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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, Softball)

(Baseball)

Lowell, Mass. -- Michael Oliva lined a two-run single to center field in the 11th inning of the nightcap to lead Albany to a sweep over Massachusetts-Lowell in a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader on Wednesday at LaLacheur Park.

Albany (4-5, NECC 4-0) won the second contest, 8-6, and also took the first game in 10 innings by a 15-14 score. Mass.-Lowell fell to 9-6 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

Oliva, who had five hits with three runs and five stolen bases in the twinbill, scored infielders Josh Sanchez and Frank Cannistra with his game-winning hit. The River Hawks had tied the contest at 6-6 in the eighth on RBI singles by Lennie Carter and Glen Magnan.

In the opener, Rob Ryan (Shenendehowa) stole third base and reached home with the winning run on catcher Dave Harne's throwing error in the tenth. Mass.-Lowell pushed across four runs in ninth to send the game to extra innings. Lennie Carter belted his second home run, a two-run blast, while Jim Pelland added an RBI single in the frame.

Albany's Tony Gregoli (Columbia) drove in four runs, while Chris Robilotti (Colonie Central) collected two doubles. Meanwhile, Ryan, a junior, went 6-for-11 at the plate in the doubleheader with five runs and three RBIs.

(Game 1)

Albany	230	020	160	1	-	15	20	1
Mass.-Lowell	010	020	434	0	-	14	17	8

Jason Trufant, Mark Zacharczyk (8), Craig Straus (9) and Dennis Cirilla. John Morris, Matt Stone (7), Joe Sancinto (8), Matt Marenghi (8), Ned Pierce (9), Jamie Mandell (10) and Dave Harne.

HR - Steve Checksfield (A), Dana D'Agostino (M), Lennie Carter, 2 (M).

MORE

**Albany Sports 2-2-2-2
(baseball - cont.)
(Game 2)**

Albany	010	030	020	02	-	8	9	2
Mass.-Lowell	220	000	020	00	-	6	13	3

Scott Tower, Neil Hagin (9) and Dennis Cirilla.
 Jamie Mandell, John Sexton (11) and Dave Harne.
 HR - Jon Cahill (M).

(Softball)

Lowell, Mass. -- Freshman shortstop Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) drove in the winning run in the 11th inning of the opener to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep against Massachusetts-Lowell. The Great Danes won the first game, 4-3, and the second, 8-5.

Terry lined an RBI single to score the go-ahead run in the top of the eleventh. Right-hander Kelly Poynton worked out of a bases-loaded jam with no outs in the bottom of the frame to preserve the victory. Mass.-Lowell (6-7, NECC 0-2) scored three times in the ninth to draw even at 3-3. Tricia Metz's RBI triple was followed by Danielle Bretton's single.

In the nightcap, UA's Debbe Hodge had three RBIs and catcher Michelle Mausteller singled twice, scored one run, and drove in another. Poynton went the distance on the mound to improve to 5-3 on the season. Albany is 10-6 overall and 4-0 in the conference.

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(Game 1)

Albany	000	000	003	01	-	4	3	0
Mass.-Lowell	000	000	003	00	-	3	5	1

Jessica Hansen, Kelly Poynton (11) and Michelle Mausteller.
 Katie Barber and Kristine Botto.

(Game 2)

Albany	400	22	-	8	6	3
Mass.-Lowell	021	11	-	5	5	1

(game ended due to darkness)
 Kelly Poynton and Kara Faraone.
 Lori Chenevert, Sarah Gagnon (5) and Kristine Botto.

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BASEBALL & SOFTBALL TO COME

(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior attackman Dan Small scored with one second remaining in regulation, as Albany rallied in the final period for an 11-10 victory over Skidmore on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

Small, who had four goals and one assist, tallied the game-winning shot, when he came from behind the cage, and beat Skidmore goalkeeper Mike Votano to the off-stick side.

Skidmore (4-1) trailed 8-7 early in the fourth quarter, but went ahead on back-to-back goals by Tim Harvey and Scott Toth. Albany (2-1) regained the lead at 10-9 with 4:49 remaining, when John Baumann netted one of his three goals on the afternoon after a turnover at midfield. Harvey, who had two goals and one assist, drew the Thoroughbreds even with 57 seconds to play.

