

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, November 29

---BOX SCORE ATTACHED---

Holiday Inn Calder Thanksgiving Classic
(Second Day)
Albany 71, St. Thomas 66

Miami Shores, Fla. -- Senior guard Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) scored 14 of his season-high 23 points in the second half, and Albany tied a school-record with 15 three-point field goals in a 71-66 victory over St. Thomas on the second day of the Holiday Inn Calder Thanksgiving Classic at Barry University's Health and Sports Center.

Albany (3-2) jumped out to a 28-19 lead midway through the first half by connecting on eight of nine long-range jumpers. Andre Duncan, who had 13 of his 14 points in the opening period, buried three 3-point shots in that stretch.

St. Thomas (1-5), which plays several of its home games on Barry's home floor, slowly worked its way back into the contest, and took a 44-42 lead with 17:40 remaining in final stanza on a K.C. Cullins' fastbreak layup.

The Great Danes later snapped a 48-all deadlock with a 10-3 run to regain the lead for good. Jahnel, who canned 7 of 13 shots from behind the arc, nailed a three-pointer to break the tie. Freshman Petr Burda scored five of his eight markers in that span.

St. Thomas, who shot 50 percent from the field, closed within one basket twice in the final five minutes. Cullins, who had 19 points and seven rebounds, hit a foul-line jumper with 3:17 to play, and the Bobcats trailed, 64-62. Albany's Jahnel followed with a three-point shot from the right wing on his team's next possession.

The Great Danes still were clinging to a 69-66 advantage, when Cullins was stripped near the free-throw line by Todd Cetnar. The sophomore point guard was fouled, and converted a one-to-one with 7.6 seconds left to seal the victory.

"We played well enough to win," said Albany coach Scott Hicks, whose club made 15 of 31 three-pointers, and tied a single-game record set last January 25th at New Haven. "St. Thomas gave us problems with their quickness and athleticism. Duncan and Jahnel came up with big games to give us a lift."

Cetnar (Amsterdam H.S.) had 11 points and eight assists for Albany. Sascha Rothstein and Garfield Johnson scored 14 and 10, respectively, for the Bobcats.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, November 28

---BOX SCORE ATTACHED---

Holiday Inn Calder Thanksgiving Classic
(First Day)

Barry 61, Albany 59
IUPUI 79, St. Thomas 68

Miami Shores, Fla. -- Junior guard Kit Zelinski converted a fastbreak layup at the buzzer as Barry held off Albany, 61-59, on the first day of the Holiday Inn Calder Thanksgiving Classic at the Health and Sports Center on Friday evening.

Albany (2-2) trailed 48-32 early in the second half, but got back in the contest with 12 unanswered points. Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont) had five of his 12 points in that stretch.

The Great Danes, who never led in the contest, drew even at 59 apiece, when Andre Duncan hit a turnaround on the left baseline with 2:42 remaining. Duncan, who became the 19th player in school history to reach 1,000 career points, had 19 points and 13 rebounds.

After both teams came up empty on their next possessions, a steal by Albany's Matthew Haggarty with 37 seconds left gave his club an opportunity for the game-winner.

However, following at timeout, Haggarty misfired on an open 20-foot jumper with four seconds on the clock. Barry's Andre Taylor grabbed the rebound, and threw a perfect outlet to a streaking Zelinski, who just beat the buzzer.

"Not many things went our way in the first half," said Albany coach Scott Hicks, "Our press helped get us back into the game. It was a wide open look for Haggarty, and they just beat us up the right sideline at the end."

Tom McGoldrick had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Great Danes. Joel Browne led Barry (4-0) with 12 points, while Andre Taylor had 11. Albany meets St. Thomas on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

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Comments: College Basketball
(Women) Albany 77, Dominican 51

Albany, N.Y. -- Kelly Paolino (Schalmont) scored 16 points and Melissa Schoonover added a career-high 15 as Albany pulled away in the second half for a 77-51 non-conference victory over Dominican on Tuesday at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany is off to a 4-1 start for the first time since 1993-94, while Dominican, an NAIA program from Orangeburg, N.Y., falls to 5-1.

Frances Lacayo, who had 15 points, gave the Lady Chargers a 23-18 lead in the first half on a jump hook in the lane. However, Albany went on an 11-4 run to end the period. Paolino, who added nine rebounds and four steals, hit an 8-foot jumper for a 29-27 halftime lead.

The Great Danes, who connected on 20 of 38 field goals after the intermission, still led 33-28 early in the final stanza, before ripping off 20 of the game's next 25 points. Freshman Robin Rink canned a pair of three-points in that decisive stretch, while Schoonover, who grabbed seven rebounds and blocked three shots, added one basket and two free throws.

Monica Irwin, a 5-foot-11 freshman, had 15 points and 11 rebounds for Dominican, which was held to 30-percent shooting. Albany's defense has held opponents under 60 points in five consecutive contests, and is allowing 51.4 per game.

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NORTHEAST CONFERENCE TO ADD UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER IN FOOTBALL

Piscataway, NJ - The University at Albany has accepted an invitation to become an associate member of the Northeast Conference in the sport of football, effective with the 1999 season, it was announced today by NEC Commissioner John Iamarino.

"We are delighted to add a program as successful as Albany football and are pleased to be affiliated with one of the premier collegiate institutions in New York State," said Iamarino. "Football is an important component of the Northeast Conference, and the addition of Albany will only serve to strengthen our league."

Albany will become the seventh member of the NEC in football. Current members Central Connecticut, Monmouth, St. Francis (PA), Robert Morris and Wagner will be joined by associate member Sacred Heart in 1998. Sacred Heart will become a full member of the NEC in 1999.

"Membership in the Northeast Conference is important to our football program, and the University's long-range goals in Division I athletics," said Albany athletic director Milt Richards. "Due to scheduling issues, it was vital that football make a smooth transition to Division I-AA with an associate membership."

