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## UALBANY'S LUKE SCHOEN TIES FOR SECOND IN NCAA EAST REGIONAL POLE VAULT

Tallahassee, Fla. – University at Albany's Luke Schoen matched his own school record in tying for second place in the men's pole vault at the NCAA East Regional Outdoor Track & Field Championships on Saturday at Florida State University's Mike Long Track. Schoen advanced to the NCAA Division I Championships on June 11-14 in Des Moines, Iowa. The top-five finishers in each event automatically qualify for nationals.

Schoen, a sophomore from Bohemia, N.Y., cleared the bar at 17-feet, 5-inches on his second attempt to equal a program mark he established at the UAlbany Spring Classic three weeks ago. Schoen, who finished 15th in NCAA regional competition as freshman, won the America East Conference title and placed second at the IC4A meet earlier this month.

Clemson's Mitch Greeley won the pole vault by clearing 17-feet, 9-inches, a height the senior made on his first approach. Schoen and Virginia Tech's Yavgeniy Olhovskiy tied for the runner-up position after each vaulter missed three times at Greeley's winning mark.

"It's a sweet feeling to make nationals" said Schoen, whose father, Ken, played on UAlbany's first three varsity football teams from 1973-75. "Technically, it was one of my best days. I just got a new pole, and it gave me some extra height. I just missed at 17-9, so I feel there's more to come."

Mike McCadney, a junior who was coming off victories at the America East and IC4A championships, was not as fortunate in the men's triple jump. McCadney went 50-feet, 3.25-inches on his first try, but then fouled on his next two attempts. McCadney, who narrowly missed a trip to NCAA nationals last year, ended up in 12th position.

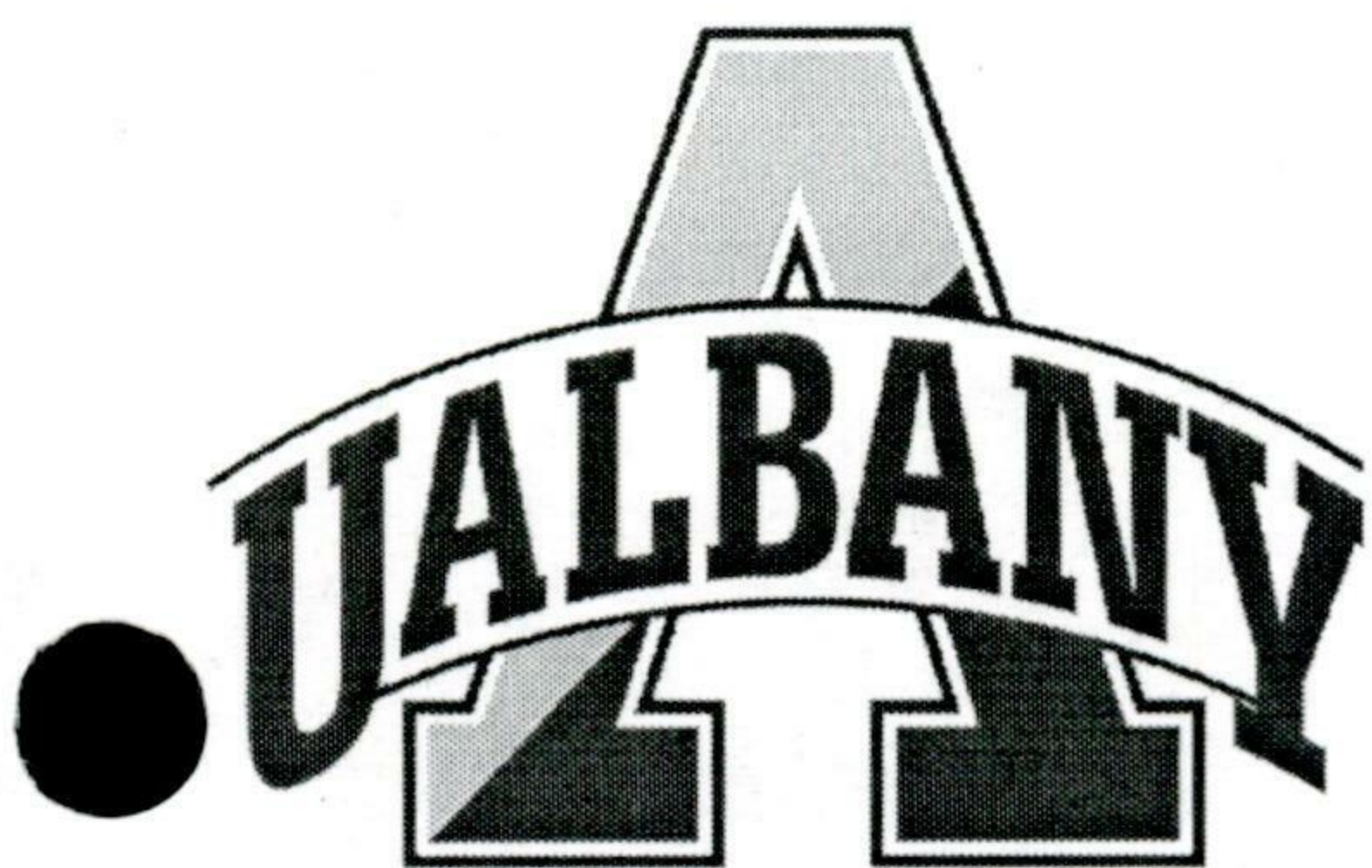
In the women's triple jump, Jenn Garrant placed 17th after posting a distance of 40-feet, 8.75-inches on her second attempt. Garrant, who was making her second consecutive regional appearance, took third at the ECAC meet on May 19. Arina Gerasimova was 22nd in the same event with a leap of 39-6.50. Laura Cummings, the America East champion in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase, finished in 21st place with a time of 11:00.17.

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NCAA East Regional Outdoor Track & Field Championships (Tallahassee, Fla.)

### Men's Pole Vault Final

1. Mitch Greeley (Clemson), 17-9, t2. Luke Schoen (UAlbany), 17-5, t2. Yavgeniy Olhovskiy (Virginia Tech), 17-5, t4. Gonzalo Barriolhet (Florida State), 16-7.25, t4. Sean Young (South Florida), 16-7.25, t7. Jordan Jodon (Virginia Tech), 16-7.25, t7. Justin Semeyn (Florida), 16-7.25.



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### UALBANY'S VALETE GRAHAM PLACES 13TH IN NCAA EAST REGIONAL LONG JUMP COMPETITION

Tallahassee, Fla. – University at Albany's Valete Graham finished 13th in the men's long jump at the NCAA East Regional Outdoor Track & Field Championships on Friday evening at Florida State University's Mike Long Track. Graham, a sophomore, is one of 12 UAlbany athletes competing in the two-day regional competition.

Graham went 23-feet, 8.75-inches on his first attempt. The reigning America East Conference champion qualified for the regional by topping the 24-foot mark at last month's Penn Relays. Florida State's Ngonidzashe Makusha went 26-0.25 to capture the NCAA East Regional crown. The top-five finishers in each event automatically advance to the NCAA Championships on June 11-14 in Des Moines, Iowa. UAlbany's Kyle Nadler (Colonie Central) was 24th in the long jump with a leap of 22-7.

Daniel Avery and Jean Juste did not reach the men's 110-meter hurdles final after placing third and fourth, respectively in their heat. Avery, a freshman who already holds the program's top Division I time, was clocked in 14.04 seconds. Juste, who won the America East title in a conference-record performance, sprinted 14.26, just one-hundredth of a second off his personal best. Kamilah McShine, the America East champion in the women's 100-meter hurdles, was sixth in her heat with a time of 14.21 seconds and failed to advance. Jeffery Barnes (Albany H.S.), the America East 200-meter winner, took sixth in his preliminary heat in 21.76.

Pole vaulter Luke Schoen, the school record holder, leads a group of six athletes who will compete during Saturday's schedule. Schoen vaulted 17-feet, 5-inches earlier this month. Michael McCadney, who is coming off victories at the America East and IC4A championships, posted a school-record effort in the triple jump two weeks ago. Laura Cummings established the program's standard in the 3,000-meter steeplechase when she won the conference crown.



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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY BASKETBALL SIGNS THREE STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR 2008-09

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that three student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes in the 2008-09 academic year. **Louis Barraza**, a 6-foot-5, 200-pound swingman from Phoenix, Ariz. (Trevor Browne H.S.), **Michael Johnson**, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound guard from Brooklyn, N.Y. (Sheepshead Bay H.S.), and **Edmund "Scotty" McRae**, a 6-foot-8, 210-pound forward from Rosedale, N.Y. (Benjamin Cardozo H.S.), each made his commitment.

"I am very excited about the talent level and versatility of this class," Brown said. "We feel that we addressed our biggest need which was scoring. All of the student-athletes that we signed can score the ball. This class also brings balance to the make-up of our roster (three seniors, three juniors, three sophomores and four freshmen)."

Barraza, who attended Yavapai Community College in 2007-08, was named the Arizona Community College Freshman of the Year. He was named to the NJCAA All-Region I second team after averaging 20.1 points and nearly 5.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists. Barraza, who shot 50.3 percent from three-point range, was also chosen second-team all-conference. As a high school senior, he accounted for 19.0 points, 7.6 rebounds and 3.1 assists, and played in the Arizona 4A-5A North-South All-Star Game.

Johnson, one of six players from Blinn (Texas) College to sign with a Division I program, earned second-team All-Region XIV recognition last season. He averaged 15.7 points and 5.7 assists, plus ranked 13th nationally in steals at 3.4 per game. He shot 54.6 percent from the field and 78.7 percent from the line in leading the Buccaneers to an 18-13 record. Johnson, who was a 20-game starter the previous year at Howard College, was a second-team All-Brooklyn selection as a senior at Sheepshead Bay High.

McRae led Eastern Wyoming College (23-13) to the Region IX championship and a NJCAA national tournament appearance. McRae was among the top-15 in the region in scoring (15.8 ppg) and rebounding (6.9), plus averaged 2.1 blocked shots. He was voted first-team All-Region IX and to the Central Sub-Region squad. McRae, who had 29 points in an overtime win against Western Nebraska, attended Benjamin Cardozo High as a high school senior.

**Logan Aronhalt**, a 6-foot-4, 215-pound swingman from Zanesville, Ohio (Zanesville H.S.), **Jake Lindfors**, a 6-foot-9, 220-pound forward from Addison, Ill. (Driscoll Catholic H.S.), and **Anthony Raffa**, a 6-foot-1, 180-pound guard from Strathmere, N.J. (Wildwood Catholic H.S.), each made his commitment during the November signing period.

Aronhalt, who averaged 23.2 points in his final scholastic season, was named the Ohio Division I Player of the Year by the OHSBCA. Lindfors was chosen second-team all-state in Illinois by the IBS and IBCA after averaging 25.9 points and 11.9 rebounds. Raffa, a second-team Associated Press all-state selection in New Jersey as a high school senior, led Winchendon (Mass.) School to the New England Prep School Athletic Conference Class A championship final.

### 2008-09 University at Albany Men's Basketball Signings

Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Logan Aronhalt	G/F	Fr.	6-4	215	Zanesville, Ohio (Zanesville)
Louis Barraza*	G/F	So.	6-5	200	Phoenix, Ariz. (Trevor Browne)
Michael Johnson+	G	Jr.	6-1	195	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Sheepshead Bay)
Jake Lindfors	F	Fr.	6-9	220	Addison, Ill. (Driscoll Catholic)
Edmund "Scotty" McRae^	F	Jr.	6-8	210	Rosedale, N.Y. (Benjamin Cardozo)
Anthony Raffa>	G	Fr.	6-1	180	Strathmere, N.J. (Wildwood Catholic)

\*Yavapai (Ariz.) Community College

+Blinn (Texas) College

^Eastern Wyoming College

>Winchendon (Mass.) School



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**UALBANY'S JORDAN LEVINE DRAFTED IN MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE'S FIRST ROUND  
Goalkeeper Brett Queener Taken in Fifth Round by Rochester Rattlers**

Hoboken, N.J. – University at Albany's Jordan Levine was chosen in the first round of the Major League Lacrosse Collegiate Draft by the New Jersey Pride on Wednesday, May 28. Levine, the 10th overall selection, becomes the second player in the UAlbany program's history to be taken in the MLL Draft. Frank Resetarits was chosen in the third round last year.

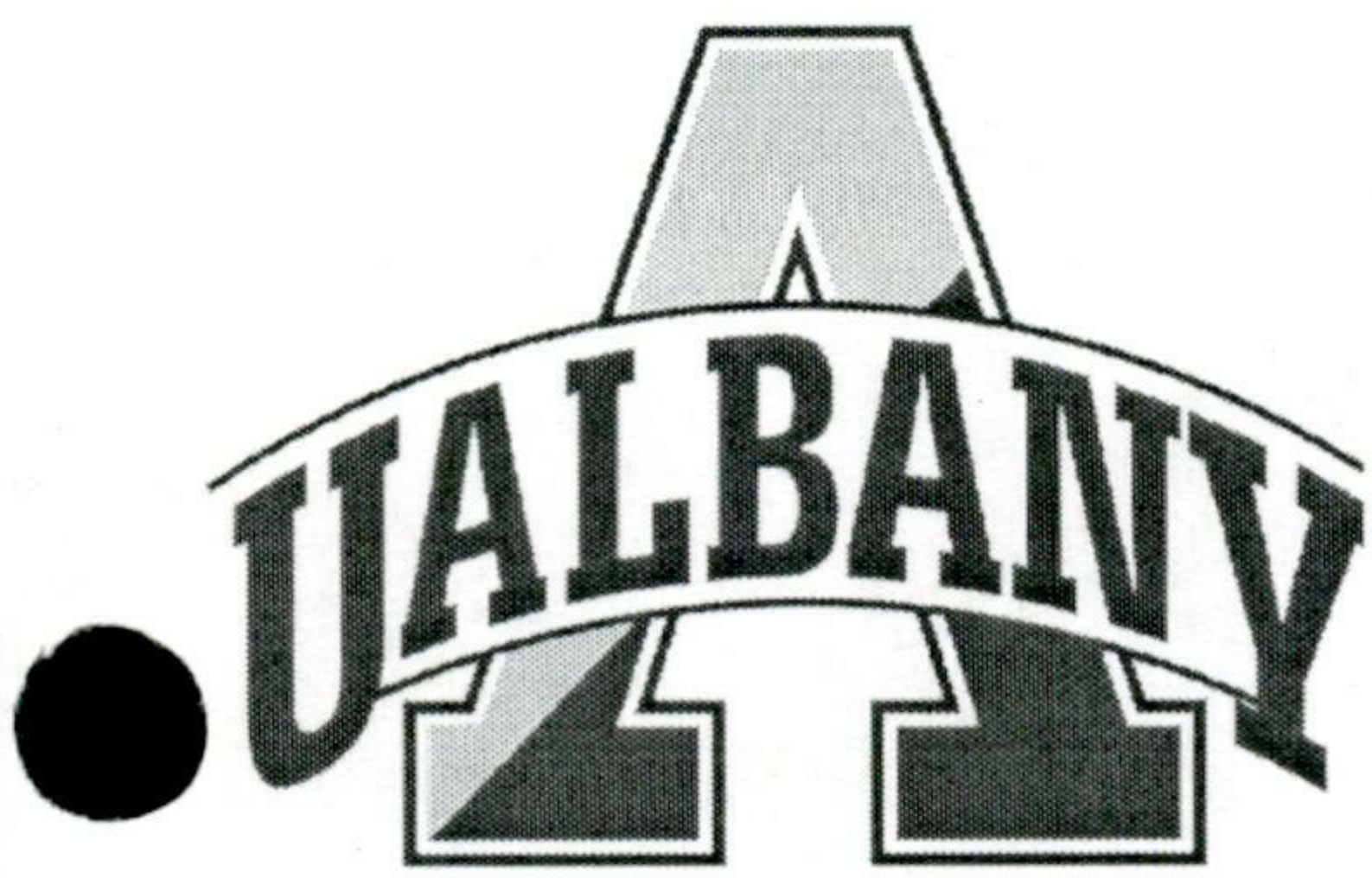
"It's a great feeling to be drafted," said Levine, a midfielder who was named to the USILA All-America squad for the second consecutive year last weekend. "I will be close to home where my family and friends can see me play. After the season general managers and coaches started calling, and that's when I knew this really could happen."

A native of Bethpage, N.Y., Levine was voted to the All-America East Conference first team in three consecutive seasons. In 2008, he was third on the UAlbany squad in scoring with 13 goals and 20 assists in leading Great Danes to their seventh straight appearance in the conference tournament championship game. Levine, who led the program to pair of NCAA Tournament berths, finished his career with 57 goals and 56 assists for 113 points and accounted for 321 ground balls.

"I am thrilled for Jordan and our lacrosse program," UAlbany coach Scott Marr offered. "To be selected in the first round shows how much respect he has earned in the lacrosse world. It's a proud day for UAlbany lacrosse."

In addition, UAlbany goalkeeper Brett Queener was drafted in the fifth round (48th selection overall) by the Rochester Rattlers. Queener, a three-time all-conference standout from Penn Yan, N.Y., ranked 14th among the NCAA Division I leaders in goals against average (7.85) and 16th in save percentage (.579) as a senior. He is fifth on the school's all-time saves chart with 467 and stopped double-figure shots against 27 opponents. Queener, who scored his third career goal with a goalie stick in the regular-season finale against Stony Brook on April 26, was also used as an attacker in man-advantage situations.

"I am excited for and proud of Brett," Marr said. "He is made for the MLL; his style of play is a perfect fit. With his ability to play two positions, he is an asset."



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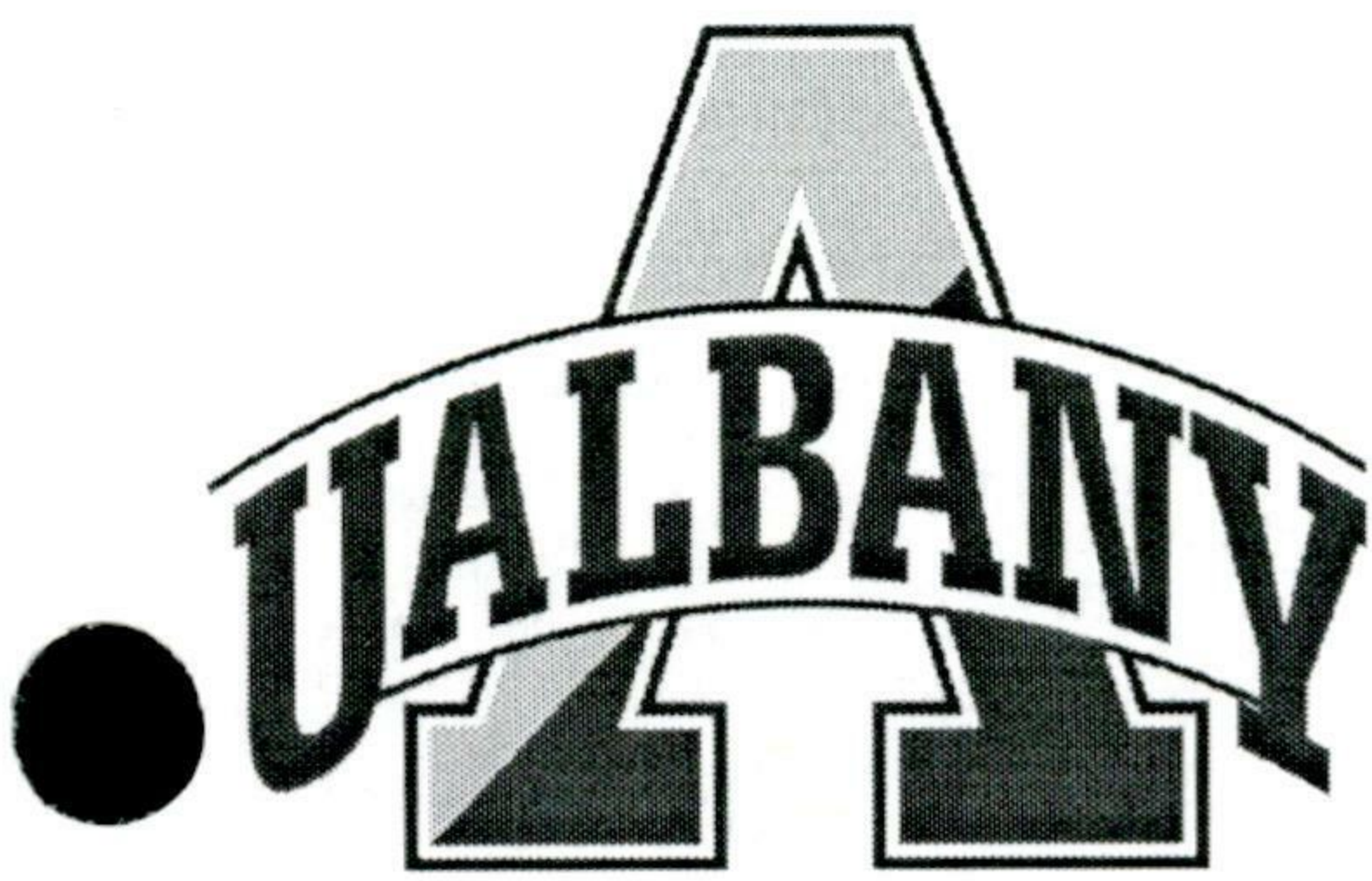
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### **FRESHMAN GUARD JOSH MARTIN DISMISSED FROM MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany head coach Will Brown announced today that freshman guard Josh Martin has been dismissed from the men's basketball program, effective immediately, for repeated violations of team rules.

"We worked with Josh to be successful both in the classroom and on the court at the University at Albany and provided him with several opportunities to accomplish those goals," Brown said. "It's very unfortunate that he was not able to meet the minimum requirements that were established. While we are disappointed, we wish him the best in the future and are assisting him as he moves forward."

Martin, a 6-foot-2 guard from Philadelphia, Pa., played in 25 games, making five starts, during the 2007-08 season. He averaged 5.4 points, 3.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists.



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## UALBANY SENDS 12 TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES TO NCAA EAST REGIONAL AT FLORIDA STATE

Tallahassee, Fla. – Twelve athletes will represent the University at Albany at the NCAA East Regional Outdoor Track & Field Championships on May 30-31. The regional competition will be held at Florida State University's Mike Long Track.

The list of UAlbany qualifiers include Daniel Avery, Jeffery Barnes, Valette Graham, Jean Juste, Mike McCadney, Kyle Nadler (Colonie Central), Luke Schoen, Laura Cummings, Arina Gerasimova, Jenn Garrant, Kamilah McShine and Brenna Militello. The top-five finishers in each individual event will automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships on June 11-14 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Avery and Juste will each compete in the 38-member field of the 110-meter high hurdles. Avery, a freshman from Cooper City, Fla., turned in a UAlbany Division I record time of 13.96 seconds at the Florida Relays on April 4. Juste, a junior from Hempstead, N.Y., won the event in a conference-record time of 14.25 seconds at the America East Championship on May 4 in Orono, Maine. Barnes earned entrance into the regional meet by winning the 200-meter dash in 21.62 seconds at the America East Championship.

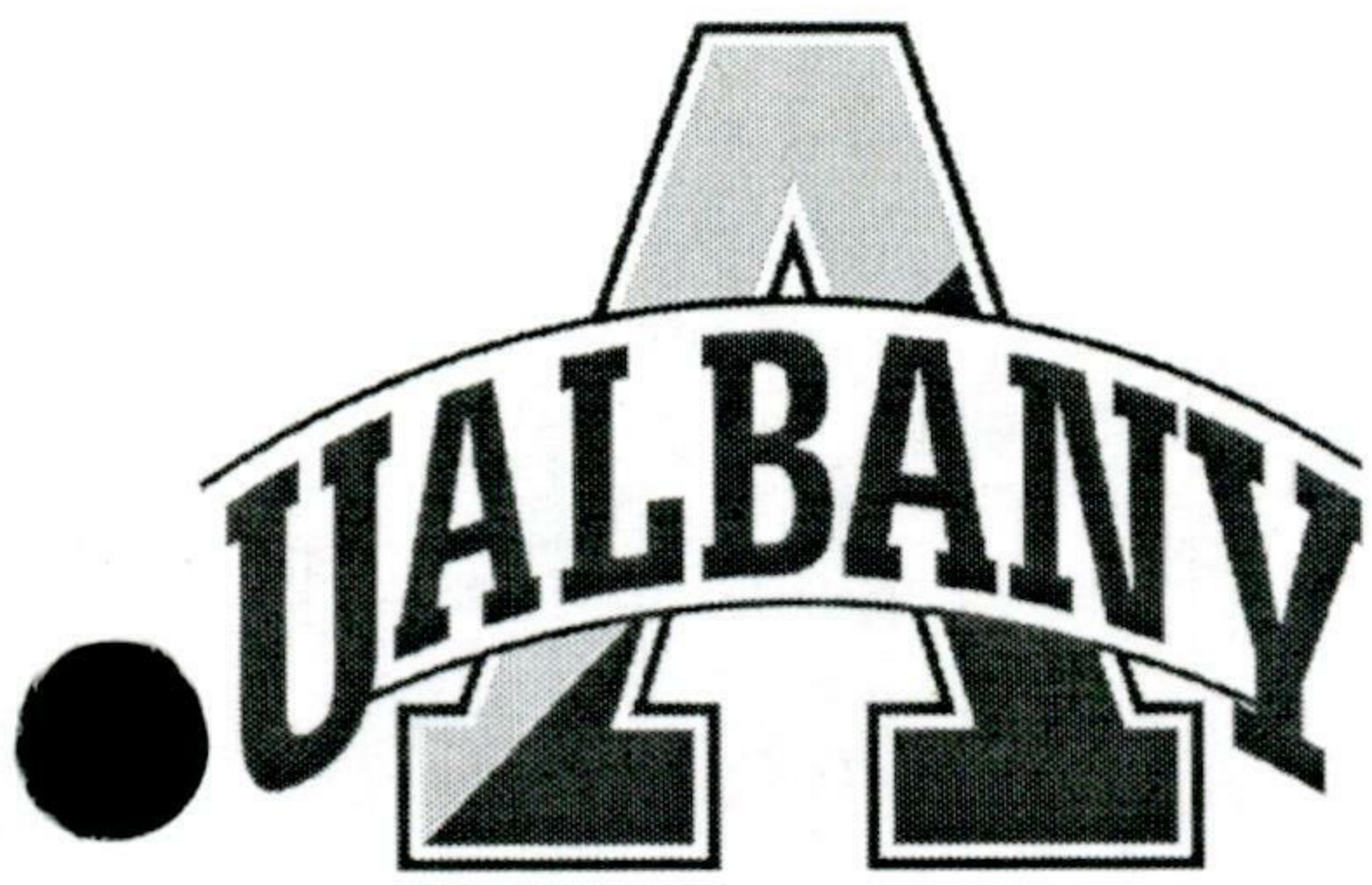
Schoen, a sophomore from Bohemia, N.Y., will compete in the pole vault after a first-place finish at the America East Championship and a second-place finish at the IC4A Championship. At the America East meet on May 3, Schoen topped the field by crossing the bar at a conference-record and then-school record height of 17-feet, 3-inches. A week later at the UAlbany Spring Classic, Schoen vaulted a program-best 17-feet, 5-inches.

McCadney, coming off victories at the America East and IC4A championships, is a regional competitor in the triple jump for the second straight year. McCadney, a junior from Rochester, N.Y., recorded a program-record leap of 51-feet, 1.75-inches to earn UAlbany's first IC4A triple jump title. He topped his own school record of 50-feet, 11.50-inches, set at last year's NCAA East Regional. Graham and Nadler, a pair of sophomores, will represent UAlbany in the long jump. Graham, the America East champion, qualified for regional competition with a distance of 24-feet, 1.50-inches at the Penn Relays on April 25. Nadler registered a regional-qualifying leap of 24-feet, 1.50-inches, the second-best jump in program history, to place third at the IC4A meet.

Cummings, a junior from Bay Shore, N.Y., will compete in her first NCAA regional in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Cummings turned in her fastest time of the season at the America East Championship with a first-place finish in a school-record time of 10:33.60.

Gerasimova and Garrant will each compete in the 34-member field of the triple jump. Gerasimova, a senior from Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine, recorded a program-best leap of 41-feet, 10.75-inches to capture first place at the New York Relays on April 20. Garrant, a junior from Batavia, N.Y., is making her second appearance in regional action after competing in the long jump last season. Garrant finished third in the triple jump at the ECAC Championship with a distance of 41-feet, 7.75-inches, the second-best mark in school history.

McShine and Militello won America East titles in the 100-meter hurdles and high jump, respectively, to qualify for regional competition. McShine won the 100-hurdles in a conference-record time of 13.98 seconds, while Militello cleared the bar at 5-feet, 4.25-inches.



