

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
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Albany 52, Stonehill 0

Albany, N.Y. -- Quarterbacks Eric Williams and Michael Oliva each threw one touchdown pass, and Troy Rhett returned a punt 54 yards for another score to lead Albany to a 52-0 Eastern Football Conference victory over Stonehill on Hall of Fame Day at University Field.

Albany (7-1, EFC 5-1) scored 21 consecutive points during a four-minute stretch of the first quarter to take command. Fullback James Miner capped a 56-yard drive with a one-yard run over left guard for a 7-0 lead. After a short punt gave the Great Danes good field position, Williams hit split end Dimy Cedor with a 32-yard touchdown pass. Rhett, a senior cornerback, completed the scoring spree, when he raced 54 yards to paydirt on a punt return for a 21-0 advantage with 5:20 remaining in the period.

Rhett set up Albany's fourth touchdown in the second period with a 43-yard interception return to the Stonehill 19. Five plays later, Oliva tossed a 4-yard scoring pass to flanker Greg Butryn.

Albany's reserves accounted for the game's final 24 points, as the Danes posted their highest point total at home since 1986. Mike Browne, a junior fullback, scored on a 32-yard scamper midway through the third quarter. In the fourth stanza, Deron Regev booted a 22-yard field goal, and tailback Brian Manigault and quarterback Marcus Rotondi reached the end zone on runs of 5 and 42 yards, respectively.

The Great Dane defense, which has kept the opposition's offense off the scoreboard for 10 straight quarters, limited Stonehill to 136 total yards, forced four turnovers, and recorded five quarterback sacks. Sophomore John Darak completed 11-of-31 attempts for 72 yards, and was intercepted three times. Running back Tyrone Jefferson had 70 yards on 20 carries for Stonehill (2-6, EFC 2-5).

Albany, a winner in 18 of its last 19 contests, finished with 349 yards in total offense. Williams hit on 8-of-13 passes for 142 yards, while Oliva connected on all four of his attempts for 43 more.

Albany moved one step closer to a showdown with Southern Connecticut State for the EFC's Atlantic Division title. If the Great Danes beat Pace at home next weekend, the two teams will play for the divisional crown on Nov. 14.

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(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Tovah Atwell had three goals and one assist, and set the school's single-season scoring record to lead Albany past Massachusetts-Lowell, 4-1, on Saturday at Albany Field. The Great Danes closed out the fall with four straight victories to finish at 8-8 overall.

Jenifer Randall, a junior forward, handed Mass.-Lowell (8-10) a 1-0 lead with 4:08 elapsed in the contest. Atwell, who ended the season with 18 goals and 16 assists for 52 points, scored twice within the next 13 minutes to push Albany in front. She added her third goal on a penalty stroke with no time left in the first half.

Amy DiMicco also shattered Albany's freshman scoring record, set by Atwell in 1996, on a goal with 26:49 remaining. She finished her first year with 31 points on 13 goals and five assists.

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Massachusetts-Lowell (8-10)	1	0	-	1
Albany (8-8)	3	1	-	4

Mass.-Lowell -- Scoring: Jenifer Randall 1-0; Saves: Jen Andersen 7.

Albany -- Scoring: Tovah Atwell 3-1, Amy DiMicco 1-0; Saves: Cathi Burek 7.

(Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Tashi Campbell-Tulloch had 22 kills and 36 digs, and Julie Arbitman added 17 kills, but Albany dropped a 3-2 decision to Le Moyne on Saturday at University Gym. Le Moyne (15-10) won 15-13, 6-15, 15-12, 11-15, and 15-12. Albany fell to 14-12 overall.

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Le Moyne def. Albany, 15-13, 6-15, 15-12, 11-15, 15-12.

Records: Le Moyne (15-10), Albany (14-12).

(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Richard Walker had two goals and one assist to lead New Hampshire College, the nation's ninth-ranked Division II team, to a 4-0 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Albany at Varsity Field.

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Walker, a sophomore from South Africa, placed a 20-yard direct kick into the left side at the 18:08 mark, and then set up teammate Sammy Faris with a crossing pass eight minutes later for a 2-0 lead. Walker added his 17th goal of the season midway through the second half.

Erik Fernstrom posted his ninth shutout this season with five saves for New Hampshire College (14-2-1, NECC 6-2). Dean deFreitas also stopped five shots for Albany (9-9, NECC 4-4).

-agate-

New Hampshire College (14-2-1, NECC 6-2)	2	2	-	4
Albany (9-9, NECC 4-4)	0	0	-	0

NHC -- Scoring: Richard Walker 2-1, Sammy Faris 1-0, Steve Kowlessar 1-0, Kevin Jones 0-1, Ulf Karlsson 0-1; Saves: Erik Fernstrom 5.

Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Dean deFreitas 5, Dave Weiss 1.

(Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Katie Sugrue scored two goals and assisted on another in leading New Hampshire College to a 5-0 triumph over Albany in a New England Collegiate Conference match on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Amber Dalmuta gave the Penwomen a 1-0 halftime lead, when she sent a shot into the low right corner off a one-touch pass from Sophie Odre at 30:49. Sugrue did all of her scoring in a four-goal second-half barrage. She set up Rosie Power on a 25-yard blast over the goalkeeper's head, before scoring off a rebound at 69:50 for a 3-0 advantage.

Kelly Landon had one goal and one assist, while goalkeeper Anna Salvatore made 13 saves for New Hampshire College (6-10-1, NECC 3-3-1).

Albany finished the season at 4-13 overall and 2-6 in the conference. Michelle Talviste made seven saves in the Great Dane net.

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New Hampshire College (6-10-1, NECC 3-3-1)	1	4	-	5
Albany (4-13, NECC 2-6)	0	0	-	0

NHC -- Katie Sugrue 2-1, Kelly Landon 1-1, Rosie Power 1-1, Amber Dalmuta 1-0, Michelle Fish 0-2, Sophie Odre 0-1; Saves: Anna Salvatore 12.

Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Michelle Talviste 7, Genevieve Holdridge 0.

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Charlie Justino had two goals and one assist to lead Albany to a 5-2 non-conference victory over St. Rose on Wednesday in a steady rain at Varsity Field.

Albany (9-8) took a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by freshman Jarvin Skeete and Justino. St. Rose (2-14) closed the gap nearly three minutes into the second half, when Gabe Barbato tallied for the first time this season off a corner kick.

The Great Danes scored twice within an eight-minute stretch midway through the final period to take command. Gil Bernardino found the net with a 10-yard shot, before Justino added his second goal of the match at 68:52 for a 4-1 lead.

Dean DeFreitas and Brian Sullivan combined on seven saves for Albany, while Chris Herba (Broadalbin-Perth) stopped 16 shots for the Golden Knights.

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St. Rose (2-14)	0	2	-	2
Albany (9-8)	2	3	-	5

St. Rose -- Bryan Johnson 1-1, Gabe Barbato 1-0; Saves: Chris Herba 16, Peter Anderson 0.

Albany -- Charlie Justino 2-1, Jarvin Skeete 1-0, Gil Bernardino 1-0, Sean Hughes 1-0, Jason Warshaw 0-1, Jon Brainard 0-1, Bryan Grabon 0-1, Marc Sonnenberg 0-1, Erik Kulakowsky 0-1; Saves: Dean deFreitas 6, Brian Sullivan 1.

(Football)

Albany (6-1, EFC 4-1) climbed into a tie for sixth in this week's Lambert-Meadowlands Division II football poll. The Great Danes host Stonehill this Sat., Oct. 31 on Hall of Fame Day. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m.

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Lambert Poll: 1. Slippery Rock, Pa. (7-1), 60; 2. Indiana, Pa. (7-1), 53; 3. Southern Conn. State (6-1), 49; 4. Millersville, Pa. (5-2), 42; 5. West Chester, Pa. (6-2), 25; (tie) 6. Albany, N.Y. (6-1), Kutztown, Pa. (5-2), Shippensburg, Pa. (5-3), 22; 9. Bentley, Mass. (6-1), 21; 10. New Haven, Conn. (2-5), 5.

University at Albany
1998-99
Basketball Media Luncheon

Wednesday, November 4
Recreation and Convocation Center
Athletic Hall of Fame Room

11:45 a.m.

Coaches and players (men and women) will be made available for interviews. A buffet lunch with sandwiches, soup and salad will be served.