Albany head coach Bob Ford, who just completed his 25th season with Albany, recently led the Great Danes to the Eastern Football Conference championship and an 11-1 overall record.

"We are pleased that the football program has a home at the Division I-AA level," said Ford. "Conference membership gives our players and coaches something to shoot for with a championship, standings, and all-star teams."

The NEC and Albany have agreed to an initial four-year commitment through the 2002 season, subject to review at that time.

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Comments: College Football

SAVINO & GREVER EARN EFC PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK HONORS

Waltham, Mass. -- University at Albany's Joe Savino has been selected as the Eastern Football Conference's Offensive Player of the Week, while linebacker Mike Grever won the EFC's weekly defensive player award for their performances in Saturday's 27-20 victory against American International in the conference championship.

Savino, a senior quarterback who was voted the championship MVP award, won the weekly honor for the fourth time this fall by completing 20 of 31 passes for 314 yards and one touchdown. He finished the season with a school-record 2,377 passing yards and 22 touchdowns. Savino leads the conference in total offense (229.3 yards per game) and pass efficiency (156.35 rating).

Grever, a sophomore linebacker, posted a team-high 12 tackles, including 10 unassisted, and added one sack and one fumble recovery. His interception in the last minute sealed Albany's first title of any kind since the 1985 ECAC Division III North championship. Grever, a fullback last season, led the Great Danes in tackles with 122; the most by a UA defender in 10 years.

Albany finished its third NCAA Division II season with a school-record 11-1 mark.

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Comments: Women's Basketball

Smithfield, R.I. -- Sophomores Dawn DiMicco and Melissa Schoonover each posted career-highs off the bench with 17 and 13 points, respectively, to lead Albany to a 70-54 victory in the consolation of the Bryant College Classic on Sunday afternoon at Bryant Gymnasium.

Albany (3-1), which dropped a 58-44 decision to Bowie State (Md.), ranked 13th in Division II, in the opening round, led 32-30 early in the second half. But the Great Danes, who canned 30 of 59 field goals, took control with a 12-3 run. DiMicco and junior guard Kelly Paolino (Schalmont), who scored eight of her 12 points after halftime, keyed the outburst.

Desiree Phillips, a junior guard, led all scorers with 21 points for Dowling (0-3). Kristy McGinniss (Catholic Central) added seven points and two rebounds as a starter.

Schoonover, a 6-foot-1 center who had a team-high eight rebounds and converted 5 of 6 shots from the floor, was named to the all-tournament team.

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Comments: College Basketball

(WOMEN)

Smithfield, RI - - A 19-0 run to start the second half proved too much for the University at Albany to overcome as the Danes dropped their opening round contest in the Bryant College Classic to the Bowie State Bulldogs from Maryland by the score of 58-44. Trailing at halftime by two points, 34-32, the Great Danes managed only 12 points on 22 percent shooting in the second half.

Head Coach Mari Warner of the University at Albany stated, "We were exactly where we wanted to be at halftime. I thought we came out a bit timid in the second half, however, I am proud of my team's defense and rebounding in this game. We learned a lot tonight, this game will make us a better team."

The Bulldogs were led by sophomore guard Beverly Winstead who scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds on 6 for 8 shooting from the field and 3 of 6 from the foul line. Rashida Brooks, a junior center for the Bulldogs, collected 11 rebounds.

Melissa Schoonover, a sophomore center, led the Great Danes with 9 points and nine rebounds.

The Bulldogs, the thirteenth-ranked team in the country, improve to 2-0. The Great Danes fall to 2-1.

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Comments: College Sports (Football & Volleyball)

SNOW BOWL SELECTS SETH THOMAS TO THE EAST ALL-STAR TEAM

Fargo, N.D. -- University at Albany's Seth Thomas has been chosen to participate as a member of the East squad in the fifth annual Snow Bowl Division II All-Star Game. The national all-star game will be played on Saturday, January 10 in the Fargodome, a 19,600-seat facility, at 2:00 p.m.

Thomas, a 6-foot-4, 260-pound tight end, has received attention from several National Football League scouts. Three Snow Bowl players, from the 1997 contest, were drafted and ten signed free agent contracts. The all-star game benefits The Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

A first-team all-Eastern Football Conference choice, Thomas has 33 receptions for 568 yards and six touchdowns as a senior. He is third in career receptions (88), sixth in receiving yardage (1,119) and tied for second with 13 touchdown catches on the school's all-time charts.

CAPITAL REGION CAN WATCH EFC CHAMPIONSHIP LIVE

Albany, N.Y. -- Time Warner Cable (Channel 9) has agreed to televise the New England Sports Network's live broadcast of the Eastern Football Conference championship game on Saturday, Nov. 22. at 12 noon as University at Albany Director of Athletics Milt Richards announced today.

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Albany (10-1), the Atlantic Division titleist, travels to American International (8-2), the Bay State Division winner, for the EFC championship. Tom Larson (play-by-play) and Bob Norton (commentator) are the on-air talent for the NESN broadcast from Miller Field in Springfield, Massachusetts.

"We are excited to bring this football championship broadcast to the Capital Region," said Albany Division President for Time Warner Cable Jeffrey M. King. "Time Warner Cable continues to be committed to community programming."

WROW (590 AM) and WCDB (90.9 FM - student) will also air the EFC championship game. Rodger Wyland, the evening sports anchor at WNYT-TV, and Charlie Voelker will serve as WROW's broadcast team.

VOLLEYBALL EARNS ECAC TOURNAMENT BERTH

Centerville, Mass. -- Albany is seeded third for Saturday's ECAC Division II women's volleyball tournament. The one-day, three-team championship is hosted by top-seed Stony Brook (27-5).

The Great Danes, who are 19-10 overall, and have their most victories since 1992, face Stonehill, the No. 2 seed with a 23-7 record, in the opening round at 10:00 a.m. The winner meets the host school in the title match at 1:00 p.m.

