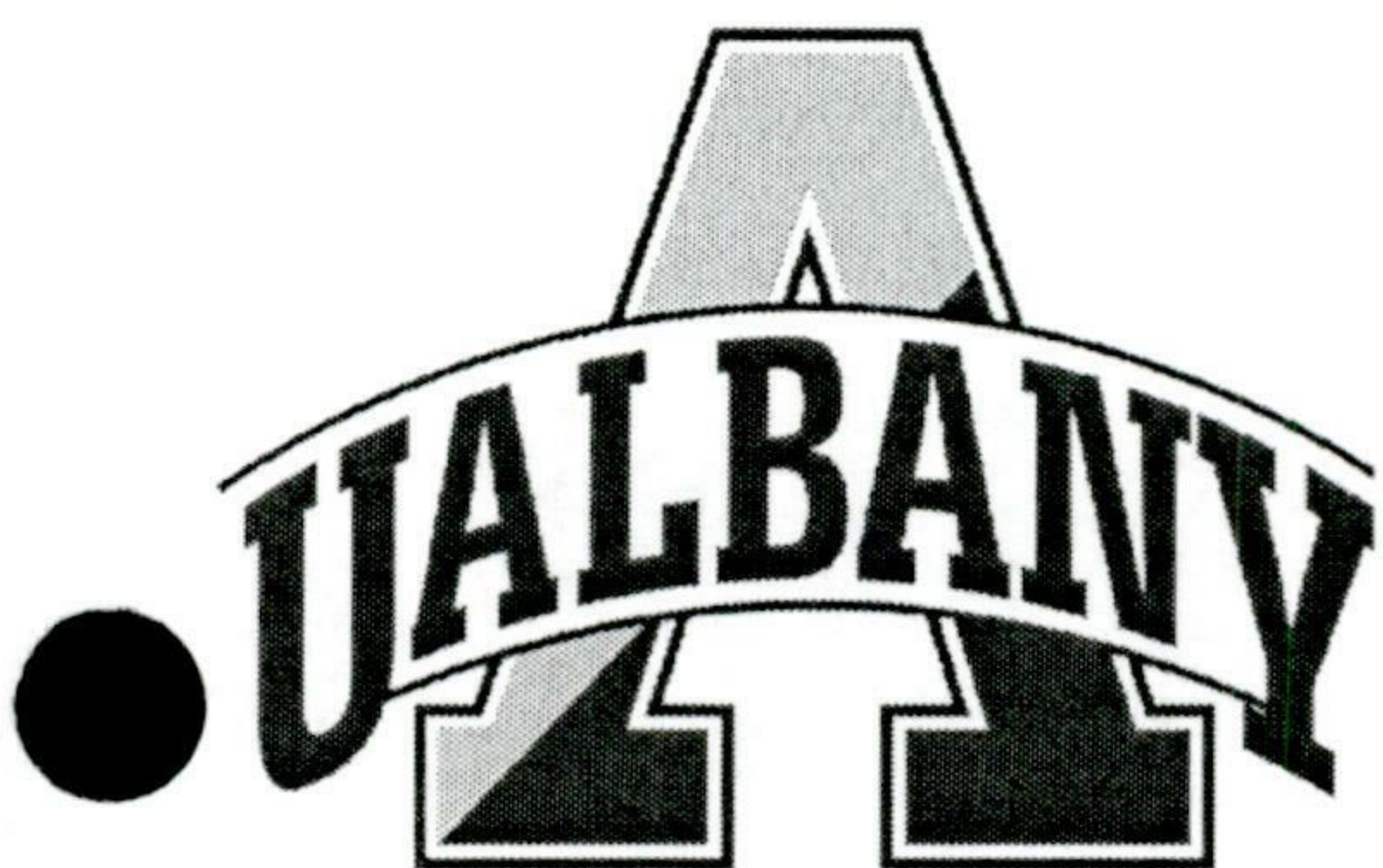


GERED BURNS SETS NEW SCHOOL RECORD AT USA TRACK & FIELD NATIONAL MEET

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany junior **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) set a school record in the 800-meter run, finishing third in his semifinal heat of the USA Track and Field National meet, held at the Reggie Lewis Center on the campus of Northeastern University on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Burns, who finished seventh overall, was one-tenth of a second off making the final race, finishing with a time of 1:49.49. Burns' previously ran a record time of 1:49.50 twice, including this season at the New Balance Collegiate Invitational at the New York City Armory.

Burns will defend his IC4A Championship in the event on March 5-6 at the Reggie Lewis Center.



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HUTCHESON SCORES 21 POINTS IN UALBANY'S 78-68 WIN OVER NORTHEASTERN

Albany, N.Y. – Danielle Hutcheson tied her season-high with 21 points as UAlbany rallied to defeat Northeastern, 78-68, in America East Conference action on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Northeastern (11-14, AE 6-10) led 61-53 with 6:53 remaining in the second half, before UAlbany (13-12, AE 8-8) ran off 11 consecutive points and claimed its first lead of the game. Hutcheson scored on a jump hook and then **Tanika Thrower** stole the inbounds pass and laid it in to trim the gap to four points. After a Hutcheson foul shot, **Alicia Learn** drained a jumper in the lane to bring the Great Danes within 61-60.

UAlbany's **Jen Schumacher** stole an errant pass by Northeastern's **Jody Burrows** and was fouled. Schumacher connected on both free throws, putting the Great Danes in front, 62-61, with 4:31 left in the game.

The Great Danes scored 10 of the game's next 11 points and opened up a 72-62 advantage. UAlbany made 8-of-10 free throws during the spurt and Learn, who finished with 17 points, capped it with a jump shot.

"We were not taking the ball to the basket in the first half," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team tied the program's Division I single-season record with 13 wins. "They are really physical and don't allow you to get easy shots. The second half we did a much better job of attacking the basket and getting to the free throw line."

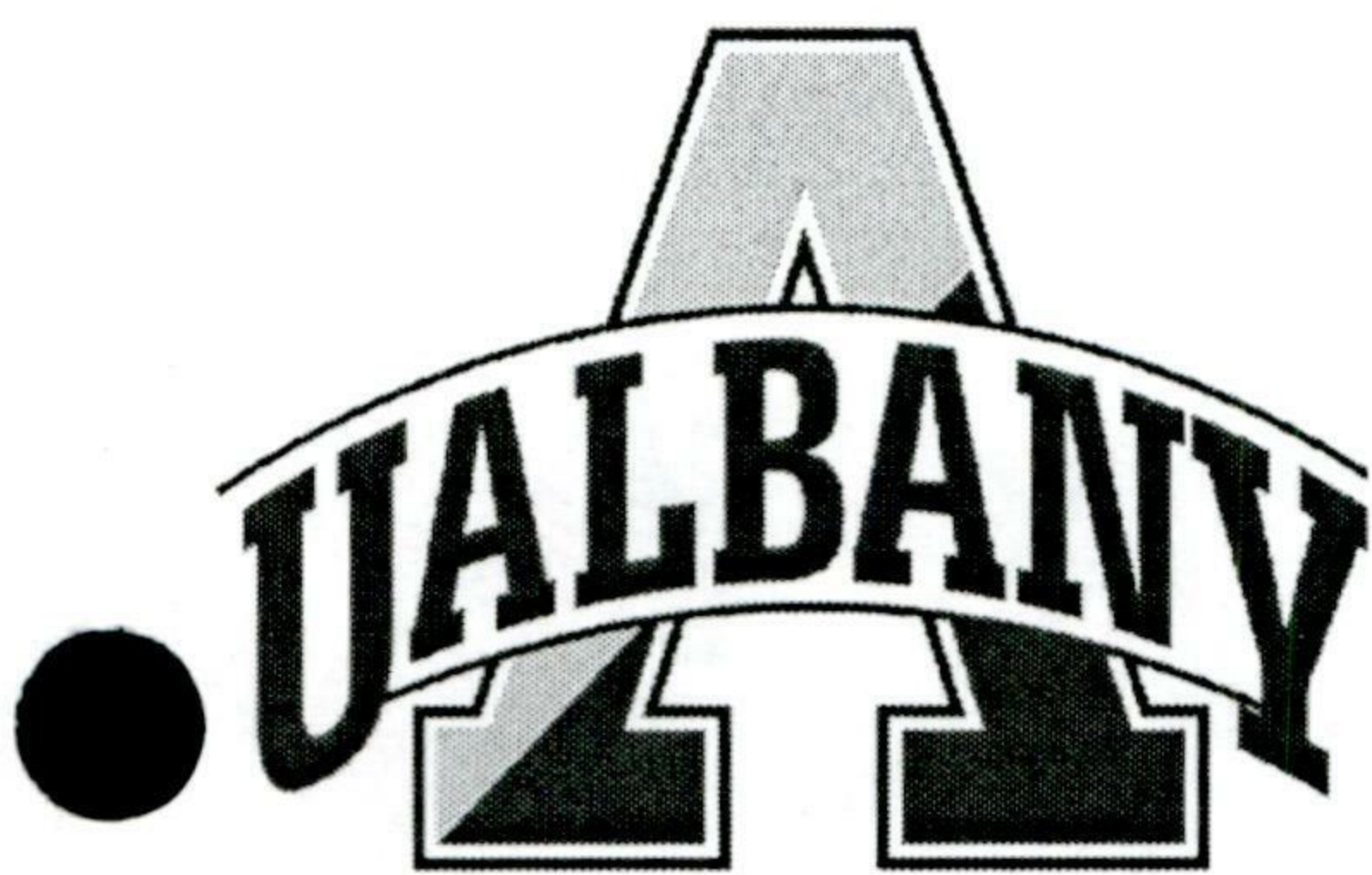
UAlbany finished the game shooting 52 percent (25-of-48) from the field, compared to 37 percent (23-of-61) for Northeastern. The Great Danes, who moved into a tie for fifth in the conference standings, also took advantage of 37 trips to the charity stripe, making 26.

Northeastern (11-14, AE 6-10) led the contest from the start and used 16 first-half points from **Francesca Vanin** to take a 33-29 halftime advantage. Vanin, who finished with 20 points, was held to 2-of-5 shooting in the second half.

A tightly contested start to the second half saw the Great Danes close to within one on a pair of free throws by **Maree Jones**. However, the Huskies canned back-to-back three-pointers to rebuild its cushion, 59-52. Burrows netted a long trifecta from the top of the key with the shot clock winding down and **Maralene Zwarich**, who scored a team-high 21 points, nailed a trey from the right wing.

Schumacher tallied 16 points for UAlbany, while Jones recorded 10 points and nine rebounds. Northeastern's, Burrows scored 13 points and dished eight assists.

"Every time we play them, it is a comeback," said Hutcheson, who broke the 20-point plateau for the third time this season as one of four senior making their final home appearance. "We had that fire in our bellies in the second half. When we are down, we know what we have to do to come back and win."



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AMANDA MORIN TOSSES ONE-HIT SHUTOUT IN GREAT DANES' SEASON OPENER

El Paso, Texas -- UAlbany pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls H.S.) fired a one-hit shutout in her debut, the Great Danes blanked Northern Colorado, 8-0, in the first game of the UTEP Tournament at Helen of Troy Field on Friday afternoon. On the season's opening day, UAlbany was defeated by Texas-San Antonio, 13-0 in six innings, in the second game.

Morin, a right-hander who transferred from Florida Atlantic, had her no-hit bid broken up in the seventh, when Northern Colorado's **Stephani Miller** singled to left field to lead off the frame. Morin struck out eight in the contest and retired the first eight Bears she faced. Miller took the loss for Northern Colorado, allowing eight runs, but only two of them earned in going the distance.

The Great Danes broke a scoreless tie with a five-run third inning. With the Great Danes up 2-0, **Katrina Dunning** smacked a double down the left field line, plating two runs and giving UAlbany a 4-0 lead. Dunning finished 2-for-4 with two RBI in the contest, while shortstop **Maegan Larsen** went 3-5 with a run scored. UAlbany (1-1) would add three more runs in the top of the seventh on an RBI double by **Erika Enocksen** and a two-RBI double by **Amber Maisonet**.

Texas-San Antonio (8-7) jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings in game two. **Jessica Els** hit a grand slam to give the Roadrunners a 4-0 lead after the first inning. **Mel Torres** highlighted a seven-run sixth inning with a three-run home run. Torres went 2-3 with two runs scored and three RBI, while **Aimee Murray** 2-4 with three runs scored and driving in two runs.

Ursula Mares pitched a complete game for Texas-San Antonio, striking out 14 and allowing just three hits in picking up the victory for the Roadrunners. **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) received the loss, allowing six runs, but only one earned. She struck out three in five innings of work.

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UTEP Tournament -- First Day

Helen of Troy Softball Complex -- El Paso, Texas

(Game 1) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 - R H E

UAlbany (1-0) 0 0 5 0 0 0 3 - 8 11 2

Northern Colorado (0-5) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 1 4

UAlbany -- Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

Northern Colorado -- Stephani Miller and Whitney Platten.

(Game 2) 1 2 3 4 5 6 - R H E

Texas-San Antonio (8-7) 4 1 0 0 1 7 - 13 12 1

UAlbany (1-1) 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 3 3

Texas-San Antonio -- Ursula Mares and Jessica Els.

UAlbany -- Casey Halloran, Carisa Marcucci (6) and Katie Trott.

