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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 1998-99 BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany men's and women's basketball programs announced their schedules today as the final season at the NCAA Division II level approaches. The Great Danes, who begin practice on October 17, step up to Division I status in 1999-2000.

The Albany men will play three Division I opponents and an 18-game New England Collegiate Conference slate. The Great Danes open at Duquesne University, a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference, on Saturday, November 14, and also travel to Toledo (Nov. 21) and Arkansas-Little Rock (Nov. 23). Albany's opener with Duquesne will be the first meeting with a Division I program since 1981-82, when Utica College was still competing in that classification.

Head coach **Scott Hicks**, who guided the Great Danes to a 19-8 record and a second-place NECC finish in his first season with the program one year ago, has two starters returning. **Todd Cetnar**, a 6-foot guard from Amsterdam, N.Y., averaged 9.5 points and 3.7 assists as a sophomore. **Matthew Haggarty**, a 6-foot-3 junior swingman, scored at an 8.1 clip.

The Albany women also have Division I teams on their 26-game schedule. The Great Danes will appear in the St. John's Classic on November 20-21, and meet the host school in the opening round. Houston and Georgia Southern complete the tournament field. In addition, Albany appears in the Capital Key Classic on December 29-30, and is at Nebraska-Kearney's Regency Inn Thanksgiving Classic on Nov. 27-28.

Albany posted a 14-13 record, and tied for fourth in the NECC's regular-season standings last year. **Mari Warner**, who has 265 career victories in 16 years as head coach, will work with a veteran cast as four starters are back. **Kelly Paolino**, a senior point guard from Schenectady, N.Y., led the team in scoring (12.1 ppg) and assists (4.0 pg). **Dawn DiMicco** (9.7 ppg), **Liz Tucker** (8.0 ppg, 5.3 rpg) and **Melissa Schoonover** (8.0 ppg, 6.1 rpg) are the other regulars among eight returning letterwinners.

MEN'S BASKETBALL (0-0, NECC 0-0)

Nov. 9 (Mon.)	Korabel (Ukraine)+	7:30
Nov. 14 (Sat.)	at Duquesne	2:00
Nov. 18 (Wed.)	Teikyo Post	7:30
Nov. 21 (Sat.)	at Toledo	7:00
Nov. 23 (Mon.)	at Arkansas-Little Rock	8:05
Nov. 28 (Sat.)	Molloy	4:00
Nov. 30 (Mon.)	Green Mountain	7:30
Dec. 2 (Wed.)	Franklin Pierce*	7:30
Dec. 5 (Sat.)	at Southern Connecticut State*	4:00
Dec. 9 (Wed.)	at Massachusetts-Lowell*	7:30
Dec. 12 (Sat.)	New Haven*	7:30
Jan. 6 (Wed.)	at Sacred Heart*	7:30
Jan. 9 (Sat.)	New Hampshire College*	7:30
Jan. 11 (Mon.)	Bridgeport*	7:30
Jan. 13 (Wed.)	at Green Mountain	7:30
Jan. 16 (Sat.)	Massachusetts-Lowell*	7:30
Jan. 18 (Mon.)	at Bridgeport*	7:30
Jan. 20 (Wed.)	Southern Vermont	7:30
Jan. 23 (Sat.)	Southern Connecticut State*	7:30
Jan. 27 (Wed.)	Binghamton*	7:30
Jan. 30 (Sat.)	at New Haven*	4:00
Feb. 3 (Wed.)	at Franklin Pierce*	7:30
Feb. 6 (Sat.)	Sacred Heart*	7:30
Feb. 8 (Mon.)	St. Joseph (Vt.)	7:30
Feb. 10 (Wed.)	at New Hampshire College*	7:30
Feb. 13 (Sat.)	at Stony Brook*	4:00
Feb. 17 (Wed.)	at Binghamton*	7:30
Feb. 20 (Sat.)	Stony Brook*	7:30

*New England Collegiate Conference Opponent

+Exhibition

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (0-0, NECC 0-0)

Nov. 14 (Sat.)	at Merrimack	1:00
Nov. 20 (Fri.)-	at St. John's Classic (Houston vs. Georgia Southern)	5:00
	(Albany vs. St. John's)	7:00
Nov. 21 (Sat.)	at St. John's Classic (Consolation Game)	5:00
	(Championship Game)	7:00
Nov. 27 (Fri.)-	at UNK Regency Inn Thanksgiving Classic+ (Albany vs. Metro State, 7:00)	
	(Neb.-Kearney vs. Bemidji State, 9:00)	
Nov. 28 (Sat.)	at UNK Regency Inn Thanksgiving Classic+ (Metro State vs. Bemidji State, 7:00)	
	(Albany vs. Neb.-Kearney, 9:00)	
Dec. 2 (Wed.)	Franklin Pierce*	5:30
Dec. 5 (Sat.)	at Southern Connecticut State*	2:00
Dec. 9 (Wed.)	at Massachusetts-Lowell*	5:30
Dec. 12 (Sat.)	New Haven*	5:30
Dec. 29 (Tue.)-	Capital Key Classic** (Assumption or Edinboro)	2:00
Dec. 30 (Wed.)	Capital Key Classic++ (St. Rose, Millersville or St. Anselm's)	10 or 6
Jan. 6 (Wed.)	at Sacred Heart*	5:30
Jan. 9 (Sat.)	New Hampshire College*	5:30
Jan. 11 (Mon.)	Bridgeport*	5:30
Jan. 16 (Sat.)	Massachusetts-Lowell*	5:30
Jan. 18 (Mon.)	at Bridgeport*	5:30
Jan. 23 (Sat.)	Southern Connecticut State*	5:30
Jan. 27 (Wed.)	Binghamton*	5:30
Jan. 30 (Sat.)	at New Haven*	2:00
Feb. 3 (Wed.)	at Franklin Pierce*	5:30
Feb. 6 (Sat.)	Sacred Heart*	5:30
Feb. 10 (Wed.)	at New Hampshire College*	5:30
Feb. 13 (Sat.)	at Stony Brook*	2:00
Feb. 17 (Wed.)	at Binghamton*	5:30
Feb. 20 (Sat.)	Stony Brook*	5:30
Feb. 22 (Mon.)	Southern Vermont	7:00
Feb. 27 (Sat.)	Nor'Easter Storm (Exhibition)	2:00

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+Kearney, Neb.

++Recreation and Convocation Center (Albany, N.Y.)

**Pepsi Arena (Albany, N.Y.)

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore striker Bryan Grabon scored the go-ahead goal midway through the second half, and Albany went on to post its fourth straight win with a 3-1 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Stony Brook on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

Grabon dribbled to his right and fired a shot to the left of charging goalkeeper Brian McOmber at the 67:44 mark. His fourth goal of the season gave Albany (5-4, NECC 2-2) a 2-1 advantage. Charlie Justino added an insurance goal in the final nine minutes.

Stony Brook (3-7, NECC 1-3) trailed 1-0 after UA's Devin Falk scored at 37:34, but the Seawolves tied the match one minute and 20 seconds later on Angelo Vassilaras' rebound.

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Stony Brook (3-7, NECC 1-3)	1	0	-	1
Albany (5-4, NECC 2-2)	1	2	-	3

Stony Brook -- Scoring: Angelo Vassilaras 1-0, Jon-Ander Beristain 0-1; Saves: Brian McOmber 4.

Albany -- Scoring: Charlie Justino 1-0, Bryan Grabon 1-0, Devin Falk 1-0, Brandon McLaren 0-1, Jon Brainard 0-1; Saves: Dean deFreitas 2.

(Women's Soccer)

New Haven, Conn. -- Ashley Mendicino scored what proved to be the winning goal at 54:30 in the second half, and Albany ended a 12-match losing streak with a 2-1 New England Collegiate Conference victory at regionally-ranked New Haven on Wednesday.

Albany (1-7, NECC 1-3) took a 1-0 lead at the 34:02 mark, when Taryn Miller's direct kick hit the crossbar, and Jessica Ruglis (Schoharie Central H.S.) netted the loose ball in front. Mendicino, a freshman midfielder, sent a 25-yard blast to the left of goalkeeper Megan Kilbride for her second goal of the season and a two-goal cushion.

