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### **DUSTIN BROWN WILL ATTEND PREP SCHOOL IN 2001-02**

Albany, N.Y. – California high school standout **Dustin Brown**, who signed a national letter of intent to play for the University at Albany men's basketball program during the early signing period last November, has decided to attend prep school next year.

Brown, a 6-foot-7, 215-pound forward from San Rafael, Calif. (San Rafael H.S.), expects to enroll at either Bridgton Academy in Maine or St. Thomas More School in Connecticut. Brown, who has earned All-Metro and All-Marin County Athletic League recognition on the high school level, led his team to a 24-5 record as a senior.

"Dustin and his family have come to a decision that they feel will help his academic, athletic and personal growth," Albany coach Scott Beeten said. "We support their wishes, and are committed to Dustin for 2002-03 when he successfully completes his year at prep school."

UAlbany has commitments from Earv Opong, a 5-foot-7, 135-pound point guard from Bronx, N.Y. (Sullivan County Community College), Michael Clarke, a 6-foot-5, 210-pound forward from Brooklyn, N.Y. (William Grady H.S.), and Chris Wyatt, a 6-foot-6, 210-pound forward from Horsham, Pa. (Hatboro-Horsham H.S.) The spring signing period ended on May 15.



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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2000-01 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR Michael Oliva and Dawn DiMicco Receive Awards

ALBANY, N.Y. – **Michael Oliva**, a baseball all-star, and **Dawn DiMicco**, a two-sport standout, have been chosen as the University at Albany's 2000-01 Male and Female Athletes of the Year, as Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today. The athletes were selected in voting by the head coaches of UAlbany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program.

Oliva, a senior from Elmsford, N.Y., was a 2001 first-team All-New York State Baseball Conference outfielder. He led the conference and was 15th nationally with a .428 batting average. Oliva established single-season records for total hits (74) and doubles (14), and posted the third-highest batting average. He also totaled six home runs, 40 RBI, 41 runs and nine stolen bases, and had 19 multi-hit games.

Oliva, who earned the team's most valuable player award, became the school's all-time leader in hits (229), doubles (51) and stolen bases (58) this season. The UAlbany stolen base record had stood since 1966. He also finished second among the career leaders in runs (152) and RBI (126). Oliva was a two-sport athlete as a collegian, and passed for 1,758 yards and 23 touchdowns as a quarterback on the Great Dane football squad from 1996-99.

DiMicco, a senior from South Salem, N.Y., scored 25 goals and 16 assists as a lacrosse midfielder this spring. She ranked first among the NCAA Division I leaders in ground balls at 5.73 per game. DiMicco, the team's MVP recipient, led her club in turnovers caused with 35, and recorded a .481 shot percentage. As a basketball co-captain, she averaged 6.4 points, 2.4 rebounds and 2.6 assists from her guard position.

A two-time lacrosse All-America at the Division II level, DiMicco finished her career as UAlbany's all-time scoring leader with 182 points. She was first in career assists (61) and ground balls (447) and was second in goals (121). DiMicco, who battled back from a severe knee injury two years ago, earned a combined eight varsity letters in two sports.

### University at Albany Athletes of the Year

- 1999-00:** **Male:** Todd Cetnar (Basketball); **Female:** Megan Buchanan (Basketball)  
**1998-99:** **Male:** Steve Checksfield (Football/Baseball);  
**Female:** Kelly Poynton (Softball) & Xiomara Davila Diaz (Track & Field)  
**1997-98:** **Male:** Joe Savino (Football); **Female:** Rafaela Nikas (Lacrosse/Volleyball)  
**1996-97:** **Male:** Jomo Forrester (Soccer/Track) & Anthony Vitti (Football);  
**Female:** Tonya Dodge (Cross Country/Track)  
**1995-96:** **Male:** Dennis King (Cross Country/Track); **Female:** Debbie August (Lacrosse)  
**1994-95:** **Male:** Jeffrey York (Track & Field); **Female:** Melinda Cook-Carpenter (Softball)  
**1993-94:** **Male:** Jason Graber (Basketball); **Female:** Lynda Nealis (Basketball)

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### UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS SIGNS TWO SCHOLASTIC STANDOUTS

Albany, N.Y.— University at Albany women's tennis coach Darcie Trapasso announced today that two student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes next fall. The signees represent the first America East Conference recruiting class for the program.

"Both players are very eager to play at the Division I level and ready to work hard," Trapasso said. "They are team players, and will step in and make us stronger next year, in both singles and doubles play."

Clifton Park's **Marisa Berley** was a five-year varsity performer at Shenendehowa High School. As a senior, she was the team's number two singles player, while posting a 10-2 overall record. Berley, whose sister Alex recently completed her freshman season on the UAlbany tennis team, reached both the Section II finals and the New York State Championship semifinals in doubles competition last season.

**Krista Babiarz** (Auburn, N.Y.) was a silver medalist in the singles competition at the 2000 Empire State Games while a member of the Central New York team. Babiarz posted a 17-2 mark playing in the top singles spot for Auburn High School as senior. She totaled a 58-9 overall record during her varsity career, and advanced to sectional play in all five years.

#### 2001 University at Albany Women's Tennis Signings

Name	Ht.	High School/Hometown
Krista Babiarz	5-9	Auburn/Auburn, N.Y.
Marisa Berley	5-8	Shenendehowa/Clifton Park, N.Y.

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### **EDMUNDSON PLACES SIXTH IN TRIPLE JUMP AT IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Princeton, N.J. – University at Albany's **Ronald Edmundson** leaped a season-best 49-feet, 3.75-inches to finish sixth in the triple jump at the 125th IC4A Track & Field Championships on Sunday afternoon at Princeton University's William Weaver Stadium. Edmundson, a senior, was competing in his final collegiate meet.

The Great Danes placed 39th in the team standings with 4.33 points. Georgetown, who scored 77 points, edged George Mason by one for the IC4A title.

Georgetown's Nathan Rollins eclipsed a 23-year-old meet record with a triple jump of 54-04.75, and automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships later this month. The Great Danes' **Marlon Monroe** was eighth in the competition, as he posted a mark of 48-08.

In the high jump, UAlbany's **Naron Stewart**, a freshman from Kingston, Jamaica, tied for eighth. Stewart cleared the bar at 6-feet, 9-inches, his best effort of the spring. Brown's David Arundel went 7-03 to finish in the top spot.

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### **ALBANY SETS RELAY RECORD AT IC4A/ECAC TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Princeton, N.J. – University at Albany's **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) ran a personal-best time on her lead-off leg, as the Great Danes set a school record in the 4x800-meter relay at the ECAC and IC4A Track & Field Championships on Saturday afternoon at Princeton University's William Weaver Stadium.

UAlbany's relay of Walton, **Jessica Burger** (Granville Central), **Diane Matthews** and **Dinnah Decatus** set a school mark of 9:08.23 in qualifying, but did not advance to Sunday's final. The old record of 9:09.40 was established earlier this spring at North Carolina State's Raleigh Relays. Walton, a freshman, ran her fastest 800 meters of the season with a time of 2:14.8.

In the IC4A men's competition, Albany sprinted a season-best 42.00 seconds in the 4x100-meter relay. The unit of **Ronald Edmundson**, **Alix Rodriques**, **Dustin Wilson** and **Aggrey Morris** were 61 hundredths of a second off the school standard (41.39) set in 1995. **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) ran 15.24 in the 110-meter high hurdles, but like the 4x100 relay, did not reach the finals.

Albany's **Marlon Monroe** will compete in both the IC4A triple jump and high jump on Sunday, as the three-day meet concludes.

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### **RODRIGUEZ FINISHES 17th in 5,000 AT IC4A TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Princeton, N.J. – University at Albany's **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) finished 17th in the 5,000-meter run with a personal-best time of 14:22.55 at the 125th IC4A Track & Field Championships on Friday evening at Princeton University's William Weaver Stadium.

Rodriguez ran the second-fastest 5,000 in UAlbany history behind the school record held by William Vanos, who went 14:19.37 at the 1994 Penn Relays. Rodriguez shaved exactly seven seconds off his previous best performance, when he won this year's Penn Relays college-section title in 14:29.55.

William Mary's Matthew Lane went 13:42.33 to beat a 36-runner IC4A 5,000 field. He automatically qualified for the NCAA championships later this month in Eugene, Oregon.

Albany's **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) and **Jessica Burger** (Granville Central) will take the track on Saturday in the ECAC 4x800-meter relay. **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) will compete in the IC4A 110-meter high hurdles.

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### UALBANY SIGNS NINE FIELD HOCKEY STANDOUTS FOR 2001 SEASON

Albany, N.Y.—University at Albany field hockey coach Deborah Fiore announced today that nine student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes next fall. UAlbany will compete in the America East Conference in 2001-02 following two years as a Division I Independent.

"This class shows great promise with regard to talent and motivation, and exhibit strong leadership qualities," Fiore said. "They're all very excited to have an opportunity to carry on the program's winning tradition."

Four of the nine signees hail from New York State, including Mohegan Lake's **Sara Gonzalez**. A forward from Lakeland High School, Gonzalez earned a gold medal in the 1999 Empire State Games as a member of the Hudson Valley scholastic team. Gonzalez finished her career with 103 points (40 goals, 23 assists) and was an NFHCA North Region All-American selection.