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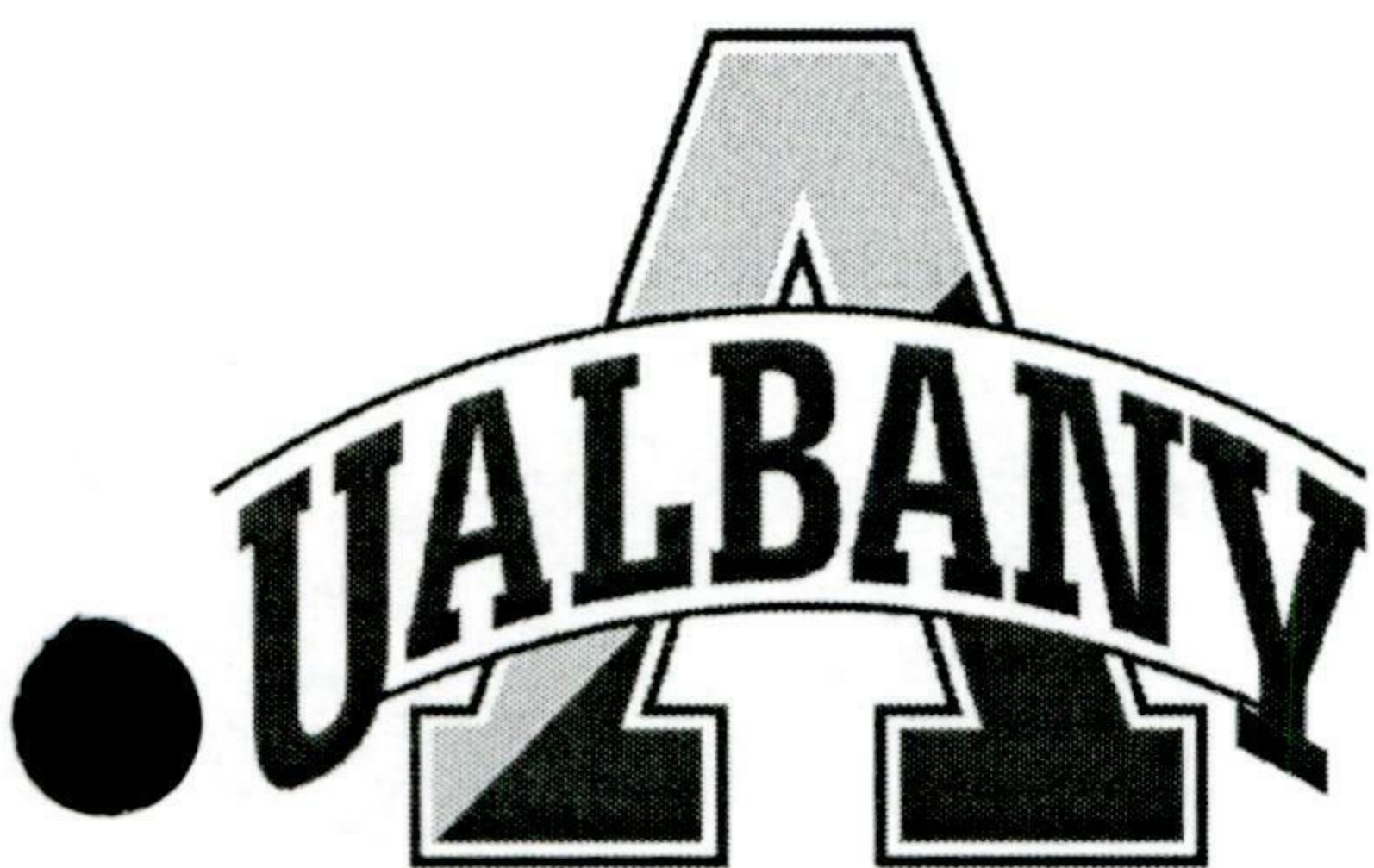


ALLSTADT AND GOMES QUALIFY FOR IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NYU FASTRACK INVITE

New York, N.Y. – Seniors **Andy Allstadt** and **Sheldon Gomes** (Shaker) qualified for the IC4A Championships at the NYU Fastrack Invitational held on Friday afternoon.

Allstadt posted a time of 8:29.17 in the 3,000-meter run to qualify for IC4A's, which will be held March 5-6 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass. Gomes hit the qualifying mark in the triple jump with a distance of 49-feet, 11-inches.

Teammate **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) will be competing in the 800-meter run at the USA Track & Field National Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center on Saturday 2 p.m.



DONOHUE SCORES FIVE GOALS TO LEAD UALBANY LACROSSE TO 14-11 COMEBACK WIN

Troy, N.Y. – **Nikki Donohue** scored a career-high five goals to lead UAlbany to a 14-11 come-from-behind victory over Siena in a non-conference women's lacrosse contest on Friday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

Siena tied the score at 10 apiece when **Tammy Vitolins** scored in transition at 11:28. The Great Danes answered with three consecutive goals en route to the victory. **Kate Fontana** scored twice and Donohue added one, with **Sarah Spillett** setting up all three.

Siena (0-1) jetted out to a 4-1 advantage midway through the opening period behind three goals from **Amy Schoonmaker** and an unassisted tally by **Christina Pamapolone**. **Claire Devine** and **Kathryn Marcantonio** each scored for Siena in the closing minutes of the half as the Saints took a 7-3 lead at halftime.

UAlbany started strong in the second period, scoring five of the first six goals. Donohue netted her second off a feed from **Sarah Spillett**, who set a career high with five assists. **Kim Reny** followed with her second goal, using an underhanded shot to convert a free-position attempt, as the Great Danes cut the deficit to 7-5.

After a transition goal by Siena's Pamapolone, UAlbany rattled off three straight to tie the contest at 8-all. Fontana, who finished with three goals and one assist, notched a free-position tally and Donohue followed with two goals one minute apart.

Siena regained the lead, 9-8, when **Michelle Eide** capitalized on a free-position attempt with 19:38 remaining. Spillett then threw a pass in front of the cage to **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville), who scored to knot the score again. The Great Danes took their first lead of the contest when Spillett buried a rebound in the back of the net.

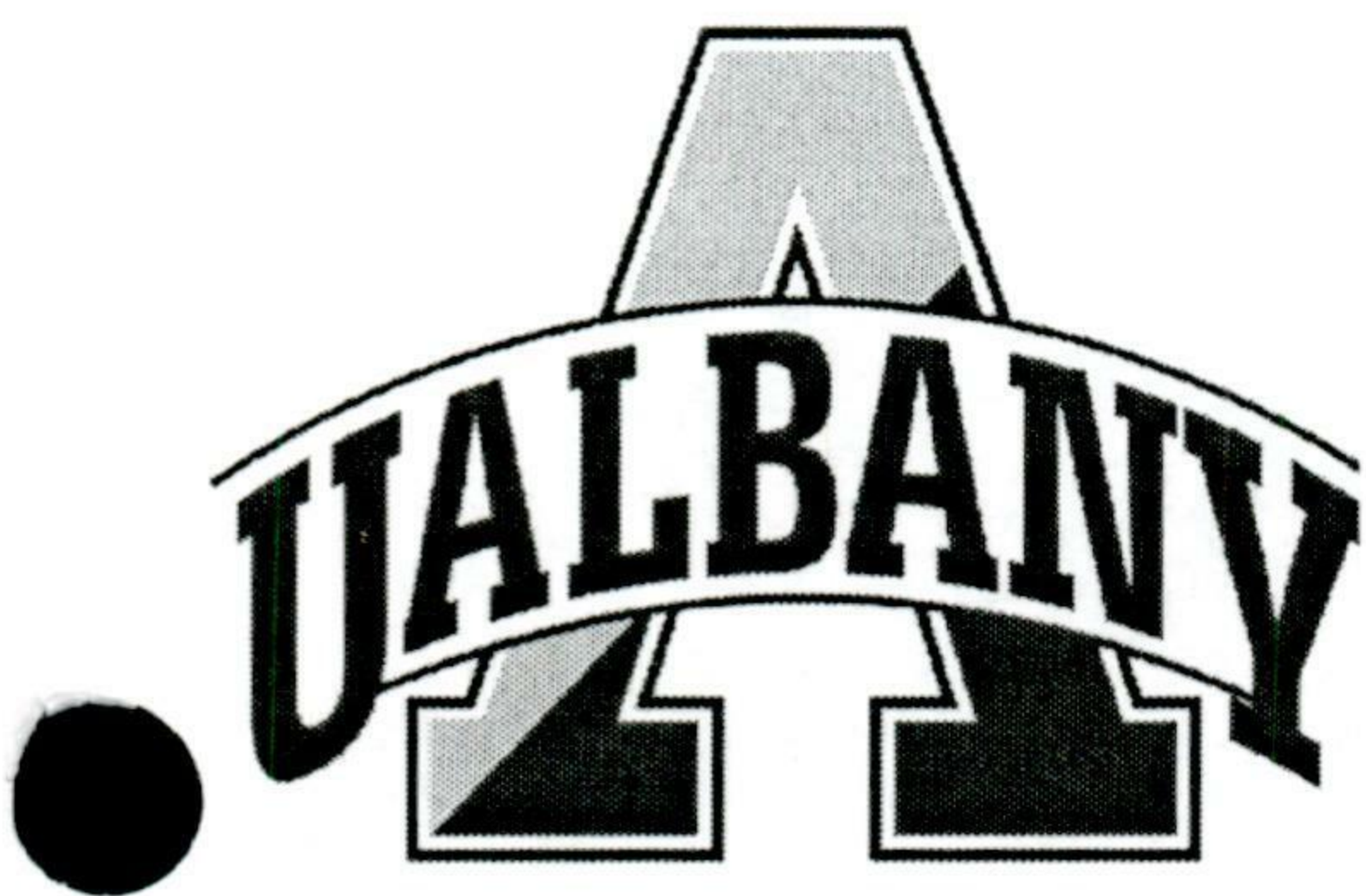
Bethany Zimmer made nine saves in goal for Siena, while Devine paced the offense with two goals and two assists.

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Siena	7	4	-	11
UAlbany	3	11	-	14

Siena – Scoring: Schoonmaker (3-0), Devine (2-2), Pamapolone (2-0), Eide (1-1), Vitolins (1-0), Burger (1-0), Marcantonio (1-0), Cruger (0-1), Elliott (0-1), Harkins (0-1). Goalkeeper: Zimmer (60:00, 14 GA, 9 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Donohue (5-0), Fontana (3-1), Rajczak (2-2), Reny (2-0), Spillett (1-5), Hill (1-0), Primomo (0-1). Goalkeeper: Daly (60:00, 11 GA, 2 saves).



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STONY BROOK HOLDS ON TO DEFEAT UALBANY, 68-63, IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Bobby Santiago** scored 17 points, including the go-ahead basket with 1:05 remaining in leading Stony Brook to a 68-63 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Thursday evening at SBU Sports Complex.

UAlbany (13-13, AE 9-8) trailed by as much as 13 points on three occasions before getting back into the contest. **Jamar Wilson**, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, scored five of his 21 points in a run of 13 consecutive markers that drew his team even at 49 apiece with 8:12 left.

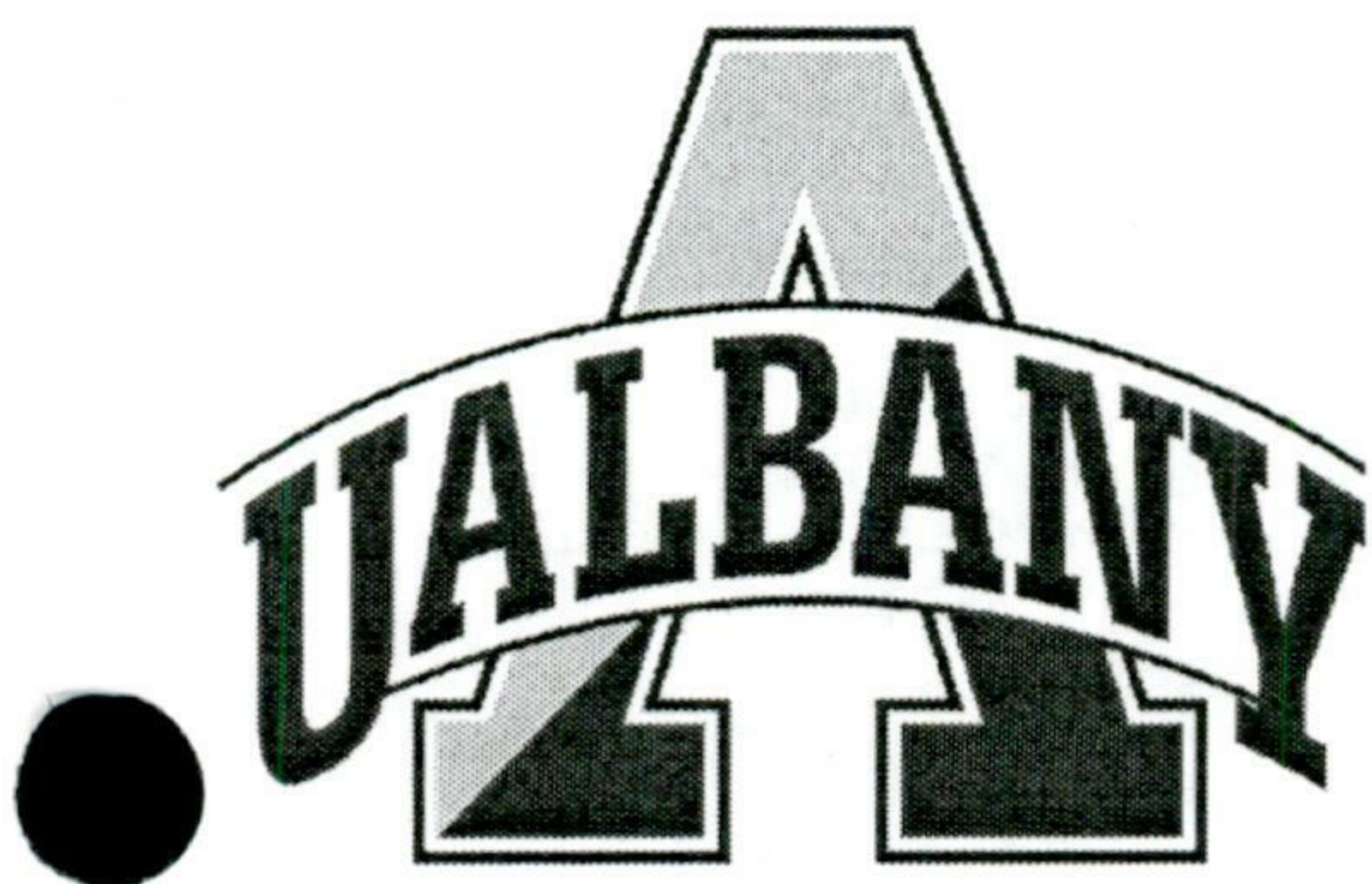
Stony Brook (11-15, AE 6-11) regrouped to take a 56-51 lead three minutes later on a Santiago jumper. The Great Danes then scored consecutive baskets, as **Lucious Jordan**, who scored all 12 of his points after halftime, hit a driving layup to close the gap to 56-55. The Seawolves responded with a conventional three-point play by **Mike Popoko**, who had 11 points and seven rebounds. Popoko was fouled as he hit a drive in the lane.

