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Comments: College Sports

BILLY PIKE NAMED COLLEGE SPORTING NEWS PUNTER OF THE WEEK

Skokie, Ill. – University at Albany's **Billy Pike** has been selected as the College Sporting News/I-AA.org Punter of the Week for his performance against Stony Brook on Sept. 28. He averaged 56.3 yards in three attempts against the Seawolves.

Pike, a senior, tied the fourth longest punt in school history with a 70-yarder for a touchback in the fourth quarter. He booted a 57-yard punt in the opening period. Pike has eight punts of 50 yards or more this season.

Pike ranks fourth this week among the NCAA Division I leaders in punting at 45.32 yards per attempt.

UALBANY FALLS IN I-AA MID-MAJOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 24-20 setback against Stony Brook, UAlbany fell abruptly in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. The Great Danes were third in both rankings last week, but dipped to ninth in The Sports Network poll and is listed No. 11 by Football Gazette. Albany (2-2, NEC 2-1) hosts Northeast Conference-rival Wagner (3-1, NEC 1-0) on Hall of Fame Day at University Field on Saturday, Oct. 5. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m.

Five former UAlbany athletes will be inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame. The enshrinees are: Tonya Dodge (1994-97), cross country/track; Meredith Jackel (1995-97), field hockey; Blake Kim (1989-92), lacrosse; Cort Kim (1989-92), lacrosse; and Rudy Vido (1970-74), football, track & field and wrestling.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. Duquesne, 2. Dayton, 3. Robert Morris, 4. Morehead State, 5. Davidson, 6. Marist, 7. St. Peter's, 8. Wagner, 9. **Albany**, 10. Stony Brook.

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Duquesne, 2. Dayton, 3. Robert Morris, 4. Morehead State, 5. Marist, 6. Stony Brook, 7. San Diego, 8. Davidson, 9. St. Peter's, 10. Wagner, 11. **Albany**, 12. Drake.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Senior midfielder **Jaime Koehnlein** scored the game's lone goal early in the second half to lead Vermont to a 1-0 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Koehnlein tallied her team-leading fourth goal of the season with 28 seconds gone in the final period, when she tapped the ball inside the near post after **Anya Bohun-Chudyniv** sent a crossing pass into the box from the left side.

Senior goalkeeper **Brooke Fairbanks** made three saves to record the shutout for the Catamounts, who upped their record to 2-7 overall and 1-0 in conference play. **Erika Van Zandt** and **Beth Spinelli** each played one half in the Albany goal and combined to make eight saves. The Great Danes fall to 2-8-1 and 0-2 in the league.

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Vermont (2-7, AE 1-0)	0	1	-	1
Albany (2-8-1, AE 0-2)	0	0	-	0

Vermont – Scoring: Jaime Koehnlein 1-0, Anya Bohun-Chudyniv 0-1;
Goalkeeper(s): Brooke Fairbanks (90:00, 3 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Erica Van Zandt (45:00, 6 saves, 0 GA),
Beth Spinelli (45:00, 2 saves, 1 GA).

WOMEN'S GOLF

Princeton, N.J. – UAlbany's **Jill Friedman** and **Diane Onofry** finished among the top-30 women's golfers at the Princeton Invitational on Sunday. The two-day tournament was played at the Springdale Golf Course, a par-72, 5,807-yard layout.

Friedman, a sophomore, tied for 25th by shooting a pair of 83s for 36-hole score of 166. Onofry followed an opening-day 84 with a round of 83 to end up in a tie for 28th among the individual leaders. **Katie Wachtl** tied for 57th overall with scores of 93 and 90. Brown's **Elizabeth Cooper** captured medalist honors with a one-over-par 145 (73-72), and was four shots better than Princeton's **Avery Kiser** (71-78—149), the first-round leader.

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Comments: Football
Stony Brook 24, Albany 20

Stony Brook, NY – Freshman **Shon Brownlee** scored on a 97-yard kickoff return with 8:22 remaining as Stony Brook rallied for a 24-20 Northeast Conference victory over Albany before 6,331 fans on Saturday evening at brand-new Seawolves Stadium.

Albany (2-2, NEC 2-1) took a 20-17 lead midway through the final period on **Gary Jones'** 1-yard run. Brownlee then faked a reverse on the following kickoff and raced down the right sideline for the go-ahead touchdown.

Stony Brook (2-1, NEC 1-1) led 10-6 at halftime, but the Great Danes went in front on quarterback **Ryan Roeder's** 9-yard option run with 8:09 left in the third quarter. The Seawolves, who beat Albany for the first time since 1995, regained the lead on the first play of the fourth quarter. Quarterback **Scott Bard**, who completed 19 of 29 passes for 201 yards hit **Jophiel Philips** with a five-yard touchdown pass.

"Stony Brook played well," Albany coach **Bob Ford** said. "We made the type of mistakes that get you beat. We broke down on the kickoff reverse. I don't know who is going to run the table, but every win is a must win on our schedule from now on."

In the first half, the Seawolves scored on their opening two possession to build a 10-3 lead. **Michael Soto** booted a 37-yard field goal to finish off the first sequence. Bard completed four consecutive passes to **Chris McGovern**, who hauled in nine receptions for a career-high 132 yards, to get into Albany territory.

After Albany's **Stan Zylinski** made the first of two field goals, Bard directed his team on a five-play scoring drive. He fired 24-yard strike to a diving Philips in the right endzone with 2:52 remaining in the period.

Roeder completed 17 of 25 attempts for 204 yards, while **Jason Miller** had a career game with 7 catches for 78 yards. However, the Great Danes had three turnovers, including two fumbles.

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Comments: Volleyball, Women's Golf

Volleyball

Staten Island, N.Y. – Albany finished 1-2 at the 2002 Wagner Invitational defeating Wagner on Friday 3-0 (30-9, 30-13, 30-20), while losing 3-1 to both the University of Pennsylvania (30-22, 30-24, 24-30, 30-15) and Fairfield (33-31, 30-25, 25-30, 30-24) on Saturday. The Great Danes record now stands at 8-6 on the season as the team takes on Scared Heart at home this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

In Friday night's match, the Great Danes established a new NCAA record with 30 aces during the contest. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** tallied 10 assists, while **Alissa Gibbs** chipped in with nine. Rodriguez also notched 10 digs to go along with seven kills to help Albany win in straight sets.

Two Great Danes' players recorded double-doubles in their match-up against Penn. **Alexis Bowens** led the team with 18 kills, while Gibbs chipped in with 13 kills and 20 digs. **Ashlee Reed** added 10 digs to go along with her 10 kills, and **Jill Dombrowski** set up the Albany hitters with 45 helpers.

In the Fairfield contest, Dombrowski doled out 54 assists with a majority of them going to Bowens and Gibbs who recorded 29 and 16 kills, respectively. Rodriguez served nine aces while collecting 18 digs.

Bowens and Dombrowski were each rewarded for their outstanding play (Bowens 51 kills, .362 hitting percentage; Dombrowski 127 assists) by being named to the All-tournament team.

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September 27 – Albany defeats Wagner 30-9, 30-13, 30-20

September 28 – Penn defeats Albany 30-22, 30-24, 24-30, 30-15

September 28 – Fairfield defeats Albany 33-31, 30-25, 25-30, 30-24

Women's Golf

Princeton, N.J. – The University at Albany women's golf team sits in 10th place after day one of the Princeton Women's Invitational. The Great Danes fired a round-one score of 352 on the par 72, 5,807-yard Springdale Golf Course. Brown University leads the event with a 309.

Jill Friedman is tied for 23rd with an 83, while teammate **Diane Onofry** is a stroke behind in 26th place. **Anne Lyons** sits tied for 57th after carding a 92 and **Kate Wachtl** recorded a 93 to find herself in 60th. Rounding out the scoring for Albany was **Lauren Bruce** who shot a 100. Play will wrap-up tomorrow.

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Team Scores: 1. Brown – 309, 2. Princeton – 317, 3. William and Mary – 318, 4. St. Johns – 326, 5. Princeton Orange – 331, 6. St. Francis – 333, 7. Pennsylvania – 335, 8. Richmond – 342, 9. Bucknell – 351, 10. Albany – 352, 11. Hofstra – 360, 12. Siena – 361, 13. Wagner – 366, 14. Georgetown – 372, 15. Lehigh – 376, 16. Hampton – 388, 17. Kutztown – 390.

Individual Leader: Avery Kiser, Princeton – 71

Albany Scores: 23. Jill Friedman – 83, 26. Diane Onofry – 84, 57. Anne Lyons – 92, 60. Kate Wachtl – 93, 73. Lauren Bachs – 100.

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FIELD HOCKEY

ALBANY, N.Y. – Senior captain **Allison Mann** scored 4:03 into the first overtime to give Albany (2-6, 0-1 AE) a 3-2 victory over visiting Rhode Island (0-8) Saturday afternoon at Albany Field. The win put an end to the Great Danes' six-game losing streak and evened their home record at 1-1.

Lisa Burline put Albany on the board 28 seconds into the contest, as she scored off a pass from **Tina Bryson**. Rhode Island's **Jess Arnold** tied the game at 1 four and a half minutes later putting in a rebound. Burline scored her second goal of the game at 22:34 of the first half-giving Albany its second lead of the afternoon.

The Great Danes maintained their 2-1 lead through most of the second half, but the Rams' **Jess Weber** scored the equalizer with a little over 10 minutes remaining in regulation.

