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UALBANY GETS BACK ON WINNING TRACK WITH 4-2 VICTORY OVER LIU

Albany, N.Y. – **Lisa Klarmann** led a sweep of the top three singles matches as UAlbany defeated Long Island, 4-2, in an abbreviated match on Friday evening at the UAlbany Bubble.

Klarmann and **Kim Weltman** recorded straight-set victories at first and second singles, as UAlbany improved to 8-2 this season. **Courtney Michels** dropped the first set, before rallying for a win at No. 3 singles. **Aimee Kern** earned the fourth and deciding point for the Great Danes with a 6-0, 6-1 decision.

Ashley Harvey and **Amy Hosotsuji** registered singles wins for the Blackbirds.

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UAlbany 4, Long Island 2

Singles:

1. Lisa Klarmann (UA) def. Jessica Loose (LIU), 7-6, 6-3.
2. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Merve Koksal (LIU), 6-2, 6-4.
3. Courtney Michels (UA) Krystina Bachner (LIU), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.
4. Ashley Harvey (LIU) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
5. Amy Hosotsuji (LIU) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 6-4, 6-0.
6. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Xenia Roman (LIU), 6-0, 6-1.



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*Saturday's game is now a single contest slated for 11 a.m. Please change in your schedule listings.

UALBANY SOFTBALL SWEEPS BINGHAMTON TO OPEN AMERICA EAST PLAY

Albany, N.Y. – **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) allowed only one run in two games of work to lead UAlbany softball to a sweep of Binghamton in the America East Conference opener for both teams at Albany Field on Friday afternoon. The Great Danes downed the Bearcats 10-1 in the first game of the day and recorded a 5-0 shutout in the nightcap.

UAlbany (17-3-1, AE 2-0) scored five runs in the bottom of the first to reverse a 1-0 deficit. That rally which was capped by back-to-back doubles by **Laura Gremillion** and **Meagan Butsch**, who drove in a combined three runs in the inning.

Ashley Rios blasted a grand slam to centerfield with no outs in the second inning to give the Great Danes a commanding 9-1 lead. Rios, who recorded her first homer of the season on that play, finished with five RBI in the day's first game.

Binghamton (4-17, AE 0-2) saw its only run of the day come on a solo shot by **Rose Barre** in the first inning of the 10-1 loss. Halloran, who earned a win in each game to improve to 12-2 with a 0.89 ERA on the season, baffled the Bearcats, holding them to four hits in her next 10 innings of work.

The Great Danes took an early 1-0 lead in the nightcap on a leadoff homer by **Maegan Larsen**. The team would add four more in the fifth, capped by an RBI double by **Amber Maisonet** and an RBI single by **Kelly Ogden**.

UAlbany is slated to close out the season series with Binghamton on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. The final game was moved due to weather concerns.

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UAlbany 10, Binghamton 1

	1	2	3	4	5	–	R	H	E
Binghamton	1	0	0	0	0	–	1	2	1
UAlbany	5	4	0	1	X	–	10	10	0

Binghamton – Katie Hansen and Christina Quijano

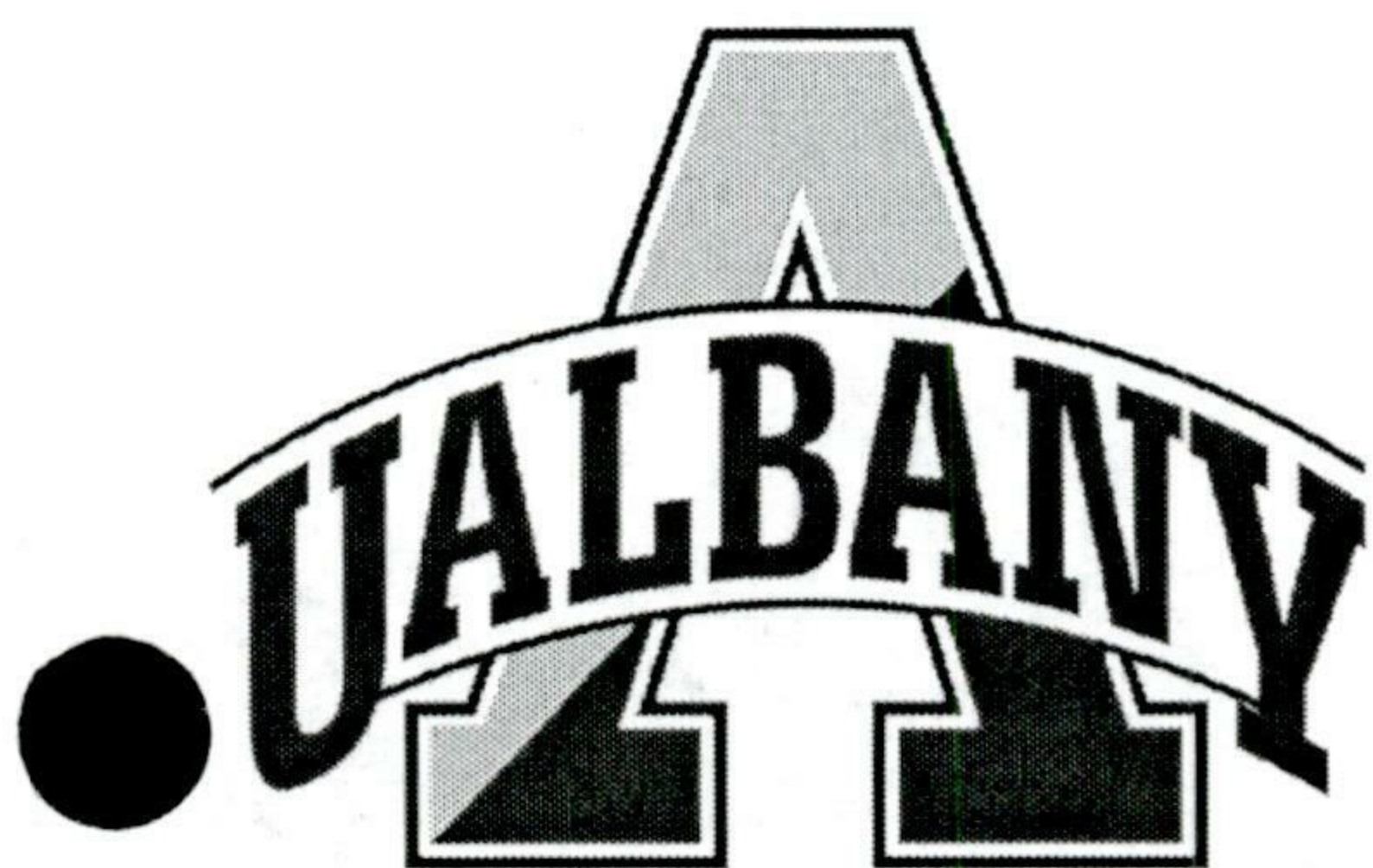
UAlbany – Casey Halloran, Laura Gremillion (5) and Ali Meacham

UAlbany 5, Binghamton 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
Binghamton (4-17)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	0	4	1
UAlbany (17-3-1)	1	0	0	0	4	0	X	–	5	7	1

Binghamton – Jessica Whitaker and Mia Bieman

UAlbany – Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham



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UALBANY SOFTBALL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER WITH CROSSTOWN-RIVAL SIENA

Loudonville, N.Y. – **Maegan Larsen** was one of three UAlbany players who hit home runs as the Great Danes slugged their way past Siena, 9-0, in the first game of a non-conference women's softball doubleheader at Siena Field on Wednesday afternoon. The Saints edged UAlbany, 11-10, in the second game of the day. The Great Danes maintain a 10-9 lead in the all-time series with the Saints.

UAlbany (15-3-1) jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning of the first game when **Ali Meacham** singled up the middle to plate third baseman **Kelly Ogden**. The Great Danes broke things open in the next inning, when Larsen smacked a two-run homer, her team-leading fifth of the season, over the left field fence. Ogden followed two batters later with her first round-tripper of the season to drive in two and make the score 5-0 after five frames.

The Great Danes would add four insurance runs in the top of the sixth, including a leadoff home run by **Leanne Tillman**, her first this season and second of her career. Pinch hitter **Katie Desimone** capped that relay with a two-run double. **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) hurled six innings of two-hit ball en route to her 10th win and fourth shutout of the season,

In the second game of the day, Siena (7-18) rallied from an 8-7 deficit with two outs in the seventh inning as junior **Kelly Boyle** hit a game-winning two-run homer to left field. Boyle, who started off the scoring for the Saints with a grand slam in the first inning, finished with six RBI on the day.

Ogden led the Great Danes' offense with five RBI in the two-game set. Larsen, who finished 4-for-4 at the plate in Game 1, drove in three to add to her team-leading 19 RBI on the season. **Amber Maisonet** blasted her second home run of the season in the nightcap, finishing 3-for-3 in that game.

UAlbany opens America East Conference play with a homestand against Binghamton this weekend, starting with a doubleheader on Saturday, April 1 at 1:00.

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UAlbany 9, Siena 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	–	R	H	E
UAlbany (15-2-1)	0	0	0	1	4	4	–	9	12	2
Siena (6-18)	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	0	2	1

UAlbany – Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham, Leanne Tillman (5)

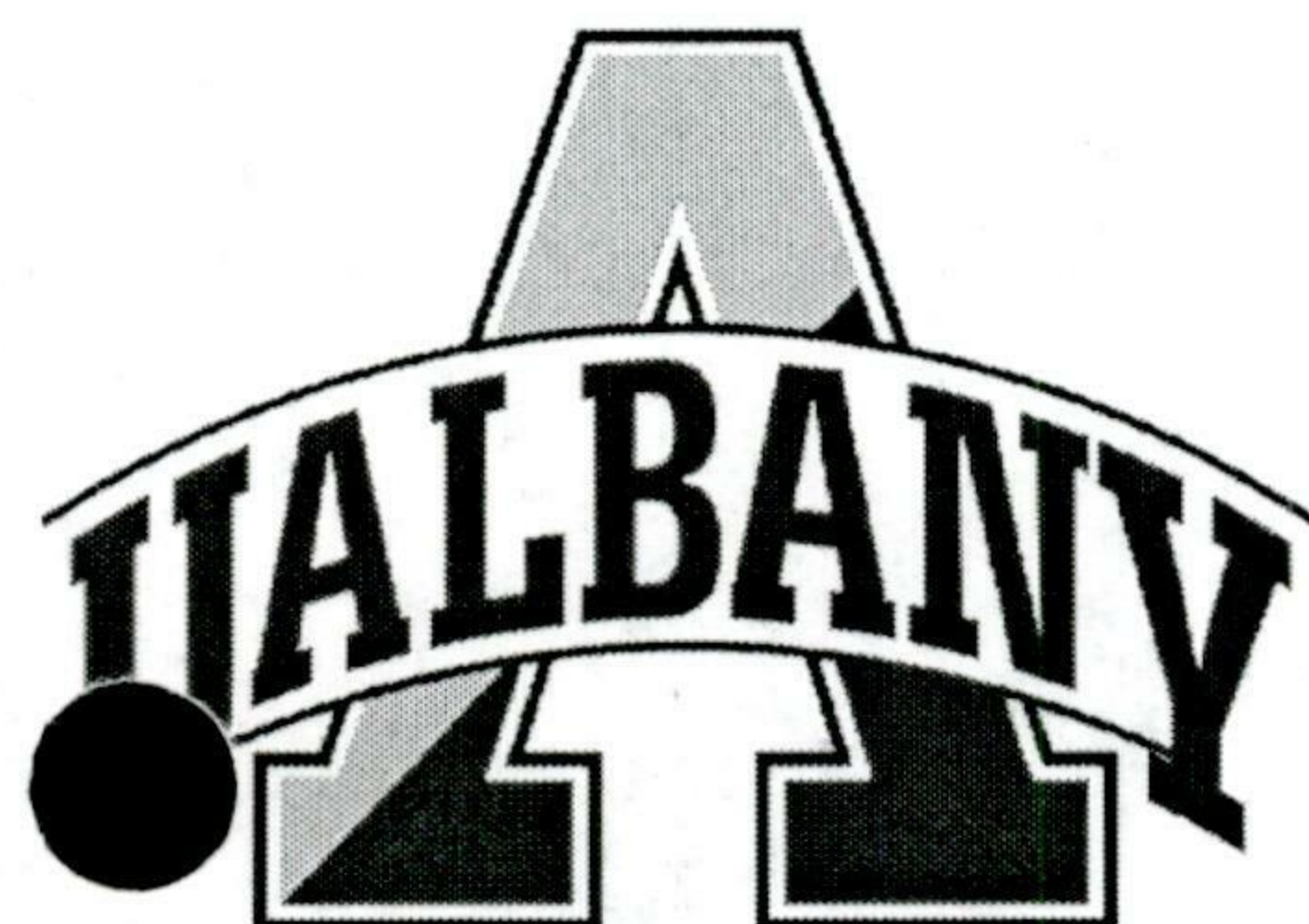
Siena – Tara Campbell, Renee Clavette (5) and Andrea Piela

Siena 11, UAlbany 10

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
UAlbany (15-3-1)	2	0	1	1	4	2	0	–	5	11	2
Siena (7-18)	4	0	0	3	0	2	2	–	2	5	0

UAlbany – Laura Gremillion, Kelly Ogden (5), Casey Halloran (6) and Ali Meacham

Siena – Jamie Piela, Tara Campbell (5) and Jenny McNulty, Andrea Piela (6)



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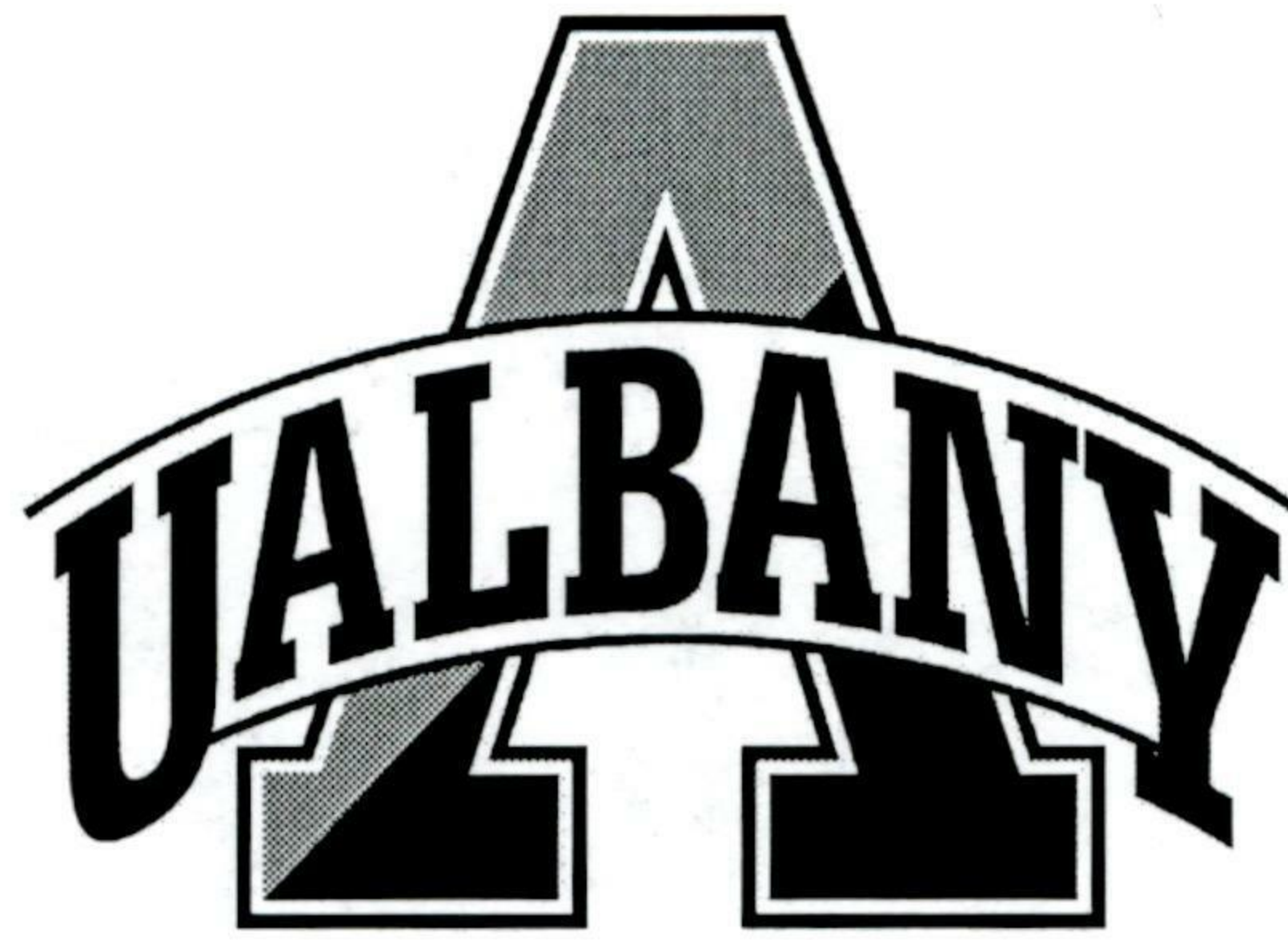
FIVE UALBANY ATHLETES NAMED TO AMERICA EAST ALL-ACADEMIC SQUAD

Boston, Mass. – **Andy Allstadt** leads a group of five University at Albany track and field athletes that were named to the America East Conference 2006 Winter All-Academic teams. Allstadt, the 2006 Track Performer of the Year, is joined by **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn), **Jillian Sherman** (Academy of the Holy Names), **Adanna Andrews** and **Sarah Charles**.

Allstadt captured both the 3,000-meter run and the 5,000m en route to helping the UAlbany men win their third America East indoor title in the last four years. He boasts the highest grade-point average on the conference's academic squad with a 3.90.

Lotmore, a junior, set a school record in the 5,000m in finishing third at the conference meet. She leads the female Great Danes with a 3.82 GPA, which is the second-highest on the conference team behind Maine's **Erin Hatch**. Sherman posted third-place finishes in both the 55-meter hurdles and long jump to help the UAlbany women to a second-place finish at the championship meet. Andrews won the 500m, while Charles placed third in the triple jump.

To qualify for the all-academic squad, each track and field athlete had to maintain a minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA entering the season, plus finish in the top three in his or her event(s) at the conference championship.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2006 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the school's football schedule for 2006. The Great Danes, who tied for third in the Northeast Conference standings last year, will play seven games against conference opposition. The non-league schedule features 2003 national champion Delaware, a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference, and a first-ever meeting with Cornell. UAlbany opens with consecutive Patriot League opponents in Lehigh and Fordham.

The Great Danes begin on the road for the sixth time in the last eight years against Lehigh on Saturday, Sept. 2. The Mountain Hawks were ranked in the top-25 in both national polls in 2005. Fourteen starters return, including three All-Patriot League performers, for a program that has won eight or more games in eight straight seasons. UAlbany will meet Fordham in the home opener at University Field on Sept. 9. Kickoff is 6:00 p.m. Former Central Connecticut State mentor Tom Masella is in his first season as the Rams' head coach. He has four all-league players back, including 1,000-yard rusher James Prydatko.

UAlbany will travel to both Delaware (Sept. 16) and Cornell (Sept. 30). The Blue Hens, who are coming off a 6-5 campaign, captured back-to-back Atlantic 10 Conference championships in 2003 and 2004. All-America running back Omar Cuff, who ran for 1,205 yards and 14 touchdowns, will be a candidate for the Walter Payton Award. Cornell finished with a 6-4 record in 2005, including a season-ending triumph over Pennsylvania. Luke Siwula, a first-team All-Ivy League selection, posted six 100-yard rushing games.

St. Francis, Pa. will be the opponent for Homecoming and Family Weekend on Oct. 21. NEC-rivals Central Connecticut State (Sept. 23), Wagner (Oct. 28) and Monmouth (Nov. 11) also visit University Field. All four home games start at 4:00 p.m.

Bob Ford, who is second among active Division I-AA coaches with 210 career victories, has 40 letterwinners, including 17 starters, back from last year's UAlbany squad. Colin Disch, the NEC's top defender and *Football Gazette's* mid-major linebacker of the year, tops the list of returnees. Defensive end Andre Coleman and defensive tackle Michael Dungey also earned all-conference recognition on a defensive unit that ranked 11th nationally in scoring defense (17.6 ppg). All-NEC offensive linemen Jacob Anderson and Sam Pagano are members of an offense that basically returns intact. Quarterbacks Daniel Bocanegra and Brett Hall split time in their first year as starters last season.

2006 University at Albany Football Schedule

September -- 2 (Sat.), at Lehigh, TBA; 9 (Sat.), **Fordham**, 6:00; 16 (Sat.), at Delaware, TBA; 23 (Sat.), **Central Connecticut State***, 4:00; 30 (Sat.), at Cornell, TBA.

October -- 7 (Sat.), at Stony Brook*, TBA, 14 (Sat.), at Sacred Heart*, 1:00; 21 (Sat.), **St. Francis, Pa.*** (HC), 4:00; 28 (Sat.), **Wagner***, 4:00.

November -- 4 (Sat.), at Robert Morris*, 1:00; 11 (Sat.), **Monmouth***, 4:00.

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FOUR UALBANY TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES EARN AMERICA EAST ACCOLADES

Boston, Mass. – **Junior Burnett** and **Jenna Ortman** were named the America East Conference Men's and Women's Track Performers of the Week as announced by the conference office on Tuesday afternoon. **Marc Pallozzi** (Waterford, N.Y.) and **Ritshell Verdier** were tabbed the conference's co-field performers on the men's and women's side, respectively.

Burnett captured the 100-meter dash at the Puerto Rico Spring Break Classic on March 18. He anchored the 4x400m relay which set a school record with an IC4A-qualifying time of 3:12.33, and he was also part of the 4x100m relay also reached the IC4A standard. Burnett won the 400m at Army's Dick Shea Open on March 25 and also posted a third-place finish in the 200m.

Ortman, who won the 1500m in Puerto Rico, also placed third in the 800m to qualify for USAT&F Junior Nationals in both events. She also ran the second leg of the winning 4x400m relay. Ortman claimed the 800m title at Army in a time of 2:16.32.

Pallozzi started the outdoor season by shattering his own school record with a javelin throw of 217-feet, 3-inches at the Puerto Rico Classic, which qualified him for the NCAA Regional. His mark ranks third in the nation this season. At Army, Pallozzi won the javelin for the second straight meet with a throw of 207-feet, 10-inches.

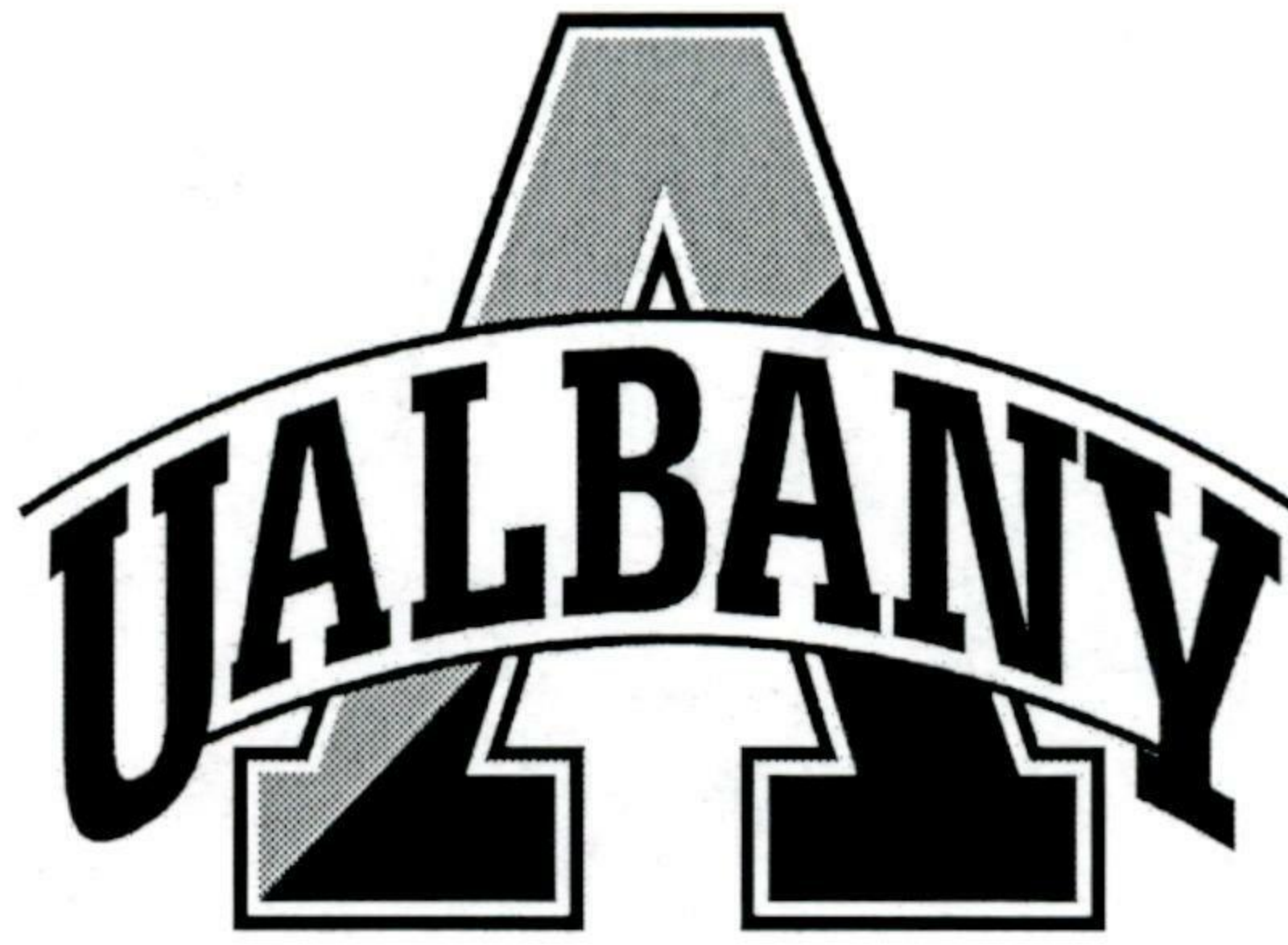
Verdier won the discus and set a new school record with an ECAC-qualifying mark of 138-feet, 11-inches at Army last weekend. Verdier also captured the shot put at Army after recording second-place showings in both events at the Puerto Rico Classic.

LISA KLARMANN TABBED AMERICA EAST TENNIS PERFORMER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – Freshman **Lisa Klarmann** was voted the America East Conference Women's Tennis Performer of the Week as announced by the conference office on Tuesday afternoon.

Klarmann went 2-0 in singles matches last week, posting a 6-0, 6-0 victory against Hartford and a 6-2, 7-6 decision versus New Hampshire. She teamed with **Courtney Michels** for a 2-0 showing at first doubles with a pair of 8-1 victories.

Klarmann is 10-1 overall, including 4-0 this spring, while her and Michels stand at 10-1 in doubles action. The Great Danes, who have won four straight, have posted their best spring start at the Division I level with a 7-1 record.



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UALBANY EXTENDS MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH WILL BROWN'S CONTRACT Brown Will Serve as the Great Danes' Mentor Through the 2010-11 Season

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that the school has agreed to terms on a five-year contract for head men's basketball coach Will Brown. The new agreement will make him UAlbany's head coach through at least the 2010-11 season.