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### **UALBANY'S JORDAN LEVINE NAMED TO USILA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA LACROSSE SQUAD**

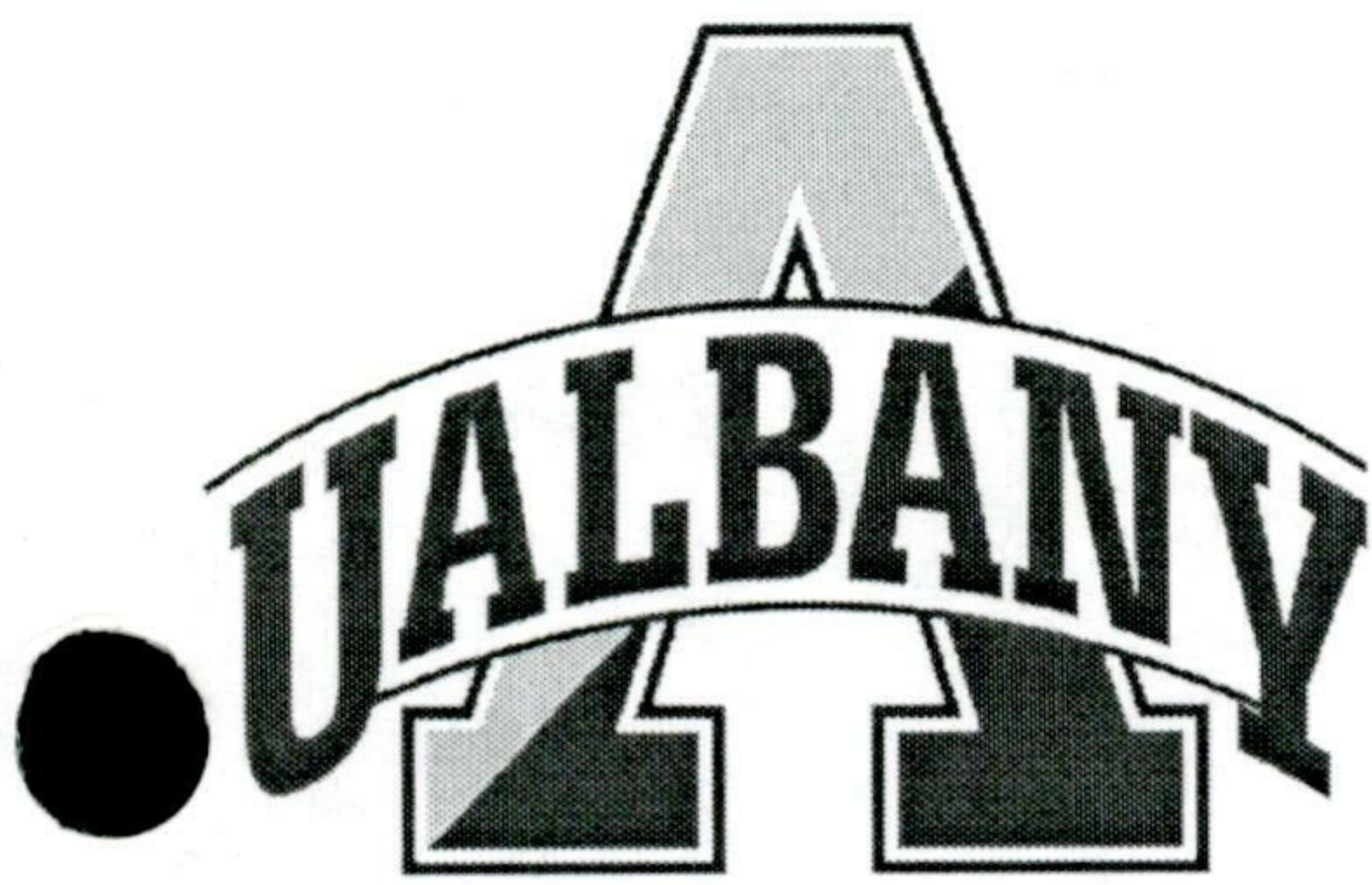
Baltimore, Md. -- University at Albany's Jordan Levine has been chosen to the 2008 USILA All-America Team as announced by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Levine, who was selected in the honorable mention category, becomes the first UAlbany player at the Division I level to be named to the All-America squad twice after earning second-team honors last year.

Levine, a senior midfielder from Bethpage, N.Y., had 13 goals and 20 assists this spring, and ranked 22nd nationally in ground balls at 4.5 per game. He was voted first-team All-America East Conference for the third consecutive season, the third Great Dane player to earn that distinction. Levine was also named to the America East all-championship team for the second year in a row after leading the program to its seventh consecutive conference tournament final.

Levine finished his career with 57 goals, 56 assists and 321 ground balls. His assist total ranks eighth on the school's all-time list. He accounted for four or more points on 12 occasions as a collegian, and equaled a career-best with five points in the regular-season finale with Stony Brook on April 26. Levine is one of five UAlbany players to receive USILA Division I All-America recognition.

#### **UAlbany's USILA Division I Lacrosse All-Americans**

- Luke Daquino (2005, honorable mention)
- Jordan Levine (2008, honorable mention; 2007, second team)
- Brett Queener (2007, honorable mention)
- Frank Resetarits (2007, first team)
- Merrick Thomson (2007, third team)



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### **LACROSSE'S STEVE AMMANN NAMED TO ESPN THE MAGAZINE DISTRICT I ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM**

Washington, D.C. -- University at Albany's Steve Ammann has been voted to the ESPN The Magazine All-District I Academic All-America Men's At-Large Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of American (CoSIDA). Ammann, a senior midfielder on the lacrosse team, was named to the first team and will advance to the national ballot. Mike Ammann, also a lacrosse midfielder, earned second-team all-district recognition.

Steve Ammann, a native of Putnam Valley, N.Y., was chosen to All-America East Conference second team for the second year in a row. He has a 3.86 cumulative grade point average in business administration with a concentration in finance and marketing. He accounted for 15 goals and 12 assists this season in leading the Great Danes to their seventh consecutive appearance in the conference tournament championship final. Ammann received the 2008 Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award and UAlbany President's Award for Leadership.

Mike Ammann posted a 3.87 GPA in accounting with a dual minor in business administration and mathematics. He had seven goals and nine assists from his second midfield line. Ammann, who along with his twin brother, led the Great Danes to a pair of NCAA berths and two conference championships during his career. He also received the Presidential-Scholar Athlete Award and President's Award for Leadership and has worked on community service projects with Juvenile Diabetes and Habitat for Humanity.





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## BRENDAN ROWLAND NAMED TO AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE BASEBALL FIRST TEAM

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Brendan Rowland (Colonie Central) and Ryan Gugel have been named to the 2008 America East All-Conference Baseball Team, as announced at the annual conference banquet on Wednesday, May 21. David Kubiak was voted to the conference all-rookie squad.

Rowland, a sophomore from Albany, N.Y., landed a spot on the all-conference first team. Rowland, the second consecutive UAlbany outfielder to earn first-team honors, had a team-best .332 batting average and led the conference with 74 hits, tying the second-best total in UAlbany history. He tied the single-season program record by scoring 50 runs and drove in 46 more, the fourth-best total in the conference and on the UAlbany single-season chart. Rowland recorded at least two hits in 17 games, including a season-high five against Hartford on April 5, and had multiple RBI on 14 occasions. In conference action, he ranked third with 35 hits, seventh with a .368 batting average and fifth in slugging percentage at .642. Rowland hit six home runs and scored 29 times in 24 league games, good for second in each category.

Gugel, a junior catcher from Batavia, N.Y., received All-America East honors with a spot on the all-conference second team. A junior college transfer from Genesee Community College, Gugel recorded a .297 average, 39 RBI and 13 stolen bases in his first season with the Great Danes. Behind the plate, he threw out 12 would-be base stealers, second-best among conference leaders. In league action, he had 30 hits for a .353 average and stole six bases, tied for second in the conference.

Kubiak, a freshman, was honored with all-rookie team recognition. Kubiak, a right-handed pitcher from Southold, N.Y., finished his freshman campaign with a 5-0 record, a team-best 3.92 ERA and 33 strikeouts in 59.2 innings pitched. After moving into the starting rotation on March 29, Kubiak picked up all five wins and registered a 2.50 ERA and 29 strikeouts in 50.1 innings. His 2.75 ERA in conference play was tops in the league and his four victories placed him second on the wins list.

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### 2008 America East All-Conference Baseball Team

**First Team:** Zach Groh, Binghamton; Joe Serafin, Vermont; Greg Lane, Binghamton; Myckie Lugbauer, Maine; Curt Smith, Maine; Ryan James, Binghamton; Kyle Klee, Binghamton; Bill Perry, Hartford; Joe Fowler, UMBC; Brian Witkowski, Stony Brook; **Brendan Rowland, UAlbany**; Will Delawter, UMBC.

**Second Team:** Tom Koehler, Stony Brook; Eric Thompson, Vermont; Jordan Purington, Stony Brook; **Ryan Gugel, UAlbany**; Ryan Holley, Binghamton; Chad Marshall, Stony Brook; Ben Sobocinski, Hartford; Kyle Massie, Vermont; Scott Peddicord, UMBC; Wink Nolan, UMBC; Justin Milo, Vermont; Mike Stephan, Stony Brook.

**All-Rookie:** **David Kubiak, UAlbany**; Peter Bregartner, Binghamton; Simon Kudernatsch, Hartford; Jarrett Lukas, Maine; Kevin Scanlon, Maine; Chad Marshall, Stony Brook; Stephen Marino, Stony Brook; Matt Duffy, Vermont; Mark Micowski, Vermont.

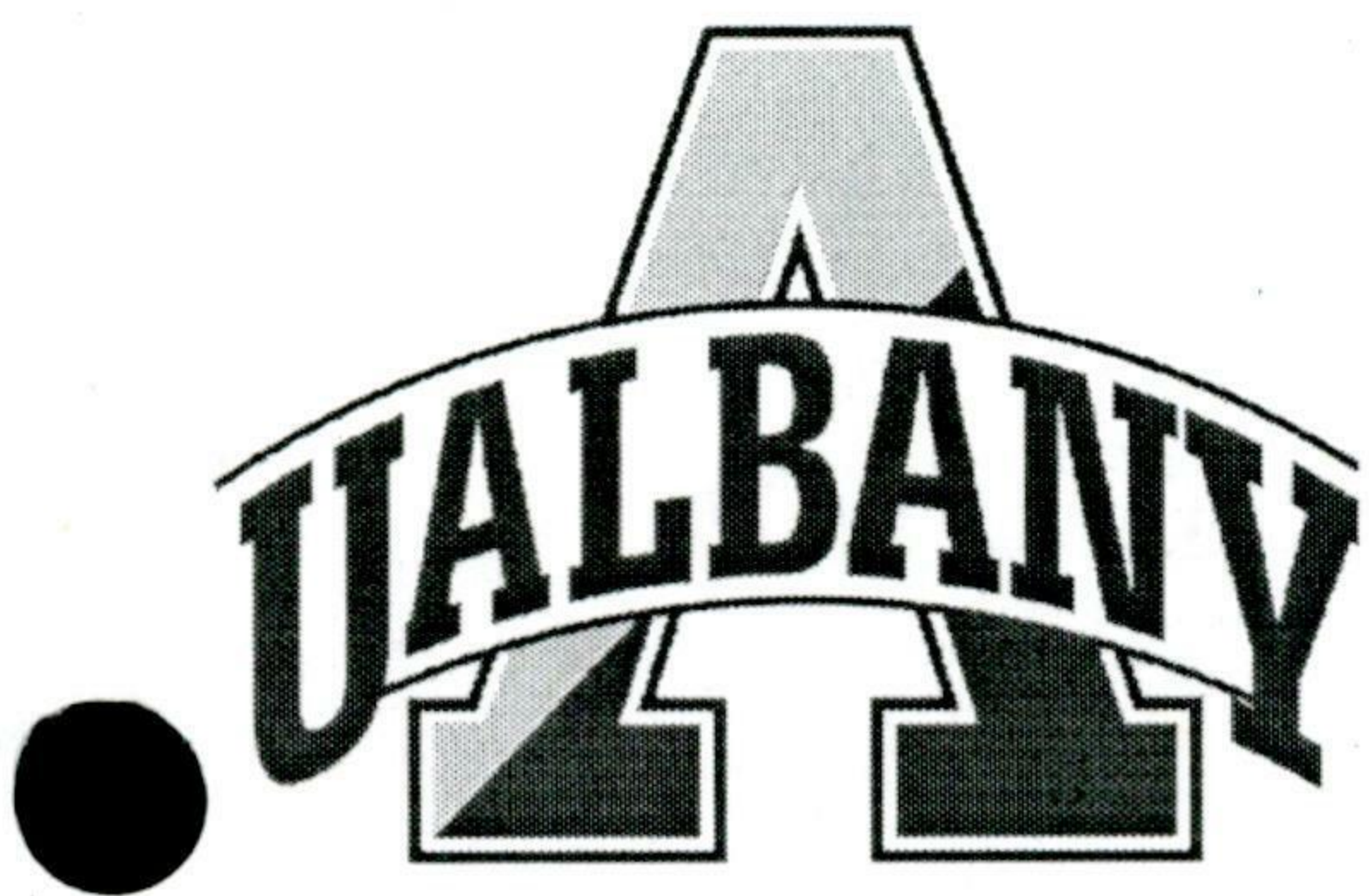
**All-Academic:** Joe Charron, Binghamton; Ryan James, Binghamton; Adam Grap, Hartford; Steve Mazzurco, Stony Brook; Mike Stephan, Stony Brook; Will Delawter, UMBC; Tom Meaney, UMBC; Ryan Morse, UMBC; Steve Russo, UMBC; Ethan Paquette, Vermont; Joe Serafin, Vermont.

**Player of the Year:** Curt Smith, Maine

**Pitcher of the Year:** Joe Serafin, Vermont

**Rookie of the Year:** Peter Bregartner, Binghamton

**Coach of the Year:** John Jancuska, UMBC



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### UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY RELEASES 2008 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced the school's 2008 volleyball schedule on Wednesday, May 21. The Great Danes, who are the reigning America East Conference champions, will play a 28-match schedule, including two home tournaments.

UAlbany begins its 10th year at the Division I level on August 29 and 30 at the San Diego State Tournament, where the Great Danes will face the host Aztecs along with the University of San Diego and UC Irvine. UAlbany will host the first of two home tournaments on September 5 and 6, welcoming Buffalo, Wright State and Connecticut to University Gym.

The Great Danes will also make an appearance in the Kentucky Tournament, facing Eastern Kentucky, Indiana and the host Wildcats, an NCAA Tournament team one year ago. UAlbany will also compete at the Michigan Tournament, taking on Arizona State, Western Kentucky and the Wolverines. In the second home tournament of the season, UAlbany will host Dayton, a program coached by former Great Danes mentor Kelly Sheffield, along with Yale and Long Island, an NCAA participant last season.

UAlbany will kick off America East Conference play hosting Maine and New Hampshire on October 3 and 5, respectively. The Great Danes will travel to Stony Brook and Hartford for conference matches before hosting crosstown-rival Siena on October 15. UAlbany will host rival Binghamton on October 17, and will visit UMBC on October 24 before hosting the Retrievers on October 27.

The Great Danes will then embark on a three-match road trip to end October and start November, visiting New Hampshire (Oct. 31), Maine (Nov. 2) and Binghamton (Nov. 9) before closing out the conference regular season with home matches against Hartford (Nov. 14) and Stony Brook (Nov. 16).

UAlbany will look to make an appearance in its seventh consecutive America East Tournament, hosted at the highest seed on November 21-23. The Great Danes will play a final regular-season match at Temple on Nov. 29.

UAlbany, led by interim head coach MJ Engstrom, return all-conference honoree Kamisha Kellam and Amanda Cowdrey, the 2007 league rookie of the year. Kellam, a first-team member last season, averaged 3.24 kills and ranked in the conference's top ten in hitting percentage (.327). Cowdrey paced the Great Danes a year ago, averaging a team-best 3.47 kills per game and finishing second with 3.32 digs per game. Also returning to the court is all-rookie team setter Brooke Stanley, who averaged 10.66 assists and recorded a team-high 58 service aces as a freshman.

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#### 2008 UAlbany Volleyball Schedule

**August:** 29 (Fri.) vs. San Diego+ 4:00 p.m.; 30 (Sat.) at San Diego State+ 1:00 p.m.; vs. UC Irvine+ 4:00 p.m.  
**September:** 5 (Fri.) **Buffalo**^ 7:00 p.m.; 6 (Sat.) **Wright State**^ 12:00 p.m.; **Connecticut**^ 7:00 p.m.; 12 (Fri.) vs. Eastern Kentucky< 5:00 p.m.; 13 (Sat.) vs. Indiana< 10:00 a.m.; at Kentucky< 7:00 p.m.; 19 (Fri.) vs. Arizona State\$ 5:00 p.m.; 20 (Sat.) at Michigan\$ 11:00 a.m.; vs. Western Kentucky\$ 5:00 p.m.; 26 (Fri.) **Yale**^^ 7:00 p.m.; 27 (Sat.) **Long Island**^^ 10:00 a.m.; **Dayton**^^ 7:00 p.m.  
**October:** 3 (Fri.) **Maine**\* 7:00 p.m.; 5 (Sun.) **New Hampshire**\* 2:00 p.m.; 10 (Fri.) at Stony Brook\* 7:00 p.m.; 12 (Sat.) at Hartford\* 6:00 p.m.; 15 (Wed.) **Siena** 7:00 p.m.; 17 (Fri.) **Binghamton**\* 7:00 p.m.; 24 (Fri.) at UMBC\* 7:00 p.m.; 26 (Sun.) **UMBC**\* 2:00 p.m.; 31 (Fri.) at New Hampshire\* 7:00 p.m.  
**November:** 2 (Sun.) at Maine\* 2:00 p.m.; 9 (Sun.) at Binghamton\* 1:00 p.m.; 14 (Sat.) **Hartford**\* 7:00 p.m.; 16 (Sun.) **Stony Brook**\* 1:00 p.m.; 21-23 (Fri-Sun.) America East Conference Tournament; 29 (Sat.) at Temple 5:00 p.m.

\* America East Conference opponent

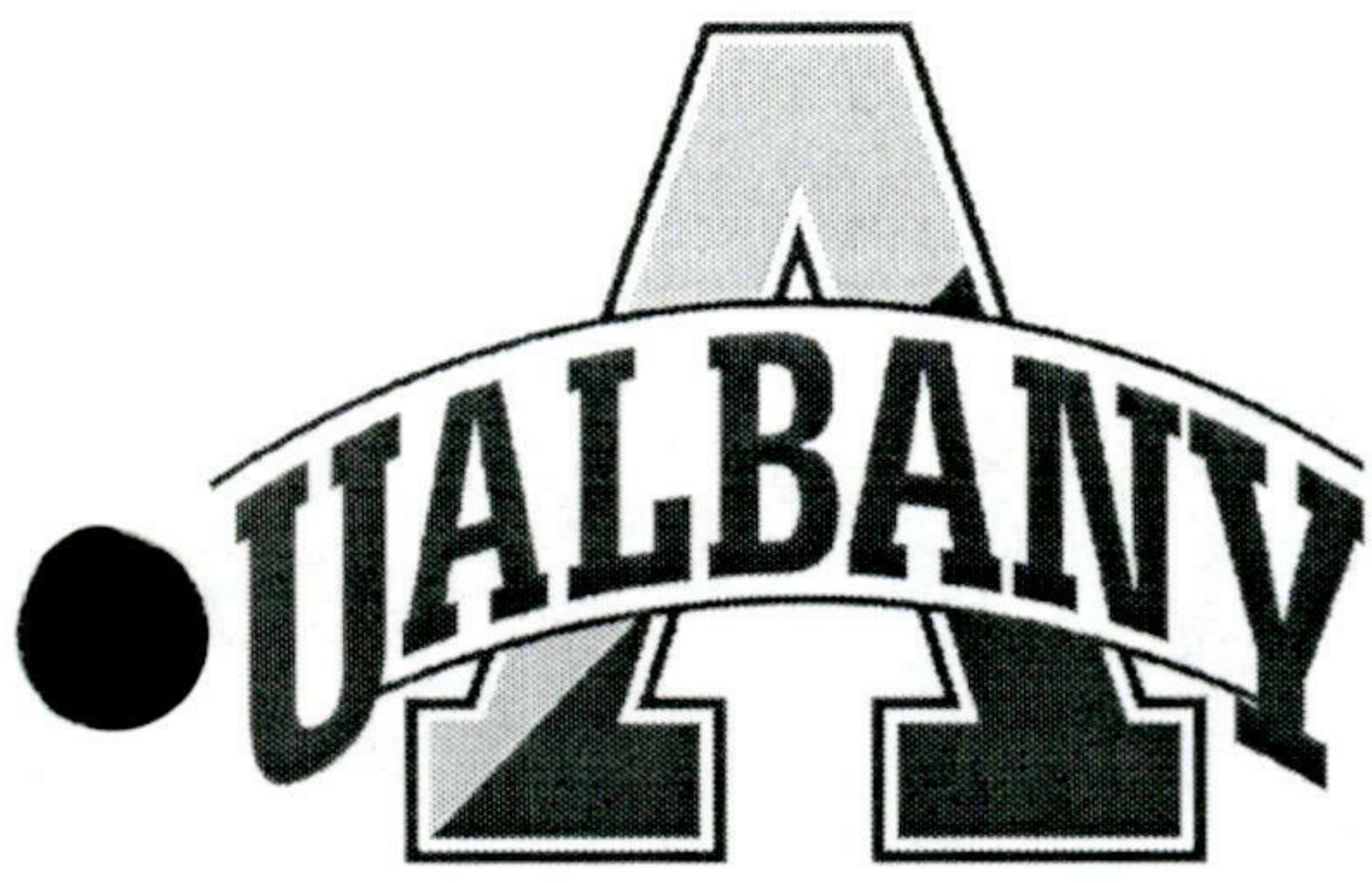
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### UALBANY'S HALL & MAISONET NOMINATED FOR AMERICA EAST WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Cambridge, Mass. - University at Albany's Amanda Hall and Amber Maisonet are among ten student-athletes who are institutional nominees for 2008 America East Woman of the Year, as announced today by the conference office.

Binghamton's Jacqueline Kane (volleyball), Boston University's Sarah Hudak (field hockey), Hartford's Alexandra Morley (softball), Maine's Laura Harper (soccer), UMBC's Dana Shepherd (softball), New Hampshire's Catherine Parker (cross country/track & field), Stony Brook's Dana Hastie (cross country/track & field) and Vermont's Carmen Lagala (cross country/track & field) have also been chosen as the senior female student-athletes on their respective campuses that best exemplified a commitment to service, leadership, athletics and academics during their collegiate careers.

To be nominated, student-athletes must have earned a varsity letter in an NCAA-sponsored sport and competed during the 2007-08 academic year, completed intercollegiate eligibility in her primary sport by the end of the 2008 spring season or received her undergraduate degree prior to the conclusion of the spring 2008 term and have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.500 (4.000 scale).

Maisonet, a senior outfielder on the UAlbany softball team, received an ECAC Merit Medal as the school's top senior female student-athlete during the current academic year. A four-time first-team all-conference performer, Maisonet was second in the league with a .379 batting average and first in stolen bases (27). She has a 3.85 cumulative grade point average in psychology.

Hall, a member of the women's tennis squad, posted an 18-8 singles record and a 17-11 mark in doubles play this spring. The Great Danes posted an 18-7 dual-match record, their best season as a Division I program. Hall, who has a 3.88 GPA in business administration, received UAlbany's Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award.

In conjunction with the changes in the nomination process for the NCAA Woman of the Year award, the America East Woman of the Year award was established for the 2005-06 athletic season. Beginning in 2006, the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA) started receiving conference-designated nominees in lieu of the previous institution- and state-based nomination format.

The nominees will be narrowed down to three finalists on Wednesday, June 11 with the America East Woman of the Year being announced via release on the conference website on Wednesday, June 18.

The America East Woman of the Year will then be forwarded to the NCAA Woman of the Year selection committee. The selection committee will select the top 10 winners in each NCAA division (I, II and III). From among those 30 honorees, the selection committee will determine the top three in each division. Finally, the members of the CWA will vote from among the top nine to determine the 2008 NCAA Woman of the Year.



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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY RELEASES 2008 WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. - University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced on Monday, May 19 the school's women's soccer schedule for 2008. The Great Danes will play a 20-match schedule, including a pair of tournaments.

UAlbany begins its 10th season at the NCAA Division I level on Friday, Aug. 22 at Syracuse. The Great Danes will end the month of August at Lehigh on the 31st. UAlbany will entertain Youngstown State in its home opener on Friday, Sept. 5, before playing four consecutive road matches. The Great Danes finish the stretch with a pair of games at the Niagara Tournament in Niagara Falls, N.Y. UAlbany will play the host Purple Eagles on Sept. 12 and square off with Drexel on Sept. 14.

The Great Danes return to action at home on Wednesday, Sept. 17 against Massachusetts, before hosting the four-team Governor's Cup on Friday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 21 at Varsity Field. On the first day, UAlbany will play Army, while Siena faces Sacred Heart. UAlbany meets Sacred Heart in the final game of the weekend, with Siena and Army squaring off in Sunday's first game. UAlbany and Siena will continue its crosstown-series in Loudonville on Sept. 9.

UAlbany, which concluded its most successful season in the program's Division I history by finishing with a 5-10-3 record last year, opens America East Conference play at defending conference champion Boston University on Sunday, Sept. 28. The Great Danes will play regular-season champion New Hampshire in their conference home debut on Oct. 5. Conference opponents Stony Brook, Vermont and UMBC will also visit Varsity Field. UAlbany takes on Maine, Hartford and Binghamton on the road.

Head coach Mary-Francis Monroe enters her third season in charge of the Great Dane program. Monroe led UAlbany to its second consecutive season with an improving record, after going 5-13-1 in her first campaign. UAlbany returns forward Teresa Boring, who earned America East rookie of the year honors after recording 20 points on nine goals and two assists. Goalkeeper Maria Liguori played every minute between the pipes for the Great Danes and registered 109 saves and a 1.90 goals against average.

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### 2008 University at Albany Women's Soccer Schedule

August – 22 (Fri.), at Syracuse, 7:00; 31 (Sun.), at Lehigh, 12:00;

September – 5 (Fri.), Youngstown State, 4:00; 7 (Sun.), at Brown, 1:00; 9 (Tue.), at Siena, 4:00; 12 (Fri.), at Niagara<sup>^</sup>, TBA; 14 (Sun.), vs. Drexel<sup>^</sup>, TBA; 17 (Wed.), Massachusetts, 3:00; 19 (Fri.), Governor's Cup (Siena vs. Sacred Heart, 1:00/UAlbany vs. Army, 3:00)+; 21 (Sun.), Governor's Cup (Siena vs. Army, 11:00 a.m./UAlbany vs. Sacred Heart, 1:00)+; 23 (Tue.), at Colgate, 7:00; 28 (Sun.), at Boston U.\*, 1:00;

October – 2 (Thu.), at Maine\*, 12:00; 5 (Sun.), New Hampshire\*, 1:00; 7 (Tue.), at Dartmouth, 6:00; 12 (Sun.), at Hartford\*, 12:00; 16 (Thu.), Stony Brook\*, 3:00; 19 (Sun.), at Binghamton\*, 6:00; 23 (Thu.), Vermont\*, 3:00; 26 (Sun.), UMBC\*, 1:00;

\*America East Conference Opponent

<sup>^</sup>Niagara Tournament (Niagara Falls, N.Y.)

+Governor's Cup (Albany, N.Y.)



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### MIKE McCADNEY WINS IC4A TRIPLE JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP; UALBANY FINISHES FIFTH

Princeton, N.J. – University at Albany's Mike McCadney was victorious in the triple jump to lead his team's performance at the 132nd Annual IC4A Outdoor Track & Field Championship at Princeton University's Weaver Stadium on Sunday, May 18. The Great Danes finished fifth in the team standings with 39 points. The UAlbany women, led by a third-place finish by Jenn Gurrant in the triple jump, finished in a tie for 24th place at the ECAC Championship with 11 points.

McCadney, a junior from Rochester, N.Y., set a school record with his championship effort of 51-feet, 1.75-inches to claim UAlbany's first triple jump crown in IC4A competition. McCadney became the fifth UAlbany athlete to win an IC4A outdoor title at the Division I level, joining Joe Greene, who captured the 400-meter hurdles in 2006 and 2007, Marc Pallozzi (2007, javelin) and Gered Burns (2005, 800-meters). McCadney, who won the America East title two weeks ago, recorded the ninth-best mark in the region this spring and will compete at the NCAA East Regional in Tallahassee, Fla. on May 30-31.

The men's 4x100-meter relay team of Jean Juste, Dieuseul Joseph, Torshiro Jenkins and Jeffery Barnes (Albany High) placed third in a time of 41.35 seconds. Joseph, a defensive back on the UAlbany football team, finished sixth in the 100-meter dash finals, as he crossed the line in 10.94 seconds.

At the ECAC meet, Gurrant posted a jump of 41-feet, 7.75-inches to record the second-best performance in school history. Senior Arina Gerasimova finished seventh in the same event with a leap of 40-feet, 7.5-inches, while freshman Tiffany Sprenkels ended up in 17th place with a jump of 38-feet, 7-inches.

