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ST. JOHN'S DEFEATS UALBANY IN FOUR GAMES IN NCAA FIRST ROUND

Albany, N.Y. – Hui Ping Huang had 20 kills and 11 digs to lead St. John's to a 3-1 victory over UAlbany in the first round of the NCAA Women's Volleyball Tournament on Thursday evening before 1,415 fans at University Gymnasium. The Red Storm, who won by a scores of 30-21, 23-30, 30-22, 30-22, advanced to the Friday's second round against ninth-ranked Minnesota, a winner in three games against Siena.

Huang, a 6-foot-2 sophomore from China, was dominant in the final two games when she totaled 13 kills. St. John's (31-4) broke a 12-12 tie in third with seven of the game's next eight points. Huang jump-started the run with a kill and a service ace. Latoya Blunt and Patti Hardimon also scored off attacks. Hardimon, who had 18 digs, added the final point of the stanza on one of her 11 kills.

In the fourth, the Red Storm led 19-18, but then ripped off six straight points to take control. Dana DeMayo produced a kill and a service ace in that decisive run. Caitlin Rimgaila had three of her 15 kills in the last six points of the match to close out the victory.

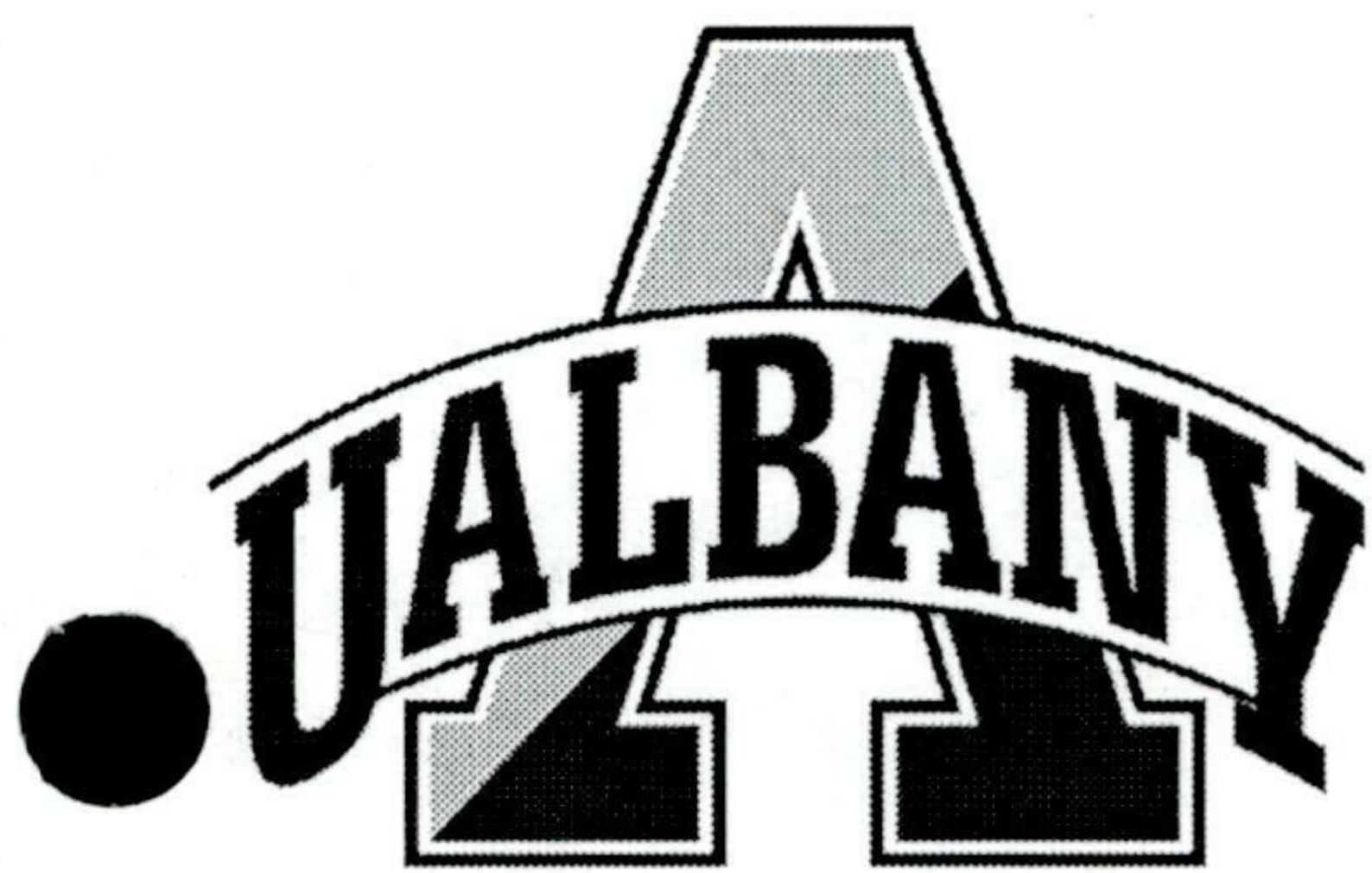
"It was a great environment for women's volleyball," said St. John's coach Joanne Persico-Smith, who led her team to the Big East Conference's regular-season title. "UAlbany played an outstanding match. We made some switches on defense, which helped create our rhythm."

UAlbany (19-13) bounced back from losing the first game to draw even in the second. The Great Danes reeled off four unanswered points to take a 13-9 lead. Ashley DeNeal, the America East Conference Tournament's most outstanding player, dumped a kill for a winner and added a service ace to get things started. Shelby Goldman had five of her team-high 18 kills to keep her squad ahead the rest of the way in the frame. She completed a double-double effort with 12 digs.

"St. John's didn't let us breathe at all," said UAlbany coach Kelly Sheffield, who led the Great Danes to their second NCAA appearance in the last three years. "They picked up on stuff that other opponents haven't. When you host (the NCAAs), you want to go out and play with courage. With our four seniors, you want to see them leave it all out on the court."

Blunt, a 6'1" junior, finished with 13 kills for the Red Storm, who went a perfect 14-0 in conference regular-season play. Wioleta Leszczynska had 61 assists from her setter position. UAlbany's Kamisha Kellam and Ashley Crenshaw totaled 16 and 10 kills, respectively.

"Nobody wants to go out with a loss," said Goldman, a three-time all-conference outside hitter. "But it was nice to go out in front of such a huge crowd. I have never seen that many fans for volleyball. It hurts to lose, but it was a great season and a great crowd."



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UALBANY MEN'S INDOOR TRACK PICKED FIRST IN A-EAST, WOMEN CHOSEN SECOND

Boston, Mass. – In a poll of league coaches, the UAlbany men's indoor track team was chosen to finish first in the America East Conference, as announced by the conference office on Wednesday, Nov. 29. The women's team was picked to finish second out of nine teams.

The men's team, which won the America East championship last season, received all eight possible first-place votes. The squad will return sophomores **Joe Greene**, who set a UAlbany record of 47.41 in the 400-meters and finished third at the IC4A meet, and **Pat Weider**, who won last season's 200-meter dash at the America East Championship. Also coming back are junior **Ricardo Estremera**, the team's top finisher in the mile at the A-East championship, and sophomore **Freddie Wills**, one of the Great Danes' top jumpers. New Hampshire was given the conference's other first-place vote.

Head Coach **Roberto Vives**' women's squad, which received two of eight possible first-place votes, also looks to challenge for the conference title. Three winners of individual events at last year's America East meet return: senior **Adanna Andrews** (500-meters), sophomore **Kamilah McShine** (55-meter hurdles) and sophomore **Ritshell Verdier** (shot put). The first-place 4x800 meter relay team and the second-place distance medley team will also be back. Defending champion Boston University was awarded the other seven first-place votes on the women's side.

Both teams will start their seasons at Yale's Season Opener on Dec. 9.

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2006-07 America East Indoor Track Coaches' Poll

MEN

1. **UAlbany (8) 64**, 2. New Hampshire (1) 55, 3. Boston University 47, 4. UMBC 44, 5. Binghamton 39, 6. Maine 22, 7. Stony Brook 19, 8. Vermont 18, 9. Hartford 9.

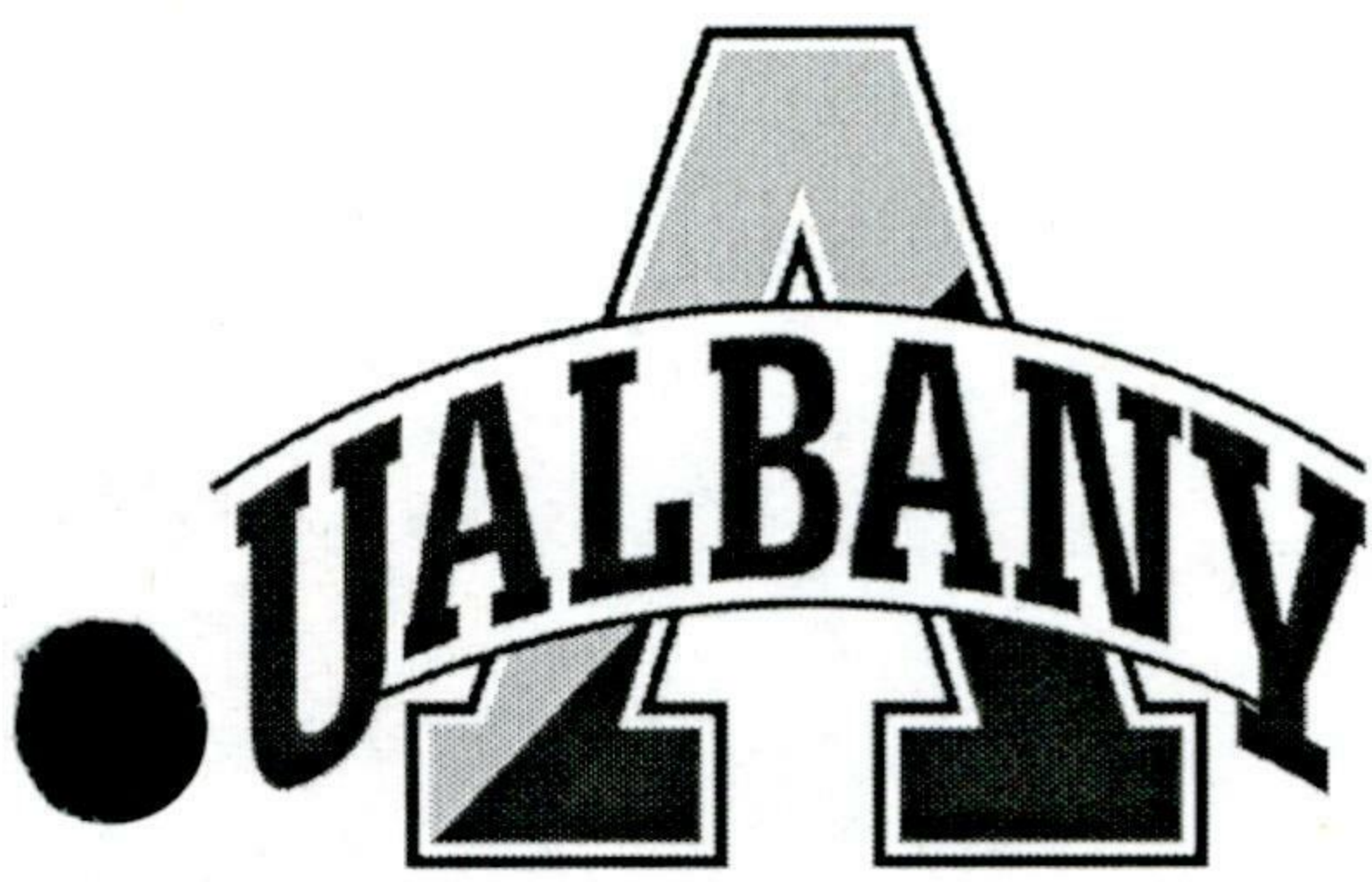
WOMEN

1. Boston University (7) 63, **2. UAlbany (2) 58**, 3. New Hampshire 47, 4. Maine 37, T5. UMBC 32, T5. Vermont 32, 7. Binghamton 31, 8. Stony Brook 16, 9. Hartford 8.

SIMPSON NAMED TO ECAC DIVISION I FIELD HOCKEY ALL-STAR TEAM

Cape Cod, Mass. – UAlbany junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** was selected to the ECAC Division I Field Hockey All-Star team on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

The America East Conference's Offensive Player of the Year, Simpson is currently 11th on the UAlbany career points chart (35) and 10th in all-time goals (14). In her first season with the team, the Middlesbrough, England, native scored 14 goals and added seven assists as the Great Danes went 12-7 overall. UAlbany earned a share of the program's first-ever America East regular-season championship by going 4-1 in league play.



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UALBANY RANKED NO. 20 IN INSIDE LACROSSE PRESEASON POLL

Baltimore, Md. – Inside Lacrosse has released the 2007 Face-Off Yearbook Top 25 Preseason Rankings as announced by the national publication on Tuesday afternoon. UAlbany is No. 20 in the poll. Defending national champion Virginia is the top-ranked team.

The Great Danes, who made their fifth consecutive appearance in the America East Conference championship final last year, are coming off an 8-7 campaign. Head coach Scott Marr, a U.S. Team assistant at the 2006 World Championships, returns for his seventh season at the helm.

UAlbany will feature a potent attack that was third nationally in scoring at 11.73 goals per game. Frank Resetarits, the top scorer in Division I, totaled 45 goals and 19 assists, while Merrick Thomson added 31 goals and 11 assists. Brett Queener, a first-team all-conference goalkeeper, posted a .577 save percentage as a junior. Jordan Levine, an All-America East midfielder, was eighth among the nation's leaders in ground balls with a 5.87 average, plus had 14 goals and 13 assists.

Johns Hopkins and Syracuse are ranked second and third, respectively, in the Inside Lacrosse poll. UAlbany will meet both teams on this year's schedule, including the season opener with the Blue Jays on Saturday, Feb. 24.

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2007 Inside Lacrosse / Face-Off Yearbook Preseason Top 25

1. Virginia, 2. Johns Hopkins, 3. Syracuse, 4. Princeton, 5. Georgetown, 6. Duke, 7. Maryland, 8. Cornell, 9. Navy, 10. Massachusetts, 11. Towson, 12. Loyola, Md., 13. Pennsylvania, 14. Denver, 15. Hofstra, 16. Notre Dame, 17. Penn State, 18. UMBC, 19. Delaware, 20. UAlbany, 21. North Carolina, 22. Dartmouth, 23. Harvard, 24. Army, 25. Hobart.

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Contact: Adam O'Neill**Phone:** 410-583-8740 x104**E-Mail:** adam@insidelacrosse.com**Please do not "reply all" to this e-mail****Inside Lacrosse, Face-Off Yearbook release top 25 rankings**Story link: <http://www.insidelacrosse.com/page.cfm?pagerid=2&news=fdetail&storyid=141432>

Baltimore, Md.- Inside Lacrosse has released the Face-Off Yearbook Top 25 Pre-Season Rankings for the 2007 men's college lacrosse season.

Defending National Champion Virginia earned the top ranking, followed by Johns Hopkins. NCAA Semifinalist Syracuse is third, with Princeton and Georgetown rounding out the top five.

Duke and Maryland are sixth and seventh, followed by Cornell and Navy. NCAA National runner-up Massachusetts is tenth.

Face-Off Yearbook, the most referenced preview guide for men's college lacrosse, will be released next weekend at the IMLCA Clinic in Baltimore.

Face-Off Yearbook features previews of every NCAA and NJCAA men's lacrosse team, spanning all DI, DII, DIII and JuCo squads. The publication contains rankings, pre-season All-Americans, All-Conference selections, strength of schedule analysis, stats and more. Conference rankings and All-America selections will be released in the coming days. For a complete schedule of when information will be released, see below.

In addition to the Top 25 teams released today, this year Face-Off has ranked every men's Division I team, No. 1 to No. 57. Face-Off Yearbook is [available for pre-order online](#) and will ship December 11.

2007 Face-Off Yearbook Top 25

Rk	Team	2006 Record
1	Virginia	17-0
2	Johns Hopkins	9-5
3	Syracuse	10-5
4	Princeton	11-5
5	Georgetown	11-3
6	Duke	6-2
7	Maryland	12-5

8	Cornell	11-3
9	Navy	11-4
10	Massachusetts	13-5
11	Towson	8-6
12	Loyola	6-6
13	Pennsylvania	10-4
14	Denver	12-5
15	Hofstra	17-2
16	Notre Dame	10-5
17	Penn State	8-5
18	UMBC	10-5
19	Delaware	12-5
20	Albany	8-7
21	North Carolina	4-10
22	Dartmouth	8-7
23	Harvard	6-7
24	Army	8-7
25	Hobart	6-8

Face-Off Yearbook Rankings and All-Americans

Check insidelacrosse.com all week for rankings and All-America selections. The schedule of release of information is below:

Nov. 28: DI, DII, DIII and JuCo National Rankings

Nov. 30: DI Pre-Season Conference Rankings

Dec. 1: DI All-Conference Teams

Dec. 4: DI, DII, DIII Pre-Season All-Americans

Dec. 5: DIII All-Conference Rankings and Teams

Dec. 6: DII All-Conference Rankings and Teams

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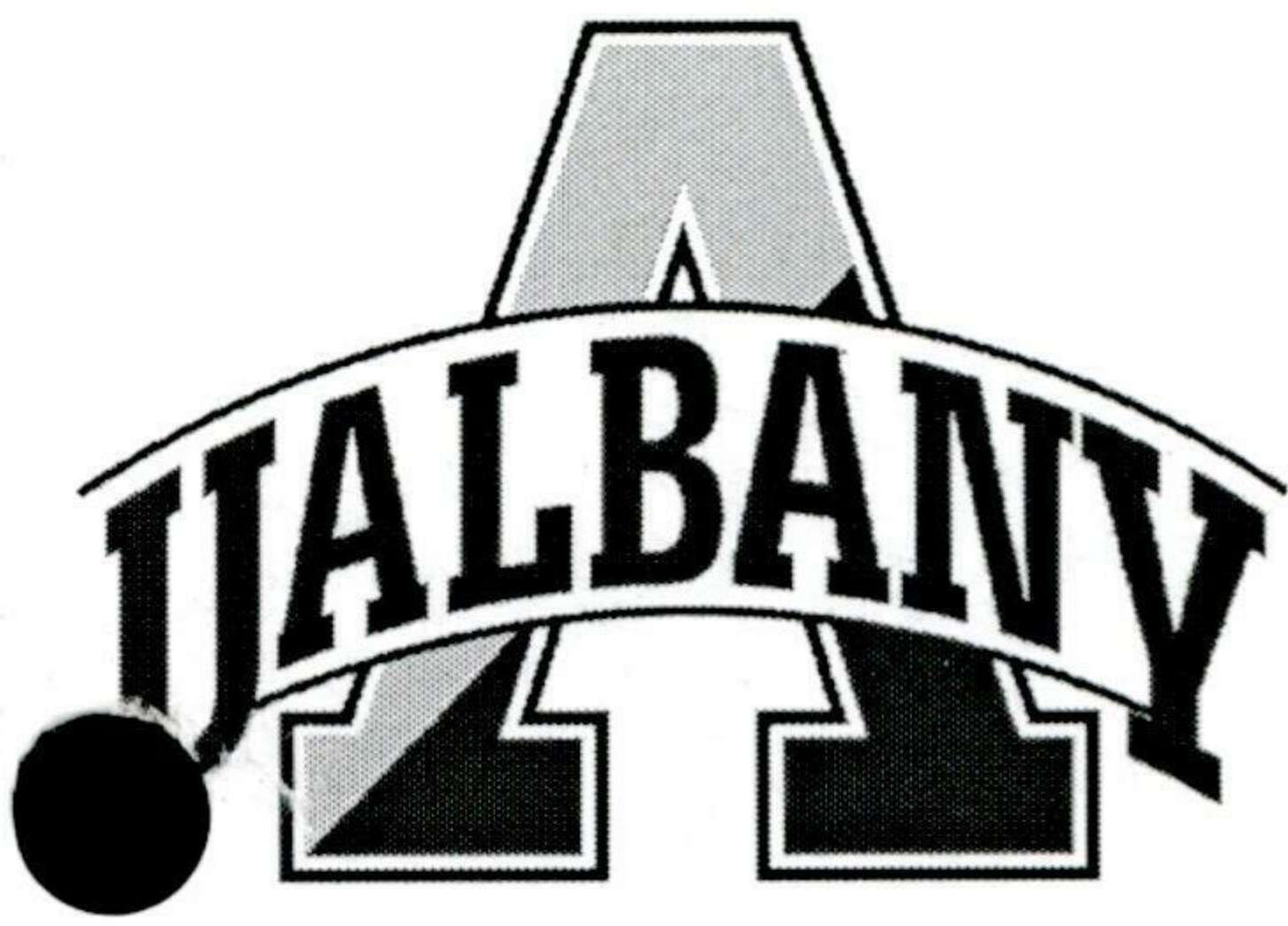
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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SET TO HOST FIRST ROUND OF NCAA TOURNAMENT

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany has been chosen to host the first and second rounds of the 2006 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Tournament, as announced on Sunday, Nov. 26. UAlbany will face St. John's on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m., while Siena will take on eighth-ranked Minnesota at 6 p.m. The winners will meet in the second round on Friday, Dec. 1.

UAlbany (19-12) won its third-straight America East Conference regular season title and the conference championship for the second time in three years. The Great Danes are led by senior outside hitters Shelby Goldman (4.22 kpg) and Ashley DeNeal (2.72 kpg, 3.73 dpg) and senior setter Blair Buchanan (11.27 apg), who was named the America East player and setter of the year for the third time.

St. John's (30-4) claimed its first Big East Conference regular season title before falling to Notre Dame in the tournament semifinals. The Red Storm are led by sophomore Hui Ping Huang, who averages 3.82 kills per game, and sophomore libero Kathleen Yee, who was named the Big East's libero of the year.

Siena (22-12) won its second straight Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title to earn the conference's automatic bid. The Saints are paced by MAAC Rookie of the Year Burgandy McCurty, who averages 3.26 kills per game.

Eighth-ranked Minnesota (23-7) finished second in the Big Ten, behind Penn State. The Golden Gophers, in their 12th NCAA Tournament appearance, are led by senior middle blocker Meredith Nelson, who averages 3.27 kills per game, and junior middle blocker Jessy Jones, who posts 1.30 blocks per game.

Team pairings were determined by geographical proximity, with the exception that teams from the same conference were not paired during the first and second rounds. Teams winning both matches will move on to regional play December 8 and 9. The pre-determined regional sites are Austin, Texas; Gainesville, Florida; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Seattle, Washington. The regional winners will advance to the semifinals and final hosted by Nebraska at the Qwest Center in Omaha, Nebraska, on December 14 and 16.

All-session tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$6 For students and senior citizens and \$4 for children under 12. An all-session pass will include a ticket for each round of play. All-session tickets will be available on Monday, Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. by calling the UAlbany Box Office at (518) 442-4683. Individual tickets will go on sale on Thursday, Nov. 30th. Individual session passes will cost \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and \$4 for children under 12. All seating for this event is general admission. The UAlbany Box Office is open in the Physical Education Building Monday - Friday 9-4 p.m., and by calling (518) 442-4683.

NO. 18 CONNECTICUT HAS SIX IN DOUBLE FIGURES IN 86-55 VICTORY OVER UALBANY

Storrs, Conn. -- Freshman Gavin Edwards scored 16 points and Marcus Johnson added 14 in leading No. 18 Connecticut to an 86-55 victory over UAlbany on Sunday evening before a capacity crowd of 10,167 at Gampel Pavilion. The Huskies extended their home winning streak to 24 straight games.

In a matchup between two teams that staged a memorable battle in last year's NCAA Tournament, UAlbany (2-2) led 18-17 after the opening 10 minutes. But Connecticut (5-0) came back with seven straight points to go ahead for good. Edwards, a freshman who added five rebounds, converted a three-point play when he was fouled on a shot in the lane to put his team in front.

The Huskies still led 25-22 with less than eight minutes to play in the period, but then reeled off 13 unanswered points. Freshman guard Jerome Dyson had five of his 12 markers in that run, while Johnson added four. UConn took a commanding 47-31 lead to the break by shooting 64 percent from the field.

"We lost this game in the first half with the 21 points they scored off turnovers," said UAlbany head coach Will Brown. "UConn is a young, talented team that played with a lot of energy. We didn't handle their pressure well and got rattled, plus some of our key guys got into foul trouble."

Hasheem Thabeet, a freshman from Tanzania, totaled 12 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots for the Huskies, whose lead hovered around 20 most of the second half until things got out of hand in the final five minutes. Jeff Adrien was the sixth player in double figures with 11 points and seven rebounds.

Jamar Wilson had 18 points and five steals for the Great Danes, who were unraveled by 21 turnovers that led to 35 UConn points. Jason Siggers had 16 points and seven rebounds. UAlbany was held to 35.2-percent shooting from the floor.

"We are still trying find ourselves and need to keep making positive strides," said Jamar Wilson. "They are a young groups of kids who are playing hungry. They took pride in playing defense."



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UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATS HOLY CROSS, 63-50

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany scored 14 unanswered points over the course of six minutes in the second half, and hit 7-of-10 free throws in the final two minutes of the game to seal a 63-50 non-conference win over Holy Cross on Sunday afternoon at the SEFCU Arena.

Holy Cross (3-4) jumped out to an 11-1 lead on a 3-pointer by Laura Aloisi at the 16:15 mark of the first half. UAlbany then embarked on an 8-0 run to pull within three, 12-9, with 12:07 on the clock. The Crusaders built their lead back up to eight, 22-14, but the Great Danes would score nine unanswered points to get up by two, 24-22, on a 3-pointer by freshman guard Charity Iromuanya with just over four minutes left in the half.

Bethany O'Dell and Brittany Keil hit back-to-back treys within 15 seconds to give Holy Cross a six-point lead entering the final minute of the first half. Senior center Kaitlin Foley converted a layup at 24 seconds, but Sherri Mikus hit a shot from beyond the 3-point arc with eight ticks left to cut the lead to five, 34-29, as the teams headed to the locker room.

Iromuanya, who totaled five points for the Great Danes, knocked down two free throws at 13:05 of the second half to give UAlbany a one-point lead, 39-38. Junior forward Kristin Higy dropped in two free throws of her own at 11:15 to build the lead up to five. Higy, who finished with eight points, also recorded four rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Holy Cross pulled back to within two, 46-44, on a layup by Kathy Gruzynski, but the Great Danes kicked off their 14-0 run to get ahead 58-44 with just 2:09 remaining.