New Haven (5-3, NECC 2-1), ranked fourth in this week's NCAA Northeast Region Division II poll, closed the gap on Trina Lerum's header at 77:43. Albany goalkeeper Michelle Talviste, who had nine saves, tipped a 30-yard shot by Lerum over the crossbar five minutes later to preserve the upset.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Women's Soccer - cont.)

-agate-

Albany (1-7, NECC 1-3)	1	1	-	2
New Haven (5-3, NECC 2-1)	0	1	-	1

Albany -- Scoring: Jessica Ruglis 1-0, Taryn Miller 0-1, Ashley Mendicino 1-0, Gina Zellmer 0-1; Saves: Michelle Talviste 9.

New Haven -- Scoring: Trina Lerum 1-0; Saves: Megan Kilbride 4.

(Field Hockey)

Waltham, Mass. -- All-American Jen Bunce scored with two minutes and 44 seconds remaining to lift Bentley to a 3-2 victory over visiting Albany on Wednesday.

Bentley (6-3) rallied twice from one-goal deficits, and trailed 2-1 early in the second half. Carie Tonner gave the Great Danes the lead on a feed from Lauren Byrne.

The Falcons drew even four minutes later, when Alicia Cabrera converted a penalty corner. Bunce, who had two goals and one assist, tallied the game-winner by lifting a shot to the left of goalkeeper Cathi Burek. Albany dropped their fifth straight to fall to 3-6.

-agate-

Albany (3-6)	1	1	-	2
Bentley (6-3)	0	3	-	3

Albany -- Scoring: Tovah Atwell 1-0, Carie Tonner 1-0, Chrissy Bradt 0-1, Lauren Bryne 0-1; Saves: Cathi Burek 16.

Bentley -- Scoring: Jen Bunce 2-1, Alicia Cabrera 1-0, Allyson Bunce 0-1, Lia Pezzola 0-1, Ann Marie Sheridan 0-1; Saves: Carolyn Cahill 3.

(Women's Golf)

Schenectady, N.Y. -- Allison Walter fired an 85 as Siena won a triangular with Fairfield and Albany at the Town of Colonie Golf Course on Wednesday.

Walter was 13-over on the par-72, 5,700-yard layout, and was two shots ahead of teammate Nancy Padula and Fairfield's Sarah Sciamacchia. The Saints scored 371, while Fairfield had 413 and Albany totaled 454.

Melissa Schoonover shot 104 over the red and white nines to lead the Great Danes. Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) had 116, and Liz Tucker posted 118.

-agate-

Siena 371, Fairfield 413, Albany 454

Medalist: Allison Walter (Siena), 85

Top Albany Finishers: Melissa Schoonover 104, Kelly Paolino 116, Liz Tucker 118.

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Albany names Janel Hollar (Siena '98) assistant women's basketball coach, Jennifer Petersen (Fonda-Fultonville H.S.) graduate assistant track and field coach, Jennifer Chiera (Columbia H.S.) graduate assistant for tickets and promotions, and Al Shibley public address announcer for football and basketball. (see attached release)

NECC Men's Soccer Rookie of the Week

University at Albany's Brandon McLaren has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Sept. 21-27) in men's soccer. McLaren, a freshman midfielder from Surrey, British Columbia, had one goal and three assists in a 2-0 week for the Great Danes.

McLaren recorded one goal and two assists in a 5-0 NECC victory over Sacred Heart, and assisted on Bryan Grabon's game-winner in a 2-1 overtime triumph against Lock Haven on Sept. 24. Albany improved to 4-4 overall.

Lambert-Meadowlands Football Poll

Albany dropped two spots to seventh in this week's Lambert-Meadowlands Division II poll which ranks the top teams in the Northeast. The Great Danes, 3-1 on the season, and idle this week, had their 14-game winning streak halted in a 24-16 loss to C.W. Post last Saturday.

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Division II Poll: 1. Indiana, Pa. (3-0), 57; 2. Millersville, Pa. (2-1), 48; 3. Slippery Rock, Pa. (3-1), 45; 4. West Chester, Pa. (2-1), 33; 5. New Haven, Conn. (2-2), 26; 6. Kutztown, Pa. (1-1), 25; 7. Albany (3-1), 20; 8. Clarion, Pa. (2-1), 19; 9. Southern Connecticut State (2-1), 12; 10. American International (2-1), 10.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES JANEL HOLLAR ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, AND ANNOUNCES THREE OTHER ATHLETICS HIRINGS

Albany, N.Y. -- **Janel Hollar** has been selected as assistant women's basketball coach at the University at Albany as Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards announced today. The athletic department also named **Jennifer Petersen** graduate assistant track and field coach, **Jennifer Chiera** graduate assistant for tickets and promotions, and **Al Shibley** public address announcer for football and basketball.

Hollar, 22, was a third-team All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference point guard at Siena College, where she led the Saints to a 20-8 record and the MAAC regular-season title in 1997-98. A two-time team captain, she ranked 14th nationally among the NCAA Division I assists leaders with a 6.61 average as a senior. A native of Lima, Ohio, Hollar earned her undergraduate degree in English last May.

Petersen, 23, coached with the Johnstown (N.Y.) High School girls' and boys' track program last spring. She was a member of two Big Ten Conference championship teams and won four varsity letters at the University of Michigan. Petersen placed sixth in the pentathlon at the 1995 Big 10 indoor meet and seventh in the heptathlon at the 1995 conference outdoor championships. She attended Fonda-Fultonville High School, and was a scholastic All-America pentathlete, and a state champion in the high jump and pentathlon. Petersen, who hails from Johnstown, has a B.S. in physical education with a minor in health.

Chiera, 24, joins Cori Rowe's promotions and tickets staff after serving as assistant freshman basketball coach at her alma mater Columbia High School in East Greenbush, New York. She was a captain and earned two varsity letters in basketball at the University of New Haven, and received a B.S. in criminal justice in 1995. She also has an associate's degree in the same discipline from Hudson Valley Community College, where she played on a national championship basketball team.

Shibley will serve as the public address announcer for all Albany football and men's and women's basketball games. He presently is the Vice President of Communications for the New York State Special Olympics, and was previously the sports information director at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Shibley, who earned his B.A. in mass communication from Emerson College in 1973, has 25 years experience as a freelance performer in radio, television and other entertainment venues.

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(Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore outside hitter Julie Arbitman had 11 kills and 12 digs, and setter Lisa Greiner added 18 assists to lead Albany to a 15-1, 15-0, 15-11 victory over Concordia College on Monday at University Gym.

The Great Danes have won five straight to improve to 7-3 overall.

-agate-

Albany def. Concordia, 15-1, 15-0, 15-11.

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(Women's Tennis)

Hamden, Conn. -- University at Albany's Ilissa Strolovitz won the Flight B singles consolation, while Shanna Mogan reached the Flight B final at the Quinnipiac Open.

Strolovitz, a freshman, defeated Stony Brook's Delquin Gong in an 8-5 pro-set in the consolation finals. She advanced to the title match with an 8-4 triumph over Iona's Megan Clarke in the semifinal round.

Mogan lost to Linda Hemmes, of Fairleigh Dickinson, 6-1 and 6-1, in the Flight B championship, and made the final with 6-4, 6-1 semifinal win against Connecticut's Dori Keusch.

In Flight B doubles, Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and Samantha Kramer dropped an 8-3 decision to Quinnipiac's Stephanie Petrycki and Michelle Nagle in the championship match. Bliss reached the Flight A singles semifinals, but fell to Quinnipiac's Jessica Uccello in three sets, 1-6, 7-5, 6-1.

C.W. Post 24, Albany 16

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior fullback John Carneglia rushed for 119 yards, and quarterback Pat Rock passed for two touchdowns to lead C.W. Post to a 24-16 Eastern Football Conference victory over Albany on Saturday evening at University Field. The Great Danes saw their Division II-leading winning streak halted at 14 straight, and suffered their first-ever loss in conference play.

Albany (3-1, EFC 1-1) took a 10-0 lead in the first quarter. Starting quarterback Eric Williams scored on a 2-yard run to finish off his team's first possession, before Deron Regev booted a 38-yard field goal to end a 50-yard drive.

