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UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER LOSES TO ARMY 6-1; FALL TO 0-3 ON THE SEASON

West Point, N.Y. – Senior **Delaney Brown** powered Army with two goals and two assists as the Black Knights beat UAlbany 6-1 Tuesday night.

Brown, a two-time Patriot League, NCSAA and Soccer Buzz regional all-star, provided the only scoring of the first half at the 27:50 mark on a shot from the top of the 18 yard box that went into the top left corner of the net.

Junior **Leigh Kosco** added a goal 2:11 into the second half and junior **Silvia Longo** connected from 25 yards out just 2:38 later to make the score 3-0.

Jamie Dougherty, a junior midfielder for the Great Danes, scored for the second time in as many games off an indirect kick by senior captain **Nicole Hercules** 19 minutes into the second half. Hercules' assist, the fifth of her career, moves her into a tie with three others for fifth best all-time. She has completed the feat in just 22 games, nine fewer games played than any other player in the top five.

The Black Knights (2-1-0) out shot the Great Danes 40-5.

UAlbany (0-3-0) is 0-9-1 all-time against Army.

UAlbany returns to action on Friday, Sept. 2 when they visit Colgate at 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast free of charge on www.sportsjuice.com/providers/colgate starting at 6:50 p.m.

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Army 6 UAlbany 1

Army—Scoring: Delaney Brown 2-2, Leigh Kosco 1-1, Drew Biddick 1-0, Silvia Longo 1-0, Geralyn Pedicino 1-0, Jessica Congemi 0-1, Ronee Farrell 0-1 Goalkeeper: Rebecca Garcia (90:00, 2 saves, 1 GA)

UAlbany—Scoring: Jamie Dougherty 1-0, Nicole Hercules 0-1; Goalkeepers: Ashley Nuessle (61:32, 6 saves, 3 GA), Andrea Dunn (28:28, 2 saves, 3 GA)

Shots: Army 40, UAlbany 5; Corner Kicks: Army 12, UAlbany 0



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UALBANY ANNOUNCES 2005-06 BASKETBALL SEASON TICKETS ON SALE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that public orders for 2005-06 men's and women's basketball season and individual game tickets are now being accepted.

Tickets may be purchased in person from the UAlbany Athletic Ticket Office, located in Room 135 of the Physical Education Building, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the ticket office, at 518-442-4683.

"UAlbany basketball season tickets are one of the most affordable things in the Capital Region for sports fans and families," McElroy said. "For more than a decade, the RACC has served as a major venue for community and sporting events. The improvements that were made to the facility last fall provide a fan-friendly environment."

A combined season ticket for reserved seating at men's and women's basketball games is \$75, while chairback seating is \$125. Courtside seating is available at \$200 for men's games only. A season parking pass for the Recreation and Convocation Center parking lot is also available for \$40. Individual game tickets are priced at \$9 for chairback and \$7 for reserved.

Men's basketball plays a 12-game home schedule that includes eight America East Conference opponents, plus non-league dates with Harvard and Cornell. Women's basketball has 10 home games in 2005-06, including a match-up with Big East Conference foe Syracuse on Dec. 20.

In addition, UAlbany basketball fans can purchase season tickets for just women's games. The chairback price is \$75, while reserved seats are \$50.

Four men's and women's doubleheaders are on the RACC home schedule, including the Big Purple Growl on Feb. 4 against Boston University. The other two-game dates are Dec. 20, Jan. 7 and Feb. 1.

UAlbany Basketball Season Tickets (Men's & Women's Combined)

Reserved Seating, \$75
Chairback Seating, \$125
Courtside Seating, \$200
Season Parking Pass (RACC Lot), \$40

UAlbany Basketball Individual Game Tickets

Reserved Seating, \$7.00
Chairback Seating, \$9.00

UAlbany Basketball Season Tickets (Women's Only)

Reserved Seating, \$50
Chairback Seating, \$75

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From: Bob Balut [rbalut@northeastconference.org]
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Albany, Stony Brook Commit To NEC Through 2010
Great Danes and Seawolves Ink Four-Year Renewal Agreements

Somerset, NJ - The University at Albany and Stony Brook University renewed their agreements to remain associate members of the Northeast Conference in the sport of football through 2010, it was announced today by NEC Commissioner John Iamarino. The four-year extension takes effect following the 2006 season. Both schools initially agreed to a three-year commitment when they joined the I-AA football conference in 1999 and extended the contract through 2006 in May, 2002.

"The NEC is very pleased with the commitment renewals on the part of the University at Albany and Stony Brook University," said NEC Commissioner John Iamarino. "They have become valuable franchises in our overall improvement. Their commitment helps solidify future scheduling and the long-term health of NEC football."

Albany began sponsoring football as a varsity sport in 1973, while Stony Brook introduced football in 1984. Both institutions competed as an NCAA Division III program until the mid-90s, when the move was made to Division II. They each upgraded to Division I-AA upon joining the NEC in 1999.

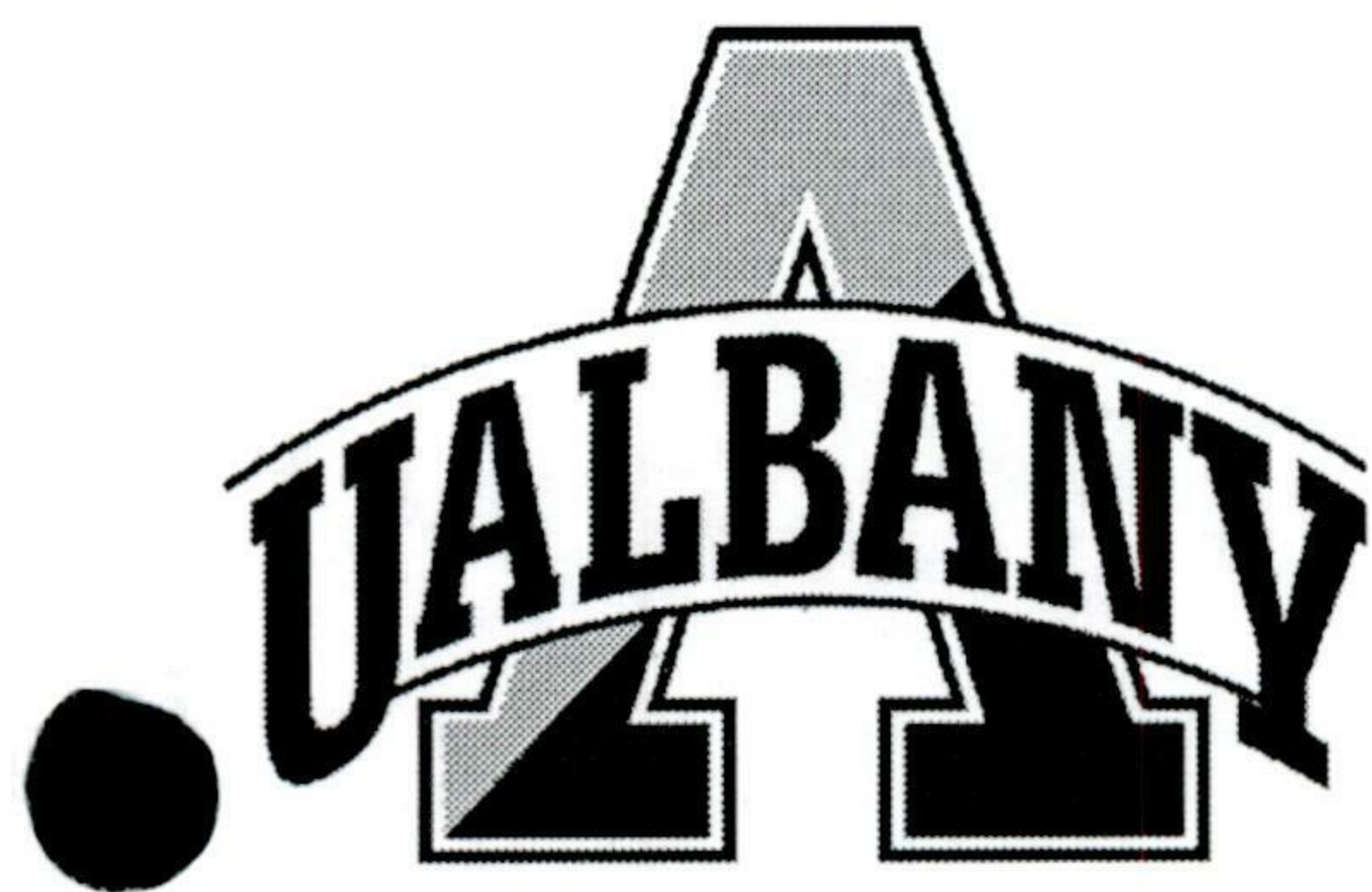
"Our associate membership in the Northeast Conference allows UAlbany's student-athletes and coaches the opportunity to play for a conference championship," said Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy. "Football has stability as a NEC member for the rest of this decade as we continue to upgrade the program."

The Northeast Conference, which begins its 10th season of football this Saturday, consists of 11 institutions of higher learning located throughout five states and is celebrating its 25th year as an NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association. The NEC began sponsoring football at the I-AA level in 1996, and has since increased its membership from five to eight institutions. Central Connecticut State, Monmouth, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (PA) and Wagner are full-time NEC members who sponsor football, and they are joined by associate members Albany and Stony Brook.

TRANSACTIONS: Northeast Conference: Announced Albany and Stony Brook have signed contract extensions to remain associate members in football through 2010.

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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS BUFFALO, 3-1, IN HOME-OPENING MATCH

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashley Hunter** led three players in double-figure kills as UAlbany defeated Buffalo, 3-1, in the home-opening match in University Gymnasium on Sunday afternoon. The Great Danes, who have won 14 straight home matches dating back to 2003, registered scores of 30-22, 25-30, 31-29 and 30-20.

Hunter tallied 23 kills, including nine in the first game and hit .422 (23-of-45) for the match. **Shelby Goldman** added 13 kills, while **Ashlee Reed** chipped in with 10 kills, six assists and five digs.

UAlbany (2-0) hit a match-high .441 in the first game, converting on 19 of 34 attempts. Buffalo (1-1) rebounded to take game two behind six kills from **Katie Weekley**, who finished with nine kills and four blocks in the match.

The Great Danes held on for a 31-29 decision in game three after Buffalo fought back to tie the game at 29-all. The Bulls committed a service error and attack error that gave UAlbany the final two points. UAlbany carried the momentum over to the deciding game with Reed and Rodriguez registering the kills for the last three points.

Blair Buchanan amassed 51 assists, while Buffalo setter **Amy Brown** managed 45 assists. **Jenna Mape** and **Nikki Morzenti** posted 16 and 14 kills, respectively, for the Bulls. Buffalo also finished with 10 total blocks. UAlbany's **Ashley DeNeal** fueled the defensive effort with 17 digs.

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UAlbany (2-0) def. Buffalo (1-1), 30-22, 25-30, 31-29 and 30-20.

UALBANY DROPS SECOND GAME IN NIAGARA SOCCER CLASSIC TO SBU, 5-1

Niagara Falls, N.Y. - Senior **Heather MacDougall** led St. Bonaventure with three goals and one assist as the Bonnies defeated UAlbany 5-1 in the Great Danes' final match of the Niagara Soccer Classic on Sunday.

MacDougall, who was recently named to the preseason All-Atlantic Conference team, started the scoring action 19:56 into the game on an assist from **Emily Krider**. She then assisted on **Mara Primmer's** goal and added another on Primmer's assist.

Jamie Dougherty, a junior midfielder for the Great Danes, scored on **Adrienne Heady's** corner attempt to break up the Bonnies' scoring streak. The Bonnies (1-1) then added two more as **Lois Bennett** and MacDougall each scored on assists from **Jessica Bartock**.

Junior **Andrea Dunn** tallied 11 saves in goal for UAlbany during her first start of the season.

