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Lafayette 83, Albany 75

Easton, Pa. -- Rob Dill scored 16 of a career-high 24 points in the first half, and Lafayette shot 57 percent from the field in posting an 83-75 non-conference victory over Albany on Monday evening at the Kirby Sports Center.

Albany (2-7) came back from an 11-point deficit in the opening period to grab a 46-41 lead with 17:10 remaining. Freshman **Jamar Wilson**, who had 18 points, hit a three-pointer before **Antione Johnson** followed his own missed jumper in the lane.

Lafayette (4-5) later wiped out that lead with a run of nine straight points. Dill, a 6-foot-10 junior, who also had a career-high 15 rebounds put his team ahead, 50-48, before **Justin DeBerry** made a layup to finish off that spurt. The Great Danes went back in front, 53-52, on a three-point field goal by Johnson, who scored a team-high 21 points.

The Leopards, who have won four straight after opening the season with five losses, regrouped to take the lead for good. DeBerry, who scored all 11 of his points after halftime, buried back-to-back three pointers for a 58-53 advantage with 10:47 remaining. Lafayette still led 61-59 two minutes later, but then pulled away for good when **Andrew Pleick** canned a three-pointer and **Mike Farrell** scored in the lane for a seven-point cushion.

"Their size was a difference," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, who benched freshmen **Jerrad Knotts** and **Herman Banks** for being late for a team function. "But this game came down to a couple of possessions. We didn't make enough winning plays on the defensive end of the floor. Lafayette is a good team because they don't beat themselves. We just didn't have enough size to match up with them."

Farrell finished with 19 points for the Leopards, while Winston Davis added 18 points and nine rebounds. Albany's **Rhasheed Peterson** scored a season-high 20 points, his fifth straight game in double figures.

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Syracuse 109, Albany 79

Syracuse, NY – Freshman **Carmelo Anthony** scored 28 points to pace five players in double figures as Syracuse defeated Albany, 109-79, on Saturday evening before 18,683 at the Carrier Dome. Syracuse (7-1) shot a staggering 76.5 percent from the field in the first half on 26-of-34 attempts. The Orangemen, who have won seven straight since an opening-game loss to Memphis, led 62-43 at halftime.

Anthony, a McDonald's high school All-American, who had 19 first-half points, helped his team break away early. Anthony canned one of his five 3-pointers, before Craig Forth, a 7-0 sophomore, hit a follow shot in the lane for a 14-7 lead.

The Orangemen, who finished the game by shooting 63.4 percent, pushed out to a commanding 35-12 advantage behind the play of **Hakim Warrick**, who had 14 of his 22 points in the stanza.

In the second half, Albany (2-6) stayed in the hunt when **Levi Levine** was fouled as he converted a lay-up in the lane. His three-point play closed the gap to 69-53 with 16:52 remaining.

However, Syracuse would eventually pull away. **Jeremy McNeil** came off the bench to score 10 of his 14 points in the final period. The Orangemen would later run off 13 consecutive points that resulted in a 95-61 lead with 8:51 to play.

"We did a better job defensively in the second half," Syracuse coach **Jim Boeheim** said. "We had a good stretch for a four to five minute period. They have quick little guys and they are tough for us to guard."

The Great Danes, who tied a Carrier Dome record with 14 three-pointers, was led by freshman guard **Jamar Wilson**, who had 29 points. **Antione Johnson** scored 19 and connected on a career-best five long-range jumpers.

"I think this game helped us," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, who had just seven players available due to injuries. "They're good physically and athletically. We were not going to get a rebound. But we did a good job on the offensive end of the floor, and you're starting to see the real Jamar Wilson."

Kueth Duany and **Gerry McNamara** had 14 and 11 points, respectively, for the Orangemen. Albany's **Rhasheed Peterson** scored in double-figures for the fourth straight game with 14 points. Levine finished with 12 points, five rebounds and five steals.

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ALBANY MOVES ABOVE .500 WITH 58-39 WIN OVER TOWSON

Albany, N.Y. —Sophomore center **Danielle Hutcheson** matched a season-high with 20 points, one off her career high, as Albany pulled away from Towson in the second half for a 58-39 victory on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The victory puts the Great Danes (5-4) over the .500 mark for the first time since Jan. 23, 1999 when the school was a member of Division II. The win also surpasses last season's victory total as the team finished 4-23.

The Great Danes, who recorded their largest margin of victory since a 76-47 win over Green Mountain College on Dec. 5, 2000, used a 10-3 run at the end of the first half and into the start of the second half to take a 31-22 lead with 17:34 remaining. Hutcheson, who also collected a game-high nine rebounds, scored five points during that stretch, closing the run with a lay up and sinking a free throw as **Kelli Talbot** fouled her on her way up.

Towson (0-7) answered with back-to-back baskets by **LaShay Rose** and **Mia Chapman**, but the Great Danes tallied 22 of the game's next 28 points to create a commanding 21-point lead, 53-32, with 2:42 left in the contest. Once again, Hutcheson sparked the run with 11 points, mostly on lay ups, and senior guard **Jess McGinlay** added six of her 16 points during the burst. Junior guard **Kathryn Hemlock**, who was third on the team with nine points, also dished out four of her game-high six assists in that span.

In the opening stanza, Mia Chapman scored seven of her team-high 11 points to give the Tigers an early 13-10 lead with 10:29 left. McGinlay then connected on back-to-back three-pointers to give the Great Danes a lead they would never relinquish at 8:20. Towson cut the lead to one on a couple occasions, but then Albany began the aforementioned 10-3 run to go into halftime with a 26-21 lead.

"Before the game I challenged our team to hold Towson under 33 percent shooting from the floor and they handled that challenge," said first-year head coach **Trina Patterson**. "Danielle ignited the team both emotionally and with her play on the court. Kathryn rebounded from a couple of bad games and came on strong this afternoon. Jess is the steady player on our squad who will do what it takes to help us win games."

The 39-point output by Towson was the lowest by an UAlbany opponent since Feb. 11, 2000 when St. Joseph's (Vt.) was defeated 78-30.

The Great Danes will play host to Lafayette on Jan. 2 at 5:00 p.m. as part of a doubleheader with the men's team.