In his fifth season as head coach, Brown guided the Great Danes to their first-ever America East Conference regular-season and tournament championships. UAlbany posted a 21-11 record in reaching the NCAA Tournament for the first time as a Division I program.

"Will Brown and his staff have done an excellent job of building a young Division I basketball program," McElroy said. "Our student-athletes are following the right path both academically and athletically. The team accomplished many historical things this season. The foundation has been laid for the program to be successful for years to come, something that our students, alumni and fans can enjoy with great pride."

Brown was appointed as UAlbany's head coach on March 13, 2002. At age 34, he ranks 11th among the youngest Division I head coaches in the nation. In 2004-05, the Great Danes made great strides with a 13-15 overall record and a fourth-place finish in the America East Conference. That trend continued this season when UAlbany set the program's Division I record for single-season victories (21) and posted its highest win total since the 1993-94 campaign. UAlbany's many accomplishments include the most America East Conference wins (13), most Division I home victories (10), most Division I away wins (8), and the first postseason triumph since 1995.

"I am grateful to the University at Albany for the opportunity and support that I have received," Brown said. "My student-athletes and assistant coaches have worked hard to get the program to where it currently stands. Our success is directly related to their efforts. I am also appreciative of the way the Capital Region and the UAlbany fans have embraced the team. I hope we will continue to pack the RACC and make our arena a tough place to play for our opponents. UAlbany basketball has entered into a new era and we are working to build on our recent success."

In 2006-07, UAlbany returns eight players, including three starters. America East player of the year Jamar Wilson, all-conference forward Brent Wilson and guards Brian Lillis, Jon Iati and Jason Siggers are among those back next season.



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DARTMOUTH RALLIES PAST UALBANY, 12-9, IN MEN'S LACROSSE ACTION

Hanover, N.H. – **Brad Heritage** and **Jamie Coffin** each scored twice in a second-half run, as Dartmouth rallied for a 12-9 non-league victory over No. 15 UAlbany on Monday afternoon at Scully-Fahey Field.

Dartmouth (4-2) trailed 9-6 midway through the third quarter, but then reeled off three goals in a span of three minutes and 53 seconds. Heritage, a senior attacker, tallied one of his four goals with 4:09 remaining in the period before Coffin drew his team even 37 seconds later off a pass from **Nick Bonacci**, who handed out a career-high seven assists.

Coffin, who had three goals and one assist, gave his team the lead for good early in the fourth quarter. Heritage provided the Big Green a two-goal advantage with 8:22 remaining in the contest. **Alex Hufnagel**, who scored twice, then connected right after a 30-second man-advantage situation expired.

UAlbany (4-3) trailed 5-4 in the second period before running off four unanswered goals to end the half. **Jim Stankard's** man-up goal put the Great Danes in front. **Chris Martocchia**, who totaled three goals and one assist, followed more than one minute later, before **Frank Resetarits** converted in transition with 22 seconds left before the intermission.

Resetarits, the America East Conference's top scorer, finished with two goals and two assists. Goalkeeper **Brett Queener** had 16 saves for the Great Danes, who had their three-game win streak halted. The Big Green, who was playing its home opener, was coming off a 12-goal loss to No. 4 Maryland just six days ago.

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UAlbany (4-3)	2	6	1	0	-	9
Dartmouth (4-2)	3	2	4	3	-	12

UAlbany – Scoring: Chris Martocchia 3-1, Frank Resetarits 2-2, Corey Small 1-1, Merrick Thomson 1-0, Derek Dale 1-0, Jim Stankard 1-0, Jordan Levine 0-1, Matthew Green 0-1, John Alpizar 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (60:00, 16 saves, 12 GA).

Dartmouth – Scoring: Brad Heritage 4-0, Jamie Coffin 3-1, Alec Hufnagel 2-0, Ben Lovejoy 1-0, Ryan Danehy 1-0, Tim Daniels 1-0, Nick Bonacci 0-7, Sean Anthony 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Pat Marshall (60:00, 4 saves, 9 GA).



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JEN DALY NAMED AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S LACROSSE DEFENDER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – Junior goalkeeper **Jen Daly** has been named the America East Conference Defender of the Week in women's lacrosse as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. It is Daly's first award of the season and second of her career.

Daly tied her season-high with 13 saves in a 10-6 victory over Le Moyne last Wednesday. She added four ground balls and caused one turnover as the team continued its best start in its Division I history. Daly registered 13 saves and corralled two ground balls in the team's America East opener against UMBC on Sunday.

Daly, the school's career saves leader, ranks first among America East goalkeepers with a 7.13 goals against average and a .575 save percentage. She has allowed six goals or less in four of seven games this season. Her 73 saves rank 12th on the program's single-season chart.

UAlbany (5-3, AE 0-1) returns to action on Tuesday at No. 14 Syracuse.

HILL AND DONOVAN TAKE HOME WEEKLY AMERICA EAST BASEBALL AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – Junior catcher **Tom Hill** was named the America East Conference Player of the Week in baseball as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. Redshirt-freshman infielder **Sean Donovan** shared rookie of the week honors with Binghamton's **Jeff Dennis**.

Hill batted .500 (6-for-12) in four games against Yale last weekend and walked four times. He belted three home runs, drove in nine and scored six runs. Hill, who has homered in five of his last six games, has a nine-game hit streak and is batting .406 with five homers and 14 RBI in that stretch. He leads the Great Danes with a .359 average, five round trippers and 17 RBI this season.

In his only start of the series, Donovan went 3-for-5 with five RBI and set a single-game school record with three triples in helping the Great Danes earn a series split with Yale in a 17-5 rout on Sunday. He delivered a two-out, bases-clearing triple in the first and drove in two more with a three-bagger down the right-field line as part of a seven-run fourth. Donovan is batting .270 with one homer this season and is tied for fourth on the team with 10 RBI. He leads the Great Danes with three triples and is slugging .514.



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DONOVAN SETS SCHOOL RECORD AS UALBANY EARNS SPLIT OF WEEKEND SET

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Sean Donovan** set a single-game school record with three triples and drove in five runs to lead UAlbany to a 17-5 win over Yale in the nightcap of a doubleheader on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Bulldogs scored five runs in the fifth inning of game one and held off a late UAlbany rally to earn a 7-5 victory. The two teams split the four-game, weekend series with the Great Danes taking the first and last games and Yale winning the middle two.

The first game was scoreless going into the fifth, when the Bulldogs struck for the first five runs of the game. With two outs, Yale (11-8) strung together seven consecutive hits, including a two-run double by catcher **P.J. Gorynski**.

The Great Danes came back with two in the bottom half of the frame on a sacrifice fly by **Leo Corvino** (East Greenbush, N.Y.) and an RBI single by **Steve Wyland**. The Bulldogs led 7-3 entering the bottom of the seventh, but the Great Danes cut the deficit in half on a double by Corvino and a single by **Tom Hill**. UAlbany had the tying runs in scoring position with one out, but pinch hitter **Nate Olson** flied out and **Rashad Barksdale** popped up.

In the second game, Donovan drove in three in the first with a bases-clearing triple. UAlbany (6-14) led 6-3 and blew the game open with seven in the fourth. Hill, who extended his hit streak to nine games, delivered an RBI single, while Donovan plated two with his second triple of the game. In the fifth, Hill hit his fourth home run of the weekend and Donovan set the school mark with a triple down the right-field line.

Nick Murphy struck out five over five innings to earn his first win of the year for the Great Danes. **Steve Sayre** (East Greenbush, N.Y.) broke out of a slump with eight hits in 15 at bats in the series.

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Albany, N.Y. – Varsity Field

Game One

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	R	H	E
Yale	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	-	7	21	3
UAlbany	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	-	5	7	3

Yale – Mike Mongiardini, Brian Irving (5), Adam Barrick (5), Matt Fealey (5), Brett Rosenthal (7) and P.J. Gorynski

UAlbany – Mark Suchowiecki, John Naples (6), Giorgio Fuda (7) and Chris Wood

Game Two

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	R	H	E
Yale (11-8)	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	-	5	9	3
UAlbany (6-14)	4	0	2	7	2	2	x	-	17	14	1

Yale – Jon Hollis, Mike Elias (4) and Eric Rasmussen, Cody Slape (6)

UAlbany – Nick Murphy, Josh Willimott (6) and Tom Hill



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UMBC's LATE GOAL DOWNS UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE IN A-EAST OPENER

Baltimore, Md. – **Kara Dorr** scored the game-winning goal with 18 seconds remaining as UMBC downed UAlbany, 9-8, in America East Conference women's lacrosse action on Sunday afternoon at UMBC Stadium. The contest was the conference opener for both teams.

UAlbany (5-3, AE 0-1) reversed an early deficit by scoring three straight goals to gain the 3-1 advantage with 22:09 left in the first stanza. **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville), who led the Great Danes with five points on three tallies and two assists, scored the first goal of the rally as **Sarah Spillett** earned an assist on the play.

UMBC (5-4, AE 1-0) battled back with three goals in a stretch of nearly 12 minutes to grab a 4-3 lead with 2:08 to play in the first half. However, Rajczak would add her second goal of the day, an unassisted shot, to tie the contest at four apiece. **Nikki Donohue** followed by converting a pass from **Julie Bush** with 1:01 on the clock to give the Great Danes the 5-4 halftime lead.

The teams would trade goals throughout the first 17 minutes of the second half, as UAlbany built an 8-6 lead with 13:13 remaining. UMBC's **Heather Licht** then scored on a **Meghan Keelan** assist to cut the Retrievers' deficit in half with 8:15 remaining. **Kelly Fahey** scored unassisted to tie the game at eight apiece with 2:02 to play, before Dorr converted a free-position shot for the game-winner.

Jen Daly notched 13 saves in goal for the Great Danes, who were outshot 31-22 in the contest. **Kate Fontana** scored her 100th career goal for UAlbany off a pass from Rajczak midway through the second half.

The Great Danes return to action when they travel to Big East opponent Syracuse on Tuesday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m.

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UMBC 9, UAlbany 8

UAlbany – Scoring: Krissy Rajczak 3-1, Nikki Donohue 2-1, Sarah Spillett 1-1, Kate Fontana 1-0, Brittany Scott 1-0, Julie Bush 0-1; Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 9 GA, 13 saves).

UMBC – Scoring: Jen Kasper 2-0, Kelly Fahey 2-0, Meghan Keelean 1-2, Kara Dorr 1-1, Heather Licht 1-1, Kelly Fiorani 1-0, Abbey Swift 1-0; Goalkeeper: Susie Sweeney (60:00, 8 GA, 6 saves).

UALBANY TENNIS SWEEPS NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN

Albany, N.Y. – **Lisa Klarmann** was one of six UAlbany players to register singles wins for the second straight day as the Great Danes swept America East opponent New Hampshire, 7-0, on Sunday in the UAlbany Bubble. Klarmann also teamed with **Courtney Michels** to post a win at first doubles.

UAlbany (7-1) swept its opponent for the second time in as many days. **Kim Weltman** and **Amanda Hall** both recorded their 11th victory with wins at second and fourth singles,

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respectively. Klarmann and **Kim Westcott** notched their 10th singles wins of the season.

Lauren Howard was the only player for New Hampshire (2-2) to win a game, falling in three sets to Michels at third singles. The Great Danes also swept doubles competition with three pro-set decisions.

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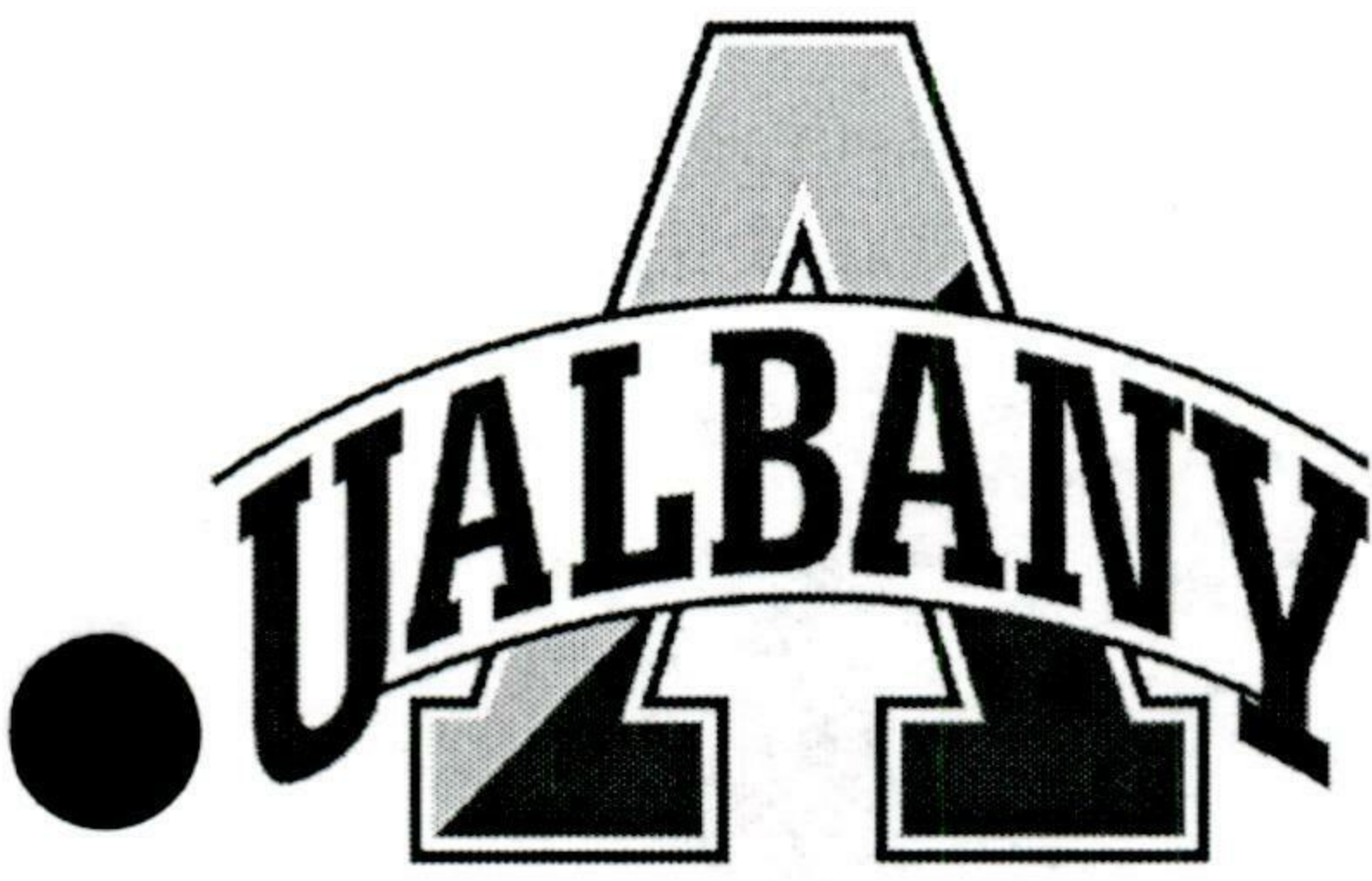
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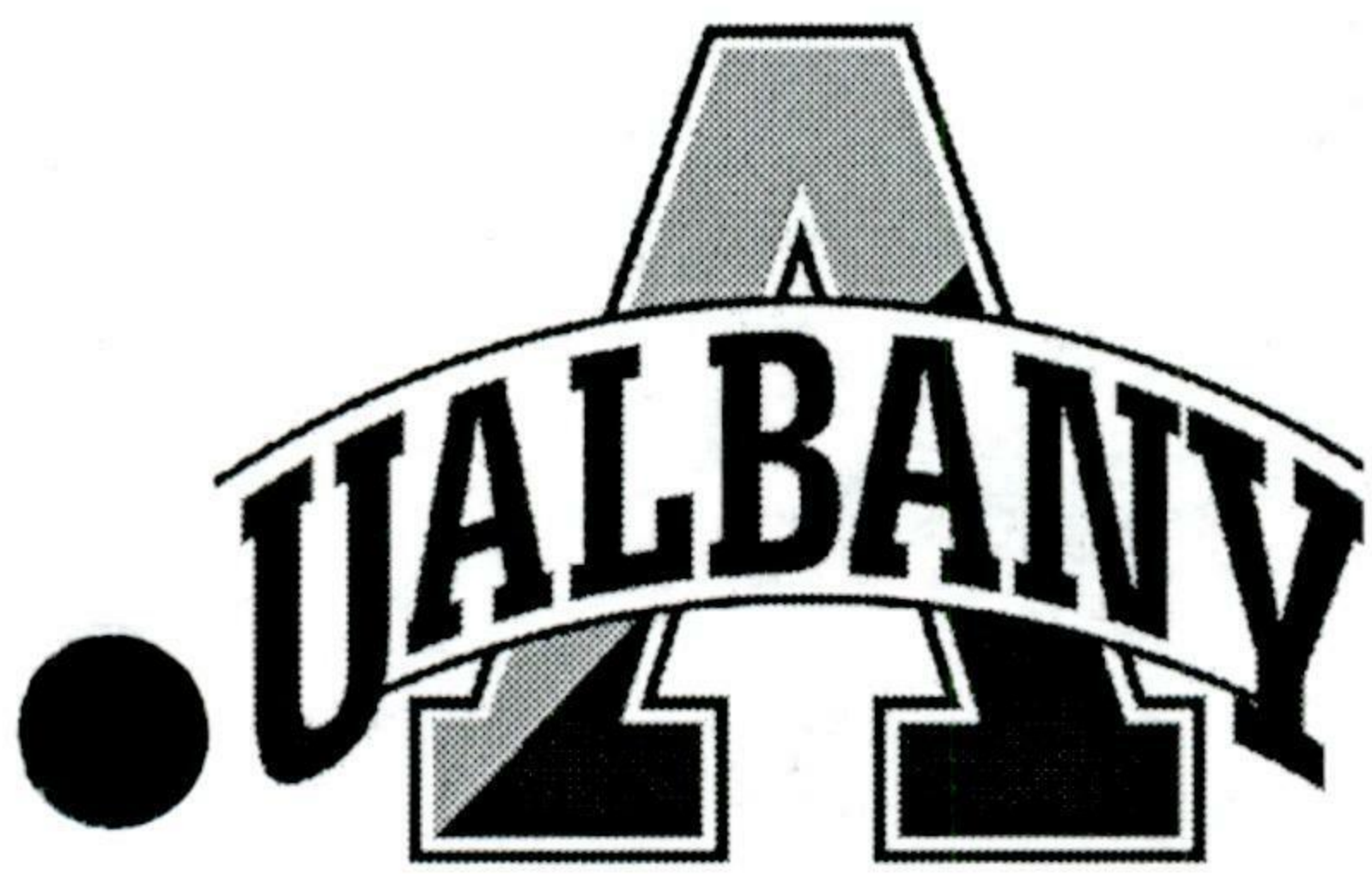
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#17 UALBANY UPENDS HARTFORD, 20-9, IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE OPENER

West Hartford, Conn. – **Frank Resetarits** had four goals and **Eric Wolf** and **Corey Small** each scored three times in leading No. 17 UAlbany to a 20-9 victory over Hartford in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Saturday afternoon at Yousaf Al-Marzook Fields.

UAlbany (4-2, AE 1-0) posted its third straight win and reached the 20-goal mark in a game for the fifth time as a Division I program. The Great Danes, who won their opening conference game for the fourth time in the last five years, are ranked in both the USILA (#17) and Inside Lacrosse (#15) national polls.

UAlbany raced to a 6-0 lead early in the second quarter. Small, a freshman attacker, tallied a pair of man-advantage goals in the opening period. Resetarits, who added two assists to his scoring total, cap the outburst by netting his first goal of the game with 12:32 left before halftime.

Hartford (2-5, AE 0-1) closed within 8-3 on an unassisted play by top scorer **Josh Wasson-McQuigge**, who finished with three goals. Wolf, who had a career day with eight points, including five assists, and freshman **Tim Spillett** (2 goals, 2 assists) scored back-to-back 26 seconds apart to hand the Great Danes a 10-3 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, Wolf started a four-goal run that stretched his team's lead to double figures. Resetarits scored consecutive goals, including his team-leading 19th of the season, during that span in pushing out to a 14-4 margin with 2:49 left in the stanza.

Chris Martocchia and **Derek Dale** each had two goals and one assist for the Great Danes, who travel to non-league opponent Dartmouth on Monday. Goalkeeper **Brett Queener** made six saves in just two quarters of play. Hartford's **Tom Harris** had two of his three goals in the second half.

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#17 UAlbany 20, Hartford 9

UAlbany (4-2, AE 1-0) 5 5 4 6 - 20

Hartford (2-5, AE 0-1) 0 3 2 4 - 9

UAlbany – Scoring: Frank Resetarits 4-2, Eric Wolf 3-5, Corey Small 3-0, Tim Spillett 2-2, Chris Martocchia 2-1, Derek Dale 2-1, Merrick Thomson 1-1, John Alpizar 1-0, Andrew Maini 1-0, Jim Stankard 1-0, Jordan Levine 0-3, Steve Ammann 0-1, Mike Ammann 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (30:00, 6 saves, 3 GA), Dan McKeon (25:18, 4 saves, 4 GA), A.J. Babnik (4:42, 3 saves, 2 GA).

Hartford – Scoring: Tom Harris 3-0, Josh Wasson-McQuigge 3-0, Tyler Rubino 1-0, Brian Tilley 1-0, Tim Chisholm 1-0, Daniel Clough 0-1, Andrew Rohmer 0-1, Matt Holman 0-1, Cory Benulis 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jim McMahon (51:43, 4 saves, 17 GA), Justin Ramstine (8:17, 0 saves, 3 GA).



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CORINNA HENGEN ESTABLISHES NEW UALBANY POLE VAULT RECORD

Raleigh, N.C. – **Corinna Hengen** broke her own UAlbany pole vault record at the Raleigh Relays, held at Paul Derr Track. Eight UAlbany athletes traveled to the meet, hosted by N.C. State on March 24-25.

Hengen, a sophomore, recorded a vault of 10-feet, 10-inches, six inches better than her previous UAlbany standard. **Danielle Trimpop** also had a personal best in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, crossing the line fourth in her heat with a time of 11:23.05.

Robbie Freeman, a senior, covered the 5,000m in a personal-best 14:44.74 to finish 29th overall in a field of 53 runners. He finished less than one minute back of the leader, Norfolk State's **David Kemboi**, who crossed the line in 13:58.51. **Ryan Gaedje** (Shenendehowa), who placed fifth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at last year's America East Conference championship, recorded a time of 9:32.45 at Raleigh.

Nick Jones (Shenendehowa), **David Parker** (Niskayuna) and **Mike Reynolds** were set to compete in the pole vault, but only three men in the entire competition cleared the starting height as swirling winds picked up at the start of the event.

DUNNING DRIVES IN CAREER-HIGH FOUR AS UALBANY DOWNS LEHIGH

Bethlehem, Pa. – **Katrina Dunning** drove in a career-high four runs as UAlbany downed Lehigh, 12-2, in non-conference women's softball action on Saturday at Kaufman Field. The Great Danes also defeated Iona for the second time in as many days with a 7-2 win later in the afternoon.

UAlbany (14-2-1) struck in the top of the first against Lehigh (14-6) to score four runs, including a two-run single by Dunning. First baseman **Ashley Rios**, who finished with three RBI in the first game, scored next on a groundout by **Ali Meacham**.

Casey Halloran (Columbia), who hurled her fourth complete game of the season, saw her scoreless streak of 15.0 innings come to an end when Lehigh catcher **Mary Wieder** hit a sacrifice fly to make the score 4-1 in the first frame.

The Great Danes added three more in the top of the second, when Rios doubled to drive in two runs. Dunning, who missed hitting for the cycle by a home run, followed with a double to right field to plate Rios, making the score 7-1.

The team also rallied for five in the fourth, when Dunning started the scoring with an RBI triple. **Julie Gannon** capped the inning by smacking an RBI triple in her only at-bat of the day, giving UAlbany the 12-1 advantage. The game was called after five innings due to the eight-run rule.

Leslie Busch led the way against Iona (4-9), finishing 3-for-3 at the plate with two triples and a double in the 7-2 win. Busch tripled to lead off both the third and fifth inning, scoring each time on a sacrifice fly by **Maegan Larsen**. Rios made the score 3-0 when she tripled in **Kelly Ogden** in the fifth inning. Ogden capped UAlbany's four-run sixth inning with a two-run triple.

Laura Gremillion tallied three strikeouts en route to her third win of the season for the
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Great Danes, who have won 14 of their first 17 games for the third time at the Division I level.

UAlbany will face crosstown-rival Siena in a doubleheader at Siena Field on Wednesday, March 29.

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UAlbany 12, Lehigh 2

	1	2	3	4	5	–	R	H	E
UAlbany (13-2-1)	4	3	0	5	0	–	12	11	1
Lehigh (14-6)	1	0	0	1	0	–	2	4	3

Game ended due to eight-run rule

UAlbany – Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham, Leanne Tillman (3)

Lehigh – Stefanie Forlenza, Kate Arico (4) and Mary Wieder

UAlbany 7, Iona 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
Iona (4-9)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	–	2	10	2
UAlbany (14-1-1)	0	0	1	0	2	4	X	–	7	10	0

Iona – Becky Riccitelli and Laura Stott

UAlbany – Laura Gremillion, Casey Halloran (7) and Ali Meacham

KLARMANN LEADS UALBANY TENNIS TO 7-0 SWEEP OF HARTFORD

Albany, N.Y. – **Lisa Klarmann** was one of six UAlbany players to register singles wins as the team swept America East opponent Hartford, 7-0, on Saturday in the UAlbany Bubble.

Klarmann, who improved to 9-1 overall and 3-0 at first singles, downed Hartford's **Lauren Perry** in straight sets, plus teamed with **Courtney Michels** to down Perry and **Halley Werner**, 8-1. **Kim Weltman** tallied victories at second singles and second doubles, where she teamed with **Amanda Hall**.

UAlbany (6-1) tallied straight-set victories in each singles match, plus swept Hartford (0-3) in doubles competition. Michels, Hall, **Christina Suarez** and **Kim Westcott** each added singles wins.

The Great Danes return to action when they host America East opponent New Hampshire in the UAlbany Bubble on Sunday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m.

