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FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON DEFEATS UALBANY, 2-1, IN WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y.- Senior midfielder **Kelly Geraghty** netted the game winner in the 69th minute to lead Fairleigh Dickinson past Albany, 2-1, on Tuesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Geraghty took a **Marie Keeler** cross and sent it into the left corner to give the Knights a 2-0 lead. Albany's **Sara Rickard** scored her first goal of the season off a pass from junior forward **Alena Baisden** at the 70:24 mark to pull the Great Danes to within a goal.

Fairleigh Dickinson (4-3-1) freshman forward **Stephanie Young** put the Knights on the board first off an **Ana Moniz** assist in the 62nd minute.

Albany (1-8-1) opens America East Conference play on Thurs., Oct. 2 when they travel to Stony Brook. Match time is set for 7:00 p.m.

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Fairleigh Dickinson (4-3-1)	0	2	-	2
Albany (1-8-1)	0	1	-	1

Fairleigh Dickinson- Stephanie Young 1-0, Kelly Geraghty 1-0, Ana Moniz 0-1, Marie Keeler 0-1; Goalkeepers: Leeann Dice (83:55, 1 save, 1 GA), Courtney Smith (6:05, 1 save, 0 GA).

Albany- Sara Rickard 1-0, Alena Baisden 0-1; Goalkeepers: Beth Spinelli (55:14, 7 saves, 0 GA), Erika Van Zandt (34:46, 1 save, 2 GA).

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UALBANY'S GARY JONES NAMED NEC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk H.S.) has been chosen as the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's 42-7 victory over Sacred Heart.

Jones, a senior tailback, keyed a record-breaking running attack by carrying 24 times for a season-high 162 yards and one touchdown. Albany's 404 rushing yards established a new NEC single-game mark, as Jones cracked the 100-yard plateau for the ninth time in his last 11 games dating back to last season.

Jones, the 2002 NEC Offensive Player of the Year, moved into fourth place on the school's career rushing touchdowns chart (25) with a 21-yard scamper in the first quarter to give the Great Danes a 14-0 edge. He also climbed to eighth on the school list in career rushing yards (1,884), ninth in all-purpose yards (2,363) and into a tie for fourth in scoring with 156 points.

UALBANY FOOTBALL MOVES UP IN BOTH MID-MAJOR NATIONAL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's victory over previously unbeaten Sacred Heart, the University at Albany moved up in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. UAlbany climbed three spots to fifth in The Sports Network top 10, and one place to fourth in the Football Gazette poll.

The Great Danes, who are ranked 11th nationally among the Division I-AA leaders in rushing, ran for 404 net yards in taking down Sacred Heart, ranked No. 2 in the national polls last week. Albany's rushing total was the program's highest single-game effort since Oct. 31, 1992.

Albany (2-2) meets St. Peter's in a non-conference game on Saturday, Oct. 4 at University Field. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. on Hall of Fame Day. Legendary basketball coach Richard "Doc" Sauers and four former athletes will be enshrined into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame later that evening.

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Dayton, 2. Morehead State, 3. Duquesne, 4. **Albany**, 5. San Diego, 6. Stony Brook, 7. Sacred Heart, 8. Monmouth, 9. Marist, 10. Drake.

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UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER DEFEATED, 2-0, AT SAN DIEGO STATE

San Diego, Calif. – Freshman forward **Raul Bautiste** netted the game-winner in the 30th minute leading San Diego State past UAlbany, 2-0, on Sunday afternoon at the San Diego State Sports Deck. The Aztecs, who came into the match ranked eighth in the Far West Region, improved to 6-1-1.

Bautiste putting his team on the board, when he headed in **Kenny Fechner's** corner kick. Fechner then deflected a **Dione Scott** cross nearly two minutes later, and **Heath Creager** sent the ball into the net at the 31:24 mark for his fourth goal of the season.

San Diego State's **Colin Hanke**, who had two saves in 70 minutes of play, and **Tally Hall** combined on the shutout. **Bouna Coundoul** turned aside nine shots for the Great Danes, who dropped a one-goal decision to San Diego on Friday to begin this west coast swing.

Albany (3-4-1) returns to action on October 1st when they will travel to UMBC for their America East Conference opener. Game time is set for 3:00 p.m.

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Albany (3-4-1)	0	0	-	0
San Diego State (6-1-1)	2	0	-	2

Albany - No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 9 saves, 2 GA).

San Diego State - Raul Bautiste 1-0, Heath Creager 1-0, Kenny Fechner 0-2, Dione Scott 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Colin Hanke (70:07, 2 saves, 0 GA), Tally Hall (19:53, 0 saves, 0 GA).

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ALBANY DEFEATS ST. PETER'S, 2-0, IN WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany sophomore midfielder **Christie Cremo** netted the game-winner in the 79th minute to lead the Great Danes past St. Peter's, 2-0, Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field to snap an 11-match non-winning streak. Albany last recorded a victory on October 2, 2002.

Sophomore midfielder **Erin Fitzmartin's** corner kick into the box was deflected by a St. Peter's defender and Cremo nailed it into the low-right corner for her first goal of the season. **Alena Baisden** capitalized on a breakaway, sending the ball into the left corner, less than a minute later, to give Albany a 2-0 lead.

Goalkeepers **Erika Van Zandt** and **Beth Spinelli** each collected four saves to combine for the shutout. St. Peter's (1-9-0) **Andrea Kovalcik** turned aside nine shots for the Peahens.

Albany (1-7-1) returns to action on Tue., Sept. 30 when they host Fairleigh Dickinson. Match time is set for 4:00 p.m at Varsity Field.

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St. Peter's (1-9-0)	0	0	-	0
Albany (1-7-1)	0	2	-	2

St. Peter's- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Andrea Kovalcik (90:00, 9 saves, 2 GA).

Albany- Christie Cremo 1-0, Alena Baisden 1-0, Erin Fitzmartin 0-1; Goalkeepers: Erika Van Zandt (45:00, 4 saves, 0 GA), Beth Spinelli (45:00, 4 saves, 0 GA).

ALEXIS JOHNSON SCORES THREE GOALS IN ALBANY'S 7-0 VICTORY

Troy, N.Y. – Junior forward **Alexis Johnson** scored three goals, as Albany shut out St. Francis, Pa., 7-0, on Sunday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field. Johnson's performance was the highest single-game total by a UAlbany player in more than two years, when teammate **Lisa Burline** accomplished that same feat on Sept. 16, 2001.

The Great Danes snapped a two-game losing skid to improve to 3-6 on the season, while the Red Flash drop to 0-8.

Johnson began the Great Danes' scoring barrage with her first goal five minutes into the game. Junior midfielder **Danielle Costello** set up the goal off a penalty corner. Freshman forward **Kristina Maze** (Glens Falls) scored her third goal of the season unassisted with 19:24 left in the first half. Sophomore forward **Tina Bryson** tallied the first of her two goals on the day, when she sent a Maze pass into the right corner of the

net seven minutes later. Johnson gave Albany a 4-0 halftime lead as she slipped the ball past St. Francis' fallen goalkeeper.

Johnson, who had scored five times this year entering the contest, and Bryson tallied their third and second goals, respectively, in the second half. Burline completed the scoring with her fourth goal of the year.

Marisa Maze (Glens Falls) made three saves in 45-plus minutes of work before being replaced by **Barbara Czaplinski**, as the pair of freshman goalkeepers combined on their first collegiate shutout. Freshman **Theresa King** collected 17 saves for St. Francis, who was outshot, 49-3.

Albany opens its America East Conference schedule on Wednesday, Oct. 1, as the Great Danes meet Boston U. in Cambridge, Mass. Game time is set for 4 p.m.
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Harkness Field (Troy, N.Y.)

St. Francis (0-8)	0	0	-	0
Albany (3-6)	4	3	-	7

St. Francis – Scoring: none; Goalkeeper: Theresa King (70:00, 17 saves, 7 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Alexis Johnson 3-0, Tina Bryson 2-0, Kristina Maze 1-1, Lisa Burline 1-0, Danielle Costello 0-2, Amber Greiner 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Marisa Maze (45:34, 3 saves 0 GA), Barbara Czaplinski (24:26, 0 saves, 0 GA).

UALBANY'S DIANE ONOFRY TIES FOR 34TH AT PRINCETON INVITATIONAL

Princeton, N.J. – Princeton's **Sharla Cloutier** fired a five-over-par 77 in the final round to win medalist honors at the Princeton Invitational on Sunday afternoon at Springdale Golf Club. The Tigers captured the team title by 19 strokes over runner-up Yale.

UAlbany's **Diane Onofry**, who tied for 34th overall, shot an 86 to finish with a two-day total of 166. **Jill Friedman** and **Anne Lyons** shared 64th place in the individual standings. Friedman carded a pair of 88s, while Lyons improved her first-day score by four strokes with final-round 86.

Princeton's **Avery Kiser**, the first-round leader, slipped to second place with an 80 over the last 18 holes. Richmond's **Ashley Lambert** and **Lauren Ritter** were third and fourth, respectively.

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Princeton Invitational

TEAM: 1. Princeton 622, 2. Yale 641, 3. Richmond 645, 4. Brown 646, 5. Weber State 649, 6. Georgetown 653, 7. Pennsylvania 658, 8. St. John's 659, 9. Dartmouth 666, 10. Bucknell 677, 11. St. Francis, Pa. 678, 12. William & Mary and Harvard 679, 14. Siena 681, 15. Long Island 683, 16. Albany 709.

INDIVIDUAL: 1. Sharla Cloutier, Princeton, 74-77—151, 2. Avery Kiser, Princeton, 72-80—152, 3. Ashley Lambert, Richmond, 77-77—154.

UAlbany Top Finishers: T34. Diane Onofry, 80-86--166; T64.. Jill Friedman, 88-88--176; T64. Anne Lyons, 90-86--176; 77. Lauren Bruce, 98-93--191; 78. Diane Wasileski, 101-103--204.

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Albany 42, Sacred Heart 7

Albany, N.Y. – Senior tailback **Gary Jones** ran for a season-high 162 yards and one touchdown and Albany set a Northeast Conference team rushing record in leading the Great Danes to a 42-7 victory over previously unbeaten Sacred Heart on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

Albany (2-2, NEC 2-0) took advantage of David Wahlen's short punt following a bad snap on its first offensive series. Starting quarterback **Anthony Sciarra**, faked into the line on an option play, and raced around right end on a 49-yard touchdown run.

The Great Danes, who piled up 404 net rushing yards, the team's highest total as a Division I-AA program, used a nine-play march to post a 14-0 lead with 1:15 left in the first quarter. Jones, who has run for 100 or more yards in nine of his last 11 games, took an option pitch on fourth-and-two and sprinted 21 yards up the right sideline to the end zone.

Sacred Heart (3-1, NEC 2-1) sliced the deficit to 14-7 in the second quarter. Cornerback **Pete Athans** picked off a Sciarra pass to set up the short drive, before quarterback **Joe Kroells** crossed the goal line on a 13-yard scramble from the pocket.

The Great Danes, who have won eight of their last nine league games, would also score off a turnover with 2:07 remaining before halftime. Kroells bobbled the center exchange and Albany linebacker **Victor Camacho** recovered the fumble at SHU 17. Five plays later fullback **Eddie Unverzagt** scored from two yards out on a toss sweep for a 21-7 advantage.

Albany reached the end zone on its opening two possessions of the second half, a pair of eight-play, 73-yard drives, to put the game away. Quarterback **Uli Delgado**, who rotated with Sciarra, hooked up with split end **Mike Lavelle** on an inside-screen pass for a 37-yard touchdown. Reserve tailback **Rohann Vidal**, who ran for 55 yards on six attempts, then found paydirt on a 7-yard dash through the middle for a 35-7 advantage with 5:40 left in the period.

Fullback **Jon George**, who picked up 60 rushing yards on five carries, completed the scoring in the fourth quarter, when he rumbled through the Pioneers' secondary on a 39-yard run. Albany's defense, which held the visitors to 165 total yards, including 68 on the ground, set up the final touchdown, as defensive linemen **John Bolt** and **David Parks** teamed on a fourth-down sack near midfield.

"Our offensive line had a great day, and Jon (George) and Gary (Jones) were in another zone," said Albany coach Bob Ford, whose squad scored the most points by an opponent against Sacred Heart since 1999. "They have a young defensive front seven after having graduated some great players and we able to take advantage. I think any time you rush for that kind of yardage, your defense had to get the ball back for you and they did that today."

Sacred Heart quarterbacks **Robert Ammel** and Kroells combined to complete 11 of 21 passes for 97 yards, while senior tailback **Jason Bonadies** was the top rusher with 21 carries for 50 yards. The Pioneers, who had won 33 of their last 37 games entering the contest, saw their seven-game winning streak come to an end.

"Everyone on our team had a good game running the football," said Jones, who climbed to seventh on the school's all-time rushing list. "We started off well, gained momentum on that first drive, and then the defense continued to give us great field position. We knew we could run the ball; we just concentrated better on offense."

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VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS A PAIR OF MATCHES AT PENN'S OF SHERATON INVITATIONAL

Philadelphia, Pa. – Freshman **Ashley DeNeal** had a career-high 22 kills and 20 digs, her 11th double-double of the season, as Albany defeated Robert Morris, 3-1, on Saturday evening at the Sheraton Invitational at The Palestra. The Great Danes (12-4) won three of four over the weekend, defeating St. John's, 3-0, on Friday and Marist, 3-1, earlier today, but dropping a four-game match to Pennsylvania.