Votano finished with 21 saves for Skidmore, while Hunter Marckwald had two goals and one assist. Mike Arnone and Mike Shelli combined to stop 15 shots in the Albany net.

-agate-

Skidmore (4-1)	2	2	2	4	-	10
Albany (2-1)	4	1	2	4	-	11

Skidmore -- Hunter Marckwald 2-1, Tim Harvey 2-1, Phillip Balatsos 2-0, Scott Toth 2-0, Bob Weinstein 1-0, Jeremy Benjamin-Young 1-0, Brian McCawley 0-1, Jeff Drake 0-1, Jonas Jeswald 0-1; Saves: Mike Votano 21.

Albany -- Dan Small 4-1, John Baumann 3-0, Matt Duball 1-1, Brian Wolfeld 1-0, Vinny Saulino 1-0, Sal Massa 1-0, Brian Vanderlofske 0-1, Sean McConaghy 0-1, Andrew Poplinger 0-1; Saves: Mike Arnone 7, Mike Shelli 8.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Women's Lacrosse)

Hamilton, N.Y. -- Jessica Lee and Debra Wood-King each had three goals and one assist to lead Gannon to a 13-7 victory over Albany on Wednesday at Colgate University's Tyler's Field.

Gannon (3-2) leaped to a 3-0 lead in the opening five minutes, and never trailed in the contest. Stacey Reynolds, who had one goal and four assists, found the net with 28 seconds elapsed to ignite the outburst.

Tricia Myers and Sandy Covic each scored twice for the Golden Knights, who also defeated Albany in last year's ECAC Division II championship final.

Anne Colonna scored two goals, including her 11th of the season, for Albany (2-2). Goalkeepers Allisson Pennington and Kim Martini combined to make 16 saves.

-agate-

Gannon (3-2)	7	6	-	13
Albany (2-2)	3	4	-	7

Gannon -- Jessica Lee 3-1, Debra Wood-King 3-1, Tricia Myers 2-0, Sandy Covic 2-0, Stacey Reynolds 1-4, Krissy Bucci 1-1, Molly Flynn 1-0, Sara Brown 0-2, Kristen Hayhurst 0-1; Saves: Megan Hallock 9, Sarah Royer 0.

Albany -- Anne Colonna 2-0, Jess Spadafora 1-0, Stacey Mayer 1-0, Amy DiMicco 1-0, Katie Cunningham 1-0, Danielle Ballard 1-0, Karen Karpus 0-1, Laura Walls 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 6, Kim Martini 10.

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WOMEN'S LAX UPENDS AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL

Springfield, Mass. -- Anne Colonna scored five goals, including four in the first half, to lead Albany past American International, 16-3, on Monday afternoon.

Albany (2-1) scored five times in a ten-minute stretch of the opening period to reverse an early 1-0 deficit. Colonna, a junior midfielder, found the net twice in that decisive outburst. Jess Spadafora added two goals and one assist for the Great Danes, while goalkeeper Allisson Pennington made 14 saves.

Alexis Esposito (Niskayuna), Kate Wolf (Shenendehowa), and Allison Beagle (Saratoga Springs) each added one goal. Goalkeeper Mary Jo Lavoie stopped 15 shots for American International (0-2).

-agate-

Albany (2-1)	11	5	-	16
American International (0-2)	1	2	-	3

Albany -- Anne Colonna 5-0, Jess Spadafora 2-1, Katie Cunningham 2-0, Danielle Ballard 1-1, Stacey Mayer 1-1, Alexis Esposito 1-0, Amy DiMicco 1-0, Allison Beagle 1-0, Margie Pitta 1-0, Kate Wolf 1-0, Erin Finnigan 0-1, Laura Walls 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 14.

AIC -- Jennifer Bissonnette 1-0, Heather McKenna 1-0, Judith Swift 1-0; Saves: Mary Jo Lavoie 15.