R.S.V.P. by Monday, November 2
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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman midfielder Georges Haba scored two first-half goals, as Dowling won its fourth straight with a 4-0 non-conference victory over Albany on Sunday at Varsity Field.

Haba opening the scoring 4:33 into the match, when he placed a shot into the upper left corner following a deflection off a Albany defender. He then drilled a 15-yard shot through the middle at the 43:09 mark.

Mervin Shade posted the shutout with five saves for Dowling (11-1-1). Dean deFreitas stopped nine shots for Albany, which fell to 8-8.

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Dowling (11-1-1)	2	2	-	4
Albany (8-8)	0	0	-	0

Dowling -- Scoring: Georges Haba 2-0, Aboubacar Mady Camara 1-0, Jaime Gutierrez 1-0, Thomas Hoffman 0-1, Karim Diallo Abdoul 0-1, Frank Vertullo 0-1; Saves: Mervin Shade 5.

Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Dean deFreitas 9.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Saturday, October 24, 1998

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Albany 35, Massachusetts-Lowell 0

Albany, N.Y. -- Eric Williams passed for 168 yards and one touchdown, and defensive tackle Scotty DeBellis scored on a 37-yard fumble return to lead Albany to a 35-0 Eastern Football Conference victory over winless Massachusetts-Lowell on Homecoming at University Field.

Albany (6-1, EFC 4-1) struggled through the first quarter, and survived two missed field goals by Charlie MacInnis before getting its offense in gear. Williams, who connected on 10-of-18 passes, rolled to his right off play-action, and fired a 12-yard touchdown pass to tight end Steve Checksfield with 9:23 left in the second period. The 80-yard march was highlighted by a 52-yard completion from Williams to Checksfield.

The Great Danes took a 13-0 halftime lead, when running back Ben Kelcey reached paydirt on a 7-yard run to cap a 69-yard drive. Deron Regev's point-after attempt was blocked.

In the third quarter, Albany used a 10-play drive to increase its advantage to 21-0. Junior tailback Greg Garrett, who ran 10 times for 86 yards, scored his first rushing TD this season on a 14-yard jaunt through the middle. Garrett then caught a two-point conversion pass from Williams.

The Danes' defense got involved in the scoring on Mass.-Lowell's next series, when defensive end Matt Caliandro drilled quarterback Scot Ruggles in the UML backfield on an option play. DeBellis, a junior, picked up the fumbled ball, and raced 37 yards down the right sideline for a 28-0 lead with 1:21 left in the stanza.

Albany's last TD was set up by a fumbled punt return. Reserve quarterback Michael Oliva hooked up with flanker Greg Butryn on a 30-yard scoring pass with 8:52 remaining in the contest.

"It was a win, but I was not happy," said Albany coach Bob Ford, whose team was penalized 14 times for 126 yards. "We showed poor discipline, and did not establish ourselves as an offensive football team. I was impressed with the way Lowell battled us throughout the game."

Freshman running back Eddie Torrico rushed 30 times for 198 yards to lead Mass.-Lowell (0-7, EFC 0-4). However, the River Hawks lost three fumbles, and their two quarterbacks were sacked on five occasions. Ruggles finished 5-of-12 through the air for 56 yards.

Albany, which has won 17 of its last 18 contests, and is off to a 6-1 start for the third consecutive season, moved into a virtual tie for first place in the EFC's Atlantic Division standings with Southern Connecticut State (6-1, EFC 5-1) and C.W. Post (5-2, EFC 4-1). Southern Conn. defeated Stonehill, 49-7, while C.W. Post was upset by Pace, 14-13, this afternoon.

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(NECC Cross Country Championships)

Albany, N.Y. -- Andrea Viger (Granville Central H.S.) won the women's individual title, while Brendan Howell's third-place finish helped Albany capture its second consecutive men's crown at the New England Collegiate Conference championships on Saturday at the University at Albany's campus course.

Viger, a junior who placed fourth and tenth in her previous two NECC championship appearances, covered the 5,000-meter course in 18:52.2, and was more than seven seconds better than Southern Connecticut State's Lauren Saul (18:59.7). Southern Conn. State repeated as the women's champion with four runners in the top 10, while Albany was fourth.

"My training peaked at the right time," said Viger, whose twin sister, Erica, placed 33rd overall. "From the start, I was thinking this was my race. When I got to the two-mile mark, I felt good and was able to push to the finish."

James Johnson, who was ninth in last year's NECC championship, surprised the 152-runner field in the men's competition. He was timed in 24:59.9 over 8,000 meters to easily beat teammate Virgel Hammonds for individual honors. However, the Great Danes claimed the team title by grabbing the next four places. Brendan Howell took third in 25:36.8, while Jamie Rodriguez was fourth ahead of last year's winner Ben Wright (Averill Park H.S.). Albany finished with 30 points, while runner-up Mass.-Lowell scored 36.

Three Albany runners, from local high schools, were among the top-25 finishers. Todd Weiss (Shaker) was 12th, while Guilderland's Rob Naughton and Andy Rickert were 16th and 21st, respectively.

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WOMEN

Team: 1. Southern Connecticut State 39, 2. Massachusetts-Lowell 63, 3. Sacred Heart 69, 4. Albany 76, 5. Binghamton 100, 6. Stony Brook 135, 7. New Hampshire College 230, 8. New Haven 234, Franklin Pierce - inc.

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Individual: 1. Andrea Viger (Albany), 18:52.2; 2. Lauren Saul (Southern Conn.), 18:59.7; 3. Kelly Rhatigan (Southern Conn.), 19:01.0; 4. Leigh Gantner (Binghamton), 19:02.9; 5. Heather Stockton (Sacred Heart), 19:09.0; 6. Jaime Gleason (Mass.-Lowell), 19:15.1; 7. Suzanne Kane (Mass.-Lowell), 19:23.5; 8. Sara Titus (Southern Conn.), 19:25.2; 9. Kristy Pappas (Mass.-Lowell), 19:25.4; 10. Moriah Reid (Southern Conn.), 19:26.1

Other Albany Finishers: 11. Liz Hamilton, 19:28.5; 19. Abigail Olson, 20:13.2; 22. Samantha Cohen, 20:17.0; 23. Charlene Williamston, 20:19.9; 33. Erica Viger, 20:57.9; 41. Megan Roeder, 21:17.0.

MEN

Team: 1. Albany 30, 2. Massachusetts-Lowell 36, 3. Binghamton 96, 4. Stony Brook 117, 5. Sacred Heart 120, 6. New Haven 147, 7. Southern Connecticut State 192, 8. New Hampshire College 255, 9. Franklin Pierce 264, Bridgeport (inc.).

Individual: 1. James Johnson (Mass.-Lowell), 24:59.7; 2. Virgel Hammonds (Mass.-Lowell), 25:35.7; 3. Brendan Howell (Albany), 25:36.8; 4. Jamie Rodriguez (Albany), 25:49.3; 5. Ben Wright (Albany), 25:55.8; 6. Mike Kiernan (Albany), 26:01.0; 7. Justin Wolfanger (New Haven), 26:05.7; 8. Kevin Andriolo (Mass.-Lowell), 26:07.7; 9. Jon Lentino (Binghamton), 26:09.9; 10. Mike Thompson (Stony Brook), 26:12.1.

Other Albany Finishers: 12. Todd Weiss, 26:14.4; 16. Rob Naughtner, 26:29.6; 21. Andy Rickert, 26:46.9.

(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Delano Bailey broke a scoreless tie at 31:39 in the first half, and American International went on to defeat Albany, 2-0, in a non-conference match on Saturday afternoon.

Bailey, a freshman forward, tapped in a rebound shot off the left post from Jamie Marques. Marques added an insurance goal with 46 seconds remaining in the game. Albany (8-7) outshot the visitors, 24-11.

Albany goalkeeper Dean deFreitas recorded three saves, while James Flaherty turned away 13 shots for AIC. The Yellow Jackets are 8-8 overall.

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American International (8-8)	1	1	-	2
Albany (8-7)	0	0	-	0

American International: Jamie Marques 1-1, Delano Bailey 1-0; Saves: James Flaherty 13.

Albany: No Scoring; Saves: Dean deFreitas 3.

(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Amy DiMicco scored three goals, all in the first half, and Tovah Atwell set the school's single-game assist record, as Albany routed American International, 10-0, at Albany Field on Saturday.