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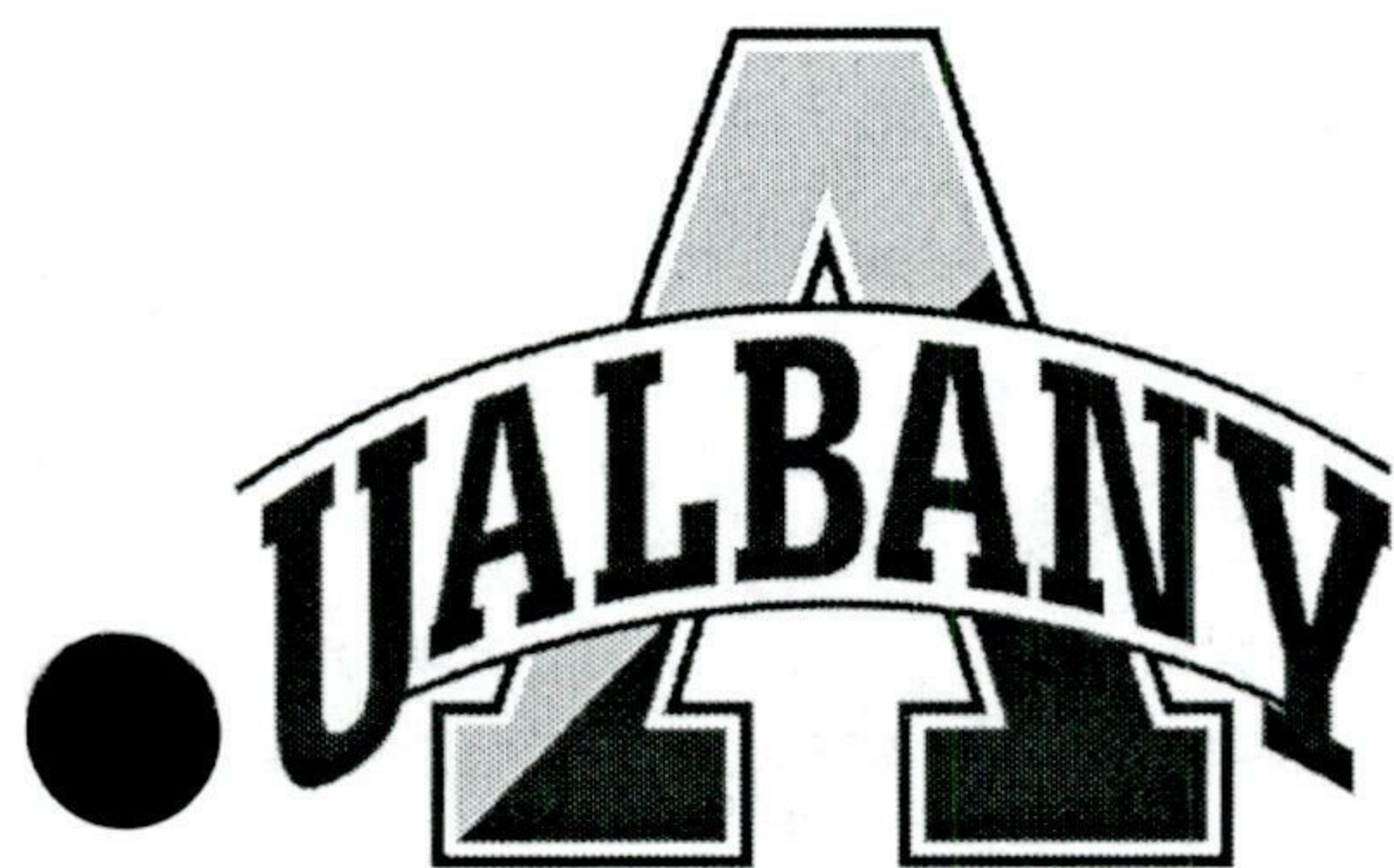
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3. Courtney Michels (UA) def. Diana Stabers (UH), 6-0, 6-2.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Halley Werner (UH), 6-0, 6-0.
5. Christina Suarez (UA) def. Kasey Michels (UH), 8-1.
6. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Liz Weiner (UH), 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles:

1. Klarmann/Michels (UA) def. Werner/Perry (UH), 8-1.
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3. Kern/Suarez (UA) def. Casino/Tapur (UH), 8-4.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL SPLITS TWO CONTESTS AT LEHIGH

Bethlehem, Pa. – **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) hurled a six-hit shutout to lead UAlbany past Iona, 4-0, in non-conference women's softball action on Friday at Lehigh's Kaufman Field. The Great Danes fell to Lehigh, 5-2, later in the day. The three teams were originally scheduled to participate in Radford's Highlander Mid-Spring Classic, but moved their games due to the weather.

UAlbany (12-2-1) got on the board in the third inning on an RBI single by third baseman **Kelly Ogden**. The Great Danes would cruise behind Halloran, who struck out seven Gaels en route to her third shutout this spring. Iona (4-8) mounted its only threat during the second inning, the only time the team would manage back-to-back hits. Halloran, who has not allowed an earned run in 15.0 innings, regrouped with a strikeout, and **Alexis Garbowski** lined out to end the inning.

The Great Danes would add three insurance runs in the seventh when freshman **Meagan Butsch** led off and started a rally with her third double of season. **Amber Maisonet**, who finished 2-for-3 at the plate in the opener, plated Butsch when she tripled. **Ashley Rios** and **Katrina Dunning** each added an RBI single.

In the second game of the day, Lehigh's **Mary Wieder**, one of four returning 2005 all-Patriot League selections, scored twice and drove in two runs on three hits. Wieder scored the first run of the game to give Lehigh (14-5) a 1-0 lead after two innings. UAlbany would battle back in the bottom of the third when Ogden hit a sacrifice fly to score **Maegan Larsen**.

The Mountain Hawks, who have won seven straight Patriot League regular-season championships, added two in the top of the fourth when UAlbany pitcher **Laura Gremillion** walked **Katherine Wegert** with the bases loaded. **Kate Marvel** followed with an RBI single to make the score 3-1.

The Great Danes added a run in the bottom of the frame, but could not overcome the deficit. UAlbany batters managed five hits against Lehigh starter **Laura Sweeney**.

UAlbany will again meet Lehigh on Saturday at 10:00 a.m., before facing Iona at noon.

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UAlbany 4, Iona 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
UAlbany (12-1-1)	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	–	4	9	0
Iona (4-8)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	0	6	1

UAlbany – Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham

Iona – Katie Jo Passero, Becky Riticelli (5), Lindsay John (7) and Laura Stott

Lehigh 5, UAlbany 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
Lehigh (14-5)	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	–	5	11	2
UAlbany (12-2-1)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	–	2	5	0

Lehigh – Lisa Sweeney and Mary Wieder

UAlbany – Laura Gremillion and Ali Meacham



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UALBANY FOOTBALL RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM 25 STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR 2006

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today that 25 student-athletes have signed commitments to play for the Great Danes in the 2006-07 academic year. UAlbany won five of its last six games last season to finish in a tie for third place in the Northeast Conference standings.

The 2006 signing class is comprised of 10 players from the state of New York and eight from New Jersey, plus three from Florida, and one each from Georgia, Texas, Rhode Island and Ohio. The breakdown by position includes one quarterback, three offensive linemen, three wide receivers, four running backs, one tight end, six linebackers, three defensive linemen, three defensive backs and one kicker.

"We were able to attract a good bunch of players," said UAlbany's Bob Ford, who is second among active Division I-AA coaches with 210 career victories. "We addressed our needs at linebacker and cornerback, plus picked up a group of capable tailbacks, three good wideouts and some solid offensive linemen. Now that the program is able to offer scholarships, we can spread ourselves into bigger and better high school football hotbeds and take another step up in terms of the people we can talk to."

The Great Danes landed five all-state players from New York, including running back **Colin Simmons**, the *Syracuse Post-Standard's* Co-Player of the Year. Simmons, who rushed for 1,384 yards as a senior, was a Class AA second-team all-state selection by the New York Sportswriters Association. Defensive lineman **Trevor Anderson** (Cobleskill-Richmondville) and offensive lineman **Matthew Faughnan** were members of the Class B first team. Wide receiver **Jason Poore** (Hoosick Falls Central) earned Class C first-team recognition after hauling in 40 passes for 561 yards and eight touchdowns. Linebacker **Chris Simpson**, an All-Finger Lakes and *Messenger Post* all-star, made the Class A third team.

Defensive back **Dan Morris**, a member of the Associated Press all-state third team, heads a group of eight incoming players from New Jersey. Morris, who played three positions on the scholastic level, including quarterback, also earned All-Group IV first-team honors. Linebacker **Justin Brancaccio** (Group IV first team), linebacker **Matt Fitzpatrick** (Group II first team) and defensive end **Mike Kelly** (Non-Public third team) will also bolster the UAlbany defense. **Justin Gannon** was a Group IV second-team running back.

The Great Danes also extended their recruiting area beyond the eastern corridor. **Charles Guadagno**, who was positioned at both quarterback and running back, rushed for 1,124 yards and 13 touchdowns and was named to the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* All-South Texas first team. **Julius Harris**, one of three players from the state of Florida, was the starting quarterback on the Class 6A state championship team. **Frank Blasinsky** and **Chris Van Zelfden** are the first recruits from Ohio and Georgia, respectively. Blasinsky was an All-District Northeast Lakes Division II quarterback. Van Zelfden made 101 tackles, including 11 for a loss and three sacks, from his linebacker position. Additionally, Rhode Island kicker **Gordie Barr** was a member of the *Providence Journal* all-state first team after scoring 59 points by making 38 of 44 PATs and seven field goals.

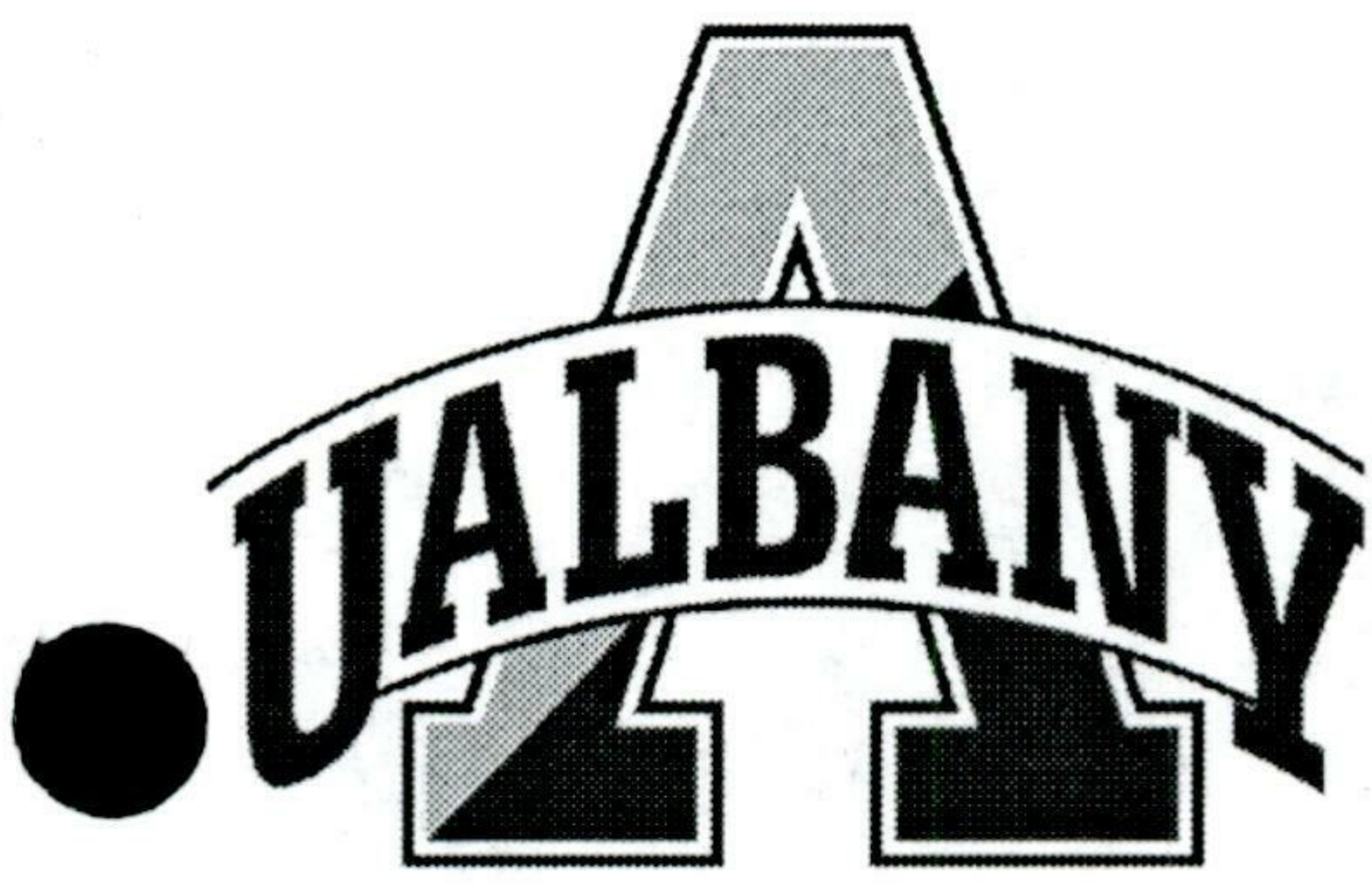
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UAlbany Football 2-2-2

In addition to Anderson and Poore, UAlbany picked up three more all-area players from the Capital Region. **Chris Blais**, a 5-foot-10, 185-pound outside linebacker from LaSalle Institute, was voted the *Troy Record* Defensive Player of the Year after accounting for 81 tackles and six interceptions. **Vince Gonzalez**, a 6-foot-4, 260-pound offensive lineman from Ballston Spa High, was a member of the *Albany Times Union* and *Daily Gazette* first team. **Makki Goodbee**, a 6-foot-4, 230-pound tight end from Christian Brothers Academy, was chosen to the *Troy Record's* all-area third team.

2006 University at Albany Football Commitments

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Trevor Anderson	DT	6-1	255	Warnersville, N.Y. (Cobleskill-Richmondville)
Lorenzo Ashbourne	DB	5-10	175	Smyrna, Ga. (Coral Springs, Fla.)
Garrett Askew	DB	6-1	197	Newark, N.J. (Hudson Catholic)
Gordie Barr	P/K	5-9	180	Carolina, R.I. (Bishop Hendricken)
Leonard Bing	FB	6-0	210	Metuchen, N.J. (Metuchen)
Chris Blais	OLB	6-0	185	Troy, N.Y. (LaSalle Institute)
Frank Blasinsky	QB	6-1	190	North Royalton, Ohio (Parma Padua Franciscan)
Justin Brancaccio	LB	6-1	220	Rockaway, N.J. (Morris Knolls)
Matthew Faughnan	OL	6-3	300	Binghamton, N.Y. (Chenango Forks)
Matt Fitzpatrick	LB	6-1	205	Hazlet, N.J. (Raritan)
Justin Gannon	RB	5-6	160	Sussex, N.J. (Vernon Township)
Vince Gonzales	OL	6-4	260	Ballston Spa, N.Y. (Ballston Spa)
Makki Goodbee	TE	6-4	230	Loudonville, N.Y. (Christian Brothers Academy)
Charles Guadagno	TB	6-2	210	Portland, Texas (Gregory-Portland)
Julius Harris	WR	5-9	180	Riveria Beach, Fla. (Palm Beach Gardens)
Mike Kelly	DE	6-1	230	West Long Branch, N.J. (Red Bank Catholic)
David Looney	DE	6-2	210	Delmar, N.Y. (Bethlehem Central)
Dan Morris	DB	6-1	175	Randolph, NJ (Randolph)
Jason Poore	WR	6-5	190	North Hoosick, N.Y. (Hoosick Falls Central)
Colin Simmons	TB	5-8	185	Manlius, N.Y. (Fayetteville-Manlius)
Chris Simpson	LB	6-0	220	Victor, N.Y. (Victor Central)
Jamar Speight	WR	6-4	195	Rochester, N.Y. (Bishop Kearney)
Andrew Stevens	OL	6-4	275	Sarasota, Fla. (Sarasota)
Chris Van Zelfden	LB	6-0	198	Marietta, Ga. (Walton)
George Williams	LB	5-10	185	Piscataway, N.Y. (Piscataway)



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KRISSY RAJCZAK SCORES THREE GOALS IN 10-6 VICTORY AGAINST LE MOYNE

Albany, N.Y. – **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) scored three times, including the go-ahead goal with 11:47 remaining, in leading UAlbany to a 10-6 non-conference victory over Le Moyne on Wednesday afternoon at John Fallon Field. UAlbany (5-2) is off to its best start as a Division I program.

Rajczak, a junior midfielder, broke a 6-6 deadlock with her third goal of the game. Freshman **Julie Bush** drove around the back of the net and found Rajczak in a one-on-one situation with Le Moyne goalkeeper **Samantha Falcone**. **Kate Fontana** gave her team a two-goal advantage one minute and 34 seconds later when she converted a free-position opportunity. Bush and **Stacey Brown** added insurance goals in the final six minutes.

Le Moyne (3-2) trailed 6-4 early in the final period, but drew even on back-to-back goals by **Emily Donnellis** and **Lauren Byrne**. Donnellis, a sophomore midfielder, finished with two goals and one assist. The Dolphins had their three-game win streak halted after opening with a 12-11 loss to Mount St. Mary's.

The Great Danes, who are above the .500 mark this late in the season for the first time since the 2000 campaign, leaped to a 3-0 lead in the opening six-plus minutes. Rajczak tallied consecutive goals before **Sarah Spillett** finished off a fastbreak with an unassisted goal.

UAlbany goalkeeper **Jen Daly** tied a season high with 13 saves, including nine in the first half, while the Dolphins' Falcone turned away nine shots. The Great Danes' Fontana totaled two goals and one assist. The junior midfielder moved into fourth place on the school's career list with 99 goals.

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Le Moyne (3-2)	3	3	-	6
UAlbany (5-2)	5	5	-	10

Le Moyne – Scoring: Emily Donnellis 2-1, Lisa McCarthy 2-0, Kylie Rosette 1-0, Lauren Byrne 1-0, Whitney Vecchio 0-2, Elizabeth Hewitt 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Samantha Falcone (60:00, 9 saves, 10 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Krissy Rajczak 3-1, Kate Fontana 2-1, Julie Bush 1-2, Sarah Spillett 1-1, Stacey Brown 1-0, Brittany Scott 1-0, Jane Bush 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 13 saves, 6 GA).



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BRETT QUEENER NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Brett Queener** has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. Queener, a junior goalkeeper, led the Great Danes to pair of one-goal non-league victories over seventh-ranked Massachusetts and Drexel.

Queener made 11 saves, including one as time expired, in a 9-8 come-from-behind win against UMass on March 14. He also had five ground balls as the Great Danes defeated the highest-ranked opponent in the program's history. Last Saturday against Drexel, Queener turned aside 12 shots in an 8-7 decision. He has made double-figure saves in all five starts this season.

A native of Penn Yan, N.Y., Queener has a 10.56 goals against average and a .556 save percentage in five games played. UAlbany (3-2) has met three top-20 opponents this season.

GREAT DANES RANKED IN NATIONAL MEN'S LACROSSE POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany (3-2) has moved into the national top-20 rankings for the second time this season after posting a pair of one-goal victories against Massachusetts and Drexel last week. The Great Danes, who are 3-2 overall, are No. 17 in the USILA/STX Coaches Poll and are 15th in the Inside Lacrosse Media Poll. UAlbany begins America East Conference play against Hartford on Saturday, March 25.

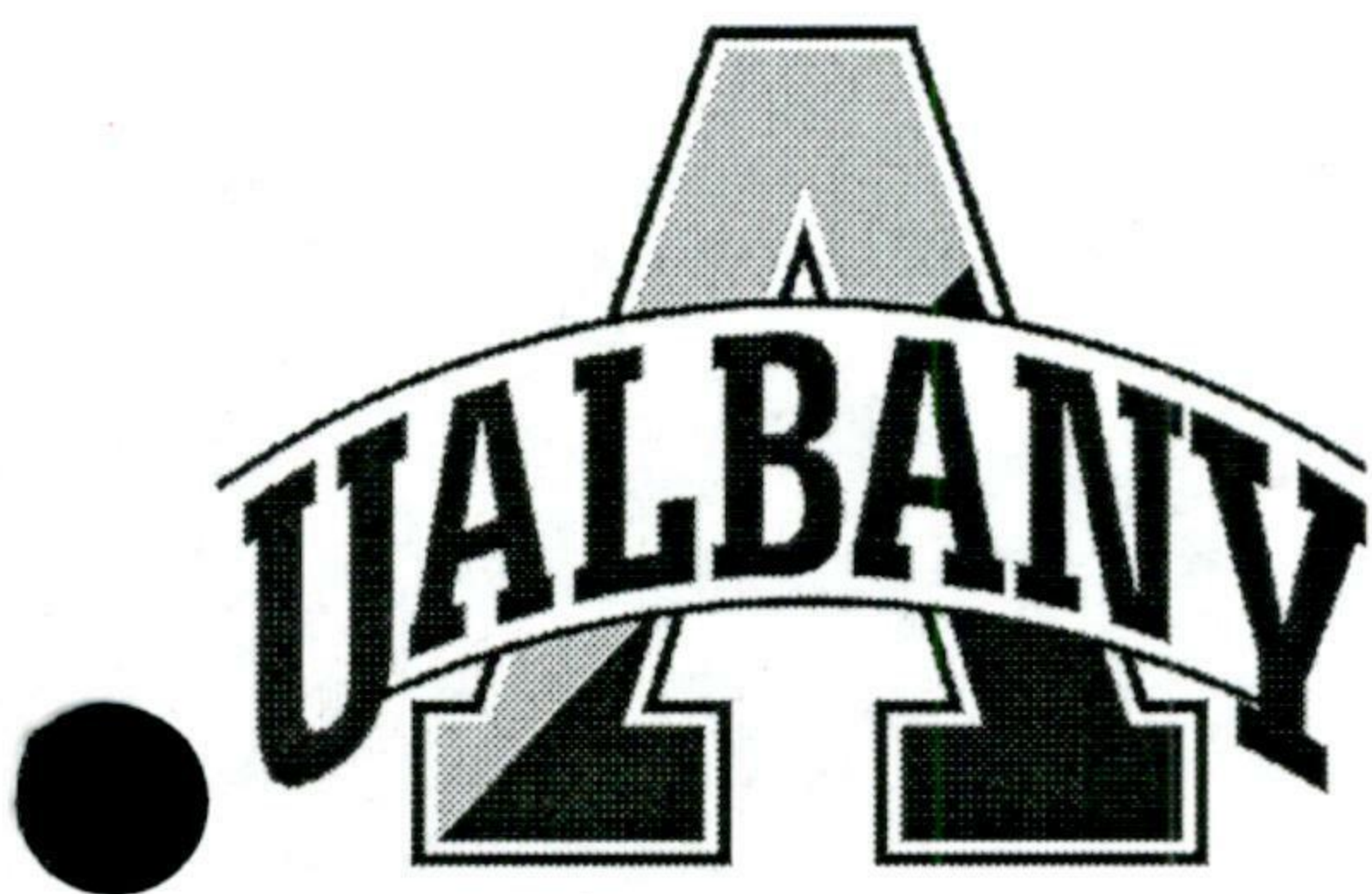
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USILA Division I STX Coaches Poll

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Inside Lacrosse Division I Media Poll

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UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE DEFEATS MONMOUTH, 8-5

Albany, N.Y. – **Sarah Spillett** scored the game-winning goal as UAlbany used three goals in less than a minute to defeat Monmouth, 8-5, in non-conference action on Sunday afternoon at John Fallon Field.

UAlbany (4-2), which snapped a two-game losing skid, held a 5-3 lead before Monmouth's **Ashley Waldman** converted a free position attempt to pull the Hawks within one with 4:27 remaining in the second half.

The Great Danes responded with three goals in a span of 56 seconds to open up an 8-4 advantage. **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville), who led the Great Danes with three goals, fed Spillett on the right side for what proved to be the game-winning tally. **Rory Redmond** scored 31 seconds later on a feed from **Julie Bush** before Rajczak added an unassisted goal at 2:54.

Jen Daly made 10 saves in goal for UAlbany, including eight in the second half for her second double-figure performance this season. **Jane Bush** finished with two goals, while **Brittany Scott** added two assists. **Kate Fontana** stuffed the stat sheet with one goal, one assists, seven ground balls and six caused turnovers.

Monmouth (1-4) owned a 3-2 halftime lead as **Erica Evangelisti** scored on a free-position attempt and then assisted on **Jeanette Stott's** tally. Goalie **Monica Johnson** totaled 15 saves, including 11 in the opening period.

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Monmouth (1-4)	3	2	-	5
UAlbany (4-2)		2	6	8

Monmouth: Scoring – Erica Evangelisti (1-1), Megan Nutter (1-0), Ashley Waldman (1-0), Amy Hanson (1-0), Jeanette Stott (1-0), Kate Hanna (0-1), Kristin Ray (0-1). Goalkeeper: Monica Johnson (60:00, 8 GA, 15 saves).

UAlbany: Scoring – Krissy Rajczak (3-1), Jane Bush (2-0), Kate Fontana (1-1), Sarah Spillett (1-1), Rory Redmond (1-1), Brittany Scott (0-2), Julie Bush (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 5 GA, 10 saves).

WELSH DRIVES IN THREE TO LEAD UNC GREENSBORO PAST UALBANY BASEBALL

Greensboro, N.C. – **Guy Welsh** recorded two hits and drove in three runs to lead UNC Greensboro past UAlbany in the rubber game of a three-game set on Sunday afternoon at UNCG Baseball Stadium. The Spartans, who plated five runs in the fifth, took advantage of three UAlbany errors to score six unearned runs.

UAlbany (4-12) took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first as **Tom Hill** delivered an RBI single and **Steve Sayre** (East Greenbush) forced home a run with a walk. In the Spartans' five-run fifth, **Adam Deleo** crushed a two-run triple to right-center. Two Great Dane miscues prolonged the frame and UNCG took advantage. **Jermaine Mitchell** roped an RBI single through the left side and Welsh added a two-run base hit to give the Spartans a 5-2 lead.

UNCG (6-14) added two more in the seventh on singles by Welsh and **Logan Smith**. The Great Danes cut the score to 7-4 with two in the eighth as **Sean Donovan** delivered a pinch-hit home run and **Tom Hill** smashed his second homer in as many games. But, **Brandon Harvey** pitched a perfect ninth to silence the comeback.

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Wes McCall, a sophomore left-hander, allowed two runs on four hits and struck out seven over seven innings to earn the win. UAlbany's **Mark Suchowiecki** did not allow an earned run through six innings of work.

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Greensboro, N.C - UNCG Baseball Stadium

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UNC Greensboro (6-14) 000 050 20x - 7 10 0

UAlbany - Mark Suchowiecki, Cory Warrings (7), Josh Willimott (8) and Tom Hill

UNC Greensboro - Brandon Harvey, Wes McCall (3) and Adam Deleo



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FOUR UALBANY TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES QUALIFY FOR IC4A & ECAC MEETS

Carolina, Puerto Rico – Freshman **Joe Greene** won the 400-meter dash and qualified for the IC4A Championship at the Puerto Rico Classic on Saturday afternoon. Greene's time of 47.33 broke the previous school record of 47.82.

