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Comments: College Sports

THREE ALBANY ATHLETES NAMED USWLA DIVISION II ALL-AMERICANS

University at Albany's Dawn DiMicco, Rafaela Nikas and Allisson Pennington have been named to the United States Women's Lacrosse Association Division II All-America team. Each athlete earned first-team USWLA honors, and received the same recognition on last week's Brine/IWLCA All-America squad.

DiMicco, a sophomore midfielder, had 41 goals and 17 assists in leading Albany (11-4) to its second ECAC championship appearance in the last three years. Nikas, the team's leading-scorer, shattered a single-season record with 52 goals and tied the UA standards for points (62). The senior midfielder finished her career second on the school's all-time scoring list with 132 points (97 goals, 35 assists). Pennington, a sophomore goalkeeper, had an 8.60 goals against average with a .626 save percentage.

WRIGHT AND JOHNSTON VOTED TO DISTRICT ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Ben Wright (Averill Park H.S.) and Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) have been chosen to the GTE College Division District I Academic All-America Spring At-Large teams, as voted by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America).

Wright, a sophomore on the Albany track & field squad, was a first-team selection. He has a 3.85 cumulative grade point average in business administration. Wright won his second straight New England Collegiate Conference indoor mile, and posted a personal-best 3:53.32 in the 1,500 at the Princeton Invitational during the outdoor season. He moves on to the men's national ballot, and that team will be announced on June 16.

Johnston, a junior, earned second-team all-district honors with a 3.59 GPA in mathematics with a double minor in physics and computer science. She received All-East track honors in the heptathlon with a second-place finish at the ECAC Division I outdoor championships, and was also an indoor All-East choice in the pentathlon. Johnston won the NECC indoor high jump and was second in the long jump.-30-

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM

S E L E C T E D B Y C O S I D A

May 26, 1998

TO: Selected Sports Information Directors

FROM: Geoff Hassard, District I Coordinator

RE: GTE Academic All-America Men's Spring At-Large District I Team

Below is the 1997-98 GTE Academic All-America Men's Spring At-Large Team for District I.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>GPA/Major</u>
Mike Pockoski	Ind/Out Track	WPI	Jr	Dayville, CT	3.98/Civil Engineering
Mike Butville	Lacrosse	MIT	Sr	Levittown, PA	4.9/Mechanical Engineering
Eric Larson	Ind/Out Track	Univ. of New Haven	Sr	Middletown, CT	4.01/Criminal Justice
Bret Stothart	Volleyball	Springfield College	Sr	Emmaus, PA	3.83/Sport Management
Mike Willock	Golf	WPI	Sr	Rockland, MA	3.9/Mathematics
Jason Hobbs	Ind/Out Track	Bentley College	Jr	Fryeburg, ME	3.98/Finance
Andrew Evans	Ind/Out Track	Univ. of Rochester	Sr	Massena, NY	3.49/Bio-Chemistry
Otto Krcal	Tennis	Univ. at Stony Brook	Sr	Patchogue, NY	3.98/Biochemistry
Ben Wright	Ind/Out Track	Univ. at Albany	So	Averill Park, NY	3.85/Business Administration
Todd Nichols	Lacrosse	Amherst College	Jr	Skaneateles, NY	3.69/Political Science




GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

ORGANIZED BY CoSIDA

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TO: CoSIDA District I Members
FROM: Mark Fleming, District Coordinator
RE: GTE Academic All-America® Spring Women's At-Large College Division District I Teams

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT TEAM – COLLEGE DIVISION – FIRST TEAM

Beth Bowler	Springfield College	Track	Sr	Arlington, MA	3.59/Physical Therapy
Kim-Laura Boyle	Colby-Sawyer College	Lacrosse	Sr	Plainfield, VT	3.72/Biology
Belvin Gong	University at Stony Brook	Tennis	Jr	South Setauket, NY	3.93/Biochemistry
Rebecca Grant	University of Rochester	Tennis	Sr	Vestal, NY	3.72/Psychology
Tonya Krueger	SUNY College at Brockport	Track	Sr	Brockport, NY	3.89/Math
Laurie Kurtelawicz	University of Rochester	Track	Jr	Rochester, NY	3.80/Biochemistry
Heidi Nichols	Ithaca College	Track	Sr	Newfield, NY	3.544/Sociology
Kinga Slowinski	Worcester State College	Track	Jr	Winchendon, MA	3.989/Occupational Therapy
Rebecca Tucker	SUNY College at Brockport	Lacrosse	Sr	Scottville, NY	3.96/Psychology & Physical Education
Leah Walbourn	St. Lawrence University	Tennis	Sr	Oswego, NY	3.9/Psychology

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT TEAM – COLLEGE DIVISION – SECOND TEAM

