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Comments: College Sports

(Women's Basketball)

ALBANY 69, QUINNIPIAC 67

Albany, N.Y. -- Samantha Ginsberg scored a season-high 23 points, including the 1,000th of her career, in leading Albany to a 69-67 non-conference victory over Quinnipiac on Monday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Great Danes, who won their third straight, snapped a 22-22 tie with an 8-2 run at the end of the first half to go in front for good. Michele Davis, who had 17 points and seven rebounds, canned two 3-point shots in that span, before Ginsberg hit a 10-foot jumper in the lane.

Albany (5-3), which shot 50 percent from the field in the final period, pushed its advantage to as much as 54-39 with 9:54 remaining, but saw that lead slowly evaporate in the stretch.

Quinnipiac (1-8) closed to within 67-64 on a 15-foot jumper by Tanya Ramos with 37 seconds left. Albany's Davis converted two free throws with 4.3 seconds to play to seal the verdict, before a late three-point field goal by the Braves.

Freshman center Melissa Schoonover, making her first start as a collegian, scored a season-high 11 and added six rebounds for the Great Danes. Patty Foster led Quinnipiac with 12 points, while Jamie Buttner had 10. Junior point guard Megan Bethel (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) had seven points and eight assists. Freshman Kiley Shortell (Bethlehem Central) totaled nine points and five rebounds. ***MORE***

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Ginsberg, who connected on 11 of 19 field-goal attempts, became the third player in Albany history to reach the 1,000-plateau in career scoring, and has 1,018 overall.

(Indoor Track)

New York, N.Y. -- Freshman Ellakiska Williamson (Albany H.S.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II indoor championships in both the 55-meter dash and 55-meter hurdles at the MAC New Year's Meet.

Williamson, who placed third in each event's final, recorded both times in the semi-final round, when she was clocked in 7.21 seconds in the dash and had a hurdles time of 8.24.

Senior Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons) finished third in the 1,500 in a personal-best 3:58.17, while Jason Jaconetti took third in the shot put (43' 8.5") and Halim Wise was fifth in the 300-meter dash (35.50).

Sophomore Samantha Cohen set a school record in the 3,000-meter racewalk. Cohen's time of 14:22.44 captured fourth place and qualified her for the USA indoor track & field championships at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on the first weekend in March.

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Basketball: Locals on Albany-Quinnipiac rosters (see attached men's tournament release) ... Quinnipiac women also had three area high school players on its roster for Monday's 1:00 p.m. game at RACC ... Megan Bethel (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.), Erin Glendening (Queensbury) and Kiley Shortell (Bethlehem Central) ...

Track & Field: Ellakiska Williamson (Albany H.S.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II indoor championships in both the 55-meter dash (7.21) and 55-meter hurdles (8.24) at the MAC New Year's Meet in New York City ... Williamson recorded both times in the semifinals and placed third in each event's final ... Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons) finished third in the 1,500 in a personal-best 3:58.17 ... sophomore Samantha Cohen set a school record in the 3,000-meter racewalk, and captured fourth place in 14:22.44 ... she qualified for the indoor USA track & field championships at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on the first weekend in March ...



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SPORTS NEWS

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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY HOSTS
13th ANNUAL ABC TV-10/RAMADA INN BASKETBALL CLASSIC**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The 13th annual ABC TV-10/Ramada Inn Basketball Classic will be hosted by the University at Albany at the Recreation and Convocation Center on Monday and Tuesday, December 30-31. The men's basketball tournament features an all-Division II field of American International, Quinnipiac and West Chester.

In the first round on Monday, American International faces West Chester at 5:30 p.m., while Albany meets Quinnipiac in the 7:30 contest. Tuesday's consolation game on New Year's Eve is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., while the championship immediately follows at 3:00. Ticket prices are: \$7.00 (reserved), \$5.00 (general admission), and free for children (6 & under).

Albany, which is off to a 6-2 start, has captured four of the previous 12 tournaments, and finished as the runner-up on six occasions. Stonehill won last year's tournament crown with a 69-62 triumph over the Great Danes in the final. Junior forward **Andre Duncan** (6'6") averages 16.5 points and 6.8 rebounds, while **Tom McGoldrick** (6'5") adds 12.1 points and 6.8 rebounds. Locals on the Great Dane roster include junior guard **Darrin Jahnel** (Schalmont H.S.), who scores in double figures at 11.4 points per game, freshman **Todd Cetnar** (Amsterdam) and junior **Dan Neary** (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons).

