

# University at Albany

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### **Comments: College Football**

#### **ALBANY FALLS TO FIFTH IN FOOTBALL GAZETTE DIVISION I-AA POLL**

Brookfield, Ill. -- Albany slipped to No. 5 in this week's *Football Gazette* Division I-AA non-scholarship Top 20 Poll as announced today. The Great Danes, who were second in the last two rankings, suffered a 30-20 setback on Saturday. Robert Morris, ranked fourth one week ago, moved into the top spot by virtue of their victory over Albany.

Albany (6-2) is 11<sup>th</sup> in scoring offense at 36.5 points per game, and 29<sup>th</sup> in total offense (418.1 yards/game) among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders through games played Oct. 30. In addition, the Great Danes are tied for sixth in turnover margin (+10).

Albany completes its first Division I-AA schedule with a Northeast Conference game against Sacred Heart on Saturday, Nov. 6. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. at University Field.

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#### **Football Gazette Division I-AA Poll (non-scholarship)**

1. Robert Morris (6-2), 2. Dayton (6-3), 3. Valparaiso (6-2), 4. Morehead State (4-3), 5. **Albany** (6-2), 6. Georgetown (7-1), 7. Fairfield (6-2), 8. Marist (5-3), 9. Davidson (6-3), 10. Drake (6-3).

**Robert Morris 30, Albany 20**

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior tailback **Donald Dorsey** rushed for 199 yards and two touchdowns as Robert Morris moved closer to a fourth straight Northeast Conference championship with a 30-20 victory over Albany in a battle of conference unbeaten teams on Saturday at University Field.

Robert Morris (6-2, NEC 5-0) posted its fifth straight win, and can wrap up the NEC title with victories in its final two games. The Colonials won the championship in 1997, and shared the crown in '96 and '98.

Dorsey, who rushed for 144 yards in the first half, gave his club a 10-0 lead on a 67-yard run with 11:22 left in the second quarter. Quarterback **Tim Levcik**, who connected on 18 of 29 attempts for 214 yards, threw a 15-yard scoring pass to reserve tailback **Sam Dorsett** for a 17-point cushion midway through the period.

Albany (6-2, NEC 5-1) closed to the gap to 17-7 with 2:38 left before halftime. Quarterback **Eric Williams** hit split end **Chris Phillis** with a 9-yard touchdown pass on a fourth-down play.

In the third quarter, Robert Morris took control, as free safety **Ray Thomas** intercepted a pass on Albany's opening possession. Following the turnover, Dorsey capped a six-play scoring drive with a 13-yard run.

"Dorsey is an excellent big-play running back," Albany coach Bob Ford said. "He made people miss out there."

Place-kicker **Jeff Carlo**, who booted three field goals on the day to set a single-game record, kicked a 30-yarder for a commanding 30-7 lead with 6:39 left in the contest.

In a furious comeback attempt, Albany reserve quarterback **Michael Oliva** fired a 69-yard TD pass to tight end **Steve Checksfield**, and then recovered the subsequent on-side kick that resulted in a 4-yard touchdown run by **Greg Garrett**. Oliva threw for 167 yards and rushed for 30 on the day.

The Great Danes would finally run out of time in the final seconds, when **Jason Hempstead** intercepted a Williams' pass the Colonials' 4-yard line.

"Our squad showed fighting spirit," Ford said. "But there were times we did not appear to be a well-coached team. They were well prepared, executed their game plan, and had fine clock management at the end."

Garrett, a senior tailback, rushed 17 times for 78 yards, and established the school's career records for touchdowns (31) and points (192) with his fourth-quarter TD run.

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### (Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Tovah Atwell** scored three goals to lead Albany to its sixth straight win in a 5-0 victory over C.W. Post on Saturday at Albany Field. The Great Danes complete their first Division I schedule with an 11-4 record.

Atwell scored twice within a three-minute span to give her team a two-goal advantage with 22:45 left in the opening half. Sophomore **Angie Stegel** (Johnstown H.S.) converted a no-angle shot eight minutes later to extend Albany's lead to 3-0 heading into the intermission.

Senior **Chrissy Bradt** (Shenendehowa H.S.) tallied a goal on a penalty stroke with 24:54 remaining in the game, and Atwell netted the 63<sup>rd</sup> goal of her career four minutes later.

Goalkeepers **Cathi Burek**, **Sonia Savino**, and **Elaine Sullivan** combined to record Albany's second consecutive shutout. **Keli Roberts** made 14 saves for C.W. Post (5-11).

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C.W. Post (5-11)	0	0	-	0
Albany (11-4)	3	2	-	5

Albany – Scoring: Tovah Atwell 3-0, Angie Stegel 1-0, Chrissy Bradt 1-0, Lauren Byrne 0-1, Christina Costello 0-1. Saves: Cathi Burek 4, Elaine Sullivan 1, Sonia Savino 0.

C.W. Post – Scoring: (none). Saves: Keli Roberts 14.

### (Women's Volleyball)

Staten Island, N.Y. – Junior outside hitter **Julie Arbitman** had 16 kills in a victory over Vermont, as Albany won one of three matches at Wagner's Seahawk Classic on Saturday. Arbitman was named to the all-tournament team for her performance.

Freshman **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) added 15 kills against Vermont. Albany (8-16) dropped a pair of 3-0 decisions to Fairleigh Dickinson and Wagner

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Fairleigh Dickinson def. Albany, 15-9, 15-6, 15-7  
Wagner def. Albany, 15-5, 15-9, 15-9  
Albany def. Vermont, 15-10, 15-3, 15-11

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## Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

### (Cross Country)

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. – Sophomore **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) won the individual title at the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Albany Invitational, which was contested at Saratoga Spa State Park on Saturday. The Great Danes were second in the team standings.

Rodriguez covered the 8,000-meter course in 25 minutes and 31.97 seconds, and was followed closely by teammate **Mike Kiernan**, who was fourth with a time of 25:57.06. Junior **Andy Rickert** (Guilderland H.S.) placed sixth (26:03.22). Plattsburgh was the meet champion in a field of nine schools with 48 points.

In the women's competition, **Nicole Herring** (Academy of the Holy Names) earned a second-place finish with a season-best time of 18:11.91. Albany was second among eight teams.

Senior **Andrea Viger** (Granville Central H.S.) was sixth with a time of 18:38.76, and freshman **Zerlinda Martinez** finished in 12<sup>th</sup> place (18:49.23). Cortland won the team title with 69 points, as Micky Kelly took individual honors.

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### 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Albany Invitational

**MEN:** 1. Plattsburgh 48, 2. Albany 77, 3. Binghamton 84, 4. Houghton 86, 5. RIT 98, 6. Vassar 133, 7. Cortland 158, 8. Williams 206, 9. Rensselaer 276.

**Individual:** 1. Jamie Rodriguez (Albany), 25:31.97; 2. Corey Davidson (Plattsburgh), 25:39.85; 3. Geoff Furber (Houghton), 25:54.98; 4. Mike Kiernan, 25:57.06; 5. Jay Wells (Plattsburgh), 26:01.63; 6. Andy Rickert, 26:03.22, 7. Rich Boehm (RIT), 26:08.6; 8. Pat Weaver (Houghton), 26:12.25; 9. Rich Neiley (RIT), 26:24.06; 10. Jeremy Droowne (Plattsburgh), 26:27.74.

**Other Albany Finishers:** 27. Jeffrey Brooks 27:18.96, 43. Dan Sawtelle 27:51.05, 44. Adam Rice 27:56.08, 52. Kevin Rooney 28:19.05.

**WOMEN:** 1. Cortland 69, 2. Albany 73, 3. Houghton 94, 4. Plattsburgh 99, 5. Binghamton 101, 6. Middlebury 121, 7. Vassar 146, 8. Rensselaer 235.

**Individuals:** 1. Micky Kelly (Cortland), 18:03.88; 2. Nicole Herring 18:11.91; 3. Clodagh Rafferty (Vassar), 18:15.60; 4. Tenneil Tower (Houghton), 18:21.49; 5. Kelly Duffy (Plattsburgh), 18:36.91; 6. Andrea Viger 18:38.76; 7. Holly Church (Houghton), 18:43.01; 8. Julie Thomas (Binghamton), 18:45.07; 9. Amy Tolosky (Plattsburgh), 18:46.25; 10. Kim Sayre (Houghton), 18:47.10.

**Other Albany Finishers:** 12. Zerlinda Martinez 18:49.23, 26. Abigail Olson 19:17.06, 27. Erica Viger 19:18.56, 29. Megan Roeder 19:24.66, 30. Charlene Williamston 19:30.75, 32. Erin Goddard 19:36.90, 39. Candice Claypool 19:52.72, 41. Liz Hamilton 19:54.30, 49. Dinnah Decatus 20:36.57.

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## Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

### (Men's Soccer)

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Senior forward **Moses Sarr** netted the game-winning goal at the 63:03 mark as Stony Brook posted a 2-1 victory over Albany on Saturday.

Albany (4-11-1) took an early lead in the match when sophomore midfielder **Jarvin Skeete** scored following an assist from **Bryan Grabon** at the 5:10 mark.

Stony Brook (4-12) tied the contest 12 minutes later when **Juan Serna** scored a goal following an assist from Sarr.