UAlbany would come back to tie the game twice, including a driving layup by **Jamar Wilson** that knotted the score at 61 all. However, Stony Brook made the last run when Santiago put his team ahead. Later **Jairus McCollum** missed a baseline jumper, but **Cori Spencer** was fouled as he scored on the follow shot in the lane. Spencer, who had 11 points and six rebounds, hit the subsequent free throw for a 66-61 advantage with 13.3 seconds remaining.

“The team who played with the most energy won,” said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team trailed 36-27 at halftime. “When you dig yourself a hole on the road, you have to fight like hell to get back into the game. It came down to late possessions, and we didn’t get the rebound on a missed shot at the end.”

Hendrik Feist was the fourth SBU player in double figures with 11 off the bench. The Seawolves, who have won four of their last six outings, avenged a 69-63 loss to the visitors earlier this month.

“We came out flat and there is no excuse for that,” commented Wilson, who made 8-of-12 from the field. “We had too many unforced turnovers in the first half. We have confidence in ourselves, but we have to play together to be successful.”



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HUTCHESON'S DOUBLE-DOUBLE SPURS UALBANY TO 81-60 WIN OVER STONY BROOK

Albany, N.Y. – **Danielle Hutcheson** scored a game-high 18 points to lead four UAlbany players in double figures as the Great Danes defeated Stony Brook, 81-60, in America East Conference women's basketball action on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Hutcheson added 13 rebounds for her ninth double-double of the season.

UAlbany (12-12, AE 7-8) jetted out to an 11-4 advantage behind two early baskets from **Alicia Learn**, who finished with 12 points and extended her double-figure scoring streak to five games. Stony Brook, meanwhile, connected on just two of its first 12 shots. The Seawolves pulled within one, 13-12, as **Mykeema Ford** netted a three-pointer and converted a fastbreak layup at 10:46.

The Great Danes, who recorded their largest margin of victory ever in an America East game, then went on a 13-4 run to pull ahead, 26-16 with 5:32 remaining in the half. **Gia Sanders**, who corralled a career-high eight rebounds, started the spurt with a jumper, while **Jen Schumacher** capped it with a basket from the left wing. Hutcheson added six points in the closing minutes as the Great Danes took a 41-22 lead to the locker room.

"We needed an offensive boost," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team snapped a three-game losing streak. "The 2-3 zone gave us a lot of easy layups in the first half, and they didn't recover. Limiting a high-scoring team like Stony Brook to 60 points also helped us build our defensive confidence."

UAlbany continued to cushion its lead as Schumacher netted one of her four three-pointers in the opening minutes of the second period, putting the Great Danes in front, 46-22. The closest the Seawolves climbed was 19 when Ford found **Jessica Smith** for a bucket on an inbounds play. A Great Dane run featuring five points from **Sherri Mikus** and a right-wing jumper from Sanders made the score 64-37 with 10:07 remaining and sealed the game.

"We were intense and came out with a lot of energy," said Hutcheson, who recorded her sixth double-double in her last seven games. "They could not keep up with us on the offensive end. We knew they were wild shooters, so our main focus was to not foul them."

Schumacher tallied 15 points for UAlbany, while **Maree Jones** added 13 points and nine rebounds. **Tanya James** dished a career-high six assists for the Great Danes, who grabbed a season-high 57 rebounds. UAlbany also connected on 23-of-31 free throws in the game.

Stony Brook shot 27 percent (19-of-71) from the floor, including 19 percent (4-of-21) from three-point range. Ford, the conference's leading scorer at 18.1 points per game, finished with 11 points on 4-of-16 shooting. Smith scored a team-high 15 points for the Seawolves, to go along with seven rebounds, while **Kelly Watson** chipped in 13 points.



UALBANY BASEBALL PICKED FOURTH IN AMERICA EAST PRESEASON POLL

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany was picked fourth in the America East Conference preseason baseball poll, as announced by the conference office on Wednesday afternoon. Stony Brook, the defending America East champion, was chosen first in the rankings, as voted on by the league's head coaches. Maine was second, followed by Northeastern, UAlbany, Vermont, Binghamton, UMBC and Hartford.

Head coach **Jon Mueller**, who is entering his sixth season at the helm of the Great Danes, was named the America East Conference Coach of the Year last season after leading UAlbany to a program-best record of 37-14, including 14-7 in league play. UAlbany lost 2004 Player of the Year Dan Schoonmaker to graduation along with major league draft pick Adam Kroft, but returns a solid corps of upperclassmen.

Shortstop **Joe Lamb** and first baseman **Derek DeGrazio**, a pair of first team All-America East selections, return to the diamond for the Great Danes. Lamb (.321 BA) led the conference in runs scored with 48, while DeGrazio (.369 BA) totaled 45 RBI and did not commit an error on the season. Also returning for UAlbany is starting pitcher **Ethan Vaiana**, who tallied a 6-1 record with a team-best 3.08 ERA. **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater H.S.), the Great Danes top closer, finished the 2004 season ranked third in the nation with 14 saves.

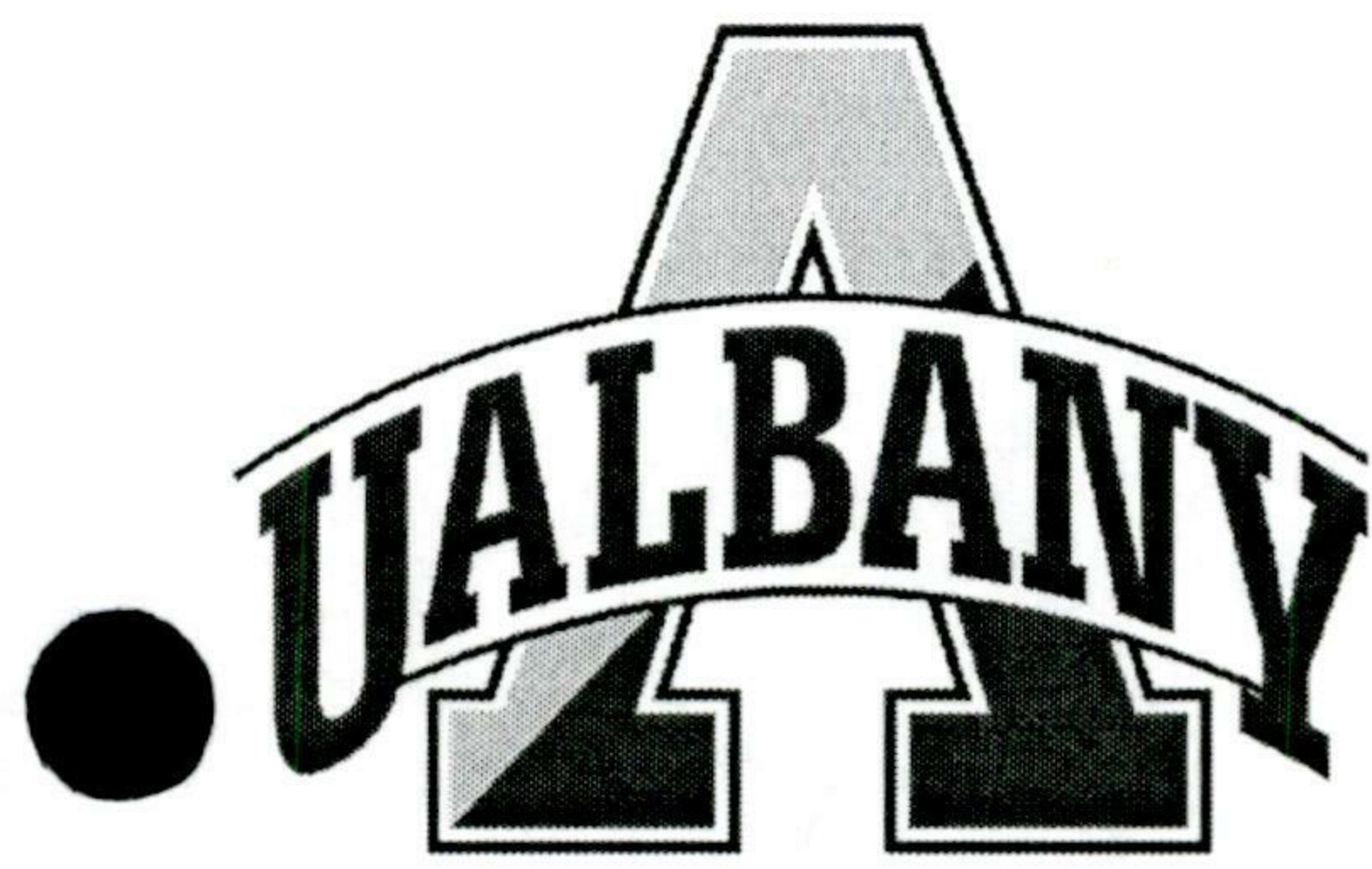
Right-hander **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) leads a group of five Section II high school standouts who will be regulars in the lineup. Murphy posted a 5-3 record on the mound with a 4.66 ERA. Senior captain **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) hit .279 as the starting center fielder last year. Monmouth transfer **Leo Corvino** (Columbia) and Hudson Valley C.C. transfer **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) will be positioned in right field and first base, respectively. **Rich Northrup** (Shenendehowa) has taken over at second base.

"We are optimistic about our chances to return to the conference tournament," said Mueller, whose team competed in the postseason in 2004 for the first time in the program's history. "Over the last two years, the four seed has advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Hopefully we will follow suit and move one step further than last year."

UAlbany opens the 2005 season on Saturday, Feb. 26 with a non-league doubleheader at La Salle, beginning at 12 noon. The Great Danes begin their home slate on March 13, as they host Holy Cross, plus open up conference play by hosting Maine on April 9.

2005 America East Conference Baseball Preseason Poll

1. Stony Brook (6) 58, 2. Maine (2) 51, 3. Northeastern 50, 4. **UAlbany 37**, 5. Vermont 36, 6. Binghamton 28, 7. UMBC 19, 8. Hartford 9. () – first-place votes



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GREAT DANES PICKED TO FINISH THIRD IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE SOFTBALL POLL

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany was voted third in the 2005 America East Conference preseason softball coaches' poll, as announced by the conference office on Feb. 22. Boston University was selected first, while defending America East tournament champion Maine was picked second.

The Great Danes finished 34-18 overall and 17-2 in conference play last spring. UAlbany qualified for the conference tournament for the third time in as many years. Head coach **Chris Cannata**, the reigning two-time coach of the year, returns seven starters and 13 letterwinners. Junior second baseman **Katrina Dunning**, sophomore third baseman **Kelly Ogden** and junior first baseman **Ashley Rios**, all first-team all-league selections, are back for UAlbany in 2005. Second-team All-America East choice **Casey Halloran** (Columbia H.S.) leads the Great Danes pitching staff. Voorheesville high school standout **Brittany Burnham** is expected to start in the outfield, while Florida Atlantic transfer **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) will be in the rotation as a right-handed hurler.

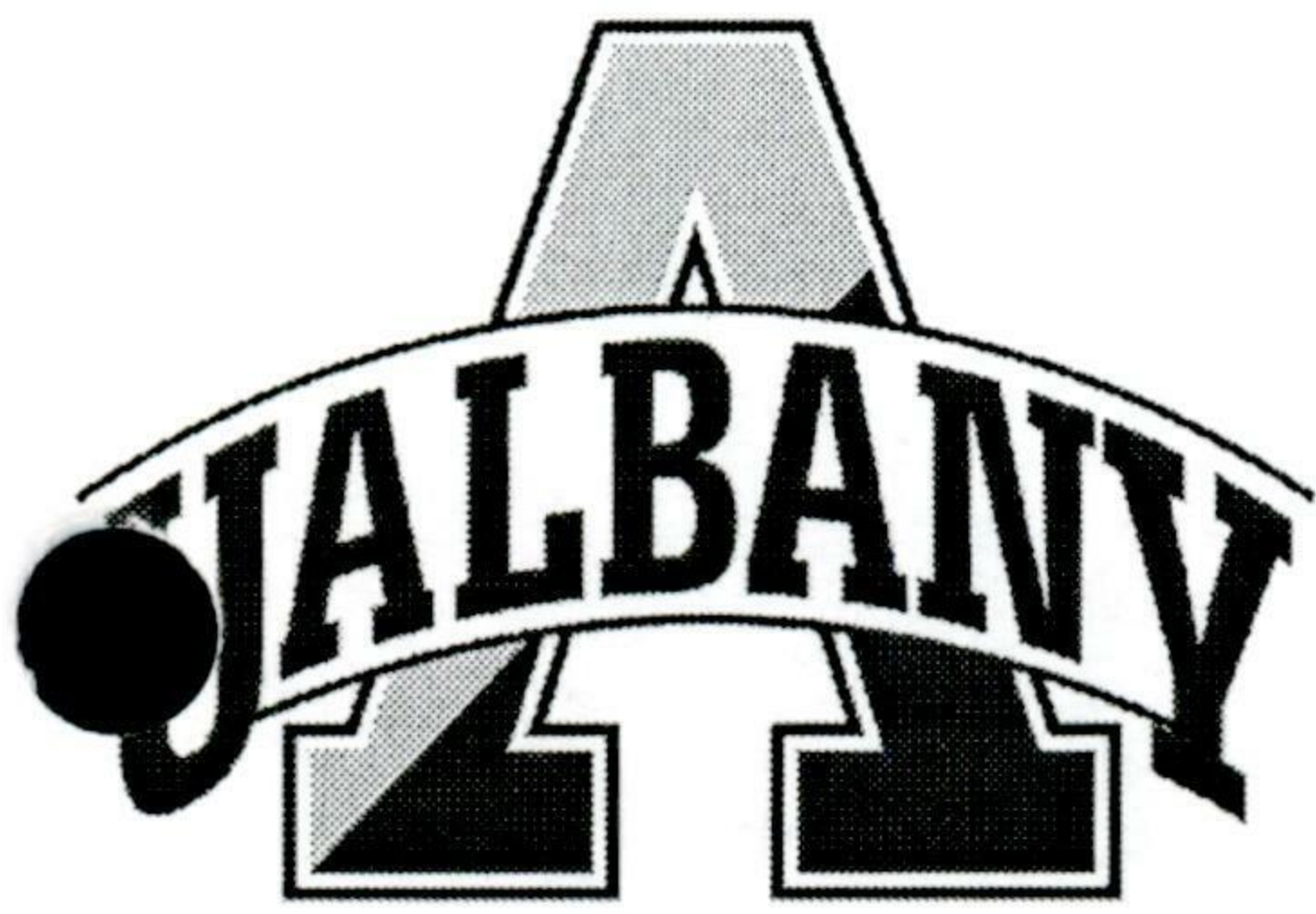
Dunning, who played in 48 games, hit .317, drove in 21 runs and had 15 multi-hit games for the Great Danes in 2004. Ogden, who was also selected to the all-rookie team, tied for the team lead in home runs with three, was second on the team in RBI with 28 and had multiple hits in 10 games. Rios finished second on the team with a .386 batting average and tied Ogden for the team lead in home runs. Halloran, an all-rookie team member, won her last 10 decisions, going 11-3 with a 1.63 ERA. She tossed 10 complete games and three shutouts.

