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### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore striker **Tracy Kasmarcik** scored twice and **Sarah Young** added one goal and one assist to lead Binghamton to a 5-2 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday in the Great Danes' home finale at Varsity Field.

Kasmarcik broke a 1-1 tie midway through the first half, when she found an open net on a rebound off the crossbar. Early in the final period, Kasmarcik gave Binghamton (12-4-2) a 3-1 advantage by driving her 14th goal of the season into the lower left corner. The Bearcats, who own a 10-match non-losing streak, also got second-half goals from **Alyson Cammarin** and Young.

UAlbany's **Toni Ann Burdi** had tied the contest at one apiece at the 13:54 mark. Freshman **Dina Xikis** netted her first goal as a collegian at 87:03 on a play that originated off a corner kick.

Binghamton's **Lauren Cherry** and **Monica Godinho** combined to make two saves. Goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** stopped eight shots for the Great Danes, who fell to 1-15-1 overall.

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Binghamton (12-4-2)	2	3	-	5
Albany (1-15-1)	1	1	-	2

Binghamton – Scoring: Tracy Kasmarcik 2-0, Sarah Young 1-1, Emily Moore 1-0, Alyson Cammarin 1-0, Danielle Kosecki 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Lauren Cherry (78:32, 2 saves, 1 GA), Monica Godinho (11:28, 0 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Toni Ann Burdi 1-0, Dina Xikis 1-0, Kate Thompson 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 8 saves, 5 GA).



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### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NAMES TRI-CAPTAINS FOR 2001-02 SEASON**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's basketball coach Mari Warner announced today that **Cara Caffell**, **Marie Connors** and **Jess McGinlay** will serve as tri-captains for the 2001-02 season.

Caffell, a 6-foot-3 senior from Beamsville, Ontario, averaged 5.5 points and 5.1 rebounds and totaled a team-leading 34 blocks in 27 starts last season. She ranks fourth on the school's all-time blocks list with 73.

Connors, a 6-foot-1 senior from Hannon, Ontario, averaged 5.6 points and 5.1 rebounds in 2000-01 at the power forward position. She started 19 games and appeared in every contest.

McGinlay returns as the squad's leading scorer after posting a 10.1 points per game average. The Burke, Va., native tallied four 20-plus point games despite coming off the bench.

Albany posted a 5-22 record last year and enters its inaugural season in the America East Conference. The Great Danes open the regular season Nov. 16 on the road against Bucknell.

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NOTE: UAlbany's Basketball Media Day is scheduled for Thursday, November 1 at 12:15 p.m. in the Recreation & Convocation Center's Hall of Fame Room.



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#### **ALISSA GIBBS NAMED AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) has been chosen as the Spalding America East Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball.

Gibbs, a junior outside hitter, averaged 7.0 kills per game in two matches last weekend, including Albany's first-ever America East victory. She totaled 27 kills and 11 digs in leading the Great Danes past Stony Brook for the first time in 17 meetings between the schools.

Gibbs followed with career-highs in kills (36) and service aces (6) against Hartford in a 3-2 loss. She ranks third in the conference in kills at 4.71 per game, and is averaging 2.23 digs.

#### **UALBANY HOLDS POSITION IN LATEST I-AA FOOTBALL POLLS**

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany is ranked fourth in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll and eighth in the Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll. Both national college football rankings were released on Monday, Oct. 29.

Albany (6-1, NEC 4-1) posted 24-14 Northeast Conference victory at St. Francis, Pa. last Saturday. Dayton (8-0) and Sacred Heart (7-0), two of five Division I-AA unbeaten teams, remain one-two in both polls.

The Great Danes travel to Monmouth (6-1, NEC 4-0) in a key conference match-up on Saturday, Nov. 3. Game time is 1:00 p.m. The Hawks are ranked sixth by Football Gazette and seventh by The Sports Network.

Albany is tied for 16th nationally among the Division I-AA leaders in scoring defense at 16.6 points per game and is tied for 13th in turnover margin (+1.0 per game).

#### **Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll**

1. Dayton (8-0), 310, 2. Sacred Heart (7-0), 275, 3. St. Peter's (7-1), 236, 4. Albany (6-1), 208, 5. Duquesne (5-2), 184, 6. Jacksonville (6-2), 154, 7. Monmouth (6-1), 142, 8. San Diego (5-2), 97, 9. Fairfield (4-3), 46, 10. Robert Morris (4-3), 25.

#### **Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll**

1. Dayton, 2. Sacred Heart, 3. Duquesne, 4. St. Peter's, 5. Fairfield, 6. Monmouth, 7. Robert Morris, 8. Albany, 9. Jacksonville, 10. San Diego.



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### MEN'S SOCCER

Hempstead, N.Y. – Senior striker **Jarvin Skeete** scored the game-winning goal just before halftime, as Albany snapped a five-match losing streak with a 2-1 America East Conference victory over Hofstra on Sunday at University Field.

Albany (7-8, AE 4-5) kept its conference post-season tournament hopes alive with the victory. The Great Danes host both Hartford and Vermont next weekend in the final matches of the regular season.

Hofstra (8-9-1, AE 5-4) took a 1-0 lead at 26:07, when **Patrick Geraghty** placed a 25-yard shot inside the near post. UAlbany's **Ashtian Holmes** tied the contest 14 minutes later with his first goal since October 2nd. Skeete followed at 43:25 with his sixth goal this season and 24th of his career, when he broke free down the left side and hit an empty net.

**Trevor Serraro** recorded five saves for the Great Danes, who are one point out of the sixth place and the final America East playoff berth. Hofstra's **Justin Varrone** turned aside four shots.

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Albany (7-8, AE 4-5)	2	0	-	2
Hofstra (8-9-1, AE 5-4)	1	0	-	1

Albany – Ashtian Holmes 1-0, Jarvin Skeete 1-0, Jason Warshaw 0-1, Ryan Bombard 0-1, Lorenzo Henry 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 5 saves, 1 GA).

Hofstra – Patrick Geraghty 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Justin Varrone (90:00, 4 saves, 2 GA).

### (Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman outside hitter **Stephanie Volckers** totaled a match-high 39 kills, including nine in the final game, as Hartford held off Albany 30-26, 30-26, 21-30, 29-31, 16-14 on Sunday afternoon at University Gymnasium.

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Volckers, the America East Conference leader in kills per game this season, had six kills or more in all five games. She registered nine in each of the final two games for Hartford (6-13, AE 2-7). Junior setter **Danielle Scoggins** posted match-high totals of 59 assists and 19 digs.

Albany (4-16, AE 1-9) mounted a comeback on the strong hitting of junior **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.), who established a career-high with 36 kills and hit a season-best .370 in the match. Gibbs also had a career-best six service aces.

Albany freshman **Sue Porzelt**, who ranks among the conference leaders in aces per game this season, had 10 in the match, the most by any Great Dane player this season. **Fallon Hearst**, a freshman outside hitter, totaled 22 kills and 12 digs, while **Jill Dombrowski** tied Hartford's Scoggins for a match-high with 59 assists.

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Hartford def. Albany, 30-26, 30-26, 21-30, 29-31, 16-14.

### (Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore midfielder **Sandra Ackerman** scored off a penalty kick in the 66th minute to force extra periods, as Drexel and Albany played to a 1-1 double-overtime tie in an America East Conference match on Sunday at Varsity Field.

Drexel (5-10-3, AE 2-5-3) tied the contest at one apiece when Ackerman converted a penalty kick. Her team-leading seventh goal sailed into the upper right corner of the net at the 66:24 mark.

Albany (1-14-1, AE 0-9-1), who outshot the Dragons 24-19, was unable to capitalize late in the match. Drexel played a man down over the final eight minutes of regulation and throughout the overtime periods as **Katie Kane** was issued her second yellow card of the contest at 82:24.

The Great Danes, who snapped a 14-match losing streak dating back to their season opener on August 31, opened the game's scoring when freshman **Sara Rickard** earned her sixth goal of the season 23 minutes into the first period with a 15-yard left blast. Albany goalkeeper **Michelle Talviste**, who made her first start in three weeks, totaled 10 saves while Drexel's **Sara Peranteau** had 14 saves.

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Drexel (5-10-3, AE 2-5-3)                    0     1     0     0     -     1

Albany (1-14-1, AE 0-9-1)                    1     0     0     0     -     1

Drexel – Sandra Ackerman 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Sara Peranteau (120:00, 14 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Sara Rickard 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Michelle Talviste (120:00, 10 saves, 1 GA).



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### **Comments: COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

#### **ALBANY 24, ST. FRANCIS, Pa. 14**

Loretto, Pa.—**Brian Manigault** and **Jon George** each rushed for one touchdown in the first half, as Albany posted a 24-14 Northeast Conference victory over St. Francis, Pa. on Saturday in snowy conditions at the Pine Bowl.

Albany (6-1, NEC 4-1) built a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter. Tight end **Greg Sigler** caught a nine-yard scoring pass from **Ryan Roeder** to complete a 13-play drive to open the scoring. Following a St. Francis fumble, Manigault, a senior tailback, reached paydirt on a 7-yard run for a 14-0 advantage.

George capped an 11-play march on his team's next possession with a one-yard run over left guard for a three-touchdown lead.

However, St. Francis (0-8, NEC 0-5) would get back into the contest. Freshman quarterback **Kevin McCray**, who passed for 173 yards and rushed for 42 more, threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to **Michael Hall** with 24 seconds left before halftime.

The Red Flash, who own Division I-AA's longest losing streak at 21 straight, closed the gap to 21-14 midway through the third period on McCray's six-yard option run.

St. Francis was driving for the tying touchdown early in the fourth quarter, but Albany linebacker **Tim Campe** wiped out the threat with an interception at the 18-yard line on a fourth down play.

The Great Danes regrouped with a 70-yard drive that took nearly eight minutes off the clock, and resulted in **Bryan Bagstad**'s 24-yard field goal. Roeder, who completed 9 of 12 passes for 122 yards, hit Jay McFarlane with a 3<sup>rd</sup>-down, 17-yard pass to keep the sequence at midfield.

"I always worry when we are considered the favorite," said Albany coach Bob Ford, whose team played without leading receiver Chris Phillis (back spasms) and lost Manigault to a leg injury in the first half. "Their offensive line did a superb job of giving McCray the time he needed to make plays."

"We had too many penalties, some miscommunications, and were not focused," said split end Matt Crudo, who had three receptions for 43 yards and rushed for 37 on a reverse. "We need to practice well to get ready for the next two weeks."



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### (Cross Country)

Orono, Maine – Senior **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) finished third in the men's race, while sophomore **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) was seventh on the women's side as the University at Albany garnered fourth-place team scores at the 2001 America East Cross Country Championships held Saturday on the University of Maine's campus course.

Rodriguez covered the 8,000-meter course in a time of 24:56.30, crossing the finish line 18 seconds behind winner Joohen Dieckfoss of Boston University. Dieckfoss' 24:38.40 was the second-fastest time in the 14-year history of the men's championship. Freshman **Andy Allstadt** placed eighth overall and was the second Albany finisher in 25:19.10. **Joe Pienta** (Ichabod Crane), **Adam Rice** and **Sam Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville) captured 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> overall, respectively. Albany's men's team finished fourth out of the nine conference schools.

Walton led the Albany women's squad to a fourth-place team showing by running the 5,000-meter course in 18:03.90. Rachel Felton of Boston University won the race with a time of 17:11.80 and guided her squad to the team title. The Terriers tallied five of the top six overall finishers in securing their sixth straight America East title and 11<sup>th</sup> in 12 years. **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central H.S.), **Meghan Howell**, **Megan Roeder** and **Zerlinda Martinez** secured 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> respectively for the Great Danes.

### -agate- America East Cross Country Championships

#### MEN

1. New Hampshire 46, 2. Boston U. 50, 3. Maine 80, 4. Albany 90, 5. Vermont 133, 6. Stony Brook 154, 7. Binghamton 171, 8. Northeastern 242, 9. Hartford 294.

