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Comment: **COLLEGE SPORTS**

(Men's Basketball)
Albany 72, Cornell 59

Logan, Utah – **E.J. Gallup** scored 16 points to lead five players in double figures, as Albany snapped a five-game losing streak with a 72-59 win over Cornell in the consolation of the Gossner Foods Classic on Saturday evening at Utah State's Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

Cornell (2-8) rallied from a 16-point first-half deficit to close within 41-39 on **Kevin Cuttica's** steal and lay-up. Albany (3-9) responded with ten of the game's next 11 points. Sophomore **Alex Barnhill** had seven of his 11 points in that run, and canned a three-point field goal for a 51-40 advantage with 12:06 remaining. The Great Danes lead hovered around double digits the rest of the way.

"The key tonight was our defense," said Albany coach **Scott Beeten**, whose team held the Big Red to 38-percent shooting and forced 20 turnovers. "It allowed us to get the ball up quickly and make shots, plus put pressure on their defense. With a young team any win is important, and hopefully we understand what it takes. You have to be strong and tough and not passive."

Albany leaped to a 13-2 lead in the opening five minutes behind the play of **Sam Hopes**, who had 12 of his 14 points in the first half. Later, Albany still led 38-24, but Cornell regrouped with the final eight points of the stanza. **Jacques Vigneault** buried two three-point shots in that stretch.

Antione Johnson, who went scoreless in the first round against Utah State, had 14 points, while **Will Brand** added 10 points and eight rebounds. Cuttica led Cornell with 10 points.

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(Women's Basketball)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior center **Lily Glick** scored 14 points in leading Yale to a 69-54 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation & Convocation Center. The Bulldogs have won three of their last four games, while Albany has dropped four straight outings.

Yale (4-6) used a 10-2 run midway through the first half to take a 26-14 lead with 7:54 remaining on **Helene Schutrumpf's** three-point basket. Schutrumpf, who finished with 10 points, added a pair of free throws during the spurt. The Bulldogs, who never trailed in the ballgame, held a 34-25 advantage at the intermission.

Albany (2-11) closed within 37-30 early in the second half on **Marie Connors'** three-pointer, but Yale responded with a 16-6 rally to increase the lead to a 17-point margin. **Brynn Gingras** came off the bench to score five of her 10 points in the run giving the Bulldogs their biggest cushion. Yale shot 57.1 percent from the field during the final stanza, while out-rebounding the Great Danes, 39-28, and converting 21 of 28 free throws for the game.

Liz Tucker, who tallied a game-high 19 points, became the sixth player in school history to reach the 1,000-point plateau. Tucker added six rebounds, five steals, four assists and made 8 of 9 from the foul line.

"This is definitely one of the highlights of my career," said Tucker, of reaching the career milestone. "As a team, we came out sluggish and were never able to recover. We need to keep positive even though things aren't going our way right now."

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FORMER UALBANY BASEBALL COACH BURLINGAME PASSES AWAY

Albany, N.Y. – **Robert Burlingame**, the winningest baseball coach in University at Albany history, died on Tuesday in his Sarasota, Fla., home. He was 76 years old.

Burlingame, who coached for 20 seasons (1960-79), totaled a 145-163-6 record during his tenure at Albany. As the second coach in the program's history, Burlingame helped guide the Great Danes to the SUNYAC (State University of New York Athletic Conference) title in the 1972-73 campaign. His efforts that season also landed him SUNYAC Baseball Coach of the Year honors.

Among his other accomplishments included coaching Albany All-Americans Joseph Pizzillo (1965), John Leahy (1973), Terry Kenny (1974) and Roger Plantier (1979). Burlingame served as the chairman of the SUNYAC Baseball Committee, chairman of the Division III NCAA Tournament Selection Committee and received a 25-year achievement award from the National Baseball Coaches Association. A 1952 graduate of Colgate University, Burlingame was elected into the University at Albany's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989. Nine of his former players are members of the HOF as well.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Nancy K. Burlingame; his daughter, Wendy Reid of Burnsville, NC; his son, Mark R. Burlingame of Altamont, NY; also survived by four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, John, Alfred and Edwin Burlingame.

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WOMEN

No. 18 Mississippi State 62, Albany 57

Albany, N.Y. – **LaToya Thomas** scored 16 of her 20 points in the second half, as 18th-ranked Mississippi State held off Albany, 62-57, on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (2-10) used a 13-2 run to close within 46-43 with 11:25 remaining. Sophomore guard **Jess McGinlay** led the charge with nine of her career-high 23 points. She canned two 3-point field goals and converted an old-fashioned three-point play in that stretch.

Mississippi State (8-2) answered with eight straight points. Thomas, a 6-foot-2 sophomore, scored three consecutive baskets, before **Jennifer Fambrough** scored in the lane for 54-43 advantage.

The Great Danes, who were beaten 84-34 when the two teams met in Starkville last February, again clawed their way back into the contest. **Liz Tucker**, who had 12 points, split a pair of free throws to slice the lead to 60-57 with 1:01 remaining.

However, Thomas, who entered the game as the nation's fourth-leading scorer with a 25.4 average, buried a baseline jumper and blocked a driving shot by McGinlay in the final 35 seconds to preserve the victory.

Fambrough finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Bulldogs, who led 27-23 at halftime. **Cynthia Hall** and **Meadow Overstreet** each added 11 points.

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(Women's Basketball)

Staten Island, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Toni Roker** scored 13 points and **Carrie Walker** added 12 points and 11 rebounds to lead Wagner to a 61-47 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Spiro Sports Center.

Wagner (3-5) put together an 11-3 run midway through the second half to break open a tight contest. Freshman **Ashley Linscott**, who scored 12 points, nailed back-to-back three-point field goals in that span. **Meredith Kearns** converted a pair of free throws for a 47-33 lead with 8:16 remaining.