In overtime, the Rams had several early chances to end the game, but key saves but UA keeper **Megan Akstin** (11 stops) kept the Great Danes in the contest. After a penalty corner, Bryson notched her second assist of the afternoon as she slid the ball past URI goalie **Danielle Dangoia** (eight saves) to an awaiting Mann who pushed the ball into the net for the win.

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Rhode Island (0-8)	1	1	0	-	2
Albany (2-6)	2	0	1	-	3

Rhode Island – Scoring: Jess Arnold 1-0, Jess Weber 1-0; Goalkeeper: Danielle Dangoia (74:03, 8 saves, 3 GA)

Albany – Scoring: Lisa Burline 2-0, Allison Mann 1-1, Tina Bryson 0-2; Goalkeeper: Megan Akstin (74:03, 11 saves, 2 GA)

MEN'S SOCCER

ALBANY, N.Y. – The Great Danes recorded its fourth victory in five chances with a 3-1 triumph over Siena at Varsity Field on Saturday afternoon. Albany's record improves to 5-3 while Siena drops to 0-4-1.

Vadim Jvanyushchenko's left-foot blast sailed over Saints' keeper **Jonathan Hicks'** to put UA on the board at 6:19 and give them an early 1-0 lead. Albany was

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awarded a penalty shot when Hicks knocked down **Lucas Machado**, resulting in **Greg Chevalier** converting the PK and a two-goal advantage for the Great Danes. The goal is also his team-leading fifth of the season.

Siena's **Christian Crescitelli** pulled the Saints within one as he took a **Joe Vitale** pass and put it in the back of the net at 38:40 making the score 2-1.

Albany regained its two-goal lead at 66:37 when **Steven Procknal** one-timed a **Ousmane Toure** pass into the Siena goal. **Trevor Serraro** recorded 10 saves in nabbing his fourth victory of the year while Hicks deflected five shots away from the goal.

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Siena (0-4-1)	1	0	-	1
Albany (5-3)	2	1	-	3

Siena – Christian Crescitelli 1-0, Joe Vitale 0-1; Goalkeeper: Jonathan Hicks (90:00, 5 saves, 3 GA)

Albany – Vadim Jvanyushchenko 1-0, Greh Chevalier 1-0, Steven Procknal 1-0, Ousmane Toure 0-1; Goalkeeper: Trevor Serraro (90:00, 10 saves, 1 GA)

CROSS COUNTRY

CENTREVILLE, VA. – Sophomore **Andy Allstadt** nabbed a first-place finish to lead the Great Danes men's cross-country team to a victory at the George Washington Invitational Saturday morning at Bull Run Regional Park. Albany's 66 points were enough to claim first place over 14 other schools. As for the Albany women, they finished in fifth, with sophomore **Nicole Susser**'s 26th-place finish, while scoring 23 points due to some unattached runners in the field, pacing the squad.

Allstadt's time of 25:38 was seven seconds faster than the runner-up, George Washington's **Darrell Andruski**. Albany's **Joe Pienta**'s time of 26:07 was good enough for sixth overall. **Sam Gonzalez** and **Rob Caracciolo** were 15th and 16th, respectively, were just four seconds apart and less than a minute behind Allstadt.

Georgetown's **Rose Wetzel** led four Hoyas in the top-ten for the women as Georgetown cruised to a 22-point win over second-place Virginia. Susser, the Great Danes' top finisher, completed the course in 19:26. The next three best runners for Albany were **Meghan Howell** (32nd), **Zerlinda Martinez** (33rd) and **Trista Neinast** (36th).

-agate-

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS (Bull Run Regional Park/Centreville, Va.):

1. Georgetown 30
2. University of Virginia 52
3. James Madison University 97
4. George Washington University 148
5. University of Albany 151

Women's Individual Results: 1. Rose Wetzel, Georgetown, 18:16.

Other Albany Scorers: 23. Nicole Susser, 19:26; 29. Meghan Howell, 19:34; 30. Zerlinda Martinez, 19:37; 33. Trista Neinast, 19:42; 36. Erin Goddard, 19:49;

MEN'S TEAMS RESULTS (Bull Run Regional Park/Centreville, Va.):

1. Albany 66
2. Georgetown University 76
3. Norfolk State University 93

Men's Individual Results: 1. Andy Allstadt, Albany, 25:38

Other Albany Scorers: 6. Joe Pienta, 26:07; 14. Sam Gonzalez, 26:25; 15. Rob Caracciolo, 26:29; 30. Robbie Freeman, 27:01

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – **Erin Stanek** and **Alena Baisden** each scored in the second half, as Albany ended a five-match losing streak with a 2-0 non-conference victory over Iona on Thursday afternoon at Mazzella Field.

Stanek, a senior midfielder, broke a scoreless tie at 54:11, when she converted a corner kick from teammate **Jen Schroeckenthaler**. Stanek's tally was her first since last October 9th against Sacred Heart.

Baisden gave Albany (2-7-1) an insurance goal with two minutes and 32 seconds remaining as she found the net off a pass from **Ashley Jurica**. Sophomore goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** had five saves to record her first shutout as a collegian.

Alicia Wisnewski stopped five shots for Iona (0-8). The Great Danes host America East Conference-rival Vermont on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 1:00 p.m.

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Albany (2-7-1)	0	2	-	2
Iona (0-8)	0	0	-	0

Albany – Scoring: Erin Stanek 1-0, Alena Baisden 1-0, Jen Schroeckenthaler 0-1, Ashley Jurica 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 5 saves, 0 GA).

Iona – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Alicia Wisnewski (90:00, 5 saves, 2 GA).

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ENSHRINES FIVE INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will enshrine five former athletes into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 5 at the 19th annual HOF Dinner and Induction Ceremony. A reception for the Athletic Hall of Fame inductees begins at 5:00 p.m. with the dinner and ceremony to follow in the Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) on campus. The event is preceded by UAlbany's Northeast Conference home football game with Wagner at 1:00 p.m.

The new inductees and their sports: **Tonya Dodge '97**, cross country/track; **Meredith Jackel '97**, field hockey; **Blake Kim '92**, lacrosse; **Cort Kim '92**, lacrosse; and **Rudy Vido '78**, football/wrestling/track.

With this year's class, there are 94 former athletes, coaches, and administrators who have been inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tonya Dodge (1994-97) -- Dodge is the only woman in school history to earn All-America honors in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track. In 1996-97, she was named the University at Albany's Female Athlete of the Year.

As a senior, Dodge posted the best finish by an eastern runner at the 1996 NCAA Division II cross country championships and was 13th overall in 18:35.1. A first-team All-New England Collegiate Conference selection on two occasions, she captured four individual titles, including the NECC and Collegiate Track Conference championships, and set an East Stroudsburg course record (18:20).

Dodge, who finished her career with nine school records in track & field, received All-America recognition during the '97 indoor season with a fifth-place finish in the NCAA Division II one-mile run with a time of 4:54.72. She also captured the NECC 3,000 title and ECAC 5,000 crown.

A three-time NCAA outdoor championship participant, Dodge was sixth in the 1,500 and eighth in the 3,000 at the 1997 NCAA Division II meet. She also provisionally qualified in the 5,000 and 10,000. Dodge, who established school records in all four events, won the CTC 5,000 by shattering a 12-year-old standard, and broke another long-standing mark in winning the Albany Invitational's 10,000 in 36:55.94. She also registered a school-record 9:39.34 in the 3,000 at Penn Relays. For her efforts, she was named the NCAA East Region's top female outdoor track athlete.

Dodge, who received an ECAC Merit Medal as the school's top senior female student-athlete, has an undergraduate degree in psychology with a minor in criminal justice. Dodge, a native of Granville, N.Y. (Granville Central H.S.), is a doctoral student in psychology at the university. She is expected to complete her dissertation in May 2003. Dodge, who recently served as UAlbany's assistant cross country coach, continues to compete on the national level in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and ran at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials in Sacramento, Calif.

Meredith Jackel (1995-97) -- A three-time All-American, Jackel was the first UAlbany field hockey player to be recognized at the national level. She also played in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association's 1997 North-

South Senior All-Star Game.

As a senior sweeper back, Jackel led Albany to the ECAC Division II championship and a school-record 17-2 campaign. The Great Danes, who defeated Bentley, 2-1, in the title contest, shut out 11 opponents and allowed 0.57 goals per game. Jackel, a 19-game starter on defense, was chosen to NFHCA All-America first team.

In 1996, Albany posted a 14-3 record and finished with a No. 3 ranking in the North Region. Jackel, who earned first-team All-America recognition, again spearheaded a defensive unit that blanked 11 of 17 opponents. She scored four goals and added four defensive saves.

Jackel, a three-time team MVP who transferred from Ball State University, was dominant in her first year with the UAlbany program. She started all 15 games as a defender and midfielder, when the Great Danes registered an 11-3-1 record in just their second varsity season. Albany's defense held 10 opponents off the scoreboard and limited the opposition to 0.66 goals per game.

A native of Mahopac, N.Y. (Mahopac H.S.), Jackel earned a B.A. in sociology with a dual minor in psychology and criminal justice. She works in the Chappaqua School District as a sixth grade special education teacher. Jackel has also been a two-year varsity assistant field hockey coach at Chappaqua High School. She received a M.A. in elementary education from Mercy College, and is presently pursuing another master's degree in reading.

Blake Kim (1989-92) -- A three-time Capital District College Lacrosse League All-Star, Kim is second on the school's all-time scoring list and the program's career leader in assists.