**Danielle Costello** (Lake Katrine, N.Y.) comes to UAlbany from Kingston High School. She guided her team to a pair of Section IX championships, and the state semifinals in 1999. She finished her career with 113 points (47 goals, 19 assists).

A gold medalist on the 2000 Hudson Valley Empire State Games scholastic team, **Amber Greiner** (Dover Plains, N.Y.) scored 41 career points (10 goals, 21 assists) as a defender. **Megan Akstin**, a goalkeeper from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., earned honorable mention on the All-Section I team last season.

### 2001 University at Albany Field Hockey Signings

Name	Pos.	Ht.	High School/Hometown
Megan Akstin	Glk.	5-8	Arlington/Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Danielle Costello	For.	5-8	Kingston/Lake Katrine, N.Y.
Abby Daniels	F/M	5-3	Canton/Canton, Conn.
Sara Gonzalez	For.	5-4	Lakeland/Mohegan Lake, N.Y.
Amber Greiner	Def.	5-5	Dover/Dover Plains, N.Y.
Jennifer Kessler	Glk.	5-4	New Fairfield/New Fairfield, Conn.
Alexis Johnson	For.	5-4	Newton/Andover, N.J.
Amber Morris	Mid.	5-5	Saint Pius X/Royersford, Pa.
Cheryl Varga	Mid.	5-5	Pomperaug/Southbury, Conn.



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## UALBANY FOOTBALL RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM 29 STUDENT-ATHLETES

ALBANY, N.Y. -- Head football coach Bob Ford announced today that 29 student-athletes have committed to attend the University at Albany and play football in the fall of 2001.

"I am pleased with the group of defensive backs and offensive linemen that we were able to attract," said Ford, who has 170 career victories in 28 varsity seasons with the UAlbany program. "The incoming class in the secondary can run and move to the football, and that should help our entire defensive unit."

The 2001 class features 23 high school standouts, two prep school players, two junior college transfers and two transfers from other colleges. The group is comprised of 24 players from the state of New York, three from Florida, and one each from Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. The breakdown by position includes seven defensive backs, six offensive linemen, five defensive linemen, four running backs, three linebackers, two quarterbacks and two kickers.

The Great Danes landed several consensus All-Area players, including offensive linemen **Aaron Kimball** (Fonda-Fultonville), **Tom DePalma** (Christian Brothers Academy) and **Wayman Walker** (Troy). Place-kicker **Michael Ciulla** (Mechanicville), running back **Evan Gentile** (Catholic Central) and defensive back **David Pitaniello** (LaSalle Institute) are also in the group. **Matt Kryzak** (Albany Academy) was a three-time All-New England Prep League defensive lineman.

**Gary Jones**, a 1998 first-team All-Area running back at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, will join the UAlbany program after two years at Hudson Valley Community College. Jones rushed for 1,564 yards and 22 touchdowns as a scholastic senior.

### 2001 University at Albany Football Newcomers

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	High School/Hometown
Olubunmi Awofeso	DB	5-11	170	Fordham Prep/Bronx, N.Y.
Salomon Belilty	PK/P	5-10	180	Western/Weston, Fla.
Dennis Bernhard	OL	6-4	260	Western/Weston, Fla.
Andrew Capuana	OLB	5-10	180	Sauquoit Valley Central/Sauquoit, N.Y.
Michael Ciulla	PK	5-10	145	Mechanicville/Mechanicville, N.Y.
Matt Cohen	DE	6-2	205	Reading Memorial/Reading, Mass.
#John Davern	DB	5-11	205	Canandaigua/Canandaigua, N.Y.
Tom DePalma	C	6-0	255	Christian Brothers Academy/Central Bridge, N.Y.

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## ALBANY FOOTBALL NEWCOMERS 2-2-2

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^John Ellis	DB	5-11	180	Fairport/Fairport, N.Y.
Erich Fradenburg	OLB	5-10	170	Cazenovia Central/Cazenovia, N.Y.
Vinny Fuschetto	DE	6-2	230	Westlake/Thornwood, N.Y.
Evan Gentile	RB	5-7	175	Catholic Central/Watervliet, N.Y.
Craig Gilkey	LB	6-0	210	East Syracuse-Minoa/Minoa, N.Y.
Ryan Gribulis	QB	6-3	185	Rondout Valley/Kerhonkson, N.Y.
Aaron Irvine	FS	6-2	185	Susquehanna Valley/Binghamton, N.Y.
*Gary Jones	RB	5-10	185	Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk/Ravena, N.Y.
Aaron Kimball	OL	6-3	295	Fonda-Fultonville/Fonda, N.Y.
Matt Kryzak	DT	5-11	300	Albany Academy/Altamont, N.Y.
Michael Lavelle	DB	5-8	150	South Fork/Stuart, Fla.
Mike Maliszsky	DE	6-4	200	Rush-Henrietta/West Henrietta, N.Y.
Adam McEntee	DT	6-0	270	George W. Hewlett/Valley Stream, N.Y.
+Patrick Mills	CB	5-10	185	Cardinal Spellman/Bronx, N.Y.
David Pitaniello	DB	5-11	165	LaSalle Institute/Watervliet, N.Y.
Justin Sands	C	6-1	255	Bridgton Academy (Maine)/Boyertown, Pa.
Anthony Sciarra	QB	6-1	190	Warwick Valley/Warwick, N.Y.
Chris Stellato	RB	5-10	188	Port Jervis/Port Jervis, N.Y.
Brian Sweet	OL	6-4	240	Notre Dame/Utica, N.Y.
Ed Unverzagt	RB	6-2	235	Bridgton Academy (Maine)/Ellenville, N.Y.
Wayman Walker	OT	6-3	267	Troy/Troy, N.Y.

\*Hudson Valley Community College transfer  
#Alfred University transfer

+Dean Junior College transfer  
^University at Buffalo transfer



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## UALBANY NAMES FOUR ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES Andrew Christ, Scott James, Jim O'Neil and Dave Dykeman Join Bob Ford's Staff

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today the hiring of **Andrew Christ**, **Scott James**, **Jim O'Neil** and **Dave Dykeman** as assistant coaches. Christ will coach the outside linebackers, while James will work with the defensive ends. O'Neil will assist with the offensive line, while Dykeman handles the wide receivers.

Christ, 25, spent the last three years at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, where he worked with the defensive backs and place-kickers, and recruited Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He was a three-time All-University Athletic Association defensive back and kicker at the University of Chicago, and was voted special teams MVP four consecutive years. A native of Bay Village, Ohio, Christ received a B.A. in economics in 1997.

James, 23, was previously the defensive line and strength and conditioning coach at Norwich University in Vermont for two years. He also coached with the long snappers on special teams. James, who hails from Eliot, Maine, was a first-team All-ECAC and All-Freedom Football Conference defensive end, and led the conference in sacks in 1997 and 1998. He graduated magna cum laude from Norwich with a bachelor of science in sports medicine and a minor in biology.

O'Neil, 23, was a captain and starting nose guard at Division I-AA Towson University last fall. He led the Tigers to a 7-4 campaign with 60 tackles, including 13 hits for a loss, and seven sacks. O'Neil, a native of Doylestown, Pa., worked with the defensive line and linebackers at his alma mater this spring, and has been a student assistant strength and conditioning coach. He graduated last month with a B.S. in sports management, and has a double minor in business administration and health & fitness.

Dykeman, 22, has been with the College of the Holy Cross football program the last two seasons as a student assistant coach. During that period, he has coached both the receivers and offensive line. He served as the Crusaders' head manager from 1997-98, and handled video and practice duties. A native of Dennis, Mass., Dykeman has an undergraduate degree in history with a minor in education.

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### BASEBALL

Old Westbury, N.Y. – Sophomore outfielder **Tom Cummings** belted a three-run homer in the fifth inning, and Binghamton went on to post an 11-6 victory over Albany in the opening round of the New York State Baseball Conference Tournament on Saturday afternoon at New York Tech's Presidents Field.

Albany, the tournament's sixth seed, tied the contest at five apiece in the fifth, when shortstop **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) smacked his second home run of the season, a three-run blast, over the left-field fence. Grasso, who also had a double, drove in four runs on the day.

Binghamton, the No. 3 seed, rallied with five runs in the bottom of the inning. Freshman **Jamie Boyer's** RBI single gave his team the lead for good, before Cummings homered down the left-field line over the 320-foot sign.

Third baseman **Tyler McGonigal** had three hits, including a solo home run in the fourth, and scored three runs for the Bearcats, who improved to 19-24-1. Albany's **Michael Oliva**, the school's all-time hits leader who was playing in his final game, singled twice, doubled and scored a pair of runs. The Great Danes finish the season with a 15-32 record.

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New York State Baseball Conference Tournament

Albany (15-32)	200	030	100	-	6	11	1
Binghamton (19-24-1)	310	151	00x	-	11	14	1

Mike Burke, Adam Castoldi (5), Craig Straus (5), Mike Muller (7) and Tommy Greene.

Jeff Montani, Phil Artonio (9) and Kyle Loucks.