#### INDIVIDUAL

1. Joohen Dieckfoss (Boston U.), 24:38.40; 2. Dan Hocking (New Hampshire), 24:46.20; 3. Jamie Rodriguez (Albany), 24:56.30; 4. Jamie Carmichael (Vermont), 25:10.80; 5. James Olsen (New Hampshire), 25:11.50; 6. Jordan Jones (Boston U.), 25:12.40; 7. Peter Mallett (New Hampshire), 25:16.80; 8. Andy Allstadt (Albany), 25:19.10; 9. Matt Dresser (Binghamton), 25:21.00; 10. Dan Coval (Boston U.), 25:23.00

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Other UAlbany Finishers: 23. Joe Pienta, 25:37.00; 27. Adam Rice, 25:47.80; 29. Sam Gonzalez, 26:01.50; 34. Szabolcs Molnar, 26:22.30; 39. Scott Schulte, 26:49.40; 46. Ian French, 26:56.70; 52. Justin Block, 27:07.90.

### WOMEN

1. Boston U. 19, 2. New Hampshire 74, 3. Maine 98, 4. Albany 115, 5. Vermont 135, 6. Stony Brook 140, T7. Binghamton 213, T7. Northeastern 213, 9. Hartford 256.

### INDIVIDUAL

1. Rachel Felton (Boston U.), 17:11.80; 2. Michele Palmer (Vermont), 17:16.80; 3. Sherida Bird (Boston U.), 17:22.40; 4. Kathryn Ireland (Boston U.), 17:32.70; 5. Jennifer Kehoe (Boston U.), 17:43.50; 6. Lauren Matthews (Boston U.), 17:55.70; 7. Jessica Walton (Albany), 18:03.90; 8. Nicole Pelletier (Maine), 18:07.60; 9. Jennifer Payne (Stony Brook), 18:09.90; 10. Emily Hawkins (Boston U.), 18:15.60.

Other UAlbany Finishers: 23. Nicole Susser, 18:59.20; 26. Meghan Howell, 19:06.10; 29. Megan Roeder, 19:08.60; 30. Zerlinda Martinez, 19:10.30; 33. Laura Kearns, 19:18.10; 35. Trista Neinast, 19:21.60; 48. Theresa Juva, 20:05.70; 50. Sarah Scoville, 20:14.20.

### (Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y.--Freshman outside hitter **Fallon Hearst** recorded a career-high 27 kills, including three in a row to close out the match, as Albany earned its first-ever America East Conference victory with a four-game defeat of Stony Brook on Saturday afternoon at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who won by scores of 30-28, 27-30, 30-28, and 30-28, snapped a 16-match losing streak in the all-time series with Stony Brook.

Albany (4-15, AE 1-8) took the first game behind Hearst, who contributed nine of her 27 kills and added seven digs in the game. The Great Danes also posted four service aces in the opener, including two from freshman **Sue Porzelt**. Stony Brook (11-15, AE 4-5) recovered to tie the match at one apiece as senior **Debra Falkenburg** converted six of nine attacks in game two.

However, Albany took the next two games behind the play of Hearst and junior **Alissa Gibbs**. The pair combined for 15 kills to lead the Great Danes to a win in game three, and Gibbs recorded nine of her 27 kills in the decisive game four.

Hearst finished with 27 kills and 16 digs in the match, and Gibbs totaled 27 kills and 11 digs. Freshman **Valerie Maloy** tallied a team-high 24 kills and added 12 digs for the Seawolves.

Albany hosts America East Conference opponent Hartford on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 1:00 p.m.

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Albany def. Stony Brook, 30-28, 27-30, 30-28, 30-28.



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### FIELD HOCKEY

Towson, Md. – Junior forward **Jenelle Bosler** put home a pass from freshman **Ashley Bacon** with 6:29 left in the second period to lift Towson to a 2-1 America East Conference victory over Albany in the season finale for the Great Danes on Friday afternoon at Minnegan Stadium.

Albany (5-12, AE 2-7) tied the contest at one apiece with 12:23 remaining. Senior forward **Angie Stegel**, playing in her final game as a collegian, scored her sixth goal of the season off a feed from junior **Ali Mann**.

Towson (4-14, AE 1-7) earned its first conference victory in 17 attempts dating back to the 1999 season, when Bosler's second goal of the season broke a 1-1 deadlock. Bacon also recorded an assist on **Andrea Schlezes'** goal in the first half, putting the Tigers ahead 1-0.

Stegel and teammate **Amy DiMicco** closed out their careers tied for second on the school's all-time scoring list with 99 points. They each finished with 41 goals and 17 assists during their four-year tenures at Albany.

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Albany (5-12, AE 2-7)	0	1	-	1
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Towson (4-14, AE 1-7)	1	1	-	2
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Albany—Scoring: Angie Stegel 1-0, Ali Mann 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 12 saves, 2 GA).

Towson—Scoring: Jenelle Bosler 1-0, Andrea Schleze 1-0, Ashley Bacon 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Loren Wolf (70:00, 7 saves, 1 GA).

### MEN'S SOCCER

Philadelphia, Pa. – Junior midfielder **Jim Costello** scored one goal and added two assists in leading Drexel to a 3-1 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Drexel Field.

Drexel (6-9, AE 2-6) registered three goals over a six-minute stretch in the first half and never looked back. **Dan Zajac** opened the scoring when Costello's pass set up the shot into the

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lower right corner at the 16:38 mark. Costello followed with his fifth goal of the season from five yards out three minutes later. **Pete Pittaoulis**, who added an assist on the second conversion, finished Drexel's attack with a ten-yard strike at 22:20.

Albany (6-8, AE 3-5), who outshot the Dragons 18-14, were only able to find the scoring column on **Greg Chevalier's** sixth goal of the season, a penalty kick with 15 minutes to play in the contest. Drexel goalkeeper **John Hutchins** had four saves, while **Trevor Serraro** stopped one shot for Albany, who dropped its fifth consecutive conference match.

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Albany (6-8, AE 3-5)	0	1	-	1
Drexel (6-9, AE 2-6)	3	0	-	3

Albany – Greg Chevalier 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 1 save, 3 GA).

Drexel – Dan Zajac 1-0, Jim Costello 1-2, Pete Pittaoulis 1-1; Goalkeeper(s): John Hutchins (90:00, 4 saves, 1 GA).

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Junior forward **Audra Sherman** scored the game-winning goal 24 minutes into the first half as Hofstra posted a 3-1 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Hofstra (7-5-2, AE 4-3-2) opened the scoring at the 3:14 mark when **Kathleen Mikowski's** 30-yard blast from the right side found the far corner of the net. Albany (1-14, AE 0-9) quickly responded off a Pride turnover three minutes later. Freshman forward **Sara Rickard** recorded her team-leading fifth goal of the season.

Sherman dribbled from midfield and converted a strike giving Hofstra a 2-1 advantage at 24:18. **Erica Monz** tallied her first goal of the season with less than five minutes remaining in the opening period to finish out the game's scoring.

Albany goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** made nine saves for the Great Danes, while **Kristine Winchester** stopped five shots for Hofstra, who has won three of its last four contests.

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Hofstra (7-5-2, AE 4-3-2)	3	0	-	3
Albany (1-14, AE 0-9)	1	0	-	1

Hofstra – Kathleen Mikowski 1-0, Audra Sherman 1-0, Erica Monz 1-0, Charity Schmitt 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kristine Winchester (90:00, 5 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Sara Rickard 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 9 saves, 3 GA).





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## KEVIN FRATTURA NAMED DIRECTOR OF TICKET OPERATIONS AND PROMOTIONS

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Kevin Frattura as director of ticket operations and promotions. In addition to UAlbany athletic events, he will manage New York Giants summer training camp activities and ticketed events at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Frattura was recently a corporate sales manager for Palace Sports and Entertainment, of Tampa, Florida.

In his previous position, Frattura developed a corporate sponsorship program with regard to business development and client entertainment, and assisted in the creation of marketing materials for the National Hockey League's Tampa Bay Lightning and Arena Football League's Tampa Bay Storm. He also marketed luxury suites, suite shares and club seats for the Ice Palace Arena.

Frattura, 27, spent two years at Columbia University as a graduate assistant football coach. In addition to working with the offensive line, he assisted the coordinator of ticket operations and promotions with the marketing of men's and women's basketball. He also spent one year at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio, his alma mater, as director of admissions in 1998.

Frattura received his master's degree in physical education from Columbia in February 2001. He was a three-year starter as a wide receiver and special teams member at Fordham University, where he earned a B.S. in finance.





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### VOLLEYBALL

Boston, Mass.—Senior outside hitter **Kristin Deatherage** had a match-high 22 kills and added eight digs as Northeastern downed Albany, 32-30, 30-19, 15-30, 30-20 in an America East Conference match on Wednesday night at Solomon Court.

Sophomore setter **Kristin Ursillo** posted a double-double with 41 assists and 14 digs as Northeastern improved to 17-8 overall and 7-1 in conference play. Juniors **Lindsay Wagner** and **Erin Spangler** each recorded double-figure kill totals, with 11 and 10, respectively.

Albany, in its inaugural America East season, fell to 3-15 overall and 0-8 in conference play. Freshman setter **Jill Dombrowski** totaled 37 assists and 13 digs, while **Fallon Hearst**, also a freshman, contributed 15 kills and 14 digs. Junior **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) totaled 19 kills in the match to move into seventh place on the school's all-time list.

UAlbany will host two conference foes this weekend at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes meet the Stony Brook Seawolves on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 1:00 p.m. The Hartford Hawks come to town for a 1:00 p.m. match on Sunday, Oct. 28.

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Northeastern def. Albany, 32-30, 30-19, 15-30, 30-20.



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### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman forward **Aubrey McCullough** scored the game-winning goal five minutes into the first half lifting Fairleigh Dickinson to a 1-0 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Fairleigh Dickinson (5-9), winners in three of its last four outings, tallied the lone score of the contest when McCullough separated from several Albany defenders on a breakaway that began at midfield. It was her team-leading eighth goal of the season.

Albany (1-13) appeared to score the equalizer with just over three minutes remaining as **Sara Rickard** converted on a one-touch attempt. But the scoring play was nullified by an offside call. Freshman goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** totaled 13 saves, while FDU keeper **Megan McDonnell** stopped nine shots for her second shutout on the year.

-agate-

Fairleigh Dickinson (5-9)	1	0	-	1
Albany (1-13)	0	0	-	0

Fairleigh Dickinson – Aubrey McCullough 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Megan McDonnell (90:00, 9 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 13 saves, 1 GA).



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### UALBANY SCHEDULES TWO PRESEASON BASKETBALL CONTESTS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany basketball coach Scott Beeten announced today that the Great Danes will play two preseason games in preparation for the program's inaugural America East Conference campaign. Admission to both contests is free.

UALbany entertains Gulbene "Buki" from Latvia on Saturday, November 3 at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m. Agris Galvanovskis, a 6-foot-5, 215-pound forward, is a Latvian National Team member, and tours with this group.

The Great Danes will also meet the USDBL All-Stars at home on Sunday, November 11. Game time is 4:00 p.m.

Albany plays a 16-game America East schedule that wraps up with the conference postseason tournament on March 2, 3 and 9 in Boston, Mass. The Great Danes open at home with Lafayette, of the Patriot League, on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 1:00 p.m. Syracuse, Ohio State and Siena are included in UAlbany's slate of non-conference opponents.

Sophomore guard **E.J. Gallup**, who posted a 17.4 scoring average last year, is among six returning lettermen. **Will Brand**, a 6-foot-5 senior, contributed 14.0 points and 6.9 rebounds one year ago. **Antione Johnson**, a junior guard, averaged 11.5 points and a team-leading 3.1 assists.



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### **UALBANY LOSES GROUND IN NATIONAL FOOTBALL POLLS**

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany fell to fourth in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll and eighth in the Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll. Both national college football rankings were released today.

Albany (5-1, NEC 3-1) lost to Sacred Heart, 32-17, last Saturday in a battle of unbeaten teams. The Pioneers climbed to second in both polls. Dayton, a 24-23 winner of Drake last week, is first in each national ranking.

