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Comments: Track & Field

WILLIAMSON AND COHEN TO COMPETE AT USA INDOORS

University at Albany's Ellakisha Williamson, an Albany High School graduate, and Samantha Cohen have been selected to compete at this weekend's USA Indoor Track & Field Championships. The two-day national meet will be contested at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Williamson, who qualified for the 60-meter high hurdles event, led the Great Danes to the New England Collegiate Conference title last Saturday. She was named the NECC's female athlete of the meet after winning three events. Williamson, a two-event champion at the 1997 Empire State Games, set a school record in the NECC 55-hurdles with a time of 7.01 seconds, and was first in the 55-dash and 200.

Cohen, a junior from Croton, N.Y., will compete in Saturday morning's 3,000-meter racewalk. She holds five school marks, and set the 3,000-indoor standard last year with a time of 14:22.44. Cohen was fifth in the 5,000-racewalk at the 1997 Penn Relays.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Sunday, February 22, 1998

---BOX SCORE ATTACHED---

MEN

Albany 86, Southern Vermont 64

Albany, N.Y. -- Tom McGoldrick scored 17 points to pace five players in double figures as Albany posted its 19th victory of the season with an 86-64 non-conference victory over Southern Vermont on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (19-7) looked sluggish from an eight-day layoff, but still led 27-22 late in the first half. Matthew Haggarty, who had 10 points and seven rebounds, buried a three-pointer from the left wing for a 34-24 halftime cushion.

The Great Danes, who shot 67 percent in the final period, opened the second half with a 15-5 run to take command. Andre Duncan, named earlier in the week as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Year, scored seven of his 16 points in that stretch, before Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) canned consecutive three-point field goals for a 49-29 advantage.

Jahnel, a 6-foot-2 guard, finished with 15 points and six rebounds, and set a single-season record for three-point field goals with 84. Sophomore guard Todd Cetnar (Amsterdam) added 13.

"The pre-game ceremony was special," said Jahnel, who along with three other seniors were making their final regular-season appearance at home. "It means a lot to our families, and to share that moment with our parents."

Southern Vermont (10-14) was led by Eddie Taylor's 18 points, while Tim Nicolis had 16 and Chris Davis tallied 15.

The Great Danes are not eligible for NCAA tournament play due to the program's transition to Division I, but await ECAC Division II tourney bids on Monday, March 2.

WOMEN - Exhibition

Nor'Easter Storm 70, Albany 66

Albany, N.Y. -- Kristen Skoglund had 16 points and Susan Tremblay and Shannon Saunders each had 14 as Nor'Easter Storm outlasted Albany, 70-66, in an exhibition contest at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Nor'Easter Storm, an AAU team from Connecticut, used a 12-2 run to snap a 49-all deadlock. Jody Normandin (10 points) broke the tie with a three-pointer. Sally Madeira, a 1,000-point scorer at Boston College, hit a bank shot for a 61-51 lead with 7:50 remaining.

Megan Buchanan led the Great Danes with 19 points. Albany finished the regular season with a 14-12 record, and are in line for a possible ECAC tournament berth on March 2.

Saunders, who played at Connecticut, and Tremblay, a Hartford graduate, combined for 22 first-half points in leading Nor'easter Storm a 41-32 halftime advantage. Albany drew even at 49 apiece with 13:50 remaining on a pair of free throws by Liz Tucker.

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Comments: NECC Track Championships

New Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) won three events, and junior Luis Soto was a double-winner in the high jump and long jump as the Great Danes captured their second straight men's and women's titles at the New England Collegiate Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships on Saturday at Moore Fieldhouse.

Williamson, who pulled off a triple-victory performance for the second consecutive year to earn Female Track Athlete of the Meet honors, set a school record in winning the 55-meter dash in 7.01 seconds. She also was first across the line in the 55-hurdles (7.88) and 200-dash (25.26).

Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) set a school record to win the high jump competition with a leap of 5-feet, 7-inches. She was also second in the long jump (17-10.25), and ran the lead-off leg on the winning 4x400 relay. Sophomore Andrea Viger (Granville Central) was first in the 5,000 with a time of 18:37.98.