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Albany (4-11-1)	1	0	-	1
Stony Brook (4-12)	1	1	-	2

Albany – Scoring: Jarvin Skeete 1-0, Bryan Grabon 0-1. Saves: Trevor Serraro 2.

Stony Brook – Scoring: Moses Sarr 1-1, Juan Serna 1-0, Bryan Baracaldo 0-1. Saves: Brian McOmer 2.

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### 33<sup>rd</sup> ALBANY INVITATIONAL SET FOR SATURDAY

Albany, N.Y. – The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Albany Cross Country Invitational will be held on Saturday, October 30 at Saratoga Spa State Park. Eleven men's teams and ten women's teams are entered in the competition.

The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 2:00 p.m. **Nicole Herring** (Academy of the Holy Names) and **Andrea Viger** (Granville Central) are the Great Danes' top runners. Herring, a junior, was ninth at the recent ECAC Division I championships, while Viger was eighth in this meet one year ago.

The men's 8,000-meter event is scheduled for 2:45 p.m. **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) has been Albany's top finisher in all five events this fall, and was third at the IC4A championships. Rodriguez placed 11<sup>th</sup> at last year's Albany Invitational.

### (Field Hockey)

Loudonville, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Angie Stegel** (Johnstown H.S.) netted two goals, and senior midfielder **Tovah Atwell** added one goal and one assist to lead Albany to a 3-0 victory over Siena on Thursday. The Great Danes have won 10 of their last 11 contests, including five straight victories.

Stegel scored following an assist from Atwell with just three minutes and 10 seconds elapsed to give Albany (10-4) a lead that it would take to the intermission. Atwell, who reached 150 career points with her first-half assist, pushed through a swarm of defenders to score her 60<sup>th</sup> career goal with 24:07 remaining in the game. Stegel's second goal came 10 minutes later after an assist from sophomore forward **Amy DiMicco**.

Albany junior goalkeeper **Cathi Burek** made eight saves, while posting her first shutout of the season. **Nora Flansburg** stopped 10 shots for Siena (2-11).

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Albany (10-4)	1	2	-	3
Siena (2-11)	0	0	-	0

Albany – Scoring: Angie Stegel 2-0, Tovah Atwell 1-1, Amy DiMicco 0-1. Saves: Cathi Burek 8. Siena – Scoring: (none). Saves: Nora Flansburg 10.

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#### (Football)

Brookfield, Ill. -- Albany is ranked No. 2 for the second straight week in the *Football Gazette* Division I-AA non-scholarship Top 20 Poll as announced today. The Great Danes defeated St. Francis, Pa., 55-17, on Saturday, and are off to a 6-1 start for the fourth straight year.

Albany is eighth in scoring offense at 38.9 points per game, and 27<sup>th</sup> in total offense (419.6 yards/game) among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders through games played Oct. 23. In addition, the Great Danes are tied for second in turnover margin (+12) and tied for 19<sup>th</sup> in scoring defense (18.0 ppg).

Valparaiso remained in the weekly poll's top position. Albany squares off with Robert Morris, the No. 4-ranked team, on Saturday at University Field. Kickoff is 2:00 p.m.

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Football Gazette Division I-AA Poll (non-scholarship)

1. Valparaiso (6-1), 2. **Albany** (6-1), 3. Fairfield (6-1), 4. Robert Morris (5-2), 5. Dayton (5-3), 6. Morehead State (3-3), 7. Georgetown (6-1), 8. Marist (4-3), 9. Davidson (5-3), 10. Drake (5-3).

#### (Field Hockey)

Elkins, W.V. -- Sophomore forward **Lauren Bryne** scored twice in the second half, including her 10<sup>th</sup> goal of the season, to lead Albany past Southwest Missouri State, 2-1, on Sunday. The Great Danes won their fourth straight to improve to 9-4 overall.

Bryne, who set a single-game record with four goals the previous day, gave her club a 1-0 advantage with 23:24 remaining on a pass from **Angie Stegel** (Johnstown H.S.). The same combination worked again three minutes later for a two-goal lead.

**Liz Lopez** scored an unassisted goal with 11:03 left for Southwest Missouri State, while goalkeeper **Monnie Elzy** had 14 saves. **Cathi Burek** stopped six shots for the Great Danes.

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Albany (9-4)	0	2	-	2
SW Missouri State (4-11)	0	1	-	1

Albany -- Scoring: Lauren Bryne 2-0, Angie Stegel 0-2; Saves: Cathi Burek 6.

SW Missouri State -- Scoring: Liz Lopez 1-0; Saves: Monnie Elzy 14.

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### (Football)

Albany 55, St. Francis, Pa. 17

Loretto, Pa. – Senior quarterback **Eric Williams** passed for two touchdowns and ran for another score, as Albany recorded its 15<sup>th</sup> straight road win with a 55-17 Northeast Conference victory over St. Francis, Pa., on Saturday at the Pine Bowl. The Great Danes, who improved to 6-1 overall and 5-0 in the conference, will meet Robert Morris in a battle of unbeaten NEC teams next Saturday at University Field.

St. Francis (1-7, 1-4) took an early 14-13 lead, when **Jeremy Swords** threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to **Cedric Hudson** with 1:52 left in the first quarter. The Great Danes regained the lead for good 50 seconds later as Williams, who completed 7-of-10 passes for 160 yards, fired a 47-yard scoring strike to split end **Chris Phillis**.

Albany, which rode up a season-high 535 yards, and scored its highest point total since 1979, took control with two touchdowns in the second quarter for a 34-17 halftime lead. **Mike Browne** completed a 72-yard march with a one-yard run and reserve quarterback **Michael Oliva** tossed a 17-yard touchdown pass to tight end **Steve Checksfield**.

"Swords is an excellent quarterback and they hurt us with the big play early," said Albany coach **Bob Ford**. "In the second half, we settled down and played solid defense."

The Great Danes were in firm control in the final two quarters. Williams reached paydirt on a two-yard option run and threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to tight end **Mark Sutter** in the third period.

"You have to keep your cool and not let them sense any panic," Williams said. "We realized we could move the ball; we just needed to stay relaxed. We are now in position to win the conference and it's a great feeling with next week being homecoming."

Senior tailback **Greg Garrett**, who did not play in the second half, rushed 14 times for 79 yards and one touchdown and also caught a 36-yard scoring pass. In the process, he tied career school records for touchdowns (30) and points (186).

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Albany 2-2-2-2

**(Field Hockey)**

Elkins, W.Va. – Sophomore **Lauren Byrne** scored four times to lead visiting Albany to a 5-1 victory over Davis & Elkins on Saturday afternoon. Byrne's four-goal performance set a school single-game scoring record for Albany.

Byrne put Albany (8-4) on the scoreboard when she netted a goal off an assist by **Angie Stegel** (Johnstown HS) just under 17 minutes into the contest. Davis & Elkins responded with its only goal of the game when **Shannon Reed** scored with 14:14 remaining in the first period. Byrne added her second strike of the game four minutes and 30 seconds before the intermission.

Byrne would score her other two goals early in the second half over a one minute-and-21 second span. **Amy DiMicco** and **Christina Costello** individually assisted on the goals. **Tovah Atwell** tallied her third goal of the weekend with 33 seconds left in the game.

**Cathi Burek** made four saves for Albany, while **Elizabeth Weikert** stopped 12 shots for Davis & Elkins.

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Albany (8-4)	2	3	--	5
Davis & Elkins	1	0	--	1

Albany – Scoring: Lauren Byrne 4-0, Tovah Atwell 1-0, Angie Stegel 0-1, Amy DiMicco 0-1, Christina Costello 0-1. Saves: Cathi Burek 4.

Davis & Elkins – Scoring: Shannon Reed 1-0. Saves: Elizabeth Weikert 12.

**(Women's Soccer)**

Albany, N.Y. – Albany and Iona played 120 minutes of soccer that ended in a 0-0 double overtime tie Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Gaels outshot the Great Danes, 26-13. Albany snapped its 15-game losing streak with the tie.

Goalkeeper **Michelle Talviste** recorded her first shutout of the season while making 10 saves for Albany (0-15-1). **Ronale McKenzie** earned six saves for Iona (3-9-2).

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Iona (3-9-2)	0	0	0	0	--	0
Albany (0-15-1)	0	0	0	0	--	0

Iona – Scoring: (none). Saves: Ronale McKenzie 6.

Albany – Scoring: (none). Saves: Michelle Talviste 10.

**(Women's Volleyball)**

Brooklyn, N.Y. – Junior **Julie Arbitman** recorded 34 kills and 17 digs and freshman **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa HS) added 23 kills and 12 digs in leading Albany to a 3-1 victory over Long Island University on Saturday morning.

Later in the day, **Jennifer Brigham** earned 13 kills and nine digs as Pace defeated Albany 3-0 on the campus of Long Island University. Arbitman totaled 10 kills in the loss for the Great Danes. Albany dropped to 7-14 on the season.

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Albany def. Long Island University,	15-8, 10-15, 15-11, 17-15
Pace def. Albany	15-4, 15-7, 15-1
Record: Albany 7-14	

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### (Field Hockey)

Elkins, W.V. – Senior **Tovah Atwell** scored two goals, including the game-winner with 2:09 remaining as Albany posted a 3-2 victory over Pacific on Friday afternoon.