Kim was the Division III national leader in assists at 4.00 per game as a senior, when he helped the Great Danes reach the 1992 ECAC championship final and capture the Capital Cup with a school-record 10-3 campaign. He set UAlbany's single-season mark with 52 assists that spring. Kim, who had three goals and five assists in a 15-14 victory over Union for the Capital Cup title, was named to the CDCLL first team.

An All-CDCLL selection in 1990 and 1991, Kim totaled 34 goals and 30 assists for 64 points as a junior. He finished with 21 goals and 32 assists for 53 points in his sophomore season. He completed his college career as the school's second-leading scorer with 206 points, including 87 goals and 119 assists. Kim is first on the all-time assists chart.

A native of Schenectady, N.Y. (Guilderland H.S.), Kim graduated with a B.S. in biology. He then coached lacrosse and enrolled in art classes at Skidmore College, and eventually earned a M.A. in medical and scientific illustration from Johns Hopkins University. He is currently working as an art director for Addison-Wesley & Benjamin Cummings, a subdivision publishing firm of Pearson Education in San Francisco, Calif. He and his brother, Cort, continue to play for the Barbary Coast Lacrosse Club and were members of Team Korea at the 2002 World Championships in Perth, Australia.

Cort Kim (1989-92) -- An All-America attackman, Kim was a two-time Capital District College Lacrosse League All-Star. He completed his career as the school's all-time leader in total points and goals scored.

Kim, the 1992 Capital District Player of the Year, established the school's single-season scoring record with 89 points (45 goals, 44 assists) as a senior. He was named to the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association's Division III All-America squad in the honorable mention category. A first-team CDCLL selection, Kim led the Great Danes to the Capital Cup championship and a ECAC championship final appearance.

In 1990, Kim ranked ninth among the national scoring leaders with 66 points (33 goals, 33 assists). He was named to the Capital District All-Star squad. Kim totaled 20 goals and 26 assists in his first season as a collegian, and was voted the Capital District Freshman of the Year.

Kim is the UAlbany lacrosse program's all-time scoring leader with 218 points. He also ranks third in career goals (110) and second in assists (108).

A native of Schenectady, N.Y. (Guilderland H.S.), Kim earned a B.S. in biology. He was a UAlbany assistant lacrosse coach for one season, before working at Springfield College as an assistant for two years. At Springfield, Kim received a M.S. in physical therapy. He works as a physical therapist at the San Mateo County Health Center, and resides in San Francisco, Calif. Kim's father, Sung Bok, is a UAlbany professor and former Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Rudy Vido (1970-74) -- An all-around, three-sport athlete, Vido excelled in football, wrestling and track & field. He competed on the national level as a heavyweight wrestler and in the shot put event, and later played football on the professional level.

Vido, a 6-foot-2, 248-pound defensive end, started on UAlbany's first varsity football teams. In 1973, he was named the program's outstanding defensive lineman with 105 tackles, seven sacks and one blocked punt. Vido, an All-Metroland choice, also played on the school's only undefeated football team in 1974. He totaled 80 tackles, six sacks and three fumble recoveries. Vido became the first UAlbany player to ink a professional contract, when he signed as a free agent with the New England Patriots. He went on to play for the Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts and was a four-time Empire State League defensive MVP as a semi-professional.

In track & field, Vido won four consecutive SUNY Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) shot put championships. He earned All-America recognition as a junior, and qualified for NCAA Division III nationals and the IC4A championships on three occasions. Vido still holds the school record with a toss of 54-feet, 4.25-inches in 1973.

As a wrestler, Vido was a two-time SUNY Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) heavyweight champion and won three varsity letters. He reached the NCAA Division III quarterfinal round in 1974, and claimed a New York State title. Vido was the state runner-up with a undefeated dual meet record as a junior. He was named the 1973-74 Athlete of the Year by the *Albany Student Press*.

A native of Albany, N.Y. (Albany H.S.), Vido earned a B.S. in sociology in 1978. He works as Project Manager for the Wildwood Institute's Neurobehavioral Resource Project. The Schenectady-based division assists individuals with brain injuries to live successfully in the community.

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

1984: Gerald Amyot '36 (Basketball/Baseball), Edith Cobane (Athletic Staff), Merlin Hathaway (Athletic Staff), Gary Holway '59 (Basketball), Peter Telfer '53 (Basketball/Soccer).

1985: Donald Cohen '61 (Basketball/Tennis), Warren Crow '67 (Wrestling), Joseph Garcia (Athletic Staff), Carlton Maxson '58 (Soccer), Thomas Robinson '65 (Cross Country).

1986: Clem Crow '62 (Wrestling), Karl Gerstenberger '62 (Soccer), Richard Margison '69 (Basketball), Joseph Pizzillo '66 (Baseball/Cross Country), J. Ralph Tibbetts (Honorary).

1987: Carlo Cherubino '76 (Cross Country/Track), Richard Crossett '65 (Basketball), Charles Kruzan (Athletic Staff), William Lindberg '54 (Soccer), Larry Mims '75 (Wrestling).

1988: John Bertuzzi '76 (Football), Eugene Monaco '65 (Wrestling), James Shrader '80 (Track & Field), Leslie Siegel (Athletic Staff).

1989: Deborah Rohrmiller-Baranowski '79 (Cross Country/Track), Robert Burlingame (Athletic Staff), Thomas Heister '72 (Lacrosse/Football), Victor Herman '83 (Wrestling), John Leahy '73 (Baseball), Vincent Reda '74 (Cross Country), Suzanne Stern '82 (Track & Field).

1990: Paul Feldman '79 (Tennis), Vernita McCormick '78 (Track & Field), Richard Odorizzi '65 (Baseball), James Oppedisano '63 (Basketball), Arnold Will '76 (Football).

1991: David Averill '85 (Wrestling), Barry Cavanaugh '79 (Basketball), Lisa Denenmark '81 (Tennis), John Dieckelman '83 (Basketball), Thomas Jacobs '85 (Football), Andrew Seras '86 (Wrestling).

1992: David Cerny '86 (Lacrosse), Elizabeth Rosentel-Insley '83 (Volleyball), Terrance Kenny '74 (Baseball), Wilhelmena Lesane Gooney '87 (Basketball), Peggy L. Mann (Athletic Staff), Gary Penfield '63 (Soccer), Thomas Schmitz '86 (Tennis), Philip Van Orden, M.D. (Honorary).

1993: Daniel Croutier '85 (Basketball), John Donnelly '86 (Football), Scott James '82 (Cross Country/Track), Marc Mercurio '85 (Track & Field), Peter Spina '61 (Baseball).

1994: Thomas DeBlois '77 (Football), Heidi Grunwald '88 (Volleyball), Byron Miller '74 (Basketball), Roger Plantier '79 (Baseball), Adam Ursprung '87 (Basketball).

1995: Carlos Arango '78 (Soccer), Winsome Foderingham '88 (Track & Field), Johnny Rolando '77 (Soccer), Karen Smiley '90 (Softball), George Webb '69 (Baseball).

1996: Jim Canfield '83 (Football), Kevin Quinn '74 (Baseball), Regina Richardson '90 (Basketball), Morrison Teague '89 (Basketball), Dr. William Moore (Athletic Administrator), Howard Woodruff '63 (honorary).

1997: Glenn Carlin '88 (Football), Jeff O'Donnell '74 (Lacrosse, Football, Soccer), John Quattrocchi '73 (Basketball).

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MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Senior striker **Aaron McHardy** scored a pair of goals, one in each half, to lead Oregon State to its fifth straight win with a 5-0 victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Oregon State (7-1) built a 3-0 halftime lead. **Joe Zaher** rifled a shot into a net following a scramble after a free kick with three minutes and 23 seconds elapsed in the match. McHardy placed a shot inside the right post at 30:49, before **Chad Bartlome** chipped a shot over Albany goalkeeper **Bouna Coundol's** head eleven minutes later.

The Beavers, who are ranked tenth in the Far West Region, and were completing a three-game east coast swing, upped their advantage to 4-0 on **Alan Gordon's** seventh goal of the season at 69:49. McHardy scored his second goal of the contest, when he tapped in **Ryan Johnson's** header off the post.

OSU goalkeeper **Peter Billmeyer** made six saves before giving way to **Matt Lamont** for the final eight minutes. Coundol turned aside 10 shots for the Great Danes, who are 4-3 overall and had their three-match win streak stopped.

-agate-

Oregon State (7-1)	3	2	-	5
Albany (4-3)	0	0	-	0

Oregon State – Aaron McHardy 2-0, Joe Zaher 1-1, Alan Gordon 1-1, Chad Bartlome 1-0, Ross Duncan 0-1, Matt Johnson 0-1, Ryan Johnson 0-1, Clay Carnahan 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Peter Billmeyer (82:30, 6 saves, 0 GA), Matt LaMont (7:30, 0 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Bouna Coundol (90:00, 10 saves, 0 GA).

FIELD HOCKEY

Burlington, Vt. – **Kristen MacDonald** scored midway through the second half to lead Vermont to a 2-1 victory over Albany in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Wednesday afternoon.

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MacDonald snapped a 1-1 deadlock with her third goal of the season, as she maneuvered through traffic off a pass from **Katie Henry** with 11 minutes and 19 seconds gone in the period.

Albany (1-6, AE 0-1) took a 1-0 lead with 14 minutes left in the first half, when freshman **Tina Bryson** scored her first collegiate goal by tipping **Alexis Johnson's** cross into the cage.

Vermont (3-6, AE 1-0) drew even with two minutes remaining before halftime. **Shanon Strenkert** blasted her third goal of the year past Albany goalkeeper **Megan Akstin**. UVM's **Holly Colberg** stopped three shots, while Akstin recorded 12 saves.