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#### TRACK & FIELD

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Marlon Monroe** won the triple jump with an IC4A-qualifying mark and **Seidah Abu-Bakir** was a double-winner in the women's 100-meter hurdles and high jump at the seventh annual Albany Spring Classic and Adirondack USAT&F Invitational on Friday evening at University Field. The Great Danes finished first in both the men's and women's team standings.

Monroe leaped a personal-best 49-feet, 6.25-inches to qualifying for next weekend's IC4A Championships in Princeton, New Jersey. Other UAlbany winners were **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) in the 110-hurdles (15.13), **Jonathan Garrick** in the long jump (22-4.50), **Adam Rice** in the 3000-steeplechase (9:26.04), and **Alix Rodriques** in the 100-dash (11.28). **Justin Marino** finished second in the javelin, and set a school record with a mark of 186-3.

Abu-Bakir, a senior competing in her last collegiate meet, sprinted 14.85 seconds to finish first in the 100-hurdles and posted a winning leap of 5-feet, 1-inch in the high jump. **Cherice' Vanderhall** won the shot put (39-10), while freshman **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) took second in the 800 meters (2:17.83).

Five meet records were broken on the day. Rensselaer's **Allison Benson** shattered both the facility and classic standards in the women's pole vault, when she cleared the bar at 11-1.75.

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**WOMEN** – 1. Albany 116.50, 2. Cortland 99.50, 3. Ithaca 96.50, 4. Binghamton 71, 5. Brockport 64.50, 6. Rensselaer 57, 7. Plattsburgh 41, 8. College of New Jersey 37, 9. Marist 18, 10. Rochester 13, 11. Boston College and R.I.T. 11, 13. Providence, Red Dragon Track Club and Sacred Heart 10, 16. Georgia State 8, 17. Oswego and Hartwick 6, 19. Hunter 5, 20. Union 4.

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## **ALBANY TRACK 2-2-2**

### **Track Events**

100 – 1. Diana Lawson (New Jersey), 12:43, 2. Kissie Pringle (Cortland), 12.65, 3. Laurie DeLilli (Plattsburgh), 12.73.

100-Hurdles – 1. Seidah Abu-Bakir (Albany), 14.85, 2. Hope Papworth (Cortland), 15.89, 3. Jamila Glean (Binghamton), 16.04.

200 – 1. Diana Lawson (New Jersey), 25.13, 2. Laurie DeLilli (Plattsburgh), 26.19, 3. Seidah Abu-Bakir (Albany), 26.33.

400 – 1. Aniecia Modeste (Binghamton), 57.24, 2. Lauren Cephas (Rensselaer), 59.45, 3. Jessica Burger (Albany), 59.75.

400-Hurdles – 1. Nicole Thompson (Marist), 1:06.60, 2. Elizabeth Conway (Rochester), 1:07.60, 3. Amy Huenniger (Ithaca), 1:09.40.

800 – 1. Sarah Speicher (Cortland), 2:15.71, 2. Jessica Walton (Albany), 2:17.83, 3. Mirriah Vitale (Cortland), 2:17.95.

1,500 – 1. Lauren Byler (Ithaca), 4:41.05, 2. Kate Adams (Rensselaer), 4:47.95, 3. Cassandra Paul (Oswego), 4:53.00.

3,000 – 1. Michelle Kelly (Cortland), 9:59.03, 2. Dana Ostrander (unattached), 10:10.45, 3. Erin Boshe (Ithaca), 10:39.85.

3,000 Steeplechase – 1. Roisin McGettigan (Providence), 10:20.99, 2. Jenn Fenstra (Georgia State), 10:24.87, 3. Jen Donovan (Boston College), 10:26.87.

5,000 – 1. Kimberly Almeida (Sacred Heart), 19:41.78, 2. Betsy Schultz (Cortland), 19:46.25.

4x100 Relay – 1. Binghamton, 47.40 (meet record), 2. Cortland, 48.40.

4x400 Relay – 1. Binghamton, 3:53.37 (meet record), 2. Albany, 3:58.07, 3. Red Dragon Track Club, 4:44.80.

### **Field Events**

Long Jump – 1. Molly Urquhart (R.I.T.), 17-03.25, 2. Nathalee McKenzie (Binghamton), 17-02, 3. Amber Metzger (Ithaca), 17-01.50.

High Jump – 1. Seidah Abu-Bakir (Albany), 5-01, 2. Lynda Ferris (Brockport), 4-10.50, 3. Ashleigh Kenyon (Ithaca), 4-10.50.

Triple Jump – 1. Marie Lloyd (Binghamton), 35-08.75, 2. Jamila Glean (Binghamton), 35-07.75, 3. Christine Dittrich (Ithaca), 34-08.50.

Shot Put – 1. Cherice' Vanderhall (Albany), 39-10, 2. Jo Alexander (Rensselaer), 38-11, 3. Melissa Coppola (Rensselaer), 37-03.75.

Javelin – 1. Ashley Kangas (unattached), 114-09, 2. Beckie Kravitz (Ithaca), 112-7, 3. Melissa Coppola (Rensselaer), 112-02.

Hammer – 1. Tara Kibrick (Brockport), 158-00, 2. Heather Hughes (Brockport), 153-05, 3. Janice Serven (Brockport), 141-01.

Discus – 1. Shari Wilkins (Ithaca), 136-08, 2. Kiana Peake (Cortland), 135-10, 3. Amanda Miller (Ithaca), 133-09.

Pole Vault – 1. Allison Benson (Rensselaer), 11-01.75 (meet & facility record), 2. Erin Hammer (Plattsburgh), 9:04.25, 3. Stephanie Rosehahn (Brockport), 9-04.25.

**MEN** – 1. Albany 230.50, 2. Cortland 82, 3. Rensselaer 77, 4. Rochester 42, 5.

Binghamton 35, 6. Montclair State 28, 7. Plattsburgh 25.50, 8. Ithaca 25, 9. Marist 22, 10. R.I.T. 19, 11. Brockport 18, 12. Union 17, 13. Williams and Willow Street Athletic Club 13, 15. Oswego and Red Dragon Track Club 11, 17. Colgate and Sacred Heart 6, 19. Hunter 5, 20. Hartwick 3, 21. Salem State and Syracuse Track Club 1.

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## **ALBANY TRACK 3-3-3**

### **Track Events**

100 – T1. Alix Rodrigues (Albany), 11.28, T1. Paul Keating (Ithaca), 11.28, 3. Andrew Locke (Rochester), 11.41.

110-Hurdles – 1. Paul Roche (Albany), 15.13, 2. Dustin Wilson (Albany), 15.34, 3. Charles Young (Albany), 15.36.

200 – 1. Joe Petry (unattached), 22.70, 2. Dustin Wilson (Albany), 22.77, 3. Jason Manskoff (Cortland), 22.82.

400 – 1. John Cross (Cortland), 48.32, 2. Aggrey Morris (Albany), 49.06, 3. Jon Coyles (Rochester), 49.71.

400-Hurdles – 1. Ed Hamilton (Montclair State), 53.60; 2. Justin Lamontagne (Rochester), 54.40, 3. Dane Winget (Albany), 54.80.

800 – 1. James Attle (Cortland), 1:54.78, 2. Chris Garvin (Williams), 1:55.56, 3. Ed Fotiades (Albany), 1:55.74.

1,500 – 1. Nick Conway (unattached), 3:58.14, 2. Tom Baldwin (Montclair State), 4:00.14, 3. Jay Wells (Plattsburgh), 4:02.06.

3,000 Steepchase – 1. Adam Rice (Albany), 9:26.04, 2. Mike Nehr (Marist), 9:32.49, 3. Louie DiNuzzo (Colgate), 9:39.03.

5,000 – 1. Peter Flynn (Willow Street Athletic Club), 15:30.44, 2. Jim Head (Binghamton), 15:34.06, 3. Joe Pienta (Albany), 15:47.09.

10,000 – 1. Travis Bashaw (Binghamton), 32.53.14.

4x100 Relay – 1. Cortland, 42.48, 2. Rochester, 43.01, 3. Albany, 43.09.

4x400 Relay – 1. Ithaca, 3:15.03 (meet record), 2. Albany 3:19.20, 3. Rochester, 3:20.05.

### **Field Events**

Triple Jump – 1. Marlon Monroe (Albany), 49-06.25, 2. Dwaine Alleyne (Rensselaer), 47-02.50, 3. Robert Harrison (Albany), 45-08.

Long Jump – 1. Jonathan Garrick (Albany), 22-04.25, 2. Scott Amado (unattached), 21-10.25, 3. Jason Manskoff (Cortland), 21-02.50.

High Jump – 1. Mike Mirabito (Cortland), 6-09.50 (meet record), 2. Marlon Monroe (Albany), 6-07, 3. Naron Stewart (Albany), 6-07.

Shot Put – 1. Justin Sievert (Union), 49-01.75, 2. Bill Monette (Rensselaer), 48-07.50, 3. Tom Fassell (Rensselaer), 47-04.50.

Hammer – 1. Bill Monette (Rensselaer), 181-06, 2. Josh Black (Rensselaer), 179-02, 3. Mike Pestilli (unattached), 172-05.

