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**Comments:** COLLEGE SPORTS

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

#### Vermont 71, Albany 43

Burlington, Vt. -- Sophomore guard **T.J Sorrentine** scored 23 points and **Trevor Gaines** added 10 points and 12 rebounds to lead Vermont to a 71-43 victory over Albany in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Monday at Patrick Gymnasium.

Vermont (8-3, AE 1-0) led 15-12 midway through the first half, but then reeled off ten unanswered points to take control. **Taylor Coppentrath**, a 6-foot-8 freshman, tallied six of his 13 points in that stretch. His basket gave his club a 25-12 lead with 6:55 remaining in the period.

The Catamounts, who have won six straight, led 38-21 at halftime. Albany (2-8, AE 0-1) closed within 44-29 with 14:30 left on a basket by **Will Brand**, who had all ten of his points in the final period. Sorrentine, last year's America East Rookie of the Year, then went to work by scoring his team's next nine points. His steal and layup gave Vermont a commanding 53-31 advantage four minutes later.

"Vermont is very good and can score from every position on the floor," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose team managed just 19 of 56 from the field. "We made it easy on them in the first half, because we missed open looks and did a poor job of rebounding. I thought we were fine physically, but we struggled with the mental side of the game."

Albany's **Antione Johnson** had eight of his ten points in the first half. The Great Danes played without leading-scorer **E.J. Gallup** and two other bench players, who are considering whether to continue as members of the program. Their situations should be resolved later in the week.



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### **Comments: College Basketball**

#### **UALBANY BASKETBALL PLAYERS CONSIDER FUTURE WITH PROGRAM Gallup, Pipikis and van den Berg Likely to Miss America East Conference Opener**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany interim men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that leading-scorer **E.J. Gallup**, sophomore **Janis Pipikis** and freshman **Jan van den Berg** are exploring their options as they consider whether to continue as members of the program.

"We have three players who are confused about their future right now," said Brown, who took over the basketball program following the departure of former coach Scott Beeten on Dec. 20. "At this point, I want to give them an appropriate amount of time to consider their options. Due to the circumstances, I think it is best we give them an opportunity to examine fully their athletic and academic goals and objectives."

Gallup, Pipikis and van den Berg have all missed the team's last three practices on Dec. 27, 28 and 29. The Great Danes, who held this morning's workout on The College of Saint Rose's campus, open America East Conference play on Monday, Dec. 31 against Vermont on the road. Tip-off is 1:00 p.m.

Gallup, who had 14 points in UAlbany's last game, a 61-58 victory at Robert Morris on Dec. 23, leads the team in scoring with an 18.4 average. A 6-foot-4 sophomore from Gloversville, N.Y., Gallup has scored in double figures in 14 straight games dating back to last year.

Pipikis, a 6-foot-8 center/forward, and van den Berg, a 6-foot-10 center, are both first-year team members. A native of Ventspils, Latvia, Pipikis is averaging 3.2 points and 2.7 rebounds in six appearances. van den Berg, who hails from Urk, The Netherlands, has contributed 1.7 points and 1.0 rebounds in three games played.



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### **Comments: College Basketball**

#### **Albany 66, Towson 60**

Towson, Md. – Junior guard **Jess McGinlay** had 16 points to lead four players in double figures as Albany posted a 66-60 non-conference victory over Towson on Friday at the Towson Center. The win snapped the Great Danes' three-game losing streak.

Albany (3-7) trailed 51-47 with more than eight minutes remaining, but then reeled off 11 unanswered points. **Cara Caffell**, a 6-foot-3 senior, converted a three-point play to give her team the lead for good with 7:31 to play. She was fouled on a layup by Towson's **Cherron Johnson**, and hit the subsequent free throw. **Danielle Hutcheson**, who grabbed eight rebounds, totaled all four of her points in the Albany spurt. **Becky Ayers**, a freshman guard who had 13 points, completed the run with a pair of free throws for a 58-51 lead with 5:48 left.

Towson (1-10) was able to pull within four on Jackie Richardson's basket with just over three minutes remaining. However, McGinlay and Caffell would drain four consecutive free throws to help their team pull away.

Caffell reached double figures for the second straight game with 11 points and a career-high 14 rebounds. Senior forward **Marie Connors** also provided a boost off the bench with 11 of her season-high 14 points in the stanza.

"We played ugly in the first half, but were able to turn things around," said McGinlay, whose team connected on 22 of 28 free throws. "Our defense improved with a tough zone, and we cut down on the turnovers. Free throws and an all-around team effort won it for us."