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MEN – QUINNIPIAC 78, ALBANY 65

Albany, N.Y. – **Jeremy Bishop** had 17 points and a career-high 18 rebounds to pace five players in double figures, and Quinnipiac held off a late rally to post a 78-65 victory over Albany in a non-conference game on Monday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Bobcats, who are off to their best start since the 1977-78 season with a 6-1 record, built a 50-31 cushion with 14:17 remaining, when **C.J. Vick** scored in the lane. Vick, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, finished with 16 points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots.

Albany (2-5) would rally with 13 of the game's next 15 points. Freshman guard **Jamar Wilson** had five of his team-high 19 points in that spurt, and then fed classmate **Levi Levine** in the paint to close the gap to 52-44 with 10:24 to play.

The Great Danes, who would later again trail by a double-digit margin, then sliced the deficit to 62-60 on **Rhasheed Peterson's** bank shot with 4:35 left. Peterson, a 6-foot-5 swingman who had a season-high 18 points, buried two of his four 3-pointers in his team's second run at the visitors.

However, **Kason Mims** came to Quinnipiac's rescue over the next one minute and 32 seconds as he poured in eight of his 17 points to help his team pull away for good. Mims, a junior guard, nailed two consecutive three-point field goals, before he converted a driving layup for a 70-60 lead.

In the first half, the Bobcats trailed 16-15, before ripping off a 14-4 run. Bishop, whose rebound total was one off the arena record, was fouled on a layup that put his club ahead. Bishop, at 6-foot-6 and 225 pounds, then made the free throw to complete the three-point play. **Craig Benson**, who had 12 of his 14 points in the period, came off the bench to hit three consecutive 3-pointers in that stretch. Quinnipiac would lead 38-24 at halftime.

"There's no consolation in coming close," said Albany coach Will Brown, whose team made 28.1 percent of its field goals in the opening period. "We lost the game in the first half. We made too many mistakes and failed to execute simple things. We gave a solid effort in the second half, but (Kason) Mims broke our back."

Rashaun Banjo was the fifth player in double figures with 12 points for the Bobcats, who shot 50.8 percent from the field on 31-of-61 shooting and held a 47-29 rebounding advantage. Albany's **Antione Johnson** scored 14 points.

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SARAH SWEETLAND NAMED CO-AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Sarah Sweetland** has been named the Wilson America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in women's basketball, as announced today by the conference office. Sweetland, who is the first UAlbany player to receive the league's weekly player award, shared the honor with Maine's Kim Corbitt.

Sweetland scored a career-high 23 points, including 14 in the second half, in Albany's 71-67 come-from-behind victory over St. Francis, N.Y., on Dec. 21. She made 6-of-12 from the field and 8-of-10 from the free throw line, as the Great Danes ended an 11-game road losing streak.

A native of Burlington, Mass., Sweetland is third on the team in scoring at 9.8 points per game, and is second among the conference leaders in free throw percentage (.857). Albany (4-4) has already matched last year's win total when the program finished with a 4-23 record. The Great Danes are home on Saturday, Dec. 28 against Towson. Tip-off is 11:00 a.m. due to St. Rose's Capital Key Classic.

JAMAR WILSON SELECTED AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jamar Wilson** has been chosen as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in men's basketball, as announced today by the conference office. Wilson's teammate, Levi Levine, earned the conference's rookie award last week.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 freshman, posted career-highs in points (30) and rebounds (11) in a 69-67 victory over Robert Morris on Dec. 21. His scoring total was the second highest by an Albany frosh since 1976. He connected on 12 of 20 field goals, including 4-of-5 from three-point range.

Wilson, who had 20 second-half points, converted a driving layup and then nailed a three-pointer from the left corner with 51 seconds remaining to give his team the lead at 67-65. His double-double was the first by an UAlbany player since January 13, 2002.

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Comments: College Basketball MEN – Albany 69, Robert Morris 67

Albany, N.Y. – Senior guard **Earv Opong** made two free throws with 2.6 seconds remaining to lead Albany to a 69-67 victory over Robert Morris in a non-conference game on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (2-4) had taken a 67-65 lead with 51 seconds remaining, when freshman **Jamar Wilson**, who totaled a career-high 30 points and 11 rebounds, nailed a three-point field goal from the left corner. Robert Morris (3-3) drew even at 67 apiece on a pair of foul shots by senior guard **DaMarcus Ellis** with 19 seconds left.

Opong, who had seven assists, was then fouled on a drive to the basket by **Maurice Carter** to set up his winning free throws, his only points of the game. Carter, who had 16 of his team-high 24 points in the final half, heaved a 30-foot shot at the buzzer that hit the backboard and went off the front rim.

"I was very confident when I went to the line," said Opong, whose attempts were delayed by a Robert Morris timeout. "I have been working to relax and shoot in practice. I just concentrated and made the free throws."

The Great Danes, who won for the first time at home this season, built a 49-38 cushion midway through the final period. Wilson, a 6-foot-1 swingman who posted the fourth highest scoring total by an Albany freshman, hit a jumper in the lane off a dribble-drive to give his squad its biggest lead.

However, Robert Morris rallied with 13 of the game's next 15 points. Ellis scored off a goaltending call, before Carter canned a three-pointer to tie the contest at 51 apiece. The Colonials would eventually go ahead, when **Aaron Thomas** converted a three-point play when he was fouled on a shot in the lane. Thomas, who had 16 points and eight rebounds, made the free throw for a 58-55 advantage with 4:21 remaining.

The contest featured nine ties and four lead changes and went back-and-forth in the stretch. Carter, a 6-foot sophomore sank two foul shots for a 65-62 lead, before Wilson, who had 20 second-half points, hit a driving layup and put his team in front with a three-pointer.

"That was an incredible performance for a freshman," said Albany coach **Will Brown**. about Wilson who was 3-of-18 from the field in his previous two starts. "That was much needed because he puts too much pressure on himself. It's a good win for us after the Long Island game (78-62 loss on Dec. 11)."

Albany's **Rhasheed Peterson** had 10 of his season-high 17 points in the opening period, as the Great Danes led 32-26 at halftime and were coming off a 10-day layoff for exams. **Levi Levine**, a 6-foot-6 freshman, finished with 12 points.