LIZ PECK NAMED TO GTE DISTRICT I AT-LARGE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's Liz Peck has been selected to the GTE District I Academic All-America College Division Fall/Winter At-Large Team for the third straight year. Peck, an All-America midfielder in women's field hockey, has a 3.94 grade point average as a graduate student in the University's molecular biology doctoral program.

Peck, who made 67 consecutive starts in the Albany midfield, and led the Great Danes to 50 victories during her four-year career, is a three-time National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-American.

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(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Dan Small had three goals and two assists and Sal Massa added three goals to lead Albany to a 16-7 victory over New Hampshire College in the Great Danes' home opener on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (1-1) reversed a 7-6 deficit late in the first half with 10 unanswered goals. Freshman attackman Matt Duball scored twice in the final one minute and 22 seconds of the period. His extra-man goal with 30 seconds remaining gave the Great Danes an 8-7 halftime advantage.

New Hampshire College (0-1) trailed 6-4 in the second quarter, but then scored three straight times to go ahead. Mike Cesere found the net on a low shot from the top to put the Penmen in front.

John Baumann had two goals and three assists for Albany, which held the visitors scoreless in the second half and limited the NHC offense to seven shots. Three UA goalkeepers combined to make 10 saves. Butch Howie led the Penmen with two goals and one assist, while goalkeeper Chris Devoe stopped 30 shots in the cage.

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New Hampshire College -- Butch Howie 2-1, Mike Cesere 2-0, Scott Forzaglia 1-1, Brian Davey 1-0, Tom Sharkey 1-0, Jon Winton 0-1; Saves: Chris Devoe 30.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(W. Lacrosse - cont.)

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Stacey Mayer also had three goals for the Great Danes, while Alexis Esposito (Niskayuna) scored for the first time in an UA uniform. Freshman midfielder Erin Smith led Lock Haven (0-1) with three goals. Albany and Lock Haven are fourth and seventh, respectively, in this week's national rankings.

-agate-

Albany (1-1)	12	4	-	16
Lock Haven (0-1)	2	4	-	6

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Lock Haven -- Erin Smith 3-0, Kristen Pickersgill 1-0, Jennifer Simpson 1-0, Jenn Kinsey 1-0; Saves: Cindy Brownell 5, Megan Carlin 3.

(Baseball)

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Albany (2-5, NECC 2-0) trailed 4-2 in the fourth inning of the nightcap, but rallied with a four-run frame. Michael Oliva belted a two-run homer over the center field fence to give his team the lead. Chris Robilotti (Colonie Central) had a solo blast in the sixth, while Rob Ryan (Shenendehowa) doubled home two runs.

In the first contest, Kuebler singled twice, doubled, and scored three runs to lead the Albany offense. Meanwhile, starting pitcher Scott Tower scattered four hits in his seven innings on the mound. The right-hander earned his first victory this season with two strikeouts and two walks.

Matt Lemanczyk and Rich Feriggi each had three hits in the twinbill for Sacred Heart (4-12, NECC 0-2).

-agate-

(Game 1)

Sacred Heart	001	000	000	-	1	4	4
Albany	300	020	10x	-	6	7	1

Dave Rosso and Shawn Stillway, Chris Applewhite (1).

Scott Tower, Mark Zacharczyk (8) and Dennis Cirilla, Dave Mykel (8).

(Game 2)

Sacred Heart	003	100	1	-	5	11	1
Albany	200	401	x	-	7	7	2

Matt Lemanczyk, Jim Agostino (5) and Chris Applewhite.

Jason Trufant, Adam Harriman (3), Neil Hagin (6) and Dennis Cirilla.

HR - Michael Oliva (A), Chris Robilotti (A).

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**Albany Sports 3-3-3-3
(Softball - cont.)**

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Albany	000	030	x	-	3	4	2

Stacey Garrity and Karyn Fortier.

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(Game 2)

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(Men's Lacrosse)

Waltham, Mass. -- Brian Conry scored five goals, including four in the first quarter, to lead Merrimack to a 16-10 victory over Albany in the Great Danes' season opener at Bentley College Field.