Quinnipiac (2-6), a member of the Northeast-10 Conference, also has area scholastic products on its roster. Junior **Joe Trimarchi** (Colonie H.S.) is one of three Braves averaging in double figures at 12.0 points per game. The 6'4" guard torched the nets for 32 points in an early-season victory at New Haven, and has connected on 21 of 49 three-point shots. **Andrew Mackenzie** (Queensbury), a sophomore guard, is also on the Quinnipiac team. **Myles Anderson**, a 6'6" junior, leads his club in scoring (16.3 ppg) and rebounding (6.3 pg).

West Chester (5-4) has won four of its last five starts, including a 65-63 squeaker at District of Columbia on Dec. 19. The Golden Rams, who compete in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, have two prime-time players in sophomore **Donta Evans** and junior **Eric Worley**. Evans, a 5'8" point guard, leads his team in scoring (15.0 ppg) and averages 4.8 assists. Worley (6'5") contributes 14.7 points and 8.7 rebounds.

American International (2-5) reached the Northeast-10 Conference championship game in 1995-96 behind the play of **Rance Porter**, a 6'3" senior guard. Porter is the top scorer in the tournament with a 17.5 average, and has converted 26 of 49 three-point field goals. **Ron Sabb**, a 6'2" senior, adds 12.3 points and 6.4 rebounds to the Yellow Jackets' attack.

13th Annual ABC TV-10/Ramada Inn Classic

Monday, December 30

5:30, American International (2-5) vs. West Chester (5-4)

7:30, Albany (6-2) vs. Quinnipiac (2-6)

Tuesday, December 31

1:00, Consolation Game

3:00, Championship Game

NOTE: NewsRadio 590 AM WROW will broadcast both Albany games during the ABC TV-10/Ramada Inn Classic. The Albany-Quinnipiac women's basketball contest on Monday, December 30, originally scheduled to be played in Connecticut, has been moved to the Recreation and Convocation Center. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

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Comments: College Basketball

Andre Duncan Selected NECC Player of the Week

West Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Andre Duncan has been chosen as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week in men's basketball as announced today by the conference office.

Duncan averaged 20.5 points and 4.0 rebounds in two games, and had a career-high 27 at Massachusetts-Lowell on Dec. 11. He also scored 14 points in last Saturday's 90-62 victory over Keene State.

Duncan, who was also selected to the ECAC Division II Honor Roll for the second straight week, leads the Great Danes in scoring at 16.5 points per game, and is averaging 6.8 rebounds and 1.5 blocks.

Albany (6-2) is off until it hosts the ABC TV-10/Ramada Inn Classic at the Recreation & Convocation Center on Dec. 30-31.

Michele Davis Earns ECAC North and NECC Player of the Week Honors

West Haven, Conn. -- Michele Davis has been chosen as both the ECAC-Holiday Inn Division II North and New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week in women's basketball.

Davis, a 5'9" senior guard/forward, scored a season-high 20 points to go with five rebounds, two assists and four steals in Saturday's 74-56 victory over Keene State.

Davis is averaging 13.0 points, 4.6 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 3.0 steals for the Great Danes, who are 4-3 overall on the season.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Michele Davis was selected as the ECAC-Holiday Inn Division II North Player of the Week ... Davis, a 5'9" senior guard/forward, had 13 of her season-high 20 points in the first half in a 74-56 win over Keene State on Saturday ... she had added five rebounds, two assists and four steals for the Great Danes, who are at 4-3 overall ... Kerry Ochal (Amsterdam H.S.) had a season-high 12 points vs. Keene State, and is averaging 8.5 points and 5.0 rebounds in her last four games ...

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Andre Duncan was chosen to the ECAC Division II weekly honor roll for the second straight week ... Duncan had 41 points in two games, including a career-high 27 at Massachusetts-Lowell on Dec. 11 ... Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) went scoreless vs. Mass.-Lowell for the first time since his freshman season (38 straight games), but followed with a 17-point outing against Keene State (90-62 victory) ... Jahnel canned 5 of 11 (tied single-game attempts record) 3-point shots ... he has hit 5+ "threes" on six occasions ... Albany, now 6-2, is at the 6-win mark before Christmas for the 6th time in the last 12 seasons ...