"Boston U., Maine and Stony Brook pretty much return their entire teams, so it would be hard not put them ahead of us," commented Cannata, who guided her team to the conference's regular-season title in 2004. "We graduated a lot of talented players from last year's team, but we still have a strong corps of returning players. Along with our newcomers, we are hoping to take the next step."

UAlbany will open its schedule in El Paso, Texas against Northern Colorado at 12 noon on Friday, Feb. 25 at the UTEP Tournament. The Great Danes will also play in the Patriot Classic at George Mason University, the Mizuno Bash at the Beach in Georgetown, Del. and the Rebel State Games in Kissimmee, Fla. in the month of March. The home and conference opener for UAlbany will be on Saturday, April 2 at 1 p.m. against Hartford.

2005 America East Conference Softball Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Boston U. (5), 61, 2. Maine (1) 50, **3. UAlbany (2) 49**, 4. Stony Brook 47, 5. Binghamton 32, 6. Hartford 20, 7. UMBC 17, 8. Vermont 12. () - first-place votes



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY PLAYERS EARN NFHCA ACADEMIC HONORS

Glen Allen, Va. – University at Albany seniors **Cheryl Varga** and **Amber Wade**, along with junior **Shelley Gebhardt**, were named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I National Academic Squad for the 2004 season.

The program recognizes student-athletes who have achieved a grade point average of 3.30 or above for the fall semester of the 2004-05 academic year.

Varga, a forward from Southbury, Conn., was a four-year member of the UAlbany field hockey team. A communication major with a minor in psychology, has been honored by the NFHCA four consecutive seasons. Varga, who started all 18 contests for the Great Danes this season, tallied one assist as a senior, finishing her career with 16 total points.

Wade, a defender from Whitney Point, N.Y., was also a four-year member of the UAlbany squad. Wade, a biology major, has also been named to the NFHCA National Academic Squad three times. On defense, Wade recorded six defensive saves for the Great Danes, putting her fifth on UAlbany's career chart.

Gebhardt, a junior forward from Fairport, N.Y., makes her first appearance on the NFHCA Academic Squad. A communication and political science major with a dual minor in journalism and history, Gebhardt was previously named to UAlbany's athletic academic honor roll. Gebhardt finished her junior season tied for first place on the team with four assists after starting all 18 contests for the Great Danes.

The UAlbany field hockey team was also honored by the NFHCA by being named to the Division I National Academic Team list. This award honors squads that have achieved a team GPA of 3.0 or higher.

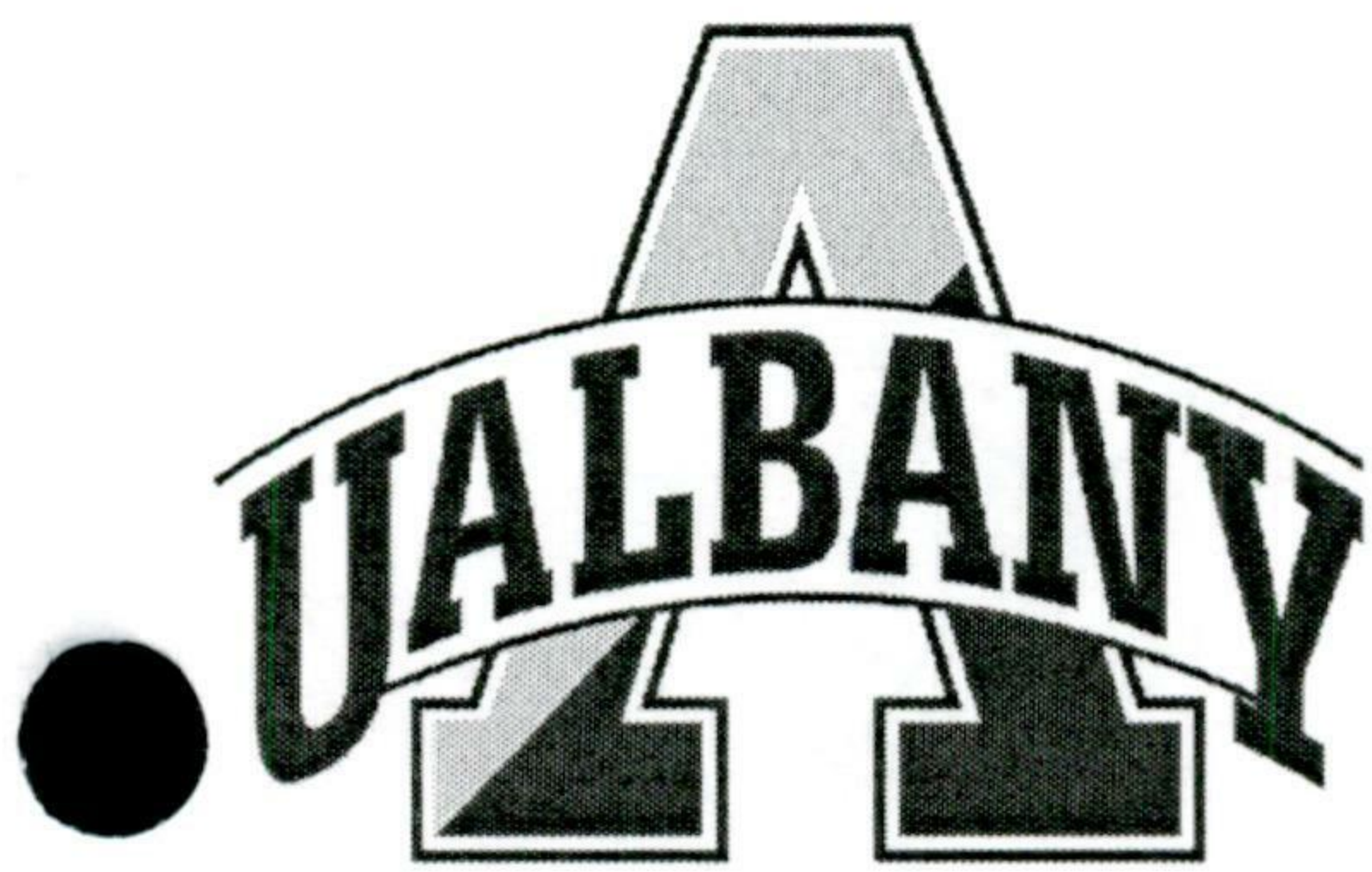
UALBANY ASSISTANT COACH JILL DEDMAN NAMED TO USA INDOOR TEAM

Colorado Springs, Colo. – University at Albany assistant field hockey coach **Jill Dedman** was named to the USA Field Hockey National Indoor Team for the 2005-06 season.

Dedman, a native of Orange, Conn., was a member of the 2002 World Cup team after a stellar collegiate career at Boston College. A two-time Big East Conference Goalkeeper of the Year, Dedman was a three-time All-Big East selection and was named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-America Third Team in 1999.

The USA Indoor Team will compete in the third Indoor Pan American Cup in late 2005 or early 2006. The event will serve as a qualifier for the second Indoor World Cup to be played in Vienna, Austria in 2007.

Northeastern's Scott Smith will serve as head coach for the team, after leading the squad in 2004.



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COLGATE'S SECOND-HALF SURGE SENDS UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE TO 10-5 LOSS

Hamilton, N.Y. – **Jessica Van der Meulen** and **Katie McVeigh** each scored three goals to lead Colgate to a 10-5 victory over UAlbany in the season-opening game for both teams at Tyler's Field on Sunday afternoon.

Colgate, the 2004 Patriot League champions, jumped out to a 2-1 lead less than 10 minutes into the game. McVeigh capitalized on a free-position opportunity and **Kelly Winning** dealt one of her three assists to Van der Meulen for a goal. **Kate Fontana** got UAlbany on the board with an unassisted tally.

UAlbany (0-1) countered to take a 3-2 halftime advantage. **Sarah Spillett** scored on a free-position chance and **Kim Reny** fed **Brittany Scott**, who found the net for her first goal as a collegian.

Scott, a freshman midfielder, notched her second goal of the game to give the Great Danes a two-goal cushion at 22:14 of the second half.

Colgate (1-0) scored 15 seconds later as Winning dished to Van der Meulen, trimming the lead to 4-3. On the next trip down the field, Winning sent a free position attempt through the legs of UAlbany goalkeeper **Jen Daly** to draw her team even. Van der Meulen, a freshman midfielder, completed her hat trick, scoring on a rebound of an **Amanda Bradshaw** shot to put the Raiders ahead. Winning's second goal of the game pushed the score to 6-4 with 16:34 left in the game.

UAlbany closed to within 6-5 on Fontana's second unassisted goal at 14:25.

The Raiders then took advantage of two UAlbany fouls, as McVeigh and **Megan Janson** each converted free position opportunities to make the score 8-5. Janson scored again and McVeigh notched her hat trick in the closing minutes.

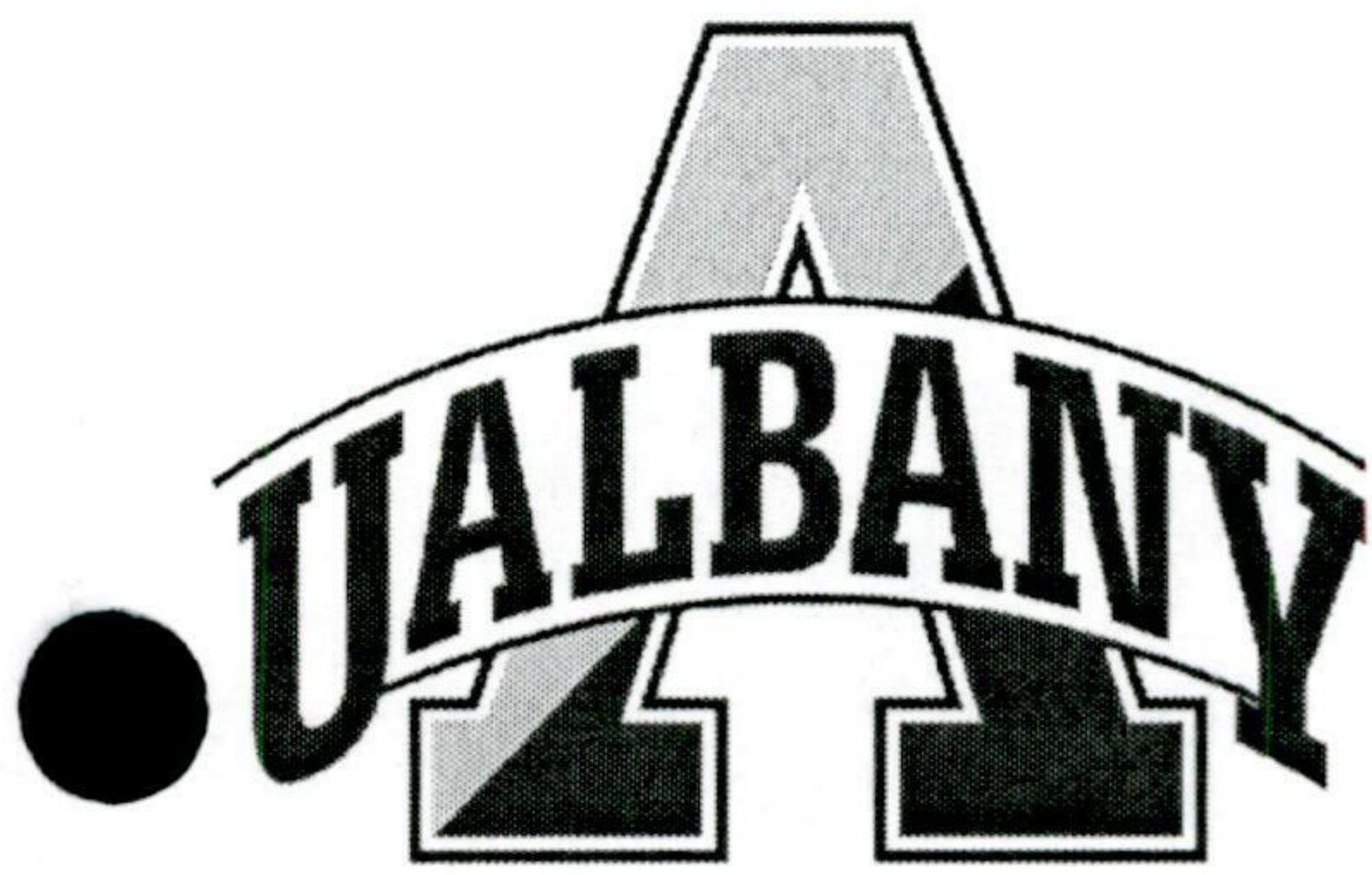
Daly finished with eight saves for UAlbany, while **Sue Bielamowicz** stopped eight shots for the Raiders.