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GARY JONES ON SPORTS NETWORK ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL TEAM

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) has been named to the 2002 Sports Network I-AA All-America Football Team as a third-team selection. Jones, a junior tailback, made the Associated Press All-America second team last Wednesday.

McNeese State and Western Kentucky, who play in today's I-AA national championship, each had six players on the Sports Network squad. Jones and Dayton's Mark Kasmer, a first-team defensive back, were the only players voted to the All-America team from mid-major programs.

Jones, a 5-foot-10, 215-pound running back, established two Northeast Conference records and nine school single-season marks this season. He rushed for 1,509 yards, scored 23 touchdowns, accounted for 1,949 all-purpose yards, and became the first Albany player to run for 150 or more yards five times in a season.

The Albany tailback is third among the nation's rushing leaders at 125.8 yards per game. He is fourth in Division I-AA in scoring (11.5 points/game) and seventh in all-purpose yards (162.4 ypg). Jones, who played at Hudson Valley Community College for two years prior to attending UAlbany, led the Great Danes to their first-ever Northeast Conference championship with an 8-4 record. Albany defeated Duquesne for the ECAC Division I-AA Football Classic title.

GARY JONES – 2002 POSTSEASON AWARDS

Associated Press I-AA All-America (second team)
Sports Network I-AA All-America (third team)
Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major All-America (first team)
Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Year
All-Northeast Conference (first team)
All-ECAC Division I-AA (honorable mention)

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GARY JONES ON ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL TEAM

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) has been named to the 2002 Associated Press I-AA All-America Football Team, as announced on Wednesday evening by the national wire service. McNeese State, who plays Western Kentucky for the national title on Friday, Dec. 20, had three players selected.

Jones, a second-team running back, is the second UAlbany player to be chosen to the Division I-AA All-America squad. Offensive tackle J.T. Herfurth earned first-team honors in 2000.

Jones established two Northeast Conference records and nine school single-season marks as a junior. He rushed for 1,509 yards, scored 23 touchdowns, accounted for 1,949 all-purpose yards, and became the first Albany player to run for 100 or more yards nine times in a season.

The UAlbany tailback is third among the nation's rushing leaders at 125.8 yards per game. He is fourth in Division I-AA in scoring (11.5 points/game) and seventh in all-purpose yards (162.4 pg).

Jones, the NEC Offensive Player of the Year, was previously named to the Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major All-America Team earlier this month. He led Albany to its first-ever Northeast Conference championship with an 8-4 record. Jones rushed for 194 yards and two touchdowns in an upset of previously unbeaten Duquesne to earn the ECAC Football Classic MVP award.

School Single-Season Records -- By Gary Jones

1,509, Rushing Yards (Old Mark: 1,041, Brian Manigault, 2000)

23, Touchdowns (Old Mark: 15, Brian Manigault, 2000)

22, Rushing Touchdowns (Old Mark: 15, Brian Manigault, 2000)

138 points, Scoring (Old Mark: 90, Brian Manigault, 2000)

1,949, All-Purpose Yards (Old Mark: 1,705, Dan Gmelin, 1997)

9, 100-yard Rushing Games (Old Mark: 5, By Five Players)

5, 150-yard Rushing Games (Old Mark: 3, Tom DeBlois, 1974)

231, Rushing Attempts (Old Mark: 187, Brian Manigault, 2000)

6.53, Highest Average Gain Per Rush (Old Mark: 5.91, Dave Soldini, 1984)

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Gary Jones -- Rushing By Game

Opponent	Attempts	Yards	TDs
Montana	3	5	0
Central Conn.	18	154	1
Sacred Heart	14	199	3
Stony Brook	21	82	1
Wagner	27	98	3
Drake	24	191	4
Canisius	12	101	2
St. Francis, Pa.	18	150	3
Robert Morris	17	108	2
Fla. International	18	124	2
Monmouth	23	103	0
Duquesne	36	194	2

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FOURTEEN FOOTBALL PLAYERS ON NEC FALL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Albany, N.Y. – All-Northeast Conference selections **Ryan Roeder**, **Billy Pike** and **Mike Laroche** lead a group of fourteen University at Albany football players who have earned a spot on the Northeast Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll.

Roeder, a first-team all-conference quarterback, has a 3.20 cumulative grade points average in a dual major of psychology and communication. He passed for 1,366 yards and eight touchdowns, plus rushed for eight scores.

Pike, who set the school's single-season punting record with a 39.0 average, has a 3.42 GPA in business administration. Laroche, a 6-foot-4, 270-pound right tackle, has a 3.46 in mathematics. Both athletes earned first-team All-NEC honors.

Ryan MacLean (3.72, management information systems), **David Parks** (3.48, history) and **Victor Camacho** (3.82, business administration/finance) were each on the conference's academic honor roll for the third straight year. MacLean, a senior quarterback, was named to the Verizon Academic All-America second team earlier this month.

Albany posted an 8-4 record in 2002, plus captured its first-ever Northeast Conference championship and the ECAC Division I-AA Football Classic title.

Northeast Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll

<u>Name, Sport</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Major, GPA</u>
Victor Camacho, Football	Junior	Business Administration/Finance, 3.82
Jon Carvin, Football	Junior	Geography, 3.38
Matt Cohen, Football	R-Fresh.	Business Administration, 3.94
Evan Gentile, Football	R-Fresh.	Business Administration, 3.68
Eric Holzer, Football	Soph.	Mathematics, 3.55
Matt Kryzak, Football	Soph.	Criminal Justice, 3.24
Lucas Kurtz, Football	Junior	Mathematics, 3.70
Mike Laroche, Football	Junior	Mathematics, 3.46
Ryan MacLean, Football	Senior	Management Information Systems, 3.72
David Parks, Football	Junior	History, 3.48
Billy Pike, Football	Senior	Business Administration, 3.42
Ryan Roeder, Football	Senior	Psychology & Communication, 3.20
Anthony Sciarra, Football	Soph.	Criminal Justice, 3.60
Brandon Shaw, Football	Soph.	Accounting, 3.43

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UALBANY MEETS NATIONALLY-RANKED PITTSBURGH IN 2003-04

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that the men's basketball program has signed a contract to meet the University of Pittsburgh on Saturday, Nov. 29 in the 2003-04 season.