Mikus led UAlbany with 17 points, including a 6-for-6 performance from the free throw line. Mikus added six boards, four steals and two assists. Amanda Ward recorded her fifth double-digit point total in six games, netting 10. Sophomore center Devran Tanacan exploded off the boards with 10 for the Great Danes, who outrebounded their opponents 44-36.

O'Dell and Keil each recorded 12 points for Holy Cross. Keil also led the Crusaders with eight rebounds. Aloisi recorded 11 points to go along with a game-high seven assists, five rebounds and five steals.

UAlbany (2-4) will return to action on Sunday, Dec. 3, hosting defending Patriot League Champion Army at 2 p.m.



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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL ENDS REGULAR SEASON WITH LOSS TO LONG BEACH STATE

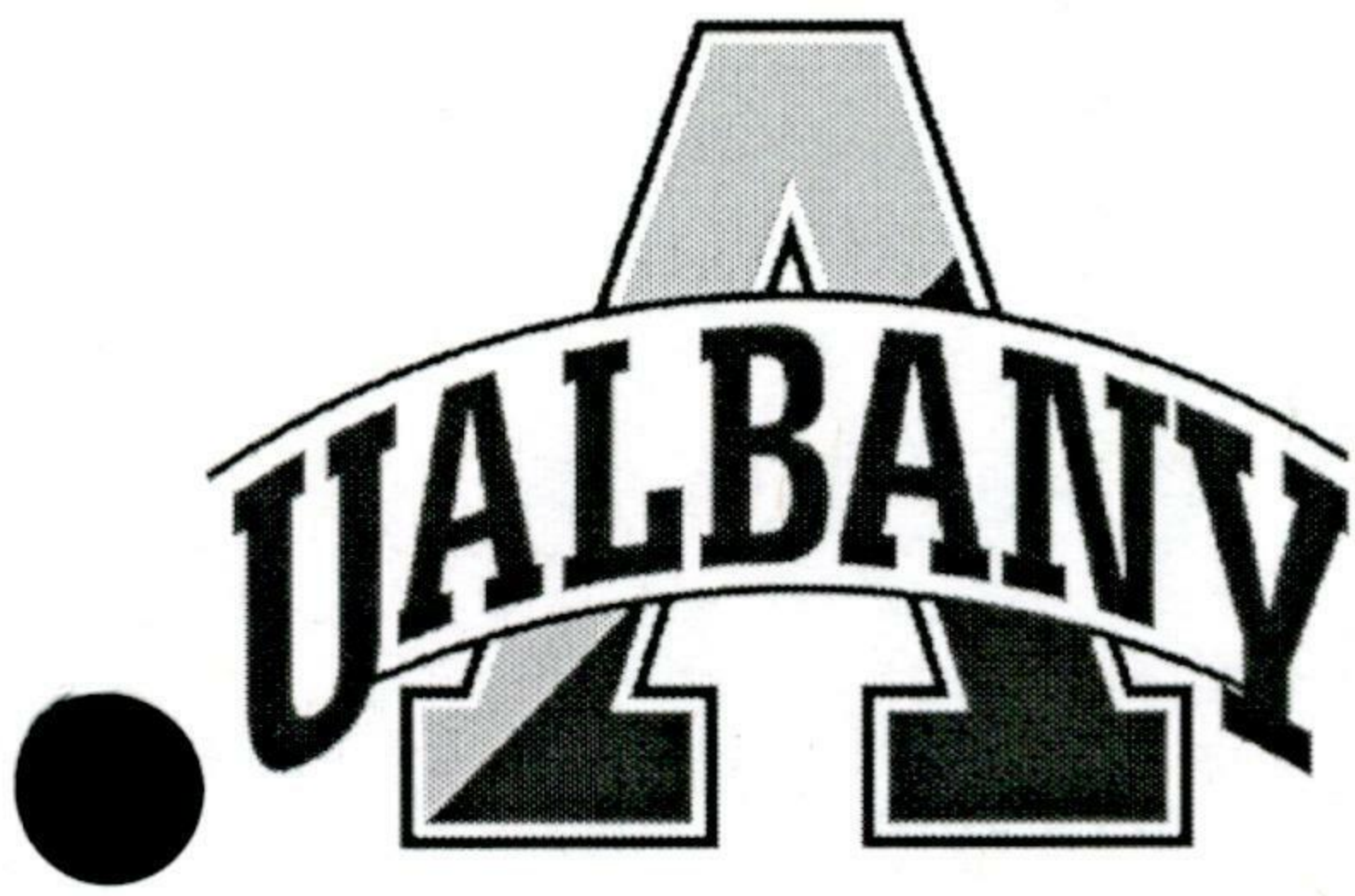
Long Beach, Calif. – Alexis Crimes recorded a match-high 19 kills and Long Beach State produced 10 total blocks as the 49ers swept UAlbany, 3-0, on the final day of the Baden Thanksgiving Classic on Saturday evening.

Long Beach State (24-5) cruised to victories in all three games, winning with scores of 30-23, 30-17 and 30-17.

Senior outside hitter Ashley DeNeal led the Great Danes with nine kills and six digs while sophomore middle blocker Hillary White totaled eight kills, four digs and two block assists. Senior setter Blair Buchanan recorded 30 assists, eight digs and four kills for UAlbany.

Mariko Crum also notched double-digit kill totals for Long Beach State, finishing with 10 to go along with five total blocks. Iris Murray led the 49ers defensively with a match-high 12 digs while Talaya Whitfield posted 11 digs. Nicole Vargas tallied 38 assists, nine digs, five kills, two service aces and two block assists for Long Beach State.

UAlbany (19-12) will return to the East Coast on Sunday, Nov. 26, where the team will await their match-up for the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The 64-team field will be named in the NCAA's selection show, televised on ESPNNews from 3-4 p.m. ET.



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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL FALLS TO SANTA BARBARA IN BADEN THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

Long Beach, Calif. – Jamie Garbisch recorded a match-high 22 kills to lead the University of California, Santa Barbara to a 3-1 win over non-conference UAlbany on the first day of the Baden Thanksgiving Tournament, on Friday afternoon at Long Beach State's Walter Pyramid.

UC Santa Barbara (18-11) won the first game, 30-28, but the Great Danes evened the score by taking game two, 30-25. The Gauchos rolled to a 30-18 win in game three before holding out for a 30-25 win in the fourth and final stanza.

UAlbany (19-11) was led by senior outside hitter Shelby Goldman, who recorded her 18th double-double of the season with a team-high 16 kills and 18 digs. Senior outside hitter Ashley DeNeal also added a double-double of the kill-dig variety with 13 and 18, respectively. Senior setter Blair Buchanan recorded 51 assists, nine digs, five kills and two service aces for the Great Danes, while sophomore middle blocker Kamisha Kellam notched seven total blocks and nine kills.

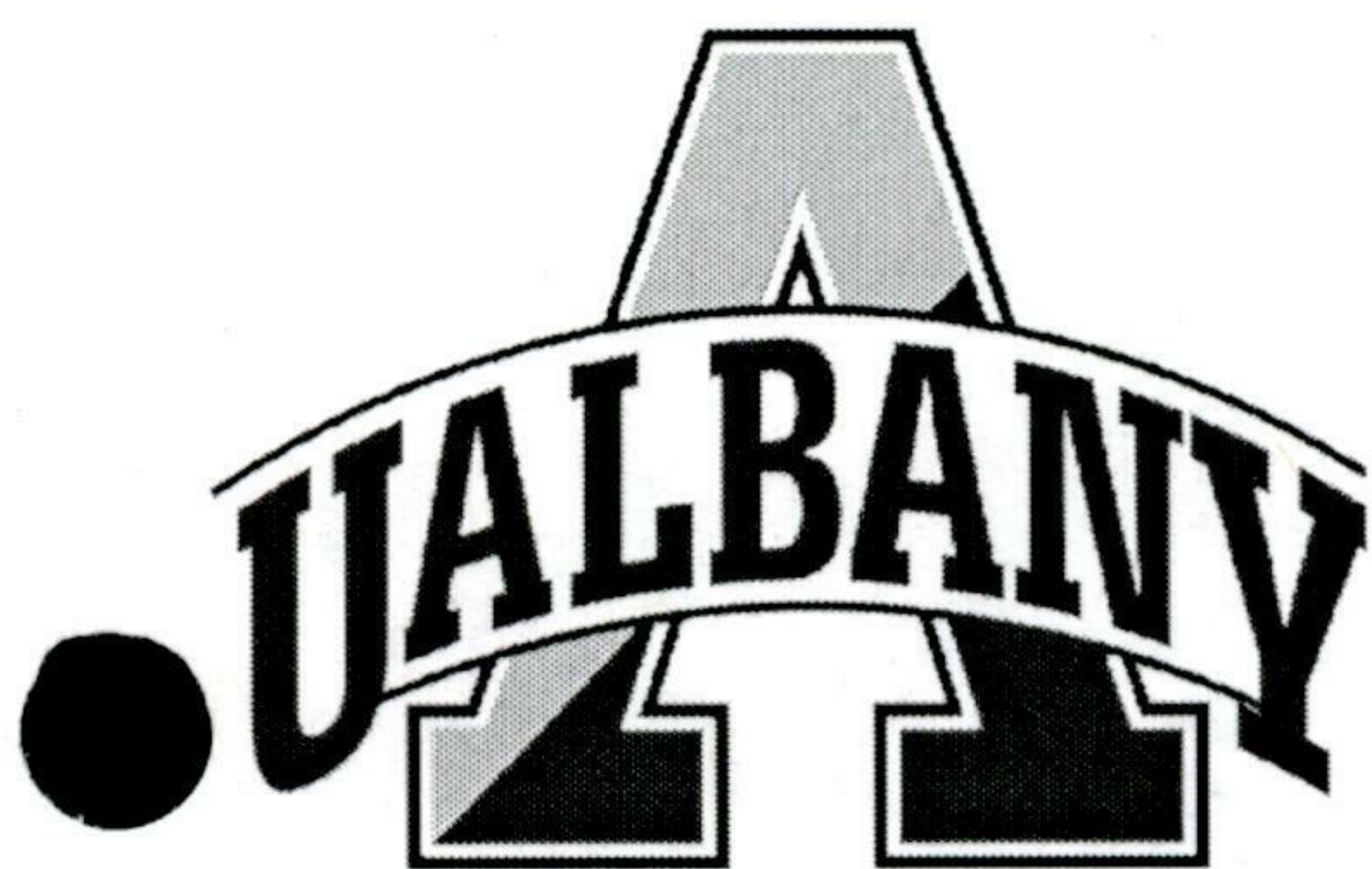
Garbisch completed the double-double for the Gauchos, adding 12 digs. Olivia Waldowski recorded 19 kills while Emily Hendrickson paced the team defensively, tallying 23 digs. Brett Quirarte added 13 kills and two total blocks for UC Santa Barbara.

UAlbany will conclude the tournament, a tune-up for post-season play, on Saturday, facing off against Long Beach State at 6 p.m. ET. The Great Danes will return to the East Coast on Sunday, Nov. 26, when they will find out their first-round match-up for the NCAA Tournament.

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Baden Thanksgiving Classic

UC Santa Barbara 3, UAlbany 1 (30-28, 25-30, 30-18, 30-25)



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UALBANY SENDS THREE PLAYERS TO 2006 EAST COAST BOWL ON SATURDAY

Petersburg, Va. – University at Albany's **Jacob Hobbs** (Schenectady), **Rashad Barksdale** (Hudson) and **Andre Coleman** have been selected to play in the 2006 East Coast Bowl, a college football all-star game that features 75 of the best seniors from Division I-AA, II, III and NAIA programs from across the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The 6th Annual East Coast Bowl will be played on Saturday, Nov. 25 at historic Cameron Field in Petersburg, Va. The all-star contest is co-sponsored by the city of Petersburg and the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. All revenue generated is used to award a scholarship for a local high school senior who plans on attending a Division I-AA, II or III college.

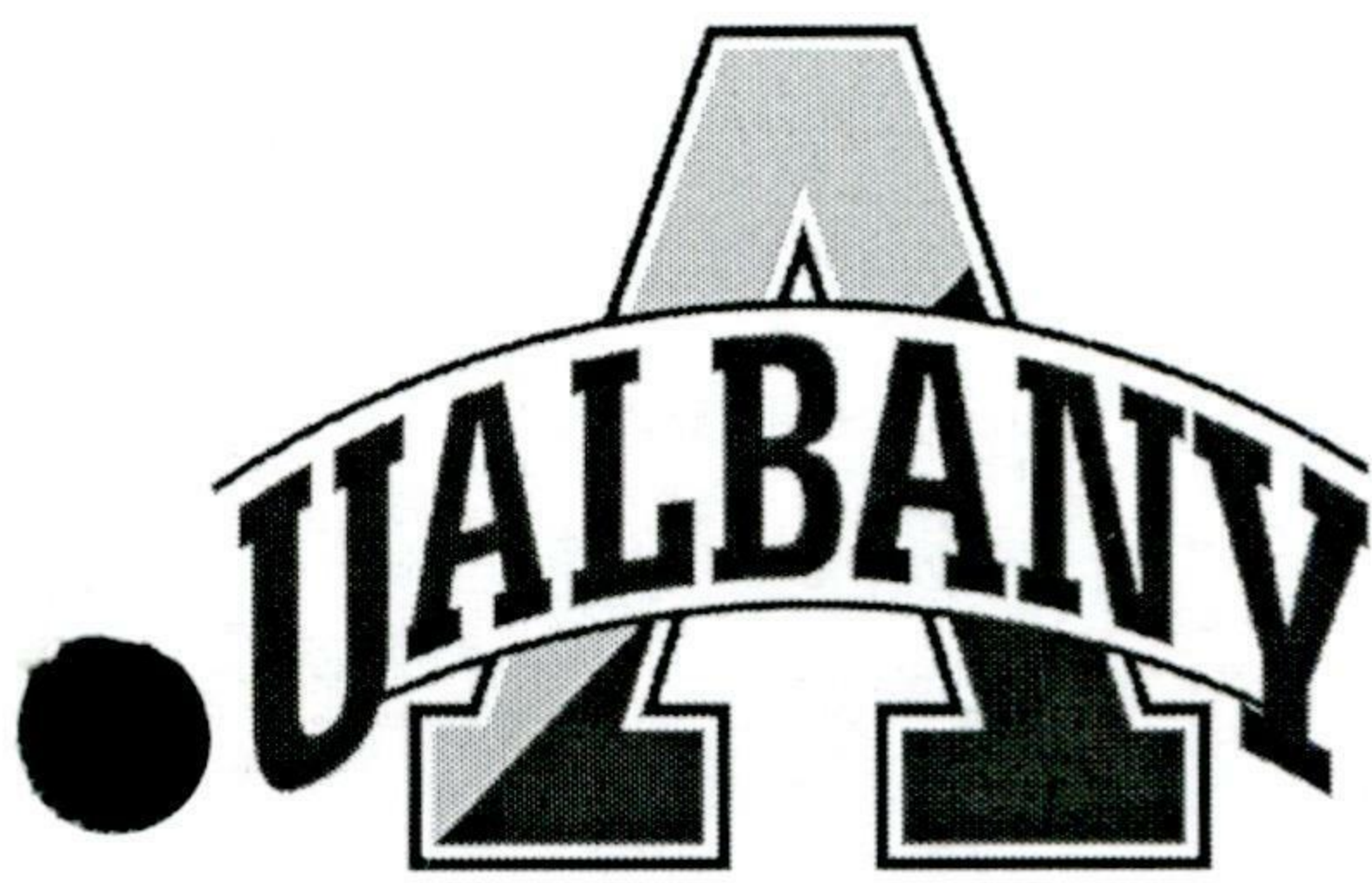
Hobbs, a 6-foot-4, 325-pound offensive tackle, blocked for a unit that averaged 193.7 rushing yards and nearly 300 total yards against conference opponents. He earned first-team All-Northeast Conference recognition.

Coleman, a 6-foot-4, 290-pound defensive end, made his second consecutive appearance on the All-NEC first team. He accounted for 42 tackles and led the team in hits for a loss (13.0) and sacks (6.0). UAlbany ranked among the NCAA leaders in several categories, including sixth in scoring defense at 13.0 points per game.

Barksdale, a senior cornerback, made a significant impact in his only season with the UAlbany football program after playing on the school's baseball team the previous two years. He totaled 37 tackles, three interceptions and three pass break-ups.

All three UAlbany players are members of the North roster and will be coached by Jim Barker, General Manager of the Canadian Football League's Calgary Stampeders.

The East Coast Bowl Committee gathered more than 250 nominations for this year's game. Players will not only have an opportunity to showcase their ability in front of professional scouts, but will spend the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with community members that are less fortunate, including visits to community centers, convalescent homes and children's hospitals.



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COLIN DISCH NAMED NORTHEAST CONFERENCE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR Great Danes Place Six Players on All-Conference First Team

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Colin Disch** has been named the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, as voted by the league's head coaches. The Great Danes placed six players on the all-conference first team and four more were second-team selections.

Disch, a three-time first-team All-NEC linebacker, becomes the third player in conference history to earn the league's top defensive player award twice in a career. He recorded 100-plus tackles for the third straight season (103) and added 11 hits for a loss, four pass break-ups, two forced fumbles and one interception. He ranks third on the school's all-time tackles list with 346. A junior from North Plainfield, N.J., Disch led a defensive unit that is fourth nationally in total defense (240.8 ypg), fifth in rushing yards allowed (90.2 ypg) and sixth in scoring (13.0 ppg) among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders.

Jacob Anderson, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound offensive tackle, made the All-NEC squad for the third consecutive year. Anderson, a two-time first-team selection, paved the way for an offense that averaged 193.7 rushing yards against league opponents. **Andre Coleman**, a 6-foot-4, 290-pound defensive end, was named to the first team for the second year in a row. Coleman made 42 tackles and led the Great Danes in hits for a loss (13.0) and sacks (6.0).

Other first-team All-NEC members were offensive tackle **Jacob Hobbs** (Schenectady), defensive tackle **Michael Dungey** and punter **Chris Lynch**. Hobbs, a 6-foot-4, 325-pound lineman, was a starter for the second straight year. Dungey (6-2, 275) had 34 tackles, including eight for losses. Lynch averaged 38.8 yards per attempt, and booted a career-long 70-yarder during the season.

Place-kicker **Jason Fralicker** led a group of four players who were chosen to the All-NEC second team. Fralicker set a single-season record with 13 field goals and connected on 25-of-25 point-after attempts. He led the team in scoring with 64 points, the ninth-best total in the program's history. Offensive guard **Sam Pagano** (Colonie Central) and center **Pierce Brennan** were second-team offensive linemen. Pagano made his second consecutive appearance on the All-NEC squad. **Mike Wall**, a junior flanker, was honored as a kick return specialist. He averaged 24.9 yards per kickoff return and 13.7 yards on punt returns. Wall, who caught 15 passes for 217 yards and two touchdowns as a receiver, also blocked three punts.

UAlbany (7-4, NEC 5-2) tied for the second place in the conference standings in 2006. The Great Danes have posted seven or more victories in eight of the last 11 seasons.



UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL DROPS FIRST ROAD GAME TO SACRED HEART

Fairfield, Conn. – Chauncey Hardy and Joey Henley scored 15 points apiece to pace six players in double figures in leading Sacred Heart to a 90-71 victory over UAlbany on Tuesday evening at William H. Pitt Center.

Sacred Heart (2-3) made 12-of-27 from three-point range and shot 54.2 percent from the field to bounce back from a nine-point road loss at Lehigh two days earlier.

"We played like we were supposed to win," said UAlbany head coach Will Brown. "They shot the ball extremely well and it was a poor effort by us defensively. They extended us and it was just a lack of focus."

Freshman guard Ryan Litke had a career-high 14 points, including four 3-pointers. His long-range shot from the left corner gave his team a commanding 73-55 advantage with 7:47 remaining. Luke Granato added 12 points, while All-Northeast Conference guard Jarrid Frye added 11.

UAlbany (2-1) continued to struggle on the defensive end in the final period, as the Pioneers made 16-of-24 field goals. The effort offset Brent Wilson's career-high 29 points. Wilson, a 6-foot-8 junior, made six 3-pointers and grabbed nine rebounds. Jamar Wilson and Brian Lillis added 17 and 11 points, respectively.

"We didn't come ready to play," said Brent Wilson. "We scored enough points, but when you give up 90 you are not giving yourself a chance. We have been spoiled the first two games playing in front of big crowds. Tonight we needed to create our own energy."

Sacred Heart built a 47-36 halftime lead on the strength of eight 3-point field goals in the period. The Pioneers trailed 19-18 midway through the period, but wiped that out with seven straight points. Hardy, who came off the bench to score 11 first-half points, hit one of his three long-range jumpers in that run. Still leading 41-36, Granato canned a three-pointer and Henley converted a three-point play when he was fouled on a drive to the hoop.

UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH, 67-55

Richmond, Va. – Quanitra Hollingsworth scored a game-high 22 points to lead Virginia Commonwealth to a 67-55 win over non-conference opponent UAlbany on Tuesday evening at the Siegel Center.

The Great Danes would take a three-point lead, 5-2, in the early moments of the game on back-to-back baskets by freshman guard Britney McGee, who knocked down a three pointer, and junior forward Kristin Higy, who converted a layup at 16:50. Virginia Commonwealth's D'Andra Moss hit a jumper to cut the lead to one, and was fouled less than 30 seconds later, hitting one of two free throws to tie the contest at 5-5. LaKea Jones gave the Rams the lead for good at 15:38, converting a free throw of her own.

Virginia Commonwealth (4-0) would not look back from that point, building a 20-point lead, 39-19, by halftime. UAlbany (1-4) would attempt to mount a comeback in the second half, pulling within 15, 46-31, on a Higy layup at 13:19. The Rams would not fold, however, as Jones put the team back up by 20, 60-40, with just over five minutes remaining.

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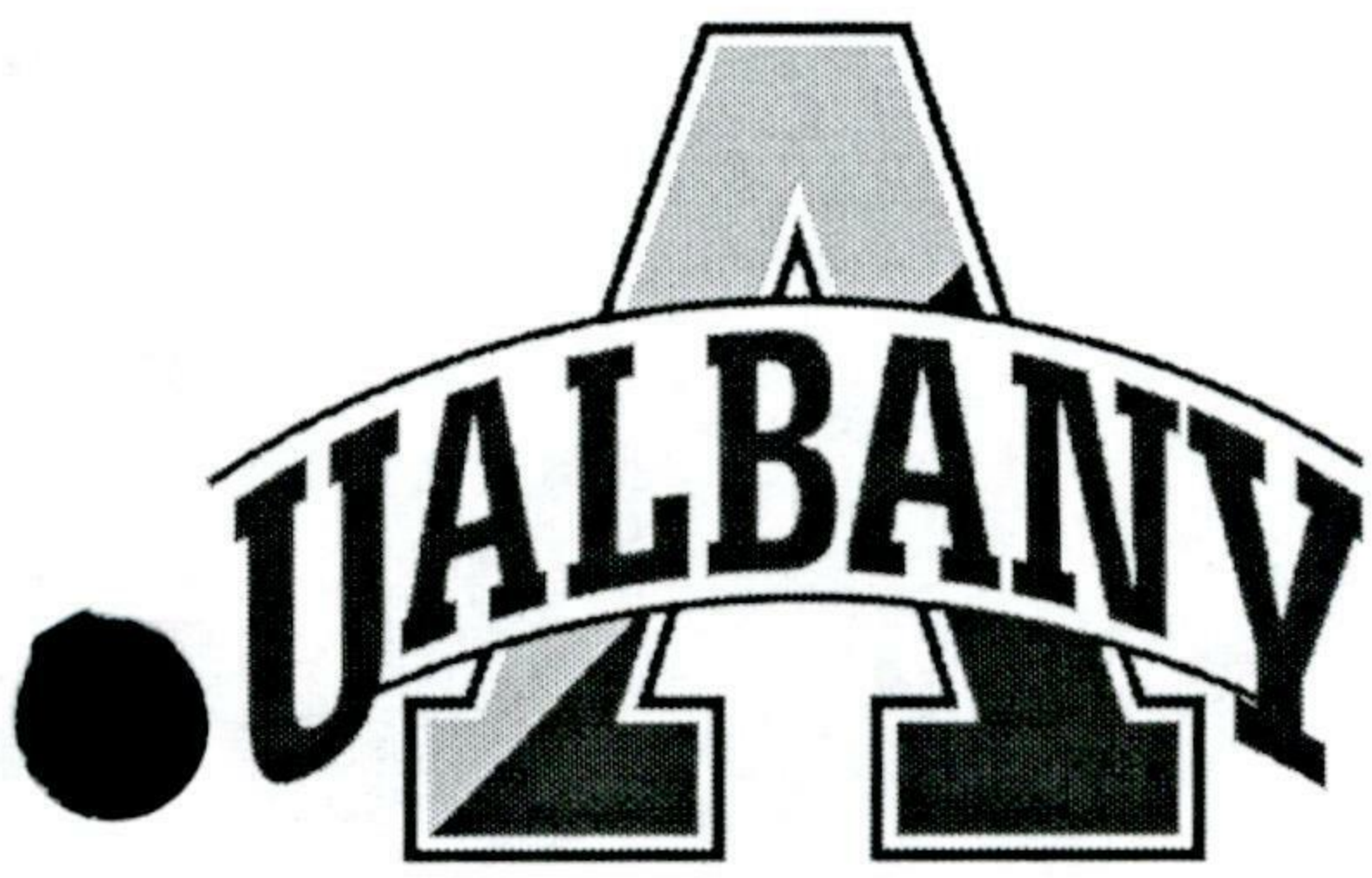
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McGee, who scored a team-high 15 points for the Great Danes, and Gia Sanders combined for the final seven points to set the final 67-55 deficit. Sanders finished with 11 points, seven boards, three assists, three steals and a career-high six blocks to lead UAlbany across the board. McGee added a game-high five steals and three assists for the Great Danes.

"We played a good 20 minutes in the second half, but a game is two halves," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, whose team wrapped up a four-game road stretch with tonight's contest. "I am pleased with the effort, but rebounding is still a concern. We will use the break to improve."

Hollingsworth added a game-high eight rebounds, two blocks and a steal for Virginia Commonwealth, while Krystal Vaughn added 16 points and seven boards. Michele Cosel was the final player for the Rams in double-digit scoring, chipping in 11 points.

UAlbany will be back in action after the Thanksgiving break, returning to the SEFCU Arena to host non-conference foe Holy Cross on Sunday, Nov. 26.