Albany lost the first set, 30-24, but stormed back to take the final three, 30-22, 30-26 and 30-20 to win for the 11th time in its last 13 matches. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** added 18 kills and 11 digs, while **Ashlee Reed** had 11 kills and 15 digs.

Robert Morris (11-8) was led by **Breanne Schenk's** 12 kills and 13 digs. **Rachel Leitch** and **Janette Schneider** added 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

Earlier on Saturday, four different Albany players recorded double-digit kills as the Great Danes defeated Marist in four games. Reed led the way with 12 kills and 13 digs, while recording a hitting percentage of .500. **Susan Spierre** (Averill Park) bested that hitting performance with 11 kills on 16 attacks for a .625 percentage. Rodriguez and DeNeal each recorded double-doubles for the Great Danes, who move to 11-4 on the season. **Jaime Kenworthy, Stefanie Miksch, and Amy Gillespie** each had seven kills for Marist, which fell to 6-12 on the season.

UAlbany will host the Albany Tournament next weekend with Providence, Sacred Heart, Marist and Iona all participating the event.

Sheraton Invitational

Albany (12-4) defeats Marist (6-12) 30-18, 30-19, 26-30, 30-18.

Albany defeats Robert Morris (11-8) 24-30, 30-22, 30-26, 30-20.

ALBANY CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS CAPTURE FOURTH AT GWU INVITE

Centreville, Va. – Senior **Meghan Howell** finished eleventh and junior **Andy Allstadt** placed fourteenth, in their respective races to lead Albany's women's and men's cross country teams to fourth-place finishes at the George Washington Invitational at Bull Run Park on Saturday in Centreville, Va.

The women's team placed five runners in the top-50, while the men grabbed four spots in the top-50.

Howell completed the 5,000-meter course in 19:34.9, just four tenths of a second shy of tenth place. Junior **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) placed sixteenth with a time

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of 19:54.6. Junior **Theresa Juva** and freshmen **Jessica Oehlke** and **Natasha Torres** finished 29th, 33rd and 46th, respectively.

Allstadt finished the 8,000-meter course in a time of 26:38.3 to lead the Great Danes. Senior **Rob Caracciolo** placed 29th at 27:10.9, while senior **Joe Pienta** finished five seconds behind for 32nd place. Sophomore **Robbie Freeman** rounded out the top-50 placing him 38th with a time of 27:28.7.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON INVITATIONAL (Centreville, Va.)

Women's Team Results (14): 1. Georgetown 34, 2. American 40, 3. George Washington 84, 4. **Albany 113**, 5. Gettysburg 114

Women's Individual: 1. Kathy Newberry, Unattached, 17:50.6

Albany Scorers: 11. Meghan Howell, 19:34.9, 16. Nicole Susser, 19:54.6, 29. Theresa Juva, 20:21.9, 33. Jessica Oehlke, 20:32.0, 46. Natasha Torres, 20:58.8.

Men's Team Results (14): 1. William & Mary 27, 2. Georgetown 29, 3. American 81, 4. **Albany 116**, 5. George Washington 148.

Men's Individual: 1. **Ed Moran, William & Mary, 25:53.6**

Albany Scorers: 14. Andy Allstadt 26:38.3, 29. Rob Caracciolo 27:10.9, 32. Joe Pienta 27:15.2, 38. Robbie Freeman 27:28.7, 52. Chris Pierson 28:24.2.

UALBANY'S ONOFRY IN 15TH PLACE AFTER DAY ONE OF PRINCETON INVITE

Princeton, N.J.— **Diane Onofry** shot an eight-over-par 80 to lead the Great Danes after the first round of the Princeton Invitational at the Springdale Country Club on Saturday. Play was suspended for an hour due to heavy rains, but when they got on the course Onofry fired a 39 on the front nine and a 41 on the back to put her in a five-way tie for 15th place.

Princeton's **Avery Kiser** leads the individual standings after posting a round of 72. The Tigers are first in the overall team standings with a score of 300, followed by Richmond at 321. UAlbany finished with a score of 356. The final round of competition will get underway on Sunday at 8 a.m.

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Team Results: 1. Princeton 300, 2. Richmond 321, 3t. Yale 322, 3t. Brown 322, 5. Georgetown 323, 6t. Penn 324, 6t. Weber St. 324, 8. St. John's 327, 9. Bucknell 331, 10. Dartmouth 338, 11. Harvard 339, 12. Long Island 340, 13t. Siena 341, 13t. William and Mary 341, 15. St. Francis (PA) 346, **16. Albany 356.**

Individual Leader: 1. Avery Kiser, Princeton, 37-35-72.

Albany Scores: 15t. Diane Onofry, 39-41-80; 62t. Jill Friedman, 43-45-88; 70t. Anne Lyons, 48-42-90; 77. Lauren Bruce, 50-48-98; 78. Diane Wasileski, 51-50-101.

SAN DIEGO DEFEATS UALBANY, 1-0, IN MEN'S SOCCER

San Diego, Calif. - Senior midfielder **Scott Burcar** netted the game-winner in the 71st minute to lead San Diego past UAlbany at Torero Stadium on Friday night.

Ryan Guy deflected an **Eric Wunderle** cross to Burcar, who nailed it off of Albany goalkeeper **Bouna Coundoul's** hands and into the net for his second goal of the season.

San Diego (3-2-2) goalkeeper **Lance Friesz** turned aside four Great Dane shots to earn his second shutout of the season, while Coundoul had 11 saves.

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Albany (3-3-1) returns to action on Sun., Sept. 28 when they travel to San Diego State to take on the Aztecs. Match time is set for 5:00 p.m. ET.

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Albany (3-3-1)	0	0	-	0
San Diego (3-2-2)	0	1	-	1

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 11 saves, 1 GA).

San Diego- Scott Burcar 1-0, Ryan Guy 0-1, Eric Wunderle 0-1; Goalkeeper Lance Friesz (90:00, 4 saves, 0 GA).

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VOLLEYBALL EARNS FIRST VICTORY OVER A BIG EAST SCHOOL AT SHERATON INVITATIONAL

Philadelphia, Pa. – **Ashlee Reed** recorded 13 kills and a hitting percentage of .476 as Albany defeated St. John's, 3-0, on Friday morning at the Sheraton Invitational at The Palestra. Later in the day, the Great Danes dropped a four-game match to Pennsylvania, the two-time defending Ivy League champions.

Albany (10-4) defeated St. John's by scores of 30-20, 30-27 and 30-26 to earn its first victory in school history over a Big East Conference school. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** notched a double-double with 11 service aces and 10 digs, while **Blair Buchanan** and **Jill Dombrowski** dished out 20 and 12 assists, respectively.

St. John's (15-4) was led by **Puna Richardson's** 10 kills, while **Jackie Ahlers**, who entered the match with a .370 hitting percentage, was limited to 10 kills and had 12 errors for a hitting percentage of minus-.059.

In the second match of the day, **Heather Janssen** and **Elisabeth Kwak-Hefferan** each had 14 kills while **Meghan Schloat** added 45 assists and 10 digs for UPenn, which improved to 5-3 on the season. Rodriguez recorded a career-high 19 kills and added 11 digs against the Quakers. **Ashley DeNeal** had 15 kills and 11 digs for her ninth double-double of the season, while Buchanan had a double-double with 23 assists and 15 digs.

The Great Danes wrap up play on Saturday with matches against Marist at 10:00 a.m. and Robert Morris at 5:30 p.m..

Sheraton Invitational

Albany (10-4) defeated St. John's (15-4) 30-20, 30-27, 30-26
Pennsylvania (5-3) defeated Albany 30-22, 30-22, 27-30, 30-20

MADDY BOULDEN SCORES TWICE TO LEAD RIDER TO, 4-1, WIN OVER ALBANY

Lawrenceville, N.J. – Junior forward **Maddy Boulden** scored two goals to lead Rider to a 4-1 victory over visiting Albany in field hockey action on Friday afternoon at Rider Campus Field. The Great Danes drop to 2-6 on the season, while the Broncs pick up their fifth straight win to improve to 6-2.

Boulden scored Rider's first goal with 17:31 left in the first half off a pass from freshman forward **Kristi Cannarella**. Sophomore midfielder **Angela Fuoco** tallied her second goal of the season to make it 2-0 with 9:23 remaining before intermission. Boulden's second goal of the game gave the Broncs a 3-0 at halftime as her sister **Ashley Boulden** assisted on the play.

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Junior forward **Cheryl Varga** scored Albany's lone goal of the game off a pass from freshman forward **Kristina Maze** (Glens Falls) to make it 3-1.

Freshmen goalkeepers **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) and **Barbara Czaplinski** played 35 minutes each, recording 10 and four saves, respectively for the Great Danes. The Broncs' **Krysta Bearish** made one stop.

Albany hosts visiting St. Francis, Pa., on Sunday, Sept. 28 at Harkness Field in Troy, N.Y. The Great Danes will face the Red Flash at 1 p.m.

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Rider Campus Field (Lawrenceville, N.J.)

Albany (2-6)	0	1	-	1
Rider (6-2)	3	1	-	4

Albany – Scoring: Cheryl Varga 1-0, Kristina Maze 0-1; Goalkeepers: Marisa Maze (35:00, 10 saves, 3 GA), Barbara Czaplinski (35:00, 4 saves, 1 GA).

Rider – Scoring: Maddy Boulden 2-0, Angela Fuoco 1-0, Stephanie Durante 1-0, Ashley Boulden 0-2, Kristi Cannarella 0-1; Goalkeeper: Krysta Bearish (70:00, 1 save, 1 GA).

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SYRACUSE DEFEATS UALBANY, 4-0, IN WOMEN'S SOCCER

Syracuse, N.Y. – Senior midfielder **Anne-Marie Lapalme** tallied a goal and an assist to lead Syracuse past Albany, 4-0, at the Soccer Stadium in the Lampe Athletics Complex on Thursday evening.

The Orangewomen (6-2-0) got on the board in the 23rd minute when Lapalme scored an unassisted goal. Less than three minutes later, she sent a pass to **Helen Fox** who netted her second goal of the season giving Syracuse a 2-0 lead. Senior forward **Nina Scalzo** also collected a goal and an assist on the evening.

Albany (0-7-1) returns to action this Sun., Sept. 28 when they host St. Peter's at Varsity Field. Match time is set for 1:00 p.m.

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Albany (0-7-1)	0	0	-	0
Syracuse (6-2-0)	3	1	-	4

Albany - No Scoring; Goalkeepers: Erika Van Zandt (72:00, 9 saves, 4 GA), Beth Spinelli (18:00, 3 saves, 0 GA).

Syracuse - Anne-Marie Lapalme 1-1, Nina Scalzo 1-1, Helen Fox 1-0, Kristina Cristofori 1-0; Goalkeepers: Emily Kowalczyk (45:00, 0 saves, 0 GA), Jenelle Ferri (45:00, 0 saves, 0 GA).

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UALBANY TO PARTICIPATE IN "LACROSSE FOR LEUKEMIA" INVITATIONAL

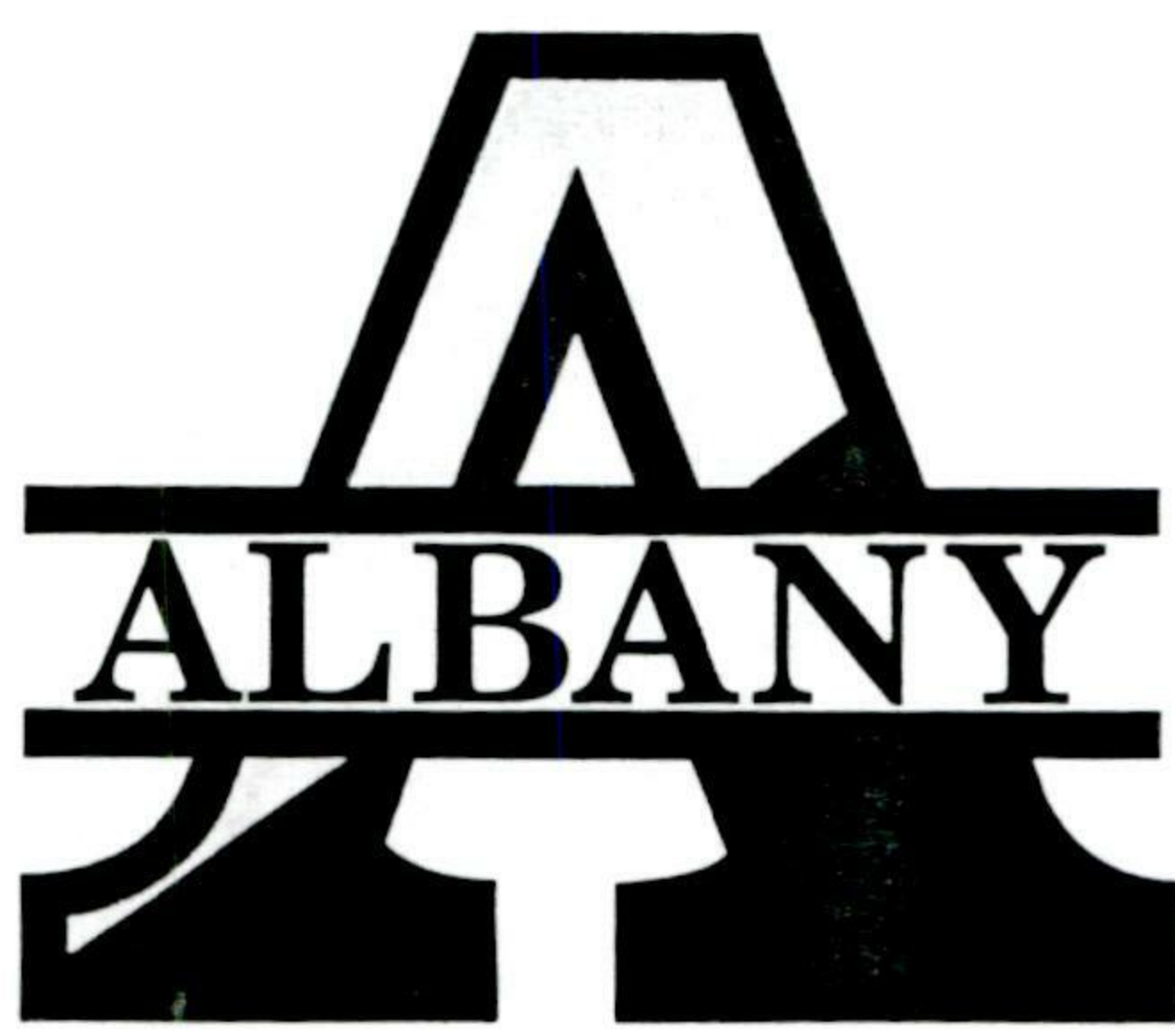
Albany, N.Y. – Defending America East Conference champion University at Albany, plus Final Four participants Johns Hopkins and Syracuse will be among 14 teams competing in the Sixth Annual Price Modern "Lacrosse for Leukemia" Fall Invitational Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 4. The round-robin event will be held, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at McDonogh School in Owings Mills, Md.