C.W. Post (2-1, EFC 2-0), which avenged a 44-7 loss to Albany on its home field last September, took advantage of a shanked punt by Steve Checksfield to jump start its first scoring march. Rock hit tight end Derrick Darwood with a 13-yard touchdown pass to complete an 11-play drive with 8:00 left in the second quarter.

The Pioneers had good field position again on its next possession, and needed just four plays to take a 14-10 lead. Rock, off play-action, rolled to his right, and found Darwood all alone in the UA secondary for a 30-yard score.

C.W. Post turned one of three Albany turnovers into a touchdown early in the third period. A bad pitch by Williams was recovered by linebacker Rich Renny, and four plays later wide receiver Eddie Hardaway reached paydirt on a 3-yard inside reverse for a 21-10 advantage.

Albany closed within 21-16 with 2:20 left in the third stanza, when reserve quarterback Michael Oliva tossed a 7-yard shovel pass to tailback Greg Garrett for a touchdown. The two-point pass play failed.

Tony Balcan kicked a 34-yard field goal to cap a 67-yard drive the next time the Pioneers touched the ball. Albany's offense sputtered on its final two possessions with both ending in miscues. Oliva's poor pitch on a option play was scooped up by Renny, and free safety Eric Williams intercepted Oliva to kill UA's last drive.

Rock completed 8 of 12 passes for 163 yards and two touchdowns, while Darwood had four receptions for 62. The C.W. Post defense came up with four sacks, and held the Great Danes to 63 net rushing yards.

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(Cross Country)

Williamstown, Mass. -- Andrea Viger (Granville Central H.S.) finished third in the women's race, and Ben Wright (Averill Park) was seven in the men's event as Albany placed second in both team competitions at the Williams Invitational on Saturday.

Viger, a junior, ran the 5,000-meter circuit in 20:01, while teammate Liz Hamilton took fifth in 20:16. Williams won the women's event with 22 points, and Albany was second with 68.

Wright finished seventh in 27:41 on the 8,000-meter Mt. Hope Farm course. Todd Weiss (Shaker) took 19th overall, and Mike Kiernan (Guilderland) was right behind in 20th position. Williams earned the title with 23 points to outdistance runner-up Albany (78).

-agate-

WOMEN

(Team) 1. Williams 22, 2. Albany 68, 3. Rensselaer 130, 4. Mount Holyoke 104, 5. Vassar 172, 6. New York U. 243, 7. Sarah Lawrence 442.

Top Albany Finishers: 3. Andrea Viger, 20:01; 5. Liz Hamilton, 20:16; 14. Melissa Keckler, 20:47; 20. Samantha Cohen, 21:06; 26. Erica Viger, 21:38.

MEN

(Team) 1. Williams 23, 2. Albany 78, 3. Rensselaer 99, 4. Rochester Institute of Technology 108, 5. Vassar 133, 6. Johnson State 272, 7. Bard 309.

Top Albany Finishers: 7. Ben Wright, 27:41; 15. Brendan Howell, 28:20; 17. Jamie Rodriguez, 28:26; 19. Todd Weiss, 28:39; 20. Mike Kiernan, 28:41.

(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior midfielder Kelly Platt scored the go-ahead goal with 57 seconds left in the first half to lead unbeaten Bloomsburg to a 3-1 victory over Albany on Saturday at Albany Field.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

Albany (3-5) took a 1-0 lead early in the opening period, when freshman Amy DiMicco scored off her backhand to the left of goalkeeper Bethany Canner.

Bloomsburg, the North Region's top-ranked Division II team with a 9-0 record, drew even with 15:21 remaining in the first period on Bridgett Heckman's eighth goal of the season. Platt scored off a penalty-corner play for a 2-1 lead, and Krista Engle added an insurance goal with 18 seconds left in the contest.

Canner had four saves for the Huskies, as the two-time defending NCAA Division II champions have won 24 straight. Cathi Burek made seven saves for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Bloomsburg (9-0)	2	1	-	3
Albany (3-5)	1	0	-	1

Bloomsburg -- Bridgett Heckman 1-0, Kelly Platt 1-0, Krista Engle 1-0, Amy Swope 0-1, Corinne Berger 0-1; Saves: Bethany Canner 4.

Albany -- Amy DiMicco 1-0, Liz Peck 0-1; Saves: Cathi Burek 7.

(Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Tashi Campbell-Tulloch and Jackie Sanchez earned all-tournament honors to lead Albany to a 15-11, 15-8, 13-15, 15-4 victory over Merrimack in the championship of the Great Dane Invitational on Saturday at University Gym.

Sanchez had 15 kills and Campbell-Tulloch added 14 in the four-game decision against the Lady Warriors. Sophomore Julie Arbitman chipped in with 12 kills and 22 digs for Albany (6-3).

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1998 Great Dane Invitational

(Third Round)

Massachusetts-Lowell def. Franklin Pierce, 15-1, 15-8, 15-1

St. Anselm def. Assumption, 15-3, 15-5, 15-10

Merrimack def. Stonehill, 15-11, 15-6, 15-2

(Fourth Round)

Albany def. American International, 15-9, 16-14, 15-10

Massachusetts-Lowell def. St. Anselm, 9-15, 15-6, 15-7, 15-9

Assumption def. Franklin Pierce, 15-9, 15-10, 15-5

(Fifth Round)

Stonehill def. Massachusetts-Lowell, 15-6, 15-8, 4-15, 9-15, 15-13

Merrimack def. American International, 9-15, 15-13, 12-15, 15-11, 15-9

New Hampshire College def. Franklin Pierce, 15-3, 15-1, 15-4

(Sixth Round)

New Hampshire College def. Assumption, 15-11, 15-7, 11-15, 15-5

St. Anselm's def. Stonehill, 15-7, 15-8, 15-7

(Championship)

Albany def. Merrimack, 15-11, 15-8, 13-15, 15-4

MORE

Albany Sports 3-3-3

Great Dane Invitational All-Tournament Team

Tashi Campbell-Tulloch (Albany), Jackie Sanchez (Albany), Lisa Furbush (Assumption), Judith Swift (American Int'l), Katherine Dunford (American Int'l), Colleen McKinnon (Franklin Pierce), Kendra Welch (Mass.-Lowell), Katie Toomey (Mass.-Lowell), Courtney Desrosiers (Merrimack), Stacy Devaney (Merrimack), Jodi Stimson (New Hampshire College), Ada Colon (St. Anselm), Jill Berger (Stonehill).

(Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman midfielder Kristen Walker scored two goals, one in each half, to lead Sacred Heart to a 4-0 victory over Albany in a New England Collegiate Conference match at Varsity Field on Saturday.

Corrie Smith put her team on the scoreboard off a corner kick at 25:04, and then set up Walker on the Pioneers' next two goals. Carlin Guarneri earned the shutout with eight saves for Sacred Heart (3-2-1, NECC 2-0).

Goalkeeper Michelle Talviste stopped five shots for Albany (0-7, NECC 0-3). The Great Danes have lost 12 straight dating back to last fall.

-agate-

Sacred Heart (3-2-1, NECC 2-0)	2	2	-	4
Albany (0-7, NECC 0-3)	0	0	-	0

Sacred Heart -- Scoring: Kristen Walker 2-0, Corrie Smith 1-2, Elena Rosero 1-0, Michelle Majeski 0-1; Saves: Carlin Guarneri 8.

Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Michelle Talviste 5.

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(Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Tashi Campbell-Tulloch had 16 kills and Jackie Sanchez added 12 to lead Albany to a 15-9, 5-15, 15-11, 15-9 victory over St. Anselm in the second round of the Great Dane Invitational on Friday evening at University Gym.

The Great Danes, who improved to 4-3 on the season, also upended Assumption, 15-4, 15-5, 15-4, in the opening round behind Campbell-Tulloch's 11 kills. The two-day, nine-team tournament concludes on Saturday. Stonehill is the defending champion.