UAlbany head coach Roberto Vives was honored by the IC4A Track Coaches' Association, an organization founded in 1918, for 25 years of collegiate service to the sport. Vives, who has been leading the Great Danes' track and field program since 1985, was also the women's head coach at Lehman College and spent a year as an assistant at the City College of New York.

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#### UAlbany Men's Results

**Team Standings:** 1. Liberty 62; 2. Virginia 55; 3. Georgetown 44; 4. Syracuse 42; **5. UAlbany 39**; 6. UNC Wilmington 32; 7. Coppin State 31; 8. Princeton 28; 9. Iona 25; 10. Lehigh 24; 11. Monmouth 23; t12. Cornell, George Mason, Yale 22; t15. Manhattan, Rutgers 21; 17. Delaware State 20; t18. William & Mary, Duke, Connecticut, Maryland 19; t22. Seton Hall, VMI, Robert Morris, Morgan State 18; 26. Pennsylvania 15; t27. Duquesne, Dartmouth 13; 29. Mount St. Mary's 12; t30. Boston U., New Hampshire 9; t32. Villanova, Rhode Island 8; t34. Vermont, Binghamton, St. Francis (PA), Mansfield 6; 38. Bucknell 5; t39. Fairleigh Dickinson, Arm, 4; t41. Columbia, Southern Connecticut 3; t43. Fordham, UMBC 2; t45. Massachusetts, Harvard, LaSalle, Brown, Navy 1.

#### Individual

**100-Meter Dash:** 6. Dieuseul Joseph 10.94. **4x100 Meter Relay:** 3. UAlbany (Jean Juste, Dieuseul Joseph, Torshiro Jenkins, Jeffery Barnes), 41.35. **Triple Jump:** 1. Mike McCadney 51-1.75.

#### UAlbany Women's Results

**Team Standings:** 1. Connecticut 83; 2. Virginia 53; 3. Cornell 43; 4. William & Mary 41; 5. Georgetown 40; 6. Maryland 39; t7. Syracuse, Pittsburgh 38; t9. Seton Hall, Boston College 31; 11. Morgan State 30; 12. George Mason 29; 13. Boston U. 28; t14. Providence, West Virginia 26; 16. Duke 24.5; 17. Rhode Island 24. t18. St. Francis (PA), Princeton 21; 20. Harvard 19.5; t21. Brown, Liberty 16; 23. Pennsylvania 13; t24. UAlbany, Lafayette, Rutgers, Villanova 11; t28. Northeastern, Temple 10; 30. James Madison 9; t31. Navy, Towson 8; 33. Bucknell 7; t34. Stony Brook, New Hampshire 6; t36. Quinnipiac, Lehigh, Delaware 5; t39. Monmouth, Dartmouth, Rider, UNC Wilmington, Binghamton 4; t44. Massachusetts, Yale 3; t46. Iona, St. John's 2.

#### Individual

**Triple Jump:** 3. Jenn Gurrant 41-7.75; 7. Arina Gerisimova 40-7.5; 17. Tiffany Sprenkels 38-7.0.



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### LUKE SCHOEN PLACES SECOND IN POLE VAULT AT IC4A CHAMPIONSHIP

Princeton, N.J. – Sophomore Luke Schoen finished second in the pole vault to lead UAlbany performances at the 132nd Annual IC4A Outdoor Track & Field Championship at Princeton University's Weaver Stadium on Saturday, May 17. The Great Danes are in fourth place with 20 points through eight events. The UAlbany women have three points through nine events.

Schoen, who was third at last season's IC4A championship, placed second by clearing the bar at 16-feet, 10.75-inches. Freshman Michael Dempsey was ninth in the event with a height of 16-2.75. A pair of Great Danes finished in the top-five in the long jump. Sophomore Kyle Nadler (Colonie Central) finished second with an NCAA East Regional-qualifying leap of 24-feet, 4.25-inches, the second-best jump in program history. Classmate Valette Graham was fifth at 23-feet, 11.75-inches.

In the 100-meter dash trials, senior Dieuseul Joseph sprinted to a third-place finish in 10.63 seconds, just three one-hundredths of a second behind Junior Burnett's school record of 10.60. The performance marked the third-fastest time in the school annals behind Burnett's 10.60 and 10.61 at the 2007 Albany Spring Classic. In the 4x100-meter relay, Joseph led at quartet that included Jean Juste, Torshiro Jenkins and Jeffery Barnes (Albany High) to a second-place effort in the preliminaries. The relay sprinted a season-best time of 41.00 seconds, just 22 one-hundredths of a second off the school standard.

Freshman Wilfredo de Jesus Elias finished 12th in the hammer throw with a toss of 184-feet, 0-inches. Juste finished ninth in the prelims of the 110-meter hurdles in 14.26 seconds, only one-hundredths of a second shy of qualifying for the finals. Junior Joe Greene finished 11th in the 400-meter hurdles in 52.62, missing the finals by just .27 seconds.

On the women's side, junior Kamilah McShine finished 10th in the preliminaries of the 100-meter hurdles in 14.11 seconds. McShine improved her time to 14.03 in the semifinals, but finished 11th overall and missed a spot in the championship field.

The Great Danes wrap up competition at the ECAC and IC4A championships on Sunday, May 18, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

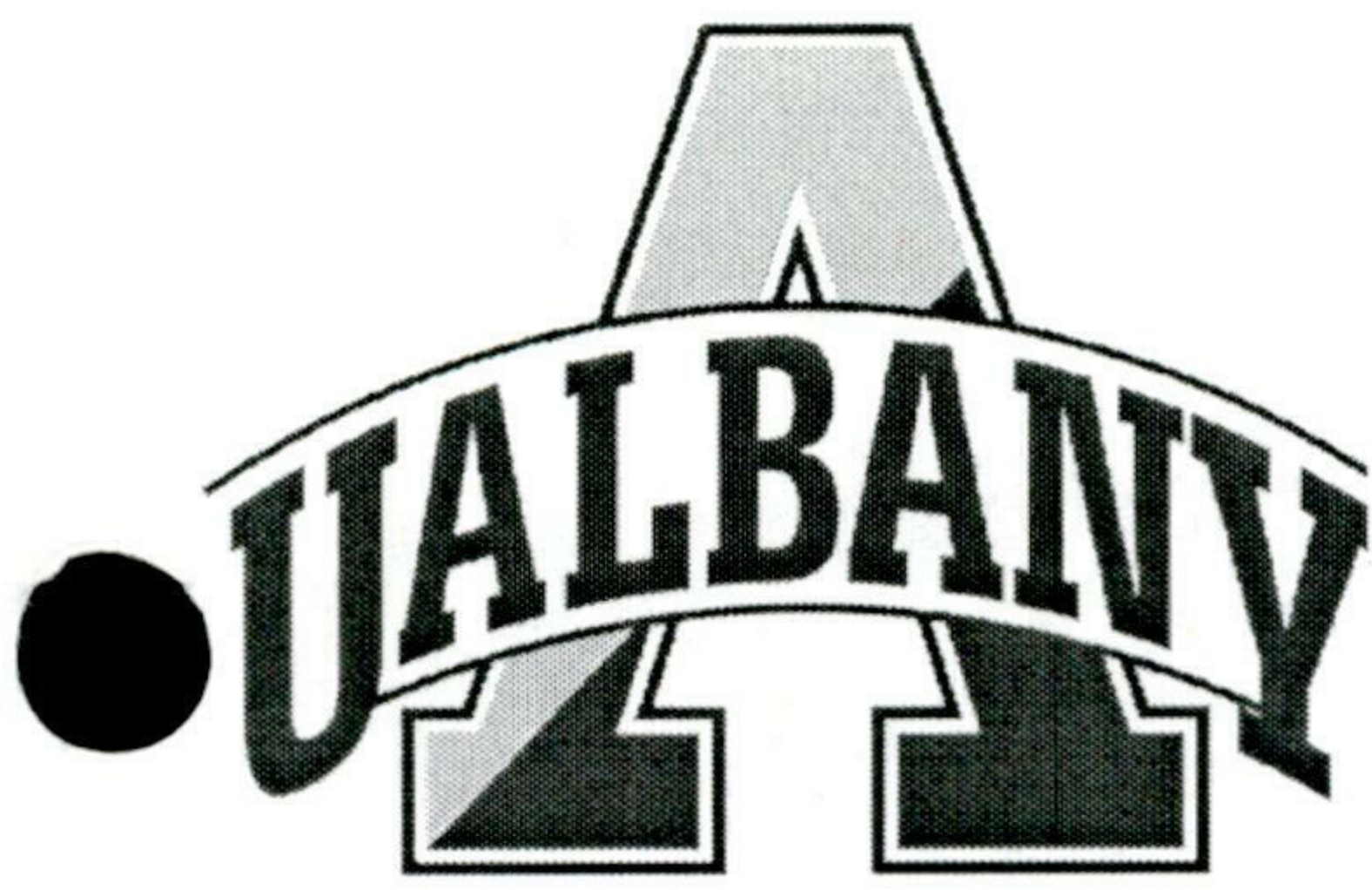
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#### UAlbany Men's Results

**100 Meter Dash:** 3. Dieuseul Joseph 10.63. **110 Meter Hurdles:** 9. Jean Juste 14.26, 19. Garrett Askew 14.60, 30. Nick Assini 15.17. **200 Meter Dash:** 13. Jeffery Barnes 21.65. **400 Meter Hurdles:** 11. Joe Greene 52.62. **4x100 Meter Relay:** 2. Jean Juste, Dieuseul Joseph, T Jenkins, J Barnes 41.00. **4x400m Relay:** 16. Andrew Overbaugh, Jeffery Barnes, Joe Belokopitsky, Joe Greene 3:14.92. **Long Jump:** 2. Kyle Nadler 24-4.25, 5. Valette Graham 23-11.75, 15. Fred Casimo 22-11.75. **Pole Vault:** 2. Luke Schoen 16-10.75, 9. Michael Dempsey 16-2.75. **Hammer Throw:** 12. Wilfredo de Jesus Elias 184-0.

#### UAlbany Women's Results

**100 Meter Hurdles Trials:** 10. Kamilah McShine 14.11. **100 Meter Hurdles Semis:** 11. Kamilah McShine 14.03. **4x100 Meter Relay:** 19. Kamilah McShine, Christen Griffin, Jenn Garrant, Ashley Vives 47.79. **4x400 Meter Relay:** 29. Garrant, Clarkson, Vives, Lee, Kelly, C P-S, Bolognino 3:55.41. **4x800 Meter Relay:** 16. Esperanza Blanco, Zuliana Fontanez, Danielle Trimpop, Laura Cummings 9:16.20.



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**UALBANY BASEBALL FINISHES SEASON WITH AMERICA EAST SERIES WIN OVER STONY BROOK**

Albany, N.Y. – Pete Eichner went 3-for-3, including a double, and scored the game-tying run to lead UAlbany to a 9-6 come-from-behind victory over Stony Brook in the season finale on Saturday, May 17 at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won three of four games in the America East Conference series.

Stony Brook (31-24, AE 14-10) jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Brian Witkowski and Chad Marshall drew walks and Michael Stephan was hit by a pitch to open the frame. After a strikeout, Steven Mazzurco laced a double down the left-field line to plate Witkowski and Marshall. Three batters later, Stephan raced home on a wild pitch.

UAlbany (17-37-1, AE 10-14) took a 4-3 lead with four runs in the bottom of the frame. Sean Donovan doubled down the right-field line and Gary Pitcherelle walked to start the frame. Brendan Rowland followed with a single through the right side to knock in Donovan. Pitcherelle then scored as Rowland safely reached second as the second baseman dropped a throw on an attempted double-play ball. After a successful sacrifice bunt moved Rowland to third and Mike Konstanty to second, Rowland and Konstanty scored on consecutive wild pitches.

The Seawolves regained the lead with a pair of runs in the second. Justin Echevarria walked and Witkowski was hit by a pitch to open the inning. Following a UAlbany pitching change and a groundout, Rob Dyer singled up the middle to drive in Echevarria and Witkowski.

The Great Danes, still trailing 5-4 in the seventh, plated three runs on three hits to regain the lead. Eichner doubled and Tom Zink reached on an error to start the rally. Freshman Kyle Crean then pulled a 3-2 pitch down the right-field line to knock in Eichner from second and move Zink to third. Donovan walked to load the bases. After Stony Brook reliever Devin Will recorded a strikeout, Rowland plated Zink with a single up the third-base line. Konstanty then drove in Crean with a sacrifice fly to center for his team-high 47th RBI of the season.

The Seawolves got one run back in the top of the eighth, but UAlbany reliever Sean Gregory stranded three runners on base. Echevarria singled through the middle to start the inning. Witkowski then singled to move pinch runner Robert Inzerillo over to third base. Inzerillo scored on Marshall's groundout before Stephan was hit by a pitch for the third time in the contest and Dyer walked to load the bases. Gregory entered the game and induced a pop up to second base and a fly out to right field.

The Great Danes delivered the final score with a pair of runs in the bottom of the eighth. Junior Dave West singled and Eichner reached on an error by the pitcher during a sacrifice bunt. Following a fielder's choice by Zink in which West was forced at third, Eichner and Zink executed a double-steal with the catcher's throw sailing into left field, allowing Eichner to score. Zink then came across on a wild pitch.

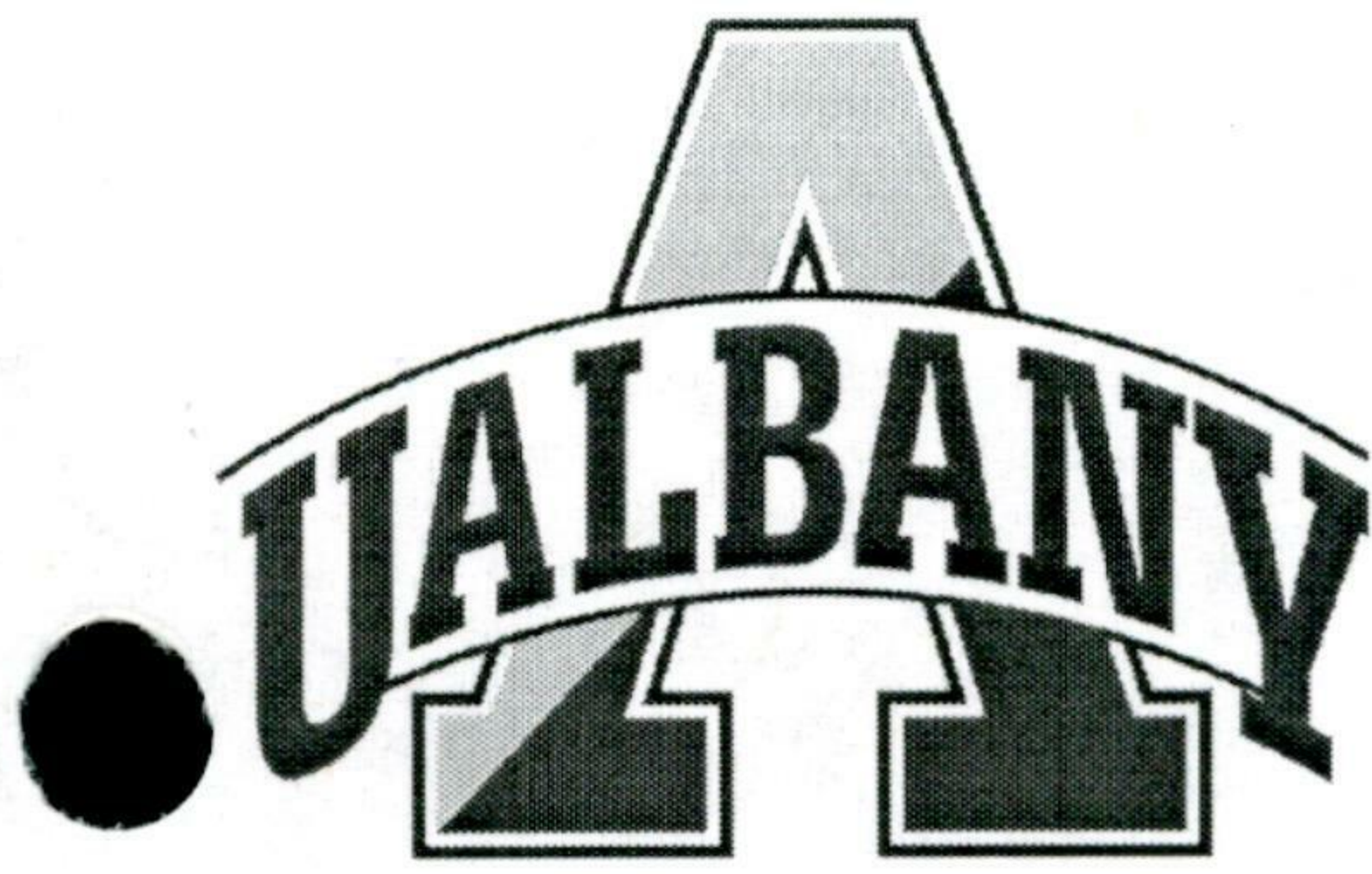
Senior right-hander Casey Walsh pitched six scoreless innings of relief, striking out seven, to record his first win of the season. Gregory pitched 1.2 innings for his fourth save. Jeremy Nowak suffered the loss for the Seawolves, yielding seven runs, including four earned, on seven hits over six innings.

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Stony Brook (31-24, AE 14-10)	320	000	010	-	6	6	4
UAlbany (17-37-1, AE 10-14)	400	000	32X	-	9	9	1

Stony Brook: Jeremy Nowak (L, 6-2), Devin Will (7) and Justin Echevarria, Nick Thode (8).

UAlbany: Nate Novak, Casey Walsh (2, W, 1-8), Chris Ott (8), Dave Noble (8), Sean Gregory (8, S, 4) and Ryan Gugel.



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### LAURA CUMMINGS PLACES SIXTH IN STEEPLECHASE AT ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Princeton, N.J. – UAlbany's Laura Cummings placed sixth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase on the opening day of the ECAC Championships at Princeton University's Weaver Stadium on Friday, May 16. The Great Danes are in sixth place with three points through one event.

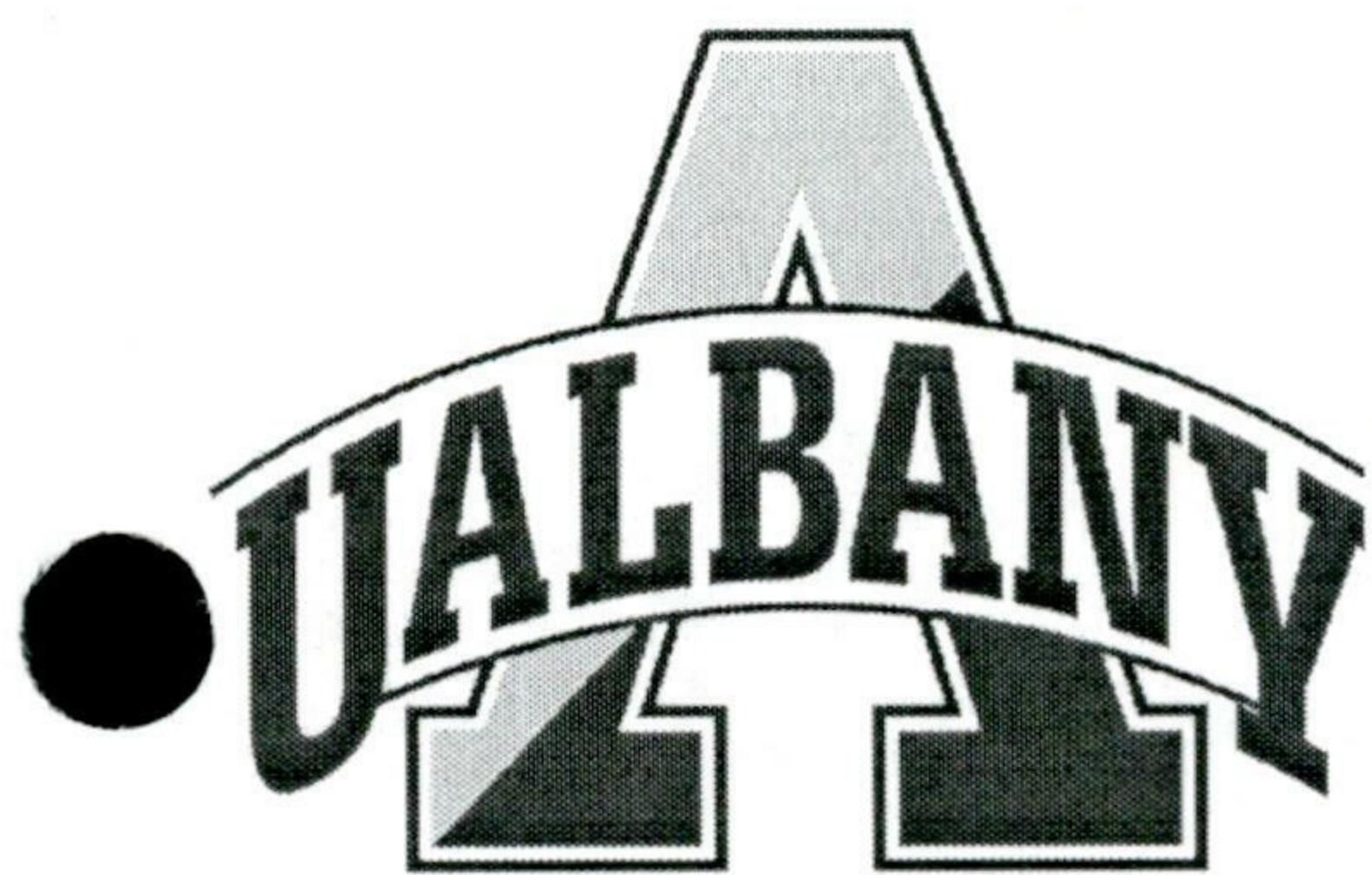
Cummings, a junior from Bay Shore, N.Y., turned in an NCAA East Regional-qualifying time of 10:46.75 to earn All-East honors. The performance marked the fourth-fastest time in the program's history. Virginia sophomore Stephanie Garcia won the event in a time of 10:19.74.

The Great Danes continue action at the ECAC and IC4A Championships on Saturday, May 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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1. Stephanie Garcia (Virginia) 10:19.74, 2. Patricia Loughlin (Duke) 10:31.54, 3. Elizabeth Graney (William & Mary) 10:41.68, 4. Sarah Morrison (Villanova) 10:44.81, 5. Liz Deir (Princeton) 10:45.19, **6. Laura Cummings (UAlbany) 10:46.75.**





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### DAVE KUBIAK PITCHES UALBANY BASEBALL TO DOUBLEHEADER SPLIT WITH STONY BROOK

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman Dave Kubiak struck out four over seven innings to lead the UAlbany baseball team to an America East Conference doubleheader split with Stony Brook on Friday, May 16 at Varsity Field. Stony Brook took the opener, 7-2, while the Great Danes won the nightcap, 4-2.

In game two, Stony Brook (31-23, AE 14-9) took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Chad Marshall reached on a one-out single down the right-field line. After advancing to second on a groundout, Rob Dyer registered a ground-rule double over the fence in left field to knock in Marshall.

UAlbany (16-37-1, AE 9-14) took its first lead of the day with two runs in the bottom of the third inning. Sophomore third baseman Pete Eichner opened the frame with a single and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Junior center fielder Gary Pitcheralle then doubled down the left-field line to plate Eichner. After a successful sacrifice bunt by junior Sean Donovan moved Pitcheralle to third, sophomore Brendan Rowland plated Pitcheralle with a sacrifice fly to right field. In the fifth, Stony Brook tied the score with a run on one hit. Justin Echevarria doubled to right center to open the inning. Pinch runner Robert Inzerillo then moved to third on a fly out and scored on a groundout to first base.

The Great Danes scored the go-ahead runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Senior Mike Konstanty led off the inning with a double into the right-field gap. Following an out, freshman Jamie Liebowitz was intentionally walked before Konstanty was picked off second base. Freshmen Kyle Crean and Toby Adeyemi were each walked around a Stony Brook pitching change to load the bases. Eichner followed by pulling an 0-1 pitch through the right side of the infield to drive in Liebowitz and Crean.

Kubiak picked up his fifth win of the season by tossing his second complete game, while allowing just two runs on five hits. Mike Errigo took the loss for the Seawolves, yielding four runs on six hits over 5.2 innings.

In the first game, Stony Brook got on the board with a run in the opening frame. Brian Witkowski singled on the ninth pitch of his at-bat to reach base. After two batters were hit by a pitch to load the bases, Dyer plated Witkowski with a sacrifice fly to right.

The Seawolves extended their lead to 7-0 with three runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings. In the fifth, Nick Thode singled through the right side and Marshall reached on an infield bunt single. After a walk to Michael Stephan loaded the bases, Dyer delivered a run-scoring single to left field. Steven Mazzurco then plated Marshall with a sacrifice fly to left. Stony Brook scored its final run of the inning on a dropped fly ball by the right fielder to allow Stephan to score. In the sixth, Jeremy Nowak led off the inning with a double down the left-field line and advanced to third on an error by the second baseman. Keith Fier followed with a single to left center to score Nowak. After Thode singled through the left side, Fier was thrown out at home on a groundout by Witkowski. Marshall then reached on an error by the first baseman to fill the bases. Following a strikeout and a UAlbany pitching change, Dyer drove in Thode and Witkowski with a single up the middle.

The Great Danes scored once in each of the sixth and seventh innings to deliver the final score. Adeyemi opened the sixth with a double to right field and moved to third on an error by the right fielder. Two batters later, Adeyemi scored as Donovan hit into a double play. In the seventh, Konstanty singled, advanced to second on a passed ball and moved to third on a groundout. Eichner then grounded out to plate Konstanty.

Cory Warrings suffered the loss for the Great Danes, yielding seven runs, including four earned, on eight hits over 5.2 innings. Gary Novakowski recorded the win by striking out seven in a complete-game effort, while allowing just two unearned runs on five hits.

The Great Danes wrap up their season with a 1:00 p.m. contest with Stony Brook on Saturday, May 17.

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(Game 1)

Stony Brook (31-22, AE 14-8)	100	033	0	-	7	10	1
UAlbany (15-37-1, AE 8-14)	000	001	1	-	2	5	5

Stony Brook: Gary Novakowski (W, 6-4) and Nick Thode.

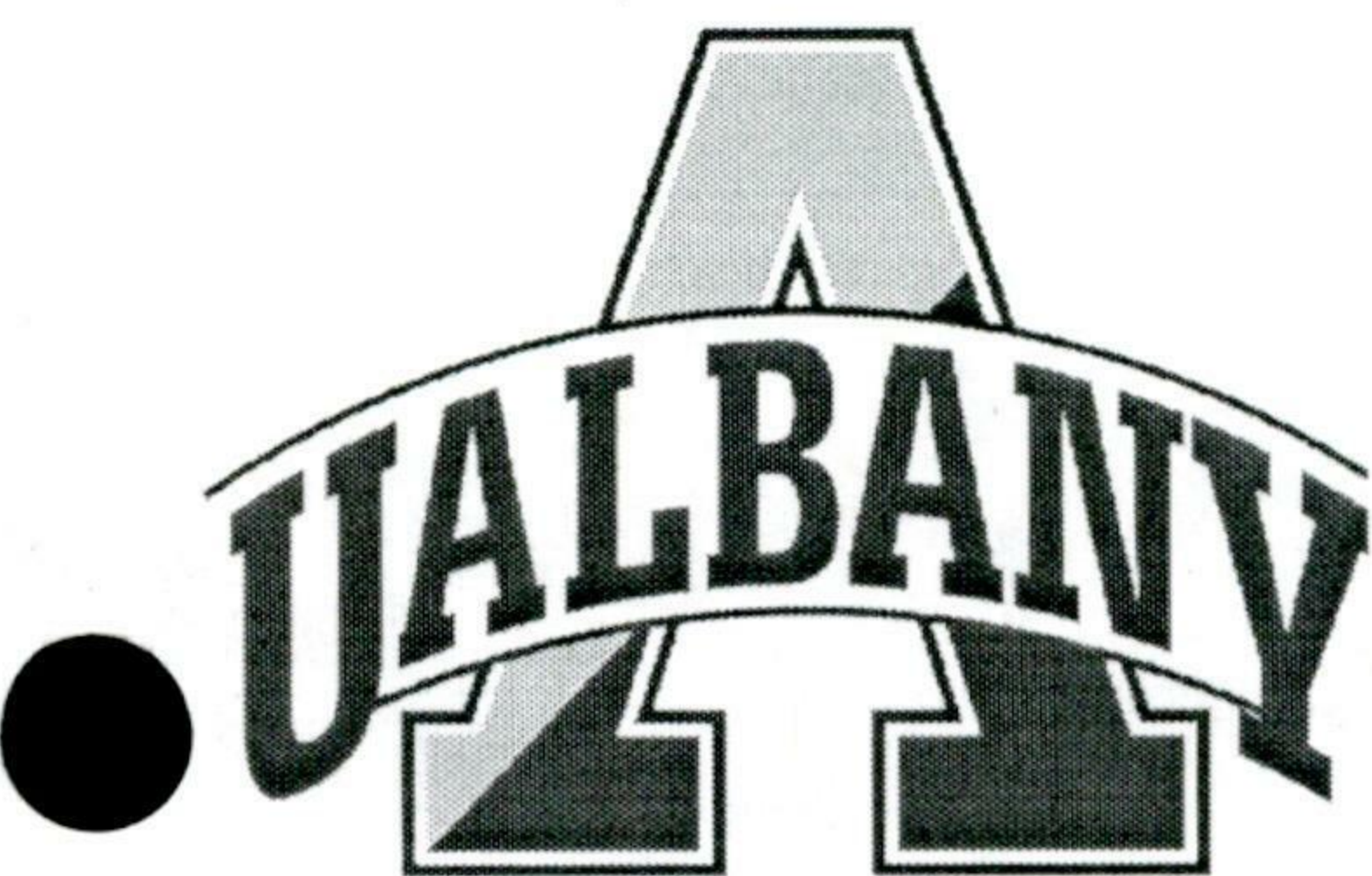
UAlbany: Cory Warrings (L, 0-7), Hunter Moffatt (6) and Ryan Gugel.