FOOTBALL: Nine players from area high schools received varsity letters at Albany's 1996 post-season banquet ... Ted Bearor (Greenwich Central), David Baranska (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk), John Moskov (Niskayuna) and Matt Moskov (Niskayuna) all earned their third letter ...

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Bearor, a senior free safety who was named to the 1996 ECAC-IFC all-star team, was voted the team's top defensive back ... he led the Danes in tackles (94), interceptions (5) and pass break-ups ...

Junior Loren Baker (Gloversville), an ECAC-IFC all-star at offensive tackle, allowed no sacks this season, and was voted the top offensive lineman ... Baker earned his second letter along with place-kicker Sean King (Stillwater) ...

First varsity letters were awarded to Jason Usher (Guilderland), Mike Salisbury (Schenectady) and Matt Follis (Bethlehem Central) ...

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Comments: College Football

Albany Places Six Players on the ECAC Intercollegiate Football Conference Division II All-Star Team

Centerville, Mass. -- University at Albany's Anthony Vitti leads a group of six Great Danes chosen to the 1996 ECAC Intercollegiate Football Conference Division II All-Star Team as announced today by the conference office.

Vitti, a senior roverback who was also on last year's ECAC-IFC all-star team, had 92 tackles, including 8.5 for losses. A three-year starter in the secondary, he finished fifth on the school's all-time tackles list with 231.

Ted Bearor (Greenwich Central H.S.) and Loren Baker (Gloversville H.S.), two area high school products, were selected. Bearor, a senior free safety, led the Great Danes in tackles (94), interceptions (5) and pass break-ups (14). Baker, a junior offensive tackle, paved the way for a unit which showed balance (169.0 per game-rush, 160.3 pg-pass) throughout the season.

Junior Joe Savino, the school's career passing leader, was named all-ECAC-IFC at quarterback. He completed 114 of 224 passes for 1,484 yards, 11 touchdowns and seven interceptions. Savino owns or shares 14 Albany records, including career passing yards (4,638) and touchdown passes (34).

Matt Caliandro, one of three sophomores on the all-star team, had 71 tackles and 3.5 sacks from his defensive end position. Seth Thomas, a junior tight end, had 19 receptions for 216 yards and six touchdowns.

Albany finished with a 7-3 record in its second Division II campaign, and posted its most victories since 1985.

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ECAC INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL CONFERENCE DIVISION II ALL-STARS ANNOUNCED ***C.W. POST'S FISCHER, RENNY AND MARSHALL HONORED***

CENTERVILLE, Mass. --- Senior defensive end Rich Fischer of C.W. Post has been named the 1996 Eastern College Athletic Conference Intercollegiate Football Conference Division II Player of the Year, while teammate freshman linebacker Rich Renny earned the 1996 ECAC IFC Rookie of the Year honors and coach Tom Marshall was selected as the ECAC IFC Coach of the Year to complete the sweep for C.W. Post. The selections were voted by the 11 ECAC IFC Division II football coaches and sports information directors.

Fischer enjoyed an outstanding season, leading C.W. Post to a 7-3 final record and the 1996 ECAC IFC Division II Bowl Championship. In nine games, the Valley Stream, N.Y., native led a hovering Pioneers' defense with 15 sacks for a loss of 121 yards on the season. He made 46 tackles, including 33 solo and four for a loss of 18 yards. Fischer also had three fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles, a blocked field goal and four pass breakups. He had two tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery in the 29-0 victory over Bentley in the ECAC IFC Bowl Championship. He made the ECAC Division II Honor Roll once this season and was on pace to break the school's single-season sack record of 18 before a sprained ankle limited his action in the final three games.

Renny hit the college scene with a splendid rookie campaign, starting in nine of the ten games. The New Hyde Park, N.Y., native led the team with 105 tackles (68 solo) and was second on the team with 12 sacks for a loss of 80 yards. Renny had five forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, an interception, a blocked punt and two pass breakups. He had eight tackles (seven solo), two sacks and forced a fumble against Bentley in the ECAC IFC Bowl game. For his efforts this season, Renny was named an ECAC IFC Division II Defensive Player of the Week twice, ECAC Division II North Defensive Player of the Week once, ECAC Division II Honor Roll twice and ECAC Division II North Rookie of the Week twice.

