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Comments: College Sports

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Todd Birdsall's RBI double in the seventh inning scored the go-ahead run, as Albany edged Mercy, 6-5, on Friday at Varsity Field. The non-conference game was played with wooden bats.

Albany (18-18) took a 5-4 lead, when third baseman Mike Kuebler doubled and scored in the fourth. Mercy (4-25-1) tied the contest in the fifth, as Joe Greene reached on a fielding error and later stole home.

In the seventh, Birdsall drove a ball into the left-field gap to score Dave Mykel, who led off the inning with a walk. Reliever Mark Zacharczyk limited the Flyers to two hits over the last three innings to even his record at 2-2 this season. Michael Oliva doubled, tripled and scored twice for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Mercy (4-25-1)	040	010	000	-	5	6	0
Albany (18-18)	202	100	10x	-	6	9	4

Dan Bond, Jason Guadagnino (1), Chris Granata (5) and John Canstantino.
Craig Straus, Mark Zacharczyk (6) and Dave Mykel.

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(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior midfielder Trevor Lisky (LaSalle Institute) intercepted a failed clear at midfield, and hit an open net from 22 yards away with 45 seconds remaining to lift Albany to a 13-12 victory over Marist on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

Marist (3-11) took a 12-11 lead with 3:26 left, when Anthony Lucchetto, who had four goals and three assists, scored twice in a one-minute-and-four-second span. Albany (6-5) tied the contest 19 seconds later, when midfielder Sean McConaghy (Columbia) beat goalkeeper P.J. Wilson to the off-stick side.

The Great Danes, who posted their third straight win, built a 6-2 lead in the second quarter on back-to-back goals by freshman Sal Massa. Marist scored five consecutive goals, including two by leading-scorer Paul Donohue, to take a 7-6 halftime advantage. The lead changed hands five times over the final two periods.

Massa finished with two goals and two assists for the Great Danes, while McConaghy scored twice and assisted on another. Goalkeeper Mike Shelli (Shenendehowa) made 11 saves.

-agate-

Marist (3-11)	2	5	0	5	-	12
Albany (6-5)	1	5	1	6	-	13

Marist -- Anthony Lucchetto 4-3, Paul Donohue 4-0, Jim Mekovetz 1-1, Joseph Padrucco 1-0, Vinny Penn 1-0, Ted O'Leary 1-0, Joe Aniano 0-3; Saves: P.J. Wilson 15.

Albany -- Sal Massa 2-2, John Baumann 2-1, Matt Duball 2-1, Sean McConaghy 2-1, Andrew Poplinger 2-0, Dan Small 2-0, Trevor Lisky 1-0; Saves: Mike Shelli 11.

(Baseball)

Niagara Falls, N.Y. -- Dave Mykel singled in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning of the nightcap, as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with Niagara on Wednesday afternoon. The Great Danes won the second game, 4-3, but lost the first contest, 11-5.

Niagara (11-19-1) led 3-2 in the fifth, when infielder Frank Cannistra tied the contest with a single up the middle. Tony Gregoli (Columbia) was hit by a pitch to open the sixth, and later scored on Mykel's game-winning hit.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(baseball - cont.)

Junior right-hander Scott Tower scattered five hits, struck out seven and walked one to improve to 4-2 on the mound. Gregoli, a senior outfielder, belted solo home runs in the second and fourth, and has a team-leading eleven on the season.

In the opener, Pete Nastasi had four hits, including one double, scored three runs, and totaled five stolen bases for the Purple Eagles. Aaron Mierzwa and David Adair each blasted a two-run homer. Cannistra had three singles and scored twice for Albany (17-18), while Jeff Rossiter hit a solo home run in the second.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	220	001	0	-	5	9	2
Niagara	420	212	x	-	11	14	2

Jason Trufant, Adam Harriman (6) and Rob Ryan.

Rob Luehrsen, Chris Murray (7) and Miguel Iglesias.

(Game 2)

Albany	010	111	0	-	4	7	2
Niagara	101	100	0	-	3	5	0

Scott Tower and Dave Mykel.

Tony Ruffolo, Chris Begg (6) and Ryan Kobbe, Miguel Iglesias.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Worcester, Mass. -- Freshman Jen Amendola scored five of her six goals in opening half to lead Holy Cross past Albany, 22-9, on Wednesday at Hart Center Field.

Molly Buckley, who had four goals and two assists, found the net three times in the first period, as Holy Cross (10-7) took a 13-4 halftime lead. Goalkeepers Julie Novak and Erin Hartigan combined on 15 saves, and the Crusaders have won three of their last four.

Freshman Amy DiMicco had three goals for Albany (6-7), while goalkeeper Kim Martini stopped a career-high 29 shots.

-agate-

Albany (6-7)	4	5	-	9
Holy Cross (10-7)	13	9	-	22

Albany -- Amy DiMicco 3-0, Danielle Ballard 2-1, Anne Colonna 1-2, Stacey Mayer 1-0, Alexis Esposito 1-0, Allison Beagle 1-0, Jess Spadafora 0-1; Saves: Kim Martini 29.

Holy Cross -- Jen Amendola 6-0, Molly Buckley 4-2, Natalie Rothmund 3-0, Beth Dale 2-2, Beth Woelfel 2-1, Anne Smith 2-1, Carrie Phelan 1-3, Sue Bodie 1-1, Sarah Breyer 1-0; Saves: Julie Novak 9, Erin Hartigan 6.

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MIKE SHELLI NAMED ECAC GOALKEEPER OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass.. -- University at Albany's Mike Shelli (Shenendehowa) has been selected as the ECAC/Reebok Division II Goalkeeper of the Week (April 19-25) in men's lacrosse.

Shelli, a sophomore, posted a career-high 17 saves in last Saturday's 10-9 come-from-behind victory against Vermont. The UA defense held the Catamounts scoreless over the last 20:50 of the contest to rally from a 9-4 deficit. Shelli also registered 15 saves in a 14-11 win at Siena on April 21. Albany has a 5-5 record, and hosts Marist on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

ALBANY AND DOWLING SPLIT DOUBLEHEADER

Oakdale, N.Y. -- Senior pitcher Kelly Poynton fired a two-hit shutout in the nightcap, as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with Dowling on Tuesday at Lasalle Center. The Great Danes won the second contest, 2-0, but dropped the first, 3-1.

Poynton recorded her 13th career shutout with six strikeouts, and upped her record to 10-4 this season. The UA hurler has allowed one run over her last 29.0 innings on the mound. Lindsey Wilson (Maple Hill) scored Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) with a squeeze-bunt in the seventh, before Cari Crockett singled in an insurance run.

In the opener, Dowling pitcher Sherran Wilson scattered six hits and struck out five. Catherine Ferrara and Kristi McGuinniss had RBI singles in a three-run sixth inning. Albany is 26-14 overall.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	001	000	0	-	1	6	1
Dowling	000	003	x	-	3	8	3

Jessica Hansen and Michelle Mausteller. Sherran Wilson and Emilie Montgomery.

(Game 2)

Albany	000	000	2	-	2	3	0
Dowling	000	000	0	-	0	2	2

Kelly Poynton and Michelle Mausteller. Jenn Hulse and Kari Barry.

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KELLY POYNTON NAMED NECC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

New Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Kelly Poynton has been chosen as the New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Week (April 19-25) in women's softball. Poynton, a senior right-hander, had a 2-0 record with a 0.00 earned run average in two appearances on the mound.

Poynton, who is 8-4 with a 2.05 ERA this season, fired a one-hit shutout in a 2-0 victory over Stony Brook last Saturday. She recorded a season-high 13 strikeouts to post her second shutout and eleventh complete-game this spring. Poynton also allowed no hits in three innings of work against New Hampshire College.

ALBANY SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER WITH NEW YORK TECH

Old Westbury, N.Y. -- Senior infielder Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) had three hits and Kelly Poynton tossed a five-hitter in the nightcap, as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with New York Tech on Monday at Campus Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 4-1, but lost the opener, 3-0.

Kara Faraone singled in the go-ahead run in the fourth inning to break a 1-1 tie in the second contest. Poynton, a senior, recorded seven strikeouts to improve to 9-4 on the mound. Nicsevic singled twice, doubled and had two stolen bases, while second base Audrey White collected two hits for Albany (25-13).

In the first game, New York Tech's Becky Higgins fired a three-hit shutout. The Bears scored three times in the fifth, as Nicole Lane delivered the key hit with an RBI double. -agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	000	000	0	-	0	3	3
New York Tech	000	030	x	-	3	4	0

Lindsey Wilson and Michelle Mausteller. Becky Higgins and Kari Barry.

(Game 2)

Albany	001	110	1	-	4	10	1
New York Tech	001	000	0	-	1	5	1

Kelly Poynton and Michelle Mausteller. Dani Riel and Kari Barry.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- First baseman Trevor Mosley homered twice, tripled, and drove in six runs to lead Pace to a 16-11 non-conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Pace (11-31) snapped a 9-9 tie in the fifth inning on a sacrifice fly by Marc DeLuca and Jason Jaworski's two-run double into the left-field gap. Mosley belted a three-run home run in the fourth, and added a two-run blast in the ninth. Phil Ciccone had four RBIs, and hit a two-run homer.

Sophomore Steve Checksfield went 4-for-5 at the plate with three doubles and four runs scored for Albany (16-17). Mike Kuebler, who had five RBIs, drilled a three-run homer over the left-field fence in the first inning, while Tony Gregoli (Columbia) blasted his ninth home run of the season, a two-run shot, in the fourth.

-agate-

Pace (11-31)	130	530	004	-	16	16	2
Albany (16-17)	301	502	00x	-	11	15	4

Michael Riveles, Dan Macom (6), Kris Winter (9) and Henry Meyer.