-agate-

Albany (1-6, AE 0-1)	1	0	-	1
Vermont (3-6, AE 1-0)	1	1	-	2

Albany – Scoring: Tina Bryson 1-0, Alexis Johnson 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 12 saves, 2 GA).

Vermont – Scoring: Shanon Strenkert 1-0, Kristen MacDonald 1-0, Merrie-Beth Maynard 0-1, Katie Henry 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Holly Colberg (70:00, 3 saves, 1 GA).

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UALBANY WINS CORTLAND'S MARTIN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Cortland, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Jill Friedman** won individual medalist honors by two strokes to lead the Great Danes to the team title on Monday afternoon at the Dr. Larry Martin Memorial, hosted by SUNY-Cortland. The two-day tournament was held at the Elm Tree Golf Club and Cortland Country Club.

Albany trailed by one shot after the first day of competition, but overhauled St. Lawrence in the second round to post a winning 14-stroke margin. The Great Danes finished with a 36-hole score of 670, while St. Lawrence (684) placed second and Cortland (736) was third.

Friedman, a sophomore who made up a three-shot deficit after the opening 18 holes, carded an 8-over-par 80, the best round of the day, over the Cortland C.C. layout. She finished with a two-round total of 160 (80-80), and was two strokes better than first-day leader **Kelly Cramp**, a McDaniel College golfer who shot 77-85 in her two rounds. St. Lawrence's **Kristen Monsell** was third with a score of 163 (81-82).

UALbany's **Katie Wachtl** was fourth at 167 (80-87), while teammate **Diane Onofry** tied for fifth at 169 (85-84). Sophomore **Lauren Bruce** was also among the top-10 finishers with a tenth-place total of 175 (84-91).

-agate-

SUNY-Cortland's Martin Memorial Golf Tournament

1. Albany 329-341—670, 2. St. Lawrence 328-656—684, 3. Cortland 357-379—736, 4. McDaniel 367-389—756, 5. Plattsburgh 391-423—814, 6. Nazareth 445-482—927, 7. Elmira 480-500—980.

Individual: 1. Jill Friedman (Albany) 80-80—160, 2. Kelly Cramp (McDaniel) 77-85—162, 3. Kristen Monsell (St. Lawrence) 81-82—163, 4. Katie Wachtl (Albany) 80-87—167, T5. Courtney Teser (St. Lawrence) 80-89—169, Diane Onofry (Albany) 85-84—169, Megan Clement (St. Lawrence) 79-90—169.

Other UAlbany Finishers: 10. Lauren Bruce 84-91—176, 14. Anne Lyons 89-90—179, 17. Diane Wasileski 90-95—185.

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GARY JONES & BILLY PIKE HONORED WITH NEC WEEKLY FOOTBALL AWARDS

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk H.S.) has been selected as the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week in football, as announced today by the conference office. UAlbany's **Billy Pike** was chosen as the NEC Special Teams Player of the Week. Both players have won their respective awards twice this season.

Jones, a junior tailback, rushed for 199 yards and three touchdowns, including two in the decisive fourth quarter, in a 38-17 victory over defending conference champion Sacred Heart. He broke a 17-17 tie with a 64-yard scoring sprint with 6:56 remaining, and added a 59-yard TD run, off an option pitch, with 3:18 left.

Jones, who is sixth among the NCAA Division I-AA rushing leaders at 119.3 yards per game, posted the NEC's ninth-best single-game rushing total and the eighth-best effort in school history. He also produced the best rushing day by an Albany runner since 1984, when Dave Soldini ran for 209 against Norwich.

Pike, a senior punter, averaged 45.6 yards on five punts and placed two inside Sacred Heart's five-yard line and another for a touchback. His 59-yarder in the third quarter tied the 11th longest in UA history. Pike, who ranks 10th among the I-AA punting leaders, has six punts of 50 yards or longer this season.

ALBANY MOVES UP TO NO. 3 IN BOTH MID-MAJOR DIVISION I-AA POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's come-from-behind 38-17 victory over Sacred Heart, UAlbany has moved up several positions in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. The Great Danes are third in both rankings behind Dayton and Duquesne. Albany (2-1, NEC 2-0) rallied from a halftime deficit of 10 or more points for the first time since the 1998 Eastern Football Conference Championship against American International. The Great Danes travel to Northeast Conference-rival Stony Brook on Saturday, Sept. 28. Kickoff is 6:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Dayton, 2. Duquesne, 3. **Albany**, 4. Robert Morris, 5. Wagner, 6. Morehead State, 7. San Diego, 8. Marist, 9. Davidson, 10. St. Peter's.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. Dayton, 2. Duquesne, 3. **Albany**, 4. Robert Morris, 5. Wagner, 6. Davidson, 7. Morehead State, 8. Marist, 9. Butler, 10. St. Peter's. **MORE**

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AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE HONORS FOUR UALBANY FALL ATHLETES

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Alexis Bowens** has been named the Baden America East Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball, as the conference office announced today. UAlbany's **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** and **Jill Dombrowski** were also tabbed as the conference's Rookie and Setter of the Week, respectively. The Great Danes are off to their best start since 1998 at 7-4 overall.

Bowens, a freshman middle hitter, averaged 6.33 kills and 1.56 digs in nine games played at the UAlbany Invitational last weekend. She was named to the all-tournament team. Bowens posted a .336 hitting percentage in 125 total attacks, and had a season-high 26 kills and 11 digs, her first career double-double, against Long Island.

Rodriguez, a freshman from Puerto Rico, was also named to the UAlbany Invitational all-tournament unit. She averaged 2.5 kills, 2.3 digs and 2.0 service aces in 10 games played. Rodriguez, who fashioned a .278 hitting percentage for the week, had eight kills, four digs, three assists and a career-high 10 service aces in a three-game victory over Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Dombrowski, a sophomore setter, averaged 12.7 assists and 2.3 digs in tournament play last weekend. She had a season-high 52 assists with 10 digs against Long Island, recording 40-plus assists for the 10th time as a collegian. Dombrowski totaled 36 assists vs. Drexel and 39 vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, a pair of UAlbany victories.

In men's soccer, **Nick Leddy** was chosen as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week. Leddy, a freshman striker, scored two goals, including the game-winner, in a 3-2 non-conference win at Central Connecticut State. In addition, he assisted on the game-winner in a 3-2 victory over Iona last Saturday. Albany (4-2) has won three consecutive matches, and hosts Pacific-10 Conference opponent Oregon State on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Varsity Field.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Jackie Wishoski** had one goal and one assist to lead New Hampshire to a 3-0 victory over Albany in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Sunday at Varsity Field.

Senior midfielder **Angeline Alexakos** beat Albany goalkeeper **Erika Van Zandt** with a one-on-one move to give New Hampshire (4-3, AE 1-0) a 1-0 lead with 10 minutes and 23 seconds elapsed in the match.

Wishoski scored unassisted, the second goal of her career, at 47:02 for a 2-0 advantage. She sent a crossing pass six minutes later to teammate **Ashlee Cieslka**, who tapped the ball inside the left post.

UNH goalkeepers **Kristen Ouellette** and **Elizabeth MacKay** each played one half in combining on the shutout. Van Zandt had nine saves for the Great Danes, who fall to 1-7-1 overall and 0-1 in conference play.

-agate-

New Hampshire (4-3, AE 1-0)	1	2	-	3
Albany (1-7-1, AE 0-1)	0	0	-	0

New Hampshire – Jackie Wishoski 1-1, Angeline Alexakos 1-0, Ashlee Cieslka 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kristen Ouellette (45:00, 0 saves, 0 GA), Elizabeth MacKay (45:00, 5 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 9 saves, 3 GA).

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Albany, N.Y.-- Junior outside hitter **Cristina Pintilie** recorded 24 kills and 14 digs to lead Long Island past Maryland-Eastern Shore in the second round of the UAlbany Invitational on Saturday afternoon. The Blackbirds, who won 31-33, 30-28, 30-22 and 30-26, took the tournament title with a perfect 3-0 record. Pintilie was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player in voting by the teams' head coaches.

UAlbany defeated Drexel in the tournament's final match on Saturday night to capture second place in the tournament and improve to 7-4 overall. Freshman **Alexis Bowens** paced the Great Danes with 15 kills, while **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** totaled eight kills, 10 digs and six service aces. Both players were selected to the all-tournament team.

Earlier in the day, Pintilie recorded 25 kills and 15 digs to lead LIU to a 3-1 victory over Albany. The Blackbirds won by scores of 30-27, 30-32, 30-18, 30-26. Sophomore setter **Ivana Vasiljevic** posted match-high totals with 57 assists and 17 digs to help guide Long Island. Albany's **Jill Dombrowski** posted a double-double with 52 assists and 10 digs. Bowens had a match-high 26 kills and added 11 digs for the Great Danes.

Junior outside hitter **Angela Tassone** registered 11 kills and 13 digs to lead Drexel to a sweep of Maryland-Eastern Shore in the opening match of the second day. The Dragons won by scores of 30-20, 30-20 and 30-23, in a match that lasted just one hour and two minutes.