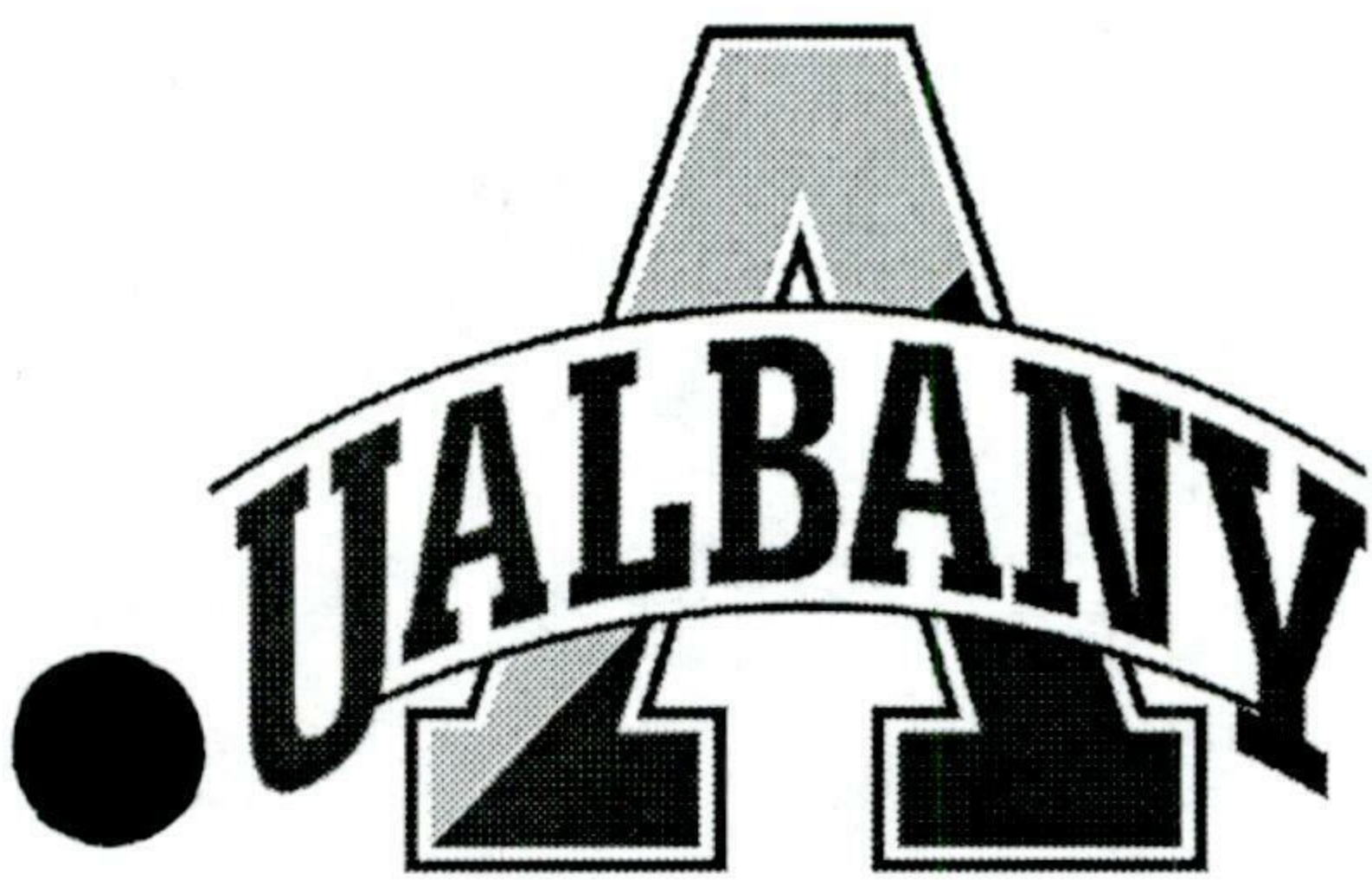
Junior Burnett captured the 100m with an IC4A-qualifying time of 10.72 seconds, while **Pat Weider** placed third. **Marc Pallozzi** (Lansingburgh) shattered his own school record in winning the javelin with a throw of 217-feet, 3-inches to qualify for the IC4A meet. The men's 4x100m relay also hit the IC4A standard and finished third in 41.60.

Ricardo Estremera had a second-place showing in the 1500m with a time of 3:57.47. **Jesse Bennett** and **Jean Juste** captured second and third in the 110m hurdles. **Joe Belokopitsky** (Shaker) placed fourth in the 800m in 1:55.09.

In the field events, **Freddie Wills** earned a pair of third-place finishes in the long and high jumps. **Renauld Buck** placed second in the shot put, while **Ray Gilman** (Berne-Knox-Westerlo) finished second in the triple jump.

On the women's side, freshman **Jessica Ortman** set a school mark with a winning time of 2:10.81 in the 800m to qualify for the ECAC Championship. Her sister **Jenna**, who won the 1500m, placed third in the 800m. **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) took third in the 1500. **Kamilah McShine** added a third-place finish in the 100m hurdles, while the 4x100 relay also placed third.

Ritshell Verdier led the way in the field events with second-place showings in the shot put and discus throw. **Brenna Militello** earned second in the high jump, while **Isabella Katsarelis** was third in the javelin.



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GREMILLION & MAISONET SPUR UALBANY SOFTBALL PAST ST. PETER'S

Georgetown, Del. – **Amber Maisonet** delivered a three-run inside-the-park home run as UAlbany rolled to an 8-0 victory over St. Peter's on the final day of Delaware State's Bash at the Beach, held at the Sports at the Beach complex on Saturday afternoon.

Maisonet's first homer of the season came in a five-run fourth inning as the Great Danes built an 8-0 lead. **Laura Gremillion**, who finished 2-for-3 on the day, added a two-run blast in the frame.

UAlbany (11-1-1) struck first with three runs in the bottom of the third inning. **Kelly Ogden** smacked an RBI single, while **Leslie Busch** and Gremillion also added hits in the rally.

Junior pitcher **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) scattered one hit and struck out eight in earning her seventh win this season. She retired 11 consecutive batters after allowing a lead-off single in the first inning. **Florence Williams** took the loss for St. Peter's.

UAlbany's second game of the day against Delaware State was cancelled due to weather. The Great Danes return to action on Friday, March 24 at the Highlander Mid-Spring Classic in Radford, Va.

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UAlbany 8, St. Peter's 0

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
St. Peter's (7-3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
UAlbany (11-1-1)	1	3	0	3	x	8	8	0

St. Peter's – Florence Williams and Jackie Cross

UAlbany – Casey Halloran and Leanne Tillman

UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS DEFEATS SACRED HEART, 6-1

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany won five singles matches en route to a 6-1 win over Sacred Heart on Saturday afternoon in the UAlbany Bubble.

Lisa Klarmann posted a straight-set victory at first singles, while **Kim Weltman** earned her eighth win of the season in the second spot. **Courtney Michels** rallied for a three-set decision at third singles, while **Christina Suarez** and **Aimee Kern** rounded out the singles winners.

Nicole Betz earned the only point for Sacred Heart with a three-set victory at fourth singles.

The Great Danes, who have won five of six contests this spring, swept all three doubles matches.

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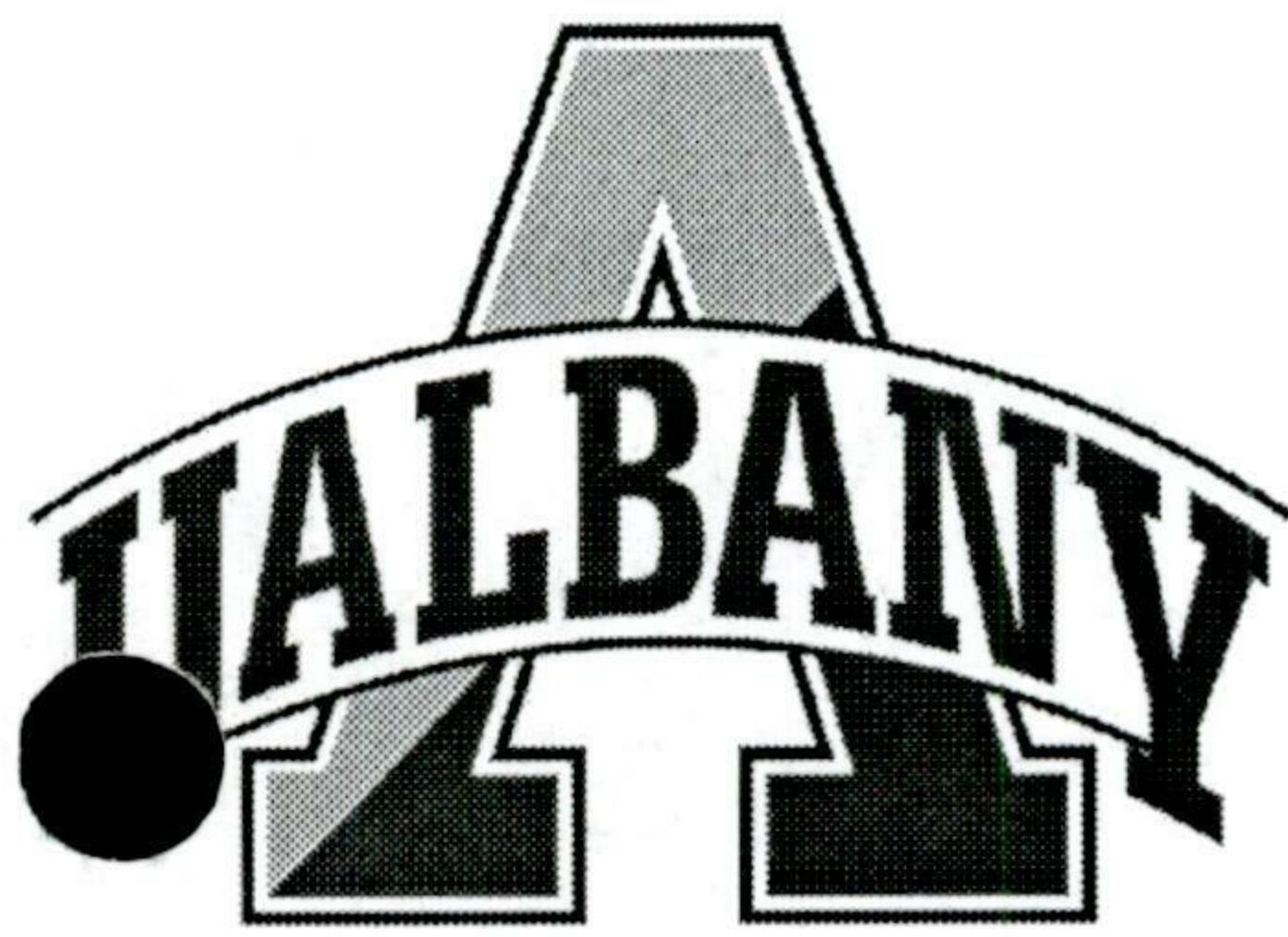
UAlbany 6, Sacred Heart 1

Singles:

1. Lisa Klarmann (UA) def. Pam Pillo (SHU), 6-1, 6-3.
2. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Laura Murillo (SHU), 6-1, 6-2.
3. Courtney Michels (UA) def. Jessica Schnell (SHU), 6-7 (9-7), 6-3, 7-5.
4. Nicole Betz (SHU) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 6-0, 2-6, 3-6.
5. Christina Suarez (UA) def. Mandy Finkelstein (SHU), 6-2, 6-2.
6. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Brittany Price (SHU), 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles:

1. Michels/Klarmann (UA) def. Murillo/Betz (SHU), 8-2.
2. Hall/Weltman (UA) def. Pillo/Schnell (SHU), 8-2.
3. Kern/Suarez (UA) def. Finkelstein/Kristina Frassanito (SHU), 8-1.



COREY SMALL'S LAST-MINUTE GOAL LEADS UALBANY PAST DREXEL, 8-7

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman Corey Small scored the game-winning goal with 55 seconds remaining as UAlbany rallied in the final period for an 8-7 non-conference victory over Drexel on Saturday afternoon at John Fallon Field.

Drexel (4-2) rebounded from a three-goal deficit in the first half to draw even by the intermission. Mike Filippone scored from just outside the crease to tie the contest at six apiece with 52 seconds left in the second quarter. Filippone put his team ahead midway through the third stanza when he found the net in a man-down situation.

UAlbany (3-2) got the equalizer with 9:14 remaining as Matthew Green fired a seven-yard shot into the top right corner. The Great Danes went ahead in the last minute as Small took a pass from Chris Martocchia and delivered a blast from the left side.

"It was a little sloppy on both sides - it's tough to play when it's windy and cold," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team edged seventh-ranked Massachusetts in its last outing four days ago. "We couldn't get much going and were lagging. After beating a nationally-ranked team, you have such an emotional high that it's hard to have the same enthusiasm in the next game."

The Great Danes roared to a 5-2 lead after the opening period. Merrick Thomson, who moved into third place on the school's all-time list with 111 goals, and Martocchia each scored twice in the quarter, while Frank Resetarits added the first of his two goals. The Dragons ripped off three unanswered goals to tie the contest in the second stanza. Yoni Cohen found the net with the man-advantage, before Adam Dennis scored on a bounce shot.

UAlbany's Brett Queener made 12 saves, his fifth consecutive game in double figures, while Martocchia and Resetarits each finished with two goals and one assist. Drexel's Jeff Pfeffer scored twice and added an assist.

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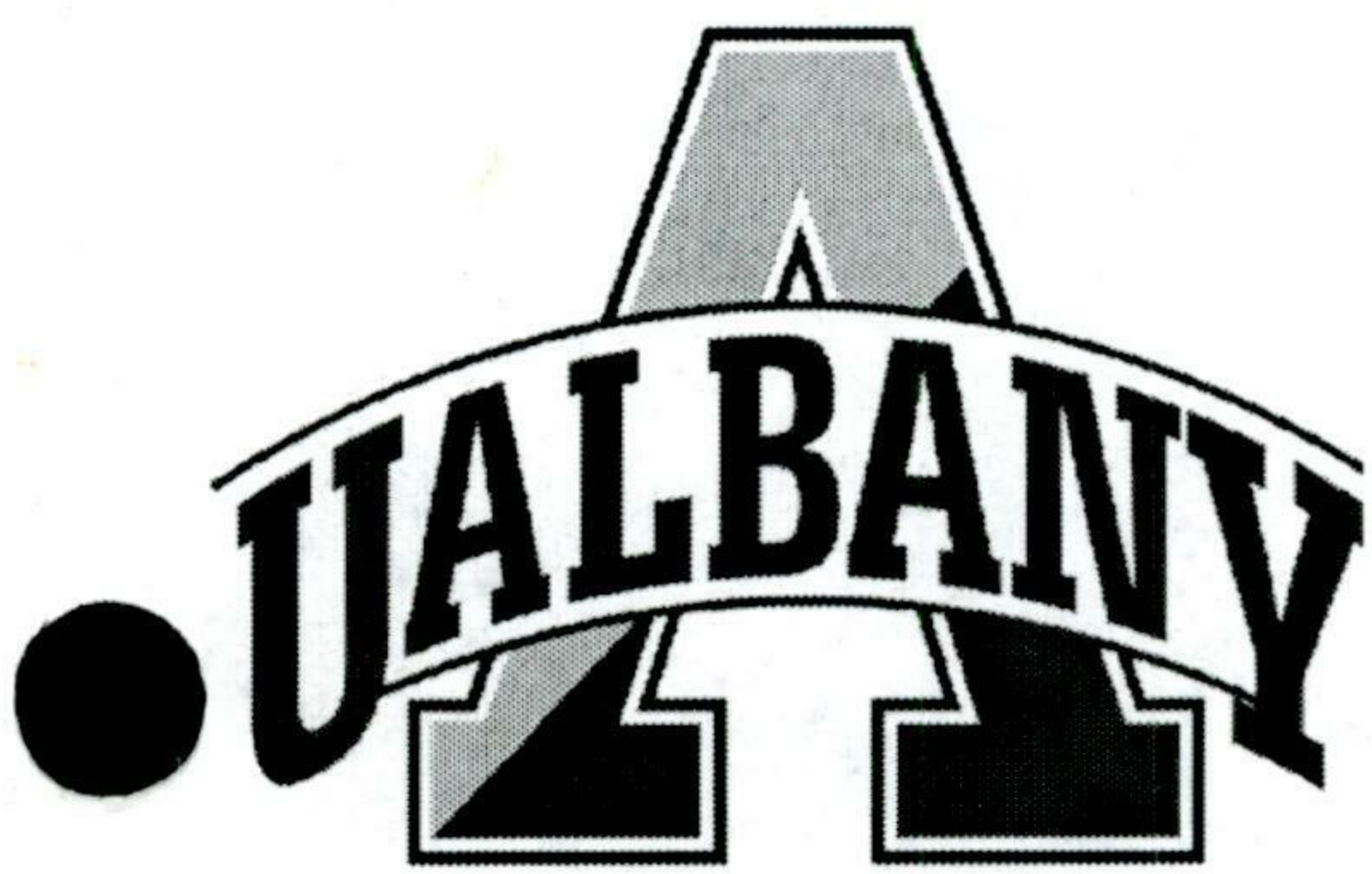
UAlbany 8, Drexel 7

Drexel (4-2) 2 4 0 1 - 7

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

Drexel – Scoring: Jeff Pfeffer 2-1, Mike Filippone 2-1, Yoni Cohen 1-1, Chris O'Connor 1-0, Adam Dennis 1-0, Ron Garling 0-2, Jon Van Houten 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Bruce Bickford (60:00, 9 saves, 8 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Frank Resetarits 2-1, Chris Martocchia 2-1, Merrick Thomson 2-0, Matthew Green 1-1, Corey Small 1-0, Garrett Pedley 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (60:00, 12 saves, 7 GA).



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UNC GREENSBORO USES SIX-RUN SEVENTH INNING TO DOWN UALBANY BASEBALL

Greensboro, N.C. – **Jermaine Mitchell** had three hits, including a three-run triple in his team's six-run seventh inning, as UNC Greensboro defeated UAlbany, 10-5, in the first game of a three-game series on Friday evening at UNCG Baseball Stadium.

UAlbany (3-11) got on the board first on an RBI single by **Tom Hill** in the opening inning. The Great Danes built a 2-0 lead as **Al Barbato**, a junior transfer from the University at Buffalo, scored his second run of the game in the third.

UNC Greensboro (5-13) took the lead with four in the fifth as **David Adams, Brandon Harvey** and **Wes McCall** contributed three straight RBI singles. The Great Danes regained the advantage with three in the sixth when **Brad Daniels** smacked an RBI triple and scored on an RBI single by Barbato. But, the Spartans took control with six in the seventh powered by Mitchell's bases-clearing triple.

Patrick Currin pitched two and one-third innings of scoreless relief to earn the victory for the Spartans, who snapped a three-game losing streak with the victory. The two teams resume their weekend series tomorrow at 1 p.m.

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UAlbany – Casey Walsh, Matthew Herrick (6), Sean Gregory (7), Chris Ott (8) and Chris Wood

UNC Greensboro – Nick Starnes, Patrick Currin (6), Brandon Harvey (9) and Adam Deleo



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UALBANY SOFTBALL UNDEFEATED ON FIRST DAY OF BASH AT THE BEACH

Georgetown, Del. – **Maegan Larsen** finished 4-for-4 at the plate with four RBI as UAlbany downed Mount St. Mary's for the second time this season in a 14-9 non-conference victory at the first day of Delaware State's Bash at the Beach, held at the Sports at the Beach complex on Friday. The Great Danes later battled St. Joseph's in a game that ended in a 1-1 tie.

UAlbany (10-1-1) jumped out to an early 4-0 lead over the first two innings, but Mount St. Mary's (8-10) battled back with an eight-run third to make the score 8-4. The Great Danes regrouped with three in the fourth and six in the fifth to recapture a 13-4 lead. Larsen, who singled in each of her other three trips to the plate, capped that inning with a two-run home run.

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The contest was called after seven innings due to darkness, ending in a tie. **Laura Gremillion** recorded one strikeout for UAlbany in seven innings of work.

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UAlbany 14, Mount St. Mary's 9

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FAAS LEADS ST. BONAVENTURE PAST UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE, 9-7

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The teams traded goals the rest of the first half. **Kate Fontana** made the score 4-2 when she converted a free position shot for UAlbany with 8:36 remaining in the half. Freshman **Sara Wolf** added her first career goal for the Great Danes, and **Brittany Scott** closed out the half with seventh of the season to make the halftime score 6-4.

Julie Bush started the second stanza with a goal for the Great Danes on an assist from **Sarah Spillett** to cut the margin to 6-5, but the Bonnies regrouped with two straight to extend the lead to 8-5. UAlbany scored two of the last three goals of the game, including one by **Rory Redmond** and another by Bush, but it was not enough to overcome the deficit.

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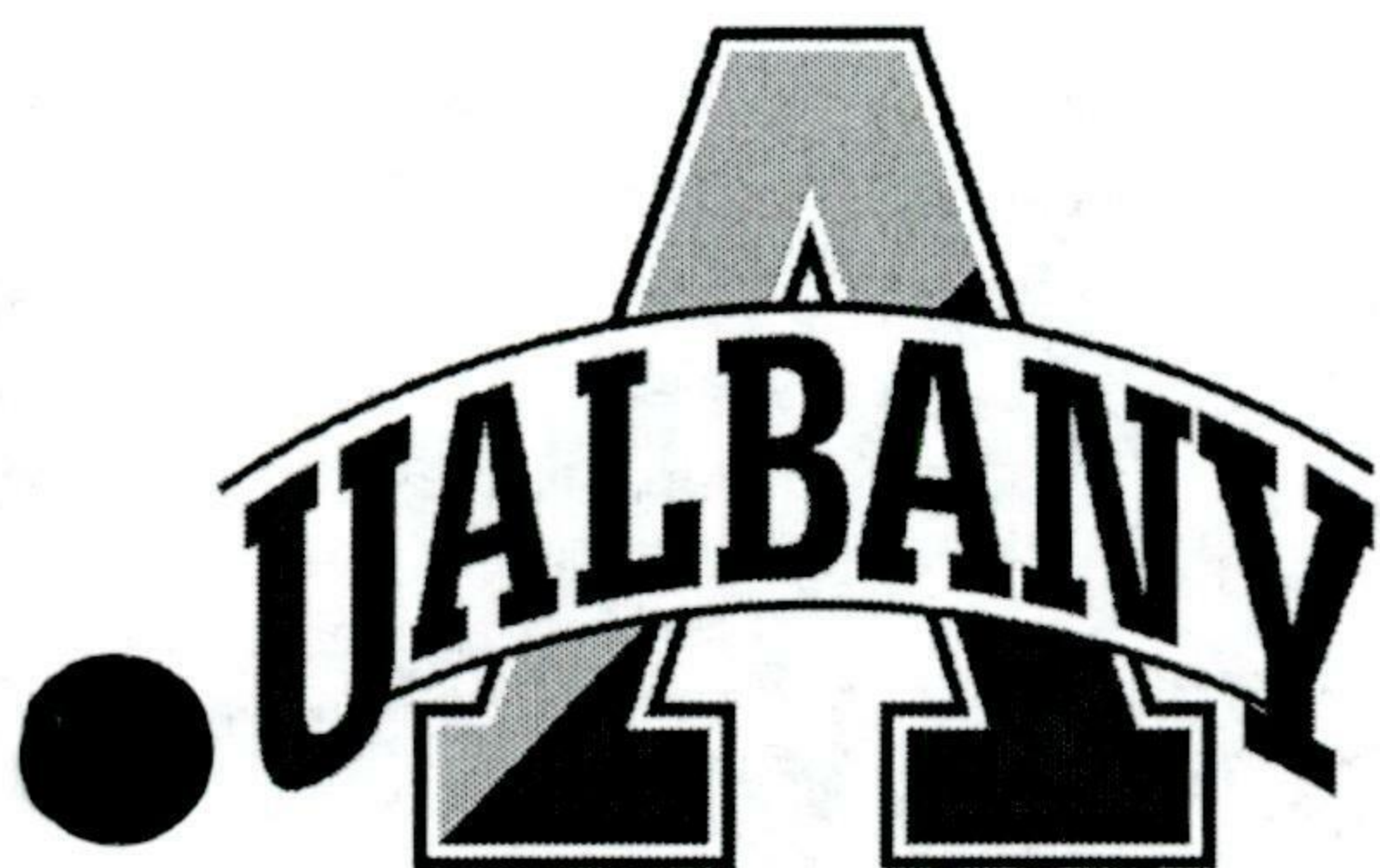
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RUTGERS HANDS UALBANY SOFTBALL ITS FIRST LOSS OF THE SEASON

Georgetown, Del. – **Christine Yard** allowed only one hit to lead Rutgers past UAlbany, 1-0, in non-conference women's softball action on Thursday afternoon at the Sports at the Beach complex. The Scarlet Knights handed the Great Danes their first loss of the year and evened the season series at one apiece.

Brittany Loisel singled to lead off the first inning for Rutgers (4-12), advancing to second on an error by UAlbany's **Leslie Busch**. With two outs, **Kaitlyn Valiante** tapped a single into short center field to drive in the only run of the game.

Christine Yard held UAlbany (9-1) to one hit to halt a nine-game winning streak, their longest since winning 11 in 2005 (3/20 – 4/6). **Ashley Rios** had the Great Danes' lone hit, a single with two outs in the seventh inning. **Katrina Dunning** followed, reaching base after being hit by a pitch, but both runners were left stranded when **Ali Meacham** struck out to end the game.

Casey Halloran (Columbia) suffered her first loss of the season and allowed her first run in 17.0 innings. She struck out six batters to bring her season total to 35.

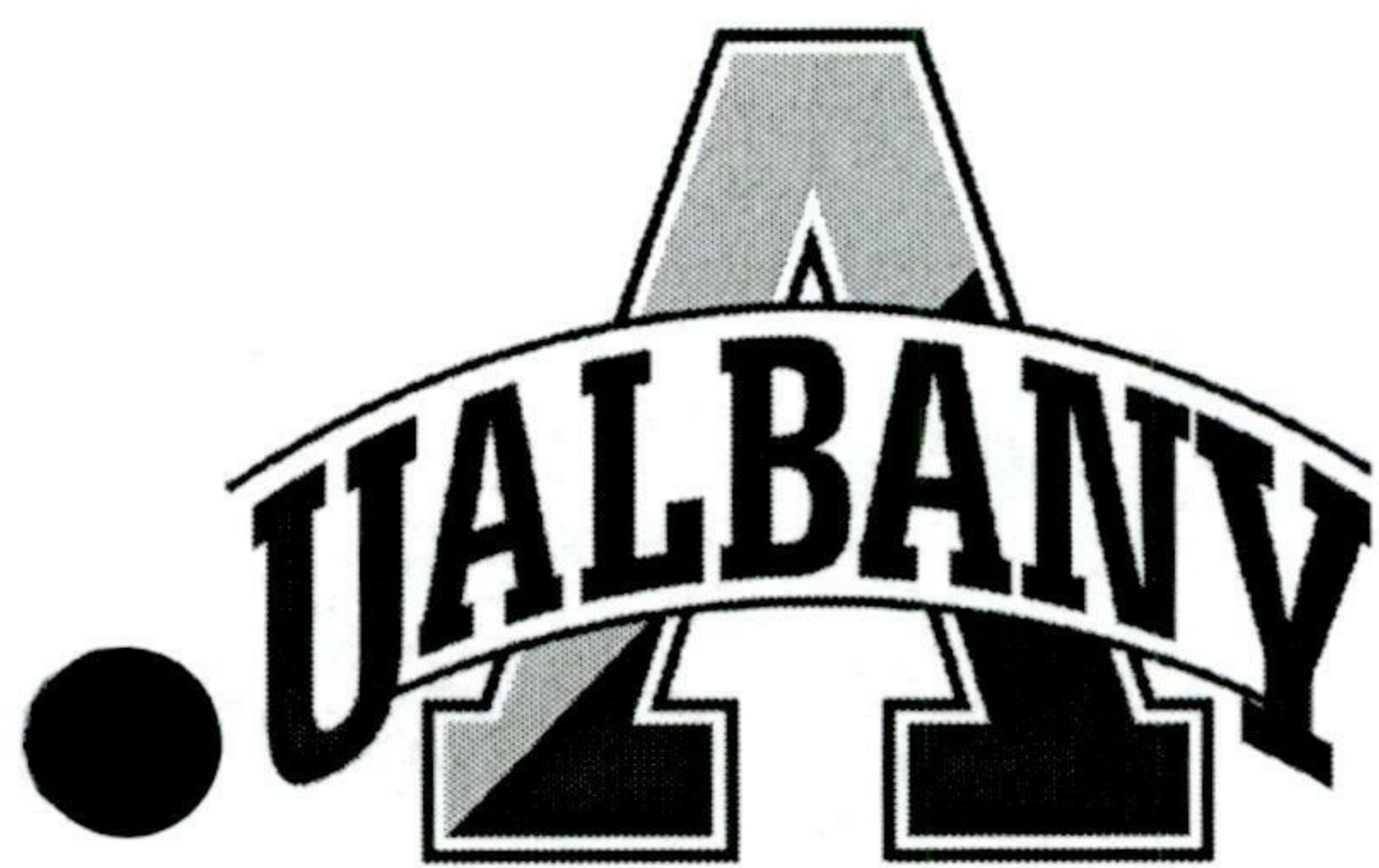
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UAlbany (9-1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	0	1	1
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UAlbany – Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham

Rutgers – Christina Yard and Kim Hodges



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JORDAN LEVINE LEADS UALBANY MEN'S LACROSSE TO 9-8 WIN OVER #7 UMASS

Amherst, Mass. – Sophomore **Jordan Levine** scored a career-high four goals, including the game-winning tally, as UAlbany downed No. 7 Massachusetts, 9-8, in non-conference men's lacrosse action on Tuesday afternoon at Garber Field. The Minutemen are the highest-ranked opponent the Great Danes have ever defeated.