**Amy DiMicco** put Albany (7-4) on the scoreboard first when she netted her team-leading 11<sup>th</sup> goal of the season following an assist from **Angie Stegel** (Johnstown H.S.) with 19 minutes remaining in the opening half. Pacific's **Kristi Townley** found the net to even the score at 1-1 seven minutes later.

Atwell netted the first of her two goals just six minutes after the intermission giving the Great Danes a 2-1 advantage. **Kristen Smith** tied the game at 2-2 when she scored for Pacific (1-9) with 15:09 left in the contest.

**Cathi Burek** made 10 saves for Albany, while **Karis McGraw** stopped 20 shots for the Tigers.

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Albany (7-4)	1	2	-	3
Pacific (1-9)	1	1	-	2

Albany – Scoring: Tovah Atwell 2-0, Amy DiMicco 1-0, Angie Stegel 0-1. Saves: Cathi Burek 10.

Pacific – Scoring: Kristi Townley 1-0, Kristen Smith 1-0, Aimee Tomasso 0-1. Saves: Karis McGraw 20.

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(Men's Soccer)

Garden City, N.Y. -- Junior midfielder **Robin Lee** scored two goals to lead Adelphi past Albany, 2-1, on Wednesday at Stiles Field. The Great Danes dropped their fourth straight to fall to 4-10-1 this season.

Lee broke a scoreless deadlock with three minutes and two seconds left in the first half on a pass from **Nick Vaccaro**. Adelphi (6-6) took a 2-0 lead at 74:46, when the same combination teamed up again.

**Jarvin Skeete**, a sophomore midfielder, netted his fifth goal this fall for the Great Danes, who were involved in their eighth one-goal decision this season. Albany's **Trevor Serraro** made three saves, while **Igor Yatsenko** stopped four shots between the Adelphi posts.

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Albany (4-10-1)	0	1	-	1
Adelphi (6-6)	1	1	-	2

Albany -- Scoring: Jarvin Skeete 1-0, Brandon McLaren 0-1; Saves: Trevor Serraro 3.

Adelphi -- Scoring: Robin Lee 2-0, Nick Vaccaro 0-2; Saves: Igor Yatsenko 4.

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### ALBANY CLIMBS TO SECOND IN THE FOOTBALL GAZETTE DIVISION I-AA NON-SCHOLARSHIP TOP 20 POLL

Brookfield, Ill. – Albany moved up one position to second in this week's *Football Gazette* Division I-AA non-scholarship Top 20 Poll as announced today. The Great Danes blanked Massachusetts-Lowell, 40-0, on Saturday. Albany (5-1) extended its road-winning streak to 14 straight with the non-conference victory.

The Great Danes are ranked first nationally in turnover margin (+12 overall) among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders through games played Oct. 16. In addition, Albany is tied for 16<sup>th</sup> in scoring at 36.2 points per game, and is 24<sup>th</sup> in scoring defense (18.2 ppg).

Valparaiso replaced Fairfield in the weekly poll's No. 1 position.

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#### Football Gazette Division I-AA Poll (non-scholarship)

1. Valparaiso (5-1), 2. **Albany** (5-1), 3. Fairfield (5-1), 4. Robert Morris (4-2), 5. Dayton (4-3), 6. Morehead State (3-3), 7. Georgetown (5-1), 8. Marist (3-3), 9. Davidson (4-3), 10. Jacksonville (3-2).

#### (Women's Tennis)

West Point, N.Y. – Freshman **Violeta Petijevic** lost in her Flight II singles semi-final match and **Samantha Kramer** and **Ilissa Strolovitz** were also beaten in their Flight I doubles semifinal on the final day of competition at the New York State Women's Tennis Championships on Sunday.

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## Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(tennis – cont.)

Cornell's Carolyn Zakrevsky defeated Petijevic, 6-3 and 6-1, to advance to the championship. Jenny Buntman and Lorraine Coulter, of Colgate, also won in straight sets over Kramer and Strolovitz, 6-2 and 6-2.

Albany's **Shayna Smith** and **Emily Gonzales** advanced through to the Flight II doubles consolation final, but dropped a 6-1, 6-1 decision to Hofstra's Jacqueline Fitzharris and Kristin Robert.

### (Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Angie Stegel** (Johnstown H.S.) scored two goals and added one assist to lead Albany to a 5-1 victory over Sacred Heart on Sunday at Albany Field.

Stegel netted both of her goals in the opening six minutes giving Albany (6-4) an early 2-0 lead. Sophomore **Amy DiMicco** tallied the first of her two goals with 9:34 remaining in the opening period and the Great Danes had a three-goal halftime cushion.

DiMicco netted her team-leading 10<sup>th</sup> goal of the season midway through the second half after an assist from Stegel. Sacred Heart's **Lauren Wiggins** scored her fourth goal of the season to put her club on the scoreboard. Albany's **Mariah Martin** closed out the scoring with a penalty stroke.

Goalkeepers **Cathi Burek** and **Elaine Sullivan** combined to make 10 saves for Albany, which remains unbeaten at home this season. **Ginny Capicchioni** made 18 saves, while **Kathy Reilly** stopped one shot for Sacred Heart (2-13).

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Sacred Heart (2-13)	0	1	-	1
Albany (6-4)	3	2	-	5

Sacred Heart – Scoring: Lauren Wiggins 1-0, Jeanne Williams 0-1. Saves: Ginny Capicchioni 18, Kathy Reilly 1.

Albany – Scoring: Angie Stegel 2-1, Amy DiMicco 2-0, Mariah Martin 1-0, Tovah Atwell 0-1. Saves: Cathi Burek 6, Elaine Sullivan 4.

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New York State Championships (First Day)

West Point, N.Y. – Freshman **Violeta Petijevic**, the No. 3 seed, advanced to the Flight II singles semifinals and the duo of **Samantha Kramer** and **Ilissa Strolovitz** reached the Flight I doubles semi-final round on Saturday at the New York State Tennis Championships.

Petijevic, the first Albany women's tennis player to ever be seeded at the tournament, defeated **Keely Crawbuck** of Hofstra, 6-4 and 6-3, to advance to Sunday's semifinal match with Cornell's **Carolyn Zakrevsky**. Kramer and Strolovitz upended **Jamie Keller** and **Rebecca Sparacin**, of Stony Brook, 6-3 and 7-5, to earn the opportunity to face Colgate's **Buntman-Coulter** tandem, the championship's top seed.

In other action on Saturday, **Shayna Smith** and **Emily Gonzales** reached the Flight II doubles consolation semifinals after beating **Hamburg-Marules** of Manhattan, 6-2, 6-1. Smith and Gonzales will match up against **Apostolo-Rodriguez** of Queens College in the final. **Julie Bliss** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) lost in the Flight I consolation singles quarterfinals after dropping a 6-3, 7-5 contest to Hofstra's **Vesna Jaksic**.

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### (Football)

Albany 40, Massachusetts-Lowell 0

**Lowell, Mass.** – Senior tailback **Greg Garrett** rushed for 65 yards and caught one touchdown pass, as he became the school's all-time rushing leader in Albany's 40-0 non-conference victory over Massachusetts-Lowell on Saturday at Cawley Stadium. The Great Danes extended their road-winning streak to 14 straight.

Garrett, who passed **Tom DeBlois** (1973-76) on the career chart, toppled the mark on a 5-yard run early in the fourth quarter. Garrett, who has 2,684 rushing yards, also eclipsed Albany's career record for all-purpose yardage.

"I didn't know how much I was proud of the accomplishment until it happened," said Garrett, who caught a 13-yard screen pass for a touchdown in the third quarter. "The guys on the team were whispering about the record all day. I'm glad its over with and we can get on with the season; it was starting to be a distraction."

Quarterback **Eric Williams** scored on a 16-yard run, as the Great Danes reached paydirt on their first possession. In the second quarter, Albany took a 16-0 lead, when reserve quarterback **Michael Oliva** fired a 37-yard touchdown strike to split end **Michael Ettz**. Ettz finished with four receptions for 100 yards, and moved into seventh place on the all-time receiving yardage list.

**Bryan Bagstad** (Shenendehowa H.S.) converted his second field goal of the day, a 19-yarder, on the last play of the first half for a 19-0 advantage.

Albany (5-1) led 26-0 after three periods, and scored twice in the final quarter. Oliva reached the endzone on a five-yard option run, before fullback **Charles Gill** went

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over the left side from six yards out. The Great Dane defense allowed 164 total yards and forced three turnovers in recording its first shutout this season.

Mass-Lowell (1-5) was limited to 25 passing yards, as two quarterbacks combined on 3-17 through the air.

"That Garrett is a jack of all trades, and he's so unselfish," Albany coach **Bob Ford** said. "He is a great blocker, he's a good receiver, and he does all the little things that make you a great player."

### (Women's Soccer)

**Albany, N.Y.** -- Freshman **Lee Hummer** scored in the opening half leading Holy Cross to a 4-0 victory over Albany on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Hummer's goal, which was the first of her collegiate career, came when she rebounded her own missed shot, and beat Albany goalkeeper **Michelle Talviste** at the 29:16 mark. **Kate O'Shaughnessy**, **Emily Driscoll**, and **Katie Kerrigan** added second half goals for the Crusaders.

Talviste made 11 saves for Albany (0-15), while **Tiffany DeCoff** stopped five shots for Holy Cross (7-5-1), the winners of five straight games.