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1998 Great Dane Invitational

(First Round)

Albany def. Assumption, 15-4, 15-5, 15-4

American International def. Massachusetts-Lowell, 15-6, 15-6, 10-15, 15-9

Merrimack def. New Hampshire College, 15-7, 15-9, 15-10

(Second Round)

Albany def. St. Anselm, 15-9, 5-15, 15-11, 15-9

American International def. Franklin Pierce, 15-3, 15-11, 15-7

Stonehill def. New Hampshire College, 15-3, 10-15, 9-15, 15-13, 15-3

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(Men's Soccer)

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Grabon ran on to Brandon McLaren's backward pass, and set a shot inside the far post to open the scoring at 11:21. Grabon, a sophomore striker, then teamed with McLaren again for his third goal of the season and a 2-0 halftime advantage.

McLaren, a freshman from Surrey, British Columbia who had two assists in the contest, netted his first goal as collegian at 64:18. Albany evened its record at 4-4 overall and 1-2 in the conference. Scott Glibowski and Matt Dudek combined on 11 saves for Sacred Heart (0-8, NECC 0-2).

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Sacred Heart (0-8, NECC 0-2)	0	0	-	0
Albany (4-4, NECC 1-2)	2	3	-	5

Sacred Heart -- No Scoring; Saves: Scott Glibowski 10, Matt Dudek 1.

Albany -- Bryan Grabon 2-1, Brandon McLaren 1-2, Jarvin Skeete 1-0, Derek Beeman 1-0, Jon Brainard 0-1; Saves: Dean deFreitas 0, David Weiss 0, Brian Sullivan 1.

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Bryan Grabon scored the game-winner at 98:13 in overtime to lift Albany to a 2-1 non-conference victory over Lock Haven on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

Grabon, a sophomore, blasted an 18-yard shot to the left of charging goalkeeper Connor Fry for his first goal of the season. Dean deFreitas made eight saves for the Great Danes, who improved to 3-4 overall.

Albany took a 1-0 lead just before halftime as freshman Marc Sonnenberg slipped a shot inside the left post. Lock Haven (2-4-1) drew even at 68:06, when Justin Chirico hit the net at short range.

-agate-

Lock Haven (2-4-1)	0	1	0	-	1
Albany (3-4)	1	0	1	-	2

Lock Haven -- Scoring: Justin Chirico 1-0, Jamin Bookhammer 0-1; Saves: Connor Fry 8.

Albany -- Scoring: Marc Sonnenberg 1-0, Bryan Grabon 1-0, Brandon McLaren 0-1; Devin Falk 0-1; Saves: Dean deFreitas 8.

(Women's Soccer)

Colchester, Vt. -- Amber Monaghan scored one goal and assisted on another to lead St. Michael's past Albany, 2-0, in a non-conference match on Wednesday at Doc Jacobs Field.

Liz Wilson finished off a Monaghan crossing pass at 15:35 in the opening period. Monaghan added an unassisted goal six minutes later for St. Michael's (2-4-1). Goalkeeper Michelle Talviste stopped eight shots for Albany (0-6).

-agate-

Albany (0-6)	0	0	-	0
St. Michael's (2-4-1)	2	0	-	2

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

St. Michael's -- Scoring: Amber Monaghan 1-1, Liz Wilson 1-0; Saves: Jen Kielbasa 2.

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Named Jeanna Cornetti (Cohoes H.S.) assistant athletic trainer, Stephen Brendese (Catholic Central H.S.) graduate assistant athletic trainer, and Brad Utter assistant women's soccer coach.

Albany Ranked Fifth in Lambert Poll

The Great Danes are fifth in this week's Lambert-Meadowlands Division II football poll, which ranks the top teams in the Northeast. Albany, off to a 3-0 start for the second time since 1982, owns Division II's top winning streak with 14 straight victories. Nebraska has won 17 consecutive contests in Division I, while Mount Union (Ohio) has beaten 30 straight Division III opponents.

Lambert-Meadowlands Division II Poll

1. Millersville, Pa. (1-1), 37; 2. Indiana, Pa. (2-0), 30; 3. Slippery Rock, Pa. (2-1), 29; 4. Kutztown, Pa. (1-0), 26; 5. Albany, N.Y. (3-0), 23; 6. West Chester, Pa. (1-1), 21; 7. (tie) New Haven, Conn. (1-2) and Shippensburg, Pa. (2-1), 12; 9. (tie) Clarion, Pa. (1-1) and Edinboro, Pa. (1-2), 11.

NECC Rookie of the Week

University at Albany's Audrey White has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Sept. 14-20) in women's soccer. White, a freshman forward from Horseheads, N.Y., scored two goals in three matches for the Great Danes.

Williams on ECAC Division II Honor Roll

Quarterback Eric Williams was named to the ECAC Division II Honor Roll for his efforts in last Saturday's 31-28 come-from-behind victory over Monmouth. The 6-foot-2 junior passed for a career-high 199 yards and two touchdowns, and scored on a 4-yard option run.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES JEANNA CORNETTI ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER; STEPHEN BRENDESE GRADUATE ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER; AND BRAD UTTER ASSISTANT WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH

Albany, N.Y. -- **Jeanna Cornetti** has been chosen Assistant Athletic Trainer, **Stephen Brendese** has been selected Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer, and **Brad Utter** has been named Assistant Women's Soccer Coach at the University at Albany as Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards announced today.

Cornetti, 30, was an intern on Albany's athletic training staff last year, where she worked with the 19-sport intercollegiate program's more than 400 student-athletes. She is certified with the American Red Cross as a professional rescue, CPR, and community first aid/safety instructor. Cornetti, a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, has served as an athletic trainer at the Empire State Games and New York State Correctional Games.

Cornetti, a native of Cohoes, N.Y., earned a B.S. in athletic training from Russell Sage College, and has an A.A.S. in science from Hudson Valley Community College.

Brendese, 24, was an intern athletic trainer at Siena College, and handled the football, basketball and baseball programs in 1997-98. He previously served as a student athletic trainer for two years at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (formerly North Adams State), where he earned his undergraduate degree in biology with a sports medicine concentration. A native of Spiegeltown, N.Y., he has worked as an athletic trainer at three Empire State Games with wrestling, volleyball and judo.

Brendese, who is also certified by the American Red Cross, and is presently pursuing a master's degree at the University at Albany, has an associate's degree from Hudson Valley Community College.

Utter, 23, was the head girls' soccer coach at Cambridge Academy last year, and has been an assistant coach for the Hudson Valley Region's scholastic men's team at the past three Empire State Games. He played as a collegian at Lander University, a Division II program in South Carolina, where he earned a B.S. in history, and was also a two-year member of the Ulster County Community College team.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday, September 19, 1998

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Albany 31, Monmouth 28

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior quarterback Eric Williams passed for two touchdowns and ran for another as Albany rallied in the second half for a 31-28 victory over Monmouth on Saturday evening at University Field. The Great Danes posted their 14th consecutive victory, which sets a school record and is the nation's top Division II win streak.

Albany (3-0) took a 14-7 lead with 4:50 left in the second quarter, when Williams hit tight end Steve Checksfield with an 11-yard scoring pass. Monmouth, a Division I-AA program which plays in the Northeast Conference, drew even at 14 apiece with eight seconds left before halftime. Quarterback John DiPasquale found wideout Anthony Galella in the left end zone with a 12-yard touchdown throw.

Monmouth (0-3) went ahead at 21-14 with 6:45 remaining in the third quarter. Tailback Chris Reed, who rushed 19 times for 85 yards, cut back through the middle on an 11-yard run to score his second touchdown on the night.

Williams, who completed 13 of 20 passes for a career-high 199 yards and two touchdowns, directed Albany on a 12-play, 85-yard march to tie the score. The 6-foot-2 signal-caller went the final four yards on an option keeper, and completed a critical fourth-down pass to keep the drive alive.

Split end Dimy Cedor helped the Great Danes go in front at 24-21 with 12:40 to play in the fourth period. Following his punt return to the Monmouth 35, Cedor hauled in a 36-yard pass from Williams to set up Deron Regev's 32-yard field goal.

Williams came up with another big play on Albany's next possession. Facing fourth-and-two at the Monmouth 11, he dropped straight back, and found Checksfield in traffic with a TD pass for a 31-21 advantage with 8:12 remaining. Checksfield finished with four receptions for 96 yards and two scores.