Albany (2-9) later scored nine unanswered points to close within 52-47 on **Dawn DiMicco's** fastbreak layup with 2:28 to play. The Seahawks made 9 of 11 free throws in the stretch to end the threat.

In the first half, the game was tied on three occasions, before DiMicco gave her club an 18-16 advantage with a turnaround jumper. Walker was fouled on a shot in the lane, and her three-point play put Wagner on top for good at 19-18.

"Our team remains focused," said DiMicco, whose team has played nine of its opening 11 contests on the road. "The new players are getting mentally tough, and we look forward to an upcoming stretch of home games."

Albany's **Liz Tucker** paced her team with 12 points and 12 rebounds. **Shan'tel Ali** added a season-high 10 rebounds off the bench, while DiMicco finished with eight points. The Great Danes return to the Recreation & Convocation Center on December 27 to face 19th-ranked Mississippi State.

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(Men's Basketball)

West Point, N.Y. – Junior guard **Chris Spatola** scored 13 of his 19 points in the second half to lead Army to a 70-66 victory over Albany on Thursday evening at Christl Arena.

Albany (2-8) built a 40-26 lead early in the second half. Freshman guard **E.J. Gallup** led the way 12 of his 19 points in the opening period. Army (4-4) used a 13-2 run to get back into the contest, and eventually tied the game at 49 apiece on **Andy Smith's** three-point field goal.

The Black Knights, who shot 57.6 percent from the field in the second half, took their first lead at 54-53 on **Seth Barrett's** tip-in. Albany regained the lead at 60-59 with 2:27 left on a 10-foot jumper by Gallup.

Army scored nine unanswered points to take control. **Charles Woodruff**, who had 13 points and 10 rebounds, gave his team the lead for good when he scored in the lane with 2:03 to play.

Barrett, a 6-foot-7 senior, finished with 15 points and seven rebounds. **Antione Johnson** tallied a career-high 18 points for the Great Danes.

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KATHRYN HEMLOCK NAMED ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Stony Brook, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Kathryn Hemlock** has been named the Central New York/Pennsylvania Division I Rookie of the Week, as voted by the Eastern College Women's Basketball Coaches & Media Association.

Hemlock, a 5-4 freshman guard, averaged 11.0 points, 4.0 assists, and 3.3 steals in three games last week. The Great Danes posted two victories against Green Mountain and Navy. A native of Great Falls, Va., Hemlock shot 41 percent from the field, including 44 percent from three-point range (4-of-9). She made her first career start against Stetson in the Hatter Classic and posted 14 points with five assists and four steals. As a result of her performance, Hemlock was named to the all-tournament team.

Albany (2-8) returns to action on Saturday when they travel to Wagner for a 1:30 tip-off.

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(Women's Basketball)

Hartford, Conn. – Sophomore guard **Cheri Eleazer** scored a career-high 16 points, as Hartford snapped a three-game losing streak with an 82-60 victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at Chase Family Arena.

Albany (2-8) jumped to a 17-11 lead midway through the first half, as **Marie Connors** and **Shan'tel Ali** each had five points in that stretch.

Hartford (4-3) responded with 15 of the game's next 18 points to take the lead for good. **Anne Whalen**, a 6-foot freshman, made three consecutive 3-point field goals in a run that gave the Hawks a 26-20 advantage with 7:57 left in the stanza.

The Hawks, who shot 64 percent in the first half, including 5 of 7 from three-point range, built a 42-31 lead at the intermission. Hartford used a 15-4 run in the opening five minutes of the final period to seal the outcome.

"I was very happy with our defense," said Hartford coach and former UConn All-American **Jen Rizzotti**, whose club forced 31 turnovers. Whalen finished with a season-best 16 points, while **Janeka Lopp** added 12.

"We are trying too hard to create something on offense, and we seem to be in a funk," Albany coach **Mari Warner** said. "They did a good job of creating points off our mistakes."

Freshman guard **Kathryn Hemlock** led the Great Danes with 13 points. Ali scored 11 off the bench, while Connors added nine points and eight rebounds.

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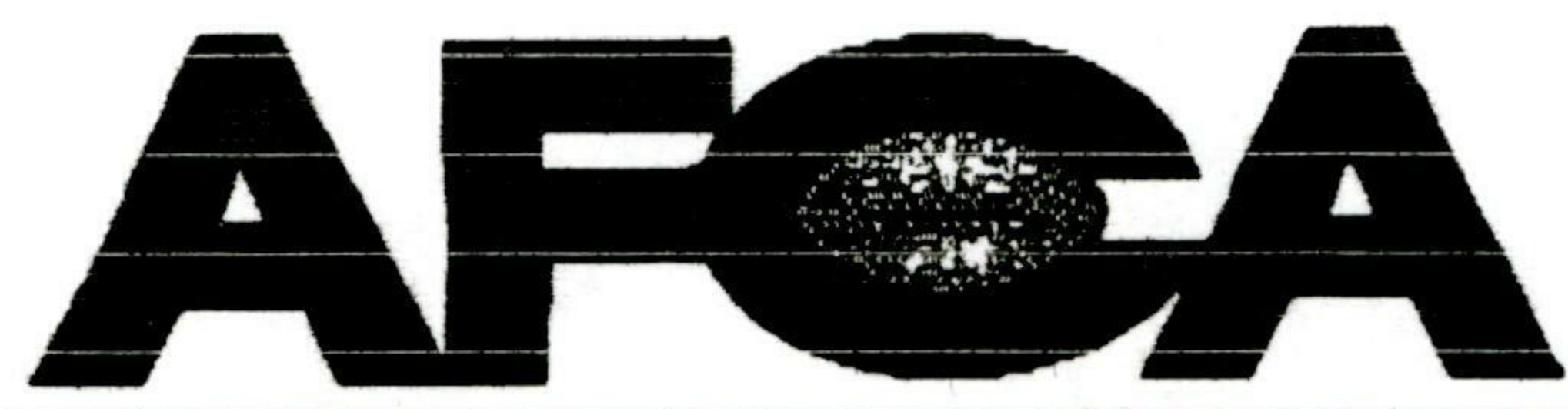
ALBANY'S J.T. HERFURTH NAMED TO 2000 AFCA DIVISION I-AA ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL TEAM

Waco, Texas – University at Albany's **J.T. Herfurth** has been named to the American Football Coaches Association's Division I-AA All-America Football Team. Herfurth, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound offensive tackle, is one of 25 players voted to the squad by the coaches. The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945.