Soto's double-victory and several winning efforts from local athletes enabled Albany to win a narrow decision over Southern Connecticut State in the men's championship. The Great Danes scored 205 points to SCSU's 195.

Freshman Greg Miller (Albany H.S.) sprinted a school-record 6.44 seconds to captured the 55-dash crown, and was one of five Great Danes from area high schools to garner individual titles. Ben Wright (Averill Park), who competed at the Millrose Games last weekend, won the mile run, while Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam) was first in the 55-hurdles. Rob Naughtner and Andy Rickert, a pair of Guilderland High graduates, were victorious in the 1,000- and 5,000-meter competitions, respectively.

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Albany Track 2-2-2-2

Soto, a native of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, won the high jump crown in 6-10, and was one-quarter inch off a 12-year-old Albany mark. He then returned to take the long jump in 23-7. Ronald Edmundson posted the fourth school record of the day, when he went 47-10 to finish first in the triple jump.

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WOMEN

1. Albany 192, 2. Southern Connecticut State 130, 3. Massachusetts-Lowell 127.50, 4. Sacred Heart 81.50, 5. Stony Brook 29, 6. New Haven 20.

Championship Results

55 - Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 7.01; 200 - Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 25.26; 400- Xiomara Davila Diaz (Albany), 57.22; 500 - Tamirah Haywood (Albany), 1:20.89; 800 - Elizabeth O'Neal (Southern Conn.), 2:22.44; 1,000 - Moriah Reid (Southern Conn.), 3:04.01; 3,000 - Sarah Titus (Southern Conn.), 10:39.20; 5,000 - Andrea Viger (Albany), 18:37.98; Mile Run - Heather Stockton (Sacred Heart), 5:16.44; 55-Hurdles - Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 7.88; 4x200 Relay - Southern Conn., 1:47.99; Weight Throw (20-lb.) - Lynn Jones (Southern Conn.), 44-00.50; High Jump - Janna Johnston (Albany), 5-7; 4x400 Relay - Albany (Johnston, Hutcherson, Lapadura, Haywood), 4:06.89; 4x800 Relay - Southern Conn., 9:50.46; Distance Medley Relay - Mass.-Lowell, 13:07.69; Long Jump - Erica Towlson (Mass.-Lowell), 17-10.50.

MEN

1. Albany 205, 2. Southern Connecticut State 195, 3. Massachusetts-Lowell 77, 4. New Haven 52, 5. Sacred Heart 39, 6. Stony Brook 11.

Championship Results

55 - Greg Miller (Albany), 6.44; 200 - Kevin Rembert (Southern Conn.), 22.35; 400 - Kevin Ross (New Haven), 50.01; 500- Halim Wise (Albany), 1:06.55; 800 - Eric Larson (New Haven), 1:54.64; 1,000 - Rob Naughtner (Albany), 2:30.71; 3,000 - Brendan Howell (Albany), 8:43.90; 5,000 - Andy Rickert (Albany), 15:50.25; Mile Run - Ben Wright (Albany), 4:21.13; 55-Hurdles - Jayson Vazquez (Albany), 7.56; 4x400 Relay - New Haven, 3:21.53; 4x800 Relay - Mass.-Lowell, 8:05.79; Distance Medley Relay - Mass.-Lowell, 10:45.38; Pole Vault - Dave Mason (Southern Conn.), 15-0; Long Jump - Luis Soto (Albany), 23-7.50; Shot Put - Mike Zolkiewicz (Southern Conn.), 50-10; Weight Throw (35-lb.) - Dan Bourque (Southern Conn.), 62-5.50; Triple Jump - Ronald Edmundson (Albany), 47-10.50; High Jump - Luis Soto (Albany), 6-10.

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Comments: College Basketball

Albany's Andre Duncan Named NECC Player of the Year
Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) on Women's All-NECC Second Team

Rindge, N.H. -- University at Albany's Andre Duncan has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Year in men's basketball as voted by the conference's head coaches. He was also chosen first-team all-conference.

Duncan, a 6-foot-6 forward, is averaging 19.0 points per game, and leads the conference in rebounding (8.6 pg) and blocked shots (2.2 pg). He is also among the NECC leaders in field goal percentage (.494) and free throw percentage (.748).