Conry, a sophomore midfielder, tallied three consecutive goals in a six-minute stretch, and then capped off his team's eight-goal opening period on an assist from Alfred Teo. Freshman goalkeeper John-Michael Mascia made 25 saves for Merrimack, which improved to 4-0 on the season.

Senior attackman John Baumann led Albany with five goals and one assist, while goalkeepers Mike Arnone and Mike Shelli (Shenendehowa) combined to make 18 saves in the UA cage.

-agate-

Albany (0-1)	1	4	3	2	-	10
Merrimack (4-0)	8	2	3	3	-	16

Albany -- John Baumann 5-1, Sean McConaghy 2-0, Dan Small 1-1, Rich Angel 1-0, Andrew Poplinger 1-0, Brian Wolfeld 0-2, Kevin Liddiard 0-1; Saves: Mike Arnone 7, Mike Shelli 11.

Merrimack -- Brian Conry 5-0, Mike Morgan 3-2, Jamie Stefanini 3-1, Alfred Teo 1-1, Jay Rubman 1-0, Brian Hobin 1-0, Eric Kuchler 1-0, David Eaton 1-0, Jason Slye 0-1; Saves: John-Michael Mascia 25.

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(Women's Lacrosse)

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. -- Lauren Brady had three goals and one assist and Phoebe Burns added three goals to lead Syracuse to an 18-3 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Skidmore College's Outdoor Athletic Complex.

Syracuse (1-3), which began its season with three opponents ranked among Division I's top ten, raced to a 6-0 lead in the opening six minutes. Katrina Hable, who had two goals and two assists, and Brady each scored twice in that outburst.

Carrie Bolduc (Albany Academy) had two goals and two assists for the Orangewomen. Kim Martini and Allisson Pennington combined to make 20 saves in the Albany cage. The Great Danes, who posted an 11-4 record, and reached the ECAC Division II championship in 1998, were playing their season opener.

-agate-

Syracuse (1-3)	11	7	-	18
Albany (0-1)	1	2	-	3

Syracuse -- Lauren Brady 3-1, Phoebe Burns 3-0, Katrina Hable 2-2, Carrie Bolduc 2-2, Erica Hofmann 2-0, Erica Mathewson 2-0, Jenna Szyluk 1-1, Sheri Shifren 1-1, Erin Boyle 1-0, Gillen Krainin 1-0, Jessica DeRosa 0-4, Carrie Soultis 0-2. Saves: Clothilde Ewing 2.

Albany -- Anne Colonna 1-0, Jess Spadafora 1-0, Marguerite Lanaux 1-0. Saves: Kim Martini 9, Allisson Pennington 11.

(Baseball)

Salisbury, N.C. -- Second baseman Chris Parrish doubled, tripled and scored four times to lead Catawba College to a 16-6 non-conference victory over Albany at Newman Park.

Catawba (16-7) used a six-run fourth inning to erase a 3-2 deficit. Israel Morrow's RBI double tied the contest, before Adam Patterson's bases-loaded walk gave his team the lead for good. Travis Goins added two hits and drove in three runs.

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**Albany Sports 2-2-2-2
(baseball - continued)**

Albany (0-5) was led by third baseman Mike Kuebler, who went 4-for-5 at the plate with two home runs, one triple and five RBIs. Kuebler, a sophomore, hit a solo shot in the second, and added a two-run homer in the fifth. Chris Robilotti (Colonie Central H.S.) belted a solo homer in the fourth inning for the Great Danes.

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Albany (0-5)	011	120	010	-	6	11	2
Catawba (16-7)	110	605	30x	-	16	15	3

Scott Tower, Craig Straus (6), Tim Nikol (6), Mike Jorgensen (8) and Dennis Cirilla, Tim Nikol.

Chad Secrest, Kenny Winkelsas (5), Jeff Montgomery (5), Sandy Moore (9) and Adam Patterson.

HR - Mike Kuebler, 2 (A), Chris Robilotti (A).

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(Baseball)

Misenheimer, N.C. -- Robert Beatty and Nick Philemon each had RBI singles in a six-run seventh inning to lead Pfeiffer to a 12-11 non-conference victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Ferebee Field.