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STEPHAN HALL NAMED TO ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA SOCCER TEAM

Toledo, Ohio – University at Albany's Stephan Hall has been chosen to the ESPN The Magazine University Division Men's Soccer Academic All-America Team, as voted by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). Hall, a graduate student, was voted to the first team for the second consecutive year. He is one of four UAlbany student-athletes to be recognized on a national all-academic first team in the athletic program's Division I history.

Hall, who is presently pursuing his master's degree in information technology systems, graduated last May with a B.S. in urban planning and minors in history and psychology by posting a 3.98 cumulative grade point average.

A two-time UAlbany captain, Hall started all 19 matches as a defender and was second on team in scoring with two goals and two assists in 2006. He led the Great Danes to a fourth-place finish in the America East Conference standings and the program's third consecutive postseason tournament berth. Hall, a two-time all-conference selection, was a starter in all 74 matches as a collegian and totaled 10 goals and 15 assists.

Hall, who was recently named to the America East all-academic squad, has been selected as the conference's scholar-athlete of the year in men's soccer on two occasions. In 2005-06, he was awarded an ECAC Merit Medal as the school's top senior male student-athlete and was the recipient of the Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award. He recently served as vice president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

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UAlbany's Division I First-Team Academic All-Americans

2006:	Stephan Hall (men's soccer)
2005:	Stephan Hall (men's soccer)
2004:	Victor Camacho (football)
2003:	Emil Bove (men's lacrosse)
2000:	J.T. Herfurth (football)

ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM

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SMU's Wideman and Ohio Wesleyan's Warren Head 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Men's Soccer Team

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Senior goalkeeper Matt Wideman of Southern Methodist University and senior defender Josh Warren of Ohio Wesleyan University, each of whom led their teams into the NCAA tournament, head the 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Men's Soccer Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A Fairview, Texas native, Wideman helped SMU to the number three seed in the NCAA Division I tournament. A first-team Conference USA selection with a 3.83 GPA in finance, Wideman ranks seventh nationally with a 0.51 goals against average and is 11th with an .859 save percentage.

Warren has Ohio Wesleyan alive in the NCAA Division III tournament. The Fort Wayne, Ind. native is a two-time Academic All-America first team selection with a 4.0 GPA in zoology. The unbeaten Battling Bishops are 15-0-6 with 15 shutouts and will face Wheaton (Ill.) in an NCAA semifinal game on Nov. 24.

The University Division first team features three players with perfect 4.0 grade point averages or higher, including Dartmouth's Nick Chistman, UAB's Lukasz Kwapisz, and Columbia's Gregg Cass. Repeating on the first team are Albany's Stephan Hall and Delaware's Matt Haney.

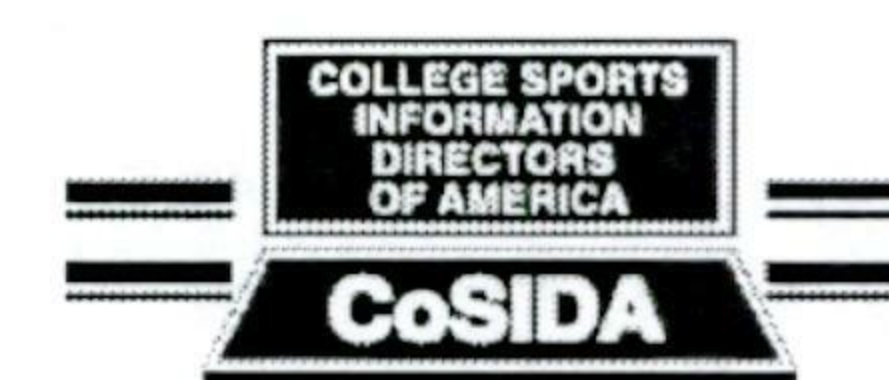
In addition to Warren, the College Division first team features three other athletes at 4.0 or higher. Warren's teammate Jamison Dague, MIT senior Ryan Scheffler, and University of Rochester senior Brian Tuohy. Scheffler and Andrew Winters of St. Norbert College are repeat first-team selections.

The Academic All-America® Teams program honors 816 male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected through voting by CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America; a 2,000-member organization consisted of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.

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For more information about the Academic All-America Teams program, please visit www.cosida.com or e-mail rlipe@bentley.edu.



**2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Men's Soccer Team (University Division)
as selected by CoSIDA**

First Team

Pos.	Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
GK	Matt Wideman	Southern Methodist University	VI	Sr.	Fairview, Texas	3.83, Finance
MF	Jeff Stepan	St. John's University (NY)	I	Jr.	Fremont, Calif.	3.99, Chemistry
MF	Nick Christman	Dartmouth College	I	Jr.	Falmouth, Mass.	4.00, Computer Science & Mathematics
MF	Tyler Hemming	Hartwick College	I	Sr.	London, Ontario, Canada	3.73, Sports Management
D	Stephan Hall	University at Albany	I	Gr.	Denver, Colo.	3.98, Urban Planning
D	Matt Haney	University of Delaware	II	Sr.	Newark, Del.	3.96, Biological Sciences
D	Greg Cass	Columbia University	I	Sr.	Lansdale, Pa.	4.09, Chemical Engineering
D	Devin Sheppard	Campbell University	III	Sr.	Roxborough, Tobago	3.95, Pharmacy
F	George Josten	Gonzaga University	VIII	Jr.	Idaho Falls, Idaho	3.85, Civil Engineering
F	Lukasz Kwapisz	University of Alabama-Birmingham	IV	Sr.	Oshawa, Ontario	4.0, Chemistry
F	Eugene Brooks	California State University, Fullerton	VIII	Sr.	El Paso, Texas	3.84, Bio-chemistry

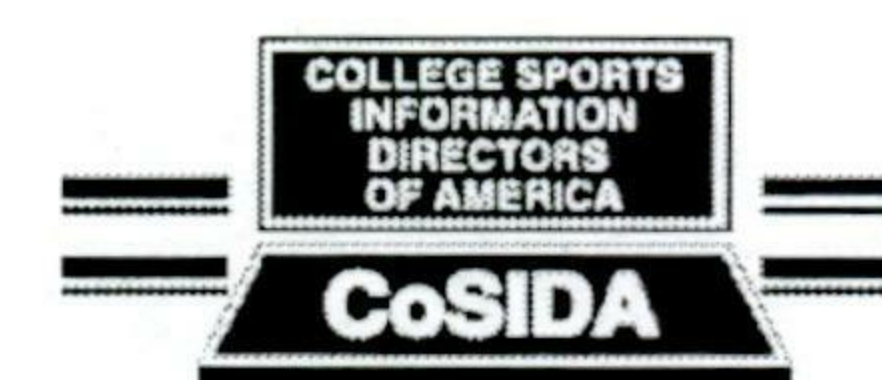
Second Team

Pos.	Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
GK	Chay Cain	Indiana University	V	So.	Aurora, Ill.	3.90, Accounting and Computer Information Systems
MF	Eric Burkholder	University of Tulsa	VI	Jr.	Broken Arrow, Okla.	3.94, Finance
MF	Mac Wilkie	Davidson College	III	Sr.	Jamesville, N.Y.	3.93, Economics
MF	Ryan Overdevest	College of William & Mary	III	Jr.	Bridgeton, N.J.	4.0, Business
D	Jason Pele	University of Evansville	V	Sr.	Kennewick, Wash.	3.89, Electrical Engineering
D	Jared Helfrich	Duquesne University	II	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.95, Finance
D	Todd Reedy	Bradley University	V	Jr.	Springdale, Ark.	4.00, Mechanical Engineering
D	Paul Mongillo	Butler University	V	Sr.	Arlington Heights, Ill.	3.94, Finance
D	Billy Meier	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	V	Gr.	Racine, Wis.	3.80, Business
F	Michael Todd	Hofstra University	I	Sr.	Cleveland, England	3.40, Exercise Science
F	John DiRaimondo	Saint Louis University	VII	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	3.62, Accounting
F	Chris Wright	University of New Mexico	VI	So.	Fair Oaks, Calif.	4.10, Pre Med
F	Chris Archer	High Point University	III	Gr.	Hilton, England	3.46, Sports Management (Undergraduate); Sports Management (Graduate)

Third Team

Pos.	Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
GK	Conrad Taylor	Penn State University	II	Jr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.	3.85, Kinesiology
MF	Stephen King	University of Maryland	II	Jr.	Medford, N.J.	3.47, Finance
MF	Michael Videira	Duke University	III	Jr.	Milford, Mass.	3.28, Sociology
MF	Matt Thomas	University of Tulsa	VI	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	3.92, Biochemistry
D	Ryan Badaracco	Penn State University	II	Jr.	Wexford, Pa.	3.93, Finance
D	Noah Salsi	Duquesne University	II	Gr.	North Huntingdon, Pa.	3.85, Physician Assistant
D	Corey Bronner	University of Vermont	I	Sr.	Morrisville, Vt.	3.76, Business Administration
F	Kevin Van Den Berg	Coastal Carolina University	III	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	3.86, Business Management and Finance
F	Alex Harrison	Central Connecticut State Univ.	I	Sr.	Eastbourne, England	3.73, Physical Education

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR: Matt Wideman, Southern Methodist University



**2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Men's Soccer Team (College Division)
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First Team

Pos.	Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
GK	Jamison Dague	Ohio Wesleyan University	IV	Jr.	Bexley, Ohio	4.00, Politics & Government
MF	Ryan Sheffler	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	I	Sr.	Beaumont, Texas	4.0, Physics
MF	Andrew Winters	St. Norbert College	V	Sr.	Green Bay, Wis.	3.98, Mathematics and Economics
MF	Patrick Huffer	Williams College	I	Sr.	Boulder, Colo.	3.93, Biology
D	Josh Warren	Ohio Wesleyan University	IV	Sr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	4.0, Zoology
D	Peter Petropanagos	Franklin Pierce College	I	Sr.	Mississauga, Ontario	3.83, Pre-Med
D	Tim Presto	The College of Wooster	IV	Sr.	Wadsworth, Ohio	3.84, Mathematics
D	Brandon Beaudoin	Saint Michael's College	I	Jr.	Newburyport, Mass.	3.86, Biology
F	Morten Jensen	Dowling College	I	Gr.	Tananger, Norway	3.76, MBA in General Management
F	Brian Tuohy	University of Rochester	I	Sr.	Sayreville, NJ	4.00, Clinical & Social Psychology and Religion
F	Nick Noel	DePauw University	V	Sr.	Zionsville, Ind.	3.59, Education

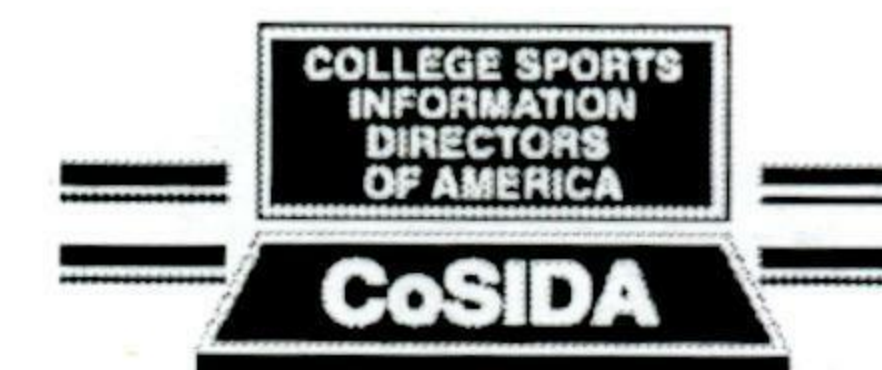
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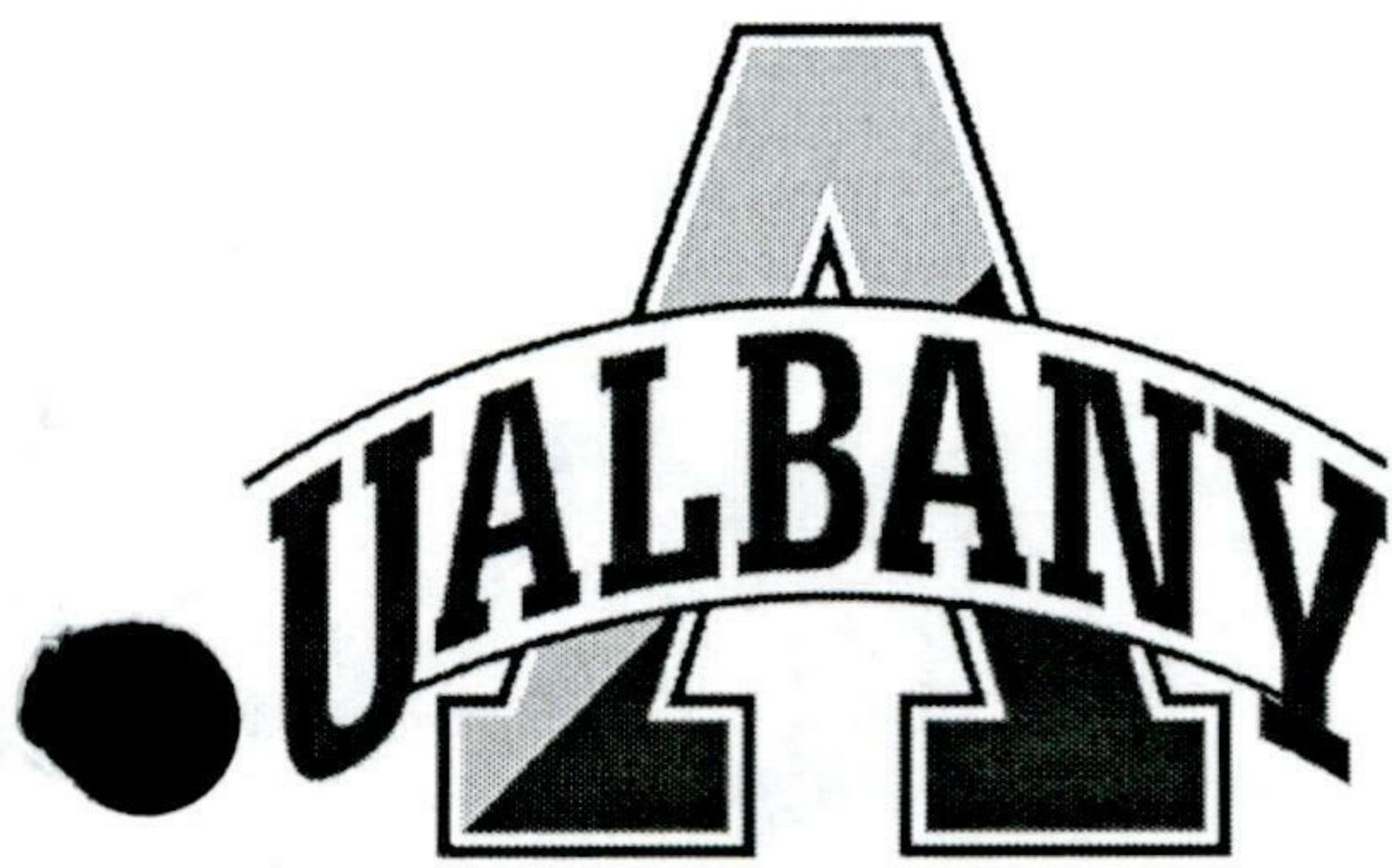
Pos.	Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
GK	Danny Coble	Johns Hopkins University	II	Sr.	Fremont, Calif.	3.5, Economics and Applied Math & Statistics
MF	Tony Breitbach	Clarke College	VII	Sr.	Dubuque, Iowa	4.00, Chemistry
MF	Stephen Rigby	Wheaton College (Ill.)	V	Sr.	Winnetka, Ill.	3.67, Business and Economics
MF	Adam Jensen	Seattle University	VIII	Sr.	Missoula, Mont.	3.94, Biochemistry
D	Adam Barnes	Oklahoma Christian University	VI	Jr.	Yukon, OK	3.95, Mathematics
D	Kerrin Sheldon	Wingate University	III	Jr.	Moatsville, W.Va.	3.87, Communication Studies
D	Maurice Aboud	University of New Haven	I	Sr.	Westmoorings, Trinidad	3.91, Forensic Science
D	Tommy Ehrenfelt	Baldwin-Wallace College	IV	Sr.	Strongsville, Ohio	3.75, Finance
F	Randy Sturm	De Sales University	II	Sr.	North Cape May, N.J.	3.43, Elementary Education
F	Ryan Potter	Letourneau University	VI	Sr.	San Antonio, Tex.	3.73, Biomedical Engineering
F	Matt Pietro	Baldwin-Wallace College	IV	Jr.	Canfield, Ohio	3.86, Business Administration

Third Team

Pos.	Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
GK	Tim Williamson	Saint Michael's College	I	Jr.	Wakefield, R.I.	3.80, Business administration
MF	Diogo Silvy	Lincoln Memorial University	IV	Sr.	Santa Catarina, Brazil	3.70, Business
MF	Benjamin Gilde	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	I	So.	Manchester, N.H.	4.00, Actuarial Mathematics
MF	Blaine Phillips	Johns Hopkins University	II	Sr.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	3.87, Behavioral Biology
D	John Keese	University of Texas-Dallas	VI	Sr.	Albuquerque, NM	3.90, Arts & Technology
D	Travis Cober	Virginia Wesleyan College	III	Jr.	Morgantown, W.Va.	3.94, Liberal Arts Management
D	Brett Cook	Sonoma State University	VIII	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.	3.52, Criminal Justice
D	Hans Esterhuizen	Seattle University	VIII	Gr.	Pasco, Wash.	3.84, Finance/Business Administration
D	Ben Passe	Saint John's University (Minn.)	V	Jr.	Oronoco, Minn.	3.87, Computer Science
F	Jacob Helling	Hamline University	V	Sr.	Brookings, S.D.	3.45, Art
F	Dan Gravlin	University of Missouri-Rolla	VII	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	3.94, Civil Engineering
F	Matt Trowbridge	Rose-Hulman Inst. of Technology	V	Jr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	3.57, Civil Engineering

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR: Josh Warren, Ohio Wesleyan University





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JAMAR WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Jamar Wilson has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in basketball, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 senior, scored 33 points, the second-highest total of his career, in an 87-67 non-conference victory over Delaware on Nov. 17. He added 10 rebounds, six assists and just one turnover in 38 minutes played. He posted his third career double-double, the first since Feb. 16, 2003, and scored 30-plus points for the sixth time as a collegian.

Wilson, the 2006 America East player of the year, is averaging 22.5 points, 7.0 rebounds and 6.0 assists per game. UAlbany has won its opening two contests for the just the second time as a Division I program.

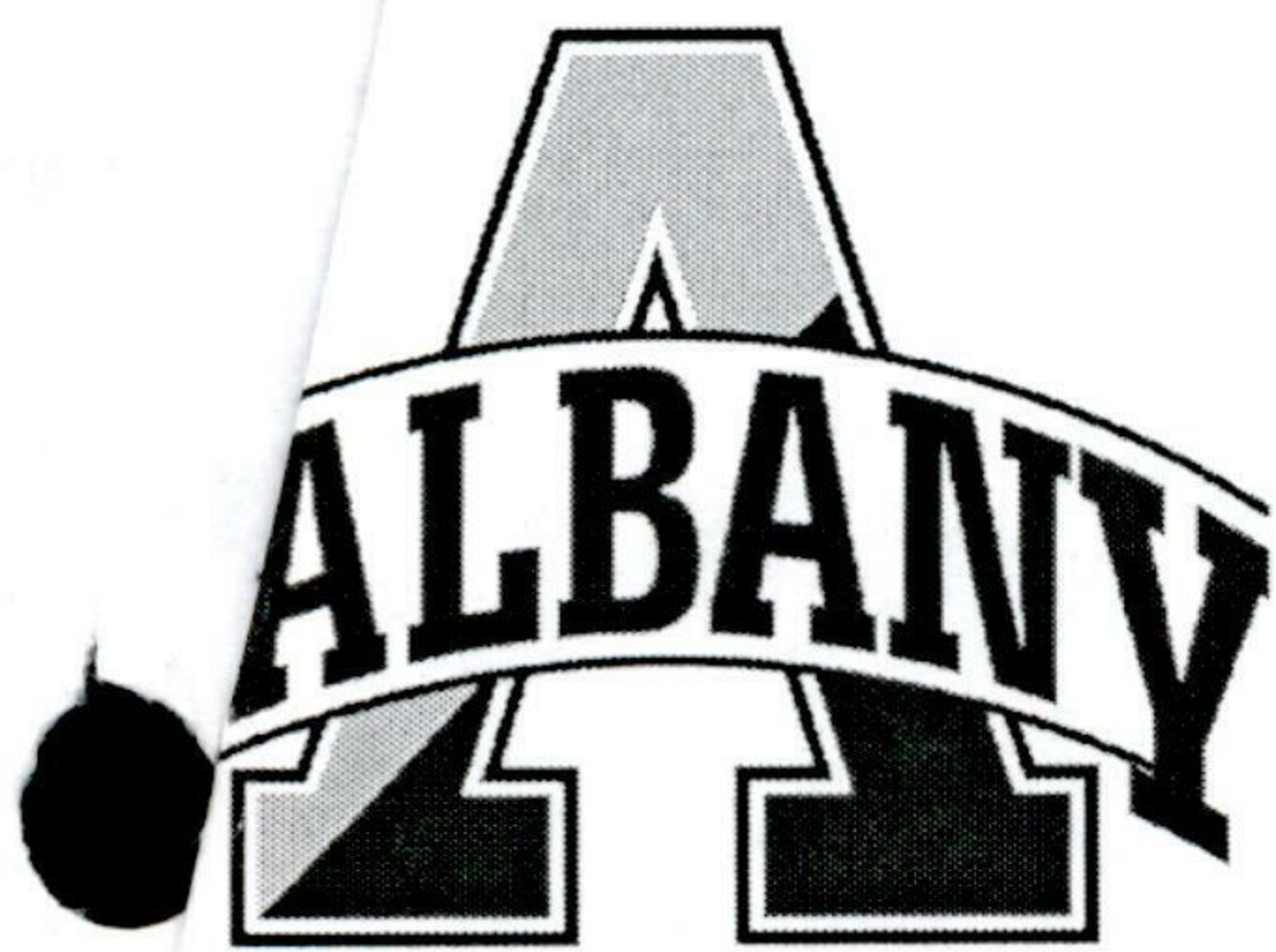
UALBANY PLACES THREE ON AMERICA EAST ALL-ACADEMIC VOLLEYBALL SQUAD

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Ashley DeNeal, Shelby Goldman and Blair Buchanan have named to the America East Conference All-Academic Volleyball Team.

DeNeal, who has a 3.53 cumulative grade point average in criminal justice and psychology, and Goldman, who owns a 3.31 GPA in English, were chosen to the all-academic unit for the second consecutive year. DeNeal, the most outstanding player at this year's America East Conference championship, averages 2.69 kills and 3.75 digs. Goldman, who is second among the A-East leaders in kills with a 4.31 average, was also named to the all-tournament team.

Buchanan posted a 3.06 GPA in accounting with a minor in business administration. She recently became the first student-athlete in NCAA history to be voted the conference player and setter of the year three times. She is among the A-East leaders in assists at 11.25 per game.

UAlbany (19-10) captured the America East Conference championship for the second time in the last three years over the weekend. The Great Danes will find out their NCAA Tournament opponent when the bracket is announced on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 3:00 p.m. on ESPNEWS.



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UALBANY RALLIES IN FIVE TO WIN 2006 AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. – Kamisha Kellam had a career-high 19 kills and Ashley DeNeal added 13 kills and a career-best 39 digs, as UAlbany rallied from a huge deficit in a 3-2 victory over UMBC that captured the America East Conference Volleyball Championship. The Great Danes, who won by scores of 27-30, 22-30, 30-26, 30-18 and 15-12, receives an automatic NCAA berth as the conference tournament champion.

UMBC (16-15) looked in firm control after winning the opening two games and building a 22-16 lead in the third. Freshman Ashley Oscars, the conference's rookie of the year, and Sarah Ball helped create that margin with 18 and 14 kills, respectively.

UAlbany (19-10) then turned the match around by running off 10 of the game's next 12 points. Kellam, a sophomore, drew her team even at 24 apiece, before Shelby Goldman, an all-tournament selection who had 18 kills and 18 digs, finished off two attacks to put her team ahead.

DeNeal, the championship's most outstanding player, helped UAlbany run off eight unanswered points to start the fourth game. She ignited the outburst with a kill off a blocker and ended the spree with a service ace. The Great Danes led by as much as 14 in the stanza.

In the fifth and deciding game, UAlbany jumped out to an 11-6 advantage when Kellam scored off a quick set and UMBC's Sarah Fillmore hit an attack long over the end line. However, the Retrievers, who upset defending champion Binghamton in the semifinal round, would close the gap. Amanda Willey and Ball, who totaled 23 digs, blocked DeNeal's attack to slice the margin to 13-12. But the Great Danes scored the last two points, including Goldman's game-winning kill in the middle of the floor.

"(Ashley) DeNeal's shoulders were big in the comeback," said UAlbany coach Kelly Sheffield, whose team became the first to overcome a 2-0 deficit in the conference championship match. "She and Shelby (Goldman) came up huge. This senior class has been through everything; they stayed calm. I think they just got both irritated and competitive."

Ashley Crenshaw added 12 kills for the Great Danes, who will make their second NCAA Tournament appearance after winning the 2004 America East title in another five-game championship.

"We just believe in ourselves and I am proud of our team," offered DeNeal, whose squad last came back from two games down against Syracuse last November. "We played with some nerves in the first two games, but then we were aggressive in the moment. It feels good to come this far and then battle it out."

UMBC's Jessie Folk and Angela Anderson had 12 kills apiece. Anderson, a sophomore outside hitter, converted three attacks in the first game, which went back and forth with 14 ties and five lead changes. Folk's kill off a block jump-started a run of four consecutive points that broke open game two.

"We do not play well when we are frustrated, so we just kept going point by point," explained UAlbany setter Blair Buchanan, the America East player of the year. "We picked up our passes in the third game and that helped get the middle involved. I always have confidence in Ashley (DeNeal) that she will do whatever it takes to get the job done. She has the mentality that she's not going to lose and wants the ball."