With the game knotted at 8-8 in the final minute, Levine drove from the top of the box to the right side of the net and hit the top left corner. UMass' **Clay Stabert** fired a shot at the buzzer that **Brett Queener** saved to ensure the victory. Queener finished with 11 saves, including four in the fourth quarter.

"We have so much respect for UMass," said UAlbany head coach Scott Marr, whose team defeated the Minutemen for the third straight time. "Our kids get really excited to play them because they are such an established program and have had so much success. I really challenged our team on Saturday night and they responded today."

Levine, an America East All-Rookie selection last season, knotted the game at 8-8 two minutes earlier on the same play as the game-winning goal. The Great Danes, who held a 7-5 lead, had to rally for the victory as UMass dominated most of the final period.

Sean Morris, an All-American honoree who leads the nation in points per game, fed **Bret Caretsky** to trim the gap to 7-6. **Andrew Recchione** capitalized on an extra-man opportunity before **Rory Pedrick** put UMass in front, 8-7, with 10:36 to play.

UMass, who had won 13 straight games at Garber Field, had not lost at home since an 11-10 setback against UAlbany on March 16, 2004.

UAlbany (2-2) jetted out to a 2-1 lead early in the second period behind goals from **Chris Martocchia** and **Frank Resetarits**. UMass goalie **Doc Schneider** kept the game close, making eight of his 14 saves in the first quarter.

The Minutemen, who entered the day as one of eight undefeated teams in the nation, rattled off three straight to open up a 4-2 advantage with 6:55 remaining in the second quarter. Morris, who finished with two goals and four assists, recorded a tally and then assisted on Recchione's goal six minutes later. Pedrick converted in transition and Morris added his second of the game as UMass built a 5-3 cushion at halftime.

UAlbany exploded for three goals in the final 3:39 of the third period. After peppering Schneider with three straight shots, **Merrick Thomson** dropped the ball in the back of the net. Martocchia added his second on the day before Levine's goal in transition gave the Great Danes a 6-5 margin with nine seconds left in the quarter. **Steve Amann** pushed the score to 7-5 at 12:52 of the fourth period.

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Garber Field (Amherst, Mass.)

UAlbany (2-2)	1	2	3	3	-	9
#7 UMass (3-1)	1	4	0	3	-	8

UAlbany: Scoring – Jordan Levine (4-0), Chris Martocchia (2-1), Merrick Thomson (1-0), Frank Resetarits (1-0), Steve Ammann (1-0), Tyler Endres (0-1). Goalkeeper: Brett Queener (60:00, 8 GA, 11 saves).

UMass: Scoring – Sean Morris (2-4), Andrew Recchione (2-0), Rory Pedrick (2-0), Bret Caretsky (1-0), Fred Federico (1-0), Brian Jacovina (0-1), Pat Larmon (0-1). Goalkeeper: Doc Schneider (60:00, 9 GA, 14 saves).

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BIG EAST FOE ST. JOHN'S POUNDS OUT 16 HITS TO BEAT UALBANY

Queens, N.Y. – **Gil Zayas** recorded two hits, including a solo home run in the second inning that started his team's scoring, as St. John's defeated UAlbany, 17-1, in non-conference baseball action on Tuesday afternoon at The Ballpark at St. John's.

St. John's (6-6), which won the Big East regular-season title last season and qualified for the NCAA Tournament, went up 2-0 in the fifth inning when **Ryan Vogl** tripled and scored on a groundout. The Red Storm added two more in the sixth before the Great Danes got on the board. **Steve Wyland** led off the seventh with a double and was brought home on a two-out double by Steve Sayre that closed the gap to three.

The Red Storm pulled away with eight in the bottom half of the seventh and five more in the eighth. Zayas, who had three RBI on the day, had an RBI double as part of the eight-run outburst, while junior catcher **Ryan Mahoney** added a three-run homer. In the eighth, **Chris Joachim** smashed the second three-blast in as many innings for the Red Storm, who pounded out 16 hits in the game. **Jared Yecker** allowed one run on three hits over seven innings to earn his second win of the season.

UAlbany's home opener against Holy Cross, scheduled for tomorrow at Varsity Field, has been postponed. The Great Danes will return to action this weekend with a three-game series at UNC Greensboro beginning Friday at 6 p.m.

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Queens, N.Y. – The Ballpark at St. John's

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	–	R	H	E
UAlbany (3-10)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	–	1	4	1
St. John's (6-6)	0	1	3	1	2	0	8	5	x	–	17	16	1

UAlbany – Nick Murphy, Cory Warrings (6), Josh Willimott (7), Giorgio Fuda (7), Alexander Beaulieu (8) and Chris Wood

St. John's – Jared Yecker, Justin Gutsie (8), Rich Armento (9), James Lally (9) and Brendan Monaghan, Ryan Mahoney (8)



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FRANK RESETARITS CHOSEN AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Frank Resetarits** has been chosen the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced on Monday afternoon by the conference office. Resetarits, a 2005 first-team All-America East selection, earned player of the week honors for the first time in his career.

Resetarits has totaled 12 goals and four assists in three games this season. He set a career high with six goals in the Great Danes' 14-9 victory over Siena on March 4. The junior attackman scored five goals and added one assist in his team's loss to 18th-ranked Delaware on March 11. Resetarits has 113 career points on 68 goals and 45 assists.

UAlbany, ranked 19th in USILA rankings released on March 6, is 1-2 this season. The Great Danes travel to No. 7 Massachusetts on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

ALI MEACHAM AND CASEY HALLORAN EARN AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Ali Meacham** has been chosen the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in softball, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) is the conference's co-pitcher of the week. Meacham and Halloran share their awards with UMBC's **Melanie Denischuk** and Maine's **Sarah Bennis**, respectively.

Meacham leads the Great Danes with a .526 batting average and 12 RBI in eight games this season, and is also one off the team lead with two home runs. The senior catcher was a perfect 6-for-6 at the plate in the first three games of Delaware State's Hornet Classic, with a double, triple and two home runs in that stretch. Her 12 RBI this season are on pace to shatter her previous career high of 15, set in 2005. She is also one home run away from tying her career high of three, also set last season.

Halloran leads Albany pitchers this season with a 5-0 record and a 0.90 ERA. On Sunday, March 12, she became the first pitcher in Albany Division I history to hurl a perfect game, shutting out Delaware State in the championship game of the Hornet Classic. She tallied 12 strikeouts against Hornet batters, and is averaging 0.90 strikeouts per inning. She did not allow a run in her three appearances at the Hornet Classic and only allowed two hits in that stretch.

The Great Danes have opened their season with a perfect 9-0 record, their best start since going 10-1 in 2000. The team returns to action at Delaware State's Bash at the Beach on March 17-18.



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CASEY HALLORAN HURLS PERFECT GAME FOR UALBANY'S NINTH STRAIGHT WIN

Dover, Del. – **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) hurled the first perfect game in UAlbany Division I softball history to lead the Great Danes past Delaware State, 6-0, in the championship game of the Hornet Classic, held at Delaware State's Hornet's Nest, on Sunday. UAlbany also downed Coppin State, 8-0, in five innings to start the day. Halloran's win was the ninth of the season for the Great Danes, who are off to their best start since going 10-1 in 2000.

Halloran fanned 12 batters over seven frames for her fifth win of the season for UAlbany (9-0). Her performance was the fourth time a UAlbany pitcher has recorded a shutout since the team moved to Division I in 2000. The junior also teamed with Amanda Morin to no-hit Stony Brook on April 16, 2005.

Ashley Rios and **Katrina Dunning** would provide all the offense needed as each drove in two runs. **Maegan Larsen** added a solo home run for the Great Danes.

Earlier in the day, **Laura Gremillion** shut out Coppin State on five hits. UAlbany jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Larsen scored on a sac bunt by **Amber Maisonet**. The Great Danes would add three in the third and four in the fifth to end the game due to the eight-run rule. **Kelly Ogden** tallied two doubles and two RBI, while Maisonet also had two RBI on the day.

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Hornet Classic – Day Three

Dover, Del. – The Hornets Nest

	1	2	3	4	5	–	R	H	E
UAlbany (8-0)	1	0	3	0	4		8	11	3
Coppin State	0	0	0	0	0		0	5	3

(game ended due to eight-run rule)

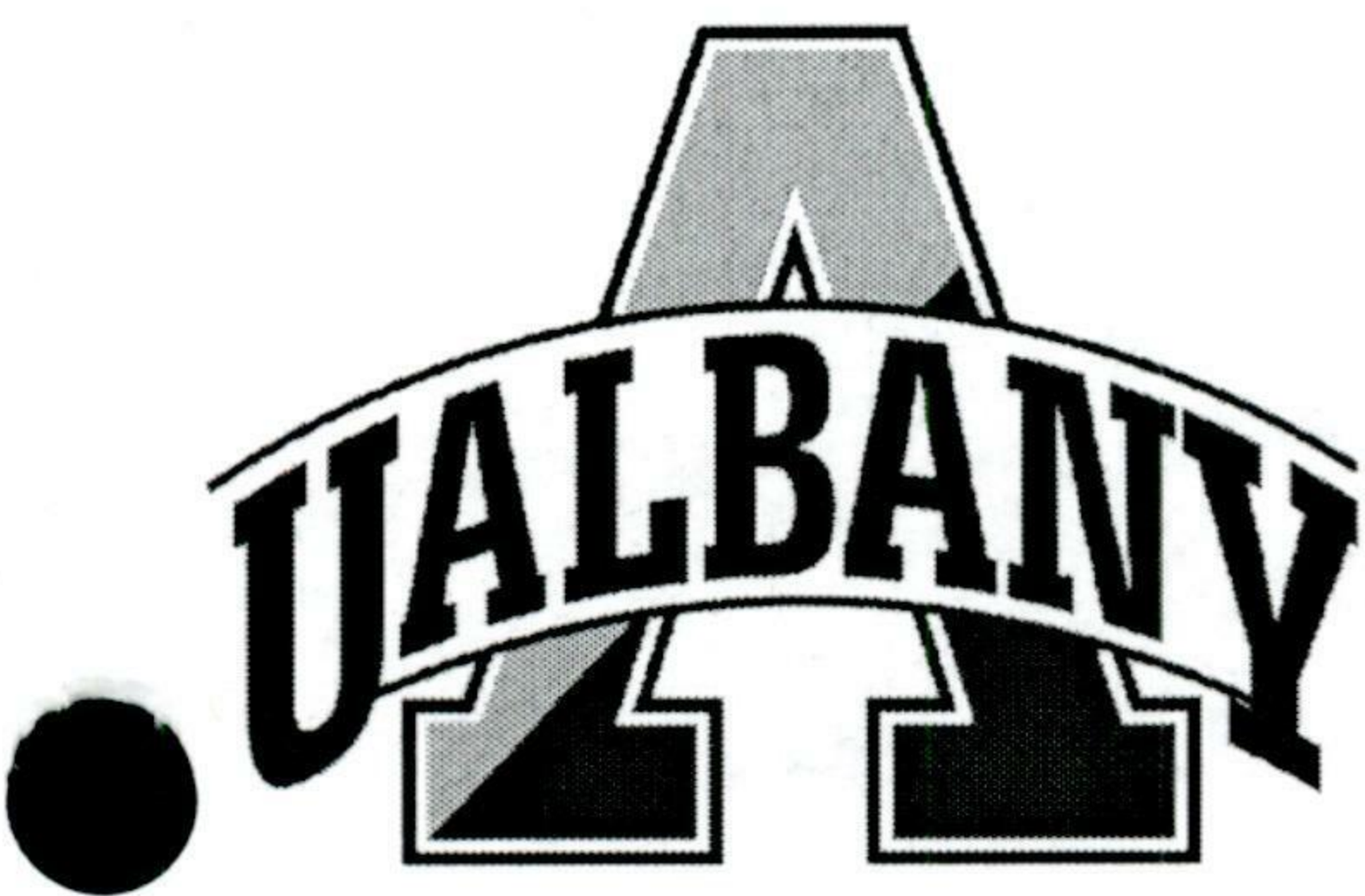
UAlbany – Laura Gremillion and Leanne Tillman

Coppin State – Danielle Summerour and Christen Glascoe

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
Delaware State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
UAlbany (9-0)	3	3	0	0	0	0	0		6	11	0

Delaware State – M. Lambertz, B. Johnson (2) and C. Ansbach, J. Chrabaszcz (6)

UAlbany – Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham



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GERED BURNS BECOMES UALBANY'S FIRST TRACK ALL-AMERICAN

Fayetteville, Ark. – University at Albany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) finished fifth in the 800-meter run in a tightly-bunched field at the NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships, held at the University of Arkansas' Randal Tyson Track Complex on Saturday evening. Burns becomes the first Division I All-America track and field athlete in UAlbany history.

Burns, a senior, shattered his own school record in a time of 1:47.97. He finished 95-hundredths of a second behind the winner, Texas Christian's **Jackson Langat**, who was first across the line in 1:47.02. A mere 23-hundredths of a second separated the runner-up from the fifth-place finisher.

"Right now, I'm so excited that I'm out of my mind," said Burns, who improved on his UAlbany standard in the event by 83-hundredths of a second. "Fifth place was probably better than anyone expected. It feels good because I always knew I could do it, and I finally got the chance to prove to everyone I could."

Burns, a three-time IC4A indoor champion in the 800-meters, competed in a field that included two previous All-Americans. He suffered a disappointing injury at last year's NCAA outdoor east regional when he was to withdraw from the preliminary round due to an achilles tendon ailment.

"He handled it like a pro," commented UAlbany track coach **Roberto Vives**. "He ran a very smart race, and he looked like he'd been here all four years."



UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS POSTS 5-2 WIN OVER MARIST

Albany, N.Y. – **Lisa Klarmann** posted victories at first singles and doubles in leading UAlbany to a 5-2 victory over Marist on Saturday afternoon in the UAlbany Bubble. Klarmann defeated **Inge Le-Grange** in three sets to capture the top singles match.

Kim Weltman, **Amanda Hall** and **Aimee Kern** were each straight-set winners for the Great Danes, who improved to 4-1 on the season. Klarmann teamed with **Courtney Michels** for a 9-7 victory at first doubles. **Christina Suarez** and Kern added an 8-1 win at third doubles.

Yana Tikhonko and **Megan Gureck** registered the singles wins for the Red Foxes.

Albany 5, Marist 2

Singles:

1. Lisa Klarmann (UA) def. Inge Le-Grange (MC), 2-6, 6-1, 6-0.
2. Yana Tikhonko (MC) def. Courtney Michels (UA), 6-2, 6-1.
3. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Erin Godly (MC), 6-3, 6-2.
4. Megan Gureck (MC) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 6-4, 7-5.
5. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Mirelva Colon (MC), 6-4, 6-2.
6. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Emily Zampello (MC), 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles:

1. Klarmann/Michels (UA) def. Le-Grange/Tikhonko (MC), 9-7.
2. Godly/Zampello (MC) def. Weltman/Hall, 9-8 (7-4).
3. Kern/Suarez (UA) def. Gureck/Caitlin Broderick (MC), 8-1.



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No. 18 UALBANY LACROSSE FALLS TO No. 11 DELAWARE, 18-11

Newark, Del. – **Marty Kupprion** scored five goals to lead No. 11 Delaware past No. 18 UAlbany in a non-conference men's lacrosse matchup on Saturday afternoon at Rullo Stadium. The Blue Hens remain undefeated this season in winning their seventh straight game.

Delaware held a 6-5 lead at the start of the second quarter, but opened things up with six consecutive goals in that period. Kupprion, a junior, had back-to-back goals in a stretch of two minutes and 20 seconds during that run to give the Blue Hens the 11-6 advantage. The teams traded a pair of goals to make the halftime score 12-7.

UAlbany (1-2) could not overcome the halftime deficit, despite **Frank Resetarits'** five scores. Resetarits had consecutive goals to span the second and third periods, as well as tallied his fourth assist of the season. Junior **Merrick Thomson** scored three times, including the Great Danes' last two.

Brett Queener had 18 saves between the pipes for Albany while allowing 18 goals in 55-plus minutes of play. The freshman also scored for the second time this season. The Great Danes have lost twice to top-20 teams this season.

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#11 Delaware 18, #18 UAlbany 11

UAlbany – Scoring: Frank Resetarits (5-1), Merrick Thompson (3-1), Mike Ammann (0-2), Jordan Levine (0-2), Chris Martocchia (1-0), Tyler Endres (1-0), Brett Queener (1-0), Eric Wolf (0-1). Goalkeepers: Brett Queener (55:19, 18 GA, 18 saves), Dan McKeon (4:41, 0 GA, 2 saves)

Delaware – Scoring: Marty Kupprion (5-0), Cam Howard (2-1), Drew Turner (2-0), Vincent Giordano (1-1), Chris Hichborn (1-1), Jordan Hall (1-1), Matt Messina (1-1), Paul Rodriguez (1-0), Alex Smith (1-0), Dan Deckelbaum (1-0), Sean Calabrese (1-0), J.J. Moran (1-0), Dan Hechtkopf (0-1), Kyle Rotelli (0-1), Adam Zuder-Havens (0-1). Goalkeeper: Tommy Scherr (60:00, 11 GA, 11 saves).

MASSACHUSETTS RALLIES TO DOWN UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE, 11-10

Albany, N.Y. – **Melynda Zwick** scored two goals, including the game-winning tally as Massachusetts rallied for an 11-10 victory over UAlbany in non-conference women's lacrosse action on Saturday afternoon at John Fallon Field.

UAlbany (3-1) snapped a 9-9 tie as **Jane Bush** fed **Katelyn Primomo** cutting to the goal. The Great Danes, who have played four straight home games, continued to lead until the final minutes.

Jeannette Villapiano scored on a fast-break off a clearing attempt to pull UMass (2-3) even at 10-10 with 3:28 remaining. The Minutewomen took their first lead of the second half as **Kerri Connerty** fed Zwick, who was curling to the net.

UAlbany held an 8-6 halftime advantage after trailing 3-1 early in the contest. **Kathleen Typadis** scored three goals, including two on free-position attempts to lead UMass.

Goalkeeper **Krissy Anderson** made six saves to earn her first win this season.

Kate Fontana paced the Great Danes with three goals, while **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) added two tallies. **Domenica Lo Re** recorded one goal and two assists. Goalie **Jen Daly** totaled eight saves and reached the 400 plateau for her career.

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Massachusetts (2-3)	6	5	-	11
UAlbany (3-1)	8	2	-	10

Massachusetts: Scoring – Kathleen Typadis (3-0), Jeannette Villipiano (2-1), Kaytlin McCormick (2-0), Melynda Zwick (2-0), Meghan Reddy (1-0), Holly Drown (1-0), Samantha Sepulveda (0-1). Goalkeepers: Krissy Anderson (33:17, 3 GA, 6 saves); Lauren McCarthy (26:43, 7 GA, 2 saves).

UAlbany: Scoring – Kate Fontana (3-0), Krissy Rajczak (2-0), Domenica Lo Re (1-2), Brittany Scott (1-0), Julie Bush (1-0), Katelyn Primomo (1-0), Erin Fitzmartin (1-0), Sarah Spillet (0-2), Jane Bush (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 11 GA, 8 saves).

MEACHAM DRIVES IN FOUR AS UALBANY SOFTBALL WIN SEVENTH STRAIGHT

Dover, Del. – **Ali Meacham** finished with three hits and four RBI as UAlbany downed Mount St. Mary's, 11-3, in five innings at the Hornet Classic, held at Delaware State's Hornet's Nest, on Saturday. UAlbany set a Division I program record by opening the season with seven straight wins.

First baseman **Ashley Rios** started things off for UAlbany (7-0) when she reached on an error in the second inning. With one out, Meacham drilled a home run to give her team a 2-0 lead.

The Great Danes expanded on that lead when seven batters crossed the plate in the third inning to make the score 9-0. Rios started the scoring with a double to drive in two runs. Meacham, who missed hitting for the cycle by a triple, singled and drove in the next run. **Maegan Larsen** capped off that inning with a bases-clearing double to drive in three.

Casey Halloran (Columbia) earned her fourth win of the season as she held the Mount hitless in three innings of work. **Kelly Ogden** allowed three runs in two innings of relief. Mount St. Mary's (7-7) starting pitcher **Reanna Tuczynski** held UAlbany to two runs, while reliever **Maria Lutz** allowed the last nine.

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Hornet Classic – Day Two

Dover, Del. – The Hornets Nest

	1	2	3	4	5	-	R
UAlbany (7-0)	0	2	7	2	0	-	11
Mt. St. Mary's (7-7)	0	0	0	0	3	-	3

(game ended due to eight-run rule)

UAlbany – Casey Halloran, Kelly Ogden (4) and Ali Meacham

Mt. St. Mary's – Reanna Tuczynski, Maria Lutz (3) and Amanda Burk

UALBANY BASEBALL DROPS DOUBLEHEADER AT NYIT

Old Westbury, N.Y. – Four New York Institute of Technology pitchers combined to surrender just two earned runs in two games as the Bears swept UAlbany, 4-3 and 1-0, in a

doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Presidents Field. The victories were the first of the year for the Bears, who lost three games to Florida International last weekend, while UAlbany fell to 3-8.

In the opener, the NYIT (2-3) got out to a 1-0 lead in the first, but the Great Danes came back with two in the top half of the second. **Chris Wood**, who had three hits in the game, singled home **Zac Halloran (Albany, N.Y.)** to give his squad the lead. NYIT reclaimed the lead in the home half of the inning on a double by **Mike LaLuna**. UAlbany's **Nate Olson** tied the game with his third home run of the year in the seventh inning, but the Bears won the game in the seventh on a bases-loaded single by catcher **Mike Kenefick**. **Casey Walsh** didn't allow an earned run over six innings of work in the loss.

Game two went scoreless into the bottom of the seventh inning. With one out, **Andrew Karkoulas** singled to right and then stole second. Esposito, who reached base three times for the home team, plated Karkoulas with a base hit to left. NYIT's **Eric Johnson**, a freshman right-handed pitcher, allowed two hits over six innings and struck out six. **Frank Sonnenberg** threw a perfect seventh to earn the victory. Tony Kirbis threw six one-hit, shutout innings for UAlbany.

The two teams wrap up the weekend series tomorrow at 1 p.m.
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Old Westbury, N.Y. – Presidents Field

Game One

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
UAlbany	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	–	3	6	5
NYIT	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	–	4	3	1

UAlbany – Casey Walsh, Giorgio Fuda (7), Eric Cortland (7) and Chris Wood

NYIT – Joe Esposito, John Eichhorn (7) and Mike Kenefick

Game Two

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
UAlbany (2-4)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	0	2	1
NYIT (2-3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	–	1	3	1

UAlbany – Tony Kirbis, Chris Ott (7) and Tom Hill

NYIT – Eric Johnson, Frank Sonnenberg and Mike Kenefick



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UALBANY'S GERED BURNS QUALIFIES FOR 800m FINAL AT NCAAs

Fayetteville, Ark. – University at Albany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) qualified for the 800-meter finals of the NCAA Division I Track and Field Championship, held at the University of Arkansas' Randal Tyson Track Complex on Friday.

Burns, a senior, finished second in his heat with a time of 1:50.40. The top two finishers from each heat advance to the finals automatically, along with the next four fastest times.

Burns will compete against two previous 800m All-Americans in the eight-person final. He defeated two All-Americans en route to winning the Tyson Invitational, held at the same facility, on February 11. The men's 800m final is slated for Saturday, March 11 at 7:35 EST.

UALBANY SETS DIVISION I PROGRAM RECORD WITH 13 RUNS IN AN INNING

Dover, Del. – UAlbany scored 13 runs in the second inning as the Great Danes downed Georgetown, 15-2, in five frames at the Hornet Classic, held at Delaware State's Hornet's Nest, on Friday. UAlbany's 13 runs, which were all recorded with two outs, set the program's Division I record for runs in an inning and ties with two teams for the seventh-most runs in an inning in NCAA Division I history.

UAlbany (6-0) had nine consecutive hits in the 17-batter inning as seven players notched at least one RBI. **Katrina Dunning** had an RBI triple, followed by **Ali Meacham's** first home run of the season to score the eighth and ninth runs of the inning.

Georgetown (0-3) allowed eight unearned runs in that inning as reliever **Anna Wheatley** came in for Hoyas' starting pitcher **Courtney Clark**. **Kelly Ogden** recorded her second win for the Great Danes.

UAlbany took the second game of the day, 12-2, in five innings against host team Delaware State (4-5). The Great Danes strung five singles together with one out in the fourth inning and Laura Gremillion capped a rally with a two-out, two-RBI double.

Hornets' starting pitcher **Ashley Gray** evened her record to 1-1 with the loss. UAlbany's **Casey Halloran** improved to 3-0 on the season, helping the Great Danes to their best start since the 2002 season, when the team opened with six straight wins.

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Hornet Classic – Day One

Dover, Del. – The Hornets Nest

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	–	R	H	E
Georgetown (0-3)	0	0	0	0	3		3	5	5
UAlbany (5-0)	0	13	1	1	x		15	17	1

(game ended due to eight-run rule)

UAlbany – Kelly Ogden, Laura Gremillion (4) and Ali Meacham, Leanne Tillman (3)

Georgetown – Courtney Clark, Anna Wheatley (2) and Cathy Richter

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Game 2	1	2	3	4	5	-	R	H	E
UAlbany (6-0)	0	2	1	9	0		12	11	2
Delaware St. (4-5)	0	0	0	0	2		2	5	1

(game ended due to eight-run rule)

UAlbany – Casey Halloran, Laura Gremillion (5) and Ali Meacham, Leanne Tillman (4)

Delaware St. – Ashley Gray, Carlsie Searle (4) and Catrina Ansbach



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Women's Basketball – Maine 73, UAlbany 56

West Hartford, Conn. – **Ashley Underwood** tied her career high with 24 points in leading Maine past UAlbany, 73-56, in the first round of the America East Women's Basketball Championship at the University of Hartford's Chase Arena on Thursday evening.