In the opening period, Towson used a 10-2 run to take a 15-9 lead at the 10:20 mark. **Mia Chapman** scored four of her 11 points in that outburst. Albany pulled within one on three occasions, but the Tigers, who have dropped seven straight, hit four free throws in the final minute to take a 31-26 halftime lead. Towson's **Keli Talbot** scored a team-high 13 points.



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### **UALBANY GRAD LIZ TUCKER DRAFTED BY SPRINGFIELD SPIRIT OF NWBL**

Albany, N.Y. – **Liz Tucker**, a 2001 graduate of the University at Albany, was drafted in the seventh round by the Springfield Spirit of the National Women's Basketball League this past weekend. Tucker will begin play in the two-month, 20-game WNBA-sanctioned league in February.

Tucker was Springfield's seventh pick (7<sup>th</sup> round) in the six-team 12-round draft. The Springfield franchise joins Chicago as the two expansion teams added to the league this year. The NWBL began play last season with four teams including Birmingham, Kansas City, Houston and Atlanta. Springfield will play their home games at Western New England College with the season opener slated against Birmingham on Feb. 9. The NWBL championship game will be held on March 30 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. This is the same site and weekend of the 2002 NCAA Women's Final Four.

The WNBA uses the NWBL as a means of developing talent and keeping track of both existing and developing talent. The NWBL season ends in March, two weeks before the start of WNBA training camps. NWBL teams will be allowed four WNBA players per team. Tucker will be playing with Springfield's four signings from the University of Connecticut – Rebecca Lobo (New York Liberty), Shea Ralph (Utah Starzz), Rita Williams (Indiana Fever) and Kara Wolters (Sacramento Monarchs).

"This is the greatest opportunity of my basketball career," said Tucker. "I hope to do my best and contribute in any way that I can. Hopefully, this experience can open the door to other opportunities."

Tucker, a native of Plaistow, N.H., finished as the only player in UAlbany history to record over 1,000 points, 700 rebounds, 300 assists and 200 steals. She ranks among the top-seven on several of the school's all-time lists – 1,188 points (third), 701 rebounds (third), 346 assists (fourth) and 207 steals (seventh). Tucker was named to the 2000-01 Division I All-Independent squad as she led the Great Danes in scoring (13.0 ppg), rebounding (6.4 rpg), assists (3.1 apg) and steals (1.9 spg).

For more information, please reference the Springfield Spirit's website – [www.springfieldspirit.com](http://www.springfieldspirit.com).



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### **Comments: College Basketball**

#### **Albany 61, Robert Morris 58**

Moon Township, Pa.—**Antione Johnson** scored 21 of his season-high 23 points in the second half, and scored the go-ahead basket with 44 seconds remaining to lift Albany past Robert Morris, 61-58, on Sunday at Sewall Center.

Albany (2-7) rallied from 12 points down in the final period behind the play of Johnson, who scored 20 or more points for the sixth time in his career. Johnson, a 6-foot-1 junior, hit a jumper in the key for a 57-55 lead with 1:42 left. Robert Morris (3-7) went back ahead at 58-57 on **Ricky Richburg's** 3-pointer from the top of the circle. Richburg scored all 13 of his points after halftime.

Johnson put his team back on top for good, when he buried a 12-foot jumper from right of the lane. **E.J. Gallup**, who had 10 of his 14 points in the first half, converted both ends of a one-and-one free throw opportunity with 7.5 seconds to play. Robert Morris' **Tyler Bacon** misfired on a three-point attempt from the left corner as time expired.

"This proves we can do it," said Johnson, who made 9-of-14 from the field and added a career-high seven rebounds. "Coach said before the game that this was for us and not for him. We were hungry for the win, regardless of the situation."

The Great Danes built a 23-15 advantage in the opening period, but Robert Morris rallied within 32-31 at the intermission. Bacon, who had 13 points and nine rebounds, hit a three-point field goal at the buzzer. The Colonials began the final stanza with 13 consecutive points, as Richburg netted 10 in that stretch. **Aaron Thomas**, who had 12 points, gave his club a 44-32 lead with 13:28 remaining.

"I told our team to play loose and aggressive, and to stick together," said interim head coach **Will Brown**, who was coaching for the first time since the departure of former coach **Scott Beeten**. "Good things happen to good people. Antione is a playmaker, he just needed confidence and we needed to let him do that."



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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

#### St. Francis, N.Y. 66, Albany 63

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman center **Kim Weir** scored 18 points in lifting St. Francis, N.Y. to a 66-63 come-from-behind non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation & Convocation Center. The Terriers snapped a six-game losing streak.