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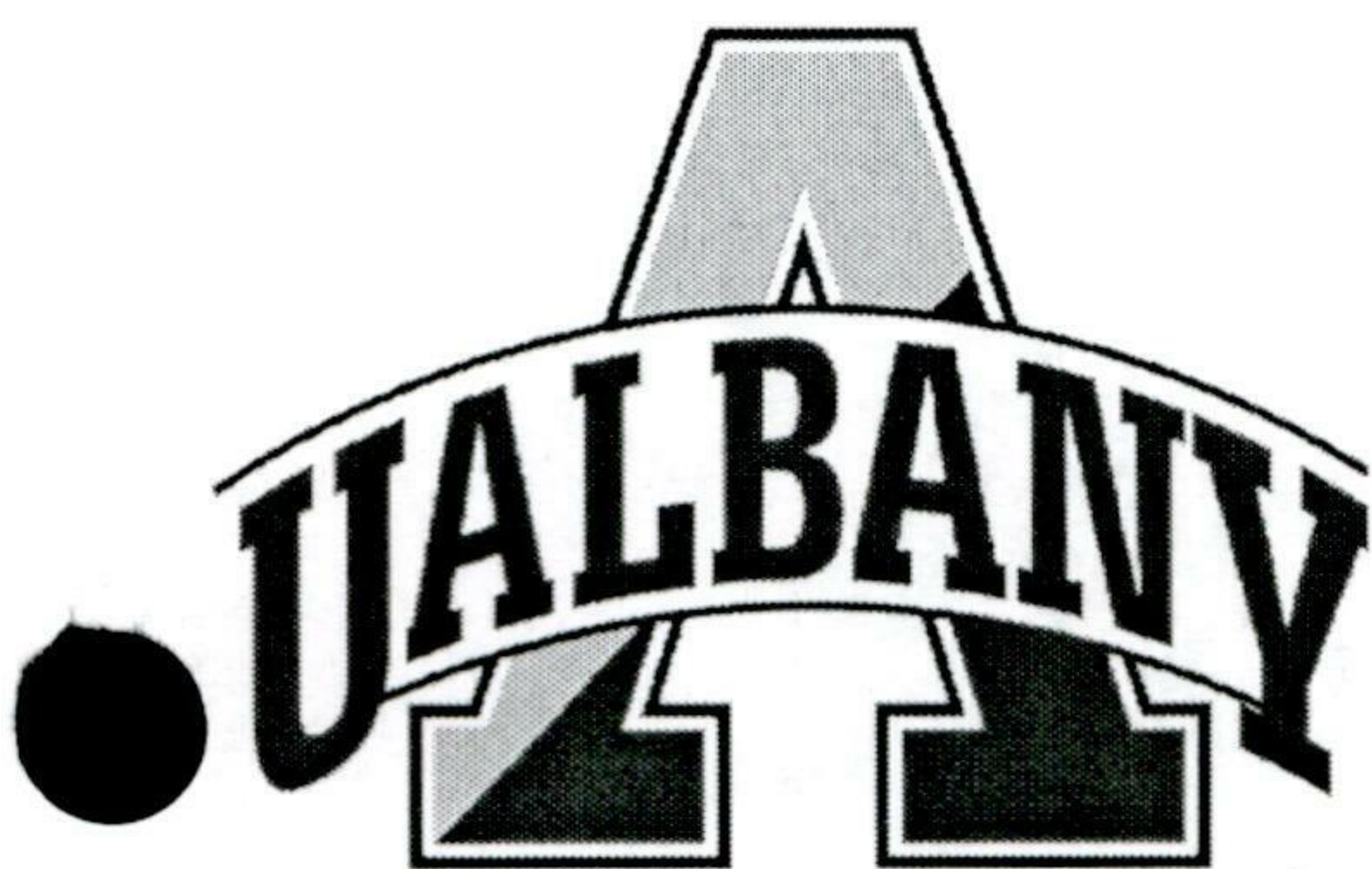
2006 America East Conference Volleyball Championship

UAlbany def. UMBC, 27-30, 22-30, 30-26, 30-18, 15-12

America East Conference All-Championship Team

Morgan Sweany (Stony Brook), Megan Hoag (Binghamton), Kira Giles (UMBC), Sarah Ball (UMBC), Kamisa Kellam (Albany), Shelby Goldman (Albany), Ashley DeNeal (Albany)

Most Outstanding Player – Ashley DeNeal (Albany)



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RICARDO ESTREMER A FINISHES SECOND AT IC4A CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Bronx, N.Y. – University at Albany's Ricardo Estremera placed second in the 98th IC4A University Division Cross Country Championship to lead his team to a seventh-place finish on Saturday afternoon at Van Cortlandt Park. UAlbany's women took sixth in the 22nd ECAC Championship.

Estremera, who finished 46th in last year's race, covered the five-mile course in 25:58.1 and was just over 20 seconds behind Adelphi's Jaime Julia-Perez, who won the IC4A championship in 25:49.8. Fordham captured team title with five runners among the top-16 finishers.

UAlbany's John Moore (Fonda-Fultonville) and Brian Yurkewecz (Fonda-Fultonville) hit the tape in 23rd and 44th place, respectively. Moore was clocked in 26:50.7.

In the women's 5,000-meter event, UAlbany's Jenna Ortman placed fourth in 18:39.4, while her twin sister, Jessica, was right behind in fifth with a time of 18:40.2. Each runner improved over their performances in last year's meet. Jenna was 10 places better than in 2005, while Jessica ended up in 32nd position last year.

Binghamton Katie Radzik was individual winner in 18:02.8, while Colgate claimed the team championship with 47 points.

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IC4A University Division Cross Country Championship

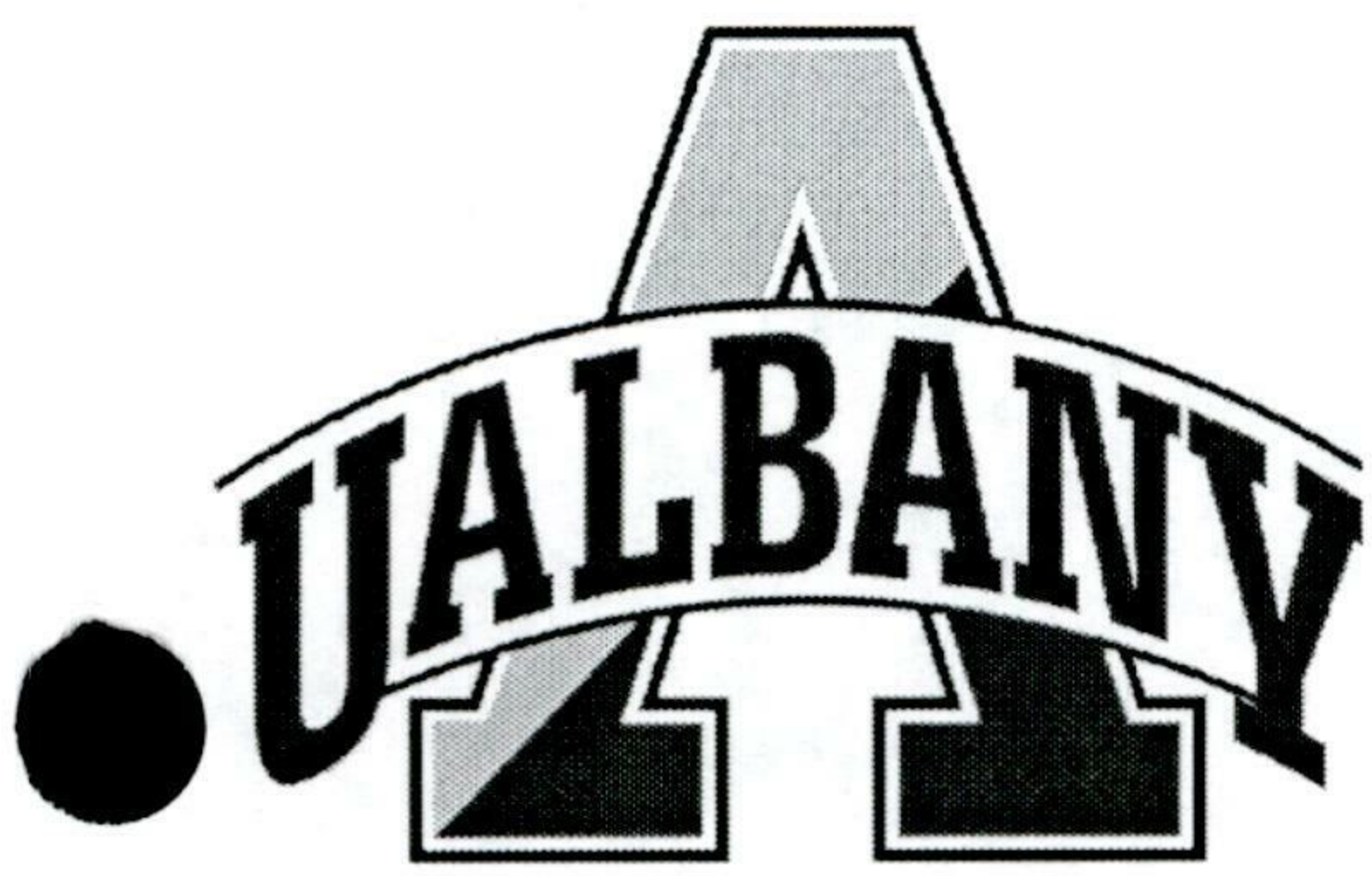
Team: 1. Fordham 61, 2. Binghamton 140, 3. Army 142, 4. Bucknell 161, 5. Monmouth 163, 6. Manhattan 177, 7. UAlbany 177, 8. Longwood 186, 9. Colgate 215, 10. Seton Hall 216, 11. Hofstra 249, 12. Adelphi 283, 13. Loyola, Md. 376, 14. C.W. Post 392, 15. Siena 393, 16. Sacred Heart 394, 17. NJIT 407, 18. Temple 461, 19. Fairfield 534.

Individual: 1. Jaime Julia-Perez (Adelphi), 25:49.8; 2. Ricardo Estremera (UAlbany), 25:58.1, 3. Robert Squier (Army), 26:02.2; 4. Craig Segal (Monmouth), 26:07.8, 5. Todd Raymond (Manhattan), 26:09.0.

ECAC Cross Country Championship

Team: 1. Colgate 47, T2. Bucknell 118, T2. Binghamton 118, 4. Army 146, 5. Towson 155, 6. UAlbany 166, 7. Manhattan 202, 8. Sacred Heart 218, 9. Mansfield 286, 10. Siena 289, 11. Hofstra 296, 12. Fordham 324, 13. Loyola, Md. 347, 14. Monmouth 348, 15. C.W. Post 361, 16. Fairfield 365, 17. Adelphi 435, 18. St. John's 442, 19. Longwood 486.

Individual: 1. Katie Radzik (Binghamton), 18:02.8; 2. Abby Pullen (Hofstra), 18:28.1; 3. Kristen Kiraly (Colgate), 18:34.6; 4. Jenna Ortman (UAlbany), 18:39.4; 5. Jessica Ortman (UAlbany), 18:40.2.



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Women's College Basketball – Central Florida 59, UAlbany 51

Orlando, Fla. – Keunta Miles scored 19 of her career-high 23 points in the second half, as Central Florida came from behind for a 59-51 victory over UAlbany in the consolation of the UCF Golden Knights Tournament on Saturday afternoon at UCF Arena.

UAlbany (1-3) held the host school scoreless for more than five minutes in the opening half en route to a 25-21 lead at the intermission. Amanda Ward and Kristin Higy, who had 15 and 14 points, respectively, helped the Great Danes build their margin.

Central Florida (1-3) wiped out a six-point deficit early in the final period, when Miles converted a layup following her steal for a 33-32 advantage. Higy, a 6-foot-1 junior who made 6-of-10 from the field, would put UAlbany back on top with 13:21 remaining.

But Miles, who connected on 11-of-21 attempts from the floor and grabbed nine rebounds, gave her team the lead for good with a jumper and another layup after a steal. The Golden Knights, who forced 25 turnovers, still led 43-41 with less than nine minutes to play, when freshman Kristin Thomas and Miles made back-to-back baskets.

UAlbany's Sherri Mikus, who had 12 points, canned a 15-footer, but Central Florida responded with six unanswered markers to pull away. Freshman guard Shante Cummings hit a jumper, before Miles followed a missed shot in the lane and scored off another offensive rebound for a commanding 55-45 lead.

"The outcome was a disappointment," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose club was beaten in the tournament's opening round by Bowling Green. "We thought that this was a good opportunity for a win. Our lack of rebounding and the turnovers were the keys. This tournament was a learning experience against teams that play in tougher conferences."

Thomas, a 5-foot-10 guard, finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Golden Knights, who were coming off a 77-64 loss to Fairleigh Dickinson in Friday's first round. UAlbany's Gia Sanders totaled four points, nine rebounds, three blocked shots and three steals.



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UALBANY ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP WITH FOUR-GAME VICTORY

Albany, N.Y. – Kamisha Kellman had 13 kills and a career-high 12 blocks to lead UAlbany to a 3-1 victory over Stony Brook in the semifinal round of the America East Conference Volleyball Tournament on Saturday afternoon at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who won by scores of 30-12, 30-17, 27-30 and 30-23, advanced to the conference championship match for the second time in the last three years. The America East champion receives an automatic NCAA berth.

UAlbany (18-10) came roaring out of the gate as the tournament's top seed by winning eight of the first nine points in game one. Kellam, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, delivered four kills, as her team had one hitting error in the period. Freshman Bev Hazell had five of her career-high seven service aces in that opening frame.

The Great Danes, who have won 14 of their last 17 matches, were equally as dominant in the second game. UAlbany led 9-7, but then reeled off eight of the next 10 points to take control. Kellam, who again had four kills in the stanza, and Hillary White combined on two blocks in that run.

Stony Brook (13-17) came alive in the third game by reversing a 24-22 deficit with seven consecutive points. Morgan Sweany, a first-team all-conference outside hitter who had six of her match-high 17 kills in that period, led the charge. Guice Dikecligil had two kills and Amy Oleksiej added a kill and a solo block in that decisive stretch.

Kellam helped UAlbany snap a 13-all deadlock in the fourth and deciding game. She powered the ball off a America East Player of the Year Blair Buchanan's quick set to break the tie and then ended a string of four straight points with a kill at the net. The Great Danes, who will meet the winner of the Binghamton-UMBC semifinal, stayed ahead the rest of the way.

"When Kamisha (Kellam) is that aggressive, it's because we are the passing the ball really well," said UAlbany coach Kelly Sheffield, who guided the Great Danes to the 2004 America East title. "(Ashley) DeNeal and (Kristin) Fiorillo did a great job of controlling the ball. The senior class is a driven group and you would like to see them go out as conference champions."

Shelby Goldman and Ashley DeNeal, two members of that senior class, turned in double-double performances. Goldman had 13 kills and 12 digs, while DeNeal added 11 kills and 17 digs. Stony Brook's Dikecligil and Oleksiej totaled 13 and 10 kills, respectively.

"We are farther along that last year, but we want to get that one tomorrow," said DeNeal, whose team was upset in five games by Stony Brook in the 2005 conference semifinal. "When we pass the ball the way we did it keeps the other team's blockers on their toes and allows Blair (Buchanan) to have options as the setter."

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America East Conference Tournament

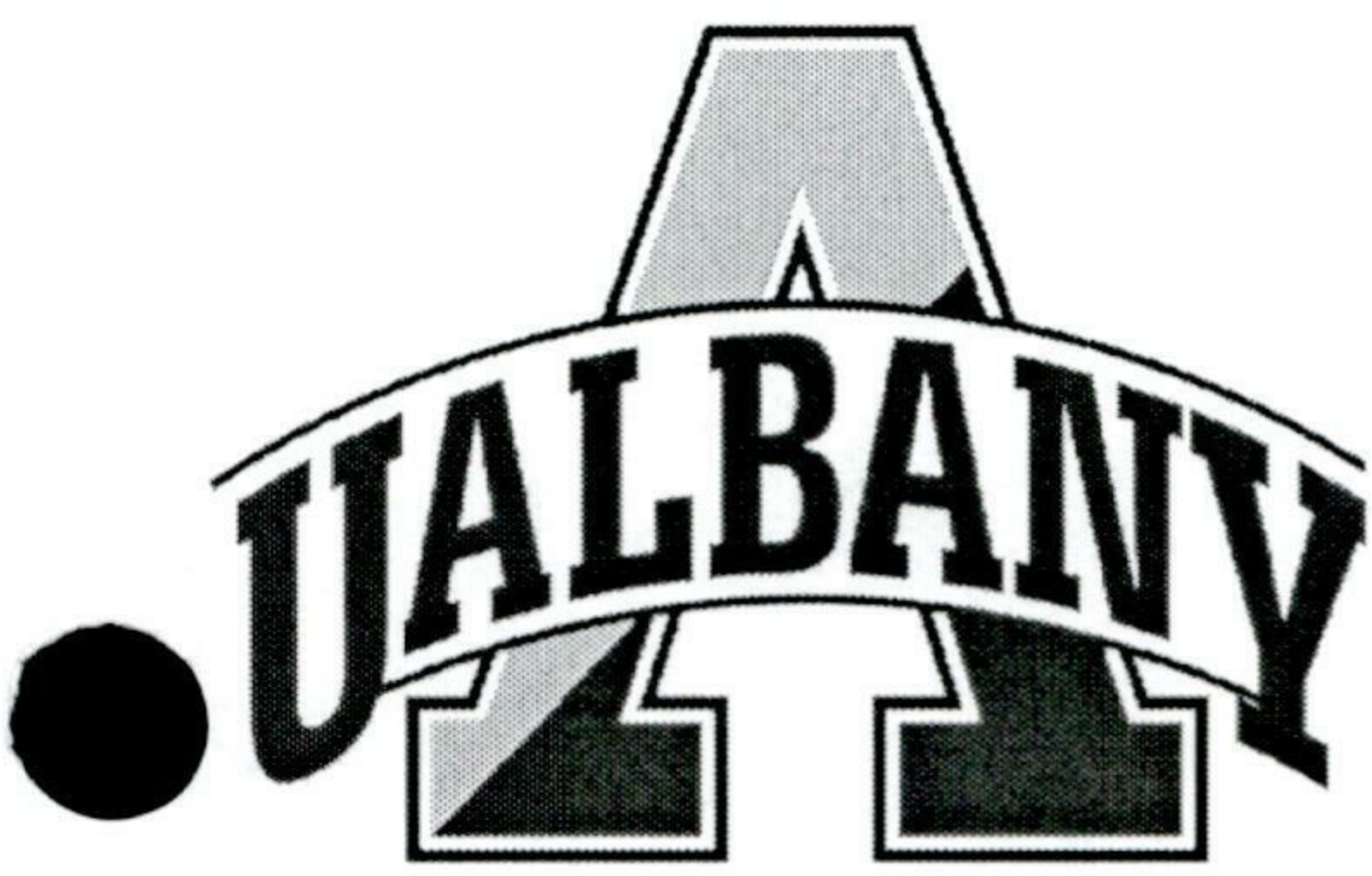
UAlbany def. Stony Brook, 30-12, 30-17, 27-30, 30-23

Binghamton vs. UMBC, 5:30 p.m.

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College Basketball – Albany 87, Delaware 67

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson scored 33 points, the second-highest total of his career, and grabbed 10 rebounds in leading UAlbany to an 87-67 non-conference victory over Delaware on Friday evening at SEFCU Arena. The Great Danes have won their opening two games for just the second time since moving to the Division I level in 1999.

Delaware (0-2) led 20-19 with 8:06 remaining in first half, when Herb Courtney, a 6-foot-7 junior who had 18 points and 10 rebounds, canned one of his four 3-point field goals. The opening part of the contest featured five lead changes and three ties.

UAlbany (2-0) then seized control with 10 of the game's next 11 points. Brent Wilson put his team ahead with a three-pointer from the top of the arc. Wilson, who had 18 first-half markers, later hit a foul-line jumper and one of his three 3-point shots. Michael Knight followed a missed free throw for a 30-21 lead with 5:21 left in the period. The Great Danes, who made 15-of-27 from the field, including 7-of-13 from 3-point range in that opening stanza, would later settle for a 43-32 halftime lead.

Jason Siggers, a senior swingman who had 17 points, helped his team pull away to start the final period with three consecutive baskets. He made a 12-foot jumper in the lane off the dribble and followed with a slam dunk off a steal for a 50-32 margin.

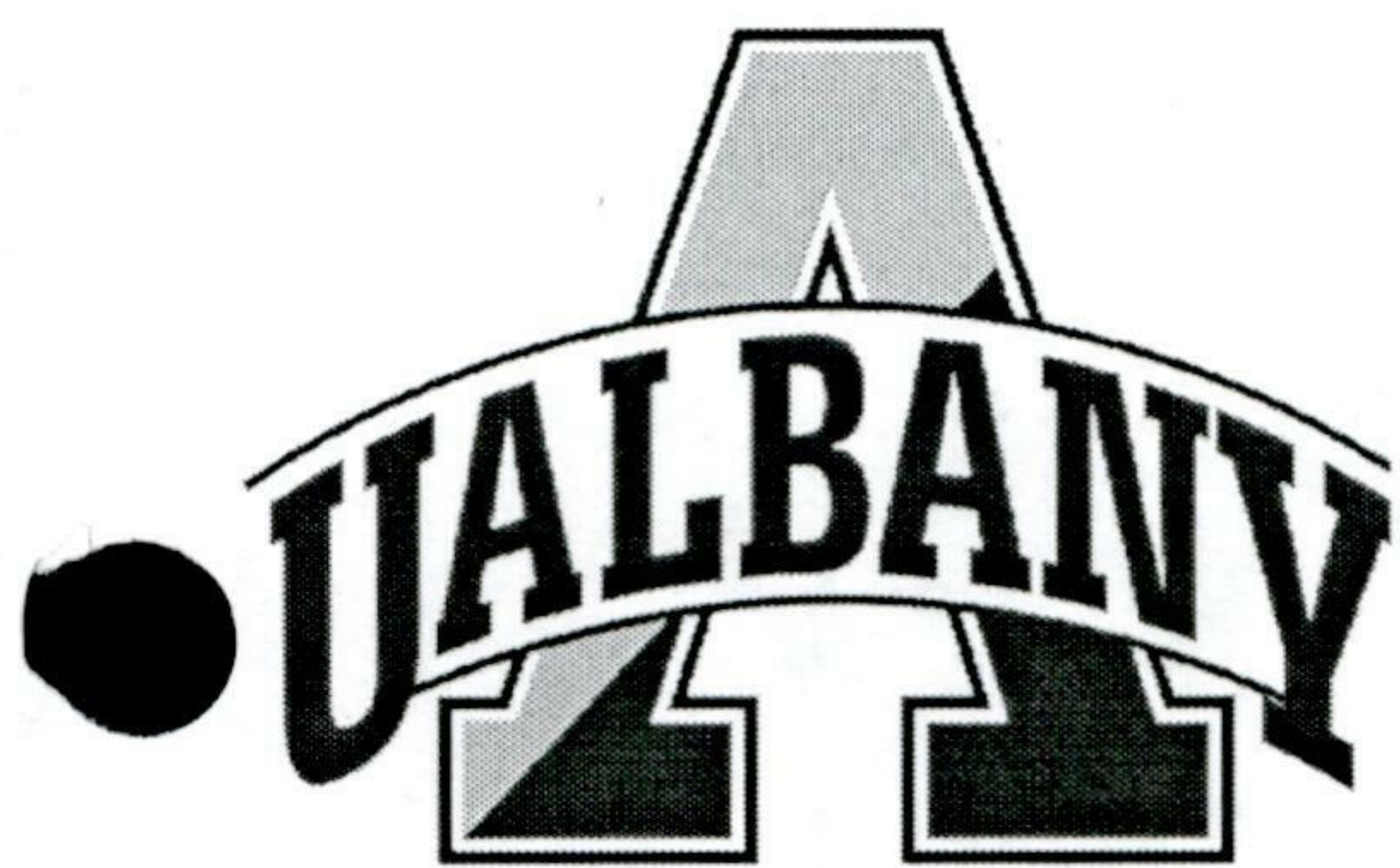
The Blue Hens, who were meeting the home team for the first time in the two program's history, trailed by as much as 21 points with seven minutes remaining. Zaire Taylor, who had 15 points and eight rebounds, converted a three-point play when he was fouled on a driving layup to slice the deficit to 73-61 with 4:16 left. But freshman center Brett Gifford hit a turnaround jumper in the lane, and the Great Danes held on to their double-figure advantage at the foul line.

"I thought we did a decent job defensively the last 10 minutes of the first half and the first part of the second half," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, who got solid contributions from his bench, including a career-high six points and three rebounds from sophomore forward Brian Connelly. "We just need to play with a sense of urgency throughout the game."

Brian Johnson added 15 points and five assists for the Blue Hens, who were held to 36.7-percent shooting in the second half on 11-of-30 attempts. Wilson, last year's America East Conference player of the year, made 10-of-15 from the floor and 10-of-12 from the line to go with six assists and just one turnover.

"My legs felt good and I was fresh," said Wilson, who struggled through the second half of the season opener six days ago with leg cramps. "My teammates were always looking to find me. Overall, we did a good job of making sure that we sealed the deal in the second half."

The Great Danes, who shot 52.9 percent from the floor for the game, played their opening two contests at home for the first since the 1994-95 campaign.



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UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO BOWLING GREEN AT UCF TOURNAMENT

Orlando, Fla. – Senior forward **Ali Mann** recorded a game-high 16 points to lead three players in double figures as Bowling Green posted a 76-40 victory over UAlbany on the first day of the UCF Golden Knights Tournament on Friday evening.

The game was scoreless for nearly a minute and a half, before Falcons senior **Carin Horne** knocked down a jumper. The Great Danes committed a turnover that produced a **Megan Thorburn** hoop, and Horne followed with a steal and layup for a six-point BG lead.

The Great Danes would tie the game at 8-8 with 11:50 on the clock in the first half on a shot from senior guard **Amanda Ward**, but that would be as close as they could make it. The lead would increase to 18-8 before junior forward **Kristin Higy** snapped a 10-0 BG run with a layup in the paint.