Neil Hagin, Tim Nikol (4), Shawn Walsh (5) and Rob Ryan, Dave Mykel.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) won at first singles and first doubles to lead Albany to an 8-1 victory over Union on Sunday at University Courts.

At third singles, Jennifer Hahn posted a three-set victory over Union's Annette Grajny in a battle of Bethlehem Central graduates. Albany completes its schedule with a 9-3 dual-match record.

MORE

**Albany Sports 2-2-2-2
(tennis - cont.)**

-agate-

Albany 8, Union 1

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Liz Agar (U), 6-0, 6-0; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Becky Rubin (U), 6-0, 6-4; Susan Yoo (U) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-4, 6-2; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Annette Grajny (U), 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1); Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Lena Jackson (U), 6-0, 6-0; Marissa Tuchband (A) def. Shaunna Mercer (U), 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles: Bliss-Kramer (A) def. Agar-Grajny (U), 8-0; Langford-Strolovitz (A) def. Rubin-Yoo (U), 8-3; Emily Gonzales-Hahn (A) def. Jackson-Mercer (U), 8-2.

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Comments: College Sports (M. Lacrosse, Track, Baseball, Softball, Tennis)

(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Albany's Sal Massa netted a driving bounce shot with 10:14 remaining to complete a come-from-behind 10-9 victory over Vermont on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Vermont (3-8) built a 9-4 advantage with 5:50 left in the third quarter on Matthew Dias' extra-man goal. However, the Great Danes got back into the contest with four consecutive goals over the following one minute and 40 seconds. Defenseman Brian Vanderlofske intercepted a failed clear at midfield, and rifled a bounce shot past goalkeeper Brendan Hall to close the gap to 9-8.

In the fourth quarter, attackman John Baumann evened the score with the second of his two goals on the afternoon. Massa, who also had an assist, followed three minutes later with the game-winner for Albany (5-5).

Goalkeeper Mike Shelli (Shenendehowa) made a season-high 17 saves in the UA cage, while Hall finished with 13 for the Catamounts. Trevor Lisky (LaSalle Institute) had two goals, while Sean McConaghy (Columbia) added one goal and one assist. Vermont's leading-scorer Kip Edwards had two goals and two assists.

-agate-

Vermont (3-8)	3	2	4	0	-	9
Albany (5-5)	2	1	5	2	-	10

Vermont -- Kip Edwards 2-2, Brendan Ginty 2-0, Cody Casserly 2-0, Will Robertson 2-0, Matthew Dias 1-0, Joe Sheehan 0-4; Saves: Brendan Hall 13.

Albany -- John Baumann 2-0, Trevor Lisky 2-0, Kevin Liddiard 2-0, Sal Massa 1-1, Sean McConaghy 1-1, Brian Vanderlofske 1-0, Andrew Poplinger 1-0, Matt Duball 0-1; Saves: Mike Shelli 17.

(Track & Field)

Philadelphia, Pa. -- University at Albany's Dana Giancaspro placed sixth in the Women's Juniors 5,000-meter Racewalk at the 105th Penn Relays on Saturday at Franklin Field. Giancaspro, a freshman, walked 28:06.24, and finished behind champion Lisa Kutzing (24:20.58).

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(track - cont.)

Harold Valestin was 12th in the men's college triple jump with a mark of 47-00.75. St. Augustine's Lancelot Gooden, who was third at the 1998 NCAA Division II championships, won the event with a leap of 51-01.75.

In addition, Albany was 23rd in the men's college 4x800 relay championship competition with a time of 7:47.07. Rob Naughtner (Guilderland) and Ben Wright (Averill Park) ran the second and fourth legs, respectively, for the Great Danes.

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Third baseman Gregg Foster had six hits, drove in three runs and scored three times, and freshman Christopher Flinn pitched a one-hit shutout in the nightcap to lead Stony Brook a pair of New England Collegiate Conference victories over Albany on Saturday at Varsity Field. The Seawolves won the twinbill, 15-10 and 14-0.

Flinn recorded nine strikeouts, and allowed just a sixth-inning single by Michael Oliva to improve to 6-1 this season. Craig Ansman, Phillip McCollum and Foster each had a two-run homer for Stony Brook (27-9, NECC 12-4).

In the opener, shortstop Alex Trezza, who had four runs and five RBIs on the day, belted a three-run homer in the fourth inning. Stony Brook put to good use seven fielding errors by the Great Danes. Shortstop Dennis Cirilla had two doubles and scored twice for Albany (16-16, NECC 12-6).

-agate-

(Game 1)

Stony Brook	234	500	100	-	15	11	1
Albany	200	040	004	-	10	10	7

Michael Kinney, Lee Reynolds (9) and Craig Ansman.

Jason Trufant, Dave Schrepper (4) and Rob Ryan, Dave Mykel.

(Game 2)

Stony Brook	264	000	2	-	14	18	0
Albany	000	000	0	-	0	1	2

Christopher Flinn and Craig Ansman, Steven Oliver.

Eddie Scott, Adam Harriman (3) and Rob Ryan.

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior pitcher Kelly Poynton fired a one-hit shutout in the opener to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep over Stony Brook on Saturday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the first game, 2-0, and the nightcap, 8-0.

Poynton recorded a season-high 13 strikeouts en route to her eighth victory this spring. The UA right-hander allowed Lisa Notaro's fifth-inning single and walked none. Third base Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) had two hits, including an RBI single in the third.

Jessica Hansen upped her record to 13-5 on the mound in the second contest with a five-inning, three-hit shutout. Lindsey Wilson (Maple Hill) scored twice and drove in three runs, while catcher Michelle Mausteller singled, doubled, and totaled two runs and two RBIs.

Albany (24-12, NECC 11-3) moved into a tie for second place in the conference standings, while Stony Brook fell to 11-19 and 8-8.

MORE

Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

(softball - cont.)

-agate-

(Game 1)

Stony Brook	000	000	0	-	0	1	2
Albany	001	010	x	-	2	6	1

Cassie Rupp and Christie McMurray.

Kelly Poynton and Michelle Mausteller.

(Game 2)

Stony Brook	000	00	-	0	3	2
Albany	401	03	-	8	11	0

(Game Ended By 8-Run Rule)

Lisa Notaro and Christie McMurray.

Jessica Hansen and Michelle Mausteller.

(Women's Tennis)

Pleasantville, N.Y. -- Donna Carnicelli won a second singles and first doubles to lead Pace to a 7-2 win over Albany on Saturday. Carnicelli won singles play in straight sets, and partnered with Patricia Marci for an 8-0 pro-set victory in doubles.

-agate-

Pace 7, Albany 2

Singles: Patricia Marci (P) def. Julie Bliss (A), 6-3, 6-3; Donna Carnicelli (P) def. Samantha Kramer (A), 6-2, 6-0; Patricia Thomas (P) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-1, 6-3; Kim Kaufman (P) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-3, 6-2; Amy Maurer (P) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-3, 6-1; Jennifer Hahn (A) won by default.

Doubles: Carnicelli-Thomas (P) def. Bliss-Kramer (A), 8-0; Kaufman-Maurer (P) def. Emily Gonzalez-Hahn (A), 8-1; Langford-Strolovitz (A) won by default.

Record: Albany (8-4).

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(Track & Field)

Philadelphia, Pa. -- Tony Davidson ran the anchor leg to lead Albany to a second-place finish in the men's college CTC 4x400 relay event on Friday evening at the 105th Penn Relays at Franklin Field. The Great Danes posted a time of 3:20.94, and were runner-up to Richard Stockton College which was first in 3:19.56. Other members of the Albany relay were Eon Griffith, Corey Hudson and Steve Alicea.

Ben Wright (Averill Park) and Rob Naughter (Guilderland) helped the Great Danes place 17th in the college distance medley relay with a time of 10:01.50. Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) ran the third leg on women's shuttle hurdle relay, which finished eighth in 1:00.42. Louisiana State won the event in 54.01 seconds.

In addition, Tamirah Haywood was 24th in women's eastern triple jump with a mark of 34-09.75.

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TRACK TO COME

(Baseball)

Manchester, N.H. -- Pitcher Scott Tower fired a complete-game shutout in the opener, as Albany split a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader with New Hampshire College on Friday afternoon. The Great Danes won the first game, 11-0, but dropped the second contest, 3-2.

Tower, a junior right-hander, scattered seven hits while recording six strikeouts and one walk to improve to 3-2 this season. Tony Gregoli (Columbia) belted a three-run homer, his eighth of the year, in the first inning. Center fielder Michael Oliva singled three times and scored three runs.

In the nightcap, NHC pitcher Peter Lopez allowed just four hits and struck out nine over 8.2 innings. First baseman Marc Perek singled in the go-ahead run in the third inning for New Hampshire College (6-28, NECC 4-10).

Albany (16-14, NECC 12-4) fell to second place in the conference standings, and is one game behind Massachusetts-Lowell in the loss column. The Great Danes host Stony Brook in their final NECC twinbill of the season on Saturday at 12 noon.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	301	010	024	-	11	9	1
New Hampshire College	000	000	000	-	0	7	3

Scott Tower and Rob Ryan.

Mark Perek, Matthew Allen (9) and Jason Trask.

(Game 2)

Albany	011	000	0	-	2	4	0
New Hampshire College	102	000	X	-	3	8	1

Mark Zacharczyk and Rob Ryan.

Peter Lopez, Jason Longo (7) and Nick Nugent.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Softball)

Manchester, N.H. -- Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) had five hits and scored six runs to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep over New Hampshire College on Friday. The Great Danes won the opener, 21-0, and the second game, 10-0.