Coach Marshall guided the C.W. Post Pioneers to a 7-3 record and the ECAC IFC Bowl Championship win over Bentley. The Pioneers played a competitive schedule defeating the likes of Bentley (twice), William Paterson, Division I-AA Wagner, College of New Jersey, Stony Brook, and Southern Connecticut. C.W. Post fell to three powerful teams in Division I-AA Monmouth and Robert Morris and Division II American International College. He led C.W. Post to its second ECAC IFC Championship. The Post coach is the second-winningest coach in the program's history with a 76-60-2 record in 14 seasons and a 27-14-1 mark over the past four seasons.

Fischer and Coach Marshall will receive their awards on Tuesday, February 11 at the Eastern College Football Awards banquet, held at the Meadowlands' Giants Stadium Club in East Rutherford, NJ.

The complete ECAC IFC Division II All-Star team follows.

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1996 ECAC INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL CONFERENCE DIVISION II ALL-STAR TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback:	Joe Savino, University at Albany	Junior	Norwood, NJ
Running Back:	#Brian Ihlefeld, Sacred Heart University	Senior	Essex Junction, VT
	#Mike McSharry, Stonehill College	Senior	Rockland, MA
Wide Receiver:	Brian Adamson, Stonehill College	Junior	Winthrop, MA
	#Glenn Saenz, University at Stony Brook	Senior	Floral Park, NY
Tight End:	Seth Thomas, University at Albany	Junior	Canadaigua, NY
Offensive Line:	Loren Baker, University at Albany	Junior	Gloversville, NY
	Michael Basso, Pace University	Senior	Hazlet, NJ
	#Robert Coady, Bentley College	Senior	Dudley, MA
	Bill Davis, Mercyhurst College	Senior	Brookfield, OH
	Chris Ricard, U. of Massachusetts at Lowell	Sophomore	Westford, MA
	Greg Ranieri, Stonehill College	Senior	Braintree, MA

DEFENSE

Defensive Line:	Matt Caliandro, University at Albany	Sophomore	Valley Stream, NY
	Rich Fischer, C.W. Post	Senior	Valley Stream, NY
	Scott Kohler, Sacred Heart University	Senior	Quincy, MA
	Rocky Mullooly, Gannon University	Senior	Turtle Creek, PA
	Ben Nassar, Bentley College	Junior	North Andover, MA
	Lamar Williams, Pace University	Junior	White Plains, NY
Linebacker:	Adam Fuller, Sacred Heart	Junior	Tewksbury, MA
	Brian Pirone, Pace University	Senior	Rochelle Park, NJ
	Rich Renny, C.W. Post	Freshman	New Hyde Park, NY
	Pat Rodkey, Gannon University	Senior	Altoona, PA
Defensive Backs:	Ted Bearor, University at Albany	Senior	Greenwich, NY
	Brian Herbert, C.W. Post	Junior	Bethpage, NY
	#@Reade Sands, Pace University	Senior	Brooklyn, NY
	#Anthony Vitti, University at Albany	Senior	Mamaroneck, NY
	Dick White, Stonehill College	Junior	Chelmsford, MA

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicker:	Neil Monte, University at Stony Brook	Junior	Medford, NY
Punter:	Chris Chappa, Pace University	Senior	Westport, CT
Return Specialist:	#Joe Cerami, Bentley College	Senior	Methuen, MA
	Jeremy Frisch, Assumption College	Sophomore	Clinton, MA

Player of the Year:	Rich Fischer, C.W. Post	Junior	Valley Stream, NY
Rookie of the Year:	Rich Renny, C.W. Post	Freshman	New Hyde Park, NY
Coach of the Year:	Tom Marshall, C.W. Post		

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Samantha Ginsberg named NECC Women's Player of the Week

Melissa Schoonover selected NECC Rookie of the Week

West Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Samantha Ginsberg has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week in women's basketball.

Ginsberg scored a season-high 21 points in Saturday's 57-56 upset of defending conference champion Bridgeport. She averaged 14.5 points, 2.5 assists and 2.5 steals in two games last week. The 5'8" senior guard leads Albany (3-3, NECC 1-1) in scoring at 14.2 points per game.