Senior outside hitter Rafaela Nikas and junior setter Lisa Greiner, a pair of second-team all-New England Collegiate Conference selections, lead Albany into post-season play. Nikas averages 3.61 kills, and is ranked second nationally in dig average (5.49 pg).



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SPORTS NEWS

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**ALBANY PLACES SEVEN PLAYERS ON ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM
Joe Savino Earns MVP Award; Bob Ford Named EFC's Top Coach**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- Senior quarterback **Joe Savino** was selected as the Eastern Football Conference's most valuable player, **Bob Ford** was chosen coach of the year, and the University at Albany placed seven players on the all-conference team as announced today by the league office.

Loren Baker, a senior offensive tackle from Gloversville, N.Y. (Gloversville H.S.), was picked as the EFC's best offensive lineman, and with Savino was among five Great Danes on the first team. Split end **Dan Gmelin**, tight end **Seth Thomas**, and cornerback **Troy Rhett** were the others on the all-conference unit. Linebacker **Mike Grever** and defensive end **Mark Pnini** were second-team selections.

Savino, the school's all-time passer, established single-season records for total offense (2,421), passing yards (2,063), touchdown passes (21), completions (130) and rushing TDs (10). He ranks fourth nationally in passing efficiency with a 156.7 rating, and has earned ECAC-North Offensive Player of the Week honors on three occasions this season.

Baker, a 6-foot-3, 290-pound athlete, paved the way for an offensive unit which is seventh in the nation in scoring (40.1 ppg) and 13th in total offense (416.3 yards/game). He has not allowed a single QB sack over the last two seasons. Gmelin, who holds several career receiving records, has 48 receptions for 910 yards and nine touchdowns. A kick-return threat, Gmelin shattered the single-season standard for all-purpose yards (1,563), and averages 15.9 yards per punt return.

A 6-foot-4, 260-pound tight end, Thomas is receiving attention from National Football League scouts, and has caught 33 passes for 568 yards and six touchdowns. Rhett, a junior defensive back, leads the team with three interceptions, including two returns for scores, and eight pass break-ups, and has 29 tackles.

Grever, a sophomore linebacker who moved from fullback last spring, is the top tackler on the team with 110, and has recorded 10 or more hits in seven games this season. Pnini, a junior, is third on the squad in tackles (69), and shares the team lead with 5.5 sacks for minus-27 yards.

Ford, who has developed Albany football from the club level in 1970 to its current NCAA Division II status, guided the program to the EFC's Atlantic Division crown, and its first post-season appearance in 12 years. Ford has the Great Danes at the 10-win mark for the first time in school history, and his 156 career victories ranks among the top 10 active Division II coaches.

Albany (10-1), the Atlantic Division winner, travels to American International (8-2), the Bay State Division titleist, for the Eastern Football Conference championship on Saturday, November 22 at 12 noon. New England Sports Network (NESN) will televise the contest live.

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Comments: College Basketball

(WOMEN)

Albany, N.Y. -- Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) scored a career-high 18 points, and added nine assists and five steals to lead Albany to a 93-48 non-conference victory over Concordia (N.Y.) on Monday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (2-0) snapped a 16-all tie midway through the first half with 23 of the game's next 24 points. Paolino, a junior point guard, keyed the outburst with two baskets and four assists.

Kerry Ochal (Amsterdam H.S.) had 14 points and nine rebounds for the Great Danes. Dawn DiMicco and Megan Buchanan each scored 11.

Khalifah Shabazz netted 11 points, while Jenifer Edwards had 10 for Concordia, a member of the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference. The Clippers were playing in their season opener.

(MEN)

Rindge, N.H. -- Andre Duncan has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week in men's basketball. Duncan, a 6-foot-6 forward, averaged 18 points, 11 rebounds and 4.5 blocks in two games at the West Chester University Tip-Off Classic last weekend. The UA senior posted 22 points and 13 rebounds vs. Georgia Southwestern, and added 14 points and nine boards in a 69-58 consolation victory over Eckerd.

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Comments: College Football

SAVINO CHOSEN ECAC-NORTH OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

University at Albany's Joe Savino has been selected as the ECAC-North Division II Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in Saturday's 42-40 victory over Southern Connecticut State for the Eastern Football Conference's Atlantic Division title. He earned the weekly award for the third time this season.

Savino, a senior quarterback, passed for a school-record 398 yards and two touchdowns, plus ran for two more scores. He also set a single-game mark for total offense (404), and single-season records for passing (2,063), rushing touchdowns (10) and pass completions (130) in the contest.

Savino shared the EFC's Offensive Player of the Week honors with Southern Conn.'s Rashaan Dumas and Bentley's Mark DeBrito.

BUS TRAVEL AVAILABLE FOR EFC CHAMPIONSHIP

The University at Albany and Brown Coach are providing a bus for this Saturday's Eastern Football Conference championship in Springfield, Massachusetts. Albany (10-1, EFC 8-0) won the Atlantic Division, while American International (8-2, EFC 8-0) was the Bay State Division winner. The title game is scheduled for 12 noon at Miller Field.

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(EFC Championship)

The cost is \$10.00 per person, and includes round-trip travel, one game ticket, and a pre-game tailgate party. The bus will depart the Recreation and Convocation Center's south parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Contact 442-3067 to make reservations or for more information.

CALIANDRO AND CAMPE ON GTE DISTRICT ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Matt Caliandro and Brian Campe have been selected to the GTE District I Academic All-America Football Team as chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Caliandro, a junior defensive end, has a 3.54 cumulative grade point average in accounting. He has 46 tackles, including six for losses, and shares the team lead with 5.5 sacks for minus-51 yards.

Campe, a reserve linebacker and the regular snapper on punts, has a 3.63 GPA in business administration. The 6-foot sophomore has 13 tackles and 3.5 sacks on the season.