Duncan, a senior from Monticello, N.Y., earned ECAC-North Division II Player of the Week honors twice this season, and won the NECC's weekly award on four occasions. He has scored 20-plus points in 12 games, including three 30-point outings, this winter, and recorded 11 double-doubles in points and rebounds.

Duncan is the first player in the Albany program's history to combine for 1,400+ points, 650+ rebounds and 150+ blocks in a career. He is currently eighth in scoring (1,409), ninth in rebounding (679), and first in blocked shots (181).

Tom McGoldrick, a senior forward/center from Smithtown, N.Y., was chosen second-team all-NECC. He is second on the Great Danes in scoring (14.7 ppg) and rebounding (6.2 pg). Albany is 18-7 overall, and tied for second in the conference standings with an 11-5 record.

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Albany 2-2-2-2

Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) has been picked second-team all-New England Collegiate Conference in women's basketball by the conference's head coaches. She is among the NECC's statistical leaders in scoring (12.2 ppg), assists (3.96 pg), steals (3.2 pg), and free throw percentage (.786).

Paolino, a junior guard from Schenectady, N.Y., scored in double figures 17 times this season, and posted a career-high 25 points against Bridgeport on Jan. 31. She has moved into seventh in both assists (230) and steals (189) on the school's all-time lists.

Albany finished the regular season with a 14-12 record, and was fourth in the conference standings with an 8-8 mark.

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Comments: College Football

Albany's Savino Receives ECAC Player of the Year Award

East Rutherford, N.J. -- University at Albany's Joe Savino will be honored as the ECAC-North Division II Player of the Year at the Eastern College Football Awards Banquet on Tuesday evening at the Meadowlands Sports Complex.

Savino, a senior quarterback who hails from Norwood, New Jersey, passed for a school-record 2,377 yards and 22 touchdowns last fall. Savino, Football Gazette's Division II non-scholarship national offensive player of the year, and a first-team All-America selection, also rushed for 10 TDs in leading the Great Danes to an 11-1 campaign and an Eastern Football Conference championship.

Penn State's Joe Paterno will receive the Vince Lombardi Foundation Coach of the Year Award. The ECAC Division I Player of the Year is West Virginia's Amos Zereoue, while the top player in Division I-AA is Villanova's Brian Finneran.

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Comments:

Albany Basketball Game Postponed

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany's men's basketball game with Old Westbury on Monday (Feb. 16) has been postponed. A rescheduled date will be determined at a later time. Old Westbury, traveling from Long Island, was slated to play the Great Danes at 7:30 p.m., but had vehicle transportation difficulties.

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Comments: College Track & Field

Boston, Mass. -- Greg Miller (Albany H.S) broke the school-record in the 55-meter dash at Boston University's St. Valentine's Invitational on Saturday afternoon. Miller, a freshman, was clocked in 6.45 seconds and finished in sixth place.

Luis Soto posted a fifth place finish in the long jump with a distance of 22' 5".

Junior Ellakisha Williamson (Albany) led the women's team as she placed third in two events. She finished in 8.09 in the 55-hurdles and crossed the line in a time of 24.81 in the 200-meters.

Volunteer assistant coach Geoffrey York, a 1995 Albany graduate and native of Troy, N.Y., ran for the Pioneer Club at the meet and finished first in the 55-hurdles (7.27) and fifth in the 55-dash (6.43).

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BOX SCORES ATTACHED

(Women)

Albany 62, Stony Brook 50

Stony Brook, N.Y. -- Megan Buchanan scored 14 points and Albany held Stony Brook scoreless for nearly nine minutes in the second half en route to a 62-50 New England Collegiate Conference victory at USB Sports Complex.

Albany (14-12, NECC 8-8) moved into sole possession of fourth place in the conference standings while playing their final regular season game. Stony Brook falls to 14-12 overall and 7-9 in the conference.

The Great Danes snapped a 46-46 deadlock with 12 unanswered points in posting their 16th winning campaign in the last seven years. Buchanan, a sophomore, scored six points in that stretch, and hit a short jumper to put her team ahead with 7:57 remaining. During that decisive stretch, the Albany defense held the Seawolves without a field goal for 10-plus minutes.