Other schools in the field are Loyola, Md., Towson, UMBC, North Carolina, Georgetown, Air Force, Colgate, Butler, Quinnipiac, Drexel and Washington College, the nation's fourth-ranked team in Division III last year.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Maryland Chapter of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, whose mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Last year's event raised more than \$100,000 for research and patient services.

"This is a great opportunity to be involved with a charitable event and play against the upper echelon of college lacrosse," said Albany coach **Scott Marr**, who led the Great Danes to the school's first-ever NCAA appearance at the Division I level last spring. "This is a good test for the new kids, a chance to play competitively, and facing Syracuse is a good barometer for our program."

UALbany will play two 25-minute halves in the tournament's pre-determined format against Colgate, Washington College and eight-time national champion Syracuse. The Great Danes, who are coming off a 10-6 campaign, return their top four scorers, including America East player of the year **Luke Daquino** (22 goals, 35 assists), and goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**, the America East championship MVP.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ENSHRINES FIVE INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Albany, N.Y. – Four former athletes and a legendary coach will be enshrined into the University at Albany Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 4 at the 20th annual HOF Dinner and Induction Ceremony. A reception for the Athletic Hall of Fame inductees begins at 5:00 p.m., with the dinner and ceremony to follow in the Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) on campus. The event is preceded by UAlbany's home football game with St. Peter's at 1:00 p.m. Men's soccer and women's volleyball also have home contests on that date.

The new inductees and their sports: **Scott Carroll '93**, cross country/track; **Patty Munhall-Blacklock '87**, volleyball; **Richard "Doc" Sauers**, men's basketball coach; **Chris Tironi '89**, wrestling; and **Scott Turrin '94**, football.

With this year's class, there are 99 former athletes, coaches, and administrators who have been inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Scott Carroll (1992-94) -- Carroll was the first athlete in UAlbany history to earn All-America honors in three sports, cross country, indoor track and outdoor track. In 1993-94, he qualified for the NCAA championships in each sport, and won the Division III national title in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

As a senior, Carroll placed 23rd at the NCAA cross country championships in Grinnell, Iowa with a time of 25:27.5. He led the Great Danes to a third-place finish in the team standings, the Collegiate Track Conference title and an undefeated fall season.

During the indoor and outdoor track season, Carroll won six major invitational and/or conference championships races and qualified for the NCAAs in three outdoor events (1,500, 5,000 and steeplechase) and two indoor events (1,500 and 5,000). He took third in the NCAA indoor 1,500 with a time of 3:58.53, as the Great Danes finished 15th as a team.

Carroll's crowning achievement came at the 1994 NCAA outdoor meet, when he won the 3,000-meter steeplechase and placed ninth in the 1,500. His winning performance of 8:54.43 ranked in the top-five in NCAA history at the time, and was also a school and state record. Carroll, who was the only Division III athlete invited to compete in the steeplechase championship race at Penn Relays, was ranked as one of the top Americans by *Track & Field News*. He would later run in the 1997 New York City Marathon.

Carroll, who hails from Albany, N.Y. (Albany H.S.), received his B.S. in business administration/finance and a master's in management information systems from UAlbany. Carroll has owned a software consulting company, Wango Systems, Inc., since 1997. He has wife Christine, have two children, Connor and Jackson.

Patty Munhall-Blacklock (1983-87) -- A two-time All-American, Munhall is one of the top performers in the UAlbany women's volleyball program's history. She led the Great Danes to three NCAA Division III tournament appearances and 112 victories during her career.

As a senior, Munhall was chosen to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America squad. She fashioned a .414 hitting percentage in leading her team to a 44-3 record, the NCAA regionals, a top-10 national ranking and the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) championship. She was named All-SUNY Athletic Conference and to the NYSWCAA all-star team.

Munhall, who was positioned at outside hitter and setter, ranks among the school's all-time leaders in several categories, including first in career kills (1,538), fourth in career assists (1,861) and sixth in career kill average (3.43 per game). She also totaled 640 digs, 155 services aces and 141 blocks.

In 1984, Munhall accounted for 463 kills in leading her team to the SUNY Athletic Conference crown, third place at the ECAC tournament and ninth at the NCAA championships. She totaled 399 kills and 676 assists as a freshman, as the program earned its first NCAA berth and was fifth in the 1983 state tournament.

Munhall remains closely tied to the game of volleyball. She served as the head coach at The College of Saint Rose from 1987-90 and Hudson Valley Community College from 1990-94. A native of Colonie, N.Y. (Colonie Central H.S.), she later started the Capital District Volleyball Club.

Munhall has an undergraduate degree in psychology, and later earned her master's in education with an emphasis in college student personnel from Saint Rose. She is presently working at Hudson Valley C.C. as an academic advisor for the individual studies department. She and her husband, Doug, have one stepson, Douglas Aaron.

Richard "Doc" Sauers (1955-97) -- One of the winningest coaches in the history of college basketball with 702 victories, Sauers led the UAlbany men's basketball program to eleven NCAA and four NAIA post-season tournament appearances.

Sauers, whose teams averaged more than 17 wins per season, and had just one losing campaign, became the University's head coach in 1955, when the school was known as the State College for Teachers and the team's nickname was the Pedagogues. During his tenure, the institution evolved into a top research center with a broad mission of undergraduate and graduate education. Meanwhile, the basketball program moved from the NCAA's College Division, to Division III, and then to Division II, plus the nickname changed to Great Danes.

UAlbany teams under Sauers were always geared toward the postseason. From 1975 to 1995, the Great Danes qualified for 10 NCAA tournaments. In 1993-94, UAlbany established a school record for victories with a 25-3 mark, and reached the Division III East Sectional final. Albany also qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) playoffs seven times and won a pair of championships in 1978 and 1989.

Coach Sauers guided the Great Danes to 20-win campaigns on 10 occasions, and incredibly his clubs reached the 17-victory plateau in 26 different seasons. He was named the 1985 NCAA Division III Coach of the Year after Albany went 22-6 and gained a national tournament berth. In 1994, he was chosen as both the East Region and New York State Coach of the Year for the third time in his career. Sauers was inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame in 1992. He has also been enshrined by Slippery Rock University and the Capital District Sports Hall of Fame.

Sauers, who retired in March 1997 as basketball coach, finished his career with a 702-330 record in 41 seasons. He stands alongside such legendary mentors as Kentucky's Adolph Rupp and North Carolina's Dean Smith in the 700-win club. Sauers achieved that prestigious mark on Feb. 8, 1997 in an 89-71 victory over Bridgeport.

In his final season, Albany went 17-10 as a member of the New England Collegiate Conference, and rebounded from his lone losing record the previous year. At the time, Sauers was one of two active coaches with more than 40-plus seasons at the same school. He became the 15th person to coach his 1,000th game at the collegiate level in February 1996.

A native of Harrison City, Pa., Sauers is still active today as UAlbany's head women's golf coach, a position he was appointed to in October 1997. He is no stranger to coaching other sports at the school, and was the head men's golf coach from 1962-79, with a winning dual-match record and a ninth-place NCAA finish in 1963. Sauers also served as head baseball coach in the late 1950s.

Sauers and his wife, the former Elaine Sykes of Schenectady, have two children, Cheryl and Stephen, and two grandchildren, Jordan and Cameron. Stephen played for his father in the late 1980s, and is presently an assistant basketball coach at Marist College.

Chris Tironi (1985-87) -- A two-time national heavyweight champion, Tironi is one of the most decorated wrestlers in school history. In 1986-87, he was named the University at Albany's Male Athlete of the Year.

In his senior year, Tironi won his second NCAA Division III championship in the heavyweight classification, as the Great Danes took third as a team. Tironi, who also won the SUNY Athletic Conference title and earned All-America honors, went on to compete at the Division I championships in College Park, Md. He defeated the Pacific-10 Conference winner en route to a ninth-place finish.

Tironi, who attended SUNY-Cobleskill prior to UAlbany, went 17-0 during the regular season of his junior year. He captured the 1986 SUNYAC championship, finished second at the state meet, and then won his first NCAA heavyweight crown in Trenton, N.J. Tironi, who posted a 70-5 career record, completed that season with a trip to the Division I championships.

Following college, Tironi constructed a celebrated wrestling career on the national scene. He competed in two U.S. Olympic Trials, and was the first alternate in 1988 and second alternate in 1992. Tironi, who placed sixth at the Greco-Roman World Championships in the 220-pound category, captured three USA FILA Junior World titles and was the 1990 USA Senior Greco-Roman champion. In addition, he was an Empire State Games open division titleist on several occasions.

A native of Mechanicville, N.Y. (Mechanicville H.S.), Tironi graduated with a B.A. in sociology. He currently is employed by DeCrescente Distributors, and has previously owned a woodworking business. He and his wife, Kim, have three daughters, Sara, Emily and Abigail. Tironi is a member of the SUNY-Cobleskill Athletic Hall of Fame and NCAA Division III Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Scott Turrin (1991-94) -- An All-America offensive tackle on the Division III level, Turrin was a dominant lineman on Bob Ford's football teams in the early 1990s. He was a three-year starter at right tackle and appeared in 30 career games.

In 1994, Turrin was chosen first-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and to the Football Gazette third team. He also was picked first-team All-East and made the ECAC Upstate New York Division III All-Star Team.

As a senior tri-captain, Turrin blocked for an offensive unit that led all Division III Upstate New York teams in total yards with a 389.6 average and established eleven individual single-season records. UAlbany's freeze-option attack averaged 25.4 points, and was balanced in rushing (203.4 ypg) and passing (186.2 ypg). Turrin, who received linemen of the week honors six times, was voted as the team's most valuable offensive lineman.

Turrin received his first AFCA/Kodak All-America award as a junior in 1992, when the Great Danes averaged 226.7 rushing yards and 359.1 total yards. He was the offensive line MVP, and blocked for one of the top single-game rushing performances in school history when Albany piled up 473 yards on the ground against Salisbury State. A transfer from Westchester Community College, Turrin started all 10 games in his first season with the program in 1991. He missed the entire '93 campaign following a hernia operation.

A native of Yorktown Heights, N.Y. (Somers H.S.), Turrin earned an undergraduate degree in history, and later received a master's in physical education from Adelphi University. Turrin, who teaches at Rockland Middle School, is in his second year as offensive line coach at John Jay-Cross River High School. His father, Fred and uncle, Armond, both played college football at the College of the Holy Cross.

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UALBANY'S MAZE, DENEAL AND GBOLO CAPTURE AMERICA EAST ROOKIE AWARDS

Albany, N.Y. – **Kristina Maze** (Glens Falls), a forward on the field hockey team, **Ashley DeNeal**, an outside hitter for the volleyball team, and **Yan Gbolo**, a forward on the men's soccer team, were named the America East Conference rookies of the week in their respective sports on Monday by the conference office. It's the first time the Great Danes have won three conference rookie of the week awards since joining the America East in 2001.

Maze, the twin sister of freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze**, scored twice and earned an assist in the Great Danes' 7-1 victory over crosstown-rival Siena on Wednesday, Sept. 17. Maze, in her second game of the season, tallied her first collegiate goal and the eventual game winner with 30:47 remaining in the second period. Maze added her second of the game with 13:03 left in the contest. Albany, which is 2-5 overall, travels to Lawrenceville, N.J. to face Rider on Friday, Sept. 26. Game time is at 4:00 p.m.

DeNeal, a 5-foot-6 outside hitter from Muncie, Ind., recorded a career-high 19 kills against Long Island on September 19. She also contributed 19 digs as the Great Danes won in five games. DeNeal, who wins the award for the third consecutive week, notched her eighth double-double in 12 matches with a 14-kill, 15-dig performance against Fairfield on September 20. She leads the team with 145 kills and 177 digs. Albany, now 9-3 on the season, finished second at the Albany Challenge over the weekend.