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM

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GTE/CoSIDA DISTRICT I ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® FOOTBALL TEAM SELECTED

(Twenty-four team members from New England and New York Institutions now eligible for national selection)

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.--Twenty-six student-athletes from schools in New England and New York have been voted to the GTE/College Sports Information Directors of America District I Academic All-America® Football Team by members of CoSIDA in the region. The 26 members of the team are now eligible for selection to the national football Academic All-America® squad to be announced December 9.

1997 GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® FOOTBALL TEAM

College Division--District I

Po. Name	Institution	Cl. Hometown	GPA, Major
QB Michael O'Donovan	Ithaca College	Jr. Collegeville, PA	3.55, Finance
R Craig Dana	Buffalo State College	Jr. Kenmore, NY	3.91, Math Education
R Luke Gutelius	Hobart College	Sr. Weston, MA	3.56, Theory of the Individual
TE Henry Wasserman	Wesleyan University	Jr. Avon, CT	3.70, Math, Computer Science and Economics
RB Pat Corbett	U.S. Merchant Marine Acad.	Jr. Middletown, MD	3.42, Engineering
RB Troy Gayeski	Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Sr. Wilkes Barre, PA	4.7/5.0 Chemical Engineering
P Nate Holtey	Tufts University	Sr. Ashland, OR	3.30, History
K Jim Lackner	Springfield College	Sr. Lake Ronkonkoma, NY	3.35, Sports Management
OL Tim Asbell	L.I. University--C. W. Post	Sr. Rochester, NH	3.37, Criminal Justice
OL Kevin Clarno	Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Jr. Round Rock, TX	4.0/5.0, Nuclear Engineering
OL David Nardolillo	Amherst College	Sr. Albany, NY	3.38, Economics, American Studies
OL Mike Ravosa	American Inter. College	Sr. Longmeadow, MA	3.30, Marketing
OL Nick Salvaggi	Rensselaer	Sr. Brookfield, CT	3.30, Biology
LB Mike Butville	Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Sr. Levittown, PA	4.9/5.0, Mechanical Engineering
LB Brian Campe	University at Albany	So. Rochester, NY	3.63, Business Administration
LB Brian Herbert	L.I. University--C.W. Post	Sr. Bethpage, NY	3.47, Criminal Justice
LB Phuoc Huynh	Assumption College	Sr. Worcester, MA	3.47, Management
DL Matt Caliendo	University at Albany	Jr. Valley Stream, NY	3.54, Accounting
DL Chris Cochran	Rensselaer	Sr. Kent, WA	3.78, Computer Systems Engineering
DL Brad Gray	Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Sr. Columbia, SC	5.0/5.0, Chemical Engineering
DL Darren Levack	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Sr. South Windsor, CT	3.25, Civil and Mechanical Engineering
DL Kevin Trexler	Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Sr. West Chester, PA	4.4/5.0, Mechanical Engineering
DB Tom Massey	SUNY Brockport	Jr. Jamestown, NY	3.84, Exercise Physiology
DB Todd Nichols	Amherst College	Jr. Skaneateles, NY	3.69, Political Science
DB Erik Schiller	Hobart College	Sr. Homer, NY	3.70, Economics
DB Duane Stevens	Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Sr. Scio, OR	4.0/5.0, Mechanical Engineering

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COLLEGE SPORTS

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(Football)

Albany, N.Y. 42, Southern Connecticut State 40

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior quarterback Joe Savino passed for a school-record 398 yards and two touchdowns, and scored on a pair of runs to lead Albany to a 42-40 victory over Southern Connecticut State in the Eastern Football Conference's Atlantic Division title game on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

Albany (10-1, EFC 8-0), which set a season standard for victories, goes on to face American International in the EFC championship in Springfield, Massachusetts on November 22. AIC captured the Bay State Division with a perfect 8-0 conference mark, and is 8-2 overall.

A field which was covered by an 8-inch snowfall the previous day did not seem to limit the two team's offenses, which combined for 1,166 yards in the contest. Southern Connecticut State (7-4, EFC 6-2) took a 21-14 lead in the second quarter on a one-yard run by sophomore tailback Rashaan Dumas, who rushed 37 times for 231 yards and four touchdowns.

Albany tailback Greg Garrett, who had 22 carries for 91 yards, scored his second TD of the game on a two-yard option run to draw his team even with 1:15 left before halftime. Savino, who connected on 19 of 36 passes, gave the Great Danes a 28-21 advantage late in the third quarter with an 80-yard TD strike to flanker Greg Butryn.

Early in the fourth quarter, Dumas dashed 21 yards to paydirt, but Frank Biancamano's extra-point try went wide right. Albany, clinging to the one-point lead, return the ensuing kickoff to the SCSU 44. Savino, on the next play, pulled back on a fake option, and fired a touchdown to split end Dan Gmelin, who caught 11 passes, and set another record with 215 receiving yards.

The Great Danes increased their lead to 42-27 with 6:45 remaining on a 10-play drive. Savino scored on a two-yard option to his left in a third-and-goal situation.

Freshman quarterback Kevin Dickinson, who completed 20 of 40 passes for a career-high 366 yards, led SCSU to scores on its last two possessions. He directed a six-play march, before Dumas swept around left end on a 13-yard TD run. A two-point pass failed, and the Owls trailed 42-33.

Dickinson went to work again with less than three minutes to play. He hit Matt Hitchcock for 50 yards down the middle of the Albany defense, and then flipped a four-yard scoring pass to the tight end with 1:32 left. Hitchcock finished with six receptions for 115 yards.

Biancamano, who converted the PAT, then tried to recover his own on-side kick. Albany's Luke Byrnes fell on the ball in a wild scramble, and the Great Danes were able to run out the clock.

SCSU's Jim White and Raheem Duncan each totaled more than 100 receiving yards. White, a freshman, caught six passes for 113, while Duncan added five catches for 104. Albany's Butryn was the fifth receiver in the game to reach the century mark, as he caught five balls for 127.