Freshman Liz Tucker was the only other Great Dane in double figures with 12. Donna Fennessy led Stony Brook with 14 points while Christina Pagan and Maureen Kelly each had 13.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Men)

Stony Brook 90, Albany 71

Stony Brook, N.Y. -- Freshman guard Josh Little scored 22 points to pace five players in double figures as Stony Brook upended Albany, 90-71, in a NECC contest at USB Sports Complex.

Albany (18-7, NECC 11-5) were knocked out of a tie for first place in the conference standings, while Stony Brook improved to 13-13 overall and 10-6 in NECC play.

The Seawolves used 11 consecutive points to jump out to a 19-6 lead, and never looked back. Little canned two of his four 3-point field goals in that stretch, before Chris Balliro hit a jumper in transition to end the streak. Stony Brook went on to post a 40-28 lead at the intermission in a first half in which Albany's leading-scorer Andre Duncan was ejected late in the period for his second technical foul.

Senior Larry Gibson had 15 points including the 1,000th of his career, while Bobby Mahoney and Balliro also netted 15 apiece. Chris Chapman was the fifth Seawolf in double digits with 12.

Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) led the Great Danes with 17 points and senior Tom McGoldrick added 14.

Albany returns to action Monday, February 16, as it hosts Old Westbury in a non-conference match-up. Tip-off is at 7:30.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

---BOX SCORE ATTACHED---

WOMEN

Binghamton 60, Albany 52

Albany, N.Y. -- Karen McClelland scored 12 of her 17 points in the second half as Binghamton rallied for a 60-52 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Binghamton (19-2), which trailed by as much as 13 points early in the final period, reversed a 40-30 deficit with a 13-0 run. Alicia Koppenhoefer, who had 11 points and seven rebounds, started that outburst with a basket in the lane. McClelland, a 5-foot-11 sophomore, reeled off 11 consecutive points, and gave her club a 41-40 lead on a short jumper in the lane.

Albany (13-12) went back ahead at 45-44 on Megan Buchanan's free throw with 6:27 remaining. But the Colonials, who have won 16 of their last 17 starts, tallied eight unanswered points. Cathy Mackin buried back-to-back three-pointers in that decisive stretch.

Freshman Bess Greenberg added 10 points for Binghamton, which limited the Great Danes to just 24-percent shooting after the intermission. Dawn DiMicco led Albany with 14 points, while Kelly Paolino scored 10.

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BOX SCORES ATTACHED

(Women)

Albany 72, Bridgeport 60

Bridgeport, Conn. -- Freshman Liz Tucker scored a career-high 23 points to lead Albany past Bridgeport, 72-60, in a New England Collegiate Conference contest at Hubbell Gymnasium.

Tucker, a 5-foot-10 swing player, snapped a 54 all tie with a three-point field goal to put Albany (13-11, NECC 7-8) in the lead for good. She scored nine markers in the final five minutes.

In the first half the Great Danes used 10 unanswered points to build a 40-28 advantage. Megan Buchanan had eight of her 12 points in the opening period.

Bridgeport (9-12, NECC 5-7) trailed 51-43 midway through the second half but then rallied with nine consecutive points. Bridgett Smith's turn-around bank shot in the lane gave Bridgeport a 52-51 lead with 6:01 left.

Angelica Kadenas led Bridgeport with 16 points while junior Krista Miller added 15.

(Men)

Albany 98, Bridgeport 64

Bridgeport, Conn. -- Tom McGoldrick scored 23 points and had 12 rebounds to pace five players in double figures in leading Albany to a 98-64 NECC victory over Bridgeport at Hubbell Gymnasium.

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Albany (18-6, NECC 11-4) remained in at least a tie for first place in the conference standings, while Bridgeport (2-20, NECC 0-12) dropped their 14th straight. The Great Danes, who have won five of their last six, and have their most victories since 1994-95, jumped out to a 20-6 lead in the opening six minutes. Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.), who had 18 points, buried two of his six three-point field goals in that stretch.

The Purple Knights closed within 41-34 early in the second half, but Jahnel hit another long range jumper on his team's next possession to push the lead back to double digits for good.