Nicsevic, a senior third base, doubled, tripled and scored four times in the first contest, while Lindsey Wilson (Maple Hill) drove in four runs. Pitchers Kelly Poynton and Amy Hawk combined on the five-inning no-hitter. Albany (22-12, NECC 9-3) posted its highest scoring total since March 24, 1997.

In the nightcap, right-hander Jessica Hansen improved to 12-5 this spring by limiting New Hampshire College (3-23, NECC 1-13) to two hits and striking out six in six innings on the mound. Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) cleared the bases with a triple in the seventh, and totaled four hits, four runs and four RBIs on the afternoon.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	266	70	-	21	19	0
New Hampshire College	000	00	-	0	0	3

(Game Ended by 10-Run Rule)

Kelly Poynton, Amy Hawk (2) and Michelle Mausteller.

Jen Provost, Sarah Wolstencroft (5) and Erika Chadwick.

(Game 2)

Albany	001	221	4	-	10	12	0
New Hampshire College	000	000	0	-	0	2	0

Jessica Hansen, Lindsey Wilson (7) and Michelle Mausteller.

Yolanda Pond, Sarah Wolstencroft (4) and Erika Chadwick.

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(Track & Field)

Philadelphia, Pa. -- University at Albany's Xiomara Davila Diaz anchored her team to an event- and school-record performance, as the Great Danes won the women's CTC 4x400 Relay at the 105th annual Penn Relays on Thursday evening at Franklin Field.

Albany posted a time of 3:53.23, which eclipsed the event record (3:54.09) established by City College of New York (CCNY) in 1996, and shattered the school mark (3:54.54) previously set at the 1997 Raleigh Relays in North Carolina. C.W. Post went 4:03.33 to finish more than 10 seconds behind in second.

Davila Diaz's 56.7-second anchor leg keyed the first-ever Penn Relays champion in the history of the Albany women's track program. Other relay members were Tamirah Haywood, Onieka Randall and Tammy Freeman.

In addition, Davila Diaz placed 20th in the women's college 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:00.94. Albany's women's 4x100 relay was fifth in its section (48.51).

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LIZ PECK NAMED TO GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Marquette, Mich. -- University at Albany's Liz Peck has been selected to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America College Division Women's Fall-Winter At-Large Team for the second straight year. Peck, a three-time Division II All-America field hockey player, was chosen to the national second team. She has a 3.94 grade point average as a graduate student in the molecular biology program.

A native of Pawling, N.Y., Peck was voted to the GTE District I team and National Field Hockey Coaches Association Academic team on three occasions. She made 67 consecutive starts as a midfielder, and finished with eight goals and 11 assists during her career. As a four-time captain, she led the Great Danes to 50 victories and the 1997 ECAC championship.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL POSTPONED

Manchester, N.H. -- Today's scheduled New England Collegiate Conference doubleheaders in baseball and softball between Albany and New Hampshire College were postponed due to rain.

Both twinbills have been rescheduled for Friday, April 23. Baseball begins at 1:00 p.m., while softball is slated for 2:00.

Baseball has moved its non-conference game with Mercy, previously slated for April 23, to Friday, April 30 at 3:30.

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, Track & Field, W. Lacrosse, W. Tennis)

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Shawn Urban (Mohonasen) belted a three-run homer in the eighth inning and earned a save with two innings of relief work to lead New Paltz to a come-from-behind 10-9 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

New Paltz (13-10) used a five-run eighth to reverse a 7-5 deficit. Joe Hackert and Shawn Francis (Colonie Central) delivered RBI singles to tie the contest, before Urban hit his first home run of the season over the right-field fence.

Shortstop Dennis Cirilla had three hits with one run and one RBI, while Todd Birdsall doubled and singled for Albany (15-13). Steve Lizza added a pinch-hit two-run homer in the ninth.

-agate-

New Paltz (13-10)	002	030	050	-	10	11	1
Albany (15-13)	500	020	002	-	9	13	1

Steve Dermentzis, Chris Celano (5), Shawn Urban (8) and Andrew Luskin.

Adam Harriman, Tim Nikol (3), Adam Castoldi (5), Shawn Walsh (6), Neil Hagin (8) and Mike Jorgensen (9) and Rob Ryan, Dave Mykel.

(Track & Field)

Philadelphia, Pa. -- University at Albany's Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) finished 10th in the women's heptathlon at the 105th annual Penn Relays on Wednesday at Franklin Field.

Johnston scored 4,349 points in the seven-event, two-day competition. Her best efforts were in the long jump (17-09.75) and high jump (5-03.25). Akron's Christi Smith was the winner with 5,403 points, while Tacica Bass, of South Carolina, scored 5,192 to place second.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior attacker Kristy Olivo had three of her five goals in the first half to lead Monmouth to its fifth straight win with a 15-9 victory over Albany on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

***MORE**

**Albany Sports 2-2-2-2
(women's lax - cont.)**

Monmouth (12-3) raced to a 5-1 lead in the opening 18 minutes, as Olivo and Cheri Brooks each found the net twice in that stretch. Brooks and Heather Blauvelt each finished with three goals and one assists for the Hawks. Goalkeeper Stacy Makris made 16 saves.

Anne Colonna tied a career-high with five goals, while Stacey Mayer scored twice and assisted on another for Albany (5-6). Kim Martini turned aside 13 shots in the UA cage.

-agate-

Monmouth (12-3)	8	7	-	15
Albany (5-6)	3	6	-	9

Monmouth -- Kristy Olivo 5-0, Cheri Brooks 3-1, Heather Blauvelt 3-1, Erica Kauffman 2-0, Rachel Tringali 1-5, Heather Bryan 1-1, Jessica Salvesen 0-3; Saves: Stacy Makris 16.

Albany -- Anne Colonna 5-0, Stacey Mayer 2-1, Karen Karpus 1-0, Amy DiMicco 1-0; Saves: Kim Martini 13.

(Women's Tennis)

Burlington, Vt. -- Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) posted a three-set singles triumph, and teamed with Samantha Kramer another win in doubles play to lead Albany to a 5-4 victory over Vermont. Bliss defeated Joanna Kahn, 6-3, 4-6 and 6-2, at first singles, and partnered with Kramer for an 8-5 pro-set decision at No. 1 doubles.

-agate-

Albany 5, Vermont 4

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Joanna Kahn (V), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Lindsay Bealko (V), 6-2, 6-3; Allison Hodge (V) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; Lindsay Cutter (V) def. Jennifer Hahn (A), 6-1, 6-1; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Kate Davidow (V), 6-4, 6-1; Christina Bolduc (V) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles: Bliss-Kramer (A) def. Kate Keegan-Kahn (V), 8-5; Langford-Strolovitz (A) def. Lisa Caffrey (V), 9-7; Davidow-Bolduc (V) def. Emily Gonzalez-Hahn (A), 8-6.

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Comments: College Sports (Softball, Baseball)

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior right-hander Jaime Bergin fired a two-hit shutout in the opener to lead Vermont to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over Albany on Tuesday at Albany Field. The Catamonts won the first game, 1-0, and the second, 5-2.

Bergin, who evened her record at 5-5, allowed a double in the fourth and a single in the sixth, while recording four strikeouts with two walks. Jamie Sawyer singled in the game's only run in the fifth for Vermont (13-17). Losing pitcher Lindsey Wilson (Maple Hill) allowed just five hits, but suffered her first defeat this season in dropping to 3-1.

In the nightcap, Amanda Collis had an RBI double and Sarah Toney singled across another in a four-run fifth inning. Debbie Hodge went 3-for-3 at the plate, including an RBI single in the third, for Albany (20-12).

-agate-

(Game 1)

Vermont	000	010	0	-	1	5	0
Albany	000	000	0	-	0	2	0

Jaime Bergin and Rachel Rice.

Lindsey Wilson and Michelle Mausteller.

(Game 2)

Vermont	000	041	0	-	5	7	1
Albany	002	000	0	-	2	6	5

Cheri Toms and Rachel Rice.

Jessica Hansen and Michelle Mausteller.

(Baseball)

Hamden, Conn. -- Today's non-conference game between Albany and Quinnipiac was postponed due to rain.

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TONY GREGOLI NAMED NECC PLAYER OF THE WEEK IN BASEBALL

New Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Tony Gregoli (Columbia) has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week (April 12-18) in baseball. He posted a .464 batting average with 10 runs, 16 RBIs, six doubles, four home runs and a 1.107 slugging percentage in eight games played.

Gregoli, a senior outfielder, had five hits, including three doubles and one homer, in a conference doubleheader sweep against Southern Connecticut State last Saturday. He also had four hits and six RBIs in a victory over St. Rose, and drove in four runs in another non-conference win against Concordia College.

Gregoli leads the Great Danes in hitting (.442 BA), RBIs (37), home runs (7) and slugging percentage (.837). Albany (15-12) has moved into first place in the NECC standings with an 11-3 record.

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, Track, M. Lacrosse, W. Lacrosse, Softball, W. Tennis)

(Baseball)

New Haven, Conn. -- Third baseman Mike Kuebler hit a three-run home run in each game to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep over Southern Connecticut State on Saturday. The Great Danes won the first game, 5-3, and the second contest, 6-3 in eight innings.

Albany (15-12, NECC 11-3) had to rally in the nightcap, after first baseman Chris Borelli the Owls a 2-1 lead with a solo homer in the fourth. Pat Pickett (Shenendehowa) scored Tony Gregoli (Columbia) with a sacrifice fly to tie the contest in the seventh. Kuebler belted his fifth home run of the season over the left-field fence in the eighth, after Frank Cannistra doubled across the go-ahead run.

In the opener, Kuebler homered in the first inning to give the Great Danes a 3-0 lead. Michael Oliva singled and doubled twice, while right-hander Jason Trufant allowed six hits and struck out six as he improved to 3-1 on the season.

