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CHRIS PIERSON TENTH IN STEEPLECHASE AT NCAA EAST REGIONAL MEET

Randall's Island, N.Y. – University at Albany's Chris Pierson finished tenth in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase on Saturday evening at the NCAA East Regional Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Icahn Stadium.

Pierson posted his second-best time of the season, as he crossed the finish line in 9:01.14. North Carolina State's Andy Smith was first among 34 runners in 8:33.25, more than two seconds ahead of his nearest competitor. Pierson, a senior from Binghamton, N.Y., lowered his personal-best mark by nearly 25 seconds during the spring. He ran the second-fastest time in school history, when he placed seventh in 8:59.87 at the IC4A championships two weeks ago.

Kamar Elliott, a two-time America East Conference outdoor triple jump champion, finished 28th in his event with a leap of 45-feet, 11.75-inches. Elliott, a two-sport UAlbany athlete, is a starting cornerback on the football team.

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2005 NCAA East Regional Outdoor Track & Field Championships

Men's 3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1. Andy Smith (North Carolina State), 8:33.25; 2. Itay Magidi (Clemson), 8:35.96; 3. Andrew Lemoncello (Florida State), 8:38.99; 4. Lucas Meyer (Yale), 8:41.37; 5. Steve Zieminski (Florida), 8:46.71; 6. Terah Kipchiris (Coastal Carolina), 8:48.42; 7. Chris Foster (Penn State), 8:52.13; 8. Eric Heely (Army), 8:53.60; 9. Chris Mammone (Iona), 8:55.69; 10. Chris Pierson (UAlbany), 9:01.14; 11. Tom Slosky (Duquesne), 9:04.57; 12. Todd Raymond (Manhattan), 9:09.17.



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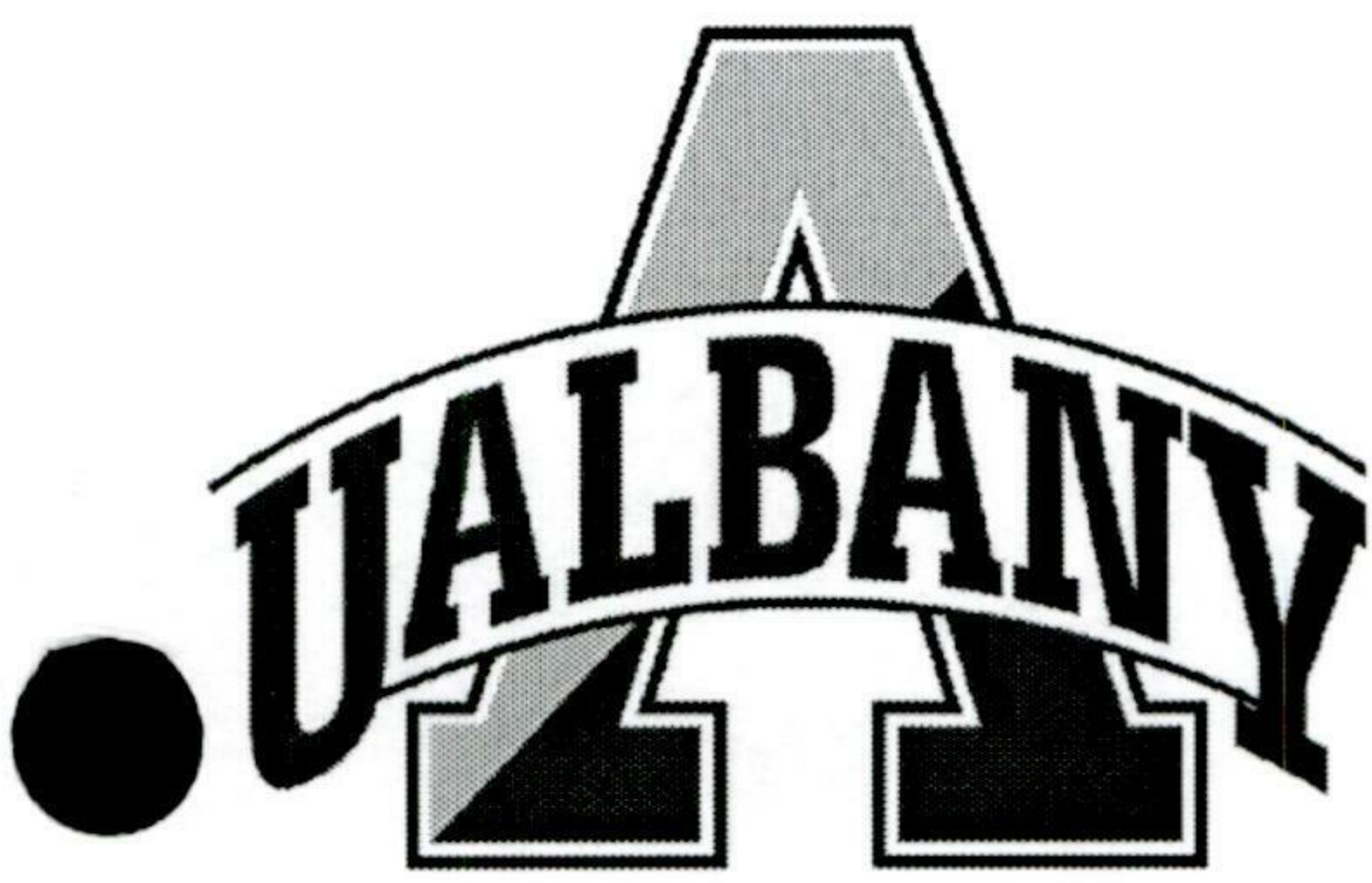
LUKE DAQUINO ON STX/USILA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA LACROSSE TEAM

Philadelphia, Pa. – University at Albany's **Luke Daquino** has been named to the 2005 STX/USILA All-America Team, as announced today by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association at the NCAA Division I lacrosse semifinals at Lincoln Financial Field. Daquino, the school's first lacrosse All-American at the Division I level, was an honorable mention selection.

A senior from Farmingville, N.Y., Daquino was a first-team All-America East Conference attackman for the third consecutive season. He ranks third in assists (2.31 pg) and fifth in scoring (4.38 ppg) among the NCAA leaders. Daquino totaled 33 goals and 37 assists for 70 points, the sixth highest single-season scoring total in school history. He twice was named the America East player of the week as a senior. Daquino tallied five or more points against nine opponents, including a season-high four goals and one assist against Virginia in the NCAA's opening round on May 14.

"Luke has taken this program to new heights," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose Great Danes have made three straight NCAA tournament appearances. "He is just a complete player who has been a driving force behind the team as both a leader and a coach on the field. He is one of the reasons we have won three America East championships."

Daquino, who was voted to the America East postseason all-tournament team in all four seasons, finished his career as the UAlbany's all-time scorer with 103 goals and 131 assists for 234 points. He shattered a career standard that had been held by Cort Kim since 1992. The Great Danes won a combined 39 games during Daquino's four years with the program. UAlbany tied a school record for single-season victories with its third consecutive 10-6 campaign in 2005.



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MARC PALLOZZI FINISHES EIGHTH IN JAVELIN AT NCAA EAST REGIONAL MEET

Randall's Island, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Marc Pallozzi** (Lansingburgh H.S.) set a school record to finish eighth in the men's javelin on Friday at the NCAA East Regional Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Icahn Stadium. **Gered Burns** (Guilderland), the IC4A 800-meter champion, was forced to withdraw from the preliminary round due to an achilles tendon injury in his left foot.

Pallozzi, a sophomore from Waterford, N.Y., twice broke his own UAlbany standard during the NCAA regional competition. He reached the finals by throwing 207-feet, one-inch in the preliminaries, nearly two feet better than his previous record. Pallozzi, who won the 2005 America East Conference title as walk-on transfer earlier this month, threw 209-7 in the finals, but was short of advancing to the NCAA Division I Championships in Sacramento, Calif. on June 8-11.

"I feel relief because I wasn't sure how I would do," said Pallozzi, who previously was a member of the track team at SUNY-Plattsburgh and a baseball center fielder in high school. "I am more confident, but now I know I need to work hard in the off-season to improve my strength and technique.

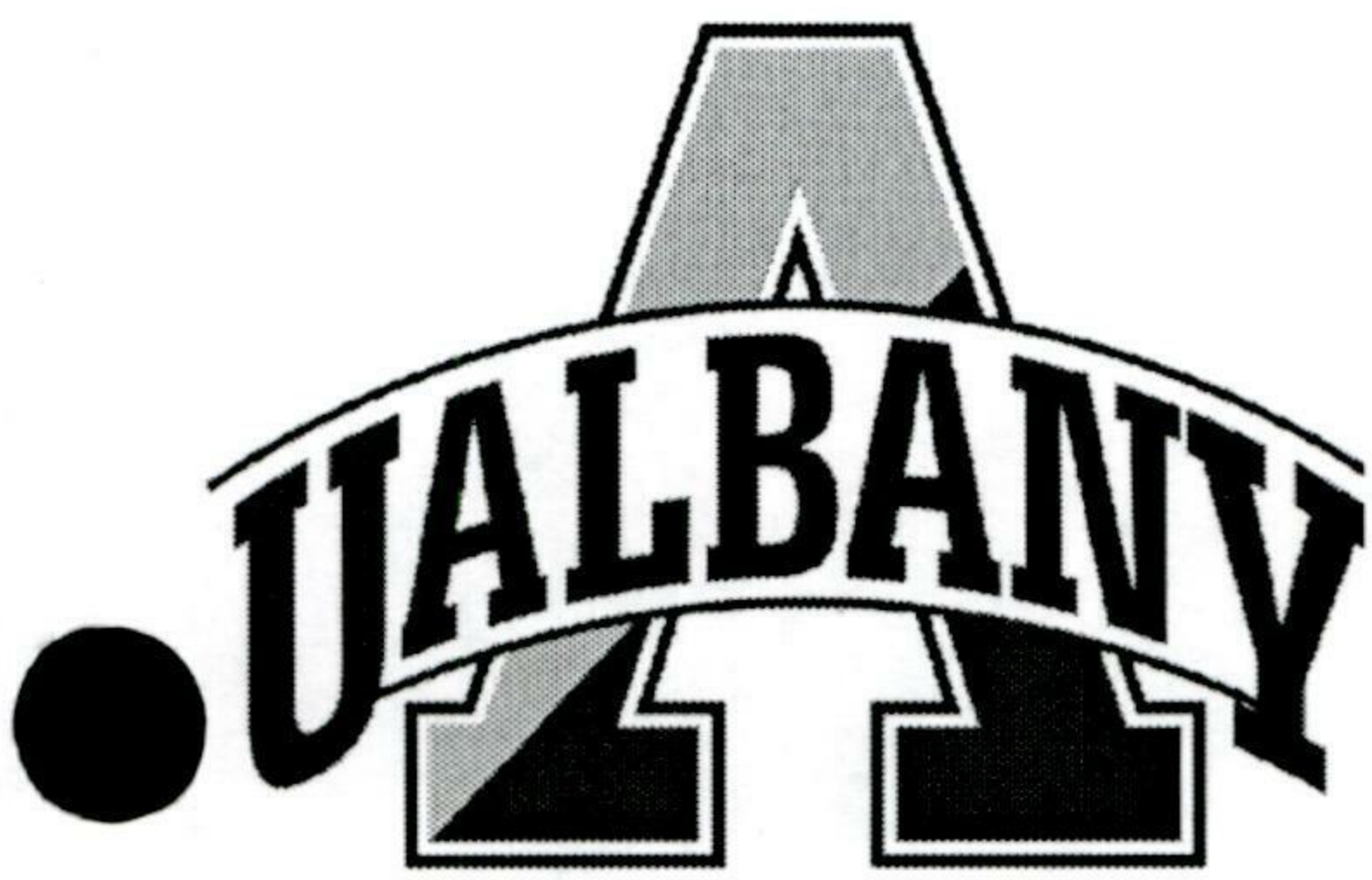
Burns, the first UAlbany athlete to win an IC4A outdoor crown, developed nagging achilles pain one week ago, but felt he could still compete at the NCAA meet. However, the injury flared up during the warm-up period. Burns, who had made the East Regional field for the second straight year, turned in a school-record 1:48.66 at IC4A's on May 15.

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2005 NCAA East Regional Outdoor Track & Field Championships

Men's Javelin Throw Final

1. Sean Furey (Dartmouth), 241-09; 2. Trevor Snyder (Georgia), 228-10; 3. Anthony Bonura (Pittsburgh), 227-05; 4. Jacobus Smit (Virginia Tech), 227-03; 5. Bobby Smith (Monmouth), 222-08; 6. Bret Kershner (Penn State), 218-06; 7. Martin Maric (Georgia), 209-07; 8. Marc Pallozzi (Albany), 209-07; 9. Jason Smartt (Army), 205-0.



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BOUNA COUNDOUL SIGNS DEVELOPMENTAL CONTRACT WITH COLORADO RAPIDS

Denver, Colo. – Former University at Albany goalkeeper Bouna Coundoul has signed a developmental contract with Major League Soccer's Colorado Rapids. Coundoul, who recently earned his undergraduate degree in information science with a minor in French, has reported to the team and replaces Michael Cardenas on the roster.

"He is a tremendous story that can inspire all young goalkeepers," UAlbany coach Johan Aarnio commented. "As a graduating senior and the first player to reach the MLS ranks from our program, Bouna will develop well as a professional. His demeanor with others and professionalism make him a true role model for other student-athletes to emulate."

Coundoul, the 2004 America East Conference Goalkeeper of the Year, ranked third among the NCAA Division I leaders in goals against average at 0.54 per game. He posted a .901 save percentage with 11 shutouts as a senior. Coundoul led UAlbany to a 12-4-2 record, the program's highest win total since 1992, and a share of the America East regular-season title.

A native of Dakar, Senegal, Coundoul was named first-team NSCAA/adidas All-New York Region in his final season. He also was chosen to the All-America East Conference team for the third consecutive year, including a pair of first-team selections.

During his UAlbany career, Coundoul recorded a 0.93 goals against average and 17 shutouts, plus made 271 saves. He once posted a shutout streak that lasted 426 minutes over six matches.



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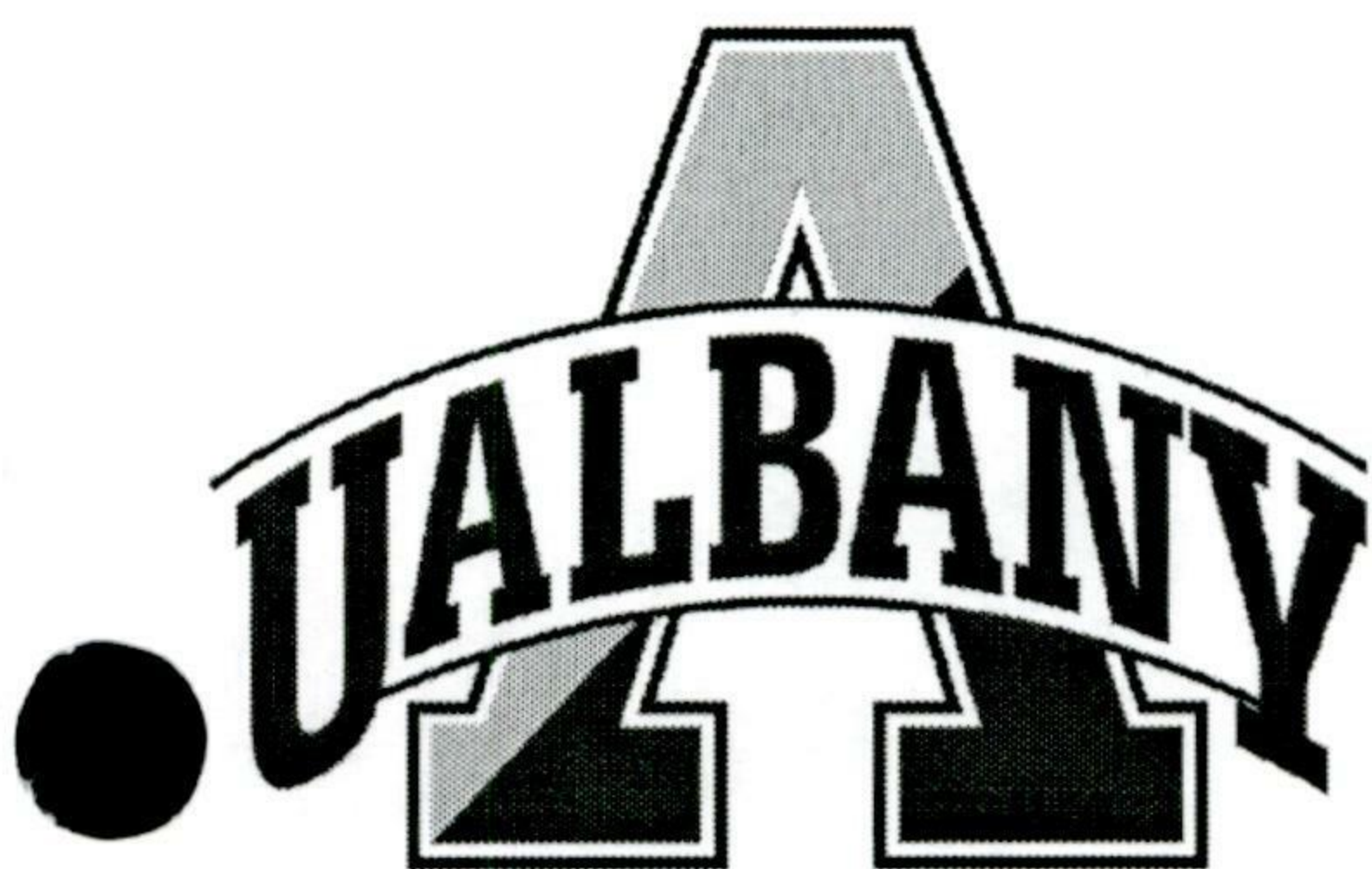
RYAN & WYLAND NAMED TO AMERICA EAST ALL-CONFERENCE BASEBALL TEAM

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Steve Wyland** has been named to the America East All-Conference Baseball First Team as announced by the conference office on Wednesday evening. Pitcher **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) was voted a second-team selection.

Wyland, a sophomore second baseman, finished as the team's leading hitter among the starters. He batted .357 (51-for-143) and ranked sixth among the America East leaders. Wyland, who smacked eight extra-base hits, led the Great Danes in runs scored (36) and tied for second in RBI (27). He earned his first conference weekly award on May 16 after helping the Great Danes to a sweep of UMBC.

Ryan, a senior reliever, stands second among conference leaders with seven saves. Ryan, the school's career saves leader with 23, posted a 2-3 record and 3.93 earned run average in 20 appearances as the bullpen's closer. The right-hander recorded 40 strikeouts in 34.1 innings this season and now has 110 strikeouts in his career.

UAlbany finished the season with a 20-19 overall record, including a 10-11 mark in America East play.



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UALBANY SENDS SIX ATHLETES TO NCAA EAST REGIONAL TRACK MEET

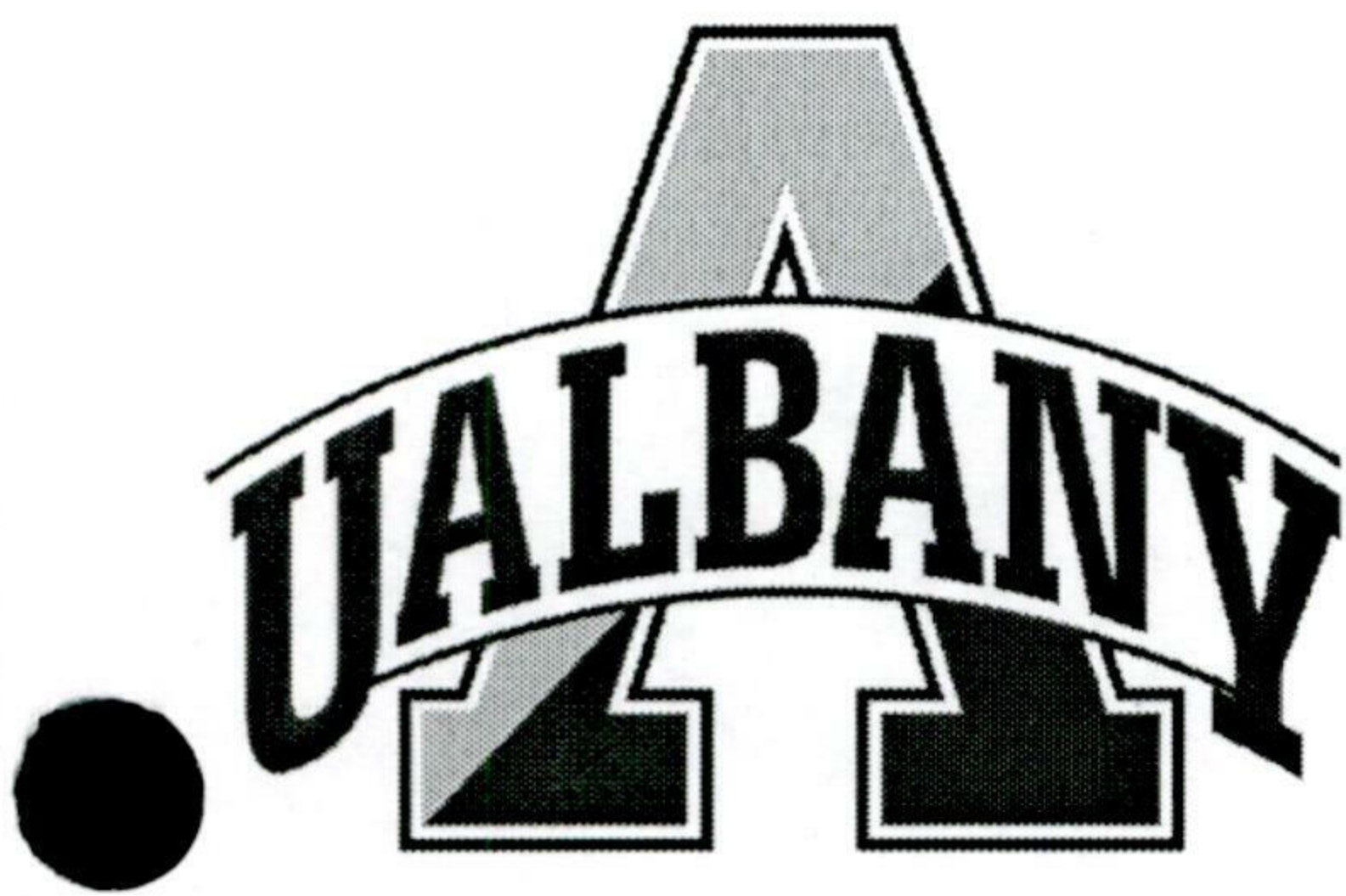
Albany, N.Y. – Six athletes will represent the University at Albany at the NCAA East Regional Outdoor Track & Field Championships on May 27-28. UAlbany's regional qualifiers will compete at Icahn Stadium in Randall's Island, N.Y. Manhattan College is the host institution. The group includes **Gered Burns** (Guilderland), **Marc Pallozzi** (Lansingburgh), **Kamar Elliott**, **Jonathan Jones**, **Chris Pierson** and **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn).

Burns, a junior from Altamont, N.Y., will compete in the 800-meter run after becoming the first UAlbany athlete to win an IC4A outdoor championship. He turned in a school-record performance with a time of 1:48.66. Burns, who is in the NCAA regional field for the second straight year, also captured the America East Conference 1,500-meter crown this season.

Elliott is also making his second NCAA regional appearance. He captured his second consecutive America East triple jump championship with a leap of 47-feet, 5.75-inches. A native of Syracuse, N.Y., Elliott is also a defensive back on the UAlbany football team. Jones, who won the America East long jump title, posted a season-best mark of 24-feet, 1.5-inches, when he was first at the UAlbany Spring Classic on April 16.

Pallozzi, a sophomore from Waterford, N.Y., won the conference javelin throw when he shattered the school record with a mark of 205-feet, 5-inches. He is also an all-around competitor in the decathlon. Pierson improved in the 3,000-meter steeplechase throughout the spring season. He ran the second-fastest time in the program's history when he placed seventh at the IC4A Championships in 8:59.87. Pierson finished first at the UAlbany Spring Classic and was third at the America East meet.

A sophomore from Albany, N.Y., Lotmore is the lone UAlbany woman to advance to the NCAA East Regional as a 5,000-meter run competitor. She broke her own school standard by finishing sixth at the Duke Invitational with a time of 16:51.77. At the America East Conference meet, she took second in the 5,000 and fourth in the 1,500. Lotmore was third in the 3,000 at the ECAC Championships on May 13-15.



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M.J. ENGSTROM JOINS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL COACHING STAFF

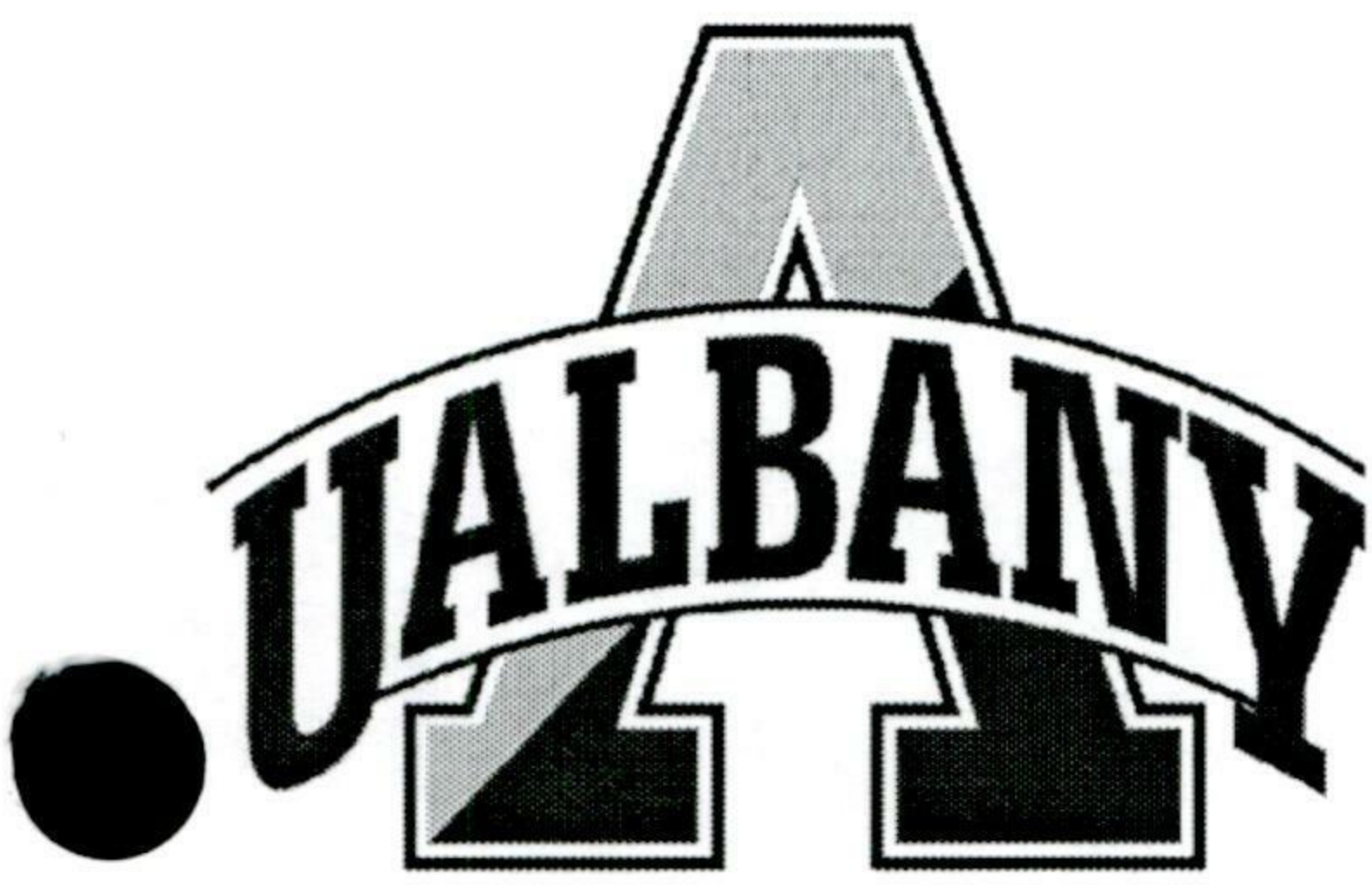
Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's volleyball head coach **Kelly Sheffield** announced today the hiring of **M.J. Engstrom** as an assistant coach. Engstrom, who previously was a head coach at the collegiate level, guided two teams to NCAA Tournament appearances.