UAlbany senior defender **Jessica Insana** and sophomore forward **Uju Ogbuawa** were named to the All-Tournament team for their performance this weekend.

The Great Danes (0-2) return to action on Tuesday, Sept. 30 when they visit Army at 7 p.m.

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Niagara Soccer Classic - Niagara Falls, N.Y.

SBU (1-1)	1	4	5	
UAlbany (0-2)		0	1	1

SBU-Scoring:Heather MacDougall 3-1, Mara Primmer 1-1, Lois Bennett 1-0, Emily Kridler 0-1, Jessica Bartock 0-2; Goalkeepers: Lisa Eberhart (90:00, 3 saves, 1 GA)

UAlbany-Scoring: Jamie Dougherty 1-0, Adrienne Heady 0-1; Goalkeepers: Andera Dunn (90:00, 11 saves, 5 GA)

Shots: SBU 25, UAlbany 11; Corner Kicks: SBU 10, UAlbany 3



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY FALLS TO UCONN IN SEASON OPENER, 4-1

Storrs, Conn. – Sophomore forward **Kristin Galuski** led Connecticut with three shots and one goal as the Huskies defeated UAlbany in non-conference play, 4-1.

UConn junior forward **Meagan Hoffman** scored first for the Huskies four minutes and 31 seconds into the game. Senior midfielder **Kati Cavanagh**, Galuski, and sophomore midfielder **Lizzy Peijs** added three straight tallies.

Kristen Holder, an America East All-Rookie team selection last year, scored the Great Danes' lone goal on an assist from senior captain **Tina Bryson**. Holder had two shots total, and freshman **Arlette Westdorp** had one in her UAlbany premier. Freshman **Ashley Ross** made her debut in goal for UAlbany, tallying six saves on the night.

UConn's field hockey team was recently picked to repeat as Big East conference champions in the coaches' preseason poll.

The Great Danes continue their season next Friday, Sept. 2 at 3 p.m. when they travel to Temple.

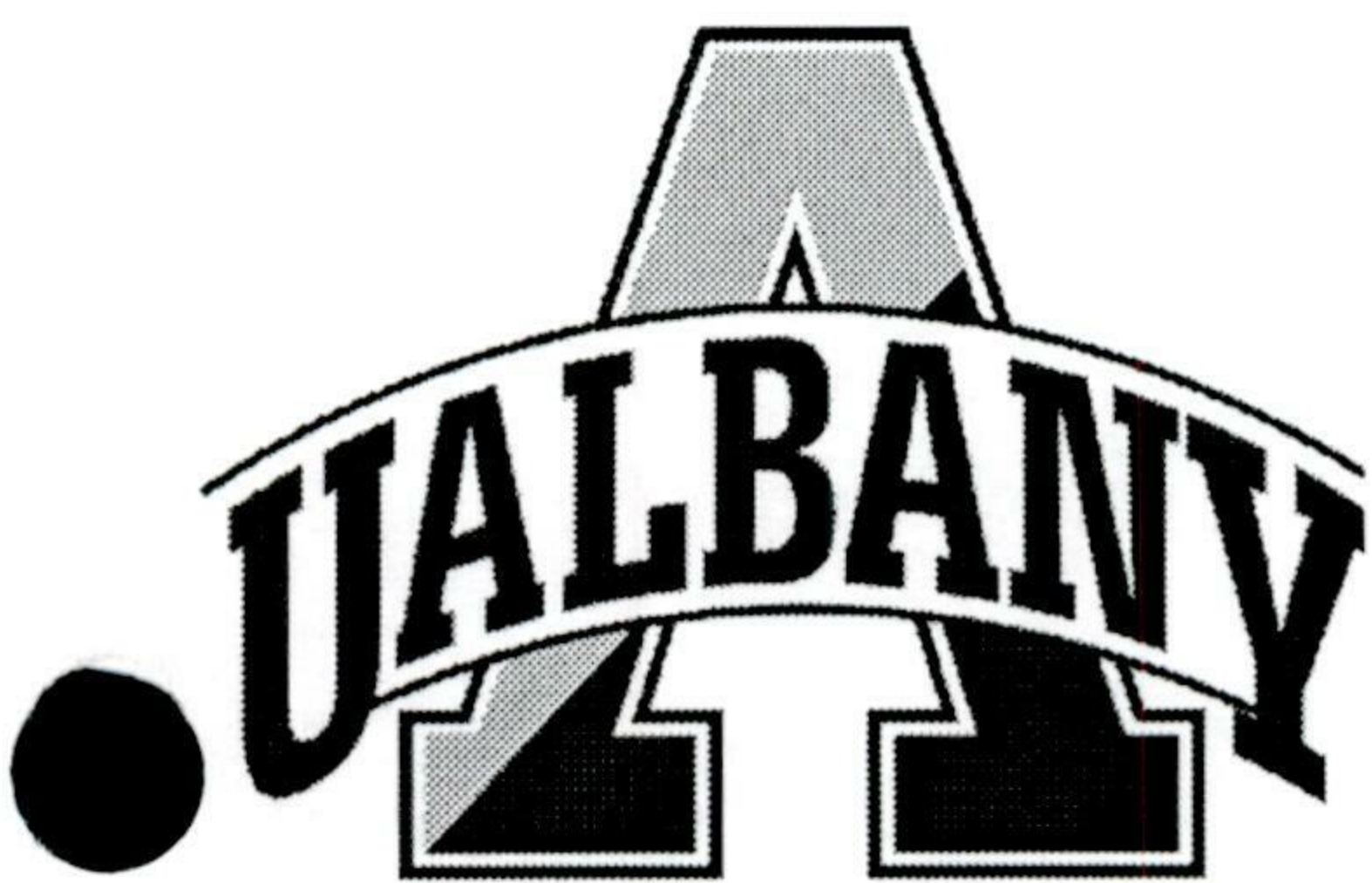
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UConn 4, UAlbany 1 (George J. Sherman Family-Sports Complex, Storrs, Conn.)

UAlbany (0-1)	0	1	1
UConn (1-0)	4	0	4

UAlbany—Scoring: Kristen Holder (1-0), Tina Bryson (0-1); Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 6 saves, 4 GA).

UConn—Scoring: Kati Cavanagh (1-0), Kristin Galuski (1-0), Meagan Hoffman (1-0), Lizzy Peijs(1-0), Laura Puddle (0-2); Goalkeeper: Melissa Bostwick (70:00, 2 saves, 1 GA).



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ASHLEY HUNTER LEADS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL TO WIN OVER SETON HALL

South Orange, N.J. – Senior **Ashley Hunter** smacked a match-high 24 kills to lead UAlbany to a 3-0 victory over Seton Hall in the season-opening match for both teams on Friday evening at Walsh Gym. The Great Danes, who made their first NCAA Division I Tournament appearance last season, registered scores of 34-32, 30-27 and 30-21.

Junior **Shelby Goldman** tallied 15 kills for the Great Danes, while senior **Ashlee Reed** added nine kills, five digs and three blocks. Junior **Ashley DeNeal** and senior **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** paced the defensive effort with 19 and 13 digs, respectively. Junior setter **Blair Buchanan** amassed 50 assists to go along with six kills and eight digs. UAlbany (1-0) hit a collective .333 for the match, including .442 in the second game.

Jessica King notched a team-high 15 kills for the Pirates (0-1), while **Tricia Meyers** chipped in with 10 kills. **Jessica Pompei** and **Brittany Rahrer** totaled 15 and 14 digs, respectively.

The Great Danes host their first match of the season on Sunday at 2 p.m. when Buffalo visits University Gymnasium.

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UAlbany (1-0) def. Seton Hall, 34-32, 30-27 and 30-21.

UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER DROPS OPENER TO NIAGARA 6-2

Niagara Falls, N.Y. – Sophomore **Brittany Bisnott** scored two goals and added an assist as Niagara defeated UAlbany 6-2 in the first game of the Niagara Soccer Classic Friday.

Sophomore **Uju Ogbuawa**, an America East all-rookie selection last season, scored both goals for the Great Danes. Senior captain **Nicole Hercules** assisted on the second goal. It was the fourth of her career, tying her with five others for fourth on the all-time assist list.

Bisnott tallied the first goal 12:14 into the contest only to be answered by Ogbuawa three minutes later. The Purple Eagles (1-0) responded with three unanswered goals, including two just 1:18 apart to take a 4-1 halftime lead. Ogbuawa's second tally came with eight minutes remaining and the game was already at hand.

Bisnott, the 2004 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year, picked up where she left off from last season when she scored 15 goals.

Junior **Ashley Nuessle** had seven saves for UAlbany (0-1), which was out shot 34-6.

UAlbany plays St. Bonaventure in the second round of the Niagara Soccer Classic Sunday at 11 a.m.

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Niagara Soccer Classic – Niagara Falls, N.Y.

UAlbany (0-1)	1	1	-	2
Niagara (1-0)	4	2	-	6

UAlbany—Scoring: Uju Ogbuawa 2-0, Nicole Hercules 0-1; Goalkeepers: Ashley Nuessle (51:24, 7 saves, 4 GA) Andera Dunn (38:36, 1 save, 2 GA)

Niagara—Scoring: Brittany Bisnott 2-1, Stephanie Gartley 1-0, Aisha Eversley 1-0, Christina Langrell 1-0, Shaylan Lawrence 1-0, Sarah Campbell 0-1, Stephanie Conley 0-1, Kelly Flaherty 0-1;

Goalkeepers: Katy Owings (82:25 1 save 2 GA), Jaime Giangreco (7:35 0 saves 0GA)

Shots: Niagara 34, UAlbany 7; Corner Kicks: Niagara 7, UAlbany 1



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UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE FOR 2005-06 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced on Thursday afternoon the school's women's basketball schedule for the 2005-06 season. The Great Danes are entering their fourth year of America East Conference competition.

UAlbany's schedule is highlighted by non-conference tournaments at St. Bonaventure and California. The St. Bonaventure Shootout includes Niagara and Cornell and will be played at First Arena in Elmira, N.Y. on Nov. 19-20. UNLV, who made an appearance in the WNIT Tournament last season, and Columbia will round out the second annual Contra Costa Times Classic on Dec. 3-4 in Berkeley, Calif.

The Great Danes also meet Connecticut, who advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament last season, at the Hartford Civic Center on Dec. 29. A renewal of the crosstown rivalry with Siena is set for Nov. 23 at the Pepsi Arena. Siena and UAlbany have met nine times, with the Saints winning the last meeting, 63-46, in 2003.

The Great Danes will travel to Charleston Southern (Jan. 2) and Savannah State (Jan. 4), while Big East Conference-rival Syracuse will visit the Recreation and Convocation Center on Dec. 20. UAlbany and Syracuse met for the first time during the 2004-05 season, with the Orange claiming a 66-56 victory at Manley Field House.

UAlbany kicks off the America East portion of its schedule on Jan. 7 when Hartford travels to the RACC. The postseason conference tournament will be held March 8-11 at Hartford's Chase Arena at Reich Family Pavilion.

The Great Danes graduated four seniors, including three starters, from the 2004-05 squad that set the program's Division I record with 14 victories. Head coach Trina Patterson returns for her fourth season behind the bench. Senior guard Jen Schumacher, who established the school and America East standard with 77 three-point field goals last season, will lead the offense. Point guard Sherri Mikus added 3.0 points and 1.6 rebounds per game, while guard Tanya James contributed 2.8 points and 1.9 assists.

2005-06 University at Albany Women's Basketball Schedule

November

19 (Sat.), at St. Bonaventure Shootout (vs. Niagara), 4:00#; 20 (Sun.), at St. Bonaventure Shootout (vs. St. Bonaventure or Cornell) 12:00 or 2:00#; 23 (Wed.), at Siena, TBA^; 26 (Sat.), **Morgan State**, 2:00; 30 (Wed.), at Army, 7:00.