Heidi Cline	Amherst College	Lacrosse	Sr	Andover, MA	3.38/Economics
Michelle Dijer	Bentley College	Track	Sr	East Hampton, CT	3.74/Accounting
Robin Evans	Mass. Institute of Technology	Track	Jr	Granville, OH	4.7/5.0/Mechanical Engineering
Beth Gottung	American International Col.	Lacrosse	So	Gloversville, NY	3.915/History & Education
Jenna Gruben	Ithaca College	Lacrosse	Jr	Littleton, CO	3.75/Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
Janna Johnston	University at Albany	Track	Jr	Clifton Park, NY	3.59/Mathematics
Meredith Lukas	Springfield College	Lacrosse	Jr	Princeton, Jct., NJ	3.87/Physical Therapy
Anni McDonough	University of Rochester	Lacrosse	Sr	Dorchester, MA	3.28/Art History
Irene Permut	Amherst College	Lacrosse	Jr	Wilmington, DE	3.69/Psychology
Jess Ucello	Quinnipiac College	Tennis	So	Rocky Hill, CT	3.80/Physical Therapy

Congratulations to all the student-athletes that were selected and nominated. SIDs of first team members, remember to send a black and white head shot to Steve McLaud, Millsport, Account Executive, GTE Academic All-America® Teams, 750 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901. All SIDs with student-athletes on the district teams should forward all clips generated to Steve McLaud and/or Dick Lipe, Sports Information Director, Bentley College, 175 Forest Street, Waltham, MA 02154-4705.

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TOM ALEXANDER NAMED FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN IN LACROSSE

University at Albany's Tom Alexander (Guilderland H.S. / Altamont, N.Y.) has been selected to the 1998 Division II STX/USILA All-American lacrosse team as announced by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Alexander, a first-team defenseman, will be honored at the All-American Banquet on Friday, June 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Rochester.

Alexander, a 1997 second-team All-American, made his second consecutive appearance on the Capital District College Lacrosse League All-Star team. He led a nationally-ranked Albany defensive unit which allowed 7.83 goals per game, and was second on the team with 48 groundballs. The Great Danes finished with an 8-4 record.

THREE ALBANY TRACK STANDOUTS EARN ALL-EAST RECOGNITION

Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S. / Clifton Park, N.Y.) earned All-East honors by finishing second in the women's heptathlon at last weekend's ECAC Division I outdoor track & field championships at George Mason University in Virginia. Johnston totaled a school-record 4,956 points in a field of 17 athletes, and was just behind ECAC champion Carrie Strong, of Lafayette College, who scored 5,000. She also set an Albany record in the high jump with a mark of 5-feet, 6-inches.

Xiomara Davila Diaz and Luis Soto also received All-East accolades. Davila Diaz placed sixth in the ECAC women's 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.25 seconds, while Soto was seventh in the IC4A men's long jump (24-2.25).

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Comments: College Sports (Softball, Baseball)

Kelly Poynton Named to ECAC-North Softball All-Star Team
Checksfield and Trufant Chosen All-Northeast Region in Baseball

University at Albany's Kelly Poynton has been selected to the 1998 ECAC/Reebok Division II North Softball All-Star Team. Poynton, a junior pitcher, makes her first appearance on the 13-player all-star unit.

Poynton posted a 17-3 record with nine shutouts, including two no-hitters,, and was ranked among the NCAA leaders in earned run average (1.06) and strikeouts (164). She led Albany (32-9) to its first-ever New England Collegiate Conference championship and an ECAC Mid-Atlantic tournament berth.

Poynton, the 1998 NECC Pitcher of the Year, has previously this spring been named to the NCAA All-Northeast Region squad and was first-team all-conference.

Steve Checksfield and Jason Trufant has been voted to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-Northeast Region Team. Checksfield, a freshman outfielder, and Trufant, a sophomore pitcher, were second-team selections.

Checksfield, the 1998 New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Year, and a first-team All-NECC choice, led the Great Danes in hitting (.388 BA), runs (43), RBIs (41), home runs (11) and slugging percentage (.775). He added nine doubles, four triples and nine stolen bases.

Trufant was the Albany staff's ace with a 7-2 record and a 3.05 earned run average. In 62.0 innings, he recorded three shutouts, five complete games and 53 strikeouts. Albany (19-15) earned an ECAC tournament bid for the first time since 1994.

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Three Albany Lacrosse Players Named Division II All-Americans

Dawn DiMicco Selected to the First Team for the Second Straight Year

Hanover, N.H. -- University at Albany's Dawn DiMicco has been named to the 1998 Division II Brine/IWLCA All-America Team for the second consecutive season, and is joined on the national women's lacrosse first team by the Great Danes' leading-scorer Rafaela Nikas and goalkeeper Allisson Pennington.

DiMicco, a sophomore midfielder, had 41 goals and 17 assists and set a single-season record with 157 groundballs in leading Albany, the nation's third-ranked team, to an 11-4 record and its second ECAC championship appearance in the last three years. She tied UA single-game records for goals (7) and points (8) against Shippensburg in April.

Nikas, a senior midfielder, is a Brine All-American for the first time. She shattered the school's single-season standard with 52 goals, and was among the nation's leaders in scoring (4.13 points per game) and goals (3.47/game). Nikas is second on Albany's all-time list with 132 points (97 goals, 35 assists).