"We moved the ball well on offense, and the point guards did a good job of distributing their passes," said Albany coach Scott Hicks. "It was a total team effort, and every guy one through 12 played well."

Todd Cetnar (Amsterdam H.S.) had 14 points while Matthew Haggarty added 12. Andre Duncan extended his double figure scoring streak to 26 games with 10 points.

DeVonne Parker led Bridgeport with 14 points, all in the first half, and Babatunde Bandele had 11.

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Syracuse, N.Y. -- Ronald Edmundson and Halim Wise posted IC4A-qualifying marks in the triple jump and 400-meter dash, and Xiomara Davila Diaz qualified for ECACs in the women's 55-hurdles and 400 meters at the Syracuse Track & Field Invitational on Saturday at Manley Field House.

Edmundson, a freshman from Highland, N.Y., won the triple jump with a mark of 47-1, which will place him in the IC4A-championship field on March 7-8. Harold Valestin was second in the event, and went the same distance at 47-1. Wise was first across the line in his 400-meter heat with a time of 48.75 seconds, and will represent the Great Danes at the IC4A meet.

Other top men's finishers at the Syracuse Invitational include Greg Miller (Albany H.S.), who was second in the 55-dash in 6.50, Luis Soto, a second-place finisher in the long jump (22-11.75), and Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam), who placed third in the 55-hurdles (7.74). Albany's distance medley relay captured first in 10:36.83.

Davila Diaz, a junior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, was second in the 55-hurdles, and was clocked in the preliminary round in 8.05 seconds to qualify for the ECAC championship. Her time of 56.33 in a 400-meter heat also earned a berth in the ECAC field.

Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) was third in the long jump with a leap of 17-11, and tied for fourth in the high jump. Albany's 4x400 relay unit posted a first-place time of 3:54.81.

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(Women)

Sacred Heart 74, Albany 62

Fairfield, Conn. -- Chrissie Perkins scored 17 points and Katie Toole came off the bench to add 16 as Sacred Heart University rallied in the second half for a 74-62 New England Collegiate Conference win over Albany at Pitt Health and Recreation Center.

Albany (12-11, NECC 6-8) built a 44-32 lead with 15:54 remaining on a driving layup by Dawn DiMicco, who scored a team-high 18 points.

Sacred Heart (16-6, NECC 11-2) regrouped with a 17-4 run. Toole, who had 12 second half points, netted six in that run and Jennifer Rimkus hit a fastbreak layup for a 49-48 lead.

The Pioneers, who shot just 21 percent in the first half, still led 57-53 with 6:26 left. But, Heather Yablonski hit a follow shot in the lane and Jessica Bresnahan canned a three-point field goal, and the outcome was decided.

Rimkus had 12 of her 13 points in the final period while Yablonski was the fourth Sacred Heart player in double figures with 12. Melissa Schoonover scored 13 for the Great Danes and Megan Buchanan added 12.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Men)

Sacred Heart 89, Albany 75

Fairfield, Conn. -- Louis Frye had 26 points and Sacred Heart buried 12 three-point field goals en route to an 89-75 NECC victory over Albany at Pitt Health and Recreation Center.

Albany (17-6, NECC 10-4) led 37-36 with 2:22 left in the first half, but the Pioneers tallied the last 10 points of the period to go in front for good. John Randazzo, who had 10 of his 16 points in the opening period, drilled a 26-foot jumper with two seconds left in the half for a 46-37 advantage at the break. Sacred Heart (13-11, NECC 8-6) shot 64 percent in the first half, including 9-of-12 from three-point range.

Albany closed within 60-58 with 12:32 remaining on a driving slam dunk by Tom McGoldrick, who had 15 of his 25 points in the second half. However, the Pioneers responded with 12 of the game's next 16 points. Frye, a 6-foot-4 senior hit a jumper in transition for a 72-62 lead.

"You are never going to beat a team when you give up close to 90 points on the road," said Albany coach Scott Hicks. "We did a poor job of pressuring the ball, and played too soft on their shooters."