December

3 (Sat.), at Contra Costa Times Classic (vs. UNLV), 4:00+; 4 (Sun.), at Contra Costa Times Classic (vs. California or Columbia), 4:00 or 6:00+; 20 (Tue.), **Syracuse**, 5:00; 29 (Thu.), at Connecticut, 7:00^^.

#First Arena, Elmira, N.Y.,
+Berkeley, Calif.

^Pepsi Arena (Albany, N.Y.)

^^Hartford Civic Center (Hartford, Conn.)

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January

2 (Mon.), at Charleston Southern, 7:00; 4 (Wed.), at Savannah State, 5:30; 7 (Sat.), **Hartford***, 5:00; 11 (Wed.), at Maine*, 7:30; 18 (Wed.), **Vermont***, 7:00; 21 (Sat.), **New Hampshire***, 2:00; 24 (Tue.), at Boston U.*, TBA; 26 (Thu.), at UMBC*, TBA; 29 (Sun.), at Binghamton*, 1:00.

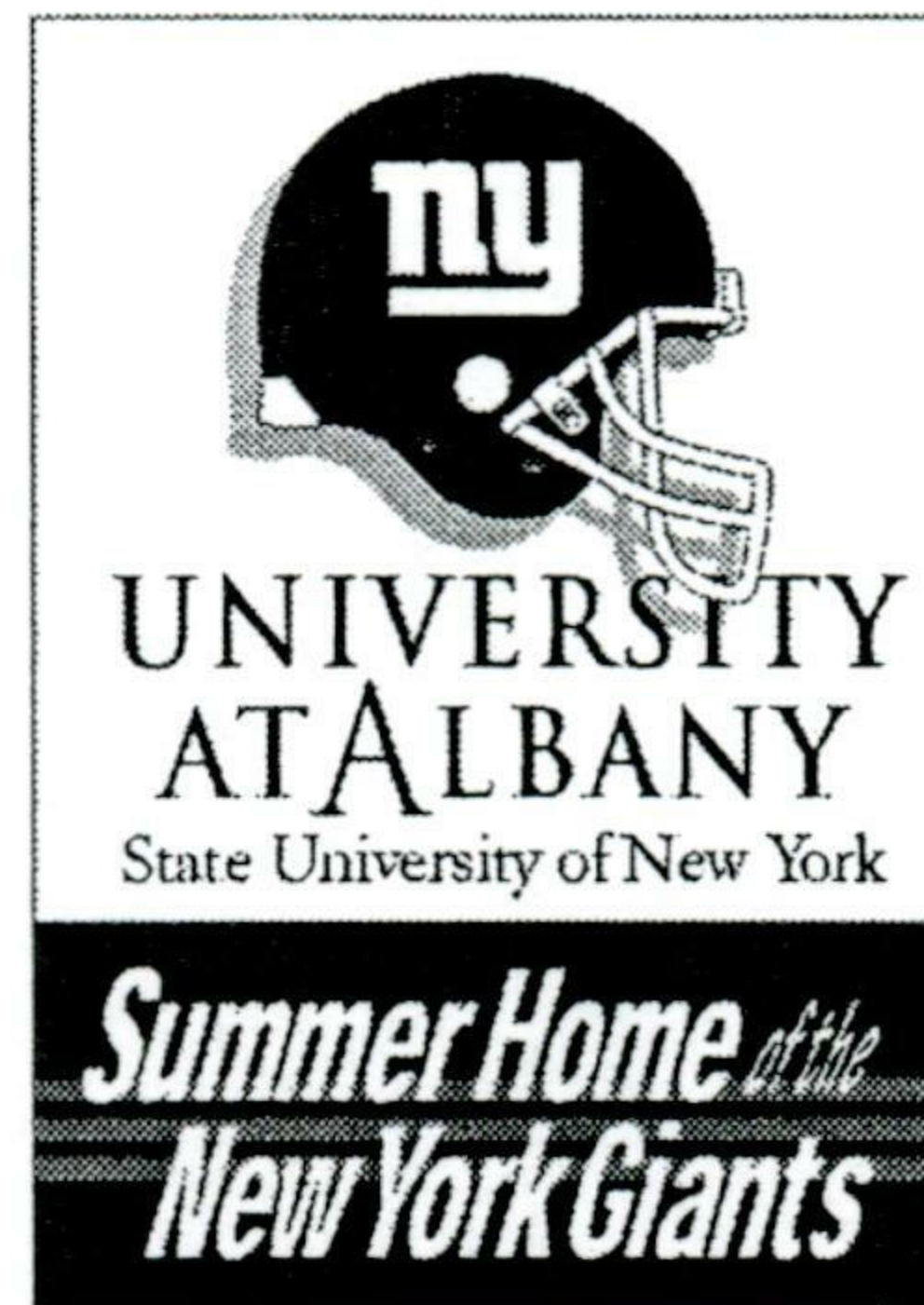
February

1 (Wed.), **Stony Brook***, 5:00; 4 (Sat.), **Boston U.***, 5:00 (Big Purple Growl); 9 (Thu.), at Hartford*, 7:00; 12 (Sun.), **Maine***, 2:00; 18 (Sat.), at Vermont*, 1:00; 22 (Wed.), at New Hampshire*, 7:00; 25 (Sat.), at Stony Brook*, 2:00.

March

1 (Wed.), **Binghamton***, 7:00; 4 (Sat.), **UMBC***, 2:00; 8-11, America East Conference Tournament (Chase Arena at Reich Family Pavilion, West Hartford, Conn.)

*America East Conference Opponent
All Times Eastern



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NEW YORK GIANTS AND UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY AGREE ON TWO-YEAR DEAL TO HOLD TRAINING CAMP ON CAMPUS THROUGH 2008

Albany, N.Y. -- The New York Giants and the University at Albany jointly announced today an agreement on a two-year contract that will keep the National Football League organization's training camp in the Capital Region through the summer of 2008. The arrangement also includes the option for a third year.

With the two-year extension in place, UAlbany will become the site for the longest stint of any Giants' training camp. The Giants previously spent thirteen summers at Pace University in Pleasantville, N.Y. from 1975-87. The Giants, who have trained in the states of Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Oregon during their history, previously worked out at Fairleigh Dickinson University (1988-95) in New Jersey prior to their arrival on the UAlbany campus.

"We have had an outstanding relationship with the University, its staff and Mayor Jennings and the Albany community over the past 10 years," Giants Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer John K. Mara said. "We look forward to the next few years here, and we certainly appreciate the support and cooperation of the good people here in helping us annually get ready to compete at the highest level."

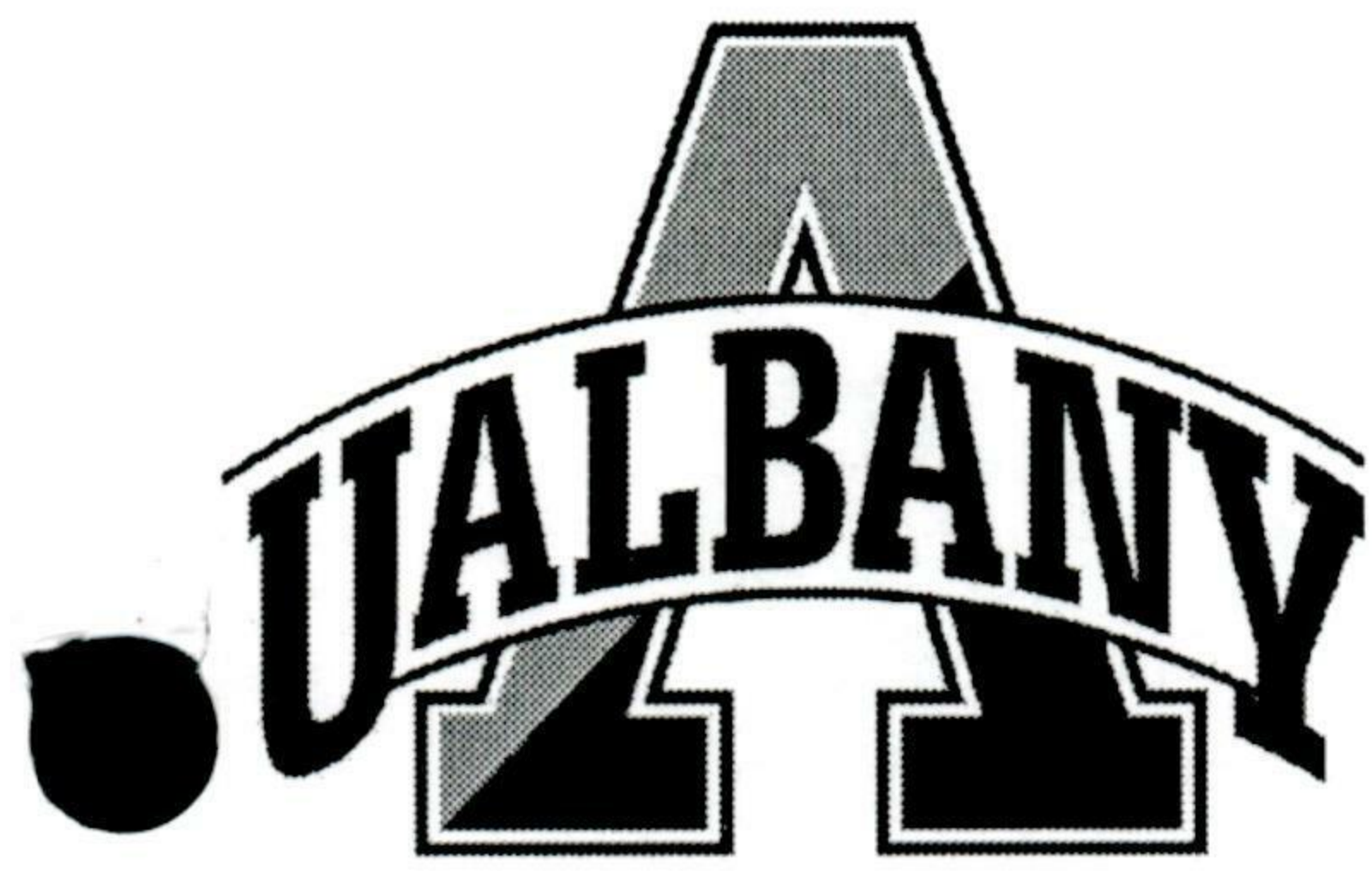
"We're thrilled to have the New York Giants extend their stay at UAlbany," said University at Albany President Kermit L. Hall. "We enjoy hosting the Giants as well as the many fans they attract to campus. In the years ahead we look forward to welcoming the Giants and many more fans and hope that they'll explore our campus and discover the many benefits of a UAlbany education."

"Keeping the Giants training camp in Albany and New York is a huge boost for the Capital Region and the state," Governor George E. Pataki said. "From the moment when the team began holding their training camp here in 1996, we've seen a tremendous amount of community support with thousands of fans attending each summer. The training camp not only adds to the overall quality of life and has become a regular part of many families' summer activities, and we are pleased that this tradition will continue for an additional two years."

"I am extremely pleased that the New York Giants will continue to make Albany their summer home. The Giants are a first class organization and always add excitement to our City in the summer," said City of Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings. "We look forward to many more years as home for the Giants summer training camp."

The Giants have trained on the UAlbany campus, nearly 2.5 hours from Giants Stadium, since 1996. The original agreement, a five-year deal, carried training camp through the summer of 2000. A pair of three-year contracts have since been signed, with the current arrangement set to expire following the 2006 camp.

In the 10 years that the Giants have trained at UAlbany, the preseason camp has averaged more than 29,500 fans per summer. The camp attendance mark of 45,040 was established in 2004.