The Great Danes, who travel to St. Francis, Pa. on Oct. 27, are ranked 15<sup>th</sup> nationally among the I-AA leaders in scoring defense at 17.0 points per game. Split end **Chris Phillis** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) is ranked 19th in receptions per game (5.83) and 24th in receiving yards (89.17 pg). Phillis, who tied a school record with his seventh career 100-yard receiving game last week, has 35 receptions for 535 yards and six touchdowns this season.

### **Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll**

1. Dayton (7-0), 270, 2. Sacred Heart (6-0), 241, 3. St. Peter's (6-1), 196, 4. Albany (5-1), 170, 5. Duquesne (4-2), 169, 6. Jacksonville (5-2), 127, 7. Monmouth (5-1), 113, 8. San Diego (4-2), 90, 9. Butler (4-3), 58, 10. Fairfield (4-3), 19.

### **Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll**

1. Dayton, 2. Sacred Heart, 3. Duquesne, 4. St. Peter's, 5. Fairfield, 6. Monmouth, 7. Robert Morris, 8. Albany, 9. Jacksonville, 10. Butler.



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### Comments: College Sports

#### MEN'S SOCCER

Boston, Mass. – Sophomore midfielder **Anthanasios Kirkopoulos** scored two goals including the game-winner late in the first half as Northeastern posted a 6-3 come-from-behind America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday at Parsons Field.

Trailing 3-1 after the opening 12 minutes of play, Northeastern (10-4, AE 6-1) regrouped by tallying five unanswered goals, including three strikes late in the first stanza. Kirkopoulos earned back-to-back goals during a ten-minute stretch giving his team the lead for good and a 4-3 advantage at the intermission.

Albany (6-7, AE 3-4), who was outshot 15-6 and scored on three of its four attempts in the first half, was unable to generate any further offense the rest of the way. Junior defender **Greg Chevalier** scored twice over a three-minute span early in the contest with conversions resulting off free- and penalty-kick opportunities. Chevalier upped his season total to a team-leading five goals.

**Anders Hoyam** sparked the Huskies' offense with one goal and three assists. **Jason Warshaw** tallied his first goal of the season for Great Danes, who have dropped four straight conference outings.

-agate-

Albany (6-7, AE 3-4)	3	0	-	3
Northeastern (10-4, AE 6-1)	4	2	-	6

Albany – Jason Warshaw 1-0, Greg Chevalier 2-0, Lucas Machado 0-1;  
Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 3 saves, 6 GA).

Northeastern – Nate Houghton 1-0, LeRoy Watkins 1-0, Anthanasios Kirkopoulos 2-0, Petter Starnas 1-0, Anders Hoyam 1-3, Chris Beston 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Allan Lewis (90:00, 0 saves, 3 GA).

#### FIELD HOCKEY

Albany, N.Y. – Senior midfielder **Lizzy Duffy** scored the go-ahead goal midway through the second half, as New Hampshire posted a 3-1 America East Conference victory over Albany in the Great Danes' home finale on Sunday at Albany Field. **MORE**



## ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Duffy snapped a 1-1 deadlock with 18 minutes and 56 seconds remaining, as she slapped in a rebound from the left of goalkeeper **Megan Akstin** on a scoring play that began off a penalty corner.

Albany (5-11, AE 2-6) had tied the contest at one apiece two minutes earlier, when freshman **Alexis Johnson** tallied her fifth goal of the season. New Hampshire (6-11, AE 2-5) opened the scoring with 1:20 left in the first half, as **Tami Street** redirected **Samantha Carr's** long hit into the back of the cage.

Akstin finished with 15 saves for the Great Danes, who close out their 2001 schedule at Towson on Oct. 26. UNH's **Christine Buckley** turned aside nine shots.

-agate-

New Hampshire (6-11, AE 2-5)	1	2	-	3
Albany (5-11, AE 2-6)	0	1	-	1

New Hampshire – Scoring: Lizzy Duffy 1-1, Tami Street 1-1, Heidi Anderson 1-0, Samantha Carr 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Christine Buckley (70:00, 9 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Alexis Johnson 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 15 saves, 3 GA).

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore midfielder **Rebecca Beyer** totaled two goals and one assist, all in the first half, as Boston University remained unbeaten in America East Conference play with a 4-0 victory over Albany on Sunday at Varsity Field.

Beyer scored unassisted with eight minutes and three seconds elapsed in the match as she hit the lower left corner. **Melissa Shulman** followed nearly five minutes later tapped in a shot after beating goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli**.

Boston U. (9-5-1, AE 7-0-1) increased its advantage to 3-0 late in the opening period, when Beyer netted her fifth goal of the season. Goalkeepers **Jessica Clinton** and **Danielle Demers** combined on the shutout, as the Terriers blanked their sixth opponent this year.

Spinelli finished with 15 saves for the Great Danes, who fell to 1-12 overall and 0-8 in the conference.

-agate-

Boston U. (9-5-1, AE 7-0-1)	4	0	-	4
Albany (1-12, AE 0-8)	0	0	-	0

Boston U. – Scoring: Rebecca Beyer 2-1, Melissa Shulman 1-0, Lauren Ciccone 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jessica Clinton (45:00, 0 saves, 0 GA), Danielle Demers (45:00, 0 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 15 saves, 4 GA).

## VOLLEYBALL

Albany, N.Y.-Sophomore outside hitter **Angela Tassone** had 26 kills and 17 digs and sophomore setter **Gina Campanile** posted match-highs with 43 assists and 20 digs to lead Drexel to a 3-1 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday at University Gymnasium. The Dragons won by scores of 26-30, 30-21, 30-26 and 30-21.

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### ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

Albany (3-14, AE 0-7) won the opening game behind junior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.), who had eight of her team-high 26 kills in that sequence. Freshman setter **Jill Dombrowski**, who finished with 37 assists, contributed 12 in the first game.

However, Drexel (9-13, AE 2-5) won the next three games behind the strong hitting of Tassone, who totaled 23 of her 26 kills in that span, including eight in the deciding fourth game. Junior **Jenny Gorecki** turned in a double-double for the Dragons, totaling 11 kills and 10 digs in the match.

Albany travels to America East co-leader Northeastern on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Match time is 7:00 p.m.

-agate-

Drexel def. Albany, 26-30, 30-21, 30-26, 30-21.



## College Football

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### Sacred Heart 32, Albany 17

Albany, N.Y. – Senior quarterback **Justin Holtfreter** passed for 296 yards and two touchdowns to lead Sacred Heart to a 32-17 Northeast Conference victory over Albany in a battle of unbeaten teams on Saturday at University Field.

Albany (5-1, NEC 3-1) went 70 yards to paydirt on its first possession to take a 7-0 lead, as fullback **Charles Gill** capped the drive with a one-yard run. Senior tailback **Brian Manigault**, who rushed for a career-high 167 yards, keyed the scoring sequence.

Sacred Heart (6-0, NEC 5-0) rallied with 15 consecutive points to move ahead for good. Holtfreter, who completed 23 of 36 passes, threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to **DeVeren Johnson** to hand his club a 9-7 lead with 10:05 left in the second quarter.

Following an interception at midfield, Holtfreter directed the Pioneers on a 53-yard drive. **Marvin Royal**, a senior tailback, scored on a 4-yard run for 15-7 advantage after a two-point conversion pass failed. The Great Danes, who were playing their homecoming game, closed within five by the intermission on **Bryan Bagstad's** 37-yard field goal.

The Pioneers, who have won 16 of their last 17 games dating back to the beginning of the 2000 season, took firm control in the third quarter. **Tim Redican** booted a 27-yard field goal on a 16-play drive to start the half. The subsequent kickoff became an unintended on-side attempt, and wide receiver **DaRon Figueroa** recovered the ball at the Albany 29. Two plays later fullback **Brandon Graham** reached the end zone on an 8-yard run for a commanding 25-10 lead with 6:56 remaining in the period.

Backup quarterback **Marcus Rotondi** fired a 12-yard scoring pass to split end **Chris Phillis** late in the third quarter to get Albany again within striking distance. But Holtfreter answered on his team's next possession when he hooked up with Johnson for the second time on a 16-yard TD pass. Johnson finished with 10 receptions for 186 yards.

"We didn't play well enough to beat a good football team," said Albany coach Bob Ford, whose team was one of 10 undefeated Division I-AA squads entering the contest. "Every time we got something going, we shot ourselves in the foot."

Albany's Phillis had nine catches for 113 yards. The Great Danes' quarterback duo of **Ryan Roeder** and Rotondi combined on 18-of-37 through the air for 189 yards, but were intercepted three times.

"I was surprised by the single coverage; I thought they would bracket me," said Johnson, a 6-foot-6, 223-pound wideout who upped his total to eight touchdown receptions this season. "You always want one-on-one coverage as a receiver. I played a good mental game today."



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### **VOLLEYBALL**

Albany, N.Y.--Freshman **Liz Goubeaux** registered 14 kills and posted a .545 hitting percentage while senior setter **Andrea LaBlanc** totaled 42 assists, as Towson downed Albany 31-29, 30-21, 30-23 in an America East Conference match on Saturday at University Gymnasium.

Albany (3-13, AE 0-6) tied the opening game at 29 apiece behind junior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.), who contributed four of her 13 kills in that span. However, Towson scored on a blocking error and a service ace to close out the game.

Towson, who improved to 21-1 overall and is undefeated in six conference matches, saw four players post double-figure kill totals in the match. In addition to Goubeaux's match-high 14, freshman outside hitter **Sarah Miller** had 12 kills, while **Jordann Tomasek** and **Melanie Madden** chipped in with 10 each.

The Great Danes host America East opponent Drexel on Sunday, Oct. 22 at University Gym. The match begins at 1:00 p.m.

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Towson def. Albany, 31-29, 30-21, 30-23.



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#### MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore defender **Michael Feely** scored the game-winning goal with just over four minutes elapsed in overtime lifting Boston University to a 3-2 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Boston U. (8-4-1, AE 4-1-1) was able to capitalize off a scramble on a corner kick, when Feely found the lower left corner of the net four minutes and nine seconds into the extra session. Albany (6-6, AE 3-3), who played a man down for a 26-minute stretch late in the second half, tied the score at two apiece with 15 minutes remaining in regulation. Junior defender **Greg Chevalier** converted a penalty kick for his third goal of the season.

In a physical contest that featured eight cards and three penalty-kick goals, both teams played a man down for the final eight minutes of the second stanza and the duration of the overtime period. Senior forward **Joachim Kaland**, who tallied two goals and upped his season total to 14, gave the Terriers a 2-1 advantage at the 71:13 mark. His penalty kick up the middle went past diving Albany goalkeeper **Trevor Serraro**, who finished with 11 saves.

UAlbany forward **Steven Procknal** recorded his third strike of the season on a header that resulted off a rebound from the right post at 28:26. Freshman goalkeeper **Zak Thompson** stopped two shots for Boston U., who kept pace with conference leaders Towson and Hartford.

-agate-

Boston University (8-4-1, AE 4-1-1)	1	1	1	-	3
Albany (6-6, 3-3)	1	1	0	-	2

Boston University – Joachim Kaland 2-0, Michael Feely 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Zak Thompson (94:09, 2 saves, 2 GA).

Albany – Steven Procknal 1-0, Greg Chevalier 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (94:09, 11 saves, 3 GA).

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## ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

### FIELD HOCKEY

Boston, Mass. -- Freshman forwards **Liane Dixon** and **Mari Creatini** each posted two goals and one assist as Northeastern remained unbeaten in America East Conference play with a decisive 7-0 victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Sweeney Field.

**Sarah Broderick**, who also scored twice in the contest, lifted a pass from **Kelly Williams** into the top of the cage to open the scoring for the Huskies at the 23:51 mark. Creatini and Dixon scored back-to-back goals midway through the period to extend the lead to 3-0 at halftime.

The Huskies never looked back, adding four goals in the second half. Northeastern, who improved to 12-4 overall and 7-0 in the America East, is ranked 18th nationally in the current NFHCA Coaches Poll.

Senior **Kathleen Madaus** and junior **Emily Roy** combined on the shutout. Freshmen **Megan Akstin** and **Jennifer Kessler** totaled 15 saves for the Great Danes, who fell to 5-10 overall and 2-5 in conference play.