St. Francis (2-6) trailed 39-28 early in the second half, but would notch 17 of the game's next 23 points to tie the score at 45 on **Brittany Porter's** jumper. **Sheena Harrington** (Lansingburgh) totaled five of her season-high nine points in the stretch. Albany (2-7), who enjoyed double-digit leads throughout the opening frame, responded with seven unanswered as **Cara Caffell** converted a layup giving her squad a 52-45 advantage with 9:17 remaining. Caffell finished with a season-high 12 points.

The Great Danes would then go cold, only totaling six points during an eight-minute span late in the final period. St. Francis, who shot 48.5 percent in the stanza, capitalized on a 21-4 spurt as **Kia Nealy** would nail consecutive three-pointers, her only points of the game, and Weir added seven points, including a three that gave the Terriers a 66-56 cushion at the 2:15 mark.

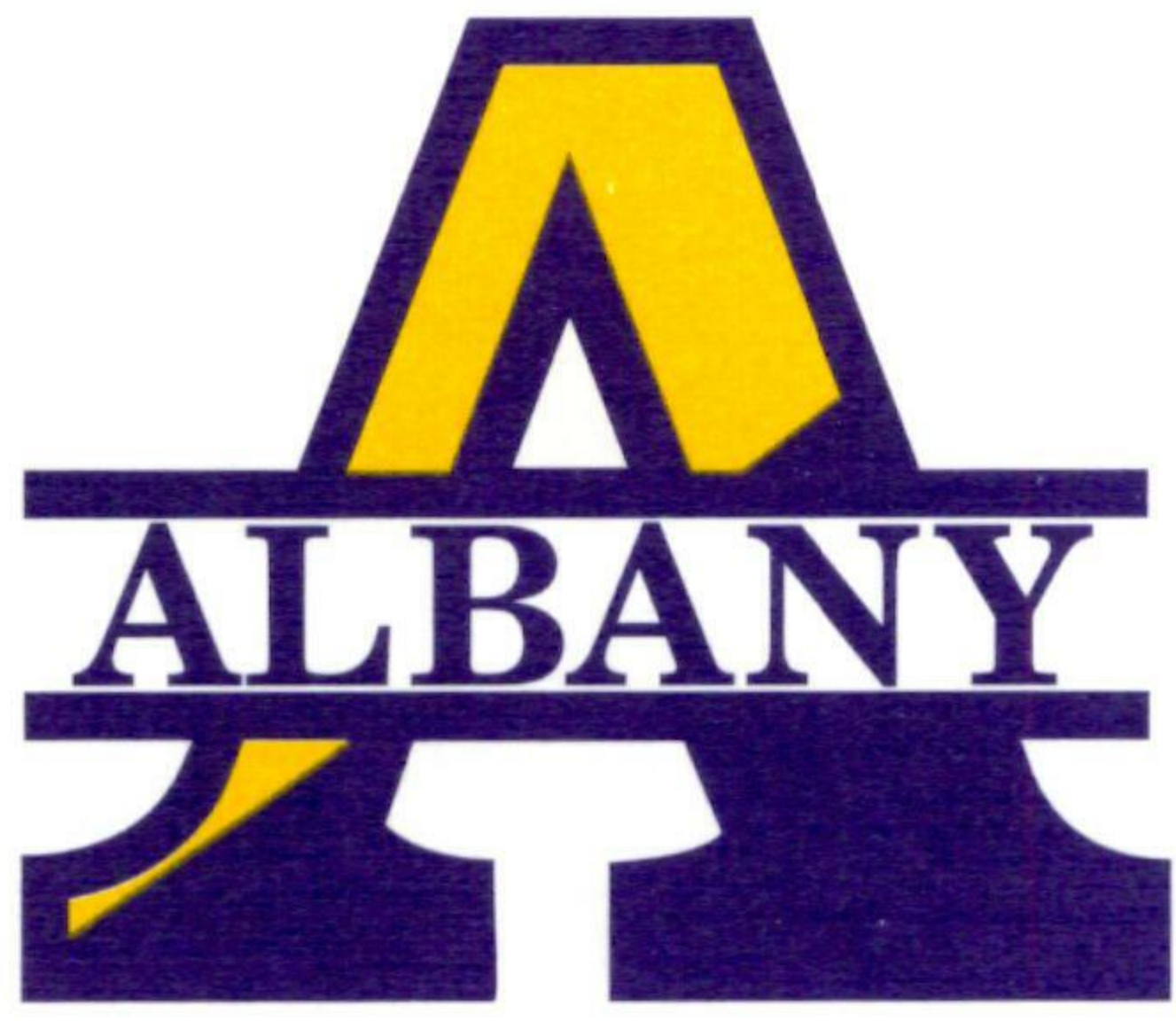
Albany made a furious comeback in the final two minutes as they scored seven points in a 28-second sequence. **Kathryn Hemlock** stole an in-bounds pass and nailed an open three-pointer to bring the score to 66-63 with 12 seconds left. The Great Danes then caused a turnover, but back-to-back long-range attempts to force a tie by Hemlock and **Becky Ayers** were unsuccessful.