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BECKER, KIMBALL AND DISCH NAMED UALBANY FOOTBALL CAPTAINS

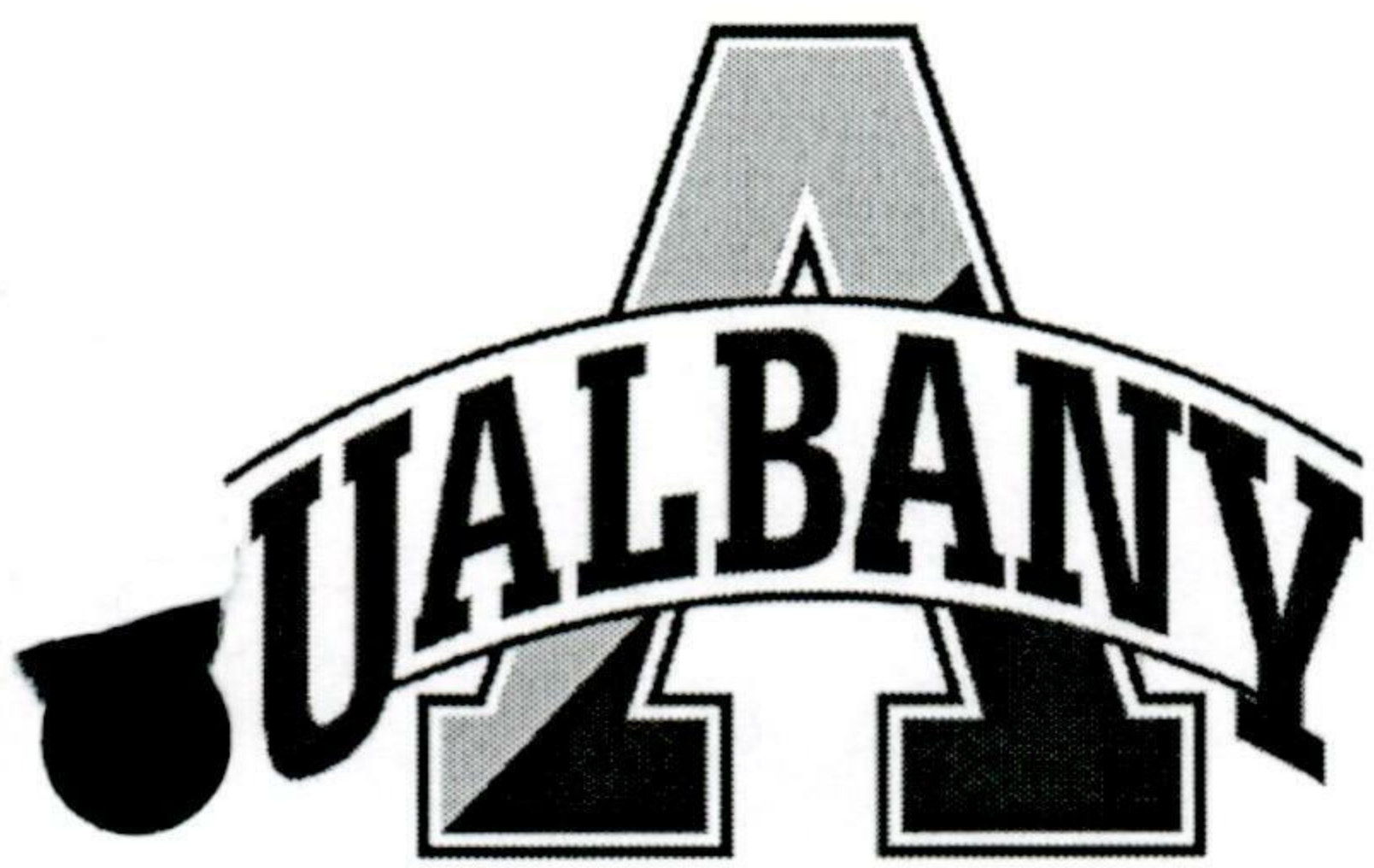
Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today that **Brian Becker**, **Aaron Kimball** and **Colin Disch** have been voted team captains for the 2005 season. The Great Danes open their schedule on Saturday, Sept. 10 against Hofstra at University Field. Kickoff is 6:00 p.m.

Becker, a senior from Gansevoort, N.Y. (Saratoga Springs H.S.), will start at inside linebacker for the third consecutive season. He ranked second on the team in tackles with 76, including 34 solo hits, last year. Becker, who has 150 career tackles as a collegian, added two interceptions, four pass break-ups and one fumble recovery.

Kimball, a 6-foot-3, 310-pound right guard, was named to the Preseason All-Northeast Conference squad. A native of Fonda, N.Y., Kimball (Fonda-Fultonville H.S.) helped UAlbany's offensive line pave the way for a unit that led the NEC in rushing for the sixth consecutive year. The Great Danes were seventh nationally among Division I-AA teams at 254.7 yards per game, plus ran for 345-plus on four occasions.

Disch, the 2004 NEC Defensive Rookie of the Year, had a spectacular first season with the UAlbany program when he established a freshman record with 131 tackles. He added 15 hits for a loss, five sacks, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions. Disch, a sophomore inside linebacker who hails from North Plainfield, N.J., was a first-team Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America selection by Football Gazette and CollegeSportsReport.com. A first-team All-NEC choice, Disch recorded double-figures tackles in all 11 games.

UALBANY NOTES: New York Giants offensive tackle **Kareem McKenzie** will speak to the UAlbany football team on Monday, Aug. 22, following the 3:00-5:00 p.m. practice at the campus' Dutch Quad intramural field ... McKenzie, a 6-foot-6, 327-pound lineman who played as a collegian at Penn State, was signed by the Giants as an unrestricted free agent on March 4, 2005 ... UAlbany coach **Bob Ford** evaluated the team's first week of preseason camp, "It was your typical first week where the offense takes longer to put everything together. Neither quarterback (**Daniel Bocanegra**, **Brett Hall**) has pulled away in that battle. I am impressed with both our receivers and inside linebackers. The defense is running to the football extremely well." ... sophomore linebacker **Colin Disch** has been named to the 2005 CollegeSportsReport.com Preseason Mid-Major All-America Team ... Disch earlier received the same recognition by The Sports Network ...



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY PICKED TO FINISH FOURTH IN PRESEASON POLL

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany field hockey team was selected to finish fourth in the America East Conference Preseason Poll, as voted on by the conference head coaches on Thursday. Boston University, which fell to Northeastern in the 2004 conference championship, is slated to finish first.

The Great Danes (7-11, AE 2-4) will look to improve on last season, when the team finished one game shy of reaching the conference tournament. Coach Phil Sykes returns seven letterwinners to the field this season, including senior forward Tina Bryson (nine goals, two assists), who was named to the All-America East first team last November. Sophomores Danielle Conklin (one goal) and Kristen Holder (four goals, one assist) will look to contribute to UAlbany's offense after receiving America East all-rookie team honors last year.

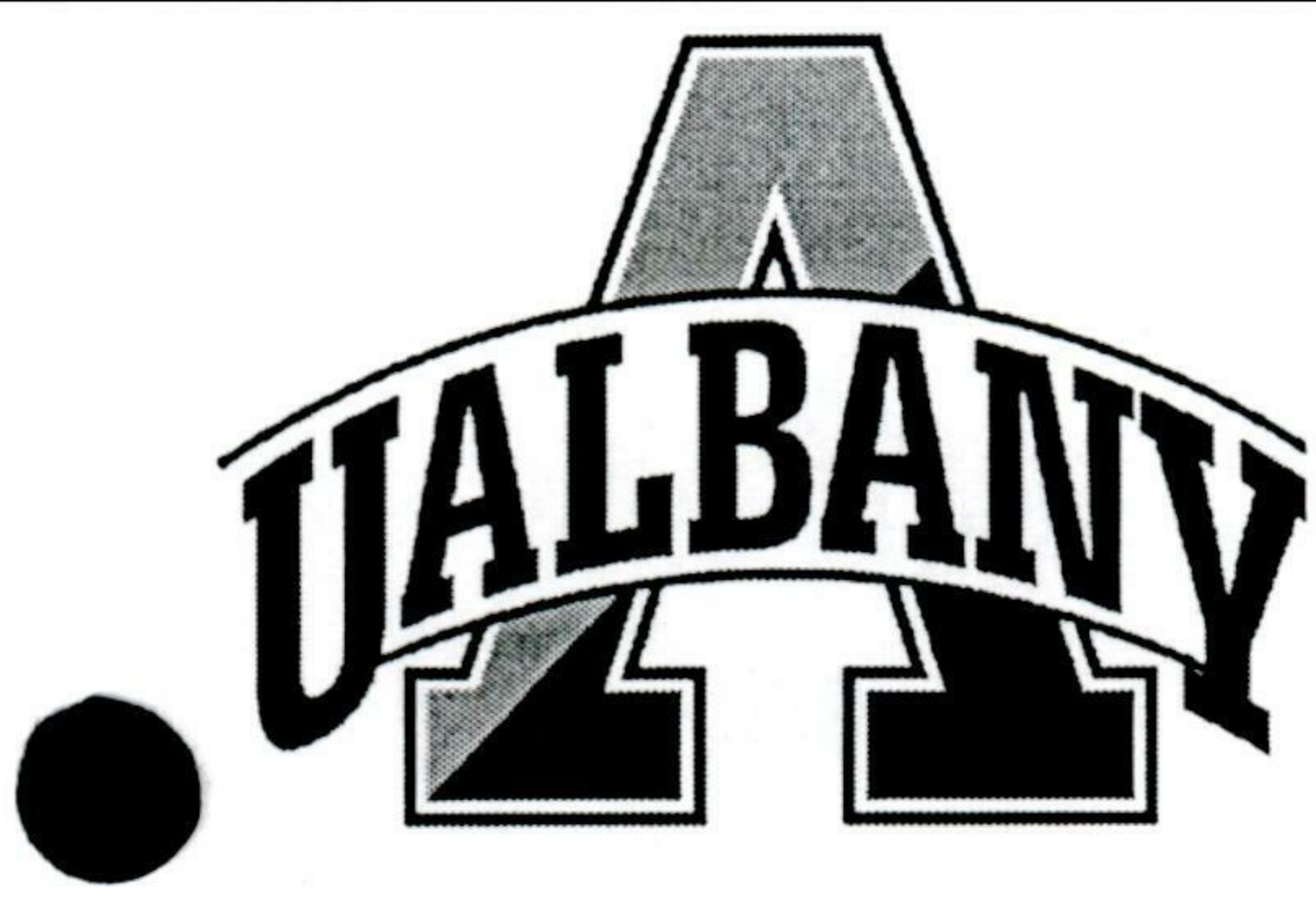
Eight newcomers also join Sykes' team, including four from the field hockey hotbed of Lancaster, Pa.: Meg Rinier, Ashley Ross, and Kasey Weaver, who were teammates at Conestoga Valley High School, and Vanessa Walter, who played at neighboring Cedar Crest High School.

The Great Danes open their season at Connecticut on August 26.

AMERICA EAST FIELD HOCKEY PRESEASON COACHES POLL

1. Boston U. (5), 2. Maine, 3. New Hampshire, 4. Albany, 5. Vermont, 6. UMBC

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UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER PICKED TO TIE FOR SEVENTH IN AMERICA EAST

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany men's soccer team was chosen to finish in a tie for seventh with Hartford in the America East Conference preseason poll, as voted on by the conference head coaches on Wednesday afternoon. Boston University, the 2004 America East tournament winners and co-regular season champions, has been selected to repeat as champions.

The Great Danes (12-4-2, AE 6-2-1) captured their first America East regular-season title last season, sharing the crown with Boston University. UAlbany, which won a Division I program-record 12 games last season, fell to Binghamton 3-1 in the America East Conference Tournament semifinals.