Pennington had an 8.60 goals against average with a .626 save percentage and 127 saves this spring. The sophomore netminder posted double-figure saves in eight games, including 16 versus Gannon in the ECAC championship.



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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ATHLETES AWARDED ECAC MERIT MEDALS
Liz Peck, Halim Wise and Darrin Jahnel Are Chosen**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany's **Liz Peck**, **Halim Wise** and **Darrin Jahnel** have been selected to receive Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Merit Medals as Director of Athletics Milt Richards announced today. The awards are annually given to the school's top senior female and male student-athletes who have shown excellence in the classroom and as competitive athletes during the current academic year.

Peck, of Pawling, N.Y., earned first-team Division II All-America honors by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA), and is a graduate student in the University's molecular biology doctoral program. She received her bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in education last spring, and posted a 3.68 cumulative grade point average.

Peck, who has made 51 consecutive starts in the Albany midfield, led the Great Danes to the ECAC championship and a school-record 17-2 campaign last fall. As a team captain for the third straight season, she scored four goals and two assists. Peck, who was a second-team All-American in 1996, has twice been chosen to the NFHCA national academic team. Last month, she was selected to the national GTE College Division Fall-Winter At-Large Academic All-America first team.

Wise, a member of the track and field squad, and Jahnel, a guard on the basketball team, share the men's student-athlete award. Wise has a 3.29 GPA in a dual major of English and political science, while Jahnel has a 3.25 in business administration with an emphasis in marketing management.

A native of Mount Vernon, N.Y., Wise is the New England Collegiate Conference indoor 500-meter champion, and has qualified for this weekend's IC4A outdoor championships in the 400. He led Albany to its second consecutive NECC indoor title, and currently holds four school records in individual and relay events. Wise set the indoor 400 standard (48.68) with a seventh-place finish at IC4As.

Wise ran the anchor leg on the 4x100 relay which was fifth at the 1998 Penn Relays in IC4A event (41.95), and finished second at the Princeton Invitational. He sprinted 48.29 in the 400 in early April at the University of Connecticut's outdoor meet. Wise, a recent recipient of the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sport Scholar Award, will be employed upon graduation by Chase Manhattan Bank.

A Schalmont High School graduate, Jahnel is the Albany basketball program's all-time leading three-point field goal shooter. He led the Great Danes to an ECAC Division II tournament berth and a 19-8 record in 1997-98, and became the 21st player in school history to score 1,000 career points. He averaged 13.4 points and 3.3 rebounds as a senior, set single-season records for three-pointers made (88) and attempted (230), and led the NECC in 3-point shooting (3.26 made/game).

Jahnel is first on UA's career charts with 246 three-point field goals and 627 attempts, and finished 17th on the all-time scoring list with 1,065 points. A four-time dean's list student, Jahnel plans to attend graduate school in business.

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ALBANY CAPTURES WALTER PETERSON PRESIDENT'S CUP Great Danes Won Five Conference Championships in 1997-98

RINDGE, N.H. -- The University at Albany has captured the New England Collegiate Conference's Walter Peterson President's Cup, recognizing a member school who compiled the strongest overall record in all conference-sponsored sports during the 1997-98 academic year.

The Great Danes clinched the Peterson Cup by winning five NECC championships in men's cross country, women's tennis, men's indoor track, women's indoor track and softball, and tying for second place in the men's basketball regular-season standings.

Albany accumulated 213 points, and were ahead of last year's overall winner, the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. The River Hawks had 202 points, while Franklin Pierce College was third with 186.

"This a major achievement for our intercollegiate athletics program," said Albany Director of Athletics Milt Richards. "It is a reward for a job well done by our athletes, coaches and administrators, who have not only met the challenges of Division II, but excelled in the three years since we upgraded from Division III. The Peterson Cup award is another example of the University's commitment to winning in all 19 varsity sports."

The final point standings for the Peterson Cup are based on each respective member institution's finish in the conference standings during regular-season competition in six sports and season-ending tournaments in eight sports.

1998 Walter Peterson President's Cup Standings

1. Albany 213, 2. Massachusetts-Lowell 202, 3. Franklin Pierce 186, 4. Southern Connecticut State 180, 5. New Haven 166, 6. New Hampshire College 151, 7. Sacred Heart 150, 8. Stony Brook 142, 9. Bridgeport 80.

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Comments: College Sports (W. Lacrosse, Track, Softball)

(ECAC Division II Championship)

Erie, Pa. -- Debra Wood and Stacey Reynolds each scored four times to lead Gannon to a 14-12 victory over Albany in the ECAC Division II championship on Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Knights, who lost a 15-12 decision to Millerville in the ECAC final last year, snapped a 5-5 halftime tie with three straight goals to take the lead for good. Wood, the nation's leading scorer with 109 points, gave her club an 8-5 advantage when she found the net with a free-position goal.