The contest will be played at Pittsburgh's Petersen Events Center, a 12,508-seat on-campus facility that opened in the spring of 2002. The Panthers' new 430,000-square foot basketball home features all chairback seating, a permanent wood floor, and courtside seats for 1,200 students.

Pittsburgh is currently ranked in both the ESPN/USA Today (No. 3) and Associated Press (No. 4) national polls with a 6-0 record. The Panthers have risen to their highest national ranking since January 1987.

Ben Howland, last year's consensus National Coach of the Year, led Pittsburgh to a 29-6 record in 2001-02, the winningest season in school history. The Panthers reached the NCAA Tournament's Sweet Sixteen and captured the Big East Conference's West Division with a 13-3 mark. Pittsburgh won multiple NCAA tournament games for the first time in 28 years.

UALbany, a member of the America East Conference, will be meeting its fourth Big East Conference program since upgrading to the NCAA Division I level in 1999-2000. The Great Danes have previously faced Syracuse, Notre Dame and Rutgers.

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UALBANY'S LEVI LEVINE NAMED AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Levi Levine has been selected as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in men's basketball. Levine, a 6-foot-6 freshman, is just the second UAlbany player to receive the conference's weekly award since the Great Danes joined the league in 2001-02.

Levine averaged 16.5 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.5 steals in two games last week, plus shot 50 percent from the field (13-26) and 83.3 percent from the free throw line. He had nine points, four rebounds and three steals in a 47-43 victory at Army on Dec. 9, as Albany won on the road for the first time since last February.

A New York City native, Levine scored a game-high 24 points and grabbed six rebounds in a loss to Long Island on Dec. 11. His scoring total was the most by a UAlbany freshman in two years. Levine ranks sixth among the America East scoring leaders at 14.6 points per game.

Albany (1-4) is in the middle of a 10-day layoff for fall semester exams. The Great Danes return to the floor later this week for home games against Robert Morris (Dec. 21) and Quinnipiac (Dec. 23) at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

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WOMEN – Wagner 74, Albany 66

Albany, N.Y. – Junior guard **Ashley Linscott** had 14 of her 24 points in the second half to lead Wagner to a 74-66 non-conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Wagner (2-4) ran off six straight points to break a 50-50 deadlock midway through the final period. **Vanessa Wyffels** split a pair of free throws, before Carrie Walker converted in the lane from a driving Linscott. Walker, a 6-foot junior who had 20 points and seven rebounds, also scored on an in-bounds play during that spurt.

Albany (3-4) closed within 58-56 with 6:08 remaining as **Maree Jones**, who recorded her second consecutive double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds, canned a foul-line jumper.

However, the Seahawks would pull away for good with eight unanswered points for a 66-56 lead with 3:42 to play. Linscott, who made 9-of-16 from the floor, and added four assists and five steals, buried a jumper off a screen to ignite that stretch. **Kim McGhee**, who had 12 points off the bench, added an 8-foot jumper and a fastbreak layup in that decisive run.

“Wagner’s guard play was the difference, especially (Ashley) Linscott,” Albany coach Trina Patterson said. “Their pressure and defensive intensity were factors. Sarah (Sweetland) was in early foul trouble, and we are not as good a team without her on the floor.”

In the first half, Wagner jumped out to a 21-11 lead as McGhee nailed a three-pointer from the right side. The Great Danes, who were bidding for their first three-game win streak since February 2000, sliced that deficit to 32-26 on 3-point field goal by **Jess McGinlay**, who tallied 18 of her team-high 21 points in the period.

The Seahawks, who shot 50.9 percent from the field and forced 25 turnovers with full-court pressure, led 36-28 at the intermission. But Albany regrouped early in the final stanza to tie the contest at 38 apiece on Jones’ follow shot in the lane. The second half featured five ties and three lead changes.

Albany’s **Danielle Hutcheson**, a 6-foot-4 sophomore center, finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds, while teammate **Sarah Sweetland** scored 12, all in the second half.

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WOMEN – Albany 65, Army 49

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Maree Jones** had 15 points and 12 rebounds, both career-highs, to pace four players in double figures in leading Albany to a 65-49 non-conference victory over Army on Thursday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Great Danes, who are at the .500 mark for the first time since December 1999 with a 3-3 record, led wire-to-wire. Albany leaped to a 22-9 lead midway through the first half, behind the play of **Danielle Hutcheson**, who had 14 points and nine rebounds.

The 6-foot-4 center scored her team's opening eight points, while **Sarah Sweetland** and **Jess McGinlay** converted consecutive three-point field goals in that run.

Army (4-4) chipped away at the margin, and closed within 32-26 at halftime. **Katie Mcfarlane**, who totaled 15 points, including the 1,000th of her career, and added seven rebounds, led the charge. She hit a bank shot off her steal in transition, and then split a pair of free throws at the end of the period.

In the second half, Albany opened with 10 of the game's next 14 points. Jones, a 6-foot-1 sophomore who recorded her first career double-double, and made 7 of 10 shots from the field, converted a follow shot in the lane for a 42-30 advantage.

The Black Knights, who had their three-game win streak halted, closed within single digits on four occasions in the stretch. **Christine Gassman's** baseline jumper sliced the deficit to 55-47 with 4:36 remaining. However, Jones, who had six assists, fed McGinlay for a back-door layup and found **Kathryn Hemlock** for a short jumper on Albany's next two possessions to give her team a 12-point spread.

"It feels good to be at .500," said Jones, who averaged just 1.5 points per game as a freshman. "The team needs me to score and rebound, and be aggressive on the defensive end. I am starting to be relaxed on offense and defense; I just need to start looking from my shot more."

McGinlay, a senior guard, finished with 14 points. Sweetland added 10 for the Great Danes, who have won back-to-back games for the first time since early January of last season.

"This was no surprise," said first-year Albany coach Trina Patterson about Jones' performance. "She broke out with a solid effort in our last game (against Long Island). She is starting to feel comfortable out on the floor."