In the first half, Albany used a 20-4 run highlighted by **Jess McGinlay's** three-pointer to take a 26-12 at the 7:13 mark. McGinlay scored 11 of her 13 markers in the first period. The Great Danes held a 37-25 lead at the intermission.

"This is a terrible loss for us," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**. "We didn't shoot well in the second half and we let them get too many offensive rebounds. I thought we looked tentative out there and weren't able to protect our leads. Our defensive fundamentals hurt us."

**Danielle Hutcheson** paced four Great Danes in double figures with 14 points, while Ayers added 13. **Colleen Carbone** had 10 points for St. Francis, N.Y.





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### **WILL BROWN NAMED INTERIM HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH**

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that Will Brown will serve as interim head men's basketball coach for the remainder of the 2001-02 season, effective immediately. Former head coach Scott Beeten has been temporarily reassigned, within the athletic department, as he explores new opportunities, and will report to the athletic director. Brown joined Beeten's staff as an assistant coach last September.

"This development occurs within the best interest of the men's basketball program," McElroy said. "We will move forward with the intention of being competitive in the America East Conference. I am confident Will Brown will provide leadership for our student-athletes."

Brown, 30, is in his first year as a UAlbany assistant. He recently served as the head coach at Sullivan County Community College in Loch Sheldrake, New York for three years. He led the Generals to a 30-2 record and an appearance in the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) championship in 2000-01.

Beeten was appointed as UAlbany head coach on August 1, 2000. He had spent the previous three years as associate head coach at the University of California-Berkeley. Beeten worked at George Washington University from 1990-97 as the top assistant under Mike Jarvis, the current St. John's head coach.

UAlbany begins America East Conference men's basketball competition in the current academic year following two seasons as a NCAA Division I Independent. The University elevated its entire 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program to the Division I level in September 1999.

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### **COLGATE 77, ALBANY 66**

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman guard **Allison Lipinski** scored 16 of her season-high 23 points in the first half to lead Colgate past Albany, 77-66, in a non-conference game on Saturday at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Colgate (3-5) used a pair of 10-0 runs in the opening period to go ahead for good. Albany (2-6) held a 16-11 lead, before the Raiders ripped off 10 straight points. Lipinski, who made four of her five 3-point field goals before the intermission, canned back-to-back long-range jumpers to finish off that stretch.

**Milania Lagzdins**, a 6-foot-1 freshman, would later key another Colgate run of 10 unanswered markers that resulted in 33-22 lead with 4:01 left in the period. Lagzdins, who posted season-highs with 17 points and nine rebounds, did all of her club's scoring, including four baskets following offensive rebounds, in that outburst.

The Great Danes were still within striking distance, at 41-36 early the final period, but Colgate would break the contest open with a string of 17 consecutive points. **Emily Braseth** and **Melissa Burke** each tallied four points in that span. Burke's two free throws with 9:37 remaining gave the Raiders a commanding 61-37 advantage.

"Colgate's defense was outstanding, they got in our heads early in the game," said Albany coach Mari Warner, whose team was forced into 28 turnovers. "They battled on the boards and for loose balls. They got in our faces defensively and we wilted away."

Albany's **Danielle Hutcheson**, a 6-foot-4 freshman, had 18 of her 20 points in the second half, as her team made a late charge in the final five minutes. **Kathryn Hemlock** added 11 points, while **Jess McGinlay** recorded her second double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds.



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### **Comments: College Basketball**

#### **ARMY 68, ALBANY 60**

Albany, N.Y. – **Charles Woodruff** scored 15 of his season-high 25 points in the second half, as Army snapped a four-game losing streak with a 68-60 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Army (4-4) rallied from a 46-41 deficit in the final period with 11 of the game's next 13 points. Josh Wilson's free throw tied the contest at 48 apiece, before Woodruff gave his team the lead for good with a jump hook in the lane.