Albany (11-4) closed within 9-8 with 18:30 remaining as sophomore midfielder Dawn DiMicco tallied one of her three goals on the day. Gannon (13-2), ranked second nationally in the latest Brine/IWLCA poll, responded with three consecutive goals to take control. Kristen Hayhurst scored with 15:33 left for a 12-8 lead, and the Lady Knights secured their sixth straight win.

Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland H.S.) had four goals and one assist to lead the Great Danes, who were playing in the ECAC championship for the second time in the last three years. Goalkeeper Allisson Pennington equaled a season-high with 18 saves.

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Albany (11-4)	5	7	-	12
Gannon (13-2)	5	9	-	14

Albany -- Scoring: Rebecca Kaiser 4-1, Dawn DiMicco 3-3, Rafaela Nikas 2-1, Karen Karpus 2-1, Laura Walls 1-0; Saves: Allisson Pennington 18.

Gannon -- Scoring: Stacey Reynolds 4-2, Debra Wood 4-1, Jen Simon 2-2, Lynn Ahmes 2-1, Kristen Hayhurst 1-0, Molly Flynn 1-0; Saves: Jasmine Mathew 3, Megan Hallock 13.

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Albany 2-2-2-2

(Albany Spring Track & Field Classic)

Albany, N.Y. -- Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) won the women's heptathlon to wrap up the fourth annual Albany Spring Track and Field Classic on Saturday at University Field.

Johnston scored 4,573 points to finish ahead of teammate Xiomara Davila Diaz, who was second with 4,406. Diaz's performance qualified her for the ECAC Division I championships in Fairfax, Virginia on May 21-24. Johnston had previously earned an ECAC berth with her fifth-place standing at Penn Relays in April.

Forty-two of the 43 events in the meet was contested on Friday evening. Albany won the men's championship, while Massachusetts-Lowell claimed the women's title.

(ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Tournament)

Flushing, N.Y. -- Rain washed out the first day of competition at the ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Softball Tournament. The four-team women's championship will now be changed due to the weather from a double-elimination format to a single-elimination event on Sunday.

Albany (32-9), the third seed, meets the No. 2 seed Queens (31-14) in the semi-final round at 12 noon, while Dowling and Adelphi are scheduled for a 10:00 a.m. contest. The winners will meet in the championship.

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Comments: College Sports (Track & Field)

Albany, N.Y. -- Luis Soto was a double-winner in the high jump and long jump to lead Albany to the men's title, while Deb Primeau captured the triple jump and long jump to hand Massachusetts-Lowell the women's crown at the fourth annual Albany Spring Track and Field Classic on Friday evening at University Field.

Soto, a junior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, went a season-best 6-feet, 8-inches in the high jump, and leaped 23-11 in the long jump. Albany scored 105 points in the team competition, while Ithaca and Rensselaer followed behind in second with 53 apiece.

The Great Danes' Ronald Edmundson finished first in the triple jump (45-0.50), while Rensselaer's Mike Pestilli garnered both the discus (156-11) and hammer (168-11) titles.

Primeau won the triple jump with a mark of 35-6, and was a winner in the long jump (17-4.25). Her teammate, Tara Fay, was also a double-winner in the shot put and javelin. Mass.-Lowell won the women's championship with 134 points, while the Great Danes were second with 93.

Albany's Andrea Viger (Granville Central H.S.) became the second fastest women's 1,500 runner in school history with a winning time of 4:43.64, and was second in the 5,000. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) sprinted 24.80 to capture the 200-dash, while Tamirah Haywood won the 400-hurdles (1:05.35).

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Albany Spring Track and Field Classic

MEN

Team: 1. Albany 105, t2. Ithaca 53, t2. Rensselaer 53, 4. Mass.-Lowell 46, 5. Plattsburgh 43, 6. Marist 35, 7. New Haven 32, 8. Bentley 31, 9. Holy Cross 29, 10. Club Santurce, Puerto Rico 27, 11. Hartwick 24, 12. St. Lawrence 23, t13. Cortland 20, t13. Hunter 20, 15. Hamilton 19, 16. Binghamton 14, 17. U.S. Merchant Marine 13, t18. Rochester 4, t18. St. Rose 4.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