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UAlbany (0-1)	3	2	-	5
Colgate (1-0)	2	8	-	10

UAlbany – Scoring: Kate Fontana (2-0), Brittany Scott (2-0), Sarah Spillett (1-0), Kim Reny (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 8 saves, 10 GA).

Colgate – Scoring: Katie McVeigh (3-0), Jess Van der Meulen (3-0), Kelly Winning (2-3), Megan Janson (2-0), Amanda Bradshaw (0-1). Goalkeeper: Sue Bielamowicz (60:00. 8 saves, 5 GA).



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STONY BROOK DEFEATS UALBANY, 5-2, IN WOMEN'S TENNIS ACTION

Bethlehem, Pa. – **Anne Cathrine Valle** and **Sandy Wijeratne** were straight-set winners at first and second singles to lead Stony Brook to a 5-2 victory over UAlbany on Saturday evening at Lehigh University's Rauch Fieldhouse.

Valle defeated **Courtney Michels**, 6-0, 6-3, while Wijeratne, a freshman from Melbourne, Australia, was a 6-3, 6-1 winner over **Christina Suarez**.

UAlbany's **Amanda Hall** and **Kim Westcott** each recorded singles victories in the No. 4 and No. 5 positions. Hall upended **Monica Myers**, 6-1, 6-1, while Westcott registered an 8-2 pro-set decision. The Great Danes, who are 2-2 this spring, travel to Manhattan on Feb. 26.

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Stony Brook 5, UAlbany 2 (Bethlehem, Pa.)

Singles: Anne Cathrine Valle (S) def. Courtney Michels (A), 6-0, 6-3; Sandy Wijeratne (S) def. Christina Suarez (A), 6-3, 6-1; Hana Chovanova (S) def. Aimee Kern (A), 6-1, 6-4; Amanda Hall (A) def. Monica Myers (S), 6-1, 6-1; Kim Westcott (A) def. Rachel Kimelman (S), 8-6, Victoria Vasile (S) def. Kerry Levis (A), 8-2.

Doubles: Valle/Wijeratne (S) def. Michels/Kern (A), 8-2; Hall/Westcott (A) def.

Chovanova/Myers (S), 9-8 (7-4); Kimelman/Vasile (S) def. Kyle Steller/Suarez (A), 8-5.

Records: UAlbany (2-2), Stony Brook (1-2).

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UALBANY MEN FINISH SECOND, WOMEN THIRD AT A-EAST INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boston, Mass. – Northeastern's **Idris Payne** earned Most Outstanding Track Performer of the Meet accolades helping the Huskies hold off UAlbany for the America East Conference Indoor Championship at the Boston University Track and Tennis Center on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Payne posted individual victories in both the 200- and 400-meter dashes to lead Northeastern, who held off UAlbany's charge for its third straight America East title by a score of 147-146.

UAlbany was led by **Gered Burns** (Guilderland), who claimed his first indoor 800-meter championship in a time of 1:51.87. **Kamar Elliott** also posted an individual title by winning the triple jump with a IC4A-qualifying distance of 47-feet, 1.75-inches. **Sheldon Gomes** (Shaker) was second in the event with a leap of 46-feet, 6-inches.

Michael Lynch and **Renauld Buck** finished third and fourth, respectively, in the shot put. Lynch recorded a throw of 48-feet, 1.25-inches while Buck had a toss of 47-feet, 9-inches. **David Parker** (Niskayuna) also finished third in the heptathlon, scoring a IC4A-qualifying 4,322 points.

New Hampshire was third in the team competition with 102 points, followed by UMBC (101.5), Binghamton (93.5), Boston U. (77), Maine (64), Stony Brook (26), Hartford (16) and Vermont (7).

In the women's competition, UAlbany finished third overall in the team standings with 107 points. The Northeastern women claimed the team championship, sweeping the event for the Huskies with a score of 173.5 points. Boston U. was second with 134 points, followed by UAlbany, New Hampshire (102), Binghamton (80.5), UMBC (54), Maine (48), Vermont (46), Stony Brook (32) and Hartford (3).

Arina Gerasimova led the Great Danes with the only individual championship of the day. Gerasimova posted a first-place finish in the triple jump, qualifying for the ECAC Championships with a distance of 38-feet, 9-inches.

Joy Williams, who won the weight throw with a school-record mark on Friday, placed second in the shot put competition with a throw of 43-feet, 3.75-inches. **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) recorded a second-place showing in the mile with a time of 4:53.79, and was also third in the 3,000-meter run, setting a new school record and qualifying for ECAC's with a time of 9:47.37.

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MEN

1. Northeastern, 147; **2. UAlbany, 146**; 3. New Hampshire, 102; 4. UMBC, 101.5; 5. Binghamton, 93.5; 6. Boston U., 77; 7. Maine, 64; 8. Stony Brook, 26; 9. Hartford, 16; 10. Vermont, 7.

WOMEN

1. Northeastern, 173.5; 2. Boston U., 134; **3. UAlbany, 107**; 4. New Hampshire, 102; 5. Binghamton 80.5, 6. UMBC, 54; 7. Maine, 48; 8. Vermont, 46; 9. Stony Brook, 32; 10. Hartford, 3.

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UMBC SNAPS SEVEN-GAME LOSING STREAK AGAINST UALBANY, 69-53

Baltimore, Md. – **Matea Pender** scored 15 of her 18 points in the second half as UMBC defeated UAlbany, 69-53, in America East Conference action on Saturday evening at the Retriever Activities Center to snap a seven-game losing streak.

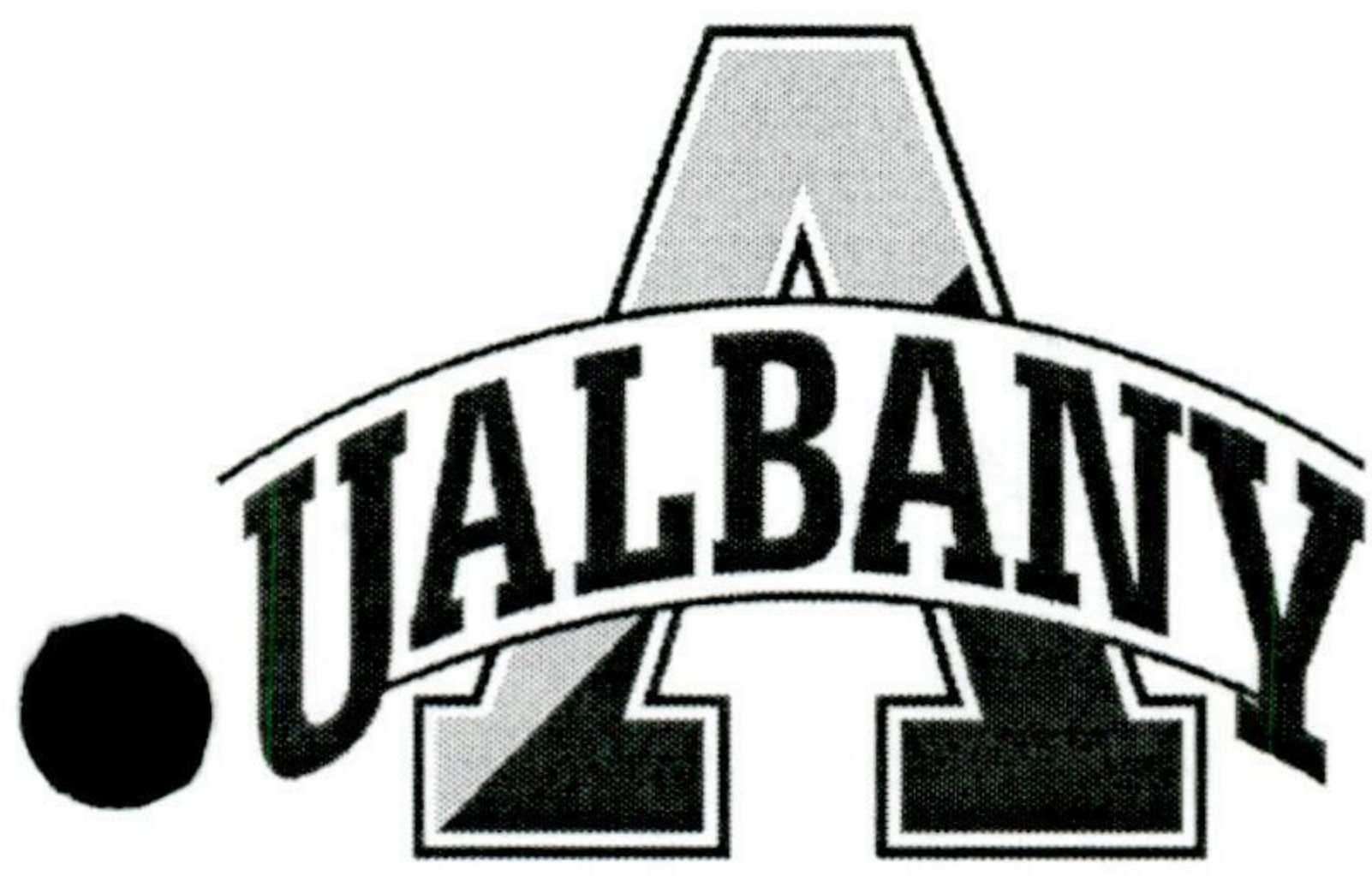
UAlbany (11-12, AE 6-8) struggled from the floor in the first half, going more than seven minutes without a field goal as the Retrievers turned a six point deficit into a 24-16 advantage with 2:21 left in the half. **Amanda Robinson** scored eight of her career-high 13 points, while **Ana Goncharova** canned two three-pointers off the bench to give UMBC (8-15, AE 3-11) a 26-21 lead at the half. The Great Danes were held to 25 percent shooting, 8-of-32, and committed 11 turnovers.

"We had an early lead, but then turnovers let them back into the game," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team dropped its third straight game. "We had too many unforced errors and in the first half that showed a lack of concentration. We didn't defend the backdoor cuts and they exploited that in the second half."

The Retriever offense heated up in the second half behind four three pointers from Pender. UMBC used an 18-10 start to the period to build its lead to 44-31 with 12:04 to play. **Sharri Rohde** converted two backdoor layups as the Retrievers opened up their biggest lead, 50-33, with 9:35 to go.

Despite 10 second half points from Danielle Hutcheson, the Great Danes never climbed any closer than 13 points the rest of the game.

Brittnie Hughes and Rohde each finished with 12 points. For UAlbany, **Alicia Learn** had 14 points, extending her double-digit scoring streak to four games. Hutcheson and **Jen Schumacher** each scored 12, while **Maree Jones** (Albany HS) had 11 points and 12 rebounds for her fourth double-double of the season.



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UALBANY DEFEATS UMBC, 76-62, IN FINAL HOME GAME OF THE SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – **Jamar Wilson** scored 17 points and **Brent Wilson** added a career-high 16 off the bench in leading UAlbany to a 76-62 America East Conference victory over UMBC on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany (13-12, AE 9-7) led 13-11 midway through the first half, but then tallied 14 of the game's next 16 points. **Brent Wilson**, a 6-foot-8 freshman scored five in that stretch, including a three-point field goal from the top of the arc that gave his club a 27-13 advantage.

The Great Danes, who have won six of their last seven at home, shot 50 percent from the field in the opening period en route to a 33-21 lead at the intermission. UMBC (9-16, AE 4-12) struggled on offense in the first half by shooting 8-of-25 from the field and committing 10 turnovers.

In the final period, the Retrievers closed within 35-29 on **Andrew Feeley's** free throw with 16:48 remaining. However, UAlbany built their margin back to double figures over the next three minutes. **Christopher Wyatt**, a 6-foot-6 senior who was making his final home appearance, tipped in a missed three-pointer with a slam dunk during that run. Lucious Jordan followed by scoring with an offensive rebound, before Wilson made one of his four 3-point shots for a 46-33 lead.

The Retrievers, who won this year's first meeting, 67-62, back on Jan. 19th, would hang within striking distance until the final two minutes behind the play of **Mike Housman**, who had 15 points and 10 rebounds off the bench.

Rob Gogerty, one of four UMBC players in double figures with 11 points, made three consecutive free throws to close the gap to 68-60. But UAlbany extended their margin at the free throw line, making 23-of-33 overall, in a foul-plagued contest where the teams combined for 47 personals and four technicals.

"A win is a win," commented UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team had lost the previous three senior-day games. "You can't get frustrated with all the fouls. Our team kept its composure. We're a flow team that needs to get into a rhythm. I was happy that we were smart about it."

Wyatt turned in a season-best performance with 12 points and eight rebounds. **Levi Levine** finished with 10 points for the Great Danes, who held on to fourth place in the conference standings. UMBC's **Brian Hodges**, a freshman, and **Cory McJimson** had 11 and 10 points, respectively.

"It feels good to win on senior day, especially since I helped my team," said Wyatt, who made 4-of-5 from the floor to go with three steals and two blocks. "We haven't fared well the past three years. There have been many ups and downs during my career, so I'm enjoying my final year."

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UALBANY MEN LEAD A-EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS AFTER FIRST DAY OF COMPETITION

Boston, Mass. – The UAlbany men's track and field team leads with a score of 41 points after the first day of competition in the America East Indoor Championships, held at the Boston University Track and Tennis Center.