Atwell, a junior forward who is the Albany's all-time scoring leader with 117 points, had six assists on the day, and scored twice in the second half. She assisted on six of her team's opening seven goals, and set up Lauren Bryne, who had two goals, with one minute and four seconds gone in the contest to begin the scoring spree.

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Angie Stegel (Johnstown H.S.) had two goals for the Great Danes, who improve to 7-8. Erin Smith made 23 saves for American International (2-12).

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American International (2-12)	0	0	-	0
Albany (7-8)	7	3	-	10

American International: No Scoring; Saves: Erin Smith 23.

Albany: Amy DiMicco 3-0, Lauren Byrne 2-0, Angie Stegel 2-0, Tovah Atwell 2-6, Carie Tonner 1-0, Jo Contro 0-2; Saves: Cathi Burek 1, Elaine Sullivan 0, Sonia Savino 0.

(Women's Soccer)

Brookville, N.Y. -- Karen Kosmij had one goal and one assist to lead C.W. Post to a 4-0 victory over Albany on Saturday at Pioneer Field.

Kosmij, a sophomore, scored at the 19-minute mark, and then set up Michelle Rutigliano early in the second half to hand C.W. Post (11-5) a 2-0 lead.

Senior goalkeeper Ellen Sattler had five saves for the Pioneers, while Michelle Talviste stopped eight shots for Albany (4-11).

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Albany (4-11)	0	0	-	0
C.W. Post (11-5)	1	3	-	4

Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Michelle Talviste 8.

C.W. Post -- Scoring: Karen Kosmij 1-1, Michelle Rutigliano 1-0, Tracy Schaller 1-0, Jocelyn Kochenour 1-0, Summer Maddox 0-1, Denise Santiago 0-1; Saves: Ellen Sattler 5.

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Albany Hosts NECC Cross Country Championships

The University at Albany will host the New England Collegiate Conference men's and women's cross country championships on Saturday morning as part of the University's Homecoming and Family Weekend.

The women's 5,000-meter competition begins at 10:45, while the men's 8,000-meter event follows at 11:30. NECC schools include Albany, Binghamton, Bridgeport, Franklin Pierce, Massachusetts-Lowell, New Hampshire College, New Haven, Sacred Heart, Southern Connecticut State and Stony Brook.

Ben Wright, a junior from Averill Park, N.Y., led the Great Danes to the men's title in 1997 with a first-place finish in 25:38. Mass.-Lowell's Brad Klinedinst, a runner-up to Wright last year, is also scheduled to compete.

Southern Connecticut State captured the 1997 NECC women's championship, and is led by defending individual titleist Sara Titus. Albany's Andrea Viger (Granville Central) placed fourth in last year's meet.

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

ENSHRINES FOUR INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

For Immediate Release
Wednesday, October 21, 1998

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ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will enshrine four former athletes into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 31 at the 15th annual HOF Brunch and Induction Ceremony. The event will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) Athletic Hall of Fame Room on campus. Albany's football game with Stonehill follows at 1:00 p.m.

The new inductees and their sports: **Nick Ascienzo** '73, baseball; **Frank Sarcone** '88, football; **Frank Selca** '79, soccer; and **David Theleman** '86, baseball.

With this year's class, there are 78 former athletes, coaches, and administrators who have been inducted into the University's Hall of Fame.

Nick Ascienzo (1969-73) -- One of the top pitchers in the Albany baseball program's history, Ascienzo earned All-SUNY Athletic Conference and All-Capital District recognition.

In 1972, Ascienzo posted a 4-0 record with a 0.84 earned run average, and was named to the All-SUNYAC team. His spring included three shutouts, and a stretch of 23 consecutive scoreless innings. He also recorded a 0.58 ERA in 31 innings on the mound in 1971, and was 3-3 with a 3.12 ERA as a freshman.

Ascienzo, who played baseball for four years, and was a two-time captain, overcame adversity during his career when he suffered an arm injury prior to his senior season. He became an all-conference first baseman, and batted .300 in leading the Great Danes to the 1973 SUNYAC title.

A native of Kingston, N.Y. (Kingston H.S.), Ascienzo was a defender on the Albany soccer team as a freshman and sophomore, and was the school's freshman athlete of the year in 1969-70. He received a B.A. in mathematics education, and won the Adna W. Risley Award.

Ascienzo is a math instructor at Red Hook (N.Y.) High School, where he has been the head girls' softball coach since 1989. He serves as treasurer of the local New York State Teachers Association, and also operates an International Dairy Queen franchise. A resident of Lake Katrine, Ascienzo currently serves as co-chair of the Mid-Hudson Athletic League high school softball association.

Frank Sarcone (1984-87) -- An intelligent, tough-nosed inside linebacker from the mid-1980s, Sarcone is the school's all-time tackles leader.

During his Albany career, Sarcone recorded 344 tackles, 14.5 hits for losses, four sacks, recovered five fumbles, forced five fumbles, broke up six passes and had three interceptions.

As a sophomore, Sarcone led the Great Danes to the ECAC-North Division III crown and a 9-2 record. He had 13 tackles in his team's come-from-behind 33-21 victory against Plymouth State in the championship. Sarcone led an Albany defense which shut out three opponents during a season-ending five-game win streak.

Sarcone, a team captain on two occasions, was selected the 1986 team MVP when he posted 118 tackles and two interceptions. As the program's most valuable defender in 1987, he totaled a career-best 131 tackles, and had 20 hits in three different games against Hofstra, Norwich and St. Lawrence.

Sarcone, who attended Susan Wagner High School in Staten Island, N.Y., received his B.A. in economics from the University in 1988. He presently is the Northeast Regional Sales Manager for Arthrex, Inc., a company which produces surgical equipment. Sarcone had previously served as group marketing manager for Stryker Endoscopy, Inc. and was Upjohn Company's district manager in Kalamazoo, Michigan for four years.

A resident of Cos Cob, Conn., Sarcone is married to the former Kerra Anthony, and they have one daughter, Dakota Ryley.

Frank Selca (1974-77) -- An all-state and all-conference player, Selca was a key figure in the Albany soccer program's resurgence during the 1970s. The Great Danes, who posted four consecutive winning seasons and a combined 32 victories during Selca's career, reached the NCAA Division III tournament in 1975, and qualified for the ECAC tournament the following year.

A native of Ulcinj, Yugoslavia, Selca was selected to the All-New York State team as a sophomore and senior, and earned All-SUNY Athletic Conference and honorable mention All-America honors in his final two seasons.

Selca established the school's single-season scoring record with 19 goals and 10 assists in 1975. He shattered a standard set by Karl-Heinz Gerstenberger '62, who was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986. Selca, who totaled 33 goals and 16 assists in 44 matches played over his final three campaigns, helped Albany achieve a top-10 national ranking in 1976.

Selca received his undergraduate degree in history

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(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Chrissy Bradt (Shenendehowa H.S.) had two goals and one assist to lead Albany to a 9-0 victory over Siena on Tuesday afternoon at Albany Field.

Albany (6-8) leaped to a 3-0 advantage in the opening seven minutes.

Lauren Byrne tapped in a ball off a scramble in front to begin the scoring spree. Bradt followed with a goal off a penalty corner, before Carie Tonner, who also had two goals, drilled a shot inside the far post.

Sara Mendez had 17 saves for Siena, which is winless in 12 games this season. Three Albany goalkeepers combined to make four saves, while Angie Stegel (Johnstown) added one goal and one assist.

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Siena (0-12)	0	0	-	0
Albany (6-8)	5	4	-	9

Siena -- Scoring: No Scoring; Saves: Sara Mendez 17

Albany -- Scoring: Chrissy Bradt 2-1, Carie Tonner 2-0, Angie Stegel 1-1, Katie Cunningham 1-1, Lauren Byrne 1-0. Amy DiMicco 1-0, Jo Contro 1-0, Tovah Atwell 0-2, Liz Peck 0-1; Saves: Cathi Burek 3, Sonia Savino 0, Elaine Sullivan 1.

Jarvin Skeete Named NECC Rookie of the Week

Skeete, a freshman midfielder, has been selected the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Oct. 12-18) in men's soccer. He scored twice in a 4-0 victory at St. Michael's last Sunday. Skeete, who has four goals this season, netted the game-winner at 13:49, and handed Albany a 2-0 lead early in the second half. Albany (8-6, NECC 4-3) has won seven of its last nine matches.