(Game 2)

Stony Brook (31-23, AE 14-9)	100	010	0	-	2	5	0
UAlbany (16-37-1, AE 9-14)	002	002	X	-	4	7	0

Stony Brook: Mike Errigo (L, 3-5), Jordan Purington (6) and Justin Echevarria, Nick Thode (5).

UAlbany: Dave Kubiak (W, 5-0) and Ryan Gugel.



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**BRENDAN ROWLAND LEADS UALBANY BASEBALL TO 6-5 VICTORY OVER STONY BROOK**

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore Brendan Rowland went 3-for-4 with five runs batted in, including a go-ahead three-run homer, to lead UAlbany to a 6-5 America East Conference baseball win over Stony Brook on Thursday, May 15 at Varsity Field.

Stony Brook (30-22, AE 13-8) scored twice in each of the first and third innings to jump out to a 4-0 lead. Brian Witkowski and Chad Marshall opened the game with consecutive singles. Michael Stephan followed with a single through the right side to drive in Witkowski. Rob Dyer then grounded out to knock in Marshall from third. In the third, Witkowski led off the frame with a homer down the right field line. Following a pair of fly outs, Dyer drilled a solo shot to right field.

UAlbany (15-36-1, AE 8-13) began its rally in the bottom of the fourth. Freshman Jamie Liebowitz doubled down the right field line to open the inning. Following an out and a walk to junior Sean Donovan, Rowland drilled a triple to center field to drive in Liebowitz and Donovan.

In the seventh, sophomore Pete Eichner singled up the middle and Liebowitz walked to open the frame. Junior Gary Pitcherelle then reached on a bunt single up the third base line and advanced to second on a throwing error by the pitcher, allowing Eichner to cut the Seawolves' lead to 4-3. After a strikeout, Rowland blasted his 10th home run of the season over the fence in left field to put the Great Danes up 6-4.

Stony Brook was able to score once in the ninth, but junior Dave Noble shut the door on the Seawolves' rally. Stephen Marino and Keith Fier registered consecutive singles with one out. After a fly out moved Marino to third, Witkowski singled through the right side to plate Marino. Noble entered the game and got Marshall to fly out to center to end the contest.

Josh Willimott picked up his sixth win of the season by tossing seven innings, striking out two, while allowing four runs on eight hits. Noble earned his second save by recording one out. Tom Koehler suffered the loss for Stony Brook, allowing six runs on six hits over 6.1 innings, while striking out 10 batters.

The Great Danes and the Seawolves resume their series on Friday with a pair of seven inning contests beginning at 12:00 p.m.

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Stony Brook (30-22, AE 13-8)	202	000	001	-	5	12	3
UAlbany (15-36-1, AE 8-13)	002	000	40X	-	6	6	0

Stony Brook: Tom Koehler (L, 6-4), Jordan Purington (7) and Justin Echevarria.

UAlbany: Josh Willimott (W, 6-3), Sean Gregory (8), Dave Noble (9, S, 2) and Ryan Gugel.



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### **MAISONET AND McINTOSH NAMED TO NFCA DIVISION I ALL-NORTHEAST REGION TEAM**

Albany, N.Y. – Senior left fielder Amber Maisonet and sophomore pitcher Leah McIntosh were both named to the Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I All-Northeast Region Second Team, as announced by the NFCA on Thursday afternoon.

Maisonet earned her first all-regional selection after a stellar senior season in which she was named to the All-America East Conference First Team for the fourth straight year. Maisonet batted .379 in her final season with the Great Danes, recording a team-high 61 hits and 33 runs scored. She also stole a league-leading 27 stolen bases and was first in the conference with five triples. Maisonet finished as the UAlbany career leader with 233 hits and 151 runs. She is also ranked second in career stolen bases with 96 and is fourth with a .360 batting average.

McIntosh was named to the all-conference first team after leading the America East with a 1.57 ERA and finishing second with 217 strikeouts. McIntosh, who finished the season ranked 16th nationally with 9.8 strikeouts per seven innings, tossed two no-hitters as a sophomore and set a UAlbany Division I program record with 18 strikeouts in a seven-inning win over Manhattan. In just two seasons with the Great Danes, she stands third in career strikeouts with 375 and is eighth all-time with an ERA of 2.22. McIntosh was named the conference's pitcher of the week on four occasions during the season.

### **AMBER MAISONET EARNS *ESPN THE MAGAZINE* ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT HONORS**

Albany, N.Y. – Senior left fielder Amber Maisonet was named to the 2008 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District I First Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). After posting a 3.85 cumulative grade point average in psychology, Maisonet earned her first CoSIDA accolade. She moves onto the national ballot, with the Academic All-America team being announced on Wednesday, May 28.

Maisonet, who also earned the ECAC Merit Medal this season, was named an NFCA Academic All-American as a junior and is a member of the UAlbany Athletic Director's Honor Roll.



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## UALBANY'S BRIAN LILLIS NAMED AMERICA EAST BASKETBALL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Cambridge, Mass. – University at Albany's Brian Lillis has been selected America East Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year in men's basketball for the 2007-08 academic year, as announced on Wednesday afternoon by the conference office. He has a 3.23 cumulative grade point average in business administration.

Lillis, a 6-foot-5 guard/forward from Urbandale, Iowa, recently received an ECAC Merit Medal as UAlbany's top senior male student-athlete who combined excellence in athletics and in the classroom. He was voted first-team all-conference and made his second consecutive appearance on the America East all-defensive unit. Lillis was chosen the 2008 America East Fans' Choice Player of the Year.

One of 10 players at the NCAA Division I level to lead his team in points, rebounds and assists, Lillis ranked among the conference leaders in several statistical categories. He averaged 15.8 points, 6.0 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 1.6 steals. His reverse dunk against Vermont on Feb. 11 made ESPN SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays of the Day.

Lillis, who led the Great Danes to pair of conference titles and two NCAA berths during his career, was selected to this year's *ESPN The Magazine* District I All-Academic Team and was twice a member of the conference's all-academic squad. He received UAlbany's 2008 President's Award for Leadership.

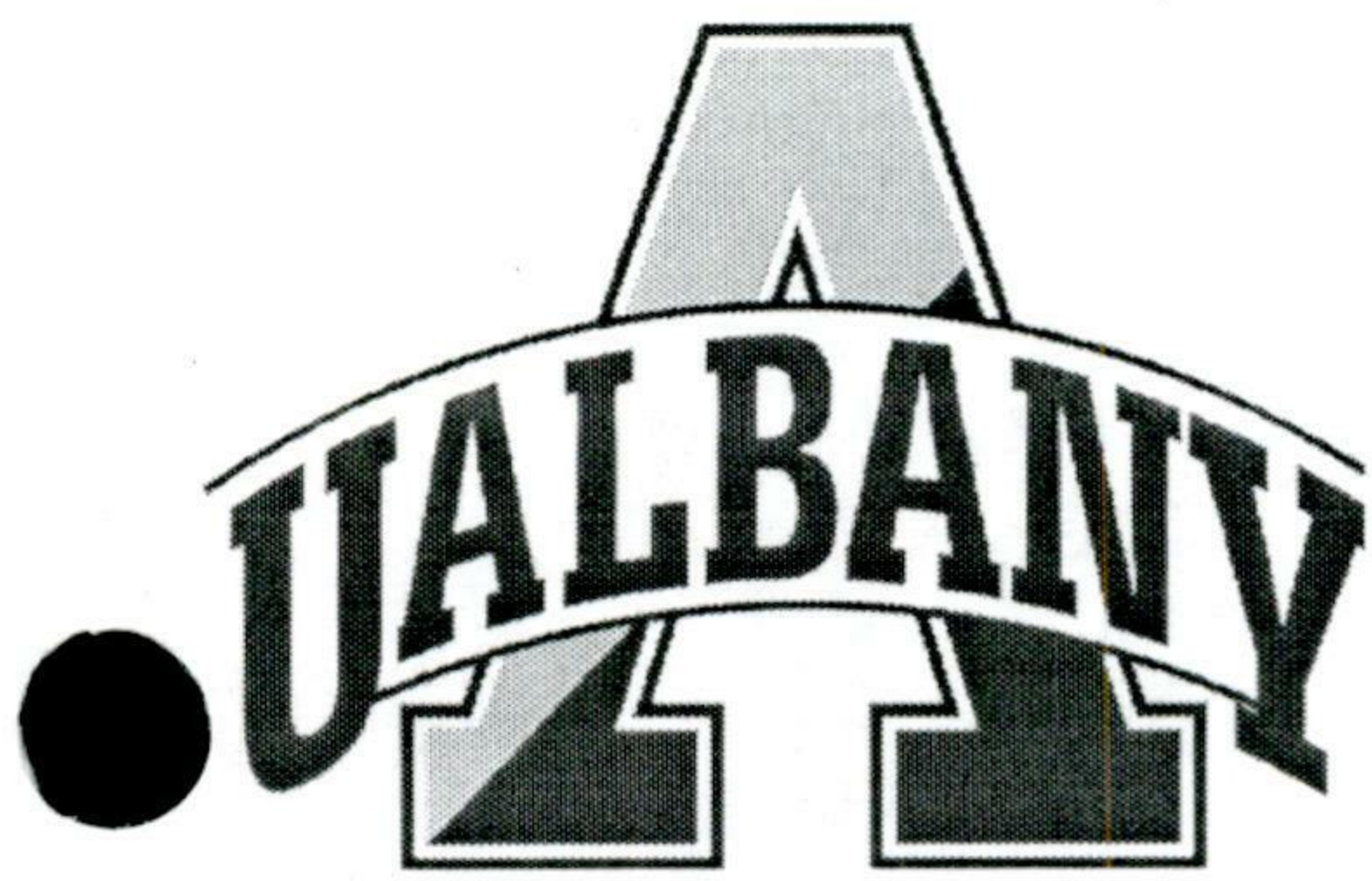
**2007-08 Chancellor's Scholar  
Athlete Awards**

**Division I**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Baseball	Michael Stephan	Stony Brook University
Men's Basketball	Brian Lillis	University at Albany
Women's Basketball	Kristin Higby	University at Albany
Men's Cross Country	Alex Felce	Stony Brook University
Women's Cross Country	Mary Veith	University at Buffalo
Football	Jamey Richard	University at Buffalo
Men's Lacrosse	Mike Ammann	University at Albany
Women's Lacrosse	Kaitlin Leggio	Stony Brook University
Men's Soccer	Adam Chavez	Binghamton University
Women's Soccer	Kim Povill	Binghamton University
Softball	Amber Maisonet	University at Albany
Men's Swimming and Diving	Michael McDowell	University at Buffalo
Women's Swimming and Diving	Meili Carpenter	University at Buffalo
Men's Tennis	Artem Baradach	Stony Brook University
Women's Tennis	Denise Harijanto	University at Buffalo
Men's Track	Rory Quiller	Binghamton University
Women's Track	Dana Hastie	Stony Brook University
Women's Volleyball	Jacqueline Kane	Binghamton University
Golf	Zachary Vinal	Binghamton University
Wrestling	Jeff Parker	University at Buffalo

**Division III - SUNYAC**

Men's Basketball	Scott Morton	SUNY Geneseo
Women's Basketball	Sara Chrystie	SUNY Oneonta
Women's Gymnastics	Brittany Burr	SUNY Brockport
Ice Hockey	Chris Koras	SUNY Brockport
Men's Track and Field	James Barracca	SUNY Cortland
Women's Track and Field	Laura Iafrati	SUNY Geneseo
Men's Swimming and Diving	Scott Horsington	SUNY Fredonia
Women's Swimming and Diving	Michelle Coombs	SUNY New Paltz
Men's Cross Country	Alex Grout	SUNY Oneonta
Women's Cross Country	Laura Iafrati	SUNY Geneseo
Field Hockey	Lauren McCauley	SUNY Geneseo
Football	Tom LaPann	SUNY Buffalo
Men's Soccer	Derek Silverman	SUNY Oneonta
Women's Soccer	Lindsey Feuz	SUNY Geneseo
Women's Soccer	Jennifer Moretti	SUNY New Paltz
Women's Tennis	Kerri Serkes	SUNY New Paltz
Women's Volleyball	Katie Becofsky	SUNY New Paltz
Baseball	Rob Maxwell	SUNY Brockport
Equestrian	Ellie Kurtz	SUNY Geneseo
Men's Lacrosse	Eddie Watts	SUNY Geneseo



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**UALBANY BASEBALL FALLS TO NEW YORK TECH, 6-5, ON SENIOR DAY**

Albany, N.Y. – Jerry Smith knocked in the game-tying run in the seventh inning to lead New York Tech to a 6-5 come-from-behind victory over UAlbany in non-conference baseball action on Sunday, May 11 at Varsity Field.

UAlbany (14-36-1) got on the board first with three runs in the bottom of the opening inning. Junior Sean Donovan was hit by a pitch with one out and sophomore Brendan Rowland followed by reaching on an error. Senior Mike Konstanty then doubled in front of the center fielder to plate Donovan and Rowland. After advancing to third on a wild pitch, Konstanty scored as the catcher threw the ball into center field trying to catch senior Tom Zink stealing.

New York Tech (17-27-2) got one run back in the top of the fourth. Effrey Valdez led off with a single to left field. After moving to third on a fielding error and a sacrifice bunt, Valdez scored on Joe Lucente's sacrifice fly to center field. The Great Danes answered back with a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame. Senior Dan Koegel and junior Gary Pitcherelle walked around a pair of outs. After a failed pickoff attempt allowed Koegel to advance to third, Donovan singled through the right side to plate Koegel. Rowland followed with a single up the middle to knock in Pitcherelle for a 5-1 lead.

The Bears cut their deficit back to two with two runs in the fifth inning. Julian Richards led off the frame with a single down the right field line. Denten Neill replaced Richards on the basepaths by hitting into a fielder's choice. Brian Smith then tripled down the left field line to score Neill. Mike LaLuna drove in Smith with a sac fly to center to cut the game to 5-3.

In the seventh, Brian Smith walked to open the inning. After a failed pickoff attempt and a walk to LaLuna, Valdez singled to right field to plate Smith and move LaLuna to third. Jerry Smith then singled to right allowing LaLuna to score and Valdez to advance to third. An errant pickoff attempt by Nate Novak allowed Valdez to race home with the eventual game-winning run.

Novak suffered the loss for the Great Danes, yielding three runs (two earned) in two innings of work. Junior Cory Warrings pitched the first five innings for UAlbany, allowing three runs (two earned) on five hits, while striking out three. Frank Ryan recorded his fifth win of the season for the Bears, giving up five runs (three earned) on five hits, while striking out five over six innings. LaLuna moved to the mound from shortstop to record the final out, with runners on first and second, for his first save of the season.

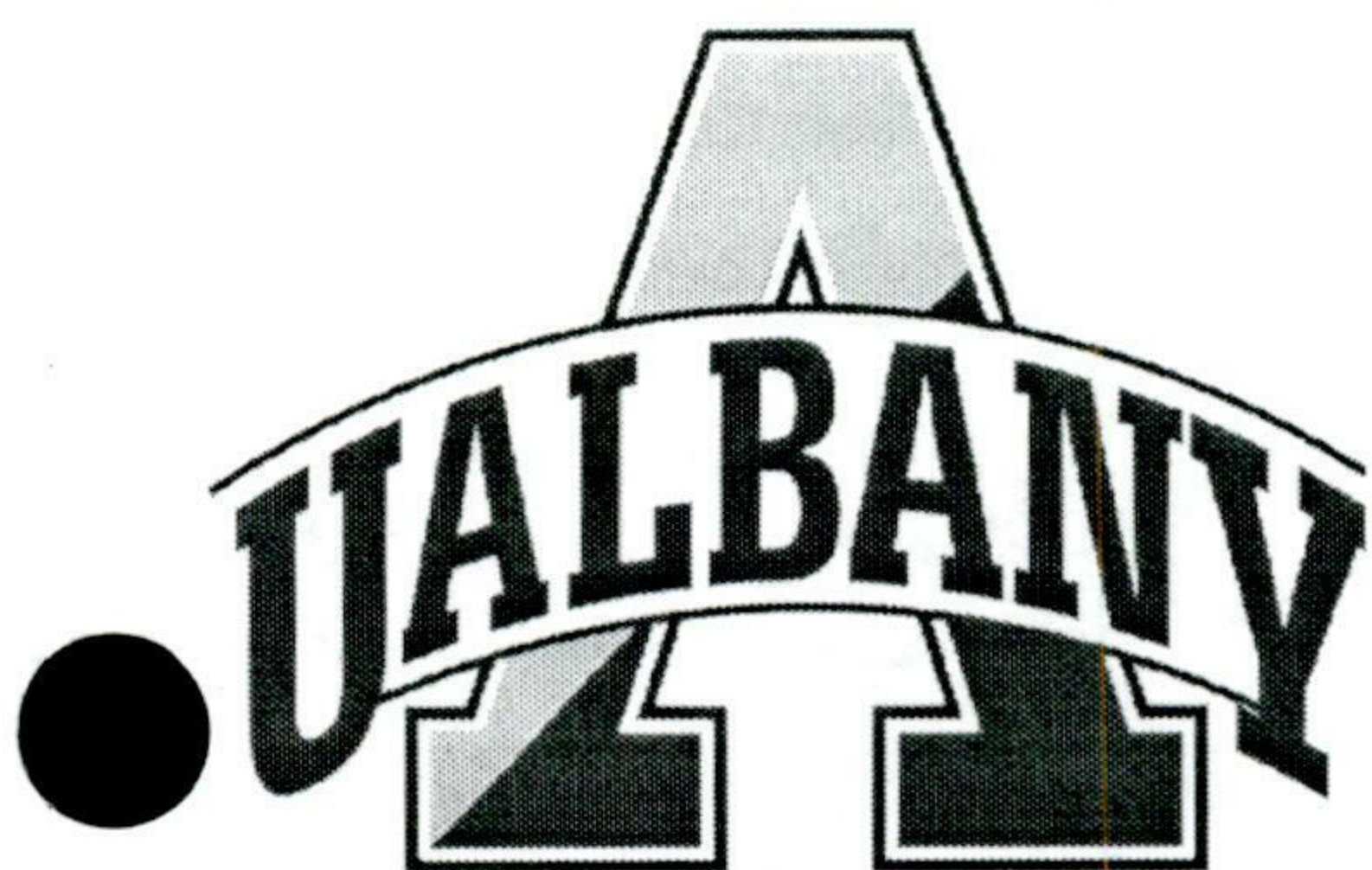
The Great Danes open their final America East Conference series of the season against Stony Brook on Thursday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m.

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New York Tech (17-27-2)	000	120	300	-	6	9	5
UAlbany (14-36-1)	300	200	000	-	5	9	3

New York Tech: Frank Ryan (W, 5-4), Matt Doran (7), Mike LaLuna (9, S, 1) and George Carroll, Greg Gilroy (9).

UAlbany: Cory Warrings, Nate Novak (6, L, 0-8), Marco Rivera (8), Casey Walsh (8) and Tom Zink.



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**MIKE KONSTANTY SETS SINGLE-SEASON HOME RUN RECORD AS UALBANY BASEBALL SWEEPS NEW YORK TECH**

Albany, N.Y. – Mike Konstanty blasted a two-run homer in the seventh inning to break the program’s single-season home run record to lead UAlbany to a doubleheader sweep of New York Tech in non-conference baseball action on Saturday, May 10 at Varsity Field. The Great Danes took game one, 7-3, and won the nightcap, 8-3.

UAlbany (14-35-1) opened a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning of the first game. Following lead-off walks to Kyle Crean and Zac Halloran and a pop out, junior Gary Pitcherelle recorded an infield single and advanced to second on a throwing error, allowing Crean to score. After a groundout, sophomore Brendan Rowland blasted a three-run shot to right field for his ninth homer of the season. Konstanty followed with a single, stole second and was forced in after three consecutive walks.

Following three scoreless innings, Donovan singled with one out in the seventh. Two batters later, Konstanty blasted his 13th homer of the season to left center to give the Great Danes a 7-0 lead. The previous record of 12 was established by Steve Checksfield in 2000. New York Tech (16-27-2) brought the tying run to the plate in the bottom of the ninth inning, but junior Sean Gregory induced a fly out to end the frame. Joe Lucente opened the inning with an infield single. Following consecutive walks to load the bases, pinch-runner Eric Cos scored on a wild pitch. After a UAlbany pitching change, Brian Smith drove in Greg Gilroy from third with a double down the right field line. Bob Garland added NYIT’s third run as he scored on a groundout. A hit batsman and walk loaded the bases before Gregory retired Christian Dienna.

In game two, Rowland gave the Great Danes a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first with a two-run single down the left field line, driving in Pitcherelle and Donovan, who singled and walked, respectively. The Bears answered back with three runs in the top of the second. Effrey Valdez led off the frame with a single up the middle. Following a pair of outs, Gilroy doubled to the gap in left center to plate Valdez. Dienna then tripled to left center to knock in Gilroy. An ensuing passed ball allowed Dienna to score.

UAlbany evened the score in the bottom of the second and scored five times in the third and fourth innings for the win. Pete Eichner knotted the score at three with a solo blast to lead off the second. In the third, Konstanty doubled to right center to open the frame and came around to score on a wild pitch and a throwing error on the catcher. The Great Danes put the game away with four runs in the fourth. A single by Jamie Liebowitz, a double by Eichner and a walk to Pitcherelle loaded the bases with no outs. Donovan walked to force in Liebowitz before Rowland reached on a fielder’s choice and advanced to second on a throwing error, allowing Eichner and Pitcherelle to score. Two batters later, Ryan Gugel singled to right field to drive in Rowland from third.

Junior Josh Willimott tossed seven scoreless innings, while striking out seven, in game one to pick up his team-high fifth win of the season. Gregory picked up his third save of the season by recording one out in the ninth. Andrew Guarrasi suffered the loss for the Bears, yielding five runs on four hits over five innings. In game two, freshman David Kubiak struck out four over six innings to register his fourth victory of the year. Preston Wasmund took the loss in relief in the nightcap, allowing six runs (four earned) in 3.1 innings. Rowland registered six runs batted in on the afternoon, while Konstanty had three hits and three runs scored.

The Great Danes and the Bears will wrap up their three-game non-conference series on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. UAlbany will honor its five members of the class of 2008 prior to the first pitch.

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Game One

NYIT (16-26-2)	000	000	003	-	3	10	2
UAlbany (13-35-1)	005	000	20X	-	7	6	0

NYIT: Andrew Guarrasi (L), Louie Bernardi (6) and George Carroll.

UAlbany: Josh Willimott (w, 5-3), Chris Ott (8), Hunter Moffatt (9), Sean Gregory (9, S, 3) and Ryan Gugel.

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Game Two

NYIT (16-27-2)	030	000	0	-	3	9	2
UAlbany (14-35-1)	211	400	X	-	8	7	1

NYIT: Eric Johnson, Preston Wasmund (1, L), Bobby Tesseyman (5), Chris Colleran (6) and Greg Gilroy.  
UAlbany: David Kubiak (W, 4-0), Matthew Herrick (7) and Ryan Gugel.





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**LUKE SCHOEN SETS POLE VAULT RECORD AT 14TH ANNUAL UALBANY SPRING CLASSIC**

Albany, N.Y. – Luke Schoen set a school and facility record in the men's pole vault to highlight the list of performances at the 14th annual UAlbany Spring Classic on Saturday afternoon at University Field. Schoen cleared the bar at 17-feet, 5-inches, tying the 11th-best national collegiate mark this season.

Schoen, a sophomore, broke his own UAlbany standard and shattered a 13-year-old facility record on his first attempt at that height. Ryan Dall established the previous record of 17-0.75 in 1995. Schoen had the bar raised to 17-7, but missed all three attempts.

"It couldn't have gone better," said Schoen, who will compete at the IC4A championship in Princeton, N.J. next weekend. "I am set up pretty well to make the NCAAs. It was nice to get a personal best at home and my parents were here to see it."

All-America hurdler Joe Greene continued his way back from a leg injury suffered this past winter to run a season-best 53.88 seconds in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles. Jeffrey Barnes (Albany H.S.) and Fred Casimo (Shaker) posted IC4A-qualifying marks in the 100-meter dash and long jump, respectively. Barnes, the current America East Conference 200-dash champion, sprinted 10.90 seconds. Casimo won the long jump in 23-feet, 4.50-inches.

In the women's competition, freshman Rebecca Kelly qualified for the USAT&F Junior National Championships in the 400-meter hurdles with a time 1:03.12. Kelly's performance will take her to Columbus, Ohio on June 20-22 where she will compete at Ohio State University's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.

"I never would have guessed that I would qualify for nationals," explained Kelly, who began competing in the hurdles as a high school senior and made the junior standard by two-hundredths of a second. "Kamilah (McShine) got me off to a good start. I was so into it today. I hit most of my steps."

In addition, Wilfredo de Jesus Elias won the hammer throw with an IC4A distance of 183-06. The men's 4x100 relay also improved its IC4A standing with a season-best 41.46 seconds. Raphael Jean-Baptiste, Torshiro Jenkins, Drew Harrison and Barnes are relay members. Brenna Militello advanced to the ECAC championship in the high jump. Her height of 5-7 is just three-quarters of an inch off her school record.

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**14th Annual UAlbany Spring Classic****Women's Results**

100 Meter Dash: 1. Diana Cruz (Club Santurce), 12.93; 200 Meter Dash: 1. Christen Griffin (UAlbany), 25.50; 400 Meter Dash: 1. Octavia Clarkson (UAlbany), 59.43; 800 Meter Run: 1. Zuliana Fontanez (UAlbany), 2:15.26; 1500 Meter Run: 1. Laine Sefick (UAlbany), 5:02.54; 100 Meter Hurdles: Valerie Maignan (UAlbany), 15.77; 400 Meter Hurdles: 1. Rebecca Kelly (UAlbany), 1:03.12; 3000 Meter Steeplechase: 1. Danielle Trimpop (UAlbany), 10:59.32; 4x100 Meter Relay: 1. UAlbany (Kamilah McShine, Christen Griffin, Jennifer Garrant, Ashley Vives), 48.18; 4x400 Meter Relay: 1. UAlbany (Octavia Clarkson, Laura Bolognino, Rebecca Kelly, Zuliana Fontanez), 4:04.21; High Jump: 1. Brenna Militello (UAlbany), 5-07.00; Pole Vault: 1. Krystal Myers (UAlbany), 9-00.25; Long Jump: 1. Jennifer Garrant (UAlbany), 18-09.25; Triple Jump: 1. Sandy Antenor (UAlbany), 38-04.00; Shot Put: 1. Kadine Johnson (UAlbany), 42-06.00; Discus: 1. Kadine Johnson (UAlbany), 137-11; Hammer Throw: 1. Louise Duffus (Unattached), 154-03; Javelin: 1. Ashley Lewis (UAlbany), 118-09.

**Men's Results**

100 Meter Dash: 1. Jeffery Barnes (UAlbany), 10.90; 200 Meter Dash: 1. Jeffrey Barnes (UAlbany), 21.89; 400 Meter Dash: 1. Nicholas Lemp (UAlbany), 50.97; 800 Meter Run: 1. Joe Belokopitsky (UAlbany), 1:52.59; 1500 Meter Run: Onar Ayala (Club Santurce), 4:12.52; 5000 Meter Run: 1. Brian Yurkewecz (UAlbany), 15:27.57; 110 Meter Hurdles: 1. Jean Juste (UAlbany), 14.52; 400 Meter Hurdles: 1. Joe Greene (UAlbany), 53.88; 3000 Meter Steeplechase: 1. Chris Frank (RPI), 10:00.60; 4x100 Meter Relay: 1. UAlbany (Raphael Jean-Baptiste, Drew Harrison, Torshiro Jenkins, Jeffery Barnes), 41.46; 4x400 Meter Relay: 1. UAlbany (Nicholas Lemp, Alan Nimblette, Andrew Overbaugh, Joe Greene), 3:30.88; High Jump: 1. Dan Jimenez (RPI), 6-04.75; Pole Vault: 1. Luke Schoen (UAlbany), 17-05.00 (school & facility record); Long Jump: 1. Frederick Casimo (UAlbany), 23-04.50; Triple Jump: 1. Don Ning Hu (UAlbany), 46-01.50; Shot Put: 1. Renauld Buck (UAlbany), 48-10.00; Discus: 1. Michael Lynch (Unattached), 147-01; Hammer Throw: 1. Wilfredo de Jusus Elias (UAlbany), 183-06; Javelin: 1. Marc Pallozzi (Unattached), 223-03.