-agate-

UAlbany Invitational - Second Round

Drexel def. Md.-Eastern Shore, 30-20, 30-20, 30-23

Long Island def. Albany, 30-27, 30-32, 30-18, 30-26

Long Island def. Md.-Eastern Shore, 31-33, 30-28, 30-22, 30-26

Albany def. Drexel, 30-17, 30-17, 30-23

Final Standings:

Champions: Long Island (3-0)

Second Place: Albany (2-1)

Third Place: Drexel (1-2)

Fourth Place: Md.-Eastern Shore (0-3)

All-Tournament Team:

Cristina Pintilie, Long Island (Tournament MVP)

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Loressa Berona, Long Island

Alexis Bowens, Albany

Eileen Nicole Rodriguez, Albany

Jenny Gorecki, Drexel

Jana Millin, Md.-Eastern Shore

MEN'S SOCCER

New Rochelle, N.Y. -- Midfielder **Steven Procknal** scored the game-winning goal in the 75th minute to lead Albany to a 3-2 non-conference decision over Iona on Saturday afternoon at Mazzella Field.

Iona (0-8) opened the game's scoring at the 17:28 mark on the fourth goal of the season by **Giovanni Treglia**. Senior **Ashtian Holmes**, the team's leading scorer, equalized the contest at one apiece at 23:29 off a pass from **Greg Chevalier**.

Four minutes and 46 seconds later, **Savvas Theofilou** connected off a pass from Procknal to stake UAlbany to a 2-1 advantage, which they would hold until late in the second half. The Gaels finally tied the match on an unassisted tally by **Michael Marcelino** at 67:02 in the final period.

Procknal took a pass from freshman **Nick Leddy** and headed home the game-winner at the 75:20 mark for Albany, which improved to 4-2 on the season with its third straight victory. Senior **Trevor Serraro** stopped seven shots in goal for the Great Danes, while Iona's **Patrick McAllen** recorded eight saves.

-agate-

Albany (4-2)	2	1	-	3
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Iona (0-8)	1	1	-	2
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Albany-- Scoring: Steven Procknal 1-1, Ashtian Holmes 1-0, Savvas Theofilou 1-0, Greg Chevalier 0-1, Nick Leddy 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 2 GA, 7 saves).

Iona -- Scoring: Giovanni Treglia 1-0, Michael Marcelino 1-0, Luke Shkreli 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Patrick McAllen (90:00, 3 GA, 8 saves).

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ALBANY 38, SACRED HEART 17

Fairfield, Conn. – Gary Jones rushed for 199 yards and three touchdowns, including two in the fourth quarter, as Albany rallied for a 38-17 Northeast Conference victory over Sacred Heart on Saturday at Campus Field.

Sacred Heart (1-2, NEC 1-1), the defending conference champions, built a 17-7 halftime lead. The Pioneers, who posted a perfect 11-0 record last year, capitalized on two turnovers for a 10-0 advantage. Tim Redican booted a 38-yard field goal, before quarterback Joe Kroells fired a 66-yard scoring pass to Marlon Ward.

Albany (2-2, NEC 2-0) closed within 10-7 on Jones' two-yard run with 2:37 left in the second quarter. But Sacred Heart came right back on its next possession, when Kroells hit Andy Gonzalez with a seven-yard touchdown pass.

The Great Danes established their running game on the first series of the second half. An 11-play march resulted in Stan Zylinski's 22-yard field goal. Albany drew even at 17 apiece with 2:52 remaining in the third period. Following Miciah Yehudah's punt return to the Sacred Heart 36, quarterback Ryan Roeder scored four plays later on a 9-yard option run.

In the fourth quarter, Sacred Heart used a sixteen play drive to move to the Albany 24, but the series stalled when Kroells threw an incomplete pass on a fourth-and-six play. Albany then went to work on the ground. Jones scored on a 64-yard dash, when he rambled over the left side and split the secondary for a 24-17 lead. Jones, who recorded the highest single-game rushing total by a UAlbany player since 1984, took an option pitch 59 yards for his third touchdown with 3:18 to play.

The Great Danes, who racked up 431 total yards, including 320 rushing, completed their run of 31 unanswered points as reserve fullback Eddie Unverzagt reached the end zone on a one-yard run.

"We came out and played Albany football," said Jones, who had the eighth-best rushing day in school history. "Our offensive line owned their defensive line. We found a weakness in their defense and kept going to it."

Fullback Jon George rushed for a career-high 94 yards on 13 carries and caught two passes for 39 more. Roeder, a senior, completed 11 of 21 passes for 111 yards.

"They controlled the line of scrimmage," Sacred Heart coach Bill Lacey said. "Their offensive line did a phenomenal job. They controlled the game."

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Alexis Bowens** had 16 kills and **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) added 12 to lead Albany to a 3-0 victory over Maryland-Eastern Shore in the opening round of the UAlbany Invitational on Friday evening at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes won by scores of 30-12, 30-19 and 30-14.

Gibbs, a senior outside hitter, hit .611 in the match, and added seven digs. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** contributed eight kills, four digs and 10 service aces. **Jana Millin** and **Dari Ganoza** had six kills apiece for Maryland-Eastern Shore, who falls to 6-5 overall.

Albany (6-3) meets Long Island at 1:00 p.m. and Drexel at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday as the two-day tournament continues. In Friday's other first-round contest, **Cristina Pintilie** totaled 14 kills and 20 digs in Long Island's 30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-23 win over Drexel.

-agate-

UAlbany Invitational

First Round

Long Island def. Drexel, 30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-23

Albany def. Maryland-Eastern Shore, 30-12, 30-19, 30-14

Saturday's Pairings

Maryland-Eastern Shore vs. Drexel, 10:00 a.m.

Albany vs. Long Island, 1:00 p.m.

Maryland-Eastern Shore vs. Long Island, 4:00 p.m.

Albany vs. Drexel, 7:00 p.m.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Providence, R.I. – **Kara Lukens** scored the game-winning goal late in the first half, and Providence went on to defeat Albany, 2-1, on Friday afternoon in the Friars' home opener at Hendricken Field.

Providence (5-4) grabbed a 1-0 lead, when **Lyndsey Brooks** drove home a rebound off Albany goalkeeper **Megan Akstin**. Albany (1-5) tied the contest 32 seconds later on **Lisa Burline's** unassisted goal.

The Friars went ahead for good with 10:43 remaining in the opening period, as Lukens converted a penalty stroke, her third goal of the season.

Meaghan Moran and **Meredith Jones** combined on four saves in the Providence cage. Albany's Akstin totaled 17 saves, one off her career-high.

-agate-

Albany (1-5)	1	0	-	1
Providence (5-4)	2	0	-	2

Albany – Lisa Burline 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 17 saves, 2 GA).

Providence – Lyndsey Brooks 1-0, Kara Lukens 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Meaghan Moran (35:00, 3 saves, 1 GA), Meredith Jones (35:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

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UALBANY FOOTBALL PLAYERS SUSPENDED FOR SATURDAY'S GAME

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today that reserve quarterback **Justin Kozlowski** and back-up tight end **John Hillman** will not play in Saturday's Northeast Conference contest with Sacred Heart. Game time is 1:00 p.m. in Fairfield, Conn. Kozlowski and Hillman will serve one-game suspensions for a team rules violation.

Kozlowski, a sophomore, appeared in the season opener against Montana, and completed 4 of 5 passes for 31 yards. Anthony Sciarra or Nicholas Bazan will replace him on the depth chart behind starter Ryan Roeder.

Hillman, a 6-foot-3, 250-pound junior, is used primarily in blocking situations and plays on special teams. Sophomore Abraham Oyewo will move into Hillman's spot in the lineup.

UALBANY VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20-21

Albany, N.Y. – Four collegiate women's volleyball teams will be in action at the UAlbany Invitational on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21. The two-day tournament will be held at University Gymnasium on campus.

Albany, off to a 5-3 start, meets Maryland-Eastern Shore on Friday at 7:00 p.m. Drexel and Long Island square off in the first match of the day at 4:00 p.m. The Great Danes face Long Island, at 1:00 p.m., and Drexel, at 7:00 p.m., during Saturday's schedule. **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa), the America East Conference Player of the Week, leads the team in kill average at 3.53 per game. **Susan Spierre** (Averill Park) is a starter at middle hitter.

-agate-

UAlbany Invitational

Friday, Sept. 20

Drexel vs. Long Island, 4:00

Albany vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 21

Maryland-Eastern Shore vs. Drexel, 10:00 a.m.

Albany vs. Long Island, 1:00

Maryland-Eastern Shore vs. Long Island, 4:00

Albany vs. Drexel, 7:00

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MEN'S SOCCER

New Britain, Conn. – Freshman **Nick Leddy** scored two goals early in the second half, and Albany held off a late rally to post a 3-2 non-conference victory over Central Connecticut State on Wednesday afternoon.

Albany (3-2) took a 1-0 lead in the opening period, when **Greg Chevalier** tallied his fourth goal of the season. Leddy, who came off the bench, scored his first goal as a collegian at 51:22, as he converted **Ashtian Holmes'** crossing pass. Fifteen minutes later, Leddy would give his team a commanding three-goal advantage.

Central Connecticut State (4-1-1) rallied in the final six minutes of play. **William Boulton** connected on a penalty kick at 84:05, before **Jeremy Lee** followed with an unassisted goal three minutes later.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Bouna Coundol** had five saves for the Great Danes, who travel to Iona on Saturday, Sept. 21. CCSU's **Jeff Brunetti** turned aside three shots.

-agate-

Albany (3-2)	1	2	-	3
Central Connecticut State (4-1-1)	0	2	-	2

Albany – Nick Leddy 2-0, Greg Chevalier 1-0, Ashtian Holmes 0-2, Steven Procknal 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Bouna Coundol (90:00, 5 saves, 2 GA).

Central Conn. – Williams Boulton 1-0, Jeremy Lee 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jeff Brunetti (90:00, 3 saves, 3 GA).