The Great Danes recorded four championship performances on the first day, led by a 5,000-meter victory by junior **Robbie Freeman**. Freeman posted a personal best time of 14:28.03, which is also the second fastest time in UAlbany history.

The distance medley relay team finished in 9:59.97. The team of **Gered Burns, Stephen Evans, Rich Villanueva** and **Ricardo Estremera** set a new meet record in the event.

In the field events, UAlbany had two victories. **Eric Opuana**, the school record holder, won the weight throw with a distance of 58-feet, 8-inches. **Jonathan Jones**, who finished fourth in the long jump in 2004, won the event on Friday with a leap of 22-feet, 3.5-inches, a personal best.

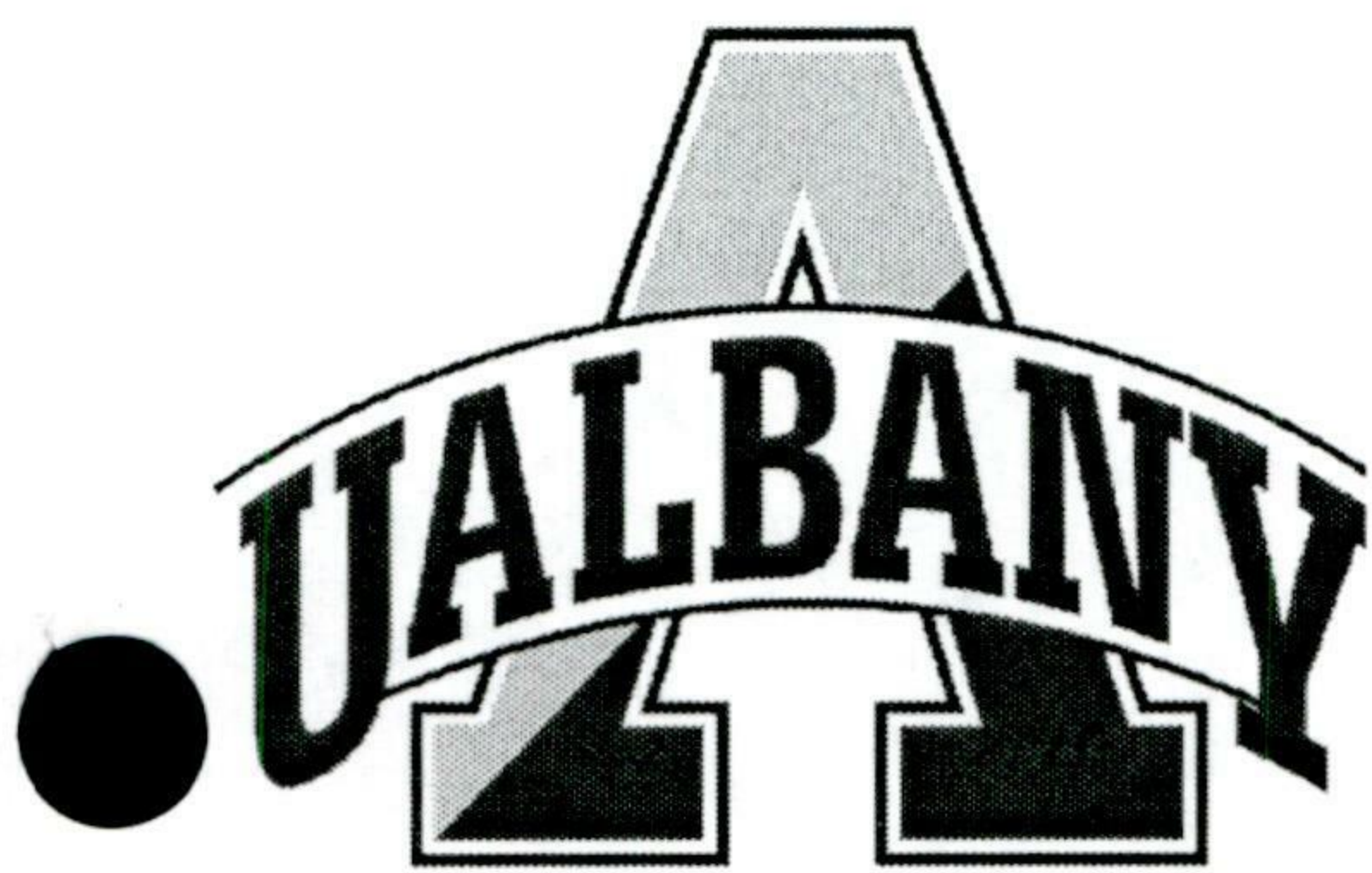
The Great Danes, who are looking to win their third straight indoor championship title, lead second-place Northeastern (38) by 11 points. Binghamton is third with 28.5 points, followed by New Hampshire (22), Boston U. (20), UMBC (16.5), Maine (13), Stony Brook (6) and Hartford (2).

The UAlbany women's team had one individual champion on the first day of competition. **Joy Williams**, the school record holder in the shot put, won the weight throw event with a school-record distance of 52-feet, 1-inch.

Patty Diedrich qualified for the ECAC Championships in the 55-meter hurdles, finishing second with a season-beset time of 8.25 seconds. **Tequirra Cox** finished third in the 200-meter dash, posting a time of 22.18 seconds.

The Great Danes are currently fourth in the team standings with 33 points. New Hampshire leads with 55 points, with Northeastern in second with 40.5 points. Boston U. (36.5) sits in third, followed by UAlbany, Binghamton (25), UMBC (14), Maine (12), Stony Brook (9) and Vermont (9).

The America East Indoor Championships will continue on Saturday, Feb. 19, starting at 10 a.m.



T.J. SORRENTINE LEADS VERMONT TO COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN OVER UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – **T.J. Sorrentine** scored 21 of his 26 points in the second half, as Vermont posted a 71-63 come-from-behind victory over UAlbany in America East Conference play on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Vermont (19-4, AE 14-1) trailed 43-29 early in the second half, before reeling off 13 unanswered points to get back into the contest. Sorrentine, a 5-foot-11 senior, buried consecutive three-point field goals, and then finished off the run with a one-hander off the glass.

Still trailing 45-42, the Catamounts then went ahead with 10 straight points. Freshman **Ryan Schneider** connected on back-to-back 3-pointers from the right wing to put his team in front. Sorrentine followed with a drive in the lane, and then Schneider, who came off the bench, drilled an 18-foot jumper.

UAlbany (12-12, AE 8-7) fell behind 55-48, but then regrouped with seven consecutive points. **Lucious Jordan**, who had 17 points, made a three-pointer, before **Jamar Wilson's** driving layup drew the Great Danes even.

The Catamounts, who have won 16 of their last 17 contests, then pulled away with 11 of the game's next 13 points. **Josh Duell** canned a three-point shot to put his club ahead for good. **Taylor Copenrath**, a two-time America East player of the year, would hit consecutive baskets in that stretch, including a tip-in off a missed 3-pointer. Sorrentine sank a pair of free throws for a 66-57 advantage with 56.9 seconds remaining.

"Let's give Vermont a lot of credit," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team committed 11 of its 20 turnovers in the final stanza. "They made eight three's and had one turnover in the second half. They spread us out, hit the gaps, and found the open shooters. When they went to the zone, we were stagnant on offense. We put a lot of pressure on ourselves after the halftime lead evaporated."

The Great Danes, who saw their five-game home winning streak come to an end, built a 36-23 halftime lead with a string of 10 consecutive points to end the period. **Levi Levine**, who scored 16 points, including the 1,000th of his career, converted a three-point play when he fouled on a layup after his steal. Jordan made two free throws and finished with a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"We lost our composure early in the second half, but then we got it back," said Levine, who added five rebounds and four assists. "We just had too many careless turnovers and missed a couple of shots down the stretch."

Vermont's Copenrath, the nation's second-leading scorer, ended up with 19 points, slightly under his 24.3 average, and grabbed seven rebounds. Wilson was the third UAlbany player in double figures with 11 points and five assists.



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VERMONT DOWNS UALBANY, 90-72, AS CUNCIC NETS A CAREER-HIGH 28

Burlington, Vt. – **Ashleigh Cuncic** scored a career-high 28 points as Vermont defeated UAlbany 90-72 in America East Conference action on Wednesday evening at Patrick Gymnasium.

Vermont (11-11, AE 7-6) jetted out to a 16-1 lead just four minutes into the game. Cuncic netted three of her school record eight three pointers to fuel the start. UAlbany did not score its first field goal until 15:39 of the first half when **Gia Sanders** hit a jumper. The Great Danes closed to within nine, 20-11, behind six points from **Danielle Hutcheson**, who registered her second 20-point game of the season.

Vermont continued its torrid shooting and opened up a 46-23 advantage with three minutes left in the half. The Catamounts shot 54-percent (19-for-35), including 8-of-12 three-pointers, on their way to a 49-25 halftime lead.

"We didn't come out strong on the road," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team allowed the most points since a 93-43 loss to Colorado in 2000. "We knew they were not confident coming into this game. The beginning gave them a huge boost and I'm disappointed in our defensive effort."

UAlbany (11-11, AE 6-7) opened the second half with a 12-2 run, to make the score 51-37 on six points from Hutcheson and two driving layups by **Sherri Mikus**. However, the Catamounts responded to extend the lead to 62-45 on two trifectas from **Tiffany Spinka** and Cuncic.

The Great Danes continued to battle as **Alicia Learn** scored 16 of her career high 20 points in the second half. A rebound basket by Hutcheson brought the Great Danes within 69-57 at 7:21 left to go in the contest. UAlbany could never get the lead into single digits, as the Catamounts finished with a school record 14 three-pointers.

Katie McNamara finished with 15 points, while **Lani Boardman** added 11 points and six assists.

Hutcheson recorded her fifth consecutive double-double for UAlbany, tallying 20 points and 12 rebounds. **Tanika Thrower** tied her career-high with eight points to go along with three assists and three steals.



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ERIC OPUANA EARNS AMERICA EAST TRACK AND FIELD WEEKLY HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Eric Opuana** has been chosen America East Conference Male Field Performer of the Week in indoor track and field, as announced by the conference office on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Opuana garnered his first weekly award of the indoor season, after winning the weight throw at last Friday's Binghamton Dual meet. Opuana posted a season-best distance of 58-feet, 8.75-inches, over a foot further than the second-place finisher. The junior broke his own school record with the throw, besting his previous record by nearly two feet. He previously qualified for March's IC4A Championships.

Opuana will be competing for the Great Danes at the America East Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships, held Boston University's Track and Tennis Center on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-19.



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UALBANY MEN'S LACROSSE VOTED TO WIN AMERICA EAST IN PRESEASON POLL

Boston, Mass. – Two-time defending champion University at Albany has been selected to win the 2005 title in the America East Conference preseason men's lacrosse coaches' poll, as announced by the conference office on Tuesday afternoon. UMBC stands second in the poll, while Binghamton, last year's regular-season winner, is third.

The Great Danes made their second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament last season. Head coach **Scott Marr** has six all-conference performers returning, including first-team attacker **Luke Daquino**, from last year's 10-6 squad.

"Our expectation is always to win our conference and take another step in the NCAA Tournament," said Marr, whose teams have combined for 29 victories over the last three years. "This is a veteran team that burns to get back to the NAAs."

Daquino has been a model of consistency with 50-plus points in three consecutive seasons. He had 22 goals and 35 assists last year. **Merrick Thomson**, the 2004 America East Rookie of the Year, is among four players who netted 40 or more points for the nation's seventh-best scoring offense. Thomson led all America East scorers with 47 goals and 12 assists.

UAlbany's defense is led by goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**, a two-time America East championship MVP. Rae, who is second on the school's career saves list, posted a .578 save percentage with a 10.16 goals against average one year ago. All-America East defenders **Ryan Olmstead** (6-3, 215) and **Patrick McSweeney** (6-1, 240) will support Rae in the cage.

2005 America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Preseason Coaches Poll

1. UAlbany (4), 44; 2. UMBC (1), 37; 3. Binghamton (2), 36; 4. Stony Brook 31; 5. Vermont 23; 6. Quinnipiac 16; 7. Hartford 9. () – first-place votes

UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE PICKED FOURTH IN PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany was picked fourth in the America East Conference preseason women's lacrosse coaches' poll, as announced by the conference office on Tuesday afternoon. Boston University was chosen as the preseason favorite, edging out defending conference champion New Hampshire by two points and one first-place vote.

"I expected to be right around fourth place, based on how we played last season," said UAlbany head coach **Dennis Short**, whose team opens its schedule at Colgate on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 1:00 p.m. "We are going to continue to work hard and show everyone that we are a stronger team this year."

The Great Danes are coming off a 6-11 campaign in 2004. UAlbany turned in a 3-3 America East record and qualified for the conference tournament for the second time in three years. **Kate Fontana** and **Kristen Mathias**, a pair of all-conference second-team selections, are among the top returnees. Fontana, a midfielder, set a freshman scoring record with 53 points on 39 goals and 14 assists. Mathias, a junior, started every game on defense and tallied 27 ground balls and 17 caused turnovers.

Other key returnees include sophomore goalkeeper **Jen Daly** and sophomore attacker **Sarah Spillett**, who were each named to the America East All-Rookie Team. Daly set the school's single-season saves record with 190, while Spillett scored 28 goals and picked up 34 ground balls.

2005 America East Conference Women's Lacrosse Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Boston U. (4), 46; 2. New Hampshire (3), 44; 3. UMBC, 35; 4. UAlbany, 26; 5. Vermont, 19; 6. Stony Brook, 18; 7. Binghamton 8. () – first-place votes



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AIMEE KERN HELPS CLINCH WIN AS UALBANY DEFEATS ST. BONAVENTURE

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany claimed four singles matches en route to a 5-2 victory over St. Bonaventure on Sunday, Feb. 13 in the UAlbany Bubble.

Freshmen **Aimee Kern** and **Amanda Hall** swept third and fourth singles for the Great Danes. Kern and Hall won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3 and 6-0, 6-0, respectively. **Kim Westcott** and **Kyle Steller** picked up wins by default.