Gbolo scored his second straight game-winning goal in a 1-0 match against Lafayette on Wed., Sept. 17. The first game-winner came in a 2-0 win over Siena on Sept. 13. Gbolo is tied for the team lead in points with five and goals with two. The Great Danes, who are 3-2-1 overall, return to action this Fri., Sept. 26 when they travel to San Diego to take on the Toreros. Match time is set for 10:00 p.m ET.

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UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO SIENA, 2-0, IN GOVERNOR'S CUP

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman forward **Kristen Turner** netted two goals in forty seconds to lead Siena past their crosstown-rival Albany, 2-0, in day two action of the Governor's Cup at Varsity Field. Rider played Sacred Heart to a scoreless tie in game one on Sunday and won the over the Pioneers on goal differential.

Turner's first goal was knocked in from close range off of passes from **Brandie Petrie** and **Alicia Lackey** to put the Saints on the board in the 75th minute. Siena (3-4-0) increased their lead less than a minute later when Turner, who has a team-high five goals, took a cross from junior forward **Erin DeMatteo** and sent it in.

UAlbany's sophomore midfielder **Erin Fitzmartin** and **Katie Petrarca**, a sophomore defender, were voted to the Governor's Cup All-Tournament Team.

Albany (0-6-1) returns to action on Thur., Sept. 25 when they will travel to Syracuse. Match time is set for 7:00 p.m.

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Siena (3-4-0)	0	2	-	2
Albany (0-6-1)	0	0	-	0

Siena—Kristen Turner 2-0, Brandie Petrie 0-1, Alicia Lackey 0-1, Erin DeMatteo 0-1; Goalkeeper: Krista Nordmark (90:00, 2 saves, 0 GA)

Albany—No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 7 saves, 2 GA)

2003 Governor's Cup Final Standings

1t. Rider (1-0-1) *, 1t. Sacred Heart (1-0-1), 3. Siena (1-1-0), 4. Albany (0-2-0)

*- Rider won the Cup on point differential over Sacred Heart +4 to +1

2003 Governor's Cup All-Tournament Team

Rider:

Tami Coyle-Offensive MVP
 Leah Craig
 Breanne Donnelly
 Jennifer Marcella

MORE

Sacred Heart:

Leslie Konsig- Defensive MVP
Paula Pineda
Christel Kalweit

Siena:

Kristen Turner
Lauren Stys
Corry Silon

Albany:

Erin Fitzmartin
Katie Petrarca

KATHARINE LARY SCORES TWICE TO LEAD PROVIDENCE OVER ALBANY, 3-1

Troy, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Katharine Lary** scored twice and added an assist to lead Providence over Albany, 3-1, on Sunday afternoon at Harkness Field. The Great Danes drop to 2-5, while the Friars improve to 5-2 on the season.

Lary opened the scoring with a shot into the right corner of the net off a cross in front of the goal from freshman forward **Melissa McGow** to make it 1-0. The Friars scored 2:38 later as junior forward **Amy Phillips** connected on Lary's pass for her fourth goal of the season and to take a 2-0 advantage into halftime.

The Great Danes cut the deficit in half when senior forward **Lisa Burline** fired the ball into the right side of the net off a pass across the goal mouth from sophomore forward **Shelley Gebhardt** for her third goal of the year.

Providence closed out the game with 46 seconds remaining as Lary tallied her second goal of the game on a wide open shot into the right corner.

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) recorded 16 saves, as senior goalie **Meaghan Moran** made 12 stops.

The Great Danes travel to Rider on Friday, Sept. 26 at Rider Field in Lawrenceville, N.J. Game time is at 4 p.m.

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Harkness Field (Troy, N.Y.)

Providence (5-2)	2	1	-	3
Albany (2-5)	0	1	-	1

Providence – Scoring: Katharine Lary 2-1, Amy Phillips 1-0, Melissa McGow 0-1; Goalkeeper: Meaghan Moran (70:00, 12 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Lisa Burline 1-0, Shelley Gebhardt 0-1; Goalkeeper: Marisa Maze (70:00, 16 saves, 3 GA).

REEBA MILLER FINISHES FOURTH AT ALBANY INVITATIONAL

Albany, N.Y. – Junior **Reeba Miller** dropped a straight-set decision to **Aleksandra Tomaszewska**, 6-3, 6-4, in the third place match of Flight C singles to finish fourth at the Albany Invitational on Sunday afternoon at the University Courts.

On Saturday, Miller went split a pair of matches, defeating Vermont's **Ali Pelkey** (6-4, 6-2) in the opening round, but losing to New Hampshire's **Jess Pasay**, 6-4, 6-0.

Krista Babiarz finished fifth in the Flight B singles with a three-set win over **Liz DeCurtis** of Vermont. In the Flight D singles, **Kyle Stellar** placed sixth dropping both

sets to Manhattan's **Meghan Smith**. **Lisa Fund** and **Amanda Brown** each finished eighth in the Flight C and Flight D singles, respectively.

The Great Danes' doubles team of Fund and Stellar finished seventh in Flight B, while Babiarz and Miller placed eighth in Flight A.

Manhattan's **Jennifer Fowler** won the Flight A singles titles, **Jenna Kafferly** took home the Flight B title, **Lensey Dixon** captured Flight C, and **Catherine Ouimet** triumphed in Flight D. The New Hampshire team of Kafferly and **Megan Breen** were victorious in the finals of Flight A double, while UNH's Pasay and DiBona captured the Flight B crown.

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Albany Results

Flight B Singles

Krista Babiarz (Albany) def. Liz DeCurtis (Vermont), 7-6 (7), 2-6, 6-2

Flight C Singles

Aleksandra Tomaszewska (Manhattan) def. Reeba Miller (Albany), 6-3, 6-4

Ali Pelkey (Vermont) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-2, 6-1

Flight D Singles

Jessica Kulack (Manhattan) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2

Meghan Smith (Manhattan) def. Kyle Stellar (Albany), 6-1, 6-2

Flight A Doubles

Shaleen Dastur/Aleksandra Tomaszewska (Manhattan) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany), 8-1

Flight B Doubles

Lisa Fund/Kyle Stellar (Albany) def. Meghan Smith/Jessica Kulack (Manhattan), 8-4

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UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER DEFEATED BY RIDER 5-1 IN GOVERNOR'S CUP

Albany, N.Y.— Junior midfielder **Tami Coyle** scored two goals to lead Rider past Albany, 5-1, in day one of the Governor's Cup at Varsity Field. Earlier in Saturday's play, Sacred Heart's **Christel Kalweit** scored the game-winner in the 63rd minute to lead her team to a 1-0 victory over Siena.

Coyle was sent a cross by **Colleen Evans**, who had two assists on the day, and put it in from point-blank range in the 13th minute to put Rider (3-1-1) on the board.

Coyle would also score her second goal from in close at the 29:40 mark, with the assist going to junior midfielder **Casey Fagan**.

The Great Danes' **Erin Fitzmartin**, a sophomore midfielder, scored her first goal of the season in the 57th minute off a free kick making the score 3-1. Albany (0-5-1) returns to action tomorrow as they will take on crosstown-rival Siena of the Governor's Cup. Match time is set for 3 p.m.

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Rider (3-1-1)	2	3	-	5
Albany (0-5-1)	0	1	-	1

Rider—Tami Coyle 2-0, Sarah Artale 1-0, Jennifer Marcella 1-0, Lauren O'Donnell 1-0, Colleen Evans 0-2, Casey Fagan 0-1, Allison Spehar 0-1; Goalkeepers: Erin Wolleon (84:22, 2 saves, 1 GA), Hannah Harris (5:38, 1 save, 0 GA).

Albany—Erin Fitzmartin 1-0; Goalkeeper: Beth Spinelli (90:00 minutes, 10 saves, 5 GA).

Fourth Annual Governor's Cup
First Round
Sacred Heart 1, Siena 0
Rider 5, Albany 1

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VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS FAIRFIELD IN FOUR TO CAPTURE SECOND AT ALBANY CHALLENGE

Albany, N.Y. – **Kristin Norton** and **Ashley DeNeal** each had a game-high 14 kills, as Albany defeated Fairfield, 3-1, on Saturday afternoon to take second place at the Albany Challenge. Cornell won the event capturing all three of its matches.

Albany (9-3) dropped the first game, 30-27, but stormed back to take the next three, 30-26, 30-23, 30-21. Sophomore **Ashlee Reed**, who was named to the all-tournament team, had 13 kills, while **Ashley Green** chipped in with 13 kills. Albany's **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez**, who had seven kills and seven digs, was also on the all-tournament team.

Fairfield (2-11) was led by **Keri Kaiser's** 13 kills and 31 assists, while **Casey Machon** chipped in with 13 kills. **Kristin Anderson** earned all-tournament honors for the Stags.

Cornell's **Elizabeth Bishop** was named most valuable player and teammates **Whitney Fair** and **Ashely Stover** were all-tournament. **Cristina Pintilie** and **Ivana Vasiljevic** of Long Island were also selected to the squad.

The Great Danes hit the road again next weekend to play in the Sheraton Invitational in Philadelphia, Pa. Their first match is on Friday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m. against St. John's. -agate-

Albany Challenge – Day Two

Cornell (6-1) defeated Long Island (8-4), 30-25, 27-30, 30-27, 21-30, 15-7

Albany (9-3) defeated Fairfield (2-11), 30-27, 30-26, 30-23, 30-21

Team Standings: 1. Cornell (3-0), 2. Albany (2-1), 3. Long Island (1-2), 4. Fairfield (0-3)

All-tournament Team

Elizabeth Bishop, Cornell – MVP

Whitney Fair, Cornell

Ashely Stover, Cornell

Ashlee Reed, Albany

Eileen Nicole Rodriguez, Albany

Cristina Pintilie, Long Island

Ivana Vasiljevic, Long Island

Kristin Anderson, Fairfield

REEBA MILLER HIGHLIGHTS WOMEN'S TENNIS AT ALBANY INVITATIONAL

Albany, N.Y. – Junior **Reeba Miller** dropped a straight-set decision New Hampshire's **Jess Pasay** in the Albany Invitational's Flight C single semifinals on Saturday at

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University Courts. Miller will play Manhattan's **Aleksandra Tomaszewska** for third place in the bracket tomorrow.

Miller defeated Vermont's **Ali Pelkey** (6-4, 6-2) in the opening round, before losing to Patay, 6-4, 6-0.

Junior **Krista Babiarz** and sophomore **Kyle Stellar** will both compete for fifth place in Flight B and Flight D singles, respectively. Babiarz defeated **Danielle Fleury** of Vermont (6-2, 6-2), while Stellar topped Manhattan's **Jessica Kulack** (6-1, 6-0).

The Albany Invitational will conclude Sunday, Sept. 21, with the first matches beginning at 8 a.m.

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Albany Invitational - University Courts (Albany, N.Y.)

Singles

Meghan Breen (New Hampshire) def. Krista Babiarz (Albany), 6-0, 6-1

Krista Babiarz (Albany) def. Danielle Fleury (Vermont), 6-2, 6-2

Aleksandra Tomaszewska (Manhattan) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 3-6, 6-2, 6-1

Alexis Accomando (Vermont) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-4, 6-4

Reeba Miller (Albany) def. Ali Pelkey (Vermont), 6-4, 6-2

Jess Pasay (New Hampshire) def. Reeba Miller (Albany), 6-4, 6-0

Franchesca DiBona (New Hampshire) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-1, 6-0

Meghan Smith (Manhattan) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-3, 6-4

Karine Touzin (Montreal) def. Kyle Stellar (Albany), 6-2, 6-0

Kyle Stellar (Albany) def. Jessica Kulack (Manhattan), 6-1, 6-0

Tiffany Heineman (New Hampshire) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-0, ret.

Zara Villani (Montreal) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), ret.

Doubles

Shaleen Dastur/Aleksandra Tomaszewska (Manhattan) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany), 8-3

Karine Mercier/Catherine Ouimet (Montreal) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany), 8-6

Meg Helstowski/Alexis Accomando (Vermont) def. Lisa Fund/Kyle Stellar (Albany), 8-4

Lensey Dixon/Tiffany Heineman (New Hampshire) def. Lisa Fund/Kyle Stellar (Albany), 8-2.

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Miller defeated Vermont's **Ali Pelkey** (6-4, 6-2) in the opening round, before losing to Patay, 6-4, 6-0.

Junior **Krista Babiarz** and sophomore **Kyle Stellar** will both compete for fifth place in Flight B and Flight D singles, respectively. Babiarz defeated **Danielle Fleury** of Vermont (6-2, 6-2), while Stellar topped Manhattan's **Jessica Kulack** (6-1, 6-0).

The Albany Invitational will conclude Sunday, Sept. 21, with the first matches beginning at 8 a.m.

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Albany Invitational - University Courts (Albany, N.Y.)

Singles

Meghan Breen (New Hampshire) def. Krista Babiarz (Albany), 6-0, 6-1

Krista Babiarz (Albany) def. Danielle Fleury (Vermont), 6-2, 6-2

Aleksandra Tomaszewska (Manhattan) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 3-6, 6-2, 6-1

Alexis Accomando (Vermont) def. Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-4, 6-4

Reeba Miller (Albany) def. Ali Pelkey (Vermont), 6-4, 6-2

Jess Pasay (New Hampshire) def. Reeba Miller (Albany), 6-4, 6-0

Franchesca DiBona (New Hampshire) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-1, 6-0

Meghan Smith (Manhattan) def. Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-3, 6-4

Karine Touzin (Montreal) def. Kyle Stellar (Albany), 6-2, 6-0

Kyle Stellar (Albany) def. Jessica Kulack (Manhattan), 6-1, 6-0

Tiffany Heineman (New Hampshire) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-0, ret.