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(Men's Basketball)
Albany 69, Eckerd 59

West Chester, Pa. -- Tom McGoldrick scored 18 points and Andre Duncan and Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) each added 14 to lead Albany to a 69-59 victory over Eckerd in the consolation of the WCU Tip-Off Classic on Saturday afternoon at Hollinger Field House.

Albany (1-1), which lost to Georgia Southwestern, 78-68, in the opening round, trailed 40-38 early in the second half. But the Great Danes, who connected on 9 of 19 three-point field goals, went on a 15-4 run to take control. Matthew Haggarty's long-range jumper and two baskets by Brad Dixon ended the outburst, and gave Albany a 53-44 advantage with 10:10 remaining.

Eckerd, a Division II school in St. Petersburg, Fla., was led by local scholastic standout Bryan Galuski, a senior guard from Shaker High. Galuski, who connected on 7-of-16 shooting, had a game-high 19 points. Roger Leff, a 6-foot-5 forward, added 17 for the Tritons, who dropped a 62-61 decision to West Chester in the first round.

"I thought we played a great team game, and were much improved from yesterday," said Albany coach Scott Hicks, whose team committed just nine turnovers. "I was impressed with our resiliency after a tough loss the previous night."

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Albany 2-2-2-2

Todd Cetnar (Amsterdam H.S.) added 10 points for the Great Danes, while Duncan, a senior forward, added nine rebounds and four blocks to his double-figure scoring total.

--BOX SCORE LATER--

(Volleyball)

West Haven, Conn. -- Stony Brook upended Albany, 15-4, 15-5, 15-8, in the semifinal round of the New England Collegiate Conference tournament on Saturday at New Haven's Charger Gymnasium. Rafaela Nikas, an all-tournament team selection, had eight kills and 23 digs for the Great Danes, who finished their season at 19-10 overall. Albany's Julie Arbitman, a freshman, added 10 kills and 12 digs.

New Haven, the tourney's top seed, went on to post a 15-3, 15-10, 15-11 victory over Stony Brook in the final, and captured its 13th conference championship.

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NECC Tournament

(Semifinals)

Stony Brook def. Albany, 15-4, 15-5, 15-8

New Haven def. Massachusetts-Lowell, 15-6, 15-8, 15-5

(Championship)

New Haven def. Stony Brook, 15-3, 15-10, 15-11

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Comments: College Basketball & Volleyball

(Men's)

Georgia Southwestern 78, Albany 68

West Chester, Pa. -- Ernest Scott scored 29 points and Dwayne Myles added 20 as Georgia Southwestern rallied in the second half for a 78-68 victory over Albany in the opening round of the WCU Tip-Off Classic at Hollinger Field House.

Albany (0-1), which shot 69 percent in the first half, built a 53-40 advantage behind the play of senior forward Andre Duncan, who had 22 points and 13 rebounds.

Georgia Southwestern (2-1), ranked 15th nationally in the NAIA's preseason poll, responded with 27 of the game's next 34 points by using a full-court press. Tony Bryan's dunk gave the Hurricanes a 61-60 lead with 6:53 remaining.

Tim Adams' jumper in the lane extended Georgia Southwestern's advantage to 67-60. A fastbreak layup by Albany's Darrin Jahnel sliced the lead to 69-66 with 1:48 left, but Marelle Harris hit a jumper and Myles canned a three-pointer to end the threat.

"It was a tale of two halves," said Albany coach Scott Hicks, who is in his first season. "We played as well as we could in the first half, and as poorly in the second. We were careless with the ball, and 23 turnovers makes it difficult to win."

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Albany 2-2-2-2

Todd Cetnar (Amsterdam H.S.) added 15 points for the Great Danes, while sophomore Matthew Haggarty scored 12 in his first start as a collegian. Albany will play in Saturday's consolation at 4:00 p.m. against the West Chester-Eckerd loser.

(Women's)

Albany 61, Merrimack 46

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore Megan Buchanan scored a career-high 16 points and Kerry Ochal (Amsterdam H.S.) added 10 points and 13 rebounds to lead Albany to a 61-46 non-conference triumph over Merrimack in the season opener for both teams on Friday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Great Danes held an early two-point lead, but then reeled off an 11-2 run for a 20-9 advantage midway through the first half. Ochal, a 5-foot-9 senior, scored four points in that stretch.

Albany, which lost to Merrimack to begin the last two seasons, cruised to a 32-16 halftime cushion, and held the Warriors to 5-of-28 shooting in the opening period.

Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) added 10 points for the Great Danes. Christine Proctor led Merrimack with 15 points, while Megan Burke and Amy Veilleux each had 12.



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NEW ENGLAND COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

*Friday's scores**at University of New Haven*

New Haven 3, Southern Connecticut State 0 (15-2, 15-3, 15-9)

New Haven 3, Sacred Heart 0 (15-0, 15-6, 15-3)

Albany 3, Sacred Heart 0 (15-9, 15-2, 15-2)

Albany 3, Southern Connecticut State 0 (15-5, 15-5, 15-5)

at Southern Connecticut State University

Stony Brook 3, UMass-Lowell 0 (15-11, 15-8, 15-10)

Stony Brook 3, Bridgeport 0 (15-1, 15-1, 15-0)

Bridgeport 3, New Hampshire College 0 (16-14, 15-2, 15-4)

UMass-Lowell 3, New Hampshire College 0 (15-3, 15-2, 15-8)

POOL A

1. New Haven
4. Sacred Heart
5. Albany
8. Southern Connecticut State

POOL B

2. Stony Brook
3. UMass-Lowell
6. New Hampshire College
7. Bridgeport

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE**All matches at University of New Haven**

New Haven vs. Albany, 9 a.m.

Stony Brook vs. New Hamp. Coll., 9 a.m.

Sacred Heart vs. So. Conn St., 10:30 a.m.

UMass-Lowell vs. Bridgeport, 10:30 a.m.