Audrey White Selected NECC Rookie of the Week

White, a freshman forward, has been chosen the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Oct. 12-18) in women's soccer. She netted the go-ahead goal to snap a 2-2 tie with 3:19 remaining in a 4-2 NECC victory over Bridgeport on Oct. 17. Albany (3-10) ended a 13-match home losing streak with the decision.



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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY APPOINTS BOB FORD
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Dr. Robert Ford**, head football coach for nearly three decades, has been chosen the University at Albany's Interim Director of Athletics as announced today by Vice President for Student Affairs James P. Doellefeld. Ford takes over for Dr. Milton E. Richards, who tendered his resignation on October 9. He will manage the Department of Athletics and Recreation until a national search for a director of athletics has been completed.

Ford, who is in his 26th varsity season as Albany's head football coach, and resurrected the program in 1970 at the club level, is no stranger to the role of athletics director. He served in that position for five years, beginning in 1977, and administrated a program which sponsored 25 varsity sports for men and women.

"I am delighted Coach Ford has accepted the interim position," Doellefeld said. "As a citizen of the University, he has stepped forward to provide leadership for the intercollegiate athletics program during this transition period. Dr. Ford is highly regarded by his peers as a future president of the American Football Coaches Association. In addition, Dr. Gail Cummings-Danson will remain the department's senior women's administrator, as one aspect of her interim assistant vice president for student affairs portfolio. The University has a vision of excellence in athletics, and remains fully committed to its NCAA Division I upgrade. We hope to have a director of athletics in place by Labor Day 1999."

"We will advance our Division I direction during this transition," Ford said. "Our athletic administrators, coaches and student-athletes have a common purpose, and we will work together to further Albany's athletics tradition."

Ford, 61, was appointed as head football coach on April 27, 1970, and directed the program through three club seasons prior to the first varsity campaign in the fall of 1973. He currently has a 153-100 record as the Great Dane mentor, and his 162 career victories ranks among the top 10 active NCAA Division II head coaches. In 1997, Ford led Albany to the Eastern Football Conference championship, an EFC Atlantic Division title, and an 11-1 record. For his efforts, he was named the *Football Gazette* Division II non-scholarship national Coach of the Year. Ford was also voted the top coach in the EFC and GTE Region I. He is a member of the AFCA's Board of Trustees as third vice-president, and is secretary of the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame's Capital District Chapter.

Ford has a doctorate and a B.S. in physical education from Springfield College, and earned his master's degree in educational administration from St. Lawrence University.

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(Men's Soccer)

Colchester, Vt. -- Freshman Jarvin Skeete scored two goals, one in each half, to lead Albany to a 4-0 non-conference victory at St. Michael's on Sunday afternoon.

Skeete netted a shot at the 13:49 mark on a feed from Marc Sonnenberg, and then gave Albany (8-6) a 2-0 lead eight minutes into the final period. Bryan Grabon added his fifth goal of the season at 56:01 for the Great Danes, who have won seven of their last nine matches.

Mike Plante made nine saves for St. Michael's (5-7-1), while Albany goalkeepers Dean deFreitas and Dave Weiss combined to stop nine shots.

-agate-

Albany (8-6)	1	3	-	4
St. Michael's (5-7-1)	0	0	-	0

Albany -- Jarvin Skeete 2-0, Bryan Grabon 1-0, Sean Hughes 1-0, Marc Sonnenberg 0-1, Charlie Justino 0-1, Derek Beeman 0-1; Saves: Dean deFreitas 7, Dave Weiss 2.

St. Michael's -- No Scoring; Saves: Mike Plante 4.

(Women's Tennis)

Binghamton, N.Y. -- Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) captured her third consecutive Flight I singles title to earn the tournament's most outstanding player award at the New England Collegiate Conference championships on Sunday at Binghamton University's West Gym Courts.

Bliss, a junior, defeated Binghamton's Julie Klein, 7-5 and 6-4, in the conference final. Albany's Samantha Kramer and Illissa Strolovitz each posted straight-set victories to win the Flight II and Flight IV singles crowns, respectively. Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central) teamed to record a 6-3, 6-3 triumph in the Flight III doubles championship.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

Despite three singles winners and one doubles champion, Albany was runner-up to Binghamton for the NECC crown. The Colonials' Julie Klein and Heather Binen won a third-set tiebreaker over Albany's Bliss and Kramer in the decisive Flight I doubles final. Binghamton had 34 points, while Albany (32) and Stony Brook (28) followed behind. The Great Danes were three-time defending champions.

-agate- 1998 NECC Women's Tennis Championships

TEAM: 1. Binghamton 34, 2. Albany 32, 3. Stony Brook 28, 4. Sacred Heart 17, 5. Massachusetts-Lowell 10.5, 6. Franklin Pierce 7, 7. New Haven 2.

(Championship Bracket)

Singles

I: Julie Bliss (A) def. Julie Klein (B), 7-5, 6-4

II: Samantha Kramer (A) def. Allison Goldman (B), 6-1, 7-6 (7-2)

III: Heather Binen (B) def. Delquin Gong (SB), 6-3, 6-1

IV: Ilissa Strolowitz (A) def. Belvin Gong (SB), 6-2, 6-2

V: Ellen Luo (SB) def. Patti Saenz (B), 6-3, 6-1

VI: Deanna Ghozati (SB) def. Jackie Spiegel (B), 6-1, 6-3

Doubles

I: Julie Klein-Heather Binen (B) def. Julie Bliss-Samantha Kramer (A), 6-7 (7-1), 6-4, 7-6 (7-4)

II: Alison Smith-Kerrie Rowe (FP) def. Delquin Gong-Susan Lim (SB), 6-2, 6-3

III: Erinn Langford-Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Anna Kwiatkowski-Patti Saenz (B), 6-3, 6-3

(Football)

University at Albany's Eric Williams was named to the ECAC Division II Honor Roll for the second time this season. Williams, a 6-foot-2 junior quarterback, posted career-highs in total yards (225), rushing yards (64) and touchdown passes (3) in Saturday's 42-16 Eastern Football Conference victory at Stony Brook. Williams snapped a 16-16 tie with an 8-yard TD pass, and an 8-yard option keeper in the second half. He completed 12-of-26 passes for 161 yards on the day. Albany is 5-1 overall, and 3-1 in the conference.

(Women's Cross Country)

Allentown, Pa. -- Andrea Viger (Granville Central H.S.) placed 10th among 461 runners to lead Albany to a ninth-place finish at the Allentown College Invitational on Sunday. Viger, a junior, was timed in 19:06.20 over the 5,000-meter course. Noel Whitall, of the College of New Jersey, led her school to the title by hitting the tape first in 18:28.86. New Jersey had 94 points, while Moravian was second with 135. Albany's Liz Hamilton was 22nd overall in 19:22.02, while Viger's twin sister, Erica, took 88th in 21:07.15.

-agate-

TEAM: 1. College of New Jersey 94, 2. Moravian 135, 3. West Chester 149, 4. Lock Haven 158, 5. East Stroudsburg 180, 6. Bloomsburg 206, 7. Kutztown 222, 8. Haverford 248, 9. Albany 261, 10. Wheeling Jesuit 270 ... 46 teams competed ...

INDIVIDUAL: 1. Noel Whitall (New Jersey), 18:28.86; 2. Tina Vosper (East Stroudsburg), 18:31.93; 3. Eunice Chege (Kutztown), 18:37.48.

Top Albany Finishers: 10. Andrea Viger, 19:06.20; 22. Liz Hamilton, 19:45.15; 50. Abigail Olsen, 20:17.11; 88. Erica Viger, 21:07.15; 105. Charlene Williamston, 21:24.34; 152. Samantha Cohen, 21:51.59.

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(Women's Tennis)

Binghamton, N.Y. -- Albany's Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.), Samantha Kramer, and Ilissa Strolovitz all advanced to the singles finals at the New England Collegiate Conference championships at Binghamton University on Saturday. Albany, the three-time NECC champion are tied for second with Stony Brook after the second day of the three-day tournament.

Bliss, the first seed in Flight I, defeated Catherine Jones of Massachusetts-Lowell, 6-0, 6-0, to advance to tomorrow's final. She will meet Binghamton's Julie Klein, the number-two seed in the tournament.

Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem) advanced to the championship match at third doubles. The local duo downed Meghan O'Connell and Sarah Molloy of Sacred Heart, 6-1 and 6-2.

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(Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman forward Audrey White netted the go-ahead goal at the 87:41 mark as Albany defeated Bridgeport 4-2 in a New England Collegiate Conference match at Varsity Field on Saturday.

Suzanne McCormack sent a pass from 20-yards out to White, who put a shot to the low right side past Bridgeport goalkeeper Anna Ljungberg. Ashley Mendicino added an insurance goal with 37 seconds remaining for Albany (3-10, NECC 2-5).

Bridgeport (5-6, NECC 0-5) had a 2-1 advantage at halftime on goals by Jenny Johansson and Jennifer Svelnys. Ljungberg had four saves for the Purple Knights, while Albany netminder Michelle Talviste registered seven saves for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Bridgeport (5-6, NECC 1-6)	2	0	-	2
Albany (3-10, NECC 2-4)	1	3	-	4

Bridgeport -- Jenny Johansson 1-0, Jennifer Svelnys 1-0, Julie Jarvis 0-1;
Saves: Anna Ljungberg 4.

Albany -- Lorraine Marchesano 1-0, Taryn Miller 1-0, Audrey White 1-0,
Ashley Mendicino 1-0, Emily Trievel 0-1, Suzanne McCormack 0-1; Saves:
Michelle Talviste 7.

(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior forward Tom Mason broke a scoreless tie midway through the second period to lead Albany to a 2-0 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Bridgeport on Saturday afternoon.

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Mason blasted a 20-yard direct kick to the high right over a wall of Bridgeport defenders. The free kick was awarded after Alex Pino was issued a yellow card for taking down Albany midfielder Jon Brainard. Defenseman Ryan Heuer added a goal at 71:35 for the Great Danes, who ended a two-game losing streak.

Goalkeepers Dean deFreitas and Brian Sullivan combined on the shutout for Albany (7-6, NECC 4-3), while Bridgeport's Adam Dodge went the distance and registered eight saves. The Purple Knights fall to 2-10-1 overall.

-agate-

Bridgeport (2-10-1, NECC 0-5-1)	0	0	-	0
Albany (7-6, NECC 4-3)	0	2	-	2

Bridgeport -- No Scoring; Saves: Adam Dodge, 8.

Albany -- Tom Mason 1-0, Ryan Heuer 1-0; Saves: Dean deFreitas 6, Brian Sullivan 0.

(Field Hockey)

Winchendon, Mass. -- Freshman forward Lauren Byrne established a single-game record as she scored four goals and added one assist in leading Albany to a 10-0 victory over Franklin Pierce on Saturday. The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the Great Danes.

Byrne recorded two goals in each half and broke the three-goal standard set by teammate Tovah Atwell in 1997. Midfielder Amy DiMicco added three goals and an assist for Albany, who improve to 5-8.

Cathi Burek and Sonia Savino combined on eight saves and posted the second shutout of the year for the Great Danes. Franklin Pierce (3-5) got 19 saves from Alison Davis and Jodi Burns.

-agate-

Albany (5-8)	6	4	-	10
Franklin Pierce (3-5)	0	0	-	0

Albany -- Lauren Byrne 4-1, Amy DiMicco 3-1, Carie Tonner 1-2, Tovah Atwell 1-1, Angie Stegel 1-0, Liz Peck 0-1, Chrissy Bradt 0-1, Gail Yemma 0-1, Ali Mann 0-1; Saves: Cathi Burek 7, Sonia Savino, 1.

Franklin Pierce -- No Scoring; Saves: Alison Davis 17, Jodi Burns 2.

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(Men's Cross Country)

Bronx, N.Y. -- Junior Ben Wright (Averill Park H.S.) placed 10th to lead Albany to a second-place finish at the IC4A Cross Country University Division Championship on Friday afternoon at Van Cortlandt Park. The Great Danes scored 151 points in the 31-team field, and were runner-up to champion St. Francis, Pa. (61). Towson (177) was third, while Marist (189) was fourth.

Wright, who was third at last weekend's Albany Invitational, covered the five-mile course in 26:05. Brendan Howell (26:35) was 28th, while Jamie Rodriguez (Christian Brothers Academy) finished 29th in 26:37. Mike Kiernan (41st) and Guilderland's Andy Rickert (45th) were also among the top-50 finishers in the 203-runner competition.

-agate-

1998 IC4A University Division Championship

1. St. Francis, Pa. 61, 2. Albany 151, 3. Towson 177, 4. Marist 189, 5. Rutgers 193, 6. Monmouth 200, 7. Lehigh 204, 8. Iona 220, 9. East Stroudsburg 223, 10. Lafayette 231.

(Women's Tennis)

Binghamton, N.Y. -- Franklin Pierce's Alison Smith and Kerrie Rowe won a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Albany's Shayna Smith and Illissa Strolovitz in a Flight II doubles opening-round match at the New England Collegiate Conference championships on Friday evening at Binghamton University's West Gym Courts. The Smith-Rowe tandem is seeded second in the third-day tournament.

Singles play gets underway on Saturday morning. The Great Danes, who have won three consecutive NECC titles, have three local players among the top seeds in six classifications. Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) is seeded first in Flight I, while Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem) are No. 1 in Flight V and VI, respectively.

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(Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Jeana Arthur had 13 kills and Sara DeClemente added 28 assists and 11 digs, as Binghamton defeated Albany, 15-3, 15-12, 16-14, on Wednesday evening at University Gym.

Julie Arbitman had 10 kills and 16 digs for Albany (9-7). Binghamton improved to 15-11.

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Binghamton def. Albany, 15-3, 15-12, 16-14

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(Men's Soccer)

Oneonta, N.Y. -- Claude Charles and Kenny Murray each scored in the first half, as Division I Oneonta State posted a 2-0 victory over Albany on Wednesday at Wright National Soccer Campus.

Charles, a sophomore striker, dribbled through the Albany defense from 20 yards out, and hit the net with his second goal of the season at the 11:56 mark. Kenny Murray scored off a penalty kick midway through the period.

Ross Hollingsworth had seven saves to record his third shutout for Oneonta State (4-6-1). Dean deFreitas stopped eight shots for Albany (6-6).

-agate-

Albany (6-6)	0	0	-	0
Oneonta State (4-6-1)	2	0	-	2

Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Dean deFreitas 8.

Oneonta State -- Claude Charles 1-0, Kenny Murray 1-0; Saves: Ross Hollingsworth 7.

(Women's Soccer)

Garden City, N.Y. -- Karen Campbell and Kim Baverstock each scored twice, and goalkeeper Kara Gazzano posted her third shutout in four games to lead Adelphi to a 7-0 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday at Stiles Field.

Baverstock and Brandy Page, who had one goal and two assists, each found the net in the opening two minutes and 18 seconds. Campbell notched back-to-back goals within a four-minute span later in the period for a 4-0 Panther advantage.

Gazzano, a junior netminder, had four saves, and upped her career shutout total to 23.5 for Adelphi (9-1-1). Albany falls to 2-10 overall.

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(women's soccer - cont.)

-agate-

Albany (2-10)	0	0	-	0
Adelphi (9-1-1)	5	2	-	7

Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Michelle Talviste 2, Genevieve Holdridge 4.

Adelphi -- Karen Campbell 2-0, Kim Baverstock 2-0, Brandy Page 1-2, Missy Muhall 1-0, Kim Campbell 1-0, Jesseca Ericksen 0-3, Ann Marie Georges 0-1; Saves: Kara Gazzano 4.

(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Seanna Poelaert scored three goals, including the game-winner with 3:17 remaining, to lead St. Michael's to a 3-2 victory over Albany on Wednesday at Albany Field.

Poelaert blasted a low shot to the left of goalkeeper Cathi Burek to decide the outcome. Albany's Amy DiMicco had tied the contest at 2-2 early in the second half off a corner play.

St. Michael's (8-4) took a 2-0 lead with 2:12 left in the first half, when Poelaert, from in front of the cage, tapped in Emily Ahern's pass. Albany (4-8) cut the deficit in half just before the intermission on Liz Peck's second goal of the season.