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Holy Cross (7-5-1)	1	3	-	4
Albany (0-15)	0	0	-	0

Holy Cross – Scoring: Lee Hummer 1-0, Kate O'Shaughnessy 1-0, Emily Driscoll 1-0, Katie Kerrigan 1-0. Saves: Tiffany DeCoff 5.

Albany – Scoring: (none). Saves: Michelle Talviste 11.

### (Men's Soccer)

**Worcester, Mass.** – Senior **Drew Larsen** and freshman **Matt Ney** each scored one goal as Holy Cross defeated Albany, 2-1, on Saturday.

Larsen opened the scoring when he penetrated the Albany defense and put a shot past goalkeeper **Trevor Serraro** at the 30:20 mark. Ney scored his fifth goal of the season giving Holy Cross a two-goal lead 15 minutes after the intermission. Albany junior **Jason Warshaw** found the net late in the game to draw the Great Danes to within one goal.

Serraro made five saves for Albany (4-9-1), while **Chuck Chiesa** stopped five shots for Holy Cross (7-2-2).

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Albany (4-9-1)	0	1	-	1
Holy Cross (7-2-2)	1	1	-	2

Albany – Scoring: Jason Warshaw 1-0. Saves: Trevor Serraro 5.

Holy Cross – Scoring: Drew Larsen 1-0, Matt Ney 1-0. Saves: Chuck Chiesa 5.



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### (Men's Cross Country)

**Bronx, N.Y.** – Sophomore **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) placed third with a time of 25:50.80 helping Albany record an eighth-place finish among 28 schools at the IC4A Division I Championship on Friday at Van Cortlandt Park.

Junior **Mike Kiernan** placed 31<sup>st</sup> (26:48.60) and junior **Andy Rickert** (Guilderland H.S.) crossed the finish line in 48<sup>th</sup> (27:04.30) among the field of 188 competitors.

Lehigh's **Steve Gourley** took first place in the overall individual standings with a time of 25:43.90. Manhattan College won the meet by scoring 85 points.

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### 1999 IC4A Division I Championship

1. Manhattan 85, 2. Columbia 143, 3. Lafayette 147, 4. Lehigh 172, 5. Colgate 221, 6. Rutgers 256, 7. Fordham 260, 8. Albany 269, 9. New York University 274, 10. Rider 274, 11. Marist 290, 12. (tie) Monmouth and Seton Hall 295, 14. Towson 299, 15. East Stroudsburg 329, 16. George Washington 362, 17. St. Peter's 384, 18. Maryland-Baltimore County 393,

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19. (tie) Loyola (Md.) and Iona 405, 21. St. John's 546, 22. Wagner 571, 23. Fairfield 575, 24. Stony Brook 661, 25. Long Island 802, 26. St. Francis (N.Y.) 804, 27. Hofstra 813, 28. Siena 847.

### **Albany Finishers:**

3. Jamie Rodriguez 25:50.80, 31. Mike Kiernan 26:48.60, 48. Andy Rickert 27:04.30, 70. Adam Rice 27:19.90, 118. Jeffrey Brooks 28:17.70, 129. Ricky Ackerson 28:43.00, 153. Matt Novak 29:28.50.

### **(Women's Cross Country)**

Bronx, N.Y. -- Junior **Nicole Herring** (Academy of the Holy Names) placed ninth to lead the Albany women's cross country team to a fifth-place finish with 166 points at the ECAC Division I Championship on Friday at Van Cortlandt Park.

Herring covered the 5,000-meter course in 19:06.4. Senior **Andrea Viger** (Granville Central H.S.) placed 24<sup>th</sup> in the field of 160 runners with a time of 19:32.60. Freshman **Zerlinda Martinez** and sophomore **Laura Kearns** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) placed 34<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

Lafayette's **Laura Nann** won the competition with a time of 18:42.00, while Lehigh took first in the team standings with 121 points.

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### **1999 ECAC Division I Championship -- University Division**

1. Lehigh 121, 2. Colgate 131, 3. Manhattan 138, 4. Rutgers 163, 5. Albany 166, 6. Columbia 182, 7. Fordham 187, 8. Marist 241, 9. Lafayette 256, 10. Monmouth 258, 11. Stony Brook 268, 12. Maryland-Baltimore Country 352, 13. St. John's 364, 14. Towson 368, 15. George Washington 387, 16. Wagner 388, 17. Rider 389, 18. Loyola (Md.) 419, 19. Seton Hall 443, 20. Long Island 544, 21. Fairfield 598, 22. St. Francis (N.Y.) 627, 23. Siena 667, 24. Fairleigh Dickinson 692.

### **Albany Finishers:**

9. Nicole Herring 19:06.40, 24. Andrea Viger 19:32.60, 34. Zerlinda Martinez 19:43.40, 39. Laura Kearns 19:53.80, 60. Megan Roeder 20:21.60, 66. Erica Viger 20:24.80, 79. Liz Hamilton 20:46.70.

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### MIKE GREVER NAMED FOOTBALL GAZETTE DIVISION I-AA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Brookfield, Ill. -- University at Albany's **Mike Grever** has been selected the *Football Gazette* Division I-AA Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Albany's 37-21 victory at Wagner on Oct. 9. He received the weekly award for the second time this season.

Grever, a 5-foot-11, 215-pound defender, posted 10 tackles, two interceptions, one blocked field goal and one forced fumble. He recorded double-figure tackles for the 22<sup>nd</sup> time in his career, and moved into a tie for 10<sup>th</sup> place on the school's all-time interceptions list with nine. Grever, who was named the Northeast Conference's Defensive Player of the Week on Monday, leads the Great Danes with 58 tackles and three interceptions this season.

### THE MADNESS BEGINS ON FRIDAY EVENING

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will celebrate the beginning of its first year at the NCAA Division I level with the school's inaugural "Midnight Madness" on Friday, Oct. 15. The event begins at 10:30 p.m. in the Recreation and Convocation Center on campus. The men's and women's basketball teams will take the floor at 12 midnight to signify the start of basketball practice for Division I teams. NCAA Basketball Promotions is sponsoring the event in part.

Admission is free, and the first 3,000 fans through the doors will receive a commemorative T-shirt compliments of the University's athletic department. The evening's activities are highlighted by a chance to win a car courtesy of Upstate Ford Dealers, two opportunities to shoot for \$10,000, and a free-throw contest involving University President **Dr. Karen R. Hitchcock** and head basketball coaches **Scott Hicks** and **Mari Warner**. The Albany cheerleaders and kickline will perform, and a disc jockey will provide live music.

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## Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

### MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior **Orlando Wynter** netted the game-winning goal just over five minutes into the second half to lift visiting Oneonta State to a 3-1 victory over Albany in windy conditions on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

The Red Dragons opened the scoring when **Joma Burton** slammed in a loose ball off a **Warren Morgan** throw-in at the 33:58 mark. Wynter increased the lead to 2-0 after he headed in **Mitchell Waters'** direct kick at 50:13.

Albany responded with its first strike of the game as **Jason Warshaw** scored off a scramble in front of the net at 66:36. Oneonta State clinched the win one minute and 24 seconds later, when **Ryan Rummery** tapped in a direct kick from Waters, his second assist of the game.

**James Riley** totaled two saves for Oneonta State (8-4-1), while **Trevor Serraro** recorded two for Albany (4-8-1).

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Oneonta State (8-4-1)	1	2	--	3
Albany (4-8-1)	0	1	--	1

Albany -- Scoring: Jason Warshaw 1-0. Saves: Trevor Serraro 2.

Oneonta State -- Scoring: Joma Burton 1-0, Orlando Wynter 1-0, Ryan Rummery 1-0, Warren Morgan 0-1, Mitchell Waters 0-2. Saves: James Riley 2.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Albany, N.Y. -- **Samantha Kramer** and **Erinn Langford** (Bishop Maginn H.S.) won at second and fourth singles, respectively, teamed for a pro-set victory at No. 2 doubles to lead Albany past Connecticut, 6-3, on Wednesday at University Courts.

Kramer was a 6-2, 6-3 winner in her singles match, while Langford won a first-set tiebreaker en route to a straight-set victory over Kathryn Olsen. Albany improved to 7-5, while the Huskies fell to 1-5.

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Albany 6, Connecticut 3

Singles: Trinell Russel (UC) def. Julie Bliss (A), 6-2, 6-0; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Christine Vorvis (UC), 6-2, 6-3; Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Kara Kaczynski (UC), 6-3, 6-2; Erinn Langford (A) def. Kathryn Olsen (UC), 7-6 (8-6), 6-3; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Marie Garcia (UC), 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Tracey Apone (UC), 6-4, 7-5.

Doubles: Russel-Vorvis (UC) def. Bliss-Petijevic (A), 8-5; Kramer-Langford (A) def. Olsen-Garcia (UC), 8-4; Colleen Connors-Kaczynski (UC) def. Shayna Smith-Emily Gonzales (A), 8-4.

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### (Women's Soccer)

Burlington, Vt. – **Mardie DiCarlo** and **Lauren Donagher** scored a goal in each half to lift Vermont to a 2-0 victory over Albany on Tuesday.

DiCarlo opened the scoring for the Catamounts at the 14:38 mark after an assist from **Corinne Imperatore**. Donagher netted Vermont's final goal on a header that was assisted by **Kelly Herrero** and **Brooke Berger**.

**Michelle Talviste**, ranked second among Division I goalkeepers in saves per game (10.92), stopped nine shots in the loss for Albany (0-14).