12:30 Semifinals

1A vs. 2B and 1B vs. 2A

2:00 NECC Tournament Final
Semifinal winners

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Comments: College Sports (Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country)

MIKE KIERNAN NAMED NECC ROOKIE OF THE YEAR IN CROSS COUNTRY
Rindge, N.H. -- University at Albany's Mike Kiernan has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Year in men's cross country as voted by the conference's head coaches.

Kiernan placed seventh at the NECC championships in October with a time of 26:32 for 8,000 meters, and was the top freshman finisher in the competition. Albany captured its first-ever conference title.

Kiernan was also 17th at the 31st annual Albany Invitational, and 39th at the IC4A University Division championship at Van Cortlandt Park. The Great Danes were third at IC4A's against primarily a Division I field.

ALBANY SEEDED FIFTH FOR NECC VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
West Haven, Conn. -- The University at Albany women's volleyball team is seeded fifth for this weekend's New England Collegiate Conference tournament.

Albany (17-8) meets Sacred Heart in the opening round of pool play on Friday at 5:30 at the University of New Haven's Charger Gymnasium. The Great Danes tangle with Franklin Pierce in a 7:00 p.m. match.

The two-day tournament continues on Saturday with the semifinals scheduled for 2:00, and the championship match immediately following.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CAGE TEAMS OPEN SEASONS ON FRIDAY

The University at Albany's men's basketball team opens its 1997-98 schedule on Friday at West Chester University's Tip-Off Classic in Pennsylvania. The Great Danes face Georgia Southwestern, ranked No. 15 in the NAIA's national preseason poll, at 6:00 p.m. West Chester and Eckerd follow in the other first-round pairing.

Head coach Scott Hicks is in his first season, and has four starters returning from last year's 17-10 team. Andre Duncan, a preseason first-team all-New England Collegiate Conference selection, led his club in scoring (14.3 ppg) and rebounding (6.4 pg) last winter.

The Albany women's team begins its season at home against Merrimack on Friday evening. Tip-off at the Recreation and Convocation Center is 7:00 p.m. Head coach Mari Warner, who guided her squad to a 19-9 record last season, relies on junior point guard Kelly Paolino (Schalmont) to run the attack.

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Comments: College Sports (Field Hockey)

THREE ALBANY ATHLETES ON NFHCA DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA TEAM

East Stroudsburg, Pa. -- The University at Albany has placed three players on the National Field Hockey Coaches Association's Division II All-America Team. Meredith Jackel and Liz Peck were first-team selections, while leading-scorer Tovah Atwell made the NFHCA's second team.

Jackel, a senior sweeper back from Mahopac, N.Y., makes her third consecutive appearance on the Division II All-America squad. She led an Albany defense which shut out 11 opponents and allowed 0.57 goals per game. A first-team choice for the second time in her career, Jackel will participate in the North-South Senior All-Star Game.

Peck, a second-team All-America selection in 1996, scored four goals and two assists from her midfielder position. Atwell, a sophomore forward, set single-season records for goals (18), assists (9), and points (45) this season.

FIORE SELECTED TO COACH IN NORTH-SOUTH ALL-STAR GAME

Storrs, Conn. -- University at Albany's Deborah Fiore has been chosen to serve as the Division II head coach in the North-South Senior All-Star Game for women's field hockey on Friday, November 21 at the University of Connecticut.

Fiore, the 1996 NFHCA national coach of the year, will guide the Division II all-stars against the top players in Division III at 7:00 p.m. The Division I seniors battle each other at 5:00. Fiore has a 42-8-1 record in three years with the Albany program, and led the Great Danes to a school-record 17-2 campaign and their first-ever ECAC Division II championship this season.

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Comments: College Sports (M. Soccer, Football)

MEN'S SOCCER EARNS ECAC TOURNAMENT BERTH

Centerville, Mass. -- The University at Albany men's soccer team has earned its first post-season tournament bid since 1994, and will compete as the No. 4 seed in this weekend's ECAC Division II championship. Merrimack, the top seed with a 14-6 record, will host the four-team tourney, and meets the Great Danes, who are 10-6-1 overall, in Saturday's opening round at 2:00 p.m.

LIU-Southampton (13-5), the second seed, faces New Haven (14-5-1) in an 11:00 a.m. match on Saturday at Warrior Field. The winners play in Sunday's championship at 12 noon.

Roy Pfeil, the former boys' varsity coach at Shenendehowa and Linton/Mt. Pleasant high schools, has a 66-42-14 record in seven seasons at Albany. Kevin Koscielniak, a senior striker from Saratoga Springs H.S., is one of UA's top scorers with four goals and seven assists.

Albany last appeared in the postseason in the 1994 NCAA Division III tournament.

FOOTBALL RANKED AMONG DIVISION II STAT LEADERS

Albany, 9-1 overall, is among the NCAA Division II leaders in scoring offense (6th, 39.9 ppg), scoring defense (8th, 11.2 ppg) and passing defense (5th, 76.5 rating). Senior quarterback Joe Savino is ranked fourth in passing efficiency (156.4 rating) and 26th in total offense (201.7 yards/game). The Great Danes battle Southern Connecticut State (7-3) for the Eastern Football Conference's Atlantic Division title at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday at University Field.

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MERRIMACK LANDS TOP SEED IN 1997 ECAC DIVISION II MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

CENTERVILLE, Mass. - After tallying an impressive 14-6 record, Merrimack College was awarded the top seed and hosting honors in the 1997 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II Men's Soccer Championship. Championship play opens on Saturday, November 15, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. when #2 Long Island University, Southampton Campus (13-5) will try to conquer #3 University of New Haven (14-5-1) to earn a berth in the Championship game. Later in the day at 2:00 p.m., Merrimack faces #4 University at Albany, who finished the season at 10-6-1.

The Championship match will also take place on Warrior turf, kicking off on Sunday, November 16, 1997 at 12:00 p.m.