Gregoli, a senior outfielder, finished with five hits, including three doubles and a solo home run, on the day. Borelli also homered, a two-run shot, in the first game for Southern Connecticut State (13-15, NECC 5-5).

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	300	100	100	-	5	16	1
Southern Conn. State	200	000	010	-	3	6	1

Jason Trufant and Rob Ryan.

Bill Doyle and Dustin Diver.

(Game 2)

Albany	100	000	14	-	6	8	2
Southern Conn. State	001	100	01	-	3	9	1

Eddie Scott and Rob Ryan.

Rich Klemenz and Ryan Cimino.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Track & Field)

Albany, N.Y. -- David Monk and Rashidi Greene each recorded a pair of first-place finishes as Buffalo won a men's quadrangular meet on Saturday at University Field. Ruth Conlon was first in the shot put and discus, as Buffalo edged Albany by three points in the women's competition.

Monk was a winner in the 200- and 400-meter dashes, while Greene was first in the discus and hammer as the Bulls outscored Albany, 190 to 177. The Great Danes had four first-place showings. Ben Wright (Averill Park) won the 1,500 in 3:59.55, and Andy Rickert (Guilderland) posted a winning time of 15.26.24 in the 5,000.

In the women's meet, Albany captured eight individual events, and was led by double-winners Andrea Viger (Granville Central) and Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa). Viger was first in the 1,500 (4:49.24) and 3,000 (10:43.24). Johnston, who will compete in the heptathlon at next week's Penn Relays, leaped 18-00.25 to take the long jump, and won the javelin (105-10).

-agate-

WOMEN: Buffalo 205, Albany 202, Binghamton 122.50, Marist 64.50

Individual: 100 - Tara Bialy (A), 12.54; 200 - Xiomara Davila Diaz (A), 25.09; 400 - Udo Okeke (UB), 58.11; 800 - Tammy Freeman (A), 2:19.69; 1,500 - Andrea Viger (A), 4:49.24; 3,000 - Andrea Viger (A), 10:43.24; 5,000 - Casey Spencer (UB), 18:32.00; 100-Hurdles - Melissa Ryan (UB), 14.09; 400-Hurdles - Katie Scott (UB), 1:03.30; 3,000 Steeplechase - Lauren Tuchband (B), 12.20.64; 400-Relay - Buffalo, 48.00; 1,600-Relay - Buffalo, 3:56.42; High Jump - Shelley Hamilton (UB), 5-05; Pole Vault - Kate Mullins (B), 11-00; Long Jump - Janna Johnston (A), 18-00.25; Triple Jump - Monique Hacker (B), 38-01.25; Shot Put - Flavia Cass (A), 33-11.25; Discus - Ruth Conlon (UB), 128-08; Hammer - Ruth Conlon (UB), 173-01; Javelin - Janna Johnston (A), 105-10.

MEN: Buffalo 190, Albany 177, Binghamton 137, Marist 76

Individual: 100 - Kyle Jackson (B), 11.02; 200 - David Monk (UB), 22.57; 400 - David Monk (UB), 49.66; 800 - Mike Commisso (UB), 1:57.01; 1,500 - Ben Wright (A), 3:59.55; 5,000 - Andy Rickert (A), 15.26.24; 110-Hurdles - Rob Dacher (B), 15.46; 400-Hurdles - Ryan Candia (UB), 55.19; 3,000 Steeplechase - Brendan Howell (A), 9:32.24; 400-Relay - Binghamton, 42.93; 1,600-Relay - Buffalo, 3:20.74; High Jump - Joe Parizo (M), 6-00; Pole Vault - Jason Liddle (UB), 15-07; Long Jump - Brian Hamilton (B), 22-08.50; Triple Jump - Kamau Halim (UB), 45-01.50; Shot Put - Jason Jaconetti (A), 42-11; Discus - Rashidi Greene (UB), 148-07; Hammer - Rashidi Greene (UB), 168-06; Javelin - Bryan Lundy (UB), 166-03.

(Men's Lacrosse)

Fairfield, Conn. -- Senior midfielder Ken Martin scored three times, including twice in his team's seven-goal first quarter, to lead Sacred Heart to a 19-11 victory over Albany on Saturday at Campus Field.

Chris Lukowski added two goals and one assist, as fourteen Pioneers found the scoring column. Goalkeepers Michael Kelly and Mike DiPietro combined to make 13 saves. Sacred Heart (5-5) ended a three-game skid.

Dan Small had four goals, including his 22nd of the season, and assisted on another for Albany (3-5). Sean McConaghy (Columbia) had one goal and one assist.

MORE

Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

(men's lax - cont.)

-agate-

Albany (3-5)	3	2	3	3	-	11
Sacred Heart (5-5)	7	3	4	5	-	19

Albany -- Dan Small 4-1, John Baumann 2-2, Sean McConaghy 1-1, Matt Duball 1-1, Trevor Lisky 1-0, Tom Alexander 1-0, Rich Angel 1-0, Gavin Henry 0-1; Saves: Mike Arnone 7, Mike Shelli 15, Tim Smith 2.

Sacred Heart -- Ken Martin 3-0, Chris Lukowski 2-1, Chris Spaterella 2-0, Cliff Lorenzo 2-0, Mark Andrews 2-0, Ray Gogarty 1-4, Mike Robel 1-2, Terrence Hutmacher 1-1, Kevin Anderson 1-0, Kevin McCrain 1-0, Jesse Wichelhaus 1-0, Jeff Nietupski 1-0, Josh Mathon 1-0, Adam Bezinski 0-1; Saves: Michael Kelly 10, Mike DiPietro 3.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Hamilton, N.Y. -- Jordan Neas and Torrey Fazen each had three goals and five assists as Colgate won its fourth straight with a 22-2 victory over Albany on Saturday at Tyler's Field.

Colgate's leading-scorer Kate Manzella had three goals, including her 27th of the season, and assisted on another. Goalkeeper Hilary Meyer registered her 37th career win for the Red Raiders, who improved to 9-3 overall.

Stacey Mayer scored twice for Albany (5-5). Goalkeepers Allisson Pennington and Kim Martini combined to make 16 saves.

-agate-

Albany (5-5)	0	2	-	2
Colgate (9-3)	15	7	-	22

Albany -- Stacey Mayer 2-0; Saves: Allisson Pennington 10, Kim Martini 6.

Colgate -- Jordan Neas 3-5, Torrey Fazen 3-5, Kate Manzella 3-1, Kelly Darrow 3-1, Liz Brown 2-2, Kristin Bailey 2-0, Leigh Ferrara 2-0, Anne Currier 1-1, Nikki Sheridan 1-0, Mary Waligunda 1-0, Lauren Moll 1-0; Saves: Hilary Meyer 7, Jane Murray 6.

(Softball)

New Haven, Conn. -- Saturday's New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader between Albany and Southern Connecticut State was postponed due to wet grounds. The conference twinbill has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 4 at 3:00 p.m.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Pace's Amy Maurer won in straight sets over Albany's Marissa Tuchband to win the Flight C singles final on Saturday at the Great Dane Classic. Pace was also victorious in Flight A and B singles and Flight A and B doubles at the two-day tournament.

Maurer defeated Tuchband, 6-1 and 6-1, to win the Flight C crown. Donna Carnicelli and Patricia Thomas, of Pace, upended Albany's Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and Samantha Kramer in an 8-6 pro-set for the Flight A doubles championship. Pace's Kim Kaufman and Maurer won an 8-3 pro-set in the Flight B doubles final over Albany's Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central).

The Great Danes' Bliss (Flight A), Ilissa Strolovitz (Flight B), and Shayna Smith (Flight C) each won their respective consolation singles bracket.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Shortstop Dennis Cirilla's two-run double in the fifth inning was the key hit, as Albany rallied for an 18-16 non-conference victory over Concordia College in a game shortened to seven innings due to darkness at Varsity Field.

Concordia (24-14) trailed 14-8, but then sent 14 batters to the plate in an eight-run fifth. Vincent Muscara tied the contest with a bases-loaded walk, before Sam Colon's sacrifice fly gave his team the lead.

Albany (13-12) came back in the bottom half of the inning on Steve Checksfield's RBI single and Mike Kuebler's walk with the bases jammed. Cirilla followed with his game-winning two-bagger.

Tony Gregoli (Columbia) doubled, scored twice, and drove in four runs for the Great Danes. Checksfield, who extending his hitting streak to 16 straight games, and Rob Ryan (Shenendehowa) each added three hits. Concordia's Michael Moeller totaled four hits and four RBIs.

-agate-

Concordia (24-14)	011	680	0	-	16	12	6
Albany (13-12)	335	340	x	-	18	19	5

(Game Ended by Darkness)

Brian Pecci, Patrick Rivera (4) and Vincent Muscara.

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

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Albany's Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central) advanced to the Flight B doubles final on the first day of competition at the Great Dane Tennis Classic.

Langford and Hahn defeated Franklin Pierce's Amy Spencer and Kristen Paino, 8-1, to reach Saturday's championship. Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and Samantha Kramer moved into the Flight A doubles final with a 8-5 pro-set victory in their semifinal match with Queens College's Teytel and Sangosse. The tournament concludes on Sunday.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Dave Benyo homered twice and drove in five runs, as St. Rose posted its 20th victory of the season with a 26-7 win over Albany on Thursday at Varsity Field.

The Golden Knights, which avenged a pair of losses to Albany within the last week, broke a 7-7 tie in fifth inning on Kurt Rossner's sacrifice fly. Benyo belted a three-run homer in the sixth to give his club a 12-7 cushion. The sophomore right fielder added his seventh home run of the season, a two-run blast, in the ninth.