The Great Danes will host America East opponent New Hampshire on Senior Day at Albany Field on Sunday, Oct. 21. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

-agate-

Albany (5-10, AE 2-5)	0	0	-	0
Northeastern (12-4, AE 7-0)	3	4	-	7

Albany-- Scoring: none; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (43:32, 11 saves, 5 GA), Jennifer Kessler (26:28, 4 saves, 2 GA).

Northeastern-- Scoring: Liane Dixon 2-1, Mari Creatini 2-1, Sarah Broderick 2-0, Aleisha Bemis 1-0, Kelly Williams 0-1, Maureen Connelly 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kathleen Madaus (48:15, 0 saves, 0 GA), Emily Roy (21:45, 0 saves, 0 GA).



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#### **UALBANY ENHANCES SAFETY MEASURES FOR SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL GAME**

Albany, N.Y. – In light of our nation's heightened precautions in response to the threat of additional terrorist attacks, the University at Albany is taking many proactive measures to upgrade the level of security on campus.

The University Police Department, under the direction of Chief of Police J. Frank Wiley, will implement increased security preparedness at this Saturday's UAlbany-Sacred Heart football game. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. at University Field on Homecoming and Family Weekend.

An increased presence of UPD officers will be at the stadium, as they are for all public events on campus. Security protocol will include metal detection, and all persons are subject to search when appropriate. In addition, large bags, coolers, bottles, aerosols, umbrellas, backpacks, etc. will not be allowed into University Field. Fans should allow extra time when entering the stadium.

#### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Albany, N.Y. – Senior midfielder **Caitlin Springer** scored two goals including the game-winner with 15 minutes left as Northeastern earned a 3-2 America East Conference victory over Albany on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Following a 1-1 tie at the intermission, Northeastern (6-3-4, AE 2-2-3) took the lead on **Rebecca Viviani's** first goal of the season as she capitalized on an Albany turnover and found the lower left corner nine minutes into the final stanza.

Albany (1-11, AE 0-7) drew even for the second time in the contest when **Ashley Jurica** (Fonda-Fultonville H.S.) tallied her first goal as a collegian off **Michelle Wise's** right cross pass at the 62:11 mark. However, Springer then two-touched in her eighth goal of the season past Albany keeper **Beth Spinelli**, who finished with 11 saves.

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## ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Springer's header got the Huskies on the scoreboard in the opening period. Albany freshman forward **ToniAnn Burdi** also registered the first strike of her college career when she tapped in a **Julie Hirsh** pass. Senior goalkeeper **Shellie Parkinson** made three saves for Northeastern, who won for the first time in six outings.

-agate-

Northeastern (6-3-4, AE 2-2-3)	1	2	-	3
Albany (1-11, AE 0-7)	1	1	-	2

Northeastern – Caitlin Springer 2-0, Rebecca Viviani 1-0, Jennifer North 0-1;  
Goalkeeper(s): Shellie Parkinson (90:00, 3 saves, 2 GA).

Albany – ToniAnn Burdi 1-0, Ashley Jurica 1-0, Julie Hirsh 0-1, Michelle Wise 0-1;  
Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 11 saves, 3 GA).



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### **RODRIGUEZ NAMED ECAC CROSS COUNTRY CO-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's Jamie Rodriguez (Christian Brothers Academy) has been named the ECAC Division I Men's Cross Country Co-Athlete of the Week for his performance at last Saturday's 35th Albany Invitational. Rodriguez shares the ECAC's weekly award with American University's Frank Malpigli.

Rodriguez, a senior, finished first among 187 runners, as he captured the second Albany Invitational title of his career. He covered the 8,000-meter campus course in 25:23.80. The Great Danes were first among 20 teams with 37 points, while Buffalo was second with 47.

Rodriguez, who placed sixth at Lehigh's Paul Short Run two weeks ago, will lead UAlbany into its first America East Conference championship meet on Oct. 27 in Orono, Maine.



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### **Comments: College Football**

#### **UALBANY REMAINS AMONG TOP THREE IN NATIONAL POLLS**

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany remains second in this week's Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll and third in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll. Both national college football rankings were released today.

Albany (5-0, NEC 3-0) was idle last week, but is off to its best start since 1979. The Great Danes will host unbeaten Sacred Heart (5-0, NEC 4-0) on Saturday, Oct. 20 at University Field on Homecoming weekend. Game time is 1:00 p.m. The Pioneers are second in The Sports Network poll and third in the Football Gazette rankings.

The Great Danes, who dropped a 35-28 overtime decision at Sacred Heart last year, are ranked ninth nationally among Division I-AA teams in scoring defense at 14.0 points per game. Sacred Heart is fifth nationally with a plus-10 turnover margin.

Dayton, ranked first in both polls, improved to 6-0 following last Saturday's 45-7 victory over Butler.

#### **Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll**

1. Dayton (6-0), 270, 2. Sacred Heart (5-0), 239, 3. Albany (5-0), 215, 4. San Diego (4-1), 182, 5. St. Peter's (5-1), 134, 6. Duquesne (3-2), 127, 7. Jacksonville (4-2), 124, 8. Monmouth (4-1), 104, 9. Drake (3-3), 28, 10. La Salle (3-2), 19.

#### **Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll**

1. Dayton, 2. Albany, 3. Sacred Heart, 4. San Diego, 5. Duquesne, 6. St. Peter's, 7. Fairfield, 8. Monmouth, 9. Robert Morris, 10. Jacksonville.



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### Comments: College Sports

#### MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Junior defender **Danny Skelton** came off the bench and scored the game-winning goal midway through the second half as Towson earned a 1-0 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field.

After a scoreless opening period, Towson (8-2-1, AE 4-0-1) tallied the game's lone strike when Skelton headed Randy Tolson's left cross pass into the upper left corner of the net at the 70:56 mark. Albany (6-5, AE 3-2), who outshot the Tigers 23-14, was unable to capitalize on **Valter Pinto's** shot that hit the crossbar with less than 20 minutes remaining.

Senior goalkeeper **Chris Hurley** recorded his second shutout for Towson, who have not lost in seven outings and sit atop the America East standings. Albany keeper **Sander Gossard** made three saves as the Great Danes dropped their second consecutive conference match.

-agate-

Towson (8-2-1, AE 4-0-1)	0	1	-	1
Albany (6-5, AE 3-2)	0	0	-	0

Towson – Danny Skelton 1-0, Randy Tolson 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Chris Hurley (90:00, 6 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – Scoring: None; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (25:40, 2 saves, 0 GA), Sander Gossard (64:20, 3 saves, 1 GA).

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Towson, Md. – Freshman midfielder **Jen Van Horn** scored early in the first half, and Towson went on to post a 2-0 victory over Albany in an America East Conference match on Sunday at Towson Center Field.

Van Horn opened the scoring with five minutes and 32 seconds elapsed, when she headed in her third goal of the season off a corner kick by **Martha Bielefeld**. **Holly Noga**, the conference's leading scorer, added her tenth goal of the year at 67:40. Noga took a pass from **Maggie Lennon** and fired a shot into the net that deflected off the far goalpost.

**Yasmin Alter** recorded her first career shutout, as Towson (4-6-2, AE 3-2-1) limited the visitors to two shots. **Beth Spinelli** had six saves for the Great Danes, who fall to 1-10 overall and 0-6 in the conference.

**MORE**



## ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

-agate-

Albany (1-10, AE 0-6)	0	0	-	0
Towson (4-6-2, AE 3-2-1)	1	1	-	2

Albany – Scoring: None; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 6 saves, 2 GA).

Towson – Scoring: Jen Van Horn 1-0, Holly Noga 1-0, Marth Bielefeld 0-1, Maggie Lennon 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Yasmin Alter (90:00, 0 saves, 0 GA).

## WOMEN'S GOLF

Piscataway, N.J. – **Colleen McDonnell** fired rounds of 72 and 78 to win medalist honors, as Central Connecticut State won the team championship at the Rutgers Invitational on Oct. 12-13 at Rutgers Golf Course.

UAlbany finished 13th among 17 teams in the 36-hole tournament. **Diane Onofry** and **Jill Friedman**, a pair of freshmen, tied for 28th among 86 golfers on the par-72, 5,847-yard layout. Onofry shot a second-round 79 for a two-day total of 169, while Friedman had scores of 83 and 86. **Katie Wachtl** tied for 58th place with a two-round score of 182 (95-87) in the Great Danes' final event of the season.

Central Connecticut State was seven strokes better than runner-up Bucknell in the team standings. McDonnell took first place by four shots over teammate **Kori Goulet** (73-81). Rutgers' **Amanda Shriver** (78-77) was five behind the leader in third place.

-agate-

### TEAM

1. Central Connecticut State 640, 2. Bucknell 647, T3. Rutgers 649, T3. Pennsylvania 649, 5. Long Island 648, 6. Maryland-Baltimore County 664, 7. Wagner 669, 8. Hartford 673, 9. Siena 690, 10. Georgetown 692, 11. Hampton 702, 12. Monmouth 705, 13. Albany 708, 14. Mount Holyoke 722, 15. Lehigh 725, 16. Boston U. 729, 17. Mount St. Mary's 788.

### INDIVIDUAL

1. Colleen McDonnell (Central Conn.), 72-78—150; 2. Kori Goulet (Central Conn.), 73-81—154; 3. Amanda Shriver (Rutgers), 78-77—155; 4. Stacy Kress (Pennsylvania), 78-78—156; T5. Katie Balmer (Long Island), 79-79—158; T5. Molly Campbell (Bucknell), 81-77—158.

UAlbany Finishers: T28. Diane Onofry, 90-79—169, T28. Jill Friedman, 83-86—169; T58. Katie Wachtl, 95-87—182; T70. Anne Lyons, 94-96—190; 81. Diane Wasileski, 105-94—199.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Freshman outside hitter **Valerie Maloy** had 17 kills and **Rachel Goldsmith** added 14 to lead Stony Brook to a 3-0 victory over Albany in an America East Conference match on Sunday at SBU Sports Complex.

Stony Brook (10-11, AE 3-2) won by scores of 30-21, 30-25 and 30-27, and have captured four of their last five contests. Junior setter **Regina Lilavois** had 47 assists and a team-high 11 digs.

Albany's **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) recorded a double-double with 14 kills and 12 digs. The Great Danes fall to 3-12 overall and 0-5 in conference play.

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Stony Brook def. Albany, 30-21, 30-25, 30-27



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#### CROSS COUNTRY

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) captured his second men's individual title and Hamilton's **Maggie Hanson** won the women's crown at the 35th Albany Cross Country Invitational on Saturday at UAlbany's campus course. The Great Danes garnered the men's and women's team championships.

Rodriguez, a senior who also won this event in 1999, covered the 8,000-meter layout in 25:23.80, and was 15 seconds ahead of Buffalo's **Todd Ludden**. UAlbany had three other runners in the top-10, including **Andy Allstadt** who was third in 25:39.62. **Joe Pienta** (Ichabod Crane) was sixth in 26:02.21. The Great Danes won their own invitational for the first time since 1998, and were 10 points better than runner-up Buffalo.

"This was a good workout, but it is still early in the season," said Rodriguez, whose team will compete in the America East Conference Championships on Oct. 27 in Orono, Maine. "America East is among my top-three goals, and I feel I am on pace with my training."

In the women's 5,000-meter race, Hanson and teammate **Jen Cammarano** posted a one-two finish. Hanson, a senior, broke the tape with a time of 18:10.81, while Cammarano was second in 18:55.71. UAlbany's **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville), the defending champion, placed fourth among 148 competitors, and was clocked in 19:07.70.

The Great Danes, who had five runners among the top-16 finishers, easily claimed the team title with 62 points, while Cortland and Hamilton tied for second with 91. Freshman **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) was 15th overall in 20:03.34.

"This race helped identify our weak points," Walton explained. "It was a hot day and my legs were heavy. We have two weeks to concentrate on where we want to be as a team, so this is something to build upon."