Discus – 1. Bill Monette (Rensselaer), 163-08, 2. Mike Pestilli (unattached), 157-11, 3. Brandon Howlett (Albany), 138-02.

Javelin – 1. Scott Hanney (unattached), 188-01, 2. Justin Marino (Albany), 186-03, 3. Nick Serpico (Montclair State), 174-06.

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### **EDDIE SCOTT NAMED TO VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT BASEBALL TEAM**

Bethlehem, Pa. – University at Albany's **Eddie Scott** has been chosen to the Verizon District I University Division Academic All-America Baseball Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Scott, who has a 3.65 cumulative grade point average in psychology with a minor in economics, was named to the 10-player unit for the second straight year.

Scott, a junior second baseman, has a .287 batting average with 41 runs, 12 extra-base hits, including eight doubles, and 22 RBI. He leads the New York State Baseball Conference in stolen bases with 22.

The District I team advances to the national ballot, and the results will be announced on June 5. District I includes NCAA Division I institutions from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

### **QUARTERBACK RYAN ROEDER HAS SUCCESSFUL KNEE SURGERY**

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany quarterback **Ryan Roeder** had successful surgery on Thursday morning to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Dr. Max Alley, of The Orthopedics Group, performed the procedure. Roeder, who will now go through rehabilitation during the summer, suffered the injury in the team's final spring scrimmage on May 4.

Roeder, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound sophomore, completed 87 of 147 passes for 1,132 yards with nine touchdowns and seven interceptions last fall. He also rushed for 181 yards. A native of Bethlehem, Pa., Roeder ranked fifth among the Northeast Conference leaders in total offense at 119.4 yards per game.

The Great Danes, who have eight starters returning on offense and nine on defense, will open their schedule on September 1 against Towson at University Field.

## **VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM**

S E L E C T E D B Y C O S I D A

For Immediate Release  
May 10, 2001

### **Ivy League Places Six Players On Verizon All-District I Baseball Team** *Yale Lands Three Spots On 10-Player Team While Harvard Gains Two Positions*

BETHLEHEM, Pa. – Six Ivy League players, including three from Yale University and two from Harvard University, were named to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District I University Division Baseball Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Yale dominated the pitching staff with juniors **Craig Breslow** (Trumbull, Conn.) and **Jon Steitz** (Stony Creek, Conn.), both molecular biophysics and biochemistry majors, earning spots on the team. Yale also placed senior outfielder **R.D. DeSantis** (Dunedin, Fla.) on this year's All-District I squad.

Harvard picked up two spots on the All-District I team, including junior infielder **Nick Carter** (LaJolla, Calif.) and senior outfielder **Scott Carmack** (Derwood, Md.).

Columbia University junior catcher **Derek Johnson** (Pompton Plains, N.J.) rounds out the Ivy League representation on the All-District I team and joins Breslow and Steitz to form the starting battery.

The College of the Holy Cross senior **Corey Czajka** (Slingerland, N.Y.) joins DeSantis and Carmack in the outfield while Le Moyne College sophomore **Scott Edwardson** (Manlius, N.Y.), St. Bonaventure University senior **Mark Evers** (Troy, N.Y.) and University of Albany junior **Eddie Scott** (Kingston, N.Y.) join Carter in the infield.

The 10 players named to the District I team, representing seven NCAA Division I baseball teams, will advance to the national Academic All-America ballot. Results of the national voting will be announced June 5, 2001.

To be nominated for the Verizon Academic All-America team, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore starter or significant reserve on his team with a 3.20 cumulative grade point average. The District I team is compiled from NCAA Division I teams from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

More information may be obtained by contacting Tom Byrnes at the Patriot League office at (610) 691-2414 or by e-mail at [tbyrnes@patriotleague.org](mailto:tbyrnes@patriotleague.org).

### **2001 Verizon All-Academic District I University Division Baseball Team**

Pos - Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	Major (GPA)
P - Craig Breslow	Yale	Jr.	Trumbull, Conn.	Molecular Biophysics/Biochemistry (3.34)
P - Jon Steitz	Yale	Jr.	Stony Creek, Conn.	Molecular Biophysics/Biochemistry (3.50)
C - Derek Johnson	Columbia	Jr.	Pompton Plains, N.J.	Political Science (3.634)
IF - Nick Carter	Harvard	Jr.	LaJolla, Calif.	Economics (3.39)
IF - Scott Edwardson	Le Moyne	Soph.	Manlius, N.Y.	Undeclared (3.64)
IF - Mark Evers	St. Bonaventure	Sr.	Troy, N.Y.	Finance (3.43)
IF - Eddie Scott	Albany	Jr.	Kingston, N.Y.	Psychology; Economics Minor (3.65)
OF - Scott Carmack	Harvard	Sr.	Derwood, Md.	Economics (3.58)
OF - Corey Czajka	Holy Cross	Sr.	Slingerland, N.Y.	Political Science (3.24)
OF - R.D. DeSantis	Yale	Sr.	Dunedin, Fla.	Political Science/History (3.75)

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#### SEVENTH ANNUAL ALBANY SPRING CLASSIC ON FRIDAY

Albany, N.Y. – The seventh annual Albany Spring Classic and Adirondack USAT&F Track and Field Invitational, hosted by the University at Albany, will be held on Friday, May 11 at University Field.

Field events begin at 2:00 p.m. with the men's and women's hammer throw and conclude with the men's and women's high jump at 5:00. The 400-meter hurdles is the first track competition scheduled at 3:00. The meet will finish with the 10,000-meter run at 8:30.

Albany, Rensselaer, Union, Providence, Boston College and Colgate are among nearly 25 collegiate teams who have athletes competing in 23 women's events and 22 men's events. Most of the competitors are attempting to qualify for both the NCAA and IC4A/ECAC championships later this month.

UAlbany's **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) is entered in the men's 1,500 meters at 4:25 p.m. Freshman **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) will run at 5:05 p.m. in the women's 800 meters. **Marlon Monroe** headlines the high jump competition. Monroe set a school record last week with a leap of 6-feet, 11.50-inches.

#### SEVENTH ANNUAL ALBANY SPRING CLASSIC (Order of Events)

##### Field Events

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	
2:00	Hammer Throw followed by Discus	Men/Women
2:00	Shot Put followed by Javelin	Women/Men
3:00	Pole Vault	Women/Men
3:00	Long Jump followed by Triple Jump	Women/Men
5:00	High Jump	Women/Men

##### Running Events

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	
3:00	400 Hurdles	Women/Men
3:20	4x100 Relay	Women/Men

**MORE**

## ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

(Order of Events - Continued)

3:35	3,000 Racewalk	Combined (W/M)
4:05	100	Sections (W/M)
4:25	1,500	Sections (W/M)
4:50	400	Sections (W/M)
5:05	800	Sections (W/M)
5:25	200	Women/Men
5:40	5,000	Women/Men
6:25	4x400 Relay	Women/Men
6:40	4x800 Relay	Women/Men
7:00	Special 4x100 Relay (Alumni, Coaches & Staff)	
7:10	3,000	Women
7:30	100 Hurdles (Women)	
7:30	110 Hurdles (Men)	
8:00	3,000 Steeplechase	Women/Men
8:30	10,000	Women/Men

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### **SIX PLAYERS ON ALL-NEW YORK STATE BASEBALL CONFERENCE TEAM**

Pleasantville, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Michael Oliva** leads a group of six Great Danes who have been named to the 2001 New York State Baseball Conference All-Star Team, as announced today by the conference office.

Oliva, the school's all-time hits and stolen bases leader, first baseman/outfielder **Steve Checksfield** and left fielder **Jake Toms** were first-team all-conference selections. **Mike Kuebler**, **Michael Tecklenburg** and **Mike Burke** earned second-team recognition.

Oliva, a senior center fielder, leads the conference and is 19th nationally in hitting with a .423 batting average. He also has 39 runs, 13 doubles and a team-leading 40 RBI, and set UAlbany's single-season record with 71 hits. Checksfield totaled 24 extra-base hits, including 10 homers. He batted .325, drove in 39 runs, and registered a .619 slugging percentage. The UA senior ranks first on the all-time charts with 40 home runs, 172 runs and 168 RBI. Toms, a junior, led the Great Danes with 14 doubles, plus posted a .348 batting average with 33 RBI.

Tecklenburg, a senior outfielder/designated hitter, was the only player to rank among the conference leaders in both home runs (8) and stolen bases (16). He hit .310 with 31 RBI, and led the team with 44 runs scored. Burke, a junior left-hander who had a 3-1 record with a 5.37 earned run average, led the Albany pitching staff in victories (3), complete games (3), innings pitched (58.2) and strikeouts (28). Kuebler, a senior who started four consecutive years as a third baseman, batted .315 with six homers, nine doubles, 33 runs and 32 RBI.

The Great Danes will play Binghamton in the opening round of the NYSBC Tournament on Saturday, May 12 at New York Tech's Presidents Field.