Chris Bauer (Columbia) totaled four hits, four runs and three RBIs for St. Rose (20-14), while Adrian Szamreta singled, doubled and drove across four runs.

Tony Gregoli (Columbia) and Jeff Rossiter each had a two-run homer for Albany (12-12). Sophomore outfielder Steve Checksfield extended his hitting streak to 15 straight with a pair of singles.

-agate-

St. Rose (20-14)	013	314	473	-	26	17	1
Albany (12-12)	102	400	000	-	7	7	4

Matt Byers, Jason Burns (9) and Mike Wilson, Jeff Angus.

Tim Nikol, Dave Schrepper (6), Craig Straus (8), Mike Jorgensen (8) and Rob Ryan.

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(Baseball)

Rindge, N.H. -- Pitcher Mark Zacharczyk threw a complete-game victory in the opener, as Albany split a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader with Franklin Pierce on Wednesday. The Great Danes won the first game, 5-1, but dropped the second, 12-8.

Zacharczyk, a junior right-hander, scattered six hits while recording four strikeouts with one walk en route to his first victory on the mound this season. Steve Checksfield belted a two-run home run in the first inning, and Michael Oliva followed with another two-run blast in the second.

Freshman catcher Mike Dente doubled twice and drove in four runs to lead Franklin Pierce (8-12, NECC 3-5) in the nightcap. Scott Loiseau had three hits and scored twice, while Josh Hinton added three RBIs.

Checksfield totaled four hits, two runs, and four RBIs in the second game for Albany (12-11, NECC 9-3). Tony Gregoli (Columbia H.S.) saw his 15-game hitting streak come to end in the second contest, when he went 0-for-3 at the plate.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	220	100	000	-	5	8	2
Franklin Pierce	000	000	010	-	1	6	0

Mark Zacharczyk and Rob Ryan.

Timothy McDonald and Mike Dente.

(Game 2)

Albany	003	013	1	-	8	12	4
Franklin Pierce	324	012	x	-	12	14	1

Scott Tower, Tim Nikol (6) and Rob Ryan.

Scott Loiseau, Justin Blood (6) and Mike Dente.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman midfielder Amy DiMicco scored three of her four goals in the opening period to lead Albany to a 20-14 victory over Quinnipiac on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

MORE

**Albany Sports 2-2-2-2
(women's lax - cont.)**

Albany (5-4) held a 6-5 advantage midway through the first half, but then reeled off six unanswered goals to end the period. DiMicco and Anne Colonna each found the net twice in that decisive run. Stacey Mayer's free-position goal with 25 seconds left gave the Great Danes a seven-goal halftime cushion.

Freshman Marta Waldron led Quinnipiac (2-8) with six goals and one assist, while Colleen Dooley scored four times. Colonna finished with four goals for Albany, which posted its highest scoring total this season. Sophomore attacker Alexis Esposito (Niskayuna H.S.) netted a career-high three goals.

-agate-

Quinnipiac (2-8)	5	9	-	14
Albany (5-4)	12	8	-	20

Quinnipiac -- Marta Waldron 6-1, Colleen Dooley 4-0, Jesse Rowley 2-0, Allyson Moore 1-1, Lauren Washington 1-0, Elizabeth Gibson 0-1; Saves: Erin Menard 12.

Albany -- Amy DiMicco 4-0, Anne Colonna 4-0, Alexis Esposito 3-0, Karen Karpus 2-1, Danielle Ballard 2-0, Stacey Mayer 2-0, Erin Finnigan 1-1, Marie Cimaglia 1-0, Jess Spadafora 1-0, Allison Beagle 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 14.

(Softball)

Rindge, N.H. -- Lindsey Wilson (Maple Hill H.S.) had four hits and scored three runs on the afternoon, and was the winning pitcher in the nightcap to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference sweep, 5-2 and 11-4, over Franklin Pierce on Wednesday.

Wilson, a freshman, singled twice and scored three times in the second contest, and came up with a complete-game effort on the mound to improve to 2-0 on the season. Cari Crockett added three hits and drove in three runs.

In the first game, right-hander Jessica Hansen upped her record to 11-3 with four-plus innings of relief work. Hansen registered six strikeouts and no walks. Senior third base Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) had two hits, including a triple in the fifth inning, and scored three runs.

Albany (19-9, NECC 7-3) has won six straight, while Franklin Pierce falls to 2-13-1 overall and 1-5 in the conference.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	102	010	1	-	5	9	2
Franklin Pierce	000	011	0	-	2	7	0

Kelly Poynton, Jessica Hansen (3) and Michelle Mausteller.
Rachael Rivard and Katelyn Kirby.

(Game 2)

Albany	006	302	0	-	11	9	3
Franklin Pierce	002	011	0	-	4	9	5

Lindsey Wilson and Michelle Mausteller.
Crystal Noonan, Shalyn Covey (3), Crystal Noonan (4) and Katelyn Kirby.

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(Valerie Terry Named NECC Rookie of the Week)

New Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls H.S.) has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (April 5-11) in women's softball as announced today by the conference office.

Terry, who earned the award for the second straight week, batted .571 with three runs, three RBIs, one double and six stolen bases in four games played. The freshman shortstop drove in the winning run in both ends of a doubleheader with Rensselaer on April 8. She delivered an RBI single in the seventh of the first game, and was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the nightcap's eighth inning.

Terry is hitting .342 on the season, and leads the Great Danes in runs (23) and stolen bases (20).

(Women's Tennis)

Storrs, Conn. -- Christine Vorvis won in three sets over Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) at first singles, as Connecticut posted an 8-1 victory over Albany on Monday. Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central) teamed for a pro-set victory at third doubles to lead the Great Danes.

-agate-

Connecticut 8, Albany 1

Singles: Christine Vorvis (C) def. Julie Bliss (A), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; Angelica Mattschi (C) def. Samantha Kramer (A), 6-3, 6-2; Kara Kaczynski (C) def. Jennifer Hahn (A), 6-1, 6-1; Diane Aivano (C) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 7-6 (8-6), 6-2; Tracey Apone (C) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-1, 6-0; Melanie Polanco (C) def. Shayna Smith (A), 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles: Vorvis-Kaczynski (C) def. Bliss-Kramer (A), 8-6; Kristen Getchell-Aivano (C) def. Emily Gonzales-Strolovitz (A), 8-6; Erinn Langford-Hahn (A) def. Mattschi-Marie Garcia (C), 9-8 (10-8).

Records: Albany (7-3), Connecticut (3-3).

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(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Scott Seigfried had two goals and two assists to lead Air Force to a 10-8 victory over Albany on Sunday at Varsity Field.

Air Force (2-8), which has lost to five teams ranked in the current Division I national top-20 poll this season, built a commanding 8-4 lead early in the fourth quarter on Seigfried's extra-man goal.

Albany (2-4) rallied with three consecutive goals, as Sean McConaghy (Columbia H.S.) scored twice in that stretch. McConaghy rifled a shot to the left of goalkeeper Art Patek, after taking a long clear past the midfield line, to close the gap to 8-7 with 9:38 remaining.

However, the Falcons pulled away with back-to-back goals by Dave Wright and Peter Schnobrich. After driving from behind the cage, Schnobrich netted a bounce shot to give his team's three-goal cushion with 4:07 left.

Dan Small led the Great Danes with three goals, while goalkeeper Mike Arnone made a career-high 18 saves. Schnobrich finished with two goals and one assist for Air Force.

-agate-

Air Force (2-8)	1	3	3	3	-	10
Albany (2-4)	0	1	2	5	-	8

Air Force -- Scott Seigfried 2-2, Peter Schnobrich 2-1, John Ritcey 2-0, J. Agnew 1-1, Ryan Hayde 1-0, Dylan Quinn 1-0, Dave Wright 1-0, Aaron Walenga 0-1; Saves: Art Patek 12.

Albany -- Dan Small 3-0, Sean McConaghy 2-1, Brian Vanderlofske 2-0, Matt Duball 1-1, Brian Wolfeld 0-1, Mike Arnone 0-1, Tom Alexander 0-1; Saves: Mike Arnone 18.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore outfielder Steve Checksfield had six hits, including two home runs, and totaled eight RBIs to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep over Bridgeport on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the opener, 21-7, and the second game, 16-3.

Checksfield, the conference's top rookie last spring, belted his fifth homer of the season, as his team exploded for 11 runs in the nightcap's third inning. Michael Oliva, who had five hits and scored five times in the twinbill, added an RBI single in the frame.

In the first game, third baseman Mike Kuebler hit a three-run homer in the second, and Checksfield followed with another three-run blast in the third. Eddie Scott cleared the bases with a sixth-inning grand slam.

Tony Gregoli (Columbia) had four hits and three runs on the day, and raised his season average to a team-leading .431. Albany (10-9, NECC 8-2) has won six of its last seven. Bridgeport falls to 2-21 overall and 1-9 in the conference.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Bridgeport	111	301	0	-	7	9	2
Albany	183	306	x	-	21	18	2

(game ended by 10-run rule)

Adam McLarin, Bob LaPolla (3), Paul Kular (7) and Chris Hall.

Shawn Walsh, Dave Schrepper (4) and Dave Mykel, Todd Birdsall.

HR - Steve Checksfield (A), Mike Kuebler (A), Eddie Scott (A).

(Game 2)

Bridgeport	010	000	2	-	3	4	4
Albany	12(11)	200	x	-	16	16	1

Brian Thompson, James Huestis (3), Chris Adams (7) and Jason Sandow.

Eddie Scott, Tim Nikol (5), Mike Jorgensen (7) and Rob Ryan, Todd Birdsall.

HR - Kevin Huber (B), Steve Checksfield (A).