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### STONY BROOK DEFEATS UALBANY IN AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Albany, N.Y. – Alyssa Struzenberg fired a four-hit shutout to lead Stony Brook to a 4-0 win over UAlbany in the championship round of the America East Conference Tournament on Saturday afternoon at Albany Field. The Seawolves, who won their first-ever conference title to secure an automatic NCAA berth, became the fourth team in the last seven years to go undefeated in postseason tournament play.

Struzenberg, the championship's most outstanding player, struck out five and walked three in posting her ninth shutout of the season. She was aided by three double plays that wiped out scoring threats in the first and third innings. Right fielder Ashley Westphal made a catch toward the line and fired to first base to get the force on UAlbany's Michelle Connors in the opening frame. Shortstop Vicki Kavitsky later dove to her right in the hole to rob Andrianna Walraven of a base hit, before doubling off Jessica Bergin with a throw to second base.

Stony Brook (33-21-1) broke through in the second when first baseman Marissa Fleury drilled the second pitch she saw over the center field fence just to right of the 210-foot sign for her seventh home run of the season. In the fourth, Kelsi Fanelli and Fleury both singled with one out. Catcher Jade Clare then blasted a 1-2 pitch, a three-run homer that hit the scoreboard in left field.

"I thought the pitch before (Clare's homer) was on the corner, and so did my catcher," said UAlbany right-hander Marissa Powell, who fell to 13-10 on the season. "I left the next one over the plate. Give her kudos, she took the pitch given to her and hit it."

Struzenberg, the America East pitcher of the year, also worked out of her own trouble in the fifth when Leanne Tillman singled up the middle and Kat Smith walked to start the inning. But Struzenberg, who beat UAlbany (34-17) for the second straight day after scattering seven hits in a 7-2 triumph in a winner's bracket game, regrouped by striking out two of the next three batters. The sophomore improved to 24-8 in the circle, a school record for single-season victories.

"They came into the tournament hitting the ball well," said UAlbany coach Chris Cannata, whose program had captured the previous three conference championships. "We couldn't get a big hit when we needed one. It's part of the game. This was a good experience for a young team; we will be back."

Leah McIntosh, who threw a one-hit shutout in Friday's elimination game against UMBC, was one of three UAlbany players voted to the all-championship team. Amber Maisonet, a four-time all-conference outfielder, and third baseman Meagan Butsch were also selected.

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#### America East Conference Championship

UAlbany (34-17)	000	000	0	-	0	4	0
Stony Brook (33-21-1)	010	300	x	-	4	7	1

UAlbany: Marissa Powell (13-10) and Kat Smith.

Stony Brook: Alyssa Struzenberg (24-8) and Jade Clare.

HR: SB - Marissa Fleury (7), Jade Clare (3).

#### 2008 America East Conference Softball Championship

##### Albany Field – Albany, N.Y.

##### Thursday, May 8

Game One: #1 UAlbany 4, #4 UMBC 0

Game Two: #3 Stony Brook 3, #2 Boston U. 0

##### Friday, May 9

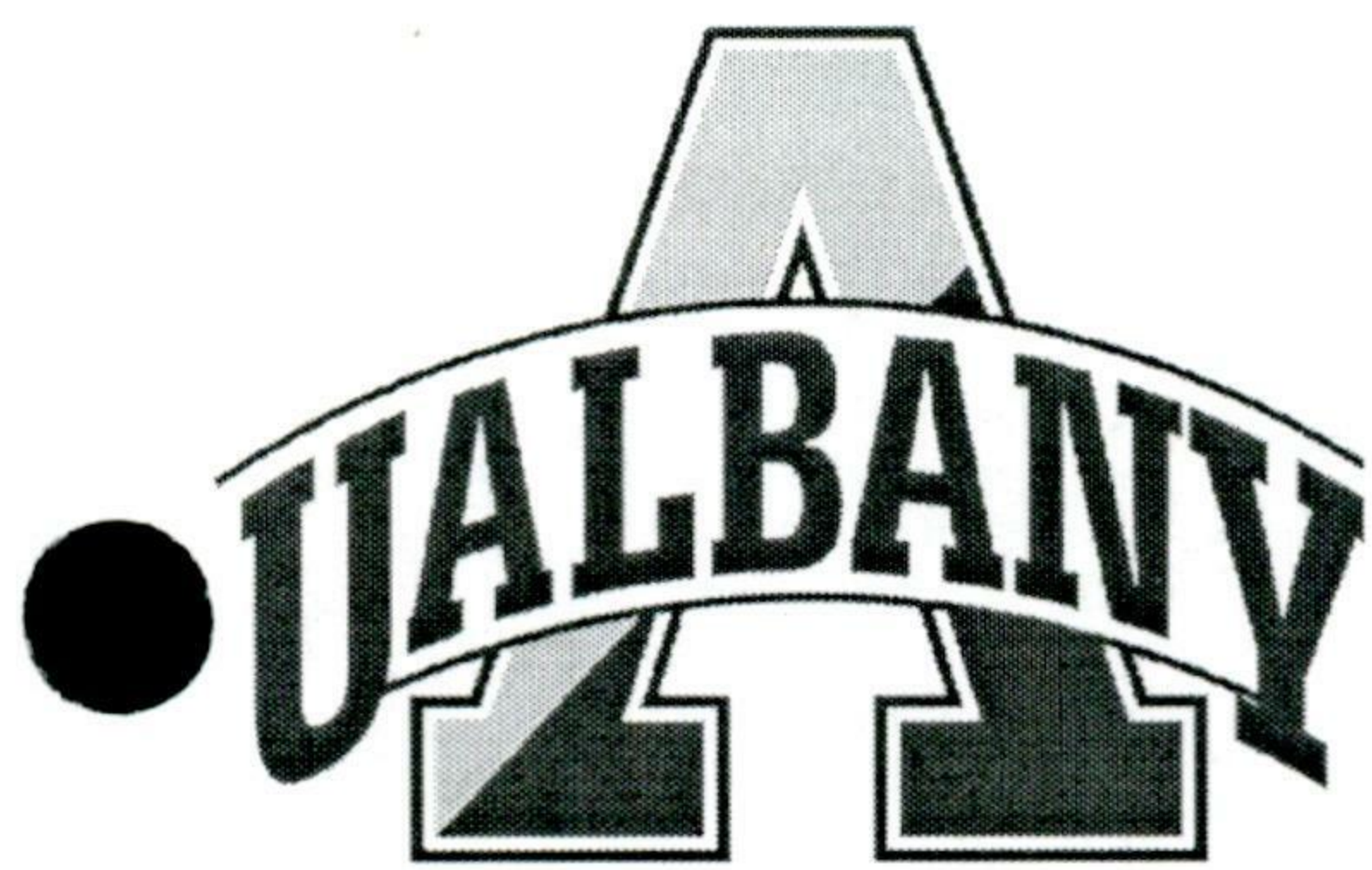
Game Three: Stony Brook 7, UAlbany 2

Game Four: UMBC 5, Boston U. 3

Game Five: UAlbany 4, UMBC 0

##### Saturday, May 10

Game Six: Stony Brook 4, UAlbany 0



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### UALBANY ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AGAINST STONY BROOK

Albany, N.Y. – Leah McIntosh tossed her ninth shutout of the season, a one-hitter, as UAlbany advanced to the championship round of the America East Conference Tournament with a 4-0 victory over UMBC in an elimination game on Friday afternoon at Albany Field. Stony Brook defeated the Great Danes, 7-2, in the winner’s bracket earlier in the day to make the final for the first time in the program’s history. The two teams will play for an automatic NCAA berth.

UAlbany (34-16) broke up a scoreless tie in the fifth inning with a two-out rally. Nicole Kothe singled to right field, before Amber Maisonet bunted to reach base safely. After Andrianna Walraven fouled out to the third baseman, Michelle Connors worked a 1-2 count into a walk to load the bases. Meagan Butsch then ripped the first pitch she saw up the middle to drive in a pair of runs. Freshman Gina Mason followed with a two-run single, as she sent a 2-2 pitch to the left of the second-base bag and into centerfield.

McIntosh, who improved to 17-6 on the year, struck out seven and walked three in registering her 20th complete game. She worked out of a mild trouble in the third. Lynn Pronobis started the inning with an infield single and moved to third base after two sacrifices, but the sophomore hurler fanned Julia Culotta on an inside pitch with the count full. McIntosh, who struck out the side in the fourth and threw 90 pitches overall, had two runners aboard in the seventh, but ended the uprising when Pronobis popped out to end the game.

“I felt more pressure in the first game (against Stony Brook),” said McIntosh, whose team is the tournament’s top seed after winning the regular-season title. “I stepped it up (in the second game), but the catcher does all the work. She makes all the calls. The first five innings were hectic, but then we scored some runs. It is easier to pitch when you have more than a one- or two-run lead.”

In the first game of the day, Molly Kestranek had three hits, including her third home run of the season, in leading Stony Brook (32-21) to a 7-2 triumph. The Seawolves jumped on McIntosh with three runs over the first two innings. Marissa Fleury’s soft-liner over the shortstop’s right shoulder plated Vicki Kavitsky, who had reached on a fielder’s choice and stole second base. Kestranek drove a 1-2 pitch over the left-field fence to begin the second. Casey Jacobs, who followed in the order, would walk on five pitches and later score on Kavitsky’s sacrifice fly to right field.

The Seawolves, who upended second-seed Boston University, 3-0, in Thursday’s opening round, built a 6-0 lead after fourth innings against reliever Marissa Powell. In the third, Kestranek singled up the middle with two outs. She later came across on Kelly Oberto’s line drive over the second baseman’s head. Crista Cerrone knocked in another run by slapping an 0-2 pitch the other way over the shortstop’s glove. Kelsi Fanelli led off the fourth with her eighth homer of the year over the 210-sign in centerfield.

UAlbany broke through against Stony Brook’s Alyssa Struzenberg, the conference’s pitcher of the year, in the fifth. Maisonet, who went 3-for-4 at the plate in the first contest, singled and scored on Michelle Connors’ base hit to left field. Maisonet added a RBI double in the sixth.

Struzenberg, who improved to 23-8 overall and has beaten UAlbany twice this spring, scattered seven hits and struck out five in recording her 20th complete game. The sophomore right-hander has already established the school’s single-season record for pitching wins.

“We had a little better attitude going into the second game,” offered UAlbany coach Chris Cannata, whose squad is in the championship final for the fourth consecutive year. “Leah had more speed and movement and she had neither in the first game. It’s going to be tough to win twice tomorrow.”

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America East Conference Championship  
(Loser’s Bracket)

UMBC (25-29)	000	000	0	-	0	1	0
UAlbany (34-16)	122	110	x	-	4	7	0

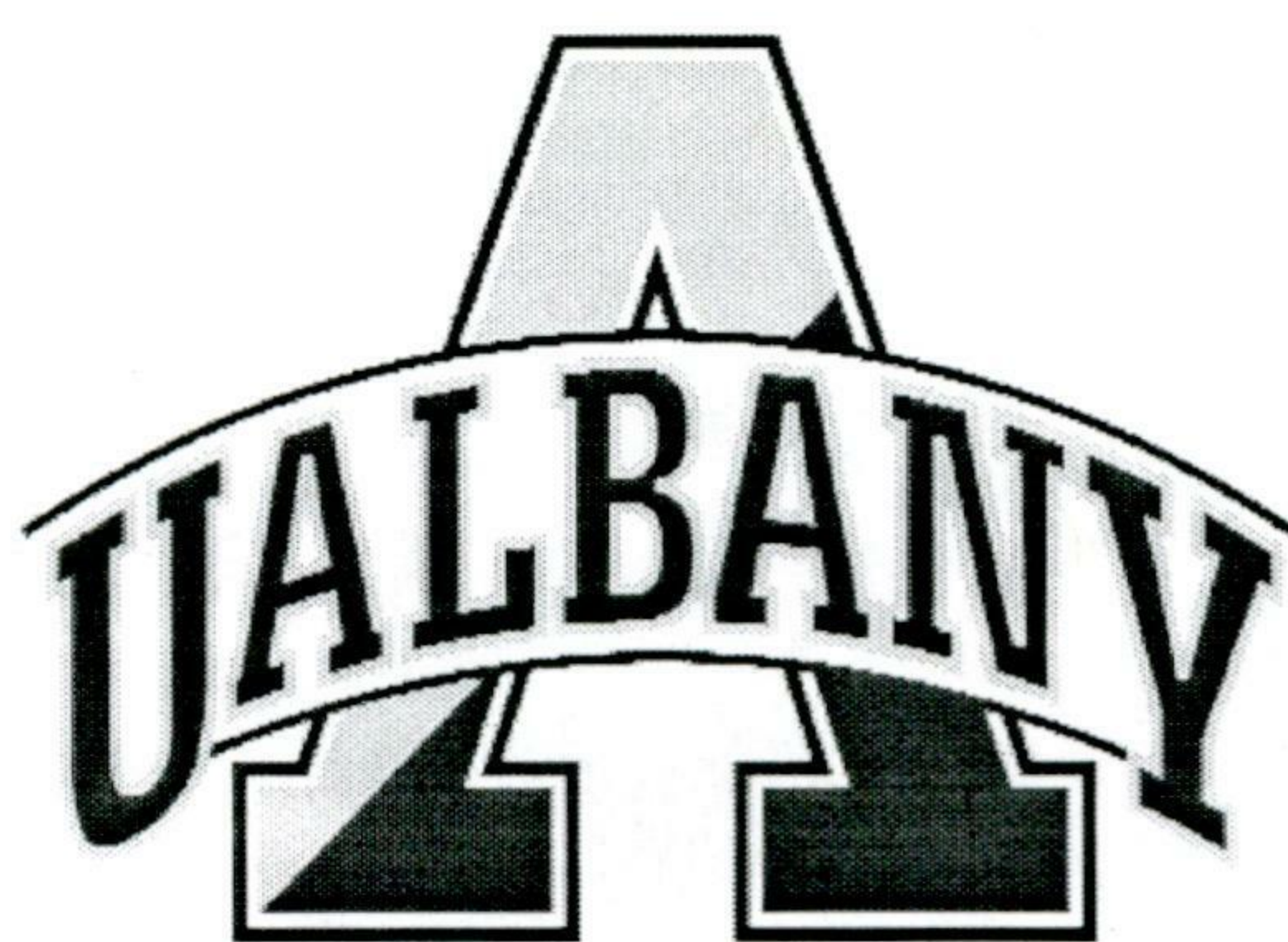
UMBC: Ashley Gray (7-11) and Kali Shirk. UAlbany: Leah McIntosh (17-6) and Kat Smith.

(Second Round)

UAlbany (33-16)	000	011	0	-	2	7	1
Stony Brook (32-21)	122	110	x	-	7	13	2

UAlbany: Leah McIntosh (16-6), Marissa Powell (3), Brittany Rose (5) and Kat Smith.

Stony Brook: Alyssa Struzenberg (23-8) and Jade Clare.



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## Siena and UAlbany Renew Albany Cup

### *Schools Ink Three-Year Deal to Continue Men's Basketball Rivalry*

**ALBANY, N.Y.** - Siena College and the University at Albany will renew their men's basketball rivalry at Times Union Center December 6, 2008. The game will be the first in a new three-year agreement between the institutions.

The Albany Cup has grown into one of the most anticipated area sporting events since it tipped off in downtown Albany in 2001 after a 25-year hiatus coinciding with Siena's move to Division I in 1976-77.

A total of 75,830 fans have turned out for the seven meetings since the series was renewed, an average of 10,833 per game. A series-record 13,262 fans attended the game this past season.

"The Times Union Center is honored to once again host the hottest college basketball rivalry game in the region," stated Bob Belber — General Manager of Times Union Center. "I am very happy that terms could be worked out between Siena and UAlbany to allow their fans the ability to catch this exciting matchup,"

The schools' women's basketball programs will not play during the 2008-2009 season due to scheduling conflicts. The women's basketball series will resume as part of a doubleheader with the men's game during the 2009-2010 season.

"The three-year extension of this college basketball series is good for UAlbany, Siena and area basketball fans," UAlbany vice president and director of athletics Lee McElroy said. "We look forward to participating in an event that benefits the Capital Region."

"We began playing this series for the community, and pledged to continue playing it as long as the support remained," Siena College director of athletics John D'Argenio said. "The fans, especially this past season, have been tremendous, so continuing the series made sense."

Siena has won six of the seven games played on the men's side since 2001 and five of six women's contests. The Saints lead the all-time men's series 29-18 and the women's series 9-3.

"This is a great game for the City of Albany and the surrounding area," UAlbany head men's basketball coach Will Brown said. "It only makes sense that the two Division I basketball programs in this area meet on an annual basis. I am sure that our students, fans and alumni will be excited that the series is continuing."

"The community support for this game has been overwhelming," Siena head men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery said. "It has evolved into a game that the fans from both schools look forward to each season, and we're happy to see it continue."

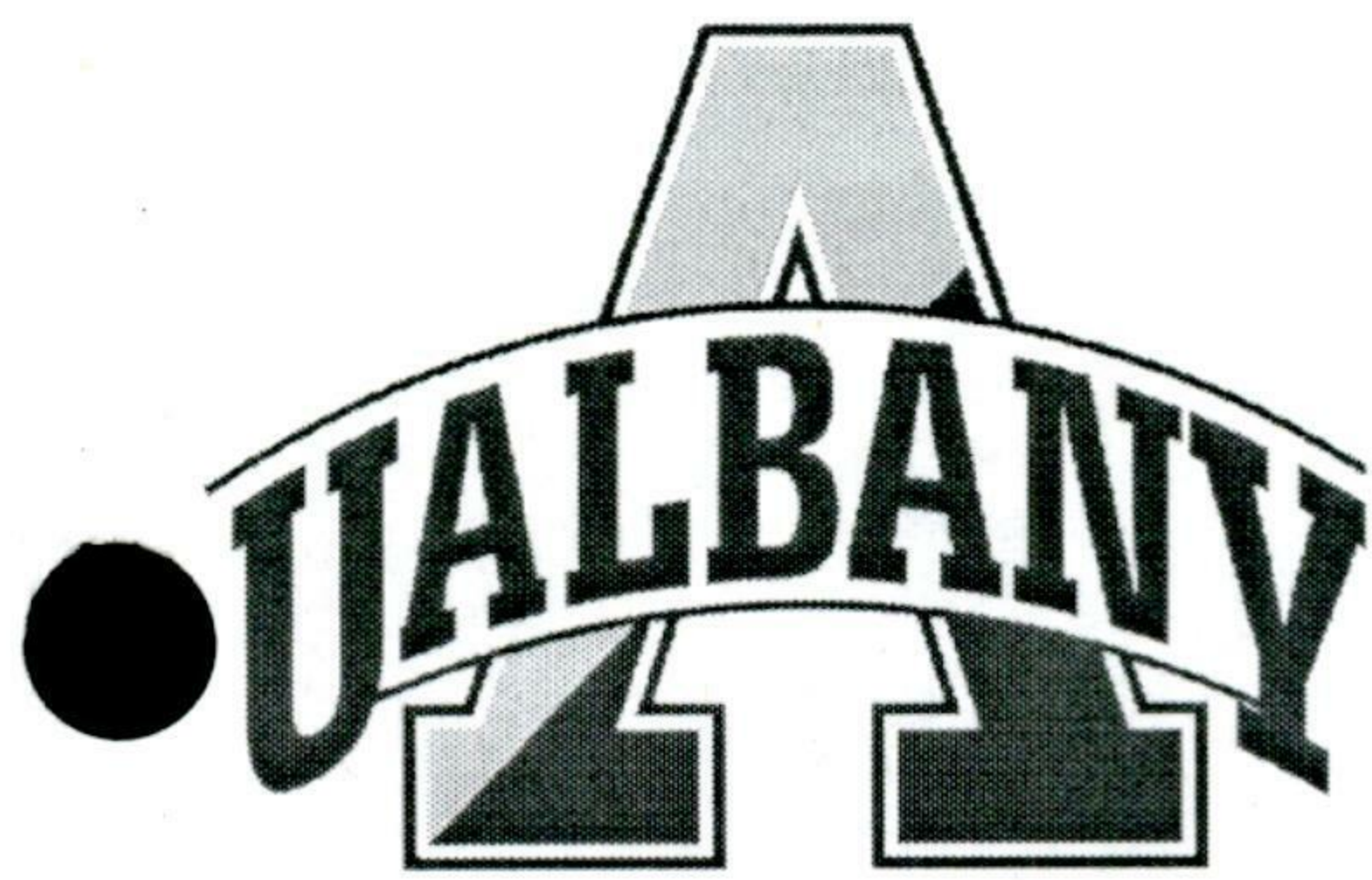
### Albany Cup Attendance Figures

*(at Times Union Center/Pepsi Arena)*

November 27, 2001 (Siena 60, UAlbany 48)	10,285
November 22, 2002 (Siena 79, UAlbany 75)	11,672
November 21, 2003 (Siena 71, UAlbany 50)	11,797
November 23, 2004 (UAlbany 86, Siena 65)	8,904
December 3, 2005 (Siena 82, UAlbany 74 OT)	8,641
December 2, 2006 (Siena 76, UAlbany 75 2OT)	11,271
December 1, 2007 (Siena 75, UAlbany 71)	13,262

**Total Attendance: 7 games: 75,830**

**Average Attendance: 10,833**



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## UALBANY BLANKS UMBC, 4-0, IN OPENING ROUND OF AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Albany, N.Y. – Leah McIntosh fired a two-hit shutout and struck out 12 batters in leading UAlbany to a 4-0 victory over UMBC in the opening round of the America East Conference Softball Championship on Thursday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who are the double-elimination tournament's top seed, advanced to Friday's winner's bracket contest at 11:00 a.m.

McIntosh, a sophomore right-hander, was in complete control in upping her record to 16-5 in the circle. She gave up Amanda Fefel's lead-off single in the second and her one-out double down the left-field line in the seventh. McIntosh, who recorded her eighth shutout of the season, has allowed two hits or less in six starting assignments this season.

UAlbany (33-15) broke up a scoreless deadlock in the fourth with a two-out uprising. Meagan Butsch walked in between a pair of fly outs, before right fielder Jessica Bergin lined a single into the left-field gap. UMBC center fielder Lynn Pronobis was unable to come up the ball, allowing it to roll all the way to fence, and Butsch came around to score. Leanne Tillman followed with an RBI single up the middle to provide her team with a two-run advantage.

The Great Danes, who won the conference's regular-season title with a three-game sweep last weekend, tacked on two runs in the fifth. Amber Maisonet laid a bunt down the third-base line for a base hit, before shortstop Andrianna Walraven walked on a 3-2 pitch. Butsch was hit by a pitch to load the bases with two outs. Freshman Gina Mason then went the opposite way with a single near the right-field line, aided by a northwest wind, that scored a pair of base runners.

"The first game (of a tournament) is the most important," said UAlbany coach Chris Cannata, whose program has produced 30 or more wins in seven consecutive seasons. "You don't want to play all day tomorrow. It was good to get the nerves out."

McIntosh, who struck out the side in the first and second innings and threw 84 pitches in recording her 20th complete-game effort of the season, finished off UMBC (24-28) with two strikeouts to end the game following Fefel's double. She sent down third baseman Emily Thompson on a 1-2 pitch and then got left fielder Lauren Brummell swinging.

"Everything was working and this is the time that it needs to work," commented McIntosh, a first-team all-conference selection who has registered 12 or more strikeouts against six opponents this spring. "I just went out and hoped for the best. When you get four runs and your hitters are hitting, it makes you feel comfortable."

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America East Conference Softball Championship (First Round)

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UAlbany (33-15)	000	220	x	-	4	5	0

UMBC: Ashley Gray (7-10) and Kali Shirk.

UAlbany: Leah McIntosh (16-5) and Kat Smith.

## SIX UALBANY ATHLETES RECEIVE AMERICA EAST ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS

Cambridge, Mass. – Track champion Laura Cummings leads a group of six UAlbany spring athletes to be named to America East Conference all-academic teams, as announced by the conference office on Thursday afternoon. Each all-academic squad has been selected based on the student-athlete's academic and athletic accomplishments. Academic achievement for consideration requires student-athletes to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 entering the season. Athletic standards vary between team sports and individual sports. For track & field, student-athletes are required to be a top-three finisher at the conference championship meet.

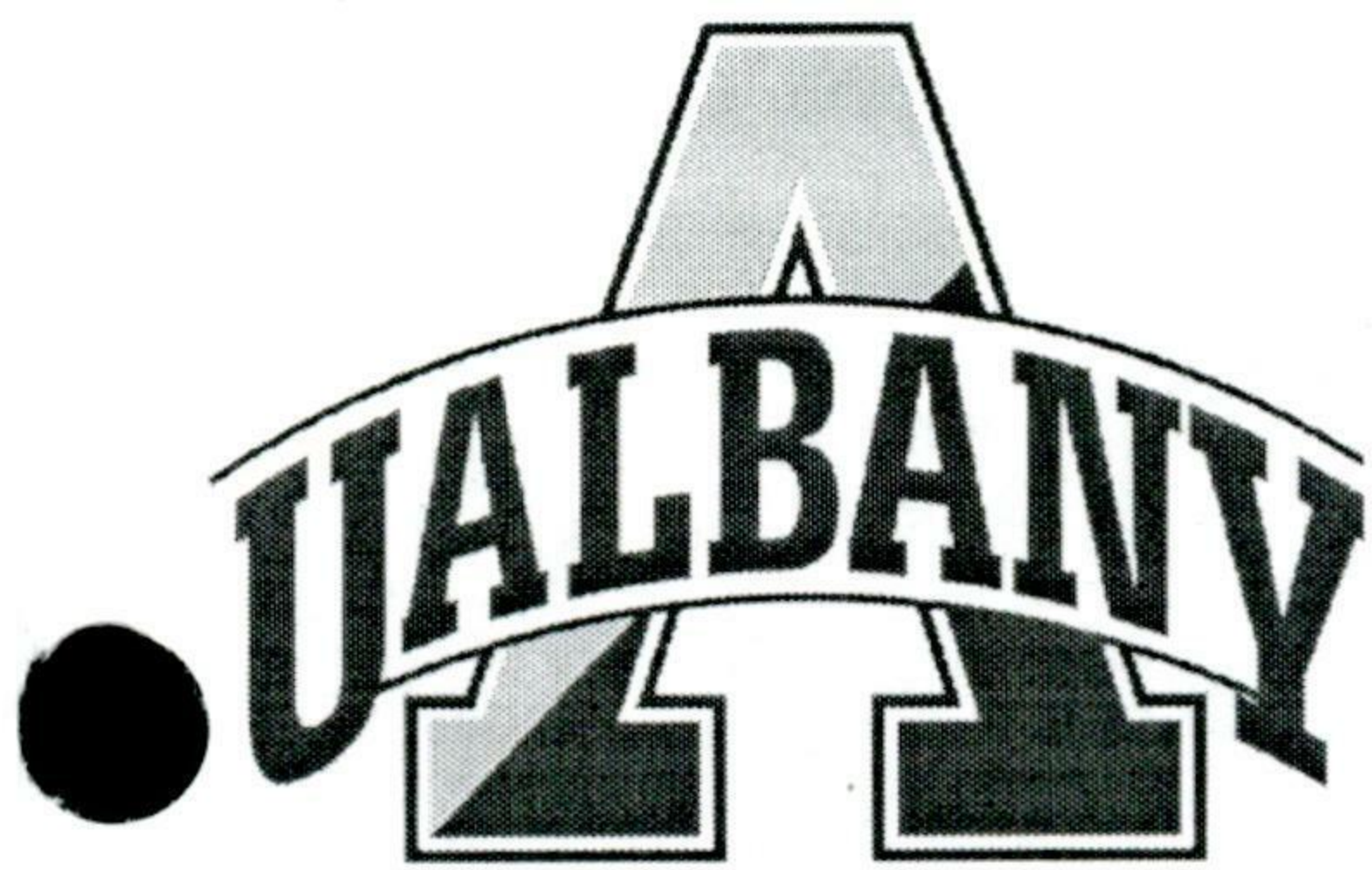
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Cummings, a junior English major from Bay Shore, N.Y., registered a pair of top-3 finishes at last weekend's America East championship to appear on her second all-academic team of the year. She won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a school-record time of 10:33.60 and placed third in the 1,500-meter run in 4:33.09. Senior Arina Gerasimova, a business administration major, recorded a third-place finish in the triple jump with a leap of 39-feet, 10.50-inches.

Three members of the America East champion men's track and field team were named to the all-academic unit. Sophomore Valette Graham, a psychology major, won last Saturday's long jump with a distance of 24-feet, 0.25-inches. Senior Renauld Buck, who has a dual major in history and communication, turned in a third-place finish in the shot put with a toss of 49-feet, 7.75-inches. Nick Assini, a junior business administration major, finished third in the 110-meter high hurdles in a season-best time of 14.53 seconds.