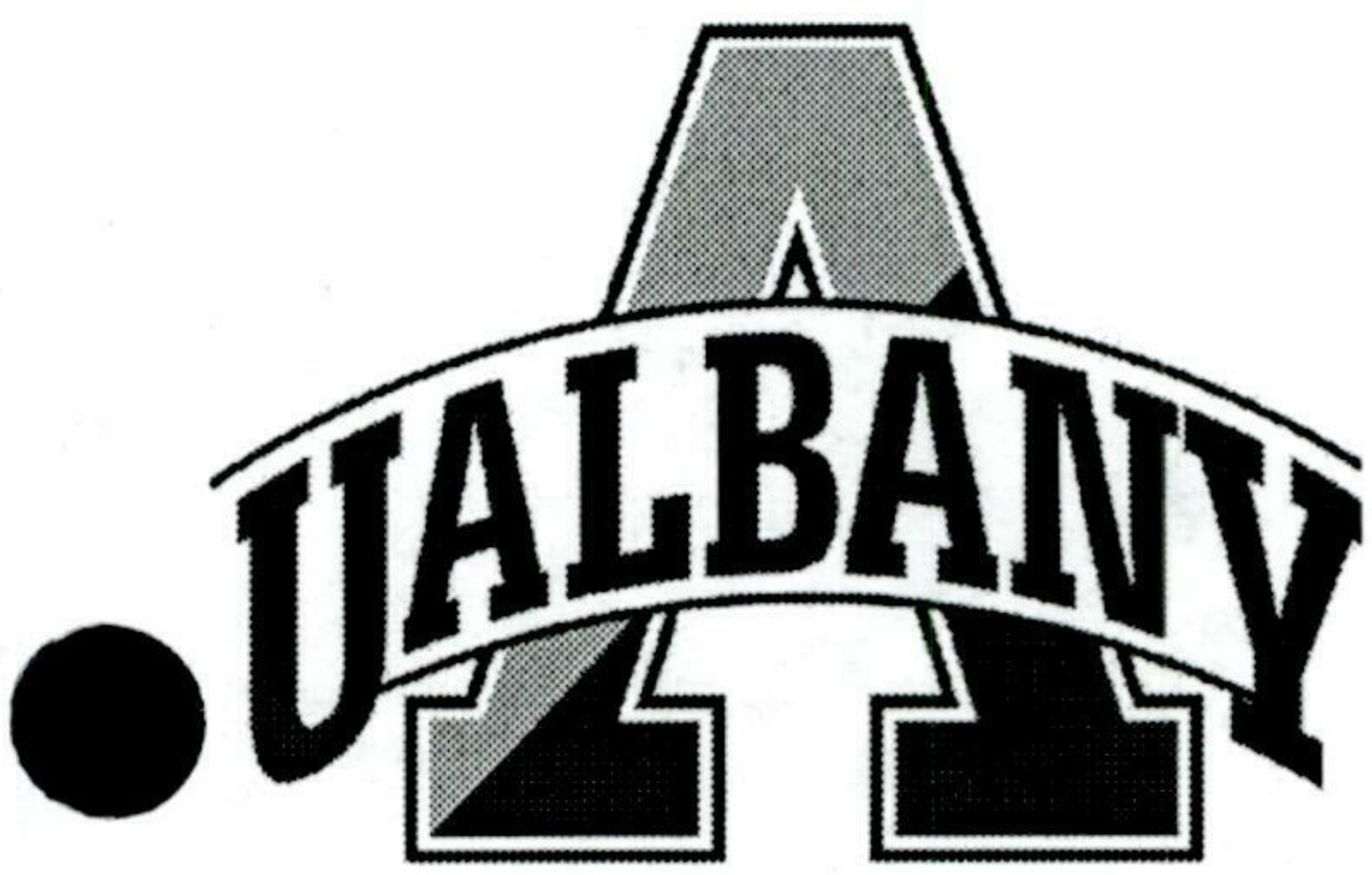
UAlbany (7-21) took a 33-29 lead with 1:32 remaining in the first half on one of **Jen Schumacher's** four three-pointers. Schumacher, the schools all-time leader in three-point field goals with 197, led the Great Danes with 14 points. The Black Bears tied the game at 35 before intermission on a long-ranger jumper by Bracey Barker with eight seconds left.

Maine (10-18) led 51-50 midway through the second stanza, but scored 22 of the game's final points. Underwood, who tied her own school record with six three-pointers on 10 attempts, canned consecutive long-range jumpers to give her squad a 61-53 advantage with 6:01 remaining. **Abby Schrader**, who had all 12 of her points in the second period, scored the next four points for the Black Bears, who tallied the game's final 11 points.

"Our kids played a great 20 minutes and we played a tough game," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, whose team will return all but two players next season. "Maine just outplayed us for stretches in the second half and Underwood played an outstanding game. She's a great three-point shooter and stepped up. We were young this season but the future looks bright and we're young we're on our way up."

Bracey Barker contributed 15 points for Maine, while **Lindsay Hugstad-Vaa** added 10. The Black Bears, who will take on top-seeded Maine on Friday, shot 56.3 percent from the floor on 27-of-48 shooting and made 10-of-20 three-point attempts.

Sherri Mikus was the only other Great Dane in double figures, scoring 11 points while handing out three assists. **Gia Sanders**, the school's all-time leader in single-season blocked shots with 52, added eight points, six rebounds in three blocks.



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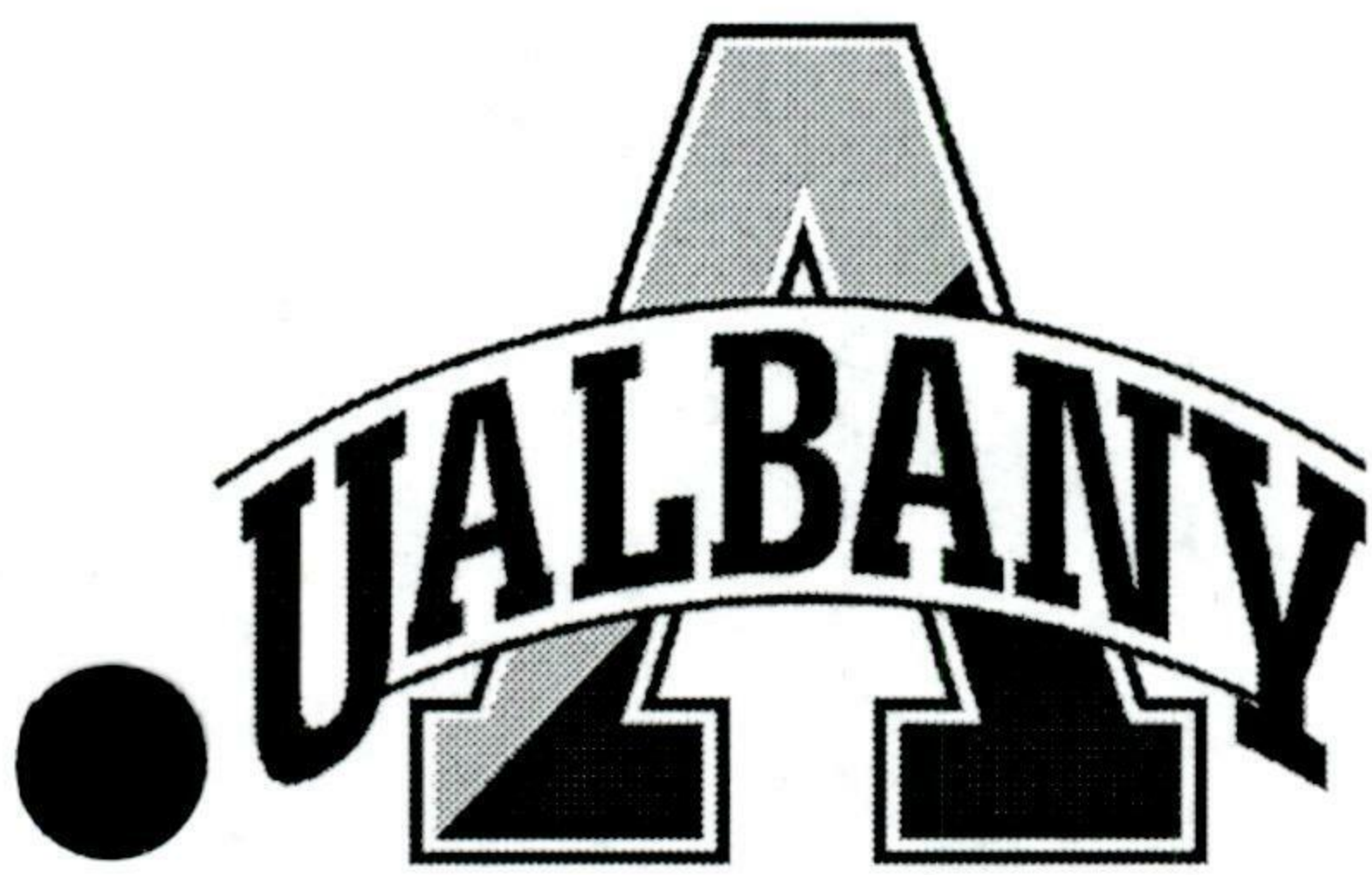
UALBANY FOOTBALL COACH BOB FORD HONORED AT 69th MAXWELL AWARDS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Bob Ford was honored on the occasion of his 200th career win at the school at the 69th Annual Maxwell Awards Banquet in Atlantic City, New Jersey last Friday. Ford recorded his milestone win in a 20-17 come-from-behind victory against Robert Morris on Nov. 5, 2005.

Maxwell Awards President Ron Jaworski, the former Philadelphia Eagles quarterback and presently an ESPN pro football analyst, presented Coach Ford with his 200th Collegiate Win Award. In addition, Texas' Vince Young received the College Player of the Year, while Penn State's Joe Paterno was given the George Munger Award as the College Coach of the Year. Shaun Alexander, of the Seattle Seahawks, was presented the Bert Bell Award as the Professional Player of the Year. Tony Dungy, of the Indianapolis Colts, earned the "Greasy" Neale Award as the Professional Coach of the Year.

"This was a great tribute to the University to be recognized on such a distinguished dais," said Ford, who has compiled a 201-132 record in 33 varsity seasons as the UAlbany head coach. "To be honored along with Joe Paterno and Tony Dungy was a great thrill. This recognition reflects favorably on our coaches, players and the entire university community."

Coach Ford started the UAlbany football program as a club team in 1970. Since then, the program has competed at the NCAA Division III, Division II and Division I-AA levels. Ford ranks second among active I-AA coaches with 210 career victories overall. He guided the Great Danes to a pair of Northeast Conference championships in 2002 and 2003.



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UALBANY'S GERED BURNS TO COMPETE AT NCAA TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

Fayetteville, Ark. – **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) was selected to compete at the 2006 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championship, as announced Monday evening by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. The Championships will be held at the University of Arkansas' Randal Tyson Track Complex on March 10-11. Burns will be the first UAlbany track and field athlete to compete at an NCAA indoor championship.

Burns, who won his third consecutive IC4A indoor 800m title last weekend, eclipsed his own UAlbany standard when he ran a 1:48.80 to win the 800 at the New Balance Collegiate Invitational, held at the New York City Armory on Feb. 4. He also repeated as America East Conference 800m indoor champion on Feb. 18.

The first time the senior competed at Arkansas was earlier this season at the elite Tyson Invitational, when he defeated three All-Americans with a winning time of 1:49.86.

Burns will compete against a field which includes three 800m All-Americans and two USAT&F Junior All-Americans. The preliminaries are slated for 4:30 on Friday.

UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SEEDED NINTH FOR A-EAST TOURNAMENT

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany women's basketball team is the ninth seed for this week's America East Conference Women's Basketball Championship. Hartford, the conference's regular-season champion, received the top seed in the nine-team tournament which will be played at Chase Arena at the Reich Family Pavilion in West Hartford, Conn. from March 9-12.

UAlbany (7-20, AE 3-13) will meet eighth-seed Maine in the first round on Thursday at 7 p.m. The Great Danes are led by senior guard **Jen Schumacher**, who averages 10.9 points per game and leads the league with 62 three-pointers. Sophomore guard **Sherri Mikus** adds 8.5 points and is among the top-10 in the conference in assists (3.15 pg) and steals (2.00 pg).

Junior forward **Bracey Barker** is the Black Bears' top scorer with 13.9 points per game, while junior guard **Ashley Underwood** contributes 13.0 points. Senior center **Abby Schrader** leads the America East in double-doubles and averages 11.4 points and 8.1 rebounds per game.

The quarterfinals and semifinals will be played on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11. The conference championship is scheduled for Sunday, March 12 at 2 p.m.

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2006 America East Conference Women's Basketball Championship

First Round – Thursday, March 9

Game 1 – No. 8 Maine vs. No. 9 UAlbany – 7 p.m.

Quarterfinals – Friday, March 10

Game 2 – No. 2 Stony Brook vs. No. 7 Vermont – 12 p.m.

Game 3 – No. 3 Boston U. vs. No. 6 New Hampshire – 2:30 p.m.

Game 4 – Winner Game 3 vs. No. 1 Hartford – 6 p.m.

Game 5 – No. 4 Binghamton vs. No. 5 UMBC – 8:30 p.m.

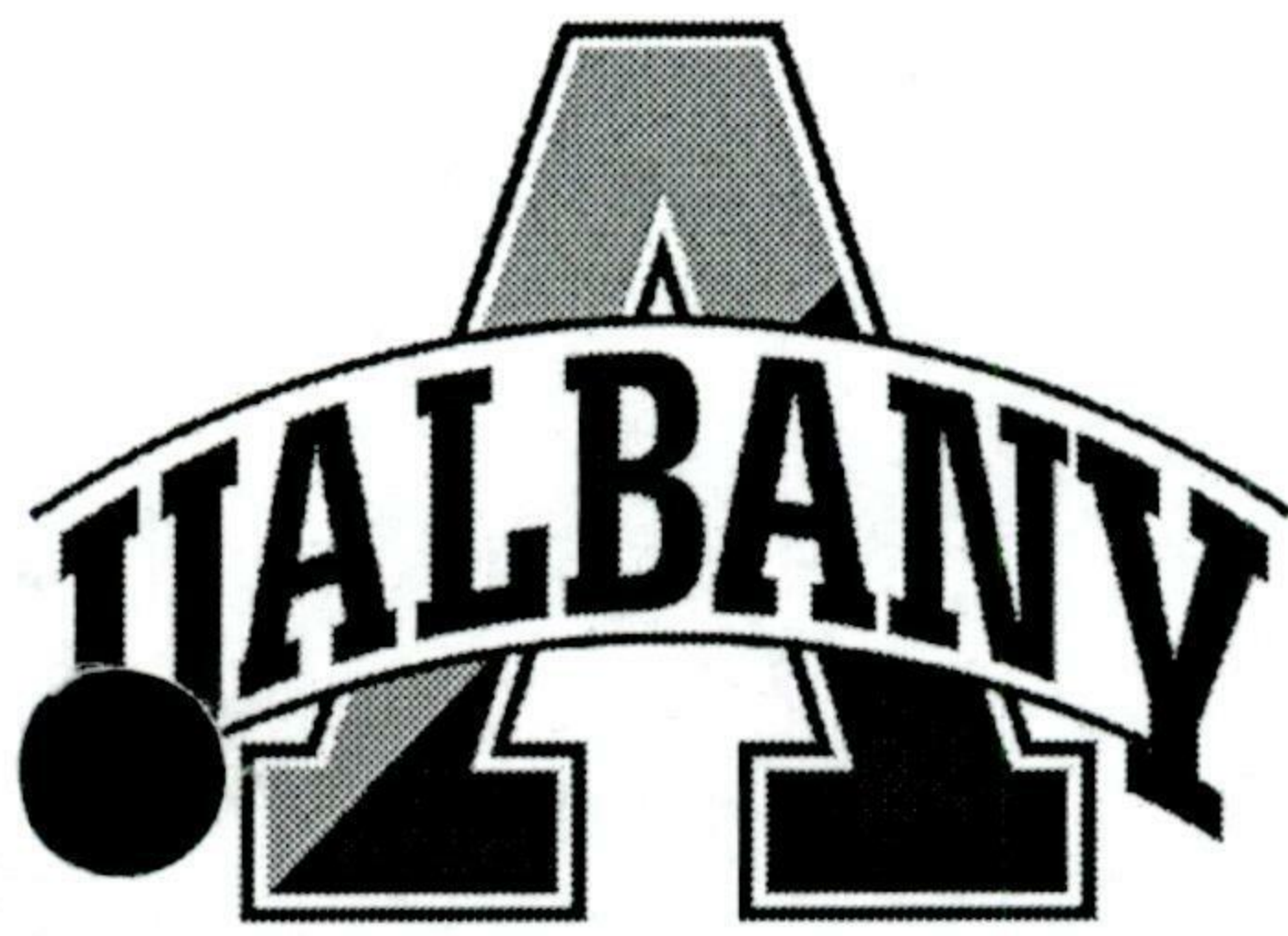
Semifinals – Saturday, March 11

Game 6 – Winner of Game 2 vs. Winner of Game 3 – 1 p.m.

Game 7 – Winner of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 5 – 3:30 p.m.

Championship – Sunday, March 12

Game 8 – Winner of Game 6 vs. Winner of Game 7 – 2 p.m.



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**UALBANY STUDENT TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP
Windows Open at 9:00 AM for America East Men's Basketball Title Game**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today student tickets for the America East Conference Men's Basketball Championship will be available on Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m. UAlbany meets Vermont for the America East title and automatic NCAA berth at 12 noon in a contest that will be nationally televised by ESPN2.

More than 1,000 UAlbany students will be able to receive a free ticket with a valid ID card (one ticket per person). Students will enter the Physical Education Building, adjacent to the Recreation and Convocation Center, on the north side of gymnasium near the football stadium and receive their tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis. Student ticket holders will also be provided a T-shirt and a growl towel. This will be their only opportunity to obtain tickets for the America East championship.

The tickets, originally priced at \$10.00, are being sponsored by SEFCU, Price Chopper, National Graphics & Supply, RC Fuller, Inc., CDTA, Clough, Harbour & Associates LLP, Chartwells, Cool Insurance Agency and Verizon Wireless.

Tickets for the general public go on sale tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at the UAlbany Athletic Ticket Office in the Recreation and Convocation Center Lobby. For more information, call 518-442-4683.

UALBANY MEN'S LACROSSE RANKED 18th IN USILA NATIONAL POLL

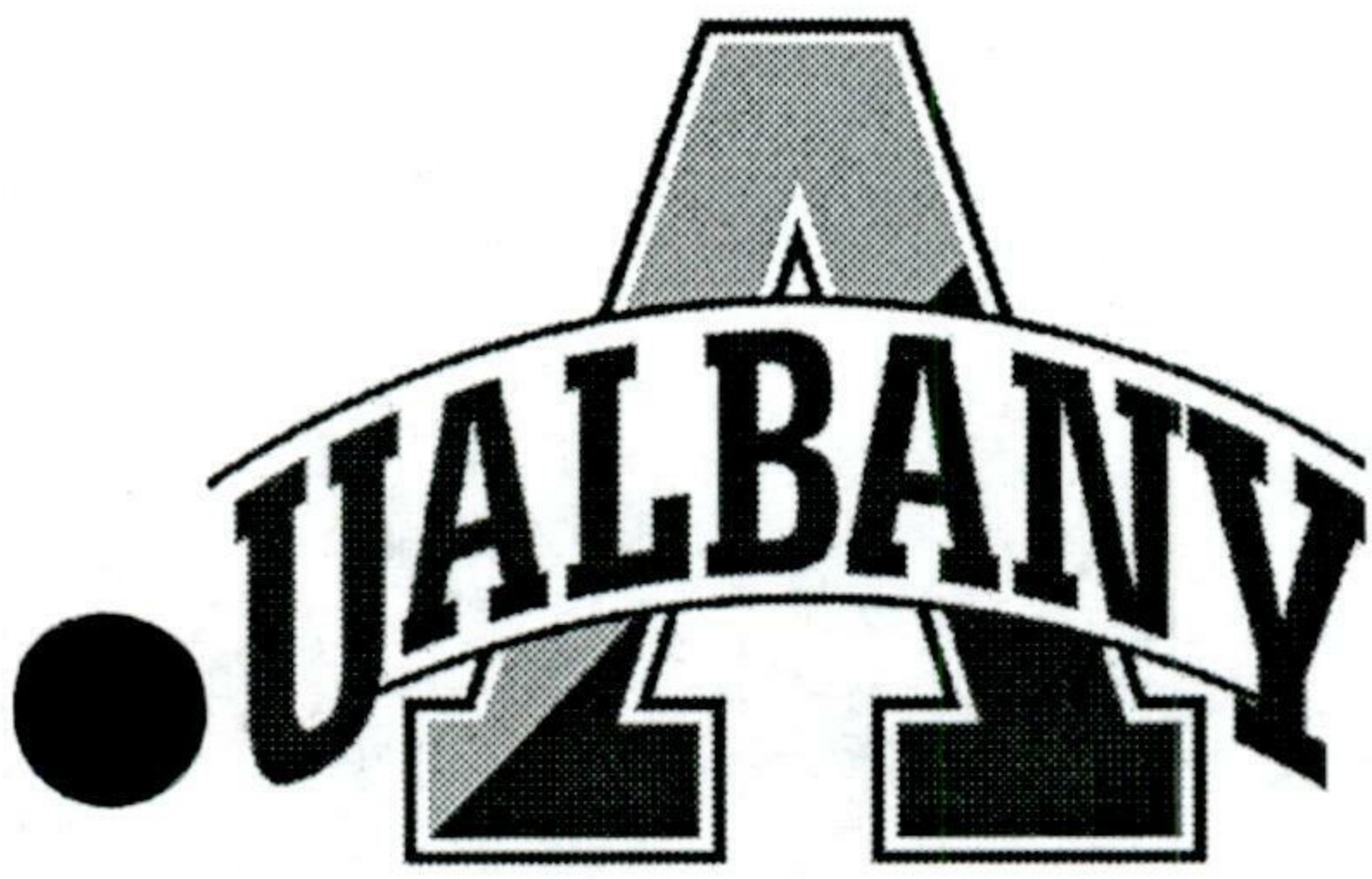
Baltimore, Md. – The University at Albany men's lacrosse team is ranked No. 18 in this week's STX/USILA national coaches poll. The Great Danes are also 16th in the latest Inside Lacrosse Media Poll.

UAlbany (1-1) opened its season against defending-national champion Johns Hopkins, narrowly dropping a 10-8 decision on Feb. 25. The Great Danes came back to defeat crosstown-rival Siena, 14-9, last Saturday in their home opener, the first-ever men's lacrosse game played at John Fallon Field. UAlbany travels to Delaware, ranked No. 11 in the USILA poll, on Saturday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m.

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STX/USILA National Coaches Poll

1. Maryland, 2. Virginia, 3. Duke, 4. Navy, 5. Princeton, 6. Cornell, t7. Johns Hopkins, t7. Massachusetts, t7. Syracuse, 10. Georgetown, 11. Delaware, 12. Notre Dame, 13. Denver, 14. Dartmouth, 15. Hofstra, 16. Towson, 17. UMBC, 18. UAlbany, 19. Hobart, t20. Loyola, Md., t20. Pennsylvania



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**AMERICA EAST BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TICKETS ON SALE TUESDAY
UAlbany Plays For NCAA Berth on Saturday, March 11 at 12 Noon**

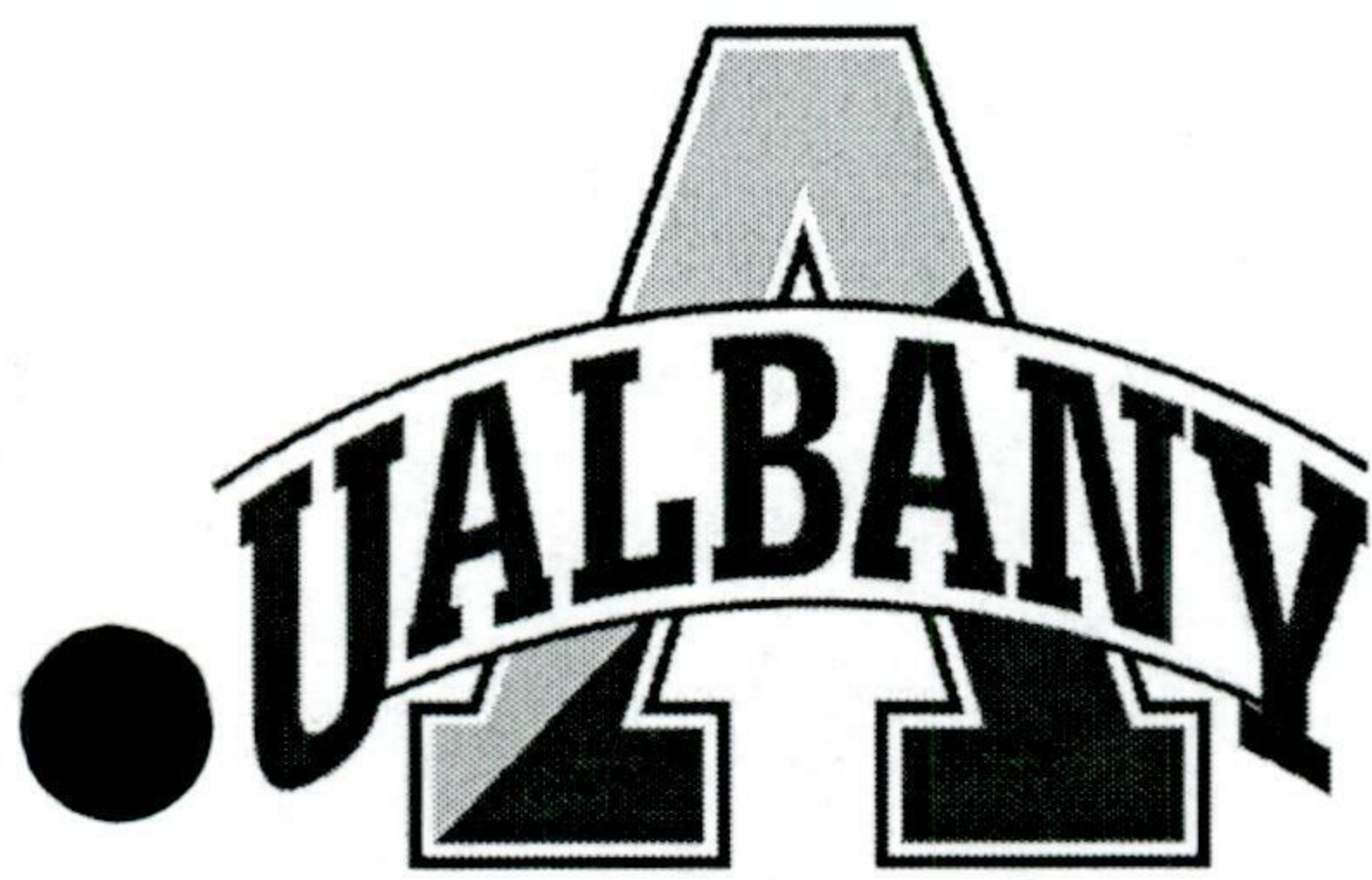
Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that tickets for the America East Conference Men's Basketball Championship will be available for sale on Tuesday. The Great Danes will play for their first-ever NCAA Division I tournament berth against Vermont on Saturday, March 11 at UAlbany's Recreation and Convocation Center. The America East championship will be televised by ESPN2 at 12:00 p.m.