Engstrom, 46, comes to the Great Danes after spending the previous five seasons as the head volleyball coach at Nicholls State University in Louisiana. Engstrom led the Colonels to the 2003 Southland Conference Tournament Championship and the program's first-ever berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Engstrom also spent two years as head coach at Villanova University, where she led the Wildcats to their first NCAA appearance in 1997. The tournament berth was the first at-large bid for a Big East Conference team.

Along with her head coaching experience, Engstrom served as an assistant coach at the University of Washington from 1998-99 and the University of North Dakota from 1990-93. A native of Saint Paul, Minnesota, Engstrom has also worked with the USA Men's and Women's National Volleyball Teams.

Engstrom, a member of the USA Volleyball Sports Medicine and Performance Commission, played for the University of Minnesota volleyball team in 1978. She graduated from Minnesota with an undergraduate degree in psychology.



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LOUISVILLE RALLIES IN SEVENTH FOR 5-4 NCAA VICTORY OVER UALBANY

Notre Dame, Ind. – **Candi Hicks** and **Courtney Moore** hit back-to-back home runs in the seventh inning, as Louisville rallied for a 5-4 victory over UAlbany in the loser's bracket of the NCAA Division I Softball Tournament on Saturday afternoon at Notre Dame's Ivy Field. The Great Danes' finished with a 35-14 record, while Louisville advanced to meet Northwestern in this four-team, double-elimination regional.

Louisville (43-19) trailed 4-2 heading into its last at-bat. **Audrey Rendon** started the rally with a one-out single up the middle. Hicks, a sophomore left fielder, then belted her sixth homer of the season over the left-field fence to tie the contest. Moore followed with a game-winning solo blast, off a 1-1 pitch that sailed inside the left-field foul pole, for her 15th home run of the year.

"We played as well as we could play," said UAlbany coach Chris Cannata, whose team was making its first-ever NCAA appearance after winning the America East Conference championship. "We scored on timely hits and made some nice defensive plays. We had a good shot to win. All of the sudden it was tied, and then we were walking off the field."

The Great Danes took a 2-0 lead in the first inning with a two-out uprising. **Ashley Rios** singled between a pair of walks to load the bases. Freshman **Erika Enockson** then delivered a run-scoring single up the middle. Rios scored when center fielder **Sara Bauscher** bobbled the ball. UAlbany tallied its third run in the fifth, as catcher **Ali Meacham** lined a lead-off double off the top of the center-field fence and would later score on a throwing error.

Starting pitcher **Casey Halloran**, who fell to 16-6 on the mound, worked out of trouble in the third and sixth. In the third, Moore's sacrifice fly scored **Leslie Garland**, but UAlbany's Rios cut off the relay throw from left field and nailed Rendon as she attempted to reach second base for the third out. Louisville's **Michelle Vasquez** cut her team's deficit to 3-2 in the sixth with a RBI single. But Halloran would get out of a bases-loaded jam, when she struck out **Lisa Estes** looking on a 1-2 pitch.

UAlbany almost broke the game open in the top of the seventh, when **Amber Maisonet** walked with the bases full of Great Danes to give her team a 4-2 lead. However, Louisville reliever **Aja Sherman** ended the threat as she got **Kelly Ogden** to pop out to second base and Rios to ground out. Sherman, who came on in the second for starter Catherine Bishop, improved to 22-11 overall by allowing one hit over six innings. She struck out six and walked four.

"It felt great coming out (for the seventh)," explained Halloran, who gave up nine hits while striking out two and walking three. "We hit the ball in key moments and did every thing that got us here. We just played a good team that knows how to win."

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NCAA Division I Softball Tournament (May 20-22, South Bend, Ind.)

Friday, May 20

Game 1 – Notre Dame 3, Louisville 2

Game 2 – Northwestern 6, UAlbany 1

Saturday, May 21

Game 3 – Notre Dame 3, Northwestern 2

Game 4 – Louisville 5, UAlbany 4 (UAlbany eliminated)

Game 5 – Northwestern (39-16) vs. Louisville (43-19), 6:40

Sunday, May 22

Game 6 – Notre Dame (46-13) vs. Game 5 winner, 1:00

Game 7 – Game 6 opponents, if necessary, 3:30

All Times Eastern

University at Albany Softball 2005
 University at Albany vs Louisville
 May 21, 2005 at Notre Dame, IN (Ivy Field)

University at Albany 4 (35-14)

Louisville 5 (43-19)

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| Maisonet, Amber lf..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Ogden, Kelly 3b..... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Rios, Ashley 1b..... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
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| Gannon, Julie rf..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Burnham, Brittany rf.... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Busch, Leslie cf..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Halloran, Casey p..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
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| RENDON 3b..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
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| MOORE ss..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| WOOD c..... | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| BAUSHER cf..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VASQUEZ 2b..... | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
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| GARLAND rf..... | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BISHOP p..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SHERMAN p..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals..... | 25 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 12 | 6 |

| Score by Innings | R | H | E |
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Note: 1 out, 0 runners LOB when the game ended.

E - RENDON(13); BAUSHER(2). DP - Albany 1. LOB - Albany 6; Louisville 6. 2B - Meacham(6). HR - HICKS(6); MOORE(15). SH - Burnham(7); Busch(8); BAUSHER(6). SF - MOORE(1). SB - Burnham(10); Meacham(2); Busch(13); GARLAND(6). CS - Ogden(4).

| University at Albany | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | AB | BF |
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| Halloran, Casey..... | 6.1 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 30 |

| Louisville | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | AB | BF |
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| BISHOP..... | 1.0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| SHERMAN..... | 6.0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 18 | 24 |

Win - SHERMAN (22-11). Loss - Halloran (16-6). Save - None.
 PB - WOOD 2(8).

Umpires - Home:Jeff Sloan 1st:Diane Carden 3rd:Tony Maddox
 Start: 2:51 Time: 2:40 Attendance:
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GREAT DANES EDGED BY VERMONT IN FINAL GAME OF 2005 SEASON

Burlington, Vt. – **Kyle Brault** hit a two-out, game-winning RBI single to lift Vermont to a 6-5 win over UAlbany in the final America East Conference regular-season game for both teams on Saturday afternoon at Centennial Field. The Great Danes finish up 2005 with a 20-19 overall record, including 10-11 in conference play.

Brault hit a line drive to left field to score **Miguel Magrass**, giving the Catamounts the three-game weekend sweep. UAlbany had tied the game in the top of the ninth, but Magrass started the ninth-inning rally with a one-out double down the left field line.

The Great Danes drew the game even at five apiece in the top of the ninth. **Brad Daniels**, who pinch ran for catcher **Fred Estes**, advanced to third on a base hit through the right side by **Craig Farley**. **Derek DeGrazio** then grounded out to the shortstop to push Daniels across the plate.

UAlbany's **Steve Wyland** finished 2-for-4 with three RBI. **Kyle Thomas** threw five innings for the Great Danes, striking out six, while reliever **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater), who picked up the loss, fanned three batters in 1.2 innings of work.

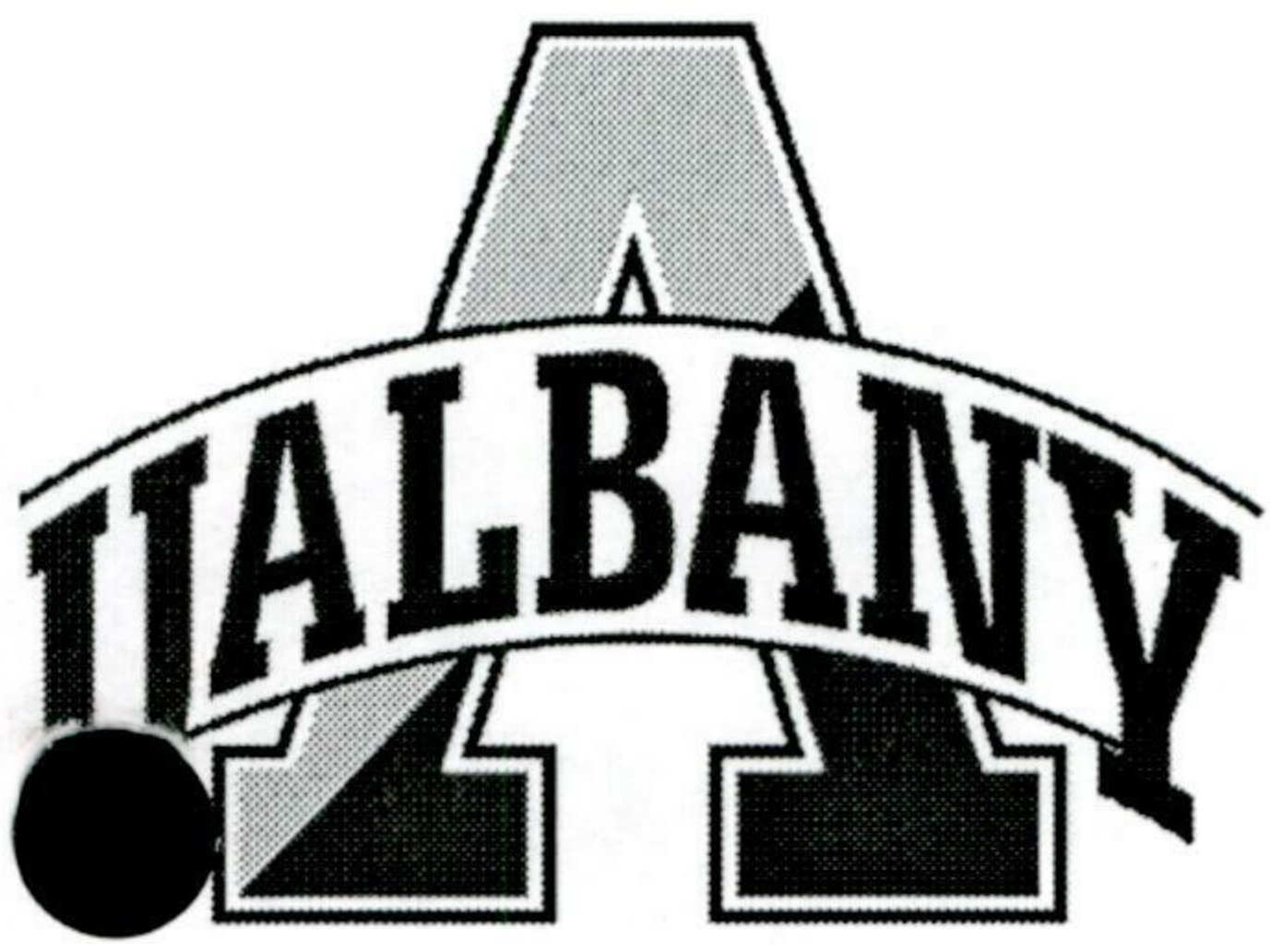
Magrass, a third baseman, went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Vermont (26-17, AE 14-7) earned a berth into the America East Conference tournament and will host Maine on Thursday.

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Kyle Thomas, Ethan Vaiana (6), Roman Dubiel (7), Shawn Ryan (8) and Fred Estes and Tom Hill

Joey Serafin, Brandon Miles (5), Chris Marsh (7) and Matt Naimoli and Dan Hale



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VERMONT SWEEPS UALBANY IN A-EAST TWINBILL TO END POSTSEASON HOPES

Burlington, Vt. – **Miguel Magrass** hit a two-run single in the bottom of the seventh to score two runners and give Vermont a two-game sweep over UAlbany in America East Conference action at Centennial Field. With the 3-2 win, the Catamounts clinched a spot in the conference tournament, while ending postseason hopes for the Great Danes. Vermont took the first game with a score of 5-2.

Vermont (25-17, AE 13-7) trailed 2-1 entering the bottom of the seventh inning of the second game before taking advantage of wild UAlbany pitching. With one out, **Matt Naimoli** singled and his pinchrunner **Nick Gallapani** stole second. Great Dane starter **Jeff Mazzola** walked **Raymond Montanez** before being replaced by closer **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater). Ryan produced the second out of the inning before losing a long at-bat with **Jason Carey**. Carey, down 0-2, worked a walk to load the bases before Magrass knocked a 2-0 pitch through the left side to score two runners.

Mark Suchoweicki pitched the entire first contest for UAlbany (20-18, AE 10-10), his third complete game of the season, striking out eight Catamount batters.

James Chapman went 2-for-4 with an RBI while Magrass drove in two runs to lead Vermont in the first game.

Joe Lamb, who scored one run for UAlbany in the early contest, recorded his eleventh double of the season in the nightcap. Mazzola struck out seven Catamount hitters in his 6.1 innings of work on the mound.

The two teams will close out the regular season with a single game on Saturday at noon.

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GAME 1

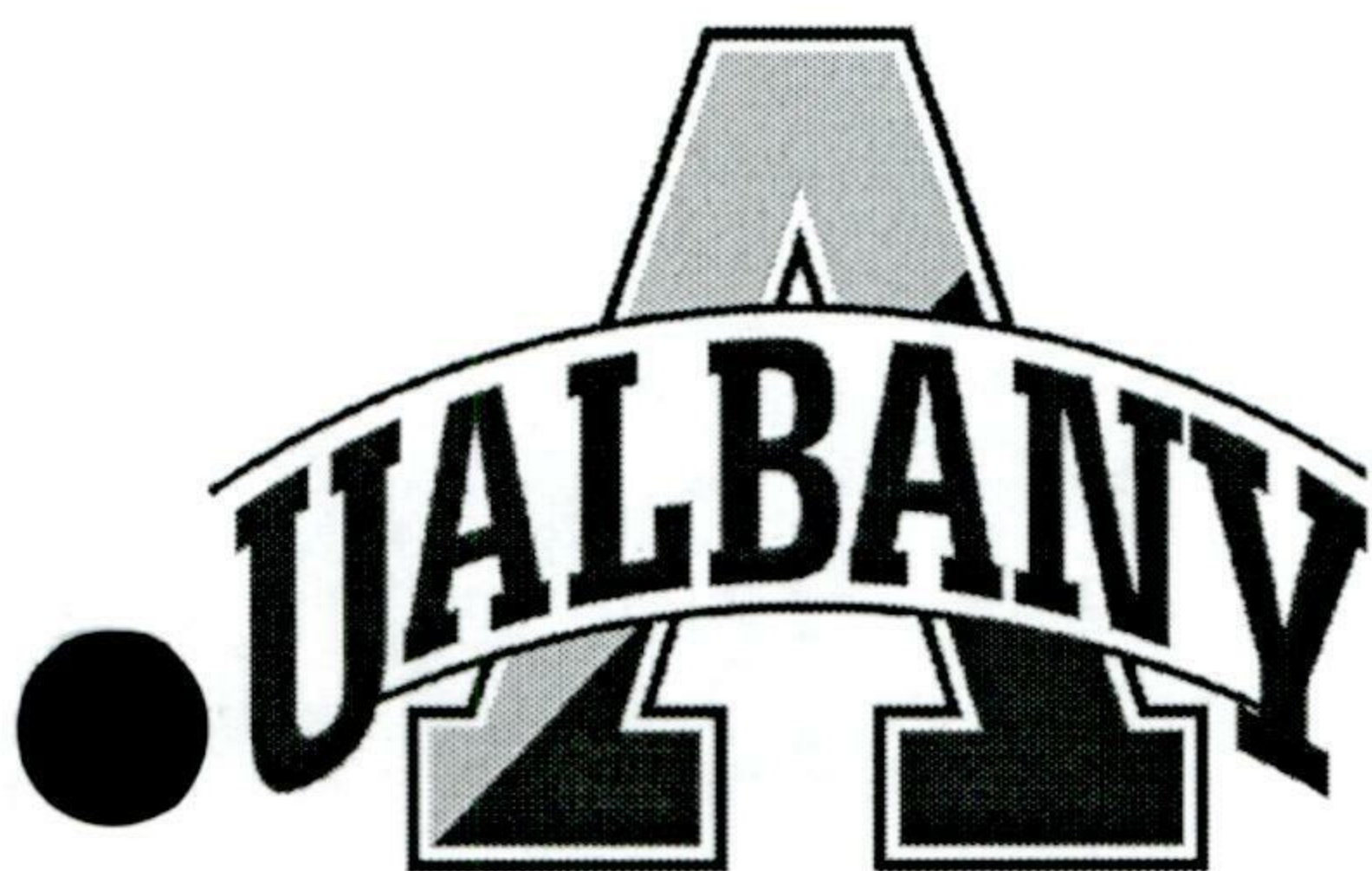
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Mark Suchoweicki and Tom Hill
Derek Miller and Matt Naimoli

GAME 2

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| UAlbany (20-18, AE 10-10) | 000 | 110 | 0 | - | 2 | 6 | 0 |
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Jeff Mazzola, Shawn Ryan (7) and Tom Hill
Chris Blazek, Bryan Rembisz (5) and Matt Naimoli



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FOSTER SCATTERS FOUR HITS IN NORTHWESTERN'S NCAA WIN OVER UALBANY

Notre Dame, Ind. – **Courtney Foster** scattered four hits in posting her 20th victory of the season, as Northwestern upended UAlbany, 6-1, in the opening round of the NCAA Softball Tournament on Friday afternoon at Notre Dame's Ivy Field.

Northwestern (39-15) will meet Notre Dame (45-13) in the winner's bracket of this four-team, double-elimination regional tournament on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. The Fighting Irish rallied for a 3-2 win in their first-round contest. UAlbany (35-13) faces Louisville (42-19) in the loser's bracket at 3:30 p.m.

The Great Danes, who are making their first-ever NCAA appearance after winning the America East Conference title, struck first in the third inning. **Leslie Busch** singled and stole second base, before scoring on **Amber Maisonet's** two-out single over the shortstop's head.

Northwestern, ranked No. 19 in the nation, came back with three runs in the bottom of the third. **Katie Logan**, who went 2-for-3 at the plate and scored twice, tied the game with a RBI triple that rolled to the fence in the left-field gap. **Erin Mobley** put her team ahead with a run-scoring single, before **Sheila McCorkle** singled through the left side to plate another run.

The Wildcats scored three times in the fourth to lengthen their margin. Shortstop **Stephanie Churchwell's** RBI double gave her squad a 4-1 lead. **Kristen Amegin**, who had a pair of hits, then belted a two-run double off the top of the right-field wall.

"Being in the tournament before helped, but I was still a little nervous," said UAlbany starting right-hander **Amanda Morin**, who pitched for Florida Atlantic in postseason play the previous two seasons. "I have never faced so many left-handed hitters, so it took away my curveball. I was just able to work up and down (in the zone). They just got on me."

Morin went just 3.2 innings in falling to 16-3 on the mound. She allowed six earned runs and nine hits. Meanwhile, Foster was nearly perfect in recording her 19th complete game of the season. She struck out 10 and walked none.

"We don't face many teams of that caliber during our regular season," UAlbany coach Chris Cannata commented. "We didn't do anything differently to prepare; we wanted to play with what got us here. We were not scared or intimidated."

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NCAA Division I Softball Tournament (May 20-22, South Bend, Ind.)

Friday, May 20

Game 1 – Notre Dame 3, Louisville 2

Game 2 – Northwestern 6, UAlbany 1

Saturday, May 21

Game 3 – Notre Dame (45-13) vs. Northwestern (39-15), 1:00

Game 4 – Louisville (42-19) vs. UAlbany (35-13), 3:30

Game 5 – Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner, 6:00

Sunday, May 22

Game 6 – Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 1:00

Game 7 – Game 6 opponents, if necessary, 3:30

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UAlbany Softball 2-2-2

AMANDA MORIN & KELLY OGDEN ON ALL-NORTHEAST REGION SQUAD

Starkville, Miss. – University at Albany's **Amanda Morin** and **Kelly Ogden** has been named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's All-Northeast Region Team. Morin and Ogden were second-team selections.

Morin, the America East Conference Pitcher of the Year, had a 16-2 record and ranked eighth among the Division I leaders with a 0.74 earned run average heading into this weekend's NCAA Tournament. She led the conference in victories, shutouts (8), opponents' batting average against (.129) and was second in strikeouts at 6.92 per seven innings.

Ogden, a sophomore third baseman, earned first-team All-America East recognition. She established school single-season records with 11 home runs and 50 RBI. Ogden, who ranks fifth nationally in RBI per game, batted .355 with 21 extra-base hits, including nine doubles, 38 runs and a league-leading .658 slugging percentage.

University at Albany Softball 2005
 University at Albany vs Northwestern
 May 20, 2005 at Notre Dame, IN (Ivy Field)

University at Albany 1 (35-13)

Northwestern 6 (39-15)

| Player | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | PO | A | LOB |
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| Larsen, Maegan ss..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Maisonet, Amber lf..... | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ogden, Kelly 3b..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Rios, Ashley 1b..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Dunning, Katrina 2b..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Enocksen, Erika dh..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gannon, Julie rf..... | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Burnham, Brittany pr.... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Meacham, Ali c..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Busch, Leslie cf..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Morin, Amanda p..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Halloran, Casey p..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals..... | 25 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 18 | 6 | 3 |

| Player | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | PO | A | LOB |
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| CHURCHWELL ss..... | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| MOBLEY rf..... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| COOPER 1b..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| PIATT pr..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DOTSON c..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| AMEGIN dh..... | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CRANE pr..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McCORKLE cf..... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| ODELL 2b..... | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| HINCK ph..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| SENGEWALD 3b..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| MILLER ph..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LOGAN lf..... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| FOSTER p..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals..... | 28 | 6 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 5 | 8 |

| Score by Innings | R | H | E | |
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| University at Albany | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Northwestern..... | 0 | 6 | 12 | 0 |

DP - Albany 2. LOB - Albany 3; Northwestern 8. 2B - CHURCHWELL(13); AMEGIN(8). 3B - LOGAN(1). SB - Maisonet 2(22); Busch(12); EY(9).

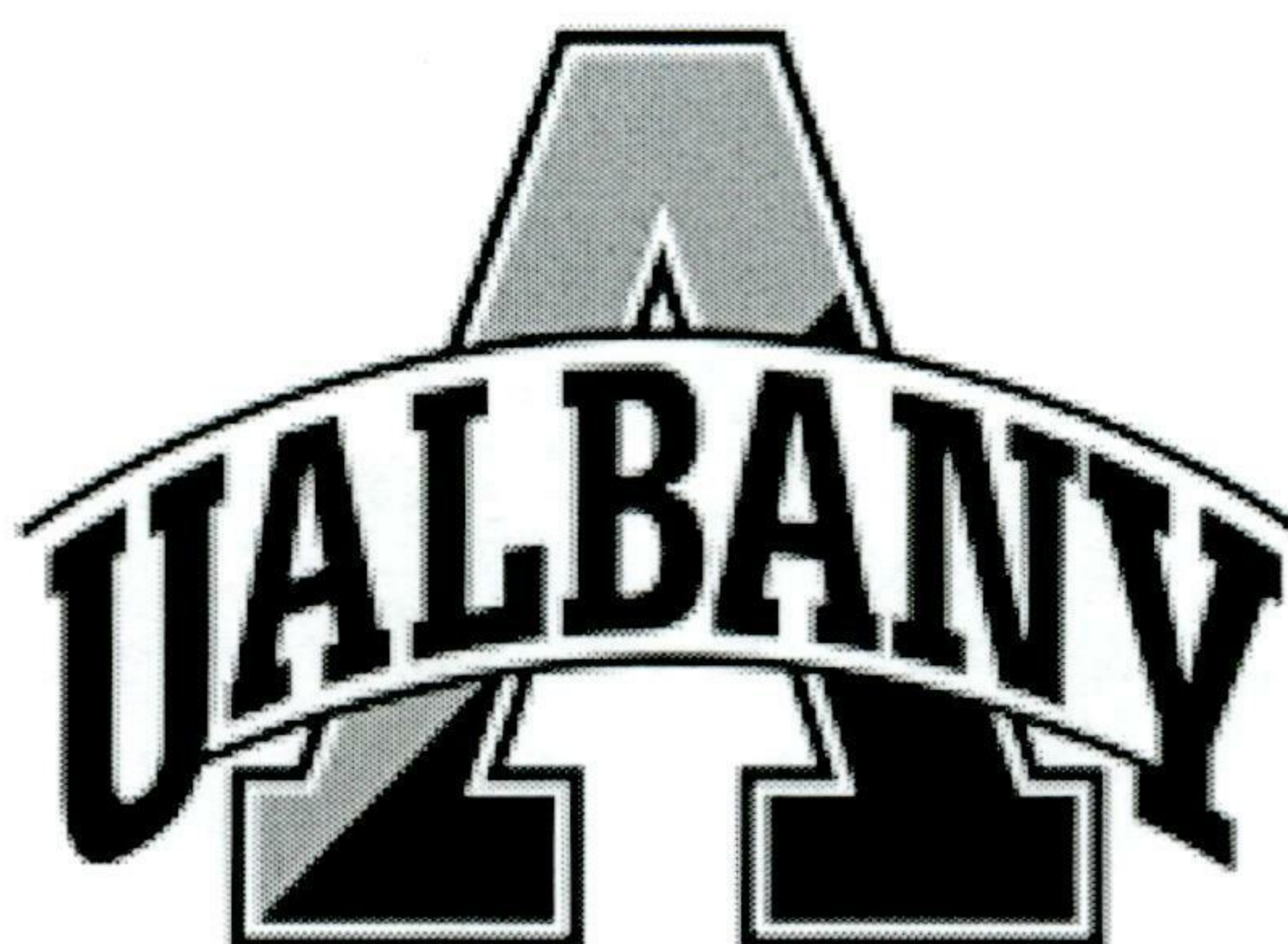
| University at Albany | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | AB | BF |
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| Morin, Amanda..... | 3.2 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 19 | 23 |
| Halloran, Casey..... | 2.1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 9 |

| Northwestern | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | AB | BF |
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| FOSTER..... | 7.0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 25 | 25 |

Win - FOSTER (20-7). Loss - Morin (16-3). Save - None.
 WP - Morin(1).

Umpires - Home:Diane Carden 1st:Jeff Sloan 3rd:Steve McCown
 Start: 3:09 pm Time: 1:46 Attendance: 564
 Game: GAME48

Game notes:
 ID-GAME2



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY BASKETBALL SIGNS THREE STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR 2005-06

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 2005-06 academic year. **Jimmie Covington**, a 6-foot-7, 235 pound forward/center from Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park H.S.), **Jason Siggers**, a 6-foot-4, 195-pound guard/forward from Dallas, Texas (New Mexico Junior College) and **Kiel Graham**, a 6-foot-9, 215-pound forward/center from Milwaukee, Wis. (Feather River Community College) each made his commitment. **Brian Connelly**, a 6-foot-8, 225-pound forward from Audubon, N.J. (Camden Catholic H.S.) inked his letter during last November's early signing period.

"We have improved what I consider to be a weakness in that we have added size, depth and talent in the frontcourt," said Brown, whose team finished 13-15 last season, an eight-win improvement from the previous year. "We also added a wing player who can put the ball in the basket. This is a group that fits the University's profile of student-athletes who are both quality people and talented basketball players. With these four individuals and the return of a healthy Jon Iati, we have increased our chances of winning an America East Conference championship."

Covington averaged 14.9 points and 11.2 rebounds for the Mustangs as a high school senior. He was named to the Chicago Public League's all-area and all-section teams. Covington, a member of the league's all-academic squad, was chosen to play in the City/Suburban All-Star Game.

Siggers was named to the 2005 Western Junior College Athletic Conference first team, when he averaged 17.2 points, 3.8 rebounds and 1.8 steals. A second-team All-Region V selection, Siggers shot 46 percent from the field and 79 percent from the line, plus made 56 three-point field goals. He played scholastically at Dallas' Skyline High School.

Graham averaged 15.1 points, 9.9 rebounds and 2.0 blocks en route to earning first-team All-Golden Valley Conference recognition. He led Feather River C.C. in California to a share of the conference championship with a 19-10 record. Graham was ranked among the top 30 players in the state of Wisconsin as a junior and senior at Bay View High School.