ECAC DIVISION II MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>Semi-finals - Sat., Nov. 15, 1997 at Merrimack College</u>	<u>Time</u>
#2 Southampton (13-5) vs. #3 New Haven (14-5-1)	11:00 a.m.
#1 Merrimack (14-6) vs. #4 Albany (10-6-1)	2:00 p.m.
 <u>Championship - Sun., Nov. 16, 1997 at Merrimack College</u>	
Two semi-final winners	12:00 p.m.

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Comments: College Football

GREVER NAMED ECAC-NORTH DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. -- Sophomore linebacker Mike Grever has been chosen as the ECAC-North Division II Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in Saturday's 54-0 victory against Union. Grever posted double figures in tackles for the sixth time this season with 12 hits, including 10 unassisted and two for losses. He leads the Great Danes with 98 tackles on the season.

SAVINO CHOSEN AS EFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Waltham, Mass. -- Senior quarterback Joe Savino has been selected as the Eastern Football Conference Offensive Player of the Week. Savino accounted for a career-high 310 yards and five touchdowns against Union. He completed 16 of 23 passes for 250 yards and tied the school record with four TD passes. The 5-foot-9 signal-caller rushed 14 times for 60 yards, including a 24-yard scoring run in the first quarter. He also established two single-season records for touchdown passes (19) and total offense with 2,017 yards. Savino has 16 school records, and is UA's all-time passer with 6,303 yards and 53 career passing TDs.

Albany (9-1, EFC 7-0) has a nine-game win streak, and hosts Southern Connecticut State for the conference's Atlantic Division title on Saturday, November 15 at 1:00 p.m.

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Comments: College Sports (M. Soccer, W. Volleyball)

New Haven, Conn. -- Renwick Hutson scored two goals to power Southern Connecticut State, the nation's top-ranked Division II team, to a 4-0 victory over Albany in a New England Collegiate Conference match on Saturday evening at Jess Dow Field.

Sterling Smith and Tal Osovsky scored a pair of goals within a three-minute stretch in the first half to give the Owls a 2-0 lead. Hutson tallied twice early in the final period, including his team-leading 17th of the season.

Christian Sir had two saves for Southern Connecticut State (19-0-1, NECC 7-0-1). Mike Cooper stopped nine shots for Albany (10-6-1, NECC 5-3).

-agate-

Albany (10-6-1, 5-3)	0	0	-	0
Southern Conn. (19-0-1, 7-0-1)	2	2	-	4

Albany -- No Scoring, Saves: Mike Cooper 9. Southern Conn. -- Renwick Hutson 2-0, Tal Osovsky 1-1, Sterling Smith 1-0, Asaf Dagai 0-1, Pete Nunes 0-1, Erez Levi 0-1, Didier Orellana 0-1, Saves: Christian Sir 2.

(Women's Volleyball)

Rindge, N.H. --

-agate-

Albany def. Franklin Pierce, 15-12, 15-12, 15-3

Albany def. St. Michael's, 15-5, 15-5, 15-8

Record: Albany (17-8)

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Comments: ECAC FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore Tovah Atwell scored off a penalty corner with 16 minutes and 31 seconds remaining to lift Albany to a 2-1 victory over Bentley in the ECAC Division II women's field hockey championship on Saturday afternoon at Albany Field.

Atwell, the championship's most valuable player, took a pass from freshman Katie Cunningham, and fired a shot past Bentley goalkeeper Carolyn Cahill for her 18th goal of the season. The Falcons' Stacy Zito scored her 14th of the year 32 seconds earlier off a rebound to tie the contest at one apiece.

Cunningham had given Albany (17-2) a 1-0 lead in the first half, when she found the left corner of the cage on a rebound shot. Leia Shick had three saves for the Great Danes, while Cahill turned aside 11 shots for the Bentley (16-7).

"I am happy for our team and our seniors," said Albany coach Deborah Fiore, who has a 42-8-1 record in three seasons, and led the program to an ECAC title in just its fourth year as a varsity sport. "Today was a hard-fought game. Our kids gained some recognition for their hard work and dedication with the victory."

-agate-

ECAC DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP

Bentley (16-7)	0	1	-	1
Albany (17-2)	1	1	-	2

Bentley -- Stacy Zito 1-0, Saves: Carolyn Cahill 11. Albany -- Katie Cunningham 1-1, Tovah Atwell 1-0, Saves: Leia Shick 3.

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Comments: College Sports

MEREDITH JACKEL CHOSEN TO PLAY IN NORTH-SOUTH ALL-STAR GAME

Storrs, Conn. -- University at Albany's Meredith Jackel, a two-time All-America defender in women's field hockey, has been selected to play in the North-South Division II All-Star Game at the University of Connecticut on Friday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Jackel, a senior from Mahopac, N.Y., started all 18 contests at sweeper back this season, and led a defensive unit which has shutout 11 opponents and allowed 0.55 goals per game. She was a first-team National Field Hockey Coaches All-America choice last year, and earned second-team recognition as a sophomore.

Albany (16-2) hosts Bentley (16-6) at Albany Field in Saturday's ECAC Division II championship at 1:00 p.m.

ALBANY STILL THIRD IN LAMBERT-MEADOWLANDS FOOTBALL POLL

East Rutherford, N.J. -- The University at Albany football is ranked third for the second straight week in the Lambert-Meadowlands Division II Poll. New Haven (8-1) and Slippery Rock (8-1) remain one-two in the eastern regional rankings. The Great Danes (8-1, EFC 7-0) are also among this week's NCAA statistical leaders, and are seventh in scoring offense (38.3 ppg) and 10th in pass defense (78.8 rating). Split end Dan Gmelin is listed fifth in punt returns (17.8 avg. per attempt), while quarterback Joe Savino is ninth in pass efficiency with a 147.8 rating.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Lambert-Meadowland Division II Football Poll

1. New Haven (8-1), 30; 2. Slippery Rock (8-1), 27; 3. Albany (8-1), 23; 4. Shippensburg (6-2), 22; 5. Bloomsburg (6-2), 18; 6. American International (6-2), 13; (tie) 7. Southern Connecticut State (7-2) and Millersville (7-2), 10; 9. Kutztown (5-3), 8; 10. Bentley (5-2), 4.