UAlbany (2-1) won all three doubles matches, including a 9-7 victory by **Courtney Michels** and Kern at No. 1.

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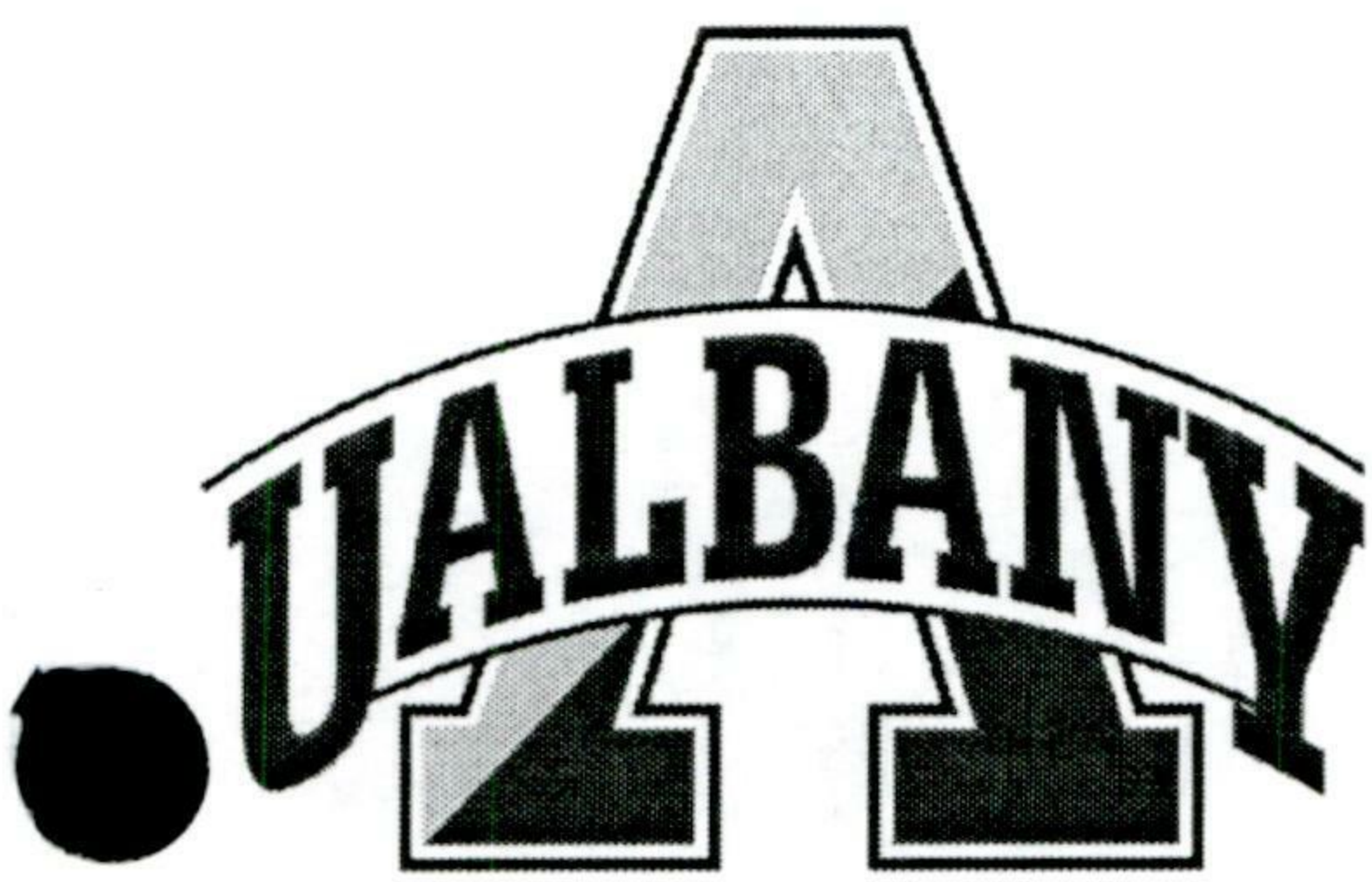
UAlbany 5, St. Bonaventure 2

Singles:

1. Anna Perevenzetseva (SB) def. Courtney Michels, 6-4, 6-4.
2. Anna Delgado (SB) def. Christina Suarez, 2-6, 6-4, 10-6.
3. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Stephanie Fosnight, 6-3, 6-3.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Sarah Costello, 6-0, 6-0.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) won by default.
6. Kyle Steller (UA) won by default.

Doubles:

1. Michels/Kern (UA) def. Perevenzetseva/Delgado, 9-7.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) def. Fosnight/Costello, 8-3.
3. Suarez/Steller (UA) won by default.



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JAMAR WILSON'S 20 POINTS LEADS UALBANY TO 67-54 VICTORY OVER MAINE

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Jamar Wilson** scored 20 points in leading UAlbany to its fifth straight home win with a 67-54 America East Conference victory over Maine on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany (12-11, AE 8-6) broke a 39-39 deadlock early in the second half with eight consecutive points. Freshman **Brent Wilson** canned a three-point field goal in that run, before Wilson made a pair of free throws. **Chris Wyatt** hit a layup off an in-bounds play to complete the outburst.

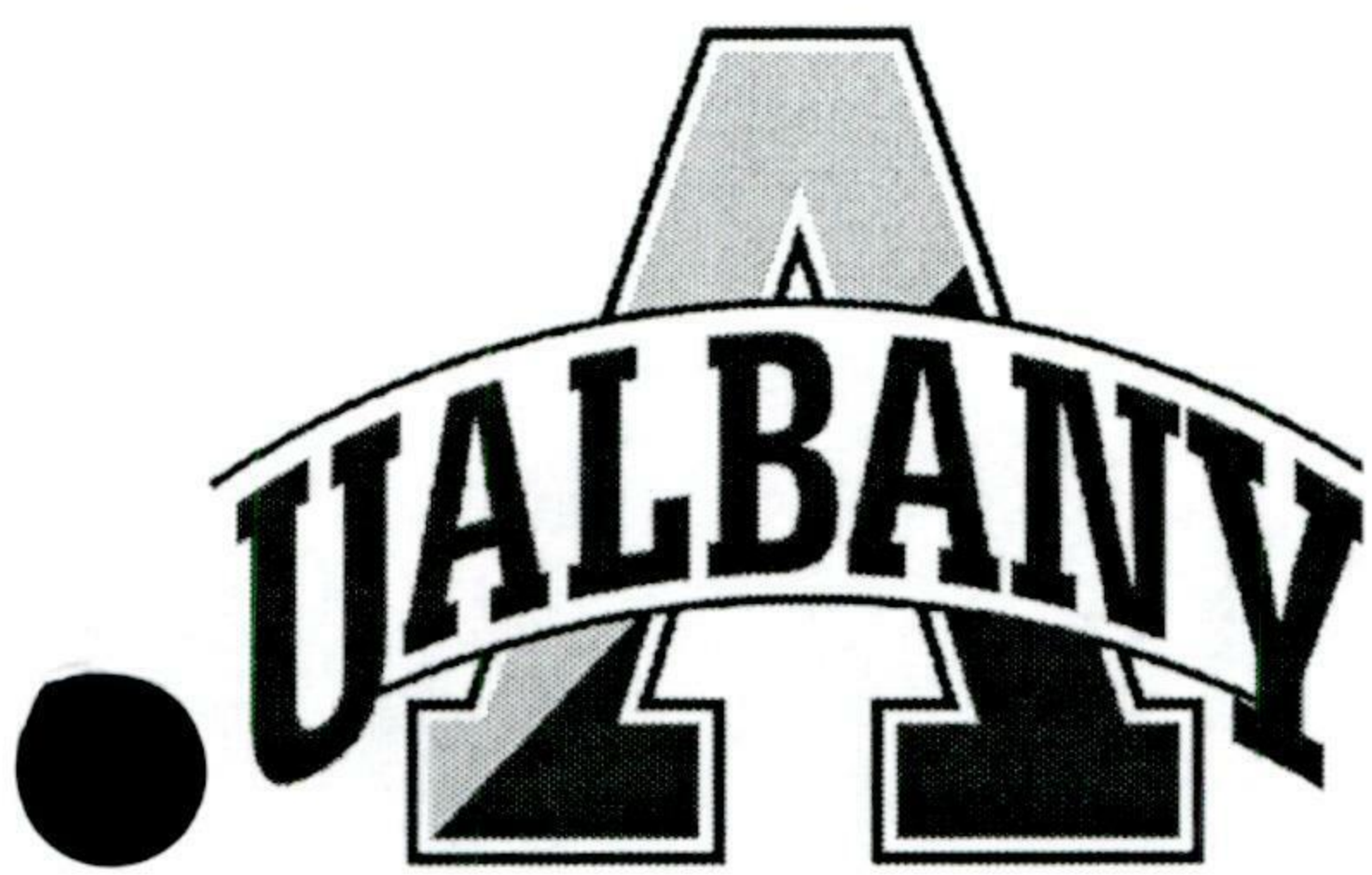
The Great Danes, who held the visitors to 31.8-percent shooting in the second half, still led 51-43 two minutes later, but then pulled away with 12 of the game's next 16 points. Wilson, who reached double figures for the 22nd straight time, ignited that stretch with three consecutive baskets, including a layup following a steal. Freshman **Brian Lillis** made a 3-pointer from the left corner, before **Lucious Jordan** sank a foul shot for a 63-47 advantage with 4:37 to play.

The contest featured eight lead changes and six ties through the opening 33 minutes. Maine (11-12, AE 6-8) moved out to a 28-20 lead with 5:31 left in the opening period behind the play of senior center **Mark Flavin**, who had 10 of his 14 points in the stanza. The Great Danes would draw even by halftime at 35 apiece, as Jordan, who recorded his first double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds, converted a fastbreak opportunity.

"Our full-court pressure disrupted their offensive flow," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose program has reached its highest win total since moving to the Division I level in 1999-2000. "They were getting good looks by pounding the ball into Flavin. The pressure forced them into some turnovers and quick shots."

Joe Campbell, a 6-foot-7 senior, had 10 points and eight rebounds for the Black Bears, shot 53.6 percent in the first half on 15-of-28 shooting. **Kevin Reed**, who was coming off a season-high 31 points in his last outing, was held to six on 2-of-13 from the field. **Levi Levine** was the third UAlbany player in double figures with 12 points and eight rebounds. The Great Danes swept the season series after posting a 58-49 decision back on Jan. 16th.

"Lucious did a great job defensively on an all-conference player like Kevin Reed," commented Wilson, whose team has six more America East victories than last year at this point in the season. "He's doing more than scoring for us. He's playing offense and defense."



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BRACEY BARKER SCORES 21 POINTS TO LEAD MAINE PAST UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – **Bracey Barker** scored 21 points to lead four players in double figures as Maine defeated UAlbany, 67-58, in America East Conference women's basketball action on Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Black Bears (14-8, AE 10-2) extended their unbeaten streak to seven games and gained sole possession of first place in the standings.

UAlbany (11-10, AE 6-6) held a 36-31 halftime advantage, its first-ever in nine meetings against the Black Bears. Maine rattled off a 13-4 run to open the second period and claim a 44-40 lead. **Kim Corbitt** scored six of her 11 points during the spurt, while Barker added two jumpers.

The Great Danes battled back and pulled even at 48-48 with 9:41 remaining on a three-point play by **Alicia Learn**, who tied her career high with 19 points. The Black Bears outscored UAlbany 9-2 over the next three minutes and built a 57-50 cushion. **Missy Traversi**, who scored 11 points to go along with six assists, buried a three-pointer in the right corner and Barker drained a short jump shot.

UAlbany kept the game close, as **Maree Jones** scored in the paint and **Danielle Hutcheson** completed a three-point play to bring the Great Danes with 59-56 with 4:23 left in the game. Barker scored on the ensuing possession and **Abby Schrader** knocked down two free throws to make the score 63-56 and preserve the win for the Black Bears.

"If we could have stopped Barker, it might have been a different story," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team had won four of its previous five games. "They are the best passing team in the conference. Some possessions we didn't play defense long enough."

Hutcheson registered her fourth straight double-double with 17 points and a season-high 16 rebounds. Jones chipped in nine points and five rebounds. **Monica Peterson** was the fourth Maine player in twin figures with 10 points to go along with six boards.

"We are playing with a lot more confidence right now," said Learn, who connected on 9-of-12 field goals. "We always keep playing hard. We always believe we can win."



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PROVIDENCE DEFEATS UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS 4-3

Albany, N.Y. – Providence captured four singles matches en route to a 4-3 victory over UAlbany in women's tennis action in the UAlbany Bubble on Friday, Feb. 11. **Sara Bitetti** and **Molly Gilbride** won the top two singles flights to help the Friars.

For UAlbany (1-1), **Aimee Kern** notched a 6-3, 6-1 decision over **Andrea Lee** at No. 3 singles. **Kim Westcott** won her second straight singles match of the spring season, 6-0, 6-3 at No. 5.

The Great Danes swept the doubles matches, with **Courtney Michels** and Kern taking No. 1 doubles, 8-1. Westcott teamed with **Amanda Hall** at second doubles, while **Christina Suarez** and **Kyle Steller** paired for a win at No. 3.

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Providence 4, UAlbany 3

Singles:

1. Sara Bitetti (PC) def. Courtney Michels, 6-2, 6-0.
2. Molly Gilbride (PC) def. Christina Suarez, 7-6 (4), 1-6, 7-5.
3. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Andrea Lee, 6-3, 6-1.
4. Nicole Rodger (PC) def. Amanda Hall, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Lindsey Christensen, 6-0, 6-3.
6. Katherine Lyons (PC) def. Kyle Steller, 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles:

1. Michels/Kern (UA) def. Bitetti/Christensen, 8-1.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) def. Gilbride/Rodger, 8-5.
3. Suarez/Steller (UA) def. Carly Hoffend/Andrea Lee, 8-2.