## NEW YORK STATE BASEBALL CONFERENCE

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### New York State Baseball Conference All-Conference Teams

#### First Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>
Alex Trezza	Stony Brook	Jr.	Catcher
Mike Bohlander	Pace	Jr.	First Base
Jelani Arnold	N.Y. Inst. of Technology	Fr.	Second Base
Tim Macko	Binghamton	Sr.	Shortstop
Ryan Nevins	N.Y. Inst. of Technology	Sr.	Third Base
Steve Martino	Pace	Jr.	Outfield
Michael Oliva	Albany	Sr.	Outfield
Jake Toms	Albany	Jr.	Outfield
Doug Hehner	Pace	Fr.	Designated Hitter
Chris Flinn	Stony Brook	Jr.	Starting Pitcher
Hector Duprey	C.W. Post	Sr.	Starting Pitcher
Jeff Montani	Binghamton	Jr.	Starting Pitcher
Phil Artonio	Binghamton	So.	Relief Pitcher
Steve Checksfield	Albany	Sr.	Utility

#### Second Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>
Karl Geiger	C.W. Post	Sr.	Catcher
Jamie Boyer	Binghamton	Fr.	First Base
Joe Grillo	C.W. Post	Jr.	Second Base
Garrett Renner	Stony Brook	Jr.	Shortstop
Mike Kuebler	Albany	Sr.	Third Base
Bryan Goelz	N.Y. Inst. of Technology	Jr.	Outfield
Dwayne Whitaker	Stony Brook	Jr.	Outfield
George Kearnes	Stony Brook	Sr.	Outfield
Michael Tecklenburg	Albany	Sr.	Designated Hitter
Jeremy Carle	Stony Brook	Jr.	Starting Pitcher
Tim Keinath	C.W. Post	Sr.	Starting Pitcher
Mike Burke	Albany	Jr.	Starting Pitcher
Shelby Langford	Pace	Jr.	Relief Pitcher
Brian Mitchell	C.W. Post	Fr.	Utility

**Player of the Year:** Alex Trezza, Stony Brook  
**Coach of the Year:** Matt Senk, Stony Brook

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### BASEBALL

Pleasantville, N.Y. – The University at Albany will be seeded sixth at this weekend's New York State Baseball Conference Tournament. The Great Danes will face No. 3 Binghamton in the opening round at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 12 at New York Tech's Presidents Field.

The Albany-Binghamton winner will face No. 2 New York Tech at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Stony Brook (32-14) is the top seed, as the Seawolves went undefeated in conference play during the regular season. The three-day tournament continues on Sunday (May 13) and Monday (May 14).

The Great Danes finished their regular schedule with a 15-31 record. Senior outfielder **Michael Oliva**, the school's all-time hits leader, has a .423 batting average and 40 runs batted in. First baseman **Steve Checksfield** (.325 BA) has 24 extra-base hits, including 10 home runs, and 36 RBI.

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### **New York State Baseball Conference Tournament**

Saturday, May 12

#6 Albany vs. #3 Binghamton, 11:00 a.m.

#5 Pace vs. #4 C.W. Post, 11:00 a.m.

#2 New York Tech vs. Albany-Binghamton winner, 3:00 p.m.

#1 Stony Brook vs. Pace-C.W. Post winner, 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 13

Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 10:00 a.m.

Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 14

Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6, 11:00 a.m.

Winner Game 6 vs. Winner Game 7, 2:00 p.m.

### **CHRIS CATALANO NAMED NYSBC ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Pleasantville, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Chris Catalano** has been named the New York State Baseball Conference Rookie of the Week (April 30 – May 6). Catalano, a freshman, batted .389 and drove in eight runs in five games. He raised his average 102 points, and had six RBI with a three-run homer in last Saturday's doubleheader with Stony Brook.



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## UALBANY ATHLETES HONORED AT GREAT DANE AWARDS

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany's **J.T. Herfurth** and **Mariah Martin** received the 2000-01 Presidential Scholar-Athlete Awards at the first-ever Great Dane Awards on Saturday, May 5 at the Recreation and Convocation Center. UAlbany also honored the most valuable players on each of its 19 intercollegiate varsity teams.

Martin, a captain on the women's field hockey team, posted a 3.94 cumulative grade point average in business administration with a minor in economics. She scored four goals and six assists in leading Albany to a 10-8 record in 2000. Herfurth, a first-team All-America offensive tackle in football, has a 3.89 GPA in sociology with a minor in psychology. He was chosen as Football Gazette's Division I-AA Mid-Major Offensive Lineman of the Year, and played in the 2001 Hula Bowl All-Star Classic.

**Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) was named team MVP in both cross country and indoor track. Walton was second at the ECAC championships in cross country, and set three school records, including the 1,000-meter run, during the indoor season. **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) picked up the men's cross country award. He won the college section open title at the 27th Stanford Invitational, and was 19th at the NCAA Northeast Regional.

**Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) was voted the top player on the women's volleyball team. An All-Independent Conference choice, she averaged 3.28 kills and 3.22 digs per game. **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) earned softball team MVP honors with a .403 batting average. The junior shortstop established UAlbany single-season records for stolen bases (49) and runs (47). Women's tennis recognized **Erinn Langford** (Bishop Maginn) as their best performer. She finished her career with 34 singles victories and 44 wins in doubles play.

### 2000-2001 UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY TEAM MVP AWARDS

#### FALL

Men's Cross Country: Jamie Rodriguez  
Women's Cross Country: Jessica Walton  
Men's Soccer: Bryan Grabon, Charlie Justino  
Women's Soccer: Emily Trievel  
Football: Ben Kelcey  
Field Hockey: Amy DiMicco  
Women's Golf: Katie Wachtl  
Women's Volleyball: Alissa Gibbs

#### WINTER

Men's Basketball: Antione Johnson, Will Brand  
Women's Basketball: Liz Tucker  
Men's Indoor Track: Alix Rodriques  
Women's Indoor Track: Jessica Walton

#### SPRING

Baseball: Michael Oliva  
Softball: Valerie Terry  
Women's Lacrosse: Dawn DiMicco  
Men's Lacrosse: Jim Lindsay, Alan Beach  
Women's Tennis: Erinn Langford  
Men's & Women's Outdoor Track: Announced at a later date



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#### BASEBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Senior outfielder **George Kearnes** homered in each game to lead Stony Brook to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over Albany in the Great Danes' regular-season finale on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Seawolves won the twinbill, 6-2 and 4-2.

In the opener, Stony Brook (32-14) broke a 2-2 deadlock with a four-run sixth inning. Designated hitter **Mike Russo** led off the frame with an opposite-field homer, his second of the season, to put his team ahead. Kearns later followed with a three-run blast over the left-field fence.

Albany (15-31) took a 1-0 lead in nightcap's fourth inning on **Steve Checksfield's** tenth home run of the season. But the Seawolves, who extended their winning streak to nine straight, went in front in the fifth. Catcher **Ed Kull** hit a solo homer, before **Garrett Renner** delivered a RBI single. Kearns smacked his 13th home run of the year, a solo shot, in the sixth for insurance.

Checksfield, a senior making his final home appearance, finished the afternoon with four hits, including one double, two runs, and two RBI. The Great Danes will play in the New York State Baseball Conference Tournament on May 12-14.

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(Game 1)

Stony Brook	010	104	0	-	6	7	3
Albany	110	000	0	-	2	7	0

Lee Reynolds and Alex Trezza.

Adam Castoldi, Craig Straus (6), Mike Jorgensen (6), Ryan Sullivan (7) and Tommy Greene.

(Game 2)

Stony Brook (32-14)	000	022	0	-	4	7	0
Albany (15-31)	000	101	0	-	2	5	1

Shawn Walsh, Ryan Sullivan (5), Bryant Alvarado (6), Mike Jorgensen (7), Marty Pincar (7) and Tommy Greene.

Kevin Willi, Anthony Stutz (7) and Ed Kull.

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### Comments: College Sports

#### BASEBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Senior center fielder **George Kearnes** homered twice, doubled and drove in eight runs to lead Stony Brook to a New York State Baseball Conference doubleheader sweep over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Seawolves, winners of seven straight games, won the twinbill, 13-10 and 20-15.

In the opener, Stony Brook (30-14, 10-0) rallied from a 10-6 deficit in the late innings. Second baseman **Matt Salmon** had a RBI single and scored the go-ahead run on a groundout in the seventh. The Seawolves added insurance runs in the eighth, when **George Kearnes** belted his second home run of the contest, a two-run blast.

Albany (15-29, 3-7) scored seven times in the fifth to build a four-run lead. **Steve Checksfield** hit his ninth homer of the season, a two-run shot over the left-field fence, to key the inning.

Stony Brook jumped out to a 7-0 first-inning lead in the nightcap, highlighted by **Garrett Renner's** two-run home run and **Lee Lipschutz's** two-run double. Renner finished the day with five RBI. Trailing 12-5 in the top of the fifth, Albany posted an eight-run frame to jump ahead. **Chris Catalano**, who had six RBI on the afternoon, belted a three-run opposite-field homer giving the Great Danes a 13-12 advantage.

However, the Seawolves responded with an eight-run bottom half. **James McCurdy**, who went 4-for-5 with four RBI in the second game, drove in the go-ahead runs with a double to center field. Albany's **Michael Oliva** finished with five hits, including his eighth home run of the season.