Zara Villani (Montreal) def. Kerry Levis (Albany), ret.

Doubles

Shaleen Dastur/Aleksandra Tomaszewska (Manhattan) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany), 8-3

Karine Mercier/Catherine Ouimet (Montreal) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany), 8-6

Meg Helstowski/Alexis Accomando (Vermont) def. Lisa Fund/Kyle Stellar (Albany), 8-4

Lensey Dixon/Tiffany Heineman (New Hampshire) def. Lisa Fund/Kyle Stellar (Albany), 8-2.

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Brown 21, Albany 3

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore running back Nick Hartigan rushed for 126 yards and one touchdown in leading Brown to a 21-3 non-conference victory over Albany in the Great Danes' home opener on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

The Bears, who won a season-opening game for the first time since 2000, scored on their first offensive possession following a turnover. Albany quarterback Anthony Sciarra fumbled in an attempted pitch to punter Stan Zylinski on a fourth-down quick kick, and linebacker Dan Doublin fell the botched center exchange. Hartigan then ran for 14 yards to start the drive, before quarterback Kyle Slager threw a 13-yard completion. Sophomore Tristan Murray ran through the middle for a 3-yard touchdown for a 7-0 lead.

Albany (1-2) came back with a seven-play, 72-yard march that ended in Zylinski's 25-yard field goal. Senior tailback Gary Jones, who carried 13 times for a team-high 78 yards, keyed the scoring sequence with a 32-yard dash into Brown territory.

In the second quarter, the Bears upped their advantage to 14-3 with a 13-play drive that lasted more than six minutes. A third-down pass interference penalty near midfield kept the possession alive. Hartigan bulled over the left side from three yards out for the score on a fourth-and-one play.

The Great Danes, who were playing their first-ever Ivy League opponent, looked out of sync on offense throughout the game. Sciarra, who completed 15 of 27 passes for 102 yards, was sacked four times, including one that ended a possession near the Brown 30. In the fourth quarter, Sciarra's second-and-seven pass was picked off by outside linebacker Anjel Gutierrez on the left sideline and returned 20 yards to the end zone for a 21-3 lead with 6:22 remaining.

"We didn't play as well as we needed in order to beat a team of that caliber," Albany coach Bob Ford said. "Our defense played a pretty good game, but they were on the field an awful lot. We had too many foolish penalties on offense, and then there were the turnovers and other mistakes."

Slager, the nation's fifth-leading passer in Division I-AA last season, connected on 16 of 23 attempts for 188 yards, while split end Jarrett Schreck had six receptions. Meanwhile, the Bears defense held Albany to 268 yards, including 169 on the ground, and forced four turnovers. The Great Danes failed to score a touchdown on their home field for the first time since Oct. 8, 1994.

"It is always bad to lose on your home field, but especially in the first game at home," Jones commented. "We didn't play well offensively and it leaves a bad taste in your mouth. Brown played a heckuva game, but we did not play to our capabilities."

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SPLITS ON DAY ONE OF ALBANY CHALLENGE

Albany, N.Y. – **Jill Dombrowski** and **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** each served four of Albany's 15 points in the final game, as the Great Danes defeated Long Island, 3-2, on Friday evening at University Gymnasium in the final match on day one of the Albany Challenge. Earlier, Cornell won both its matches, defeating Albany, 3-1, and Fairfield, 3-0, while Long Island beat Fairfield, 3-0.

Albany (8-3) won two of the first three sets, but the Blackbirds forced the pivotal game five, winning the fourth game, 30-24. With the score tied at two, Rodriguez, the 2002 NCAA service aces leader, recorded aces on three of her next four serves to stake the Great Danes to a 6-2 lead.

Long Island (8-3) battled back to take an 8-7 lead, before **Kristen Norton** recorded a kill to retie the game. Dombrowski, who had a double-double with 27 assists and 10 digs, served back-to-back aces to give the Great Danes a 10-8 advantage. The junior setter from Bloomfield, Mich., who had a career-high eight aces, pushed the score to 12-8 on her next two serves, as Albany captured eight of the final nine points for a 15-9 win.

Freshman outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** notched a career-high 19 kills to go along with 19 digs for her seventh double-double. Sophomore **Ashley Green** chipped in with a season-high 17 kills.

Cristina Pintilie had a game-high 25 kills for Long Island, while **Ivana Vasiljevic** recorded 44 assists and 20 digs.

Against Cornell, **Rachel Adomat** had 14 kills, as the Big Red defeated the Great Danes in four games. Albany sophomore **Ashlee Reed** had a team-high 17 kills and added 11 digs to notch her third double-double of the season. **Elizabeth Bishop** and **Ashely Stover** contributed 13 and 11 kills, respectively, for Cornell, which has won four in-a-row.

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Albany Challenge – Day One

Long Island (8-3) defeated Fairfield (2-10), 30-23, 30-28, 30-21

Cornell (5-1) defeated Albany (8-3), 23-30, 30-24, 30-25, 31-29

Cornell defeated Fairfield, 30-20, 30-18, 34-32

Albany defeated Long Island, 21-30, 30-18, 30-26, 24-30, 15-9

Saturday's Schedule (Challenge Record in parenthesis)

Long Island (1-1) vs. Cornell (2-0), 9:00 a.m.

Albany (1-1) vs. Fairfield (0-2), 4:30 p.m.

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GOVERNOR'S CUP RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Albany, N.Y.— The fourth annual Governor's Cup, hosted by the University at Albany, has been rescheduled for Sat., Sept. 20 and Sun., Sept. 21. Friday's originally scheduled first-round action has been moved to Saturday due to predicted heavy rains.

The UAlbany women's soccer team will now be hosting the tournament this Saturday and Sunday at Varsity Field. Joining the host school will be Rider University, Sacred Heart University and Siena College.

Sacred Heart will take on Siena in the first match on Saturday at 2:00 p.m., while Albany will face Rider in game two at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, Rider will take on Sacred Heart at 1:00 p.m. followed by Albany and Siena at 3:00 p.m.

GOVERNOR'S CUP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 20

Sacred Heart vs. Siena	2:00 p.m.
Albany vs. Rider	4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21

Rider vs. Sacred Heart	1:00 p.m.
Albany vs. Siena	3:00 p.m.

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ALBANY DEFEATS LAFAYETTE, 1-0, IN MEN'S SOCCER ACTION

Colonie, N.Y. – **Yan Gbolo** scored the game-winner in the 15th minute to lead Albany to a 1-0 victory over Lafayette at Colonie Central High Field on Wednesday night.

Gbolo, a freshman forward, took a **Peter Squeglia** (Mohonasen) pass, sent it off of the crossbar and down into the net for his second goal of the season. UAlbany's **Bouna Coundoul**, who had 13 saves, survived a rapid three-shot sequence from the Leopards with 20 seconds remaining to earn his second consecutive shutout. Lafayette (4-2-1) goalkeeper **Jay Freedman**, who suffered his first loss of the season, turned aside two shots.

Albany (3-2-1) returns to action on Fri., Sept. 26 when they travel to San Diego to take on the Toreros. Game time is set for 10:00 p.m.

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Lafayette--	0	0	-	0
Albany--	1	0	-	1

Lafayette- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Jay Freedman (90:00, 2 saves, 1 GA)

Albany- Yan Gbolo 1-0, Peter Squeglia 0-1; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 13 saves, 0 GA)

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KRISTINA MAZE & ALEXIS JOHNSON SCORE TWICE IN, 7-1, WIN OVER SIENA
Loudonville, N.Y. – Freshman **Kristina Maze** (Glens Falls) and junior **Alexis Johnson** each scored twice to lead Albany over Siena, 7-1, on Wednesday in a non-conference game at Siena Field.

The Great Danes snapped a four-game losing skid with the victory to go to 2-4 overall on the season, while the Saints remain winless at 0-7.

Siena struck first when senior forward **Amanda Fronhofer** scored her first goal off a pass from **Lacee Iselo** to take an early 1-0 lead.

Albany responded with seven straight goals. Johnson scored her first goal of the contest on a breakaway pass from Maze with 12:49 remaining before intermission. Maze, who was playing in her first game as a collegian, then scored her first career goal off a rebound to give Albany the lead for good, at 2-1, 4:53 into the second half.

Junior midfielder **Amber Greiner** scored a goal and assisted on sophomore forward **Tina Bryson's** fourth goal of the season. Junior forward **Amber Morris** tallied her third goal of the year as her shot deflected off a Siena defender with 13:42 left in the contest. Both Johnson and Maze tallied again in the second half.

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls), the twin sister of Kristina, made nine saves 58 minutes of action, before being replaced by fellow rookie **Barbara Czaplinski**. Junior goalie **Kristen Heyde** recorded six saves for Siena.

The Great Danes entertain Providence on Sunday, Sept. 21 at Harkness Field in Troy, N.Y. Game time is slated at 4:30 p.m.

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Siena Field (Loudonville, N.Y.)

Albany (2-4)	2	5	-	7
Siena (0-7)	1	0	-	1

Albany – Scoring: Kristina Maze 2-1, Alexis Johnson 2-0, Amber Greiner 1-1, Amber Morris 1-0, Tina Bryson 1-0; Goalkeepers: Marisa Maze (58:22, 9 saves, 1 GA), Barbara Czaplinski (11:38, 1 save, 0 GA).

Siena – Scoring: Amanda Fronhofer 1-0, Lacee Iselo 0-1; Goalkeeper: Kristen Heyde (70:00, 6 saves, 7 GA).

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ALBANY TO HOST GOVERNOR'S CUP, SEPT. 19TH AND 21ST

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany women's soccer team will be hosting the fourth annual Governor's Cup this Friday, Sept. 19th and Sunday Sept. 21st at Varsity Field. Joining the host school will be Rider University, Sacred Heart University and Siena College.

Sacred Heart will take on Siena in game one on Friday at 2:00 p.m., while Albany will face Rider in game two at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, Albany will play crosstown-rival Siena at 3:00 p.m. That game will be preceded by Rider taking on Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart will be making their third Cup appearance, having played in both 2000 and 2002. Siena went captured the 2000 title, while Rider is making the program's first appearance in the Governor's Cup.

ALBANY VOLLEYBALL TO HOST ALBANY CHALLENGE THIS WEEKEND

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany women's volleyball team will play host to the Albany Challenge this Friday, Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 20. Cornell, Fairfield and Long Island will participate in this two-day event.

The tournament gets underway on Friday at 11:00 a.m. in University Gymnasium, as Fairfield and Long Island are scheduled to play, followed by the home debut of the 2003 Albany volleyball team, against Cornell. The Big Red will play back-to-back matches facing Fairfield at 4:30 p.m. The Great Danes and LIU wrap up the first day of competition at 7:00 p.m.

Day two begins at 9:00 a.m. with Long Island playing Cornell. After the UAlbany football home opener, the Great Danes and the Stags will play the final match of the event at 4:30 p.m. An all-tournament team will be selected following the last match.

Albany is currently riding a six-match winning streak, its best run since 1997, and is 7-2 on the season. Long Island enters the event with a 6-2 record, while Cornell and Fairfield are 3-1 and 2-8, respectively.

VOLLEYBALL'S ASHLEY DENEAL NAMED AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Ashley DeNeal**, a freshman volleyball player, has been named the America East Conference Rookie of the Week for the second consecutive time, as announced today by the conference office.

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DeNeal, a 5-foot-6 outside hitter from Muncie, Ind., has recorded five double-doubles in her last six matches and has six overall. Against Virginia Commonwealth on Sept. 12 she recorded a career-high 26 digs and versus UNC Asheville had a career-best 18 kills. DeNeal currently leads the team with 103 kills and 128 digs, and is second on the team with 17 service aces.

UALBANY RANKED IN BOTH MID-MAJOR DIVISION I-AA FOOTBALL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. -- Following last Saturday's 28-10 victory over Central Connecticut State, the University at Albany remains ranked in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. UAlbany is fourth in the Football Gazette poll, and is ranked sixth by The Sports Network.

The Great Danes, who won their Northeast Conference opener for the fourth time in the last five years, used strong defensive play to defeat Central Connecticut State. Albany's defense established the program's Division I-AA standards by allowing 74 total yards, including one net rushing yard, and six first downs. Fullback **Jon George** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) rushed for a career-high 113 yards, while tailback **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) added 112 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

Albany meets an Ivy League opponent for the first time in football, when Brown comes to University Field for the home opener on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 1:00 p.m. The first 500 fans receive a commemorative football championship t-shirt, courtesy of UAlbany's Student Association.

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FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Dayton, 2. Duquesne, 3. Stony Brook, 4. **Albany**, 5. Morehead State, 6. Sacred Heart, 7. San Diego, 8. Wagner, 9. Monmouth, 10. Drake.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER LOSES TO LAFAYETTE AT ARMY'S GILLETTE CLASSIC

West Point, N.Y. – Freshman midfielder **Kelli McMahon** scored two goals in leading Lafayette to a 5-0 victory over Albany in the second round of the Gillette Army Classic at Clinton Field.