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ALEX ARGULEWICZ NAMED TO ECAC DIVISION I-AA ALL-STAR TEAM

Cape Cod, Mass. – University at Albany's **Alex Argulewicz** has been named to the ECAC Division I-AA All-Star Football Team. Argulewicz was a first-team selection, while **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) earned honorable mention recognition.

Argulewicz, a 6-foot-1, 295-pound senior, has made 33 consecutive starts at left guard on UAlbany's offensive line. The Great Danes are ranked seventh in rushing (252.3 yards/game) among the NCAA leaders, and lead the conference in scoring (29.8 ppg) and total yards (371.4 ppg).

Argulewicz, a three-time All-Northeast Conference choice, was recently voted to the Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major All-America Team for the second straight year. He helped lead the Great Danes to their first-ever NEC championship and a 24-0 victory over previously unbeaten Duquesne in the ECAC Division I-AA Football Classic.

Jones, a junior tailback, rushed for 1,509 yards, scored 23 touchdowns, and accounted for 1,949 all-purpose yards. He established nine school single-season records, including nine 100-yard rushing games. Jones, who was also on the Sport Network All-America squad, was named the NEC's Offensive Player of the Year. He received the ECAC Football Classic MVP award, when he rushed for 194 yards and two touchdowns against Duquesne.



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ECAC ANNOUNCES DIVISION I-AA FOOTBALL ALL-STARS

CAPE COD, Mass. -- This year's ECAC Division I-AA Player of the Year accomplished something that neither his father nor grandfather did as quarterback at Villanova. Senior Brett Gordon set the school's single-season passing yards record and led Villanova to the 1-AA semifinals for the first time in school history. Gordon, who was named the Atlantic 10 Offensive Player of the Year and was a Walter Payton Award Finalist, completed 336-of-500 passes for 3,717 yards to go along with 32 touchdowns and just 12 interceptions this year. During the regular season, he led the Atlantic 10 in passing yards per game (288.9), total offense per game (281.0), touchdown passes (29), and passing efficiency (146.1). He was also named to the first-team at quarterback. Gordon will be presented his award at the Eastern College Football Awards banquet in mid-February.

The ECAC Rookie of the Year, as selected by the conference coaches, is the University of Massachusetts' R.J. Cobbs. The freshman running back rushed 192 times for 1,067 yards, the third highest rushing total by a freshman in Atlantic-10 Conference history. In 11 games for Massachusetts, he also recorded seven receptions for 175 yards per game.

2002 ECAC Division I-AA All-Stars

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

QB - BRETT GORDON, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

RB - R.J. COBBS, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB - BRETT GORDON, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
RB - KIRWIN WATSON, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
RB - STEPHAN LEWIS, UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WR - CHAS GESSNER, BROWN UNIVERSITY
WR - RICH MUSINSKI, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
TE - CASEY CRAMER, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
OL - MIKE BRIGANDI, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
OL - CHRIS ROYLE, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE
OL - ALEX ARGULEWICZ, UNIVERSITY ALBANY
OL - JEFF SANTACROCE, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
OL - JAMIL SORIANO, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL TEAMS

K - MATT FORDYCE, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
P - JEFF GOMULINKSKI, FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY
RS - ART CONFESOR, COLLEGE OF HOLY CROSS

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL - JOSH SABO, COLGATE UNIVERSITY
DL - STEVE ANZALONE, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
DL - ADAM LORD, BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY
DL - DENNIS DOTTIN-CARTER, UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
LB - DAN MULHERN, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
LB - LIAM EZEKIEL, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
LB - DANTE BALESTRACCI, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
LB - STEPHEN COOPER, UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
DB - ART SMITH, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
DB - VINCE ALEXANDER, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
DB - LEIGH BODDEN, DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
DB - NICK TOTARO, FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

HONORABLE MENTION

RB - GARY JONES, UNIVERSITY ALBANY
WR - CARL MORRIS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
TE - MATT CHILA, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
OL - MATT SHEPARD, COLGATE UNIVERSITY
DL - CHRIS PENNINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
DB - P.D. MOORE, TOWSON UNIVERSITY
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MEN – Long Island 78, Albany 62

Albany, N.Y. – **Antawn Dobie** and **Maurice Yearwood** each had 17 points to lead Long Island to a 78-62 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Long Island (2-4) snapped an early tie, when Dobie converted a fastbreak layup off his steal and Yearwood, who came off the bench, canned a three-point field goal from the right wing for a 14-9 advantage. LIU's lead grew to 26-16 on **Brandon Thomas'** layup in transition.

Albany (1-4) was still within striking distance at 28-20, when **Levi Levine**, a 6-foot-6 freshman who led all scorers with 24 points, worked his way into the lane for a basket. He made 11 of 18 shots from the floor and added six rebounds.

However, the Blackbirds struck twice in the final 25 seconds of the period for a 33-20 halftime lead. Dobie, who added nine assists, three steals and six rebounds, hit a layup off a steal, and then used a dribble-drive to find **Morgan Williams** in the left corner for a three-pointer.

In the second half, Yearwood, who made 5 of 6 shots from beyond the three-point arc, buried a long-range jumper for a 42-26 cushion with 16:26 remaining. But the Great Danes rallied with 10 of the game's next 12 points, as **Earv Opong** nailed a 3-pointer to slice the deficit in half at 44-36.

LIU regrouped with a run of 14 unanswered points to put the game away. Dobie and Yearwood each made three-point shots in that decisive stretch, while **Derek Bell**, who had 14 points and 12 rebounds, scored twice in the paint.

"We are real disappointed with the loss, especially on our home floor," said Opong, a senior captain. "We played flat for the whole game, and it started on the first possession when we gave up four offensive rebounds."

JaJa Bey was the fourth LIU player in double figures with 13 points. The Blackbirds shot 50.8 percent from the field, including a torrid 18-of-28 in the final half. **Rhasheed Peterson** tallied a season-high 14 points off the bench for the Great Danes, who suffered their worst home loss as a Division I program.

"The rebounding really hurt us," said Albany guard **Antione Johnson**, the team's top scorer who was held to seven points on 2-of-9 shooting. "We were lazy, didn't keep them off the glass, and gave up too many second-chance points."