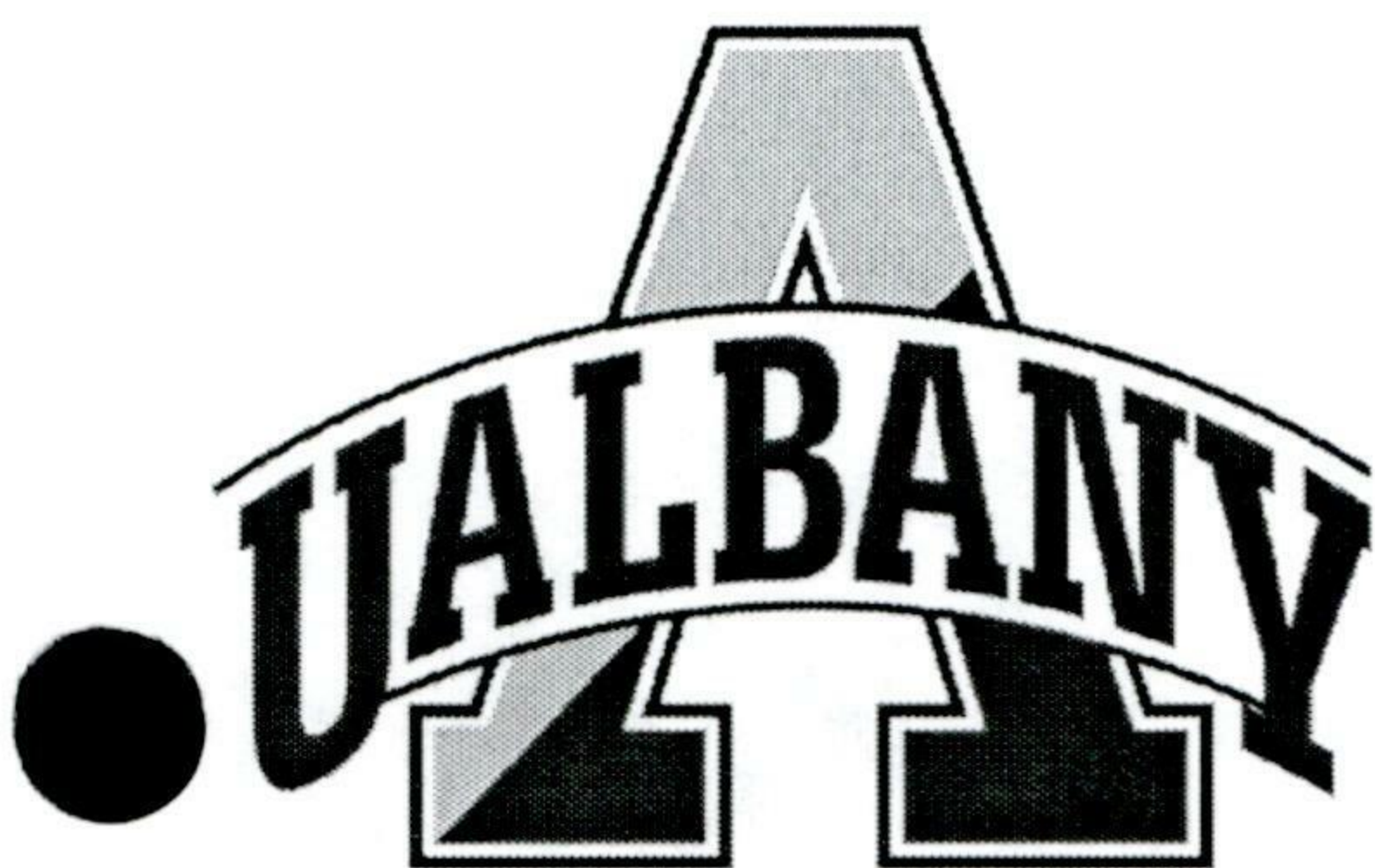
Senior center **Liz Honegger** converted a free throw after being fouled on a layup to produce the 30-14 lead that the Brown and Orange would take into the locker room.

Bowling Green (2-1) remained hot in the second half, and UAlbany would get no closer than 15 for the remainder of the game.

Ward was the only player in double figures for UAlbany (1-2.) Higy added eight points and a team-high eight rebounds to go along with one assist and one block. Freshman guard **Charity Iromuanya** added seven for the Great Danes while junior guard **Sherri Mikus** chipped in with six points and five boards.

Senior center Honegger scored 15 points for UAlbany while **Amber Flynn** netted 12 points and grabbed a game-high nine boards. Bowling Green (2-1) will face Fairleigh Dickinson in the championship game on Saturday at 5 p.m. FDU defeated the host Golden Knights, 75-64, in Friday's second game.

UAlbany will take on Central Florida at 3 p.m. on Saturday.



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BLAIR BUCHANAN EARNS AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE'S TOP AWARDS FOR THIRD TIME

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Blair Buchanan** was named the America East Conference Player and Setter of the Year for the third consecutive season, as announced by the conference office on Friday, Nov. 17 at the America East tournament banquet. Buchanan becomes the first player in NCAA history to win both awards three times and just the 13th player in NCAA annals to win three straight league player of the year awards.

Buchanan, a senior setter, was the catalyst of the league's most efficient offense that hit .242 on the season. She ranks second in assists with 11.25 per game, and recorded 12 double-doubles of the assist-dig variety this season.

Joining Buchanan on the all-conference first team are fellow seniors **Shelby Goldman** and **Ashley DeNeal** and junior **Ashley Crenshaw**. Goldman, an outside hitter, became UAlbany's all-time kills leader this season and now has 1,603 kills in her career. Goldman, a three-time all-conference selection, led the America East with 4.38 kills per game this season.

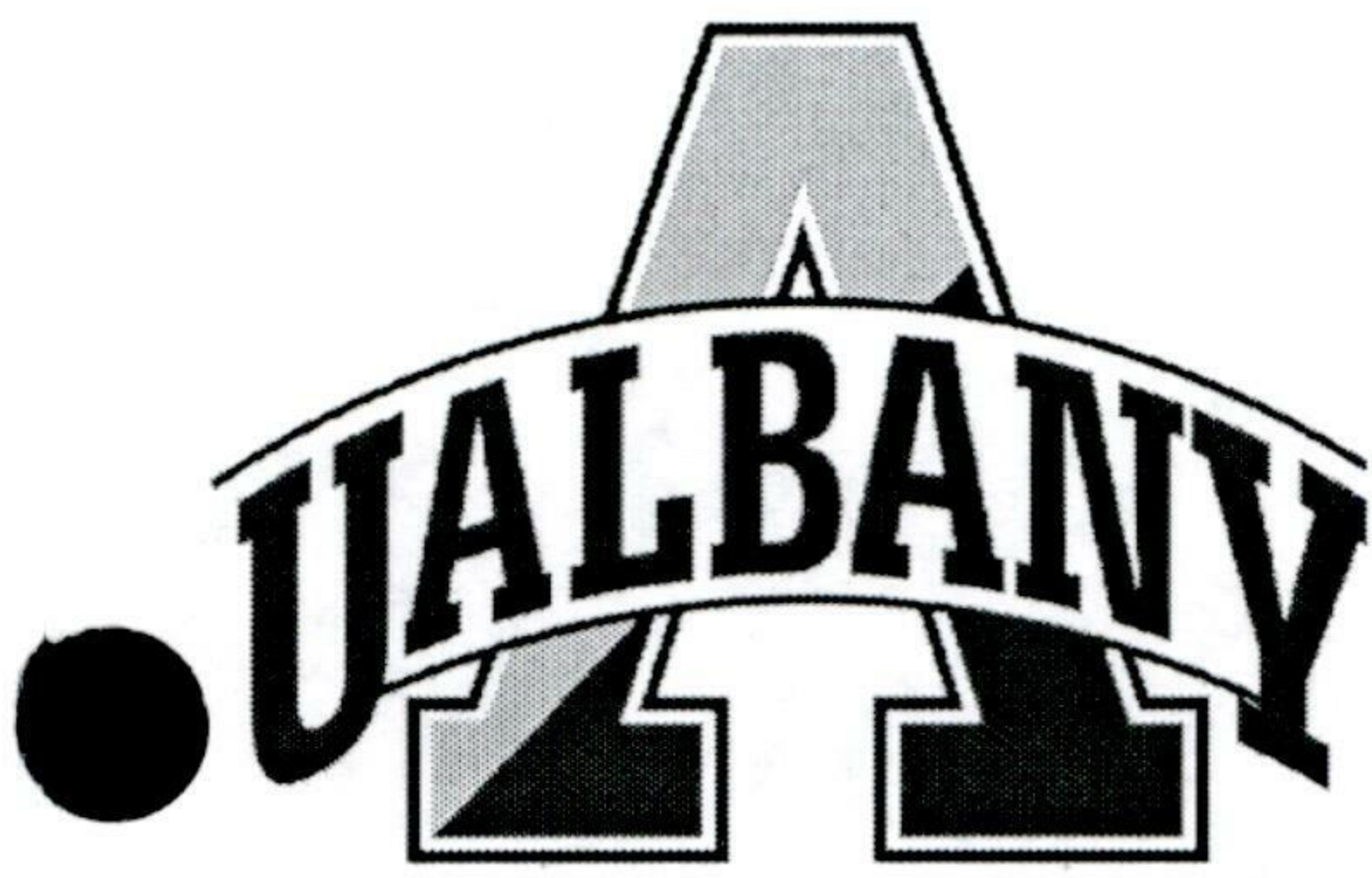
DeNeal, an outside hitter, set the program's career digs record after finishing second on the team with 3.56 digs per game. DeNeal, who served as the team's libero for the past two seasons before moving back to the hitting position, has 1,814 digs in her career. She is also third in school history with 179 service aces after leading the team with 52 this season.

Crenshaw finished second on the team in kills (3.18 kpg) and blocks (0.88 bpg). She currently stands in the top-15 in UAlbany history in both career categories.

Sophomore middle blockers **Kamisha Kellam** and **Hillary White** were named to the All-America East second team to earn their first conference honors. Kellam led the team and was second in the league with 1.33 blocks per game while also averaging 2.06 kills per game. White, who was in her first season after sitting out the 2005 season with injury, averaged 1.26 kills, 1.37 digs and 0.81 blocks per game.

UAlbany head coach **Kelly Sheffield** became just the third coach in conference history to earn coach of the year honors twice. Sheffield, who also won the award in 2004, guided the Great Danes to their third straight regular-season title and the top seed for the conference postseason tournament.

UAlbany (17-10) will host the 2006 America East Conference Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19. The Great Danes will play No. 4 Stony Brook on Saturday at 3 p.m. while No. 2 Binghamton takes on No. 3 UMBC in the second semifinal. The two winners will face in the championship match on Sunday at 2 p.m. for the league title and the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.



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UALBANY UPENDS CROSSTOWN-RIVAL SIENA FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1977-78

Albany, N.Y. – Sherri Mikus had 16 of her 18 points in the second half, as UAlbany pulled away for a 72-52 victory over crosstown-rival Siena on Wednesday evening at Pepsi Arena. The Great Danes, who had not beaten their Capital Region counterpart since 1977-78, ended a four-game losing streak in the series since it was renewed in 2001.

UAlbany (1-1) led 25-24 at halftime, but opened the final period with 17 of the game's next 19 points to take control. Freshman guard Britney McGee, who had 16 points, canned a three-point field goal following a steal before Kristin Higy sank two foul shots for a 10-point margin. Mikus, one of five players who scored in double figures, hit a layup after a Tanya James' steal and then made two free throws for a 42-26 lead with 11:33 remaining.

The Great Danes, who held the home team to 34.5-percent shooting and forced 18 turnovers, pushed out to a 57-36 cushion four minutes later. McGee, who also netted 16 markers in the opener against La Salle, converted a baseline layup to start a run of six unanswered points. Mikus, a junior guard who made 7-of-12 from the field, buried a jumper before feeding Amanda Ward for a layup.

"We didn't get down after our loss in the first game," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose club shot 58.3 percent from the floor on 14-of-24 attempts after the intermission. "We went to a quicker lineup and played small ball. Siena has a great tradition and it's good for us to get out there and show the talent that we have."

Siena's Shondaya Burrell led all scorers with 20 points and six rebounds. Melissa Manzer was the only other player in double figures with 12 for the Saints, who began their season with a loss to St. Bonaventure four days ago.

"It feels great because this is a big win for UAlbany, the team and myself," said James, who tied her career-high with 11 points and scored in twin figures for the fourth time as a collegian. "As a senior, I tried to give every thing I had since we had never beaten them before. This will really bring up my confidence."

Higy, a 6-foot-1 transfer from George Mason, also turned in a career effort with 16 points, six rebounds and four assists. Ward was the fifth UAlbany player in double digits with 10.

The Great Danes will play in Central Florida's Golden Knights Tournament on Nov. 17-18 in Orlando. UAlbany meets Bowling Green in the first round at 5:00 p.m. ET.



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BRITNEY McGEE EARNS AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK HONORS

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Britney McGee was named the America East Conference Rookie of the Week for the first week of the 2006-07 season, as announced by the conference office on Monday, Nov. 13.

McGee made an immediate impact on the court for the Great Danes, starting her first collegiate contest and recording 16 points, a team-high five assists and one steal. McGee, who scored 12 of her 16 points in the first half, shot 4-of-7 from the floor, all from behind the three-point arc, and also went 4-of-4 from the free throw line.

UAlbany (0-1) will take on crosstown-rival Siena on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Pepsi Arena at 7 p.m.



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MICHELLE SIMPSON AND ARLETTE WESTDORP NAMED TO NFHCA ALL-REGION TEAM

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany's Michelle Simpson and Arlette Westdorp were named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I All-Northeast Regional Team, as announced by the NFHCA on Monday, Nov. 13. Simpson earned first-team honors while Westdorp was named to the second team.

Simpson, the America East Conference Offensive Player of the Year, became the first player to be named to the NFHCA first team in the program's Division I history. She finished first in the conference with 14 goals and seven assists for 35 total points. Simpson, a junior midfielder, is 11th on the UAlbany career points chart and 10th in all-time goals.

Westdorp was named the America East defensive player of the year after leading the nation with 1.12 assists per game. Westdorp, a sophomore midfielder, recorded 19 assists to set the UAlbany single-season record. She became the Great Danes' all-time assists leader with 33 and is tied for eighth with 39 career points.

UAlbany finished the season at 12-7 overall, 4-1 in the America East, and won a share of the conference regular-season title, the first in the program's Division I history.



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JASON SIGGERS NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jason Siggers** has been selected the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's basketball for his performance in last Saturday's 55-49 victory over Bucknell before a capacity crowd at SEFCU Arena.

Siggers, a 6-foot-4 senior from Dallas, Texas, tallied 11 of his 17 points in the opening half to keep his team in the contest. The Great Danes overcame the largest halftime deficit in the program's Division I history, trailing 34-22 at the intermission. In his first career start, Siggers made 7-of-13 from the field, tied a career-best with seven rebounds, and played a career-high 37 minutes. He scored on the left baseline with 2:47 remaining to draw his team even at 48 apiece. Siggers reached in double figures for the seventh time as a collegian.

The Great Danes, who face Delaware at home on Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:00 p.m., held Bucknell to 29.8 percent shooting, the lowest figure by an opponent since Feb. 14, 2004.

SHELBY GOLDMAN EARNS AMERICA EAST HONORS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK

Boston, Mass. – Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** was named the America East Conference Player of the Week in volleyball for the second consecutive week, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon.

Goldman helped UAlbany (17-10, AE 10-2) captured its third straight America East regular-season title, recording 31 kills and 21 digs in two matches last week. In the Great Danes' regular-season conference finale, a three-game sweep over Stony Brook on Nov. 8, Goldman tallied 12 kills and nine digs to go along with four total blocks. Against Long Island the following day, Goldman posted a team-high 19 kills and 12 digs for her 14th double-double of the season. Goldman continues to lead the team, averaging 4.38 kills per game and is third with 2.81 digs per contest. She has now totaled 1,603 kills and 588 digs in her career.

The Great Danes will host the America East Championship, set to take place on November 18 and 19. UAlbany will take on Stony Brook in the first semifinal game on Saturday at 3 p.m. Binghamton and UMBC will play in the second semifinal at 5:30 p.m. The championship match will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m., with winner receiving an automatic NCAA berth.

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UAlbany Will Be the Top Seed for the 2006 America East Conference Volleyball Championship

Boston, Mass. -- UAlbany (17-10, 10-2 America East), Binghamton (15-16, 9-3), UMBC (15-14, 7-5) and Stony Brook (13-16, 6-6) have earned the right to compete for the 2006 America East Volleyball Championship on November 18-19. UAlbany's University Gymnasium will be the site for the championship. The winner of the four-team tournament will earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

For the third consecutive season, the Great Danes are the top seed for the championship and will take on No. 4 Stony Brook in the first semifinal on Saturday, November 18 at 3:00 p.m. The winner of that contest will move on to the title match to take on the winner of the No. 3 UMBC versus No. 2 Binghamton semifinal that is expected to start at 5:30 p.m. The championship match takes place on Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m.

UAlbany coach Kelly Sheffield, who led his team to its third straight America East regular-season title, has guided the Great Danes to wins in 13 of their last 16 matches. Blair Buchanan, a two-time America East player and setter of the year, contributes 11.25 assists per game, while first-team all-conference outside hitter Shelby Goldman averages 4.38 kills. Ashley DeNeal, the 2005 conference defensive player of the year, adds 2.69 kills and 3.56 digs per game.

Stony Brook and New Hampshire (11-16, 6-6) finished the regular-season tied for the fourth spot in the conference standings with identical 6-6 league records. The Seawolves earned the fourth and final spot in the four-team conference tournament by sweeping the two regular-season meetings.

In the first semifinal of the league tournament, UAlbany will look to avenge last season's semifinal loss to the Seawolves. The Great Danes won the conference tournament crown in 2004, while Stony Brook is in search of its first-ever league title.

UMBC makes its first-ever appearance in the conference tournament and gets things started by taking on the defending champion Bearcats. Binghamton won its first title last season and will try to repeat this year.

Live scoreboards or statistics for all rounds of the 2006 America East Volleyball Championship will be made available on www.AmericaEast.com.

2006 America East Conference Volleyball Championship University Gymnasium (Albany, N.Y.)

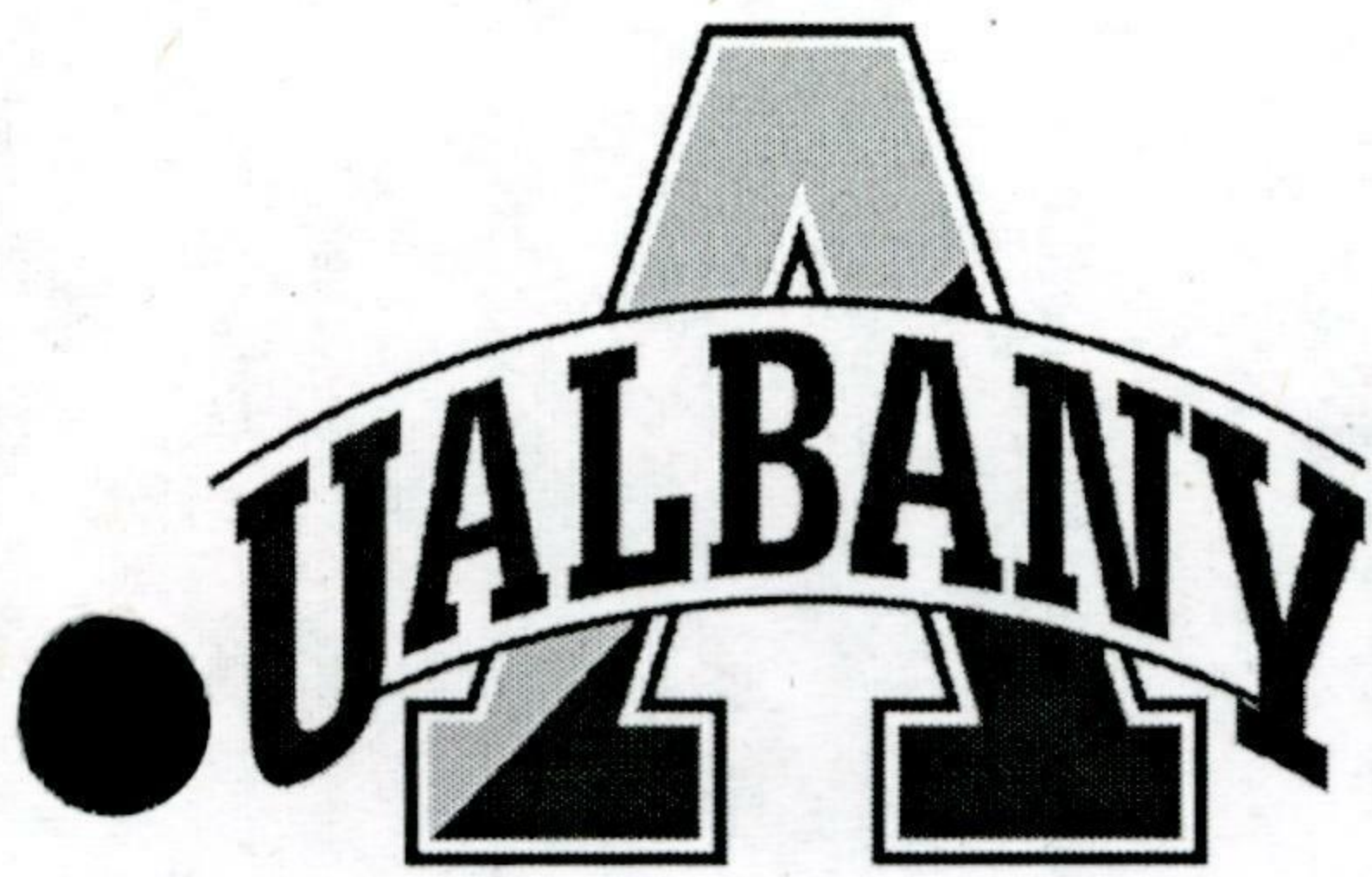
Saturday, November 18

Semifinal #1: #4 Stony Brook at #1 UAlbany, 3:00 p.m.

Semifinal #2: #3 UMBC vs. #2 Binghamton, 5:30 p.m.

Championship: Sunday, November 19

Winner Semifinal #1 vs. Winner Semifinal #2, 2:00 p.m.



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UALBANY COMES FROM BEHIND FOR 55-49 VICTORY OVER BUCKNELL IN OPENER

Albany, N.Y. – Jason Siggers had 17 points and Brian Lillis added 11, all in the second half, as UAlbany overcame a huge deficit to post a 55-49 victory over Bucknell in the season opener for both squads on Saturday evening before a capacity crowd of 4,538 at SEFCU Arena.

Bucknell, a program that has captured back-to-back Patriot League titles and won its first-round NCAA Tournament contest the last two years, trailed 15-14 in the first half, but then ran off 20 of the game's next 24 points. Jason Vegotsky, who came off the bench to score 13 points, and Andrew Morrison drilled consecutive three-point field goals to ignite that outburst. John Griffin, who tied a career-high with 19 points, canned one his four 3-point shots and later made two free throws for a double-figure lead. Vegotsky's hit another long-range jumper from the left corner to end that run.

The Great Danes, who had two banners unveiled in a pre-game ceremony to commemorate their first-ever America East Conference championship and subsequent NCAA appearance, regrouped from a 34-22 halftime deficit. Jamar Wilson, who had 12 points and six assists despite suffering from leg cramps over the final nine minutes, converted a one-hander in the lane to close the gap to 36-33 with 11:57 remaining.

UAlbany would eventually take its first lead of the final period, when Lillis and Brent Wilson made back-to-back three-pointers for a 44-40 edge. The Bison, who shot just 19 percent after halftime on 4-of-21 from the floor, returned the favor as Griffin, a 6-foot-1 junior, nailed consecutive field goals from beyond the arc to put his team ahead.

Bucknell still was in front, 49-48, with 2:25 to play as Vegotsky split a pair of free throws. But Lillis, a 6-foot-5 junior who added five rebounds and four steals to his best scoring total since Jan. 9th of last year, sank two foul shots with 51.3 seconds remaining. He then made a steal that led to two more free throws. Vergotsky would later miss a 3-pointer under heavy pressure in the closing moments. Brian Connelly grabbed the rebound and made both ends of a one-and-one opportunity to seal the outcome.

"After the first half we knew it was our defense that was keeping us behind," Lillis said. "As the pressure was building we knew how to pull through and win this game because we had been there before. With Jamar (Wilson) not in there, we played together even more."

The Bison, who had won three of the previous four meetings between the two programs, made just 29.8 percent of their field goal attempts and committed 20 turnovers. Siggers, who was making his first start in a UAlbany uniform, connected on 7 of 13 from the floor and tied a career-high with seven rebounds.

"This was a team win," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose club beat a program that was receiving votes in both national polls. Bucknell will take advantage of any of your miscues. We didn't stick to our principles in the first half. We are good team trying to get better and this was a great atmosphere to play in."

College Football – November 11, 2006

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Monmouth 19, Albany 0

Albany, N.Y. – Senior quarterback Brian Boland completed 17 of 18 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns in leading Monmouth to the Northeast Conference championship in a 19-0 victory over UAlbany on Saturday afternoon at University Field. The Hawks won the title outright for the first time in the program's history when Stony Brook, who was locked in a three-way tie for first place to start the day, lost to Central Connecticut State.

Monmouth (10-1, NEC 6-1) took control of the contest early, when the defense stopped UAlbany (7-4, NEC 5-2) on the game's first possession deep in Hawk territory. The Great Danes put together a 14-play drive that penetrated the 25-yard line, but stalled when quarterback Daniel Bocanegra threw incomplete passes on third and fourth down.

The Hawks, who won for the sixth straight time, then reached the end zone on their next two series to build a 13-0 halftime lead. Boland, a 6-foot-1 signal-caller, directed his team on an 11-play, 76-yard drive that was capped by David Sinisi's 1-yard touchdown run over left guard. Boland was a perfect 4-for-4 during the sequence, including a third-down, 15-yard completion to Chris Kiley. Adam San Miguel then took a reverse 14 yards to the one-yard line.

Another 13-play scoring march overlapped the first and second quarters. Sinisi, a redshirt freshman who had 20 carries for 72 yards, rumbled to the UAlbany 10-yard line. After a Great Danes' personal foul kept the drive alive, Boland rolled to his left and delivered a 2-yard touchdown strike to Michael McClelland. The extra point missed to the left.

Boland, a Rutgers transfer who became the school's all-time passer with nearly 7,700 yards in his career, fired a 63-yard touchdown pass to San Miguel on the first play of the third quarter. San Miguel hauled in the throw between the cornerback and free safety on the left hash and went into the end zone untouched. The two-point conversion run failed.

The Great Danes, who had their four-game win streak halted, were undone by mistakes throughout the contest. Bocanegra, who connected on 13 of 28 attempts for 117 yards and ran for 43 more, was picked off twice, including middle linebacker Mike Castellano's interception at the Monmouth 19 with 1:21 left in the third quarter. UAlbany also missed a 30-yard field goal and dropped a potential TD pass in the final stanza.

"Offensively, we did a good job of keeping them off balance," said Monmouth coach Kevin Callahan, whose team tied a school record for single-season wins. "We spread them out and moved around. By throwing early we were able to get the run going. Boland threw to spots and not to people and the receivers made some catches."