Connelly, who made his commitment to the UAlbany program last fall, was named to New Jersey's all-state second team. He averaged 22.5 points and 9.2 rebounds in leading Camden Catholic High to a 22-4 record. Connelly was also chosen first-team All-South Jersey and first-team All-Parochial.

2005-06 University at Albany Men's Basketball Signings

| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown (High School/Junior College) |
|------------------|------|-----|-----|---|
| Brian Connelly | F | 6-8 | 225 | Audubon, N.J. (Camden Catholic) |
| Jimmie Covington | F/C | 6-7 | 235 | Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park) |
| Kiel Graham | F/C | 6-9 | 215 | Milwaukee, Wis. (Bay View / Feather River C.C.) |
| Jason Siggers | G/F | 6-4 | 195 | Dallas, Texas (Skyline / New Mexico J.C.) |

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UAlbany Breaks Ground on All-Weather Athletic Fields

ALBANY, N.Y. (May 18, 2005) -- The University at Albany today broke ground on the site of what will become two all-weather athletics fields. Joining President Kermit L. Hall in the ground-breaking ceremony were John R. Fallon Jr., whose contribution helped finance the lacrosse field, Albany Mayor Gerald D. Jennings, Director of Athletics Lee McElroy, and Ray Rudolph, Sports Partner, Clough Harbor and Associates LLP. "John Fallon Field" will be home to the men's and women's lacrosse teams, while an adjacent field will be home to women's field hockey in addition to serving as a multi-use recreational field for UAlbany students. The fields will be located east of University Field.

"This makes it possible for our students and fans to enjoy these fields for sport and recreation throughout the year right here at the University," said Hall. "We are most grateful to John Fallon for his commitment to student athletics and generous support of the lacrosse program, which has made exceptional strides under the stewardship of Lee McElroy and coaches Scott Marr and Dennis Short."

Fallon (B.A.'77, M.P.A.'81) donated \$250,000 to fund construction of an all-weather lacrosse field for the men's and women's teams. A partner at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene and MacRae, LLP in New York City, Fallon handles major transactions, acquisitions and financings. Through the donation, Fallon aims to further bolster the success of UAlbany's men's lacrosse team, which earned an NCAA tournament berth for the third straight year this past spring.

"The teams have great potential, and to take them to the next level we'll need a field with the same synthetic turf as the teams have played on for the NCAA championships," noted Fallon, who as an undergraduate played all four years on UAlbany's lacrosse team. "When we have the new all-weather field, the teams can get out there practicing sooner and we could have some of the early season games played here, as opposed to playing on the road."

The first phase of construction will be coordinated by the University at Albany office of Architecture, Engineering and Construction Management. The plan was designed by Clough Harbor and Associates LLP of Albany. General contracting will be completed by Callanan Industries, also of Albany. The first phase is expected to be completed by September 1, 2005.

This year, the men's team played only two home games at UAlbany. The first three home games were played in Troy at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's all-weather facility. The team finished 10-6 in 2005, losing to Virginia in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The team was ranked 13th in the country in the final NCAA Division I regular-season poll.

University at Albany Athletic Facilities Master Plan

Phase I – Stadium Complex for Two Artificial Turf Fields

Coordinated by University at Albany Office of Architecture, Engineering and Construction Management

Design and Professional Services provided by Clough Harbor & Associates LLP, Albany, NY
Ray Rudolph, Sports Partner

Design Services also provided by Cannon Design, Albany, NY

Phase I Part A - Two Artificial Turf Fields (east of Physical Education Building and Tennis Bubble)

General Contractor – Callanan Industries, Inc., Albany, NY

Project Manager - David Savage, Clough Harbor & Associates, LLP

Total Cost - \$3,500,000

Lacrosse Field - To be named Fallon Field.

-- To be utilized by UAlbany Men's and Women's Lacrosse teams for practice and competition.

- Field Type - Sand and rubber infill turf.
- Size - 99,450 square feet (255 ft X 390 ft).
- Lighting - Sports lighting (70 ft candles).
- Watering - Quick connects for wash down only.

Field Hockey Field

- To be utilized by UAlbany Field Hockey team for practice and competition and for general student recreation and intramurals.
- Field Type - Knitted nylon turf.
- Size - 70,400 square feet (220 ft X 320 ft).
- Lighting - Sports lighting (70 ft. candles).
- Watering - Six water cannons with quick connections at corners and sidelines.

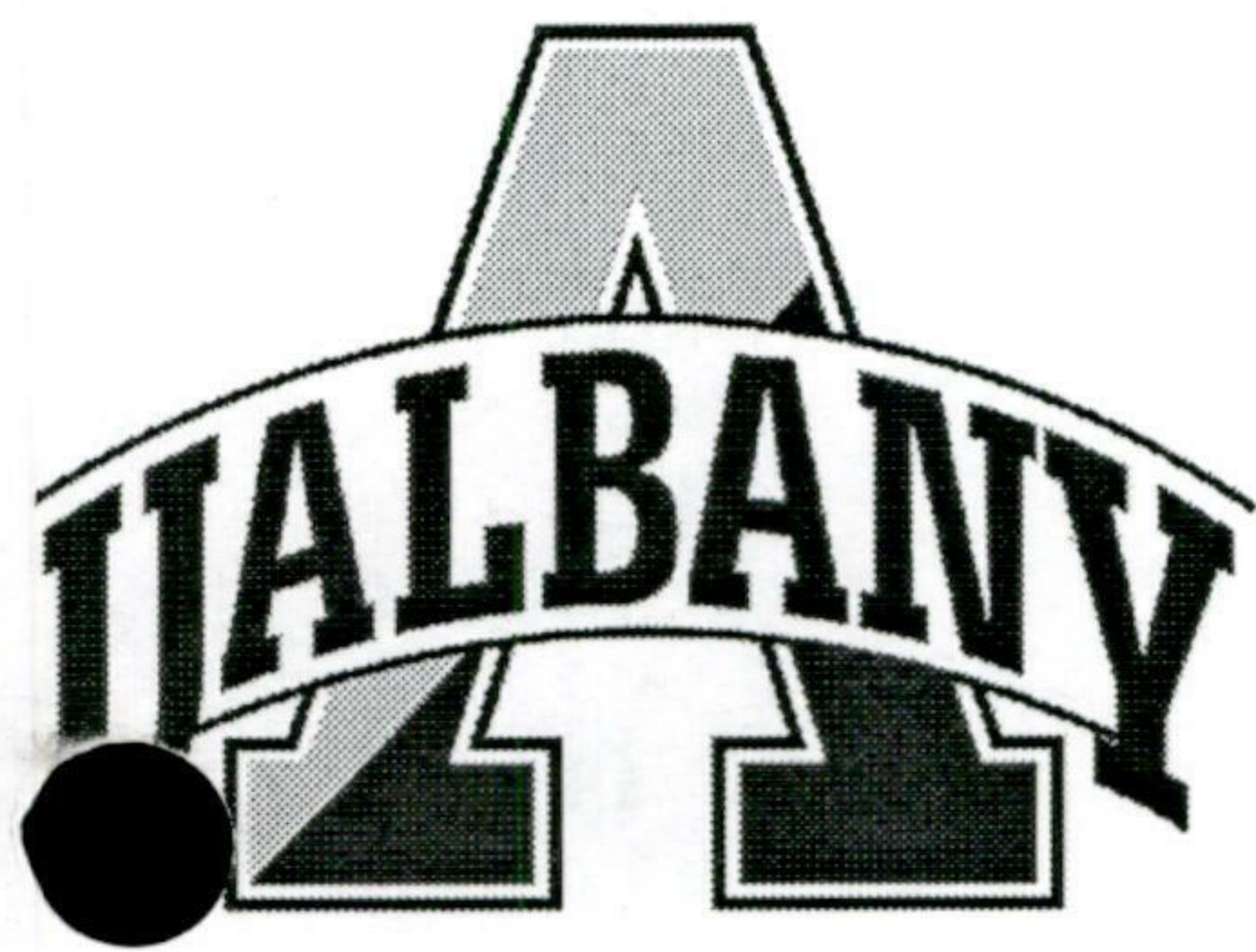
This construction phase will also include:

- identifiable entrances
- landscaping
- fencing
- pedestrian walkways and lighting
- utility relocation

Phase I Part B - Subsequent construction phase to include:

- Spectator seating - Lacrosse Field – 2,000 seats
- Spectator seating - Field Hockey Field - 500 seats
- Press box with 12-person capacity at each field
- Team and official rooms
- Stadium support areas (i.e. concession area, restrooms, storage)
- Electrical upgrades

Approximate cost - \$3,000,000



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UALBANY FALLS TO LE MOYNE IN FINAL HOME GAME OF THE 2005 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – **Keith Connors** went 3-for-5 and scored four runs to lead Le Moyne to a 16-3 non-conference victory over UAlbany in the Great Danes' final home game of the season on Tuesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

The Dolphins posted a five-run fifth inning to take a 7-1 lead. Connors led off the inning with a double to left field. **Ben Gaal**, who finished 2-for-5 with three runs and a game-high five RBI, followed later in the inning with an RBI single to right field to score **Andre Enriquez**. Le Moyne (25-19) would score three runs in the following inning, paced by a three-run homer by Gaal.

Tony Vallone (Greenwich) led off the sixth inning for the Great Danes, knocking a home run of his own to left field. **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) finished the day 2-for-3 with one RBI. Sayre scored **Craig Farley** in the bottom of the fifth inning with an infield single.

UAlbany (20-16) will finish the regular season with a three-game America East Conference series against Vermont on Friday and Saturday at Centennial Field in Burlington. America East postseason tournament spots will be on the line for both teams.

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| Le Moyne (25-19) | 001 | 153 | 033 | - | 16 | 14 | 2 |
| UAlbany (20-16) | 010 | 011 | 000 | - | 3 | 7 | 5 |

Adam LeDuc, Mike Lewis (5), Ryan Toth (7), Craig Soja (8), Ryan Woods (9) and Phil St. Amant

Ethan Vaiana, Nick Murphy (4), Casey Walsh (5), Alexander Beaulieu (7), Giorgio Fuda (8), Craig Farley (9) and Fred Estes



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STEVE WYLAND NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Steve Wyland** has been selected as the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in baseball as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon.

Wyland earned his first award of the season after a stellar performance in the final contest of a three-game sweep of UMBC in America East action. The sophomore second baseman went 2-for-3 at the plate with two runs scored and three RBI. Wyland was critical in the Great Danes eight-run eighth inning, as he smashed a bases-clearing double down the left-field line.

Wyland is second on the team, with a .364 average and leads UAlbany with 47 hits and 36 runs scored. He is third with 24 RBI and has recorded seven doubles and one home run.

UAlbany (20-15, AE 10-8) has now won seven straight games. The Great Danes cruised to 8-1 and 5-1 victories in Saturday's doubleheader before rallying for a 14-13 comeback victory on Sunday.

The Great Danes will be home at Varsity Field on Tuesday, May 17 in non-conference play against Le Moyne at 3:30 p.m.

NCAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE SET IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany will face 19th-ranked Northwestern in the first round of the NCAA Division I Softball Tournament in South Bend, Ind. on Friday, May 20 at 3:30 p.m. ET. Notre Dame, the host for one of 16 opening-round regional sites in this 64-team field, faces Louisville at 1:00 p.m. The four teams will play a double-elimination format with the winner advancing to the Super Regionals on May 27-28.

Northwestern (38-15) is making its eighth NCAA appearance. Big Ten Conference Player of the Year **Garland Cooper**, who batted .461 with 11 home runs and 46 RBI, leads the Wildcats. Pitcher **Courtney Foster** earned first-team all-conference honors with a 19-7 record and a 1.21 ERA.

UAlbany (35-12) won its first-ever America East Conference championship with a 4-0 victory over Stony Brook in the final on May 14. The Great Danes, who set a single-season record for victories, also captured the conference's regular-season title. **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls), the America East Pitcher of the Year, has a 16-2 record with a 0.74 ERA and eight shutouts. **Casey Halloran** (Columbia), a member of the America East all-tournament team, has a 16-5 mark on the mound. **Kelly Ogden**, an all-league third baseman, is hitting .355 with 11 home runs and 50 RBI.

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NCAA Division I Softball Tournament

(May 20-22, South Bend, Ind.)

Friday, May 20

Game 1 – Notre Dame (44-13) vs. Louisville (42-18), 1:00

Game 2 – Northwestern (38-15) vs. UAlbany (35-12), 3:30

Saturday, May 21

Game 3 – Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 1:00

Game 4 – Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3:30

Game 5 – Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 6:00

Sunday, May 22

Game 6 – Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 1:00

Game 7 – Game 6 opponents (if necessary), 3:30



Attn: Sports Department

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UALBANY MEETS NO. 19 NORTHWESTERN IN NCAA TOURNAMENT'S FIRST ROUND

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany will face 19th-ranked Northwestern in the opening round of the NCAA Division I Softball Tournament in South Bend, Ind. on Friday, May 20. Notre Dame, the host for one of 16 first-round regional sites in this 64-team championship field, faces Louisville. The four teams will play a double-elimination format with the winner advancing to the Super Regionals the following weekend.

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"This is a dream come true," said Halloran, one of seven players on the squad to earn first-team all-conference recognition. "It is such a good feeling that we finally went out and did what we had to do at the conference tournament. This should be fun. Hopefully, we can just go out and play well."

Notre Dame, the Big East Conference runner-up, posted a 44-13 record. **Steffany Stenglein** was voted the Big East Pitcher of the Year for the second straight season with a 21-6 record. Louisville (42-18) reached the Conference USA championship final. **Courtney Moore** was the C-USA Co-MVP by setting the school's single-season home run record (14) to go with a .408 batting average and 49 RBI.

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NCAA Division I Softball Tournament (May 20-22, South Bend, Ind.)

Friday, May 20

Game 1 – Northwestern (38-15) vs. UAlbany (35-12), TBA

Game 2 – Notre Dame (44-13) vs. Louisville (42-18), TBA

Saturday, May 21

Game 3 – Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, TBA

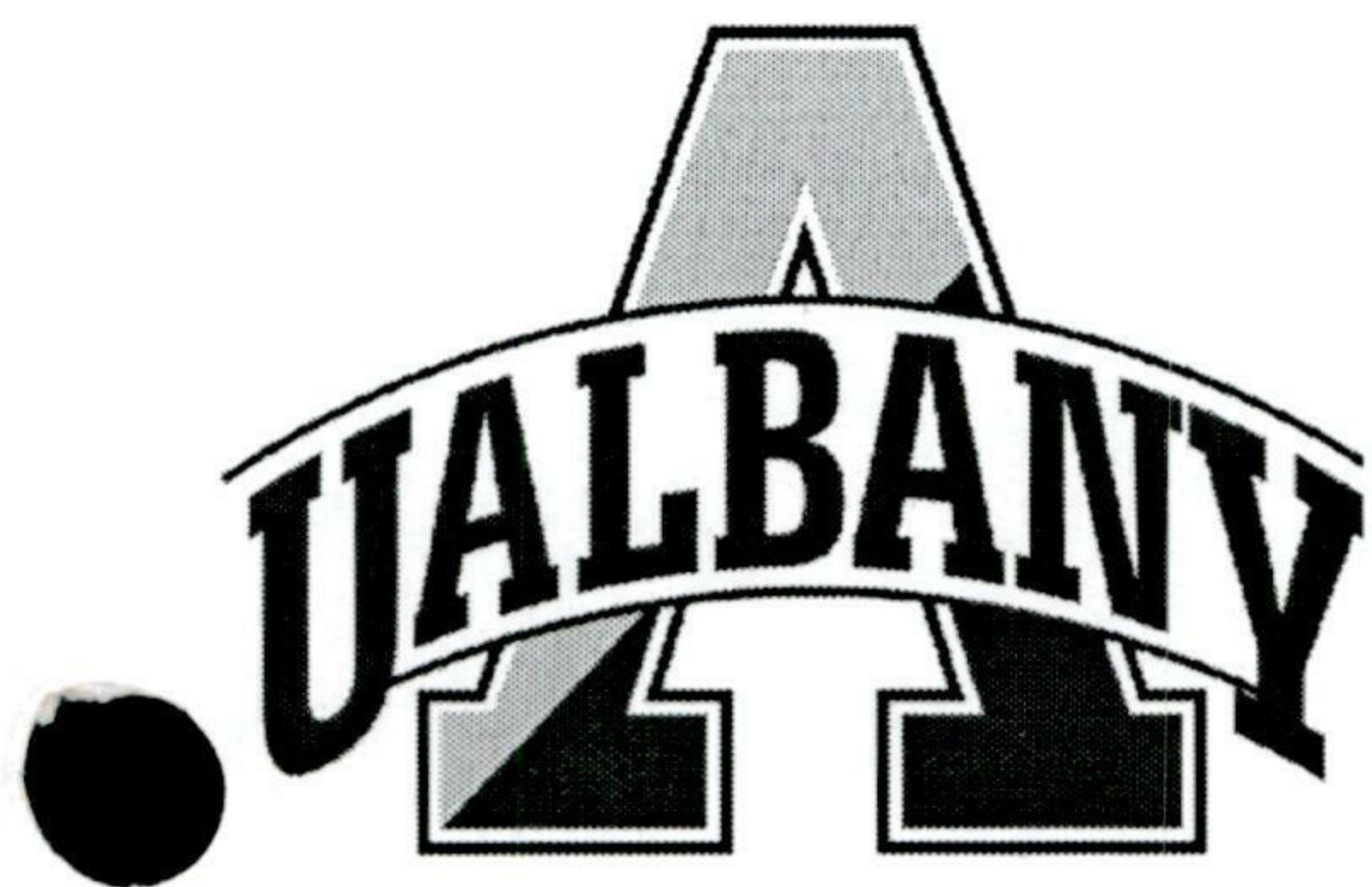
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UALBANY'S GERED BURNS WINS 800-METER RUN AT IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS

Princeton, N.J. – University at Albany's Gered Burns (Guilderland H.S.) won the 800-meter run at the 129th IC4A Track & Field Championships on Sunday afternoon at Princeton University's Weaver Stadium. Burns, who is the first outdoor IC4A champion in the program's history, established a school record with a time of 1:48.66.

Burns, who set a school mark for the second straight day, overcame four competitors during the last 200 meters with a 26-second split over the last part of the race. He was clocked in 1:49.36 in Saturday's 800m qualifying, the best time in the preliminary round. Burns had previously captured two indoor IC4A 800m titles during his career, including the 2005 championship at Boston University on March 6.

Burns will compete at the NCAA East Regional on May 27-28 in Randalls Park, N.Y.

BASEBALL COMPLETES WEEKEND SWEEP OF UMBC WITH A 14-13 VICTORY

Albany, N.Y. – **Tony Vallone's** (Greenwich) infield single in the bottom of the ninth scored the winning run, as UAlbany came from behind for a 14-13 victory in a weekend sweep of America East Conference-rival UMBC on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes extended their winning streak to seven games and kept their postseason hopes alive.

The Retrievers had built an 11-3 lead in the top of the eighth, posting ten runs over two innings. **Alex Laddbush**, who also had a RBI single in UMBC's five-run seventh inning, knocked a three-run homer to right field to give the Retrievers a 9-3 cushion in the eighth. Catcher **Tom Rinaldi** followed with a solo home run, before **Ian Carman** recorded an RBI single for an eight-run advantage.

UAlbany (20-15, AE 10-8) followed with an eight-run eighth inning to tie the contest at 11 apiece, sending 14 batters to the plate. Second baseman **Steve Wyland** cleared the bases with a double down the left field line to cut the lead to 11-9. **Leo Corvino** (Columbia) later delivered a sacrifice fly to center field to score **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) with the tying run.

In the top of the ninth, Laddbush paced UMBC (13-33, AE 3-15) once again, smacking a two-run double into the right field gap to give the Retrievers a 13-11 lead.

The Great Danes rallied again in their final at-bat. Pinch-runner **Rashad Barksdale** (Hudson) scored on a passed ball to pull UAlbany within one run. **Brad Daniels** recorded a sacrifice fly to center field, sending **Craig Farley** across the plate. Vallone ended the game with a two-out infield single deep in the hole between third base and shortstop, beating **Anthony Socarras'** throw to first, as **Joe Lamb** scored the go-ahead run.

Nick Murphy (Christian Brothers Academy) earned the win for the Great Danes, improving to 3-1 on the season. **Dan Blewett** recorded the loss for UMBC.

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| UMBC (13-33, AE 3-15) | 010 | 000 | 552 | - | 13 | 19 | 0 |
| UAlbany (20-15, AE 10-8) | 010 | 020 | 083 | - | 14 | 17 | 1 |

Steve Evans, Blake Phipps (6), Zach Clark (8), Dan Blewett (9) and Alex Laddbush
Kyle Thomas, Shawn Ryan (7), Ethan Vaiana (8), Roman Dubiel (8), Casey Walsh (9),
Nick Murphy (9) and Tom Hill



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VIRGINIA DOWNS UALBANY IN FIRST ROUND OF NCAA LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Charlottesville, Va. – **Drew Thompson** and **John Christmas** each scored three goals in the first half, as sixth-ranked Virginia powered its way to a 23-9 victory over UAlbany in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday evening at Klockner Stadium. The contest was delayed at the start by 45 minutes due to a thunderstorm with lightening.

Virginia (10-3) led 2-1 midway through the first quarter, but then decided the outcome with 11 unanswered goals. Christmas drove from behind the cage and sent a low shot from the left side into the net, before **Kyle Dixon**, who had three goals and three assists, connected on a 15-yard blast. **Hunter Kass** gave his team a 7-1 lead on a 12-yard shot with 1.5 seconds remaining in the opening period.

Thompson and Christmas both scored in a six-goal outburst to begin the second quarter. The Cavaliers, who had not played since losing a one-goal decision to Maryland in the Atlantic Coast Conference semifinals on April 29, twice scored after winning a face-off during that stretch. Christmas tallied from the top of the crease on a feed from long-stick midfielder **Rob Bateman** for a 13-1 advantage with 3:18 left in the period.

The Great Danes, who trailed 15-3 at halftime, looked more comfortable in the second half even though the damage had been done. **Luke Daquino** had three of his four goals in the final half and added one assist. **Chris Martocchia** also scored both of his goals after the intermission.

“They came out tough and shot the lights out,” said Daquino, who finished his career as the school’s all-time scorer with 102 goals and 131 assists. “We had a tough time clearing and getting the ball to our offense.”

Matt Ward added three goals and one assist for the Cavaliers, who will meet Navy, a 9-7 winner over Delaware, in the quarterfinal round next weekend. Virginia had 15 players reach the scoring column.

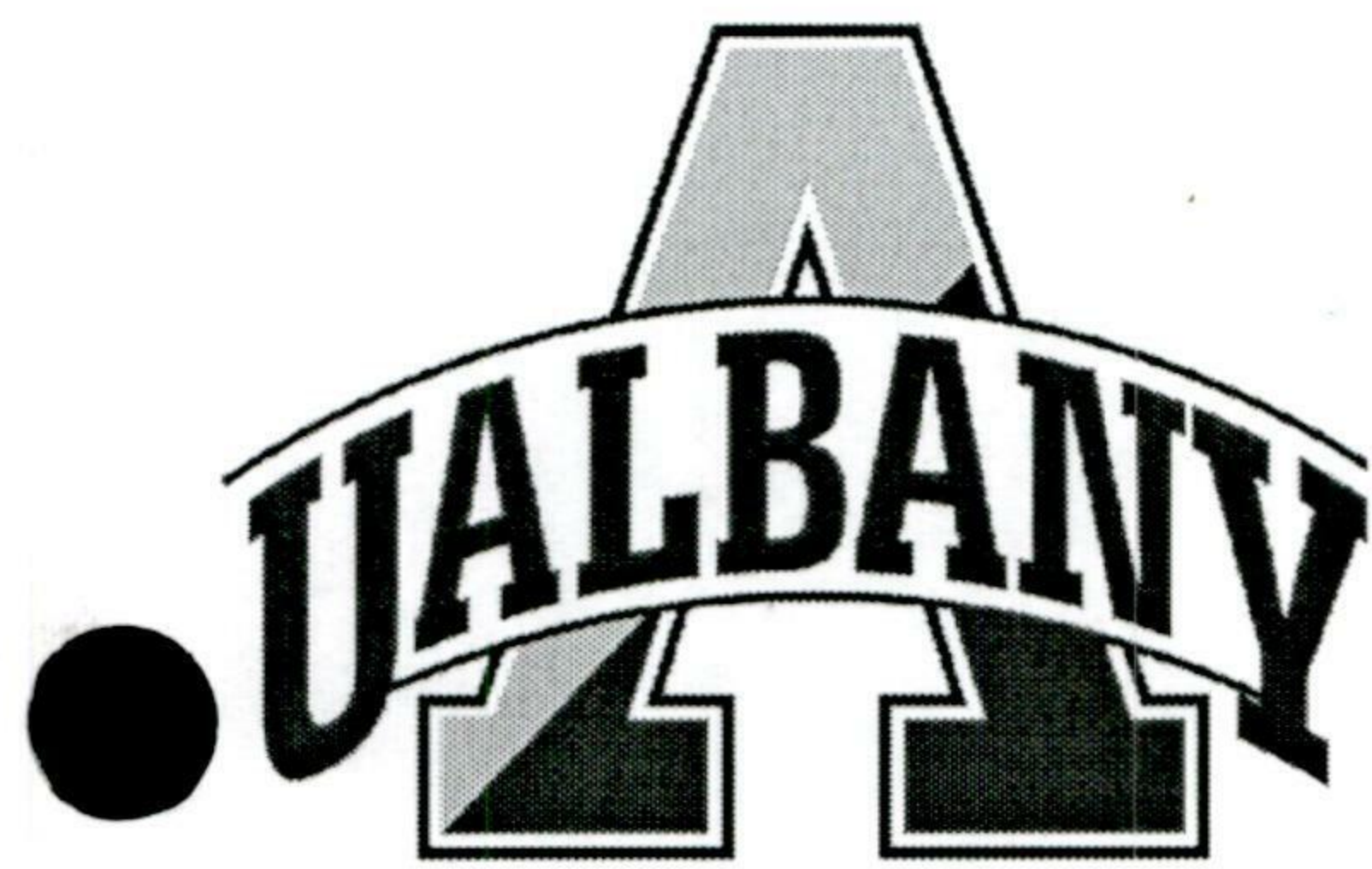
“They put it all together tonight,” commented UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team lost to Princeton and Syracuse the previous two years in the NCAA’s opening round. “They won every face-off early and hit the corners with their shots. We knew we had to play our best game and we weren’t able to do that.”

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| UAlbany (10-6) | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | - | 9 |
| Virginia (10-3) | 7 | 8 | 5 | 3 | - | 23 |

UAlbany: Scoring – Luke Daquino (4-1), Chris Martocchia (2-1), Frank Resetarits (2-0), Brendan Russell (1-2), Jordan Levine (0-1). Goalkeeper: Kevin Rae (60:00, 23 GA, 17 saves).

Virginia: Scoring - Kyle Dixon (3-3), Matt Ward (3-1), John Christmas (3-0), Drew Thompson (3-0), Eric Pittard (2-1), Matt Poskay (2-0), Hunter Kass (2-0), Jack deVilliers (1-1), Will Barrow (1-1), Ben Rubeor (1-1), J.J. Morrissey (1-0), Drew Garrison (1-0), Brendan Gill (0-4), Rob Bateman (0-2), Kip Turner (0-1). Goalkeeper: Kip Turner (45:00, 5 GA, 3 saves), Michael "Bud" Petit (11:37, 4 GA, 2 saves), Doug Brody (3:23, 0 GA, 2 saves).



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**UALBANY SOFTBALL CAPTURES AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Great Danes Down Stony Brook, 4-0, to Earn Automatic Berth in NCAA Tournament**

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Junior right-hander **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) fired a one-hit shutout to lead top-seeded UAlbany to a 4-0 victory over fourth-seeded Stony Brook in the America East Conference Softball Championship at Stony Brook’s University Field on Saturday afternoon.

UAlbany (35-12) earns the conference’s automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament. The softball team is the second UAlbany women’s program to earn a Division I NCAA Tournament bid. The field of 64 will be announced Sunday at 7:30 p.m. on ESPNNews. The top 16 teams will host four-team regionals on May 20-22.

Morin, who was named the tournament’s most outstanding player, hurled her seventh one-hitter and eighth shutout of the season. The Gansevoort, N.Y. native walked one and struck out seven to improve to 16-2 overall.