The Black Knights, who held their opponent to 29.6 percent shooting after halftime, pushed out to a 60-54 lead with 4:47 remaining. Woodruff, a 6-foot-5 senior, converted a three-point play when he was fouled on a bank shot from right of the lane.

**E.J. Gallup**, who had 15 points, got Albany (1-7) within 60-59 in the stretch on a driving bank shot. Army still led 62-60, but Woodruff beat the shot clock by canning an off-balance jumper from left of the lane with 1:03 remaining. **Chris Spatola**, who tallied 14 of his 18 points in the first half, and **J.P. Spatola** each made a pair of free throws in the final 35 seconds.

The Great Danes, who made 9-of-14 from the field in the opening ten minutes, jumped out to a 21-8 lead. However, Army worked their way back into the contest, and moved ahead 30-29 as Woodruff scored in the lane. **Will Brand** hit a drive to put his team back on top, and Albany settled for a 37-35 halftime lead.

Brand and **Rhasheed Peterson** each had 13 points for the Great Danes, who are off to their worst start since 1954-55.



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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

#### Yale 80, Albany 61

New Haven, Conn. - Freshman **Lindsay Page** tallied a school-record 35 points, including 27 in the second half, as Yale downed Albany, 80-61, in a non-conference matchup on Tuesday evening at the Lee Amphitheater. Page's point total was the highest by an opponent since Diana Caramanico netted 42 against the Great Danes last January.

With the game tied at 37 apiece at the 17:10 mark in the second half, Yale (5-3) used a 16-2 run to take control. The outburst culminated with an open three-pointer by Page at the top of the key. Page, who shot 13 of 19 from the field, would later score 18 unanswered points to blow the game open.

**Sarah Sweetland's** long-range three would cut the margin to 70-61 with 2:08 left. However, Page scored seven of the game's next eight points to push the advantage back to double figures.

"They outrebounded us 53 to 29 and 19 to 5 on the offensive glass," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**. "Our transition defense was poor and they got a lot of easy points such as layups and shots off the first pass."

Albany (2-5) trailed 10-3 six minutes into the contest, but battled back with seven straight markers to tie the game at the 12:49 mark. Yale extended the lead to six points on two occasions, including 28-22 with 5:12 to play in the stanza. The Great Danes trailed 33-31 at the intermission.

Sweetland totaled a career-high 13 points on 5 of 8 shooting, including three from beyond the arc. **Helene Schutrumpf**, who had 11 first-half points, fell one assist short of a triple-double. She finished with 14 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists and added seven steals. **Danielle Hutcheson** and **Chris Gray** rounded out UAlbany's scoring with 13 and 10 points, respectively.



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### Comments: College Sports

#### **BAZAN & ARGULEWICZ NAMED TO SPORTS NETWORK ALL-AMERICA TEAM**

Philadelphia, Pa. – University at Albany's **Josh Bazan** and **Alex Argulewicz** have been named to The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major All-America Football Team. A panel of I-AA media and sports information directors voted 27 players to the first-team all-star unit.

Bazan, a 6-foot, 210-pound inside linebacker, led the Great Danes in tackles (103), hits for a loss (17), fumbles forced (4) and fumbles recovered (3). The junior captain also had six pass break-ups and 4.0 sacks for minus-38 yards. Bazan, a first-team All-Northeast Conference selection for the second straight year, spearheaded a defense that ranked 17th in rushing (111.0 yards/game) and 22nd in scoring (19.5 points/game) among the I-AA national leaders.

Argulewicz, a 6-foot-1, 295-pound junior, has made 21 consecutive starts at left guard over the last two seasons. A two-time all-conference choice, Argulewicz blocked for an offense that led the NEC and was 38th nationally in rushing at 182.6 yards per game. UAlbany's offense averaged 357.9 total yards, while its two-quarterback system ranked 30th among the nation's leaders with a 132.01 rating.

Albany finished the 2001 season with a 7-3 record, and reached the seven-win mark for the fifth time in the last six years.