Lafayette (1-4-2) got on the board with McMahon's first goal at the 34:47 mark off a pass from **Meghan Ramsey**, who had two assists on the day. Her second goal was unassisted in the 70th minute putting the Leopards up by four scores. **Ellie Burke** took a **Kati Kochersperger** pass and put it in goal at the 71:06 mark to finish off the scoring.

Marissa Mullins earned the shutout for Lafayette, while Albany's **Beth Spinelli** turned aside 11 shots before being replaced by **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) who had four saves.

Albany (0-4-1) returns to action this Friday, Sept. 19 when they take on Rider in the first round of the Governor's Cup at Varsity Field. Match time is set for 4:00 p.m. --agate--

Albany (0-4-1)	0	0	-	0
Lafayette (1-4-2)	1	4	-	5

Albany—No Scoring; Goalkeepers: Beth Spinelli (74:41, 11 saves, 5 GA), Erika Van Zandt (15:19, 4 saves, 0 GA)

Lafayette—Kelli McMahon 2-0, Meghan Sweeney 1-0, Kristen Quigley 1-0, Ellie Burke 1-0, Meghan Ramsey 0-2, Carolyn Fisher 0-1, Kati Kochersperger 0-1; Goalkeeper: Marissa Mullins (90:00, 0 GA)

PRINCETON WINS DARTMOUTH INVITATIONAL, UALBANY FINISHES 13TH

Hanover, N.H.- Princeton's **Avery Kiser** shot a one-under 71 in the final round to win the Dartmouth Invitational championship on Sunday afternoon at Hanover Country Club. Kiser won medalist honors with a two-round score of even-par 144. Her teammate **Sharla Cloutier** finished three shots behind in second place. Both were members of a Princeton squad that won the team title.

Jill Friedman led UAlbany with a 36-hole score of 169 with rounds of 84 and 85 in the two-day event. **Diane Onofry** was one shot behind at 170 (83-87). **Anne Lyons** fired a 180 and **Diane Wasileski** shot a 181 for the Great Danes, who finished 13th among 18 teams.

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Individual Results: 1. Avery Kiser, Princeton, 73-71--144; 2. Sharla Cloutier, Princeton, 74-73--147; 3. Jaclyn Sanders, St. John's, 73-75--148; 4. Meg Nakamura, Princeton, 76-75--151; 5t. Alison Walshe, Boston College, 80-73--153; Mary Stewart, Rutgers, 72-81--153

Team Results: 1. Princeton 599, 2. Boston College 626, 3. St. John's 641, 4. Dartmouth 642, 5. Brown 643, 6. Harvard 644, 7. Rutgers 648, 8. Fairfield 669, 9. Amherst 676, 10. Boston U. 681, 11. Long Island 688, 12. Central Connecticut State 696, 13. Albany 700, 14. Mount Holyoke 722, 15. St. Lawrence 734, 16. Bryant 752, 17. Hartford 758, 18. Sacred Heart 856.

Albany Scores: Jill Friedman 84-85--169, Diane Onofry 83-87--170, Anne Lyons 94-86--180, Diane Wasileski 94-87--181, Lauren Bruce 104-100—204.

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Albany 28 Central Connecticut State 10

New Britain, Conn. – **Jon George** and **Gary Jones** each rushed for more than 100 yards, and the Albany defense held Central Connecticut State in check in leading the Great Danes to a 28-10 victory in the Northeast Conference opener for both teams on Saturday evening at Arute Field.

Albany (1-1, NEC 1-0) survived four first-half turnovers and a missed field goal to take a 7-0 halftime lead. Central Connecticut State (0-3, NEC 0-1) was stuffed on a fourth-and-five play near midfield, when **David Parks** and **Jermaine Lee** sacked quarterback **Scott Dolch**.

The Great Danes, who have won four of five conference openers, then went on a seven-play, 50-yard scoring drive. Quarterback **Anthony Sciarra** hit flanker **Matt Crudo** with a key 19-yard, third-down pass on the right sideline. Sciarra faked into the line on the next play, rolled right, and found tight end **John Hillman** wide open with a 4-yard TD pass.

Albany took a 14-0 lead early in the third quarter. CCSU's **Cory Harge** fumbled the opening kickoff, when **Jon Carvin** stripped the ball and **Pat Shairs** made the recovery at the Blue Devils' 17. Jones, who rushed for 112 yards on 20 carries, later scored on a 4-yard run over left guard.

The Blue Devils got back into the contest midway through the period, when **Ryan Nichols** returned a fumble 35 yards to paydirt. However, Albany regained control, when **Rohann Vidal** partially blocked a punt. The Great Danes marched 41 yards to the endzone in six plays, all on the ground, for a 21-7 lead. Vidal, a junior tailback, blasted over the left side on a 4-yard touchdown run.

The Great Danes, who rolled up 302 net rushing yards, put the game away on a nine-play drive. George ran for 24 of his career-high 113 during the march, before Jones tallied his second touchdown on a 5-yard plunge.

"The defense played out of its mind and special teams did some good things too," said Albany coach Bob Ford, whose team limited Central Connecticut State to 74 total yards. "It got frustrating because we were moving the ball. We would have a gain and then make a mistake."

Parks, a senior defensive tackle, led his team's defensive effort with a pair of sacks and a fumble recovery to set up Albany's final touchdown. His unit held CCSU to the lowest total yards by a conference opponent and forced seven three-and-out possessions.

"We had a terrible week of practice prior to the Northeastern game," Parks offered. "This week we practiced better and tonight we seemed to have more energy. There's going to be nights when the offense struggles and we've got to get it done if we want to defend last year's title."

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VOLLEYBALL CAPTURES VCU VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL TITLE

Richmond, Va. – Sophomore outside hitter **Ashley Green** had 15 and 12 kills, respectively, as Albany defeated both Loyola (Md.), 3-0, and UNC-Asheville, 3-2, to capture the title at the Virginia Commonwealth University Volleyball Invitational on Saturday afternoon. The Great Danes won in four games over VCU on Friday night.

Albany (7-2), which has won six straight and its second consecutive tournament, trailed UNC Asheville two sets to one, before winning the fourth game 30-21 and the decisive game, 15-7. Freshman **Ashley DeNeal** led the Great Danes with 18 kills and 12 digs for her fifth double-double in six matches. Sophomore **Kristin Norton** and Green, who was named MVP of the tournament, each added 12 kills, while junior setter **Jill Dombrowski**, who along with sophomore **Ashlee Reed** was named to the all-tournament team, dished out 37 assists.

UNC Asheville (4-2) was led by **Kelly Budnik** and **Frida Sigurdardottir**, who each contributed double-doubles.

Earlier in the day, Green had 15 kills and Reed added 10 digs as Albany beat Loyola (Md.) in straight sets, 30-8, 30-28 and 30-19. The Greyhounds, which fell to 0-9, were led by **Susan Leffers'** 11 kills.

The Great Danes will host the Albany Challenge beginning next Friday at Albany Gymnasium. The first match is scheduled for 1:30 with Albany playing Cornell.

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VCU Volleyball Invitational

Albany (7-2) defeated UNC Asheville (4-2) 30-17, 26-30, 27-30, 30-21, 15-7

Albany defeated Loyola (Md.) (0-9) 30-8, 30-28, 30-19

UALBANY IN 13TH PLACE AFTER DAY ONE OF DARTMOUTH INVITATIONAL

Hanover, N.H. – Rutgers' **Mary Stewart** fired a one-under 72 to take the lead during day one of the Dartmouth Women's Invitational at the Hanover Country Club. Princeton has the overall team lead with a score of 299 followed by Boston College at 309.

Diane Onofry, who is tied for 33rd, is the leader for UAlbany after shooting an 83, while teammate **Jill Friedman** is one back at 84. Albany's **Anne Lyons** and **Diane Wasileski** both shot 94 putting them in 73rd place. **Lauren Bruce** finished with a 104 to complete the day for the Great Danes, who are in 13th place overall.

Tomorrow is the final day of the Invitational with the competition beginning at 12 noon.

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Individual Leaders: 1. Mary Stewart, Rutgers, 72; 2t. Avery Kiser, Princeton, 73; Jeen-Joo Kang, Harvard, 73; Jaclyn Sanders, St. John's, 73; 5t. Elizabeth Friel, Boston College, 74; Sharla Cloutier, Princeton 74; 7t. Lauren Braswell, Rutgers, 76; Shannon Rogers, Dartmouth, 76; Meg Nakamura, Princeton, 76; Esty Dwek, Princeton, 76

Team Leaders: 1. Princeton 299, 2. Boston College 309, 3t. Harvard 317, Dartmouth 317, 5. Rutgers 318, 6. St. John's 321, 7. Brown 328, 8. Amherst 337, 9. Boston U. 338, 10. Central Connecticut State 339, **13. Albany 355**

UAlbany scores: 33t. Diane Onofry 83, 44t. Jill Friedman 84, 73t. Anne Lyons 94, 73t. Diane Wasileski 94, 87t. Lauren Bruce 104

ALBANY BEATS SIENA, 2-0

Loudonville, N.Y.— **Yan Gbolo's** goal in the 11th minute off a **Lucas Machado** pass proved to be the game winner as Albany defeated Siena 2-0 at Siena Field on Saturday afternoon. Machado now has a team-high five points for the season.

Albany (2-2-1) sealed the win when junior midfielder **Ousmane Toure** scored on a penalty kick at the 73:08 mark. Siena (0-3-0) was forced to play with nine players for the final 3:25 after receiving two red cards.

Albany goalkeeper **Bouna Coundoul** collected three saves on the day to earn his first shutout of the year, while **Patrick Henry** stopped seven shots for the Saints.

The Great Danes return to action this Wed., Sept. 17 when they take on Lafayette at Colonie Central High School. Game time is set for 7:00 p.m.

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Albany--	1	1	-	2
Siena--	0	0	-	0

Albany—Yan Gbolo 1-0, Ousmane Toure 1-0, Lucas Machado 0-1; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 3 saves, 0 GA)

Siena—No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Patrick Henry (90:00, 7 saves, 2 GA)

RHODE ISLAND DEFEATS ALBANY IN DOUBLE OVERTIME, 4-3

Kingston, R.I. – Senior forward **Kylie LaChapelle** scored a hat trick including the game winning goal with 12:38 remaining in double overtime to lead Rhode Island to a 4-3 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at the Rhode Island Field Hockey Complex.

Rhode Island (1-3) jumped out to an early 2-0 in the first half by goals from LaChapelle and junior forward **Kelly Johnson** at the 27:00 and 24:50 mark, respectively.

Albany (1-4) responded with junior forward **Cheryl Varga** scoring her first goal of the season off an **Alexis Johnson** pass with 6:50 remaining. Senior forward **Lisa Burline** tied the game at two on an assist by **Danielle Costello** with 1:02 remaining before intermission.

After LaChapelle put the Rams back ahead with her second goal, junior forward **Amber Morris** garnered her second goal of the season with 5:30 remaining to send the game into overtime.

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) recorded 18 saves for Albany, while senior goalie **Jennifer Perry** made 10 saves for Rhode Island.

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The Great Danes return to action on Wednesday, Sept. 17 against crosstown-rival Siena. Game time is 4 p.m.

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Rhode Island Field Hockey Complex (Kingston, R.I.)

Albany (1-4)	2	1	0	0	-	3
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Rhode Island (1-3)	2	1	0	1	-	4
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Albany – Scoring: Lisa Burline 1-1, Cheryl Varga 1-0, Amber Morris 1-0, Alexis Johnson 0-1, Danielle Costello 0-1; Goalkeeper: Marisa Maze (97:83, 18 saves, 4 GA).

Rhode Island – Scoring: Kylie LaChapelle 3-0, Kelly Johnson 1-0, Heather Scherick 0-1; Goalkeeper: Jennifer Perry (97:83, 10 saves, 3 GA).

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VOLLEYBALL WINS FOURTH IN-A-ROW WITH FOUR-GAME WIN OVER VCU

Richmond, Va. – Freshman outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** recorded her fourth consecutive double-double and sixth overall with 14 kills and 26 digs, as Albany defeated Virginia Commonwealth, 3-1, on day one of the VCU Volleyball Invitational at the Siegel Center on Friday evening.

Albany's fourth straight win moves the Great Danes to 5-2 overall and off to their best start since 1997 when they won six of seven to begin the season.

After dropping the first set, 30-28, UAlbany answered by winning the next three by scores of 31-29, 30-23, and 31-29. Sophomore **Ashlee Reed** also contributed a double-double with 15 kills and 17 digs. Sophomore **Ashley Green** set a career-high with 17 kills, while **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** had a career-high 26 digs. Junior setter **Jill Dombrowski** added 37 assists to pace the Albany attack.

VCU (3-7) was led by **Meghan Boyle** and **Jessica Bartlet**, who had 12 and 10 kills, respectively. **Lindi Sheppard** contributed 34 assists and 15 digs.

Albany wraps up the tournament tomorrow with a 10:00 a.m. match against Loyola (Md.) and a 2:00 p.m. start versus UNC-Asheville.
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Virginia Commonwealth University Volleyball Invitational

Albany (5-2) defeated VCU (3-7) 28-30, 31-29, 30-23, 31-29.

ALBANY CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS FINISH SIXTH AT BC SELECT MEET

Boston, Mass. – Providence runners **Pat Moulton** and **Mary Cullen** each finished first in their respective races, as the Friars captured the men's and women's titles at the Boston College Select Meet on Friday afternoon at Franklin Park. Albany finished sixth in both events.