**Brooke Fairbanks** and **Joanna Engel** combined to make two saves in the shutout for Vermont (5-8).

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Albany (0-14)	0	0	-	0
Vermont (5-8)	1	1	-	2

Albany – Scoring: (none). Saves: Michelle Talviste 9.

Vermont – Scoring: Mardie DiCarlo 1-0, Lauren Donagher 1-0, Corinne Imperatore 0-1, Kelly Herrero 0-1, Brooke Berger 0-1. Saves: Brooke Fairbanks 1, Joanna Engel 1.

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### **Comments: College Football**

#### **MIKE GREVER NAMED NORTHEAST CONFERENCE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Piscataway, N.J. -- University at Albany's **Mike Grever** has been selected the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Albany's 37-21 victory at Wagner on Oct. 9 as the conference office announced today. He received the weekly award for the second time this season.

Grever, a 5-foot-11, 215-pound defender, posted 10 tackles, two interceptions, one blocked field goal and one forced fumble. His big-play ability was responsible for a 20-point swing, and enabled Albany to break open a tight contest. Grever's two interceptions led directly to 10 points. He also thwarted two Wagner scoring opportunities, when he forced a fumble near the goal line late in the first half, and blocked a 39-yard field goal attempt in the third quarter.

Grever recorded double-figure tackles for the 22<sup>nd</sup> time in his career, and moved into a tie for 10<sup>th</sup> place on the school's all-time interceptions list with nine. He leads the Great Danes with 58 tackles and three interceptions this season.

#### **ALBANY RECEIVES VOTES IN TWO FOOTBALL POLLS**

Albany (4-1) is listed among others receiving votes in both The Sports Network Division I-AA Top 25 Poll and the Lambert/Meadowlands Division I-AA Poll. Both rankings were released on Monday. The Great Danes are in first place in the Northeast Conference standings with a 4-0 mark, and are currently riding a school-record 13-game road-winning streak. Albany moved up to third in this week's *Football Gazette* Division I-AA non-scholarship Top 20 Poll on Sunday.

Georgia Southern is No. 1 in the national rankings, while Hofstra holds down the top spot among eastern I-AA teams.

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### **Comments: College Football**

#### **ALBANY CLIMBS TO THIRD IN THE FOOTBALL GAZETTE DIVISION I-AA NON-SCHOLARSHIP TOP 20 POLL**

Brookfield, Ill. -- Albany moved up one position to third in this week's *Football Gazette* Division I-AA non-scholarship Top 20 Poll. The Great Danes defeated Wagner, 37-21, on Saturday to remain in first place in the Northeast Conference standings. Albany (4-1, NEC 4-0) has won 25 of its last 27 contests, and owns a 13-game road-winning streak.

The Great Danes are ranked second nationally in turnover margin (+10 overall), and are tied for 19<sup>th</sup> in scoring at 35.4 points per game among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders through games played on Oct. 9.

Fairfield replaced Morehead State, of Kentucky, in the weekly poll's top spot.

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#### **Football Gazette Division I-AA Poll (non-scholarship)**

1. Fairfield (5-0), 2. Georgetown (5-0), **3. Albany (4-1)**, 4. Morehead State (3-2), 5. Valparaiso (4-1), 6. Duquesne (4-1), 7. Robert Morris (3-2), 8. Drake (4-2), 9. Dayton (3-3), 10. Jacksonville (2-2).

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**(Men's Soccer)**

New Britain, Conn. – Freshman **Tony Nylander** netted the game-winning goal one minute and 28 seconds into the second half lifting Central Connecticut State to a 1-0 victory over Albany Sunday afternoon. For the seventh time this season, the Great Danes were involved in a match that was decided by one goal or less.

Nylander scored off a **Kevin Strachan** assist from 20 yards out. **Jeff Brunetti** totaled five saves for Central Connecticut State (3-9), while **Trevor Serraro** recorded two for Albany (4-7-1).

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Albany (4-7-1)	0	0	--	0
Central Connecticut State (3-9)	0	1	--	1

Albany – Scoring: (none). Saves: Trevor Serraro 2.

Central Connecticut State – Scoring: Tony Nylander 1-0, Kevin Strachan 0-1. Saves: Jeff Brunetti 5.

**(Women's Tennis)**

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Mihaela Stefan** posted victories at first singles and first doubles to lead Hofstra past Albany, 7-1, Sunday on The Bubble's indoor courts.

**Ilissa Strolovitz** earned Albany's lone win as she defeated **Keely Crawbuck**, 6-3, 6-1, in fifth singles. The Great Danes dropped to 6-5 this season.

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**Hofstra 7, Albany 1**

Singles: Mihaela Stefan (H) def. Julie Bliss (A), 6-3, 6-1; Hisae Shimaji (H) def. Samantha Kramer (A), 6-2, 7-5; Kristin Robert (H) def. Erinn Langford (A), 8-6; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Keely Crawbuck (H), 6-3, 6-1; Jacqueline Fitzharris (H) def. Jennifer Hahn (A), 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles: Stefan-Vesna Jaksic (H) def. Bliss-Violeta Petijevic (A), 8-6; Shimaji-Crawbuck (H) def. Kramer-Langford (A), 8-6; Robert-Fitzharris (H) def. Emily Gonzales-Shayna Smith (A), 8-3.

Record: Albany (6-5)



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### (Cross Country)

**Bethlehem, Pa.** – Sophomore **Jaime Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) was Albany's top finisher in 31<sup>st</sup> place at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Paul Short Invitation on Saturday at Lehigh University.

Rodriguez covered the five-mile course in 25 minutes, 17 seconds in leading the Great Danes to a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish among 30 teams with 324 points. Junior **Mike Kiernan** placed 38<sup>th</sup> with a time of 25:31. William & Mary's **Gene Manner** was the top finisher crossing the finish line in 24:18. James Madison University won the meet scoring 37 points.

On the women's side, junior **Nicole Herring** (Academy of the Holy Names) placed 36<sup>th</sup> as Albany finished 11<sup>th</sup> among 32 schools with 334 points. Herring covered the 5000-meter course in 18:39, while senior **Andrea Viger** was 39<sup>th</sup> with a time of 18:43. Virginia Commonwealth's **Maria-Elana Calle** placed first with a time of 17:01. Georgetown won the meet scoring 39 points.

### **Paul Short Invitational:**

**Men's:** 1. James Madison 37, 2. William & Mary 79, 3. Navy 99, 4. UNC-Charlotte 112, 5. Georgetown 156, 6. St. Joseph's 192, 7. Connecticut 237,

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8. Lehigh 278, 9. Lock Haven 286, 10. Albany 324, 11. Mount St. Mary's 365, 12. Lafayette 379, tie 13. Cortland and University of Rhode Island 384, 15. Pittsburgh 411, 16. Monmouth 438, 17. The College of New Jersey 439, 18. Davidson 470, 19. St. Lawrence 476, 20. Rider 483, 21. Millersville 485, 22. Duquesne 508, 23. Maryland 586, 24. Buffalo 627, 25. Clarion 683, 26. West Chester 710, 27. Stony Brook 764, 28. Wagner 784, 29. St. Bonaventure 894, 30. Bloomsburg 958.

**Women's:** 1. Georgetown 39, tie 2. Wake Forest and James Madison 75, 4. Navy 198, 5. UNC-Charlotte 239, 6. Cortland 253, 7. Virginia Commonwealth 264, 8. Lehigh 301, 9. The College of New Jersey 317, 10. St. Joseph's 328, 11. Albany 334, 12. Millersville 350, 13. Maryland 362, 14. Duquesne 397, 15. Stony Brook 473, 16. Buffalo 512, 17. Lock Haven 513, 18. Lafayette 513, 19. Monmouth 534, 20. St. Lawrence 542, 21. Penn 545, 22. Davidson 616, 23. Clarion 618, 24. Wagner 652, 25. Bloomsburg 658, 26. Rider 669, 27. West Chester 689, 28. Iona 695, 29. Southern Connecticut State 720, 30. Mount St. Mary's 741, 31. Pittsburgh 767, 32. St. Bonaventure 1033.

### (Women's Soccer)

**Hamden, Conn. – Lisa Horowitz** scored two goals, and **Rachel deCastro** added one goal and one assist as Quinnipiac posted a 4-1 victory over Albany on Saturday at Braves Field.

**Beth Mahoney** opened the scoring for Quinnipiac at the 18:33 mark after an assist from deCastro, who netted the Braves second goal about 13 minutes later. **Ashley Mendicino** tallied Albany's lone goal to cut the Quinnipiac advantage to 2-1 just before halftime. Horowitz secured the win for the Braves scoring both of her goals during the second half.

Junior **Michelle Talviste** made 12 saves for Albany (0-13), while **Mary Kate Galusha** stopped three shots for Quinnipiac (12-2), who has won seven straight games.

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Albany (0-13)	1	0	-	1
Quinnipiac (12-2)	2	2	-	4

Quinnipiac – Scoring: Lisa Horowitz 2-0, Rachel deCastro 1-1, Maureen Anderson 0-2, Beth Mahoney 1-0. Saves: Mary Kate Galusha 3.

Albany – Scoring: Ashley Mendicino 1-0. Saves: Michelle Talviste 12.