MORE

(Track & Field)

Albany, N.Y. -- Steven Kantrowitz was a double-winner in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, and ran the second leg on the winning 4x100 relay to lead Albany to a first-place finish in a men's quadrangular meet at University Field.

The Great Danes scored 234 points and placed ahead of Vermont (149.50), Colgate (105) and Hartford (71.50). Albany was second in the women's standings.

Kantrowitz, a senior, won the 100 in 11.04 seconds, and captured the 200 in 22.34. Guilderland's Rob Naughter, Averill Park's Ben Wright were first in the 800 and 1,500, respectively. Josh Jones (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) took the 400-dash in 50.44. Other individual first-place finishers for Albany were Mike Kiernan (5,000), Ronald Edmundson (triple jump), Rudy Volcy (100-hurdles) and Danny Agosto (long jump).

In the women's competition, Erica Viger (Granville Central) set a school record in the 3,000-steeplechase with a winning time of 12:35.94. Tamirah Haywood was first in two events (400-hurdles, triple jump), while Tammy Freeman won the 800 in 2:19.74, and was a member of the 400- and 1600-relays, which were both first across the finish line.

-agate-

WOMEN - Vermont 242, Albany 190, Colgate 105, Hartford 43.

Individual: 100 - Regan Coffey (V), 12.24; 200 - Regan Coffey (V), 24.64; 400 - Angela Gingras (V), 59.44; 800 - Tammy Freeman (A), 2:19.74; 1,500 - Joya Tetreault (V), 4:48.14; 3,000 - Joya Tetreault (V), 10:12.51; 5,000 - Ashley Critchlow (C), 18:07.14; 100-Hurdles - Xiomara Davila Diaz (A), 14.44; 400-Hurdles - Tamirah Haywood (A), 1:06.14; 3,000 Steeplechase - Erica Viger (A), 12:35.94; 1,600 Relay - Albany, 4:02.44; 400 Relay - Albany, 48.34; High Jump - Beth Pratico (V), 5-04; Pole Vault - Sara Kinnamon (V), 8-09; Long Jump - Kate Goodchild (V), 18-06.50; Shot Put - Carrie London (V), 43-03.75; Triple Jump - Tamirah Haywood (A), 37-03.25; Discus - Cheryl Miller (V), 150-11; Hammer - Erin Sepic (V), 149-07; Javelin - Regan Steverman (V) 131-09.

MEN - Albany 234, Vermont 149.50, Colgate 105, Hartford 71.50.

Individual: 100 - Steven Kantrowitz (A), 11.04; 200 - Steven Kantrowitz (A), 22.34; 400 - Josh Jones (A), 50.44; 800 - Rob Naughter (A), 1:54.74; 1,500 - Ben Wright (A), 4.03.17; 5,000 - Mike Kiernan (A), 15:33.15; 110-Hurdles - Rudy Volcy (A), 15.66; 400-Hurdles - Brett Schneider (V), 55.93; 3,000 Steeplechase - Joe Gingras (V), 9:41.24; 1,600 Relay - Albany, 3:23.08; 400 Relay - Albany, 43.24; High Jump - Phinel Petit-Free (C), 6-09; Pole Vault - Dave Citrin (C), 13-0; Long Jump - Danny Agosto (A), 20-08; Triple Jump - Ronald Edmundson (A), 44-11.75; Shot Put - Jeffrey Guilmette (V), 50-08.25; Discus - Jeffrey Guilmette (V), 147-05; Hammer - Frank Bryan (V), 146-08; Javelin - Sean Magrath (H), 153-10.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Keri Remington had four goals and two assists, and scored the game-winner in overtime to lead Sacred Heart to a 15-13 victory over Albany on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Remington, a junior attacker, hit the net from the top of the crease off Laura Mack's pass in a free-position situation with 1:48 remaining in the extra period. Kimberly Rich added a late insurance goal.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(lacrosse - cont.)

Sacred Heart (4-4) built a 13-11 advantage in the second half, as Remington scored twice in a run of three consecutive goals. Albany's Amy DiMicco rallied her club with back-to-back goals, and tied the contest when she rifled a shot into the top right corner with 4:04 left.

Jess Spadafora tallied a career-high five goals for Albany (4-4), while DiMicco scored four times and assisted on another. SHU goalkeeper Virginia Capicchioni made 25 saves, including a game-saving stop with six seconds remaining in regulation.

-agate-

Sacred Heart (4-4)	7	6	2	-	15
Albany (4-4)	6	7	0	-	13

Sacred Heart -- Keri Remington 4-2, Jen Smith 4-0, Jill Corrigan 3-2, Cara Munch 2-0, Laura Mack 1-1, Kimberly Rich 1-0, Elizabeth Moskowski 0-1; Saves: Virginia Capicchioni 25.

Albany -- Jess Spadafora 5-0, Amy DiMicco 4-1, Anne Colonna 1-0, Alexis Esposito 1-0, Allison Beagle 1-0, Katie Cunningham 1-0, Audrey Dafoe 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 9, Kim Martini 5.

(Women's Tennis)

Binghamton, N.Y. -- Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) won in straight sets at first singles, and teamed with Samantha Kramer for a pro-set victory at first doubles to lead Albany to a 7-2 win over Binghamton on Saturday.

-agate-

Albany 7, Binghamton 2

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Julie Klein (B), 6-2, 6-2; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Heather Binen (B), 6-2, 6-2; Allison Goldman (B) def. Jennifer Hahn (A), 6-0, 6-0; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Patti Saenz (B), 6-4, 6-1; Marissa Tuchband (A) def. Melissa Giuca, 6-4, 7-5; Samara Lipsky (B) def. Shayna Smith (A), 6-3, 6-0.

Doubles: Bliss-Kramer (A) def. Klein-Binen (B), 8-6; Erinn Langford/Strolovitz (A) def. Goldman-Saenz (B), 9-7; Emily Gonzales-Hahn (A) def. Giuca-Lipsky (B), 8-1.

Records: Albany (7-2), Binghamton (3-3).

(Softball)

Today's doubleheader was postponed when Bridgeport was unable to travel. The two New England Collegiate Conference games will be rescheduled for a later date.

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(Football)

The University at Albany begins preparations for its first Division I-AA football season when spring practice begins on Saturday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. The Great Danes, who are upgrading from the NCAA Division II level in 1999, will conduct workouts through May 8.

Bob Ford, the 1998 ECAC Division II Coach of the Year, welcomes back 36 returning letterwinners, including eight starters on offense and three on defense, from a team which won its second straight Eastern Football Conference championship and finished with a 10-1 record. Albany becomes a member of the Northeast Conference next fall. The NEC's membership includes Central Connecticut State, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (Pa.), Stony Brook, Monmouth and Wagner.

Albany's coaching staff will be primarily concerned with identifying who will play in the secondary and at other key defensive positions during spring drills. However, senior linebacker Mike Grever, an All-Northeast Region and All-ECAC selection, returns for his senior campaign. Grever led the squad with 129 tackles.

The Great Danes will be a veteran group on offense, where quarterbacks Eric Williams and Michael Oliva combined for 24 touchdown passes in 1998. Greg Butryn is the top receiver with 28 catches for 465 yards and six TDs, while Steve Checksfield was an All-ECAC tight end. Right tackle Jason Barra (6-5, 280) and left guard Billy Van Jura (6-1, 270), a pair of all-conference performers, anchor the offensive line.

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Shortstop Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls H.S.) drove in the winning run with two outs in her team's last at-bat in both games to lead Albany to a non-conference doubleheader sweep against Rensselaer on Thursday at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the opener, 3-2, and the second contest, 7-6.

In the first game, Rensselaer (10-6-1) took a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning on Suzi Vnenchak's two-run double. Albany (15-9) rallied in the seventh, as Kara Faraone's fielder's choice ground ball scored Deva Brandes with the tying run. Faraone came across with the game-winner when Terry delivered a single down the third base line with two outs.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2
(softball - cont.)

The Red Hawks scored an unearned run in eighth on Anne Bink's fielding error to grab a 6-5 lead in the nightcap. Debbie Hodge's RBI single in the bottom of the inning drew the Great Danes even, before Terry was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Terry, a freshman, totaled five hits, two runs and four stolen bases in the doubleheader. Rensselaer's Stacy Eisenman singled twice and added two RBIs in the second game.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Rensselaer	000	020	0	-	2	5	0
Albany	000	100	2	-	3	7	2

(two outs when winning run scored)

Larina Suker and Christine Ciccone.

Jessica Hansen and Michelle Mausteller.

(Game 2)

Rensselaer	003	100	11	-	6	5	2
Albany	300	011	02	-	7	11	3

(two outs when winning run scored)

Suzi Vnenchak, Larina Suker (8) and Christine Ciccone, Elizabeth DePace.

Lindsey Wilson and Kara Faraone.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman midfielder Amy DiMicco had three goals and one assist, and Albany held off a late rally for an 11-10 victory over Niagara on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (4-3) reeled off three consecutive goals to break a 7-7 deadlock. Jess Spadafora netted a free-position shot with 1:01 left in the first half to give her club the lead. Alexis Esposito (Niskayuna H.S.) and Stacey Mayer each scored in the opening eight minutes of the final period for a 10-7 advantage.

The Great Danes still held a three-goal cushion late in the contest after DiMicco tallied her 14th of the season. But Jennifer Austin rallied Niagara (1-6) within 11-10 with 42 seconds remaining, when she drove from behind the cage. Albany goalkeeper Allisson Pennington made eight of her 10 saves after halftime to keep the Great Danes ahead.

Junior attacker Mary Cutia, one of the nation's top Division I scorers, had four goals and two assists, while goalkeeper Kara Grooms turned aside 17 shots for the Lady Eagles.