MORE



(Game 1)

Stony Brook	110	313	220	-	13	17	1
Albany	120	070	000	-	10	13	1

Christopher Flinn, Dave Mischo (5), Paul LaMarr (9) and Alexander Trezza.  
Mike Burke, Craig Straus (6) and Tommy Greene.

(Game 2)

Albany (15-29, 3-7)	022	182	0	-	15	17	6
Stony Brook (30-14, 10-0)	705	080	X	-	20	21	3

Ryan Pitt, Mike Muller (1), Bryant Alvarado (4), Craig Straus (5), Mike Jorgensen (5), Ryan Sullivan (6) and Tommy Greene.

Jeremy Carle, Jason Brock (4), Graham Wildt (5), Paul LaMarr (5), Anthony Stutz (6) and Ed Kull.

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### SOFTBALL

West Point, N.Y. – Right-hander **Shelley Laird** fired a two-hit shutout in the opener to lead Alabama, ranked seventh nationally, to a doubleheader sweep over Albany in the Great Danes' season finale on Friday evening at Army's Buffalo Soldier Field. The Crimson Tide, who improved to 47-7 overall, won the twinbill, 10-0 and 8-1.

Laird, a junior, recorded 12 strikeouts en route to her 14th shutout of the season, and improved to 29-4 overall on the mound. Senior outfielder **Kelly Kretschman**, a member of the 2000 U.S. Olympic team, went for 6-for-8 at the plate with five runs and four RBI on the night. Kretschman belted her 13th home run of the season, a solo blast, in the fourth inning.

In the nightcap, **Jackie McClain** and **Suzanne Olcott** each singled three times to lead Alabama's 13-hit attack. Albany shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) had two hits, three stolen bases and scored her team's lone run in the contest. The Great Danes finish the spring with a 22-25 record.

(Game 1)

Alabama	300	133	-	10	14	1
Albany	000	000	-	0	2	4

(game ended in sixth by 8-run rule)

Shelley Laird and Lacy Prejean.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Alabama (47-7)	302	201	0	-	8	13	1
Albany (22-25)	001	000	0	-	1	5	3

Melissa Bautista, Erin Wright (4) and Kelley Askew.

Amy Hawk and Stacy Kowal.

**MORE**

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### FOOTBALL CONCLUDES SPRING WITH SCRIMMAGE

Albany, N.Y. -- The UAlbany football team wrapped up spring practice with a 44-play scrimmage on Friday evening at University Field. Quarterback **Ryan Roeder** completed 4 of 7 passes for 44 yards, and rushed twice for 25 more. Fullback **Jon George** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake), a transfer from Hartwick College, registered the controlled scrimmage's lone scoring play, when he scampered 57 yards to paydirt.

Defensive end **Jason Pelosi** (Broadalbin-Perth) totaled one sack and one pass break-up. **Alex Figueroa** caught four passes, while freshman tailback **Rohann Vidal** ran 11 times for 50 yards.

"We are still making too many mistakes in terms of our alignments and formations," said **Bob Ford**, who has a 170-108 record in 28 seasons as Albany's head coach. "Roeder looked good running the team, and Jon George is a physical talent who is still learning. Overall, we were able to identify some defensive linemen during the spring. John Bolt (Watervliet), Kevin Gribbin and Josh MacAnn are going to help us appreciably up front."

The Great Danes open their 2001 schedule at home on Saturday, September 1 against non-conference opponent Towson.

### TRACK & FIELD

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Marlon Monroe** set a school record in the men's high jump at the Adirondack USAT&F Albany Twilight Meet on Friday at University Field.

Monroe leaped 6-feet, 11.50-inches, and broke a mark set in 1994 when Vincent Hodnett went 6-10.75. Monroe finished fifth in the eastern high jump at Penn Relays last weekend.

**Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) won the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.64 seconds, and qualified for the IC4A championships in Princeton, New Jersey later this month.

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### **CHRIS WYATT SIGNS TO PLAY BASKETBALL FOR GREAT DANES**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's basketball coach Scott Beeten announced today that **Chris Wyatt** has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Great Danes in 2001-02.

Wyatt, a 6-foot-6, 210-pound forward from Horsham, Pa. (Hatboro-Horsham H.S.) averaged 10.0 points and 6.5 rebounds as a senior. He was named to the Suburban One League American Conference Liberty Division second team. The Hatters finished with a 25-7 record and reached the PIAA state Class AAAA quarterfinals. Wyatt, who is the fourth player on his high school team to sign with a Division I program, scored at a 9.0 clip as a junior.

"Chris is an athletic, hard-working and fundamentally sound player," said Beeten, whose Albany program begins America East Conference play next year. "He has improved each year, both on the court and in the classroom, and has benefited from playing in a well-coached suburban Philadelphia high school program."

UAlbany previously signed **Earv Opong**, a 5-foot-7, 135-pound point guard from Bronx, N.Y. (Sullivan County Community College) and **Michael Clarke**, a 6-foot-5, 210-pound forward from Brooklyn, N.Y. (William Grady H.S.) during the current spring period. **Dustin Brown**, a 6-foot-7, 215-pound forward from San Rafael, Calif. (San Rafael H.S.) inked his letter-of-intent last November.

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### SAINT ROSE FALLS 20-11 IN SLUGFEST WITH ALBANY

ALBANY – The University at Albany scored eight times in the eighth inning to take a commanding 17-10 lead en route to a 20-11 victory over The College of Saint Rose in a three-hour and six minute slugfest tonight at Walker Field at Bleecker Stadium. The two teams pounded out 45 hits collectively including eight home runs. The Great Danes (15-27) won their third straight while Saint Rose (19-28) dropped its ninth consecutive outing. The Golden Knights return to Northeast-10 Conference action tomorrow when Assumption arrives in the Capital District for the opener of a three-game series. Game time is set for 3:00 pm. Meanwhile, Albany will host Stony Brook in a noon doubleheader on Saturday.

Senior catcher Mike Wilson (Colonie, NY/Colonie) belted two home runs and senior right-fielder David Benyo (Elmira, NY/Horseheads), freshman left fielder Matt Bertinetti (River Edge, NJ/Bergen Catholic) and sophomore center fielder Bob Case (Troy, NY/Troy) had one each for the Golden Knights. Benyo extended hits hitting streak to 18 games which amounts to nearly 40 percent of the team's season. He also moved into second place among the College's all-time leaders with 213 career hits, just eight shy of all-time leader and former All-American Jason Miller ('94), while freshman first baseman Alex Carey (Bayside, NY/Holy Cross) made the most of his third varsity start by going 3-for-5 with a double.

Junior second baseman Eddie Scott (Kingston, NY/Kingston), senior right fielder Michael Tecklenburg (Washingtonville, NY/Washingtonville) and senior third baseman Mike Kuebler (Northport, NY/Northport) all homered for the Great Danes while freshman catcher Tommy Greene (Belle Harbor, NY/St. Francis Prep) went 4-for-5 and drove in five runs.

The Golden Knights led 10-9 heading into the eighth when Scott came across with the tying run courtesy of a bases loaded walk to senior first baseman Steve Checksfield (Hurley, NY/Kingston). Junior left fielder Jake Toms (Toronto, Ontario/Northern) then laced a two-run double to center field and Albany never looked back.

Line Score	123	456	789	R-H-E
Albany (15-27)	100	600	283	20-23-3
Saint Rose (19-28)	600	010	301	11-12-6

Albany Battery: Shawn Walsh, Adam Castoldi (2), Mike Muller (6), Ryan Sullivan (7), Mike Steinberg (8), Marty Pincar (9), Mike Hammond (9) and Tommy Greene.  
Saint Rose Battery: Nick Davey, James Derby (5), Sean Connor (8) and Mike Wilson.  
Win: Sullivan (1-0), Loss: Derby (1-3)

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List of students award winners at: <http://www.suny.edu/chancellorsawards.htm>

## **Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence**

Close to 200 of the most gifted and talented students attending the State University of New York are being honored Wednesday, May 2 in Albany, with the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

"Each student has combined outstanding academic excellence with significant contributions to the university community," said State University Chancellor Robert L. King. "Collectively, we are all proud of the accomplishments of this group of students for they will play a significant role in leading and shaping the future."

This year's contingent honors 178 students from 53 State University campuses. The recipients have an average Grade Point Average of 3.82 and records of significant contributions to the university community.

Each student so honored will receive a framed certificate and a medallion, which may be worn at commencement. The students will be presented with their awards at a ceremony being held at the Empire State Convention Center in Albany, beginning at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Participating in the ceremony will be Chancellor King, Associate Vice Chancellor for University Life William J. Murabito, and Student Assembly President and State University Trustee Christopher J. Holland.

Each campus president established a selection committee, which reviews exemplary members of their college communities who are graduating. Campus nominees are then forwarded to the Chancellor's Office and are subjected to a second round of review. Finalists are then recommended to the Chancellor.

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You will find a **list of student award winners** - where you will be able to specifically identify those from your area - by visiting our web page:

<http://www.suny.edu/chancellorsawards.htm>

If you cannot access the World Wide Web, please contact our office at 518 443-5311 and we will fax or e-mail you a list of all the award winners.