San Miguel, a senior wideout, finished with four catches and 93 receiving yards for the Hawks, who had shared their previous four NEC crowns in 1996, 1998, 2003 and 2004. Defensive end Brian Sweeney had nine tackles and one sack to lead a unit that held the home team to 174 total yards, including 57 on the ground.

"They are a well-balanced team," UAlbany coach Bob Ford stated. "Their quarterback put the ball where he needed and I thought they did a great job of play calling. We never established the run game. We needed to generate more offense that we did to be in this thing."

Safety Dave Nicomini, who turned in a career performance, and inside linebacker Colin Disch each had 14 tackles for the Great Danes, who were bidding for their first conference title since 2003.

"We moved the football, but just made mistakes," said UAlbany offensive tackle Jacob Anderson, one of 12 seniors playing in his final game. "When you make mistakes, you lose games. My hat is off to Monmouth because they played well both offensively and defensively."



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ORTMANS PACE WOMEN AS UALBANY CROSS COUNTRY COMPETES AT NCAA MEET

Bronx, N.Y. – Sophomore **Jessica Ortman** led the UAlbany women's cross country team with a time of 22:34.9, while junior **Ryan Gaedje** registered a time of 35:10.7 to pace the shorthanded men's squad, as the Great Danes competed at the NCAA Northeast Regional meet at Van Cortlandt Park on Nov. 11.

The women's team finished 20th in the 41-team race and fifth among the eight America East Conference teams participating. Jessica Ortman came in 36th overall, two spots ahead of **Jenna Ortman**, who ran the 6,000-meter course in a time of 22:39.0. Junior **Danielle Trimpop** was third among Great Danes' runners, clocking in at 24:28.5.

The men's side did not receive a team score, as only two members of the squad, Gaedje and junior **Joe Choiniere**, completed the 10,000-meter race. Junior **Ricardo Estremera** pulled out of the race near the 7,000-meter mark due to injury.

Both squads will compete in their final race of the season at the IC4A Championships, also held at Van Cortlandt Park, on Nov. 18.

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1. Boston College 82, 2. Iona 85, 3. Providence 97, 4. Columbia 128, 5. Cornell 135, 6. Boston University 202, 7. Yale 227, 8. Brown 244, 9. Quinnipiac 286, 10. Syracuse 313, 11. New Hampshire 315, 12. Dartmouth 318, 13. Stony Brook 405, 14. Harvard 421, 15. Buffalo 423, 16. Connecticut 491, 17. Colgate 512, 18. Maine 520, 19. Army 538, **20. UAlbany 547**, 21. Massachusetts 571, 22. Binghamton 587, 23. Sacred Heart 593, 24. Marist 610, 25. Vermont 664, 26. Holy Cross 774, 27. Central Connecticut 790, 28. Manhattan 796, 29. Siena 818, 30. Hofstra 845, 31. Niagara 866, 32. St. John's 908, 33. Fairfield 928, 34. Canisius 974, Wagner INC., Hartford INC., St. Francis INC. Fordham INC., Long Island INC., Rhode Island INC., Northeastern INC.

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1. Salome Kosgei (Iona) 20:45.3, 2. Lindsay Donaldson (Yale) 20:45.9, 3. Aine Hoban (Providence) 20:59.6, 4. Catherine Parker (New Hampshire) 21:08.9, 5. Toni Salucci (Cornell) 21:10.8, 6. McKayla Plank (Iona) 21:14.9, 7. Mallory Champa (Boston College) 21:19.0, 8. Jillian Sullivan (Connecticut) 21:22.6, 9. Marisa Ryan (Boston University) 21:24.3, 10. Emmily Chelenga (Iona) 21:29.1.

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36. Jessica Ortman 22:34.9, 28. Jenna Ortman 22:39.0, 130. Danielle Trimpop 24:28.5, 163. Sarah Miller 25:14.2, 180. Jessica Chichester 25:40.3, 185. Natasha Torres 26:04.9, 198. Laine Sefick 26:26.8.

Men's

1. Iona 59, 2. Providence 72, 3. Syracuse 102, 4. Harvard 161, 5. Columbia 182, 6. Brown 198, 7. Dartmouth 201, T8. Yale 248, T8. Cornell 248, 10. Boston College 278, 11. Stony Brook 301, 12. Connecticut 307, 13. New Hampshire 355, 14. Massachusetts 418, 15. Boston University 442, 16. Quinnipiac 450, 17. Marist 455, 18. Fordham 465, 19. Maine 477, 20. Colgate 483, 21. Army 520, 22. Buffalo 603, 23. Binghamton 614, 24. Manhattan 643, 25. Hofstra 763, 26. Central Connecticut 770, 27. Niagara 818, 28. Vermont 833, 29. Holy Cross 849, 30. Sacred Heart 905, 31. Canisius 940, T32.

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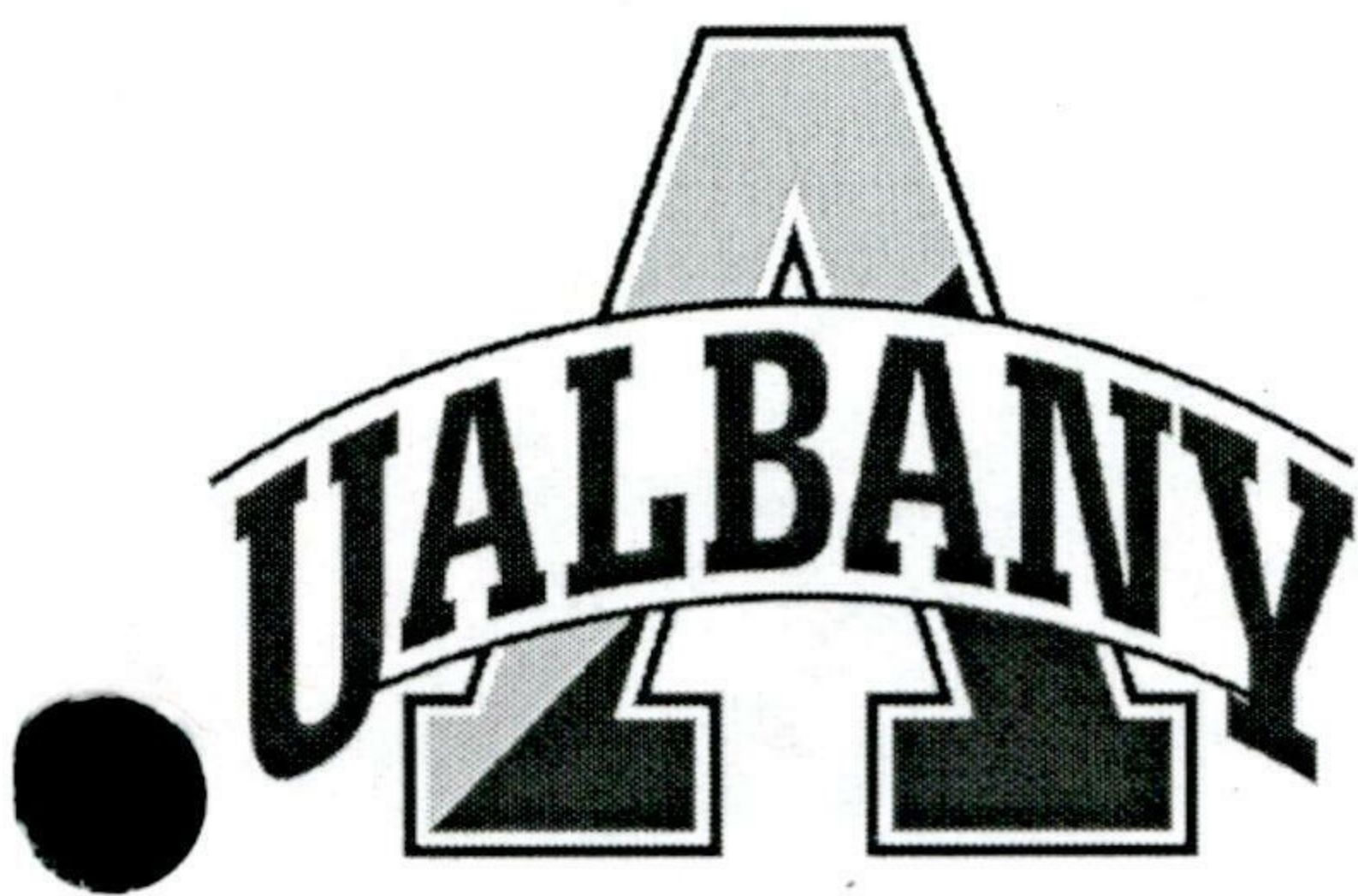
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1. Martin Fagan (Providence) 30:40.7, 2. Mohamed Khadroui (Iona) 31:26.4, 3. Ben True (Dartmouth) 31:28.3, 4. Ahmed Haji (Providence) 31:30.3, 5. Abraham Ng'eitch (Iona) 31:35.1, 6. Patrick Mellea (Boston College) 31:36.8, 7. Harbert Okuti (Iona) 31:46.9, 8. Max Feldman (Connecticut) 31:50.5, 9. Tim Galebach (Harvard) 31:51.1, 10. Max Smith (Providence) 31:56.3.

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134. Ryan Gaedje 35:10.7, 145. Joe Choiniere 35:22.3, DNF. Ricardo Estremera



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LA SALLE HOLDS OFF UALBANY, 77-63, IN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON OPENER

Albany, N.Y. – Crista Ricketts scored a career-high 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead La Salle to a 77-63 victory over UAlbany in the season opener for both teams on Friday evening at SEFCU Arena.

The Explorers, who play in the Atlantic 10 Conference, raced to a 25-9 advantage midway through the opening period. Ricketts, a 6-foot-1 senior, had of eight her team's first 13 points. Carlene Hightower, who added 20 points and seven rebounds, converted back-to-back baskets, before Antonia Gale made a jumper in transition to give her club that 16-point margin.

La Salle led 36-24 at halftime by holding UAlbany, an America East Conference member, to 32.1-percent shooting in the stanza. Freshman guard Britney McGee had 12 of her 16 points in the period to keep her team close. McGee canned four 3-pointers in the half.

The Great Danes, who trailed by double figures most of the final period, were still behind, 57-46, with less than nine minutes remaining. However, junior guard Sherri Mikus sparked a run at the lead and closed the gap to 59-54 with a 14-foot jumper from the left side. She finished with nine points, all in the second half.

But La Salle pulled away with eight unanswered markers. Alyse Hoover came off the bench to drill a three-point shot from the left wing. Ricketts, who made 10-of-12 from the field and 7-of-8 from the line, then connected on a baseline drive and later added a pair of free throws with 3:11 remaining.

Amanda Ward had 18 points and four steals for the Great Danes, who had won five of their previous seven openers as a Division I program. The Explorers, who ended the 2005-06 campaign with six straight losses, shot a blistering 61.5 percent from the floor on 24 of 39 attempts.



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UALBANY FALLS TO LONG ISLAND, 3-2, IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

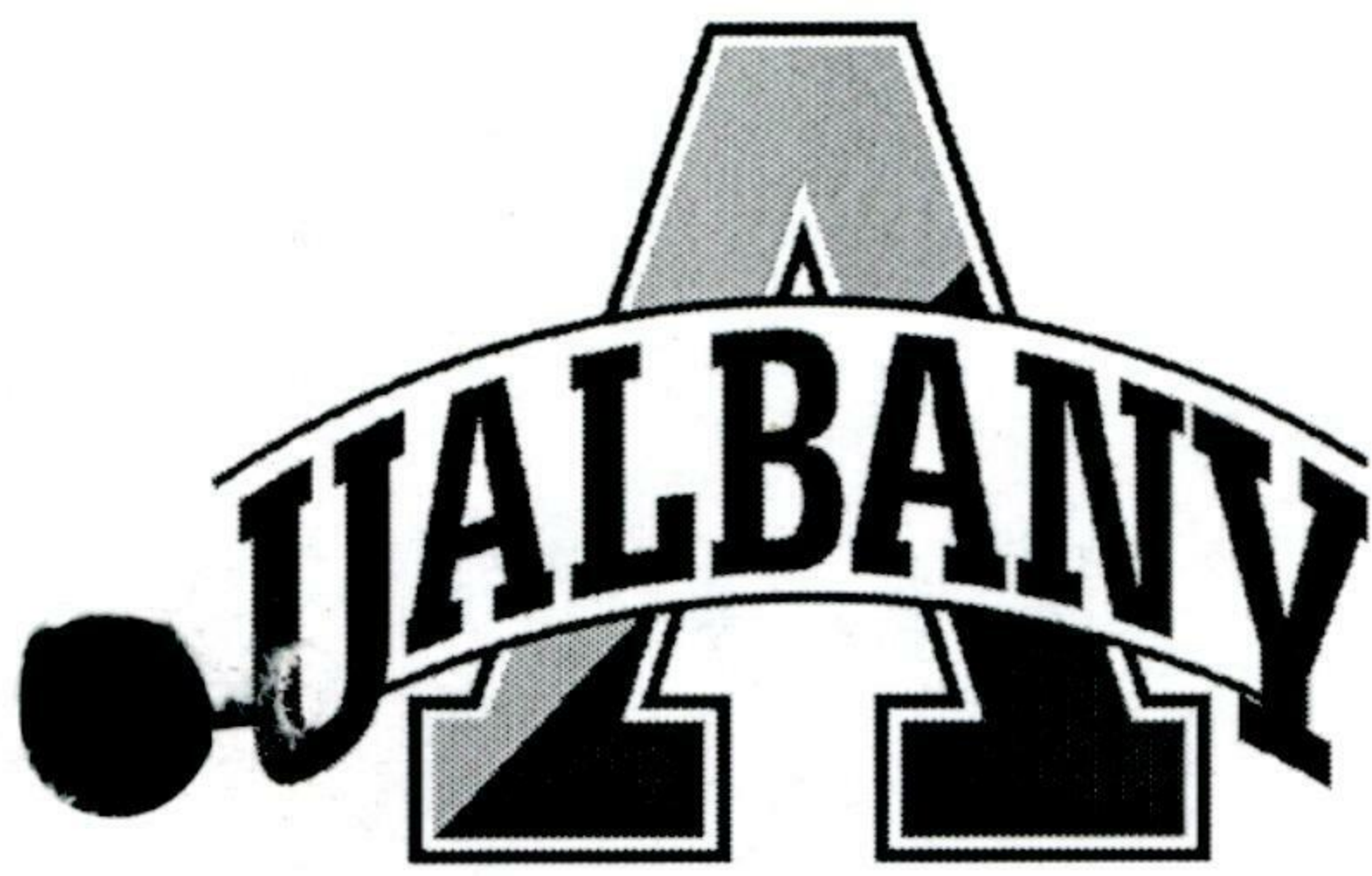
Brooklyn, N.Y. – **Martina Wagner** recorded a double-double with 26 kills and 18 digs to lead Long Island to a 3-2 non-conference win over UAlbany on Thursday evening. The Great Danes, who had won 13 of their previous 15 matches, fell to 17-10 overall.

Long Island (21-10) won the first game by a score of 30-27 before UAlbany claimed the next two with scores of 30-24 and 30-23. The Blackbirds stayed alive with a 30-26 victory in the fourth and ran away with a 15-10 deciding fifth game.

Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** led the Great Danes with 19 kills and 12 digs. Sophomore middle blocker **Hillary White** added 10 kills, five digs and five block assists. Junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** also posted five block assists to go along with eight kills, while sophomore middle blocker **Kamisha Kellam** had six total blocks with three solos and three assists. Senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** led UAlbany defensively with a match-high 25 digs.

Martina Racic and **Shelby Heggie** both recorded 11 kills for Long Island, with Heggie posting four solo blocks. **Svetlana Simic** led the Blackbirds with 22 digs while **Lindsey Patty** and **Dunja Milin** split the setting duties, with both coming up with 27 assists.

The Great Danes, who wrapped up the America East regular season with a 3-0 sweep of Stony Brook to earn at least a share of the regular season title on Wednesday, will return to action as the hosts of the America East tournament, set to take place on November 18 and 19. Final seedings and times are to be determined.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY TO HONOR THE NATION'S MILITARY HEROES

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany plays host to Monmouth and the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), in a game set to honor those men and women of the United States armed forces who have been severely injured during conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations around the world. The game will take place in Albany, New York on November 11, 2006.

“We are proud to recognize these wounded servicemen and women by providing a forum to honor their sacrifices and enduring spirits,” Lee McElroy.

This year Wounded Warrior Project, a non-profit organization whose motto is “*The Greatest Casualty is Being Forgotten*,” partnered with the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), to raise awareness in the collegiate community. A local wounded warrior, Robert Loria, will be honored prior to the game and all service men and women will receive free admission to the contest as well.

“NACDA is proud to be associated with the Wounded Warrior Project,” said Lee McElroy, NACDA president and director of athletics at the University at Albany. “This relationship will allow our member institutions, student-athletes and fans to recognize and honor the men and women who have risked their lives for our well being and assist them on their road to recovery.”

“While stationed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan, our nation’s military personnel participated in sports during their downtime and even after severe injury, wounded service members continue to use athletic endeavors as a tool in their rehabilitation,” said John Melia, Founder and Executive Director of WWP.

“I am confident this relationship will be rewarding and lasting for the Wounded Warrior Project.”

About NACDA: NACDA, now in its 42nd year, is the professional and educational association for more than 6,100 college athletics administrators at more than 1,600 institutions throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. More than 2,000 athletics administrators annually attend the NACDA Convention. Additionally, NACDA administers 10 professional associations for the separate business units that report directly to the athletics director. For more information, visit www.nacda.com.

About the Wounded Warrior Project: The Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) is a non-profit organization aimed at assisting those men and women of the United States armed forces who have been severely injured during the war on terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hot spots around the world. Beginning at the bedside of the severely wounded WWP provides programs and services designated to ease the burdens of these heroes and their families, aid in the recovery process and smooth the transition back to civilian life. For more information, please call (540) 342-0032 or visit www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

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CHROBAK & VOLPE ON DISTRICT I ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL TEAM

Washington, D.C. – University at Albany's **Ryan Chrobak** and **Jon Volpe** have been voted to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District I Football Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Each student-athlete was a first-team selection and will move on to the national ballot. The University Division Academic All-America squad will be announced on Nov. 30.

Chrobak, a senior cornerback, graduated magna cum laude with a 3.56 cumulative grade point average last spring, while majoring in criminal justice with a minor in chemistry. He is currently enrolled in UAlbany's graduate school criminal justice program. Chrobak has 42 tackles, including 26 unassisted, with a team-leading nine pass break-ups this season. He recently moved into a tie for 23rd place on the school's all-time tackles list with 187 and has six career interceptions.

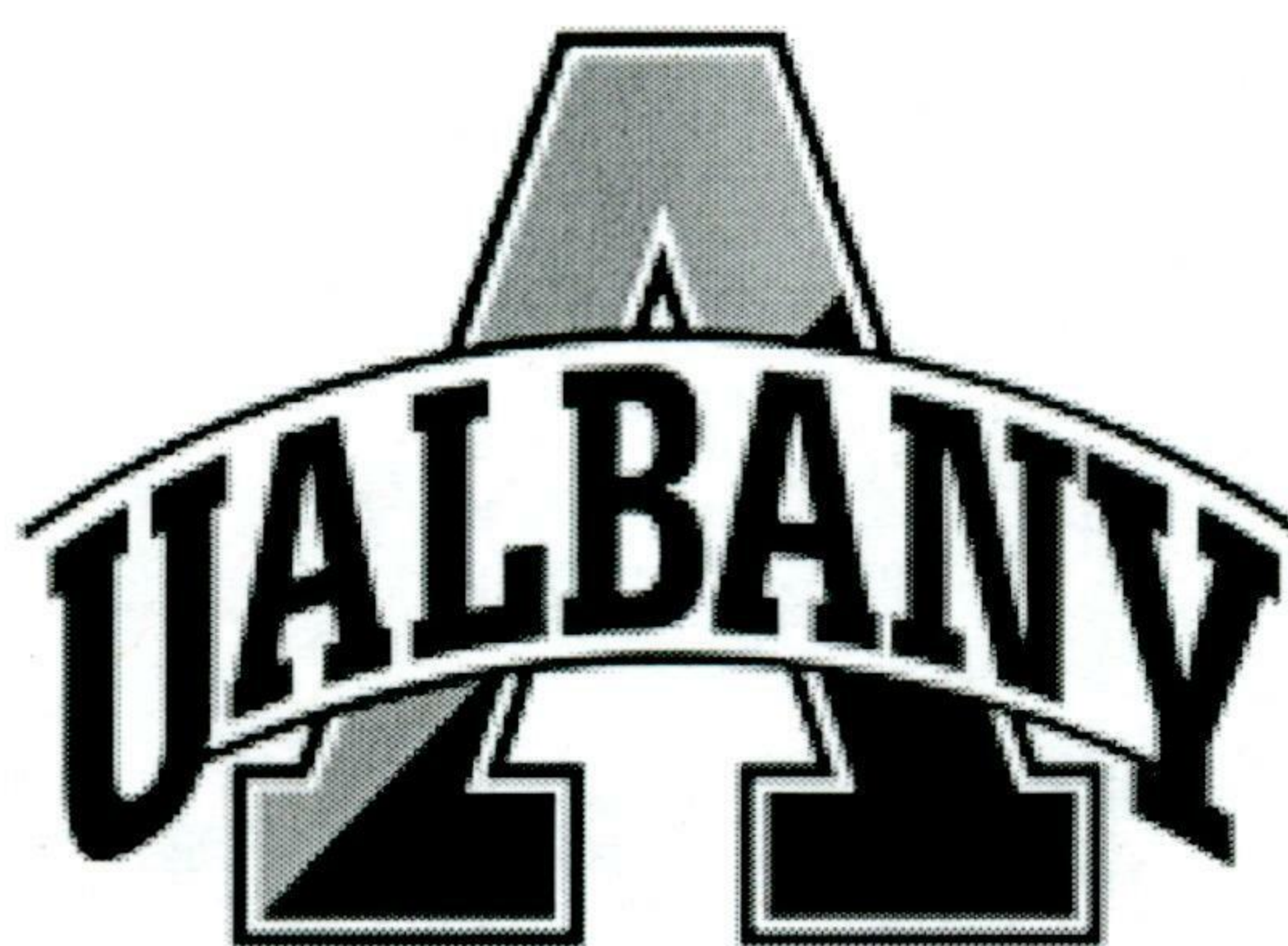
Volpe, a junior defensive end, has a 3.45 GPA in business administration with a finance concentration and a minor in economics. He has 19 tackles this season. Volpe, a 10-game starter, has helped the Great Danes rank third in total defense (230.0 ypg), fourth in rushing yards allowed (85.6 ypg) and fifth in scoring defense (12.4 ppg) among NCAA Division I-AA teams.

ASHLEY DeNEAL EARNS ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Ashley DeNeal** was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District I Volleyball squad, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). DeNeal, a second-team selection, earned a 3.53 cumulative grade point average in a dual major of criminal justice and psychology.

DeNeal, a senior outside hitter, became the all-time digs leader at UAlbany this season and now has 1,789 in her career. A four-year starter for the Great Danes, DeNeal is second on the team with 3.48 digs per game and is third with 2.76 kills per game. She has also recorded a team-high 49 service aces.

The reigning America East Conference Defensive Player of the Year, DeNeal was named to the conference's all-academic team and was an AVCA All-Northeast Region honorable mention last season. She was the first libero in conference history to earn player of the week honors, and tied the program's single-season digs record with 566.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY BASKETBALL SIGNS TWO STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR 2007-08

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that two student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes in the 2007-08 academic year. **Billy Allen**, a 6-foot-6, 210-pound swingman from Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton H.S.), and **Anthony Raffa**, a 6-foot-1, 175-pound point guard from Strathmere, N.J. (Wildwood Catholic H.S.) each made his commitment during the early signing period.

Allen was named to the 2005-06 Associated Press Division I All-Ohio squad in the honorable mention category. He averaged 17.3 points, 7.9 rebounds and 5.0 assists when he was chosen to the All-Southwest District second team. Allen, who posted a triple-double in one game as a junior, also earned a spot on the All-Greater Miami Conference squad. He contributed 12.0 points and 5.5 rebounds in his sophomore campaign, and was the sixth man on Hamilton's 2003-04 Division I state championship team.

"He understands the game as a coach's son," UAlbany head coach Will Brown said. "He is a big-time shooter and plays every position on the floor for his high school team. His versatility, shooting ability and physical make-up will allow him the opportunity to make an impact as a freshman."

Raffa was the second-leading scorer in the Cape Atlantic League at 22.7 points per game. He also ranked among the league leaders in assists (3.0 pg), steals (3.3 pg) and free throw percentage (.715). As a junior, he was voted first-team All-Cape Atlantic League National Conference. Raffa led Wildwood Catholic to New Jersey's Non-Public Class B final, the program's first appearance in the championship since 1988. The Crusaders, who went 22-8 overall, also captured the South Jersey, sectional and CAL National titles. Raffa averaged 11.0 points per game as a sophomore.

"He is our point guard of the future and a fierce competitor," Brown offered. "He led his team to the state championship game and played at the prestigious ABCD summer camp last year. He is fearless and can flat out make plays, so we have high expectations that he will have a positive effect on our program from day one."

UAlbany made its first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament appearance after winning the America East Conference championship last season with a 21-11 record. The Great Danes have two seniors on their current roster in reigning America East player of the year and Associated Press All-America Jamar Wilson (6'1") and projected starter Jason Siggers (6'4").

2007-08 University at Albany Men's Basketball Signings

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Billy Allen	G/F	6-6	210	Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton)
Anthony Raffa	G	6-1	175	Strathmere, N.J. (Wildwood Catholic)



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UALBANY SWEEPS TO CLINCH A SHARE OF AMERICA EAST REGULAR-SEASON TITLE

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** and sophomore middle blocker **Kamisha Kellam** each posted 12 kills to lead UAlbany to a 3-0 sweep of Stony Brook in America East Conference action on Wednesday evening at the SBU Sports Complex. The Great Danes won in the three games by scores of 30-24, 30-21 and 30-25. UAlbany clinched at least a share of the America East regular-season title, and earned the right to host the conference tournament as the top seed later this month.

“We started slow this season, but we have focused on getting better each week,” said UAlbany setter Blair Buchanan, a two-time America East player of the year. “I think our gym is the toughest place to play in our league. We feed off the fans energy and now we will have a chance to play for the NCAA Tournament in front of them.”

UAlbany (17-9, AE 10-2) fell behind 24-20 in the third game, but Goldman smacked a kill to pull the Great Danes within three. Four straight attack errors by Stony Brook (12-16, AE 5-6) gave the visitors a 25-24 lead. Junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** hit one of her 10 kills to put the Great Danes up by two.