-agate-

Niagara (1-6)	7	3	-	10
Albany (4-3)	8	3	-	11

Niagara -- Mary Cutia 4-2, Julie Gallegos 2-1, Allison Coomey 1-0, Allisa Coomey 1-0, Julie Forsyth 1-0, Jennifer Austin 1-0; Saves: Kara Grooms 17.

Albany -- Amy DiMicco 3-1, Jess Spadafora 2-0, Anne Colonna 2-0, Erin Finnigan 1-0, Allison Beagle 1-0, Alexis Esposito 1-0, Stacey Mayer 1-0; Saves: Kim Martini 4, Allisson Pennington 10.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior outfielder Kyle Rikert had three hits, including a grand slam in the sixth inning, and drove in six runs to lead Vermont to a 17-10 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

Vermont (8-9) took an 8-4 lead in the fourth inning on Mark Denzine's pinch-hit two-run single. Catcher Bob Acabbo scored two Catamounts with a double in his team's five-run second.

Tony Gregoli (Columbia) and Rob Ryan (Shenendehowa) each had two-run singles for Albany (7-9). Junior center fielder Michael Oliva added two hits and two RBIs. Vermont's Kyle Weaver went 4-for-6 at the plate, and scored a pair of runs.

-agate-

Vermont (8-9)	051	214	121	-	17	17	3
Albany (7-9)	031	003	300	-	10	13	3

Brian Cain, Andy Kumping (4), Ted DeMulder (6), Jason Spaulding (8) and Bob Acabbo, Jeff Tarigo (7).

Adam Castoldi, Adam Harriman (4), Craig Staus (8), Mike Jorgensen (8) and Rob Ryan.

HR - Kyle Rikert (V), Kyle Miller (V).

(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Todd Richard scored three second-half goals, including his 22nd of the season, as Hartford rallied in the second half for a 15-7 victory over Albany on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

Albany (2-3) built a 7-5 lead early in the third quarter on Dan Small's fourth goal of the afternoon. But Hartford (4-4) responded with 10 unanswered goals to take control. The Hawks scored four times in the final eight minutes of the third period to go in front. Richard, a junior attackman, hit the net on an extra-man opportunity to put his team ahead 8-7 with 2:24 left.

MORE

**Albany Sports 2-2-2-2
(lacrosse - cont.)**

Richard and Bryan Bendig each finished with three goals and two assists, while Frank Branca scored twice and assisted on two more. The Hawks converted 4-of-7 extra-man situations. Goalkeeper Paul Caracci had 19 saves, including 11 in the first half. Mike Arnone and Mike Shelli combined on 11 saves in the Albany cage

-agate-

Hartford (4-4)	1	4	4	6	-	15
Albany (2-3)	2	4	1	0	-	7

Hartford -- Todd Richard 3-2, Bryan Bendig 3-2, Frank Branca 2-2, Brian LaMastro 2-0, Keith Larit 1-1, Tom Hanas 1-1, Keith Metz 1-0, Frank Fenimore 1-0, Tyler Francey 1-0, Darius Barber 0-1; Saves: Paul Caracci 19, Ray Avendt 1, Michael Avendt 0.

Albany -- Dan Small 4-0, Andrew Poplinger 1-0, Kris Bremer 1-0, Trevor Lisky 1-0, John Baumann 0-4, Sean McConaghy 0-1; Saves: Mike Arnone 5, Mike Shelli 6.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Jim Lovett (Colonie Central H.S.) singled in the winning run in the second contest, and Jason Trufant threw a complete-game victory in the opener to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep against Binghamton on Tuesday at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the first game, 5-2, and the second, 7-6.

Binghamton (7-12, NECC 0-4) took a 6-4 lead in the nightcap's seventh inning on Brian Kost's two-run double. Albany (7-8, NECC 6-2) rallied with three runs in its last at-bat. Michael Oliva singled and later scored to lead-off the frame, before Lovett lined a pitch to right field which chased Steve Checksfield home with the go-ahead run.

In the first game, right-hander Jason Trufant recorded a season-high 10 strikeouts to pick up his first victory of the season. Trufant, who walked just one batter, threw 122 pitches in the nine-inning complete-game effort. Oliva singled and scored in a three-run fifth inning that the Great Danes a 4-2 lead.

Albany's Tony Gregoli (Columbia) and Frank Cannistra each totaled four hits on the day, while Chris Robilotti (Colonie Central) had a two-run double in the second contest. Binghamton's Mike McCarthy had four hits and scored five runs in the twinbill.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Binghamton	101	000	000	-	2	8	3
Albany	000	130	10x	-	5	7	3

Mark Peltz, Geoff Bosworth (8) and Eric Mimeault.
 Jason Trufant and Dennis Cirilla.

(Game 2)

Binghamton	001	030	2	-	6	6	4
Albany	100	003	3	-	7	11	5

(no outs when winning run scored)

Greg Koch, Phil Goldstein (6), Jeff Montani (7) and Eric Mimeault, Stephen Kohan (3).

Scott Tower and Dennis Cirilla.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Kim Gruber drove in the winning run with a double in the nightcap to lead Binghamton to a pair of victories over Albany in a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader on Tuesday at Albany Field. The Colonials won the second contest, 5-4, and the first game, 3-1.

Albany (13-9, NECC 5-3) built a 4-1 lead after Lindsey Wilson (Maple Hill H.S.) doubled and scored in the fourth inning. Binghamton (13-14, NECC 4-0) tied the contest in the fifth on Felicia Malarkey's sacrifice fly, before Gruber delivered her game-winning hit in the seventh into the left field gap.

In the opener, Gruber had two hits, including an RBI double in the sixth. Sophomore pitcher Margaret Yerdon scattered six hits and struck out five to improve to 8-5 on the season.

Wilson went 4-for-7 at the plate in the twinbill for the Great Danes, while Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) singled twice and doubled.

(Game 1)

Binghamton	000	012	0	-	3	8	0
Albany	000	001	0	-	1	6	2

Margaret Yerdon and Stacy Smith, Jami Pier (4).

Jessica Hansen and Michelle Mausteller.

(Game 2)

Binghamton	100	210	1	-	5	10	2
Albany	211	000	0	-	4	7	0

Jessica Ross, Mary Karen Wheat (3) and Jami Pier.

Kelly Poynton, Jessica Hansen (2) and Michelle Mausteller.

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NECC HONORS JESSICA HANSEN AND VALERIE TERRY IN SOFTBALL

New Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Jessica Hansen has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Week in softball (March 29-April 4) as announced today by the conference office. Freshman Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls H.S.) was chosen as the NECC Rookie of the Week.

Hansen, a junior right-hander, posted a 3-0 record with a 1.33 earned run average in three starts last week. She scattered four hits in 10 innings on the mound in a 4-3 victory over Massachusetts-Lowell, and fired a four-hitter in a complete-game 2-1 victory at New Haven. Hansen is 8-1 this spring with a 1.94 ERA, and has won 21 of her last 23 decisions over the last two seasons.

Terry, a shortstop, batted .381 with five runs, five stolen bases, one double and two RBIs last week. She delivered an RBI single in the 11th inning of a 4-3 win against Mass.-Lowell on March 31 to provide head coach Chris Cannata with her 100th career victory.

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Michael Oliva had five hits, scored twice, and drove in four runs to lead Albany to a 14-2 victory over Massachusetts College on Monday at Varsity Field. The Great Danes snapped a three-game losing streak.

Albany (5-8) scored six runs in the third inning to break a 1-1 deadlock. Designated hitter Jim Lovett (Colonie Central) had the key hit, when he cleared the bases with a two-out triple into the left field gap. Oliva, a junior center fielder, had earlier singled across Frank Cannistra with the go-ahead run.

Steve Checksfield, batting .448 over his last six starts, went 4-for-6 at the plate with a double and two runs scored. Sophomore pitcher Eddie Scott limited the Mohawks to five hits in his six innings on the mound to register his first victory as a collegian.

Joe Toledano had two hits, including an RBI double in the second, for Massachusetts College (8-10).

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(baseball - cont.)

-agate-

Mass. College (8-10)	010	000	001	-	2	9	1
Albany (5-8)	106	122	20x	-	14	21	0

Joe Baillargeon, Shawn Parnell (4), Steve Marshall (8) and Jose Diaz.

Eddie Scott, Tim Nikol (7), Mike Jorgensen (9) and Rob Ryan, Dave Mykel (6).

(Women's Lacrosse)

Staten Island, N.Y. -- Denise Murphy had six goals and Janet Sobieski scored four times to lead Wagner to a 16-14 victory over Albany on Monday afternoon.

Murphy and Sobieski each tallied three first-half goals to stake Wagner (4-4) to a 10-5 halftime advantage. Albany's Amy DiMicco, a freshman midfielder, netted four goals for the second straight game. Allison Beagle (Saratoga Springs H.S.) recorded a season-high one goal and two assists, while Alexis Esposito (Niskayuna) also scored for the Great Danes, who fall to 3-3.

-agate

Albany (3-3)	5	9	-	14
Wagner (4-4)	10	6	-	16

Albany -- Amy DiMicco 4-0, Laura Walls 2-1, Anne Colonna 2-0, Allison Beagle 1-2, Jess Spadafora 1-0, Karen Karpus 1-0, Katie Cunningham 1-0, Stacey Mayer 1-0, Alexis Esposito 1-0; Saves: Allisson Pennington 4, Kim Martini 13.

Wagner -- Denise Murphy 6-0, Janet Sobieski 4-0, Jackie Losquadro 2-0, Krissie Fischer 1-2, Cerissa Creden 1-2, Katie Lilly 1-1, Stacy Murphy 1-0, Laura Bencivenga 0-1; Saves: Liz Kwack 9.