#### -agate- 35th Albany Invitational

##### MEN

1. Albany 37, 2. Buffalo 47, 3. Colgate 76, 4. New York U. 148, 5. Marist 161, 6. Binghamton 162, 7. Canisius 213, 8. Rensselaer 229, 9. Hamilton 255, 10. St. Michael's 343, 11. Delhi 347, 12. Mohawk Valley C.C. 357, 13. Houghton 358, 14. Adelphi 378, 15. Siena 393, 16. Cortland 452, 17. Long Island 457, 18. Queensboro C.C. 490, 19. St. Francis, N.Y. 558, 20. St. Rose 593.

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## ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

### INDIVIDUAL

1. Jamie Rodriguez (Albany), 25:23.80; 2. Todd Ludden (Buffalo), 25:38.88; 3. Andy Allstadt (Albany), 25:39.62; 4. Rick Stewart (Buffalo), 25:40.14; 5. Jerimie Slick (Buffalo), 25:56.47; 6. Joe Pienta (Albany), 26:02.21; 7. Louis DiNuzzo (Colgate), 26:10.76; 8. Adam Rice (Albany), 26:17.63; 9. Matt Dresser (Binghamton), 26:18.53; 10. Xavier De Boissezan (Colgate), 26:25.46.

Other UAlbany Finishers: 19. Sam Gonzalez, 27:00.57; 22. Szabolcs Molnar (Albany), 27:07.94; 26. Scott Schulte, 27:22.99; 42. Justin Block 27:50.76.

### WOMEN

1. Albany 62, T2. Hamilton 91, T2. Cortland 91, 4. Adelphi 107, 5. Rensselaer 112, 6. Siena 114, 7. Canisius 167, 8. Binghamton 199, 9. Houghton 239, 10. Mohawk Valley C.C. 305, 11. Long Island 307, 12. St. Francis, N.Y. 371, 13. St. Rose 375, 14. Molloy 402, 15. Herkimer County C.C. 432.

### INDIVIDUAL

1. Maggie Hanson (Hamilton), 18:10.81; 2. Jen Cammarano (Hamilton), 18:55.71; 3. Joy Smith (Cortland), 19:00.03; 4. Jessica Walton (Albany), 19:07.70; 5. Michelle Milton (Siena), 19:10.86; 6. Kim Milton (Siena), 19:15.73; 7. Lauren Tuchband (Binghamton), 19:34.42; 8. Katie Roden (Rensselaer), 19:36.18; 9. Alethia Ali (Adelphi), 19:45.09; 10. Kate Adams (Rensselaer), 19:48.54.

Other UAlbany Finishers: 13. Megan Roeder, 19:54.20; 14. Trista Neinast, 20:00.54; 15. Nicole Susser, 20:03.24; 16. Meghan Howell, 20:03.62; 20. Zerlinda Martinez, 20:12.13; 24. Theresa Juva, 20:17.50.



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### **VOLLEYBALL**

West Hartford, Conn.—Freshman outside hitter **Stephanie Volckers** had a match-high 33 kills to lead Hartford past Albany in an America East Conference match on Saturday afternoon at The Sports Center. The scores were 26-30, 30-27, 33-35, 30-20, 15-7.

Hartford (5-9, AE 1-3) was led by Volckers, the conference's leader in kills this season, who also added 10 digs and three aces. Sophomore middle hitter **Kelly McEathron** recorded 17 kills and nine digs, while setter **Danielle Scoggin**, a junior, had 54 assists and nine digs for the Hawks.

Albany, which fell to 3-11 overall and 0-4 in conference play, was led by **Jill Dombrowski's** match and season-high 62 assists. Junior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) recorded a team-high 25 kills to lead four Albany players with double-figure kill totals. Freshmen **Fallon Hearst** and **Susan Spierre** posted 17 and 13 kills, respectively, while **Ali Venditti** totaled 12.

The Great Danes are in action on Sunday, Oct. 14 in Long Island, N.Y. They will square off against Stony Brook (9-10) at 12:00 p.m.

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Hartford def. Albany, 26-30, 30-27, 33-35, 30-20, 15-7.





# University of Delaware Sports Information Men's Soccer News

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**SUBJECT: Blues Hens take down conference leader in men's soccer**

**DATE: October 14, 2001**

**NEWARK, DE--**The University of Delaware defeated conference leading University at Albany, 2-0, in men's soccer at the Mini-Stadium Friday night. The loss was Albany's (6-4, 3-1) first in America East play.

The Blue Hens took the lead late in the first half when **Pat Werner** hit the top right corner of the net with a header. The game continued to get more physical as the score remained, 1-0, late into the second half.

With nine minutes left to play, junior **Mike Honeysett** chipped a shot past current America East Player of the Week Trevor Serraro, to pad the Delaware's (5-7, 2-2) lead.

Delaware's **Brian Shepanski** recorded assists on both UD scores.

Freshman goalie **Kyle Haynes** stopped eight shots, including back-to-back diving stops within the final five minutes of play to preserve his second shutout of the season.

The Blue Hens travel up north to face Stony Brook in another America East showdown Sunday at noon.

AGATE:

ALBANY.....0.....0.....- 0  
DELAWARE.....1.....1.....- 2

SCORING: FIRST HALF: UD - Werner (Shepanski) 11:47 remaining; SECOND HALF: UD - Honeysett (Shepanski) 8:19 remaining. SHOTS: UD - 15, UA - 15. CORNER KICKS: UD - 6, UA - 4. SAVES: UD - 8 Haynes, UA - 6 Serraro. FOULS: UD - 15, UA - 24. DEF. SAVES: UD - 0, UA - 1. YELLOW CARDS: UD - 2, UA - 0.



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### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Newark, Del. – Sophomore midfielder **Caryn Blood** totaled two goals and one assist, as Delaware posted a 3-0 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday evening at Delaware Mini-Stadium.

Blood scored with six minutes and 27 seconds gone in the match, as she beat goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** at the top of the box and found a wide-open net. Senior striker **Stacey Lukens** gave Delaware (6-5, AE 2-3) a 2-0 advantage at 35:31 with her fourth goal of the season. Blood added her sixth of the year early in the final period, when she tapped in **Megan McFadden's** free kick from 35 yards away.

Spinelli recorded 14 saves, including a diving stop of **Brittany Campbell's** first-half penalty kick, for Albany (1-9, AE 0-5).

-agate-

Albany (1-9, AE 0-5)	0	0	-	0
Delaware (6-5, AE 2-3)	2	1	-	3

Albany – Scoring: None; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 14 saves, 3 GA).

Delaware – Caryn Blood 2-1, Stacey Lukens 1-0, Christine Wrightson 0-1, Ginette Buffone 0-1, Megan McFadden 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Andrea Lunn (90:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Worcester, Mass. – **Amy Crump** and **Missy Crump** each won their respective singles flights and teamed for a victory at first doubles in leading unbeaten Holy Cross to a 6-1 non-conference win over Albany on Friday. Freshman **Krista Babiarz** was the lone winner in singles play for the Great Danes. She rallied to beat **Melissa Levy** by taking a second-set tiebreaker, and winning the third by a 10-8 pro-set score.

-agate-

Holy Cross 6, Albany 1

Singles: Amy Crump (HC) def. Lori Barsel (A), 6-1, 6-0; Missy Crump (HC) def. Marisa Berley (A), 6-0, 6-1; Brittany Burns (HC) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-1, 6-0; Erica Fugelsang (HC) def. Kristen Harris (A), 6-0, 6-1; Krista Babiarz (A) def. Melissa Levy (HC), 1-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-8; Illy Nagy (HC) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: A. Crump/M. Crump (HC) def. Barsel-Strolovitz (A), 8-1; Alison Levy-M. Levy (HC) def. M. Berley-Babiarz (A), 8-1; Burns-Sara Spain (HC) def. Harris-A. Berley (A), 8-3.

Records: Albany (0-2), Holy Cross (10-0).



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### **UALBANY BEGINS MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PRACTICE**

Albany, N.Y. – Men's and women's basketball practice at the University at Albany begins on Saturday, October 13 in preparation for each program's inaugural America East Conference campaign. The women take the Recreation and Convocation Center floor at midnight on Friday evening, and return for a 4:00-5:30 workout the following afternoon.

The men practice from 12:30-3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Six letterwinners return from head coach Scott Beeten's first UAlbany team. Sophomore guard **E.J. Gallup** led the club with a 17.4 scoring average, and ranked among the nation's leaders in three-point field goals. **Will Brand**, a 6-foot-5 senior, averaged 14.0 points and 6.9 rebounds. **Antione Johnson**, a junior guard, contributed 11.5 points and a team-leading 3.1 assists.

UAlbany's men play a 16-game America East schedule that wraps up with the conference postseason tournament on March 2, 3 and 9 in Boston, Mass. The Great Danes non-conference slate includes their first Big Ten Conference opponent when they travel to Ohio State on November 20. Albany and Siena renew their rivalry on November 27. Big East Conference member Syracuse highlights a 12-game home schedule. The Orangemen, a 2001 NCAA team with a 25-9 record, face the Great Danes at Pepsi Arena on Sunday, December 2 at 3:00 p.m.

The women's squad returns nine letterwinners, including **Jess McGinlay**, who averaged 10.1 points off the bench. **Cara Caffell** (5.5 ppg, 5.1 rpg), **Marie Connors** (5.6 ppg, 5.1 rpg) and **Kathryn Hemlock** (7.4 ppg) are all back from last year's starting lineup. Mari Warner, who has 295 career victories, is in her 20th season as head coach.

UAlbany's women's program also prepares for its first venture into America East Conference competition. The Great Danes travel to New Hampshire for their conference opener on January 6, while the conference tournament is scheduled for March 7, 8 and 9 in Hartford, Conn.

The Great Danes have 13 games at the Recreation and Convocation Center, including the home opener with Cornell on November 21. Albany and Siena will face off for the first time since 1981 on November 27 at Pepsi Arena.



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### FIELD HOCKEY

Hamilton, N.Y.—Forwards **Kristine Thomas** and **Devon Graham** each scored twice to lead Colgate past Albany, 5-4, in a non-conference match at Tyler's Field on Wednesday night.

Albany (4-9) led for the first time in the contest ten minutes into the second period.

Senior midfielder **Amy DiMicco** connected on a pass from junior **Ali Mann** inside the circle for her third goal of the season, giving the Great Danes a 3-2 advantage.

Colgate (3-10) answered with a string of three consecutive scores, beginning with Graham's second of the contest less than two minutes later. Thomas, a senior, scored for the second time in the match at the 11:41 mark, and freshman **Kath Shelley**'s unassisted goal sealed the outcome for the Raiders with 5:48 remaining.

Albany got on the board for the final time with 1:34 left on the clock as DiMicco again scored off a pass from Mann. But the Great Danes could not get the tying goal past Colgate goalkeeper **Sara Corcoran**, who made 13 saves in the contest.

-agate-

Albany (4-9)	2	2	-	4
Colgate (3-10)	2	3	-	5

Albany—Scoring: Amy DiMicco 2-0, Ali Mann 1-2, Alexis Johnson 1-0, Sarah Zaborowski 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 13 saves, 5 GA).

Colgate—Scoring: Kristine Thomas 2-1, Devon Graham 2-0, Kath Shelley 1-0, Kristin Merkle 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Sara Corcoran (70:00, 13 saves, 4 GA).



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### **CROSS COUNTRY HOSTS 35th ALBANY INVITATIONAL ON SATURDAY**

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany will play host to the 35th annual Albany Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, October 13. The men's 8,000-meter race begins at 11:00 a.m., while the women's 5,000-meter event is scheduled for 12 noon. The campus course's start-finish line is on UAlbany's Western Avenue Practice Fields.

Twenty schools are entered in the men's division, while the women's field includes 17 teams. Albany, Siena, Rensselaer and St. Rose are the local squads competing. Marist is the defending team champion in both events.

**Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) leads the UAlbany men's squad, as he placed sixth at Lehigh University's Paul Short Run last weekend. Sophomore **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville), the top collegiate finisher at last year's Albany Invitational with a second-place performance, headlines the Great Danes' women's team.



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#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Jill Bizeau** scored one goal and one assist in the first half leading Sacred Heart to a 2-1 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Sacred Heart (7-5) tallied both goals over a nine-minute span late in the opening period. Bizeau found the lower left corner of the net on a breakaway at the 29:58 mark. **Ashleigh Bepko** came off the bench and headed in Bizeau's corner kick with a just over six minutes remaining in the stanza.