Herfurth, a first-team All-Northeast Conference selection who will play in the 2001 Hula Bowl All-Star Classic, is the third UAlbany player to be chosen to an AFCA All-America team. **Scott Turrin** (1992, '94) and **Matt Caliandro** ('98) were named on the Division III and II levels, respectively.

Herfurth, a senior from East Northport, N.Y. who made 31 consecutive starts at left tackle during his career, blocked for an offense that is ranked 14th nationally in rushing at 215.2 yards per game and 32nd in scoring with a 31.1 average. The Great Danes averaged 362.4 yards in total offense, and tailback Brian Manigault established the school's single-season rushing record.

Furman's Louis Ivory, the Walter Payton Award winner, joins Herfurth, one of two players from the state of New York selected, on the AFCA's I-AA All-America unit. Hofstra's Khary Williams, a defensive lineman, is also on the team.



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Team Background

The AFCA has selected an All-America team every year since 1945.

The four teams now chosen for each AFCA division evolved from a single 11-player squad in 1945. From 1945 until 1967, only one team was chosen. From 1967 through 1971, two teams, University Division and College Division, were selected. In 1972, the College Division was split into College I and College II. In 1979, the University Division was split into two teams — Division I-A and Division I-AA. In 1996 the College I and College II teams were renamed Division II and Division III respectively.

From 1965-81, a 22-player (11 offensive, 11 defensive) team was chosen. In 1982, a punter and place-kicker were added to the team. In 1997 a return specialist was added, giving us the current 25-player team.

Selection Process

The AFCA's Division II All-America Selection Committee is made up of three head coaches from each of the AFCA's nine districts, one of whom serves as a district chairman, along with another head coach who serves as the chairman of the selection committee.

The coaches in each district are responsible for ranking the top players in their respective districts prior to a conference call between the district chairmen and the committee chairman on which the team is chosen.

The Award

Members of the AFCA Coaches' All-America Team receive a plaque commemorating their selection to the team.

FURMAN'S LOUIS IVORY, WESTERN ILLINOIS' EDGERTON HARTWELL HEADLINE 2000 AFCA DIVISION I-AA COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAM

WACO, TEX. — The winners of the Walter Payton Award and the Buck Buchanan Award signifying the top offensive and defensive players in I-AA headline the AFCA's 2000 I-AA Coaches' All-America Team.

The AFCA Division I-AA Coaches' All-America Team is made up of players from NCAA Division I-AA institutions.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945 and currently selects teams in all four of its divisions. What makes these teams so special is that they are the only ones chosen exclusively by the men who know the players the best — the coaches themselves.

THE OFFENSE

Leading the offense of the 2000 AFCA Coaches' All-America Team is **Louis Ivory** of Furman. The junior runningback from Fort Valley, Georgia led I-AA in rushing with 2,079 yards in the regular season and won the I-AA Walter Payton Award. He recorded five 200 yard games, including one 300 yard game. He also rushed for 16 touchdowns.

Joining Ivory in the backfield are runningback **Charles Dunn** of Portland State and quarterback **Matt Cannon** of Southern Utah. Dunn was the co-Offensive Player of the Year in the Big Sky Conference after rushing for 1,792 yards and 21 touchdowns this season. He finished his career with more than 6,000 yards rushing and 61 touchdowns. Cannon ended his career with an NCAA record 69 rushing touchdowns and 4,373 rushing yards. This season he rushed for an NCAA quarterback rushing record of 1,606 yards for the Thunderbirds, breaking the record he set in 1998.

The wide receivers are **Stephen Campbell** of Brown and **Alex Bannister** of Eastern Kentucky and the tight end is **Ryan Prince** of Weber State. Campbell, a three-time All-Ivy League selection, set a I-AA single-season record this season with 120 receptions. He led I-AA in receptions per game (12.0) and receiving yards per game (134.0). Bannister had 71 receptions for 1,122 yards and 12 touchdowns to lead the Ohio Valley Conference in all three categories. He had two three touchdown reception games this season for the Colonels. Prince caught 47 passes for 560 yards and five touchdowns this season to earn All-Big Sky honors.

The offensive line is anchored by massive **J.T. Herfurth** of Albany (N.Y.) (6-6, 300). He is joined up front by **Brian McDonald** of Lehigh, **Eric Beatty** of Richmond, **Mike Clare** of Harvard and **Freddie Moore** of Florida A&M. Herfurth finished his career with 31 consecutive starts at tackle and is an Academic All-American this season. McDonald was a first team All-Patriot League selection for the Mountainhawks in 2000. Beatty helped clear the way for a Spider rushing game that rushed for a record 2,932 yards in 2000. Clare was Harvard's MVP and an All-Ivy selection this year. Moore anchored a Rattler offensive line that allowed just seven sacks this season.

THE DEFENSE

Montana's **Andy Petek** headlines the defensive line on this year's I-AA Coaches' All-America Team. Petek recorded 30 tackles for loss in the regular season and was the runner-up for the Buck Buchanan I-AA Defensive Player of the Year Award this year. Drake's **Mike Foster** is the lone returnee from the 1999 Coaches' All-America Team. He had 87 tackles and 12 sacks for the Bulldogs. Towson's **Andrew Hollingsworth** led I-AA with 18 sacks this season while Hofstra's **Khary Williams** had 10 tackles for loss and led the Flying Dutchmen with seven sacks this season.