Andre Duncan scored 20 points and grabbed a career-high 17 rebounds. Duncan has scored 20+ points in 11 of his last 15 games. Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) had 16 points and became the 21st player in Albany history to reach 1,000 points for his career. Michael Forde was one of four Pioneer players in double digits with 22 points.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

---BOX SCORES ATTACHED---

MEN

Albany 68, Massachusetts-Lowell 48

Albany, N.Y. -- Andre Duncan had 14 points and 11 rebounds as Albany pulled away in the second half for a 68-48 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Massachusetts-Lowell at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany, which has won six of its last seven starts, improved to 17-5 overall, and remained in sole possession of first place in the conference standings with a 10-3 record.

The Great Danes held a slim 38-36 advantage with 13:55 remaining, but then ran off seven unanswered points to take control. Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.), who scored 13, buried a three-point field goal and converted a fastbreak layup to end that outburst.

Sophomore center Kris Zeisler, who had seven points and five rebounds off the bench, made a spinning shot on the left baseline to push the lead to double digits, 50-40, with 9:56 left.

Tom McGoldrick added 12 points for the Great Danes, while Duncan scored in twin figures for the 24th straight time, and posted his 10th double-double on the season.

Daniel Kohn was the only Massachusetts-Lowell player in double figures with 12 points, and the River Hawks fell to 4-19 and 2-11 in the conference.

WOMEN

Massachusetts-Lowell 59, Albany 56

Albany, N.Y. -- Sheila Knower tallied 20 of her 26 points in the first half as Massachusetts-Lowell held off Albany, 59-56, in a NECC contest at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Massachusetts-Lowell (15-7, NECC 11-2) built a 17-point advantage in the first half behind Knower, who canned 11 of 14 field goals, and added nine rebounds.

Albany (12-10, NECC 6-7) still trailed 44-30 early in the final period, but then got back into the game with nine straight points. Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S), who scored in double figures for the 10th straight time with 19 points, canned a three-point field goal and hit a fastbreak layup to get her club within 44-39.

The River Hawks later held a 59-53 lead, when Dawn DiMicco converted a three-point shot off a screen with 1:04 remaining. After the teams traded empty possessions, UML's Marsha Blalock missed the front end of a one-and-one with five seconds left. However, Albany's Liz Tucker misfired on a desperation 28-footer just before the buzzer in effort to force overtime.

Massachusetts-Lowell has won seven of the last eight meetings with the Great Danes.

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ANDRE DUNCAN NAMED NECC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Rindge, N.H. -- University at Albany's Andre Duncan has been chosen as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week (Jan. 25-Feb. 1) in men's basketball. Duncan, who earned the ECAC's weekly award on Sunday, received NECC honors for the fourth time this season.

Duncan, a 6-foot-6 senior, averaged 26.0 points and 9.0 rebounds in three victories for the Great Danes, and shot 55.6 percent from the field and 77.8 percent from the free throw line. He recorded his ninth double-double of the season with a 30-point, 11-rebound effort against Bridgeport last Saturday.

Duncan, who leads the conference in scoring at 20.3 points per game, has netted 30-plus points on three occasions, and is currently riding a 23-game double-figure scoring streak. Albany is 16-5 overall, and has moved into first place in the NECC standings with a 9-3 mark.

LIZ TUCKER CHOSEN NECC ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Rindge, N.H. -- University at Albany's Liz Tucker has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week in women's basketball.

Tucker, a 5-foot-10 freshman, averaged 11.7 points, 7.7 rebounds and 2.7 assists in three games for the Great Danes. She posted a career-high 16 points against both New Haven and Bridgeport.

Albany is 12-9 overall, and is fourth in the conference standings with a 6-6 record.

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(Basketball)

Centerville, Mass. -- University at Albany's Andre Duncan has been selected as the ECAC-North Division II Player of the Week in men's basketball (Jan. 25-31).

Duncan, who earned the weekly award for the second time this season, averaged 26.0 points, 9.0 rebounds and 2.3 assists in three victories for the Great Danes. Albany (16-5, NECC 9-3) has moved into sole possession of first place in the New England Collegiate Conference standings.

The 6-foot-6 senior recorded his ninth double-double of the season with 30 points and 11 rebounds in Saturday's victory over Bridgeport. He has scored 20+ points in 10 of his last 13 games.