Coach Johan Aarnio is entering his sixth season at UAlbany and returns nine letter winners to the team that shared the regular-season title a year ago, including seven that saw significant action last season. Junior captain **Stephan Hall** earned second-team All-America East honors in 2004, leading the team in assists with five and finishing second in points with 11. The other captain, **Rodrigo Marion**, a graduate student at UAlbany, started all but one game last season in leading a defense that had 12 shutouts. Senior **Jon Stroud**, assisted on the game winner against UMBC last Sept. 25. Junior **Yan Gbolo**, an America East all-rookie selection in 2003, has eight goals in his two seasons as a Great Dane, six of which have been game-winning shots.

Nine newcomers signed letters of intent last spring to join coach Aarnio's squad including: **Timba Bimont, Steward Ceus, Erik DiLorenzo, Don Johnson, Tufi Long, Taylor McNamara, Brad Ray, Alex Ruhe-Lischke, and Gabriel Seguin-Gauthier.**

UAlbany opens its season at Oneonta State on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 4 p.m.

2005 America East Men's Soccer Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Boston U. (8), 2. Binghamton (1), 3. UMBC, 4. Stony Brook, 5. Vermont, 6. New Hampshire, **T7. UAlbany**, T7. Hartford, 9. Maine.

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UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER VOTED NINTH IN PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany women's soccer team was chosen to finish ninth in the America East Preseason Poll, as voted on by the conference head coaches on Tuesday afternoon. Boston University has been selected to repeat as champions.

The Great Danes (2-18, AE 0-9) look for continued improvement in their third season under Kalekeni Banda. Banda has a 128-56-11 career record at the Division I coaching level, including overtime victories over Holy Cross and Wagner last season.

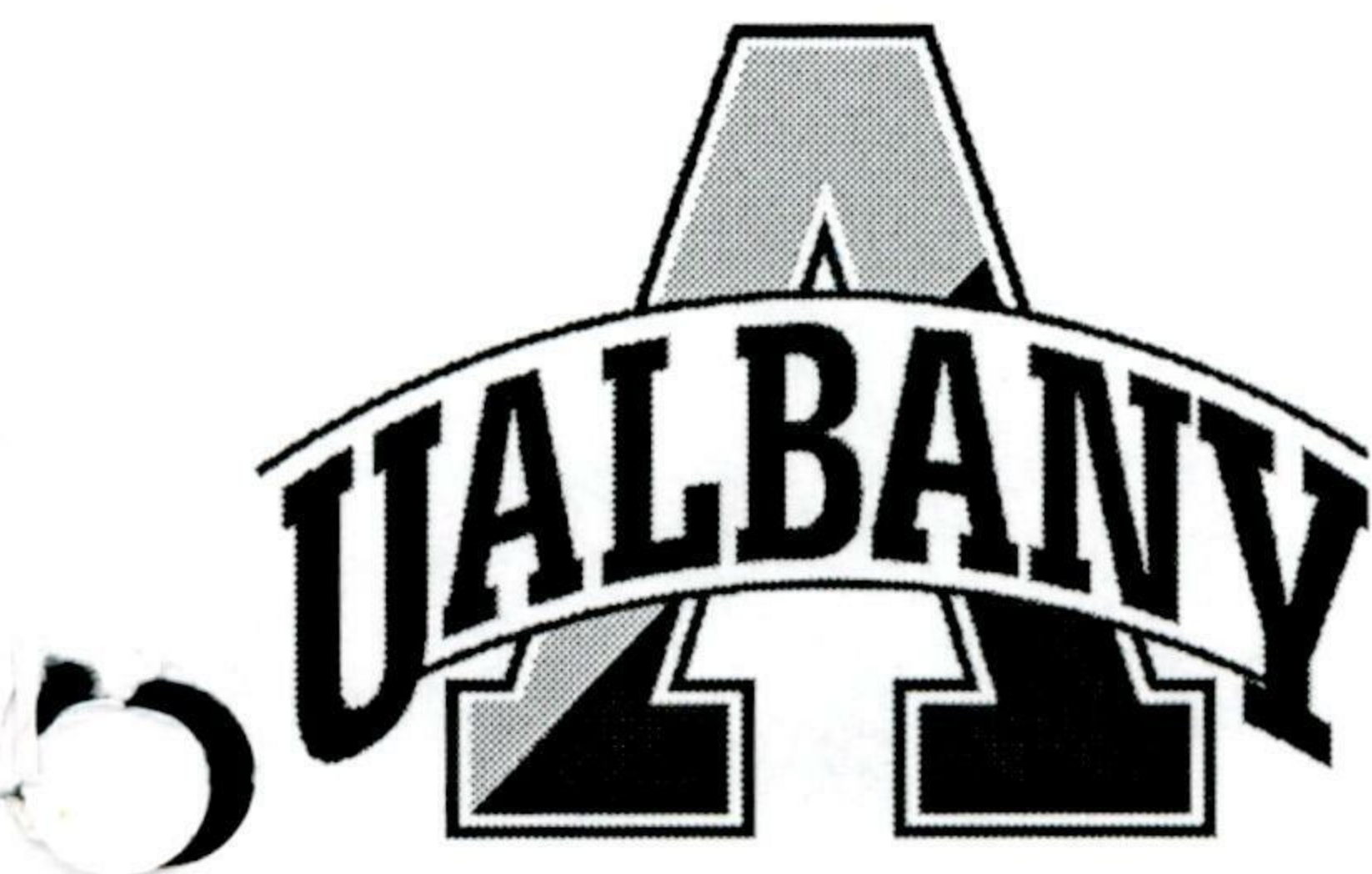
UAlbany returns 11 letter-winners from a year ago, including sophomore forward **Uju Ogbuawa** who became the first Great Dane women's soccer player to earn All-America East rookie honors in 2004. She led the team in goals (5), points (13) and tied for the team lead in assists (3). Senior forward **Nicole Hercules** tied for the team lead in assists with three and was third on the team in goals with three and points with nine. Other returnees who had a combined 80 starts last year are sophomore forward **Meghan Garrity**, sophomore midfielder **Alicia Gibson**, sophomore midfielder **Adrienne Heady**, senior back **Jessica Insana**, and sophomore back **Ahkita Madyun**.

Nine newcomers join Banda's squad including three junior college transfers: **Andrea Dunn**, **Jamie Dougherty** and **Ashley Neussle**. The incoming freshmen include **Diana Barrera**, **Danielle Ethier**, **Liz Hanley**, **Allison Grossman**, **Alex Kitrilakis**, and **Sophia Tripoli**.

UAlbany opens its season at the Niagara Soccer Classic against host Niagara on Aug. 26 at 4 p.m.

2005 America East Volleyball Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Boston U. (4), 2. Maine (4), 3. New Hampshire, 4. Binghamton (1), T5. Stony Brook, T5. Vermont, 7. Hartford, 8. UMBC, **9. UAlbany.** () – number of first place votes



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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL TABBED AS AMERICA EAST PRESEASON FAVORITE

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany volleyball team was chosen the unanimous preseason favorite to repeat as America East Conference champions, as voted on by the conference head coaches on Monday afternoon. The Great Danes received all six possible first-place votes and were followed in the poll by Maine and New Hampshire.

"It's always an honor to be recognized by the coaches," said UAlbany coach Kelly Sheffield. "Being the preseason favorite usually means that you have the talent to be pretty good. Our goal is to be the best team we can be at the end of the year. To do that, we have a lot of work ahead of us."

The Great Danes (27-7, AE 13-1) captured their first America East regular-season and tournament championships in 2004. They became the first women's program in school history to earn a berth in the NCAA Division I Tournament. Kelly Sheffield, the 2004 America East coach of the year, returns six starters and nine letterwinners from a team that won a school-record 27 matches last season.

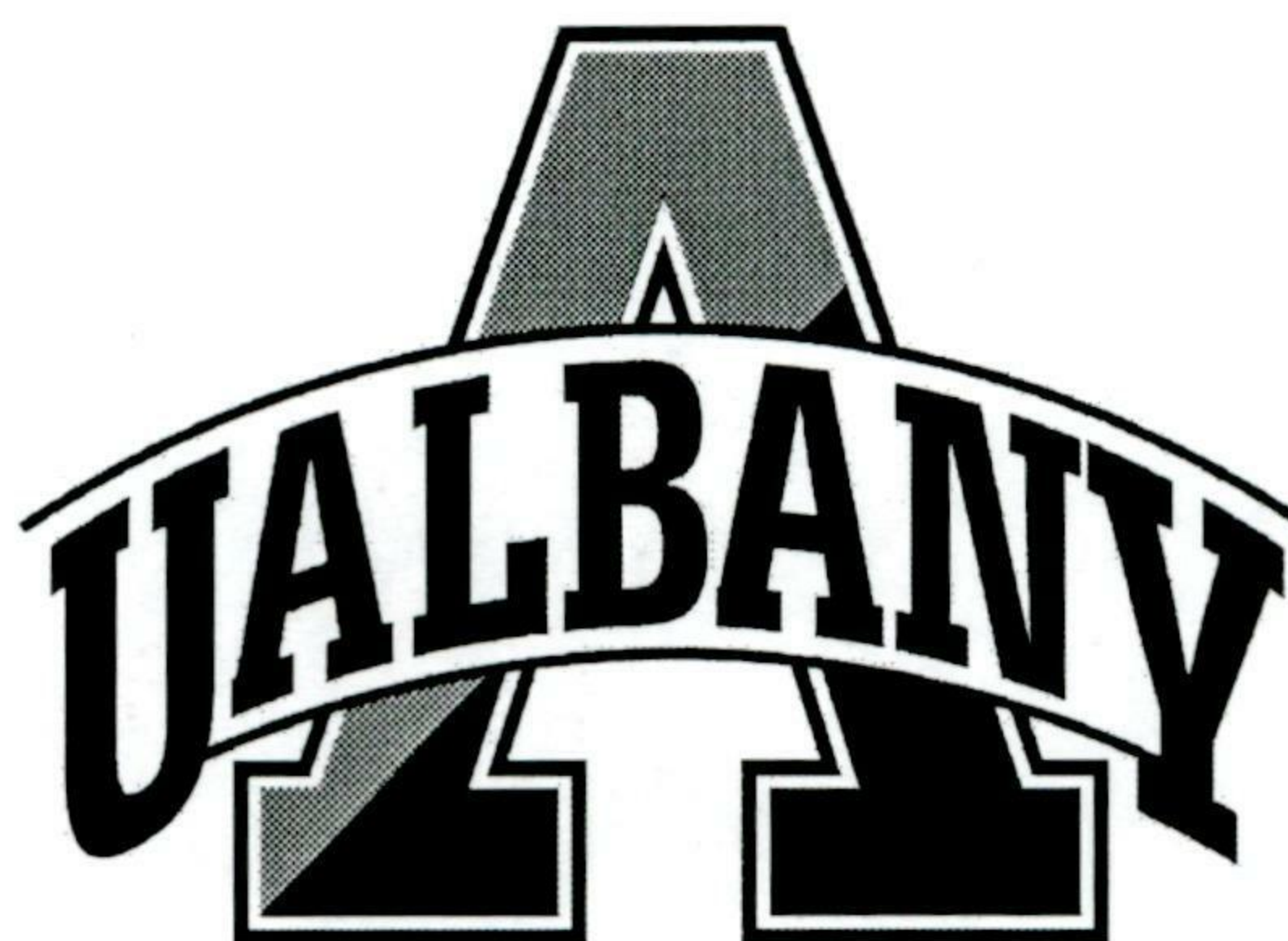
Junior setter **Blair Buchanan**, an honorable mention All-American in 2004, led the America East in assists (12.59 per game) to go along with 2.31 digs and 1.28 kills. Senior outside hitter **Ashley Hunter**, who was voted the conference tournament's most outstanding player, averaged 3.74 kills. Senior middle hitter **Ashlee Reed** (2.65 kills, 2.20 digs) and junior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** (4.21 kills) were both named to the all-conference first team. Senior defensive specialist **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez**, who holds the NCAA record for career service aces, ranked second in the nation in aces per game. Junior libero **Ashley DeNeal** (4.28 digs) also returns for the Great Danes.