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GARY JONES RECEIVES FOOTBALL'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced his team's postseason awards at the program's annual banquet on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center's Athletic Hall of Fame Room on campus.

Gary Jones (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) was voted the 2002 most valuable player and received the top offensive back award. Jones, a junior tailback who was recently named to the Sports Network All-America first team, set nine school single-season records. He rushed for 1,509 yards, scored 23 touchdowns, and totaled 1,949 all-purpose yards.

Josh Bazan picked up his third consecutive top linebacker award. Bazan, a first-team All-American and three-time All-Northeast Conference choice, led the Great Danes with 124 tackles, including 16 hits for a loss. **Alex Argulewicz**, a two-time All-NEC and All-America selection, earned his second best offensive lineman award.

Sophomore flanker **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) was named best receiver, as he caught 37 passes for 478 yards and five touchdowns. Senior punter **Billy Pike** was the team's special teams MVP, while junior linebacker **Victor Camacho** earned the most improved award. Defensive tackle **David Parks** was voted top defensive lineman for the second straight year, and sophomore cornerback **Kurt Campbell** picked up the top defensive back award.

The Great Danes finished with an 8-4 record, and captured the Northeast Conference and ECAC Division I-AA Classic championships.

UALBANY BASKETBALL LUNCHEON SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Albany, N.Y. – The Great Danes Club is presenting a UAlbany basketball luncheon at the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center on Tuesday, December 10 at 12 noon. Men's basketball coach **Will Brown** and women's basketball coach **Trina Patterson**, plus selected players, will be attendance and take questions from the crowd.

WNYT-TV sports director Rodger Wyland will emcee the event, which includes a buffet lunch in the Desmond's indoor courtyard. Tickets are priced at \$10.00 per person. For more information, contact Michelle Talviste in the UAlbany Athletic Ticket Office, at 518-437-4415.

FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED AT WEDNESDAY'S BASKETBALL HALFTIME

Albany, N.Y. – The UAlbany football team, this year's Northeast Conference and ECAC champions, will be honored at halftime of the Albany-Long Island men's basketball game on Wednesday, December 11. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m. The Great Danes won their first-ever NEC title and also beat previously unbeaten Duquesne, 24-0, in the ECAC Division I-AA Football Classic on Nov. 23. Head coach **Bob Ford** and senior captains **Ryan Roeder**, **Josh Bazan**, **Samson Brown** and **Jon George** will be presented their NEC and ECAC championship trophies.

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WOMEN – Albany 55, Long Island 52 (Cornell Classic Consolation)

Ithaca, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Maree Jones** (Albany H.S.) scored the go-ahead basket on a hook shot off the glass with 29 seconds remaining to lead Albany to a 55-52 victory over Long Island in the consolation of the Cornell Classic on Saturday evening at Newman Arena.

Jones' basket gave the Great Danes a 53-51 lead. After LIU's **Kecia Rosado** split a pair of free throws, **Sarah Sweetland** sank two foul shots with five seconds left to give Albany (2-3) breathing room. Rosado, who had 13 points, missed a three-pointer from left of the circle as time expired that would have forced overtime.

With Albany leading 39-31 in the second half, the Blackbirds' **Erin Pinchbeck** hit a three-point field goal to begin a run as her team tallied 11 of the game's next 15 points. Rosado converted a layup to close the gap to 43-42 with 6:38 left.

Jess McGinlay and Sweetland made three-point shots on consecutive possessions, as the Great Danes would later push out to a 51-46 lead. But Long Island (0-5) would fight back to tie the contest at 51 apiece. Rosado converted a three-point play when she was fouled on a 15-foot jumper, before Northeast Conference Preseason Player of the Year **Tamika Dudley** scored in the lane.

"We played team ball, made the extra pass, and that contributed to our above average offensive production," said Albany coach Trina Patterson, whose team rebounded from a 57-41 loss to Cornell in the tournament's opening round. "Today was a turning point for Mookie (Maree Jones). She showcased her offensive game, and we look for more of this in the future."

In the first half, Long Island jumped out to a 5-2 lead, but **Kathryn Hemlock's** three-pointer ignited a 12-2 run. McGinlay, who led all scorers with 17 points, hit a short jumper that handed the Great Danes a 14-7 lead midway through the stanza. Albany maintained that advantage through the rest of the period, and led 26-21 at halftime.

McGinlay, who canned 7-of-15 from the field and was named to the all-tournament team, and Jones (8 points, 7 rebounds) each had four points to begin the final half, as the Great Danes opened up a 34-24 advantage, their largest lead of the game.

Long Island's Dudley, a 5-foot-9 senior, finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore center **Danielle Hutcheson** had 10 points and nine rebounds for the Great Danes, who have two victories in their opening five games for the first time since 1999-2000.

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JOSH BAZAN, ALEX ARGULEWICZ & GARY JONES ON SPORTS NETWORK I-AA MID-MAJOR ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL TEAM

Philadelphia, Pa. – The University at Albany has placed three players on The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major All-America Football Team. Linebacker **Josh Bazan** and offensive guard **Alex Argulewicz** are on the All-America squad for the second straight year, while tailback **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) have been voted to the team for the first time by a panel of I-AA media and sports information directors.

Bazan, a senior from Bronx, N.Y., led the Great Danes with 124 tackles, including 82 unassisted hits and 16 for losses. He added 3.5 sacks, six pass break ups, one fumble recovery and two forced fumbles. Bazan, a three-time All-Northeast Conference first-team selection, finished his career as the school's all-time tackles leader with 354.

Argulewicz, a 6-foot-1, 295-pound left guard, made 33 consecutive starts on UAlbany's offensive line. The Great Danes are seventh nationally among NCAA Division I-AA teams at 252.3 rushing yards per game and 26th in scoring with a 29.8 average. Albany also led the NEC in total offense at 371.4 yards per game.

Jones, who broke nine school single-season records as a junior, rushed for 1,509 yards and scored 23 touchdowns. He is third among the nation's leaders in rushing (125.8 ypg), fourth in scoring (11.5 ppg) and seventh in all-purpose yards (162.4 ypg). Jones became the first Albany player to record nine 100-yard rushing games in a season. He ran for 194 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-0 upset of previously unbeaten Duquesne to earn the ECAC Football Classic MVP award on Nov. 23.