The Hawks mounted an uprising three minutes later when DiPasquale, who connected on 15 of 35 passes for 233 yards, hit a streaking Galella on the left sideline with a 72-yard scoring pass. Monmouth had the ball again in its own territory with 2:06 left, but Albany cornerback Troy Rhett picked off DiPasquale in the right flat to secure the victory.

Galella ended up with seven receptions for 157 yards and two touchdowns, while running back Joe Tramutolo had 10 carries for 52 yards. Albany's Greg Garrett led his club with 65 rushing yards on 16 attempts.

Albany previously won 13 straight from 1973-75, when the program was competing at the Division III level.

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(Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore forward Rachel Denner registered a hat trick in the first half as American International College cruised to a 4-1 non-conference victory over Albany at Varsity Field on Saturday.

Albany freshman Ashley Mendicino tallied her team's only goal on a 35-yard strike from the right side at the 85:33 mark. Goalkeeper Michelle Talviste had 12 saves for the Great Danes, who fall to 0-5.

AIC head coach Peter Carando recorded his 100th career victory and senior Amanda Matthews tied the school's career scoring record (77 points) with an assist. The Yellow Jackets improved to 3-0.

-agate-

American International (3-0)	3	1	-	4
Albany (0-5)	0	1	-	1

American International -- Scoring: Rachel Denner 3-0, Shannon Miller 1-0, Kristen Patterson 0-1, Tracy Scott 0-1, Amanda Matthews 0-1; Saves: Cindy Mateus 3. Albany -- Scoring: Ashley Mendicino 1-0; Saves: Michelle Talviste 12.

(Field Hockey)

Burlington, Vt. -- Taylor Watts scored the game-winner on a penalty stroke with 4:41 remaining to lift Vermont past visiting Albany, 3-2, on Saturday.

Watts, a sophomore, beat Albany goalkeeper Cathi Burek to the left side in the late-game stroke situation. The Great Danes, who drop to 3-4 overall, rallied twice from one-goal deficits. Tovah Atwell tied the contest at two apiece with 7:28 left off a feed from Amy DiMicco.

Mindy Vinelli had eight saves for the Catamounts, while Burek stopped 13 shots for Albany. Katie Patterson and Paula Bremer also scored for Vermont (2-2).

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

-agate-

Albany (3-4)	1	1	-	2
Vermont (2-2)	1	2	-	3

Albany -- Scoring: Lauren Byrne 1-0, Tovah Atwell 1-0, Amy DiMicco 0-1, Saves: Cathi Burek 13. Vermont -- Scoring: Katie Patterson 1-0, Paula Bremer 1-0, Taylor Watts 1-0, Stephanie Skrok 0-1; Saves: Mindy Vinelli 8.

(Women's Volleyball)

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. --

-agate-

Mercy def. Albany, 15-2, 15-9, 15-7.

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(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Jessica Uccello won in straight sets at first singles to lead Quinnipiac to a 7-2 victory over Albany on Friday at University Courts.

Uccello upended Julie Bliss, 6-3 and 6-0, and teamed with Kristin Davis for an 8-4 pro-set triumph at first doubles. Albany's Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central) won a 6-3, 7-5 decision at No. 6 singles, and recorded a 9-7 victory at third doubles with teammate Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn).

-agate-

Quinnipiac 7, Albany 2

Singles: Jessica Uccello (Q) def. Julie Bliss (A), 6-3, 6-0; Stephanie Petrycki (Q) def. Samantha Kramer (A), 6-0, 6-0; Kristin Davis (Q) def. Shanna Mogan (A), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Michelle Nagle (Q) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-3, 6-4; Kim Smith (Q) def. Erinn Langford (A), 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Christine Abundo (Q), 6-3, 7-5.

Doubles: Uccello-Davis (Q) def. Mogan-Strolovitz (A), 8-4; Petrycki-Nagle (Q) def. Bliss-Kramer (A), 8-5; Langford-Hahn (A) def. Corey Hutchison-Smith (Q), 9-7.

Records: Quinnipiac (2-0), Albany (5-1).

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(Women's Soccer)

Waltham, Mass. -- Ellen Lynch and Aileen Nasypany scored four minutes apart late in the first half, and Bentley went on to post a 6-1 non-conference victory over Albany on Thursday evening.

Arri Sandgathe had one goal and two assists for the Falcons, who improved to 1-2 overall. Goalkeepers Jessica Lynch and Rebecca Wollmann each played one half, and combined on two saves.

Freshman Audrey White tallied her second goal of the season at the 46:05 mark for Albany (0-4).

-agate-

Albany (0-4)	0	1	-	1
Bentley (1-2)	3	3	-	6

Albany -- Scoring: Audrey White 1-0, Emily Trievel 0-1; Saves: Michelle Talviste 5.

Bentley -- Scoring: Arrie Sandgathe 1-2, Carolyn Lynch 1-1, Nancy Barroso 1-0, Ellen Lynch 1-0, Aileen Nasypany 1-0, Jess Northrup 1-0, Jackie McCarthy 0-2, Karen Guilmette 0-1, Sarah Mazeika 0-1, Emily Carano 0-1, Kelly Navin 0-1; Saves: Jessica Lynch 1, Rebecca Wollman 1.

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Marc Sonnenberg and Charlie Justino scored in each half to lead Albany to a 2-0 non-conference victory over Assumption in the Great Danes' home opener at Varsity Field on Thursday.

Sonnenberg, a freshman midfielder, slipped a crossing past from defender Rob Franco inside the left post with 39 seconds left before halftime. Justino gave Albany (2-4) a two-goal cushion at the 67:53 mark with a 20-yard blast from the top of the box.

Goalkeeper Dean deFreitas posted five saves to record his second shutout for the Great Danes. Ryan Farias and Jason Dufault combined on eight saves for Assumption (3-3-1).

-agate-

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

Assumption -- No Scoring; Saves: Ryan Farias 8, Jason Dufault 0. Albany -- Marc Sonnenberg 1-0, Charlie Justino 1-0, Rob Franco 0-1, Bryan Grabon 0-1; Saves: Dean deFreitas 5.

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(Women's Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Tashi Campbell-Tulloch had 11 kills and 18 digs to lead Albany past St. Rose, 15-12, 15-6 and 15-10, on Wednesday evening in the Great Danes' home opener at University Gym.

Senior setter Lisa Greiner added 23 assists for Albany (2-2). St. Rose fell to 0-4 overall.

-agate-

Albany def. St. Rose, 15-12, 15-6, 15-10.

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(Field Hockey)

Hamden, Conn. -- Lisa Scavotto scored the game-winning goal at the 25:51 mark in the second half as Quinnipiac rallied for a 3-1 victory over Albany at Braves Field.

Albany (3-3) took a 1-0 lead early in the opening period, when Tovah Atwell scored her fourth goal of the season on an assist from Chrissy Bradt (Shenendehowa H.S.).

Quinnipiac (2-3), which moved to Division I this fall, drew even two minutes after halftime as Sarah Riley finished off a shot by Catie Canetti. Scavotto pushed her team ahead on a penalty-corner play.

Sarah Mathers had 10 saves for the Lady Braves, while Sonia Savino and Cathi Burek combined on 12 stops for Albany.

-agate-

Quinnipiac 3, Albany 1

Albany (3-3)	1	0	-	1
Quinnipiac (2-3)	0	3	-	3

Albany -- Scoring: Tovah Atwell 1-0, Chrissy Bradt 0-1; Saves: Sonia Savino 8, Cathi Burek 4. Quinnipiac -- Scoring: Sarah Riley 1-0, Lisa Scavotto 1-0, Caryn Tobiaz 1-0, Catie Canetti 0-1, Denice Horsfield 0-1, Amy Hollister 0-1; Saves: Sarah Mathers 10.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) was one of six Albany singles players to win in straight sets, as the Great Danes posted a 9-0 victory over Russell Sage at University Courts. Bliss, a junior, defeated Elizabeth Lawrence, 6-1 and 6-0, at first singles, while teammates Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central) also registered easy wins. Albany upped its dual-match record to 5-0.