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UALBANY MEN DEFEAT BINGHAMTON IN DUAL MEET, WOMEN FINISH SECOND

Vestal, N.Y. – The UAlbany men defeated Binghamton in the annual dual meet between the two schools, at the Binghamton Events Center on Friday, February 11.

UAlbany men won nine out of 16 events, posting a winning score of 95 points. Binghamton recorded 74 points.

Junior Burnett was the only double-winner for the men, scoring victories in both the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash. Burnett finished the 200 with a season-best time of 22.48 seconds and crossed the line of the 400 in 50.55.

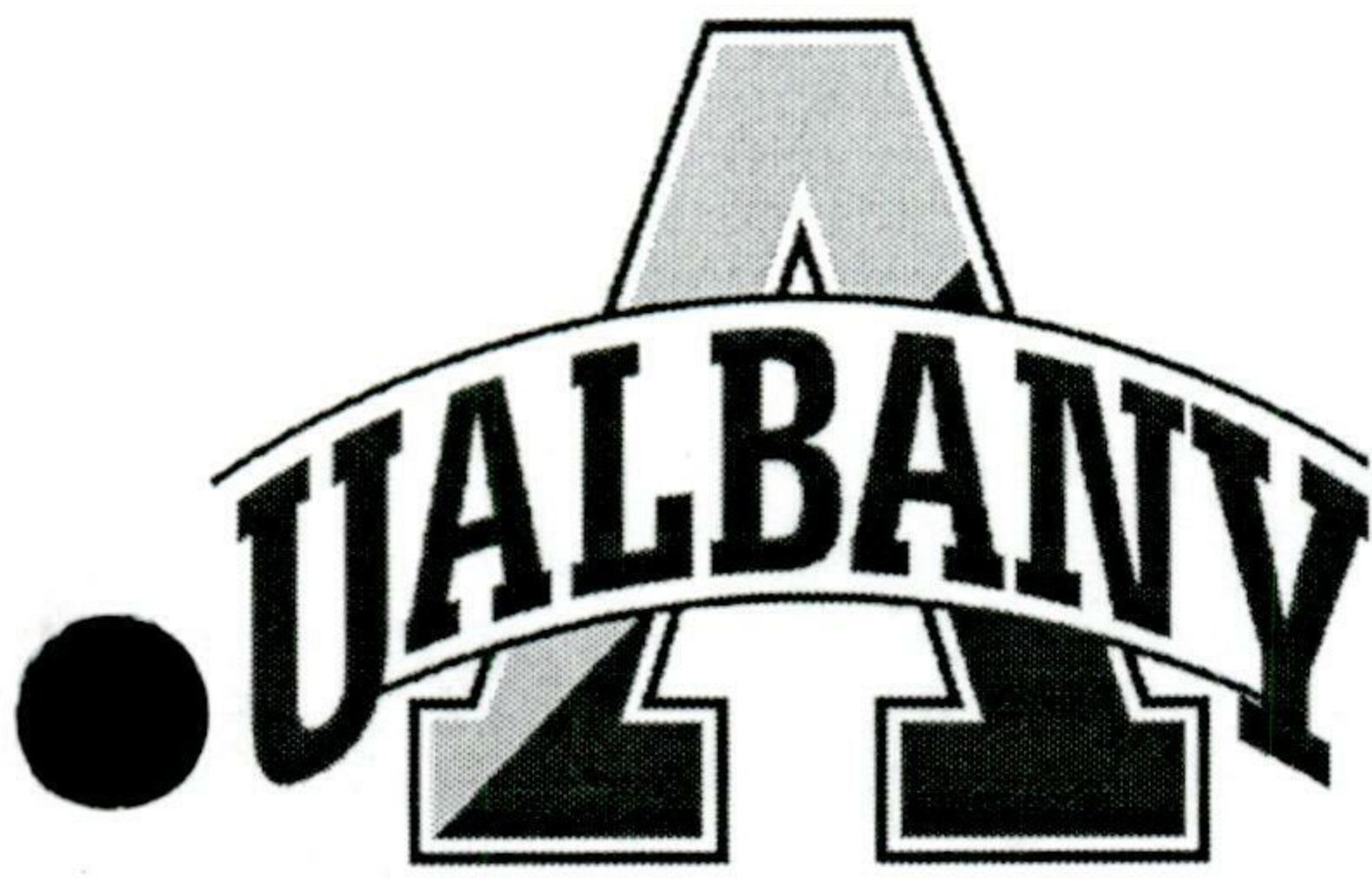
Gered Burns (Guilderland), who is currently ranked eighth in the nation in the 800-meter run, placed first in the 1,000-meter run against Binghamton, posting a time of 2:26.72. The men's 4x400-meter relay team also finished first. The team of **Shamere Boland, Anthony Robibero, Tim O'Riley, and Stephen Evans** recorded a time of 3:21.93 in the win.

In the field events, **Eric Opuana** placed first in the weight throw event with a distance of 58-feet, 8.75-inches.

In the women's competition, the Great Dane women finished first in six events, including the 4x400-meter relay. The team of **Kelly Peao, Rebecca Vannoy, Adanna Andrews, and Tracy Estriplet** crossed the finish line in 4:00.07.

Alyssa Lotmore (Bishop Maginn) posted a first-place standing in the mile, finishing in a time of 4:58.36. **Patty Diedrich** was first in the 55-meter hurdles (8.29) while also placing second in the long jump (16-feet, 10.75-inches) and third in the high jump (4-feet, 11-inches).

The UAlbany women ended with 73 points, while Binghamton came away with 83.



UALBANY PLACES 52 ON AMERICA EAST FALL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Boston, Mass. – **Shelby Goldman, Ashlee Reed** and **Ashley Hunter**, first-team all-conference players who led UAlbany to its first-ever America East Conference women's volleyball championship, lead a group of 52 University at Albany student-athletes who have been named to the 2004 America East Fall Academic Honor Roll.

The athletes, who earned a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, were members of teams in the six championship sports which the conference offered in the fall season, including men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer and women's volleyball.

UAlbany also had 21 student-athletes on the Commissioner's Honor Roll after posting a 3.50 GPA and above during the 2004 fall semester. **Nicole Susser (Colonie Central)**, who finished in 14th place at the ECAC women's cross country championships, and teammate **Theresa Juva**, each recorded perfect 4.0 GPAs.

2004 America East Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll

Men's Cross Country: Andy Allstadt, Chris Pierson.

Women's Cross Country: Adanna Andrews, Anisha Andrews, Jenny Boshco, Maureen Brown, Trista Neinast, Theresa Juva, Alyssa Lotmore, Jennifer Russell, Nicole Susser, Ali Wiederhold.

Women's Field Hockey: Danielle Costello, Kristi Clausi, Barbara Czaplinski, Shelley Gebhardt, Amber Greiner, Alexis Johnson, Susan Kioko, Amber Morris, Cheryl Varga, Amber Wade.

Men's Soccer: George Friedman, Yan Gbolo, Matthew Hall, Stephan Hall, Alex Kuritzky, Hugo Osorio, Nicos Savva, Jonathan Stroud, Savvas Theofilou.

Women's Soccer: Jessica Campbell, Jennifer Donohue, Meghan Garrity, Alicia Gibson, Jessica Insana, Katie Johnson, Ashley Jurica, Kate Lawler, Catherine Nicholson, Uju Ogbuawa, Leslie Russell, Patricia Sotirakis, Morgan Warwick.

Women's Volleyball: Ashley Crenshaw, Jill Dombrowski, Ashley DeNeal, Shelby Goldman, Ashley Hunter, Ashlee Reed, Susan Spierre.



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BINGHAMTON DEFEATS UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL 67-53

Vestal, N.Y. – **Schafer Jackson** scored 15 points and **Jordan Fithian** added 10, as Binghamton won its third straight with a 67-53 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Wednesday evening at Events Center.

Binghamton (8-14, AE 5-8) held the visitors scoreless for more than four minutes to start the game en route to an 8-0 lead. Jackson, who had 10 first-half points, scored on the left baseline to push the lead to double figures.

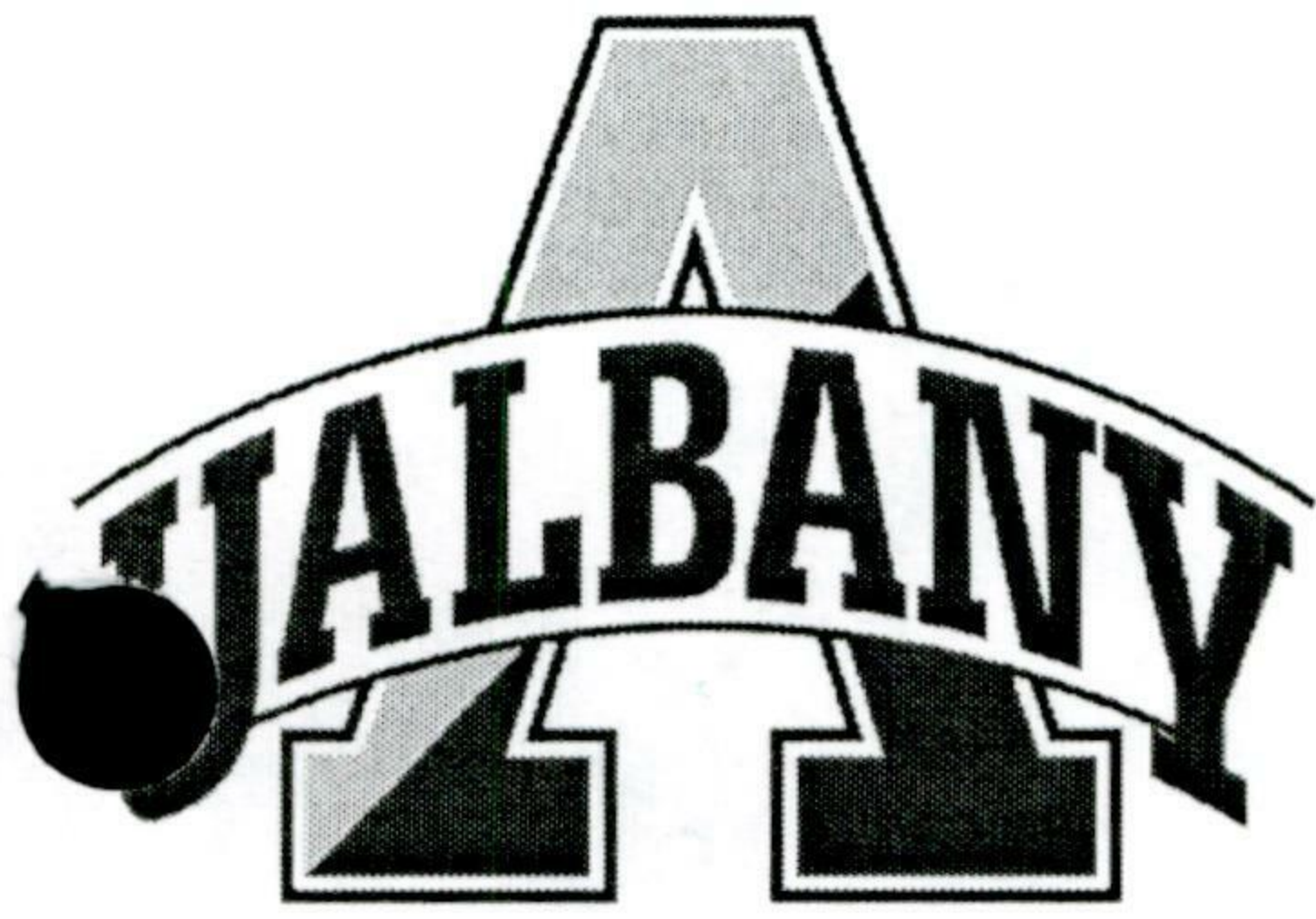
Later leading 24-12, **Andre Heard** hit a layup after a steal. Jackson, who made 5-of-7 from the field, followed with one of his three 3-pointers from left of the circle. The Bearcats held UAlbany (11-11, AE 7-6) to 2-of-17 shooting and forced 10 turnovers in the half.

The Great Danes, who have lost four straight on the road, trailed by as much as 20 points early in the final period. But **Kirsten Zoellner** hit a slam dunk off an inbounds pass to close the gap to 41-28 with 14:40 remaining. The Bearcats, who avenged a 68-62 loss to UAlbany back on Jan. 12, then pulled away for good. Jackson canned another three-pointer before **Nick Billings**, a 7-foot center, made a turnaround jumper on the left baseline.

"They are physical and they bang you for 40 minutes," UAlbany coach Will Brown commented. "They have as much talent as anyone in the league. We competed, but didn't play well. We fought ourselves when we didn't make shots early."

Jamar Wilson was the only UAlbany player in double figures with 15 points, extending his streak to 21 straight. **Brent Wilson** added eight points and six rebounds off the bench.

"I didn't get things to go in the first half," said Jamar Wilson, whose team shot a season-worst 27.9 percent from the floor. "I was immature at times and rushed things. They just kept executing throughout the game and buried us into the hole."



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BURNS AND LOTMORE EARN AMERICA EAST WEEKLY TRACK HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) and **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) were named America East Conference Track Performers of the Week, as announced by the conference office on Tuesday, February 8.

Burns earned his first weekly award of the season after a top-notch performance at the Fifth Annual New Balance Collegiate Invitational at the New York City Armory on Saturday. Burns, the 2004 IC4A champion in this event, finished second in the championship division of the 800-meter run, posting a season-best time of 1:49.50.

Burns tied his own school record that was set one year ago, met the NCAA provisional-qualifying standard, and registered the eighth-best time in the nation this season. Burns, a junior, had been undefeated until the Collegiate Invitational, where he finished behind Arkansas' two-time All-American James Hatch. He defeated several other All-America runners, including athletes from Tennessee, Illinois and Louisiana State.

Lotmore, who also competed at the Collegiate Invitational, earns her first conference honors of the season after finishing sixth in the championship division of the mile with a time of 4:55. Lotmore, a sophomore, set the school record in the indoor mile earlier this season with a time of 4:53.29.