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Teaneck, N.J. – Junior midfielder **Kelly Geraghty** scored midway through the first half to give her team the lead for good, as Fairleigh Dickinson rallied past Albany, 3-1, on Wednesday afternoon at University Stadium.

Albany (1-6-1) went ahead in the opening four minutes, when **Michelle Wise** tapped in a close-range shot off a crossing pass from **Christie Cremo**. However, Fairleigh Dickinson (2-3) would score twice within a seven-minute span of the first half to gain the lead.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Kristin Habenicht deposited a 20-yard direct kick into the net at 21:15, before Geraghty gave her team the lead with a 10-yard blast off teammate **Marguerite Ferrell's** cross. **Chelsea Adams** added her second goal of the season early in the final period for insurance.

FDU goalkeepers **Leeann Dice** and **Andrea Matson** each played one half and combined on three saves. Albany's **Erika Van Zandt** totaled five saves.

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Albany (1-6-1)	1	0	-	1
Fairleigh Dickinson (2-3)	2	1	-	3

Albany – Michelle Wise 1-0, Christie Cremo 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 5 saves, 3 GA).

Fairleigh Dickinson – Kristin Habenicht 1-0, Kelly Geraghty 1-0, Chelsea Adams 1-0, Marguerite Ferrell 0-1, Aubrey McCullough 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Leeann Dice (45:00, 1 save, 1 GA), Andrea Maston (45:00, 2 saves, 0 GA).

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Megan Akstin (Arlington/Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)
Amber Greiner (Dover/Dover Plains, N.Y.)

UAlbany's Akstin Ranked Among NCAA Division I Goalkeeping Leaders

Albany, N.Y.—Poughkeepsie native **Megan Akstin** (Arlington H.S.) stopped 28 shots in two contests last week for the University at Albany field hockey team, and is ranked among the top-10 nationally for goalkeepers.

Akstin, who earlier this season recorded a career-high 18 stops against nationally-rated Stanford, made 17 saves in a 3-0 loss to No. 20 Syracuse on Sept. 11 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She had 11 saves during a 2-1 loss to Rider on Sept. 15.

Akstin has played every minute in goal for the Great Danes, posting an .827 save percentage and stopping 62 shots. Akstin leads the America East Conference in saves per game (12.4) this season, and is third among the NCAA Division I leaders in total saves. Akstin ranks 16th nationally in save percentage.

Dover Plains' **Amber Greiner** (Dover H.S.) has made five starts on defense for UAlbany, and the sophomore leads the team with three defensive saves. As a midfielder last season, she scored one goal and played in all 17 contests.

UAlbany is 1-4, with two losses to top-25 teams (No. 20 Syracuse and Stanford, which was ranked 24th when the teams met). This season, the Great Danes will square off against five of the top 30 teams in this week's NFHCA Coaches Poll.

The team travels to face Big East Conference member Providence on Friday, Sept. 20. Game time is 3:30 p.m.



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UALBANY NAMES MELVIN SMITH ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH AND STACEY ADAMS WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSISTANT COACH

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Dr. Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Melvin Smith as assistant women's basketball coach and Stacey Adams as assistant women's soccer coach.

Smith, who joins head coach Trina Patterson's UAlbany basketball staff, recently worked at Western Maryland College as assistant men's basketball coach and recruiting coordinator. He assisted the head coach with practice planning and game strategy, and recruited in the eastern and southern states and the midwest region.

Smith, 37, was also an assistant men's basketball coach at Florida A&M University from 1998-2000 and Morgan State University from 1995-98. He coached both the men and women at Coppin State College in Baltimore, Maryland for one year. At Morgan State, he was responsible for signing the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's top recruiting class on two occasions, including an eventual Street & Smith's All-American.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Smith began his coaching career as a head coach in Baltimore's High School Christian League. He became an assistant at Dundalk (Md.) Community College in 1992-93. Smith earned a B.A. in business management from LaSalle University in 1998, and has a master's of science in sports management from Florida A&M.

Adams, 25, was previously a volunteer assistant soccer coach at the University of Miami, a 2001 NCAA Tournament participant. She also coached at West Virginia University, her alma mater, and worked with the goalkeepers as the Mountaineers qualified for the NCAAs. Adams got her start in coaching as a graduate assistant at Loyola College in Maryland in 1999.

As a collegiate goalkeeper, Adams played for three seasons at West Virginia, where she is the school's all-time leader with 358 saves and 24.8 shutouts. She set a single-game saves record with 22 against Big East Conference opponent Connecticut, and established single-season standards with 128 saves, 10 shutouts and a 0.87 goals against average.

A Big East Academic All-Star, Adams graduated cum laude with an undergraduate degree in sociology. She was the recipient of West Virginia's Big East Scholar-Athlete Award in 1999. A native of Clifton Park, N.Y., she attended Shenendehowa High School, where she led that program to the '92 Class A state championship.



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SHAWN MILLER TO HAVE SEASON-ENDING KNEE SURGERY ON SEPT. 24

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Shawn Miller** (Troy H.S.) will miss the remainder of the football season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, as head coach Bob Ford announced today. Miller will have surgery on Tuesday, Sept. 24 with a four-month rehabilitation expected. Dr. Max Alley, of The Capital Region Orthopaedic Group, will perform the procedure.

Miller, a starter at split end, caught six passes for 42 yards in the opening two games this season, and saw action as a punt returner. He transferred from Hudson Valley Community College after earning first-team National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-America honors in 2001. Miller caught 41 passes for 611 yards and nine touchdowns last year.

A two-sport athlete, Miller will be a member of the UAlbany baseball team in the spring. He posted a 6-2 record with a 2.91 earned run average as a right-handed pitcher for Hudson Valley C.C. in 2002.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Guiderland, N.Y.-- Fairfield's **Lindsey Browder** fired a nine-over-par 81 to capture individual medalist honors, while Siena shot 341 to take the team competition at a triangular match on Tuesday at Pinehaven Country Club.

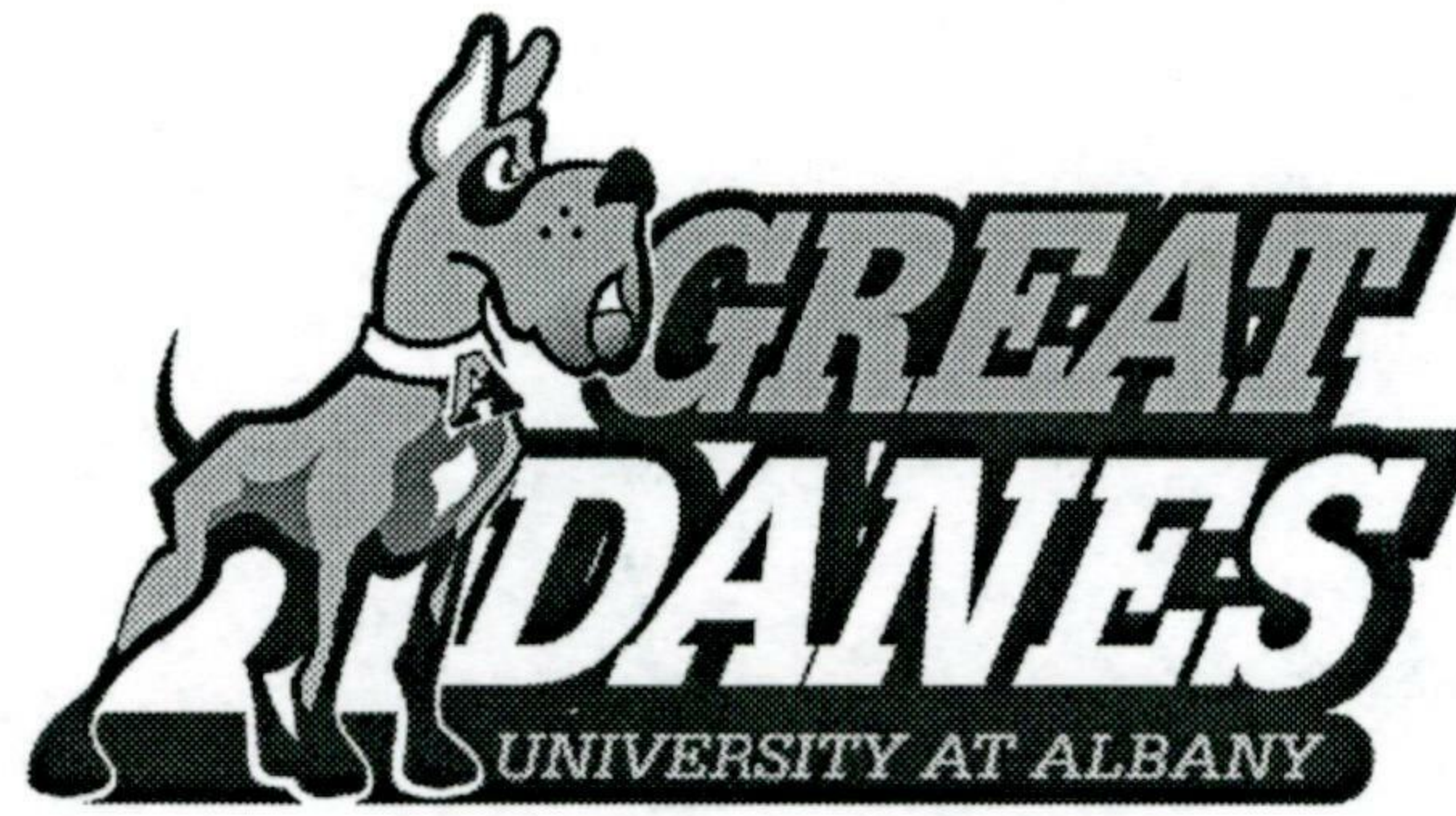
Sophomore **Diane Onofry** led UAlbany with an 85 to tie for third overall on the par-72, 5,820-yard course. **Anne Lyons** shot an 88 to finish seventh, while sophomore **Jill Friedman** tied for eighth with a score of 89. The Great Danes placed second with a team score of 356, while Fairfield was third at 362. **Jill Blanchard** led all Siena golfers with a round of 84.