“It was nice for the team to come out strong and score some runs,” said Morin, whose team had won its second straight America East regular-season title. “It made it easier to pitch with a cushion. We deserve to be in the NCAA Tournament because the whole team played all out all season long.”

The Great Danes, who set a program record with 35 wins at the Division I level, gave Morin all the run support she needed with four runs in the first. **Amber Maisonet** and **Kelly Ogden** delivered consecutive singles. Maisonet later scored on a throwing error before **Ashley Rios** smacked a single to plate Ogden. **Erika Enocksen** added a RBI double to right field and scored on the Seawolves’ second error of the inning.

“This is the next step we have been looking to take for the last couple of years,” said UAlbany coach Chris Cannata, whose team made its second appearance in three years in the title game. “The NCAA Tournament is going to be a great experience for the players. They have worked hard all year. We have been focusing on Selection Sunday since day one.”

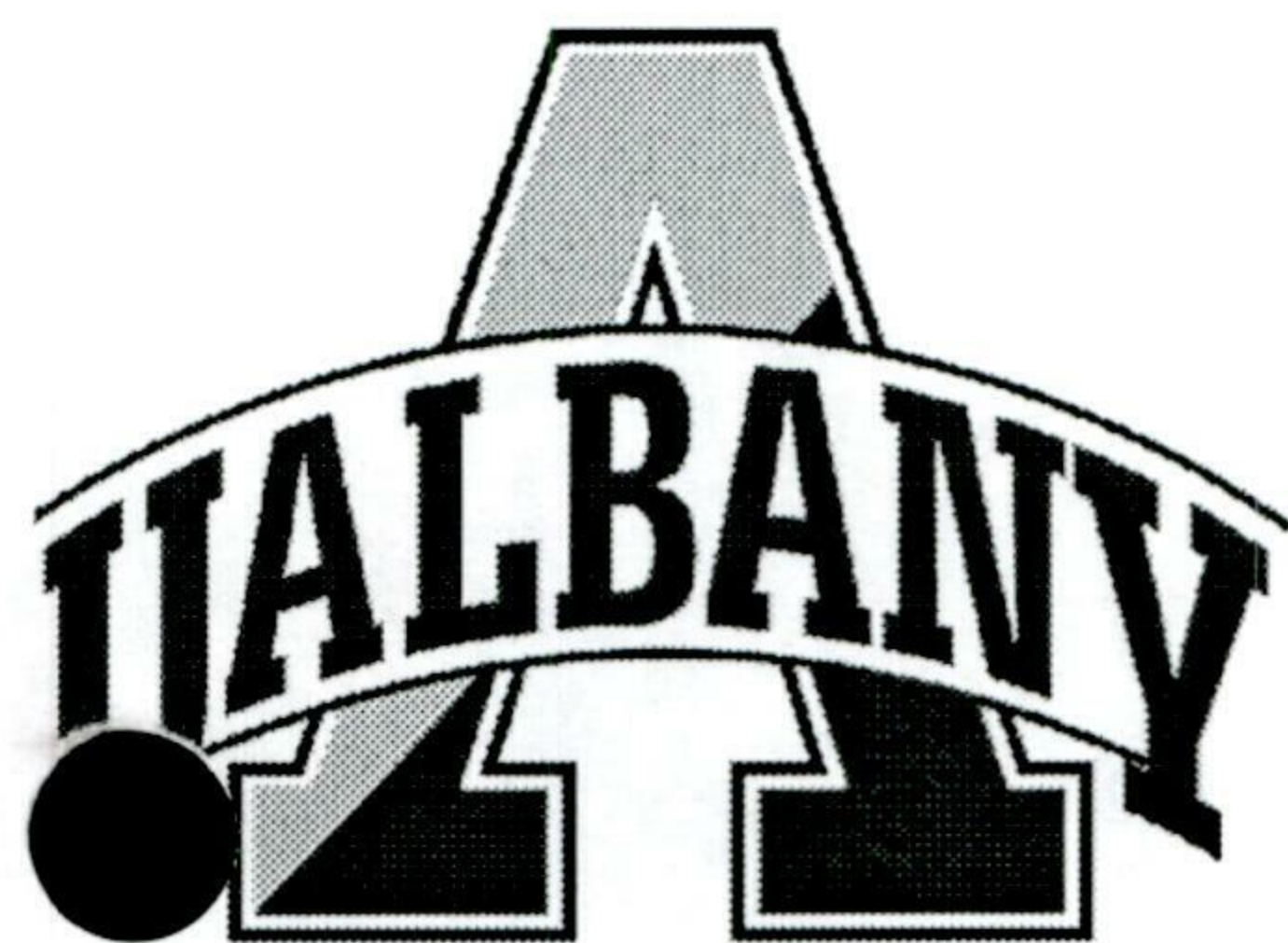
Maisonet, Ogden, Rios and **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) joined Morin on the all-tournament team.

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| #1 UAlbany (35-12) | 400 | 000 | x | - | 4 | 8 | 1 |

Stony Brook – Angela Andrews and Rachael Vogl.

UAlbany – Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.



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UALBANY EXTENDS WIN STREAK TO SIX WITH AMERICA EAST SWEEP OF UMBC

Albany, N.Y. – **Mark Suchoweicki** and **Jeff Mazzola** both pitched complete games for UAlbany, leading the Great Danes to a doubleheader sweep of UMBC in America East Conference action on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. UAlbany cruised to an 8-1 victory in the first game and followed with a 5-1 win in the nightcap.

Suchoweicki went nine innings on the mound in the first game of the day, striking out six batters and allowing just one run. Suchoweicki, a junior southpaw, moved to 3-3 with the win.

UAlbany (19-15, AE 9-8) started the game by posting a six-run first inning, led by five straight singles by the Great Dane batters. **Joe Lamb** and **Leo Corvino** (Columbia) each stole a base in the inning to help pace UAlbany.

Steve Wyland knocked singles in back-to-back at-bats, scoring one run in the first inning and another in the Great Danes' two-run second.

UMBC (13-32, AE 3-14) scored its only run of the contest in the top of the seventh inning. **Kyle Wildasin** doubled to right field and advanced to third on a passed ball. **Alex Laddbush** then knocked an RBI groundout to score Wildasin.

In the second game of the day, Mazzola tossed all seven innings, fanning nine UMBC batters, allowing only one run. The junior right-hander improved to 2-1 on the season.

The Retrievers took an early one-run lead in the top of the second. Wildasin was walked and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by **Tom Rinaldi**. Wildasin moved up to third on a groundout by Laddbush and then scored on **Steve Russo's** single to left field.

UAlbany answered in the bottom of the third when **Craig Farley** scored on a single by **Steve Sayre** (Columbia).

The score remained knotted until the bottom of the sixth, when the Great Danes offense rallied to score four runs. **Derek DeGrazio** started the inning off with a double, his seventh of the season. **Justin Meagher** (Colonie) knocked in **Brad Daniels**, who entered the game to pinch-run for DeGrazio, and **Tony Vallone**, who reached base after being hit by a pitch. **Tom Hill** then recorded an RBI, sending Corvino across the plate. Farley followed with an RBI single of his own down the right field line, scoring Meagher.

Lamb recorded a stolen base in both games to move into second place on UAlbany's career charts. The senior shortstop was hit by a pitch five times in nine at-bats during the two games.

The teams will play the final contest of the series on Sunday. Senior Day festivities will begin at 12:30 p.m., while first pitch is slated for 1:00.

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GAME 1

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| UAlbany | 620 | 000 | 00x | - | 8 | 9 | 1 |

Jon Pavlis, Tom Schlein (8) and Alex Laddbush
Mark Suchoweicki and Tom Hill and Fred Estes

GAME 2

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| UMBC (13-32, AE 3-14) | 010 | 000 | 0 | - | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| UAlbany (19-15, AE 9-8) | 001 | 004 | x | - | 5 | 10 | 0 |

Eric Butkiewicz and Tom Rinaldi
Jeff Mazzola and Tom Hill

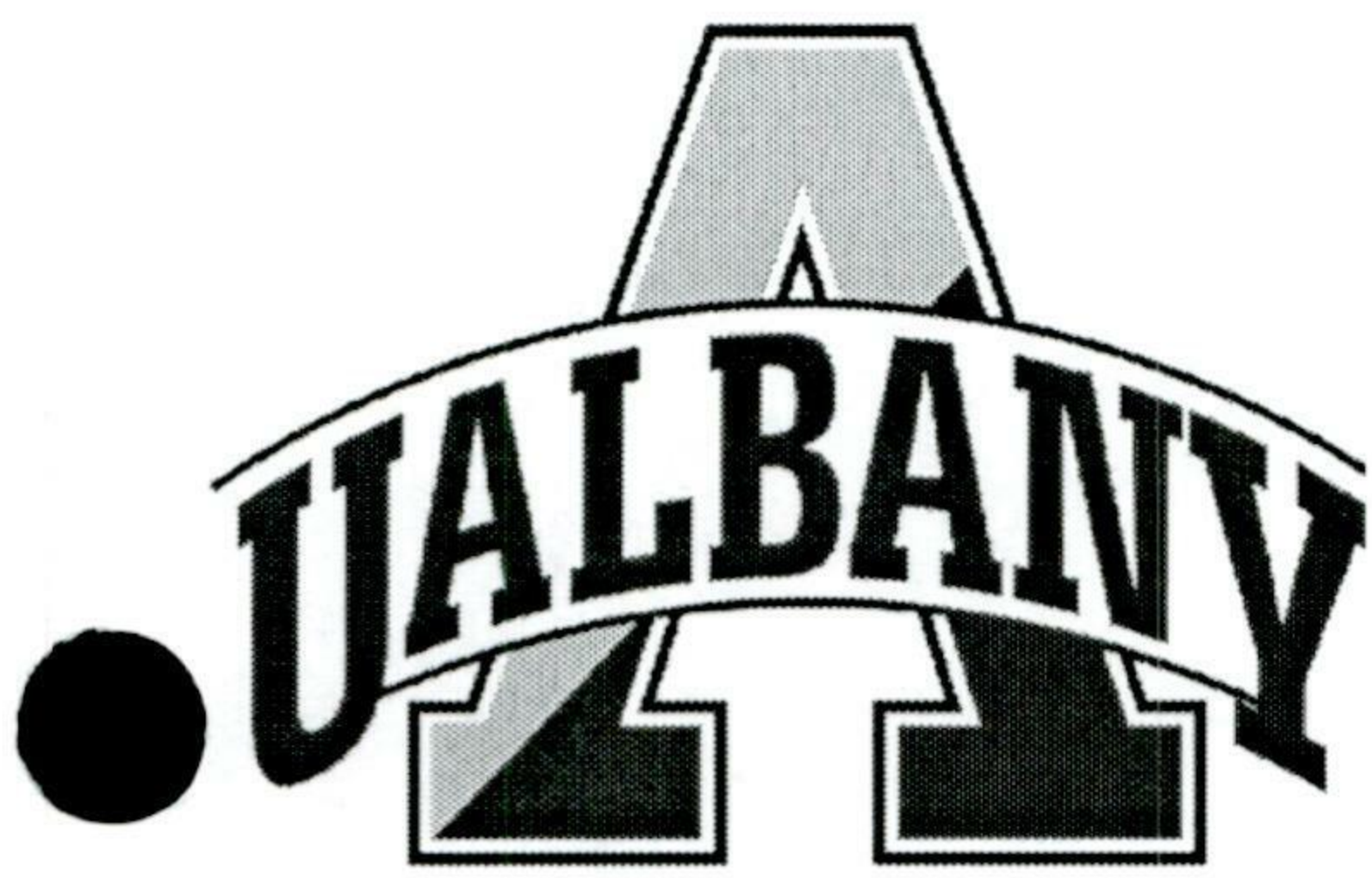
PIERSON QUALIFIES FOR NCAA REGIONALS; BURNS, ALLSTADT SET SCHOOL RECORDS

Princeton, N.J. – **Chris Pierson** finished second in his heat of the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the IC4A Championships in a time of 8:59.87. The time, which was the second fastest in UAlbany history, qualified the senior distance runner for the NCAA Regional Championships. Pierson finished seventh overall to earn All-East Honors.

Andy Allstadt placed seventh out of 43 competitors in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 30:15.16. The time was a 31-second improvement on his personal best and established a new school record. Allstadt eclipsed the mark of 30:22.30 set by Bill Vanos in 1994. With the seventh-place finish, Allstadt also earned All-East status.

Gered Burns (Guilderland) continued the success of the Great Dane runners, setting a school record in the 800-meter preliminary round at IC4A's. His time of 1:49.36 was the top mark by all qualifiers in the event. Burns previously qualified for the NCAA Regionals in the 800-meter run.

The UAlbany 4x100-meter relay team ran a season-best time at the meet. **Ed Hilts, Drew Harrison, Rickardo Smith** and **Junior Burnett** posted a time of 41.91 seconds.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Top-Seed Great Danes Defeated Second-Seed Boston U., 7-3

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Sophomore **Kelly Ogden** drove in three runs and sophomore **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) struck out nine batters as UAlbany defeated Boston University, 7-3, in a winners bracket game of the America East Softball Tournament at Stony Brook’s University Field on Friday afternoon. The event is a double-elimination format with the champion receiving an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

UAlbany (34-12) advances to the tournament’s championship game for the second time in the last three seasons. The Great Danes will face the winner of the losers bracket final on Saturday at 12 p.m.

“We were really fired up to play Boston,” said UAlbany coach Chris Cannata, whose team tied the program’s single-season record with 34 wins. “It was a big game for us to win. Our goal in the tournament is to play one game a day. We got clutch hitting when we needed it. (Ogden’s) double and (Rios’) home run gave us some breathing room.”

Halloran, who improved to 16-5, scattered three hits and three runs over six innings. She tied her career-high with nine strikeouts. **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) worked a scoreless seventh.

UAlbany posted three runs in the first inning as **Maegan Larsen** singled and **Amber Maisonet** walked to lead off the frame. Ogden then dropped a single into shallow left field, scoring Larsen. After a play at the plate on Larsen, Boston U.’s catcher **Jennifer Shields** tried to throw out Maisonet at third. But Shields overthrew the bag, allowing Maisonet and Ogden to score unearned runs.

Boston U. (26-18-1) got two runs back in the bottom of the first on a two-run homer to left by **DeKenya Williams**. UAlbany stretched the lead to 7-2 with a four-run fourth inning. Ogden drilled a two-run double to right field and **Ashley Rios** smacked her second home run of the tournament.

“We came out ready to play,” said Ogden, who went 2-for-3 with three RBI. “We kept getting hits and runs when we needed them. We played together as a team the whole game.”

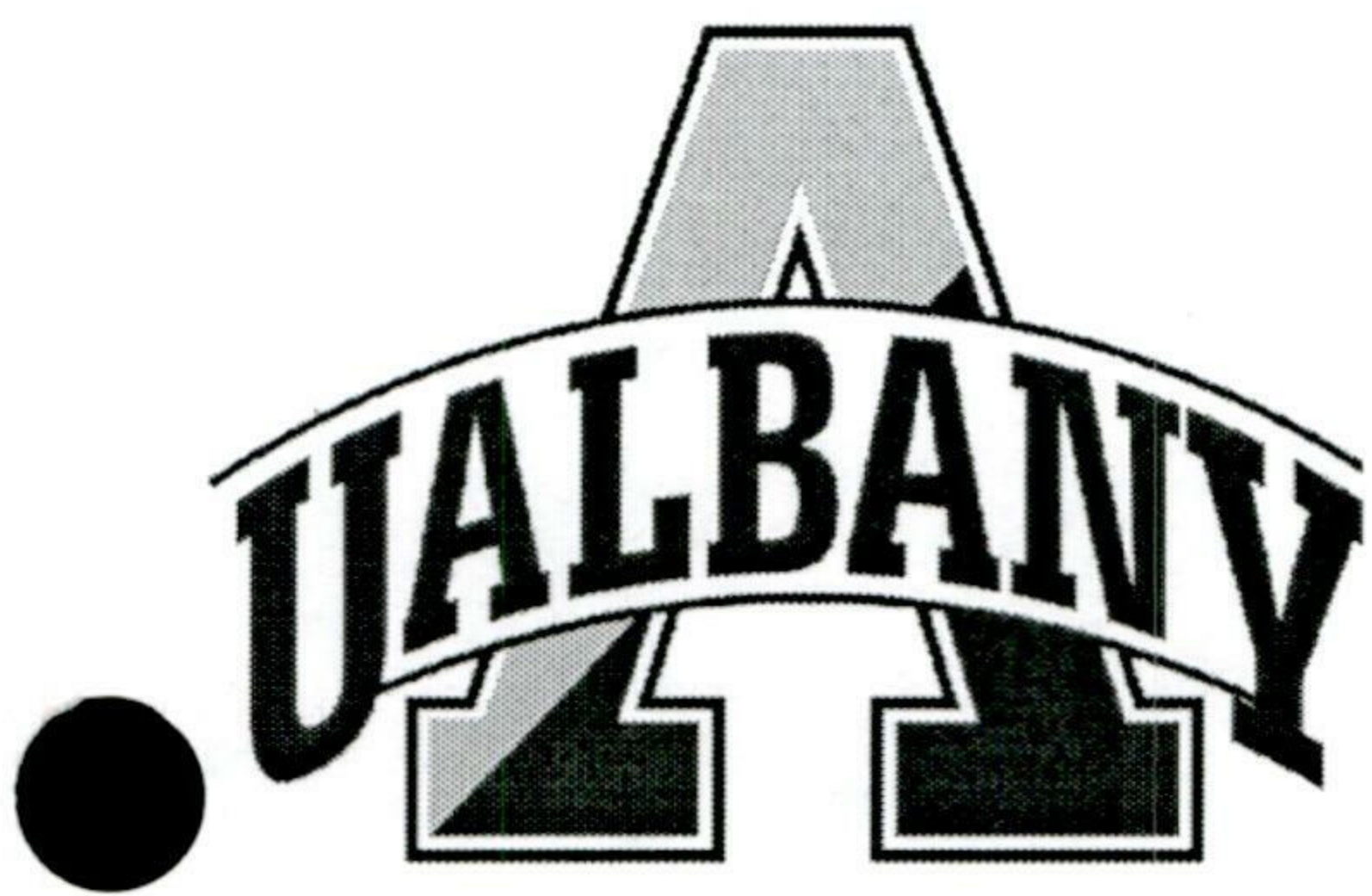
Sarah Freeman, who had her 10-game win streak snapped, took the loss for the Terriers. Freeman allowed two hits and one earned run in two-thirds of an inning.

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| #1 UAlbany (34-12) | 300 | 400 | 0 | - | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| #2 Boston U. (26-18-1) | 200 | 100 | 0 | - | 3 | 4 | 2 |

UAlbany – Casey Halloran, Amanda Morin (7) and Ali Meacham.

Boston U. – Sarah Freeman, Brittany Detwiler (1) and Jennifer Shields.



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RIOS' WALK-OFF HOME RUN SENDS UALBANY TO A-EAST TOURNEY WIN

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Junior **Ashley Rios** smacked a walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh inning as top-seeded UAlbany rallied to defeat fourth-seeded Stony Brook, 4-3, in the opening round of the America East Conference Softball Tournament at University Field on Thursday afternoon. The tournament is a double-elimination format with the winner receiving an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

With one out in the seventh, Rios, who was hit by a pitch in her three previous at-bats, snapped a 3-3 tie with a solo homer to right-center field.

"I was just hoping to do something to get on base," said Rios, who has been hit by a pitch 16 times this season. "This game was stressful for everyone, but I knew we would come back. We just had to stay calm and play our game."

UAlbany pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls), who was tabbed America East pitcher of the year, worked out of jams in the sixth and seventh innings. Stony Brook stranded a runner at third base in the sixth and left two runners on in the seventh. Morin, who improved to 15-2, allowed six hits and three runs and struck out seven in pitching her 14th complete game.

Stony Brook (20-35) jumped on the board with three runs in the top of the first. **Kristen Brust** and **Hayley Durham** hit two-out singles before **Suzanne Turek** belted her seventh home run of the season.

UAlbany (33-12) chipped away at the lead with two runs in the bottom of the third. **Leslie Busch** led off the frame with a double to left and scored on **Amber Maisonet's** RBI single up the middle. Maisonet stole her 20th base this season and advanced to third on a throwing error. That allowed her to score on **Katrina Dunning's** single to right, pulling the Great Danes within 3-2.

The Great Danes knotted the score at 3-3 in the fourth as **Julie Gannon** walked and later scored on a base hit by Busch.

"We have played with a lead in most of our games," said UAlbany coach Chris Cannata, who earned her third America East coach of the year award. "I am more proud of this team winning the game this way than any of our other wins this season."

Sarah Hoffman took the loss for the Seawolves, surrendering eight hits and four runs. Durham was the only Stony Brook player with multiple hits and finished 3-for-3.

UAlbany advances to the winners bracket and will face Boston U., who defeated Maine 1-0, on Friday at 11 a.m. Stony Brook drops into the consolation bracket and will play Maine on Friday at 1:30 p.m.

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Stony Brook – Sarah Hoffman and Rachael Vogl.
UAlbany – Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

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UALBANY SOFTBALL STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO COSIDA ACADEMIC TEAM

West Point, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) has been named to the 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District I Softball First Team as announced on Thursday, May 12 by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Teammates **Ali Meacham** and **Kelly Ogden** were voted to the all-district second team.

Morin, a junior right-hander, has a 3.39 cumulative grade point average in mathematics with minors in physics and education. Morin, a member of the UAlbany Athletics Honor Roll, was tabbed the America East Conference Pitcher of the Year after finishing 14-2 with a conference-best 0.65 earned run average. The Gansevoort, N.Y. native led the league with seven shutouts and fired 13 complete games.

Meacham, who has a 3.29 GPA in English with a minor in education, batted .333 with 15 RBI. The junior catcher has been named to the America East Academic Honor Roll and UAlbany Athletic Honor Roll. Meacham, who was named to the All-America East first team, notched a .467 slugging percentage and made only one error in 42 games behind the plate.

Ogden, a sophomore third baseman, has a 3.42 GPA as a double major in psychology and sociology. Ogden, a two-time all-conference selection, paced the Great Danes with a .359 batting average and set the school's single-season records for home runs (11) and RBI (47). She is a member of the America East and UAlbany Athletic Honor Rolls.

UAlbany (32-12, AE 17-2) captured its second consecutive America East regular-season crown. The Great Danes, who earned the top seed for this week's conference tournament, defeated Stony Brook in the opening round on Thursday.

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2005 ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District I Softball First Team

Pitchers

| Name | School | Dist. | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major |
|--------------|----------------------|-------|-----|------------------|------|---|
| Alison Higgs | Iona College | I | Sr. | Hagerstown, Md. | 3.56 | Business Administration |
| Amanda Morin | University at Albany | I | Jr. | Gansevoort, N.Y. | 3.39 | Mathematics (Minor: Physics/Education) |

Catcher

| Name | School | Dist. | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|-----|-----------------|------|-------------------|
| Kristy Kwiatkowski | Yale University | I | Sr. | Manalapan, N.J. | 3.31 | Political Science |

Infielders

| Name | School | Dist. | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|------|-------------------------|
| Kristen Brust | Stony Brook University | I | Sr. | Farmingdale, N.Y. | 3.48 | Social Sciences/History |
| Kim Dodson | St. Bonaventure University | I | Sr. | Tonawanda, N.Y. | 3.78 | Management Science |
| Jamie Haas | Boston University | I | Sr. | Houston, Texas | 3.41 | Human Movement |
| Shawna Norris | Syracuse University | I | Sr. | Littleton, Colo. | 3.81 | Sociology |

Outfielders*

| Name | School | Dist. | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----|------------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Lindsey Gerheim | United States Military Academy | I | So. | Alpharetta, Ga. | 3.454 | Management |
| Erin Hanna | Colgate University | I | Jr. | Tuscon, Ariz. | 3.95 | Psychology/Spanish |
| Mary Elizabeth Ryan | College of the Holy Cross | I | Sr. | Holden, Mass. | 3.83 | History |
| Lauren Stefanchik | Harvard University | I | Sr. | Berkeley Heights, N.J. | 3.236 | Env. Science & Public Policy |

Designated Player

| Name | School | Dist. | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------|-----|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Laurie Stone | St. Bonaventure University | I | Gr. | Jamesville, N.Y. | 4.0(g)/3.875(u) | Management/Marketing |

*these teams have extra players due to ties in voting

2005 ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District I Softball Second Team

Pitchers

| Name | School | Dist. | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|-----|------------------|------|-------------------|
| Peggy Hunt | Yale University | I | Jr. | Lake Wales, Fla. | 3.72 | Political Science |
| Callie Osborne | Hofstra University | I | Sr. | Oshawa, Ontario | 3.27 | Management |

Catcher

| Name | School | Dist. | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major |
|-------------|----------------------|-------|-----|--------------|------|----------------------------|
| Ali Meacham | University at Albany | I | Jr. | Monroe, N.Y. | 3.29 | English (Minor: Education) |

Infielders*

| Name | School | Dist. | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major |
|------------------|----------------------|-------|-----|-----------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| Brittany Cheney | University of Maine | I | Jr. | Abington, Mass. | 3.70 | Psychology |
| Beth Enk | Canisius College | I | Sr. | Phoenix, Ariz. | 3.33 | Sociology |
| Chrystine McHugh | Marist College | I | Jr. | Port Ewen, N.Y. | 3.699 | Economics (Minor: Accounting) |
| Kelly Ogden | University at Albany | I | So. | Pine Bush, N.Y. | 3.42 | Psychology/Sociology |
| Lisa Wambold | Hofstra University | I | Jr. | Hatboro, Pa. | 3.52 | Psychology/Elem. Education |

Outfielders*

| Name | School | Dist. | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-----|------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Kristin Kropp | Central Connecticut State Univ. | I | Jr. | Franklin, Conn. | 3.75 | Communications |
| Jennifer McCracken | Manhattan College | I | Sr. | Wappingers Falls, N.Y. | 3.696 | Physical Education |
| Tanya Rose | Syracuse University | I | Sr. | Milwaukie, Ore. | 3.41 | Finance |
| Christy Sykora | Wagner College | I | Jr. | Orland Park, Ill. | 3.248 | English |

Designated Player

| Name | School | Dist. | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----|--------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Veronica Lauzon | United States Military Academy | I | So. | Capistrano Beach, Calif. | 3.219 | Foreign Area Studies |

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GREAT DANES WIN FOURTH IN A ROW WITH 7-3 VICTORY OVER ST. FRANCIS

Albany, N.Y. – **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) and **Rich Northrup** (Shenendehowa) both recorded two RBI to help lead UAlbany to a 7-3 win over non-conference opponent St. Francis (N.Y.) on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field. The victory was the Great Danes fourth in a row.

Derek DeGrazio opened up the inning with a single to left field before **Tom Hill** knocked a double down the right-field line. **Leo Corvino** (Columbia) reached on a fielder's choice to advance Hill to third before stealing second. Northrup then cranked a two-bagger of his own to center field to send both base runners across the plate. **Craig Farley** followed up with a single to score Northrup.

UAlbany (17-15) added another run in the bottom of the fourth when Corvino hit a double up the middle to score DeGrazio, who hit an extra-base hit of his own earlier in the inning.

Steve Wyland knocked a double to left-center in the bottom of the fifth to score **Justin Meagher** (Colonie) for the first of three runs in the inning. **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich) hit a single to advance Wyland, and stole second before Sayre drove in both runners with a single to left field.

St. Francis (7-32), which scored one run in the top of the fourth, posted single runs in both the eighth and the ninth, but were unable to rally back from the deficit. **David Noble**, who played left field and appeared on the mound for the Terriers, went 2-for-4, including a double in the ninth inning to plate **Vin Tepedino**, and recorded an RBI.

Nick Murphy (Christian Brothers Academy) earned the win for the Great Danes to move to 3-1 on the season. Murphy, who went five innings on the mound, struck out a season-high eight batters and allowed just one run.

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| St. Francis (NY) (7-32) | 000 | 100 | 011 | - | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| UAlbany (17-15) | 030 | 130 | 00x | - | 7 | 3 | 2 |

Paul Lepore, Marc Lussier (4), Joseph Aglio (6), David Noble (8) and Rich Castaldo and Dan Horal.

Nick Murphy, Alexander Beaulieu (6), Casey Walsh (7), Georgio Fuda (8), Roman Dubiel (8), Shawn Ryan (9) and Tom Hill and Fred Estes.