ALBANY RECEIVES VOTES IN INSIDE LACROSSE PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Towson, Md. – UAlbany is among others receiving votes for Inside Lacrosse Magazine's 2003 Preseason Coaches Top 25 National Men's Lacrosse Poll. The Great Danes, who captured last year's America East Conference regular-season crown, have 25 lettermen, including nine starters, returning from a 9-7 squad.

Defending national champion Syracuse is ranked first, and is followed by Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Virginia and Maryland. Albany was among fourteen teams in the others receiving votes category. The Great Danes, who received votes in the poll for the first time since upgrading to the Division I level in 1999-2000, are slated to meet three top-20 teams this season. UAlbany has No. 3 Johns Hopkins, No. 8 Massachusetts and No. 18 Yale on the 2003 schedule.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**, the America East rookie of the year, sophomore attackman **Luke Daquino** (28 goals, 27 assists) and senior midfielder **Jon Smith** (15 goals, 9 assists) were all-conference selections in 2002.

2002 Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major All-America Football Team

<u>Offense</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>
Ira Vandever	Drake	QB	Sr.	5-10	179
Jay Bailey	Austin Peay	RB	Sr.	6-0	205
Gary Jones	Albany	RB	Jr.	5-10	215
Jeremy Conley	Duquesne	WR	Sr.	6-2	215
Aaron Overton	Drake	WR	Sr.	6-0	216
Mike Chase	Davidson	TE	Sr.	6-4	220
Alex Argulewicz	Albany	OL	Sr.	6-1	295
Jason Fights	Morehead State	OL	Sr.	6-4	275
Rich Greer	Duquesne	OL	Sr.	6-4	265
Juwan Jackson	Marist	OL	Sr.	6-3	285
Nate Moore	Dayton	OL	Sr.	6-4	274
Jesse Obert	Dayton	K	Sr.	6-2	191
James Bialasik	Canisius	RS	Sr.	6-0	210
<u>Defense</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>
Bill Arbogast	Duquesne	DL	Sr.	6-1	225
Shaun Hubbard	Sacred Heart	DL	Sr.	6-3	240
Odain Mitchell	Sacred Heart	DL	Sr.	6-2	239
Chris Parker	Morehead State	DL	Sr.	6-1	272
Josh Bazan	Albany	LB	Sr.	6-0	210
Kayode Mayowa	Sacred Heart	LB	Sr.	6-0	222
Joe Sentipal	Monmouth	LB	Sr.	5-11	225
Aden Smith	Stony Brook	LB	Sr.	5-10	220
Chris Blackshear	Central Connecticut State	DB	So.	5-10	180
Lugh Bodden	Duquesne	DB	Sr.	6-1	210
Mark Kasmer	Dayton	DB	Sr.	6-1	193
Corey Oaks	Robert Morris	DB	Jr.	5-11	191
Jeff Gomulinski	Fairfield	P	So.	6-0	180

NEC Selections In **BOLD**

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WOMEN -- CORNELL 57, ALBANY 41

Ithaca, N.Y. – Junior **Karen Force** scored a game-high 13 points to lead Cornell to a 57-41 victory over Albany in the opening round of the Cornell Classic on Friday evening at Newman Arena. The Great Danes fall to 1-3 and meets Long Island in the consolation on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Colgate upended the Blackbirds, 49-41, in the other first-round contest.

Albany jumped out to a 6-4 lead as sophomore **Danielle Hutcheson** tallied four of her team-high 11 points. Force hit a three-point field goal that ignited a run that gave Cornell (3-3) a 15-10 advantage with 9:56 left in the period. The Big Red led 25-21 at halftime, as both teams traded baskets the rest of the period.

In the second half, the Great Danes tallied nine of the period's opening 13 points. **Jess McGinlay's** three-pointer gave her team the lead at 30-29. Cornell then went on an 8-1 spurt sparked by **Lynell Davis**, a 6-foot-1 senior who had six of her 12 points in that stretch.

Albany closed within 37-35 on **Teryn O'Bannon's** jumper with 9:32 remaining. But Cornell produced 20 of the game's final 27 points to pull away. Force, a 5-foot-8 guard, led that charge by making all six of her free throw attempts in that span.

"Our team played a tough game for about 32 minutes," said Albany coach Trina Patterson, whose team shot 26.3 percent from the field on 15-of-57 shooting. "At the end we were not able to handle their offensive run. Our bench players performed well, especially Alicia Learn, but that's not enough. It was a tough night for us offensively, but we will learn from it and get better in the future."

Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 center, added 11 rebounds to record her 10th career double-double. McGinlay and **Kathryn Hemlock** each finished with eight points. Learn, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, had a career game with six points and eight rebounds in 22 minutes.

Ify Ossai was the third Cornell player in twin figures with 10 points, while Dani Aretino had four points and a team-high 11 rebounds. The Big Red have won all four meetings in this series which began in 1999.

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MACLEAN NAMED TO VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL TEAM

Stamford Conn. – University at Albany's Ryan MacLean has been named to the Verizon University Division Academic All-America Football Team. The team was chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

MacLean, a senior roverback, was a national second-team selection. He has a 3.72 cumulative grade point average in management information systems with a minor in economics. He is the second UAlbany player to make the national academic all-america squad since the program moved to the Division I-AA level. Offensive tackle J.T. Herfurth was named to the first team in 2000.

MacLean was second among UAlbany defenders with 67 tackles, including 49 unassisted, plus he totaled three interceptions, eight pass break-ups, two fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles and 2.0 sacks. He picked off two passes in Albany's 24-0 upset of previously unbeaten Duquesne in the ECAC Football Classic on Nov. 23. The Great Danes, who finished 8-4 overall, won their first-ever Northeast Conference championship.

MacLean, who is a three-time District I all-academic choice, is eighth on the school's all-time tackles list with 243. He was a member of the 2001 Division I-AA Athletic Directors all-academic squad, and was intern for the New York Giants' computer services department in summer of 2002.