Melissa Schoonover, a 6'1" freshman center, was named as the NECC's Rookie of the Week in women's basketball. Schoonover averaged 7.5 points and 5.5 rebounds off the bench in two contests, and shot 75% from the field.

Andre Duncan chosen to ECAC Division II Honor Roll

Centerville, Mass. -- Andre Duncan, a junior forward, was one of 10 players selected to this week's ECAC Division II Honor Roll. He averaged 16.5 points and 10.5 points in two games last week.

Duncan recorded his fifth career double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds in Saturday's 107-57 victory at Bridgeport.

Duncan leads the Great Danes in scoring (15.2 ppg), and is averaging 7.7 rebounds and 1.8 blocks. Albany (5-1, NECC 1-1) plays at Massachusetts-Lowell on Wed. (7:30) and is home on Saturday, Dec. 14 vs. Keene State (7:00 p.m.).

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SPORTS NEWS

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**WNYT-TV WILL BROADCAST WEEKLY UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY BASKETBALL SHOW
Program will air on Saturdays, and be replayed by Time Warner Cable on Mondays**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany and WNYT-TV (NewsChannel 13) announced today plans to broadcast a weekly basketball show, beginning January 11. The 30-minute program, which is titled "Hoop Games - Great Danes Basketball", will air on the NBC affiliate each Saturday at 12 noon, and be hosted by Rodger Wyland, the evening sports anchor at Channel 13, and host of the nightly program, Big Board Sports Talk, on NewsRadio 590 WROW.

In addition, the eight-week television program will be replayed in its entirety on Time Warner Cable (Channel 9) on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The weekly show's format will include both Richard Sauers, the men's head coach, and Mari Warner, the women's head coach, in the studio, and feature segments involving the University and its student-athletes.

"We at NewsChannel 13 are pleased to be working with the University at Albany on the 'Hoop Games - Great Danes Basketball' show," WNYT-TV General Manager Steve Baboulis said. "As this area's leading television sports programmer, NewsChannel 13 is committed to supporting high quality athletics in the Capital Region. Milt Richards has made great strides to improve the quality of the University's basketball programs and we view this new show as a way to get that message out to the public. We look forward to a long and beneficial relationship with the University as its sports programs grow in stature."

"We are pleased with our relationship with Channel 13," Albany Director of Athletics Milt Richards said. "This television show is another step in our efforts to make the University's athletics as strong as its fine academic reputation."

The Albany basketball programs compete in the New England Collegiate Conference, and are in their second season at the NCAA Division II level. The NECC men's and women's tournament will be played at the Recreation & Convocation Center on Feb. 23-25.

Air Dates for "Hoop Games - Great Danes Basketball" Show

	WNYT-TV (Channel 13)	Time Warner Cable (Channel 9)
Show #1	Sat., Jan. 11 - 12 noon	Mon., Jan. 13 - 7:00 p.m.
Show #2	Sat., Jan. 18 - 12 noon	Mon., Jan. 20 - 7:00 p.m.
Show #3	Sat., Jan. 25 - 12 noon	Mon., Jan. 27 - 7:00 p.m.
Show #4	Sat., Feb. 1 - 12 noon	Mon., Feb. 3 - 7:00 p.m.
Show #5	Sat., Feb. 8 - 11:30 a.m.	Mon., Feb. 10 - 7:00 p.m.
Show #6	Sat., Feb. 15 - 12 noon	Mon., Feb. 17 - 7:00 p.m.
Show #7	Sat., Feb. 22 - 12 noon	Mon., Feb. 24 - 7:00 p.m.
Show #8	Sat., Mar. 1 - 12 noon	Mon., Mar. 3 - 7:00 p.m.
**Show #9	Sat., Mar. 8 - 12 noon	Mon., Mar. 10 - 7:00 p.m.