#### THE SPORTS NETWORK 2001 I-AA MID-MAJOR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE	School	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.
Justin Holtfreter	Sacred Heart	QB	Sr.	5-11	210
Brent Alexander	Jacksonville	RB	Sr.	5-7	183
Marvin Royal	Sacred Heart	RB	Sr.	5-10	205
Sam Dorsett	Robert Morris	RB	Jr.	5-9	190
Jeremy Conley	Duquesne	WR	Jr.	6-2	215
DeVeren Johnson	Sacred Heart	WR	Sr.	6-6	215
Brandon Willett	Butler	TE	Sr.	6-2	200
Alex Argulewicz	Albany	OL	Jr.	6-1	295
Mark Leyenaar	Robert Morris	OL	Sr.	6-4	285

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Steve Lindsay	Duquesne	OL	Sr.	6-4	280
Sean Silvers	St. Peter's	OL	Sr.	6-3	255
Eric Willman	Dayton	OL	Sr.	6-6	269
Billy Cundiff	Drake	K	Sr.	6-2	191
Toby Moeves	Morehead State	RS	Sr.	6-0	184

DEFENSE	School	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.
Jeran Crawford	St. Peter's	DL	Sr.	6-1	230
Tim Cullen	Marist	DL	Sr.	6-1	230
Shaun Hubbard	Sacred Heart	DL	Jr.	6-3	240
Mike Quarshie	St. Peter's	DL	So.	6-3	255
Josh Bazan	Albany	LB	Jr.	6-0	210
Reggie Chambers	Robert Morris	LB	Sr.	6-0	225
Kayode Mayowa	Sacred Heart	LB	Jr.	6-0	215
Zac Prewitt	Morehead State	LB	Jr.	5-11	218
Jon Ambrose	St. Peter's	DB	Jr.	5-10	180
Leigh Bodden	Duquesne	DB	Jr.	6-1	180
Aaron Edwards	Monmouth	DB	Sr.	6-1	205
Mark Kasmer	Dayton	DB	Jr.	6-1	193
Dylan Mora	San Diego	P	Sr.	6-0	187

**UALBANY'S BECKY AYERS NAMED AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Becky Ayers has been named as the Spalding America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's basketball, as announced today by the conference office. The nomination marks the second time in as many weeks that an Albany player has earned the award.

Ayers, a 5-foot-11 guard, averaged 16.5 points and 75 percent from three-point range in two Albany victories last week. Ayers, who was making only the second and third starts of her career, totaled 16 points in Albany's 65-63 overtime victory at Army on Dec. 5. She scored a career-high 17 points in the Great Danes' 55-52 win over Sacred Heart last Saturday.

For the week, Ayers converted 6 of 8 three-point field goals, shot 53 percent from the field, and drained 9 of 10 free throws. Additionally, the Canandaigua, N.Y. native committed one turnover in 56 minutes of action. She is averaging 9.8 points in 18.8 minutes per game this season.



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### **CHRIS PHILLIS RECEIVES UALBANY'S FOOTBALL MVP AWARD**

Albany, N.Y. – Senior split end **Chris Phillis** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) received the University at Albany football program's most valuable player award on Sunday afternoon at the 2001 postseason banquet held at the Recreation and Convocation Center's Hall of Fame Room on campus.

Phillis, a first-team All-Northeast Conference selection, caught 42 passes for 609 yards and six touchdowns. Despite an injury-plagued season, he averaged 92.4 all-purpose yards per game. Phillis, who was also chosen as his team's top receiver for the second straight year, finished his career with 126 receptions for 2,100 yards and a school-record 20 touchdowns. He ranks fourth on the all-time list in career all-purpose yards with 2,773.

Senior quarterback **Marcus Rotondi** (Shenendehowa H.S.), one of five players to receive his fourth varsity letter, earned the team's most improved award. Rotondi completed 58 of 103 passes for 635 yards and six touchdowns, and was second on the team in rushing with 232 yards and one TD.

**Dustin Wilson**, a sophomore tailback, was voted as the most valuable special teams player. He averaged 27.8 yards per kickoff return, and totaled 14 tackles and one blocked punt.

Other award winners were **Alex Argulewicz** (offensive lineman), **Brian Manigault** (offensive back), **David Parks** (defensive lineman), **Josh Bazan** (linebacker), **Samson Brown** (defensive back).

Head coach **Bob Ford** awarded 55 varsity letters to a team that went 7-3 overall and finished third in the NEC standings with a 5-2 record. The Great Danes have reached the seven-win mark in five of the last six seasons.



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Boston, Mass.—University at Albany's **Naron Stewart** took second in the high jump and qualified for the IC4A championships as both the Great Danes men's and women's teams finished second at a six-team meet held Saturday afternoon at the Boston University Armory.

Stewart cleared 6-feet, 9 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inches in the high jump, qualifying him for the IC4A championships, which will be held in Boston from March 1-3. **Dustin Wilson** finished second in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.73 seconds, also an IC4A-qualifying mark.