Moulton traversed the 8,000-meter course in 24:19, one second ahead of teammate **Dylan Wyckes**. Junior **Joe Pienta** (Ichabod Crane) was Albany's top finisher placing 13th in a time of 25:11. Senior **Andy Allstadt** was five seconds behind Pienta and captured 20th place. **Robbie Freeman**, **Rob Caracciolo** and **Chris Pierson** rounded out the scoring for the Great Danes by finishing 32nd, 37th and 51st, respectively.

On the women's side, Cullen finished the 5K course in 17:01, as Providence runners captured four of the top six spots. Senior **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central), who finished in 19:07, led a group of Albany harriers that finished within 16 seconds of each

other. Susser was 26th, while **Meghan Howell** and **Trista Neinast** were 31st and 32nd, respectively. Freshman **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) clocked in at 19:21 to place 36th, while **Theresa Juva** was right behind her in 37th.

The cross country teams are back in action on Sat., Sept. 27 at the George Washington Invitational in Centreville, Va.

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BOSTON COLLEGE SELECT MEET (Boston, Mass.)

Men's Team Results: 1. Providence 29, 2. Brown 74, 3. Boston College 106, 4. New Hampshire 122, 5. Iona 123, **6. Albany 153**, 6. Harvard 153, 8. Bentley 179, 9. Central Connecticut State 238.

Men's Individual Champion: Pat Moulton, Providence, 24:19; **UAlbany's Top Finishers:** 13. Joe Pienta 25:11, 20. Andy Allstadt 25:16, 32. Robbie Freeman 25:38, 37. Rob Caracciolo 25:48, 51. Chris Pierson 26:35.

Women's Team Results: 1. Providence 31, 2. Boston College 63, 3. Brown 71, Connecticut 77, 5. Harvard 116, **6. Albany 162**, 7. New Hampshire 203, 8. Iona 226, 9. Central Connecticut State 272, 10. Bentley 287.

Women's Individual Champion: Mary Cullen, Providence 17:01. **UAlbany's Top Finishers:** 26. Nicole Susser 19:07, 31. Meghan Howell 19:12, 32. Trista Neinast 19:13, 36. Alyssa Lotmore 19:21, 37. Theresa Juva 19:23.

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UALBANY TO PLAY LAFAYETTE AT COLONIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Albany, N.Y. – The UAlbany men's soccer team will take on Lafayette College at Colonie Central High School on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. The non-conference matchup is part of an effort to bring collegiate soccer to the Capital Region community.

Former area standouts competing in the game are UAlbany's **Peter Squeglia** (Mohonasen) and **Ryan Bombard** (Schalmont) along with Lafayette's **Matt Battiste** (Niskayuna) and **Tom Wajda** (Columbia).

Albany returns 12 letterwinners from last year's team including America East Conference Goalkeeper of the year **Bouna Coundoul** and defender **Rodrigo Marion**, a second team all-league selection. Junior forward **Lucas Machado** is leading the team with four points. The team was picked to finish seventh in the America East Conference preseason men's soccer poll. The Great Danes currently have a 1-2-1 record, while the Leopards are 3-0-1.

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SYRACUSE OFFENSE POWERS PAST ALBANY, 8-1

Syracuse, N.Y. – Junior forward **Meredith Gettel** scored to lead Syracuse to a 8-1 victory over Albany, on Wednesday evening at J.S. Coyne Field in Syracuse. The Orangewomen pick up their first win of the season, improving to 1-3, while the Great Danes drop their third straight game to fall to 1-3.

Syracuse held a 2-0 advantage going into halftime with goals by senior midfielder **Jackie Sheaffer** and junior midfielder **Brittany Carriero**. The Orangewomen opened the second period with four unanswered goals to extend the lead to 6-0.

Junior forward **Alexis Johnson** scored the Great Danes lone goal off a feed from junior **Amber Morris** for her third goal of the season at the 17:17 mark to make it 6-1.

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) collected 14 saves for Albany before being replaced by **Barbara Czaplinski**, who made six stops. Syracuse's **Betsy Wagner** made three saves, as the Orangewomen outshot the Great Danes, 31-7.

Albany faces Rhode Island on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 12 p.m.

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Albany (1-3)	0	1	-	1
Syracuse (1-3)	2	6	-	8

Albany – Scoring: Alexis Johnson 1-0, Amber Morris 0-1; Goalkeepers: Marisa Maze (46:84, 14 saves, 5 GA); Barbara Czaplinski (23:16, 6 saves, 3 GA).

Syracuse - Scoring: Meredith Gettel 2-0, Jackie Sheaffer 1-0, Brittany Carriero 1-0, Lindsay Peirson 1-0, Megan Stuart 1-0, Meg Ricker 1-0, Paige Sullivan 0-1, Ashley Fry 1-0; Goalkeeper: Betsy Wagner (70:00, 3 saves, 1 GA).

COLGATE DEFEATS UALBANY, 4-0, IN WOMEN'S SOCCER ACTION

Hamilton, New York – Sophomores **Kelly Kuss** and **Carolyn Warhaftig** scored two goals apiece for Colgate as they defeated UAlbany 4-0 Wednesday evening at Van Dorn Stadium.

Colgate (3-2-0) opened the scoring in the 11th minute, when Kuss scored off a **Jackie Burch** assist.

Warhaftig, a defender, netted the next two goals for the Raiders, one in the 16th minute and another at 51:?? on a pass from **Kate Barrett**. Kuss closed out the scoring in the 67th minute when she connected on a cross from **Tara Meyer**.

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Luisa Miller turned aside one shot to earn the shutout for Colgate, while **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) had six saves for the Great Danes.

Albany (0-2-1) returns to action this Friday, Sept. 12 when they travel to West Point, N.Y. to play in the Gillette Army Classic. Match time is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Albany	0	0	-	0
Colgate	2	2	-	4

Albany—No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 6 saves, 4 GA)

Colgate—Kelly Kuss 2-0, Carolyn Warhaftig 2-0, Jackie Burch 0-1, Kate Barrett 0-1, Tara Meyer 0-1; Goalkeeper: Luisa Miller (90:00, 1 save, 0 GA)



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UALBANY ANNOUNCES MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULES FOR 2003-04

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the school's men's and women's basketball schedules for the 2003-04 season. The Great Danes will compete in the America East Conference for the third straight year.

The America East schedule for the men begins on Jan. 2 against conference-newcomer UMBC at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The season concludes with the America East Conference Tournament on March 5, 6, 7 and 13. Boston University's Walter Brown Arena will host the first round, quarterfinals and semifinals.

The Great Danes' non-conference schedule is highlighted by a trip to Pittsburgh, last year's Big East Conference tournament champion, on Nov. 28. The Panthers, who feature Preseason Wooden All-America candidate Julius Page, finished 28-5 and reached the NCAA Midwest Regional Sweet Sixteen. UAlbany also faces Atlantic 10 Conference opponent Massachusetts on Dec. 28, and meets crosstown-rival Siena in the season opener on Nov. 21 at Pepsi Arena. Albany has a 13-game home schedule that includes a date with defending Northeast Conference champion Wagner on Dec. 30. In addition to the America East teams, Army and Lehigh, of the Patriot League, visit the RACC.

America East Conference Rookie of the Year **Jamar Wilson** and sophomore **Levi Levine** are among five letterwinners returning. Wilson, a second-team all-conference selection, finished second in the league in scoring at 18.9 points per game, plus set the school's freshman scoring record. Levine, a 6-foot-6 forward, was among the A-East leaders in scoring (13.2 ppg) and rebounding (6.0 pg). Head coach **Will Brown** is in his third season.

The Albany women's program opens its schedule on Nov. 21 against Siena at Pepsi Arena, and then begins America East play against New Hampshire on Jan. 7. The conference tournament is slated for March 10-13 at The Chase Family Arena in West Hartford, Conn.

The Great Danes are entered in Florida International's FIU Fun & Sun Classic on Dec. 28-29 in Miami, Fla. Albany takes on FIU, a 2003 WNIT participant, in the first round. Pepperdine, who advanced to the NCAAs with a 22-8 record last year, and Hofstra are also in the field. A 13-game home schedule at the RACC starts with Patriot League foe Navy on Nov. 23.

Head coach **Trina Patterson** welcomes back three starters, including All-America East center **Danielle Hutcheson**. The 6-foot-4 junior ranked seventh in scoring (13.9 ppg) and third in rebounding (9.4 pg) among the league leaders. Senior guard **Sarah Sweetland** (8.5 ppg) and junior forward **Maree Jones**, who averaged 5.6 points and 7.1 rebounds, also return.

Two doubleheaders are scheduled in February at home. New Hampshire visits the Capital Region for Big Purple Growl, the University's Winter Homecoming, on Feb. 7. America East-rival Hartford is the opponent for the men and women on Feb. 21.

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2003-04 University at Albany Men's Basketball Schedule**November**

21 (Fri.), at Siena (Pepsi Arena), 8:00; 28 (Fri.), at Pittsburgh, TBA.

December

2 (Tue.), at Colgate, 6:00; 5 (Fri.), **Army**, 7:00; 10 (Wed.), at Long Island, 7:00; 20 (Sat.), **Sacred Heart**, 2:00; 22 (Mon.), **Lehigh**, 7:00; 28 (Sun.), at Massachusetts, 2:00; 30 (Tue.), **Wagner**, 7:00.

January

2 (Fri.), **UMBC***, 7:00; 4 (Sun.), **Boston U.***, 1:00; 8 (Thu.), at New Hampshire*, 7:00; 11 (Sun.), at Northeastern*, 1:00; 14 (Wed.), **Binghamton***, 7:00; 18 (Sun.), at Maine*, 1:00; 21 (Wed.), at Stony Brook*, 7:00; 25 (Sun.), at Hartford, 2:00; 28 (Wed.), **Vermont***, 7:00; 31 (Sat.), at Boston U.*, 1:00.

February

4 (Wed.), at UMBC*, 7:30; 7 (Sat.), **New Hampshire***, 7:30+; 11 (Wed.), at Binghamton*, 7:00; 14 (Sat.), **Maine***, 1:00; 18 (Wed.), **Stony Brook***, 7:00; 21 (Sat.), **Hartford***, 7:30; 26 (Thu.), at Vermont*, 7:00; 29 (Sun.), **Northeastern***, 1:00.

March

5, 6 & 7, America East Conference Tournament (Walter Brown Arena, Boston, Mass.); 13 (Sat.), America East Conference Championship^, 11:30 a.m.

*America East Conference Opponent

+Big Purple Growl

^At Highest Remaining Seed's Home Arena

2003-04 University at Albany Women's Basketball Schedule**November**

21 (Fri.), at Siena (Pepsi Arena), 6:00; 23 (Sun.), **Navy**, 2:00; 30 (Sun.), **Fairleigh Dickinson**, 1:00.

December

3 (Wed.), at Army, 7:00; 6 (Sat.), **Colgate**, 1:00; 13 (Sat.), **Charleston Southern**, 1:00; 21 (Sun.), at Bucknell, 2:00; 28 (Sun.), at FIU Fun & Sun Classic (vs. Florida International), TBA; 29 (Mon.), at FIU Fun & Sun Classic (vs. Hofstra or Pepperdine), TBA.

January

7 (Wed.), at New Hampshire*, 7:00; 10 (Sat.), **Northeastern***, 1:00; 14 (Wed.), at Binghamton*, 7:00; 17 (Sat.), **Maine***, 1:00; 21 (Wed.), **Stony Brook***, 7:00; 24 (Sat.), at Hartford, 2:00; 28 (Wed.), at Vermont*, 7:00; 31 (Sat.), **Boston U.***, 1:00.

February

4 (Wed.), at UMBC*, 5:30; 7 (Sat.), **New Hampshire***, 5:00+; 11 (Wed.), **Binghamton***, 7:00; 14 (Sat.), at Maine*, 1:00; 18 (Wed.), at Stony Brook*, 7:00; 21 (Sat.), **Hartford***, 5:00; 25 (Wed.), **Vermont***, 7:00; 28 (Sat.), at Northeastern*, 1:00.

March

2 (Tue), at Boston U.*, 7:00; 6 (Sat.), **UMBC***, 1:00; 10, 11, 12 & 13, America East Conference Tournament (Chase Family Arena, West Hartford, Conn.).

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TWO UALBANY FALL ATHLETES EARN AMERICA EAST AWARDS

Boston, Mass. –University at Albany's **Ashley DeNeal**, a freshman volleyball player, and **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls), a freshman field hockey player, were each named today rookies of the week in their respective sports, as announced by the conference office.

DeNeal, a 5-foot-6 outside hitter from Muncie, Ind., leads the team with 65 kills and 79 digs, while ranking second with 11 service aces. She also has a team-high four double-doubles, including one in each of her last three matches. DeNeal set a career-high in kills with 17 against Hofstra on Sept. 5 and then recorded a career-best 22 digs against Manhattan the next day. The volleyball team, off to a 4-2 start, travels to Richmond, Va. this weekend to play in the VCU Invitational.

Maze, 5-foot-4 goalkeeper, was named the Great Danes' MVP of the UConn Classic. She recorded the second highest number of saves in a game by an Albany freshman with 24 against Lafayette and totaled 30 saves in the two-day event. The local product has a 2.67 goals against average with 38 saves in 210 minutes of action. The Great Danes, who are 1-2 overall, play Syracuse on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at J.S. Coyne Field. Game time is 7 p.m.