Tickets for the general public will go on sale at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday at the UAlbany Athletic Ticket Office, located in the Physical Education Building lobby and adjacent to the Recreation and Convocation Center.

America East Conference Championship ticket prices are: \$40.00, courtside, \$30.00, chairback, \$20.00, reserved, and \$10.00 for students and children.

The box office will be open from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., from Tuesday through Friday. Tickets will be available in person or by phone, at 518-442-4683. For more information, inquiries can be made by e-mail, at boxoffice@uamail.albany.edu, or through UAlbany's athletic department website, www.albany.edu/sports.

UAlbany (20-10) captured its first-ever America East regular-season title and established the program's Division I record for single-season victories this year. The Great Danes are playing in the America East tournament championship for the first time since joining the conference in 2001-02.



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UALBANY TENNIS SUFFERS FIRST LOSS OF SEASON TO COLGATE, 6-1

Hamilton, N.Y. – **Kim Weltman** won her second singles match to tally the only point for UAlbany in a match against Colgate, held on Sunday at Sanford Field House. The Raiders took the match by a 6-1 final, handing the Great Danes their first loss of the season.

Jackie Couture, a junior, led Colgate with a win at first singles over **Courtney Michels**. Couture also teamed with **Alex Seaton** to post a victory first doubles. Colgate (5-3) swept doubles competition to earn the point.

Weltman improved to 3-1 at second singles this season for UAlbany (3-1). The Great Danes return to action when they play host to Marist on Saturday, March 11.

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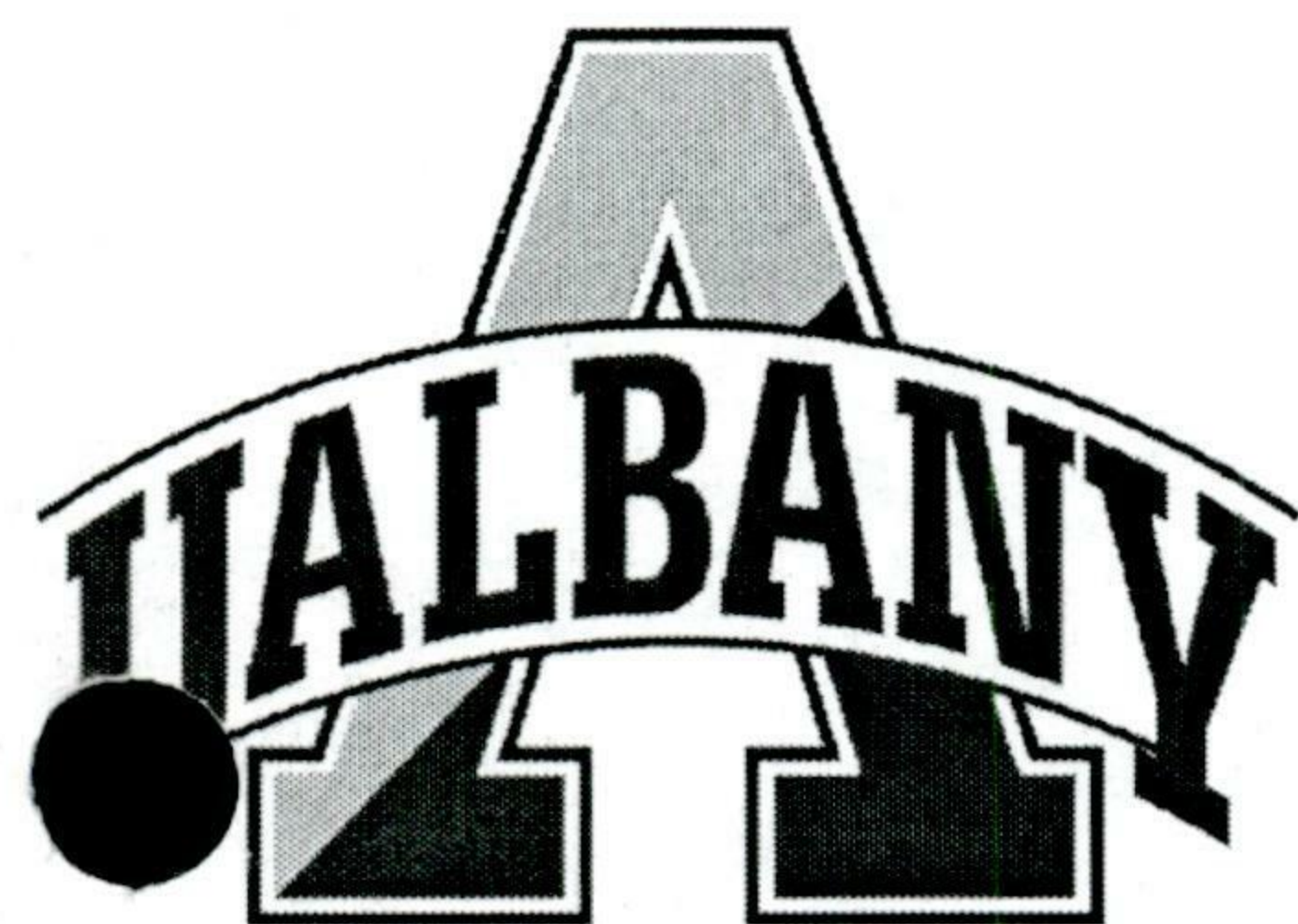
Colgate 6, UAlbany 1

Singles:

1. Jackie Couture (CU) def. Courtney Michels (UA), 6-0, 6-1.
2. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Alex Seaton (CU), 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.
3. Lindsay Grossman (CU) def. Christine Suarez (UA), 6-2, 6-4.
4. Lil Vo (CU) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 6-1, 6-1.
5. Erin Fenn (CU) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-2, 1-6, 10-4.
6. Cameron Thaney (CU) def. Kim Westcott (UA), 6-3, 3-6, 10-7.

Doubles:

1. Seaton/Couture (CU) def. Kern/Michels (UA), 8-3.
2. Grossman/Fenn (CU) def. Hall/Weltman (UA), 8-5.
3. Vo/Thaney (CU) def. Westcott/Suarez (UA), 8-3.



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Men's Basketball – Albany 67, New Hampshire 54

Vestal, N.Y. – Brent Wilson scored 16 points in leading UAlbany to a 67-54 victory over New Hampshire in a America East Conference Tournament semifinal round game on Sunday afternoon at Binghamton University's Events Center. The Great Danes, who advanced to the championship for the first time, will meet Vermont in the final on their home court on Saturday, March 11 at 12 noon. ESPN2 will televise the championship nationally with the winner receiving an automatic NCAA berth.

UAlbany (20-10) led 8-7 early in the first half, but then broke things open with nine unanswered points. John Iati hit back-to-back three-point field goals before Jason Siggers canned another long-range jumper from the top of the arc. The Great Danes pushed out to a 27-16 advantage when Brian Connelly was credited with a fast-break layup following a goaltend.

The Great Danes, who led 31-25 at halftime, moved out to a double-figure lead early in the final period. Lucious Jordan made a three-point play when he was fouled on a jumper in the lane. Wilson, who made 7-of-8 from the field and grabbed five rebounds, then finished a fast-break layup on a feed from Jamar Wilson. UAlbany still led 43-32 with 15:00 remaining, but then took firm control with eight straight points. Levi Levine, a 6-foot-6 senior, had five of his nine points in that run. Jamar Wilson, who finished with eight points and four assists, capped that outburst with a three-point play as he was fouled on a drive to the basket.

New Hampshire (12-17) would slice the deficit in half when Blagoj Janev, who led his team with 12 points, buried a three pointer to get his club within 58-48 with 5:16 left. However, the Great Danes held the lead when Brent Wilson hit a layup and made a three pointer from the left corner.

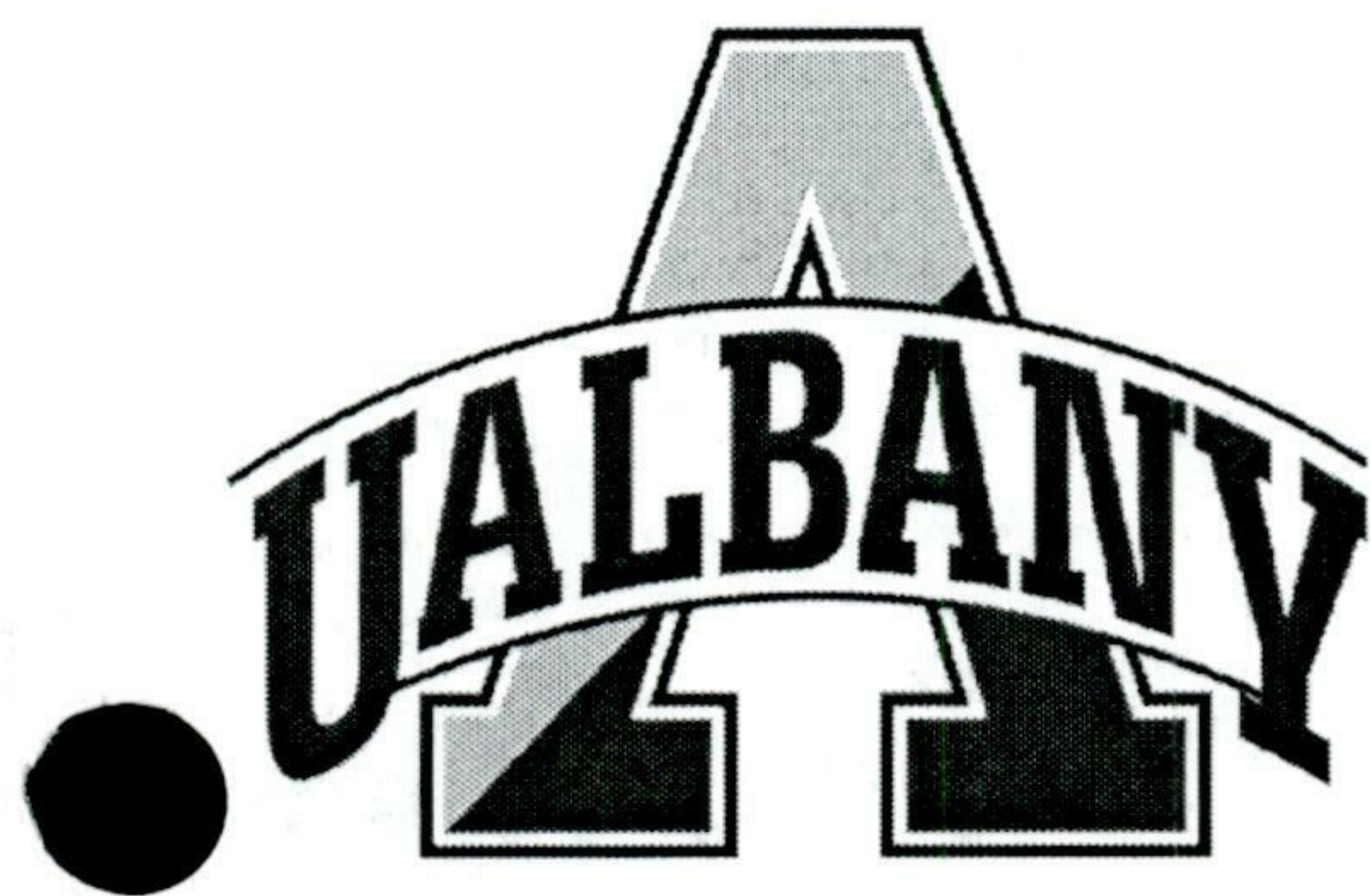
"We did a much better job defending this time," said head coach Will Brown, whose team dropped a pair of overtime decisions to New Hampshire in the regular season. We didn't allow them to beat us from the three-point line. We stayed at home and were not anxious to help. Our team was focused because we didn't want to be the next upset in this tournament."

UAlbany's Jason Siggers finished with nine points and five rebounds off the bench for the Great Danes, who held the Wildcats to 35.7 percent on 15-of-42 attempts. Tyrese Gibbs was the only other UNH player in double figures with 10 points.

"We have been working on getting back to the RACC all season," explained Levine, whose team was playing in its first America East semifinal. "We know if we continue to play consistently that we can get a championship."

"It was huge that everybody was able to contribute," said Brent Wilson, whose club reached the 20-win mark for the first time since the 1993-94 season. Everybody took it to heart they needed to be involved today. New Hampshire may have proved to some that we were vulnerable in this tournament and we needed to show that we were not."

America East championship tickets for the general public will go on sale at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at the UAlbany ticket office, located in the Physical Education Building lobby and adjacent to the RACC.



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BURNS CAPTURES THIRD STRAIGHT IC4A TITLE AS UALBANY MEN TAKE SEVENTH

Boston, Mass. – **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) captured his third straight IC4A indoor 800-meter title at the IC4A Indoor Track and Field Championship, held at Boston University's Track and Tennis Center on Sunday. **Jenna Ortman** won the ECAC 1,000m title in women's competition at the Reggie Lewis Center. The UAlbany men earned 28 points for a seventh-place showing, while the women captured 16th place at the ECAC Championship with 19 points. Both UAlbany teams posted their best-ever finish at the championships.

Burns recorded a time of 1:49.35, over half of a second better than his nearest competitor. The senior, who became only the second UAlbany track athlete to win an IC4A title in 2004, is the first to post multiple IC4A wins. **Joe Greene**, a freshman, set a new UAlbany standard of 47.41 to finish third in the 400m. In field events, **Ray Gilman** (Berne-Knox-Westerlo) earned a seventh-place showing in the triple jump with a leap of 47-feet, 6.5-inches.

Burns and Greene were also members of the winning 4x400 relay which shattered its existing school record with a time of 3:09.39, which provisionally qualifies the relay for the NCAA Championship. **Junior Burnett** ran a lead leg of 47.7 seconds, followed by **Stephen Evans** and Burns with splits of 47.5 and 47.2, respectively. Greene ran an anchor leg split of 46.9 to seal the win by six tenths of a second. All four relay members ran personal bests in their effort.

Jenna Ortman upset the 1,000m field at the ECAC Championship, winning the event in 2:52.76. The freshman became the first UAlbany woman to win an ECAC indoor title at the Division I level. Her twin sister **Jessica Ortman** turned in a fifth-place showing in the 800m, finishing in a time of 2:09.89, only 13-hundredths of a second off her own school record.

Sarah Charles, a junior, took eighth place in the triple jump with a leap of 38-feet, 5.5-inches. **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) captured fifth in the 5,000m in the first day of competition to round out UAlbany scorers.

UALBANY BASEBALL EDGES VMI IN SLUGFEST TO SALVAGE WEEKEND SERIES

Lexington, Va. – **Dave West** went 4-for-6 with five RBI as UAlbany slugged out 18 hits in a 14-13 win over VMI in the final game of the three-game set on Sunday afternoon at Patchin Field. The win snaps the Great Danes' four-game losing skid and also halts the Keydets win streak at nine.

Each team scored one run in first inning and UAlbany added three more in the second. **Al Barbato** and **Rashad Barksdale** both singled and scored on a base hit by West, while Steve Wyland, who had three hits on the day, delivered an RBI single. UAlbany (3-6) opened a 9-2 lead with two runs in the third and three more in the fourth, as **Zac Halloran** and **Nate Olson** each hit their second home runs of the season.

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VMI (11-4) rallied for seven unanswered runs to tie the game at nine after six, including a five-run fourth inning. **Chad Rice, Klint Reed** and **Kelly Sweppenhiser** smacked three consecutive RBI singles in the inning. The Great Danes regained the lead with two in the seventh only to have the Keydets take it back with four in their half of the frame. But UAlbany took the lead for good in the eighth when Barbato scored on a two-out base hit by Barksdale after delivering a two-run single that tied the contest at 13.

Giorgio Fuda and **Alexander Beaulieu** combined to throw two and two-thirds innings of scoreless relief with Beaulieu picking up his second victory of the season. Sweppenhiser, **B.T. Good** and **Will Smith** all had three hits for the Keydets, who lost for the first time in their last 11 home games.

Barbato, a transfer from the University at Buffalo, went 3-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored for the Great Danes, whose hit output was their best since pounding out 19 base knocks against St. Peter's on March 31, 2005.

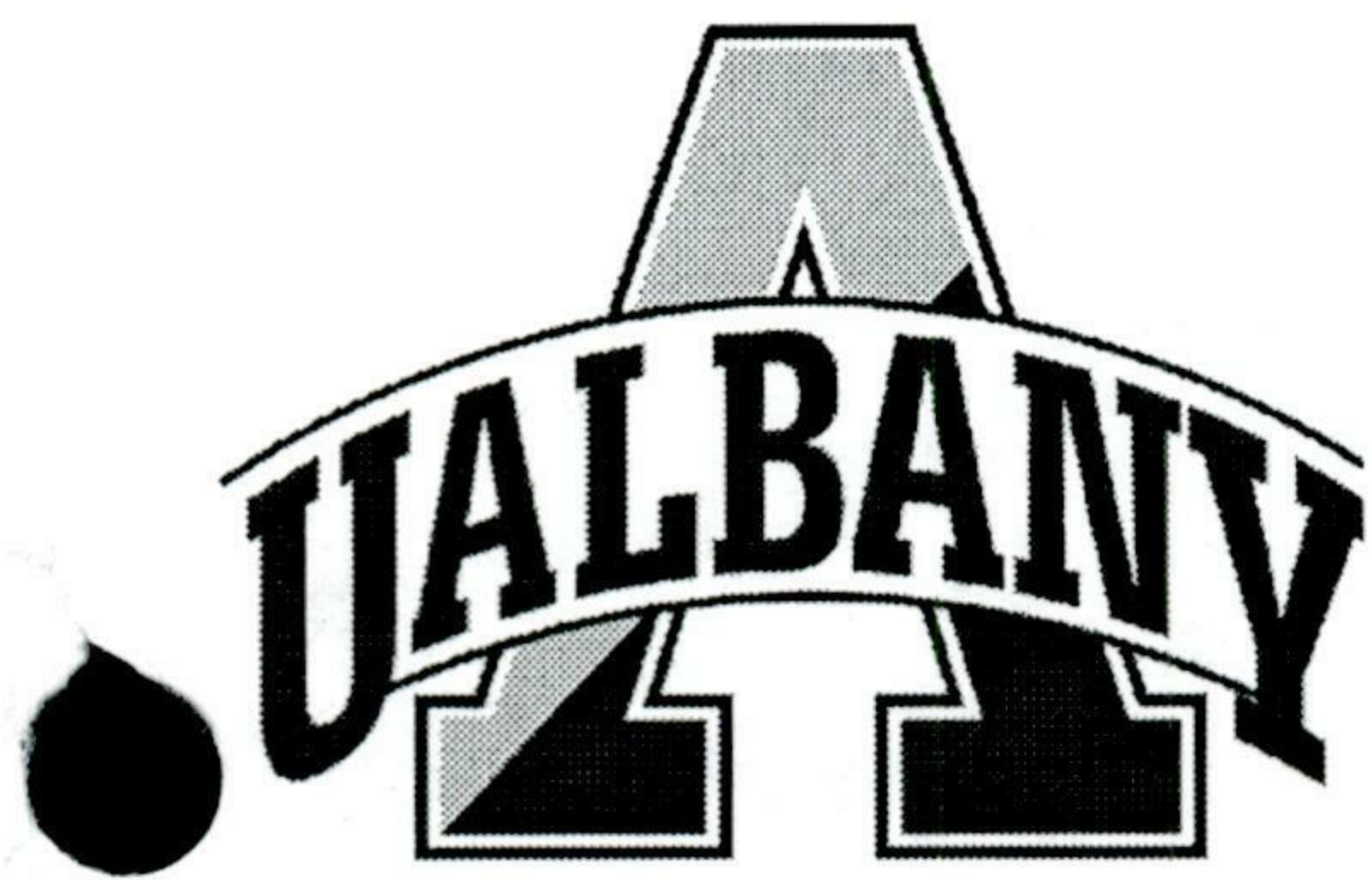
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Lexington, Va. – Patchin Field

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UAlbany (3-6)	1	3	2	3	0	0	2	3	0	–	14	18	2
VMI (11-4)	1	1	0	5	1	1	4	0	0	–	13	15	1

UAlbany – Casey Walsh, Tony Kirbis (4), Cory Warrings (5), John Naples (5), Giorgio Fuda (7) Alexander Beaulieu (8) and Tom Hill

VMI – Michael Bowman, John Phelps (2), Ian Casher (5), Jacoby Fields (7), Kevin Booth (9) and Michael Roberts, Chase Buchanan (8)



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UALBANY ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST SEMIFINALS WITH 79-65 VICTORY OVER UMBC

Vestal, N.Y. -- Lucious Jordan scored 17 of his 22 points in the second half in leading UAlbany to a 79-65 victory over UMBC in the America East Conference tournament's quarterfinal round on Saturday evening at Binghamton University's Events Center. The Great Danes, the top seed after winning the regular-season title, won their first postseason game as a Division I program.

UMBC (10-18) took a 22-20 lead on pair of free throws by sophomore Brian Hodges with 7:43 remaining in the opening period. UAlbany (19-10) responded with 11 unanswered points. Jamar Wilson, the America East player of the year who had 18 points and seven rebounds, gave his team the lead for good with a three-point field goal. He ended the run by drilling another long-range jumper from left of the key.

The Great Danes, who blistered the nets at 68.4 percent on 13-of-19 shooting in the first half, led by as much as 12 points before settling for a 39-30 advantage at the intermission. Brent Wilson, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, had eight of his 12 points in the period, plus had five assists and three blocks.

UMBC was still within striking distance early in the second half and trailed 53-43 with 14:23 to play. But Jordan tallied six straight points, including a 3-pointer from the left corner, that broke the contest open. The 6-foot-2 senior made 8-of-14 from the field, including five long-range shots, in posting his second-best scoring total of the season.

"This is special for our program but we have two more games to play," said Jordan, who reached the 20-point mark for the first time since Dec. 3. "It was time for me to step it up. There are several players who can do that on this team and tonight was my night."

The Retrievers, the eighth seed who defeated Stony Brook in Friday's opening round, never got closer than 10 points in the stretch. Jerell Dinkins led three players in double figures with 14 points. Jay Greene and Chris Pugh added 11 and 10, respectively. Hodges, who scored a career-high 33 points against Stony Brook, was held to nine markers on 1-of-6 shooting.

"We got one under belt by making some plays to win the game," offered Wilson, whose team shot a season-best 57.5 percent. "Lucious (Jordan) did a good job defensively on (Brian) Hodges. If we continue to play composed and confident, the sky's the limit."

Kirsten Zoellner, a 7-foot-1 senior, added 10 points for the Great Danes, who ended a string of nine straight losses in postseason play by recording their first victory since the 1995 NCAA Division III tournament's first round.



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Men's Lacrosse – Albany 14, Siena 9

Albany, N.Y. – **Frank Resetarits** scored a career-high six goals, while **Corey Small** added two goals and three assists as No. 19 Albany defeated crosstown-rival Siena, 14-9, in the first-ever men's lacrosse game at John Fallon Field on Saturday afternoon.

UAlbany (1-1) got out to a 2-0 advantage as Resetarits and Small netted unassisted goals. **Matt Girsh** got Siena (0-1) on the board off a pass from **Chris Viviano** with 9:18 remaining in the first quarter.

The Great Danes led 4-2 after the first period, but scored the first three goals of the second quarter as **Chris Martocchia**, **Merrick Thomson** and Resetarits all found the back of the net. Siena's **Matt Walsh** cut the deficit to four with his first of two goals on the day with 5:32 left in the half, but UAlbany's **Mike Ammann** scored on a breakaway to give the Great Danes a 7-3 lead at the intermission.

Ammann scored again forty-two seconds into the third period and Resetarits netted his fourth tally of the game fifty-four seconds later to open a six-goal advantage. Siena scored four of the game's next five goals and cut the lead to 10-7 with 14:13 left in the contest.

UAlbany scored four unanswered goals over a 6:14 span to put the game away, including an extra-man goal by **Derek Dale** that started the spurt.

Chris Zarins led the Saints with three goals and two assists, while **Matt Walsh** also scored three goals and added one helper. Martocchia and Ammann both netted two goals for the Great Danes and goalkeeper **Brett Queener** made 10 saves.

#19 UAlbany 14 - 3 4 3 4 - 14

Siena 9 - 2 1 3 3 - 9

Siena - Scoring: Chris Zarins (3-2), Matt Walsh (3-1), Matt Donovan (2-1), Matt Girsh (1-1), Michael Aylward (0-1), Kenny Mazzone (0-1), Chris Viviano (0-1). Goalkeeper: John Bamford (60:00, 15 saves, 14 GA).

UAlbany - Scoring: Frank Resetarits (6-0), Corey Small (2-3), Chris Martocchia (2-2), Mike Ammann (2-0), Merrick Thomson (1-0), Derek Dale (1-0), Jordan Levine (0-1), Eric Wolf (0-1). Goalkeeper: Brett Queener (60:00, 10 saves, 9 GA).

FIVE-RUN SECOND INNING PACES VMI PAST UALBANY

Lexington, Va. – **Michael Roberts** drove in three runs with a two-run single and a sacrifice fly as VMI upended UAlbany, 8-3, in non-conference baseball action on Saturday afternoon at Patchin Field. With the win, the Keydets extended their program-record win streak to nine, while the Great Danes have dropped four in a row.

UAlbany (2-5) struck first as **Brad Daniels**, who had three hits on the day, led off the game with a double and scored on a groundout by **Steve Sayre**. VMI (11-3) evened the score with a

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run in the home half of the first and exploded for five in the second to take a 6-1 lead. The first 10 Keydets to come to the plate reached base and singles by Roberts and **Chad Rice** plated three of the five runs. The support was all VMI hurler **Travis Smink** needed as he improved to 4-0 on the season, allowing one run on five hits over six innings of work.