100 - 1. Geoffrey York (unattached), 11.06; 2. Chris Verkey (Plattsburgh), 11.13; 3. Omari Johnson (Albany), 11.26.
110-High Hurdles - 1. Geoffrey York (unattached), 14.24; 2. Jayson Vazquez (Albany), 14.88; 3. Luis Monge (Club Santurce, Puerto Rico), 15.81.
200 - 1. Rosendo Rivera (Club Santurce, Puerto Rico), 21.99; 2. Richard Boothe (New Haven), 22.10; 3. Wayne Allen (U.S. Merchant Marine), 22.12.
400 - 1. Kevin Ross (New Haven), 47.62; 2. Richard Boothe (New Haven), 47.96; 3. Chris Verkey (Plattsburgh), 48.31.
400-Hurdles - 1. Liam Govostes (Mass.-Lowell), 52.63; 2. Jayson Vazquez (Albany), 53.36; 3. Mitch Soden (Hartwick), 54.06.
800 - 1. Corey Davidson (Plattsburgh), 1:53.20; 2. Wes Lassen (Hartwick), 1:54.20; Erin Ersenkal (Hamilton), 1:55.40.
1,500 - 1. Jeff Cann (St. Lawrence), 3:58.84; 2. Mike Kiernan (Albany), 4:00.04; 3. Mike Yemma (Plattsburgh), 4:00.84.
3,000 Steeplechase - 1. Ian Golden (Ithaca), 9:18.01; 2. Mike Heitzenrater (Cortland), 9:26.71; 3. Jamie O'Neil (Rensselaer), 9:37.84.
5,000 - 1. Jason Gerge (Hunter), 15:30.04; 2. Jim Johnson (unattached), 15:33.24; 3. Mike Merrill (Bentley), 15:33.44.
10,000 - 1. Walter Long (Plattsburgh), 31:55.65; 2. Greg Salamone (Marist), 32:59.54; 3. Andy Rickert (Albany), 33:04.99.
Long Jump - 1. Luis Soto (Albany), 23-11; 2. Chris Burgess (St. Lawrence), 23-9.50; 3. Brian Hamilton (Binghamton), 22-7.
Triple Jump - 1. Ronald Edmundson (Albany), 45-0.50; 2. Harold Valestin (Albany), 44-8.75; 3. Denis McManus (Marist), 41-8.75.
High Jump - 1. Luis Soto (Albany), 6-8; 2. Sean Kelley (Bentley), 6-8; 3. David Kelley (Ithaca), 6-2.
Pole Vault - 1. Michael Gordon (Rensselaer), 15-3; 2. Jason Giamotti (Binghamton), 14-0; 3. Kris Allison (Cortland), 13-6.
Discus - 1. Mike Pestilli (Rensselaer), 156-11; 2. David Puloka (Holy Cross), 154-5; 3. Mark Sutter (Albany), 143-4.
Shot Put - 1. William Monette (Rensselaer), 48-2; 2. Kyle Carametaro (Mass.-Lowell), 46-6.25; 3. David Puloka (Holy Cross), 45-7.75.
Javelin - 1. Dan Breshnahan (Mass.-Lowell), 173-6; 2. Kurt Strandson (Bentley), 172-5; 3. Roger Lamarche (Mass.-Lowell), 164-2.
Hammer - 1. Mike Pestilli (Rensselaer), 168-11; 2. Stephen Pinckney (Albany), 155-4; 3. Antino Martinez, 148-1.
4x100 Relay - 1. Ithaca, 42.54; 2. Club Santurce (Puerto Rico), 42.94.
4x400 Relay - 1. Hartwick, 3:18.86; 2. Ithaca, 3:20.00; 3. Bentley, 3:26.13.
4x800 Relay - 1. Holy Cross, 7:49.74; 2. Hamilton, 7:54.74; 3. Marist, 8:10.44.

WOMEN

Team: 1. Massachusetts-Lowell 134, 2. Albany 93, 3. Cortland 50, 4. Marist 49, 5. Club Santurce, Puerto Rico 47, 6. St. Lawrence 38, 7. Rensselaer 35, 8. New Haven 32, 9. Bentley 25, 10. Hunter 16, 11. Binghamton 14, 12. Plattsburgh 12, 13. St. Rose 8, 14. Hamilton 7.
100 - 1. Heysha Ortiz (Club Santurce, Puerto Rico), 12.60; 2. Khaliah Miller (Bentley), 13.28; 3. Jackie Moo (New Haven), 13.35.
100-Hurdles - 1. Reili Liiva (St. Lawrence), 15.40; 2. Amy Gardner (Mass.-Lowell), 16.24; 3. Melina Rodrigo (St. Rose), 18.31.