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Comments: College Sports

JULIE ARBITMAN NAMED NECC ROOKIE OF THE WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

Rindge, N.H. -- University at Albany's Julie Arbitman has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Oct. 27-Nov. 2) in women's volleyball.

Arbitman, a 5-foot-9 freshman, received the award for the third time this season. She averaged 3.5 kills and 5.5 digs in 10 games played, and recorded the first 20-20 game of her career with 20 kills and a season-high 23 digs against East Stroudsburg. Albany's outside hitter ranks third among the conference leaders in digs with a 4.22 average per game. The Great Danes are 15-8 overall.

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Comments: College Sports

SAVINO NAMED ECAC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. -- University at Albany's Joe Savino has been selected as the ECAC-North Division II Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in Saturday's 42-26 victory over Stonehill. Savino, a senior quarterback, accounted for 247 total yards. He completed 12 of 20 passes for 171 yards and one touchdown, and rushed nine times for 76 yards. He scored on a 26-yard run in the second quarter, and reached paydirt on a 44-yard scamper in the third period. Savino, who has passed for 1,415 yards this year, and has a 57.2 completion percentage, tied a school record with his 15th touchdown pass of the season. Albany is 8-1 overall.

FIELD HOCKEY EARNS ECAC CHAMPIONSHIP BERTH

Centerville, Mass. -- The pairings are set for this Saturday's ECAC Division II women's field hockey championship. Albany (16-2) will host Bentley (16-6) at Albany Field in the title game at 1:00 p.m.

The Great Danes, who set a school record for season victories, are led by sophomore Tovah Atwell (17 goals, 9 assists) and two-time All-America defender Meredith Jackel. Chrissy Bradt (Shenendehowa H.S.) is the team's second-leading scorer with five goals and eight assists. Sonja Bates (Saratoga Springs H.S.) is also a regular in the lineup.

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Comments: Men's Basketball (Box Score Attached)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior guard Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) scored 25 points, and Albany rallied in the final eight minutes for an 83-73 exhibition victory over Concordia University from Montreal, Quebec on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Concordia built a 60-55 advantage with 8:31 remaining after Michael Kiernan, who had 14 points, buried one of his four three-point field goals.

The Great Danes responded with 11 consecutive points to go ahead. Andre Duncan, who scored seven of his 14 in the decisive run, hit a short baseline jumper for a 62-60 lead.

Albany pushed out to a double-figure cushion in the stretch on a free throw by Tom McGoldrick (13 points). Todd Cetnar, a sophomore from Amsterdam H.S, started at point guard, and had four points and a team-high 10 assists.

Gerces Prosper, a 6-foot-4 forward, led Concordia with 14 points and 15 rebounds. Constantine Gymnopoulos added 13 points for the Stingers.

Albany opens its 1997-98 schedule in Pennsylvania against Georgia Southwestern on Friday, November 14 in the West Chester's Tip-Off Classic.

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Comments: College Sports

(Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y.-- Stacey Young had one goal and one assist to lead Assumption to a 4-0 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Assumption (11-6-1) opened the scoring with a goal by senior Maribeth Capparelli at 35:31 in the first half. Young had a hand in two of the Greyhounds' three goal in the final period. Freshman goalkeeper Heather McDougal totaled 12 saves for the Great Danes, who ended their season with a 3-14 record.

-agate-

Assumption (11-6-1)	1	3	-	4
Albany (3-14)	0	0	-	0

Assumption -- Scoring: Stacey Young 1-1, Maribeth Capparelli 1-0, Kristen Gondek 1-0, Judy Brooks 1-0, Stephanie Martin 0-1, Saves: Heather McIntosh 5.
Albany -- No scoring, Saves: Heather McDougal 12.

(Volleyball)

Stony Brook, N.Y. -- Senior Rafaela Nikas was named to the all-tournament team at Stony Brook's Seawolves Classic, as Albany (15-8) split a pair of matches with Binghamton and East Stroudsburg on Saturday.

-agate-

Binghamton def. Albany, 15-7, 15-13, 15-12
Albany def. East Stroudsburg, 15-3, 13-15, 15-10, 15-8

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DIVISION II VOLLEYBALL

STONY BROOK WINS SEAWOLVES CLASSIC

Seawolves win tenth straight to capture crown

Stony Brook, NY - The University at Stony Brook women's volleyball team downed Binghamton 15-11, 15-3, 15-5 to earn the 1997 Seawolves Volleyball Classic Championship at the Sports Complex Saturday afternoon.

Setter **Sarah Boeckel (Jr., Williamsville, NY/Sweet Home HS)** registered 39 assists in the title match en route to being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. **Elka Samuels (Jr., New York, NY/Humanities HS)** had 19 kills and **Jessica Serrano (So., Ridge, NY/Longwood HS)** added 15 kills in the win.

Stony Brook (28-7) defeated East Stroudsburg earlier in the day 15-8, 15-5, 3-15, 4-15, 15-8 to qualify for the championship match.

Saturday's results

E. Stroudsburg	8	5	15	15	8
Stony Brook	15	15	3	4	15

Binghamton	15	15	15
Albany	7	13	12

Consolation Match

E. Stroudsburg (18-17)	3	15	10	8
Albany (15-8)	15	13	15	15

Championship Match

Binghamton (23-14)	11	3	5
Stony Brook (28-7)	15	15	15

1997 Seawolves Classic All-Tournament Team

Saunya Darr - E. Stroudsburg
 Rafaela Nikas - Albany
 Leigh Houghton - Binghamton
 Kristina Deak - Binghamton
 Jessica Serrano - Stony Brook
 Katie McCabe - Stony Brook
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