Four newcomers join Sheffield's squad in transfer **Hillary White**, and freshmen **Mari Serkowski, Kamisha Kellam** and **Allie Wolfe**.

UAlbany opens its season at Seton Hall on Aug. 26.

2005 America East Volleyball Preseason Coaches Poll

1. UAlbany (6), 2. Maine (1), 3. New Hampshire, T4. Stony Brook, T4. UMBC, 6. Binghamton, 7. Hartford. () – number of first place votes



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UALBANY FOOTBALL BEGINS 2005 PRESEASON PRACTICE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Albany, N.Y. -- Football preseason practice begins at the University at Albany on Monday, August 15 with an afternoon workout, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The Great Danes will conduct their preseason sessions on the campus' Dutch Quad intramural fields. UAlbany opens their 2005 schedule against Hofstra on Saturday, Sept. 10 at University Field. Kickoff is 6:00 p.m. ET.

2005 SEASON PREVIEW

The seasons change but the challenges are similar. UAlbany head coach **Bob Ford** needs to find a starting quarterback and reshape his offensive line, as his team starts its seventh campaign at the Division I-AA level. Ford must replace 11 starters, including seven on offense, from a team that went 4-7 overall, but finished third in the Northeast Conference standings.

The list of graduates include All-America offensive tackle Geir Gudmundsen, All-NEC center/guard Brandon Shaw, record-setting quarterback Nicholas Bazan and Green Bay Packers' draft choice Kurt Campbell.

"Finding a starting quarterback and tailback will be the biggest questions to be answered during the preseason," states Ford, who has a 205-148-1 career record in 36 seasons at the collegiate level. "Our defense should be solid. We have an active and deep group of linebackers to work with."

The Great Danes play an upgraded non-league schedule that features three Atlantic 10 Conference teams in Hofstra, Massachusetts and Maine.

OFFENSE: UAlbany's multiple attack has a new leader as former line coach Peter Rossomando has been promoted to offensive coordinator. He will have a quality group of linemen, several young quarterbacks and a fistful of receivers to build around.

"Our goal is to run and pass on a 50-50 basis and still use the option game," Ford says. "The past couple of years our passing efficiency was not where we wanted it. I think you'll see a difference in overall organization."

Jacob Anderson (6-6, 300) moves from right tackle to the left side. He earned second-team All-NEC honors one year ago. Guards **Aaron Kimball** (6-3, 310) and **Sam Pagano** (6-3, 305) appear to have locked down spots at the guard positions. However, **Jeff Wentzell** (6-4, 285) is progressing nicely and could challenge.

Pierce Brennan (6-1, 275) looks to have a firm grasp on the starting center position, while a competition exists at right tackle. **Jacob Hobbs** (6-4, 310) is the frontrunner and has playing experience. Former tight end **Zach Tarnowski** (6-3, 270) and junior college transfer **Steve Talarico** (6-3, 290) are on the rise.

Eddie Unverzagt (6-1, 235) has the tools to become an all-conference tight end with good hands and quickness. Unverzagt, who was a fullback his first two seasons with the program, caught seven passes for 100 yards. "Eddie can do it all," Ford says. "He can block, catch and run."

Of course the top question on everyone's mind is who the quarterback will be. Redshirt freshman **Daniel Bocanegra** (6-1, 195) has shown the most on the field. He accounted for 2,300-plus yards in total offense as a high school senior. Lackawanna College transfer **Brett Hall** (6-4, 225) missed spring practice following shoulder surgery, but has been successful on every level. "Both quarterbacks will get equal snaps," Ford offers. "Daniel runs and throws well, while Brett seems to have that calmness you need at the position."

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UAlbany Football 2-2-2-2

Fullback **Dan Beigel** (6-2, 230) was one reason the Great Danes led the NEC in rushing for the sixth straight year. Beigel ran for 244 yards and one TD, plus hauled in nine passes. **Omar Johnson**, who rushed for 168 yards last year, is the incumbent at tailback. But **Marcus Allen**, a junior college transfer, and **Kenny Williams**, who moves from flanker and is a feared kick returner, will get an opportunity to press for playing time.

Mike Wall was on his way to a spectacular rookie season until a broken collarbone sidelined him. He caught 13 passes for 178 yards and one touchdown, plus ran for another score. **Topher Davey** had 15 receptions with one TD, while **Kevin Tolan** added nine catches. **Irani DeAraujo** (6-2, 200) and **Gabe Gallucci** (6-2, 190) are talented sophomores who are ready to break out.

DEFENSE: The Great Danes have transitioned, using a young corps of defenders, from a 4-4 alignment to a multiple scheme. Last year's teachings should result in a more aggressive unit.

"The strength of our defense is at linebacker," Ford states. "They each have the ability to read and hit, and are leaders in different ways."

Brian Becker (5-11, 225) and **Will Boone** (6-0, 215) are a pair of solid inside linebackers, while NEC Defensive Rookie of the Year **Colin Disch** (6-1, 210) emerged in 2004.

Becker, a two-year starter, was second on the team in tackles with 76, plus added two interceptions and four pass break-ups. Boone turned in another credible campaign with 48 tackles. Disch, a Football Gazette All-American, set the school's freshman single-season record with 131 total hits, including 15 for losses.

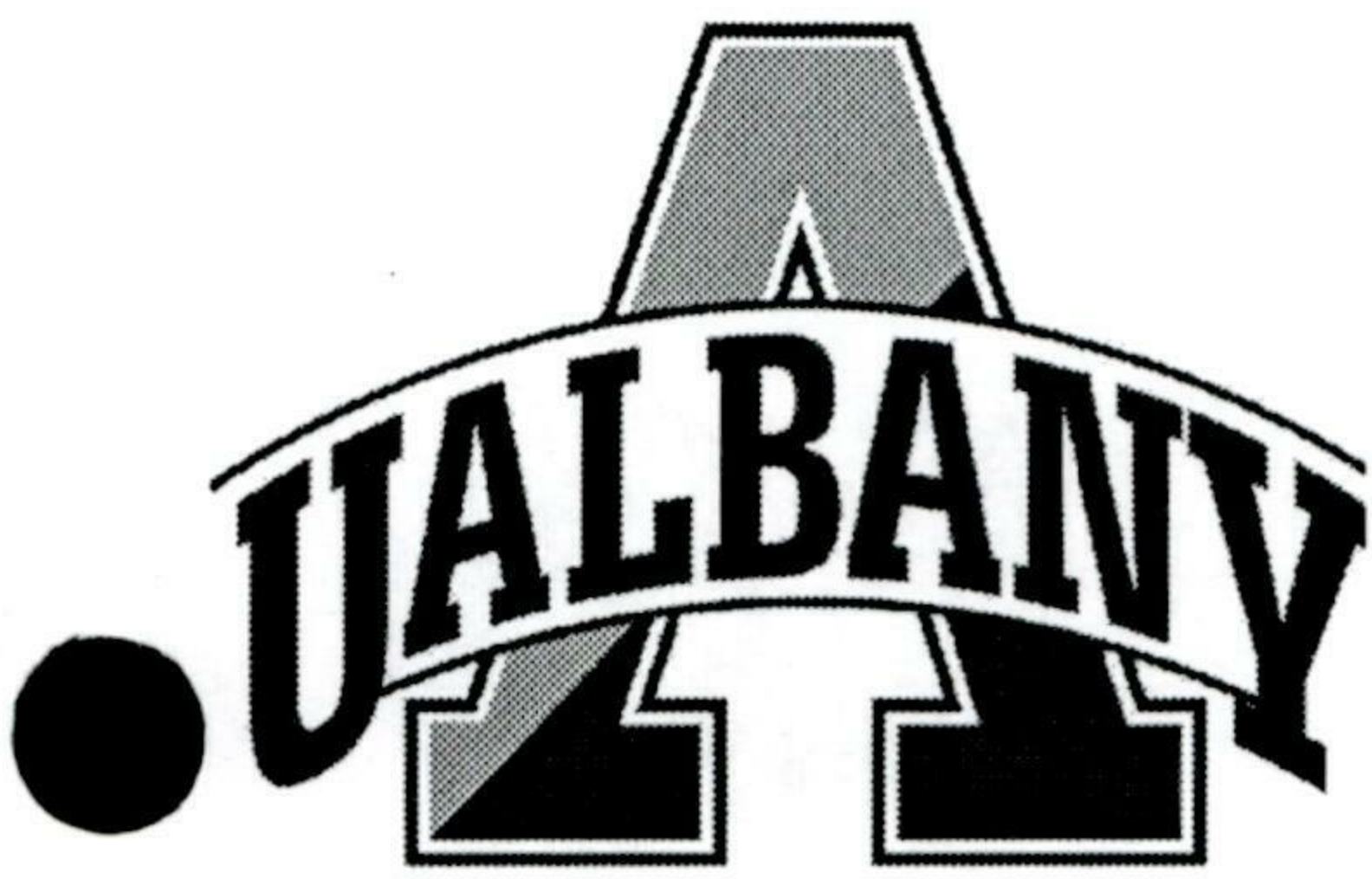
"Colin plays with an intuitive sense," Ford explains. "He can come underneath and over the top of blocking schemes with great lateral quickness."

Sophomores **Dan Barnes** (24 tackles) and **Trevor DuPont** are ready for more playing time as linebackers. DuPont and **Mike St. Fleur** (22 tackles) are slotted for the outside positions. **Dave Nicomini** and **Mark Peretore**, a pair of redshirt freshmen, were on the field more in the spring. **Steven Stern** was the team's MVP on special teams.

UAlbany returns both starting cornerbacks in the secondary. **Kamar Elliott**, a conference triple jump champion, made 40 tackles to go with four pass break-ups last year. **Ryan Chrobak**, a second-team All-NEC selection, was fourth on the squad in tackles (51) and added three interceptions and seven passes defended. Safety **Eric Neugebauer** had 30 tackles, while **Olubunmi Awofeso** can also play on the corner.

The Great Danes are primarily in a three-man front. **Jermaine Lee** (6-1, 240) and **Justin Sands** (6-1, 285) have taken many snaps on the line. Lee, a senior defensive end, led the team in sacks (7.5), plus had 55 tackles, including 10.5 for losses. Sands, who also works as a long snapper, made 14 stops as a nose tackle. Sophomore **Michael Dungey** (6-2, 275) may work at all three line positions. Sophomores **Mark Sheehan** and **Jon Volpe** also figure to be in the rotation.

KICKING GAME: Erie Community College transfer **Jason Fralicker** is the leading candidate to possibly take over both the kicking and punting duties. He made 8 of 16 field goals and 21 of 28 PATs last season.



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FOUR UALBANY PLAYERS ON PRESEASON ALL-NORTHEAST CONFERENCE TEAM

Somerset, N.J. – Sophomore linebacker **Colin Disch** is among four University at Albany players who have been voted to the Preseason All-Northeast Conference Football Team, as announced today by the conference office.

Disch, the 2004 NEC Defensive Rookie of the Year, had a spectacular first year with the UAlbany program when he established a freshman single-season record with 131 tackles. He added 15 hits for a loss, five sacks, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions. Disch was a first-team Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America selection by Football Gazette and CollegeSportsReport.com. A first-team All-NEC choice, Disch recorded double-figures tackles in all 11 games, including a career-high 16 against Robert Morris.

Ryan Chrobak, a junior cornerback, earned second-team all-conference honors last season. He started for the second consecutive year at cornerback, and led the Great Danes with three interceptions and seven pass break-ups. Chrobak totaled 55 tackles, including 31 unassisted.