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(Cross Country and Women's Soccer To Follow Later)

### Football

#### Albany 37, Wagner 21

Staten Island, N.Y. – Quarterbacks **Eric Williams** and **Michael Oliva** combined for four touchdown passes as Albany posted a school-record 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive road win with a 37-21 Northeast Conference victory over Wagner on Saturday afternoon at Wagner Stadium.

Albany (4-1, NEC 4-0) kept hold of first place in the conference standings, while Wagner fell to 3-2 overall and 3-2 in conference play.

The Great Danes took a 10-0 lead midway through the second quarter on a 20-yard field goal by **Bryan Bagstad** (Shenendehowa HS). Wagner looked to cut into that deficit late in the first half, but tailback **Rick Sarille** was hit near the goalline by Albany linebacker **Mike Grever** and **Damin Waring** recovered the fumble in the endzone.

Sarille, the conference's leading rusher, who carried 32 times for 154 yards, scored a 52-yard scamper with 8:05 left in the third quarter to get his team on the scoreboard. He also recorded his eighth consecutive 100-yard rushing game. The Seahawks recovered a fumbled punt attempt on Albany's next possession, but Grever erased the scoring opportunity when he blocked a 39-yard field goal attempt by **Garrett O'Rourke**.

Williams, who threw for 143 yards and matched a career-high with three TD passes, hooked up with **Chris Phillis** (Saratoga Springs HS) two plays later on a 63-yard scoring bomb. Bagstad's kick gave Albany a 17-7 lead with 3:42 remaining in the quarter.

The Great Danes reached paydirt twice early in the final period to blow the game open. Williams found Phillis again on an 11-yard TD pass, with 11:35 remaining. Grever, a senior linebacker, picked off his second pass of the day, and raced 46 yards to the Wagner 5-yard line. Reserve quarterback **Michael Oliva** then hit tight end **Steve Checksfield** with a five-yard scoring pass and a 30-7 lead.

"He was phenomenal," said Albany coach **Bob Ford** about Grever. "He certainly was a big boost. Mike is a role model on how to play the game; he goes hard all the time, a 100-

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percenter on every play.”

“I knew I was going to block the field goal,” said Grever who had nine tackles, including two for losses. “No one touched me on the previous point-after-attempt so I knew I could get it. It was probably my best game this season. I think I am getting better each week.”

Wagner scored twice in the last nine minutes on a 14-yard pass from **Lou Simone** to **Justin Mattes** and a 55-yard throw by **Aaron Smith** (Mohonasen HS) to **Mike Cerminaro**. In between, Albany fullback **Ben Kelcey** rambled 42 yards for a touchdown.

Entering the contest, Wagner’s defense was only allowing 12 points and 171 yards per game.

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### (Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Tammy Bryngelson** came off the bench to record six kills and seven digs to lead Albany to a 3-0 victory over Maine Friday afternoon at University Gym. Sophomore **Erin McGuire** added eight digs. Albany improved to 5-12 while Maine dropped to 0-6.

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Albany def. Maine 15-2, 15-1, 15-10

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### **MICHAEL OLIVA NAMED FOOTBALL GAZETTE'S DIVISION I-AA CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Brookfield, Ill. -- University at Albany's **Michael Oliva** has been selected Football Gazette Division I-AA non-scholarship Co-Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in Albany's 44-21 victory over Stony Brook on Oct. 2. He shared the award with David Dinkins, a quarterback at Morehead State in Kentucky.

Oliva, who received the Northeast Conference's weekly award on Monday, accounted for a career-high 323 total yards and five touchdowns in his first start as a college quarterback. He completed 14 of 17 passes for 235 yards (10<sup>th</sup> highest total in school history) and three TDs, and ran 15 times for 88 yards and two scores.

Albany (3-1, NEC 3-0) travels to Wagner (3-1, NEC 3-1) on Saturday for a 1:00 p.m. kickoff.

### **(Men's Soccer)**

Riverdale, N.Y. -- Freshman sweeper back **Ashtian Holmes** recorded two goals to lead visiting Albany to a 5-0 victory over Manhattan Wednesday afternoon. The five-goal total was Albany's highest single-game scoring output of the season.

Holmes, who earned his first goals as a collegian, scored off a header on a direct kick by **Rob Franco** to give the Great Danes a 1-0 halftime advantage. Albany (4-6-1) would add four second-half goals for insurance including strikes from **Jarvin Skeete, Marc Sonnenberg, and Ed Braunstein**. Holmes wrapped the scoring spree at 87:45.

Freshman goalkeeper **Matt Talerico**, making his first career start, recorded Albany's first shutout of the season with four saves. **Tim Denman** totaled eight saves for Manhattan (3-6-1).  
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Albany (4-6-1)	1	4	--	5
Manhattan (3-6-1)	0	0	--	0

Albany -- Scoring: Ashtian Holmes 2-0, Jarvin Skeete 1-0, Marc Sonnenberg 1-1, Ed Braunstein 1-0, Rob Franco 0-1, Gil Bernardino 0-1. Saves: Matt Talerico 4.

Manhattan -- Scoring: None. Saves: Tim Denman 8, Jesse Lardner 1.

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## Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

### (Women's Soccer)

Fairfield, Conn. -- Sophomore **Kristen Walker** scored the go-ahead goal early in the second half to lead Sacred Heart to a 3-2 victory over Albany on Wednesday at Campus Field.

Sophomore **Ashley Mendicino**, who scored both Albany goals, gave the Great Danes a first-half lead off a cross from **Janee' Feliciano**. Sacred Heart responded as **Barbara Simmons** and Walker each tallied within a three-minute-and-thirty-second span early in the final period. The Pioneers recorded a third goal at the 73:45 mark when **Danielle Robenhymer** scored off a rebound in a scramble near the net.

Albany (0-12) cut the lead to 3-2 with less than 11 minutes remaining as Mendicino scored from 20 yards. Goalkeeper **Michelle Talviste** totaled 12 saves for the Great Danes, while **Carlin Guarneri** stopped three shots for Sacred Heart (3-6).

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Albany (0-12)	1	1	-	2
Sacred Heart (3-6)	0	3	-	3

Albany -- Scoring: Ashley Mendicino 2-0, Janee' Feliciano 0-1. Saves: Michelle Talviste 12.

Sacred Heart -- Scoring: Barbara Simmons 1-0, Kristen Walker 1-0, Danielle Robenhymer 1-0, Melissa Heine 0-1, Michelle Majeski 0-1. Saves: Carlin Guarneri 3.

### (Women's Tennis)

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. -- **Julie Bliss** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) won in straight sets at first singles to lead Albany past Marist, 9-0, on Wednesday.

Bliss, who defeated **Erin Haley**, 6-0 and 6-2, posted her 52<sup>nd</sup> career singles victory. She then teamed with **Violeta Petijevic** for an 8-4 pro-set win at No. 1 doubles against a duo that included her sister, Kara, a freshman for the Marist squad. The Great Danes improved to 6-4 this season.

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#### Albany 9, Marist 0

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Erin Haley (M), 6-0, 6-2; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Kara Bliss (M), 6-0, 6-4; Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Nicole Johns (M), 6-2, 6-3; Erinn Langford (A) def. Kristy Salloum (M), 6-2, 6-1; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Claudine Habib (M), 6-2, 6-3; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Jen Edwards (M), 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles: Bliss-Petijevic (A) def. Bliss-Johns (M), 8-4; Kramer-Langford (A) def. Haley-Salloum (M), 8-2; Shayna Smith-Emily Gonzales (A) def. Habib-Edwards (M), 8-4.

Record: Albany (6-4).

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**Comments:** COLLEGE SPORTS (Field Hockey, Women's Volleyball)

### (Field Hockey)

Ithaca, N.Y. – Seniors **Kelley Boutin** and **Elizabeth Sullivan** each scored goals to lift Cornell to a 2-1 victory over Albany Tuesday night at Schoellkopf Field.

Albany opened the scoring as **Amy DiMicco** found the box just under two minutes into the game. Sullivan tied the contest with 23:32 remaining in the first period. Boutin tallied the game-winner with just under 18 minutes left in the half.

**Cathi Burek** stopped five shots for Albany (5-4), who ended a five-game winning streak. **Maureen Sullivan** finished with three saves for Cornell (5-3).

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Albany (5-4)	1	0	-	1
Cornell (5-3)	2	0	-	2

Albany – Scoring: Amy DiMicco 1-0. Saves: Cathi Burek 5.

Cornell – Scoring: Kelley Boutin 1-0, Elizabeth Sullivan 1-0. Saves: Maureen Sullivan 3.

### (Women's Volleyball)

West Point, N.Y. – Junior **Michele Frymier** totaled 12 kills and nine digs in leading Army to a 3-0 victory over visiting Albany Tuesday evening at Christl Arena.

Junior **Julie Arbitman** recorded 11 kills and 20 digs for the Great Danes. Army improved its record to 7-7 while Albany dropped to 4-12.

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Army def. Albany 15-4, 15-11, 15-11



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### Comments: College Football

#### ***NORTHEAST CONFERENCE HONORS MICHAEL OLIVA AS OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AND SAMSON BROWN AS ROOKIE OF THE WEEK***

Piscataway, N.J. -- University at Albany's **Michael Oliva** has been chosen the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in Albany's 44-21 victory over Stony Brook on Oct. 2 as the conference office announced today. Free safety **Samson Brown** was selected as the NEC Rookie of the Week.