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CANNATA, MAISONET AND MORIN WIN AMERICA EAST MAJOR SOFTBALL AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) was named the America East Conference Pitcher of the Year in voting by the league's head coaches on Wednesday evening. Head coach **Chris Cannata** was named America East coach of the year for the third consecutive year and left fielder **Amber Maisonet** earned the rookie of the year award, while also being named to the all-rookie squad.

Seven players garnered first-team honors, including Morin, Maisonet, pitcher **Casey Halloran** (Columbia), catcher **Ali Meacham**, second baseman **Katrina Dunning**, third baseman **Kelly Ogden** and utility player **Julie Gannon**. First baseman **Ashley Rios** was selected to the second team.

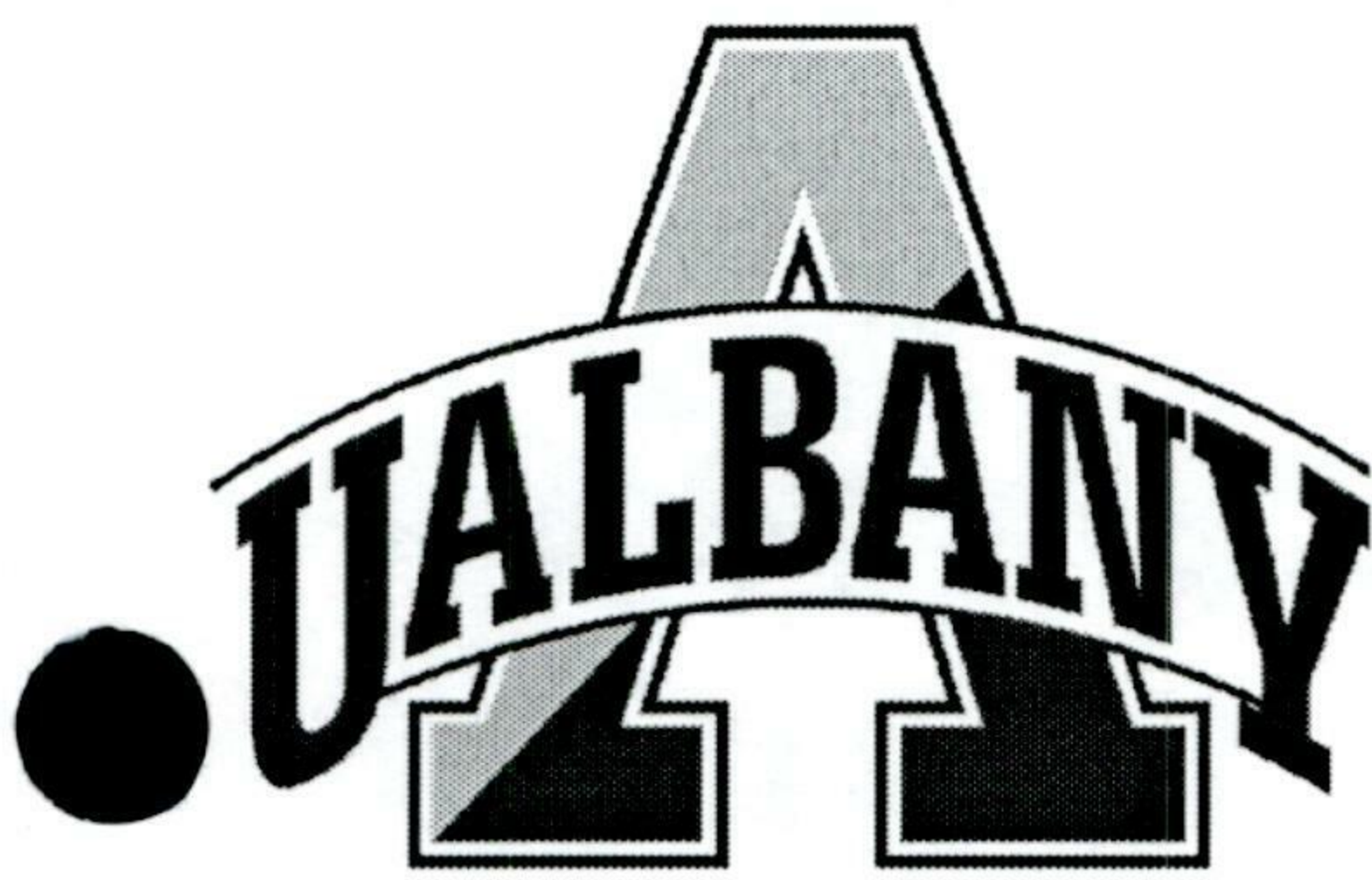
Cannata coached the Great Danes to their second straight America East regular-season crown. She won her 300th career game on May 4 against Siena and has guided UAlbany to a 63-20 record in four seasons in the America East. Cannata is 303-156 in her 11 seasons at the helm of the Great Danes.

Morin is ranked seventh in Division I, with a 0.65 ERA and is 14-2 this season. The junior leads the conference in shutouts with seven and the squad in complete games (13) and strikeouts (106). Halloran is 15-5 with a 2.06 ERA. Her 15 victories are the most in the America East. Earlier in the season, the sophomore won 13 consecutive decisions.

Maisonet is batting .333 in her freshman campaign and has a team-high 19 stolen bases. She is second on the squad in hits with 47. Ogden, a sophomore, is ranked seventh nationally with 1.07 RBI per game. A first-team selection in 2004, she leads UAlbany in four categories, home runs (11), RBI (47), batting average (.359) and hits (51).

Meacham, a first-time selection to the all-conference squad, established career highs in batting (.333), home runs (3) and RBI (15). The junior made just one error in 242 chances behind the plate. Dunning, a first-team honoree for the second consecutive season, hit .314 and had a team-high nine doubles. A junior, she is tied for the team lead in triples with four and is a key reason why UAlbany is among the national leaders in triples. Gannon, a junior who was selected to the all-conference squad for the first time, batted .297 with two home runs and had an eight-game hitting streak from April 9-17. Rios, who was on the first team last season, is second on the team with five home runs and 31 RBI. The junior has been hit by a pitch 13 times this season, which ranks fifth nationally.

UAlbany (32-12, AE 17-2), who is the top seed in the America East Tournament, will play the fourth seed and host Stony Brook on Thursday, May 12. Game time is 12 p.m.



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UALBANY EARNS NO. 1 SEED FOR AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. -- The University at Albany earned the top seed for the America East Conference Softball Championship, which will take place May 12-14 on the campus of Stony Brook University. The Great Danes captured their second straight America East regular-season crown after finishing 17-2 in conference play. The winner of the double-elimination tournament earns an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

UAlbany (32-12, AE 17-2) will play the fourth seed and host Stony Brook (20-34, AE 10-10) in the opening round on Thursday, May 12 at 12:00 p.m. at University Field. The Great Danes swept the Seawolves in a three-game weekend series April 16-17. This will be the first-ever meeting between the two schools in the America East Tournament.

Second-seeded Boston University (25-17-1, AE 14-4) will go up against third seed and defending tournament champion, Maine (16-24, AE 10-8) in the other first-round game which will start at 2:30 p.m.

The winners of each first-day contest will play the first game at 11 a.m. on Friday for the right to advance to Saturday's championship game. The second contest on Friday will feature the two losers from Thursday's games, with the winner moving on to face loser of the day's first match-up.

Sophomore third baseman **Kelly Ogden** leads UAlbany with a .359 batting average, 11 home runs, 47 RBI and 51 hits. Junior shortstop **Maegan Larsen** has scored a team-high 40 runs and is batting .317 on the season with three home runs and 25 RBI. Junior pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) is 14-2 on the season with an America East-leading ERA of 0.65. She leads the team in strikeouts (106), complete games (13) and shutouts (7). Sophomore hurler **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) is 15-5 on the season with a 2.06 ERA. Her 15 victories lead all conference pitchers.

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2005 America East Softball Championship

(University Field -- Stony Brook, N.Y.)

Thursday, May 12

Game 1 -- No. 1 UAlbany at No. 4 Stony Brook, 12 noon

Game 2 -- No. 2 Boston U. vs. No. 3 Maine, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, May 13

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

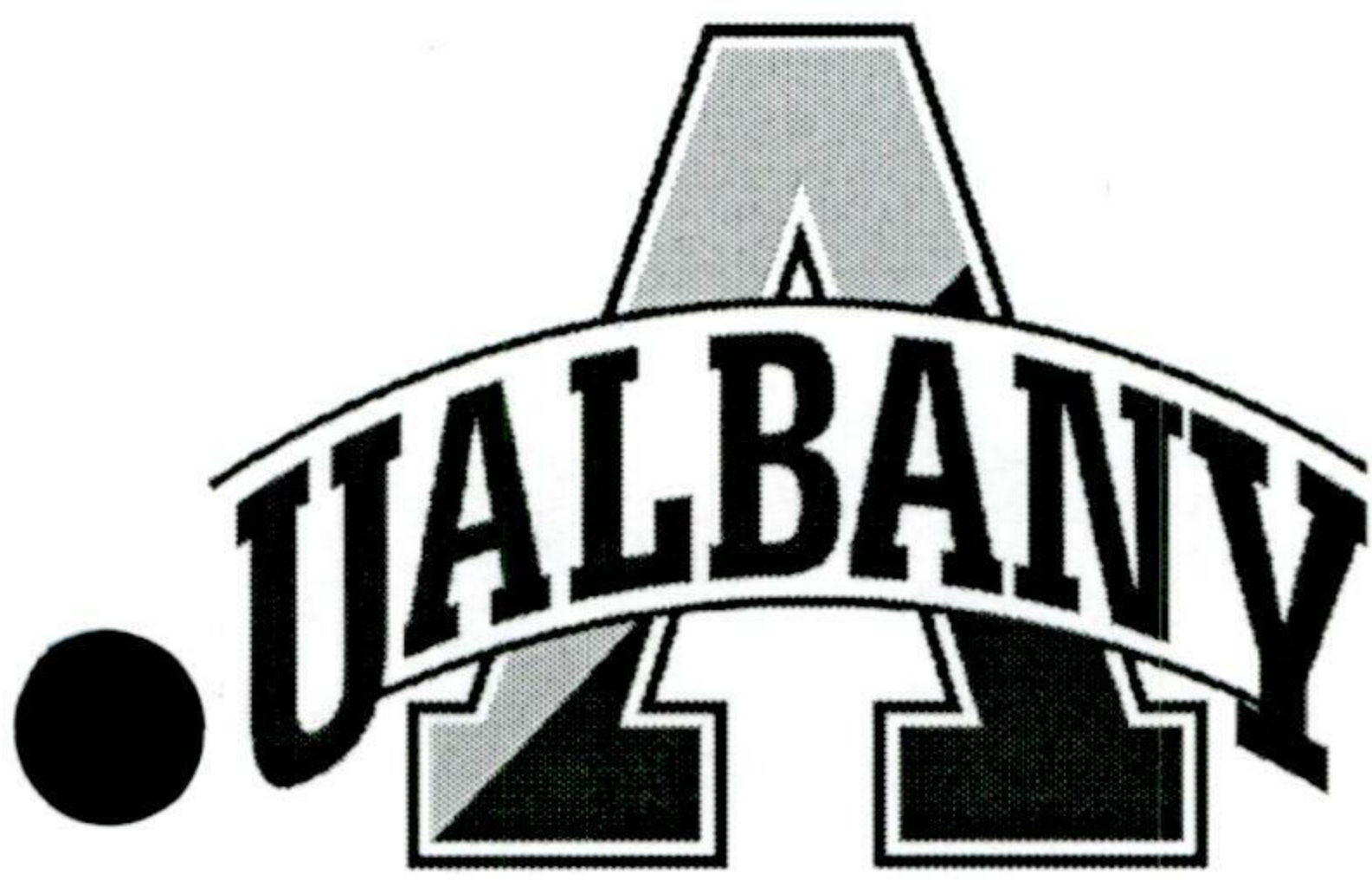
Game 4 -- Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 1:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, May 14

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

Game 7 -- Same Teams (if necessary)



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KYLE THOMAS NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE CO-PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Kyle Thomas was named the America East Conference Co-Pitcher of the Week in baseball as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon.

Thomas earned his first award of the season after a stellar performance in the final contest of a three-game sweep of Hartford in America East action. The junior right-hander tossed a nine-inning shutout of the Hawks to lead UAlbany to an 8-0 victory. It was the first complete-game shutout by a Great Dane pitcher since Steve Emmerthal produced a seven-inning one-hitter on April 27, 2003.

Thomas, who leads the Great Dane staff with 41 strikeouts and is second on the team with a 3.44 ERA, struck out eight and allowed just six hits across nine innings.

UAlbany (16-15, AE 7-8) moved above .500 for the first time since April 9 with the three-game sweep of Hartford. The Great Danes posted a 14-2 win in the first game and followed with an 11-9 victory before producing the shutout.

UAlbany will be back in action on Wednesday in non-conference play against St. Francis, N.Y. at 3:30 p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE MOVES UP TO NO. 13 IN USILA NATIONAL RANKINGS

Baltimore, Md. – UAlbany's men's lacrosse team climbed to No. 13 in this week's USILA Geico/STX Coaches Poll, as announced on Monday by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. The Great Danes, who were tied for 17th one week ago, moved up after capturing their third consecutive America East Conference championship with a 16-7 victory over Stony Brook on May 7.

UAlbany (10-5) will meet sixth-ranked Virginia (9-3) in the NCAA Tournament's first round on Saturday, May 14 at Klockner Stadium in Charlottesville. Faceoff is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. The Great Danes are making their third straight NCAA appearance, after having faced Princeton and Syracuse the previous two years. The Cavaliers, who are the tournament's No. 4 seed, have won three national titles in their history, including the 2003 championship.

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USILA Geico/STX National Poll -- 1. Johns Hopkins, 2. Duke, 3. Navy, 4. Maryland, 5. Cornell, **6. Virginia**, 7. Massachusetts, 8. Georgetown, 9. Syracuse, 10. Towson, 11. Penn State, 12. Army, **13. UAlbany**, 14. Dartmouth, 15. Fairfield, 16. Delaware, 17. Bucknell, 18. Denver, 19. Notre Dame, 20. Hofstra.

OGDEN AND MORIN GARNER AMERICA EAST WEEKLY SOFTBALL AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – Sophomore Kelly Ogden has been named the America East Conference Player of the Week and junior Amanda Morin (South Glens Falls) was named co-pitcher of the week in softball, as announced on Monday by the league office. This is the second time that Ogden has won the award this season. Morin, who received top pitcher honors for the fifth time this season, shares the award Boston University's Brittany Detweiler.

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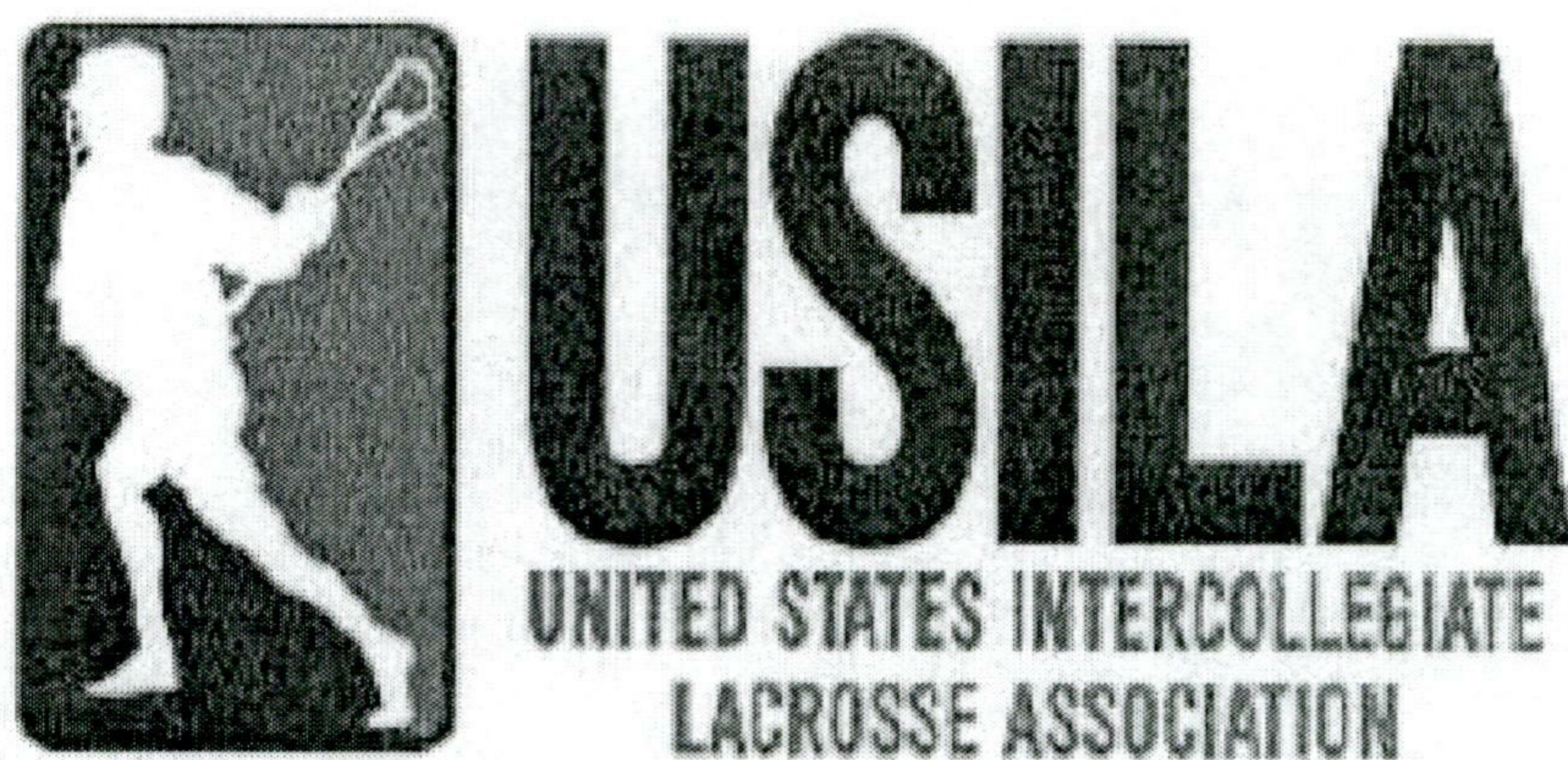
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Ogden hit .385 (5-for-13) last week with a team-high two home runs and eight RBI. The third baseman hit the go-ahead three-run homer in the opening game against UMBC on May 7 for her second home run of the contest. She had four RBI in the win with two hits. In the series finale versus UMBC, she went 2-for-2, plating two runs.

Morin was 2-0 this past week with a 0.50 ERA. The right-hander tossed her conference leading seventh shutout of the season in a 2-0 win over Siena on May 4. Against UMBC three days later, she struck out 10 batters for the fourth time this season as she tossed her 13th complete game in a 5-3 win.

For the season, Ogden is leading the team in batting average (.359), home runs (11) and RBI (47). She holds both the single-season home run and career home run (14) marks. Morin is 14-2 this season with a 0.65 ERA, which ranks seventh in Division I. She has struck out 106 batters with just 15 walks issued.

UAlbany (32-12, AE 17-2) travels to Long Island for the 2005 America East Tournament on May 12-14. Pairings will be announced at a later time. The Great Danes have won 29 of their last 35 contests.



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2005
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Men's Lacrosse
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◆ Division I ◆ Division II ◆ Division III

| Division I | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | Johns Hopkins | 12-0 | (10) 200 | 1 |
| 2 | Duke | 14-2 | 189 | 2 |
| 3 | Navy | 11-3 | 182 | 4 |
| 4 | Maryland | 9-5 | 162 | 6 |
| 5 | Cornell | 10-2 | 159 | 3 |
| 6 | Virginia | 9-3 | 157 | 5 |
| 7 | Massachusetts | 12-2 | 146 | 8 |
| 8 | Georgetown | 9-4 | 127 | 7 |
| 9 | Syracuse | 7-5 | 118 | 9 |
| 10 | Towson | 11-4 | 103 | 11 |
| 11 | Penn State | 9-5 | 90 | 15 |
| 12 | Army | 11-5 | 88 | 10 |
| 13 | Albany | 10-5 | 73 | T17 |
| 14 | Dartmouth | 8-4 | 72 | 13 |
| 15 | Fairfield | 11-4 | 62 | T17 |
| 16 | Delaware | 11-5 | 55 | 16 |
| 17 | Bucknell | 8-5 | 48 | 14 |

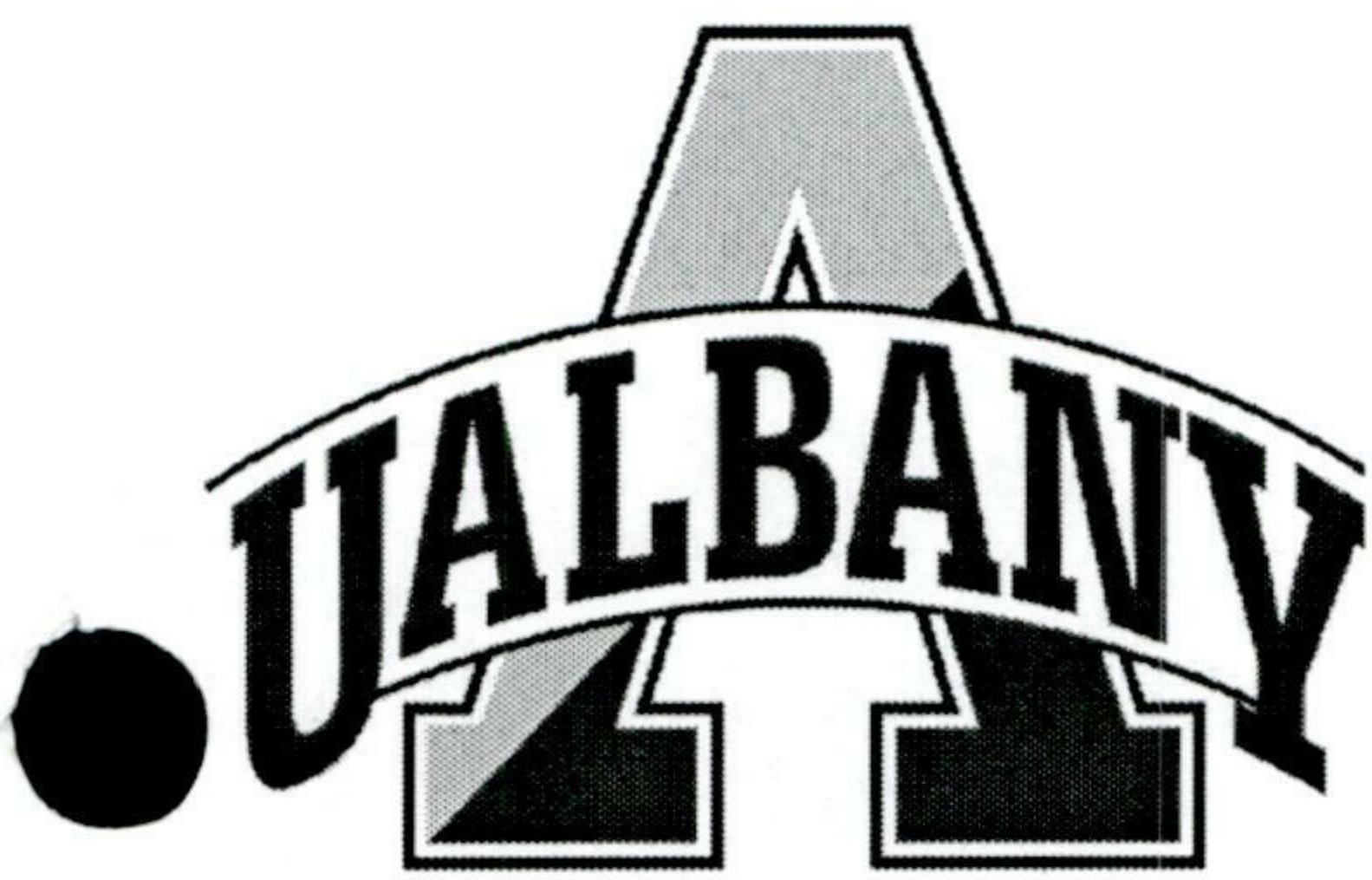
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| 18 | Denver | 9-5 | 39 | 12 |
| 19 | Notre Dame | 7-4 | 13 | NR |
| 20 | Hofstra | 8-8 | 11 | 19 |

Others receiving votes (in order): *Stony Brook 7, North Carolina 4, UMBC 3, Ohio State 1, Princeton 1*

| Division II | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | LeMoyne College | 14-0 | (10) 200 | 1 |
| 2 | Limestone College | 14-1 | 181 | 2 |
| 3 | New York Institute of Technology | 8-2 | 180 | 3 |
| 4 | LIW-C.W. Post | 9-4 | 172 | 4 |
| 5 | Mercyhurst College | 11-3 | 167 | 5 |
| 6 | Dowling College | 9-4 | 147 | 6 |
| 7 | Molloy College | 11-4 | 140 | 8 |
| 8 | Adelphi University | 4-6 | 133 | 7 |
| 9 | Bryant University | 11-6 | 106 | 10 |
| 10 | Merrimack College | 11-5 | 101 | 9 |

Others receiving votes (in order): *Saint Vincent 12, Notre Dame de Namur 11*

| Division III | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | Salisbury | 16-0 | (13) 260 | 1 |
| 2 | Cortland | 16-1 | 241 | 2 |
| 3 | Middlebury | 14-1 | 235 | 3 |
| 4 | Gettysburg | 14-3 | 220 | 4 |
| 5 | Nazareth | 12-2 | 208 | 5 |
| 6 | Roanoke | 13-2 | 190 | 6 |
| 7 | Lynchburg | 12-4 | 182 | 7 |
| 8 | Washington College | 10-5 | 149 | 9 |
| 9 | Springfield | 12-4 | 148 | 12 |
| 10 | Stevens Tech | 13-3 | 130 | 8 |
| 11 | Ohio Wesleyan | 10-3 | 119 | 17T |
| 12 | Wesleyan | 12-5 | 116 | 17T |
| 13 | Amherst | 11-4 | 95 | 10 |
| 14 | Skidmore | 13-2 | 65 | NR |
| 15 | Geneseo | 12-4 | 64 | 14 |



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UALBANY MEETS VIRGINIA IN NCAA LACROSSE TOURNAMENT'S FIRST ROUND

Albany, N.Y. – A matchup of national top-20 men's lacrosse teams will take place, when the University at Albany, ranked 17th, meets No. 5 Virginia in the opening round of the NCAA Division I Tournament next weekend. The 16-team NCAA field was announced on Sunday evening.

Virginia (9-3) is making its 28th NCAA appearance. The Cavaliers have won three national championships, including the 2003 title, and finished as the runner-up four times. Head coach **Dom Starsia** is in his 13th season. Starsia, who has 240 career victories at the collegiate level, has directed the UVA program to a pair of national crowns. Virginia features three All-Atlantic Coast Conference players, including attackman **Matt Ward**, the team's leading scorer with 31 goals and 10 assists. Defenseman **Michael Culver** and midfielder **Rob Bateman** also made the All-ACC squad. Goalkeeper **Kip Turner** leads a defense that is ranked fifth nationally at 7.06 goals per game.

UAlbany (10-5) captured its third consecutive America East Conference title with Saturday's 16-7 victory over Stony Brook in the championship final. The Great Danes are in the NCAA field for the third straight year. UAlbany faced Princeton in 2003 and Syracuse last year in first-round play.

"This is the third straight year that we've faced a program that has a national title on its resume, so it doesn't get any easier," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team has reached the 10-win mark for the third consecutive season. "This year has proven that you can win on any given day, if you're ready to play. We think we are ready to take the next step."

UAlbany has one of the top scoring offenses in the nation at 11.80 goals per game. **Merrick Thomson** has 54 goals and 20 assists for 74 points, the fourth-highest single-season total in school history. **Luke Daquino**, the program's all-time scorer, adds 29 goals and 36 assists. **Kevin Rae**, a three-time America East championship MVP, has a 9.30 goals against average with a .594 save percentage.