Jacob Anderson, a 6-foot-6, 285-pound left tackle, and **Aaron Kimball**, a 6-foot-3, 310-pound right guard, are members of an offensive line that helped UAlbany lead the NEC in rushing for the sixth consecutive year. The Great Danes were seventh nationally at 254.7 yards per game, plus ran for 345-plus on four occasions. Anderson, a second-team All-NEC lineman, moves to the left tackle this fall where he will replace All-American Geir Gudmundsen, who signed as a free agent with the Buffalo Bills.

Northeast Conference 2005 Preseason Football Poll

1. Monmouth (4), T2. Central Connecticut State (1), T2. Robert Morris (2), 4. Albany (1), 5. Sacred Heart, 6. Wagner, 7. Stony Brook, 8. St. Francis, Pa. () - first-place votes



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MONROE AND GARCIA NAMED WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSISTANT COACHES

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's soccer coach Kalekeni Banda announced today that Mary-Frances Monroe and Juan Carlos Garcia have been named assistant coaches for the 2005 season.

Monroe, a four-time collegiate All-American, played three seasons at Connecticut, where she finished sixth on the all-time scoring list with 117 points. She then transferred to UCLA for her senior season, when she helped the Bruins reach the NCAA quarterfinals by scoring 28 points. Monroe, who was named Soccer America's Freshman of the Year in 1998, played for the Philadelphia Charge and Boston Breakers of the WUSA.

A native of Tarriffville, Conn., Monroe spent the 2004 season as an assistant coach at Wellesley College before traveling overseas to play professionally for KIF Orebro Sweden. She holds a USSF National Soccer C Coaching License and has a bachelor's degree in sociology from UCLA.

Garcia, who hails from Guayaquil, Ecuador, began his soccer career playing for Olmedo, a minor-league club team in South America. Garcia graduated with a degree in business administration from Universidad Cooperativa de Colombia del Ecuador before moving to the Capital Region.

Garcia worked with the Alleycats, a premier club team in the Capital Region. He also spent time as the head men's soccer coach at Tamarac High School in New York. Under his guidance, the squad posted two consecutive winning seasons and then captured the Wasaren conference title with an undefeated year.

JEREMY FRIEL NAMED DIRECTOR OF MEN'S BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Will Brown announced today the hiring of Jeremy Friel as director of men's basketball operations. He will handle administrative duties, videotape exchange and travel, plus coordinates summer basketball camps.

Friel earned his undergraduate degree in sociology from the University of New Hampshire, where he was a member of the basketball team from 2002-05. He earned a roster spot as a walk-on before receiving a full athletic scholarship in his final season. Friel appeared in 31 career games for the Wildcats. In his first career start as a senior, he scored 11 points and made three 3-point field goals against conference-rival UMBC.

A native of Durham, N.H., Friel originally worked as a UNH student assistant in the 2001-02 season. He assisted with individual workouts and coordinated travel and meals.

Friel, 22, was a 1,000-point scorer at Oyster River High School in New Hampshire. He led the program to the Class I state semifinals as a junior and state quarterfinals in 2001. His father, Gerry, served as the UNH men's basketball coach for 20 seasons from 1969-89.



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THREE STUDENT-ATHLETES COMPLETE UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CLASS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's basketball coach Trina Patterson has announced that three student-athletes have committed to play for the Great Danes in the 2005-06 season. Kristin Higy, a transfer from George Mason University, Asha Jordan, an Indiana high school standout, and Amanda Ward (Rhode Island Community College) will join the program. Joy Sterling and Devran Tanacan signed their letter of intents during November's early signing period.

"Kristin is an outstanding forward who has tremendous skills coupled with playing experience," said Patterson, whose team won a program-record 14 games at the Division I level last season. "Asha has exceptional three-point shooting ability and was recognized as a Presidential Scholar. Amanda will also bolster our perimeter offense since she can stretch defenses with her shooting touch."

Higy, a 6-foot-1 forward who will be eligible in 2006-07, averaged 5.0 points and 4.1 rebounds per game in starting all 27 games as a sophomore at George Mason. A member of the Colonial Athletic Association All-Academic team, Higy added 27 assists and 25 steals. Higy, who is a native of Akron, Ohio, led North Canton Hoover High School to the state championship in 2002.

Jordan, a 5-foot-8 guard, earned All-Summit Athletic Conference honors after averaging 9.0 points per game for Snider High School. A scholar athlete for four years, Jordan received the Female Distinguished Athlete Award this season. The Fort Wayne, Ind. native helped lead the Panthers to the conference championship as a junior. Jordan's father, Walter, was an All-Big Ten Conference player at Purdue in the late 1970s, where he averaged 16.6 points and 8.1 rebounds per game.

Ward, a 5-foot-9 guard, was voted an NJCAA Division II All-American and helped lead the Community College of Rhode Island to consecutive national tournament appearances in 2004 and 2005. Ward averaged 18.7 points, 6.6 rebounds and 1.9 steals per game as a sophomore last season. The Knights finished 29-4 and ranked sixth in the final NJCAA Division II poll. Ward, who hails from East Hartford, Conn., also played softball for the Knights. She batted .622 with 25 RBI this season.

A 6-foot-4 center, Tanacan has been playing for the Turkish National Team. A native of Istanbul, Turkey, she averaged 20.5 points and 15.0 rebounds per game with the junior national team.

Sterling, a 5-foot-11 small forward, averaged 15.4 points and 6.1 rebounds as a junior at Alemany High School in Valencia, Calif. Sterling, who transferred to William S. Hart High in Newhall, Calif. for her senior season, was named to the 2004 All-California Interscholastic Federation Division III-AA First Team.

2005-06 UAlbany Women's Basketball Recruiting Class

Name, Pos., Ht., Hometown (High School/Previous School)

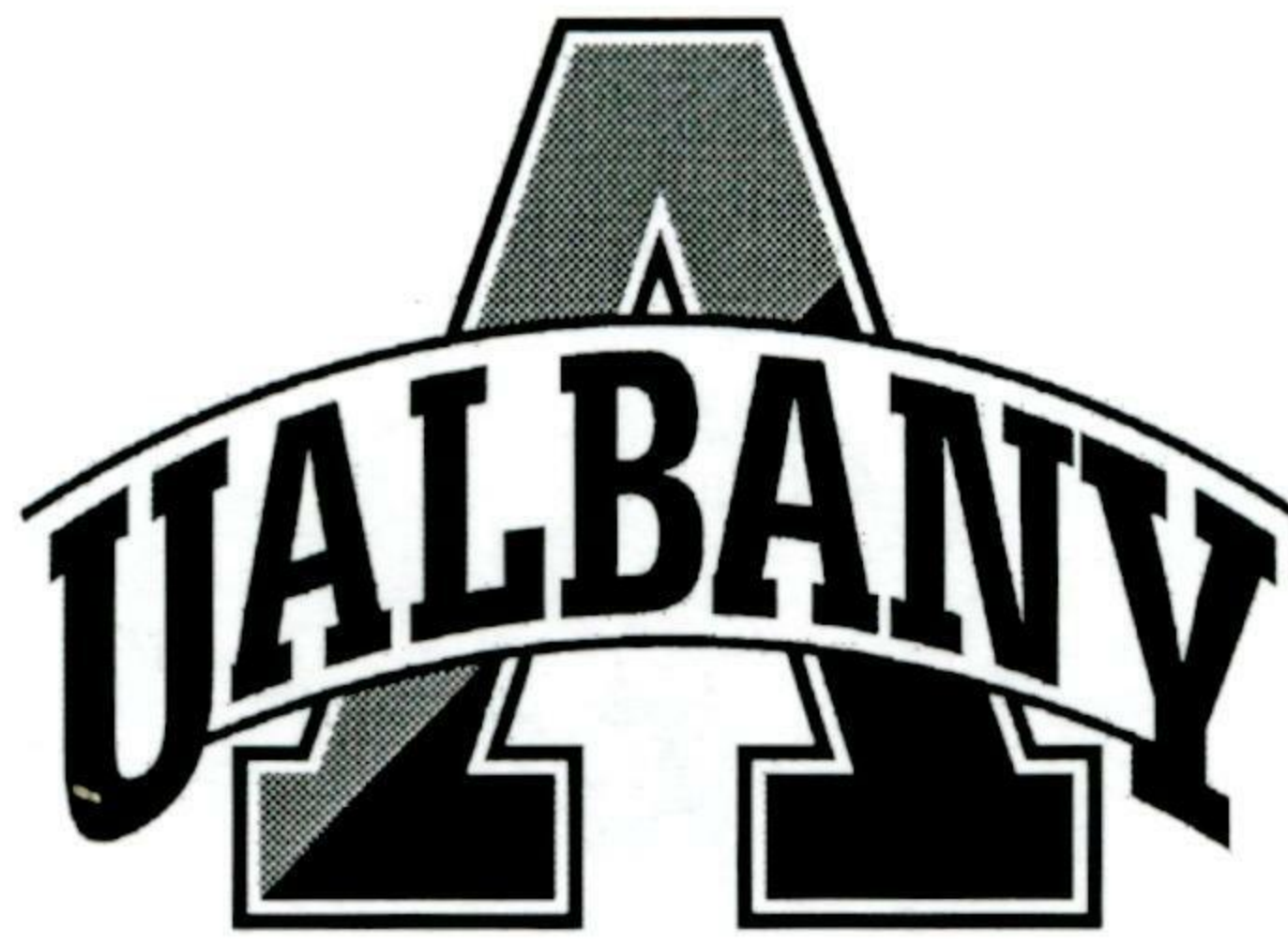
Kristin Higy, F, 6-1, Akron, Ohio (North Canton Hoover/George Mason)

Asha Jordan, G, 5-8, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Snider H.S.)

Joy Sterling, F, 5-11, Newhall, Calif. (William S. Hart H.S.)

Devran Tanacan, C, 6-4, Istanbul, Turkey (Kadikoy Anadolu Lisesi)

Amanda Ward, G, 5-9, East Hartford, Conn. (East Hartford, Conn./CCRI)



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UALBANY ANNOUNCES MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR 2005-06

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the school's men's basketball schedule for the 2005-06 season. The Great Danes are entering their fourth year of America East Conference competition.

The America East schedule for the men begins on Dec. 20 against Binghamton at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The season concludes with the America East Conference Tournament on March 3, 4, 5 and 11. Binghamton University's Events Center will host the first round, quarterfinals and semifinals.

The Great Danes open with the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic on Nov. 9-10 in Gainesville, Fla. Florida, Wake Forest, Syracuse and Texas Tech are hosting the regional rounds on campus. The regional winners will move on to the championship round at New York City's Madison Square Garden on Nov. 17-18. UAlbany meets Oakland, who won last year's NCAA opening-round contest, in the first round at Florida's 12,000-seat O'Connell Center, while the host school meets St. Peter's in the other matchup. The Gators captured the 2005 Southeastern Conference (SEC) Tournament championship and made their seventh consecutive NCAA appearance. UAlbany has not played an in-season tournament since Dec. 2000.

UAlbany's non-conference schedule is also highlighted by a trip to the west coast, where the Great Danes will face San Diego State (Nov. 26) and UCLA (Nov. 29). The Bruins reached the NCAA field for the first time since 2002 with an 18-11 record last year, and feature 2005 Pacific-10 Conference Freshman of the Year Jordan Farmer. The storied program has amassed eleven national titles in its history. San Diego State and UAlbany will tangle in the Aztecs' home opener. All-Mountain West Conference selection Brandon Heath averaged 18.3 points per game last season.

The annual crosstown-rival meeting with Siena is slated for Saturday, Dec. 3 at Pepsi Arena. The two teams will meet for the 45th time overall and fifth since the series was renewed on Nov. 27, 2001. The UAlbany-Siena game is averaging more than 10,600 fans over the last four years. The Great Danes posted an 86-65 victory in last season's contest.

Other non-conference opponents include Cleveland State and three Ivy League foes in Harvard, Brown and Cornell. One more non-league opponent will be added at a later date. UAlbany has a 12-game home schedule that includes an encounter with defending America East champion Vermont on Feb. 20 and perennial conference power Boston University on Feb 4, this year's opponent for the Big Purple Growl game.