Beatty, a sophomore catcher, went 3-for-3 at the plate with a double and two runs scored, while infielder Aaron Rice had two hits, including a solo home run in the fourth, and scored twice to lead the Falcons' 11-hit attack.

Albany third baseman Mike Kuebler drove in two runs with a single in the eighth. Freshman Todd Birdsall belted a solo homer in the fourth, and outfielder Michael Oliva had two RBIs for the Great Danes, who dropped to 0-4 on the season.

-agate-

Albany	000	210	260	-	11	6	4
Pfeiffer	100	221	60x	-	12	11	6

David Schrepper, Shawn Walsh (5), Adam Harriman (7) and Rob Ryan.

Dusty Laney, Larry Beck (6), Ricky Cooper (7), Jason Easley (8),

Sean Andrews (8) and Robert Beatty.

HR - Todd Birdsall (A), Aaron Rice (P).

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BASEBALL LOSES TWICE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Misenheimer, N.C. -- Senior Jason Easley drove in four runs in the nightcap to lead Pfeiffer to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over Albany on Thursday afternoon at Ferebee Field. The Falcons won the second game, 7-1, and the first contest, 7-4.

In the opener, Albany's Tony Gregoli (Columbia H.S.) belted a three-run homer over the left field fence in the first inning. However, Pfeiffer plated five runs in the bottom of the frame. Robert Beatty's single and Hector Penate's sacrifice fly keyed the outburst.

Easley lined a two-run single through the middle to stake Pfeiffer to a 3-0 lead in the first inning of the second game. He added an RBI single in the third, and later drove across another run with a fly ball. Penate hit a solo home run in the sixth inning.

Junior center fielder Michael Oliva doubled and scored in the fourth for Albany, which falls to 0-3 on the season.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	300	100	0	-	4	8	6
Pfeiffer	500	020	x	-	7	4	3

Neil Hagin, Adam Harriman (6) and Dennis Cirilla.

Chad Ryan and Robert Beatty.

HR - Tony Gregoli.

(Game 2)

Albany	000	100	0	-	1	3	2
Pfeiffer	302	011	x	-	7	8	1

Mark Zacharczyk, Adam Castoldi (6) and Rob Ryan.

Steve Gilmartin, Sean Andrews (6), David Cheek (7) and Justin Houston.

HR - Hector Penate.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULE CHANGE

Albany's 1999 opener with Syracuse on Saturday, March 20 has been moved to Rensselaer's Harkness Field in Troy. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

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(Baseball)

Charlotte, N.C. -- Junior outfielder Josh McMillen homered twice, scored four times, and drove in three runs to lead North Carolina-Charlotte to a 10-1 victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at Phillips Field in the Great Danes' season opener.

McMillen, who batted in the lead-off spot, belted a two-run homer over the center field fence in the sixth, and added solo shot to right field in the eighth to power the 49ers' 13-hit attack.

Pitcher Brannon Hamby posted his first victory as a collegian by allowing three hits over eight innings. The freshman right-hander recorded four strikeouts and one walk.

Chris Robilotti (Colonie Central H.S.) lined an RBI double in the second inning for Albany. UNC-Charlotte improves to 7-8 on the season.

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Albany (0-1)	010	000	000	-	1	3	1
UNC-Charlotte (7-8)	102	002	23x	-	10	13	4

Jason Trufant, Ed Scott (7) and Dennis Cirilla.

Brannon Hamby, Ryan Baker (9) and Kirby Southerland, Josh White (9).

HR - Josh McMillen (2), Bradley Smith.

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(Women's Basketball)
Southampton 70, Albany 64

Philadelphia, Pa.-- Rita Breivaite had 12 of her 21 points in the second half as Southampton held off Albany, 70-64, in the semi-final round of the ECAC Division II Tournament on Saturday at Philadelphia Textiles Harris Gymnasium.

Southampton (19-11) used runs of 7-0 and 5-0 in the opening period and held the Great Danes to 29-percent shooting from the floor, including 1-11 from behind the arch. Trisha Yantz scored all six of her points in the stanza, including a half court shot at the buzzer to extend the Colonials lead to 36-22 at halftime.