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

- 200 - 1. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 24.80; 2. Heysha Ortiz (Club Santurce, Puerto Rico), 25.84; 3. Heather Dion (Mass.-Lowell), 26.34.
- 400 - 1. Kate Pieper (Marist), 58.74; 2. Karen Lamora (Cortland), 59.04; 3. Melissa Sullivan (Mass.-Lowell), 1:00.04.
- 400-Hurdles - 1. Tamirah Haywood (Albany), 1:05.35; 2. Karen Lamora (Cortland), 1:05.41; 3. Amy Gardiner (Mass.-Lowell), 1:07.29.
- 800 - 1. Danielle Audette (Mass.-Lowell), 2:21.04; 2. Debby Flanigan (Marist), 2:25.74; 3. Huma Shamsi (Hunter), 2:27.64.
- 1,500 - 1. Andrea Viger (Albany), 4:43.64; 2. Jen Bozek (Cortland), 4:46.54; 3. Meredith Halstead (Marist), 4:47.74.
- 3,000 - 1. Mickey Kelly (Cortland), 10:14.34; 2. Katie Roden (Rensselaer), 10:26.34; 3. Tara Woolford (Hamilton), 10:36.44.
- 5,000 - 1. Cindy Lauzon (Cortland), 17:42.84; 2. Andrea Viger (Albany), 18:26.74; 3. Liz Hamilton (Albany), 18:31.14.
- 10,000 - 1. Vicki Mitchell (unattached), 33:20.77.
- Long Jump - 1. Deb Primeau (Mass.-Lowell), 17-4.75; 2. Shannon Addison (Albany), 16-1.50; 3. Dominique Pino (Marist), 15-8.25.
- Triple Jump - 1. Deb Primeau (Mass.-Lowell), 35-6; 2. Tamirah Haywood (Albany), 33-3.75; 3. Jackie Moo (New Haven), 33-1.25.
- High Jump - 1. Marybeth Burbank (Bentley), 5-4.25; 2. Melissa Nichols (Mass.-Lowell), 5-1; 3. Reili Liiva (St. Lawrence), 4-9.75.
- Discus - 1. Melissa Nichols (Mass.-Lowell), 122-6; 2. Flavia Cass (Albany), 122-4; 3. Amy Bratt (New Haven), 122-0.
- Shot Put - 1. Tara Fay (Mass.-Lowell), 40-0.75; 2. Amy Bratt (New Haven), 35-10; 3. Flavia Cass (Albany), 34-5.50.
- Javelin - 1. Tara Fay (Mass.-Lowell), 110-0; 2. Karen Ferry (Rensselaer), 89-6.
- Hammer - 1. Chris Iannello (Binghamton), 132-1; 2. Flavia Cass (Albany), 122-10; 3. Tara Fay (Mass.-Lowell), 121-10.
- Pole Vault - 1. Marcie Simpson (Rensselaer), 7-6; 2. Amy George (Rensselaer), 7-0; 3. Lisa Sussdorff (Plattsburgh), 7-0.
- 4x100 Relay - 1. St. Lawrence, 49.94; 2. Club Santurce (Puerto Rico), 50.34; 3. Marist, 51.74.
- 4x400 Relay - 1. St. Lawrence, 3:58.04; 2. Mass.-Lowell, 4:01.54; 3. Club Santurce, Puerto Rico, 4:12.94.
- 4x800 Relay - 1. Mass.-Lowell, 10:05.24.

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball) TRACK TO COME LATER

(ECAC Division II Tournament)

Stony Brook, N.Y. -- Catcher Craig Anzman and infielder Jeff Fiermonte each drove in four runs as Stony Brook eliminated Albany, 17-4, in the loser's bracket of the ECAC Division II Tournament at University Field on Friday afternoon.

Albany, the double-elimination championship's third seed, dropped a 4-1 decision earlier in the day to Dowling, the No. 2 seed. Stony Brook (23-11-1), the top seed, and host school, was upset in the first round by Southern Connecticut State, 6-1.

Stony Brook used a six-run second inning to snap a 3-3 tie against the Great Danes. Anzman, the 1998 New England Collegiate Conference's player of the year, belted a grand slam over the right field fence to key the frame. Gregg Foster had four hits and scored four times for the Seawolves, while Albany's Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central) hit a two-run homer in the second.

In the first game, pitcher Michel Dubriel scattered four hits and struck out eight to pick up his third victory for Dowling (23-9). Albany's Steve Checksfield gave his club a 1-0 lead in the first with an RBI single, but Stephen Lund followed in the bottom of the inning with a two-run homer to left.

Pitcher Jason Trufant, who fell to 7-2 overall, allowed just four hits, while fanning five and walking one for Albany, which ends its season with a 19-15 record.

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(First Round)

Albany (19-14)	100	000	000	-	1	4	1
Dowling (23-9)	202	000	00x	-	4	4	0

Jason Trufant and Dennis Cirilla.

Michel Dubriel, Matt Yazinski (9) and Stephen Lund.

W - Dubriel (3-2), L - Trufant (7-2), SAVE - Yazinski (1).

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(Loser's Bracket)

Albany (19-15) 030 100 000 - 4 7 5

Stony Brook (23-11-1) 361 105 10x - 17 20 0

Mark Zacharczyk, Scott Tower (2), Marc McConnell (7), Heath Mullen (8) and Rob Ryan,
Dennis Cirilla, Steve Lizza.

Tim Loyal and Craig Ansman.

W - Loyal (5-2), L - Zacharczyk (5-2).

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ALBANY SPRING TRACK CLASSIC SET FOR FRIDAY

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will host the fourth annual Albany Spring Track and Field Classic on Friday at University Field. More than 20 schools, including Albany, St. Rose and Rensselaer, will have athletes compete in 22 men's and 23 women's events.

The one-day meet begins at 2:00 p.m. with the women's heptathlon, and concludes with the men's and women's combined 10,000-meter run at 8:00 p.m.

Albany's Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) is the defending champion in the 100-meter dash and 100-hurdles. Ben Wright (Averill Park) and Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam) were winners in the 1,500 and 400-hurdles, respectively, one year ago.