**State University of New York  
Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence 2001  
Sorted Alphabetically by Campus**

<b>Campus</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Home County</b>	<b>Home City</b>
Adirondack	Hemsley	David	Saratoga	Saratoga Springs
Adirondack	Martucci	Michael	Saratoga	Clifton Park
Albany	Cooke	Michael	Albany	Albany
Albany	Harris	Clemmie	Albany	Albany
Albany	McElroy	Jennifer	Albany	Albany
Albany	Estreich	Jonathan E.	Nassau	New Hyde Park
Albany	Herfurth	J.T.	Suffolk	E. Northport
Albany	Martin	Mariah	Suffolk	Sagaponack
Albany	Villar	Maria	Westchester	Yonkers
Albany	Tucker	Liz		Derry, NH
Alfred Tech.	Snyder III	William F.	Erie	E. Concord
Binghamton	Nzegwu	Azuba	Broome	Endicott
Binghamton	Andre	Emmanuel	Kings	Brooklyn
Binghamton	Gold	Marissa M.	Niagara	Niagara Falls
Binghamton	Bhoumik	Arunabha	Queens	Flushing
Binghamton	Agboola	Iyabode A.	Richmond	Staten Island
Brockport	Krucher	Kelly	Chenango	Norwich
Brockport	Cortes	Maria	Monroe	Rochester
Brockport	Okanovic	Emil	Monroe	Brockport
Brockport	Kirby	Joshua A.	Orleans	Albion
Brockport	Murphy	Erin	Wayne	Wolcott
Broome	Anderson	Renee	Broome	Vestal
Broome	Kakusu	Jean D'Arc	Broome	Binghamton
Buffalo C.	Litwin	Jonathan	Erie	Amherst
Buffalo C.	Van Hoeckel White	Kelly	Erie	Angola
Buffalo C.	Szalach	Carol	Niagara	Niagara Falls
Buffalo U.	Broderick	Jennifer L.	Erie	Buffalo
Buffalo U.	Ferraris	Catherine L.	Erie	Buffalo
Buffalo U.	Kopecky	Karen A.	Erie	Buffalo
Buffalo U.	Noody	Anthony	Erie	Buffalo
Buffalo U.	Hu	Xin		Fort Washington, PA
Canton	Hyde	William	Bronx	Bronx
Canton	Mattoon	Aaron	Clinton	Saranac
Canton	Schecter	Micah	Otsego	Cherry Valley
Canton	Willard	Christal	St. Lawrence	Gouverneur
Cayuga	Jorgensen	Julee A.	Cayuga	Auburn
Cayuga	Maksymiw	Stephanie M.	Cayuga	Auburn
Cayuga	Wilson	Barbara S.	Cayuga	Auburn
Cayuga	Allen	Debra J.	Oswego	Mexico
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Cobleskill	Sutton	Michele	Schoharie	Cobleskill
Cobleskill	DeLisle	Jay	St. Lawrence	Chase Mills
Cobleskill	LaVack	Karen	St. Lawrence	Gouverneur
Columbia-Greene	Ballinger	Della	Albany	Voorheesville
Columbia-Greene	Teo	Lauren	Columbia	Hudson
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### Comments: College Sports

#### BASEBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Third baseman **Mike Kuebler** singled in the go-ahead runs in the eighth inning to lead Albany to a 6-4 non-conference victory over Bridgeport on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Bridgeport (21-20) took a 4-3 lead in the top of the eighth, when **Matt Donohue** belted a solo homer over the center-field fence. Albany (14-27) rallied with three runs its next at-bat. **Michael Tecklenburg's** RBI single tied the contest, before Kuebler lined a two-run single to left field.

Albany rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the middle innings. **Steve Checksfield** hit a two-run homer, his eighth of the season, in the fourth. **Michael Oliva**, who singled three times and established the school's single-season total hits record, drew his team even at three apiece with a run-scoring hit in the fifth.

Kuebler and **Jake Toms** each finished with two hits for the Great Danes, who play St. Rose at Bleecker Stadium on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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Bridgeport (21-20)	120	000	010	-	4	9	2
Albany (14-27)	000	210	03x	-	6	9	0

Mike Clohessy and Jeremy Pesce.

Mike Burke, Ryan Pitt (3), Craig Straus (5), Mike Jorgensen (9) and Tommy Greene.

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### SOFTBALL

West Point, N.Y. – Right-hander **Sarah Maida** fired a three-hit shutout in the opener and earned her fifth save in the second game to lead Albany to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over Army on Wednesday evening at Buffalo Soldier Field. The Great Danes won the twinbill, 5-0 and 4-3.

In the first game, Maida tossed her 11th victory and third shutout of the season by recording seven strikeouts and two walks. Shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls), who totaled four hits, two runs, two RBI and five stolen bases on the day, singled and scored in the first inning. Third base **Chelsey LaRue** drove in a pair of runs.

Army (19-25) tied the nightcap at three apiece in the fourth, as **Becky Tsuchiya** delivered a RBI single to centerfield. Albany's **Lynnette Bohannon** smacked her sixth home run of the season, a solo blast, to put her team ahead in the sixth. Maida relieved **Amy Hawk** in the seventh, and sent Army down in order to pick up the save for the Great Danes, who improve to 22-23 overall.

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(Game 1)

Albany	200	000	3	-	5	10	0
Army	000	000	0	-	0	3	3

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

Ashlie Christian, Shauna Evans (2) and Anne McClain.

(Game 2)

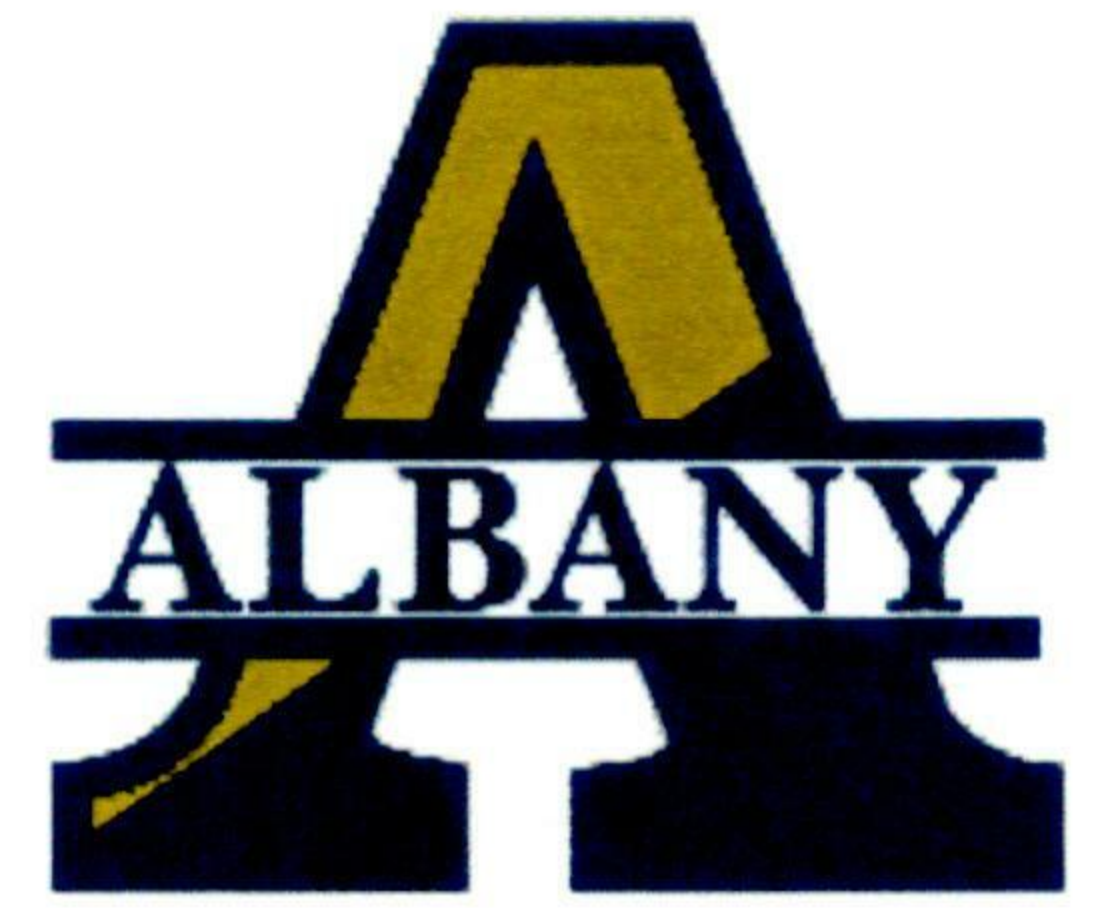
Albany (22-23)	003	001	0	-	4	6	0
Army (19-25)	200	100	0	-	3	9	1

Amy Hawk, Sarah Maida (7) and Stacy Kowal.

Julie Evans, Shauna Evans (3) and Kari Burke.