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2000 AFCA DIVISION I-AA COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Western Illinois' **Edgerton Hartwell** leads the linebacking corps on this year's AFCA I-AA Coaches' All-America Team. Hartwell won the Buck Buchanan Award as the I-AA Defensive Player of the Year. He had 169 tackles this season for the Leathernecks and finished his career with 512 stops. Delaware linebacker **Brian McKenna** was the Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year in 2000 and was the Blue Hens' leading tackler each of the last two seasons. Youngstown State's **Tim Johnson** led the Penguins with 180 tackles and had 401 tackles in only two seasons at the school.

The defensive backs on this year's AFCA All-America team are **C.J. Carroll** of Southwest Texas State, **Bobby Sippio** of Western Kentucky, **Kevin Eiben** of Bucknell and **Corey Hall** of Appalachian State.

Carroll led the Bobcats in quarterback sacks with 11 from his defensive backfield spot and was the Southland Football Conference Player of the Year in 2000. Sippio led the Ohio Valley Conference with 10 interceptions this season. Eiben had 78 tackles and eight interceptions for the Bison. Hall lined up at both corner and safety for the Mountaineers and had 59 tackles this season.

THE SPECIALISTS

Punter **David Beckford** of Alabama State led I-AA with a 44.19 average this season. Placekicker **Lawrence Tynes** of Troy State set a school record for points in a game by a kicker with 14 in one contest this year. He also holds school records for career field goals made and points scored by a kicker. Return specialist **Brian Westbrook** led the nation in all-purpose yards with 2,992 and topped the 1,000 yard mark in rushing (1,220) and return yardage (1,048). Westbrook also finished third in the nation in scoring with 136 points.

2000 AFCA Division I-AA Coaches' All-America Team

Offense

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
WR	Stephen Campbell	6-3	200	Sr.	Brown	Phil Estes	Kent, Wash. (Kentwood School)
WR	Alex Bannister	6-5	202	Sr.	Eastern Ky.	Roy Kidd	Cincinnati, Ohio (Hughes)
TE	Ryan Prince	6-5	255	Sr.	Weber St.	Jerry Graybeal	Farmington, Utah (Davis)
OL	Brian McDonald	6-3	275	Sr.	Lehigh	Kevin Higgins	Denville, N.J. (Morris Knolls)
OL	J.T. Herfurth	6-6	300	Sr.	Albany (N.Y.)	Bob Ford	East Northport, N.Y. (John Glenn)
OL	Eric Beatty	6-4	295	Sr.	Richmond	Jim Reid	North Easton, Mass. (Oliver Ames)
OL	Mike Clare	6-4	315	Sr.	Harvard	Tim Murphy	Rutherford, N.J. (Rutherford)
OL	Freddie Moore	6-6	297	Sr.	Florida A&M	Billy Joe	Tallahassee, Fla. (Rickards)
QB	Matt Cannon	6-1	204	Sr.	Southern Utah	Ray Gregory	Salt Lake City, Utah (Highland)
RB	Louis Ivory	5-9	200	Jr.	Furman	Bobby Johnson	Fort Valley, Ga. (Peach County)
RB	Charles Dunn	5-8	185	Sr.	Portland St.	Tim Walsh	Pasadena, Calif. (John Muir)

Defense

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Mike Foster*	6-2	254	Sr.	Drake	Rob Ash	Northfield, Minn. (Northfield)
DL	Andrew Hollingsworth	6-3	247	Sr.	Towson	Gordy Combs	Annandale, Va. (Annandale)
DL	Andy Petek	6-3	235	Sr.	Montana	Joe Glenn	Helena, Mt. (Helena)
DL	Khary Williams	6-4	356	Sr.	Hofstra	Joc Gardi	West Hempstead, N.Y. (Mineola)
LB	Edgerton Hartwell	6-2	240	Sr.	Western Ill.	Don Patterson	Las Vegas, Nev. (Cheyenne)
LB	Brian McKenna	6-3	227	Sr.	Delaware	Tubby Raymond	South Orange, N.J. (Columbia)
LB	Tim Johnson	6-2	219	Sr.	Youngstown St.	Jim Tressel	Fairfield, Ala. (Fairfield)
DB	C.J. Carroll	5-9	184	Sr.	Southwest Texas	Bob DeBesse	Corpus Christi, Texas (Calallen)
DB	Bobby Sippio	6-3	215	So.	Western Ky.	Jack Harbaugh	Kissimmee, Fla. (Kissimmee-Osceola)
DB	Kevin Eiben	6-1	205	Sr.	Bucknell	Tom Gadd	Delta, B.C. (Vancouver College)
DB	Corey Hall	6-4	195	Sr.	Appalachian St.	Jerry Moore	Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central)

Specialists

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
P	David Beckford	6-0	185	So.	Alabama St.	L.C. Cole	Hollywood, Fla. (McArthur)
PK	Lawrence Tynes	6-1	183	Sr.	Troy St.	Larry Blakeney	Milton, Fla. (Milton)
RS	Brian Westbrook	5-9	210	Jr.	Villanova	Andy Talley	Fort Washington, Md. (DeMatha)

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Top Teams: Eastern Kentucky leads with 21 appearances by 19 players on the AFCA I-AA Coaches All-America Team since 1979. The Colonels are followed by Delaware (13/10), Appalachian State (12/9), Georgia Southern (12/9), Grambling (11/10), Jackson State (11/10), Northern Iowa (11/8) and Holy Cross (10/9) among current I-AA schools.