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LASALLE BEATS UALBANY 2-1

Olean, N.Y. – Sophomore midfielder **Dusan Vujovic** headed in the eventual game-winner off a cross from **Mike Topper** in the 69th minute giving LaSalle a 2-1 victory over Albany during day two of the St. Bonaventure University Adidas Classic on Sunday afternoon.

Tom Kenney got LaSalle (2-1-1) on the board first when he netted a goal off a **Marc Rostant** pass with less than three minutes remaining in the first half. Albany's **Lucas Machado**, a junior midfielder, cut the lead in half with his second goal of the season in the 78th minute on an assist from **Ryan Bombard**.

LaSalle goalkeeper **Stash Graham** stopped two shots while **Bouna Coundoul** made three saves for Albany (1-2-1).

The Great Danes return to action this Sat., Sept. 13 when they travel to Siena. Game time is set for 1:00 p.m.

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LaSalle 2, Albany 1

Albany—Lucas Machado 1-0, Ryan Bombard 0-1; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 3 saves, 2 GA)

LaSalle—Tom Kenney 1-0, Dusan Vujovic 1-0, Marc Rostant 0-1, Mike Topper 0-1; Goalkeeper: Stash Graham (90:00, 2 saves, 1 GA)

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Northeastern 51, Albany 0

Brookline, Mass. – Quarterback **Shawn Brady** passed for 246 yards, four touchdowns in leading Northeastern to a 51-0 non-conference victory over Albany in the Great Danes' season opener on Saturday afternoon at Parsons Field.

The Huskies, ranked sixth nationally in this week's ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA poll, converted three turnovers into 21 first-quarter points to take control.

Brady, who completed 10-of-14 attempts, directed his team on a 59-yard scoring march following a fumble by Albany quarterback **Uli Delgado**. Brady hit **Quintin Mitchell** with a five-yard pass in the left corner of the end zone to finish off the eight-play sequence.

Safety **Anthony Nolen** picked off a Delgado pass in the left flat on Albany's next possession and returned the errant throw to the 10-yard line. Brady then connected with **Cory Parks** on the very next play for a touchdown.

The Great Danes, who moved the ball well in the opening quarter, drove to the Northeastern 32, but on a third-and-two play backup quarterback **Anthony Sciarra** fumbled and linebacker **Robbiel Moore** recovered. The Huskies, who won last year's Atlantic 10 conference title, then went nine plays to paydirt, with running back **Tim Gale** scoring on a two-yard run for a 21-0 lead.

Northeastern (2-0) tacked on 13 points in the second quarter to build a 34-0 halftime cushion. Brady rolled to his right and fired a 69-yard strike to Parks for one score. Placekicker **Miro Kesic** added field goals 35 and 30 yards.

"The three turnovers really cost us," Albany coach **Bob Ford** said. "It took field position and momentum away from us, and gave them a short field to work with. They have a great defense; I swear they blitz 12 people every play. They took advantage of our two green quarterbacks."

Parks, a sophomore wide receiver, hauled in his third touchdown of the day in the third quarter, when Brady beat the blitz with a 62-yard scoring throw. Parks, who set the school's single game receiving yards record, caught seven passes for 246 yards.

"We had too many turnovers," said Albany captain **Jon George**, who rushed six times for a team-high 41 yards from his fullback spot. "We shut down mentally and physically in the second quarter and didn't give our defense a chance."

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Delgado connected on 3-of-12 passes for 30 yards, while Sciarra, who left the game with a hip contusion, hit on 3-of-7 for 41 yards. The Great Danes were shut out for the first time since Oct. 8, 1994, a streak of 90 straight games.

ALBANY WINS FIVE-SET THRILLER OVER MANHATTAN

Hempstead, N.Y. – Sophomore outside hitter **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** recorded the first triple-double in the school's Division I history with 11 kills, 10 aces and 12 digs as Albany defeated Manhattan, 3-2, on Saturday afternoon at the Volleyball Venue as part of the Hofstra/Asics New York Classic. Rodriguez was named most valuable player of the tournament for the Great Danes, who have won three in-a-row.

Albany (4-2) took an early two sets to none lead before Manhattan rallied to force the deciding game five, winning 15-13. Sophomore **Kristin Norton** led the Great Danes with 17 kills and freshman **Ashley DeNeal** added 13 kills and 22 digs for her third straight double-double. Norton and DeNeal joined Rodriguez on the all-tournament team. Sophomore **Ashlee Reed** and junior **Jill Dombrowski** also had double-doubles, as Reed recorded 10 kills and 13 digs, while Dombrowski had 13 assists and 14 digs.

Manhattan (0-4) was led by **Goedel Van Cauteren**, who posted a triple-double with 19 kills, 27 assists and 17 digs, and **Krista Thorsen**, who added 16 kills and 32 digs for the Jaspers.

Albany travels to Richmond on Friday, Sept. 12 to take on Virginia Commonwealth on the first day of their home tournament. Match time is set for 6:00 p.m.

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Albany (4-2) defeats Manhattan (0-4), 30-25, 32-30, 25-30, 24-30, 15-13

ALBANY CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS CAPTURE FIRST AT FORDHAM INVITE

Bronx, N.Y. – Junior **Andy Allstadt** and senior **Meghan Howell** each won their respective races to lead Albany's men's and women's cross country teams to first place in the Fordham Cross Country Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park on Saturday in the Bronx.

The men's team placed six runners in the top-10, capturing the four top spots, while the women grabbed seven spots in the top-10, including the top six.

Allstadt finished with a time of 26:06, just 35 seconds ahead of senior **Rob Carraciolo**. Senior **Joe Pienta** crossed the line at 26:42, while sophomore **Rob Freeman** rounded out the top-four in 26:52. Junior **Sam Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville) was seventh and sophomore **Sam Pecoraro** placed eighth, but did not factor into the team score.

Howell completed the course in 19:17, edging out junior **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) by 10 seconds. Senior **Trista Neinast**, freshman **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maggin), and junior **Theresa Juva** rounded out the top five to give the Great Danes the lowest possible score. Freshmen **Jessica Oehlke** and **Natasha Torres** placed sixth and tenth, respectively.

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FORDHAM CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL (Bronx, N.Y.)

Men's Team Results: 1. Albany 17, 2. Fordham 52, 3. USMMA 73, 4. Seton Hall 119, 5. St. Francis 126.

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Men's Individual Results: 1. Andy Alstadt, Albany, 26:06; 2. Rob Carraciola, Albany, 26:41; 3. Joe Pienta, Albany, 26:42; 4. Rob Freeman, Albany, 26:52; 5. Andrew Williams, USMMA, 27:13.

Other Albany Scorers: 7. Sam Gonzales, 27:37.

Women's Team Results: 1. Albany 15, 2. Fordham 47, 3. St. Thomas Aquinas 100, 4. Seton Hall 106, 5. St. Francis 116.

Women's Individual Results: 1. Meghan Howell, Albany, 19:17; 2. Nicole Susser, Albany, 19:27; 3. Trista Neinast, Albany, 19:34; 4. Alyssa Lotmore, Albany, 19:49; 5. Theresa Juva, Albany, 19:57.

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UALBANY DEFEATS ST. BONAVENTURE 2-1 IN MEN'S SOCCER

Olean, N.Y. -- Junior defender **Nicos Savva** scored the eventual game winner in the 68th minute as Albany defeated St. Bonaventure, 2-1, on Saturday afternoon.

Albany (1-1-1) got on the board early as **Peter Squeglia** (Mohonasen) scored off a pass from fellow freshman **Josh Lenoff** 42 seconds after the opening kick. Savva put the Great Danes up 2-0 when he deposited **Jonathan Stroud's** cross into the back of the net.

St. Bonaventure (0-2-0) cut the deficit in half with 11 minutes to go on a **Jahmal Cameron** goal off an assist by **Geron Duporte**.

Bouna Coundol collected six saves for the Great Danes, while his counterpart **Sean Eyde** turned aside one shot for the Bonnies.

Albany returns to action tomorrow afternoon as they take on LaSalle in day two of the St. Bonaventure University Adidas Classic. Game time is set for 12 noon.

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Albany 2, St. Bonaventure 1

Albany—Peter Squeglia 1-0, Nicos Savva 1-0, Joshua Lenoff 0-1, Jonathan Stroud 0-1; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 6 saves, 1 GA)

St. Bonaventure—Jahmal Cameron 1-0, Geron Duporte 0-1; Goalkeeper: Sean Eyde (90:00, 1 save, 2 GA)

UALBANY TIES IONA 0-0 IN HOME OPENER

Albany, N.Y.- **Beth Spinelli** came off the bench in the second half and collected six saves as UAlbany played Iona College to a scoreless tie in double-overtime on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The game marked the home debut for first year head coach **Kalekeni Banda**.

Albany (0-1-1) had a chance to win the game in regulation, but **Sara Rickard**, who had a game-high six shots, hit the left post with four minutes left. **Ticiana DiCarla** made five saves for Iona (0-2-1). **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) turned aside one shot before leaving the game in the 68th minute.

Albany will hit the road to take on Colgate this Wed., Sept. 10. Match time is set for 7p.m.

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Iona—No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Ticiana DiCarlo (110:00, 5 saves, 0 GA)

Albany—No Scoring; Goalkeepers: Erika Van Zandt (68:00, 1 save, 0 GA)

Beth Spinelli (42:00, 6 saves, 0 GA)

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ASHLEY DENEAL LEADS ALBANY PAST HOFSTRA IN FOUR GAMES

Hempstead, N.Y. – Freshman outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** posted 17 kills and 16 digs to lead Albany past Hofstra, 3-1, on Friday night at the Hofstra/Asics New York Classic. The win puts the Great Danes over .500 at 3-2, while the Pride drops to 1-4 on the season.

For the fourth time this season, Albany hit over .200 for the match, winning by scores of 30-22, 20-30, 30-27 and 30-19. DeNeal wasn't the only freshman to record a double-double as **Blair Buchanan**, DeNeal's teammate at Delta High, dished out 28 assists and recorded 10 digs. Kristen Norton and Ashley Green each had 12 kills, while **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** added 10. **Ashlee Reed** and April Fries added 16 and 11 digs, respectively, and **Jill Dombrowski** rounded out the Great Danes in double figures with 25 assists.

Hofstra, which was playing Albany for the first time, was led by **Tessa Sphar's** 13 kills and **Nicole Smith's** nine kill, six block assist effort.

Albany wraps up play at the Hofstra/Asics New York Classic tomorrow at noon against Manhattan.

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Albany (3-2) defeats Hofstra (1-4), 30-22, 20-30, 30-27, 30-19

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BASKETBALL'S HERMAN BANKS AND KATHRYN HEMLOCK TRANSFER

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Dr. Lee McElroy announced today that **Herman Banks**, a forward/center on the men's basketball team, and **Kathryn Hemlock**, a guard on the women's basketball squad, have transferred to other institutions from their respective programs.

Banks, a 6-foot-9, 190-pound frontcourt player from Brooklyn, N.Y., appeared in nine games as a freshman in 2002-03. He averaged 0.1 points and 0.9 rebounds. Banks graduated from W.T. White High School in Texas, and is returning to that state to attend Paris Junior College.

Hemlock, a 5-foot-4 point guard from Great Falls, Va., was a starter in 23 of 27 games as a junior last year. She averaged 9.2 points and 4.1 assists. Hemlock will attend American University in Washington, D.C.

The UAlbany basketball programs will begin their third season of America East Conference competition in 2003-04.

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SYRACUSE DEFEATS UALBANY 1-0

Syracuse, N.Y. – **Ilias Calaitzidis** scored an unassisted goal in the 36th minute as Syracuse defeated Albany, 1-0, on Wednesday night at the Soccer Stadium inside the Lampe Athletics Complex.

Syracuse goalkeeper **Alim Karim** recorded two saves to earn the shutout for the Orangemen, who improve to 1-1-0 on the season. **Bouna Coundoul** turned aside 14 shots for Albany.

The Great Danes (0-1-1) return to action this Sat., Sept. 6 as they take on St. Bonaventure on day one of the St. Bonaventure University Adidas Classic. Game time is set for 2:30 p.m.

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Syracuse 1, Albany 0

Albany - No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 14 saves, 1GA)

Syracuse - Ilias Calaitzidis 1-0; Goalkeeper: Alim Karim (90:00, 2 saves, 0 GA)

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WAGNER DEFEATS UALBANY, 1-0, IN GREAT DANES' SEASON OPENER

Staten Island, N.Y. – **Ashley Rehill** scored the lone goal of the game as Wagner defeated Albany, 1-0, in the Great Danes' season opener on Monday afternoon at Wagner College Stadium. The loss spoiled the coaching debut of Kalekeni Banda, who took over the program last March.

Rehill netted the game-winner on a shot from ten yards out from the right side in the 67th minute, with the assist going to **Lauren Brandlein**.

Goalkeeper **Michelle Quinones** earned the shutout by recording nine saves for the Seahawks, who improved to 1-1 on the season. Albany's **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac H.S.) turned aside six shots.

The Great Danes make their home debut this Sat., Sept. 6 against Iona at Varsity Field. Match time is set for 4:00 p.m.

-agate-

Wagner 1, Albany 0

Wagner -- Ashley Rehill 1-0, Lauren Brandlein 0-1; Goalkeeper: Michelle Quinones (90:00, 9 saves, 0 GA)

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 6 saves, 1 GA)