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Pinehaven Country Club (Guiderland, N.Y.), par-72, 5,820 yards.

Team: Siena 341, Albany 356, Fairfield 362.

Individuals: Lindsey Browder (F) 81, Jill Blanchard (S) 84, Diane Onofry (A) 85, Stephanie Reeves (S) 85, Bridgette Palin (S) 86, Shawna Carroll (S) 86.



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**WOMEN'S SOCCER
GOVERNOR'S CUP ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**

OFFENSIVE MVP - Tara Utchel

Bucknell

DEFENSIVE MVP - Abbey Seaboyer

Bucknell

Sara Sheen	SR.	Long Island U.
Rosie Rough	SR.	Long Island U.
Fabrieanna Rezayet	FR.	Long Island U.
Ingrid Olsson	SO.	Sacred Heart
Paula Pineda	JR.	Sacred Heart
Meaghan Ferris	FR.	Bucknell
Laurie Purse	SR.	Bucknell
Sara Rickard	SO.	Albany
Erin Stanek	SR.	Albany

GOVERNOR'S CUP FINAL STANDINGS

1. Bucknell	10 pts.
2. Sacred Heart	6 pts.
3. Long Island U.	5 pts.
4. Albany	1 pt.

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GARY JONES NAMED NEC FOOTBALL'S OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk H.S.) has been chosen as the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week in football, as the conference office announced today. Jones rushed 18 times for 154 yards and one touchdown in last Saturday's 21-12 conference victory over Central Connecticut State at University Field.

Jones, a junior tailback, accounted for 213 all-purpose yards, including 59 on two kickoff returns, and scored on a 17-yard run in the first quarter. A Hudson Valley Community College graduate, Jones compiled a rushing total that ranks 23rd on the school's all-time single-game list. In addition, he recorded the second-best rushing day in a home opener. Quarterback Pat Ryder ran for 158 yards against Springfield in the 1989 home opener.

ALBANY MOVES UP ONE SPOT IN BOTH MID-MAJOR DIVISION I-AA POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 21-12 victory over Central Connecticut State, UAlbany moved up one spot in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid Major national football polls. The Great Danes are ranked fifth by The Sports Network and are No. 4 in the Football Gazette rankings. Albany (1-1, NEC 1-0) travels to defending Northeast Conference and ECAC Bowl champion Sacred Heart on Saturday, Sept. 21. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Dayton, 2. Duquesne, 3. Morehead State, 4. **Albany**, 5. Robert Morris, 6. San Diego, 7. Fairfield, 8. Wagner, 9. Marist, 10. Davidson.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. Dayton, 2. Duquesne, 3. Morehead State, 4. Marist, 5. **Albany**, 6. Robert Morris, 7. Sacred Heart, 8. Wagner, 9. Davidson, 10. Jacksonville.

AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE HONORS THREE UALBANY ATHLETES

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced today by the conference office. Freshman **Alexis Bowens** received America East Rookie of the Week honors.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Gibbs, a senior outside hitter from Ballston Lake, N.Y., was named to the Bucknell Invitational all-tournament team on Sept. 13-14. She averaged 3.23 kills and 3.23 digs in 13 games played, as the Great Danes won two of three matches. Gibbs had 14 kills and 14 digs in a four-game win over Bucknell, and 11 kills and 15 digs in a come-from-behind victory against LaSalle. She moved to ninth place on the school's all-time digs list with 769.

Bowens, who earned the conference's rookie award for the second time this season, contributed 3.15 kills, 1.54 digs and 0.62 blocks per game in three matches at the Bucknell Invitational. She posted a team-high 15 kills with eight kills as her team rallied for a victory in a five-game match with LaSalle. The Great Danes, who finished with a 4-20 record last year, are off to a 5-3 start.

In men's soccer, UAlbany's **Rodrigo Marion** was tabbed as the America East Rookie of the Week. Marion scored the game-winning goal in his team's 2-1 overtime victory against Canisius on Sept. 13. Marion netted his first goal as a collegian, off a tap pass from Ashtian Holmes, with two minutes and six seconds elapsed in the sudden-death period.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashleigh Bepko** tallied a first-half goal and goalkeeper **Leslie Konsig** recorded the shutout, as Sacred Heart posted a 2-0 win over Albany in the second round of the fourth annual Governor's Cup Tournament on Sunday at Varsity Field.

Sacred Heart (1-2) took a 1-0 lead when Bepko tapped in **Ingrid Olson's** crossing pass at 30:30. **Nathalie Urbas** added an insurance goal with 3:04 remaining, as she dribbled past as diving goalkeeper.

Konsig, a junior, totaled six saves, as the Pioneers rebounded from a 1-0 loss to Bucknell in the opening round. Sophomore **Beth Spinelli** stopped 11 shots for the Great Danes, who fall to 1-5-1 overall.

Earlier in the day, **Meaghan Ferris** scored midway through the first half to lead Bucknell to a 1-0 victory over Long Island. **Laurie Purse** made four saves to register the shutout for the Bison, who improved to 5-1 this season.

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Governor's Cup – Second Round

Sacred Heart 2, Albany 0

Sacred Heart (1-2)	1	1	-	2
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Albany (1-5-1)	0	0	-	0
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Sacred Heart – Ashleigh Bepko 1-0, Nathalie Urbas 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Leslie Konsig (90:00, 6 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 11 saves, 2 GA).

Bucknell 1, Long Island 0

Bucknell (5-1)	1	0	-	1
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Long Island (2-3)	0	0	-	0
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Bucknell – Meaghan Ferris 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Laurie Purse (90:00, 4 saves, 0 GA). Long Island – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Holly Nixon (45:00, 4 saves, 1 GA), Mary Jaeger (45:00, 3 saves, 0 GA).

FIELD HOCKEY

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Courtney Bertos** scored the game-winning goal with nine minutes and 59 seconds remaining to Rider past Albany, 2-1, in a non-conference contest on Sunday at Albany Field.

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Bertos, who beat Lehigh with an overtime goal one week ago, slipped a shot into the lower right corner past Albany goalkeeper **Megan Akstin** in a play that originated in Rider's defensive half of the field.

Rider (3-1) had taken a 1-0 lead at 29:19 in the first half, when **Victoria Barrington** fired a shot from the right side through the goalkeeper's legs after gathering in a pass from teammate **Maddy Boulden**.

Albany (1-4) tied the contest off a penalty corner on the final play of the opening period. Senior defender **Heidi Bowen** scored inside the left post after **Lisa Burline** settled a deflected shot in the middle of the circle.

The Broncs' **Jennifer Cushinotto** totaled three saves, all in the first half, while Akstin finished with 11 saves.

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

Rider – Victoria Barrington 1-0, Courtney Bertos 1-0, Maddy Boulden 0-1;
Goalkeeper(s): Jennifer Cushinotto (70:00, 3 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Heidi Bowen 1-0, Lisa Burline 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 11 saves, 2 GA).

WOMEN'S GOLF

Hamilton, N.Y. – Sophomore **Jill Friedman** shot a seven-over-par 79 to win medalist honors as Albany won a triangular with Colgate and Cortland at Colgate University's Seven Oaks Golf Course.

The Great Danes set a school record with 332 strokes, while Cortland and Colgate scored 379 and 401, respectively. **Diane Onofry** fired an 80 over the par-72, 5,806-yard layout. **Katie Wachtl** shot an 86, while Lauren Bruce had 87. Colgate's **Kate Sibel** was third among the individuals with a total of 83. Cortland's **Sue Leventakas**, who had a hole-in-one on the par-3 eighth, led her team with an 85.

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Team: Albany 332, Cortland 379, Colgate 401

Individuals: Jill Friedman (A) 79, Diane Onofry (A) 80, Kate Sibel (CG) 83, Sue Leventakas (CR) 85, Katie Wachtl (A) 86.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

West Point, N.Y. – UAlbany's **Violeta Petijevic** dropped a 6-1, 6-3 decision to Lehigh's **Kristen Nowicki** in the Flight I singles consolation semifinal round at the Eastern Collegiate Women's Tennis Championship. The three-day tournament was held at Army's Malek Courts and Lichtenburg Tennis Center.

Petijevic defeated **Katie Bednar**, of Providence, in the consolation quarterfinals, 7-6 (7-5) and 6-3. In the consolation round, **Marisa Berley** lost 6-3, 6-1 to Monmouth's **Danielle Brunelli** in the Flight II singles bracket. Albany's **Alex Berley** also suffered a straight-set loss, 6-0 and 6-2, to Nicole Williford, of Howard in Flight III.