Albany (1-8) got on the scoreboard at 84:01 when **Erin Stanek** recorded her first goal of the season on a chip shot past Pioneer goalkeeper **Leslie Konsig**. The strike was steered by **Julie Hirsh's** direct kick from 20 yards deep.

Konsig stopped one shot, while Albany keeper **Beth Spinelli** finished with nine saves.

-agate-

Sacred Heart (7-5)	2	0	-	2
Albany (1-8)	0	1	-	1

Sacred Heart – Scoring: Jill Bizeau 1-1, Ashleigh Bepko 1-0; Goalkeeper: Leslie Konsig (90:00, 1 save, 1 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Erin Stanek 1-0, Julie Hirsh 0-1; Goalkeeper: Beth Spinelli (90:00, 9 saves, 2 GA).

#### UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER CLIMBS TO SIXTH IN REGIONAL POLL

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany leaped to sixth in this week's NSCAA/adidas New York Regional Division I men's soccer poll. The Great Danes, who posted three America East Conference victories last week, are ranked for the first time this season.

Albany (6-3, AE 3-0) totaled three shutouts in which it outscored their opposition, 9-0. The Great Danes blanked three consecutive opponents for the first time since 1995. In addition, UAlbany ranks fourth nationally in scoring offense, averaging 3.13 goals per contest.

#### NSCAA/adidas New York Regional Poll

1. St. John's (7-0-1), 2. Syracuse (5-3), 3. Columbia (3-2-2), 4. Oneonta State (6-4), St. Bonaventure (6-4), 6. Albany (6-3), Hofstra (5-4-1), 8. Cornell (2-2-1), 9. Manhattan (5-3-1), 10. Stony Brook (4-3-1), Marist (5-4).



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#### **UALBANY MOVES UP ONE SPOT IN TWO NATIONAL FOOTBALL POLLS**

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany has moved up one position to second in the *Football Gazette* NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll and climbed one spot to third in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll. Both national college football rankings were released today.

Albany (5-0, NEC 3-0) has won its opening five games for the first time since 1979 following last Saturday's 28-6 non-conference win at Canisius. The Great Danes, who are ninth nationally in scoring defense at 14.0 points per game, and tied for ninth in turnover margin (+1.4/game), are off this week, but return to action on Saturday, Oct. 20 against Sacred Heart on Homecoming Weekend.

Dayton, ranked first in both polls, is also off to a 5-0 start after upending San Diego, 35-14, last weekend.

#### **Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll**

1. Dayton (5-0), 220, 2. Sacred Heart (4-0), 192, 3. Albany (5-0), 177, 4. Jacksonville (4-1), 148, 5. San Diego (3-1), 118, 6. Duquesne (3-2), 82, 7. Drake (3-2), 80, 8. St. Peter's (4-1), 76, 9. Monmouth (3-1), 54, 10. La Salle (3-1), 23.

#### **Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll**

1. Dayton, 2. Albany, 3. Sacred Heart, 4. Jacksonville, 5. San Diego, 6. Drake, 7. Duquesne, 8. St. Peter's, 9. Fairfield, 10. Butler.

#### **TREVOR SERRARO NAMED AMERICA EAST SOCCER PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Trevor Serraro** has been chosen as the America East Player of the Week in men's soccer as announced today by the conference office.

Serraro, a junior goalkeeper, recorded two solo shutouts and shared another, as the Great Danes posted three conference victories last week. He made nine saves, including a diving stop on a penalty kick, in a 1-0 decision against New Hampshire on Oct. 7. Serraro also had two saves in 2-0 win over Maine last Friday. UAlbany's defense has blanked three consecutive opponents for the first time since 1995.

**MORE**



## ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Serraro leads America East with a 1.12 goals against average, plus has 43 saves and a .796 save percentage in eight starts this season. Albany (6-3, AE 3-0) is in first place in the conference standings.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

Princeton, N.J. – **Anna Jepson** fired rounds of 77 and 74 to lead Yale to the team title for the second consecutive year at the fifth annual Princeton Invitational. The 36-hole tournament was played at Springdale Golf Course, a par-72, 5,813-yard layout. Albany finished in 15th place among 24 teams.

Freshman **Jill Friedman** tied for 33rd with scores of 84 and 89 for a two-round total of 173. **Diane Onofry** tied for 51st with 177 (93-84).

Jepson won medalist honors by two strokes over Princeton's **Esty Dwek**, who fired a two-day tournament score of 153 (79-74). Yale had 635 strokes, and was four shots better than Princeton and six lower than William & Mary.

-agate-

Fifth Annual Princeton Invitational

### TEAM

1. Yale 635, 2. Princeton 639, 3. William & Mary 641, 4. Brown 661, 5. Pennsylvania 684, 6. Boston College 685, 7. Central Conn. State 686, 8. Rutgers 690, 9. Bucknell 693, 10. Princeton (2) 700, 11. Wagner 705, 12. Amherst 710, 13. Maryland-Baltimore County 718, 14. Hofstra 724, 15. Albany 729, 16. Siena 730, 17. Monmouth 732, 18. Georgetown 733, 19. Hampton 736, 20. Mount Holyoke 772, 21. Lehigh 783, 22. St. Lawrence 797, 23. Fairfield 811, 24. Bryant 825.

### INDIVIDUAL

1. Anna Jepson (Yale), 77-74--151, Top UAlbany Finishers: T33. Jill Friedman 84-89--173, T51. Diane Onofry 93-84--177, T84. Katie Wachtl 97-90--187, 89. Anne Lyons 96-96--193, 105. Diane Wasileski 97-106--203.



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### MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Junior defender **Ryan Bombard** (Schalmont H.S.) scored the game-winning goal five minutes into the second half lifting Albany to a 1-0 America East Conference victory over New Hampshire on Sunday at Varsity Field.

After a scoreless opening stanza, Albany (6-3, AE 3-0) tallied the lone strike when Bombard's 25-yard cross attempt from the left side was redirected by the wind and curled into the far right post.

New Hampshire (4-4-1, AE 2-1) was unable to capitalize on several second-half opportunities. With 13:13 remaining in the contest, Albany goalkeeper **Trevor Serraro** made a diving stop of **Ryan DiNunzio's** penalty kick directed at the lower left corner of the net. Serraro totaled nine saves and recorded his second consecutive shutout.

The Great Danes, who remained undefeated in conference play and have won five of their last six outings, have not surrendered a goal over their last three contests, a feat that was last accomplished in 1995.

Albany returns to action on Friday, Oct. 12 with a trip to Delaware for an America East Conference match at 8:00 p.m.

-agate-

New Hampshire (4-4-1, AE 2-1)	0	0	-	0
Albany (6-3, AE 3-0)	0	1	-	1

New Hampshire – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Shaun O'Neil (90:00, 7 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Ryan Bombard 1-0; Goalkeeper: Trevor Serraro (90:00, 9 saves, 0 GA).

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## Albany Sports 2-2-2

### FIELD HOCKEY

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward **Pamie Zukowski** scored the game-winning goal with eight minutes and 45 seconds remaining, as Drexel posted a 2-1 victory over Albany in an America East Conference contest on Sunday at Albany Field.

Zukowski snapped a 1-1 deadlock, when she fired her seventh goal of the season into the upper left corner off a pass from **Julie Gahman**. Goalkeeper **Margaret Barrow** kept her team ahead with seven of her nine saves in the second half.

Drexel (5-6, AE 2-2) took an early lead with 2:30 elapsed in the game, when **Kristina Backenstose** rifled a shot off goalkeeper **Megan Akstin's** leg pad into the lower right corner.

Albany (4-8, AE 2-4) drew even with 10:11 left before halftime. **Amy DiMicco** scored her second of the year, when her long drive deflected off a defender and into the cage. Akstin, a freshman, finished with six saves.

-agate-

Drexel (5-6, AE 2-2)	1	1	-	2
Albany (4-8, AE 2-4)	1	0	-	1

Drexel -- Scoring: Kristina Backenstose 1-0, Pamie Zukowski 1-0, Julie Gahman 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Margaret Barrow (70:00, 9 saves, 1 GA).

Albany -- Scoring: Amy DiMicco 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 6 saves, 2 GA).

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore outside hitter **Alyson Coler** totaled 10 kills and 12 digs in leading New Hampshire to a 3-0 victory over Albany in an America East Conference match on Sunday at University Gymnasium. The Wildcats, who improved to 8-5 overall and 2-1 in conference play, won by scores of 31-29, 30-20 and 30-18.

New Hampshire's **Lauren Knight** added nine kills, while **Natasha Otte** and **Heide Specht** each had seven. **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) had 12 kills and seven digs for the Great Danes, who fell to 3-10 and 0-3. Freshman outside hitter **Fallon Hearst** contributed 10 kills and five digs.

-agate-

New Hampshire def. Albany, 31-29, 30-20, 30-18

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Binghamton, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Violeta Petijevic** and **Ilissa Strolovitz** each fell in straight sets in the semifinal round of their respective singles flights at the New York State Championships on Sunday at Binghamton's West Gym Courts.

Dowling's Anna Burakova defeated Petijevic, 6-1 and 6-1, in Flight I singles. Strolovitz was beaten by Buffalo's Michaela Kollarova, 6-2 and 6-4.



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### (Football)

#### **Albany 28, Canisius 6**

Buffalo, N.Y. – **Ryan Roeder** ran for one touchdown and **Marcus Rotondi** passed for another score in leading unbeaten Albany to a 28-6 non-conference victory over Canisius on Saturday at Demske Sports Complex. The Great Danes are off to a 5-0 start for the first time since 1979.

Albany scored on its second possession, as Roeder directed his team on a seven-play drive. Roeder, who completed 7 of 10 attempts, hit **Jay McFarlane** with a 38-yard pass to set up his two-yard touchdown run with 6:13 left in the period.

Rotondi, who alternates at quarterback, and connected on 6 of 7 passes for 105 yards, then gave the Great Danes a 14-0 lead. He fired a three-yard scoring pass to tight end **Greg Sigler** on a fourth-down play.

The score remained the same well into the third quarter as the two teams battled against harsh elements with a steady 25 mile-per-hour wind, and temperatures falling through the 40's as the game progressed.

Fullback **Jon George** rumbled over the left side from one-yard out to complete an 11-play march. McFarlane, who hauled in six receptions for a career-high 129 yards, had the key play in the scoring sequence with a 37-yard reception to the Canisius 11. Tailback **Brian Manigault's** seven-yard dash with 8:06 left in the final stanza handed Albany a 28-0 lead.

"We played solid despite the wind and cold," said Rotondi, whose team gave head coach **Bob Ford** his 175<sup>th</sup> career victory at the school. "It was hard to throw against the wind and that limited what we could do offensively. We played well enough to win, but at the same time we know we have a lot of work to do to get ready for Sacred Heart in two weeks."

Canisius (0-4) broke up the shutout with 4:19 remaining as reserve quarterback **Adam Fatzinger** drilled a ten-yard touchdown pass to running back **Frank Corigliano**. The Golden Griffins, who were limited to 186 total yards, have lost 24 straight, the longest streak among NCAA Division I-AA teams.



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### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Ithaca, N.Y.—Senior **Ilissa Strolovitz** and junior **Violeta Petijevic** each won two matches at the New York State Women's Collegiate Tennis Championships at Cornell University's Reis Tennis Center on Saturday. Both advanced to the semifinal round, to be held on Sunday.

Petijevic, playing at first singles, defeated Buffalo's **Wendy Rose**, 6-1, 6-1 in the first round. The UAlbany junior later defeated **Joyce Sitruk** of Queens College, 6-1, 6-2, to advance to the semifinal round.

At second singles, Strolovitz dropped the first set of her opening-round match against Russel Sage's **Eva Schwebel**, 0-6. She recovered to win the second set, 6-1, and took the tiebreaker with a 10-2 score. Strolovitz advanced to Sunday's semifinals by defeating **Erin Maragoudakis** of Queens College, 6-4, 6-4.