Top Conference: The Southern Conference is tops among all I-AA conferences with 78 appearances by 66 players on the AFCA I-AA Coaches All-America Team since 1979. Following the Southern Conference are the Atlantic 10 (77 appearances/68 players), Gateway (48/44), Ohio Valley (45/42), Southland (44/39), Big Sky (43/42), Southwestern Athletic (35/32), Patriot (28/27), Mid-Eastern Athletic (19/19), Ivy League (15/14) and Pioneer (6/5). These totals reflect I-AA selections only from current conference members. Several schools had additional players chosen when they played in divisions other than I-AA.

Consecutive Years: Eastern Kentucky had at least one player named to the AFCA I-AA Coaches' All-America Team in each of the first 15 years a I-AA team was chosen (1979-93). Troy State has the longest current streak at seven consecutive years.

Repeat After Me: Linebackers Gary Reasons of Northwestern State (La.) (1981-82-83) and Dexter Coakley of Appalachian State (1994-95-96) are the only three-time AFCA All-Americans in Division I-AA.

Yearly Leaders: Grambling (1979-DL Joe Gordon, LB Aldrich Allen and DB Robert Salters) and Jackson State (1996-QB Grailyn Pratt, LB Otha Evans and DB Sean Woodson) are the only schools to have more than two players named to the AFCA I-AA Coaches' All-America Team in one year.

Class Distinction: This year's AFCA I-AA Coaches' All-America Team is made up of 22 seniors, two juniors and one sophomore.

First Time Schools: Alabama State's David Beckford is the first player from his school to be named to the AFCA I-AA Coaches' All-America Team.

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Albany, N.Y. – **Rahsaan Johnson** scored 18 points and **Gerry Crosby** added 14 in leading Monmouth to a 61-52 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Monmouth (5-2) used a 14-2 run in the first half to take control. Johnson, a 6-foot junior guard, scored seven points in that stretch, and his driving layup gave the Hawks a 25-12 lead with 5:43 left in the opening period.

Johnson netted 15 first-half points, as Monmouth pushed out to a 34-21 halftime lead. The Hawks held Albany (2-6) to 36.7-percent shooting and forced 21 turnovers on the night, and later piled up a 51-29 advantage with 8:21 remaining on a pair of free throws by Johnson.

The Great Danes made a late run, and closed within 54-46 on a three-point field goal by **E.J. Gallup** with 3:20 to play. The 6-foot-4 freshman had 16 of game-high 21 points in the final period.

Monmouth moved their lead back to double figures three minutes later on Crosby's reverse layup. **Kevin Owens**, a 6-foot-10 center, was the third Hawk in double figures with 10 points and nine rebounds.

"We didn't seem to have any legs," said Albany coach Scott Beeten. "We had no pop early. We had trouble attacking their defense, and did not move the ball well."

Albany's **Sam Hopes** finished with 11 points, while **Dave Schloss** had 10.

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(Women's Basketball)

DeLand, Fla. – Senior **Liz Tucker** scored a season-high 27 points and hit a running shot in the lane with eight seconds remaining to lift Albany past Navy, 57-56, in the second round of the 18th annual Hatter Classic on Saturday afternoon at Stetson University's Edmunds Center.

Albany (2-7) led the entire game until Navy's **Adrienne Rosetti** canned a jumper to give her team a 52-51 advantage with 4:37 remaining. The Mids still were ahead, 56-54, after **Lisa Steinmetz split** a pair of free throws.

Albany's **Cara Caffell** made the second of two foul shots to inch her team closer, before **Maile Shimoda** missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity with 18 seconds to play.

After the Great Danes called timeout, Tucker, who made 8 of 12 field goals, received the ball near mid-court, drove into the lane, and connected on a 10-foot runner.

"I told myself I was going to make the shot," said Tucker, whose club dropped a 75-64 decision to Stetson on Friday in the first round. "I saw an opening in the lane to my surprise, and just drove into the area."

The Great Danes, who shot 54.2 percent from the field in the opening half, built a 43-32 cushion with 15:36 left in the contest. However, Navy (2-5) put together a 12-2 run over a four-minute span to get back into the contest. **Jennifer Bombinski**, who finished with a team-high 19 points, totaled five markers in the spurt.

Rosetti, a 6-foot-1 freshman, added 12 points and 10 rebounds. Albany's Caffell had nine points and six rebounds.

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(Women's Basketball)

DeLand, Fla. – **Kaisa Tuure** scored 18 points and **Amy White** added 13 to lead Stetson to a 75-64 victory over Albany in the first round of the 18th annual Hatter Classic on Friday evening at Edmunds Center.

Stetson (5-1) raced to 15-2 lead in the opening five minutes, and never trailed in the contest. White, a 6-foot forward, scored six points in that stretch, while **Ginny Bencivenga** added five.

Albany (1-7) pulled within 40-34 early in second half on a **Marie Connors'** three-point field goal and a basket by **Cara Caffell**. The Hatters used an 11-3 run to pull away for good. Tuure, a 6-foot-3 center who had 12 points in the final period, scored a pair of baskets in that outburst.

"I thought we were extremely poor fundamentally in the first half," Albany coach **Mari Warner** said. "Our offense was undisciplined, and we were lacking in transition defense."

The Great Danes, who trailed 38-27 at halftime, shot 52 percent from the field in the final stanza. Freshman guard **Kathryn Hemlock** netted a career-high 14 points to go with five assists and four steals in her first start as a collegian. Connors came off the bench to score a season-high 11, while Caffell added 10.

Stetson's **Cher Dyson** was the third Hatter in double figures with 11 points. Albany meets Navy in the tournament's second round on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES JON MUELLER HEAD BASEBALL COACH Retires as an Active Professional Minor League Player

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Dr. Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of **Jon Mueller** as head baseball coach. Mueller was elevated from part-time to full-time status following a national search. He guided Albany to a 19-24-1 record in its first NCAA Division I campaign last spring.