Albany who finished its final Division II campaign at 13-14, scored nine straight points in the second half to pull even at 56 apiece with 7:02 left, on a transition layup by Alison Bowe. Breivaite and senior Kelley Larsen (13 points, 9 rebounds) combined for 11 points in the final five minutes to seal the verdict.

Junior Megan Buchanan had a team-high 21 points and 11 rebounds. Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) added 18 points, while Melissa Schoonover had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Indoor Track)

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's Ben Wright (Averill Park H.S.) finished sixth in the mile run at the 78th annual IC4A Indoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

Wright, the NECC indoor mile champion, ran a time of 4:15.00. Albany's 4x800 relay missed a school record by four/tenths of a second in placing fifth. Wright, who ran the anchor leg, helped his team to a 7:44.62. The other members of the relay were Rob Naughtner (Guilderland), Ion Griffith and Steve Alicea.

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(Men's Basketball)
Merrimack 76, Albany 62

Newark, N.J. -- Matt Gibson scored 23 points and Reginald Carter added 20 to lead Merrimack to a 76-62 victory over Albany in the semifinal round of the ECAC Division II Tournament on Saturday afternoon at Netwifl Gymnasium.

Merrimack (21-8), the top seed, will meet second seed New Jersey Tech in Sunday's championship. New Jersey Tech edged New York Tech, 63-62, in the other semifinal.

The Warriors raced to a 14-2 lead in the opening four minutes, as Jeff Caron had three 3-point field goals in that stretch. Merrimack, which led by as much as 18 points in the opening stanza, settled for a 37-26 halftime lead.

Albany (14-14) closed the gap to 43-38 with 16:21 remaining on a follow shot by Petr Burda, who had 11 points. Merrimack responded with seven of the game's next nine points to take control. Gibson, who had 15 second-half points, scored six in that run.

Todd Cetnar had 20 points to lead the Great Danes, who also lost in the ECAC semifinals to Merrimack one year ago. Matthew Haggarty added 17 points, including five 3-point field goals.

NO BOXSCORE AVAILABLE

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Softball)

Fort Meyers, Fla. -- Junior right-hander Jessica Hansen threw a complete-game victory for her third win of the year to lead Albany to a 7-1 triumph over Salem-Tiekkyo at Lee County Sports Complex. Albany finished its Florida swing with a 6-6 record.

Hansen struck out four and walked three to up her record to 3-1. Debbie Hodge tripled and scored in the second inning to give the Great Danes a 2-0 lead. Nancy Nicsevic (Colombia H.S.) and Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) each had two hits and scored twice.

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Jessica Hansen and Michelle Mausteller.

Kate Simons and Julie Stocker.

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WILL BRAND NAMED THIRD-TEAM ALL-ECAC IN BASKETBALL

Centerville, Mass. -- University at Albany's Will Brand has been selected to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II North All-Star team in men's basketball. Brand, a 6-foot-4 freshman, was a third-team selection.

Brand averaged 15.0 points and 6.5 rebounds in 27 starts for the Great Danes this season. His 406 points represents the highest single-season total by an Albany freshman since 1955-56.

Albany (14-13) is the No. 4 seed in this weekend's ECAC Division II tournament in Newark, New Jersey. The Great Danes meet top seed Merrimack (20-7) in the semifinals on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

SOFTBALL DROPS A PAIR OF ONE-RUN DECISIONS IN FLORIDA

Fort Myers, Fla. -- Tiffany Martin drove in the winning run with a double in the seventh inning to lead Saginaw Valley State to a 3-2 victory over Albany on Thursday afternoon at Lee County Sports Complex. Albany (4-6) also suffered a 3-2 setback earlier in the day to Concordia (Minn.) College.

In the first game, Concordia scored twice in the eighth to break a 1-1 deadlock. Amanda Schindeldecker lined an RBI single, and later scored on an error by the center fielder. The Great Danes rallied in the bottom of the frame, when Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) reached home on Debbie Hodge's base hit. However, Cardinal pitcher Erin Gunderson induced a fly ball to center field with the tying run on third base.