-agate-

St. Michael's (8-4)	2	1	-	3
Albany (4-8)	1	1	-	2

St. Michael's -- Scoring: Seanna Poelaert 3-0, Colleen Fitzgerald 0-1, Emily Ahern 0-1; Saves: Nicki Collette 13.

Albany -- Scoring: Liz Peck 1-0, Amy DiMicco 1-0, Tovah Atwell 0-2, Ali Mann 0-1, Chrissy Bradt 0-1; Saves: Cathi Burek 19.

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Shcree Lewis Named EFC Co-Defensive Player of the Week

Senior linebacker Shcree Lewis has been selected as the Eastern Football Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Saturday's 24-6 victory over Merrimack. Lewis shared the award with Bentley's Chris Butler.

Lewis officially recorded 10 tackles, including one sack, and blocked one punt and one field goal. His blocked punt set up a third-quarter field goal that extended Albany's lead to 10-0. Lewis is second on the team in tackles (39) and sacks (2.5), and has blocked three kicks this season.

Albany Moves Up to Eighth in Lambert-Meadowlands Poll

Albany (4-1) climbed to eighth in this week's Lambert-Meadowlands Poll, which ranks the top Division II football teams in the Northeast. The Great Danes have won 15 of their last 16 contests, including eight consecutive road victories.

Lambert-Meadowlands Poll

1. Slippery Rock, Pa. (5-1), 49; 2. Indiana, Pa. (5-1), 41; 3. Millersville, Pa. (4-1), 39; 4. West Chester, Pa. (4-2), 36; 5. Southern Connecticut State (4-1), 34; 6. American International (4-1), 23; 7. Clarion, Pa. (3-3), 15; 8. Albany, N.Y. (4-1), 13; 9. Shippensburg, Pa. (4-2), 11; 10. (tie) Bentley, Mass. (4-1) and New Haven, Conn. (2-4), 5.

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(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Binghamton University's Ali Goldman posted a straight-set victory over Illisa Strolovitz, of the University at Albany, in the singles consolation final at the New York State Division I-II Tournament on Sunday.

Goldman won a 6-4, 6-2 decision over Strolovitz, who had reached the consolation bracket's final match with a 7-5, 6-2 triumph against Hofstra's Kristin Gault on Saturday evening in the semifinals.

(Women's Volleyball)

New Haven, Conn. -- Sophomore outside hitter Julie Arbitman had 18 kills and a career-high 36 digs to lead Albany to a 3-2 victory over Sacred Heart. Tashi Campbell-Tulloch added 16 kills for the Great Danes, who improved to 9-6.

-agate-

Albany def. Sacred Heart, 16-14, 7-15, 15-5, 14-16, 15-7

(Football)

Centerville, Mass. -- Linebacker Shcree Lewis and tailback Greg Garrett were both named to the ECAC Division II Honor Roll for their performances in Saturday evening's 24-6 Eastern Football Conference victory over Merrimack in Waltham, Mass.

Lewis, a senior, had eight tackles, including one sack, and blocked one punt and one field goal. His punt block set up Deron Regev's 32-yard field goal, and handed Albany a 10-0 lead with 3:19 remaining in the third quarter.

Garrett, who moved to sixth on the school's career rushing list with 1,912 yards, accounted for 150 all-purpose yards. He rushed 18 times for 81 yards, and scored on a 65-yard screen pass in the second quarter.

Albany (4-1, EFC 2-1) has won 15 of its last 16 contests.

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Comments: College Sports (Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Five different players scored for Southern Connecticut as the Owls upended Albany 5-1 in a New England Collegiate Conference match on Saturday afternoon.

Keely Fitzgerald sent a 16-yard shot to the far post to open the scoring at 22:26. Kathleen Faherty and Debbie Lewonka combined for two goals and two assists. Sophomore Theresa Uliano scored her 10th goal of the season when she dribbled 40 yards and beat Michelle Talviste to the left with 15 minutes remaining in the contest.

Taryn Miller netted the only goal for Albany (2-9, NECC 1-5) on a 25-yard blast over the hands of goalkeeper Regina Sullivan.

Michelle Talviste recorded seven saves for the Great Danes, while Sullivan had four saves for Southern Connecticut (8-2, NECC 2-0).

-agate-

Southern Connecticut (8-3, NECC 2-0)	2	3	-	5
Albany (2-8, NECC 1-5)	0	1	-	1

Southern Connecticut -- Scoring: Kathleen Faherty 1-1, Debbie Lewonka 1-1, Keely Fitzgerald 1-0, Cristina Canle 1-0, Theresa Uliano 1-0, Michelle D'Auria 0-1, Jenna Alves 0-1; Saves: Regina Sullivan 4.

Albany -- Scoring: Taryn Miller 1-0; Saves: Michelle Talviste 7.

(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Dan Valency scored twice and Renwick Hutson had two assists to lead Southern Connecticut to a 7-1 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Albany at Varsity Field Saturday afternoon.

Valency teamed with Hutson to score his first goal at the 55:47 mark and then tallied an unassisted goal from 25 yards out two minutes later. Hutson netted his own goal with just under 28 minutes to go as Southern Connecticut (9-

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

2-1, NECC 3-0) routed Albany.

Jon Brainard recorded his second goal of the season when Russell DiBenedetto left the ball at the seven-yard line at the 75:29 mark.

Dean deFreitas and Dave Weiss combined for nine saves for Albany (6-5, NECC 3-3). Billy Gatti and J.R. Nelson turned away five shots for the Owls.

-agate-

Southern Connecticut (9-2-1, NECC 3-0)	2	5	-	7
Albany (6-5, NECC 3-3)	0	1	-	1

Southern Connecticut -- Scoring: Dan Valency 2-0, Renwick Hutson 1-2, Paul Oyuga 1-1, Tal Osovsky 1-0, Gilbert Jean-Baptiste 1-0, Chris Theodorou 1-0, Asaf Dagai 0-1; Saves: Billy Gatti 4, J.R. Nelson 1.

Albany -- Scoring: Jon Brainard 1-0, Russell DiBenedetto 0-1; Saves: Dean deFreitas 8, Dave Weiss 1.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Alyssa Strolovitz reached the finals of the singles consolation round in the John Jay Rooney New York State Championships on Saturday. The final match will be played on Sunday morning, October 11, at 9:00 A.M. at the University at Albany.

Strolovitz, a freshman, won 7-5, 6-2 over Hofstra's Kristen Gualt in the semifinals to advance to the championship round for the second time this season.

(Cross Country)

Albany, N.Y. -- Middlebury College's Jessica Johnston and Marist's Michael Melfi each won individual titles, while the University at Albany won the men's championship and Middlebury College won the women's at the 32nd annual Albany Cross Country Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

Johnston covered the 5,000-meter course in 18:56, nine seconds ahead of Springfield's Barbara Swallow (19:05). Eileen Rose placed 15th (19:38) as Buffalo took second-place with 93 points. Southern Connecticut finished third with Lauren Saul's fifth-place time (19:13). Marist was fourth with 114, while Springfield placed fifth with 158.

Andrea Viger (Granville H.S.) was Albany's top-finisher as she placed eighth at 19:23 and the Great Danes took seventh.

Melfi won the men's 8K varsity race in 24:58 as Marist placed second with 52. Ben Wright (Averill Park) finished third with a time of 25:33 to lead the Great Danes to the championship. Mike Kiernan (25:57) and Brendan Howell (25:58) were Albany's other top finishers at ninth and tenth, respectively.

Binghamton was third with 104 and Rochester Institute of Technology placed fourth as Rich Neily finished in 25:37. Connecticut College rounded out the top-five with 151.

-agate-

32nd Annual Albany Invitational
(Men's R.K. Munsey Varsity Team)

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Albany 42, 2. Marist 52, 3. Binghamton 104, 4. R.I.T. 135, 5. Connecticut College 151, 6. Buffalo 205, 7. Brockport 229, 8. Middlebury 243, 9. LeMoyne 281, 10. Vassar 308, 11. Union 318, 12. Lyndon St. 327, 13. Williams 334, 14. UMASS - Dartmouth 368, 15. St. Michaels 382, 16. Hobart 398, 17. Southern Connecticut 422, 18. Adelphi 463, 19. Clarkson 470, 20. Johnson St. 531, 21. St. Rose 626, 22. Bard 633.