Mueller, who has played on the minor league professional level since 1994 with the Albany-Colonie Diamonds Dogs, Adirondack Lumberjacks and Marshall (Minn.) Mallards, also announced his retirement as an active player, effective immediately.

“Jon Mueller has proven over the last year that he has the qualities needed to manage a successful Division I baseball program,” McElroy said. “He is committed to both the student-athlete and the University’s academic mission. In addition, he is a valued member of the Capital Region community through his work with the Diamond Dogs and as a teacher.”

A 6-foot-5, 245-pound infielder and designated hitter, Mueller posted a career .282 batting average with 74 home runs, 318 RBIs and a .480 slugging percentage. He led Albany-Colonie to the 1999 Northern League Championship with a Most Valuable Player performance, and also earned MVP honors in the Northern League’s East championship series. Mueller was the 2000 Northern League All-Star Game MVP, and was one of five Diamond Dogs chosen to participate.

A native of Stillwater, N.Y., Mueller was an UAlbany volunteer assistant in 1999, when the Great Danes went 21-21 overall and made an ECAC Division II championship final appearance. He was the head junior varsity coach at the College of St. Rose in 1993-94, and has been a teacher/instructor with Mechanicville City Schools, Saratoga BOCES and Duanesburg School District.

Mueller, 30, received a B.S. in sociology from Eckerd College in Florida, and has a master’s degree in secondary education from St. Rose.



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J.T. HERFURTH NAMED TO ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL SQUAD

Stamford, Conn. – University at Albany's **J.T. Herfurth** has been named to the Verizon University Division Academic All-America Football Team, as announced in voting by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Herfurth, who has a 3.87 cumulative grade point average in sociology, is the fourth player in UAlbany history to earn national first-team all-academic honors. **Thomas Higgins** (1986, '87), **Rich Tallarico** ('94) and **Andy Shein** ('95) were chosen on the college division level.

Herfurth, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound left tackle, was a first-team All-Northeast Conference selection this season, and will play in the Hula Bowl All-Star Classic on January 20. He blocked for an offense that ranks among the nation's Division I-AA leaders in rushing at 215.2 yards per game and scoring (31.1 ppg). Albany accounted for 400-plus total yards in six of its last seven games, and tailback Brian Manigault established the school's single-season rushing record.

Herfurth, who has a minor in psychology, and is a three-time District I all-academic choice, plans for a career in law enforcement. He joins Purdue quarterback **Drew Brees** on the first-team offense. Brees, the 2000 Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and Heisman Trophy finalist, was tabbed as the Academic All-America Team Member of the Year.

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PURDUE QUARTERBACK DREW BREES

NAMED TO VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® FOOTBALL TEAM

STAMFORD, Conn., December 5 – Purdue quarterback **Drew Brees**, the 2000 Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, was named to the **Verizon Academic All-America® Football Team** announced today in voting by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Brees, a senior from Austin, Texas, completed 61% of his passes for 3,393 yards and 24 touchdowns in leading the Boilermakers to their first Rose Bowl appearance in 34 years. An industrial management major with a 3.42 Grade Point Average (GPA), Brees leads the nation in total offense per game (358 yards). He was named the **Verizon Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year** in the University Division.

That honor in the College Division went to offensive lineman **Dave Wonderlick** of Susquehanna, a senior from Shenandoah, Pa., who maintained a perfect 4.00 GPA in public relations and made the first team for the second straight season.

The University of Montana was the only school with two University Division first team members - offensive lineman **Matt Thuesen** (3.87/political science), a senior from Billings, Mont.; and defensive back **Vince Huntsberger** (3.91/biology/pre-medicine), a junior from Libby, Mont., who repeated on the first team. The Grizzlies, the top-ranked Division I-AA team, host Appalachian St. in the NCAA semifinals this Saturday.

Arkansas Tech was the only school in the College Division with a pair of first teamers - kicker **Paul Peletz** (3.71/economics/finance), a senior from Bentonville, Ark.; and defensive lineman **Robert Bayer** (3.78/engineering), a senior from Gentry, Ark.

Three other members of the University Division made the first team for the second consecutive year - Illinois tight end **Josh Whitman** (3.98/finance), a senior from Lafayette, Ind.; Nebraska defensive lineman **Kyle Vanden Bosch** (3.83/finance), a senior from Larchwood, Iowa; and Georgia Tech punter **Dan Dyke** (3.95/electrical engineering), a junior from Winter Springs, Fla.

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Defensive back **Angus Huang** of MIT (4.75 - 5.0 scale/computer science), a senior from Saratoga, Calif., joined Wonderlick as a repeat first teamer in the College Division.

The 48 overall first team selections had an average GPA of 3.82, with six posting perfect 4.00 GPAs for their college careers - Wonderlick, **Tim Gustafson** (Case Western), **Peter Katz** (Wisconsin-Whitewater), **Keith Akard** (Carson-Newman), **Ryan Johnson** (Montana St.), and **Adam Waugh** (Illinois St.).

A complete list of all Verizon Academic All-America® Football Teams in both divisions is attached.

The Verizon Academic All-America® Teams are selected by a vote of the 1,800-member CoSIDA. To be eligible, an athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.20 on a scale of 4.00. Sports information directors nominate eligible athletes from their schools who are named to district teams prior to being voted upon the national level. CoSIDA has been selecting Academic All-America® Teams since 1952.

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Twelve Student-Athletes Earn Repeat Verizon Academic All-America® Football Team Honors

Clemson, Illinois, Miami (Ohio), Montana and Purdue Garner Two University Division Team Selections Apiece

STAMFORD, Conn. — Headlined by Purdue University's Drew Brees, a leading contender for the Heisman Trophy, a total of 12 student-athletes have earned repeat honors on this year's Verizon Academic All-America® University Division football first and second teams. The team was selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

To be nominated, the student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) for his career. No athlete is eligible until he has reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his institution.