Oliva, who also was named to the ECAC Division I-AA weekly honor roll on Monday, accounted for a career-high 323 total yards and five touchdowns in his first start as a college quarterback. He completed 14 of 17 passes for 235 yards (10<sup>th</sup> highest total in school history) and three TDs, and ran 15 times for 88 yards and two scores.

Oliva, a 5-foot-11, 190-pound senior, threw two scoring passes of 49 and 48 yards in the first quarter to stake his team to a 13-0 lead. He is the first Albany player since November 1997 to account for five TDs in a game. Regular starter **Eric Williams** did not play to attend a family funeral.

Brown, a redshirt freshman, had seven tackles, including five solo, recovered two fumbles, and added one pass break-up. Albany defenders forced six turnovers and sacked the quarterback four times on the day.

Albany (3-1, NEC 3-0) is ranked fourth in this week's *Football Gazette* Division I-AA Non-Scholarship Top 20 Poll.

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**Comments:** COLLEGE SPORTS (W. Tennis, W. Soccer, M. Soccer, Football)

### (Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Julie Bliss** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) earned victories at both No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles to lead Albany to a 7-2 win over Stony Brook on Sunday at University Courts. Junior **Erinn Langford** (Bishop Maginn H.S.) won at No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles, and **Jennifer Hahn** (Bethlehem Central H.S.) was victorious in three sets at sixth singles for Albany (5-4).

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Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Kinga Polonska (S), 6-2, 6-1; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Carmie Zink (S), 6-4, 6-0; Esther Forrester (S) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-4, 6-3; Erinn Langford (A) def. Jamie Keller (S), 6-3, 6-1; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Deanna Ghozati (S), 6-2, 6-4; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Delquin Gong (S), 1-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Doubles: Bliss-Petijevic (A) def. Polonska-Zink (S), 8-1; Kramer-Langford (A) def. Ghozati-Gong (S), 8-5; Keller-Rebecca Sparacin (S) def. Shayna Smith-Emily Gonzales (A), 8-2.

### (Women's Soccer)

Jersey City, N.J. – Senior **Nina Bustos** netted two goals as St. Peter's posted a 2-0 victory over Albany on Sunday at Joseph J. Jaroschak Field.

Bustos scored from 12 yards out after an assist from junior **Maureen Elliott** at the 39:18 mark. The same combination worked again for the Peahens second goal. Junior goalkeeper **Michelle Talviste** made nine saves for Albany (0-11), while junior Chamaigne Beidler stopped three shots for St. Peter's (2-8-1).

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Albany (0-11)	0	0	-	0
St. Peter's (2-8-1)	1	1	-	2

Albany – Scoring: (none). Saves: Michelle Talviste 9.

St. Peter's – Scoring: Nina Bustos 2-0, Maureen Elliott 0-2. Saves: Chamaigne Beidler 3.

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## Albany Sports 2-2-2-2 (10-3-99)

### (Men's Soccer)

Oneonta, N.Y. – **Franco Cartiera** scored two goals to lead Sacred Heart to a 4-1 win over Albany in the second round of the inaugural Oneonta State Invitational on Sunday. **Rui Moreira** and **Alex De Faria** each added one goal and one assist as the Pioneers snapped a six-game losing skid.

Moreira opened the scoring when he found the net after an assist from De Faria at the 21:25 mark. De Faria scored off a feed from Moreira just four minutes later, before Cartiera blasted the ball off the post for the first of his two goals at 42:45.

**Bryan Grabon** put Albany (3-6-1) on the scoreboard at 64:40 after an assist from **Jarvin Skeete**. Sacred Heart improved to 2-6.

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Albany (3-6-1)	0	1	-	1
Sacred Heart (2-6)	3	1	-	4

Albany – Scoring: Bryan Grabon 1-0, Jarvin Skeete 0-1. Saves: Trevor Serraro 5, Dean deFreitas 0.

Sacred Heart – Scoring: Franco Cartiera 2-0, Rui Moreira 1-1, Alex De Faria 1-1, Chad Allegro 0-1. Saves: Matt Lipsky 2, Philip Giovatto 0.

### (Football)

Brookfield, Ill. – Albany moved up one position to fourth place in this week's *Football Gazette* Division I-AA Non-Scholarship Top 20 Poll. Morehead State, of Kentucky, continues to hold down the top spot, and is followed by Fairfield and Georgetown. The Great Danes, who routed Stony Brook, 44-21, on Saturday, are 3-1 overall and 3-0 in the Northeast Conference.

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Football Gazette Division I-AA Top 20 (non-scholarship)

1. Morehead State (3-1), 2. Fairfield (4-0), 3. Georgetown (4-0), 4. **Albany** (3-1), 5. Valparaiso (3-1), 6. Duquesne (3-1), 7. Robert Morris (3-2), 8. Wagner (3-1), 9. Drake (3-2), 10. San Diego (2-2).

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**Comments:** COLLEGE SPORTS (w. Volleyball)

### (Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Bree Feist** recorded 10 kills and 16 digs and junior **Krista Watterson** added 12 kills and 13 digs to lead Niagara to a 3-1 victory over Albany Saturday evening at University Gym.

Junior **Julie Arbitman** totaled 23 kills and 22 digs for the Great Danes. Niagara improved to 4-13 with the victory while Albany dropped to 4-11.

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Niagara def. Albany 15-5, 12-15, 15-13, 15-11

**College Football**  
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**Saturday, October 2**

**Albany 44, Stony Brook 21**

Albany, N.Y. -- Quarterback **Michael Oliva** passed for three touchdowns and ran for two scores to lead Albany to a 44-21 Northeast Conference victory over Stony Brook on Saturday at University Field on Hall of Fame Day.

Albany (3-1, NEC 3-0) raced to a 27-7 halftime lead behind Oliva, who accounted for a career-high 323 yards total yards in his first collegiate start. A 5-foot-11 senior, Oliva replaced starter **Eric Williams**, who was attending a family funeral. He fired a 49-yard touchdown strike to **Chris Phillis**, and hooked up with **Jay McFarlane** on a 48-yard bomb to give the Great Danes a 13-0 lead in the first quarter.

Still leading 13-7 midway through the second quarter, Oliva capped a 10-play drive with a six-yard run. **Greg Garrett's** three-yard scamper with 3:37 remaining in the period handed Albany a 20-point halftime cushion.

Oliva, who completed 14 of 17 passes for 235 yards, and ran 15 times for 88 yards, upped his team's advantage to 41-7 in the second half. He scored on a one-yard run in the third period, and then accounted for his fifth touchdown of the day with a 13-yard pass to tight end **Steve Checksfield** on the first play of the fourth quarter.

"Everything was clicking and working today," Oliva said. "The offensive line did a tremendous job of protecting me." Added Albany coach **Bob Ford**, "He plays with passion, and did a great job with Eric not available. He is very exciting on the field, and I know one of the teams' bands will be playing when he finishes a play."

Reserve quarterback **Brian Stanley** was involved in two fourth-quarter touchdowns for Stony Brook (1-2, NEC 1-2). He scored on a one-yard sneak, and then tossed a one-yard TD pass to **David Kopp**. Starting quarterback **Oscar Alcantara** passed for 157 yards and ran for 82 more, but threw two interceptions and was sacked four times.

Oliva's five-touchdown game was the first by an Albany player since November 1997, while Garrett rushed 18 times for 108 yards. The senior tailback ended a streak of 14 straight games in which a UA runner had failed to reach the century mark.

Prior to the game, four former Albany athletes were enshrined into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame. **Frank Villanova**, one of the Class of 1999 inductees, played on the school's first varsity teams from 1973-75.

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**Comments:** COLLEGE SPORTS (M. Soccer, Field Hockey, Cross Country, W. Volleyball)

### (Men's Soccer)

Oneonta, N.Y. – Midfielder **Jarvin Skeete** scored an unassisted goal in the second overtime to lift Albany past Stony Brook, 3-2, in the opening round of the Oneonta State Invitational on Saturday at Wright National Soccer Campus. The Great Danes, who improved to 3-5-1, meet Sacred Heart in Sunday's second round.

Stony Brook's **Brian Baracaldo** sent the game to extra periods with 10 seconds remaining in regulation off a pass from **Mike Kokolakis**. Skeete tallied the game-winner at 107:33.

Albany, which was playing its fourth overtime match of the season, rallied from a 1-0 deficit. **Jon Brainard** drew the Great Danes even on a long pass from Skeete, before junior **Bryan Grabon** gave his club the lead at 64:08. The Seawolves fell to 2-8.

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Stony Brook (2-8)	1	1	0	0	-	2
Albany (3-5-1)	1	1	0	1	-	3

Stony Brook – Scoring: Alton Allen 1-0, Brian Baracaldo 1-0, Mike Kokolakis 0-1; Saves: Brian McOmer 3.

Albany – Scoring: Jarvin Skeete 1-1, Jon Brainard 1-0, Bryan Grabon 1-0, Charlie Justino 0-1; Saves: Trevor Serraro 3.

### (Field Hockey)

Fairfield, Conn. – Senior **Tovah Atwell** netted two goals as Albany extended its win streak to five straight with a 4-1 victory over Sacred Heart on Saturday at Campus Field.

Atwell scored her first goal on a penalty stroke with six minutes and eight seconds gone in the contest. Sacred Heart's **Lauren Wiggins** found the cage 12 minutes later to tie the contest, but Atwell converted on another penalty stroke to give the Great Danes a 2-1 advantage at halftime.