UAlbany should be among the preseason favorites in the America East Conference with the starting backcourt tandem of **Jamar Wilson** and **Lucious Jordan** both returning. Wilson and Jordan, a pair of second-team all-conference selections, averaged 16.9 and 14.8 points, respectively. **Levi Levine**, who accounted for 10.4 points and 6.0 rebounds per game, and **Kirsten Zoellner**, a 7-foot-1 center, were also regulars in the starting lineup. Head coach **Will Brown**, who is in his fifth season at the helm, will have **Jon Iati**, the 2004 conference rookie of the year, back in the fold. Iati missed most of last season with a shoulder injury. **Brent Wilson** (6'8") and **Brian Lillis** (6'5") are coming off solid freshman campaigns. Wilson was chosen to the America East All-Rookie Team.

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2005-06 University at Albany Men's Basketball Schedule**November**

9 (Wed.), Coaches vs. Cancer Classic (vs. Oakland), TBA#; 10 (Thu.), Coaches vs. Cancer Classic (vs. Florida or St. Peter's), TBA#; 21 (Mon.), **Sacred Heart**, 7:00; 26 (Sat.), at San Diego State, 10:05; 29 (Tue.), at UCLA, TBA. #Gainesville, Fla.

December

3 (Sat.), at Siena (Pepsi Arena), TBA; 10 (Sat.), at Cleveland State, 5:30; 17 (Sat.), **Harvard**, 2:00; 20 (Tue.), **Binghamton***, 7:00; 23 (Fri.), at Stony Brook*, 7:00; 28 (Wed.), at Brown, TBA.

January

4 (Wed.), **Hartford***, 7:00; 7 (Sat.), **Maine***, 7:00; 9 (Mon.), **Cornell**, 7:00; 12 (Thu.), at Boston U.*, TBA; 14 (Sat.), **Utah Valley State**, 7:00; 18 (Wed.), at Vermont*, 7:00; 22 (Sun.), **New Hampshire***, 2:00; 25 (Wed.), **UMBC***, 7:00; 29 (Sat.), at Binghamton*, TBA.

February

1 (Wed.), **Stony Brook***, 7:00; 4 (Sat.), **Boston U.***, 7:00+; 8 (Wed.), at Hartford*, TBA; 11 (Sat.), at Maine*, TBA; 20 (Mon.), **Vermont***, 7:00; 23 (Thu.), at New Hampshire*, TBA; 26 (Sun.), at UMBC*, 4:00.

March

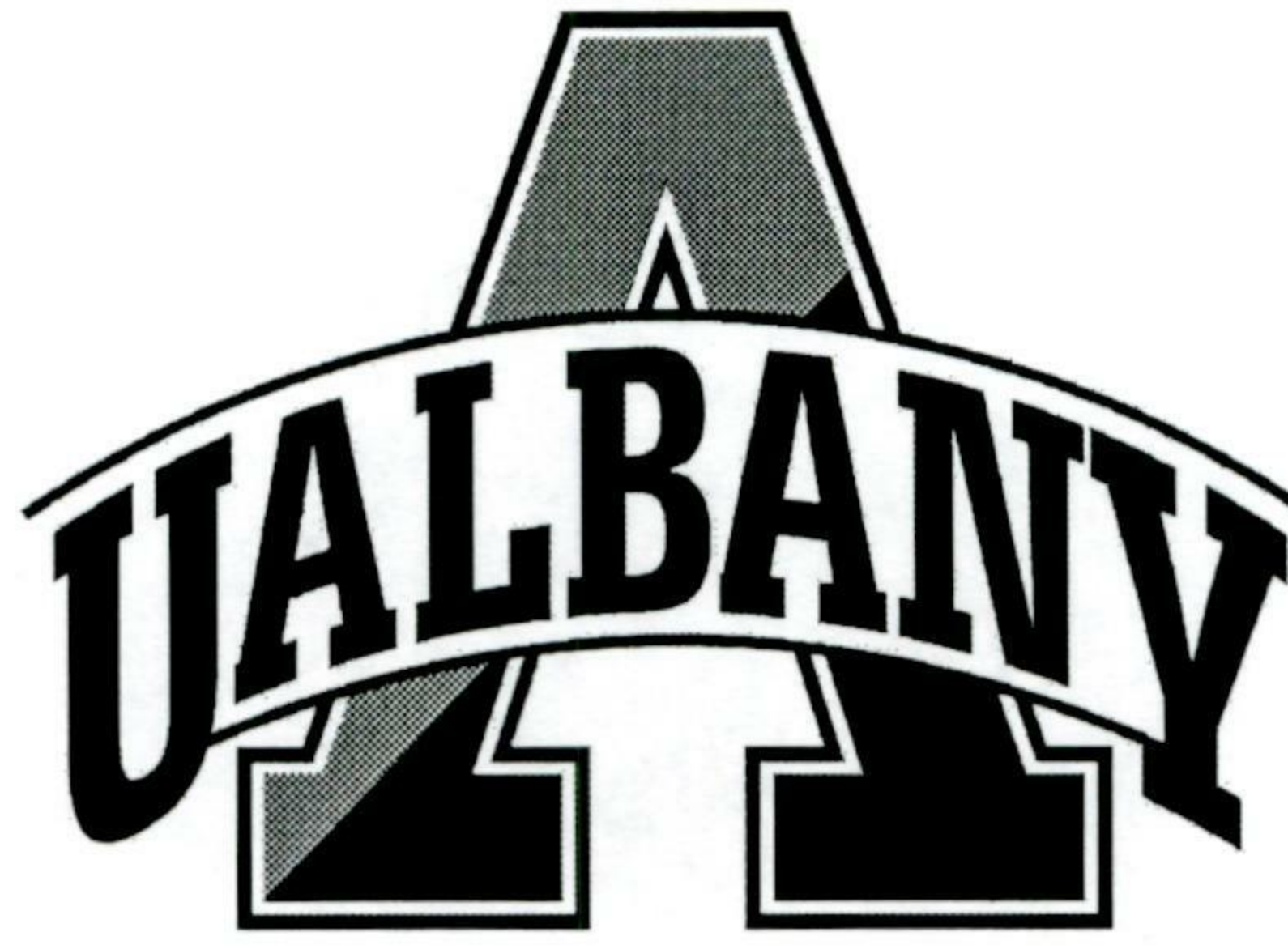
3, 4 & 5, America East Conference Tournament (Events Center, Vestal, N.Y.); 11 (Sat.), America East Conference Championship^, 11:30 a.m.

*America East Conference Opponent

+Big Purple Growl

^At Highest Remaining Seed's Home Arena

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HEAD COACH WILL BROWN RECEIVES ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletic Lee McElroy announced today that head men's basketball coach Will Brown has received a one-year contract extension.

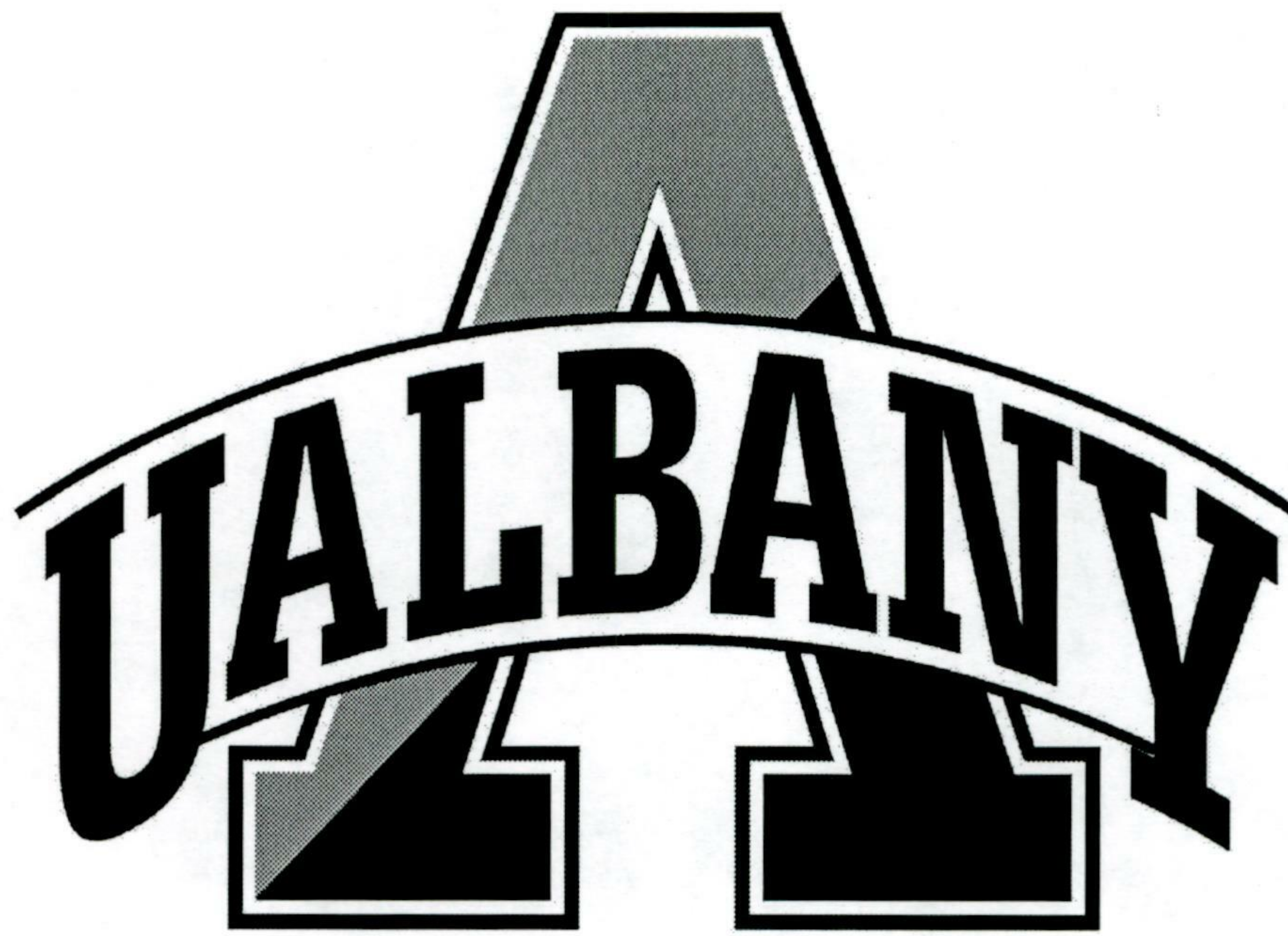
Brown, who signed an agreement that takes his contract through September 2006, was appointed as the 15th head coach in the UAlbany basketball program's history on March 13, 2002.

"I am pleased with the recent progress the program has made," McElroy said. "Coach Brown has done a wonderful job of rebuilding through the recruiting process, and our student-athletes are excited about the possibilities this year. He also has taken steps to upgrade the quality and professionalism of his coaching staff."

Brown led UAlbany to a 13-15 record in 2004-05, an eight-win improvement over the previous season. The Great Danes posted their best-ever league record in America East Conference play with a 9-9 mark while finishing fourth in the conference standings.

UAlbany is expected to be one of the preseason favorites for this year's conference title with the return of four starters, including All-America East selections Jamar Wilson and Lucious Jordan. Wilson and Jordan ranked among the league's top-10 scorers at 16.9 and 14.8 points per game, respectively.

"This announcement represents the positive direction in which the UAlbany basketball program is moving," said Brown, who served as the school's interim head coach for most of the 2001-02 season. "The University, administrators and staff have been very supportive from day one. The players and coaches are determined to achieve their goals in the upcoming season."



NOTICE OF MEDIA AVAILABILITY

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