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(Track & Field)

Storrs, Conn. -- Senior Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) set a school-record in winning the long jump, and Xiomara Davila Diaz was a double-winner in the 400-meter hurdles and triple jump to highlight the University at Albany's performances at the University of Connecticut Sprint Invitational on Saturday at Sherman Family Sports Complex.

Albany placed second behind Rhode Island in the women's standings, while the Great Danes were fourth in the men's competition.

Johnston eclipsed the late Kimberly Toone's 1995 mark in the long jump with a leap of 18-feet, 9.75-inches, and also finished third in the high jump (5-03.75). Davila Diaz won the 400-hurdles in 1:02.55, and took the triple jump in 36-03.50. The Puerto Rican native was also second in the 100-hurdles and third in the 100-dash. Flavia Cass finished first in the discus (112-07).

In the men's meet, Ronald Edmundson was the lone winner for the Great Danes, when he went 46-07.25 in the triple jump. Ben Wright (Averill Park) placed third in the 1,500 (3:59.13). Danny Agosto and Christian Bloomer (Ballston Spa) were second and third, respectively, in the long jump. Agosto's best mark was 21-11.50, while Bloomer leaped 20-10.50.

-agate-

University of Connecticut Sprint Invitational

WOMEN -- 1. Rhode Island 143.50, 2. Albany 115.50, 3. Boston College 113, 4. Connecticut 82, 5. Central Connecticut State 60, 6. Providence 29.

MEN -- 1. Connecticut 124, 2. Rhode Island 77, 3. Boston College 42, 4. Albany 30, 5. Central Connecticut State 25.

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TRACK & FIELD TO COME

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Amy DiMicco scored a season-high four goals and assisted on another, as Albany rallied in the second half for a 12-9 victory over Limestone on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. Both teams were ranked in last week's Brine/IWLCA Division II national poll.

Limestone (4-4) used three unanswered goals to reverse a 4-3 deficit and take a halftime lead. Sophomore attacker Jody Kennedy, who had two goals and two assists, scored twice in that stretch.

Albany (3-2) opened the final period with seven consecutive goals, as Danielle Ballard and Stacey Mayer each found the net twice in that run. Mayer's free-position goal with 21:00 remaining put the Great Danes ahead for good at 7-6.

Becky Buppert led the Lady Saints with three goals, while goalkeeper Vicky Perkins made 15 saves. Senior Kim Martini turned aside a season-high 16 shots in the Albany cage.

-agate

Limestone (4-4)	6	3	-	9
Albany (3-2)	4	8	-	12

Limestone -- Becky Buppert 3-0, Jody Kennedy 2-2, Dawn Smith 2-1, Stephanie Meyer 1-0, Angie Meyer 1-0, Megan Crouse 0-1; Saves: Vicky Perkins 15.

Albany -- Amy DiMicco 4-1, Danielle Ballard 2-1, Stacey Mayer 2-0, Katie Cunningham 1-1, Jess Spadafora 1-1, Karen Karpus 1-0, Erin Finnigan 1-0; Saves: Kim Martini 16.

(Men's Lacrosse)

Southampton, N.Y. -- Junior midfielder Rich Stoia scored three times, including the go-ahead goal in the second quarter, to lead LIU-Southampton to a 10-6 victory over Albany on Saturday.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(men's lax - cont.)

LIU-Southampton (3-3) trailed 4-3 in the second period, but then tallied back-to-back goals 15 seconds apart to take the lead. Chris Schiefer, who had two goals and one assist, tied the contest, before Stoia hit the net with 1:05 remaining.

Dan Small had three goals, including his 11th of the season, for Albany (2-2). Goalkeepers Mike Shelli (Shenenedehowa) and Mike Arnone combined on 22 saves in the UA net. Larry Falkman stopped 21 shots for the Colonials.

-agate-

Albany (2-2)	2	2	2	0	-	6
LIU-Southampton (3-3)	2	3	3	2	-	10

Albany -- Dan Small 3-0, Ian O'Hearn 1-0, Gavin Henry 1-0, Matt Duball 1-0, Sean McConaghy 0-1, Rich Angel 0-1, John Gilson 0-1; Saves: Mike Shelli 11, Mike Arnone 11.

LIU-Southampton -- Rich Stoia 3-0, Chris Schiefer 2-1, Bryan Davis 2-0, Ken Monz 1-2, Charles Masterson 1-1, Robert Roddini 1-0, Desmond Megna 0-1; Saves: Larry Falkman 21.

(Softball)

West Haven, Conn. -- Debbie Hodge's run-scoring single in the opener helped Albany split a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader with New Haven on Saturday at Charger Field. The Great Danes won the first game, 2-1, but dropped the second contest, 4-1.

New Haven (11-6-1, NECC 4-2) took a 1-0 lead on Jackie Kupka's homer run over the right-field fence. Albany's Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) tied the contest in the fifth inning with an RBI single, before Hodge provided the game-winner in the sixth. Jessica Hansen improved to 8-1 on the mound by scattering four hits and recording five strikeouts with two walks.

In the nightcap, UNH catcher Becky Snow (Columbia) scored two runs and drove in another with a sacrifice fly. A fielding error in the second helped the Chargers take a 2-1 lead. Lindsey Wilson singled twice for Albany (13-7, NECC 5-1). The Great Danes had their nine-game winning streak halted.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	000	011	0	-	2	5	0
New Haven	010	000	0	-	1	4	0

Jessica Hansen and Michelle Mausteller.

Carrie Roseman and Becky Snow.

(Game 2)

Albany	100	000	0	-	1	7	3
New Haven	020	110	x	-	4	5	0

Kelly Poynton and Michelle Mausteller.

Kathleen Lawlor, Carrie Roseman (6) and Jackie Kupka.

(Baseball)

West Haven, Conn. -- Shortstop Jeff Heenan delivered the game-winning hits in both games, as New Haven rallied for a pair of victories in a New England Collegiate doubleheader with Albany on Saturday at Frank Viera Field. The Chargers won the first contest, 9-8, and the nightcap, 8-5.

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

(baseball - cont.)

Tony Gregoli (Columbia) gave Albany (4-8, NECC 4-2) an 8-6 lead in the ninth inning of the opener with a solo home run. However, New Haven (14-1, NECC 6-0) came from behind in its last at-bat. Joe Lizza, who went 4-for-5 and drove in three runs, had an RBI single, before Heenan lined a two-run single with one out.

In the second game, the Chargers reversed a 5-3 deficit with a ^{Five} ~~six~~-run sixth inning. Heenan again plated two UNH runners with a single, while Dave Galla added an RBI double in the frame.

Albany's Gregoli finished with five hits and four RBIs in twinbill, while right fielder Steve Checksfield went 5-for-8 at the plate with two doubles and three runs scored.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	000	112	301	-	8	10	2
New Haven	120	100	203	-	9	15	4

(one out when winning run scored)

Mark Zacharczyk, Neil Hagin (8) and Dennis Cirilla.

John Thomas and Peter O'Neill.

(Game 2)

Albany	100	220	0	-	5	8	3
New Haven	100	025	x	-	8	8	1

Shawn Walsh, Adam Harriman (6), Eddie Scott (6) and Dennis Cirilla.

Chris LeSieur, Jason Scheets (7) and Peter O'Neill.

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(Baseball)

Brookville, N.Y. -- Senior catcher Tim Benson had three hits, and keyed a six-run fourth inning with an RBI single to lead C.W. Post to a 14-6 non-conference victory over Albany on Friday at Pioneer Field.

Albany (4-6) took a 4-2 lead into the fourth, when the Pioneers rallied in their at-bat. Melvin Baez doubled twice and drove in two runs, while Javier Madera had two hits for C.W. Post (14-1). Junior right-hander Jeff Cohen threw a complete-game to record his first win of the season.

Michael Oliva and Steve Checksfield belted solo home runs for the Great Danes, who had their four-game win streak halted. Second baseman Frank Cannistra added run-scoring singles in the second and fourth innings.

-agate-

Albany (4-6)	120	101	001	-	6	10	3
C.W. Post (14-1)	020	610	05x	-	14	13	6

Craig Straus, David Schrepper (4), Adam Castoldi (8) and Dave Mykel.
Jeff Cohen and Tim Benson.

HR - Michael Oliva (A), Steve Checksfield (A).

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(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Michelle Mausteller delivered a pinch-hit two-run double in the seventh inning of the nightcap, as Albany won a non-conference doubleheader against Queens on Thursday at Albany Field. The Great Danes rallied for a 2-1 victory in the second game, and took the opener, 10-2.

Queens (12-6) held a 1-0 lead into the last inning, when Albany's Debbie Hodge drew a lead-off walk and Amy Hawk singled. Mausteller provided the game-winner with one out, when she hit a line drive into the left field gap. Kelly Poynton improved to 6-3 on the mound with a one-hitter. The senior right-hander struck out five and walked two.

In the first game, Mausteller singled three times and drove in three runs to lead the Great Danes' 12-hit attack. Shortstop Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) doubled, singled twice, and scored four runs, while Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) went 3-for-4 at the plate. Albany (12-6) has an eight-game winning streak.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Queens	001	100	-	2	5	5
Albany	302	041	-	10	12	1

(game ended with one out due to 8-run rule)

Terri Thompson and Marianne Fuscaldo.

Jessica Hansen, Kelly Poynton (5) and Michelle Mausteller.

(Game 2)

Queens	000	010	0	-	1	1	0
Albany	000	000	2	-	2	4	0

(one out when winning run scored)

Nicole Razar and Heather Maltezo, Michelle Mirro.

Kelly Poynton and Kara Faraone.