The UAlbany men's team scored 55 points to finish second out of six teams, while America East Conference member Northeastern won the meet with 82 points. Individual winners for the men's team included **Alix Rodriques** in the 55-meter dash (6.50 seconds) and **Teikyo Aryee** in the triple jump, with a distance of 45-feet, 0 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inches. Albany native and CBA graduate **Jamie Rodriguez** was second in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:31.65.

On the women's side, Northeastern took the team title and UAlbany was second. The Great Danes swept the top-three spots in the 55-meter hurdles, as **Raphaelle Jean** won the event in 8.83 seconds. She was followed by **Tammy Freeman**, who also finished fourth in the 800-meter run, and **Nierria Jones**.

Shenendehowa graduate **Erin Watson** was third in the high jump, clearing a personal-best height of 5-feet, 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inches. Freshman **Tequirra Cox** was second in the 200-meter dash (26.06 seconds) and finished third in the 55-meter dash (7.39).



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### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

#### **Yale 73, Albany 61**

New Haven, Conn. – **Ime Archibong** scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half as Yale rallied in the final period for a 73-61 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday at the Lee Amphitheater.

Yale (6-4) used a 15-2 run to reverse a 47-40 deficit with 15:59 remaining. Archibong, who made all eight field goal attempts after halftime, tallied seven points in that decisive spurt. He gave his team the lead for good at 50-49 with a steal and lay-up.

The Bulldogs, who have won six of their last eight starts, pushed out to a 66-56 advantage, when Archibong canned a three-point field goal with 4:43 to play.

"Yale played better in the second half, and they got after us on the glass," Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. "They're good and deep. It shows when you have two or three recruiting cycles that you can bring people off the bench."

Albany (1-6) cruised to a 36-20 lead with 4:37 left in the opening period, before settling for a 38-29 halftime cushion. **Antione Johnson**, who broke out of a shooting slump, had 10 of his season-high 22 points in the stanza.

"I told (Archibong) we needed his leadership and aggressiveness," Yale coach **James Jones** said. "We played more aggressive as a team in the second half."

Yale's **Paul Vitelli** paced three other players in double figures with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Albany's **E.J. Gallup** scored 11, while **Will Brand** had 10 points and nine rebounds.



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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

#### Albany 55, Sacred Heart 52

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman guard **Becky Ayers** scored 11 of her career-high 17 points in the first half as Albany earned a 55-52 non-conference victory over Sacred Heart on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation & Convocation Center. The win snapped an eight-game home-losing streak for the Great Danes and was the program's first back-to-back wins since the end of the 1999-2000 season.

Albany (2-4), who never trailed after the ten-minute mark in the first half, was ahead 48-40 with less than nine minutes to play. Sacred Heart (3-2) hung tough pulling within three points on six occasions and 39-38 on **Brooke Rutnik's** driving shot on the baseline. Junior forward **Brooke Kelly**, who scored a season-high 19 points, converted a lay-up with 10.4 seconds left, cutting the margin to 55-52. **Kathryn Hemlock**, who added a season-high 15 points, missed two free throws in the double bonus situation. After a Pioneer timeout and 5.3 seconds remaining, **Allie Bagnell** dribbled the ball up the court and found **Leslie Newhard** on the right wing. Newhard's three-pointer to tie the contest grazed the side rim as time expired.

In the first half, Sacred Heart led 9-8 at the 10:52 mark when Bagnell converted a three-point basket. Albany responded with a 22-7 spurt as Ayers totaled eight of her 11 first-half points, including two scores beyond the arc. The Great Danes, who made 6 of 7 threes in the period, extended their advantage to 30-16 on Hemlock's jumper in transition. **Ashleigh Durmer** came off the bench and scored the final five points of the stanza to pull the Pioneers within 30-21 at the intermission.

"I am happy with this win because we did it without major production from our leading-scorer **Danielle Hutcheson**," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**, whose squad has won two straight since an 0-4 start. "Our other players stepped it up, including **Shan'tel Ali** and **Maree Jones**."

Ali and Jones combined for nine points off the bench during several key second-half sequences. Hutcheson, who entered the game averaging 15.4 points, didn't score her first field goal until the 14:44 mark in the final period. She finished with nine points. Albany committed 25 turnovers, but offset it with 41.5 percent shooting and 7 of 11 three-pointers. -30-



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**Comments: College Basketball -- Men**

### **Albany 51, Bucknell 50**

Lewisburg, Pa.—**E.J. Gallup** had 11 points and eight rebounds and blocked **Boakai Lalugba's** shot in the lane as time expired in leading Albany to a 51-50 non-conference victory over Bucknell on Wednesday evening at Davis Gymnasium. The Great Danes broke a seven-game away losing streak, and won on the road for the first time since January of last year.