Brees, a second-team quarterback selection a year ago, earned first-team honors this year, in addition to being named the Verizon Academic All-America® of the Year. Brees carries a 3.41 GPA in industrial management. This is the second consecutive year that a Heisman candidate has been tabbed the Academic All-America of the Year. In 1999, Marshall University quarterback Chad Pennington earned the same honor.

Besides Brees, Josh Whitman (Illinois), Vince Huntsberger (Montana), Kyle Vanden Bosch (Nebraska), Dan Dyke (Georgia Tech), Jake Coppola (Canisius), Jordan Caruso (Penn State), Wes Hines (McNeese State), Chad Carson (Clemson), Marion Martin (Furman), Chris Cain (Portland State) and Fred Wakefield (Illinois) earned Academic All-America honors for a second straight year. Whitman, Huntsberger, Vanden Bosch and Dyke are repeat first-team honorees.

Five institutions placed two student-athletes on this year's teams: Clemson University, University of Illinois, Miami (Ohio) University, University of Montana and Purdue University.

The Academic All-America program was created in 1952 by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Verizon, in cooperation with CoSIDA, has been the exclusive sponsor of the Verizon Academic All-America® Teams program since 1985. No other award acknowledges as many scholar-athletes for the hard work, success and balance they achieve in sports and academics.

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® FOOTBALL TEAM (University Division)

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	First Team Offense			GPA	MAJOR
			YR.	HOMETOWN			
Drew Brees ••	Purdue	Quarterback	Sr.	Austin, Texas	3.41	Industrial Management	
Jake Coppola	Canisius	Wide Receiver	Sr.	Forestville, N.Y.	3.83	Mathematics	
Adam Overbey	Towson	Wide Receiver	Sr.	Waldorf, Md.	3.71	Biology	
Josh Whitman	Illinois	Tight End	Sr.	Lafayette, Ind.	3.98	Finance	
Thomas Hammock	Northern Illinois	Running Back	So.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	3.36	Marketing	
Ryan Johnson	Montana State	Running Back	So.	Fort Collins, Colo.	4.00	Exercise Physiology	
J.T. Herfurth	Albany	Offensive Line	Sr.	East Northport, N.Y.	3.87	Sociology	
Wes Hines	McNeese State	Offensive Line	Gr.	Baytown, Texas	3.96	Finance	
Ryan Schmid	Oregon	Offensive Line	Jr.	Lake Oswego, Ore.	3.92	Business Administration	
Matt Thuesen	Montana	Offensive Line	Sr.	Billings, Mont.	3.87	Political Science	
Kyle Young	Clemson	Offensive Line	Jr.	Clemson, S.C.	3.97	Secondary Education	
Scott Westerfield	Mississippi State	Place-Kicker	Sr.	Brandon, Miss.	3.93	Civil Engineering	

•• Verizon Academic All-America® of the Year

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First Team Defense

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Christopher Hope	Florida State	Defensive Back	Jr.	Rock Hill, S.C.	3.68	Communication
Vince Huntsberger	Montana	Defensive Back	Jr.	Libby, Mont.	3.91	Biology/Pre-Medicine
Jared Lee	Brigham Young	Defensive Back	Sr.	Rexburg, Idaho	3.94	Pre-Medicine/History
Jon McGraw	Kansas State	Defensive Back	Jr.	Manhattan, Kan.	3.72	Finance
Chad Carson	Clemson	Linebacker	Sr.	Newman, Ga.	3.94	Biological Sciences
Marion Martin	Furman	Linebacker	Gr.	Columbia, S.C.	3.90	Chemistry
Adam Waugh	Illinois State	Linebacker	Jr.	Libertyville, Ill.	4.00	Political Science
Brian Bodor	Wofford	Defensive Line	Sr.	Bridgeport, Ohio	3.53	Accounting
Chris Cain	Portland State	Defensive Line	Sr.	Tualatin, Ore.	3.81	Public Health Education/Business
Brian Potter	Miami (Ohio)	Defensive Line	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.	3.50	Finance
Kyle Vanden Bosch	Nebraska	Defensive Line	Sr.	Larchwood, Iowa	3.83	Finance
Dan Dyke	Georgia Tech	Punter	Jr.	Winter Springs, Fla.	3.95	Electrical Engineering

Second Team Offense

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Jeff Kelly	Southern Mississippi	Quarterback	Gr.	Deer Park, Ala.	3.78	Banking & Finance/Business Adm.
Eddie Tillitz	Miami (Ohio)	Wide Receiver	So.	Martinsville, Ind.	3.54	Zoology
Brett Veach	Delaware	Wide Receiver	Jr.	Mt. Carmel, Pa.	3.42	Physical Education
Lance Ballew	Eastern Washington	Tight End	Sr.	Leavenworth, Pa.	3.62	Marketing
Adam Ferreri	Fairfield	Running Back	Sr.	North Babylon, N.Y.	3.88	Marketing
Nick Soloman	Tennessee Tech	Running Back	Jr.	Somerset, N.J.	3.24	Special Education
Jordan Caruso	Penn State	Offensive Line	Sr.	Medford, N.J.	3.57	Business Logistics
Eric Damko	Northern Arizona	Offensive Line	Jr.	Murietta, Calif.	3.83	Business Administration
Kyle Eaton	Oklahoma State	Offensive Line	Jr.	Rogers, Texas	4.00	Management Information
Gene Mruczkowski	Purdue	Offensive Line	So.	Cleveland, Ohio	3.85	Movement and Sport Science
Jon Stinchcomb	Georgia	Offensive Line	Jr.	Lilburn, Ga.	3.73	Microbiology
Todd France	Toledo	Place-Kicker	Jr.	Maumee, Ohio	3.96	Mechanical Engineering