Jessica Signorelli earned America East all-academic honors after placing fifth at the America East Women's Golf Championship last weekend. Signorelli, a sophomore communication major, carded a two-round score of 165 to help lead the Great Danes to their second America East title in the last five years.



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**CHRIS CANNATA NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE SOFTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Chris Cannata was named the America East Conference Coach of the Year in softball, as announced at the annual conference banquet held at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Albany on Wednesday evening. The Great Danes also placed three team members on the all-conference first team.

Cannata earned the top coaching award for the fourth time since UAlbany joined the America East in 2001. In her 14th season at the helm of the Great Dane program, Cannata guided UAlbany to a 32-15 record overall, and went 16-5 in conference play en route to winning the regular-season title. Cannata won her 400th career game on April 19. She has a 409-203-1 record during her tenure.

Senior left fielder Amber Maisonet leads a group of three Great Danes on the all-conference first team. Maisonet, the first UAlbany player to earn first-team honors four times, is batting .372 and leads the team with 55 hits. She has scored 30 runs and driven in 15 more, while going 25-of-29 on stolen base attempts. Maisonet, who was also named to the all-academic team, became the program's all-time hits leader this season with 227. She is also tied for first on the career runs chart with 148 and is second with 94 stolen bases.

Junior third baseman Meagan Butsch makes her first appearance on an all-conference team, after being named to the all-rookie squad as a freshman. Butsch, who earned a spot on the conference's all-academic squad, leads the team with a .381 average and has recorded 53 hits, 27 runs and 28 RBI. She has a team-high .633 slugging percentage after knocking out seven home runs, six doubles and four triples as a junior. Butsch was named the America East and ECAC player of the week on April 13.

Sophomore pitcher Leah McIntosh, an all-rookie choice last year, is also a member of the first team. McIntosh has led the UAlbany staff, accumulating 197 strikeouts in 139.2 innings of work and a 1.65 ERA. In 22 appearances this season, McIntosh has posted a 15-5 record with 19 complete games, including seven shutouts and two no-hitters. McIntosh, who also earned all-academic team honors, was named the conference's pitcher of the week on four occasions during the season.

Second baseman Michelle Connors earned all-conference second-team recognition after making first-team and all-rookie appearances as a freshman. Connors hit .331 in her second season, recording 41 hits, including a team-high eight doubles and eight home runs. She also led the team with 31 runs scored and 29 RBI.

Sophomore utility player Bailey Van Deest earned All-America East recognition for the first time with a spot on the all-conference second team. Van Deest recorded a .290 average, seeing time in right field and as the designated player. Van Deest had 27 hits on the season, including seven doubles, and drove in 14 runs.

Freshmen Andrianna Walraven and Gina Mason were honored with all-rookie team accolades. Walraven, who started 46 games at shortstop, hit .205 with 26 hits and 15 runs scored. Mason batted .230 with 28 hits, including seven doubles and five home runs. She scored 17 runs and drove in 25 more. Mason earned the conference's final rookie of the week honor on May 4.

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**2008 All-America East Conference Awards**

**First Team:** Leah McIntosh, UAlbany; Alyssa Struzenberg, Stony Brook; Kali Shirk, UMBC; Marissa Fleury, Stony Brook; Ashley Waters, Maine; Meagan Butsch, UAlbany; Melissa Dubay, Boston U.; Amber Maisonet, UAlbany; April Setterlund, Boston U.; Shayne Lotito, Boston U.; Ashley Gray, UMBC; Amanda Fefel, UMBC.

**Second Team:** Cassidi Hardy, Boston U.; Brittney Stratton, Hartford; Christy Leath, Boston U.; Rachel Hebert, Boston U.; Michelle Connors, UAlbany; Terren Hall, Maine; Vicki Kavitsky, Stony Brook; Alexis Souhlaris, Maine; Kelsi Fanelli, Stony Brook; Rachelle Eloschuk, Vermont; Tyler Benson, Boston U.; Bailey Van Deest, UAlbany.

**All-Rookie:** Andrianna Walraven, UAlbany; Gina Mason, UAlbany; Brianna Andrews, Binghamton; Deannie Plemon, Binghamton; April Setterlund, Boston U.; Melanie Delgado, Boston U.; Kelley Engman, Boston U.; Terren Hall, Maine; Kristin Allen, Maine; Stephanie Weigman, UMBC; Lauren Brummel, UMBC; Caroline Goddard, Vermont.

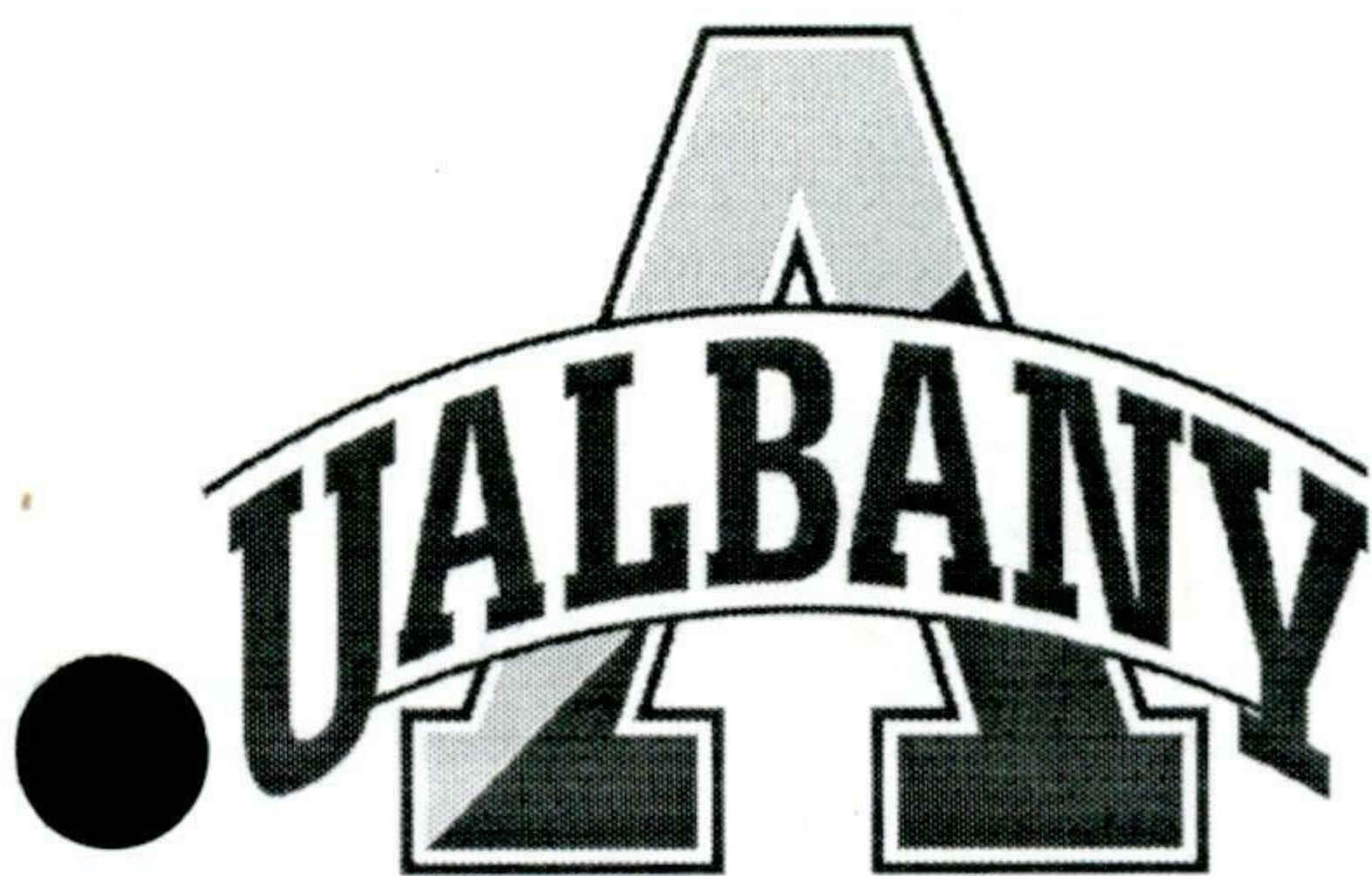
**All-Academic:** Leah McIntosh, UAlbany; Meagan Butsch, UAlbany; Amber Maisonet, UAlbany; Bailey Van Deest, UAlbany; Christy Leath, Boston U.; Tyler Benson, Boston U.; Ashley Waters, Maine; Alyssa Struzenberg, Stony Brook; Marissa Fleury, Stony Brook; Vicki Kavitsky, Stony Brook, Kali Shirk, UMBC, Rachelle Eloschuk, Vermont.

**Player of the Year:** Ashley Waters, Maine

**Pitcher of the Year:** Alyssa Struzenberg, Stony Brook

**Rookie of the Year:** April Setterlund, Boston U.

**Coach of the Year:** Chris Cannata, UAlbany



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**LE MOYNE RALLIES FOR 15-8 WIN OVER UALBANY IN NON-CONFERENCE BASEBALL ACTION**

Albany, N.Y. – Chris Haynes smacked a three-run homer in the eighth inning to Le Moyne to a 15-8 come-from-behind win over UAlbany in non-conference baseball action on Tuesday, May 6 at Varsity Field.

UAlbany (12-35-1) jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning on a pair of home runs. Sophomore Brendan Rowland followed a walk to Dave West with a two-run shot down the left field line. Following consecutive walks to Mike Konstanty and Ryan Gugel, junior Gary Pitcheralle drilled a three-run blast to right center for his fifth homer of the season. Le Moyne matched the score with five runs over the next two innings. Haynes singled and Corey O'Neill was hit by a pitch with one out in the second. After a wild pitch, Sean Paino doubled down the left field line to plate Haynes and O'Neill. Matt Nandin opened the third by getting hit by a pitch. Sophomore Chris Edmondson followed with a two-run homer down the right field line. Two batters later, Robby Perez singled and advanced to second on a wild pitch. O'Neill followed an out with a run-scoring single to left center to drive in Perez.

The Great Danes regained the lead in the bottom of the third with two runs on two hits. Rowland opened inning with a walk and Konstanty followed with a double off of third base. Gugel plated Rowland with a groundout and Pitcheralle singled to shortstop to drive in Konstanty. In the fourth, Sean Donovan led off with a single and came around to score on a single up the middle by Gugel following an infield error. The Dolphins got two runs back in the fifth on two hits. Perez opened the frame with a blast to right center to cut the Dolphins' gap to 8-6. After Haynes walked and O'Neill singled, Paino laid down a sacrifice bunt to move the runners over. Aaron DiFruscio then registered a pinch-hit sacrifice fly to drive in Haynes.

Le Moyne (25-20), the MAAC regular season and tournament champions last season, blew the game open in the top of the eighth with eight runs on six hits. Phil St. Amant started the rally with one-out single to center. Perez then walked to knock UAlbany reliever Chris Ott out of the contest. Haynes then greeted Sean Gregory by blasting the first pitch over the fence in right center. O'Neill followed by slamming a 2-0 pitch down the right field line. After Paino was hit by a pitch, Alex Del Valle singled to center on a hit-and-run and an errant throw allowed him to move to third and Paino to score. Stephen Crawford then tripled to the wall in left center to drive in Del Valle. After a UAlbany pitching change, Nandin plated Crawford with a single to right field. With the base loaded following consecutive walks, Nandin raced home on a wild pitch to cap the scoring.

Chris Ott suffered his first loss of the season for the Great Danes, tossing 1.1 innings, while allowing two runs. Tom McDermott picked up win by pitching three scoreless innings, with five strikeouts, out of the bullpen for the Dolphins. The Great Danes return to action on Friday, May 9 at 3:00 p.m. at Varsity Field against New York Tech.

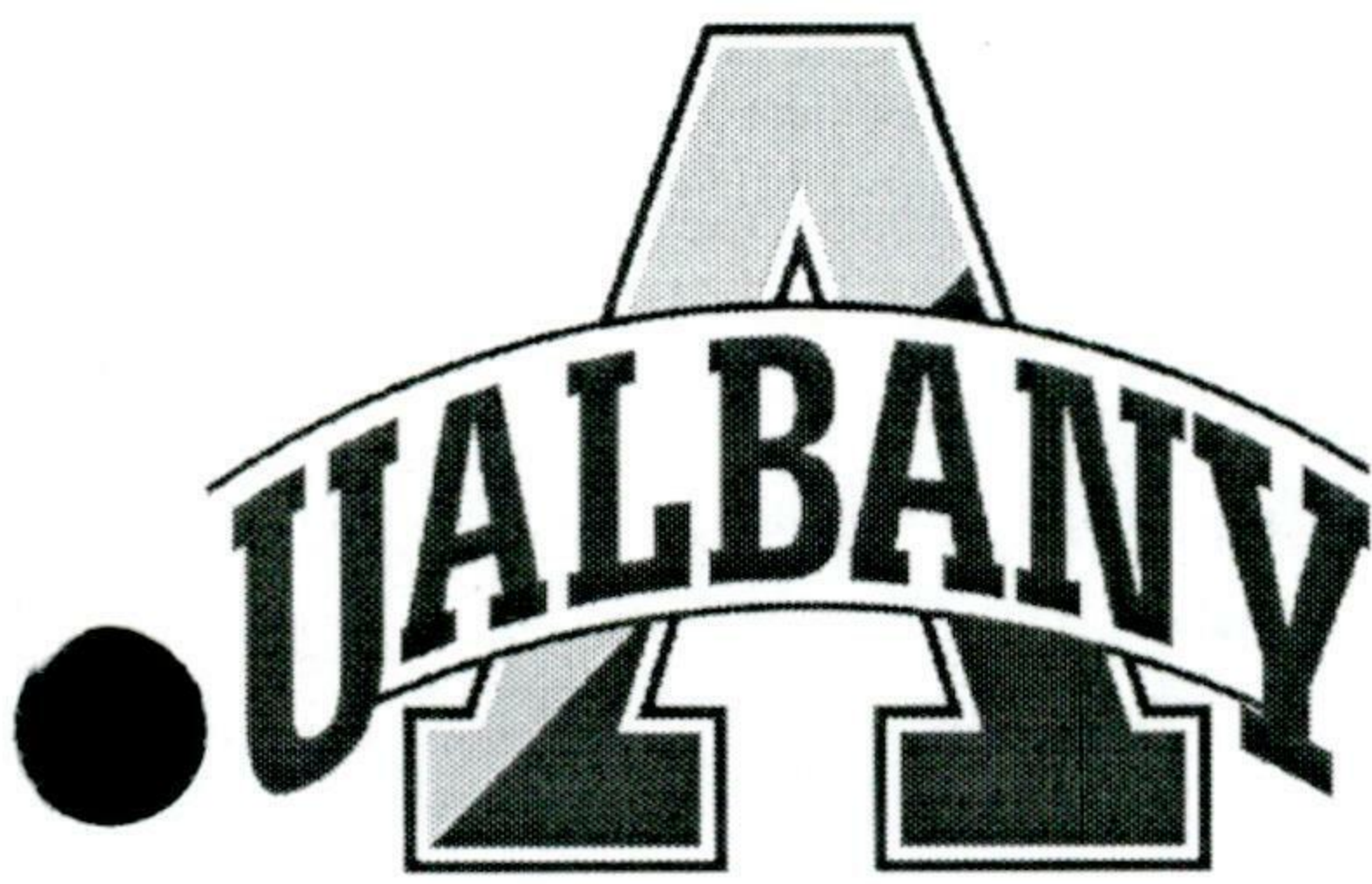
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Le Moyne (25-20)	023	020	080	-	15	16	2
UAlbany (12-35-1)	502	100	000	-	8	7	3

Le Moyne: Cory Nelson, Brandon Otto (3), Tom McDermott (6, W, 2-1), Mike Anarumo (9) and Chris Haynes, Rich Brown (9).

UAlbany: Marco Rivera, Hunter Moffatt (4), Chris Ott (7, L, 0-1), Sean Gregory (8), Jeff Kaier (8), Mike Konstanty (9) and Ryan Gugel.





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## UALBANY ATHLETES EARN RECOGNITION AT EIGHTH ANNUAL GREAT DANE AWARDS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy presented Brian Lillis and Amber Maisonet with ECAC Merit Medals at the eighth annual Great Dane Awards, held at SEFCU Arena on Monday evening. The event celebrates UAlbany Athletics in the 2007-08 academic year. Presidential Scholar-Athlete Awards were given to Amanda Hall, Kelly Martinson, Mike Ammann and Steve Ammann. Each of the 19 intercollegiate men's and women's teams handed out their most valuable player awards.

ECAC Merit Medals are annually awarded to the school's top senior male and female student-athletes who have shown excellence in the classroom and as competitive athletes during the current academic year. Presidential Scholar-Athlete Awards are presented to the Department of Athletics' top students.

Maisonet, a senior outfielder on the softball team, has a 3.85 cumulative grade point average in psychology. Maisonet, a three-time first-team All-America East Conference selection, has led the program to three conference championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances. She is currently batting .372 with 25 stolen bases. Maisonet is the school's career leader with 227 hits and is tied for first in runs with 148 and is second in stolen bases with 94.

Lillis, a senior guard/forward on the basketball squad, has a 3.23 GPA in business administration. He was voted to the all-conference first team after averaging 15.8 points, 6.0 rebounds and 3.5 assists. Lillis, who was one of 10 players at the Division I level to lead his team in all three categories, was also selected as the America East Fans' Choice Player of the Year. He led the Great Danes to a pair of America East championships and two NCAA berths during his career.

Hall posted a 3.88 GPA in business administration. A member of the women's tennis team, Hall had an 18-8 singles record and a 17-11 mark in doubles play this spring. The Great Danes went 18-7 in dual matches, their best season as a Division I program. Martinson, who hails from Madison, Wis., has a 3.99 GPA in social welfare with a dual minor in psychology and education. Her basketball career was cut short due to injury, but she provided leadership for a program that registered its best-ever record in America East Conference play and reached the conference tournament's semifinal round.

Mike Ammann has a 3.87 GPA in accounting with a dual minor in business administration and athletics. He received the 2008 UAlbany President's Award for Leadership and was chosen to last year's ESPN The Magazine District all-academic team. Ammann accounted for 65 career points as a lacrosse midfielder. Steve Ammann, who has twice been voted to the All-America East second team in lacrosse, has a 3.86 GPA in business administration with a concentration in finance and marketing. Steve and his twin brother, Mike, have been involved in numerous community service projects, including Habitat for Humanity. Steve was fourth on the team in scoring with 15 goals and 12 assists as a senior.

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### 2007-08 Team MVP Awards

**Fall:** Ricardo Estremera (Men's Cross Country), Laura Cummings (Women's Cross Country), Michelle Simpson (Field Hockey), Michael Dungey (Football), Steward Ceus (Men's Soccer), Meghan Garrity (Women's Soccer), Kamisha Kellam (Women's Volleyball).

**Winter:** Brian Lillis (Men's Basketball), Gia Sanders (Women's Basketball), Jean Juste & David Parker (Men's Indoor Track & Field), Laura Cummings & Jenn Garrant (Women's Indoor Track & Field).

**Spring:** Brendan Rowland (Baseball), Corrin Conroy (Women's Golf), Jordan Levine (Men's Lacrosse), Kayla Best & Sara Wolf (Women's Lacrosse), Amber Maisonet, Meagan Butsch & Leah McIntosh (Softball), Charlotte Tatler (Women's Tennis), TBD (Men's Track & Field), TBD (Women's Track & Field).

**Spirit Awards:** Tori Palmer (Cheerleading), Katie Lappin (Dance).



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Craig Lane / 518-442-3359**MEN'S TRACK WINS FOURTH CONSECUTIVE AMERICA EAST TITLE, WOMEN PLACE THIRD**

Orono, Maine – University at Albany's Jean Juste won the 110-meter high hurdles in a conference-record time to lead the men's track and field team to its fourth consecutive America East Conference championship on Sunday, May 4 at the Beckett Family Track & Field Complex. The men scored 196 points to easily defeat second-place New Hampshire. In the women's competition, UAlbany registered three individual champions to finish in third with 116.50 points. Boston U. took the team championship with 193 points.

Juste, a junior from Hempstead, N.Y., raced to victory in the 110-hurdles by shattering the conference standard in 14.25 seconds. Juste, the conference indoor 55-meter hurdle champion, turned in the second-fastest performance in the program's Division I history and qualified for the IC4A and NCAA East Regional meets. The previous conference record was set by Northeastern's Peter Jasmin in 2005 and tied by UMBC's Keith Brown in 2007. In the 200-meter dash, sophomore Jeffery Barnes (Albany H.S.) sprinted to a first-place finish in an IC4A-qualifying and personal-best time of 21.62 seconds. Barnes also competed with Andrew Overbaugh, Joe Greene and Drew Harrison on the 4x400-meter relay team, which turned in a season-best time of 3:15.48 to finish in second place, three-hundredths of a second behind first-place Binghamton. Junior Michael McCadney recorded the Great Danes' third win of the day with a leap of 48-feet in the triple jump.

Greene, who was competing in the 400-meter hurdles for just the second time this season, placed second with an IC4A-qualifying time of 53.89 seconds. Senior Dieuseul Joseph took second in the 100-meter with an IC4A time of 10.79 seconds, just one-hundredth of a second behind Vermont's Aaron Campbell. Freshman Tyler Fogarty (Shenendehowa) recorded a pair of second-place finishes. Fogarty crossed the finish line in 1:52.58 in the 800-meter run and joined Bryan Lasky, Jared Jupin and Joe Belokopitsky in the 4x800-meter relay, which finished in a season-best time of 7:47.38. Luke Schoen was named the meet's top field performer after clearing the bar in a league-record 17-feet, 3 inches to win Saturday's pole vault competition.

Kamilah McShine, this year's conference women's indoor hurdles champion, won the 100-meter hurdles for the second time in her career. McShine, who was also first in this same event as a freshman in 2006, raced to an America East-record and ECAC-qualifying time of 13.98 seconds. Senior Brenna Militello won the high jump for the second consecutive season by crossing the bar at 5-feet, 4.25-inches.

Juniors Laura Cummings and Jenn Garrant each turned in a pair of top-5 finishes on the day. Cummings, who won the 3,000-meter steeplechase on Saturday, placed third in the 1,500-meter run in an ECAC-qualifying time of 4:33.09 and fifth in the 800-meter run in 2:15.30. Garrant registered a fourth-place finish in the triple jump with a leap of 39-feet, 7.75-inches and finished fifth in the 400-meter dash in 58.44 seconds. Senior Arina Gerasimova leaped 39-feet, 10.50-inches in the triple jump to place third, an ECAC-qualifying distance. Junior Ritshell Verdier (132-7) and sophomore Ashley Lewis (124-10) finished second and third, respectively, in the discus throw.

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**Men's Final Team Scores**

1. UAlbany 196, 2. New Hampshire 162, 3. Binghamton 119, 4. Boston U. 115.50, 5. UMBC 93.50, 6. Maine 64, 7. Stony Brook 55, 8. Vermont 39, 9. Hartford 13.

**Men's Individual Results**

**100 Meter Dash Final:** 1. Aaron Campbell (Vermont), 10.78, 2. Dieuseul Joseph (Albany), 10.79, 3. Adrian Arthur (UMBC), 10.85. **110 Meter Hurdles Final:** 1. Jean Juste (Albany), 14.25, 2. Garrett Askew (Albany), 14.50, 3. Nick Assini (Albany), 14.53. **200 Meter Dash Final:** 1. Jeffrey Barnes (Albany), 21.62, 2. Travis Parker (New Hampshire), 21.82, 3. Cazal Arnett (Binghamton), 21.90. **400 Meter Dash Final:** 1. Cazal Arnett (Binghamton), 47.04, 2. Khabir Edwards (Maine), 48.05, 3. Travis Parker (New Hampshire), 48.71. **400 Meter Hurdles Final:** 1. Matthew Holman (Maine), 54.13, 2. Joe Greene (Albany), 53.89, 3. David Hanss (Vermont), 54.59. **800 Meter Run Final:** 1. David Proctor (Boston U.), 1:51.79, 2. Tyler Fogarty (Albany), 1:52.58, 3. Joe Belokopitsky (Albany), 1:53.21. **Men's 1,500 Meter Run Final:** 1. Robert Edgerton (New Hampshire), 3:45.89, 2. Jake Laroe (Boston U.), 3:50.74, 3. Alex Felce (Stony Brook), 3:50.85.

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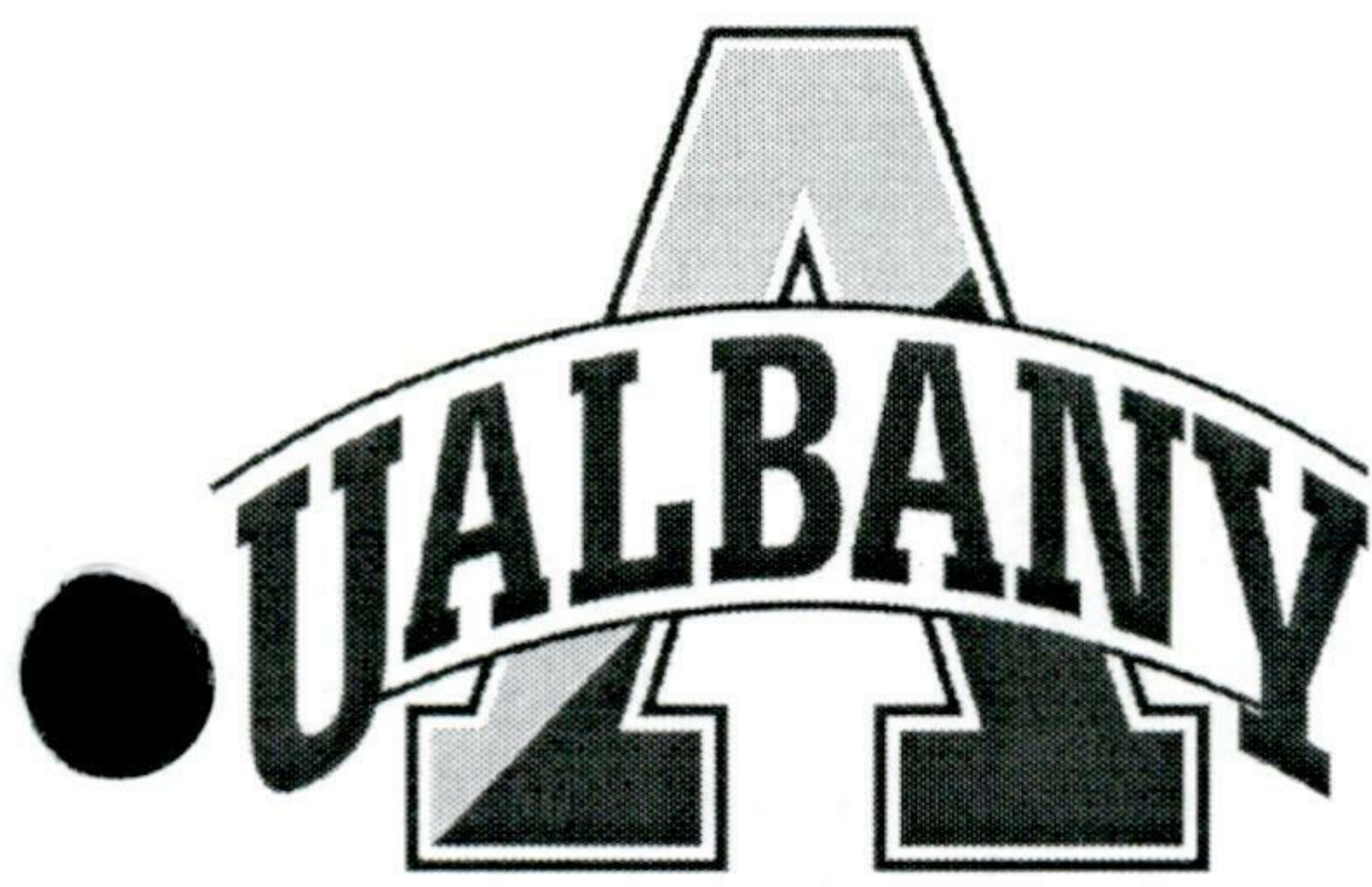
**5,000 Meter Run Final:** 1. Tim Hodge (Stony Brook), 14:30.06, 2. Jordan Horwitz (New Hampshire), 14:32.54, 3. Iain Whitfield (Stony Brook), 14:44.89. **4x100 Meter Relay:** 1. Vermont, 41.97, 2. UMBC, 42.02, 3. New Hampshire, 42.19. **4x400 Meter Relay:** 1. Binghamton, 3:15.45, 2. Albany, 3:15.48, 3. Maine, 3:16.27. **4x800 Meter Relay:** 1. Boston U., 7:40.21, 2. Albany, 7:47.38, 3. UMBC, 7:48.83. **Triple Jump:** 1. Michael McCadney (Albany), 48-0, 2. Mubaarak Muhammad (Stony Brook), 47-2.25, 3. Brian Pendleton (UMBC), 46-2. **Shot Put:** 1. Brice Paey (New Hampshire), 54-10.25, 2. Joanel Lopez (Binghamton), 52-2.75, 3. Renauld Buck (Albany), 49-7.75. **Discus Throw:** 1. Jan Bicanic (Boston U.), 157-8, 2. Daniel Withrow (Boston U.), 157-4, 3. Justin Miller (Stony Brook), 141-10. **Decathlon:** 1. Richard Haigh (Boston U.), 6,384, 2. Dominic Dvaud (UMBC), 6,286, 3. Greg Daggett (Boston U.), 5,549.