**Lori Barsel** and **Krista Babiarz** each lost their first round matches on Saturday, as did the doubles team of **Lisa Fund** and **Stacy Kaminski**.



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### (Cross Country)

Bethlehem, Pa. – Senior **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) finished sixth among 274 runners to lead the University at Albany to a seventh-place showing in the men's team competition at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Paul Short Run at Lehigh University's Goodman Cross Country Course on Saturday afternoon. UAlbany's women's team finished 17<sup>th</sup> in a 39-team field.

Rodriguez, who was the seventh-place finisher in last year's race, covered the 8,000-meter course in 24:59.81. Connecticut's **Daniel Wilson** was the individual champion, finishing more than ten seconds ahead of Villanova's **Adrian Blincoe**, with a time of 24:19.33. The Great Danes placed four runners in the top-60, including freshman **Andy Allstadt** (36<sup>th</sup>), senior **Adam Rice** (50<sup>th</sup>) and sophomore **Joe Pienta** (55<sup>th</sup>), to finish seventh out of 39 teams.

In the women's race, UAlbany's **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville H.S.) finished the 6,000-meter event in 22:09.56, placing her 27<sup>th</sup> overall. Rhode Island's **Erin Silvering** took the women's individual title, while Penn State captured both the men's and women's team titles.

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### 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Lehigh University Paul Short Run

**MEN:** 1. Penn State 66, 2. Bucknell 135, 3. West Virginia 138, 4. Haverford 173, 5. Pennsylvania 193, 6. St. Joseph's 225, 7. Albany 235, 8. Connecticut 236, 9. Wayne State 253, 10. Buffalo 310, 11. The College of New Jersey 342, 12. Duquesne 367, 13. Monmouth 381, 14. St. Lawrence 412, 15. UCSD 415, 16. Marist 440, 17. Elizabethtown 441, 18. Millersville 470, 19. Maryland 505, 20. Pittsburgh 523, 21. Lock Haven 552, 22. Lehigh 558, 23. Detroit Mercy 568, 24. Davidson 680, 25. Kutztown 704, 26. Rider 705, 27. Houston 713, 28. Binghamton 757, 29. La Salle 758, 30. Mount St. Mary's 862, 31. Lafayette 895, 32. Queen's (Canada) 919, 33. Clarion 939, 34. Robert Morris 940, 35. West Chester 1037, 36. Bloomsburg 1047, 37. Hofstra 1052, 38. East Stroudsburg 1053, 39. West Liberty State 1190.

**INDIVIDUAL:** 1. Daniel Wilson (Connecticut), 24:19.33. Albany's Top Finishers: 6. Jamie Rodriguez, 24:59.81; 36. Andy Allstadt, 25:39.70; 50. Adam Rice, 25:50.36; 55. Joe Pienta, 25:54.15; 94. Sam Gonzalez, 26:24.02.

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## ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

**WOMEN:** 1. Penn State 109, 2. Bucknell 123, 3. Moravian 135, 4. Rhode Island 152, 5. Georgetown 170, 6. Pittsburgh 199, 7. West Virginia 211, 8. Pennsylvania 248, 9. Houston 296, 10. Navy 305, 11. Lehigh 312, 12. The College of New Jersey 312, 13. Queen's (Canada) 356, 14. Iona 422, 15. Duquesne 454, 16. Buffalo 481, 17. Albany 505, 18. St. Joseph's 521, 19. Marist 547, 20. Kutztown 585, 21. Mount St. Mary's 603, 22. Wayne State 628, 23. Maryland 644, 24. Lafayette 668, 25. UCSD 678, 26. Detroit Mercy 688, 27. Allegheny 708, 28. Millersville 727, 29. Monmouth 741, 30. Binghamton 769, 31. Lock Haven 833, 32. Rider 861, 33. Clarion 890, 34. Hofstra 894, 35. Robert Morris 898, 36. East Stroudsburg 953, 37. West Chester 967, 38. Bloomsburg 1087, 39. West Liberty State 1170.

**INDIVIDUAL:** 1. Erin Silvering (Rhode Island), 21:08.00. Albany's Top Finishers: 27. Jessica Walton, 22:09.56; 111. Laura Kearns, 23:14.50; 112. Meghan Howell, 23:14.84; 116. Nicole Susser, 23:18.55; 144. Zerlinda Martinez, 23:33.83.

### (Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman forward **Malin Engman** scored one goal and one assist in leading five players into the scoring column as Hartford extended its seven-match winning streak with a 5-1 America East Conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Hartford (7-2, AE 4-0) built a two-goal lead in the first half. Engman opened the scoring at the 17:40 mark when she found the lower left corner from the left side. She assisted **Katharina Lindner's** goal 11 minutes later with a right-cross pass.

Albany (1-7, AE 0-4) cut the deficit late in the first half as freshman midfielder **Sara Rickard** tallied her fourth goal of the season on a 20-yard blast past diving Hartford goalkeeper **Anne Lise Nilssen**.

The Hawks, who held the Great Danes without a shot in the final period and controlled a 32-4 overall shot advantage, erupted with three goals over a ten-minute period early in the second half. Sophomores **Jaime Pendleton** and **Katie Gardiner** each came off the bench to record their first goals of the season. **Sandra Kayulu** added Hartford's final strike directing in a header off **Jeanette Akerlund's** corner kick.

Nilssen stopped one shot for the Hawks, while Albany freshman keeper **Beth Spinelli** made a season-high 18 saves.

-agate-

Hartford (7-2, AE 4-0)	2	3	-	5
Albany (1-7, AE 0-4)	1	0	-	1

Hartford: Malin Engman 1-1, Katharina Lindner 1-0, Jaime Pendleton 1-0, Katie Gardiner 1-0, Sandra Kayulu 1-0, Jeanette Akerlund 0-1; Goalkeeper: Anne Lise Nilssen (90:00, 1 save, 1 GA).

Albany: Sara Rickard 1-0, Julie Hirsh 0-1; Goalkeeper: Beth Spinelli (90:00, 18 saves, 5 GA).

### (Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman setter **Cheryl Elliott** had 59 assists and four players posted double-figure kill totals as Maine defeated Albany, 28-30, 30-13, 30-15, 30-22, in an America East Conference volleyball match at University Gymnasium on Saturday.

Albany (3-9, AE 0-2) took advantage of 11 attack errors by the Black Bears to take game one, 30-28. Junior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) had three kills and six digs in the game for the Great Danes.

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## ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3-3

However, Maine (6-7, AE 1-1) came back strong, totaling a .506 hitting percentage over the next three games to take the match. Senior **Leah Voss**, an all-conference performer one year ago, posted a double-double with 14 kills and 10 digs, while freshman **Claire Poliquin** had 15 kills and hit .591 overall.

Gibbs totaled 15 kills and nine digs for UAlbany, while freshman **Fallon Hearst** had 11 kills and nine digs. **Jill Dombrowski**, a freshman setter, totaled 30 assists.

Albany hosts New Hampshire in an America East Conference match on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 1:00 p.m.

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Maine def. Albany, 28-30, 30-13, 30-15, 30-22.



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### **MEN'S SOCCER**

Albany, N.Y. – Senior striker **Jarvin Skeete** scored midway through the first half, and goalkeeper **Trevor Serraro** recorded his first shutout of the season to lead Albany past Maine, 2-0, in an America East Conference match on Friday at Varsity Field.

Skeete tallied his fifth goal of the season at 26:08, when he converted a five-yard shot off a crossing pass from **Ashtian Holmes**. Skeete's 23rd career goal moved him into the top 10 on the school's all-time list.

Freshman **Lucas Machado** placed a shot inside the far post on a give-and-go play with **Valter Pinto** for insurance with 11:09 remaining in the contest. Serraro, a junior, picked up his third career shutout by registering two saves. Maine's **Mat Cosgriff** stopped five shots.

Albany improved to 5-3 overall and 2-0 in conference play. The Black Bears fell to 1-6 and 0-2.

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Maine (1-6, AE 0-2)	0	0	-	0
Albany (5-3, AE 2-0)	1	1	-	2

Maine: No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Mat Cosgriff (90:00, 5 saves, 2 GA).

Albany: Jarvin Skeete 1-0, Lucas Machado 1-0, Ashtian Holmes 0-1, Valter Pinto 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 2 saves, 0 GA).

### **FIELD HOCKEY**

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior forward **Angie Stegel** (Johnstown H.S.) scored two second-half goals, including the game-winner with 25:09 remaining, as Albany posted a 3-1 America East Conference victory over Delaware on Friday at Albany Field.

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## ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Delaware (7-4, AE 2-3) jumped out to a 1-0 lead less than two minutes into the contest. Senior **Juli Byrd**, an all-conference selection last season, scored on a penalty corner off passes from **Jenn Fotiou** and **Kelly Coyle**. Albany (4-7, AE 2-3) drew even later in the period. **Lisa Burline** found the cage from 12 yards away after gathering in **Amy DiMicco's** pass.

Stegel snapped the tie ten minutes into the second half, as she slapped in a rebound from the right side off an initial shot by Burline. The Great Danes increased their advantage to two goals with 11:05 remaining. Freshman **Alexis Johnson** drew Delaware goalie **Stephanie Judefind** out of the cage and found Stegel on the right side for her fourth goal of the season.

Judefind made 18 saves for Delaware, while Albany freshman **Megan Akstin** turned aside 10 shots in her first-ever start, including a sprawling save on a breakaway with two minutes remaining in the contest.

UAlbany will host America East Conference opponent Drexel on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 12:00 p.m. at Albany Field.

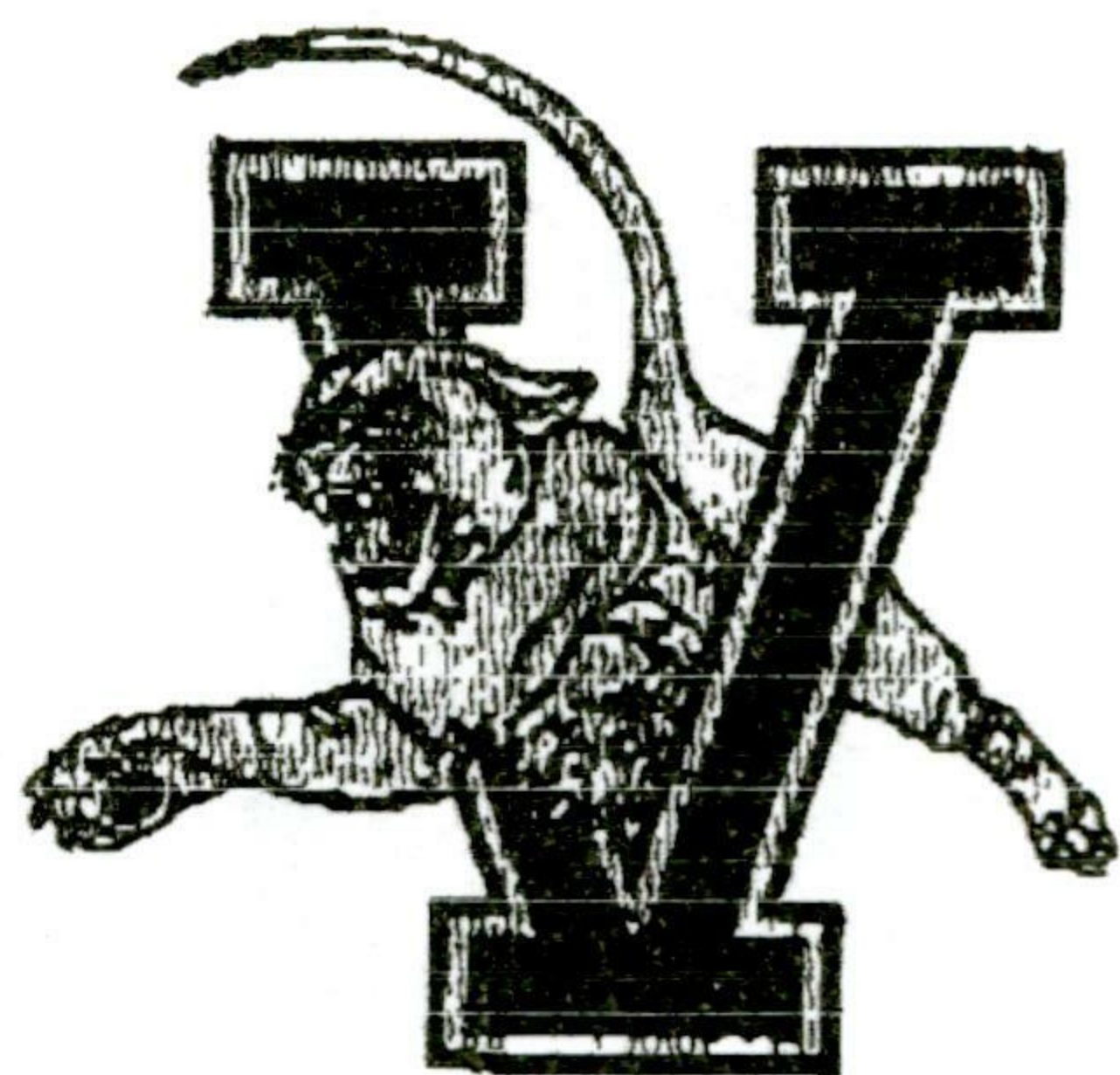
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Delaware (7-4, AE 2-3)	1	0	-	1
Albany (4-7, AE 2-3)	1	2	-	3

Delaware -- Scoring: Julie Byrd 1-0, Kelly Coyle 0-1, Jenn Fotiou 0-1;  
Goalkeeper(s): Stephanie Judefind (70:00, 18 saves, 3 GA).