Stony Brook’s **Morgan Sweany** hit a service ace to try and rally the Seawolves, but Goldman and Crenshaw combined for a block assist to swing the momentum back in UAlbany’s favor. Crenshaw converted another kill to give the Great Danes a 29-24 advantage, and a Seawolves’ kill by **Noelle Bay** was followed by an attack error to end the match.

Goldman finished with nine digs and four total blocks while Kellam added three block assists. Crenshaw recorded a match-high eight total blocks. Senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** and senior libero **Kristin Fiorillo** each totaled 15 digs for the Great Danes, who have won 13 of their last 15 contests. Buchanan added 34 assists, eight digs and five kills.

Sweany notched 12 kills and 11 digs for the Seawolves while **Gulce Dikecligil** totaled 11 kills. Setter **Kaitlyn Deutsch** had a match-high 35 assists while **Claire Linder** recorded 23 digs.

The Great Danes, who have now wrapped up America East regular-season play, will meet Long Island in a non-conference match on Thursday at 5 p.m.

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UALBANY'S ANDRE COLEMAN NAMED ECAC DIVISION I CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Andre Coleman** has been selected as the ECAC Division I-AA Co-Defensive Player of the Week in football for his efforts in last weekend's 16-6 victory against Robert Morris. UAlbany (7-3, NEC 5-1) will play for at least a share of the Northeast Conference championship against Monmouth this Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Coleman, a senior defensive end, recorded career-highs in tackles (10), sacks (3.5) and tackles for a loss (7.5), plus recorded one quarterback hurry that resulted in safety Dave Nicomini's 21-yard interception return for a touchdown. The Great Danes held Robert Morris to 79 total yards, including the program's I-AA record of minus-51 rushing, and came up with 10 sacks, the highest total by a NCAA Division I-AA team this season.

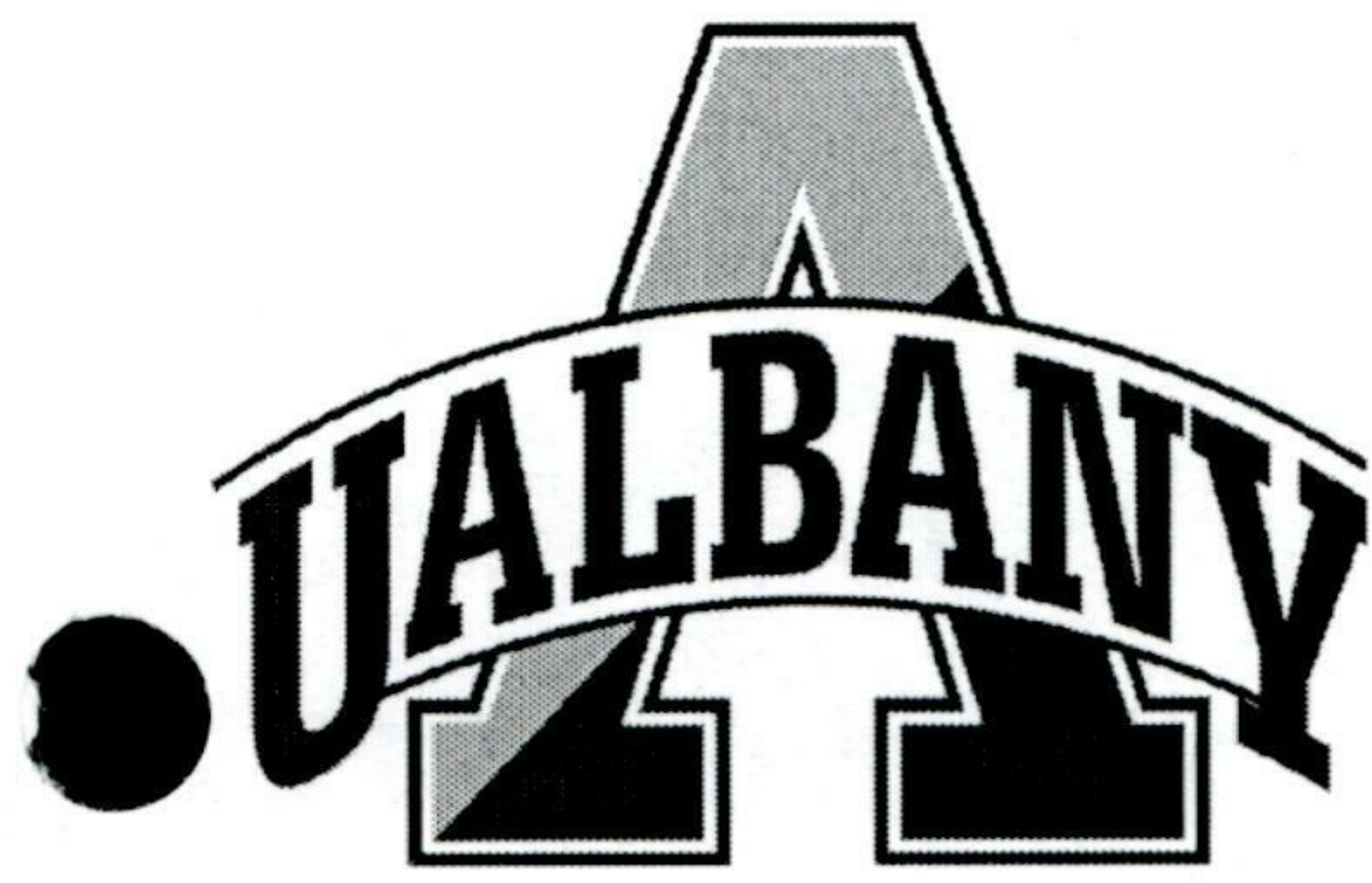
Coleman's 3.5 sacks for minus-27 yards tied the fifth-best total by a Division I-AA player this year. The 6-foot-4, 290-pound defender also reached the 100-career tackle mark (105) in the contest and has 14.0 career sacks.

VOLLEYBALL'S SHELBY GOLDMAN CHOSEN ECAC DIVISION I PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. – UAlbany's **Shelby Goldman**, a senior outside hitter, has been named the ECAC Division I Player of the Week in volleyball. Goldman recorded 38 kills, 33 digs, two service aces and two block assists in three matches to lead UAlbany to an undefeated week of America East Conference play. In a 3-0 sweep of Binghamton, Goldman tallied a match-high 15 kills, en route to becoming the school's all-time kills leader. She added 13 digs, one service ace and one block assist in the match. Goldman recorded her sixth straight double-double with 15 kills and 10 digs in a 3-1 win over Maine last Friday. On the road at Hartford the following evening, Goldman had eight kills and a match-high 10 digs in the three-game sweep. The Great Danes are in first place in the conference standings.

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UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL CRACKS MID-MAJOR NATIONAL TOP 25

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany is ranked 25th in this week's CollegelInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 men's basketball national poll. The Great Danes, who are coming off a 21-11 campaign, captured their first-ever America East Conference championship and earned an NCAA Tournament berth last year.

Creighton, from the Missouri Valley Conference, is the nation's top mid-major team, while Gonzaga and Hofstra are second and third respectively. Bucknell, who meets UAlbany in the season opener on Saturday, is ranked No. 6. The Bison, who went 27-5 last year and won their second consecutive Patriot League title, have defeated Kansas and Arkansas in the first round of the NCAA Tournament the last two years.

The UAlbany-Bucknell contest on Nov. 11 at SEFCU Arena will tip off at 7:05 p.m. A ceremony to honor last year's conference champions will be held prior to the game at 6:45 p.m. UAlbany will unveil two banners, one for America East title and one recognizing the NCAA appearance, plus each member of the team and coaching staff will receive a championship ring. Lucious Jordan, a member of the 2006 America East all-tournament squad, and Jerrad Knotts will represent last year's senior class at the ceremony.

Paw Prints: Less than 1,000 tickets remain for Saturday's season opener ... SEFCU Arena seats capacity crowds of 4,538 ... Jamar Wilson was named today by ESPN.com as one of nine mid-major basketball stars to watch ... Wilson was named to the 2006 Associated Press All-America squad ... Bucknell is receiving votes in the latest Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN national polls ... the Great Danes are 4-3 in home openers as a Division I program.

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The CollegelInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 Poll

1. Creighton, 2. Gonzaga, 3. Hofstra, 4. Southern Illinois, 5. Wichita State, 6. **Bucknell**, 7. George Mason, 8. Akron, 9. Winthrop, 10. Western Kentucky, 11. Missouri State, 12. Toledo, 13. Loyola (Chicago), 14. Oral Roberts, 15. Drexel, 16. Loyola Marymount, 17. Marist, 18. Northern Arizona, 19. Montana, 20. Pennsylvania, 21. Old Dominion, 22. College of Charleston, 23. Long Beach State, 24. Sam Houston State, 25. **UAlbany**.



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UALBANY ANNOUNCES BASKETBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE FOR 2006-07

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy today announced the school’s men’s basketball television schedule for the 2006-07 season. The Great Danes will appear six times on the America East Conference package, while Time Warner Cable will televise five games. UAlbany’s meeting with No. 18 Connecticut, a rematch of last year’s NCAA first-round game, will also be seen on Fox Sports New York and ESPN Full Court.

America East and ESPN Regional Television will team up to produce and distribute games throughout the conference’s geographical footprint. The telecasts will also be available on-line via video streaming at AmericaEast.com, through the conference’s multi-media partner, XOS Technologies. UAlbany has three home dates, New Hampshire (Jan. 3), Binghamton (Feb. 3) and Boston U. (Feb. 25), on the schedule. Three conference away games, Vermont (Jan. 13), Boston U. (Jan. 24) and Maine (Feb. 7), will also be televised.

Time Warner Cable will offer five games on its TW3 channel, starting with a non-conference home game against St. Bonaventure on Dec. 16. The TW3 package also features Stony Brook (Jan. 15), Hartford (Jan. 21) UMBC (Jan. 31) and Vermont (Feb. 11).

Time Warner Cable serves more than 400,000 customers in the Capital Region and western Massachusetts. TWC’s Albany Division operates one of the most sophisticated cable systems in the nation and is home to New York’s first two-way digital network.

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UAlbany Basketball Television Schedule

Nov. 26	(Sun.)	at Connecticut (FSNY)	5:00
Dec. 16	(Sat.)	St. Bonaventure (TW3)	2:00
Jan. 3	(Wed.)	New Hampshire* (AE-TV)	7:30
Jan. 13	(Sat.)	at Vermont* (AE-TV)	3:00
Jan. 15	(Mon.)	Stony Brook* (TW3)	7:00
Jan. 21	(Sun.)	Hartford* (TW3)	2:00
Jan. 24	(Wed.)	at Boston U.* (AE-TV)	8:00
Jan. 31	(Wed.)	UMBC* (TW3)	7:00
Feb. 3	(Sat.)	Binghamton*+ (AE-TV)	7:30
Feb. 7	(Wed.)	at Maine* (AE-TV)	7:30
Feb. 11	(Sun.)	Vermont* (TW3)	2:00
Feb. 25	(Sun.)	Boston U.* (AE-TV)	12:30

ORTMANS NAMED TO AMERICA EAST CROSS COUNTRY ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany’s Jessica Ortman and Jenna Ortman, a pair of sophomores on the women’s cross country team, were named to the America East Conference’s All-Academic Team on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Student-athletes selected for the award have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 entering the season and were among the top-10 finishers at the America East Cross Country Championship meet.

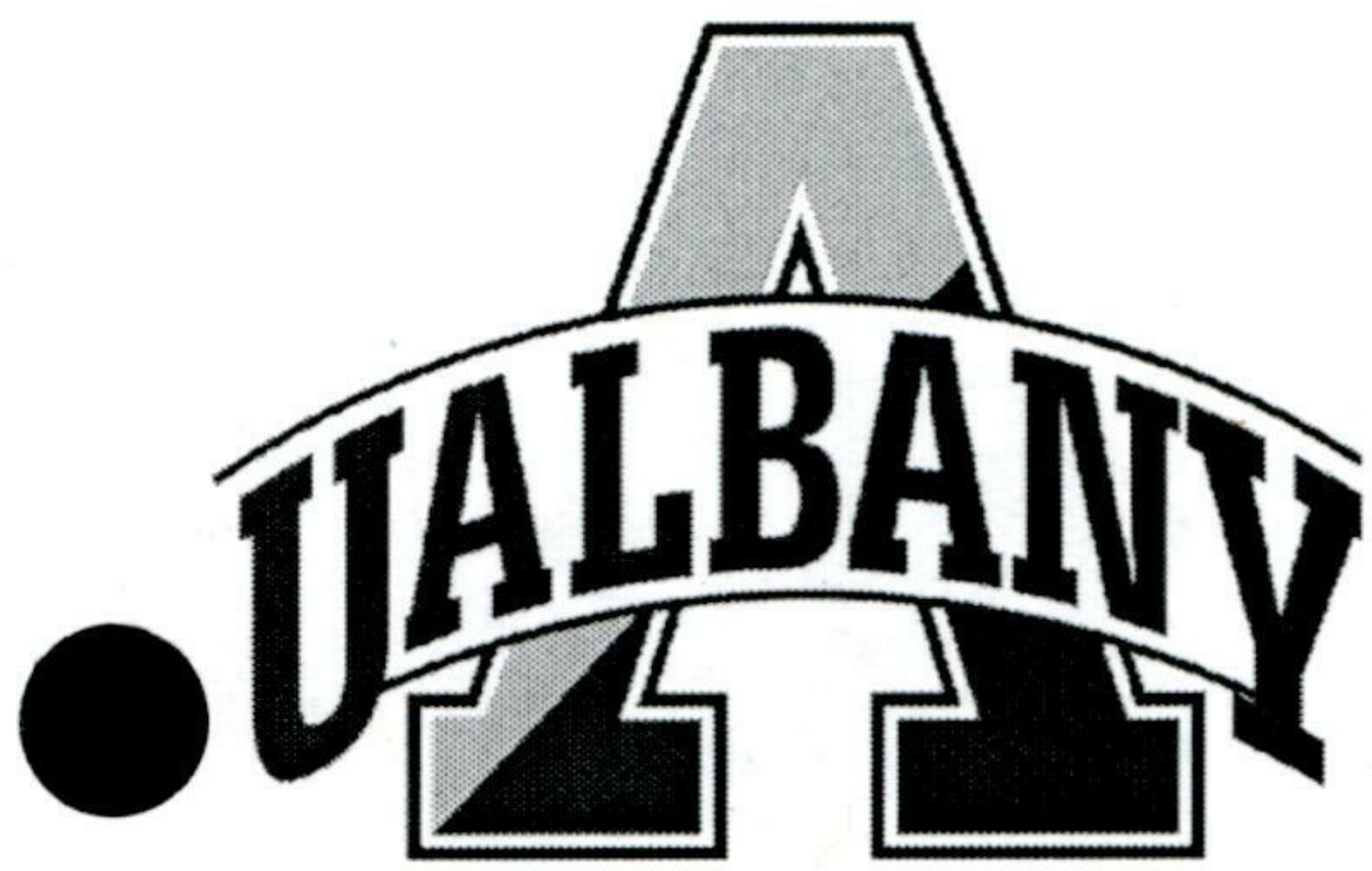
Both Ortman finished in the top 15 in all five of the team’s races this season, with Jenna winning the Monmouth Kick-Off Classic on Sept. 2 and the Fordham Invitational on Sept. 9. Most recently, Jessica Ortman, who has a 3.78 GPA in communication, finished sixth and Jenna Ortman, who owns a 3.90 GPA in communication, came in eighth at the America East Cross Country Championships in Orono, Maine, on Oct. 28.

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TWO UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY PLAYERS EARN AMERICA EAST ACADEMIC HONORS

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany sophomore goaltender Ashley Ross and sophomore midfielder Arlette Westdorp were named to the America East Conference's Field Hockey All-Academic Team on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Student-athletes selected for the award have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 entering the season and were nominated to the post-season awards ballot.

Ross, who has a 3.56 GPA in communication, saw action in 18 of the squad's 19 games this season, posting an 11-7 record and a 1.41 goals-against average. Westdorp, a 3.70 student in economics, became the school's all-time assists leader after tallying a conference-leading 19 helpers during the regular season. She led the nation with a 1.12 assists per game. The Great Danes went 12-7 and won a share of their first-ever conference regular-season title. The two helped to anchor a defense that was ranked 10th nationally with a 1.13 goals against average.



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UALBANY'S COLEMAN & FRALICKER HONORED BY NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Andre Coleman** has been selected as the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Week in football for his performance in last week's 16-6 victory against Robert Morris in a battle of first-place teams. **Jason Fralicker** was named the NEC Special Teams Player of the Week for the third time this season.

Coleman, a senior defensive end, recorded career-highs in tackles (10), sacks (3.5) and tackles for a loss (7.5), plus recorded one quarterback hurry that resulted in safety Dave Nicomini's 21-yard interception return for a touchdown. The Great Danes held Robert Morris to 79 total yards, including the program's I-AA record of minus-51 rushing, and came up with 10 sacks, the highest total by a NCAA Division I-AA team this season.

Coleman's 3.5 sacks for minus-27 yards tied the fifth-best total by a Division I-AA player this year. The 6-foot-4, 290-pound defender also reached the 100-career tackle mark (105) in the contest and has 14.0 career sacks.

Fralicker, a junior place-kicker, was the NEC's top special teams performer for the second straight week by tying the school's single-game record with three field goals of 32, 40 and 43 yards. Fralicker tied a standard that he equaled in this year's season opener against Lehigh. His leg gave UAlbany a 9-0 lead in the second quarter. In addition, he became just the second UAlbany kicker to boot a pair of 40-plus yard field goals in the same contest.

Fralicker also eclipsed a 21-year-old single-season record with his 13th field goal this year, breaking a mark set by Scott Reagan in 1985. He currently ranks third in the NEC in scoring with 64 points (13-18 FGs, 25-25 PATs), the ninth-best total in school annals.

UALBANY RANKED IN TOP-FIVE IN BOTH DIVISION I-AA MID-MAJOR NATIONAL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's decisive 16-6 victory over Robert Morris, UAlbany climbed two spots to fifth in the Football Gazette Division I-AA national mid-major poll. The Great Danes remained fourth in The Sports Network rankings.

UAlbany (7-3, NEC 5-1) meets Monmouth (9-1, NEC 5-1) in a showdown for at least a share of the Northeast Conference championship on Saturday, Nov. 11 at University Field. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. ET. The Hawks, who own a five-game winning streak, are ranked second in both mid-major polls. The UAlbany-Monmouth winner, coupled with a Stony Brook loss, could also capture the NEC title outright and represent the conference in the Gridiron Classic on Dec. 2.

The Great Danes are ranked nationally in several Division I-AA categories, including rushing yards allowed (85.6 ypg), total defense (230.0 ypg) and scoring defense (12.4 ppg).

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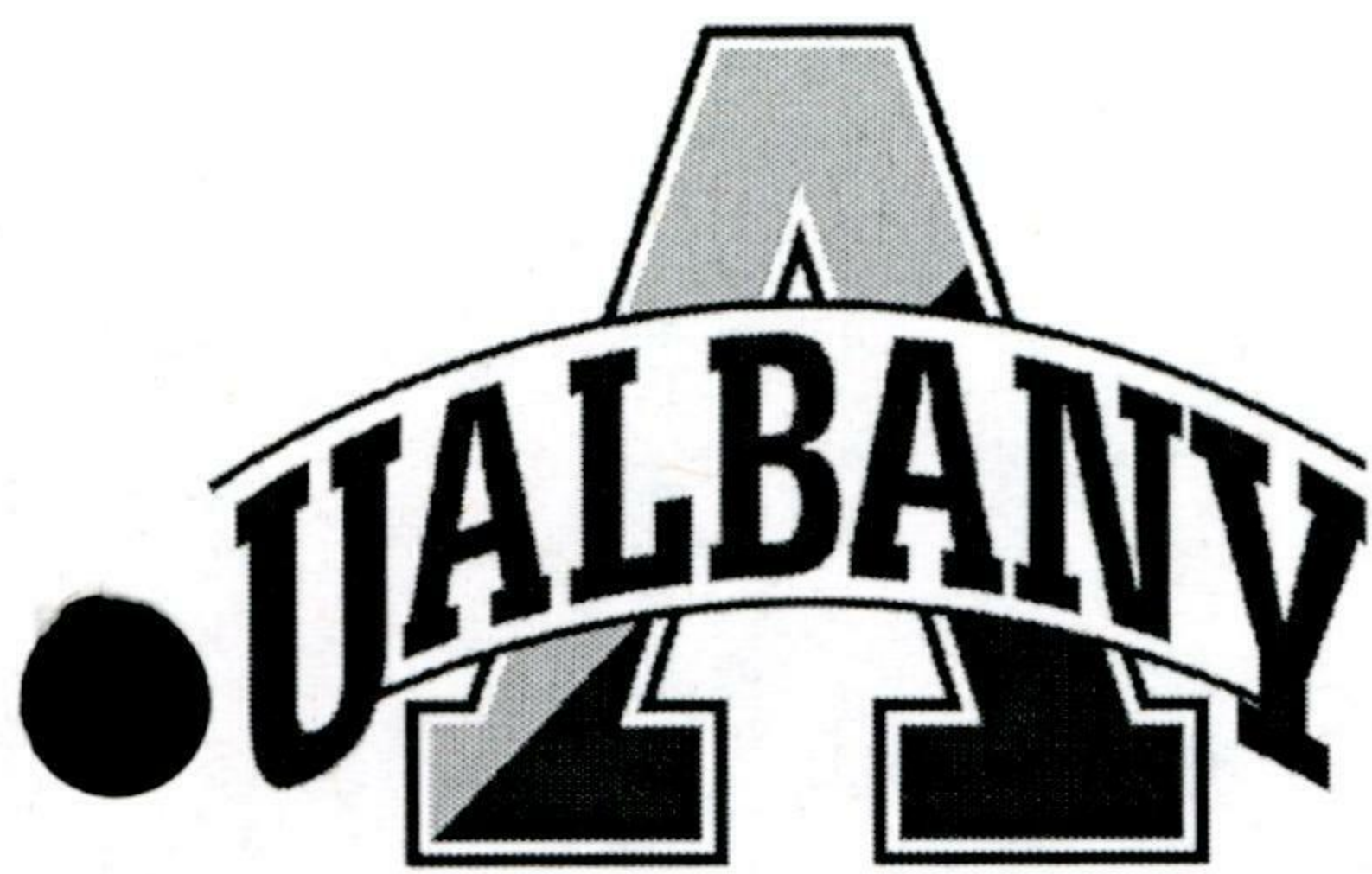
GOLDMAN, BUCHANAN EARN AMERICA EAST WEEKLY VOLLEYBALL HONORS

Boston, Mass. -- Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** and senior setter **Blair Buchanan** were named the America East Conference Player and Setter of the Week, respectively, as announced by the conference office on Monday, Nov. 6.

Goldman earned the weekly honor for the second time this season after recording 38 kills, 33 digs, two service aces and two block assists in three matches to lead UAlbany to an undefeated week of conference play. In a 3-0 sweep of Binghamton, Goldman tallied a match-high 15 kills, en route to becoming the all-time kills leader at UAlbany. She added 13 digs, one service ace and one block assist in the match. Goldman recorded her sixth straight double-double with 15 kills and 10 digs in a 3-1 win over Maine last Friday. On the road at Hartford the following evening, Goldman had eight kills and a match-high 10 digs in the three-game sweep.

Buchanan garners setter of the week accolades for the third time this season. She averaged 39.3 assists, 10.0 digs and 2.6 total blocks over three matches. In the Great Danes' 3-0 sweep of Binghamton, Buchanan posted a match-high 39 assists and added 11 digs, three block assists and two kills. On Senior Night against Maine, she totaled 45 assists to go along with 15 digs, three total blocks and three kills. Against Hartford, Buchanan recorded a match-high 34 assists, four kills, four digs and two block assists.

UAlbany (16-9, AE 9-2) will wrap up America East regular-season play on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at Stony Brook. The Great Danes are currently in first place in the conference standings.



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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS HARTFORD IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

West Hartford, Conn. – Junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** recorded a team-high 11 kills and sophomore middle blocker **Kamisha Kellam** added ten kills and nine total blocks to lead UAlbany to a three-game sweep of America East Conference foe Hartford on Saturday evening. The Great Danes posted scores of 30-16, 30-25, 30-15 to defeat the Hawks.

Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** ended her streak of double-doubles, recording eight kills to go along with a team-best 10 digs. Senior setter **Blair Buchanan** recorded a match-high 34 assists to go along with four kills, four digs, two block assists and one service ace. Freshman setter **Samantha Jacobson** added five block assists for the Great Danes.

Hartford (8-19, AE 0-11) was led by **Jennifer Monroy** who recorded 15 kills for the Hawks. **Sarah Rasor** had 30 assists while **Hallie Fullagar** tallied a team-high nine digs.

UAlbany (16-9, AE 9-2), which has now won five matches in a row, will continue America East play on Wednesday, Nov. 8, visiting Stony Brook at 7 p.m.

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UALBANY'S DEFENSE KEEPS GREAT DANES IN TIE FOR FIRST PLACE IN NEC

Moon Township, Pa. – Dave Nicomini returned an interception for a touchdown and the UAlbany defense recorded 10 sacks in leading the Great Danes to a 16-6 Northeast Conference victory over Robert Morris in a battle of first-place teams on Saturday afternoon at Joe Walton Stadium. UAlbany (7-3, NEC 5-1) remained in a three-way tie atop the conference standings.

The league's top two defenses kept each team's offense in check, as both clubs were held to less than 100 total yards. Robert Morris (6-4, NEC 4-2) avoided a shutout when quarterback Erik Cwalinski threw a 19-yard scoring pass to Frankie Probst with 2:19 remaining. But Cwalinski, a 6-foot-3 sophomore, connected on just 12 of 30 passes for 130 yards and was intercepted four times.