(Top Individuals- 8,000 meters)

1. Michael Melfi (Marist), 24:58, 2. James McCowan (Vassar), 25:17, 3. Ben Wright (Albany), 25:33, 4. Rich Neiley (R.I.T.) 25:37, 5. Benjamin Hefferon (Marist), 25:38, 6. Gregory Salamone (Marist), 25:44, 7. Peter Flynn (Union), 25:51, 8. Javier Colon (St. Thomas Aquinas), 25:54, 9. Mike Kiernan (Albany), 25:57, 10. Brendan Howell (Albany), 25:58.

Other Local Finishers: 11. Jaime Rodriguez (Albany), 25:59, 28. Todd Weiss (Albany), 26:45, 43. Chris Castaldo (Albany), 27:11.

(Women's Varsity Team)

1. Middlebury 38, 2. Buffalo 93, 3. Southern Connecticut 93, 4. Marist 114, 5. Springfield 158, 6. Binghamton 168, 7. Albany 172, 8. UMASS- Dartmouth 207, 9. Connecticut College 207, 10. William 258, 11. Vassar 295, 12. Clarkson 348, 13. SUNY Brockport 363, 14. St. Rose 387, 15. Union 421, 16. LeMoyne 425, 17. William Smith 458, 18. Lyndon St. 502, 19. Bard 554.

(Top Individuals- 5,000 meters)

1. Jessica Johston (Middlebury), 18:56, 2. Barbara Swallow (Springfield), 19:05, 3. Clodagh Rafferty (Vassar), 19:07, 4. Maura Danahy (Connecticut College), 19:12, 5. Lauren Saul (Southern Connecticut), 19:13, 6. Leigh Gantner (Binghamton), 19:20, 7. Kasie Wallace (Middlebury), 19:23, 7. Andrea Viger (Albany), 19:23, 9. Colleen Peterson (Mohawk Valley CC), 19:24, 9. Kate Irvin (Middlebury) 19:24, 9. Jess Blake (Middlebury), 19:24.

Other Local Finishers: 33. Liz Hamilton (Albany), 20:11, 42. Becca Pendenotti (St. Rose), 20:39, 42. Samantha Cohen (Albany), 20:39, 44. Melissa Keckler (Albany), 20:41.

(Men's Gold Division/Varsity "B" Team)

1. Marist 51, 2. Albany 67, 3. Alfred 80, 3. Binghamton 80, 5. Mohawk Valley CC 135, 6. Buffalo 141, 7. Middlebury 197, 8. Williams 230, 9. St. Michaels 265, 10. Connecticut College 274, 11. Brockport 288, 12. Vassar 313, 12. Hobart 367.

(Individual)

1. Lubert Lewis (Mohawk Valley CC), 26:16.

(Women's Gold Division/ Varsity "B" Team)

1. Middlebury 23, 2. Marist 65, 3. Binghamton 69, 4. Buffalo 129, 5. Mohawk Valley CC 152, 6. Williams 282, 7. Albany 172, 8. Connecticut College 195, 9. Southern

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Connecticut 264, 10. William Smith 282, 11. Vassar 300, 12. Union 347.

(Individual)

1. Billie Schieble (Mohawk Valley CC), 19:39.

(Women's Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y.-- The University at Albany field hockey match against Indiana, Pa. was called with 12 minutes remaining in the first half due to poor field conditions. The game will not be rescheduled.

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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
MILT RICHARDS ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- Dr. Milton E. Richards tendered his resignation today, effective immediately, as the University at Albany's director of athletics and recreation. The announcement was made by Vice President for Student Affairs James P. Doellefeld.

Dr. Richards, who has served in the director's position since July 1993, and has been instrumental in the athletic program's restructuring during this decade, cited an important personal matter as his reason.

"We thank Milt for his vision and energy during the University's transition from Division III to II, and next year to Division I," Doellefeld said. "He will stay with the University in the short term, and will work on special projects with regard to athletics marketing and development. The University remains fully committed to excellence in athletics, the move to Division I in 1999-2000, and the current development of a strong recreation program."

"Dr. Gail Cummings-Danson, interim assistant vice president for student affairs, will have responsibility for athletics while the matter of an interim athletics director is under advisement," Doellefeld added. A national search for a director of athletics will commence shortly.

Richards, 40, worked in Division I athletics for 11 years at Kansas State University and Temple University prior to accepting his position at Albany. In May 1994, he was instrumental in the move to the NCAA Division II level from Division III, and was able to gain membership into the New England Collegiate Conference for the 1995-96 academic year. He also found a home for the football team in the Eastern Football Conference, and for field hockey and football, as Division I programs, in the Northeast Conference in 1999. Richards, whose leadership was a key factor in the May 1997 announcement to upgrade Albany's 19-sport intercollegiate program for men and women to Division I, also aided the University's efforts to bring the New York Giants football training camp to campus.

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FOOTBALL GAME CHANGED

The Eastern Football Conference game between the University at Albany and Merrimack College has been rescheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10 at Bentley College's lighted practice field in Waltham, Mass.

The EFC contest, originally scheduled for Merrimack's Warrior Field on Saturday at 1:00 p.m., was moved due to heavy rains and poor field conditions in North Andover, Mass.

WROW (590 AM) and WCDB (90.9 FM) have cancelled their Saturday broadcasts, as the Bentley practice field has no press facilities.

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(Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman midfielder Taryn Miller scored twice and assisted on another goal to lead Albany to a 3-1 victory over Russell Sage on Thursday.

Kate Curran (Lansingburgh) gave Russell Sage (2-11) a 1-0 lead at 19:55, when she placed a shot over goalkeeper Michelle Talviste's head.

Albany (2-8) drew even with 27 seconds left in the first half, when Miller bent a corner kick inside the post. Miller put the Great Danes ahead with 3:29 elapsed in the final period, as she scored on a header off Ashley Mendicino's initial shot from the 18-yard line. Gina Zellmer added an insurance goal at 63:15.

-agate-

Russell Sage (2-11)	1	0	-	1
Albany (2-8)	1	2	-	3

Russell Sage -- Scoring: Kate Curran 1-0, Lisa Brown 0-1; Saves: Melissa Mumbolo 9.

Albany -- Scoring: Taryn Miller 2-1, Gina Zellmer 1-0, Ashley Mendicino 0-1; Saves: Michelle Talviste 6.

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Albany Invitational Set For Saturday

The 32nd annual Albany Cross Country Invitational will be held this Saturday, October 10 at the University at Albany's campus course. Schools scheduled to compete in the 20-team men's event include St. Rose, Union, Buffalo and Binghamton. The women's race has 21 schools entered.

The R.K. Munsey Men's Purple Race, a varsity 8,000-meter competition, is slated for 12 noon, while the Women's Purple Race will be contested over 5,000 meters at 1:30 p.m.

The Albany men are led by Brendan Howell, who was 11th at Penn State's Spiked Shoe Invitational, and Ben Wright (Averill Park), a 25th-place finisher at the Fordham Invitational. Andrea Viger (Granville Central) is the top Albany women's runner, and placed third at the Williams Invitational on Sept. 26.

32nd annual Albany Invitational

10:00 a.m.	--	Adirondack USAT&F Development/Alumni (5K - men/women)
11:15 a.m.	--	Men's Gold "B" Race (8K - 2-year colleges, junior varsity)
12 noon	--	R.K. Munsey Men's Purple Race (8K - varsity)
12:45 p.m.	--	Women's Gold "B" Race (5K - 2-year colleges, junior varsity)
1:30 p.m.	--	Women's Purple Race (5K - varsity)

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(Field Hockey)

Worcester, Mass. -- Stephanie Fleming and Melissa Shamgochian each scored in the first half to lead Assumption to its ninth straight win with a 3-1 victory over Albany on Tuesday at Marois Field.

Albany's Tovah Atwell scored her 10th goal of the season on a penalty stroke in the second half. Cathi Burek had a career-high 26 saves for the Great Danes, who fell to 4-7.

Michelle Daley stopped 10 shots for Assumption (10-1).

-agate-

Albany (4-7)	0	1	-	1
Assumption (10-1)	2	1	-	3

Albany -- Scoring: Tovah Atwell 1-0; Saves: Cathi Burek 26.

Assumption -- Scoring: Stephanie Fleming 1-0, Melissa Shamgochian 1-0, Julie Lane 1-0, Heidi Hanlon 0-2, Megan Caci 0-2; Saves: Michelle Daley 10.