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2005 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament Pairings

(first-round games will be played on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15)

Marist @ #1 Johns Hopkins

Fairfield @ #2 Duke

Penn State @ #3 Maryland

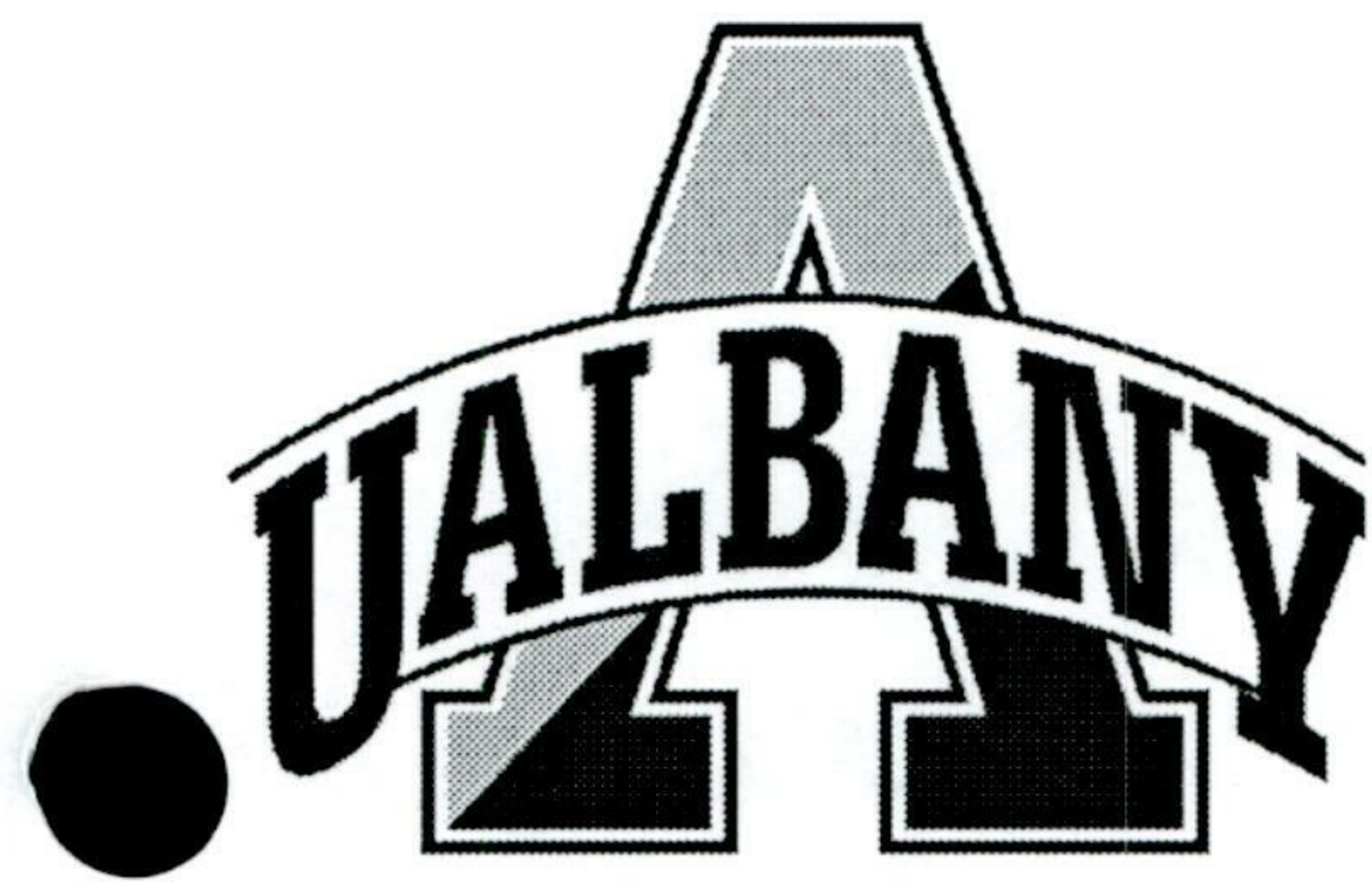
UAlbany @ #4 Virginia

Delaware @ #5 Navy

Army @ #6 Georgetown

Cornell @ #7 Towson

Syracuse @ #8 Massachusetts



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UALBANY WINS AMERICA EAST TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Vestal, N.Y. – **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) and **Kamar Elliott** finished first in their respective events to lead the University at Albany men's track and field team to the 2005 America East Conference Championship at Binghamton University's Track Stadium. Burns won the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:53.63 to set a facility record, while Elliott posted a distance of 47-feet, 5.75-inches to take first place in the triple jump.

The Great Danes, who finished the competition with 192.83 points, had six individual champions. **Jonathan Jones**, **Marc Pallozzi**, **Eric Opuana** and **Andy Allstadt** all finished first in their respective events on the first day of competition to help UAlbany to the team championship. Elliott also placed second in the long jump on Saturday.

Allstadt, who won the 10,000-meter run, also placed third in the 5,000-meter run on the second day with a time of 15:07.12. **Michael Lynch** placed second in the shot put with a distance of 48-feet, 4.75-inches. **Sheldon Gomes** (Shaker) also posted a second-place finish in the triple jump with a leap of 47-feet, 3-inches.

"This was really gratifying because it was a total team effort," said UAlbany coach Roberto Vives, whose squad was edged out for the title at last year's outdoor championship by one-half point after winning the 2003 crown. "We learned how to close out in a meet that was competitive right to the end. We had several people step up their performances, including Sheldon Gomes coming back from hernia surgery to take second in the triple jump. That kind of effort helped our team score."

The UAlbany women finished fifth in the team standings by scoring 83 points. **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) paced the Great Danes, placing second in the 5,000-meter run with an ECAC-qualifying time of 17:17.53. Lotmore also finished fourth in the 1,500-meter run in 4:37.94.

Joy Williams led the team in the field events, finishing second with a 42-foot, 5.25-inch performance in the shot put.

Northeastern, with 192 team points, won the women's championship, followed by Boston U., New Hampshire and Binghamton.

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MEN

1. UAlbany 192.83, 2. New Hampshire 177, 3. UMBC 110, 4. Binghamton 98.5, 5. Maine 86, 6. Northeastern 76.67, 7. Boston U. 58, 8. Stony Brook 23, 9. Vermont 21, 10. Hartford 6.

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1. Northeastern 192, 2. Boston U. 124.5, 3. New Hampshire 113, 4. Binghamton 95.5, 5. **UAlbany 83**, 6. Maine 76, 7. UMBC 72, 8. Vermont 60, 9. Stony Brook 25, 10. Hartford 12.

GREAT DANES SWEEP HARTFORD IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE ACTION

Bristol, Conn. – **Kyle Thomas** tossed a complete-game shutout in the final game of the series to lead UAlbany to a three-game sweep of Hartford in America East Conference action on Sunday, May 8 at Muzzy Field. The resumption of Saturday's second game resulted in an 11-9 win that went 13 innings and took more than five hours over the course of the two days. Thomas held the Hawks scoreless in the third contest to take an 8-0 decision.

Thomas struck out eight and allowed just six hits over his nine innings on the mound. The junior right-hander did not walk a batter in the game. It was the first complete game shutout by a UAlbany pitcher since **Steve Emmerthal** tossed a seven-inning, one-hit shutout on April 27, 2003 against Vermont.

After posting one run in both the second and third innings, the Great Danes opened up the fourth sending three runs across the plate. **Fred Estes** started the inning with a walk, advancing to second when **Rashad Barksdale** (Hudson) was hit by a pitch. **Joe Lamb** followed with a bunt single to third base, advancing on an error by Hartford third baseman **Luke Trahan**, which scored both Estes and Barksdale. **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich) later hit an RBI ground out to score Lamb, giving UAlbany a 5-0 lead.

The Great Danes (16-15, AE 7-8), who are above .500 for the first time since April 6, recorded two more runs in the top of the seventh. **Leo Corvino** (Columbia), the leadoff hitter in the inning, **Leo Corvino** (Columbia) reached on an error by Hawk shortstop **Bill Perry**. After advancing on a ground out by **Derek DeGrazio**, Corvino stole third and followed by stealing home. Estes, who also stole two bases in the inning, scored the other UAlbany run.

Estes closed out scoring for the Great Danes in the top of the ninth, knocking a home run, his first of the year, to left field.

The two teams finished Saturday's suspended game earlier in the day. The contest, originally scheduled as a seven-inning second game in a doubleheader on Saturday, went into the 13th inning and lasted 5 hours and 25 minutes.

With UAlbany leading 6-5, Hartford scored in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings. **Adam Bowser** reached on a fielder's choice bunt and later stole second. First baseman **Ryan Cuscovitch** doubled to right center to score Bowser.

The score remained knotted until UAlbany third baseman **Justin Meagher** (Colonie) scored on a wild pitch in the top of the eleventh inning. Hartford (6-23, AE 3-12) responded in the bottom of the frame, when **Josh Topp** crossed the plate on an RBI single by **Frank Cipolla**.

The Great Danes took the lead for good in the top of the thirteenth with four runs. **Steve Wyland** had an RBI single, while **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) added a run-scoring double.

Shawn Ryan (Stillwater Central) earned the win on the mound for UAlbany, striking out a season-high eight batters and allowing just two runs across seven innings. **Ethan Vaiana** earned his first save of the season, striking out two in the final inning of play.

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Jeff Mazzolla, Giorgio Fuda (6), Shawn Ryan (6), Roman Dubiel (13), Ethan Vaiana (13) and Fred Estes and Sean Doyle.

Jason Krajieski, Pete Moraski (7), John Coury (13), Erik Price (13) and Kyle O'Neill

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Kyle Thomas and Fred Estes.

Adam Flaherty, Matt O'Connell (6) and Kyle O'Neill and Ryan Crowley.

UALBANY SOFTBALL DOWNS UMBC TO COMPLETE SWEEP OF WEEKEND SERIES

Albany, N.Y. – Second baseman **Katrina Dunning** snapped a 5-5 tie with an RBI single in the bottom of the fourth inning as UAlbany completed a three-game sweep of UMBC, 7-5, in America East Conference softball action on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field.

Dunning singled to center field to plate shortstop **Maegan Larsen**. UAlbany (32-12, AE 17-2), which trailed 5-4 entering the fourth, tied the game on a sacrifice fly by third baseman **Kelly Ogden**. The Great Danes capped off the inning on a RBI single by designated player **Erika Enocksen**.

UAlbany led 2-0 after the first inning on a sacrifice fly by first baseman **Ashley Rios** and scored a run when a ground ball off the bat of Dunning was misplayed by Retriever shortstop **Dana Shepherd**. The Great Danes added two more runs in the second on RBI singles by left fielder **Amber Maisonet** and Ogden.

UMBC (26-31-1, AE 7-13) scored five runs in the third to grab a 5-4 lead. Catcher **Kali Shirk** got the Retrievers on the board with an RBI single up the middle. Shepherd cut the UAlbany lead to 4-3 on a two-run double to right-center. Designated player **Stevie Shore** plated third baseman **Kristie Pickeral** to tie the game on a double to center field. UMBC took a 5-4 lead on an error by Larsen, allowing Shore to score.

Senior pitcher **Carisa Marcucci** pitched four innings of scoreless relief to pick up her first victory of the season for the Great Danes. She struck out five batters and allowed just two hits to improve to 1-0. UMBC's **Jessica Taylor** took the loss and falls to 5-8.

UAlbany, who is the top seed in this week's America East Tournament, will play on Thursday, May 12 at Stony Brook with time and opponent to be determined.

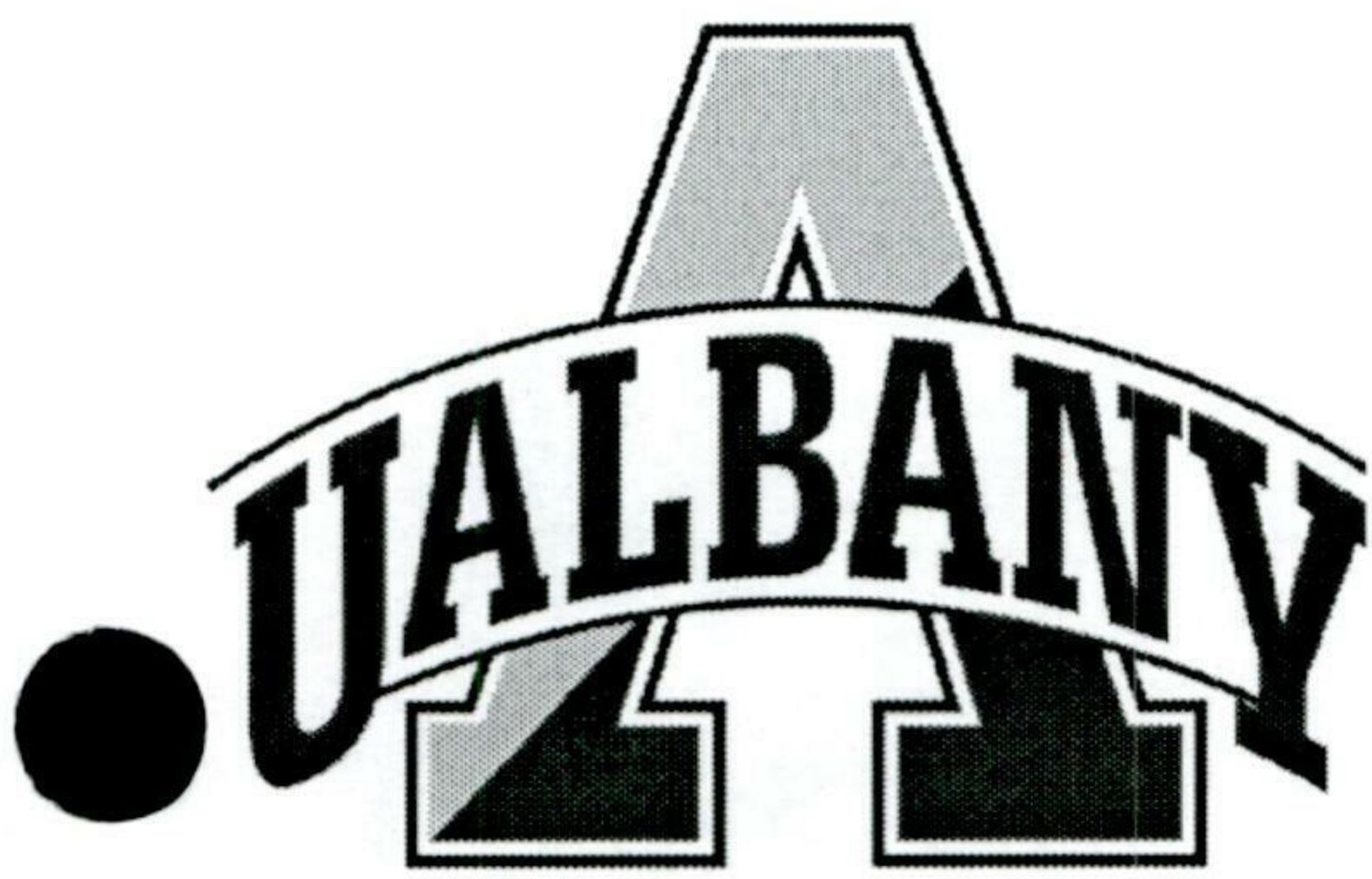
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UMBC -- Amy Sodowl, Jessica Taylor (2), Katie Jo Passero (6) and Kali Shirk.

UAlbany -- Danielle Buyea, Carisa Marcucci (4) and Ali Meacham.



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UALBANY TAKES FIRST-DAY LEAD AT AMERICA EAST TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Vestal, N.Y. – **Eric Opuana** won his second consecutive hammer throw title, as UAlbany leads after the first day of competition at the America East Conference Track & Field Championships on Saturday afternoon at Binghamton Track Stadium. The Great Danes, who scored 84.43 points, had four individual men's champions.

Opuana threw 190-feet, 5-inches, one foot off his school record, to win the competition and qualify for the NCAA East Regional later this month. **Jonathan Jones** placed first in the long jump with a leap of 22-1, and was one inch better than his teammates **Kamar Elliott** and **Dale Hopkinson**, who finished second and third, respectively. Jones also tied for fifth in the high jump.

Marc Pallozzi (Waterford) took the javelin throw with a NCAA-qualifying and school-record mark of 205-05. Pallozzi is also first in the decathlon after the opening five events with more than 3,200 points. **Andy Allstadt** won the 10,000-meter run in comfortable fashion by beating New Hampshire's Tim Perry to the line by nearly 14 seconds with a time of 31:30.80.

In addition, freshman **Mike Reynolds** was second in the pole vault, as he cleared the bar at 14-feet, 9-inches. **Chris Pierson** and **Ryan Gaedje** (Shenendehowa) placed third and fifth, respectively, in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Pierson was clocked in 9:19.35, while Gaedje's time of 9:28.70 qualified him for USA Junior Nationals.

The Great Danes are in seventh place in the women's standings with 11 points. First-place Boston University holds a slim 2.5-point margin over New Hampshire. UAlbany's **Sarah Charles** turned in the day's best effort, as she took fifth in the long jump with a mark of 17-1.

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MEN

1. UAlbany 84.43, 2. New Hampshire 56, 3. Northeastern 44.66, 4. Binghamton 32.50, 5. Maine 24, 6. Stony Brook 13, 7. Boston U. 8, 8. UMBC 5, 9. Vermont 2.

WOMEN

1. Boston U. 48.50, 2. New Hampshire 46, 3. Northeastern 31, 4. Binghamton 29.50, t5. Vermont 24, t5. Maine 24, 7. UAlbany 11, t8. UMBC 10, t9. Stony Brook 10.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL SWEEPS UMBC TO WIN THE AMERICA EAST REGULAR SEASON CROWN

Albany, N.Y. – Third baseman **Kelly Ogden** belted a three-run home run as UAlbany rallied to down UMBC, 5-3, in the first game of an America East Conference softball doubleheader. The victory clinched the top seed for the Great Danes in next week's America East Tournament. In the nightcap, UAlbany shut out the Retrievers, 6-0.

With UAlbany (31-12, AE 16-2) trailing 3-2 in the fifth inning, Ogden came to bat and hit her second home run of the game to left field to cap a four-run burst. She hit a solo shot in the first inning to give the Great Danes a 1-0 lead. It was her second multi-homer game of the season.

The Retrievers scored two in the third on a two-run double by shortstop **Dana Shepherd** and one in the fourth on a homer by designated player **Stevie Shore**.

Junior pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls), struck out 10 batters for the fourth time this season to improve to 14-2. She allowed four hits in tossing her 13th complete game of the year. For UMBC (26-30-1, AE 7-12), **Katie Jo Passero** took the loss and falls to 2-2 on the season.

In the second game, first baseman **Ashley Rios** socked a two-run blast to left field to give the Great Danes a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first. It was the ninth career home for Rios and places her second on the all-time home run list behind Ogden. The Great Danes added four runs in the fourth inning on RBI by four consecutive batters.

Sophomore hurler **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) pitched her second shutout of the season as she struck out a season-high nine batters. She is now 15-5 and has won 15 of her last 16 decisions. **Amy Sodowl** drops to 10-7 in taking the loss for UMBC.

UAlbany, who has now won back-to-back America East Conference regular-season championships, hosts UMBC on Sunday at 12 p.m. to complete the three-game weekend.

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UMBC -- Katie Jo Passero, Jessica Taylor (6) and Jessica Griffith.

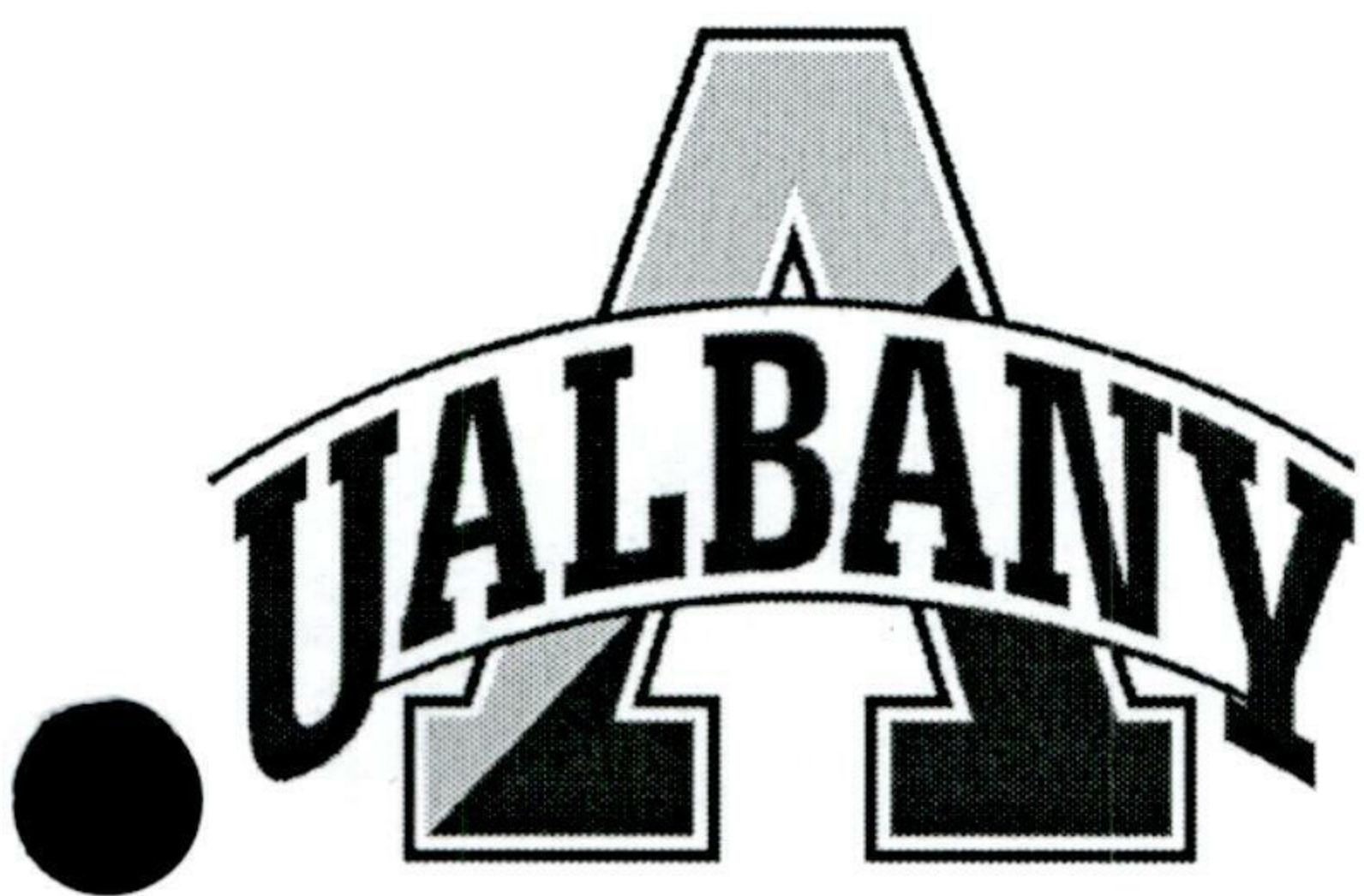
UAlbany -- Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

Game 2

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UMBC -- Amy Sodowl, Jessica Taylor (5) and Stevie Shore.

UAlbany -- Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham.



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UALBANY CAPTURES THIRD STRAIGHT AMERICA EAST TITLE WITH 16-7 VICTORY

Albany, N.Y. – **Chris Martocchia** scored a career-high six goals and **Merrick Thomson** added five goals and one assist in leading UAlbany to its third consecutive America East Conference men's lacrosse championship with a 16-7 victory over Stony Brook on Saturday afternoon at University Field. The Great Danes earned their third straight NCAA berth as the conference's tournament champion.

UAlbany (10-5) opened the contest with four unanswered goals. Thomson cut to the top of the crease and deposited **Luke Daquino's** pass from behind the cage with just one minute and 42 seconds elapsed. **Brendan Russell**, who had three goals, then scored back-to-back on a pair of bounce shots. His 15-yard blast following an intercepted clearing attempt gave his team a 3-0 lead. Meanwhile, the championship's most outstanding player **Kevin Rae**, a senior goalkeeper, made eight of his 14 saves in the first quarter to ensure that UAlbany got off to that good start.

Stony Brook (10-6), who upset top-seed UMBC in the semifinal round, was still within striking distance midway through the second period, when **Adam Marksberry** tallied an extra-man goal to close the gap to 6-3. But the Great Danes reeled off three consecutive goals and were never in trouble after that point. Freshman **Jordan Levine** hit the top left corner while running free in the middle of the field after a failed clear. Martocchia scored twice in a 40-second span, the second goal on a shot from the left side in a man-advantage situation.

The Great Danes, who led by six at halftime, would use another three-goal run in the final seven minutes of the third quarter to seal the verdict. Daquino, who had one goal and four assists, finished off **Frank Resetarits'** crossing pass, before Martocchia and Thomson added goals for a commanding 13-5 margin.

"Our attitude and approach to this game was excellent," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team reached the 10-win mark, a school record, for the third consecutive season. "This group has learned how to win. They played together and our defense was awesome."

Bo Tripoldi and **Rhys Duchs** each had two goals for the Seawolves, who had won five of their last seven games entering the championship final. **Jason Cappadoro** added three assists. UAlbany's Resetarits handed out a career-best six assists for an attack that scored 10-plus goals for the tenth time this season.

"We didn't settle for anything but a championship," said Russell, who joined Rae, Daquino, Thomson and defenseman **Patrick McSweeney** on the all-tournament team. "Our seniors represent Coach Marr's first recruiting class, so we were on a mission this week. I tried to be more assertive, and it always helps when you make that first shot of the game."

The Great Danes, who played Princeton and last year's national champion Syracuse in their previous two NCAA appearances, will find out their opponent on Sunday evening when the tournament field is unveiled.

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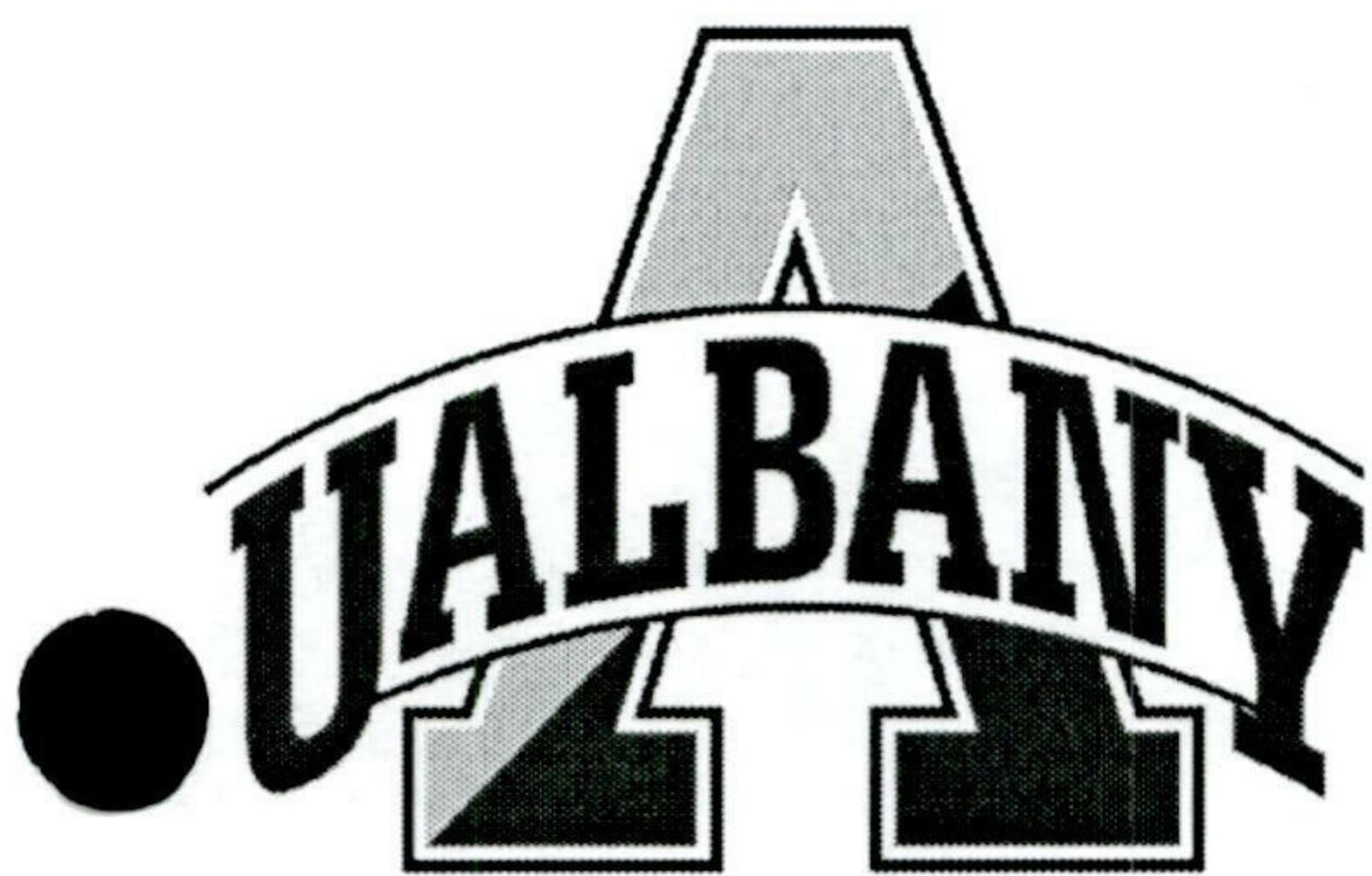
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America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Championship

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| Stony Brook (10-6) | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | 7 |
| #17 UAlbany (10-5) | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | - | 16 |

Stony Brook – Scoring: Bo Tripoldi 2-0, Rhys Duchs 2-0, Adam Marksberry 1-1, Chris Tracey 1-0, Michael Trojanowski 1-0, Jason Cappadoro 0-3, Gregory Karanzalis 0-1, Sean Chamberlain 0-1, Goalkeeper(s): Matt Ural (30:00, 3 saves, 10 GA), Brendan Callahan (27:51, 4 saves, 6 GA), Errol Wilson (2:09, 0 saves, 0 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Chris Martocchia 6-0, Merrick Thomson 5-1, Brendan Russell 3-0, Luke Daquino 1-4, Jordan Levine 1-0, Frank Resetarits 0-6, Craig McDonald 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 14 saves, 7 GA).