-agate-

Albany 9, Russell Sage 0

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Elizabeth Lawrence (RS), 6-1, 6-0; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Marcella Lachut (RS), 6-0, 6-0; Shanna Mogan (A) def. Sarah Parslow (RS), 6-0, 6-0; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Tiffany Bedard (RS), 6-2, 6-2; Erinn Langford (A) def. Anivile Daniel (RS), 6-3, 6-0; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Christine Pelletier (RS), 6-0, 6-0.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

Doubles: Mogan-Strolovitz (A) def. Lawrence-Lachut (RS), 8-1; Kate McCarthy-Kramer (A) def. Bedard-Daniel (RS), 8-4; Langford-Hahn (A) def. Meredith Clark-Meghan Marohn (RS), 8-0.

(NECC Volleyball Player of the Week)

University at Albany's Tashi Campbell-Tulloch has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week (Sept. 7-13) in women's volleyball. Campbell-Tulloch, a senior outside hitter, averaged 4.9 kills and 5.3 digs per game in three matches. She had career-highs in kills (25) and digs (24) at C.W. Post, and added 16 kills and 19 digs at Adelphi.

Albany vs. St. Rose Volleyball Tonight

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(Women's Tennis)

Waltham, Mass. -- Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn H.S.) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central) each won in singles, and teamed for a victory at third doubles to lead Albany to a 7-2 triumph at Bentley on Sunday.

Langford upended Amy Reardon, 6-2 and 6-3, at fourth singles, while Hahn captured a three-set match, 6-0, 5-7, and 6-0, in the fifth singles position. Albany improved to 4-0 on the season.

-agate-

Albany 7, Bentley 2

Singles: Samantha Kramer (A) def. Lindsay Connors (B), 6-4, 6-3; Shanna Mogan (A) def. Shabnam Saeed (B), 6-1, 2-6, 6-1; Kristin Nava (B) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-1, 7-6 (10-8); Erinn Langford (A) def. Amy Reardon (B), 6-3, 6-2; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Erin Gaian (B), 6-0, 5-7, 6-0; Vivian Cheng (B) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles: Mogan-Strolovitz (A) def. Connors-Nava (B), 8-5; Kate McCarthy-Kramer (A) def. Saeed-Reardon (B), 8-1; Langford-Hahn (A) def. Gaian-Cheng (B), 8-4.

Records: Albany (4-0), Bentley (0-1).

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(Women's Tennis)

North Andover, Mass. --

-agate-

Albany 9, Merrimack 0

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Kathryn Vinson (M), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Kate Rourke (M), 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; Shanna Mogan (A) def. Nicole Charbonneau (M), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Elizabeth Tucker (M), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; Erinn Langford (A) def. Tara Forrest (M), 6-2, 6-4; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Leanne Drago (M), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Doubles: Bliss-Kramer (A) def. Vinson-Rourke (M), 9-7; Mogan-Strolovitz (A) def. Annemarie Driscoll-Charbonneau (M), 8-4; Langford-Hahn (A) def. Stacy Diamandis (M), 8-1.

Records: Albany (3-0), Merrimack (1-0).

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(Women's Volleyball)

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Adelphi def. Albany, 15-13, 15-10, 8-15, 15-9.

Albany def. Molloy, 15-13, 15-5, 15-12.

C.W. Post def. Albany, 12-15, 15-10, 15-8, 15-11.

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(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Tina Marci and Keri Strano both scored in the opening period as Southern Connecticut State remained unbeaten with a 2-0 victory over Albany on Saturday at Albany Field.

Marci scored with 17 minutes remaining in the first half to break the scoreless tie when she lifted a pass from forward Michaela Breakell past Albany goalkeeper Cathi Burek on her glove side.

Strano closed the scoring as she found the cage on a rebound off Burek's stick.

Albany (3-2) outshot Southern Conn. (4-0), by a 16-8 count, but netminder Wendy Velander had 14 saves to post the shutout. Burek went the distance and recorded eight saves for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Southern Connecticut (4-0)	2	0	-	2
Albany (3-2)	0	0	-	0

Southern Conn. -- Scoring: Tina Marci 1-0, Keri Strano 1-0, Michaela Breakell 0-1; Saves: Wendy Velander 14. Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Cathi Burek 8.

(Women's Soccer)

Binghamton, N.Y. -- Senior captain Corey Grabon and freshman Sarah Young each netted two goals in leading Binghamton to a 4-1 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Albany on Saturday.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

Young opened the scoring with 12:57 left in the first half when she took a pass from Keri Cassidy and went high above Albany goalkeeper Michelle Talviste from 35 yards out. Grabon was taken down 19 seconds later and found the top right corner of the net on her penalty kick.

Albany's lone goal came late in the second period off a 28-yard shot from freshman midfielder Taryn Miller. Talviste recorded a career-high 18 saves for the Great Danes, who fell to 0-2 overall and 0-2 in the conference. Binghamton (3-1, NECC 1-0), received a combined five saves from Ashley Davidson and Kathy Heffron.

-agate-

Albany (0-2, 0-2)	0	1	-	1
Binghamton (3-1, 1-0)	2	2	-	4

Albany -- Scoring: Taryn Miller 1-0; Saves: Michelle Talviste 18.

Binghamton -- Scoring: Sarah Young 2-0, Corey Grabon 2-0, Keri Cassidy 0-1, Samantha Lang 0-1, Danielle Hummel 0-1; Saves: Ashley Davidson 2, Kathy Heffron 3.

(Men's Soccer)

Binghamton, N.Y. -- Jon Swart scored what proved to be the game-winner midway through the second half as Binghamton won a New England Collegiate Conference match with 2-1 triumph over Albany on Saturday.

Binghamton (2-1, NECC 1-0) took a one-goal lead into halftime when Motty Gutflais volleyed in a cross that sailed over Albany goalkeeper Dean deFreitas. Albany drew even 10 minutes into the final period off a header by Jarvin Skeete.

Swart, a senior forward, found the back of the net when he broke to the goal and scored on a reverse pass from Danny Bokol at the 69:51 mark.

DeFreitas faced five shots on the day and recorded one save, while Phil Conte turned away three shots for the Colonials. Albany falls to 1-4 and 0-2 in NECC play.

-agate-

Albany (1-4, 0-2)	0	1	-	1
Binghamton (2-1, 1-0)	1	1		2

Albany -- Scoring: Jarvin Skeete 1-0, Jason Warshaw 0-1; Saves: Dean deFreitas 1. Binghamton -- Scoring: Motty Gutflais 1-0, Jon Swart 1-0, Stephen Rybak 0-1, Danny Bokol 0-1; Saves: Phil Conte 3.

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(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Amy DiMicco scored two goals to lead Albany to a 3-1 victory over Sacred Heart in the Great Danes' home opener on Friday at Albany Field. Albany (3-1) has won 25 of their last 28 contests dating back to the 1996 season.

DiMicco broke a scoreless tie with 13:36 remaining in the opening period, when she beat SHU goalkeeper Ginny Capicchionni to the glove side. DiMicco, who has three goals and three assists on the season, staked her club to a 2-0 advantage eight minutes into the second half, when she tipped in Lauren Byrne's driving shot.

Tovah Atwell added a penalty-stroke goal, while goalkeeper Cathi Burek had four saves. Capicchionni stopped 13 shots for Sacred Heart (0-3).

-agate-

Sacred Heart (0-3)	0	1	-	1
Albany (3-1)	1	2	-	3

Sacred Heart -- Scoring: Lauren Wiggins 1-0, Jessica Wagner 0-1; Saves: Ginny Capicchionni 13. Albany -- Scoring: Amy DiMicco 2-0, Tovah Atwell 1-1, Lauren Byrne 0-1; Saves: Cathi Burek 4.

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Alison Murphy (Siena '93) director of corporate sales,
Cori Rowe (Columbia H.S.) promotions and tickets manager,
and Jerry Zalmanek equipment manager.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn H.S.) and Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) each won in straight sets to lead Albany to a 9-0 victory over Binghamton at University Courts.

Langford, a sophomore, upended Tamara O'Shea (Scotia H.S.), 6-1 and 6-2, at fourth singles. Bliss defeated Julie Klein, 6-1 and 6-0, at first singles. Albany improved to 2-0, while Binghamton was playing its opener.