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(Men's Soccer)

University at Albany's Russell Di Benedetto has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 28-Oct. 4) in men's soccer. DiBenedetto, a senior sweeper back, scored the game-winning goal at 119:47 in the second overtime in a 2-1 victory at Massachusetts-Lowell last Saturday. Playing with 30 stitches in his forehead, Di Benedetto has not missed a start, and has led a defensive unit which has allowed just three goals in the team's current five-game win streak. Albany is 6-4, and 3-2 in the conference.

(Women's Soccer)

Ashley Mendicino has been chosen as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Sept. 28-Oct. 4) in women's soccer. Mendicino, a freshman midfielder, scored at 54:30 on a 25-yard blast to record the game-winner in a 2-1 win at New Haven on Sept. 30. Her second goal of the season helped the Great Danes snap a 12-match losing streak.

(Football)

Albany, idle last weekend, slipped into a tie for ninth in this week's Lambert-Meadowlands Poll, which ranks the top Division II teams in the Northeast. The Great Danes are 3-1 overall, and travel to Merrimack on Saturday, October 10. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

-agate-

Lambert-Meadowlands Division II Poll: 1. Indiana, Pa. (4-0), 58; 2. Slippery Rock, Pa. (4-1), 51; 3. Millersville, Pa. (3-1), 50; 4. West Chester, Pa. (3-1), 43; 5. Southern Connecticut State (3-1), 29; 6. American International (3-1), 26; 7. New Haven (2-3), 18; 8. Clarion, Pa. (2-2), 13; 9. (tie) Albany, N.Y. (3-1) and Shippensburg, Pa. (3-2), 10.

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(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Inke Noel and Heather Wood posted a pair of three-set victories in singles to lead Skidmore to a 9-0 triumph over Albany on Sunday at University Courts.

Noel, a senior, defeated Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, at No. 1 singles, while Wood won a 6-2, 3-6, 6-0 decision over Ilissa Strolovitz at third singles.

Skidmore, the defending NCAA Division III national champions, improved to 7-1, while Albany fell to 6-2.

-agate-

Skidmore 9, Albany 0

Singles: Inke Noel (S) def. Julie Bliss (A), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; Amy Wachenheim (S) def. Samantha Kramer (A), 6-4, 6-3; Heather Wood (S) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-2, 3-6, 6-0; Alexis Karetzky (S) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-0, 6-2; Lisa Powers (S) def. Jennifer Hahn (A), 6-0, 6-0; Jenny Slayton (S) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles: Noel-Powers (S) def. Bliss-Kramer (A), 8-1; Wachenheim-Wood (S) def. Langford-Hahn (A), 8-0; Karetzky-Slayton (S) def. Shayna Smith-Strolovitz (A), 8-1.

Records: Skidmore (7-1), Albany (6-2).

(Women's Volleyball)

New Haven, Conn. --

[Southern Connecticut State Classic]

Albany def. Sacred Heart, 15-5, 7-15, 15-12, 10-15, 15-6

Molloy def. Albany, 9-15, 15-11, 15-11, 15-13

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(Men's Soccer)

Lowell, Mass. -- Russell Di Benedetto scored with 13 seconds left in the second overtime period as Albany posted its fifth straight win with a 2-1 victory over Massachusetts-Lowell in a New England Collegiate Conference match at Cushing Field.

Di Benedetto, a senior sweeper back, scored off Jon Brainard's corner kick to end the contest in sudden death at 119:44. Goalkeeper Dean deFreitas had 12 saves for Albany (6-4, NECC 3-2).

Mass.-Lowell (3-7, NECC 1-3) tied the contest at 1-1 midway through the first half, as Oscar Acevedo hit the net on a crossing pass from Jamie Ledoux. The Great Danes opened the scoring five minutes into the match, when they were credited with an own goal.

-agate-

Albany (6-4, NECC 3-2)	1	0	0	1	-	2
Mass.-Lowell (3-7, NECC 1-3)	1	0	0	0	-	1

Albany -- Scoring: Russell DiBenedetto 1-0, Jon Brainard 0-1, Own Goal;
Saves: Dean deFreitas 12.

Mass.-Lowell -- Scoring: Oscar Acevedo 1-0, Jamie Ledoux 0-1; Saves:
Michael White 9.

(Women's Soccer)

Lowell, Mass. -- Sophomore Jackie MacLean scored two minutes and 30 seconds in overtime to hand Massachusetts-Lowell a 2-1 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Albany on Saturday at Cushing Field.

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MacLean fired an 8-yard shot to the right of Albany goalkeeper Michelle Talviste, after gathering in a through ball at the top of the box. Mass.-Lowell (1-8, NECC 1-3) tied the match at one apiece early in the second half, when Jamie Clement scored on a rebound off the crossbar.

Albany (1-8, NECC 1-4), which snapped a 12-match losing streak in its last outing on Wednesday, took a 1-0 lead at the 11:23 mark. Freshman Taryn Miller sent a 12-yarder inside the far post for her second goal of the season.

-agate-

Albany (1-8, NECC 1-4)	1	0	0	-	1
Mass.-Lowell (1-8, NECC 1-3)	0	1	1	-	2

Albany -- Scoring: Taryn Miller 1-0, Megan Bogart 0-1; Saves: Michelle Talviste 4.

Mass.-Lowell -- Scoring: Jamie Clement 1-0, Jackie MacLean 1-0, Reagan Shannon 0-1; Saves: Heather Ross 8.

(Women's Tennis)

Rindge, N.H. -- Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central) were winners in both singles and doubles to lead Albany to a 7-2 victory at Franklin Pierce on Saturday.

Bliss, a junior co-captain, won in straight sets at first singles, and teamed with Samantha Kramer for an 8-4 pro-set triumph at No. 1 doubles. Hahn captured a 6-0, 6-0 decision at fifth singles, and won at second doubles with partner Erinn Langford.

Albany improved to 6-1, while Franklin Pierce fell to 2-8.

-agate-

Albany 7, Franklin Pierce 2

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Ruth Butz (F), 6-0, 6-1; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Stacey Morrison (F), 6-2, 6-0; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Brenda van Stralen (F), 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; Kerri Rowe (F) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Stacey Rochelle (F), 6-0, 6-0; Marissa Tuchband (A) def. Amy Spencer (F), 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles: Bliss-Kramer (A) def. Butz-Morrison (F), 8-4; Langford/Hahn (A) def. Alison Smith-Rowe (F), 8-4; van Stralen-Rochelle (F) def. Lauren Hargett-Shayna Smith (A), 8-6.

Records: Albany (6-1), Franklin Pierce (2-8).

(Women's Volleyball)

New Haven, Conn. --

[Southern Connecticut State Classic]

Bentley def. Albany, 15-5, 17-15, 15-9

Mercy def. Albany, 15-9, 15-3, 15-7

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(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Tovah Atwell tied the school's single-game record with three goals, as Albany snapped a five-game losing streak with a 5-3 victory over Merrimack on Friday at Albany Field.

Merrimack (1-6) took a 1-0 lead midway through the first half, when sophomore forward Emily Hunt scored one of her three goals in the contest.

Albany (4-6) responded with four goals over the final 12 minutes of the opening period. After Carie Tonner drew the Great Danes even, Atwell dribbled into the circle and fired a low shot into the right corner for a 2-1 advantage with 5:09 left in the half. Atwell scored two more times before intermission, and netted her ninth goal of the season off a penalty corner with 14 seconds left.

Hunt's third goal closed the Warriors within, 4-3, in the second half, but Albany's Amy DiMicco beat goalkeeper Jen Conway to the left side with 17:35 remaining to hold off the rally.

Atwell's three-goal effort matched her own mark established against Assumption on Oct. 7, 1997.

-agate-

Merrimack (1-6)	1	2	-	3
Albany (4-6)	4	1	-	5

Merrimack -- Scoring: Emily Hunt 3-0, Candice Kulacz 0-3, Allison Martino 0-2, Amanda Shorey 0-1; Saves: Jen Conway 22.

Albany -- Scoring: Tovah Atwell 3-0, Amy DiMicco 1-0, Carie Tonner 1-0, Katie Cunningham 0-1, Angie Stegel 0-1; Saves: Cathi Burek 6, Sonia Savino 1.