Albany (1-5) took a 49-46 lead with 27.5 seconds remaining on a free throw by **Will Brand**, who had 12 points. Bucknell (1-6), tied the contest at 49 apiece, when **Jordan Hardenbergh** buried a three-point field goal from the right corner.

The Great Danes, who trailed 24-18 at halftime, went ahead on a pair of free throws by **Joe Vukovic** with eight seconds to play. Bucknell's **Chris Rodgers** was fouled on a drive with 1.6 seconds remaining, and made the first of two free throws. Lalugba, who had 18 points and 11 rebounds, gathered in Rodgers' missed foul shot, but Gallup came up with the game-winning play.

The Bison built their halftime lead behind the play of sophomore guard **Matt Quinn**, who had 8 of his 11 points in the period. The Great Danes would finally catch up at 31-31 on a running bank shot by **Earv Opong** midway through the second half. **Rhasheed Peterson**, who had a team-high 15 points and added five rebounds off the bench, kept his team within striking distance the rest of the way.

"We couldn't make shots, but we won this game with our defense and 3-2 zone," Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. "We made a couple of shots when we needed it, and Peterson stepped up in the second half and gave us some scoring. We didn't play well, but we played well enough to win."



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### **Comments: College Basketball -- Women**

#### **Albany 65, Army 63 (OT)**

West Point, N.Y.—Freshman center **Danielle Hutcheson** totaled a career-high 21 points and 10 rebounds as Albany posted a 65-63 overtime non-conference victory over Army on Wednesday evening at Christl Arena. The win was Albany's first of the season and snapped a 12-game losing streak dating back to last year.

Hutcheson scored four points in the overtime session, and put Albany (1-4) ahead for good on a pair of free throws with 56.4 seconds remaining. On the following Army possession, **Shan'tel Ali** took a charge, but Albany then committed a turnover. Ali responded again, pulling down a defensive rebound and was immediately fouled. She made one of two at the foul line, giving the Great Danes a two-point lead with eight seconds left. Army rushed the ball up the court and **Halaevalu Helu's** baseline jumper to tie the contest missed the rim and time expired on a loose scramble.

Army (1-7), who trailed 53-46 at the 6:16 mark in the second half, reeled off 12 unanswered points as freshman **Lindsay Brent** came off the bench to post eight of them. Sophomore forward **Katie Macfarlane**, who scored 14 of her career-high 27 points in the second stanza, put her team ahead for only the second time in the game at 54-53. Macfarlane also added 14 rebounds. With the Black Knights up 58-53 and 1:50 to go, Albany rallied with five straight points. **Becky Ayers**, who finished with a career-high 16 points, produced an old-fashioned three-point play, tying the game at 58 with 1:03 remaining. **Christina Canelli's** desperation three at the buzzer missed, sending the game into overtime.

In the first half, Albany exploded out of the gate, scoring the contest's opening 12 points. Hutcheson tallied five of her nine first-half points during the four-minute stretch. Army regrouped with a 21-8 run and took their only lead of the stanza on Macfarlane's three with 5:25 left in the period. Macfarlane had eight of her 13 markers in the spurt as the Black Knights shot 50 percent for the half. The Great Danes upped their lead to 32-25 on a **Kathryn Hemlock** three-point basket with two minutes to play. Albany led at the intermission 32-29.

"I am proud of our team," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**. "We came out of the blocks ready to play. It wasn't pretty, but we won the ballgame. A lot of our bench players stepped up for us."

**Jess McGinlay** was the third Great Dane in twin figures with 11 points and season-high 10 rebounds. Hutcheson also recorded her school-record fourth consecutive double-double.



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### **UALBANY'S HUTCHESON NAMED AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Danielle Hutcheson** has been named as the Spalding America East Rookie of the Week in women's basketball, as announced today by the conference office.

Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 center, averaged 12.5 points and 10.0 rebounds in two contests last week. The Phoenix, Ariz., native is the first Albany player to tally three straight double-doubles since the 1995-96 season. Hutcheson totaled 14 points and 10 rebounds in a 76-59 loss at Siena on Nov. 27 and 11 points and 10 rebounds versus Navy last Friday. She leads the squad in scoring (14.0 ppg) and rebounding (11.0 rpg), while shooting a league-high 59.5 percent from the field (25 of 42). Her rebounding average also ranks first in the conference.

The Great Danes (0-4) travel to Army on Wednesday for a 5:30 tip-off.