Senior Tom McGoldrick was named to the ECAC Honor Roll after averaging 21.7 points and 7.7 rebounds in last week's action. He became the 20th player in school history to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

(Track & Field)

Boston, Mass. -- Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) set school records in the 55-meter hurdles and 200-meter dash to highlight the Albany track & field team's performance at Boston University's Terrier Classic on Sunday afternoon.

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Williamson, a junior, recorded the fastest time by a Division II athlete this season, when she was clocked in 7.85 seconds to place third in the 55-hurdles. She was also fourth in the 200, and set another school mark with a time of 24.82.

The Albany men's team's efforts at the Terrier Classic qualified three individuals and two relays for the IC4A championships in early March at Cornell University.

Sophomore Ben Wright (Averill Park) was second in his mile-run heat with a qualifying time of 4:15.75, while Luis Soto went 23-2.75 in the long jump to place eighth.

Halim Wise finished second in his 400-meter heat (49.28), and then ran the anchor leg on the 4x400 relay team. The Great Danes took second, and met the IC4A-qualifying standard in 3:19.00.

Rob Naughter (Guilderland H.S.), who ran a personal-best 4:19.36 earlier in the mile run, teamed with Wright, Adam Carl and Pete Melendez in the 4x800 relay to gain a berth in the IC4A field. The foursome posted the fastest time by an Albany unit in 10 years with a time of 7:49.5.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, January 31, 1998

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MEN

Albany 80, Bridgeport 69

Albany, N.Y. -- Andre Duncan and Tom McGoldrick each scored 30 points to lead Albany past Bridgeport, 80-69, in a New England Collegiate Conference contest on Saturday at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (16-5, NECC 9-3) moved into first place in the conference standings with the victory. Southern Connecticut State, 9-4 in conference play, dropped an 89-88 overtime decision at New Hampshire College, while Franklin Pierce lost to Sacred Heart, 74-64, to fall to 8-4 in the NECC.

Bridgeport (2-17, NECC 0-9) led 45-43 with 12:04 remaining on two free throws by DeVonne Parker, who had 21 points and 10 rebounds. The Great Danes, who shot 52 percent in the second half, rallied with 10 of the game's next 12 points to go ahead for good. Matthew Haggarty's three-pointer gave his club the lead, and Duncan ended that stretch with five straight points.

The Purple Knights were still within striking distance at 71-65, but McGoldrick, who had 23 of his career-high total after the intermission, buried a three-point field goal from the left corner with 1:23 left.

Duncan, who added 11 rebounds to post his ninth double-double of the season, scored in double figures for 23rd straight time. The 6-foot-6 senior has netted 30+ points three times this winter.

WOMEN

Albany 79, Bridgeport 60

Albany, N.Y. -- Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) scored a career-high 25 points, including five 3-point field goals, to lead Albany to a 79-60 NECC victory over Bridgeport at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (12-9, NECC 6-6) climbed to fourth place in the conference standings, while Bridgeport falls to 8-10 overall and 4-5 in NECC play.

The Great Danes canned six long-range jumpers, including three by Paolino, in the opening nine minutes, and raced to a 24-11 advantage. Freshman Liz Tucker netted eight of her career-best 16 points in that opening outburst.

Angelica Kadenas had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Purple Knights, while Dionne Williams had 14. Megan Buchanan was the third Albany player in double figures with 10.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, January 29, 1998

---BOX SCORES ATTACHED---

MEN

Albany 87, New Haven 79

Albany, N.Y. -- Andre Duncan totaled 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Tom McGoldrick scored 19, including the 1,000th of his career, in leading Albany past New Haven, 87-79, on Thursday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (15-5, NECC 8-3) used an 18-6 run in the second half to snap a 47-all deadlock. Senior forward Brad Dixon came off the bench to score six of his career-high 11 points in that stretch, and Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) hit a driving layup for a 65-53 advantage with 10:44 remaining.