**only will air if Albany is in post-season play

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Men's Basketball: Andre Duncan averaged 16.5 points and 10.5 rebounds in two games last week, and was named to the ECAC Division II Honor Roll on Sunday ... Albany tied a school record for victory margin with its 107-57 victory at Bridgeport ... the Great Danes also won by 50 points against Utica (94-44) in February 1957 and Geneseo (109-59) in December 1961 ... three local players were in double figures, as Albany last hit the century mark at Upsala (101-66) on Feb. 22, 1992 ... Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) had 12 points, while Todd Cetnar (Amsterdam H.S.) had a season-high 10 ... Dan Neary, a junior guard from ND-Bishop Gibbons, tallied a career-high 10 points ... UA was 2-8 on the road in conference play last year, and winless in four trips to Connecticut-school gyms ... Albany leads the NECC in three team categories: field goal percentage defense (.373), scoring defense (61.5 ppg) and 3-point field goals (8.6 per game) ...

Women's Basketball: Samantha Ginsberg was selected as the NECC Player of the Week, as she averaged 14.5 points, 2.5 assists and 2.5 steals in two games ... Ginsberg, who needs 14 points to become the third Albany player to score 1,000 during a career, scored 21 in Saturday's upset of defending conference champion Bridgeport ... Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) nailed a three-point shot with 44 seconds left provided the winning margin ... the Purple Knights won both meetings last year (72-63 and 78-60) ... Melissa Schoonover, a 6'1" center, was named the NECC Rookie of the Week ... she averaged 7.5 points and 5.5 rebounds in two games off the bench ... *****MORE*****

Albany College Notes 2-2-2-2

Indoor Track: Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.), fresh off her 13th place finish at the NCAA Division II cross country championships, provisionally qualified for the 5,000-meter run in Indianapolis this March by winning the Cornell Relays in a school-record 17:55.10 ... three locals were involved in Albany's winning effort in the men's distance medley relay ... Dennis King (ND-Bishop Gibbons), Ben Wright (Averill Park), Rob Naughtner (Guilderland) and Halim Wise ran 10:18.13 ...

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(Men's Basketball)

Bridgeport, Conn. -- Andre Duncan had 19 points and ten rebounds to pace a balanced attack as Albany routed Bridgeport 107-57 in a New England Collegiate Conference contest at Hubbell Gymnasium.

Albany's victory margin tied a school record which was last set in 1961 when the Great Danes upended Geneseo 109-59.

Bridgeport (3-2, 0-1) had a 2-0 lead, but Albany reeled off 11-unanswered points to cease control and upped their advantage to 28-7, when Duncan canned a three-point shot. Albany (5-1, 1-1) led 52-26 at halftime and converted eight-of-17 three-point shots in the period.

Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) had 12 points to lead six other players in double figures. Jahnel hit four-of-five long-range jumpers as his team connected on 12-of-25 on the afternoon.

Albany, which had a 2-8 road record in the conference last year, won for the first time against a Connecticut school. The Danes dropped all four road dates in this state last season. Bridgeport's freshman Eric Fuentes led the way with 17 points and 15 rebounds.

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College Sports 2-2-2-2

(Women's Basketball)

Bridgeport, Conn. -- Kelly Paolino buried a three-point field goal with 44 seconds remaining to lift Albany to a 57-56 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Bridgeport on Saturday afternoon at Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium.

Bridgeport (4-2, 0-1) led 50-45 with 4:05 remaining on a jumper by Sarah Wilfong. Albany (3-3, 1-1) rallied to tie the score at 52 all on a 17-foot jumper by Michele Davis. The Purple Knights regained the lead on their next possession when Tajauna Peoples, who scored 15 points, scored on the inside. The Great Danes drew even again at 54-54 with 1:23 left on a base-line shot by Samantha Ginsberg, who scored a season high 21 points.

Bridgeport jumped back in front as Katherine Thompson scored on the inside off a feed from a driving Wilfong. Paolino hit the game winning shot from the left wing on a return pass from center Melissa Schoonover. Bridgeport's Desiree Arbucho misfired on a three-pointer at the top of the key at the buzzer. Senior guard Dana Williams led Bridgeport with 17 points.

(Indoor Track & Field)

Ithaca, N.Y. -- Tonya Dodge's (Granville Central H.S.) winning time of 17:55.10 in the 5,000-meter run provisionally qualified her for the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships, which also set a new school record, on Saturday afternoon at the Cornell Relays. The NCAA Division II Championships will be held in March at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In the non-scoring invitational Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) captured the 55-meter hurdles title at 8.26 which also provisionally qualified her for the NCAA Division II Championships. Williamson and teammate Xiomara Davila ended in a dead-heat first-place finish in the 55-meter dash at 7.29.