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NEW HAMPSHIRE DOWNS UALBANY IN AMERICA EAST LACROSSE SEMIFINAL

Boston, Mass. – **Katie Leland** and **Jess Burnap** each scored four goals in leading New Hampshire to a 14-6 victory over UAlbany in the semifinals of the America East Conference Women's Lacrosse Tournament on Thursday afternoon at Boston University's Nickerson Field.

New Hampshire (11-7) will meet Boston U., a 20-5 winner over UMBC in the first semifinal of the day, for the championship on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Leland, who also had two assists, scored three first-half goals, as the Wildcats built an 8-2 halftime advantage. Burnap helped get her team rolling early with a pair of goals in the opening eight minutes of play.

UAlbany (6-12) trailed by as many as seven in the second half, before slicing the deficit to 9-5 with a run of three unanswered goals. Leading-scorer **Kate Fontana** tallied an unassisted goal to start that stretch, before **Sarah Spillett** and **Katie DeJoseph** (Scotia-Glenville) found the net 46 seconds apart.

The Great Danes had two more chances to get even closer, but UNH goalkeeper **Stacey Plati** stopped both Fontana and Spillett at point-blank range. Plati finished with six of her nine saves in the final period. Still leading 10-6, the Wildcats rattled off three straight goals over the next four minutes. Leland keyed that outburst with her 49th goal of the season.

"We wanted to tire them out defensively by possessing the ball," said UAlbany coach Dennis Short, whose team won five of its last six regular-season games to reach the postseason. "When you are going against a good defense, you know they are going to come up with plays. We needed to do a better job finishing some shots. I was proud that our team kept coming back at them."

Spillett and DeJoseph each had two goals to lead the UAlbany attack, while **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) added two assists. New Hampshire's **Cristina Covucci** had two goals and one assist.

"We know that we are a good second-half team," commented Spillett, a second-team all-conference performer. "We were confident because we had so many comeback wins. It was not our best effort when we played them the first time."

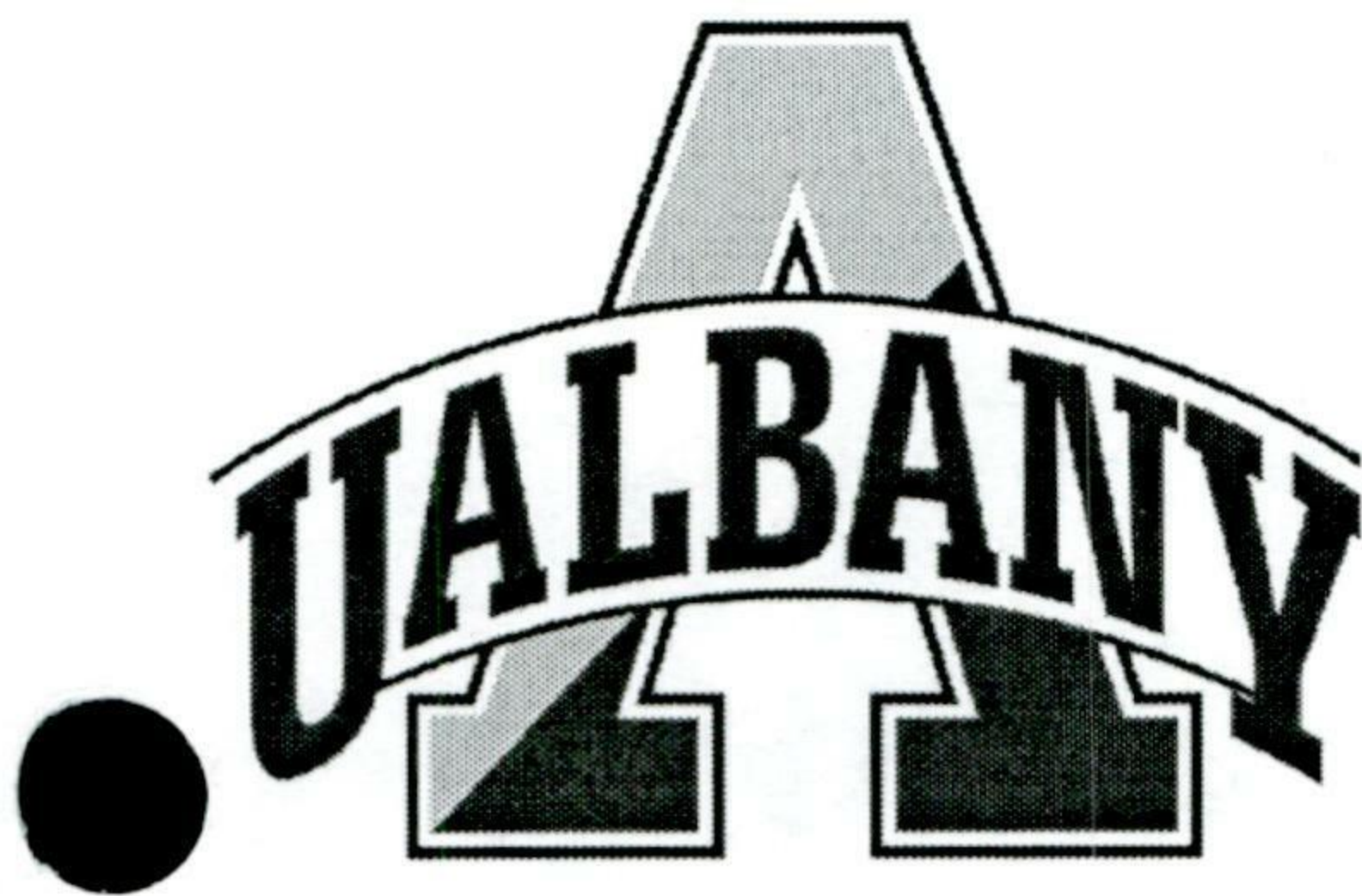
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America East Conference Tournament – Semifinal Round

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| UAlbany (6-12) | 2 | 4 | - | 6 |
| New Hampshire (11-7) | 8 | 6 | - | 14 |

UAlbany – Scoring: Sarah Spillett 2-0, Katie DeJoseph 2-0, Brittany Scott 1-2, Kate Fontana 1-0, Krissy Rajczak 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 6 saves, 14 GA).

New Hampshire – Scoring: Katie Leland 4-2, Jess Burnap 4-0, Cristina Covucci 2-1, Laura Dossdall 1-1, Jill Albee 1-0, Renee Nemmers 1-0, Christine Carbone 1-0, Kristin Blanchette 0-1, Moira Talbot 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Stacey Plati (60:00, 9 saves, 6 GA).



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UALBANY COACH CHRIS CANNATA EARNS 300TH VICTORY IN WIN OVER SIENA Great Danes Split Doubleheader With Saints

Albany, N.Y. – **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) pitched a complete-game shutout as UAlbany downed Siena 2-0 in the opening game of a non-conference doubleheader on Wednesday afternoon at Albany Field. The victory gave UAlbany coach **Chris Cannata** her 300th career win. Siena held on for a 3-2 decision in game two.

Cannata, a two-time America East Conference Coach of the Year, improved her coaching record at UAlbany to 300-156 in her 11th season at the helm of the Great Danes.

Morin hurled her seventh shutout and 12th complete game of the season, improving to 13-2. The junior right-hander scattered five hits and one walk, while striking out six. The Great Danes scored a run in each of the first two innings to earn the win.

Maegan Larsen walked to lead off the bottom of the first and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by **Amber Maisonet**. **Ashley Rios** hit a sacrifice fly to left field for her 27th RBI of the season. UAlbany tacked on another run on a RBI double by **Leslie Busch** in the bottom of the second.

In game two, Siena (20-25) overcame a 1-0 deficit with three runs in the top of the fourth to salvage the split. **Caitlin Fairclough** smacked a two-run single through the left side and **Jamie Walker** added a sacrifice fly.

UAlbany (29-12) trimmed the lead to 3-2 on a two-out RBI double by **Kelly Ogden** in the bottom of the seventh. Siena's **Tara Campbell** retired Rios to end the threat.

Tisha Salamino earned the pitching win for the Saints, surrendering four hits and one run in five innings. **Danielle Buyea** took the loss, allowing seven hits and three runs in three innings.

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Game One

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Siena – Stacey Landini, Tara Campbell (6) and Colleen Price.

UAlbany – Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

Game Two

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| Siena (20-25) | 000 | 300 | 0 | - | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| UAlbany (29-12) | 001 | 000 | 1 | - | 2 | 6 | 1 |

Siena – Tisha Salamino, Tara Campbell (6) and Colleen Price.

UAlbany – Danielle Buyea, Casey Halloran (4) and Ali Meacham.



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UALBANY ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP WITH AN 11-3 VICTORY

Albany, N.Y. – **Luke Daquino** totaled three goals and one assist in leading UAlbany to an 11-3 victory over Binghamton in the semifinal round of the America East Conference Tournament on Wednesday afternoon at University Field. The Great Danes advanced to the championship for the fourth consecutive year. UMBC, the top seed, meets Stony Brook this evening in Baltimore. The semifinal winners will meet at highest remaining seed on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

UAlbany (9-5) broke open a tight contest by finding the net on its first three shots of the third quarter. **Frank Resetarits**, who had two goals and one assist, sent a blast under the crossbar after Daquino fed him from behind the cage. Daquino then scored twice within a one-minute-and-40-second span. He connected on a 12-yard shot in transition after an interception in the defensive half of the field, before converting another fastbreak with a high shot into the net.

The Great Danes, the tournament's No. 2 seed, later added a pair of third-quarter goals seven seconds apart. Resetarits found the net after picking up a deflection by Binghamton defender **Tom Wilmot**. **Merrick Thomson** finished off **Chris Martocchia's** crossing pass after UAlbany won the following faceoff.

Martocchia, who had two goals and one assist, scored twice in the fourth period. The second scoring play came about after the Great Danes beat a double-team by reserve goalkeeper **Jeff Walker**. UAlbany's **Kevin Rae** made five of his 11 saves in that final stanza, as his team shut out an opponent in the second half for the first time since the 2003 season.

"There was no panic in the locker room," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team held a slim 4-3 lead at halftime. "We made some minor adjustments on offense and defense. Our face-off guys did a great job, and we were able to separate ourselves with some quick goals. The seniors are determined to win."

UAlbany jumped out to a 3-1 lead early in the second quarter, when Thomson scored from the middle of the field from a driving **Brendan Russell**. Binghamton (4-9) entered the semifinal with three consecutive wins to end the regular season, and closed the gap by the break. **Jeff Kaylor** drove from behind the cage and placed a shot into the top left corner with 2:25 left in the period.

Russell, a senior midfielder, finished with two goals and two assists, his highest scoring output of the year. Thomson, the nation's leading scorer, added a pair of goals, including his 49th of the season.

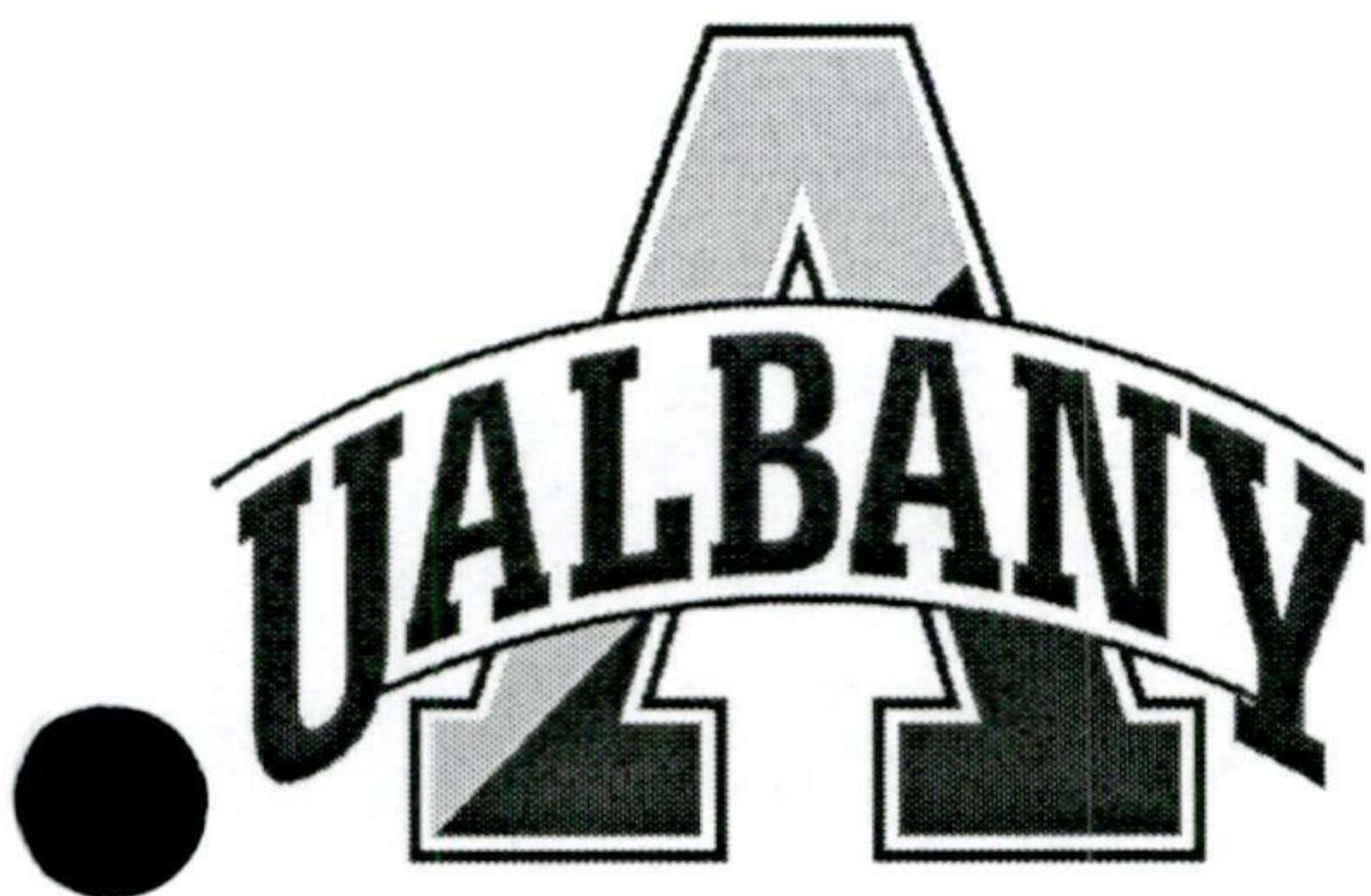
"We played a lot better (than last Saturday's regular-season finale)," commented Rae, whose team was coming off two one-goal losses to Syracuse and UMBC. "We cleared the ball more effectively and Lee Busino did a great job on face-offs."

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| Binghamton (4-9) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | - | 3 |
| UAlbany (9-5) | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | - | 11 |

Binghamton – Scoring: Joe Conner 1-0, Jeff Santucci 1-0, Jeff Kaylor 1-0, Matt DeCirce 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin McKeown (53:56, 7 saves, 10 GA), Jeff Walker (6:04, 0 saves, 1 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Luke Daquino 3-1, Brendan Russell 2-2, Frank Resetarits 2-1, Chris Martocchia 2-1, Merrick Thomson 2-0, Chris Kivlen 0-1, Jordan Levine 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 11 saves, 3 GA).



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FONTANA AND FITZMARTIN NAMED TO ALL-AMERICA EAST LACROSSE FIRST TEAM

Boston, Mass. – **Kate Fontana** and **Erin Fitzmartin** have been named to the America East All-Conference Women's Lacrosse first team as announced by the conference office on Wednesday evening. **Sarah Spillett** was voted to the second team, while **Brittany Scott** was selected to the All-Rookie squad.

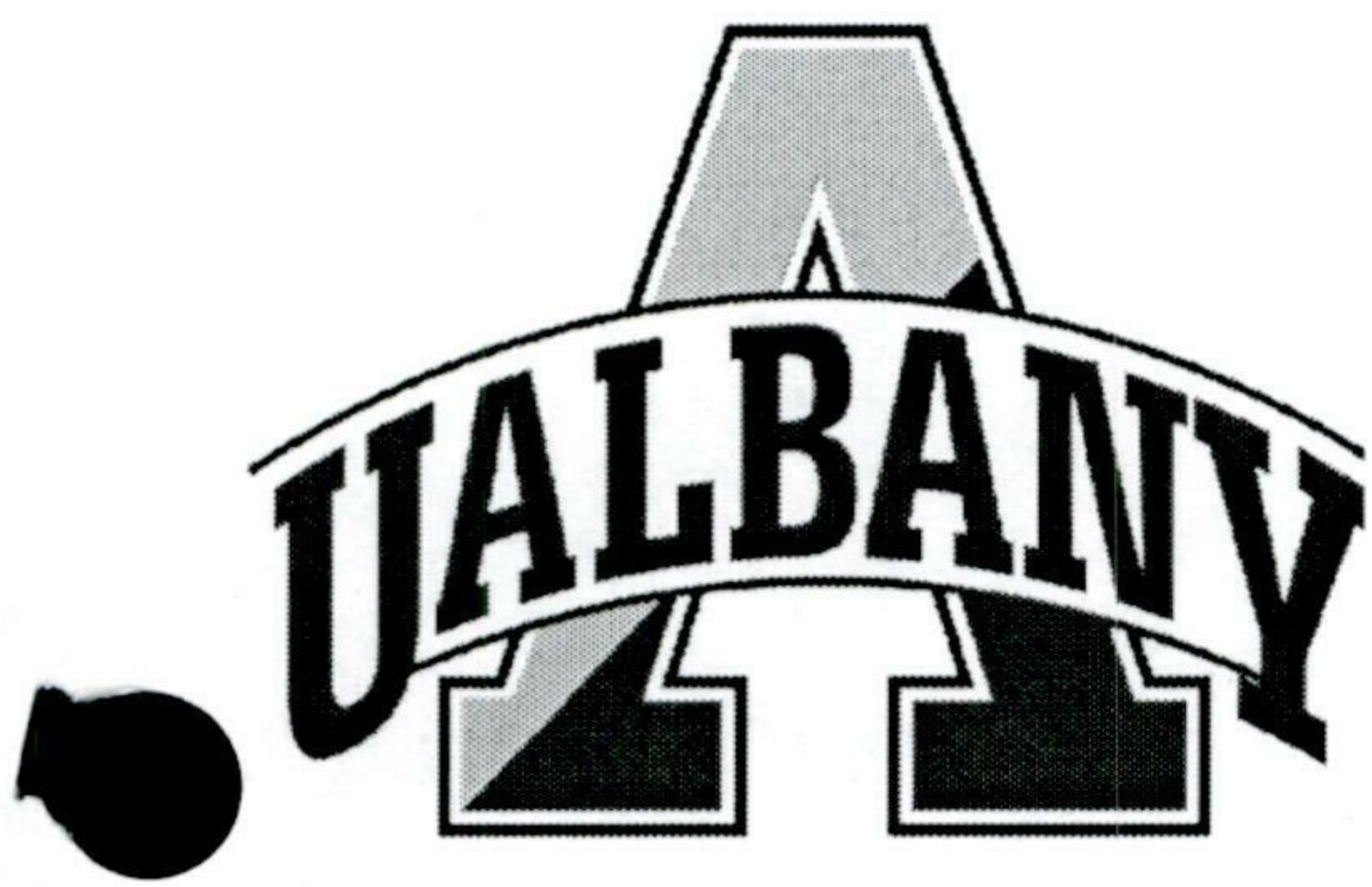
Fontana, a sophomore midfielder, is one of the top scorers in the conference with 44 goals and four assists. She leads the America East and is seventh nationally in ground balls (3.47 pg). Fontana, a second-team and all-rookie selection in 2004, also ranks second among conference leaders in caused turnovers (1.88 pg).

Fitzmartin, a sophomore defensive midfielder, tallied three goals and two assists in her first full season with the team. The South Salem, N.Y. native picked up 28 ground balls and forced five turnovers.

Spillett, a member of the 2004 America East all-rookie team, ranks second on the team with 36 points. She has 20 goals and a team-high 16 assists. The sophomore midfielder stands seventh on UAlbany's career charts with 24 assists.

Scott, a freshman midfielder, has scored five goals and dished out three assists. The Baldwinsville, N.Y. native added 34 ground balls, 28 draw controls and 14 caused turnovers.

UAlbany (6-11, AE 4-2) is the third seed for this week's America East Conference Championship at Boston University's Nickerson Field. The Great Danes will meet second-seeded New Hampshire in the semifinals on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.



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HARTFORD WINS AMERICA EAST GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AT ORCHARD CREEK UAlbany's Diane Onofry & Jill Friedman Share Medalist Honors

Altamont, N.Y. – **Adriana DiLonardo** fired a final-round 77 to lead Hartford to the America East Women's Golf Championship on Tuesday afternoon at the Orchard Creek Golf Club.

Hartford trailed UAlbany by 11 strokes after the opening round, but combined for a team score of 317 to claim the title with a 36-hole total of 668. UAlbany placed second with 673 strokes. Boston University finished third with 687.

UAlbany's **Diane Onofry** and **Jill Friedman** earned co-medalist honors, finishing with a two-day total of 165. Friedman shot an 82 and Onofry carded an 83 in second-round play. **Anne Lyons** placed eighth for the Great Danes with a 170 (88-82).

"I had a strong front nine today," said Onofry, who earned medalist honors at the 2004 championship. "Our team had a strong finish, improving seven strokes from Monday's round. We played great, but Hartford played better."

Hartford's **Juliana Carrillo**, who had the day's second-best score with a 79, and Boston University's **Brenna Gibson** tied for third place with 166, one shot off the pace.

"This is the lowest 36-hole total for our team this spring," said UAlbany coach Richard "Doc" Sauers. "We did what we had to do, but Hartford did it a lot better. I'm proud of our seniors and the way they finished their careers as co-medalists."

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America East Golf Championship (Orchard Creek Golf Club, Altamont, N.Y.)

Team Standings: 1. Hartford 351-317--668, 2. UAlbany 340-333--673; 3. Boston U. 356-331--687.

Individual Results: **t1. Diane Onofry, UAlbany, 82-83-165; t1. Jill Friedman, UAlbany, 83-82-165; t3. Juliana Carrillo, Hartford, 87-79-166; t3. Brenna Gibson, Boston U. 86-80-166; t5. Jennifer Guido, Hartford, 88-80-168; t5. Leah Johnson, Boston U., 88-80-168; t5. Adriana DiLonardo, Hartford, 91-77-168; 8. Anne Lyons, UAlbany, 88-82-170, t9. Kerry Hassell, Hartford, 85-89-174; t9. JoAnna Krupa, Hartford, 93-81-174.**



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DAQUINO & THOMSON AMONG SIX ON AMERICA EAST ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Luke Daquino** has been voted to the America East All-Conference Men's Lacrosse first team for the third consecutive year, as announced today by the conference office. The league's head coaches selected the all-conference squad.

Merrick Thomson (Albany Academy), the nation's leading scorer, joins Daquino on the all-conference first team along with goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**, defenseman **Patrick McSweeney** and midfielder **Frank Resetarits**. Senior **Brendan Russell** earned second-team All-America East recognition, while freshmen **Jordan Levine** and **Steve Ammann** were named to the America East All-Rookie Team.

Daquino, a senior attackman who is on the Tewaaron Award Players to Watch List, became the school's all-time leading scorer on April 30. He has 95 goals and 125 assists for 220 career points. He currently ranks sixth among the NCAA Division I leaders in scoring and fourth in assists with 25 goals and 31 assists. Daquino has been a consistent force as a collegian with 50 or more points in all four seasons.

Thomson, a sophomore attack, is the top scorer in the nation with 47 goals and 19 assists. His 66 points rank as the program's highest single-season total since 1992. He has scored four or more goals against seven opponents, including a season-best seven against Binghamton on April 9. Thomson, the 2004 A-East Rookie of the Year, is the first Great Dane to account for 40-plus goals in back-to-back seasons.

Rae, McSweeney and Resetaritis are all have solid years after making the All-America East second team in 2004. Rae, a senior who is 16th nationally with a .580 save percentage, has made double-figure saves on 10 occasions this spring, including a career-high 24 against nationally-ranked Massachusetts. He is the school's all-time saves leader with 793. McSweeney, who leads the team's defenders with 39 ground balls, is a part of a unit that allows 10.23 goals per game. Resetaritis, a sophomore, ranks seventh among the conference's top scorers with 25 goals and 14 assists.

Russell is on the all-league squad as a midfielder for the second time in his career. He has eight goals and four assists in 13 games played. Levine, who is second in the A-East in ground balls at 4.64 per game, earned all-rookie honors with six goals and five assists. Ammann totaled three goals and six assists as a freshman midfielder.

UAlbany (8-5) is the No. 2 seed for this week's America East Conference Championship. The Great Danes host third-seed Binghamton in the semifinal round on Wednesday, May 4 at University Field. Game time is 3:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$6.00 for adults and \$2.00 for student and youth.



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FIVE UALBANY ATHLETES EARN HONORS AT ANNUAL GREAT DANE AWARDS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy presented **Andy Allstadt, Ashley Heilmann** and **Jill Friedman** with ECAC Merit Medals this evening at the fifth annual Great Dane Awards, held at the Recreation and Convocation Center on campus. The event celebrates UAlbany Athletics in the 2004-05 academic year. **Roman Dubiel** and **Theresa Juva** received the Presidential Scholar-Athlete Awards.

ECAC Merit Medals are annually given 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.

Allstadt, a senior who competes in cross country and track, has a 3.64 cumulative grade point average in biology. He earned All-America East Conference recognition for the third straight year with a seventh-place finish at the conference cross country championships. Allstadt finished fifth in the 5,000-meter run and sixth in the 3,000 at the A-East indoor track meet. He recently received a Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award and has been accepted into UAlbany's biology graduate program.

Friedman, a senior on the golf team, and Heilmann, a four-year letterwinner on the lacrosse team, shared the top female student-athlete award. Friedman, who is currently competing at the America East championships, led the Great Danes in stroke average during the fall schedule at 83.82 per round. She also earned her third team MVP award in 2004-05. Friedman, who has a 3.69 GPA in business administration, is a two-time Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award recipient. Heilmann has a 3.73 GPA in a dual major of communication and linguistics. She has helped UAlbany make three A-East postseason tournament appearances during her career as a midfielder. Heilmann recently received an Initiatives for Women Award to conduct research on speech patterns among male and female athletes.