In the second contest, Michelle Mausteller's fielder's choice scored Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls H.S.) to draw Albany even at 2-2 in the seventh. Martin's one-out double provided Saginaw Valley State with the victory in her team's last at-bat. Anne Bink (Colonie Central H.S.) went 2-for-3 at the plate for Albany, while Deva Brandes and Hodge singled twice.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Softball)

-agate-

(Game 1)

Concordia (Minn.)	000	000	12	-	3	4	1
Albany	100	000	01	-	2	3	1

Erin Gunderson and Heidi Mueller.

Kelly Poynton and Michelle Mausteller.

(Game 2)

Albany	000	001	1	-	2	7	4
Saginaw Valley State	200	000	1	-	3	4	1

Jessica Hansen and Michelle Mausteller.

Libby Poellet, Kimberly Seyuin (4) and Theresa Beeckman.

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SOFTBALL WINS TWICE IN FLORIDA

Fort Myers, Fla. -- Kelly Poynton fired a two-hit shutout to lead Albany past Mercyhurst, 4-0, at the Lee County Sports Complex on Wednesday afternoon. The Great Danes also posted an 8-4 victory over Rochester Institute of Technology later in the day.

Poynton, last year's top pitcher in the New England Collegiate Conference, recorded her 11th career shutout with five strikeouts and five walks in the Mercyhurst win. Audrey White, a freshman infielder, singled and doubled, while Debbie Hodge also collected two hits.

Michelle Mausteller stroked an RBI double and later scored to key a six-run first inning against R.I.T. White had two more hits, including a double, and scored three times, while freshman shortstop Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls H.S.) went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Albany (4-4) meets Concordia (Minn.) and Saginaw Valley State on Thursday in Fort Myers.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Mercyhurst	000	000	-	0	2	1
Albany	101	20x	-	4	8	1

Kristen Bidinger and Dayna Shelkey.

Kelly Poynton and Kara Faraone, Michelle Mausteller (3).

(Game 2)

R.I.T.	220	000	0 -	4	7	2
Albany	610	100	x -	8	9	3

Michele Glinski and Ellen Garrett, Danielle Strassle (6).

Jessica Hansen, Amy Hawk (7) and Michelle Mausteller.

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ALBANY BASKETBALL TEAMS EARN ECAC TOURNAMENT BERTHS

Centerville, Mass. -- The University at Albany's men's and women's basketball programs each earned ECAC Division II Tournament bids for the second straight year. Both four-team tournament fields were announced today.

Albany (14-13) is the fourth seed in the men's bracket, and plays Merrimack (20-7), the top seed, in the opening round on Saturday at New Jersey Tech's Entwistle Gymnasium. Merrimack defeated the Great Danes, 92-82, in last year's ECAC semifinals.

Todd Cetnar, a second-team All-New England Collegiate Conference member, leads his club in scoring at 16.1 points per game. Will Brand, the NECC's Rookie of the Year, averages 15.0 points and 6.5 rebounds. Matt Gibson (15.0 ppg) is one of five Merrimack players who score in double figures. Reginald Carter, a 6-foot-5 junior, averages 13.7 points and 8.7 rebounds.

In the women's tournament, Albany (13-13) received the No. 3 seed, and meets second-seed LIU-Southampton (17-11) on Saturday at Philadelphia Textile's Harris Gymnasium. Philadelphia Textile captured the No. 1 seed with a 21-8 overall record.

Megan Buchanan, a second-team all-conference forward, is Albany's top scorer (15.0 ppg), while senior guard Kelly Paolino averages 13.9 points, 3.6 assists and 3.0 steals. Kelley Larsen (13.7 ppg) and Rita Breivaite (13.5 ppg) lead the LIU-Southampton attack.

-agate-

ECAC Division II Men's Tournament (Newark, N.J.)

(Saturday, March 6 - Semifinals)

#2 New Jersey Tech (16-12) vs. #3 New York Tech (14-13), 2:00

#1 Merrimack (20-7) vs. #4 Albany (14-13), 4:00

(Sunday, March 7)

Championship, 1:00

***tournament played at New Jersey Tech's Entwistle Gymnasium

MORE

Albany 2-2-2-2

(Basketball - cont.)