### Women's Final Team Scores

1. Boston U. 193, 2. New Hampshire 119.50, 3. UAlbany 116.50, 4. UMBC 96, 5. Maine 84.50, 6. Binghamton 80.50, 7. Vermont 65, 8. Stony Brook 60, 9. Hartford 41.

### Women's Individual Results

**100 Meter Dash Final:** 1. Allyson Howatt (Maine), 11.96, 2. Tahari James (Boston U.), 12.02, 3. Whitney Ford (Boston U.), 12.17. **100 Meter Hurdles Final:** 1. Kamilah McShine (Albany), 13.98, 2. Kiah Quarles (New Hampshire), 14.17, 3. Kierra Gregory (UMBC), 14.50. **200 Meter Dash Final:** 1. Allyson Howatt (Maine), 24.17, 2. Kim Williams (Binghamton), 24.41, 3. Tahari James (Boston U.), 24.85. **400 Meter Dash Final:** 1. Vicki Tolton (Maine), 55.94, 2. Lindsay Burlock (Maine), 56.27, 3. Keisha Short (Binghamton), 57.56. **400 Meter Hurdles Final:** 1. Kaycee Martinez (Hartford), 1:01.27, 2. Rebecca Marshburn (Boston U.), 1:01.74, 3. Megan Donohue (New Hampshire), 1:01.84. **800 Meter Run Final:** 1. Carmen Lagala (Vermont), 2:10.04, 2. Kat Warden (Boston U.), 2:11.75, 3. Katie Weider (Boston U.), 2:13.47. **1,500 Meter Run Final:** 1. Holly Van Dalne (Stony Brook), 4:28.43, 2. Marisa Ryan (Boston U.), 4:29.69, 3. Laura Cummings (Albany), 4:33.09. **5,000 Meter Run Final:** 1. Marisa Ryan (Boston U.), 16:24.85, 2. Dana Hastie (Stony Brook), 16:38.07, 3. Andrea Walkonen (Boston U.), 16:58.53. **4x100 Meter Relay:** 1. Boston U., 46.51, 2. Binghamton, 47.64, 3. Albany, 48.31. **4x400 Meter Relay:** 1. Maine, 3:50.19, 2. Binghamton, 3:53.19, 3. New Hampshire, 3:54.44. **4x800 Meter Relay:** 1. Boston U., 9:04.76, 2. Stony Brook, 9:16.05, 3. Vermont, 9:19.70. **High Jump:** 1. Brenna Militello (Albany), 5-4.25, 2. Karly Neveu (Boston U.), 5-4.25, 3. Latasha Jarrett (Hartford), 5-2.25. **Triple Jump:** 1. Tahari James (Boston U.), 42-8.25, 2. Whitney Ford (Boston U.), 40-7.75, 3. Arina Gerasimova (Albany), 39-10.50. **Discus Throw:** 1. Ashley Fauntleroy (UMBC), 146-5, 2. Ritshell Verdier (Albany), 132-7, 3. Ashley Lewis (Albany), 124-10. **Shot Put:** 1. Ashley Fauntleroy (UMBC), 47-3.50, 2. Rachelle Wright (UMBC), 43-8, 3. Quiteelia Boyd (UMBC), 42-10.75. **Heptathlon:** 1. Latasha Jarrett (Hartford), 4,068, 2. Kelly Thomas (New Hampshire), 4,047, 3. May Roccio (New Hampshire), 4,043.



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**UMBC DOWNS UALBANY, 15-8, TO WIN AMERICA EAST BASEBALL WEEKEND SERIES**

Baltimore, Md. – Joe Fowler hit a grand slam in the sixth inning to lead UMBC to a 15-8 win over UAlbany in America East baseball action on Sunday, May 4 at The Baseball Factory Field at UMBC. The Retrievers took three of four games during the weekend series.

UMBC (19-24, AE 11-9) jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening inning. Will Delawter doubled to left center to plate Scott Peddicord, who reached on a single, with the first run. Shawn Retz followed with a two-run single to right center to drive in Delawter and Fowler, who walked to get on base. The Great Danes responded with four runs over the next two innings. Junior Gary Pitcherelle started the scoring with a two-run blast to left field, his fourth home run of the season, to drive in classmate Ryan Gugel, who was hit by a pitch. In the third, junior Dave West connected for a solo homer to left center with one out. After consecutive hits by sophomore Brendan Rowland and Mike Konstanty, Gugel grounded out to knock in Rowland.

The Retrievers regained the lead in their half of the fourth inning. Tom Meaney and Steve Russo opened the frame with back-to-back singles. Two batters later, Meaney scored on a groundout and Russo crossed home plate on a wild pitch. Konstanty put the Great Danes back in front, 6-5, in the fifth inning with a two-run shot to left center to tie the program's single-season record with 12 home runs.

UMBC blew the game open in the sixth inning on Fowler's grand slam to center field. The Retrievers loaded the bases on a double by Russo, a walk to Rich Conlon and an infield single by Brad Brainer. Following a UAlbany pitching change and a strikeout, Fowler gave the Retrievers a 9-6 lead. In the seventh inning, UMBC tacked on five runs on six hits. Wink Nolan singled and Meaney doubled to open the frame. Russo then flew out to right field to plate Nolan and Conlon followed with a run-scoring single to drive in Meaney. Following a strikeout, Peddicord doubled in Conlon to give UMBC a 12-6 lead. Fowler and Delawter recorded consecutive run-scoring hits to close out the inning.

UAlbany (12-34-1, AE 7-13) was able to push across one run in each of the final two innings. The Great Danes loaded the bases as Tom Zink was hit by a pitch and Pete Eichner and Sean Donovan singled. UMBC's Austin Drewyer then uncorked a wild pitch to allow Zink to score. The Retrievers got the run back in their half of the eighth as Conlon doubled home Russo, who reached on a two-out single. The Great Danes closed out the game's scoring in the ninth as freshman Kyle Crean singled back to the pitcher to drive in Konstanty, who led off the inning by getting hit by a pitch.

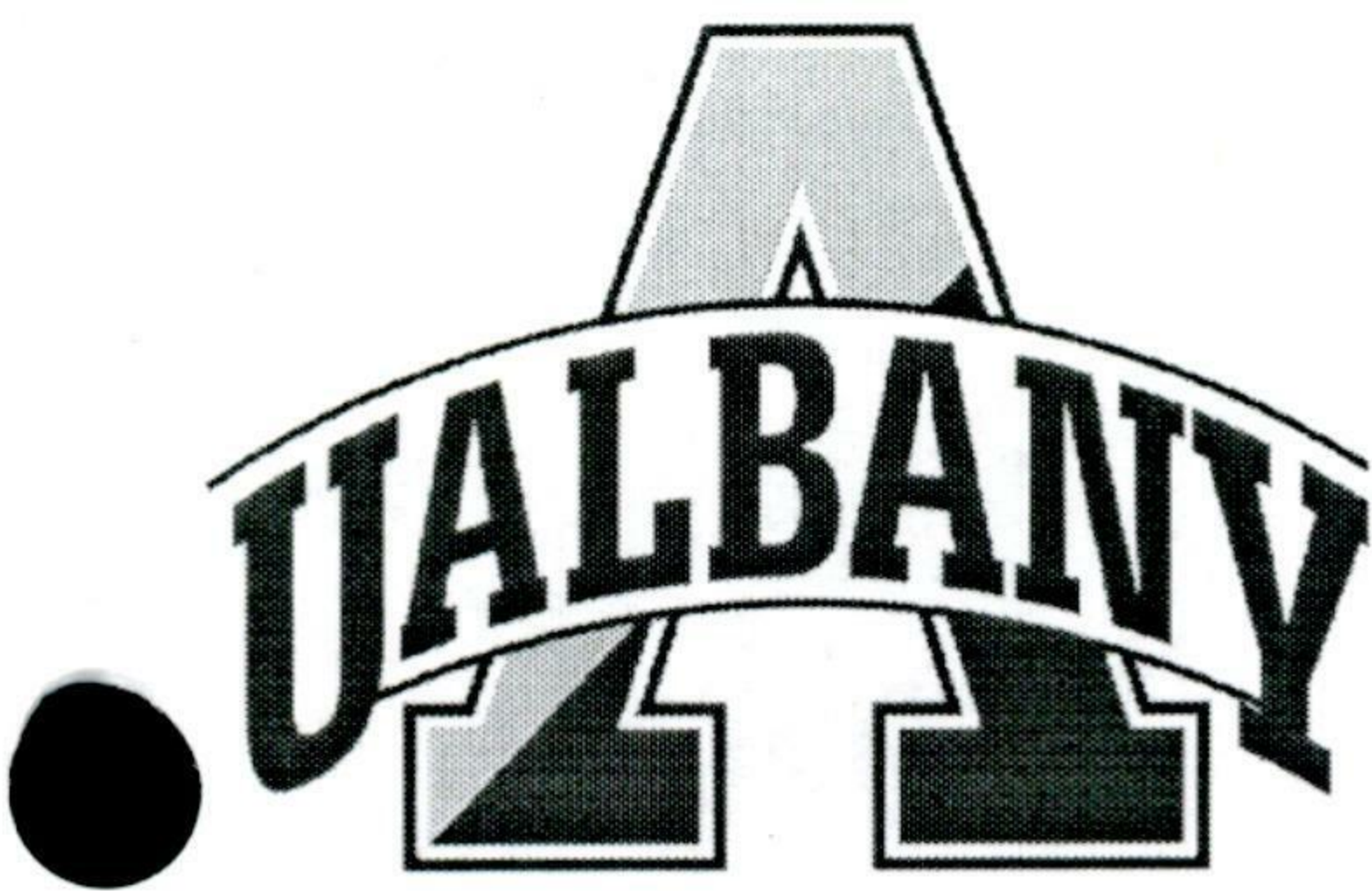
Junior Nate Novak took the loss for the Great Danes, allowing eight runs on 11 hits over five innings. Drewyer picked up the win in relief of Ed Bach, tossing 3.1 innings, while allowing two runs.

The Great Danes return to action on Tuesday, May 6 at Varsity Field against Le Moyne at 4 p.m.

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UAlbany (12-34-1, AE 7-13)	022	020	011	-	8	14	0
UMBC (19-24, AE 11-9)	300	204	51X	-	15	20	0

UAlbany: Nate Novak (L, 0-7), Dave Noble (6), Matthew Herrick (7), Hunter Moffatt (7) and Ryan Gugel.  
UMBC: Ed Bach, Austin Drewyer (W, 2-2) and Tom Meaney.



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**SOFTBALL DEFEATS BOSTON U., 3-0, TO CLAIM AMERICA EAST REGULAR-SEASON TITLE**

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore second baseman Michelle Connors drove a solo home run over the left-field fence to lead UAlbany to a 3-0 win over Boston University in a showdown for first place in the America East Conference standings on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field. UAlbany's victory completed a three-game sweep of the Terriers and clinched the conference's regular-season title. The Great Danes, who finished 32-15 overall and 16-5 in league play, will be the top seed for this week's America East postseason tournament.

UAlbany scored two runs in the bottom of the second inning to take an early lead. Senior first baseman Leanne Tillman led off with a single to right field and was replaced on the base path by Tara Dalton. Right fielder Jess Bergin reached on a Boston U. error, and both runners advanced an extra base on the play. Catcher Kat Smith then hit a ground ball to the shortstop, but Dalton beat the throw to the plate and Bergin moved up to third on the fielders' choice. Center fielder Nicole Kothe grounded out to the third baseman during the next at bat, allowing Bergin to cross the plate. Boston U. pitcher Kelley Engman then induced two ground outs to end the inning.

Connors gave the Great Danes a three-run cushion in the third with her team-leading eighth home run of the season. UAlbany hurler Leah McIntosh tossed her second shutout game in as many days, striking out six opposing batters and scattering four hits in a complete-game performance.

Engman also threw a complete game, allowing four hits and issuing just one walk without recording a strikeout for Boston U. (29-21, AE 15-6). Right fielder Rachel Moeller had two of the Terriers' four hits.

"We haven't played well consistently all year long," said UAlbany head coach Chris Cannata, who has guided the program to three consecutive America East Conference tournament titles and three NCAA berths. "I thought that we would be playing better as the season went on because of our younger kids. We played well all week, against Siena and Manhattan, leading into the weekend. Taking three games from any team is tough, let alone a good team like Boston."

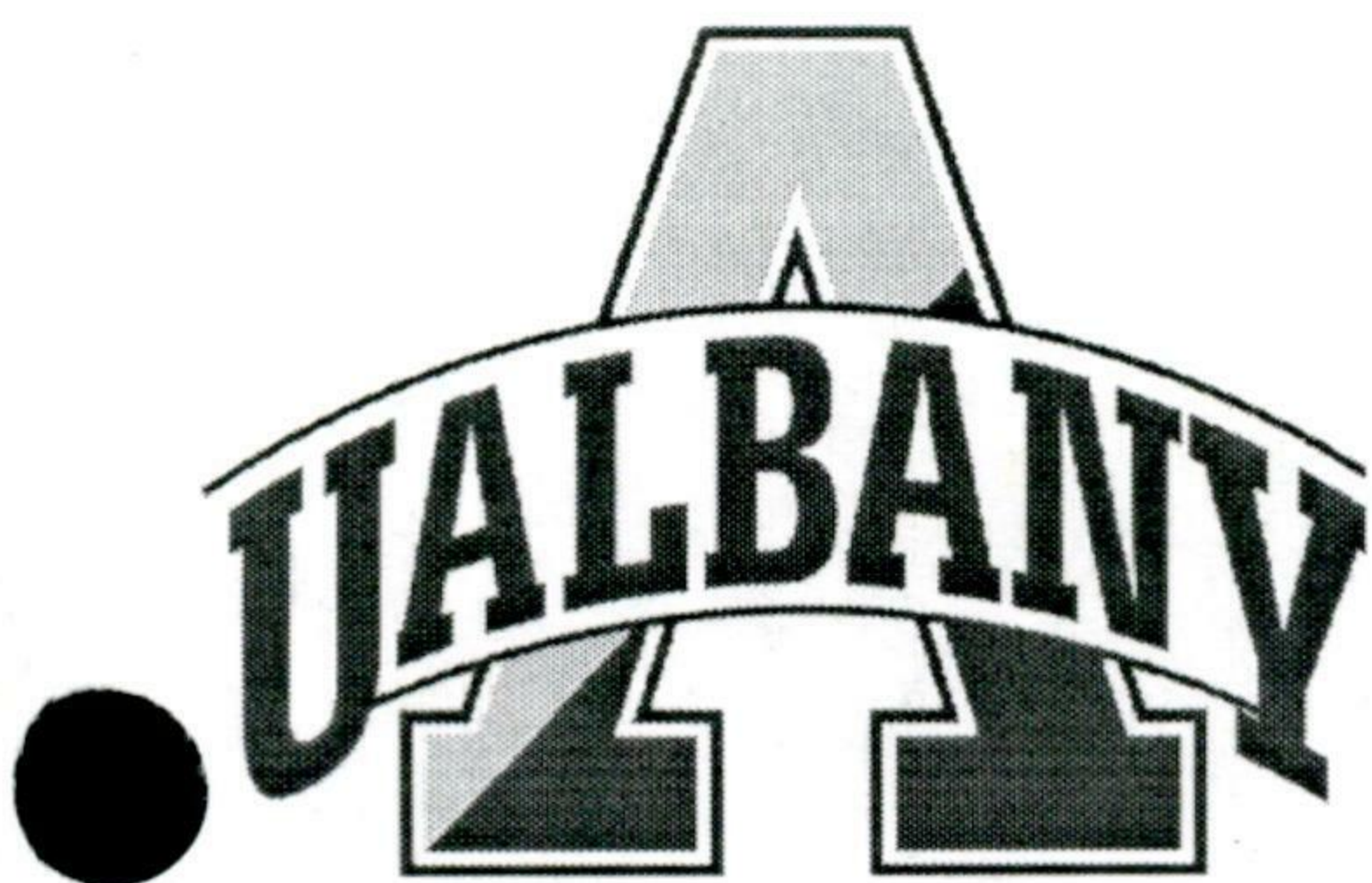
UAlbany, which went 16-1 on its home field this season, will host the America East Conference Championship, a double-elimination tournament, on May 8-10.

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UAlbany (32-15, AE 16-5)	021	000	x	-	3	4	0

Boston U.: Kelley Engman and Christy Leath.

UAlbany: Leah McIntosh and Kat Smith.



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### MCPHEE AND CONROY LEAD UALBANY WOMEN'S GOLF TO AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Simsbury, Conn. – Amanda McPhee and Corrin Conroy finished in a three-way tie for first place to lead the UAlbany women's golf team to the America East Conference Championship on Sunday, May 4 at the par-72, 5,826-yard Simsbury Farms Golf Course. The Great Danes captured their second conference championship in five years with a two-round score of 657, to top Hartford by one stroke. McPhee and Conroy tied with Hartford's Juliana Carrillo for top individual honors at 162. Head Coach Doc Sauers was recognized as the conference's head coach of the year.

McPhee, a sophomore from Winchester, Mass., carded her second consecutive 81 to finish in the tie for first place. Freshman Conroy, who recorded a first-round leading 80 on Saturday, registered an 82 in the final round. The pair is the first set of Great Dane teammates to finish in a first place tie since Jill Friedman and Diane Onofry accomplished the feat in 2005.

Sophomore Jessica Signorelli followed her 83 in the first round with an 82 in round two to finish in fifth place at 165. Senior Maggie Taylert rounded out the top four UAlbany competitors with a two-day score of 168, on rounds of 80 and 88. Junior Sun Hwa Kim finished with a 183.

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Team Scores

**1. UAlbany 324-333 – 657**, 2. Hartford 327-331 – 658, 3. Boston U. 343-344 – 687.

Individual Scores

t1. Amanda McPhee (UAlbany) 81-81 – 162, t1. Corrin Conroy (UAlbany) 80-82 – 162, t1. Juliana Carrillo (Hartford) 82-80 – 162, 4. Sadie Heald (Hartford) 80-84 – 164, 5. Jessica Signorelli (UAlbany) 83-82 – 165, 6. Allison Hamilton (Boston U.) 82-84 – 166, 7. Megan Claxton (Hartford) 82-85 – 167, t8. Paige Gauthier (Hartford) 86-82 – 168, t8. Maggie Taylert (UAlbany) 80-88 – 168, t8. Kara Sikorski (Hartford) 83-85 – 168, 11. Ana Johnson (Boston U.) 89-84 – 173, 12. Lauren Stong (Boston U.) 90-87 – 177, 13. Dana DeStefano (Boston U.) 89-89 – 178, 14. Kaitlyn Mardeusz (Boston U.) 83-96 – 179, 15. Sun Hwa Kim (UAlbany) 91-92 – 183.

## UMBC RALLIES TO DEFEAT UALBANY, 14-13, IN AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Baltimore, Md. – Freshman midfielder Jamie Kimbles scored the game-winning goal with two minutes and 12 seconds remaining as UMBC completed an improbable comeback with a 14-13 victory over UAlbany to win the America East Conference championship on Saturday evening at UMBC Stadium. The Retrievers, who are ranked No. 7 in both national polls, earned an automatic NCAA berth.

UMBC (12-3) trailed by much as nine goals in the first half before regrouping to capture their second conference championship in the last three years. The Retrievers, who were still behind 11-4 at halftime, scored four goals in the opening three minutes and seven seconds of the third quarter to jump-start their rally. Sophomore attack Matt Latham, who had four goals and one assist, scored on a man-advantage 24 seconds into the period. After Maxx Davis and Chris Jones netted unassisted goals, Latham came open in the middle of the zone with 11:29 left in the period.

The Retrievers, who were edged, 15-14, by UAlbany in last year's title game, would later run off three unanswered to close the gap to 12-11 with 9:53 remaining in the final quarter. Dom Scalzo hit an empty-net in a man-up situation after the Great Danes failed to clear the ball. Kyle Wimer, who totaled three goals and one assist, circled from left of the cage to fine the net, before Alex Hopmann ripped a shot from above the crease.

After UAlbany's Corey Small gave his team a two-goal lead with a blast from the left side, UMBC would score three times in a two-minute-and-nine second span to post its school-record 11th straight win. Latham cut to the top of the crease to finish off Terry Kimener's feed. Alex Hopmann, who accounted for two goals and three assists, drove from the right to send a low shot to far post that drew his team even at 13 apiece. Kimbles would connect on a 12-yard blast off a pass from behind by Davis to put his team ahead. UAlbany's Brian Caufield has an opportunity to get the equalizer, but his shot from the left went wide with seven seconds to play.

"It was a tale of two halves where we dominated the first and they dominated the second," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team was meeting UMBC in the championship for the third consecutive year. "We weren't as aggressive in the second half. They dodged harder, got the looks they wanted, and there were a couple of penalties that hurt us."

UAlbany (8-8) came firing out of the gate by scoring the game's opening five goals, including four in a stretch of two minutes and 25 seconds. Caufield, a freshman attacker, found the net three times in that sequence, and began the outburst by coming around the cage from the left.

Mike Ammann then connected from 10 yards in the middle after Small worked through the defense to deliver a crossing pass. Steve Ammann, who scored twice and handed out one assist, came out of the box following a penalty to force a turnover that led to Caufield's fastbreak goal. Defenseman Craig McDonald whistled a shot past goalkeeper Jeremy Blevins from 15 yards away to finish off a play in transition. Caufield completed the run when he again came around the net from the left.

UMBC's Wimer put his team on the scoreboard by shooting through a defender into the top right corner with 1:15 remaining in the first quarter. UAlbany freshman Joe Pompo answered with back-to-back goals in the final nine seconds of the period. He beat the quarter-ending horn by wheeling to his right shoulder after midfielder Jordan Levine collected a ground ball off the face-off and threw long into the offensive zone.

The Great Danes led by as much as 11-2 midway through the second stanza when Pompo tallied his fourth goal of the half. He deposited Levine's crossing pass from right of the crease with 6:41 to play. Latham and Kimener, the championship's most outstanding player, each scored before halftime, both assisted by Hopmann.

"That was the story of our season," offered Levine, who had three assists and was voted to the all-championship team along with goalkeeper Brett Queener (14 saves) and Caufield. "We had six one-goal losses and that's the toughest way to lose. They attacked the goal harder in the second half. They made plays and we didn't and got to loose balls at key times."

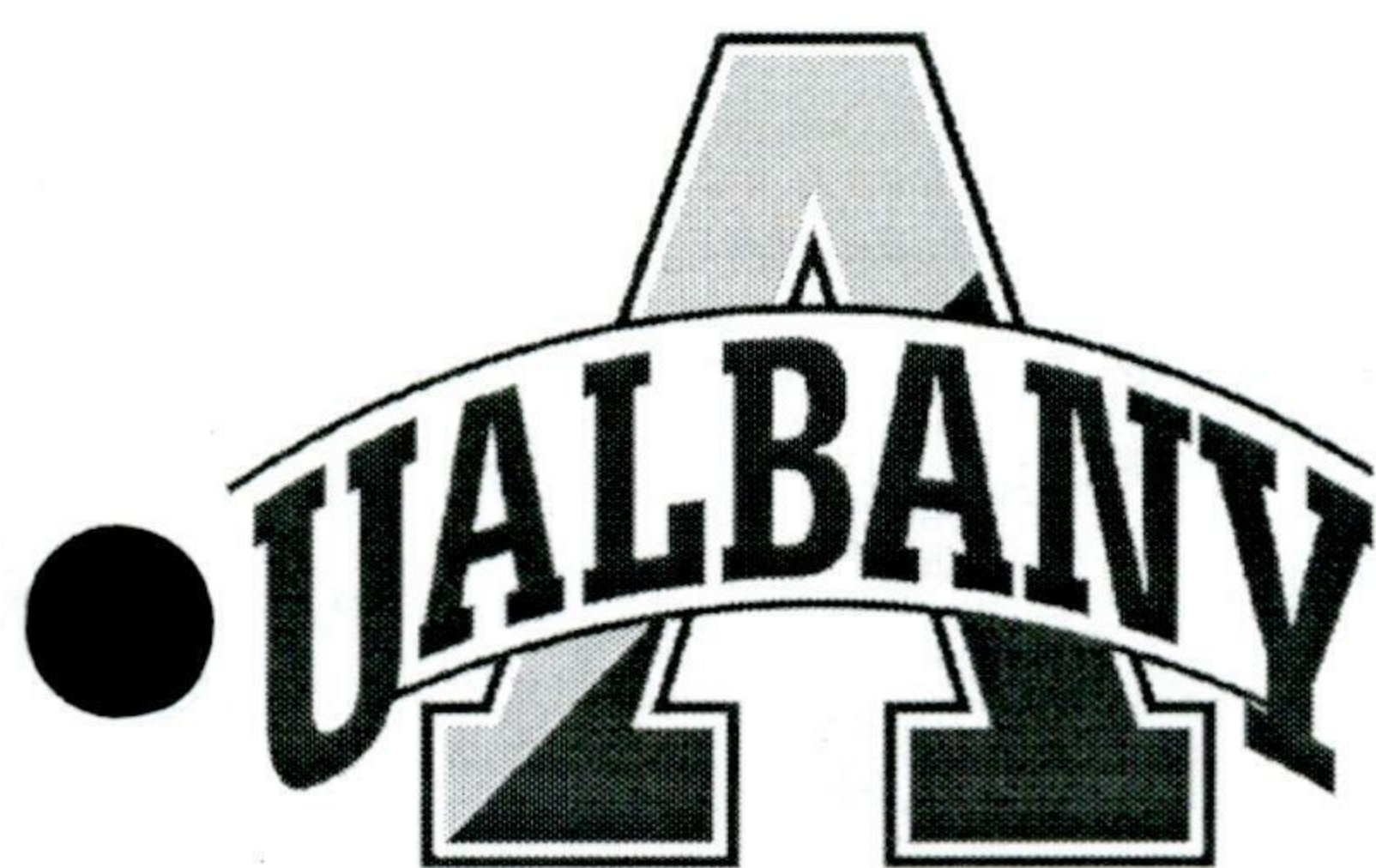
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America East Conference Tournament – Championship

UAlbany (8-8)	7	4	1	1	-	13
#7 UMBC (12-3)	1	3	5	5	-	14

UAlbany – Scoring: Joe Pompo 4-0, Brian Caufield 3-1, Steve Ammann 2-1, Corey Small 1-2, Craig McDonald 1-1, Mike Ammann 1-0, Nate Sullivan 1-0, Jordan Levine 0-3, John Alpizar 0-3, Mark Cometti 0-1 ; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (58:20, 14 saves, 14 GA), Dan McKeon (1:40, 1 saves, 0 GA).

UMBC – Scoring: Matt Latham 4-1, Kyle Wimer 3-1, Alex Hopmann 2-3, Maxx Davis 1-4, Terry Kimener 1-1, Chris Jones 1-0, Dom Scalzo 1-0, Jamie Kimbles 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jeremy Blevins (60:00, 4 saves, 13 GA).



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## SCHOEN AND CUMMINGS BREAK SCHOOL RECORDS ON FIRST DAY OF AMERICA EAST TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Orono, Maine – UAlbany's Luke Schoen won the pole vault and Laura Cummings won the 3,000-meter steeplechase with record-setting performances to lead the Great Danes on the first day of the America East outdoor track and field Championships at the Beckett Family Track & Field Complex on Saturday, May 3. The men's team is in second place with 60 points, while the women are fourth with 27 points. New Hampshire leads the men's competition with 75 points and Boston U. is in first on the women's side with 56 points.

Schoen led a pair of Great Danes in the top-3 of the pole vault. Schoen, a sophomore from Bohemia, N.Y., recorded a program and conference-record and NCAA East Regional-qualifying leap of 17-feet, 3-inches to become the first Great Dane to eclipse the 17-foot mark. Freshman Michael Dempsey tied for second in the event by crossing the bar at 15-feet, 9-inches. In the long jump, Valette Graham finished first with an IC4A-qualifying leap of 24-feet, 0.25-inches and Kyle Nadler took second with an IC4A-qualifying distance of 23-feet, 6.75-inches. Freshman Wilfredo de Jesus Elias placed second in the hammer throw with an IC4A-qualifying distance of 181-feet, 7-inches.

In preliminary heats, four UAlbany men advanced to the finals of the 110-meter hurdles. Nick Assini recorded the top time, finishing in an IC4A-qualifying time of 14.78 seconds, while Jean Juste had the second-best time with an IC4A-qualifying 14.81 seconds. Garrett Askew (14.95) and Anthony Assent (15.43) also advanced to the finals. In the 400-meter hurdles, Andrew Overbaugh (55.31), Joe Greene (55.64) and Assini (55.80) advanced to the finals. Seniors Dieuseul Joseph (10.97) and Raphael Jean-Baptiste (11.20) qualified for Sunday's finals of the 100-meter dash. Sophomore Jeffery Barnes turned in a time of 22.05 seconds to advance to the 200-meter dash finals, while Torshiro Jenkins qualified with a time of 22.50 seconds. Senior Drew Harrison recorded a time of 49.29 seconds to advance to the finals of the 400-meter dash.