Albany -- Scoring: Angie Stegel 2-0, Lisa Burline 1-0, Amy DiMicco 0-1,  
Alexis Johnson 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 10 saves, 1 GA).





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## Catamounts Cruise Past Albany

Vermont 5, Albany 1

October 4, 2001 • Burlington, VT • Centennial Field

**BURLINGTON, Vt.** – Senior Kelly Herrero (Underhill, VT) and junior Lauren Donagher (Succasunna, NJ) each scored two goals to lead UVM (3-5-1, 2-1-0) past visiting Albany (1-6-0, 0-3-0), 5-1, in an America East Conference contest this afternoon.

The Catamounts struck early, netting two goals in the first 15 minutes of action. Freshman Nikkie Hessney (Rochester, NY) slid a shot past Albany goalie Michelle Talviste (North Branford, CT) in the 10th minute. Donagher followed a few minutes later, taking a feed from teammate Brooke Berger (Williston Park, NY) and winning a one-on-one situation with Talviste.

Donagher netted her second goal in the opening minutes of the second half as she one-timed a feed from Hessney into the back of the net in the 50th minute. Herrero scored back-to-back goals in the 54th and 65th minutes to close out the scoring for Vermont.

Albany's Jen Schroeckenthaler (Madison, WI) ruined the UVM shutout as she found the back of the net in a scramble off Julie Hirsh's (New Rochelle, NY) corner kick late in the game.

Talviste and Beth Spinelli (Rochester, NY) combined for eight saves in the Albany net. Brooke Fairbanks (Cape Elizabeth, ME) and Katie Duffy (Monroe, NY) shared the victory with four saves combined for Vermont.

The Catamounts return to action on Saturday when they travel to America East newcomer Stony Brook for an 11:00am contest.

#### Final Score: Vermont 5, Albany 1

Team (record)	1	2	10T	20T	FINAL
Albany (1-6-0, 0-3-0)	0	1			1
Vermont (3-5-1, 2-1-0)	2	3			5

**Scoring:** UVM-Nikkie Hessney (unassisted), 9:18; UVM-Lauren Donagher (Brooke Berger), 11:18; UVM-Lauren Donagher (Nikkie Hessney), 49:30; UVM-Kelly Herrero (Brooke Berger, Nikkie Hessney), 53:24; UVM-Kelly Herrero (Megan Mercier), 64:24; UA-Jen Schroeckenthaler (Julie Hirsh), 84:17; **Saves:** UVM-Katie Duffy (2 svs, 1 gaa, 45 min); UVM-Brooke Fairbanks (2 svs, 0 gaa, 45 min); UA-Michelle Talviste (7 svs, 5 gaa, 69 min); UA-Beth Spinelli (1 sv, 0 gaa, 21 min); **Shots:** UVM: 26; UA: 9; **Corners:** UVM: 5; UA: 2; **Fouls:** UVM: 7; UA: 11; **Offside:** UVM: 10; UA: 1.



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### **VOLLEYBALL**

Albany, N.Y. – Junior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) totaled a match-high 26 kills, including five in the decisive fifth game, to lead Albany to a 3-2 victory over Sacred Heart in a non-conference match on Wednesday night at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes won by scores of 30-22, 24-30, 21-30, 30-21, 17-15.

Gibbs posted season highs with 23 digs and five service aces, including three straight in the fourth game to help get Albany (3-8) back into the match. Freshman **Fallon Hearst** contributed 13 kills and 13 digs, while sophomore **Ali Venditti** had 10 kills and hit .588 in the match. Freshman setter **Jill Dombrowski** recorded a season-high 55 assists and added 14 digs.

Four players posted double-doubles for the Pioneers (5-11), including sophomore middle hitter **Lauren Lamb** with 16 kills and 14 digs. **Kate Sammon**, a senior setter, totaled 48 assists and a match-high 24 digs.

Albany will host America East Conference opponents Maine and New Hampshire on Oct. 6-7, respectively. Both matches begin at 1:00 p.m.

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Albany def. Sacred Heart, 30-22, 24-30, 21-30, 30-21, 17-15



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### **CHRIS PHILLIS NAMED FOOTBALL GAZETTE I-AA PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Chris Phillis (Saratoga Springs H.S.) has been chosen as the *Football Gazette* NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's 28-18 Northeast Conference victory over Stony Brook.

Phillis, a senior split end, caught eight passes for 145 yards and one touchdown, and accounted for 187 all-purpose yards. His 29-yard scoring catch with 10:58 remaining in the fourth quarter broke an 18-18 deadlock. Phillis has 23 receptions for 397 yards and five touchdowns this season.

Phillis, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound wideout, became the second UAlbany player to reach the 100-career reception mark (105). He recorded 100-plus all-purpose yards for the 12th time in his career, and moved to seventh on that all-time list with 2,480 yards.

Albany (4-0) travels to non-conference opponent Canisius on Saturday, October 6. Game time is 4:00 p.m.



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### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Junior outside hitter **Lindsay Wagner** totaled 16 kills and 10 digs to lead Northeastern to a 3-0 victory over Albany in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Tuesday evening at University Gymnasium. The Huskies won by scores of 30-26, 30-23 and 30-19.

**Kristin Deatherage** added 13 kills and seven digs for Northeastern, who improved to 10-6 overall. **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) had 17 kills and nine digs for Albany (2-8, AE 0-1). Freshman outside hitter **Fallon Hearst** registered 11 kills.

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Northeastern def. Albany, 30-26, 30-23, 30-19



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#### MEN'S SOCCER

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Senior striker **Jarvin Skeete** scored three goals during a 15-minute stretch of the second half to lead Albany to a 6-0 victory over Stony Brook in the America East Conference opener for both schools on Tuesday at University Field.

**Lorenzo Henry** broke a scoreless deadlock with two minutes and 20 seconds gone in the second half, when he fought off a defender and sent a shot in the right corner. **Ashtian Holmes** gave Albany (4-3, AE 1-0) a 2-0 lead five minutes later with his fifth goal of the season off a crossing pass from **Nick Southworth** (Maple Hill H.S.).

Skeete, who had 19 career goals entering the match, then went to work with two unassisted scores, including the second off a rebound. He added his third goal of the game at 73:33, as goalkeeper **Matt Thibdeau** came out of the net to stop a play on the right sideline.

The Great Danes' **Trevor Serraro** made two saves to record his first shutout of the season. Stony Brook falls to 3-2-1 overall.

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Albany (4-3, AE 1-0)	0	6	-	6
Stony Brook (3-2-1, AE 0-1)	0	0	-	0

Albany – Scoring: Jarvin Skeete 3-0, Lorenzo Henry 1-0, Ashtian Holmes 1-0, Sadeky Jackson 1-0, Nick Southworth 0-1, Greg Chevalier 0-1, Anthony Matrone 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 2 saves, 0 GA).

Stony Brook – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Dan Ferrin (68:59, 4 saves, 4 GA), Matt Thibdeau (21:01, 0 saves, 2 GA).

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## Albany Sports 2-2-2

### FIELD HOCKEY

Albany, N.Y. – Junior **Shawn Carney** scored the game-winning goal with four minutes and 50 seconds elapsed in the second overtime to lift Vermont to a 3-2 America East Conference victory over Albany on Tuesday at Albany Field.

Carney fired a shot over the left shoulder of Albany goalkeeper **Megan Akstin** after receiving a pass in the middle of the circle from **Amanda Paquette**.

Albany (3-7, AE 1-3) rallied from a 2-0 deficit midway through the first half. **Sarah Zaborowski** converted a penalty stroke, before **Amy Hammer's** long drive into the right corner tied the contest with 3:48 left in the period.

**Sara Mercanti** scored a pair of goals four minutes apart to give Vermont (4-6, AE 1-1) the early lead. Mercanti tallied her sixth of the season off a rebound in front to hand her club a two-goal advantage. Goalkeeper **Holly Colberg** had 11 saves for the Catamounts.

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Vermont (4-6, AE 1-1)	2	0	0	1	-	3
Albany (3-7, AE 1-3)	2	0	0	0	-	2

Vermont – Sara Mercanti 2-0, Shawn Carney 1-0, Amanda Paquette 0-2;  
Goalkeeper(s): Holly Colberg (89:50, 11 saves, 2 GA).

Albany – Sarah Zaborowski 1-1, Amy Hammer 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Elaine Sullivan (17:01, 3 saves, 2 GA), Megan Akstin (72:49, 9 saves, 1 GA).



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### **SAM HOPES SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY FOR TEAM RULES VIOLATIONS**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Sam Hopes, a junior guard on the men's basketball team, has been suspended indefinitely for a series of team rules violations, as Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today.

"Sam Hopes has been suspended indefinitely," McElroy said. "His status will be determined at a future date."

Hopes, a 6-foot-3, 190-pound guard from Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King H.S.), was a starting swingman in 23 of 26 games played in 2000-01. He averaged 11.2 points, fourth on the team in scoring, and contributed 4.0 rebounds, 1.9 assists and 1.7 steals per game.

The Great Danes start practice on October 13 in preparation for their inaugural America East Conference campaign.

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### **College Sports Transaction**

Albany – Suspended guard Sam Hopes from men's basketball team, indefinitely.



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### **UALBANY RANKED AMONG TOP FOUR IN TWO NATIONAL POLLS**

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany has climbed to third in the *Football Gazette* NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll and fourth in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll. Both national college football rankings were released today.

The Great Danes, who are off to a 4-0 start for the first time since 1996, moved up one spot in both polls from last week. Albany (4-0, NEC 3-0) posted a 28-18 Northeast Conference victory over Stony Brook last weekend, and are on the road at non-conference opponent Canisius on Saturday, October 6. Game time is 4:00 p.m.

Dayton (4-0) and Jacksonville (4-0) hold down the top two spots in both national I-AA polls. The Flyers, who knocked off previously unbeaten Duquesne, 42-16, last week, received all 31 first-place votes in The Sports Network rankings.

### **Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll**

1. Dayton (4-0), 310, 2. Jacksonville (4-0), 263, 3. Sacred Heart (3-0), 245, 4. **Albany** (4-0), 200, 5. Duquesne (3-1), 183, 6. San Diego (3-0), 182, 7. Monmouth (3-0), 104, 8. Davidson (2-1), 95, 9. La Salle (3-0), 68, 10. Drake (2-2), 30.

### **Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll**

1. Dayton, 2. Jacksonville, 3. **Albany**, 4. Sacred Heart, 5. San Diego, 6. Duquesne, 7. Drake, 8. Davidson, 9. St. Peter's, 10. Fairfield.