-agate-

Albany 9, Binghamton 0

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Julie Klein (B), 6-1, 6-0; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Alison Goldman (B), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; Shanna Mogan (A) def. Heather Binen (B), 6-3, 6-4; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Anna Kwiatkowski (B), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; Erinn Langford (A) def. Tammy O'Shea (B), 6-1, 6-2; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Patti Saenz (B), 6-3, 6-0.

Doubles: Bliss-Kramer (A) def. Klein-Binen (B), 8-6; Mogan-Strolovitz (A) def. Goldman-Kwiatkowski (B), 8-4; Langford-Hahn (A) def. Jackie Spiegel-O'Shea (B), 8-2.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES ALISON MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF
CORPORATE SALES; CORI ROWE, PROMOTIONS & TICKETS MANAGER;
AND JERRY ZALMANEK EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

Albany, N.Y. -- **Alison Murphy** has been chosen Director of Corporate Sales, **Cori Rowe** has been selected Promotions and Tickets Manager, and **Jerry Zalmanek** has been named Equipment Manager at the University at Albany as Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards announced today.

Murphy, 28, spent the previous four years as Pepsi Arena's group sales/event manager, where she was responsible for sales and event marketing for sporting events and family shows at the 17,500-seat, multi-purpose arena. She was directly involved in marketing, corporate promotions and operations for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference men's and women's basketball tournaments, NCAA Division I men's basketball and ice hockey regional tournaments, and Arena Football League's Albany Firebirds.

Additionally, she was a membership associate with the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, and served Pepsi Arena in short-term positions as a group sales representative and sports event coordinator from 1993-94.

A native of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Murphy received her undergraduate degree in marketing/management from Siena College in 1993.

Rowe, 27, was previously a Division I assistant women's basketball coach at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington for two years. In addition to her recruiting and academic liaison duties, she was involved with athletic marketing and promotions, handled NCAA compliance reports and team travel, and dealt with contest management.

Rowe earned her B.A. in biology from UNC-Wilmington in 1995, and also has an associate's degree in independent studies from Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York. She attended nearby Columbia High School, and is a native of East Greenbush.

Zalmanek, 27, recently completed a one-year internship with the National Football League's Miami Dolphins, where he issued and maintained equipment, and was responsible for game-day operations and practices.

Prior to his Miami Dolphin internship, Zalmanek spent two years at Indiana University of Pennsylvania as football equipment manager, and one year in the same position at Youngstown State University. From 1987-89, he managed all sports at his alma mater, Blackhawk High School in Beaver Falls, Pa. Zalmanek has a B.A. in criminal justice from Indiana (Pa.), and an associate's degree in the same discipline from Community College of Beaver County.

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(Men's Soccer)

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. -- Christian Robertson scored the game's lone goal 12 minutes into the match to lead Mercy to a 1-0 non-conference victory over Albany.

Robertson, a sweeper back, played a long ball from his half of the field toward the Albany net, and the shot bounced off goalkeeper Dean deFreitas' thigh and across the goal line.

Albany (1-3) outshot Mercy (0-1), 12-9, but Gareth Franklin made seven saves to record the shutout. deFreitas finished with five saves for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Albany (1-3)	0	0	-	0
Mercy (1-0)	1	0	-	1

Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Dean deFreitas 5. Mercy -- Christian Robertson 1-0; Saves: Gareth Franklin 7.

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Comments: College Sports

(Women's Soccer)

Rindge, N.H. -- Pauliina Miettinen tied a school record with five goals and added two assists to lead Franklin Pierce, the nation's top-ranked Division II team, to an 11-0 season-opening victory over Albany at Crystal Field.

Miettinen, an All-America striker from Helsinki, Finland, netted three goals in the match's initial 24 minutes to stake her club to a 4-0 lead. Nadia Gaeggeler, of Switzerland, added two goals and two assists in the contest.

Michelle Talviste had 10 saves for the Great Danes, while Barbara Carbon and Kim Higgins combined on the shutout for the Ravens.

-agate-

Franklin Pierce 11, Albany 0

Albany (0-1) 0 0 - 0

Franklin Pierce (1-0) 8 3 - 11

Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Michelle Talviste 10. Franklin Pierce -- Scoring: Paulina Miettinen 5-2, Nadia Gaeggeler 2-2, Jenni Kapanen 1-1, Jen Petronis 1-1, Pauliina Auveri 1-0, Brena van Stralen 1-0, Katie Dempsey 0-2, Sini Pietila 0-1, Christy Santiago 0-1, Hanne Kalliomaki 0-1; Saves: Barbara Carbon 0, Kim Higgins 1.

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Albany's Grever and Rotondi Honored by Eastern Football Conference

Waltham, Mass. -- University at Albany's Mike Grever has been selected as the Eastern Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in last Friday's 49-10 victory over Central Connecticut State.

Reserve quarterback Marcus Rotondi (Shenendehowa H.S.) also earned EFC Freshman of the Week honors.

Grever, a junior inside linebacker, posted a team-high 12 tackles, including one for a loss. In addition, he intercepted two passes and returned one for a 25-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

Albany defenders tied an NCAA Division II single-game record with three interception TD returns, plus caused five turnovers overall, blocked one punt for a touchdown, and limited Central Connecticut State to 18 net rushing yards.

Rontondi, a third-string QB, played the final 1 1/2 quarters on Friday, and rushed five times for 85 yards. His 74-yard TD option keeper with 3:15 left in the fourth quarter was the longest run by an Albany quarterback in school annals.

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Comments: College Sports

(Men's Soccer)

Brookville, N.Y. -- Dan Deluca scored at 98:05 in overtime as C.W. Post rallied in the second half for a 3-2 victory over Albany in the championship of the C.W. Post Tournament on Sunday afternoon.

Albany (1-2) took a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Jason Warshaw and Tom Mason. The Pioneers drew even in the opening 16 minutes of the second half. Freshman Michael Dvorznak tallied off a crossing pass three minutes after the break, before Pedro Fragoso scored unassisted.

Deluca sent home the game-winner when Albany goalkeeper Dean deFreitas misplayed a loose ball at the top of the box. deFreitas finished with eight saves, while C.W. Post's Ebou Njie and Jesse Montero combined to stop six shots.

-agate-

C.W. Post 3, Albany 2 (OT)

Albany (1-2)	2	0	0	-	2
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C.W. Post (2-0)	0	2	1	-	3
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Albany -- Scoring: Jason Warshaw 1-0, Tom Mason 1-0, Bryan Grabon 0-1; Saves: Dean deFreitas 8. C.W. Post -- Scoring: Pedro Fragoso 1-1, Michael Dvorznak 1-0, Dan Deluca 1-0; Saves: Ebou Njie 3, Jesse Montero 3.

(Field Hockey)

Lewisburg, Pa. -- Tovah Atwell scored four minutes and nine seconds into the contest to ignite a three-goal opening period, and Albany went on to post a 3-0 victory over Davis & Elkins in a contest played at Bucknell University's Athletic Field.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Field Hockey - cont.)

Liz Peck, a two-time All-America midfielder, tallied her first goal of the season midway through the first half, while Angie Stegel found the cage eight minutes later off freshman Amy DiMicco's second assist of the day.

Goalkeepers Sonia Savino, Cathi Burek and Elaine Sullivan combined on the shutout with eight saves for Albany (2-1). Kurstie Struthers and Mary Adams, who together faced 43 shots in goal, made a total of 24 saves for Davis Elkins (0-2).

-agate-

Albany 3, Davis & Elkins 0 (at Lewisburg, Pa.)

Albany (2-1)	3	0	-	3
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Davis & Elkins (0-2)	0	0	-	0
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Albany -- Scoring: Liz Peck 1-1, Tovah Atwell 1-0, Angie Stegel 1-0, Amy DiMicco 0-2; Saves: Sonia Savino 2-0, Cathi Burek 5, Elaine Sullivan 1. Davis & Elkins -- No Scoring; Saves: Kurstie Struthers 14, Mary Adams 10.

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Comments: College Sports

(Men's Soccer)

Brookville, N.Y. -- Senior striker Tom Mason scored two first-half goals to lead Albany to a 3-0 victory over Molloy in the opening round of the C.W. Post Tournament on Saturday at Pioneer Field.