Second Team Defense

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
C.J. Carroll	Southwest Texas State	Defensive Back	Gr.	Corpus Christi, Texas	3.48	Exercise & Sports Sciences
Kimball Christianson	Utah	Defensive Back	Sr.	Provo, Utah	3.81	German
Dave Evans	Bucknell	Defensive Back	Sr.	Kulpmont, Pa.	3.75	Civil Engineering
Travis Ortega	Rice	Defensive Back	Sr.	Rockdale, Texas	3.44	Political Science
Kevin Campbell	LaSalle	Linebacker	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	3.77	Finance/Management Info. Systems
Rick Giampietri	Idaho	Linebacker	Sr.	Spokane, Wash.	3.79	Mathematics
Josh Thornhill	Michigan State	Linebacker	Jr.	Lansing, Mich.	3.40	Kinesiology
Aaron Kampman	Iowa	Defensive Line	Jr.	Kelsay, Iowa	3.40	Elementary Education
R.D. Kern	Harvard	Defensive Line	Sr.	Dallas, Texas	3.40	Economics
Ebbie Parsons	Florida A&M	Defensive Line	Sr.	Detroit, Mich.	3.60	Industrial Engineering
Fred Wakefield	Illinois	Defensive Line	Sr.	Tuscola, Ill.	3.37	Kinesiology
Kris Stockton	Texas	Punter	Sr.	Katy, Texas	3.81	Biology

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Preston Shumpert scored 30 points and Damone Brown had 24 points and 10 rebounds as No. 13 Syracuse beat the University at Albany 105-75 Tuesday night.

Syracuse (8-0), which shot 56.6 percent for the game, used its height advantage and quickness to subdue the Great Danes (2-5), who are playing only their second season in Division I and were missing two key players to boot.

Allen Griffin had 12 of Syracuse's 34 assists and DeShaun Williams had 17 points, including five of the Orangemen's 12 3-pointers.

Freshman E.J. Gallup had six 3s and 20 points to lead Albany, while Dave Schloss added 16 points and Sam Hopes had 14.

As they have all season, the Orangemen went ahead in a hurry. A week ago against Colgate, Syracuse scored the first 14 points of the game, and Albany suffered almost the same fate, falling behind 11-0.

Williams began the game with consecutive 3-pointers and Shumpert hit another, all in the first 2:07. Shumpert followed that flurry with a steal and fastbreak layup and suddenly the Great Danes were in great difficulty.

Schloss, who had 12 points in the first half, finally broke through for Albany at 17:19.

Syracuse won the first of the four meetings between the teams, winning 29-17 in the 1918-19 season. On Tuesday, the Orangemen had that many points midway through the first half after Brown's layup gave Syracuse a 29-18 lead.

The Orangemen, who led 53-33 at halftime, got five points from Brown to start the second half as coach Jim Boeheim freely substituted the rest of the game.

The Great Danes were without sophomore forward Steve Albany and junior forward Joe Vukovic.

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Albany 77, Green Mountain 46

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward **Liz Tucker** tallied her tenth career double-double with 21 points and 11 rebounds in leading Albany to its first victory of the season over Green Mountain, 77-46, on Tuesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (1-6) recorded ten unanswered points midway through the first half, sparked by **Cara Caffell's** four markers to take a 16-5 lead with 13:16 remaining. The Great Danes held Green Mountain to two field goals over the final seven minutes of the period to increase their advantage to 35-16 at the intermission.

In the second half, Albany, who shot 46 percent in the stanza, upped its lead to 35 with 7:37 left, when freshman guard **Kathryn Hemlock** scored seven straight points over a one-minute stretch. Hemlock tied a career-high with 13 points and posted four steals. Sophomore **Jess McGinlay** was the third Albany player in double figures, matching a career-high 18 points with three three-pointers.

The Great Danes forced 25 Green Mountain turnovers and outrebounded the opponent, 47-38. **Christina Raiche** totaled 14 points and 10 rebounds and **Erica Knolhoff** added 14 points for the Eagles, who dropped to 3-4 overall.

"This was a key win because we got this one off our backs," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**. "I was happy for our kids because we played better against Green Mountain this season. We were able to force some turnovers."

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(Men's Basketball)

Albany 82, Harvard 78

Albany, N.Y. – **Will Brand** scored the go-ahead basket on an in-bounds play with six seconds remaining, as Albany rallied for an 82-78 victory over Harvard on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Harvard (2-2) led 78-75 with less than one minute to play after **Patrick Harvey**, who had 14 of his 24 points in the second half, canned a three-point field goal. Albany (2-4) drew even on freshman guard **E.J. Gallup's** three-pointer from the left wing with 16 seconds left.

Following a Crimson turnover, Brand scored in the lane off a **Sam Hopes'** in-bounds pass. Hopes, who had 18 points, then recorded one of his seven steals at mid-court, and sealed the verdict with a pair of free throws.

Harvard led throughout most of the game, and built a 62-51 cushion in the final period. **Dan Clemente**, who had 17 points and nine rebounds, and **Elliott Prasse-Freeman** (14 points) were the key figures to that point.

The Great Danes, who shot a season-high 53.6 percent from the field, whittled away at the margin, and caught Harvard at 73 apiece when Hopes scored in the lane with 2:35 remaining.

"What a great win," said Albany coach **Scott Beeten**, who had seven scholarship players available on the bench due to injuries. "The kids showed tremendous courage; it's easy to quit when you're down. Will Brand led by example in the final minutes."

Dave Schloss, a 6-foot-11 center, led Albany with a career-high 24 points off the bench, while Brand added 20 points and 14 rebounds. Gallup was the fourth Great Dane in double figures with 15.