ECAC Division II Women's Tournament (Philadelphia, Pa.)

(Saturday, March 6 - Semifinals)

#2 LIU-Southampton (17-11) vs. #3 Albany (13-13), 5:00

#1 Philadelphia Textile (21-8) vs. #4 Southern Connecticut State (18-10), 7:00

(Sunday, March 7)

Championship, 2:00

***tournament played at Philadelphia Textile's Harris Gymnasium

SOFTBALL SPLITS A PAIR OF GAMES IN FLORIDA

Fort Myers, Fla. -- Amy Hawk's infield single scored the winning run in the sixth inning to lead Albany to a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over Northwood (Mich.) on Monday afternoon at the Lee County Sports Complex. Albany (2-4) lost to Gannon, 5-4, earlier in the day in another contest decided in the last at-bat.

Northwood took a 3-2 lead, when Kelly Hansen delivered an RBI single and Christina Boguslawski scored on a passed ball. The Great Danes tied the contest on Debbie Hodge's groundout, before Hawk lined a shot into the hole at shortstop to push across Kara Faraone with the game-winner.

In the first game, Mandy Krobot's infield hit scored Sabrina Lane in the top of the seventh to put Gannon ahead. Albany's Hodge was thrown out at home plate by center fielder Breanne Swartzendruber in an effort to score off a fly ball.

Audrey White had four hits, including a double, on the day for Albany, while Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia H.S.) collected three hits and scored twice.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Gannon	002	011	1	-	5	4	1
Albany	103	000	0	-	4	8	1

Michelle Laurie and Meredith Sherman.

Kelly Poynton and Michelle Mausteller.

(Game 2)

Northwood (Mich.)	100	002	-	3	6	1
Albany	100	012	-	4	6	1

Jennifer Taylor, Cindy Vernes (6) and Liana Sutherland.

Jessica Hansen and Kara Faraone.

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MERRIMACK COLLEGE SELECTED TOP SEED IN

ECAC DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MARCH 6-7

Host New Jersey Tech, New York Tech and U. Albany Also Selected

CENTERVILLE, Mass. – After compiling an impressive 20-7 record, Merrimack College has been selected the top seed of the 1999 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II Men's Basketball Championship.

The Warriors play fourth seed University at Albany (14-13) in one ECAC semifinal game Saturday, March 6 at 4 p.m. The other semifinal matchup will be second seed New Jersey Institute of Technology (16-12) against third seed New York Institute of Technology (14-13) at 2 p.m. New Jersey Tech will host both semifinal contests in Newark, New Jersey.

The championship game is scheduled for Sunday, March 7 at 1 p.m. between the two semifinal winners at New Jersey Tech.

1999 ECAC DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

at Newark, New Jersey

SEMIFINALS – Saturday, March 6

#2 New Jersey Tech (16-12) vs. #3 New York Tech (14-13)

#1 Merrimack (20-7) vs. #4 U. Albany (14-13)

Time

2 p.m.

4 p.m.

FINAL – Sunday, March 7

Two semifinal winners at 1 p.m.

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***New Jersey Inst. of Technology (16-12)**

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PHILADELPHIA TEXTILE SELECTED TOP SEED IN ECAC DIVISION II WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, Southern Connecticut, Southampton Round Out Final Four

CENTERVILLE, Mass. – After posting an impressive 21-8 record, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Sciences was selected as the top seed and host of the 1999 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II Women's Basketball Championship. The Lady Rams will host fourth seed Southern Connecticut State University (18-10) Saturday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

In the other semifinal game, second seed Southampton Campus of Long Island University (18-11) will play third seed University at Albany (13-13) at 5 p.m.

The final is scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m.

1999 ECAC DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

at Philadelphia Textile

SEMIFINALS – Friday, March 6

#1 Philadelphia Textile (21-8) vs. #4 Southern Connecticut State (18-10) at 7 p.m.

#3 Albany (13-13) vs. #2 Southampton (18-11) at 5 p.m.

FINAL – Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m.

Two semifinal winners.

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