KELLY POYNTON CHOSEN ALL-NORTHEAST REGION IN SOFTBALL

Lowell, Mass. -- University at Albany's Kelly Poynton has been selected to the NCAA Division II All-Northeast Region team in softball. Poynton was named the 1998 New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Year, and to the All-NECC first team on Wednesday.

A junior right-hander, Poynton posted a 17-3 record with a 1.06 earned run average, nine shutouts, two no-hitters, and 164 strikeouts during the regular season. She leads Albany (32-9) into this weekend's ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Tournament in Flushing, New York.

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, Softball)

KELLY POYNTON NAMED NECC SOFTBALL PITCHER OF THE YEAR
Five Albany Players Receive All-Conference Recognition

Rindge, N.H. -- University at Albany's Kelly Poynton has been selected as the 1998 New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Year in softball, while Chris Cannata was chosen the conference's Coach of the Year in voting by the NECC's head coaches.

Poynton, a junior right-hander, posted a 17-3 record with a 1.06 earned run average, nine shutouts, two no-hitters, and 164 strikeouts. She was named to the All-NECC first team along with utility player Lisa deSousa, who was positioned at catcher, second base and third base during the season. deSousa, a freshman, batted .313 with a team-leading 30 RBIs.

Senior Amy McGroty (Schalmont H.S.) was voted second-team all-conference at first base for the second consecutive year. She hit .368 and drove in 24 runs, and was one of the NECC's top fielders with just six errors in 251 chances (.976 avg.).

Shortstop Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) and third base Erin Craig were also on the All-NECC second team. Nicsevic, from her lead-off spot in the order, scored 34 runs, had 13 extra-base hits, and batted .355. Craig led the Albany regulars with a .370 batting average and had eight doubles.

Cannata, the former head coach at Voorheesville High School, guided the Great Danes to a school-record 32-9 record and the program's first-ever NECC championship. She is in her fourth season, and is 91-48 overall. Albany makes its second straight appearance in the ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Tournament this weekend in Flushing, New York.

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STEVE CHECKSFIELD CHOSEN NECC BASEBALL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Three Great Danes Earn All-Conference Honors

Rindge, N.H. -- Albany's Steve Checksfield has been picked as the 1998 New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Year in baseball in voting by the conference's head coaches.

Checksfield, a freshman outfielder, was also chosen first-team all-conference, while teammates Michael Oliva and Jason Trufant were members of the second team. They are the first Albany baseball players in the program's history to receive All-NECC recognition.

Checksfield, who was among the conference leaders in four offensive categories, led the Great Danes in hitting (.405), runs (43), home runs (11) and RBIs (40). A three-time NECC Rookie of the Week, he also had nine doubles, four triples, nine stolen bases, and an .818 slugging percentage.

Oliva, a sophomore outfielder, batted .391 in the lead-off spot with 30 runs, 11 stolen bases, and 17 extra-base hits. Trufant has been his team's top pitcher throughout the season with a 7-1 record and a 3.00 earned run average. The sophomore right-hander has four complete games, three shutouts, and leads the UA staff with 48 strikeouts.

Albany (19-13) makes its first appearance in an ECAC tournament since 1994, when the Great Danes meet Dowling in an opening-round game on Friday morning.

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(Softball Earns ECAC Tournament Berth)

Centerville, Mass. -- The University at Albany softball team will make its second straight appearance in the ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic tournament this weekend as announced today by the conference office. The Great Danes, seeded third, meet Queens, the No. 2 seed, in the opening round on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Flushing, New York. Dowling, the top seed, faces Adelphi in the other first-round match-up. The four-team, double-elimination championship concludes on Sunday.

Albany (32-9), the 1998 New England Collegiate Conference champion, set a school single-season record for victories, and ended its regular schedule with a 14-game winning streak. Kelly Poynton, a junior pitcher, has been the key to her team's success with a 17-3 record and a 1.06 earned run average.

Several local high school products are in the Albany starting lineup. First base Amy McGroty (Schalmont) is hitting .368 with 24 RBIs, while shortstop Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) has a .355 batting average with 34 runs and 13 extra-base hits. Second base Kate Carnevale (Columbia) has a team-high 15 stolen bases with a .267 batting average. Freshman right fielder Anne Bink (Colonie Central) is batting .257 in 38 games played.

(NECC Weekly Awards)

Rindge, N.H. -- University at Albany's Steve Checksfield, a freshman outfielder, has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (April 27-May 2) in baseball. Checksfield, who earned the award for the third time this season, batted .478 in five games last week with 11 runs, nine RBIs, three doubles and four home runs. Albany (19-13) hosts Concordia College at Heritage Park this evening, at 7:00.

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Kelly Poynton was picked as the NECC Pitcher of the Week in softball for the fourth time this spring. The junior hurler was 2-0 on the mound last week, and allowed one earned run with 17 strikeouts and five walks. She fired her second no-hitter this season in a 2-0 victory over Union, and fanned 10-plus batters for the seventh time this year.