Dubiel, a senior relief pitcher on the baseball team, has a 3.82 cumulative grade point average in urban studies with a minor in Spanish. He has been named to the America East Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll on three occasions. Dubiel received both the Presidential Leadership Award and the Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award. Juva, a member of both the cross country and track squads, has a 3.88 GPA in English with a concentration in creative writing and a minor in journalism. The senior has also been named to the America East Commissioner's Honor Roll and UAlbany Athletic Director's Honor Roll.



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UALBANY LEADS AFTER FIRST ROUND OF AMERICA EAST GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Altamont, N.Y. – **Diane Onofry** and **Jill Friedman** fired their best rounds of the spring as UAlbany is in first place after the first round of the America East Women's Golf Championship. The 36-hole event is being held at the Orchard Creek Golf Club. Tuesday's final round begins at 8:30 a.m.

Onofry, who earned medalist honors at the 2004 championship, paced all golfers with an 82, including a three-over 39 on the back nine. The senior made par on four of the final five holes, including the 18th, a 481-yard, par-five.

Friedman was one stroke behind, as she shot an 83 on the 5,801-yard, par-72 course. The Great Danes, who tallied a team score of 340, hold an 11-stroke lead over Hartford in the team standings. Boston U. is in third place with a score of 356. **Kerry Hassell** paced Hartford with an 85, while **Brenna Gibson** recorded an 86 to lead Boston U.

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America East Golf Championship (Orchard Creek Golf Club, Altamont, N.Y.)

Team Standings: 1. UAlbany 340, 2. Hartford 351, 3. Boston U. 356.

Individual Results: **1. Diane Onofry, UAlbany, 82; 2. Jill Friedman, UAlbany, 83;** 3. Kerry Hassell, Hartford, 85; 4. Brenna Gibson, Boston U. 86; **t5. Lauren Bruce, UAlbany, 87;** t5. Juliana Carrillo, Hartford, 87; t7. Jennifer Guido, Hartford, 88; **t7. Anne Lyons, UAlbany, 88,** t7. Leah Johnson, Boston U., 88; 10. Haley Goucher, Boston U., 89.

UALBANY RECEIVES THIRD SEED FOR AMERICA EAST LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – Boston University has earned the top seed and will host this week's America East Conference Women's Lacrosse Championship. The Terriers defeated New Hampshire, 10-9, in a battle of the conference's two unbeaten teams to claim the top seed. Boston U. (15-1, AE 6-0) will meet UMBC (5-9, AE 3-3) in the first semifinal on Thursday, May 5 at 1 p.m.

UAlbany (6-11, AE 4-2) received the third seed and will face second-seed New Hampshire (10-7, AE 5-1) in the second semifinal on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. The Wildcats are the defending conference champions.

Sophomore midfielder **Kate Fontana** leads UAlbany with 44 goals and ranks among the national leaders in ground balls (3.47 pg) and caused turnovers (1.88 pg). Sophomores **Sarah Spillett** (20 goals, 16 assists) and **Krissy Rajczak** (24 goals, seven assists) have each tallied 30-plus points this season. Sophomore goalkeeper **Jen Daly** has a 13.19 goals against average and a .442 save percentage in 17 appearances.

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America East Women's Lacrosse Championship

Thursday, May 5

Semifinals at Nickerson Field, Boston, Mass.

Game 1 – No. 4 UMBC (5-9, AE 3-3) vs. No. 1 Boston U. (15-1, AE 6-0), 1:00 p.m.

Game 2 – No. 2 New Hampshire (10-7, AE 5-1) vs. No. 3. UAlbany (6-11, AE 4-2), 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 7

Championship Game at Nickerson Field, Boston, Mass.

Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 1:00 p.m.

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MEN'S LACROSSE TIED FOR 17th IN LATEST USILA NATIONAL POLL

Baltimore, Md. – UAlbany's men's lacrosse team is tied for 17th in the current USILA Geico/STX Coaches Poll, as announced today by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. The Great Danes, who were ranked No. 13 for three consecutive weeks, slipped four spots following last Saturday's 9-8 loss to conference-rival UMBC.

UAlbany (8-5) meets Binghamton in the America East Conference Tournament's semifinal round on Wednesday, May 4 at University Field. Game time is 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and youth. The Great Danes, who have one of the top scoring offenses in the nation at 11.54 goals per game, are the championship's No. 2 seed. The America East champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA field.

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1. Johns Hopkins, 2. Duke, 3. Cornell, 4. Navy, 5. Virginia, 6. Maryland, 7. Georgetown, 8. Massachusetts, 9. Syracuse, 10. Army, 11. Towson, 12. Denver, 13. Dartmouth, 14. Bucknell, 15. Penn State, 16. Delaware, t17. Albany, t17. Fairfield, 19. Hofstra, 20. UMBC.

BINGHAMTON TAKES RUBBER GAME OF AMERICA EAST SERIES OVER UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – **Mathieu Bergeron** went 3-for-4 with a home run to lead Binghamton to a 10-5 America East Conference win over UAlbany in the third game of the series on Monday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Bergeron opened up scoring as the lead-off batter of the second inning, knocking a homer to left field. The Bearcats followed up in the third inning, scoring one run. **Aaron Davis** led off with a double and later scored on a groundout RBI by **Keith Ford**.

Binghamton posted three runs in the fifth inning to stretch its lead to 6-1. **Pat Haughie** doubled to left center before Ford knocked a single to center field to score the run. Ford later scored on a wild pitch, while **Justin Smucker** also crossed the plate in the frame.

The Great Danes, who scored their first run on a passed ball in the bottom of the fourth, added one run in the bottom of the sixth to cut the lead to 6-2. **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) reached on an error by the Bearcats' first baseman and later scored on a single by **Derek DeGrazio**.

Binghamton (19-18-1, AE 8-4), however, added four runs in the top of the seventh to pad the lead to 10-2. Smucker led the Bearcats in the inning, leading off with a single before advancing on an error and stealing third. The shortstop then scored on a passed ball.

UAlbany (13-15, AE 4-8) attempted a comeback in the bottom of the ninth, but were only able to score two runs. **Joe Lamb** hit a single to third base and advanced to second when **Steve Wyland** knocked a single to the shortstop. **Leo Corvino** hit a single to left field, scoring both runners.

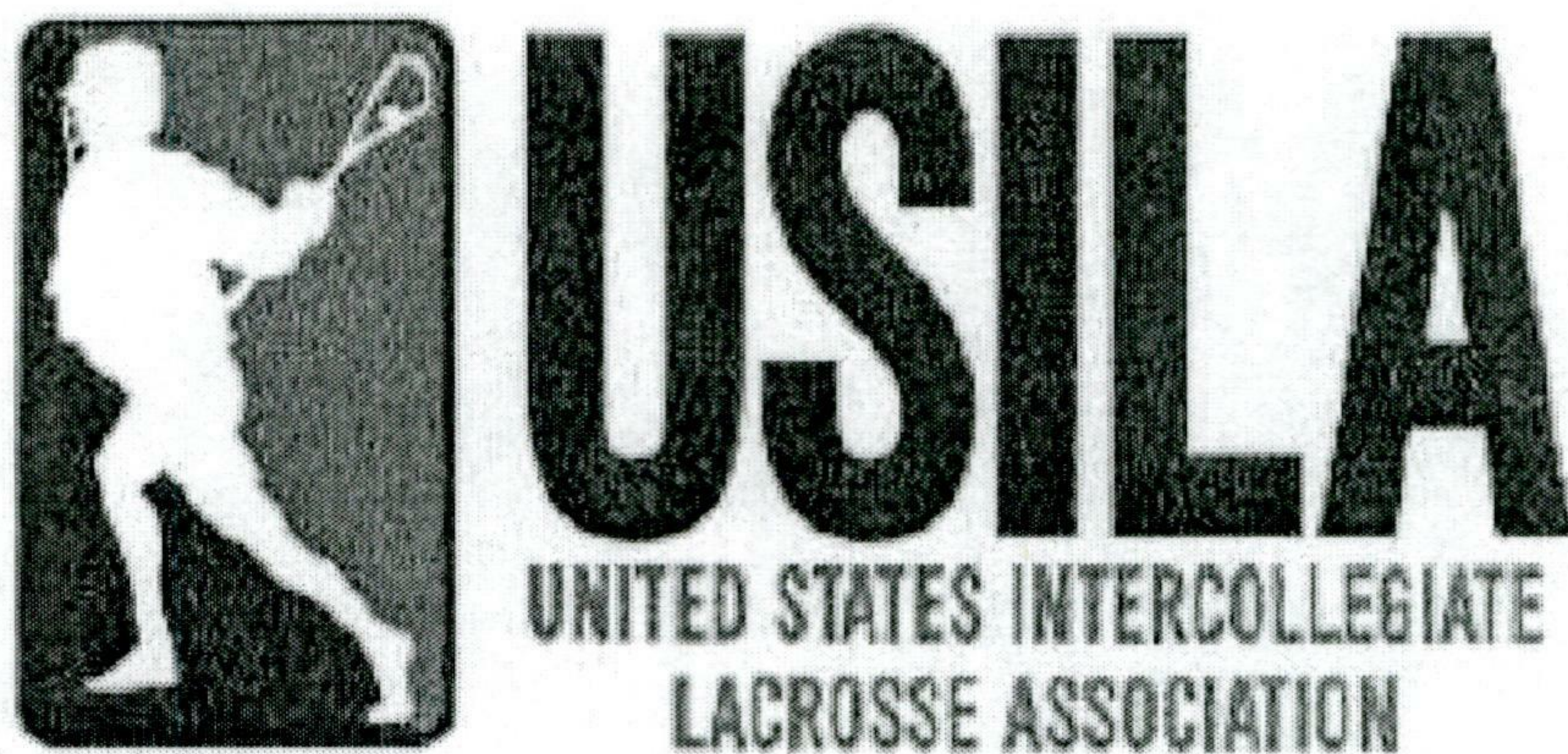
Jeff Mazzola threw 4.1 innings for the Great Danes, striking out eight and allowing just one earned run. **Mike Van Gorder** earned the win for Binghamton, striking out five and giving up two earned runs.

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Ethan Vaiana, Giorgio Fuda (5), Jeff Mazzola (5), Alex Beaulieu (9) and Tom Hill
Mike Van Gorder, Mike Weglinski (7) and Pat Haughie.



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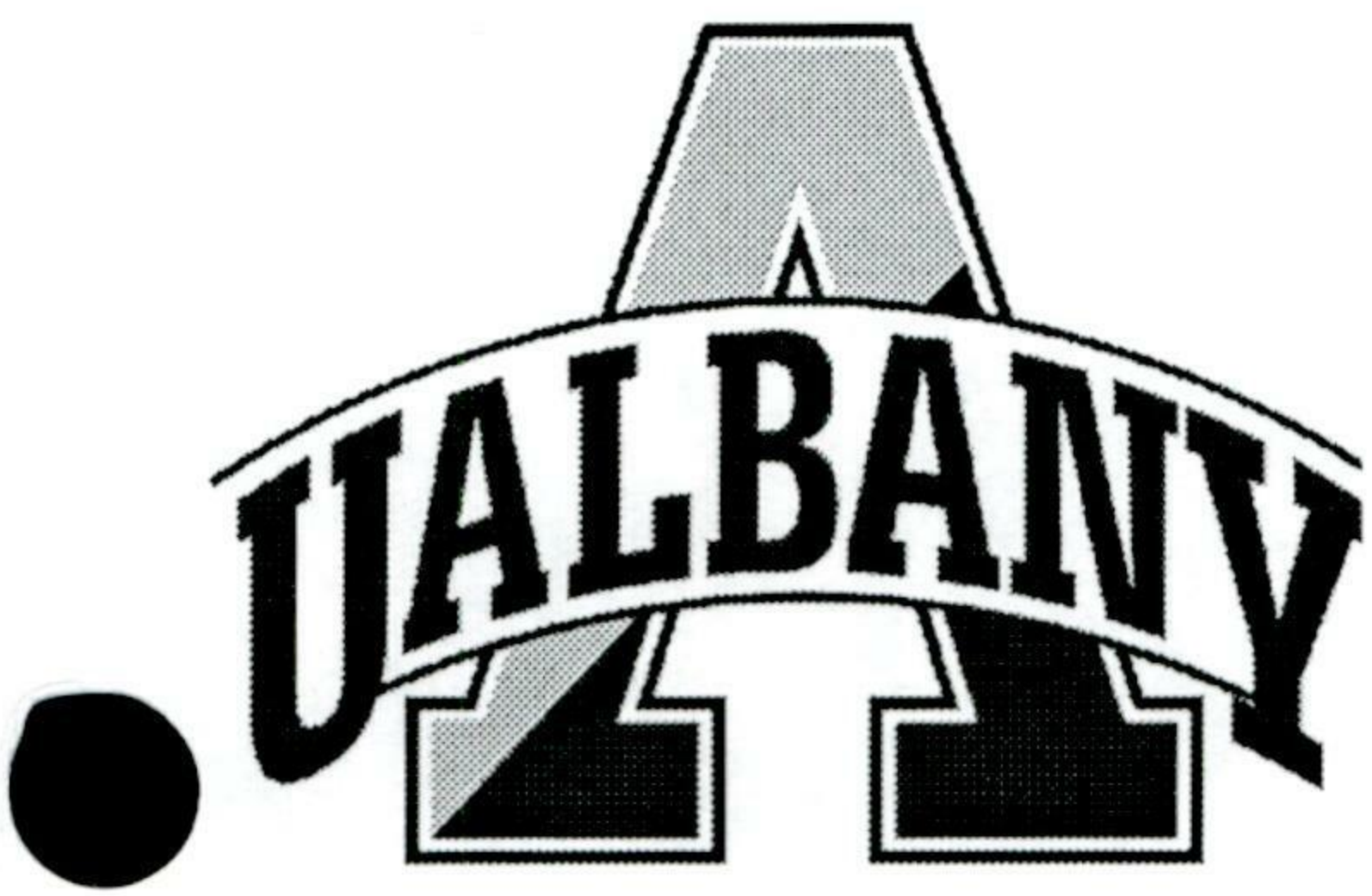
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| 5 | Virginia | 9-3 | 157 | 3 |
| 6 | Maryland | 8-5 | 150 | 10 |
| 7 | Georgetown | 9-3 | 145 | 6 |
| 8 | Massachusetts | 11-2 | 144 | 8 |
| 9 | Syracuse | 7-5 | 117 | 7 |
| 10 | Army | 11-4 | 114 | 9 |
| 11 | Towson | 9-4 | 91 | 12 |
| 12 | Denver | 9-4 | 75 | 15 |
| 13 | Dartmouth | 7-4 | 73 | 11 |
| 14 | Bucknell | 8-5 | 65 | 14 |
| 15 | Penn State | 8-5 | 61 | 18 |
| 16 | Delaware | 10-4 | 42 | 19 |
| 17 Tie | Albany | 8-5 | 39 | 13 |
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| 17 Tie | Fairfield | 10-4 | 39 | 16 |
| 19 | Hofstra | 8-7 | 29 | NR |
| 20 | UMBC | 7-7 | 18 | NR |
| Others receiving votes (in order): <i>Notre Dame 7, Brown 4, North Carolina 4, Stony Brook 3, Binghamton 1</i> | | | | |

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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | LeMoyne College | 12-0 | (10) 200 | 1 |
| 2 | Limestone College | 14-0 | 190 | 2 |
| 3 | New York Institute of Technology | 7-2 | 176 | 4 |
| 4 | LIW-C.W. Post | 8-4 | 172 | T5 |
| 5 | Mercyhurst College | 10-3 | 161 | 3 |
| 6 | Dowling College | 9-3 | 148 | 8 |
| 7 | Adelphi University | 4-5 | 137 | 7 |
| 8 | Molloy College | 10-4 | 136 | T5 |
| 9 | Merrimack | 11-4 | 107 | 9 |
| 10 | Bryant University | 10-5 | 89 | 10 |
| Others receiving votes (in order): <i>Saint Vincent 12, Bentley 11, Notre Dame de Namur 11</i> | | | | |

| Division III | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | Salisbury | 16-0 | (13) 260 | 1 |
| 2 | Cortland | 14-1 | 244 | 2 |
| 3 | Middlebury | 12-1 | 234 | 4 |
| 4 | Gettysburg | 12-3 | 217 | 5 |
| 5 | Nazareth | 12-2 | 203 | 6 |
| 6 | Roanoke | 13-2 | 194 | 3 |
| 7 | Lynchburg | 12-4 | 178 | 9 |
| 8 | Stevens Tech | 13-2 | 171 | 7 |
| 9 | Washington College | 9-4 | 165 | 8 |
| 10 | Amherst | 11-3 | 128 | 12 |
| 11 | Messiah | 12-2 | 125 | 11 |
| 12 | Springfield | 10-4 | 115 | 14 |
| 13 | Tufts | 9-5 | 66 | 10 |
| 14 | Geneseo | 11-3 | 56 | 18 |



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UALBANY SOFTBALL SWEEPS BINGHAMTON IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Vestal, N.Y. – Third baseman **Kelly Ogden** snapped a 3-3 tie with her ninth home run of the season as UAlbany defeated Binghamton, 6-3, in the first game of an America East Conference doubleheader on Sunday afternoon at East Gym Field. In the nightcap, the Great Danes shut out the Bearcats, 9-0.

Ogden's solo home run came with one out in the top of the fifth inning. UAlbany (28-11, AE 14-2) tacked on a single run in both the sixth and seventh innings on RBI singles by shortstop **Maegan Larsen** and designated player **Erika Enocksen** respectively.

Binghamton (10-23, AE 3-12) led 2-1 in the top of the third when the Great Danes scored two runs to take the lead. Second baseman **Katrina Dunning** tied the game on a RBI groundout and Enocksen gave UAlbany the lead on a run-scoring single. The sophomore had five RBI in the doubleheader. The Bearcats tied the game in the bottom of the fourth on a run-scoring double by **Marybeth Yerdon**.

Junior pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) tossed her 11th complete game of the season to improve to 12-2. For the Bearcats, **Kate Hansen** took the loss and drops to 6-10.

In the second game, sophomore **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) tossed a two-hit complete game shutout for the Great Danes and is now 14-5. **Patty Egan** was on the short-end of the decision and falls to 3-8.

UAlbany took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on a RBI single by center fielder **Leslie Busch**. Larsen smacked a two-run double to give the Great Danes a 5-0 lead in the fourth inning. In the seventh, Enocksen highlighted a four-run inning with a bases-clearing double.

The two teams complete the three-game series on Monday with first pitch scheduled for noon.

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Game 1

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| UAlbany | 102 | 011 | 1 | - | 6 | 6 | 1 |
| Binghamton | 200 | 100 | 0 | - | 3 | 7 | 3 |

UAlbany -- Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

Binghamton – Kate Hansen and Devin Glezen.

Game 2

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|-----------------------------|-----|-----|---|---|---|----|---|
| UAlbany (28-11, AE 14-2) | 012 | 200 | 4 | - | 9 | 10 | 1 |
| Binghamton (10-23, AE 3-12) | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 2 | 2 |

UAlbany -- Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham.

Binghamton – Patty Egan and Devin Glezen.

UALBANY SPLITS AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER WITH BINGHAMTON

Albany, N.Y. – **Brad Daniels** hit a walk-off double in the bottom of the eighth inning to lead UAlbany to a 5-4 win over Binghamton in the second game of an America East Conference doubleheader on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Bearcats claimed the victory in the early contest, cruising to a 12-3 decision.

Binghamton's **Jeff Monaco** singled to left field to start off the seventh inning and later scored on an error by UAlbany shortstop **Joe Lamb** to go ahead 4-3. UAlbany (13-14, AE 4-7) matched the run in the bottom of the frame with an RBI single by **Justin Meagher** (Colonie) that plated Daniels, to force the extra inning. In his next at bat in the eighth, Monaco hit a sacrifice fly to center field to score the go-ahead run.

The Great Danes responded in the bottom of the inning as Daniels smacked a two-run double to left field to score **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich) and **Steve Wyland**.

Binghamton (18-18-1, AE 7-4) took an early lead in the second inning, when **Matt Simek**, who reached after being hit by a pitch, stole second and then scored on **Aaron Davis'** single to left field. The Great Danes posted their first run of the game in the bottom of the third when **Craig Farley** plated **Tom Hill** on an RBI single to left.

Kyle Thomas led the Great Danes on the mound, striking out six, while allowing three runs. **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central), who entered the game in the seventh, earned the win for UAlbany. **Adam Shatkun** took the loss for Binghamton.

In the early contest, the Bearcats posted back-to-back three-run innings in the seventh and eighth while stifling the UAlbany offense to take a 12-3 win. **Mathieu Bergeron** hit three home runs, including two two-run shots to lead Binghamton.

The Bearcats got out to a 4-0 lead before the Great Danes could get on the board in the bottom of the fifth inning. Lamb, who was walked by Binghamton's **Jarrold Rampey**, scored on an error by the Bearcats' leftfielder. **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) hit his team-leading eleventh double of the season to score Wyland, who singled up the middle to get on base.

Monaco added a seventh-inning homerun and a two-run double in the eighth.

The two teams meet in the rubber match of the series on Monday at 12 pm at Varsity Field.

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Game 1

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| Binghamton | 102 | 010 | 332 | - | 12 | 15 | 2 |
| UAlbany | 000 | 021 | 000 | - | 3 | 8 | 4 |

UAlbany – Mark Suchoweicki, Giorgio Fuda (7), Roman Dubiel (7), Casey Walsh (8) and Tom Hill and Fred Estes.

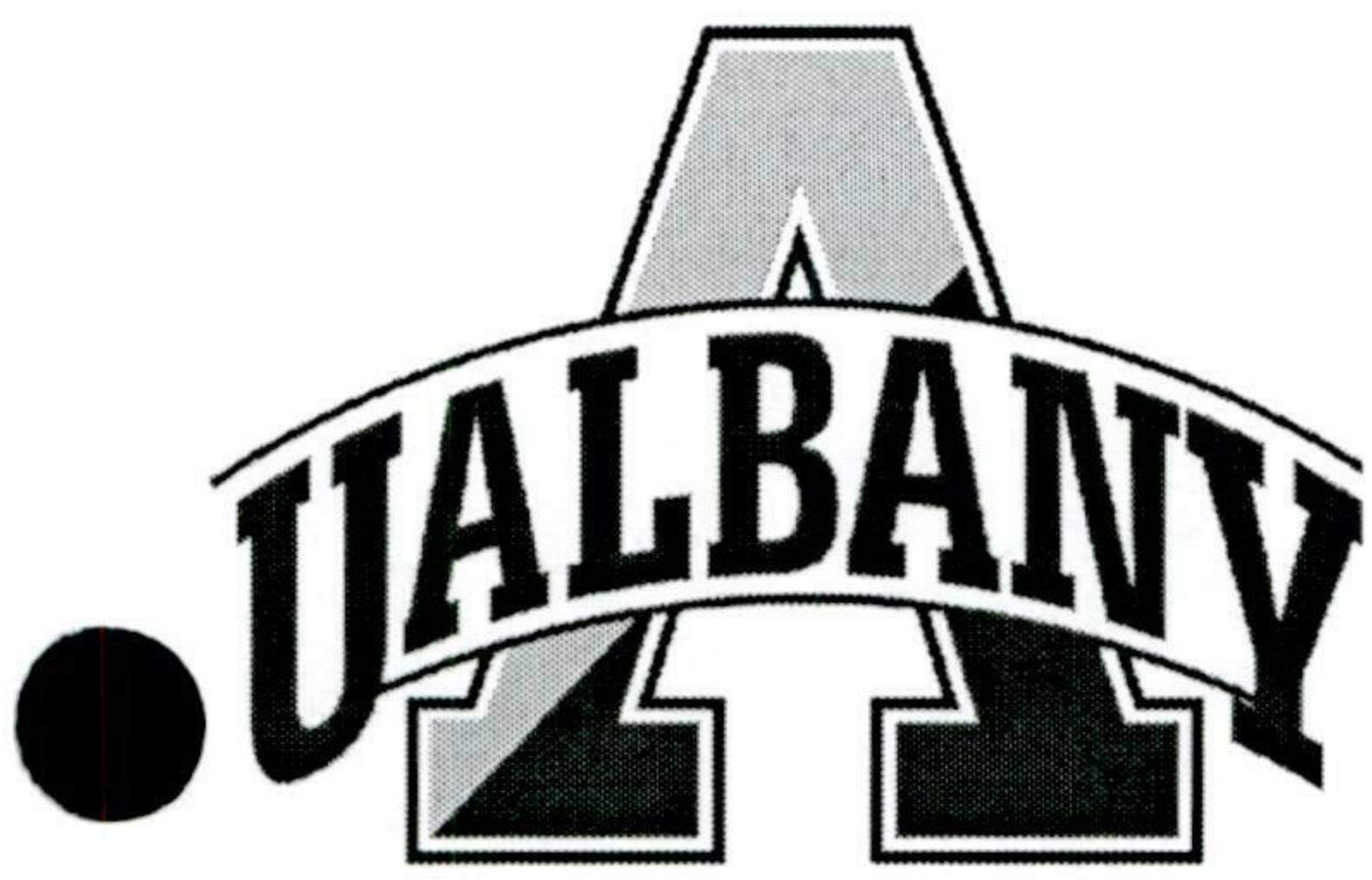
Binghamton – Jarrold Rampey, Mike Weglinski (7) and Pat Haughie.

Game 2

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|------------------------------|-----|-----|----|---|---|---|---|
| Binghamton (18-18-1, AE 7-4) | 010 | 100 | 11 | - | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| UAlbany (13-14, AE 4-7) | 001 | 100 | 12 | - | 5 | 7 | 3 |

UAlbany – Kyle Thomas, Shawn Ryan (7) and Tom Hill.

Binghamton – Scott Diamond, Adam Shatkun (6) and Chris Darling.



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UALBANY SEEDED SECOND FOR AMERICA EAST MEN'S LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) has earned the top seed for this week's America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Championship. The Retrievers shared the conference's regular-season title with UAlbany, but gained the No. 1 seed due to their 9-8 head-to-head victory.

UAlbany (8-5, AE 5-1) is seeded second and will host No. 3 Binghamton (4-8, AE 4-2) in semifinal round action on Wednesday, May 4 at University Field. Game time is 3:30 p.m. The Great Danes posted a 12-6 victory over Binghamton on April 9 during the regular-season schedule. UMBC entertains Stony Brook in the other semifinal matchup. The championship will be played at highest remaining seed on Saturday, May 7. The America East champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA field.

The Great Danes have won back-to-back America East tournament championships. UAlbany defeated Binghamton in last year's title contest, plus edged Hartford for the A-East crown in 2003.

Merrick Thomson (Albany Academy) is one of the top scorers in the nation with 47 goals and 19 assists for 66 points, the highest single-season total by a Great Dane since 1992. **Luke Daquino**, who became the school's all-time scorer on Saturday, has 50-plus points for the fourth consecutive season with 26 goals and 31 assists. UAlbany is fourth among the national leaders in scoring offense at 11.54 goals per game.

Goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**, a two-time America East championship MVP, and all-conference standout **Patrick McSweeney** lead the defensive unit. Rae, a senior who has a 9.99 goals against average, is ranked 20th nationally with a .580 save percentage.

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America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Championship

Wednesday, May 4

Semifinals

#3 Binghamton (4-8, AE 4-2) at #2 UAlbany (8-5, AE 5-1), 3:30 p.m.

#4 Stony Brook (9-5, AE 4-2) at #1 UMBC (7-7, AE 5-1), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 7

Championship Game

At Higher Remaining Seed, 1:00 p.m.

FIFTH ANNUAL GREAT DANE AWARDS SET FOR MONDAY, MAY 2

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Department of Athletics will host the fifth annual Great Dane Awards on Monday, May 2 at the Recreation and Convocation Center on campus. The awards program celebrates UAlbany Athletics in the 2004-05 academic year.

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., while the awards program starts approximately one hour later. Peter Pedro, a former football standout who was inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame last fall, will be the featured speaker. Pedro is presently Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing with The Bostonian Group.

The awards program will be highlighted by the announcement of the team most valuable player awards in each sport. ECAC Merit Medals and Presidential Scholar-Athlete Awards will also be presented.