## **Siena College and the University at Albany set to renew basketball rivalry**



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**ALBANY, N.Y.--Siena College and the University at Albany will renew their storied basketball rivalry next season after a 21-year hiatus. The two have agreed to terms on a three-year contract that will pair the schools' men's and women's basketball teams in an annual double-header in Albany's 15,500-seat Pepsi Arena.**

**This year's games will take place on Tuesday, November 27, 2001 beginning with a women's contest at 6 p.m.**

**"I'm happy to see the renewal of the celebrated rivalry between these two great Albany County schools," said County Executive Mike Breslin. "These games will be a boon not only for the University at Albany and Siena, but for the Pepsi Arena, the City and County of Albany, and all the basketball fans in the Capital Region as well."**

**Mayor Gerald D. Jennings added, "I am pleased that both universities will resume their competitive tradition in downtown Albany and I look forward to a continued friendly rivalry that will only increase in popularity and regional interest, while contributing to the renaissance this great capital City is currently experiencing."**

**Specific terms of the contract were not disclosed, other than it is a three year agreement.**

**"We are very excited to rekindle the historic Siena, Albany series," said Siena College President Father Kevin E. Mackin O.F.M. "These games will not only bring together the supporters of these two great schools, but also all fans of College basketball in the Capital Region. We look forward to the exciting moments the series is sure to provide, and hope this serves as the beginning of a long-lasting relationship."**

**"It is wonderful that after so many years, the UAlbany-Siena basketball series is back," said President Karen R. Hitchcock of the University at Albany. "For decades, it was one of the Capital Region's most competitive and anticipated sporting events. The two schools' athletic programs will benefit from it, the athletes will cherish the rivalry, and the region each year will look forward to see which men's and women's programs win 'bragging rights' for the season."**

**Siena, which plays in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, holds a 23-17 series edge on the men's side over Albany, which will be beginning its first season in the America East conference next year. Albany won the last meeting during the 1976-77 season. The Siena women hold a 4-2 series advantage and won the last encounter in 1980-81.**

**###Complete Series History Follows###**

**Albany vs. Siena (men)****Series Record: Siena leads, 23-17**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Location</b>
Jan. 5, 1940	52-45, SC	Page Hall
Dec. 19, 1940	45-42, SC	Page Hall
Mar. 1, 1941	62-27, SC	Hackett Junior High Gym
Feb. 13, 1946	45-29, SC	Page Hall
Mar. 5, 1946	46-45, SC	Page Hall
Mar. 13, 1946	51-38, SC	Troy Armory
Dec. 17, 1946	73-32, SC	Page Hall
Feb. 18, 1947	62-41, SC	Loudonville
Feb. 23, 1957	75-66, SC	Washington Avenue Armory
Jan. 11, 1958	62-46, UA	Washington Avenue Armory
Jan. 10, 1959	69-55, SC	Washington Avenue Armory
Jan. 9, 1960	72-47, SC	Washington Avenue Armory
Jan. 14, 1961	54-45, UA	Washington Avenue Armory
Dec. 29, 1961	47-45, UA (3OT)	Gibbons Hall (Capital City Tournament)
Jan. 13, 1962	49-47, UA	Washington Avenue Armory
Dec. 29, 1962	60-52, SC	Gibbons Hall (Capital City Tournament)
Jan. 12, 1963	52-44, SC	Washington Avenue Armory
Jan. 11, 1964	36-32, SC	Washington Avenue Armory
Dec. 5, 1964	74-49, UA	Washington Avenue Armory
Dec. 18, 1964	50-48, SC	Gibbons Hall (Capital City Tournament)
Dec. 4, 1965	73-71, UA	Washington Avenue Armory
Dec. 18, 1965	91-88, UA	Gibbons Hall (Capital City Tournament)
Dec. 30, 1966	73-67, SC	Gibbons Hall (Capital City Tournament)
Feb. 25, 1967	76-75, UA (OT)	Washington Avenue Armory
Dec. 30, 1967	69-62, UA	Cardinal McCloskey H.S. (Capital City Tournament)
Feb. 19, 1968	79-72, UA	Cardinal McCloskey High School
Dec. 28, 1968	59-58, UA	University Gymnasium (Capital City Tournament)
Feb. 14, 1969	73-64, SC	Troy High School
Feb. 14, 1970	72-63, UA	University Gymnasium
Feb. 13, 1971	85-70, UA	Mechanicville Middle School
Feb. 12, 1972	72-56, UA	University Gymnasium
Dec. 29, 1972	81-71, UA	Memorial Field House (Capital District Tournament)
Feb. 10, 1973	78-75, SC	Washington Avenue Armory
Dec. 28, 1973	86-76, SC	University Gymnasium (Capital District Tournament)
Feb. 9, 1974	84-83, UA	University Gymnasium
Dec. 27, 1974	104-80, SC	Alumni Recreation Center (Capital District Tournament)
Feb. 8, 1975	72-57, SC	Alumni Recreation Center
Feb. 7, 1976	66-58, SC	University Gymnasium
Dec. 29, 1976	91-86, SC	University Gymnasium (Capital District Tournament)
Feb. 3, 1977	62-49, UA	Alumni Recreation Center

**Albany vs. Siena (women)****Series Record: Siena leads, 4-2**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Location</b>
1975-76	71-35, UA	Physical Education Building
1976-77	54-43, SC	Physical Education Building
1977-78	80-55, UA	Alumni Recreation Center
1978-79	71-46, SC	Physical Education Building
1979-80	75-42, SC	Alumni Recreation Center
1980-81	99-45, SC	Physical Education Building

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### WOMEN'S SOCCER ANNOUNCES SIGNINGS FOR 2001 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's soccer coach Joanna Tomasino announced today that nine student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes next fall. The signings mark Tomasino's inaugural recruiting class as she was appointed the school's first full-time head coach in March 2000.

"I am very happy with what we were able to accomplish in signing these student-athletes," said Tomasino, who will lead UAlbany into America East Conference play next year. "I feel a lot of these players can come in and make an impact right away. They bring many different qualities including tenacity, finesse and speed. With this group, I am hoping we can generate more of an offensive attack. Many of them have already played together at the club level so hopefully we can gel together quickly."

Eight of the nine high school standouts hail from the Empire State, including two from the Capital Region. **Ashley Jurica**, a 5-5 forward from Fonda, N.Y. (Fonda-Fultonville H.S.), totaled 152 career goals, the third-highest total in Section II history. A six-year varsity player, Jurica scored 52 goals during her senior season, while being named to the Class B all-state second team. Jurica, a two-time Tri-Valley League most valuable player, led her squad to consecutive league championships. **Jessica Mulson**, a 5-6 defender from Rensselaer, N.Y. (Academy of the Holy Names), led the Adirondack team to back-to-back bronze medals at the Empire State Games. A three-year starter, Mulson was named to the 2000 All-Colonial Council squad. Mulson and Jurica are both members of the Capital United club team.

**Toni Ann Burdi**, a 5-3 forward from Ronkonkoma, N.Y., earned a silver medal for the Long Island region at the Empire State Games (ESG). She also tallied 11 goals for Connetquot High School as an all-league selection this season. Four other players have ESG experience competing for the Hudson Valley team -- **Julie Hirsh**, **Sara Rickard**, **Jennifer Schassler** and **Jillian Schassler**. Hirsh, a 5-5 midfielder from New Rochelle, N.Y. (New Rochelle H.S.), was an All-Section I and All-Westchester Conference award winner after totaling 12 goals and 29

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assists in her junior season. Rickard, a Class B all-state fifth-team representative, led John S. Burke Catholic to a 16-4-1 overall record and a Section IX championship. She had 21 goals and 12 assists last fall. Jennifer and Jillian Schassler (Garnerville, N.Y.), three-time Section I all-stars, guided North Rockland High School to the New York State Class A championship in 1999. Hirsh and the Schassler twins currently play club soccer for the Yorktown Jaguars.

**Michelle Wise**, a 5-3 midfielder, comes to Albany from Fayetteville-Manlius High School where she registered 20 goals and 25 assists as a four-year starter. In addition, she was a first-team Onondaga High School League (OHSL) Class A-2 all-star. **Alena Baisden**, a 5-9 forward, is the lone player from out of state. A two-time honorable mention All-Beach District selection, Baisden has totaled 16 goals for First Colonial High in Virginia Beach, Va. over her last two seasons.

Among their other soccer credentials, Hirsh, Mulson and Wise have been active participants in the state of New York's Olympic Development Program.

### 2001 University at Albany Women's Soccer Signings

Name	Pos.	Ht.	High School/Hometown
Alena Baisden	FD	5-9	First Colonial/Virginia Beach, Va.
Toni Ann Burdi	FD	5-3	Connetquot/Ronkonkoma, N.Y.
Julie Hirsh	MF	5-5	New Rochelle/New Rochelle, N.Y.
Ashley Jurica	FD	5-5	Fonda-Fultonville/Fonda, N.Y.
Jessica Mulson	BK	5-6	Academy of the Holy Names/Rensselaer, N.Y.
Sara Rickard	MF	5-3	John S. Burke Catholic/Otisville, N.Y.
Jennifer Schassler	MF	5-8	North Rockland/Garnerville, N.Y.
Jillian Schassler	FD	5-8	North Rockland/Garnerville, N.Y.
Michelle Wise	MF	5-3	Fayetteville-Manlius/Manlius, N.Y.