Freshman center fielder Nichol Carella was tabbed as the NECC Rookie of the Week in softball. She hit .444 in four games from the ninth spot in the order, and added five runs, one double, two stolen bases, and drove in a pair of runs.

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(Baseball and Women's Lacrosse Make ECAC Field)

Centerville, Mass. -- The University at Albany baseball team will make its first ECAC tournament appearance since 1994, and the women's lacrosse team has earned a berth in the ECAC championship for the second time in the last three years as announced today by the conference office. The ECAC softball and men's lacrosse tournament fields will be chosen on Tuesday.

Albany (19-13) is the third seed in the ECAC Division II baseball tournament, and faces Dowling (24-11) in the first round on Friday at 10:00 a.m. Stony Brook (22-10-1), the host school for this double-elimination event, meets Southern Connecticut State (15-13) in the opening round.

Freshman right fielder Steve Checksfield leads the Great Danes with a .405 batting average, and has 11 home runs with 40 RBIs. Jason Trufant is the top pitcher with a 7-1 record and a 3.00 earned run average. Doug O'Brey, a Scotia-Glenville High graduate, is in his fourth season as head coach.

In women's lacrosse, Albany (11-3) will travel to the top seed Gannon (12-2) on Saturday, May 9. Game time in Erie, Pennsylvania is 1:00 p.m. The Great Danes are making their second ECAC championship appearance in the last three years, and suffered a 14-12 setback at Sacred Heart in 1996.

Gannon and Albany are ranked second and third in the latest Brine/IWLCA Division II national poll. The Great Danes are led by senior midfielder Rafaela Nikas (50 goals, 10 assists) and first-team All-American Dawn DiMicco (38 goals, 16 assists). Head coach Marylou Vosburgh, a native of Averill Park, N.Y., is in her third season with a 27-11 record.

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Comments: College Sports

(Track & Field)

Princeton, N.J. -- Harold Valestin won the men's triple jump, and Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) and Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) each posted a pair of top-three finishes at the Princeton Invitational on Saturday at William Weaver Track Stadium.

Valestin leaped 46-feet, 11.50-inches to finish ahead of teammate Ronald Edmundson (46-2.75) for the triple jump title. Williamson sprinted 24.34 seconds for a second-place showing in the women's 200-meter dash, and was third in the 100-hurdles (13.97). Nicole Green (Nike Central) was first in the 200 in 23.74.

Johnston, who was fifth in the Penn Relays heptathlon last week, went a season-best 18-0.25 to take third in the long jump, and was also claimed third in the high jump (5-4.50).

Luis Soto was in the top five in two events, as he took second in the long jump (23-4) and fourth in the high jump (6-7). Freshman Mike Kiernan finished fourth in the 5,000 with a time 15:26.05.

Other Albany athletes from local high schools fared well in the competition. Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam) was first in his 110-hurdles heat, and was clocked in 14.64. Jen Dott (Colonie Central) went 4:53.92 in the 1,500 to capture second in her heat. Greg Miller (Albany) was third in his 100 heat (11.15) and Ben Wright (Averill Park) turned in his best effort this spring with a time of 3:53.32 in the 1,500 for a fourth-place finish.

(Men's Lacrosse)

West Chester, Pa. -- Senior attackman Matt Domenick had five goals and one assist as West Chester held off Albany, 16-14, in the season finale for both teams on Saturday at John A. Farrell Stadium.

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West Chester (7-6) used a seven-goal second quarter to grab an 11-4 halftime lead. Domenick scored three times and assisted on another in the period.

Albany (8-4) still trailed 13-9 early in the fourth quarter, when Keith Willa (Shenendehowa) found the net twice and Dan Small tallied one of his three goals on the afternoon.

Jay Gambrill gave the Golden Rams a 14-12 advantage, before Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) netted his 31st of the season with 2:50 remaining to again cut the Albany deficit to one goal. However, WCU's Jeff Pettit and Karl Baur scored 11 seconds apart with less than two minutes left to hold the lead.

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Albany (8-4) 4 0 4 6 - 14

West Chester (7-6) 4 7 1 4 - 16

Albany -- Scoring: Dan Small 3-2, Sean McConaghy 3-2, Keith Willa 3-1, John Baumann 2-1, Mike McCarthy 2-0, Carl Gravano 1-2, Peter Fries 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 20.

West Chester -- Scoring: Matt Domenick 5-1, Karl Baur 3-2, Kevin Korb 2-0, Jeff Petit 2-0, Brett Thomas 1-1, Jay Gambrill 1-1, Trevor Miancci 1-0, Anthony Capodanno 1-0, Ron Chase 0-1; Saves: Robert Johnson 15, Colin Hamilton 1.

(Baseball)

Cooperstown, N.Y. -- The first round of the Hall of Fame Tournament at Doubleday Field was postponed due to rain. Albany and Skidmore will now play on Sunday at 12 noon, while Hartwick meets Middlebury at 9:30 in the morning. The winners will meet for the championship at 3:00 p.m.