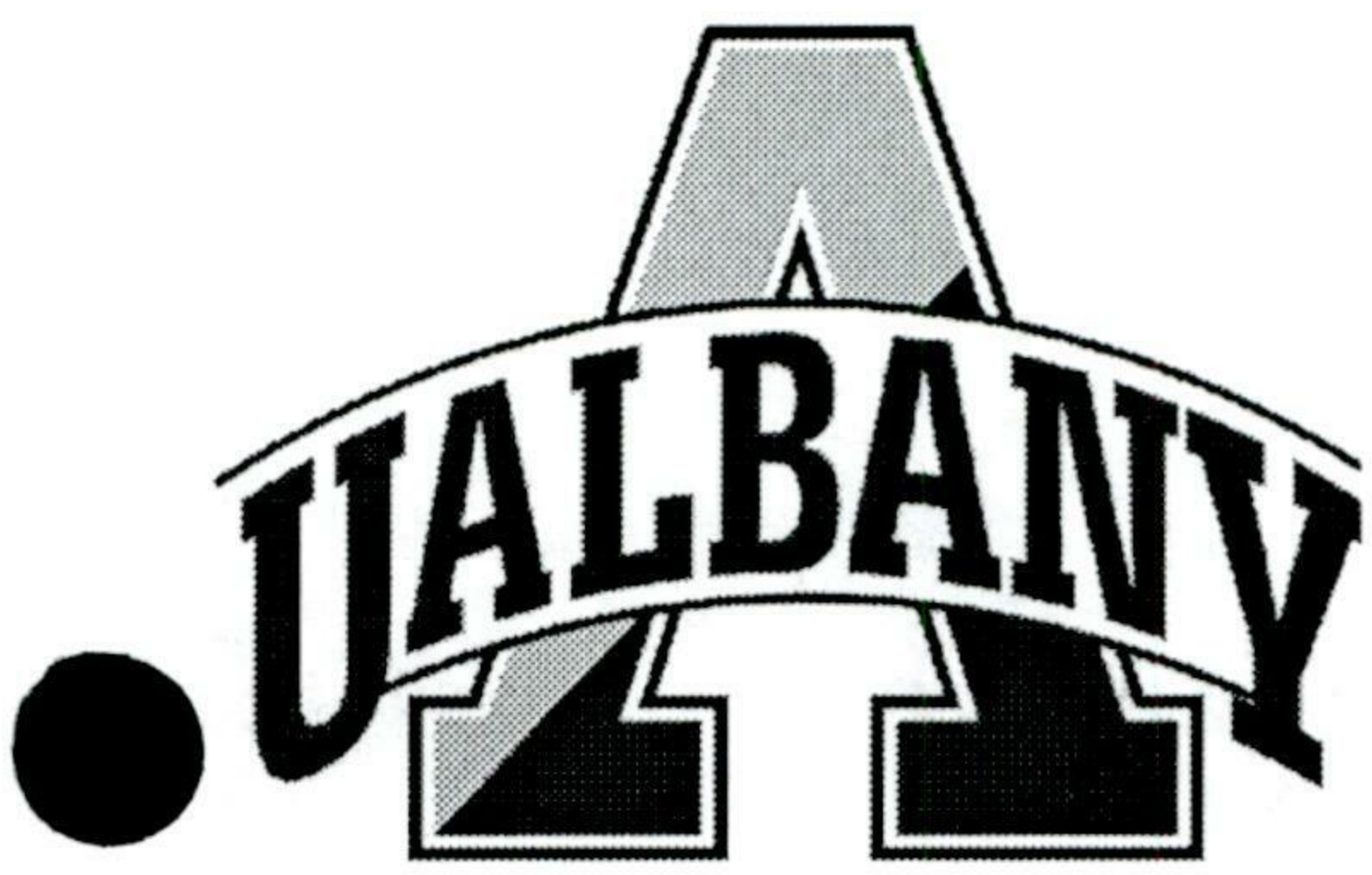
Rice and **Robert Crumpler** each had two hits and scored twice for VMI. UAlbany's **Tom Hill**, who went 4-for-4, had two RBI singles in the seventh and ninth innings, respectively. Freshman pitcher **Matthew Herrick** threw five scoreless innings in relief for the Great Danes, who wrap up their series with the Keydets tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Lexington, Va. – Patchin Field

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UAlbany (2-5)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	–	3	9	1
VMI (11-3)	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	–	8	12	1

UAlbany – Nick Murphy, Matthew Herrick (2), John Naples (7), Alexander Beaulieu (8) and Tom Hill

VMI – Travis Smink, Kevin Crum (7) and Mike Roberts



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UALBANY ATHLETES COMPETE AT FIRST DAY OF IC4A/ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boston, Mass. – **Junior Burnett** set a school record in the 200-meter dash at the first day of the IC4A Indoor Track and Field Championship, held at Boston University's Track and Tennis Center on Saturday. **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) took fifth in the 5,000m at the first day of the women's ECAC Championship at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Burnett, who earned conference honors in the 55m dash at the America East Conference championship, qualified for the event finals in both the 200m and 55m dash. He covered the 200m in 21.56 seconds to eclipse the previous standard of 21.75, set by freshman **Pat Weider** at the conference championship two weeks ago. Weider also advanced in the 200m with a time of 21.66 seconds. Burnett's performance of 6.39 seconds in the 55m dash was one-hundredth of a second off school-record pace.

Also advancing to the finals for UAlbany were two-time defending IC4A 800m champion **Gered Burns** (Guilderland), as well as freshman **Joe Greene**, who ran the 400m in a season best 47.63. Greene anchored the 4x400 relay which advanced in a school-record pace of 3:13.20. Weider, Burnett and **Stephen Evans** teamed with Greene on the relay.

Lotmore turned in a fifth-place showing in the 5,000m, finishing in a time of 16:46.69. The junior eclipsed her own UAlbany standard, set earlier this season, by nine seconds. Her fifth-place finish in the finals is the first time Lotmore has scored in an indoor ECAC Championship.

Freshman twins **Jessica Ortman** and **Jenna Ortman** advanced to the finals of the 800m and 1,000m, respectively. **Anisha Andrews** anchored the women's 4x400 relay which set a new school record of 3:51.59. She teamed with **Melissa Lee**, **Jenn Gurrant** and twin sister **Adanna Andrews** in the event preliminaries.

FONTANA & BUSH GUIDE UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE TO THIRD STRAIGHT WIN

Albany, N.Y. – **Kate Fontana** scored three goals and **Julie Bush** added two goals and three assists as UAlbany defeated Niagara, 18-2, in non-conference women's lacrosse action on Saturday afternoon at John Fallon Field. The Great Danes improved upon their best start in the program's Division I history, moving to 3-0.

Bush, who set a career high with five points, scored twice in the opening five minutes as the Great Danes built a 4-0 advantage. **Brittany Scott** also netted two first-half tallies as UAlbany led 9-1 at the intermission. **Jane Bush** and Fontana each tacked on two goals in the second half as Albany won its third straight game at Fallon Field.

Krissy Rajczak (Scotia-Glenville HS) finished with two goals and three assists, while **Rory Redmond** added a career-high two goals and one assist.

Jen Daly and **Katie Neer** split time in goal for the Great Danes. Daly made two saves and allowed two goals, while Neer registered four saves. **Whitney Gill** surrendered 13 goals

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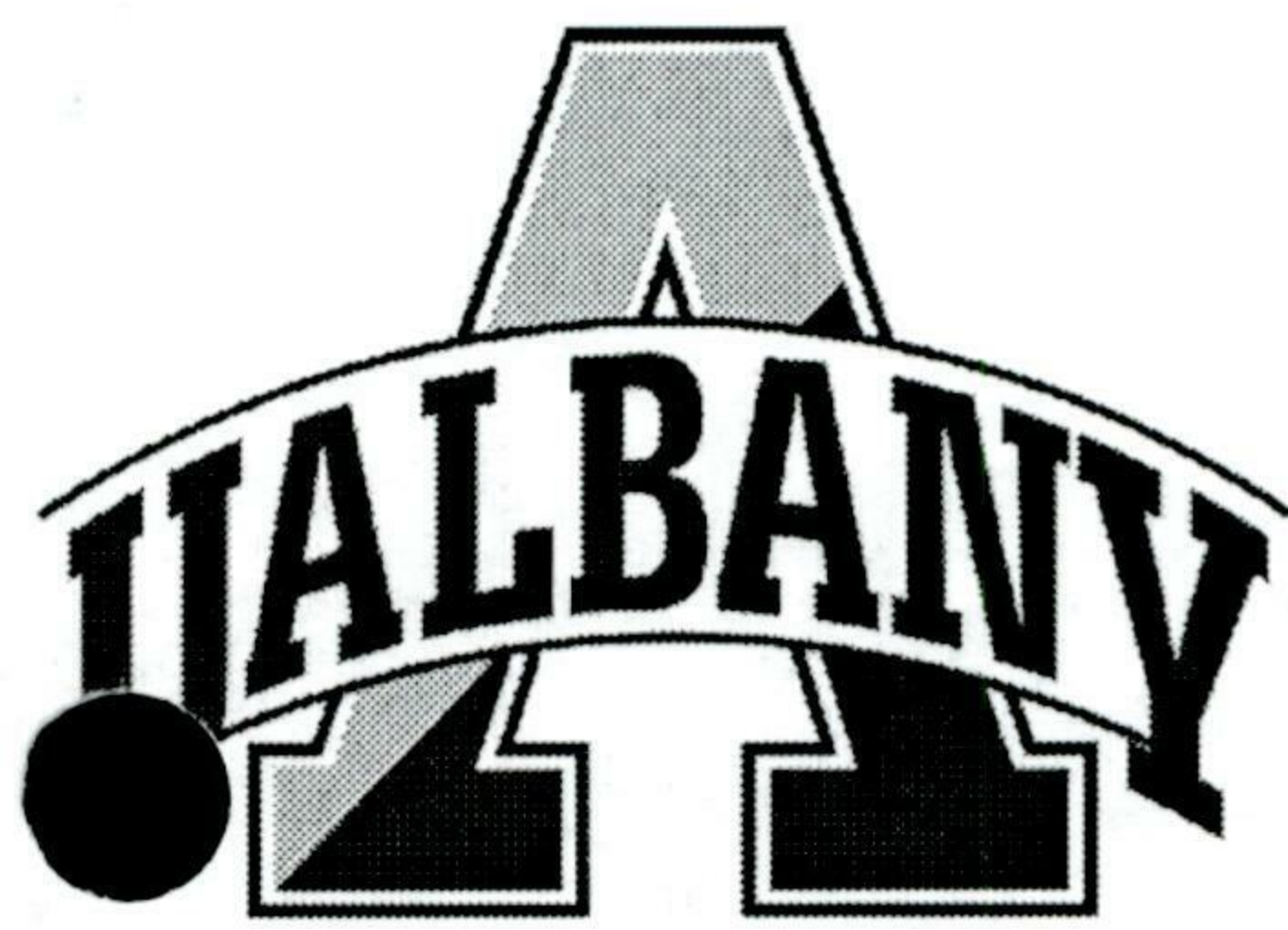
and recorded nine saves in the net for Niagara.

Jennie Zartman and **Erralyn Thomas** each scored once for the Purple Eagles (0-2).
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Niagara (0-2)	1	1	-	2
UAlbany (3-0)	9	9	-	18

Niagara- Scoring: Jennie Zartman (1-0), Erralyn Thomas (1-0). Goalkeepers: Whitney Gill (41:58, 13 GA, 9 saves); Kristin Engel (18:02, 5 GA, 0 saves).

UAlbany- Scoring: Kate Fontana (3-1), Julie Bush (2-3), Krissy Rajczak (2-3), Sarah Spillett (2-2), Rory Redmond (2-1), Brittany Scott (2-0), Jane Bush (2-0), Nikki Donohue (2-0), Domenica Lo Re (1-0), Stacey Brown (0-1). Goalkeepers: Jen Daly (43:12, 2 GA, 2 saves); Katie Neer (16:48, 0 GA, 4 saves).



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SCHUMACHER LEADS UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TO WIN OVER UMBC

Albany, N.Y. – **Jen Schumacher** scored a season-high 20 points, including nine in the final minutes as UAlbany held off UMBC, 63-55, in the America East Conference regular-season finale on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany (7-20, AE 3-13), who led by as many as 18 points in the first half, was clinging to a 53-49 lead with 2:47 remaining when Schumacher stepped up. The senior guard, who was playing in her final home contest, drained a jumper to stretch the margin to 55-49. After a UMBC turnover, **Sherri Mikus** found Schumacher for an open three-pointer and a 58-49 advantage with 1:17 to go. Two possessions later, Schumacher made a steal and was fouled, converting both free throws to rebuild a double-digit cushion.

“Coach told me that I hadn’t scored yet in the second half,” said Schumacher, who moved to 10th on UAlbany’s career scoring list. “She told me to go find some shots and make something happen. This win was what we needed going into the tournament next week.”

The Great Danes raced off to their best start of the season and held a commanding 26-8 advantage midway through the opening period. UAlbany, which made a season-high nine three-pointers, shot a sizzling 54 percent (13-of-24) in the stanza. The squad played a smothering man-to-man defense and limited UMBC (15-12, AE 7-9) to 28-percent shooting (8-of-28).

“We harbored around the three-point line,” said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team registered a season-high 17 assists on 23 field goals. “We double-teamed (Sharri) Rohde, we didn’t stretch out and we were really stingy on the inside. We showed today that at the right time, this team can do something special.”

Mikus added 15 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals for UAlbany. **Gia Sanders** finished with 14 points for her first double-figure scoring game since Jan. 29.

Brittnie Hughes paced the Retrievers with 15 points, while **Matea Pender** and **Amanda Robinson** added 12 and 11, respectively. **Sharri Rohde**, the team’s second-leading scorer, was limited to eight points on 4-of-10 shooting.



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UALBANY BASEBALL DROPS SERIES OPENER AT VMI

Lexington, Va. – **B.T. Good** had three hits and scored three runs as Virginia Military Institute defeated UAlbany, 14-2, in the first game of a three-game series on Friday afternoon at Patchin Field. The Keydets, who have won a program-record eight straight games, are off to their best start in school history with a 10-3 mark.

VMI took advantage of two UAlbany errors in the second inning and plated two unearned runs. First baseman **Robert Crumpler**, who was 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored, hit a solo home run with one out in the third to give his squad a 3-0 advantage. The Keydets added three more in the frame as UAlbany pitchers combined to walk five batters. VMI scored also scored four the fourth as **Michael Roberts** and **Jacoby Fields** had RBI singles as part of the rally.

UAlbany (2-5) got on the board with two in the fifth when **Steve Wyland** was hit by a pitch, forcing in a run. **Steve Sayre** followed with a sacrifice fly, but that was the lone scoring for the Great Danes, who managed only two hits in the game.

Trey Barham (2-1) didn't allow an earned run over five innings for his second win of the season. **Mark Suchowiecki** (1-1) suffered the loss, giving up seven runs over two and one-third innings of work. The two teams resume the series tomorrow at 1:00 p.m

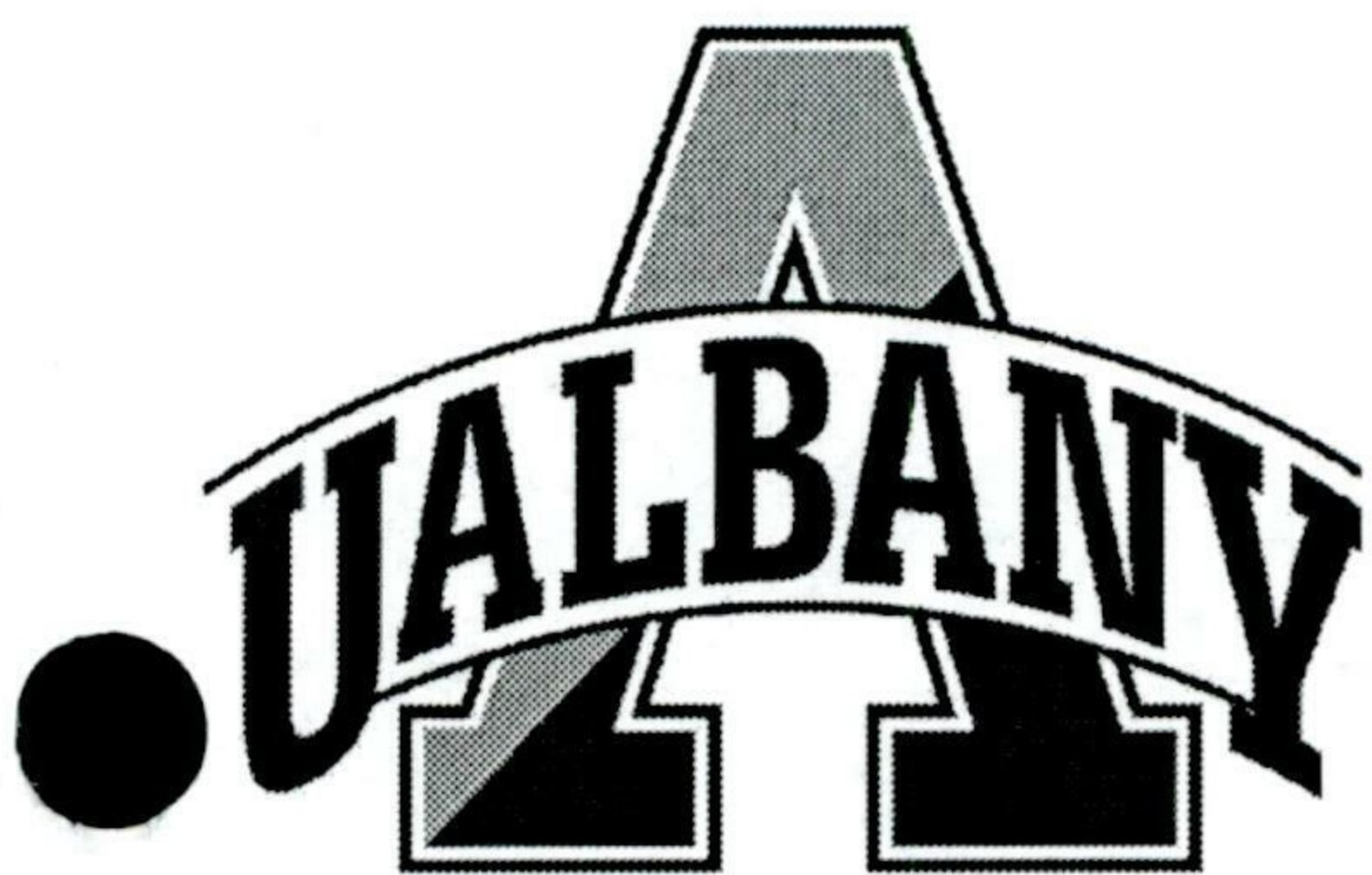
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Lexington, Va. – Patchin Field

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VMI	0	2	4	4	1	2	0	0	x	-	14	12	1

UAlbany – Mark Suchowiecki, Sean Gregory (3), Cory Warrings (4), Chris Ott (6), Eric Cortland (7), Giorgio Fuda (8) and Chris Wood, Sean Donovan (5)

VMI – Trey Barham, Corey Bachman (6), Matt Edwards (9) and Chase Buchanan



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UALBANY'S JAMAR WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE YEAR Brent Wilson and Kirsten Zoellner Also Named to All-America East Squad

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Jamar Wilson has been named the 2006 America East Conference Player of the Year as announced today by the conference office. Wilson was chosen to the first team, while Brent Wilson and Kirsten Zoellner were selected to the third team in voting by the league's head coaches.

Wilson, who earned All-America East recognition for the third time, became just the fifth player in conference history to receive the league's top player and rookie award during a career. Reggie Lewis (Northeastern), Taylor Coppenrath (Vermont), T.J. Sorrentine (Vermont) and Tunji Awojobi (Boston University) also accomplished that feat.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 junior from Bronx, N.Y., is second in the conference in scoring at 17.6 points per game, plus averages 4.8 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 1.4 steals. He has scored 20 or more points on 13 occasions this season, including 30 against Maine on Feb. 11. Wilson, the first player in school history to combine for more than 1,400 career points and 300 assists, was recently named to the NABC All-District II second team.

Brent Wilson, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, averaged 10.4 points and 4.6 rebounds in his first season as a starter. A native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he scored in double figures 16 times, including a career-high 19 against Oakland. Wilson, who ranked seventh among the conference leaders with 52 three-point field goals, was a member of the 2005 America East all-rookie squad.

Kirsten Zoellner, a 7-foot-1 senior from Hannover, Germany, averaged 7.6 points, plus was third among the America East leaders in blocked shots (1.32 pg) and 11th in rebounding (5.2 pg). Zoellner, who led the team in field goal percentage (.568), transferred from Boston College prior to the 2004-05 campaign. He grabbed 10-plus rebounds three times this year.

The Great Danes, who will be the top seed in this weekend's conference postseason tournament, have an 18-10 overall record, the most victories in the program's Division I history. UAlbany won its first-ever America East regular-season title with a 13-3 mark.

2006 America East Men's Basketball All-Conference Teams

First Team – Kenny Adeleke (Hartford), Kevin Gardner (Boston U.), Andre Heard (Binghamton), Blagoj Janev (New Hampshire), Jamar Wilson (Albany).

Second Team – Aaron Cook (Hartford), Sebastian Hermenier (Binghamton), Mike Trimboli (Vermont), Ernest Turner (Maine), John Zito (UMBC).

Third Team – Mitchell Beauford (Stony Brook), Mike Gordon (Binghamton), Martin Klimes (Vermont), Brent Wilson (Albany), Kirsten Zoellner (Albany).

All-Rookie Team – Paris Carter (Hartford), Jay Greene (UMBC), Corey Hassan (Boston U.), Philippe Tchekane Bofia (Maine), Mike Trimboli (Vermont).

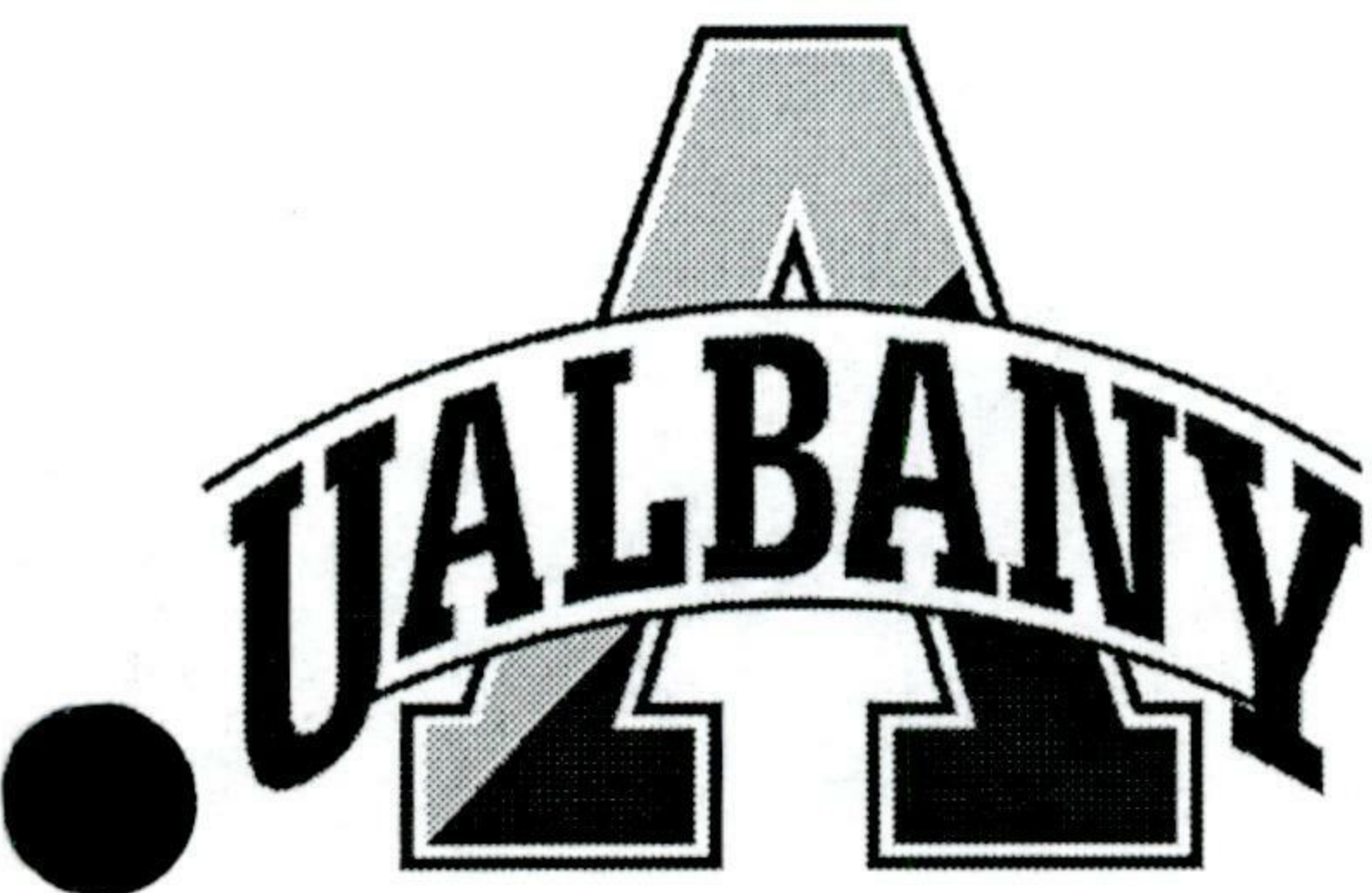
All-Defensive Team – Olli Ahvenniemi (Maine), Mike Gordon (Binghamton), Andre Heard (Binghamton), Sebastian Hermenier (Binghamton), Martin Klimes (Vermont).

Player of the Year – Jamar Wilson (Albany)

Rookie of the Year – Mike Trimboli (Vermont)

Defensive Player of the Year – Sebastian Hermenier (Binghamton)

Coach of the Year – Larry Harrison (Hartford)



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KURPNIECE RECORDS DOUBLE-DOUBLE AS BINGHAMTON DOWNS UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – **Laine Kurpniece** tallied 17 points and added 10 rebounds to lead three players in double figures as Binghamton upended UAlbany, 77-56, in America East Conference play on Wednesday night at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Kurpniece, who made 7-of-10 field goals, scored 14 points in the first half as Binghamton opened up a 38-26 halftime advantage. The Bearcats owned a 16-9 margin with 11:40 remaining in the half before drilling seven of their next 10 shots to build a 35-21 cushion. **Jen Blues**, who finished with 13 points, hit a jumper and a three-pointer in that spurt.

“Binghamton had too much offense for us tonight,” said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team surrendered 70-plus points for the tenth time this season. “They were efficient in their scoring and had solid post play.”

UAlbany (6-20, AE 2-13) closed to within 48-40 on a layup by **Tanya James** at 13:26, but the Bearcats countered with seven of the game’s next 10 points to rebuild a 55-43 cushion with 11:32 remaining. **Rachel Laws**, who added nine points and nine rebounds, converted a follow shot and Blues drilled a three to fuel Binghamton (15-11, AE 8-7).

Jen Haubrich netted 13 points and seven rebounds for Binghamton, which shot 43.9 percent from the field and held a 41-36 advantage on the glass.

Amanda Ward, who scored in double figures for the seventh straight game, led the Great Danes with 15 points and a career-high five assists. **Jen Schumacher** finished with 13 points, while **Sherri Mikus** was the third player in double digits with 11 points.



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JAMAR WILSON & WILL BROWN HONORED BY COLLEGEINSIDER.COM

Norwood, Mass. – University at Albany's Jamar Wilson and Will Brown were honored today by CollegeInsider.com as the America East Conference's Most Valuable Player and Coach of the Year, respectively.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 junior, is second in the conference in scoring at 17.6 points per game, plus averages 4.8 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 1.4 steals. He has scored 20 or more points on 13 occasions this season, including 30 against Maine on Feb. 11. Wilson, the first player in school history to combine for more than 1,400 career points and 300 assists, was recently named to the NABC All-District II second team.

Will Brown, who is in his fifth season as head coach, guided UAlbany to its first-ever America East regular-season title. The Great Danes, who will be the top seed in this week's conference postseason tournament, have an 18-10 overall record, the most victories in the program's Division I history. UAlbany has also established program Division I single-season marks for conference wins (13), home victories (9) and road wins (8). The Great Danes have made a 13-win improvement over the last two years since posting a 5-23 mark in 2003-04.

FREE STUDENT TICKETS & BUSES TO A-EAST BASKETBALL SEMIFINALS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the availability of 110 free student tickets for this weekend's America East Conference Men's Basketball Tournament at Binghamton University's Events Center.

If UAlbany advances to Sunday's semifinal round, students with a valid ID can redeem a ticket that also includes free bus transportation to the arena. The Great Danes would play in the second of two semifinal games on Sunday, March 5 at 2:30 p.m. UAlbany's Student Association is providing the tickets, while the Division of Student Success is sponsoring the buses.

For more information, contact the UAlbany Athletic Ticket Office, at 518-442-4683.