UALBANY ATHLETES PARTICIPATE IN CHRISTMAS KETTLE PROGRAM

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany athletic department will participate in the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle Program. Nearly 240 UAlbany student-athletes will work as bell ringers at the Colonie Center Mall this week.

Women's basketball captain Jess McGinlay, head field hockey coach Deborah Fiore, and Gary Jones, the Northeast Conference's offensive player of the year in football, are among the notables who will work at the west and south entrance of Sears Department Store. The student-athletes will be stationed from Monday, Dec. 2 through Friday, Dec. 6, and will collect donations from 5:00-9:00 p.m. each evening.

The Salvation Army, under the direction of Captain Luva Blakely in the Capital Region, has relied on public contributions through the kettle program to provide year-round assistance to the poor since 1891. The Salvation Army kettle program assists more than 4.5 million needy people during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons.

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SACRED HEART 69, ALBANY 63

Fairfield, Conn. – Senior forward **Brooke Rutnick** scored all 12 of her points in the second half, as Sacred Heart won its home opener, 69-63, over Albany at the William H. Pitt Center on Sunday afternoon. The Pioneers improved to 2-1 on the season, while Albany drops to 1-2 under first-year head coach **Trina Patterson**.

Albany jumped out to a 10-2 lead at the start. **Kathryn Hemlock** and **Danielle Hutcheson** had five points apiece for the Great Danes. Sacred Heart's **Nicolle Rubino** started a run of 10 consecutive points, as she scored her team's first basket with 14:12 remaining. Rubino finished with 11 points.

Albany went back in front at 14-12 midway through the period, but **Ashley Kohl's** layup sparked a 13-6 run. Sacred Heart would eventually build a 27-20 lead with 5:34 left before the intermission. In a see-saw affair, **Jess McGinlay's** three-point field goal gave Albany a 30-29 advantage with 31 seconds left, but junior guard **Shannon Quinlivan** hit a long-range jumper at the buzzer to send the Pioneers to the locker room with the lead.

The teams traded baskets throughout most of the second half. However, Sacred Heart's **Ashley Durmer** (15 points) sank a pair of free throws to begin a string of seven straight points. Sophomore guard **Allie Bagnell's** three-pointer with 7:05 remaining ended that spurt, and the Pioneers had a 57-47 lead.

The Great Danes tallied 13 of the game's next points to get back into the contest, a stretch ignited by one of Hemlock's three 3-pointers. Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 center, hit a layup to get her team within 62-60 with 2:15 left. But Albany would not get any closer as Rubino made two free throws on her team's next possession and Rutnick, who had 12 points and six rebounds, converted a layup.

"We had a below-average defensive effort, and consequently they shot above their season average," stated Patterson, whose team won the battle of the boards, 39-28, but committed 26 turnovers.

Hutcheson led Albany with 20 points, one off her career-high, and eight rebounds. McGinlay and Hemlock had 15 and 13 points, respectively. Sophomore forward **Maree Jones** pulled down a career-best 10 rebounds to go with seven points. **Brooke Kelly** scored 12 points for the Pioneers, who shot 45 percent on 24-of-53 from the field.

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Albany vs Sacred Heart (12/1/02 at Fairfield, CT -- William H. Pi Center)

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Albany vs Sacred Heart

12/1/02 2:00 pm at Fairfield, CT -- William H. Pitt Center

VISITORS: Albany 1-2

##	Player Name	TOT-FG FG-FGA	3-PT FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
					OF	DE	TOT							
44	Jones, Maree..... f	1-4	0-0	5-6	4	6	10	5	7	3	5	1	2	26
20	Hutcheson, Danielle. c	7-14	0-0	6-7	0	8	8	2	20	1	7	0	1	30
12	Hemlock, Kathryn.... g	5-11	3-5	0-0	1	3	4	4	13	2	3	0	2	33
21	Sweetland, Sarah.... g	0-5	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	0	1	4	0	1	32
24	McGinlay, Jess..... g	4-13	2-5	5-5	2	2	4	2	15	2	3	0	0	37
10	Gray, Chris.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
22	Learn, Alicia.....	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	10
31	Schumacher, Jen.....	2-4	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	1	13
35	O'Bannon, Teryn....	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4
54	Majors, Sharon.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	10
	TEAM.....				4	2	6							
	Totals.....	21-56	5-11	16-18	14	25	39	19	63	12	26	1	9	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-28 28.6% 2nd Half: 13-28 46.4% Game: 37.5% DEADB
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd Half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 45.5% REBS
 F Throw % 1st Half: 12-14 85.7% 2nd Half: 4-4 100 % Game: 88.9% 1

HOME TEAM: Sacred Heart 2-1

##	Player Name	TOT-FG FG-FGA	3-PT FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
					OF	DE	TOT							
04	RUTNIK, Brooke..... f	6-10	0-1	0-0	1	5	6	4	12	2	3	0	2	22
31	KELLY, Brooke..... f	5-9	0-1	2-4	2	3	5	3	12	2	2	0	1	26
13	DUGGAN, Colleen.... c	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	11
12	BAGNELL, Allie..... g	2-7	2-2	3-4	0	1	1	0	9	4	2	0	3	23
22	DURMER, Ashley..... g	4-7	3-6	4-4	0	2	2	1	15	3	4	0	2	30
02	QUINLIVAN, Shannon..	1-4	1-2	0-0	1	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	10
03	RUBINO, Nicolle....	3-7	0-2	5-6	0	4	4	1	11	1	3	1	3	28
10	KOHL, Ashley.....	1-4	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	25
11	MAHER, Kate.....	2-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	4	1	2	0	0	22
24	WHITE, Colleen.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	TEAM.....				1	1	2							
	Totals.....	24-53	6-16	15-20	6	22	28	17	69	17	20	2	12	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-26 42.3% 2nd Half: 13-27 48.1% Game: 45.3% DEADB
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd Half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 37.5% REBS
 F Throw % 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd Half: 8-12 66.7% Game: 75.0% 3

Officials: Phyllis Deveney (R), Pam Wine (U), Ginny Duffy (U)

Technical fouls: Albany-None. Sacred Heart-None.

Attendance: 467

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Albany.....	30	33	- 63
Sacred Heart.....	32	37	- 69