Meanwhile, the Great Danes were nearly perfect on defense. Defensive end Andre Coleman, who had a career-high 10 tackles, including 3.5 sacks, led a unit that set the program's Division I-AA records for rushing yards allowed (minus-51) and quarterbacks sacks. Defensive tackles Tom Pandolf and Michael Dungey added two sacks apiece, while defensive end Mark Sheehan picked off a fourth-quarter pass and also got to the quarterback. In fact, the Colonials crossed the 50-yard line just three times, all in second half, and two were the result of a penalty and a turnover

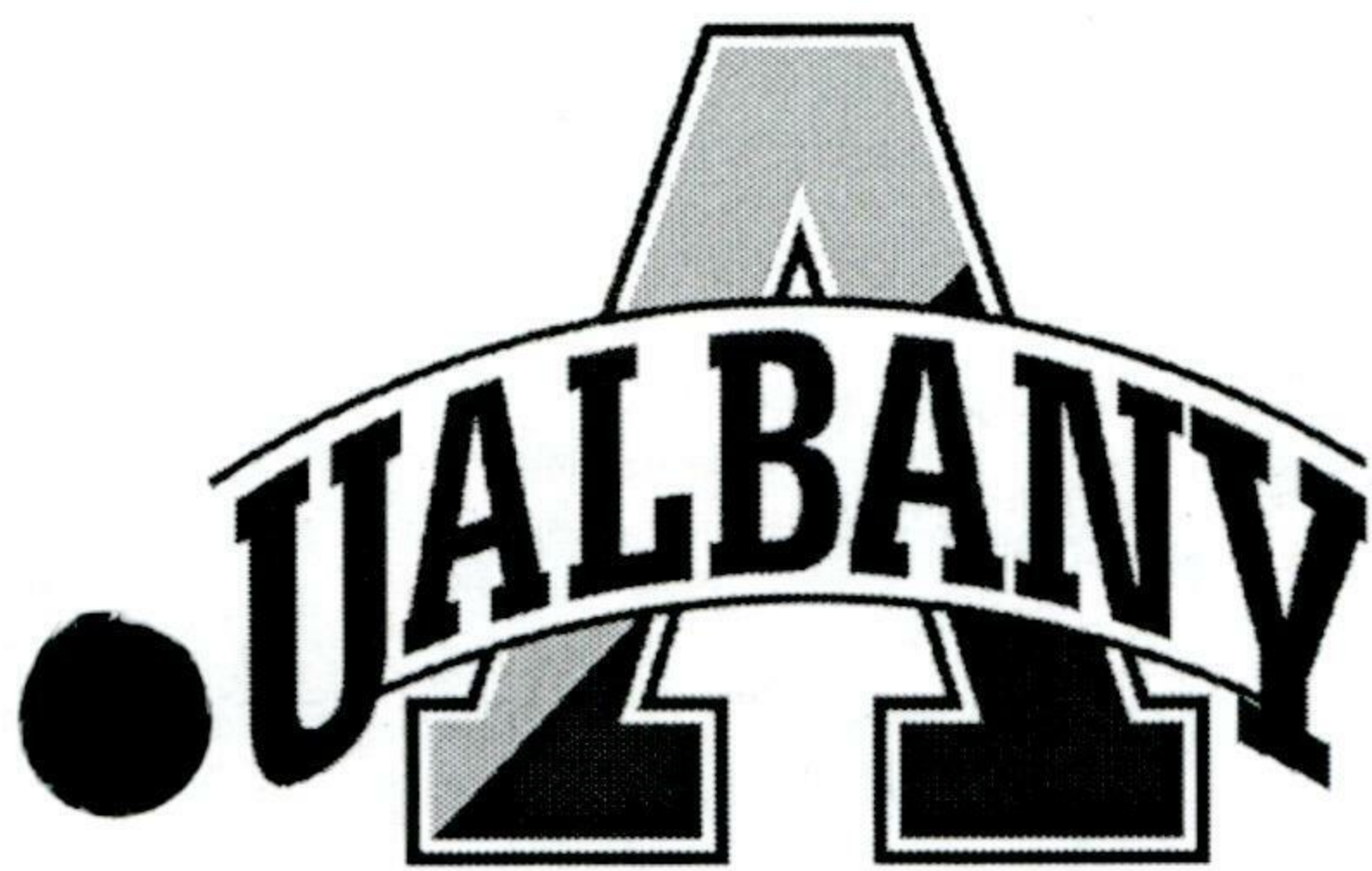
"The defense was superb and the line had moments of brilliance," said UAlbany head coach Bob Ford, whose team reached the seven-win mark for the eighth time in the last 11 years. "We were able to take away their run game and force the quarterback to make decisions under pressure."

UAlbany's defense and the strong leg of Jason Fralicker built a 16-0 halftime lead. Mike Wall blocked a punt on the first possession of the game to set up a 32-yard field goal. The junior place-kicker added two more, from 40 and 43 yards, as the Colonials' offense was unable to move the ball with poor field position. Fralicker set the school's single-season record with his 13th field goal.

"It was crunch time and we knew we had to step up to the next level," said Coleman, one of seven defenders to register a sack in the game. "We studied their strengths and weaknesses and thought we had a great chance to be productive. It's fun whenever you can put pressure on both the quarterbacks and running backs, especially on the road."

The Great Danes, who forced six 4-and-out possessions in the half, also found the scoreboard when Nicomini ran back an interception 21 yards for a touchdown with 3:10 left in the second quarter. Coleman forced Cwalinski to throw under pressure from his own end zone on the play. The Colonials were held to minus-1 yard in total offense during the opening two periods, and finished with just 79 for the entire contest.

"After the Stony Brook loss, we knew we had to run the table," explained Ford, whose squad will play for at least a share of the conference title at home next Saturday. "There are too many good teams in this conference to go undefeated. Now we have to concentrate on Monmouth and hope things fall into place."



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UALBANY TUNES UP FOR BASKETBALL SEASON WITH EXHIBITION WIN OVER LAVAL

Albany, N.Y. – Brent Wilson and Michael Knight each scored nine points to lead a balanced attack, as UAlbany posted a 63-43 exhibition victory over Laval (Quebec) on Friday evening at SEFCU Arena. The Great Danes, who are coming off their first-ever America East Conference championship and NCAA Division I Tournament berth, begin the 2006-07 season against Bucknell on Nov. 11.

UAlbany led 18-14 with 8:43 remaining in the first half, but then pulled away with nine unanswered points. Knight, a junior who is in his first season with the program as a junior college transfer, buried a three-point field goal to begin that run. Wilson, a 6-foot-8 junior, hit a layup, before freshman center Brett Gifford converted a bank shot. The Great Danes, who shot 50 percent from the field in the opening half, led 33-21 at the intermission.

Jamar Wilson, last year's America East player of the year, helped UAlbany get off to a good start after the break. Wilson, who had five points and four assists, connected on a three-pointer from the left wing before Brent Wilson followed with another long-range shot from left of the key. The Great Danes, who tallied 13 of the game's next 15 points after halftime, pushed out to a 46-23 advantage with 12:59 remaining. Sophomore Brian Connelly, who had six points and seven rebounds, and Gifford, a 6'11" center, ended that outburst with a three-point play and a jump hook, respectively.

"We were extremely flat, there was no flow or rhythm," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose club will play at home in eight days to open its schedule against the two-time defending Patriot League champions. "The positives were that everybody got to play, the lights were on, and people were in the stands. We should have been sharper. We have a lot of work to do before we play Bucknell."

Laval's Andre Bureau came off the bench to score nine points, all from outside the 3-point arc. Francois-Olivier Gagnon-Herbert, a 6-foot-5 center, added eight points and six rebounds. Laval was held to 29.6-percent shooting on 16 of 54 attempts.

UALBANY VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS MAINE, 3-1, IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Senior outside hitter Shelby Goldman recorded a team-high 15 kills and 10 digs for her sixth straight double-double to lead UAlbany to a 3-1 win over America East Conference opponent Maine on Senior Night on Friday evening at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes won their fourth straight match by scores of 30-16, 27-30, 30-16, 30-27.

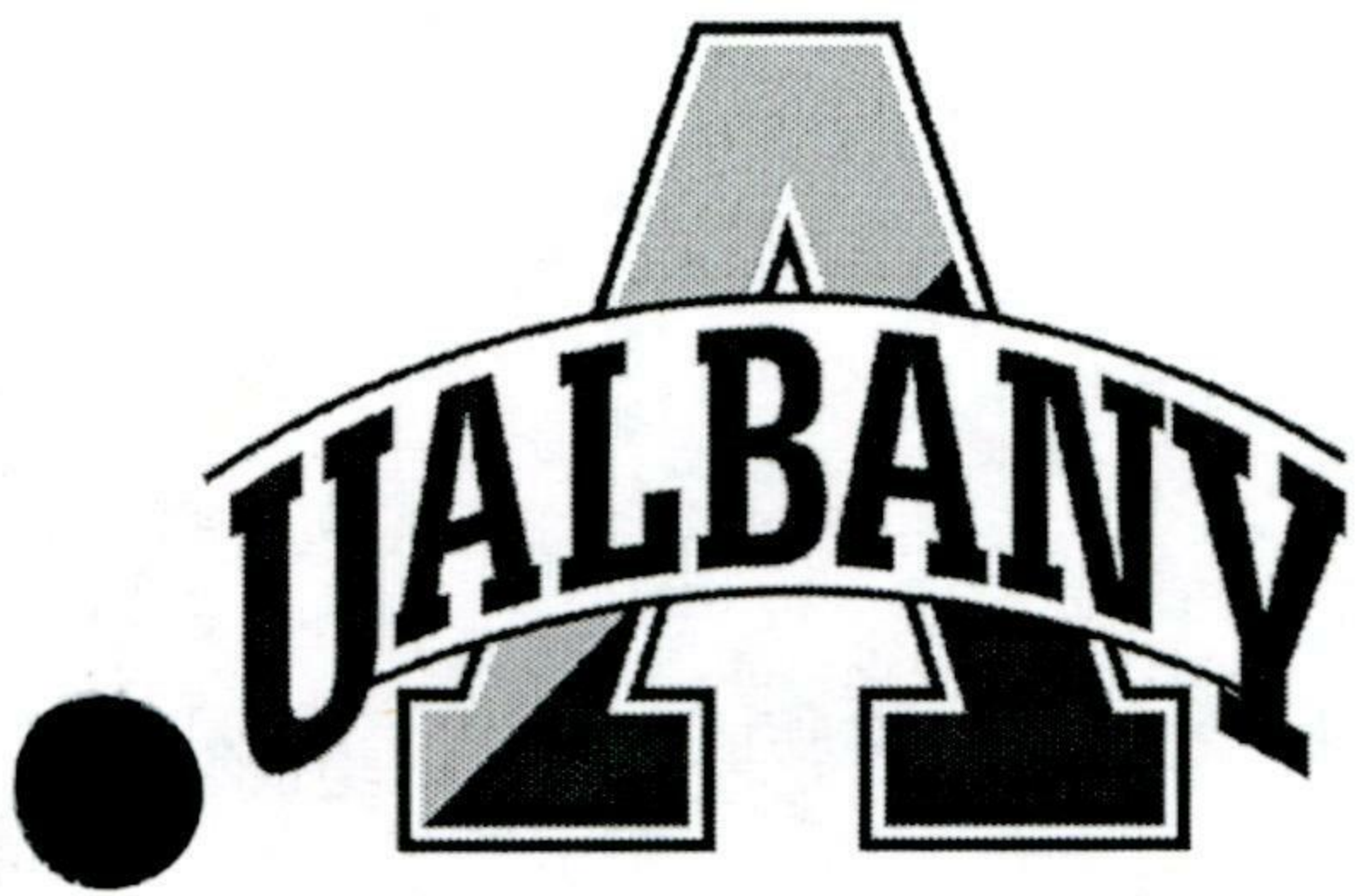
Senior outside hitter Ashley DeNeal and sophomore middle blocker Kamisha Kellam each added 14 kills. DeNeal also posted 11 digs, while Kellam had six total blocks and a .650 hitting percentage on 20 attacks. Sophomore middle blocker Ashley Crenshaw was the fourth UAlbany player in double digits with 10 kills, while senior setter Blair Buchanan tallied 45 assists and a match-high 15 digs. Senior defensive specialist Kristin Fiorillo had six service aces in the match.

Sophomore outside hitter Laura Goettsch recorded a match-high 19 kills for Maine (6-17, AE 4-5). Sophomore middle blocker Jessica Wolfenden added 14 kills while sophomore outside hitter Lindsay Allman tallied 11 kills and 11 digs. Senior libero Jody Connacher finished with a team-high 14 digs for the Black Bears.

UAlbany (15-9, AE 8-2), currently sitting atop the conference standings, will continue America East play on Saturday as they travel to Hartford for a 7:00 p.m. match.

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UAlbany def. Maine, 30-16, 27-30, 30-16, 30-27.



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MAINE FIELD HOCKEY SLIPS BY UALBANY IN OVERTIME IN AMERICA EAST SEMIFINAL

Cambridge, Mass. – **Amy Zdrojesky** redirected a shot past UAlbany goalkeeper **Ashley Ross** nine minutes and five seconds into the overtime period to give Maine a 1-0 win over the Great Danes in the America East Conference Tournament’s semifinal round at MIT’s Jack Berry Field on Friday afternoon.

UAlbany, who finishes the season at 12-7 overall, outshot the Black Bears, 9-6, in the game, but could not capitalize on four shots in overtime. Maine goalkeeper **Rebecca Giroux** had six saves, including three in the extra period. The Black Bears, who are 9-10 overall, will move on to face Boston U. in the America East championship on Sunday.

Junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** led the Great Danes with four shots, while sophomore midfielder **Michele Polizois** had three. Ross finished with four saves in the cage.

Zdrojesky had a team-high two shots on goal for Maine, including the game-winner. **Katie Flaherty** assisted on the score.

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Maine (9-10)	0	0	1	1
UAlbany (12-7)	0	0	0	0

Maine – Scoring: Amy Zdrojesky 1-0, Katie Flaherty 0-1. Goalkeeper: Rebecca Giroux (79:05, 0 GA, 6 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (79:05, 1 GA, 4 saves).



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY PLACES FOUR PLAYERS ON ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Michelle Simpson**, a junior midfielder, has been named the America East Conference Offensive Player of the Year in field hockey, as announced by the conference office on Thursday, Nov. 2 at the championship banquet. Sophomore midfielder **Arlette Westdorp** was awarded the league's Defensive Player of the Year.

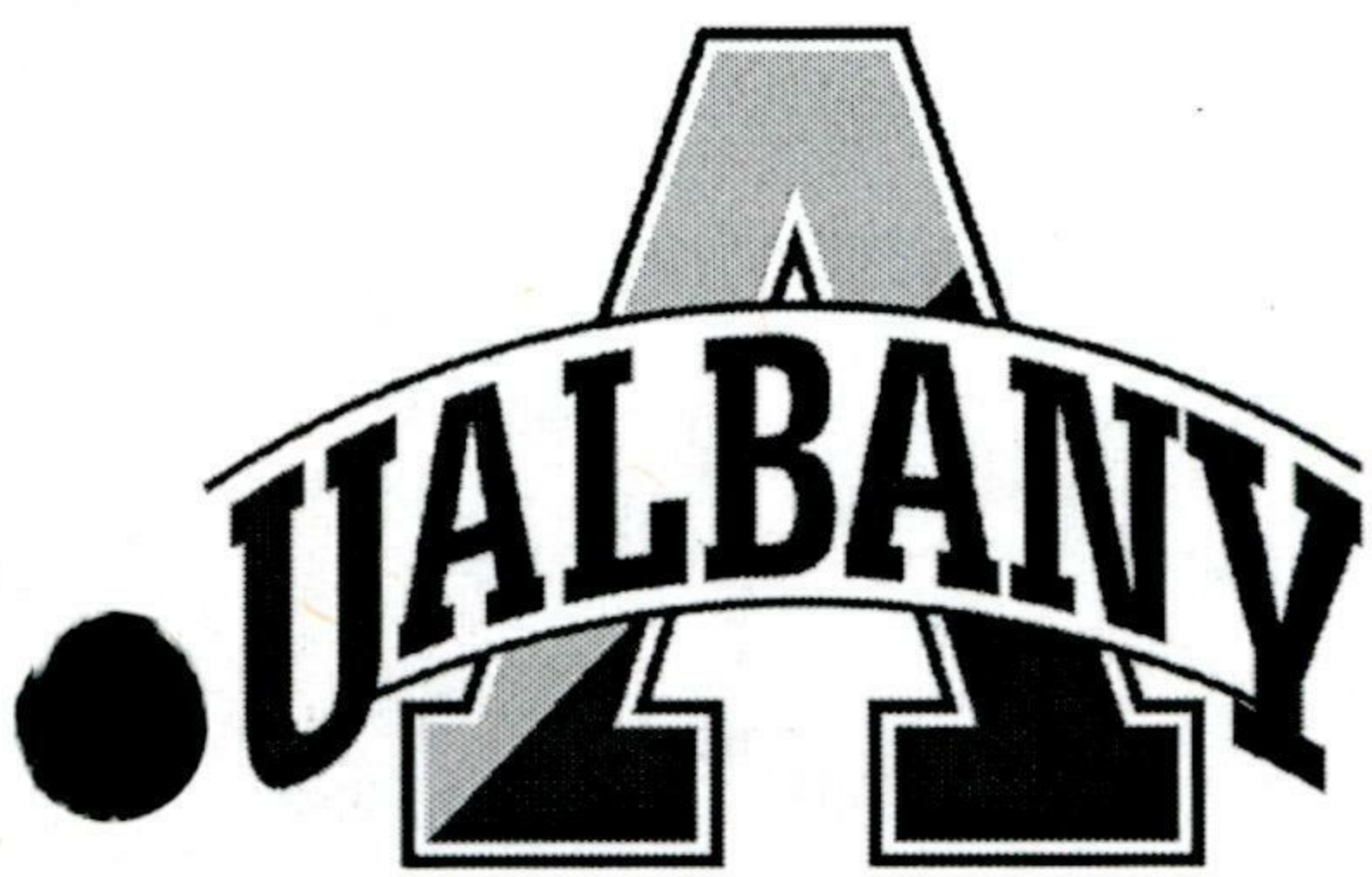
Simpson and Westdorp become the first UAlbany field hockey players to earn the conference's major awards since the Great Danes joined America East in 2001. Simpson finished the regular season at the top of the conference with 14 goals and seven assists for 35 points, the second-best total in the program's Division I history. After one season with the UAlbany program, she is ranked among the top-10 career leaders for goals and points. Westdorp became the school's all-time assists leader after tallying a conference-leading 19 helpers during the regular season. She also ranks first in the nation, averaging 1.12 assists per game. Westdorp also helped anchor a defense that was ranked 10th nationally with a 1.13 goals against average.

Freshman defender **Jess Lindsey** and sophomore goalkeeper **Ashley Ross** joined Simpson and Westdorp on the all-conference first team. Lindsey, who was also named to the America East all-rookie squad, was fourth on the team with two goals and 14 assists for 18 total points. Lindsey, who handles the passing duties on the Great Danes' penalty corners, was second in the national rankings with 0.88 assist per game.

Freshman midfielder **Teska Koch** earned both second-team all-conference and all-rookie team recognition. Koch was third on the team with nine goals and three assists for 21 points. She scored the game-winning goal in the Great Danes' 3-2 overtime victory over Vermont that gave UAlbany a share of the America East regular-season title. Also named to the all-conference second team was sophomore midfielder **Michele Polizois**, who was second on the squad with 10 goals and three assists for 23 points. Polizois is among the school's career leaders in goals and points.

Joining Lindsey and Koch on the all-rookie squad was freshman forward **Nicole Savage**. She recorded three goals and two assists, all in conference play, after missing eight games due to injury.

UAlbany (12-6, AE 4-1), the second seed in the conference's postseason tournament, will meet third-seed Maine on Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the semifinal round. The winner will advance to meet either Boston U. or Vermont on Sunday, Nov. 5 in the championship at 1:00 p.m. MIT's Jack Barry Field, located in Cambridge, Mass., is the host facility.



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JAY GEIGER NAMED HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced on Thursday, Nov. 2, that **Jay Geiger** has been named head athletic trainer at the University at Albany. He is responsible for aspects of the sports medicine program, including preventive training, injury rehabilitation and nutrition counseling. Geiger supervises a staff of four full-time assistants and several volunteer trainers.

Previously, Geiger served as assistant athletics director and head trainer at the College of Saint Rose since 1996. He supervised a full-time assistant, three graduate assistants and 20 student interns who provided sports medicine services for the school's 220 student-athletes. Geiger, who served as a graduate assistant at Saint Rose for two years prior to being named head athletic trainer, began his career as an intern on the athletics training staff at Siena College.

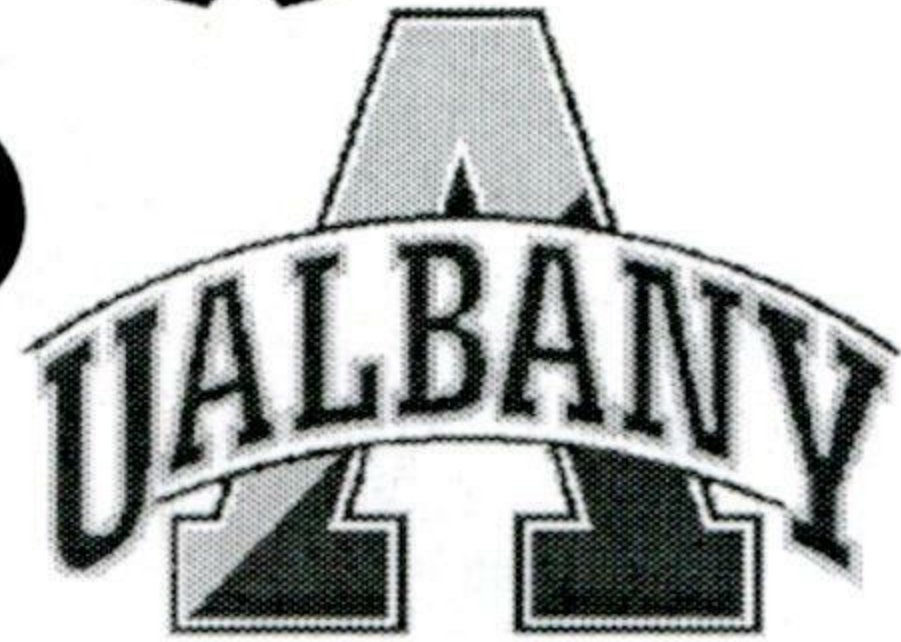
A certified athletics trainer according to the NATABOC requirements, Geiger is a member of the National Athletics Trainers Association (NATA) and is a certified sports psychologist in accordance with the American Coaches Effectiveness Program. He has also worked as the head trainer for the Albany Conquest of arena football² since 2002 and was the assistant trainer and equipment manager for the Albany Firebirds of the Arena Football League from 1992-2000.

Geiger earned his bachelor's degree in sports medicine from Colby-Sawyer College in the spring of 1994 before completing his master's in educational psychology at Saint Rose. He earned four varsity letters as a member of the Colby-Sawyer soccer team, plus was named to the All-New England squad.

STEPHAN HALL NAMED TO COSIDA MEN'S SOCCER ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Albany, N.Y. – **Stephan Hall** of the University at Albany's men's soccer team has been named to the CoSIDA Academic District I Team for the third consecutive year on Thursday. The graduate student in information technology systems has a 3.98 grade point average, and earned his undergraduate degree in urban planning in May 2006.

A member of last year's *ESPN The Magazine* First Team Academic All-America squad and a two-time team captain, the senior defenseman started all 19 of UAlbany's games this season. Hall was second on the team with six points (two goals, two assists) as the Great Danes finished fourth in the America East Conference standings and earned their third consecutive postseason berth. The Denver, Colo., native has also been selected as the America East Men's Soccer Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the past two seasons.



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SEFCU and UALBANY Forge a 10 Year Partnership

Albany, N.Y. – SEFCU, the largest credit union in the Capital Region, and the University at Albany today announced a \$2.75 million commitment to name the university's Recreation and Convocation Center, in addition to promotional opportunities, for a 10 year period. The facility, to be known as the SEFCU Arena, is the home for UAlbany's men's and women's basketball teams. The SEFCU Arena will continue to expand its role as a major venue for community events, sporting events and university activities. The arena has seating for capacity crowds of 4,538.

"The University at Albany is very grateful to SEFCU for believing in our students and the success of our athletic program," said University at Albany's Officer in Charge Susan Herbst. "Today's commitment to name the SEFCU Arena is a tribute to the power of public-private partnerships. We look forward to a very prosperous and fruitful relationship and to welcoming many more Great Danes fans to UAlbany's SEFCU Arena."

"SEFCU is excited about entering into this partnership with UAlbany, a true leader in our community," said Michael J. Castellana, SEFCU's president. "This unique collaboration brings together public and private entities to work together to develop programs and events that will enrich the UAlbany community and the entire Capital Region."

"SEFCU's commitment to higher education and the Capital Region community is outstanding," UAlbany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy said. "This long-term partnership will not only enhance our growth as a Division I intercollegiate athletics program, but benefit the student-athletes, alumni, and fans that use SEFCU Arena. UAlbany and SEFCU will work together to utilize resources to make this partnership a significant investment in our community."

"On behalf of the University at Albany Foundation, we are grateful for SEFCU's generous support of UAlbany. This commitment will dramatically enhance opportunities for our student athletes and all those who enjoy the University's sports programs. The Foundation is pleased to be a partner in this wonderful public-private collaboration that benefits both the campus and our community," remarked George R. Hearst III, president of the University at Albany Foundation.

"Today's groundbreaking announcement is a critical move to creating even greater bonds among University at Albany students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community at large," said George Philip, University at Albany Council chair. "We are delighted to be working with Michael Castellana, our community partner and distinguished alumnus, on this most exciting initiative." Philip noted that the University at Albany University Council had approved the naming of the SEFCU Arena and that the State University Board of Trustees would take up a similar resolution at its November Meeting.

UAlbany opened the Recreation and Convocation Center in the spring of 1992 as an \$11 million state-of-the-art facility. The playing surface on the arena's three basketball courts and the surrounding .11-mile indoor track were completely renovated in December 2004. The facility hosted last year's America East Conference Men's Basketball Championship before a sold-out crowd and traditionally has been the site for the University's graduate commencement, the opening round of the Section II Boys' High School Basketball Tournament, and Section II indoor track competition. In addition, rock and pop concerts, with such musical personalities as Sheryl Crow and Green Day, have been held in the arena.

Established in 1934, SEFCU is among the 70 largest credit unions in the United States with more than \$1.3 billion in assets and over 143,000 members in the Capital Region, Binghamton, Syracuse, and Buffalo. In addition to standard deposit and loan products, SEFCU offers 24-hour banking by phone and Internet, electronic bill payment and eStatements, investment and insurance services, and a full-range of business banking and lending services.

The University at Albany is an internationally recognized public research university with a broad mission of undergraduate and graduate education, research and service. More than 17,000 diverse students are enrolled in ten schools and colleges. UAlbany athletics sponsors 19 intercollegiate teams, including eight for men and 11 for women, at the NCAA Division I level. Since upgrading to that status in 1999, the Great Danes have won 17 conference championships and made several NCAA appearances.

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