Albany (1-1) rebounded from a season-opening loss at Franklin Pierce, when sophomore Jon Brainard scored with 10 minutes gone in the match. Mason added two goals, including the 19th of his career, later in the period.

Goalkeeper Dean deFreitas had five saves to post his third career shutout, while Kyle Matthew turned aside 10 shots for Molloy. The Great Danes meet the host school in Sunday's championship.

-agate-

Albany 3, Molloy 0

Albany (1-1)	3	0	-	3
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Molloy	0	0	-	0
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Albany -- Tom Mason 2-0, Jon Brainard 1-1, Brandon McLaren 0-1; Saves: Dean deFreitas 5. Molloy -- No Scoring; Saves: Kyle Matthew 10.

(Field Hockey)

Lock Haven, Pa. -- Shanna Vitale scored off a penalty corner to ignite a three-goal first half, and Lock Haven went on to record a 4-0 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Hubert Jack Stadium.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Field Hockey - cont.)

Vitale found the cage with seven minutes and 19 seconds elapsed, before Cori Anderson and Mary Ann Simkewicz scored two minutes apart late in the opening period for a 3-0 advantage.

Goalkeepers Tara Beach and Cindy Brownell combined on 11 saves for the Lady Eagles. Lock Haven (2-0) opened its schedule with a 5-0 shutout against Slippery Rock on Friday.

Cathi Burek had five saves in the first half for Albany (1-1), while freshman Sonia Savino stopped six shots in the final 35 minutes. The Great Danes were last shut out on Oct. 18, 1996, a 2-0 loss to Bentley.

-agate-

Albany (1-1)	0	0	-	0
Lock Haven (2-0)	3	1	-	4

Albany -- No Scoring; Saves: Cathi Burek 5, Sonia Savino 6. Lock Haven -- Scoring: Shanna Vitale 1-0, Cori Anderson 1-0, Mary Ann Simkewicz 1-0, Gabi George 1-0, Becky Hinton 0-1, Ann Smith 0-1, Cheri Drysdale 0-1; Saves: Tara Beach 9, Cindy Brownell 2.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) won in straight sets at first singles and teamed with Samantha Kramer for an 8-1 pro-set doubles triumph to lead Albany to an 8-1 season-opening victory over Sacred Heart at University Courts.

Bliss, a junior, overpowered Patricia Dacey, 6-0 and 6-0, while sophomores Erinn Langford (Bishop Maginn) and Jennifer Hahn (Bethlehem Central) were easy winners at fourth and sixth singles, respectively.

-agate-

Albany 8, Sacred Heart 1

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Patricia Dacey (S), 6-0, 6-0; Samantha Kramer (A) def. Jessica Magri (S), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Shanna Mogan (A) def. Audra Breton (S), 6-3, 6-3; Erinn Langford (A) def. Jennifer Galizia (S), 6-2, 6-3; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Kelly Quinn (S), 6-1, 6-1; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Sarah Molloy (S), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: Bliss-Kramer (A) def. Magri-Galizia (S), 8-1; Dacey-Breton (S) def. Mogan-Langford (A), 8-7 (9-7); Kate McCarthy-Shayna Smith (A) def. Meghan O'Connell-Quinn (S), 8-5.

Records: Sacred Heart (0-1), Albany (1-0).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
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Albany 49, Central Connecticut State 10

Albany, N.Y. -- Linebacker Mike Grever had two interceptions, including a 25-yard return for a touchdown, and two other Albany defenders ran back interceptions for scores in leading the Great Danes to a 49-10 victory over Central Connecticut State in the season opener for both teams on Friday evening at University Field.

Albany's Shcree Lewis blocked a punt, and cornerback Brian Bailey fell on the loose ball in the end zone for their team's first score with 10:05 left in the first quarter. Reserve quarterback Michael Oliva hit flanker Dimy Cedor with a 40-yard TD strike two minutes later, and a 12-0 lead.

After Central Connecticut's Charles Eger booted a 35-yard field goal, the Great Danes scored 30 straight points to seize control. Starting quarterback Eric Williams, who completed 7-of-11 passes for 71 yards, found Cedor between two CCSU defenders with a 24-yard TD toss to begin the run. The short scoring drive was set up by first of Grever's two interceptions.

Albany picked off three passes, and returned each one for a touchdown during a seven-minute stretch in the second quarter. Cornerback Troy Rhett intercepted Blue Devil quarterback Keith Toolan, and raced down the right sideline 35 yards to the end zone for a 29-3 advantage. Matt Caliandro, a senior defensive end, came up with a Toolan swing pass in the CCSU backfield, and went the remaining eight yards to paydirt. Finally, Grever's 25-yard interception return vaulted his club into a commanding 42-3 lead with 3:38 left in the stanza.

Albany, which has won 12 straight dating back to a season-opening 33-26 loss at Central Connecticut last year, limited the Blue Devils to 18 net yards rushing and caused five turnovers. Toolan connected on just 16-of-46 passes for 189 yards, and was sacked twice.

In the fourth quarter, CCSU's Evan Walsh tossed a 13-yard scoring pass to tailback Mark Strasser, while Albany freshman Marcus Rotondi reached the goal line on a 74-yard option run.

Albany, coming off a school-record 11-1 campaign, and the Eastern Football Conference championship in 1997, is in its final NCAA Division II season, and moves to the I-AA level next fall. The Great Danes tallied their most points in an opener since 1973.

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(Field Hockey)

Brookville, N.Y. -- Chrissy Bradt (Shenendehowa H.S.) and Tovah Atwell each had one goal and one assist to lead Albany to a 4-2 victory over C.W. Post on Wednesday afternoon in the season opener for both teams.

Atwell, a junior, snapped a 2-2 deadlock with 26:22 remaining, when she sent a six-yard shot into the right side of the cage off Bradt's pass. Freshman Carie Tonner gave the Great Danes a two-goal cushion with 6:41 left.

Christina Acheson handed C.W. Post a 1-0 lead early in the first half, but Albany came back to take a 2-1 halftime advantage. Bradt scored off a deflection in front, before midfielder Amy DiMicco tallied her first collegiate goal. Senior forward Julie Sageer drew the Pioneers even with three minutes gone in the final period.

Goalkeeper Cathi Burek posted seven saves for Albany. The defending ECAC Division II champions have won 23 of their last 25 contests dating back to the 1996 season. Keli Roberts made 12 saves in the C.W. Post cage.

-agate-

Albany (1-0)	2	2	-	4
C.W. Post (0-1)	1	1	-	2

Albany -- Scoring: Chrissy Bradt 1-1, Tovah Atwell 1-1, Amy DiMicco 1-1, Carie Tonner 1-0, Mia Malan 0-1; Saves: Cathi Burek 7. C.W. Post -- Scoring: Christina Acheson 1-0, Julie Sageer 1-0; Saves: Keli Roberts 12.

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Comments: College Sports

(Men's Soccer)

Rindge, N.H. -- David McDermott and Joe Alves each scored in the first half to lead Franklin Pierce to a 3-0 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Albany in the season opener for both teams on Tuesday afternoon at Crystal Field.

McDermott, a freshman from Liverpool, England, scored off Tolga Yamnaz's free kick with 11:27 gone in the contest. Alves tallied on a 35-yard blast late in the opening period. Joern Radu completed the scoring with four minutes and 41 seconds remaining in the second half.

Goalkeeper Robert Scholz posted his second career shutout for Franklin Pierce, which finished with a 12-5 record and reached the NCAA Division II Tournament in 1997.

Dean deFreitas stopped nine shots in the Albany net. The Great Danes play in the C.W. Post Tournament this weekend.

-agate-

Albany (0-1)	0	0	-	0
Franklin Pierce (1-0)	2	1	-	3

Albany -- Scoring: None; Saves: Dean deFreitas 9. Franklin Pierce -- Scoring: David McDermott 1-0, Jose Alves 1-0, Joern Radu 1-0, Joe Murray 0-2, Mike Carpenter 0-1, Tolga Yamnaz 0-1; Saves: Robert Scholz 0.