The men's quartet of Ben Wright (Averill Park H.S.), Halim Wise, Rob Naughtner (Guilderland H.S.) and Dennis King claimed victory in the distance medley relay at 10:18.13.

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Anthony Vitti named to ECAC Division II North All-Star Team

Centerville, Mass. -- University at Albany's Anthony Vitti has been selected to the 1996 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II North All-Star team as voted by the membership's head football coaches.

Vitti, a senior roverback from Mamaroneck, N.Y., recorded 92 tackles (tied for second on team) to go with one interception, four pass break-ups, three fumbles caused and two sacks this season. The Albany captain also led the Great Danes in tackles for a loss with 8.5, and piled up 10 or more hits in five games during the fall.

Vitti, a 5'10, 195-pound defender, was a three-year starter in the Albany secondary, and finished fifth on the school's career tackles list with 231.

Albany had a 7-3 overall record in its second Division II campaign, and recorded its most victories since 1985.



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ALBANY RECEIVES EARLY COMMITMENT FROM WOMEN'S SCHOLASTIC CAGE STAR

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany has received a commitment from **Liz Tucker**, a 5'10" guard-forward from Plaistow, N.H. (Timberlane Regional H.S.), during the early signing period (Nov. 13-20) as announced today by head coach Mari Warner.

Tucker, a first-team team all-state selection, averaged 10.0 points, 5.1 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 3.0 steals in leading Londonderry High School to the Class L state championship final and a 21-3 overall record. As a junior point guard, she also was named to the *Eagle-Tribune* all-star team. Tucker has since transferred for her senior season to Timberlane Regional, which is considered one of the top Class I women's cage programs under coach Bucky Tardif.

"Liz Tucker will be a great addition to our program," said Mari Warner, who is in her 15th year as Albany's head coach. "We love her enthusiasm, and she has fine all-around skills. She plays scrappy defense and can both score and penetrate, and is a well-coached player who is fundamentally sound."

Tucker was a two-year starter at Londonderry, where she played small forward as a sophomore. She is also an accomplished soccer athlete, and was a starting stopper and midfielder on the '96 Timberlane Regional team.

Albany sponsors 19 men's and women's intercollegiate teams at the NCAA Division II level, and competes in the New England Collegiate Conference.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL: For the third time in the last 12 years, Albany is off to a 4-0 start ... the Great Danes won their opening six contests in 1985-86 ... Albany is averaging 23 three-point attempts, and canned 10 of 19 long-range jumpers in Sunday's 93-68 victory over East Stroudsburg ... Tom McGoldrick recorded his sixth career double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds in last Tuesday's 75-53 win over Old Westbury, and came back with 18 points against ESU ... Andre Duncan became the fourth player in school history to reach the 100-mark in career blocked shots with 101 ... Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) moved to second place in career 3-pointers made (89), and has connected on 14 of 33 for the season ...

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Albany rebounded from an 0-2 start with a pair of non-conference victories over Dominican (71-68) and New Paltz (91-37) last week ... Alison Bowe hit the go-ahead basket with 1:31 remaining at Dominican ... Bowe posted a career-high six steals vs. New Paltz, when Albany set a single-game record with 30 thefts ... Samantha Ginsberg moved into fourth place on the school's all-time scoring list with 942 points ... Ginsberg, who also climbed to sixth in steals, has scored in double figures in 22 of her last 23 starts ... Coach Mari Warner has given double-digit minutes to at least 10 players in each of the last three contests ... Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.), a sophomore point guard, had five points, four assists, three steals, and tied a career-best with five rebounds vs. New Paltz ... Paolino is averaging 2.8 steals per game in her first season as a regular ...

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FIELD HOCKEY: The Albany program has aligned itself with "Shoes For The Shoeless", a holiday season community service project which aims to provide shoes to homeless people in the Capital Region. The Great Danes, who posted a school-record 14-3 mark in 1996, are collecting used shoes of all kinds: sneakers, boots, casual and dress in sizes for both adult and children. Please call Diane Contri, a sophomore on the Albany team, at (518) 442-0307, if you wish to make a donation.