New Haven (5-15, NECC 4-7), which had won three of its previous four NECC road games, closed within 77-71 with 3:12 left on a tip-in by Angelo Thomas, who had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

But Todd Cetnar (Amsterdam H.S.) buried a three-point field goal on his team's next possession, and Matthew Haggarty, who matched a career-best with 13 points, hit two free throws to push the lead back to double figures.

"We did not shoot that well from the outside, and Andre (Duncan) had a rough time on the inside early on," said McGoldrick, who became the 20th player in school history to reach the 1,000-point plateau. "In that run, we did a better job in transition, and that got us some better looks at the basket."

Rob Johnson, a transfer from Division I Duquesne, had 19 points to lead New Haven, while Stephen Bynum added 16. Albany's Duncan recorded his eighth double-double of the season, and scored in twin figures in 22 straight games.

WOMEN

Albany 78, New Haven 54

Albany, N.Y. -- Dawn DiMicco scored 18 points to pace four players in double figures, as Albany snapped a three-game losing streak with a 78-54 NECC victory over New Haven at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Great Danes, who shot 59 percent from the field in the first half, snapped an early tie with 13 consecutive points, and never looked back. Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) and DiMicco combined for nine markers in that decisive run which handed Albany (11-9, NECC 5-6) a 21-8 lead.

Liz Tucker, who had 15 of her career-high 16 points in the opening period, canned one of her four 3-point field goals to extend the Albany lead to 40-21 before the intermission. The 5-foot-10 freshman added nine rebounds and five assists.

Paolino, who is riding an eight-game double-digit scoring streak, finished with 11 points, while Kerry Ochal (Amsterdam H.S.) also scored 11.

New Haven (6-14, NECC 3-9) was led by Tiesha Grace's 11 points, and Kate Simmons and Becky Snow (Columbia H.S.) each added 10 apiece.

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(Women)

New Hampshire College 71, Albany 70

Manchester, N.H. -- Kristy Woodill scored 21 points and Miki Hall hit a follow shot on the left baseline with 47 seconds to play as New Hampshire College rallied for a 71-70 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Albany at NHC Fieldhouse. Albany (10-9, NECC 4-6) led 61-53 with 7:27 remaining with a jumper in the lane by Dawn DiMicco, who had 13 of her 17 points in the second half. New Hampshire College (2-17, NECC 2-8) grabbed a 65-63 lead with 2:56 left, when Woodill was fouled on a layup after her steal.

The Great Danes who have lost four of the last five, drew even at 69 apiece on DiMicco's shot in the lane. After Hall's basket, Albany's Megan Buchanan split a pair of free throws with 39 seconds left.

The Penwomen failed to score on their next possession, and after an Albany timeout, Melissa Schoonover missed a 16-foot jumper in circle at the buzzer.

Sophomore center Jen Robinson had 13 points while Tynae Gaston and Hall each added 10 for the Penwomen. Schoonover scored 12 points for Albany. Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) and Alison Bowe each had 11.

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(Men)

New Hampshire College 71, Albany 75

Manchester, N.H. -- Andre Duncan scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half as Albany rallied from a 14-point deficit for a 75-71 New England Collegiate Conference victory against New Hampshire College at NHC Fieldhouse.

"I can't believe we won," said Albany coach Scott Hicks. "Things were not going our way most of the night, but our kids kept their poise. We played smart on the press and did a great job on the defensive boards."

New Hampshire College (11-8, NECC 6-4) built a 60-46 lead with 10:03 remaining on Mitch Filson's shot in the lane. Albany (14-5, NECC 7-3) got back into the contest by using a trapping press and followed with 14 of the game's next 16 points. The Penmen still led 66-63 on a pair of free throws by Orlando Ranson, who had 12 of his 15 points in the final period, but the Great Danes responded with seven unanswered points to go ahead for good. Duncan, who recorded his 21st straight double figure game, tallied the first six in that run and a Matthew Haggarty foul shot gave his team a 70-66 lead with 3:12 remaining. Tom McGoldrick, who had 16 points and 12 rebounds buried two free throws with 12 seconds remaining to seal Albany's first victory at the NHC Fieldhouse. That performance marked the 13th career double-double for McGoldrick.

Tarik Sheppard led NHC with 16 points while Filson added 10. Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) scored 10 of his 15 points in the first half for the Great Danes.