Sophomores **Lauren Byrne** and **Amy DiMicco** added second-half goals for Albany (5-3). Virginia Capicchioni turned aside 23 shots for Sacred Heart (1-8).

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## Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

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Albany (5-3)	2	2	-	4
Sacred Heart (1-8)	1	0	-	1

Albany – Scoring: Tovah Atwell 2-0, Amy DiMicco 1-1, Lauren Byrne 1-0. Saves: Cathi Burek 7.

Sacred Heart – Scoring: Lauren Wiggins 1-0. Saves: Virginia Capicchioni 23.

### (Cross Country)

Bronx, N.Y. – **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) was Albany's top finisher in 33<sup>rd</sup> place at Iona College's Meet of Champions on Saturday at Van Cortlandt Park. **Adam Wallace** led Dartmouth to the men's title by crossing the tape first in 24:51.4, while the Great Danes were 11<sup>th</sup> in the team standings.

Rodriguez covered the 8,000-meter course in 26:15.4, and teammate **Mike Kiernan** was 49<sup>th</sup> in 26:37.9. **Andy Rickert** (Guilderland H.S.) placed 56<sup>th</sup> in the 170-runner field.

In the women's competition, Brown won the team's championship, while Virginia's **Jennifer Owens** took the individual title with a time of 17:39.6. Albany's **Andrea Viger** (Granville Central H.S.) led her team with a 54<sup>th</sup>-place finish in 19:06.4 over 5,000 meters, while **Nicole Herring** (Academy of Holy Names) was 103<sup>rd</sup> among 215 competitors.

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### Iona College Meet of Champions

**MEN:** 1. Dartmouth 40, 2. Iona 68, 3. Brown 101, 4. Navy 103, 5. Army 134, 6. Boston College 153, 7. Virginia 159, 8. Harvard 205, 9. Boston U. 217, 10. Massachusetts 291, 11. Albany 305, 12. Marist 314, 13. College of New Jersey 342, 14. Siena 465.

**WOMEN:** 1. Brown 52, 2. Boston U. 67, 3. Virginia and Boston College 88, 5. Purdue 122, 6. Dartmouth 129, 7. Princeton 221, 8. Massachusetts 242, 9. Army 253, 10. Harvard 263, 11. Navy 27, 12. College of New Jersey 373, 13. Connecticut 377, 14. Rhode Island 405, 15. Marist 413, 16. **Albany** 421, 17. Siena 575.

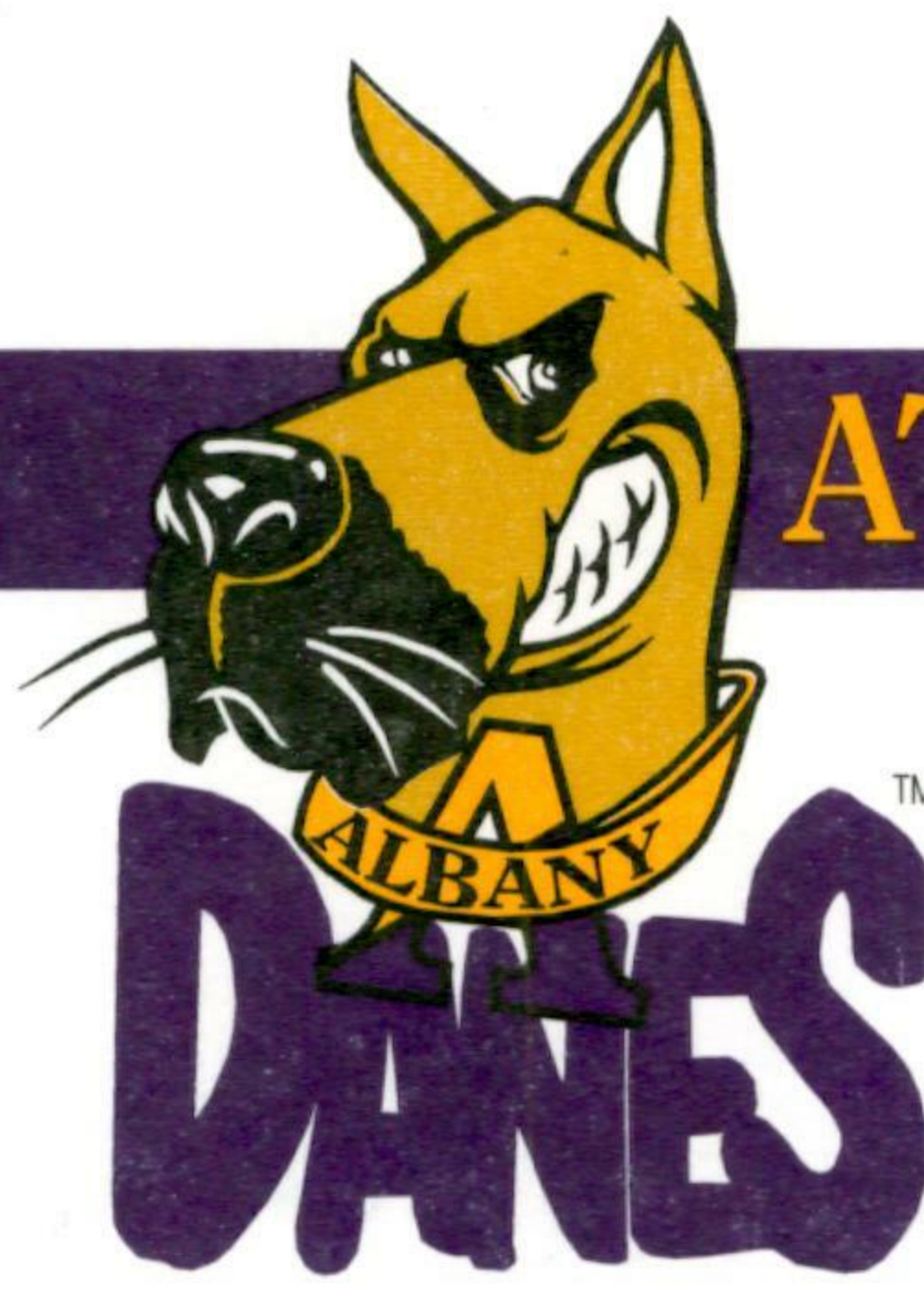
### (Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. – Junior **Julie Arbitman** had 18 kills and 14 digs to lead Albany to a 3-0 victory over Vermont on Saturday at University Gym.

Freshman **Rachel Goettsch** added 11 kills, as the Great Danes snapped a three-game losing skid to improve to 4-10. Freshman **Claire Gadwa** recorded 10 kills and 18 digs for Vermont (1-8).

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Albany def. Vermont 15-4, 15-7, 15-12



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### ERIC WILLIAMS WILL NOT PLAY TODAY, MICHAEL OLIVA NAMED STARTING QUARTERBACK

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Eric Williams**, who has made 14 consecutive starts at quarterback, will miss today's game due to a death in the family. He has returned to the Rochester, New York area to attend the funeral.

**Michael Oliva** will make his first start at quarterback this afternoon. Oliva, a 5-foot-11 senior, has played in 35 previous games as a collegian, and was last year's Eastern Football Conference championship MVP.

Oliva has completed 65 of 111 passes for 14 touchdowns with four interceptions during his Albany career. In addition, he has rushed 78 times for 97 yards and three TDs.





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### (Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Erin Oveis** recorded 14 kills and 17 digs and **Amy Allan** added 16 kills and 11 digs to lead Canisius to a 3-1 victory over Albany Friday night at University Gym.

Junior **Julie Arbitman** had 14 kills with 15 digs, including the 1,000<sup>th</sup> dig of her career for the Great Danes. Canisius improved to 3-12 with the victory, while Albany dropped to 3-10.

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Canisius def. Albany, 10-15, 15-6, 15-3, 15-11

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**VOLLEYBALL TO COME LATER**

### **(Women's Tennis)**

Albany, N.Y. -- **Anixa Almeyda** and **Rachel Berenbaum** posted straight-set victories at first and second singles, respectively, to lead Long Island past Albany, 7-2, on Friday at University Courts.

Almeyda upended **Julie Bliss** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.), 6-2 and 6-0, while Berenbaum was 6-2, 6-1 winner over **Samantha Kramer**. **Ilissa Strolovitz** and **Jennifer Hahn** (Bethlehem Central H.S.) picked up singles victories in the fifth and sixth positions for the Great Danes, who fell to 4-4 this season. Hahn defeated **Nicole Lipszyc**, 6-4 and 6-1, in the No. 6 spot.

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### **Long Island 7, Albany 2**

Singles: Anixa Almeyda (L) def. Julie Bliss (A), 6-2, 6-0; Rachel Berenbaum (L) def. Samantha Kramer (A), 6-2, 6-1; Leslie Harvey (L) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-4, 6-3; Natalia Herrera (L) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-1, 6-2; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Sheana Sinclair (L), 6-2, 6-3; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Nicole Lipszyc (L), 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles: Almeyda-Herrera (L) def. Bliss-Petijevic (A), 8-3; Berenbaum-Harvey (L) def. Kramer-Langford (A), 8-2; Sinclair-Lipszyc (L) def. Emily Gonzales-Shayna Smith (A), 8-6.