On the women's side, Cummings raced to a school-record time of 10:33.60 to win the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Cummings, a junior from Bay Shore, N.Y., eclipsed the previous school record of 10:34.62 set by Jessica Ortman at the 2006 America East Championships. In the hammer throw, freshman Kadine Johnson finished fifth with a toss of 142-feet, 11-inches, while sophomore Sineaid Corley placed seventh with a distance of 139-7. A pair of Great Danes scored points in the javelin throw as Ashley Lewis (108-5) finished sixth and Isabella Katsarelis (105-1) placed eighth.

In the 100-meter hurdle trials, junior Kamilah McShine turned in the top time of 14.30 seconds to advance to Sunday's finals and qualify for the ECAC meet. Freshman Christen Griffin finished in 15.15 seconds, also qualifying for the finals. A trio of Great Danes qualified for the 400-meter dash finals. Junior Jenn Garrant registered a time of 58.30 seconds, classmate Melissa Lee finished in 58.40 seconds and sophomore Octavia Clarkson crossed the finish line in 59.17 seconds. Garrant also turned in an eighth-place finish in the long jump with a leap of 17-feet, 9.75-inches. Freshman Rebecca Kelly qualified for the finals of 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:03.56.

Day two of the America East track and field championships continues on Sunday, May 4 at 9 a.m.  
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### Women's Team Scores (through 6 events)

1. Boston U. 56, 2. New Hampshire 42, 3. Binghamton 27.50, 4. UAlbany 27, 5. Maine 23.50, 6. UMBC 22, 7. Stony Brook 18, 8. Vermont 17.

### Women's Individual Results

**3,000 Meter Steeplechase:** 1. Laura Cummings (UAlbany) 10:33.60, 2. Carolina Cortes (Stony Brook) 10:41.77, 3. Jessica Cickay (Boston U.) 10:43.26. **10,000 Meter Run:** 1. Andrea Walkonen (Boston U.) 34:42.03, 2. Erin Lagasse (Boston U.) 36:32.80, 3. Latricia Rozeboom (New Hampshire) 36:36.92. **Javelin Throw:** 1. Corinne DiPietro (Vermont) 137-8, 2. Quiteelia Boyd (UMBC) 135-10, 3. Jennifer Hitchcock (New Hampshire) 122-8. **Hammer Throw:** 1. Ashley Fauntleroy (UMBC) 164-9, 2. Rebecca Even (Maine) 158-8, 3.

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Ashlee Lathrop (New Hampshire) 155-4. **Pole Vault:** 1. Rita Ciambra (New Hampshire) 11-11.75, 2. Carly Gross (Binghamton) 10-10, 3. Kiki Giff (Binghamton) 10-4. **Long Jump:** 1. Tahari James (Boston U.) 20-3.50, 2. Whitney Ford (Boston U.) 19-2.50, 3. Edwina Clarke (Boston U.) 18-11.75.

**Men's Team Scores (through 7 events)**

1. New Hampshire 75, 2. UAlbany 60, 3. Binghamton 42, 4. Maine 29, 5. Boston U. 23.50, 6. UMBC 17.50, t7. Stony Brook 10, t7. Hartford 10, 9. Vermont 6.

**Men's Individual Results**

**3,000 Meter Steeplechase:** 1. Eric Ashe (Boston U.) 8:51.33, 2. Alex Felce (Stony Brook) 8:53.45, 3. Miles Bartlett (Maine) 8:53.69. **10,000 Meter Run:** 1. Jordan Horwitz (New Hampshire) 30:41.69, 2. Wesley Dinnan (New Hampshire) 30:47.97, 3. Brent Powers (New Hampshire) 30:54.92. **Hammer Throw:** 1. Justin Halleck (Binghamton) 185-0, 2. Wilfredo de Jesus Elias (UAlbany) 181-7, 3. Justin Hidalgo (Binghamton) 166-11. **Javelin Throw:** 1. Michael Simon (New Hampshire) 197-10, 2. Daniel Poirier (Maine) 192-10, 3. Steve Paternoster (Hartford) 179-6. **Long Jump:** 1. Valette Graham (UAlbany) 24-0.25, 2. Kyle Nadler (UAlbany) 23-6.75, 3. Kevin Ralston (Binghamton) 23-2. **High Jump:** 1. Jeffery Ramos (Maine) 6-6, 2. Patrick Casey (New Hampshire) 6-4, 3. James Mildenberger (UMBC) 6-4. **Pole Vault:** 1. Luke Schoen (UAlbany) 17-3 (School Record, Meet Record, IC4A, NCAA Regional), t2. Kris Yelverton (Binghamton) 15-9, t2. Michael Dempsey (UAlbany) 15-9.



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### TAYLERT AND CONROY LEAD UALBANY TO FIRST ROUND LEAD AT AMERICA EAST GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Simsbury, Conn. – Maggie Taylert and Corrin Conroy each fired an opening-round 80 to lead UAlbany to a first round lead at the America East Conference Women's Golf championship at the par-72, 5,826-yard Simsbury Farms Golf Course. The Great Danes shot a program-record round of 324, for a three-stroke lead over Hartford.

Taylert and Conroy finished the first round tied for first place with Hartford's Sadie Heald after carding eight-over par 80s. Taylert shot a round-best 39 on the front nine, before closing out her round with a 41. Conroy recorded a 42 in the opening nine holes and finished out her day with a 38 on the back nine.

Sophomore Amanda McPhee tied Taylert for the best front nine score with a 39 and totaled an 81 to place fourth after the first round. Sophomore Jessica Signorelli rounded out the Great Danes' top four competitors with an 83, to finish tied for eighth. Junior Sun Hwa Kim carded a 91 for the Great Danes.

The final round of the championship will begin at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 3.

#### Team Scores

**1. UAlbany 324, 2. Hartford 327, 3. Boston U. 343.**

#### Individual Scores

t1. Sadie Heald (Hartford) 43-37 – 80, t1. Corrin Conroy (UAlbany) 42-38 – 80, t1. Maggie Taylert (UAlbany) 39-41 – 80, 4. Amanda McPhee (UAlbany) 39-42 – 81, t5. Megan Claxton (Hartford) 41-41 – 82, t5. Juliana Carrillo (Hartford) 42-40 – 82, t5. Allison Hamilton (Boston U.) 40-42 – 82, t8. Kaitlyn Mardeusz (Boston U.) 43-40 – 83, t8. Jessica Signorelli (UAlbany) 41-42 – 83, t8. Kara Sikorski (Hartford) 41-42 – 83, 11. Paige Gauthier (Hartford) 43-43 – 86, t12. Ana Johnson (Boston U.) 44-45 – 89, t12. Dana DeStefano (Boston U.) 46-43 – 89, 14. Lauren Stong (Boston U.) 44-46 – 90, 15. Sun Hwa Kim (UAlbany) 44-47 – 91.



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**MASON'S GRAND SLAM LEADS UALBANY SOFTBALL TO DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP OF BOSTON U.**

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman designated player Gina Mason drove a grand slam over the left field fence to lead UAlbany to a 7-0 win over Boston U. in the first game of an America East Conference softball doubleheader Saturday afternoon at Albany Field. Mason also went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI in the second game to help the Great Danes post a 3-2 defeat of the Terriers.

UAlbany (31-15, AE 15-5) took an early lead in game one, scoring two runs in the first inning. Left fielder Amber Maisonet led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Andrianna Walraven. Maisonet scored the game's first run on a Boston U. error, while Michelle Connors, who reached base after being hit by a pitch, was driven in by Mason on a ground out to short.

Mason recorded her second RBI of the game in the third, doubling down the left field line, sending Connors home. The Great Danes loaded the bases in the bottom half of the fifth, led off with a single to centerfield by Nicole Kothe. Connors reached after being hit by a pitch and Butsch drew a walk off Boston U. pitcher Cassidi Hardy. Mason then drove her fifth home run of the season, and her first career grand slam, over the scoreboard in left field to give the Great Danes a 7-0 lead.

The Terriers got runners in scoring position in the top of the seventh to try and stay alive, but the Great Danes caught designated player Tyler Benson out at third to end the game. Hardy went 4.2 innings in the circle for Boston U., fanning three. Kelley Engman replaced Hardy in the fifth, recording three strikeouts over 1.1 innings.

UAlbany's Leah McIntosh earned the complete-game shutout win for the Great Danes, striking out 15 opposing batters and scattering four hits. McIntosh, who threw her 18th complete game of the season, improved to 14-5, and recorded her sixth shutout.

Boston U. (29-20, AE 15-5) scored first in the nightcap, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning. Left fielder Shayne Lotito knocked a single up the middle and stole second, before scoring on a UAlbany error. Brooke Hudson knocked an RBI single to short to score catcher Christy Leath, who reached on a walk issued by UAlbany's Marissa Powell.

The Great Danes responded in the bottom half of the inning, as Maisonet led off with a base hit for the second straight game. Walraven reached on a fielder's choice, as Boston U. got Maisonet out at second base. Butsch followed with a single to right to advance Walraven. Mason then knocked a base hit, and advanced to second on the throw, which allowed Walraven to score. Mason advanced to third on an error by the Terriers' right fielder, which also allowed Butsch to score, but was then called out due to interference to end the inning.

The score remained knotted at 2-2 until the bottom of the fourth, as Connors took first after being hit by a pitch. Butsch singled down the left field line to advance Connors to second, while Mason followed with a double to right centerfield, scoring Connors.

Boston U. got runners on base in the fifth and sixth innings, but could not capitalize. Powell induced three straight outs in the seventh to end the game and give UAlbany the doubleheader sweep. She finished with five strikeouts in a complete-game performance. Megan Carrier recorded a complete game in the circle for the Terriers, fanning one opposing batter over six innings of work.

The teams, who are tied for first in the conference standings, will complete the season series on Sunday afternoon at 12 p.m. The winner of the final game will be crowned regular-season champions and earn the right to host the America East Conference Tournament on May 8-10.

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Boston U.	000	000	0	-	0	4	2
UAlbany	201	040	x	-	7	6	0

Boston U.: Cassidi Hardy, Kelley Engman (5) and Christy Leath.

UAlbany: Leah McIntosh and Kat Smith.

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Boston U. (29-20, AE 15-5)	200	000	0	-	2	7	1
UAlbany. (31-15, AE 15-5)	200	100	x	-	3	7	1

Boston U.: Megan Currier and Christy Leath.

UAlbany: Marissa Powell and Kat Smith.

**RYAN GUGEL LEADS UALBANY PAST UMBC, 12-9, IN AMERICA EAST BASEBALL ACTION**

Baltimore, Md. – Ryan Gugel homered and drove in three runs to lead UAlbany to a 12-9 win over UMBC in America East Conference baseball action on Saturday, May 3 at The Baseball Factory Field at UMBC.

UAlbany (12-33-1, AE 7-12) scored eight runs over the first three innings to jump out to an 8-1 lead. Gugel singled up the middle in the first inning to start the scoring by driving in sophomore Brendan Rowland, who walked with two outs. Junior Gary Pitcherelle followed with single through the left side to plate senior Mike Konstanty, who singled following Rowland's walk.

In the second frame, senior Tom Zink led off with a double to left field. Pete Eichner followed by reaching on an error, allowing Zink to race home from second. Two batters later, junior Sean Donovan registered a sacrifice fly to right field to plate Eichner. The Great Danes blew the game open in the third with four runs on three hits and two errors. Pitcherelle reached on an error by the catcher and came around to score on freshman Kyle Crean's single and an error on the right fielder. Eichner singled through the right side after an out to knock in Crean. Junior Dave West then blasted a two-run homer to left center.

UMBC (18-24, AE 10-9) cut into the lead with a single run in the third inning. With the bases loaded following an error, double and a walk to open the frame, Joe Fowler hit into a double play to plate Mark Lemon. UAlbany got the run back in its half of the fourth as Rowland and Gugel each doubled to center field around an out.

The Retrievers scored eight runs over their next three at-bats to close their gap to 11-9. Joe Fowler started the rally with a two-run homer to left center in the fifth inning. In the sixth, Steve Russo and Lemon were each hit by pitches with one out. Following a fly out and a single by Scott Peddicord to load the bases, Russo scored on a wild pitch. After Fowler drew a walk to reload the bases, Lemon scored on an error by the first baseman. Two batters later, Shawn Retz plated Peddicord and Fowler with a single to left field.

UAlbany got two runs back in the top of the seventh on a pair of sacrifices. Eichner opened the inning with a walk and came home from first as West reached third on an error by the pitcher on his sacrifice bunt attempt. Donovan followed with his second sac fly of the contest to knock in West. UMBC narrowed the UAlbany lead to two with a pair of runs in the home half of the seventh. After Tom Meaney and Russo each doubled to open the frame, Lemon knocked in Meaney with a groundout to second. Two batters later, Peddicord drove in Russo with a single through the right side. Gugel capped the game's scoring with a solo blast to right field to lead off the eighth inning.

Freshman right-hander Dave Kubiak picked up his third win of the season, striking out three over 5.2 innings, while allowing seven runs (three earned) on six hits. Junior Sean Gregory pitched the final 3.1 innings, yielding two runs on five hits, to record his second save. Dave Divita took the loss for the Retrievers, giving up nine runs (three earned) on nine hits over four innings.

The Great Danes and the Retrievers wrap up the four-game series on Sunday, May 4 at 12 p.m. -agate-

UAlbany (12-33-1, AE 7-12)	224	100	210	-	12	11	2
UMBC (18-24, AE 10-9)	001	024	200	-	9	11	5

UAlbany: Dave Kubiak (W, 3-0), Sean Gregory (6, S, 2) and Ryan Gugel.

UMBC: Dave Divita (L, 3-5), Mike Fitzpatrick (5), Ryan Morse (7), Travis Pearson (8) and Tom Meaney.



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### UMBC SWEEPS UALBANY BASEBALL IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE DOUBLEHEADER

Baltimore, Md. – UAlbany's Mike Konstanty homered three times but UMBC swept the Great Danes in an America East Conference baseball doubleheader on Friday, May 2 at The Baseball Factory Field at UMBC. The Retrievers came from behind to win the opener, 9-7, before pounding out 10 hits in a 10-5 win in the nightcap.

In game one, UAlbany (11-33-1, AE 6-12) jumped out to a 5-0 lead through two innings. The Great Danes opened the scoring with four runs in the first inning. Junior Sean Donovan singled, sophomore Brendan Rowland doubled and Konstanty was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Two batters later, junior Gary Pitcheralle doubled down the left field line to drive in all three runners. Freshman Kyle Crean followed with a single through the right side to plate Pitcheralle. Rowland doubled to left field with two outs in the second inning to plate sophomore Pete Eichner, who reached on a leadoff single.

UMBC (18-23, AE 10-8) responded in the third inning with five runs on four hits. Brad Brainer singled through the right side to drive in Rich Conlon, who doubled with one out, with the first run of the inning. Scott Peddicord singled and Will Delawter walked around an out to load the bases. Shawn Retz knotted the score with a grand slam over the left field fence on a 2-2 pitch.

Konstanty gave the Great Danes a 6-5 lead in the fifth inning with a solo bomb to dead-centerfield. The Retrievers answered back in the bottom of the frame with four runs. Brainer singled to open the inning before Peddicord slammed a two-run homer down the right field line. Two batters later, Delawter doubled to chase UAlbany starter Cory Warrings from the game. After a walk and a pop out, Tom Meaney hooked a two-run double down the left field line just out of the reach of a diving catch attempt by Pitcheralle. Rowland blasted a solo shot over the 365-foot mark in left center to pull the Great Danes within two. Konstanty was hit by a pitch and Ryan Gugel singled to get the tying run on base, but Austin Drewyer induced a groundout to secure UMBC head coach John Jancuska's 650th career win.

In the nightcap, the Retrievers plated two runs in the first and four in the second to jump out to a 6-1 lead. Brainer and Peddicord singled to open the first. After a groundout moved each runner up a base, Delawter knocked in Brainer with a groundout to first. Retz then singled to right center to drive in Peddicord. Konstanty led off the second inning with a solo shot to left field to cut the Retrievers' lead in half. UMBC answered back with four runs in the bottom of the frame. Peddicord launched a three-run blast to center after Meaney and Brainer walked around a pair of groundouts. Joe Fowler followed with a single up the middle and Delawter reached on an error to continue the inning. Retz then singled to third to drive in Fowler.

The Great Danes scored once in the third to narrow their gap to 6-2. Crean started the inning with a double to right field and scored three batters later on a double to center by junior Dave West. The Retrievers struck for four runs in the bottom of the fourth to expand their lead to 10-2. Meaney started the scoring as he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to force in Fowler, who walked to lead off the frame. Mark Lemon followed with a two-run single through the left side to score Retz and Wink Nolan, who reached on a walk and a single, respectively. Brainer capped UMBC's scoring with a single through the right side to drive in Meaney. Konstanty closed out the contest's scoring by blasting a first pitch fastball for a three-run homer to center to drive in Donovan and Rowland, who reached via an error and a walk.

Warrings suffered the loss for the Great Danes in the opener, allowing eight runs over 4.1 innings. Dan Blewett recorded the win, pitching six innings, while giving up six runs on eight hits. Drewyer earned his second save by pitching the seventh inning. Junior Josh Willimott took the loss in game two, yielding six runs (five earned) in just two innings. Delawter earned the win, tossing five innings, while giving up five runs (two earned).

UAlbany and UMBC resume the four-game series with a single game on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Game One

UAlbany (11-32-1, AE 6-11)	410	010	1	-	7	10	0
UMBC (17-23, AE 9-8)	005	040	X	-	9	9	1

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UAlbany: Cory Warrings (L, 0-6), Sean Gregory (5) and Ryan Gugel.  
UMBC: Dan Blewett (W, 4-4), Austin Drewyer (7, S, 2) and Tom Meaney.

Game Two

UAlbany (11-33-1, AE 6-12)	011	030	0	-	5	5	1
UMBC (18-23, AE 10-8)	240	400	X	-	10	10	1

UAlbany: Josh Willimott (L, 4-3), Casey Walsh (3), Matthew Herrick (4) and Tom Zink.  
UMBC: Will Delawter (W, 4-3), Ryan Morse (6) and Tom Meaney.



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## **ALBANY'S SEFCU ARENA WILL HOST THE 2009 AMERICA EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — University at Albany will play host to the 2009 America East Men's Basketball Championship at the 4,538-seat SEFCU Arena on campus in Albany, N.Y. The decision was reached in a vote by the conference's athletics directors.

The nine-team tournament in 2009 begins with a first-round game on Friday, March 6. Quarterfinal and semifinal games follow on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8, respectively. The championship game will be played Saturday, March 14 at the home court of the higher remaining seed and will be televised by ESPN2.

"We are very proud that our colleagues have chosen the University at Albany to host this championship," said Lee McElroy, Albany Vice President & Director of Athletics. "The America East basketball championship has been extremely successful and we hope to continue the tradition. We look forward to the challenge of working with the conference membership in presenting a prestigious college basketball event to the university community and Capital Region."

"We are very excited about going to Albany for the 2009 Men's Basketball Championship," said America East Commissioner Patrick Nero. "The experience and dedication of Albany's staff, combined with the passion for basketball in the Capital Region, will make for a promising championship. All of our teams return young, talented players from last year and this can only add excitement to the 2009 tournament."

SEFCU Arena opened in the spring of 1992 as an \$11 million state-of-the-art facility. The playing surface on the arena's three basketball courts and the surrounding .11 mile track were completely renovated in December of 2004. SEFCU Arena, formerly the Recreation & Convocation Center, played host to the 2006 America Men's Basketball Championship title game.

The America East Championship has utilized the present format of a single site for the first rounds, with the championship game played at the higher remaining seed since 1996. Binghamton University's Event Center was the site of the championship in 2006 and 2008. Boston University hosted at Agganis Arena in 2007 and at Walter Brown Arena in 2003 and 2004, while the Terriers were a co-host in 2002 at Matthews Arena. The championship was played at the Bob Carpenter Center in Newark, Del. from 1996 to 2001.

America East will consist of nine teams for the 2008-09 season: Albany, Binghamton University, Boston University, University of Hartford, University of Maine, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), University of New Hampshire, Stony Brook University and University of Vermont.

Game times and ticket information for the America East Men's Basketball Championship will be announced at a later date.

For more information on the 2009 America East Men's Basketball Championship, please visit [AmericaEast.com](http://AmericaEast.com).

## UALBANY ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL WITH 12-9 SEMIFINAL WIN

Baltimore, Md. – Corey Small had five goals and one assist in leading UAlbany to a 12-9 victory over Stony Brook in the semifinal round of the America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Tournament on Thursday afternoon at UMBC Stadium. The Great Danes, who reached the championship for the seventh consecutive year, will play in Saturday's final at 7:30 p.m.

UAlbany (8-7) used a run of four consecutive goals to break a 6-6 deadlock in the third quarter. Stony Brook's Jordan McBride, the conference rookie of the year, tied the contest with just 12 seconds elapsed in the second half by scoring from left of the crease with a two-man advantage. Small, a junior attacker who was making his first appearance since April 12 after suffering an injury, put his team ahead by ripping a shot from the left side into the top right corner with 10:02 left in the period.

The Great Danes, who earned the championship's No. 2 seed after defeating Stony Brook in the regular-season finale five days ago, then got back-to-backs goal from Joe Pompo. The left-handed freshman converted Small's behind-the-back pass. He later cut to the top of crease to connect off a feed from Brian Caufield. The play originated after reserve goalkeeper Dan McKeon made a save on the previous SBU possession. Jordan Levine increased the lead to 10-6 when he worked around the cage and found the net on an inside roll from right of the crease.

The Great Danes, who have pushed over the .500 mark for the first time season after starting the schedule with five straight losses, carried that four-goal margin to the final minutes. But the Seawolves closed the gap to 11-9 with a pair of scores 14 seconds apart. Owen Adams nailed a 15-yard blast after his squad caused a turnover with a double-team in the defensive end. Bo Tripodi then one-timed a pass from Rhys Duch after the Seawolves won the subsequent face-off. UAlbany's John Alpizar sealed the outcome by hitting an empty net with 1:05 to play.

"I have been itching to get back," said Small, whose six points was one off his career-best total. "The doctors cleared me two days ago. I definitely was winded early, but then things felt normal. We are just playing for our seniors. We don't want their season to end."

Stony Brook (7-7) trailed 3-2 early in the second quarter, but then reeled off three unanswered. Michal Trojanowski worked around the around the cage to score at point-blank range from right of the crease. Ryan Hughes put his team in front with a jump-shot from the right point, before Bobby Trenkle dodged a defender to convert Trojanowski's crossing pass with 10:15 remaining in the period.

The Great Danes countered with three straight goals. Small finished off Caufield's pass after starting goalkeeper Brett Queener cleared the ball from the defensive end. Mark Cometti drew his team even at five apiece with a low underhanded shot from the left side. The junior midfielder then spun to his right shoulder from the middle of the zone to give his team a 6-5 halftime lead with 1:29 left before the break.

"We never gave them the lead early in the third quarter when we had that unreleaseable penalty," explained UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose program will play for a possible fifth NCAA berth in the championship final. "We grabbed the momentum by keeping them off the scoreboard, expect for the man-down goal, and that gave us a lift. It was good to have Corey (Small) back in the lineup. He is a great finisher and adds a shooter to our attack."

UAlbany's Caufield had one goal and six assists, tying the second-highest total in the program's Division I era, while Queener made 13 saves. The Seawolves' Trenkle had two goals and one assist. Rob Camposa turned aside 11 shots.

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### America East Conference Tournament – Semifinal Round

Stony Brook (7-7)	2	3	1	3	-	9
UAlbany (8-7)	3	3	4	2	-	12

Stony Brook – Scoring: Bobby Trenkle 2-1, Ryan Hughes 2-0, Michal Trojanowski 1-1, Adam Rand 1-0, Jordan McBride 1-0, Bo Tripodi 1-0, Owen Adams 1-0, Rhys Duch 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Rob Camposa (60:00, 11 saves, 12 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Corey Small 5-1, Joe Pompo 2-0, Mark Cometti 2-0, Brian Caufield 1-6, John Alpizar 1-1, Jordan Levine 1-0, Tyler Endres 0-1, Steve Ammann 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (55:56, 13 saves, 9 GA), Dan McKeon (4:04, 2 saves, 0 GA).

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## UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY SIGNS FOUR STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR 2008 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany has signed four student-athletes for the 2008 field hockey season, as announced by head coach Phil Sykes on Thursday afternoon. Erin Crosson, Christine Patrick, Megan Springmeyer and Ashley Carr have all signed National Letters of Intent to play for the Great Danes next fall.

Crosson was a four-year letterwinner and team captain at Shrewsbury High School in Shrewsbury, Mass. She was a two-time Mid-Wachusett A League and *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* All-Star. A three-year starter, Crosson led the Colonials to three league championships in four seasons, including a district championship and state final appearance as a senior. She was also a member of the Cape Ann Coalition, participating at the USFHA National Hockey Festival in 2006 and 2007 and competing in two Bay State Games. Crosson, a MIAA Outstanding Sportsmanship Award recipient, has been a high honor roll member for four years, and ranks in the top 22 percent of her graduating class. She has also participated in ice hockey, softball and indoor track.

“Erin is a very calm player who makes good decisions on the ball,” said Sykes. “Her speed and decision-making will add to our strong midfield.”

Patrick, a native of Reading, Pa., was named to the Berks All-County Team in 2007 as a senior for Reading Catholic. She was a three-time All-Division IV team member and was team MVP after recording 20 goals and four assists as a senior. With the High Styx club team, Patrick attended five USFHA National Hockey Indoor and Outdoor Festivals, and participated in four Keystone State Games. She competed at the National Futures Championships from 2004-2007, and was a member of the U-19 team that finished first in Scranton, Pa. last fall. Patrick, who was also an all-division softball player at Reading Catholic, has been a high honor roll student for her entire high school career.

“We are very excited to have Christina coming on board for next year,” offered Sykes. Her attacking skills, speed and goal-scoring ability will add to our already experienced offense.”

Springmeyer was a four-year letterwinner at Warren Hills High School in Washington, N.J. Springmeyer, who holds her school's records for goals (55), points (126) and game-winning goals (22), was a two-time high school All-American by the NFHCA for the Mid-Atlantic Region. She was a two-time *Newark Star-Ledger* All-West Jersey first-team selection and earned second-team all-state honors as a senior. Springmeyer was a New Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Association first-team selection in 2006 and 2007, and was also an all-area first team choice by the *Easton Express-Times* during those seasons. A captain and team MVP, Springmeyer was a three-time Skyland Conference Delaware Division first-team pick. She was named the 2006 *Warren Reporter* Player of the Year. A five-year member of the Edge Field Hockey Club and was a two-time National AAU Junior Olympics participant, Springmeyer was also a Futures Elite selection in 2007 and participated in the Futures program from 2004-07.

“Megan is quick and feisty and very determined,” said Sykes. “She has very good finishing skills and is very much a team player.”

Carr, a native of Hilderstone, England, was a member of the 2006 North of England Regional U-21 team that earned a national championship. She also played for the Doncaster Ladies Hockey Club of the English National Premier League and was a member of the Sutton Coldfield Ladies Hockey Club that competed in the English National Indoor Premier League and the National Division One Outdoor League. Carr was the captain of the Newcastle-Under-Lyme School and led her squads to three National Schools championships.

“Ashley is a very seasoned central defender,” said Sykes. “She will add a great deal of experience to our defensive line and her distributing skills will benefit us greatly.”

UAlbany finished the 2007 season at 15-5 overall after falling to conference champion Boston University in the America East Championship on Nov. 4. The Great Danes finished No. 19 in the final NFHCA national rankings.

“We are very excited about our incoming class,” Sykes offered. “They will add to the team in many ways. We will have some dynamic goal scorers, solid defending and our overall team speed will be largely enhanced.”

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### 2008 University at Albany Field Hockey Signings

Name, Pos., Hometown (High School)

Erin Crosson, M, Shrewsbury, Mass. (Shrewsbury)

Christine Patrick, F, Reading, Pa. (Reading Catholic)

Megan Springmeyer, F, Washington, N.J. (Warren Hills)

Ashley Carr, D, Hilderstone, England (Newcastle-Under-Lyme)

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## **UALBANY TENNIS EARNS AMERICA EAST COACHING STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany women's tennis program, led by second-year head coach Elissa Kinard, earned the America East Conference Coaching Staff of the Year award, as announced by the conference office on Thursday afternoon.

Kinard led the Great Danes to a program-record 18 wins this season. Kinard is assisted by former UAlbany student-athlete Kim Westcott, in her first season coaching the Great Danes. UAlbany won six straight matches during the season, led by junior Charlotte Tatler, who finished with a 24-5 record at No. 4 singles. The Great Danes wrapped up the 2008 season with a 4-0 sweep of Hartford in the America East Conference Tournament.