The Great Danes' doubles teams were both eliminated in the consolation quarterfinals. New Hampshire's **Francesca DiBona** and **Jess Pasay** defeated **Krista Babiarz** and **Reeba Miller** in an 8-3 pro-set. Army's **Leah Gaunt** and **Alexis Ward** were 8-6 winners over **Lisa Fund** and **Chelsea Mills**.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior midfielder **Rosette Rough** scored two goals, including the game-winner in overtime, as Long Island downed Albany, 2-1, in the opening round of the Fourth Annual Governor's Cup Tournament on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Rough put home the game-winner seven minutes and 28 seconds into the first overtime session. Rough collected an errant goal kick from Albany keeper **Beth Spinelli**, and chipped a high shot which Spinelli could not reach into the back of the net.

Albany (1-4-1) opened the game's scoring with an unassisted tally by sophomore **Sara Rickard**, and held that one-goal advantage until the 53rd minute. At the 52:19 mark, Long Island (2-2) equalized the contest on Rough's first goal of the afternoon.

In the tournament's opening match, Bucknell shut out Sacred Heart, 1-0. Senior forward **Tara Utchell** put home an unassisted shot over the SHU goalie's head at the 48:22 mark of the second half.

Sacred Heart (0-2) managed 11 shots in the match, but could not find the back of the net against Bison goalkeeper **Laurie Purse**. Purse had six saves in the winning effort for Bucknell, which upped its record to 4-1 this season. **Leslie Konsig** made three stops for Sacred Heart.
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Long Island 2, Albany 1 (OT)

Long Island -- Scoring: Rosette Rough 2-0; Goalkeeper(s): Holly Nixon (21:13, 0 GA, 2 saves), Mary Jaeger (76:15, 1 GA, 8 saves).

Albany -- Scoring: Sara Rickard 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Erika Van Zandt (45:00, 0 GA, 3 saves), Beth Spinelli (52:28, 2 GA, 2 saves).

Bucknell 1, Sacred Heart 0

Bucknell -- Scoring: Tara Utchell 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Laurie Purse (90:00, 0 GA, 6 saves).

Sacred Heart -- Scoring: None; Goalkeeper(s): Leslie Konsig (90:00, 1 GA, 3 saves).

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Lewisburg, Pa. -- Freshman **Alexis Bowens** had 15 kills and **Susan Spiere** (Averill Park) added 14, as Albany rallied for a 3-2 victory over LaSalle on the second day of competition at the Bucknell Invitational. The Great Danes, who posted victories in two of three tournament matches played at Davis Gymnasium, won by scores, 16-30, 30-27, 28-30, 30-24, 15-9.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Alissa Gibbs (Shenendehowa) turned in a double-double performance with 11 kills and 15 digs. Freshman **Ashlee Reed** registered her best effort this season with 10 kills and 11 digs.

Albany (5-3) fell to Quinnipiac earlier in the day, 30-28, 30-24, 25-30, 30-23. Gibbs totaled 17 kills and 13 digs, while Bowens recorded 16 kills. Quinnipiac's **Heather Wollyung** led all players with 20 kills.

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Albany def. Bucknell, 30-14, 30-28, 22-30, 30-26

Quinnipiac def. Albany, 30-28, 30-24, 25-30, 30-23

Albany def. LaSalle, 16-30, 30-27, 28-30, 30-24, 15-9

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Albany 21, Central Connecticut State 12

Albany, N.Y. – Quarterback **Ryan Roeder** ran for one touchdown and passed for another to lead Albany to a 21-12 victory over Central Connecticut State in the Northeast Conference opener for both teams on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

Albany (1-1, NEC 1-0) struck quickly when linebacker **Pat Shairs** forced Central Connecticut's **Chris Mastaj** to fumble the opening kickoff. **Jon Carvin** pounced on the loose ball at the CCSU 22. Tailback **Gary Jones**, who rushed for 154 yards on 18 carries, scored two plays later on a 17-yard scamper up the left sideline.

The Great Danes, who lost to defending Division I-AA national champion Montana in their season opener last week, were looking for a two-touchdown lead early in the second quarter. However, Jones fumbled at the five-yard line on a hit by **Brendan Harrigan**, and linebacker **Roland Ramsby** was off to the races on a 95-yard TD return. **Derek Pearson's** extra-point missed wide right.

A high snap over punter **Mike Kien's** head set up Albany's second scoring sequence just before halftime. Roeder, who passed for 95 yards on 9 of 17 attempts and rushed for 30 more, finished off the short 26-yard drive with a one-yard sneak over the left side for a 14-6 lead at the intermission.

In the third quarter, the Great Danes went 82 yards in six plays for a 21-6 advantage. Jones, a junior, carried four straight times for 40 yards, before Roeder fired a 29-yard TD strike to flanker **Matt Crudo** with 4:16 left in the period.

Central Connecticut State (0-3, 0-1) got back into the contest midway through the fourth quarter, when reserve quarterback **Charles Madison** found tight end **Mike Ewart** with a 10-yard scoring pass on a fourth-and-two play. Pearson again missed the extra point, and the Blue Devils trailed 21-12.

CCSU had one more scoring opportunity in the final minute, when Madison moved the team on a 65-yard drive to the Albany 22. But on fourth down, Madison bobbled the snap from center and Albany linebacker Josh Bazan recovered the fumble to the end the threat. Bazan totaled 10 tackles, including three for losses, with one sack and one fumble recovery.

"We did a lot of positive things, but our offense kept shooting itself in the foot, said Albany coach Bob Ford, whose team was flagged nine time for 46 yards in penalties. "Our defense played extremely well and the special teams were good, especially with coverage."

Madison completed 4 of 10 passes for 49 yards, and rushed eight times for 45 in relief of starter **Scott Dolch**. Senior tailback **Major Cole** finished with 152 rushing yards on 35 attempts.

"I was pleased with our defense," Central Connecticut State coach Paul Schudel commented. "There's two things you have to do in football and that's stay off the field on defense and keep the offense on the field. We have to be more productive. We're getting there but we are not there yet."

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CROSS COUNTRY

Boston, Mass. -- Sophomore **Andy Allstadt** finished second and junior **Joe Pienta** was fifth to lead the University at Albany men's cross country team to a split decision in a three-team meet with Boston University and Northeastern on Friday afternoon at Franklin Park. UAlbany defeated Northeastern 15-48, but lost to Boston U., 24-31. Sophomore **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) was sixth in the women's race as the Great Danes fell to Northeastern and Boston U.

Allstadt, an All-America East Conference selection last year, finished in 25:21, just eight seconds off the pace set by Boston U.'s **Jochen Dieckfoss**. The UAlbany men's team placed five runners in the top-10 at the meet. Following Allstadt and Pienta were **Sam Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville), **Rob Caracciolo** and **Robbie Freeman**. They finished in seventh, eighth and ninth place, respectively.

Boston U.'s **Jessica Iannacci** led a string of Terrier runners in the top four spots, finishing in 19:03. Susser, the Great Danes' top finisher, completed the course in 19:39. Senior **Meghan Howell** finished in eighth, while **Zerlinda Martinez** (12th), **Theresa Juva** (14th) and **Erin Goddard** (16th) rounded out the scoring for UAlbany.

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WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS (Franklin Park/Boston, Mass.):

Northeastern 26, Albany 29
Boston U. 16, Northeastern 43
Boston U. 16, Albany 42

Women's Individual Results: 1. Jessica Iannacci, BU, 19:03.

Other Albany Scorers: 6. Nicole Susser, 19:39; 8. Meghan Howell, 19:43; 12. Zerlinda Martinez, 20:01; 14. Theresa Juva, 20:08; 16. Erin Goddard, 20:12; 17. Trista Neinast, 20:17; 19. Gwen Uhler, 20:32; 22. Maureen Brown, 21:13; 23. Jenny Boshco, 21:15; 24. Laura Subik, 22:18; 25. Lindsay Bellosa, 22:34.

MEN'S TEAM RESULTS (Franklin Park/Boston, Mass.):

Albany 15, Northeastern 48
Boston U. 15, Northeastern 42
Boston U. 24, Albany 31

Men's Individual Results: 1. Jochen Dieckfoss, BU, 25:13.

Other Albany Scorers: 2. Andy Allstadt, 25:21; 5. Joe Pienta, 26:02; 7. Sam Gonzalez, 26:11; 8. Rob Caracciolo, 26:35; 9. Robbie Freeman, 26:58; 11. Bryant Cherry-Woode, 27:05; 14. Chris Pierson, 28:14; 17. Tim Koch, 28:39.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

WOMEN'S TENNIS

West Point, N.Y. -- University at Albany freshman **Courtney Michels** defeated Manhattan's **Shaleen Dastur** 6-2, 7-5 in a Flight III singles match in the opening round of the Eastern Collegiate Women's Tennis Championships on Friday.

Michels fell in the round of 16 to third-seed **Andrea Weckstein** of Rutgers, 6-1, 6-4. In Flight I singles, UAlbany senior **Violeta Petijevic** dropped a 6-4, 6-3 decision to Army's **Marissa Limsiaco** in the opening round. Petijevic will compete Saturday in the quarterfinals of the consolation bracket. Sophomore **Marisa Berley** lost to **Leslie Harvey** of Long Island, 6-1, 6-2 in Flight II singles, and will also play in the consolation bracket.

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Eastern Collegiate Women's Tennis Championships (West Point, N.Y.)

Flight I Singles: Marissa Limsiaco (Army) def. Violeta Petijevic (Albany), 6-4, 6-3.

Flight II Singles: Leslie Harvey (Long Island) def. Marisa Berley (Albany), 6-1, 6-2.

Flight III Singles: Courtney Michels (Albany) def. Shaleen Dastur (Manhattan), 6-2, 7-5;
Andrea Weckstein (Rutgers) def. Michels (Albany), 6-1, 6-4.

Flight IV Singles: Sara Bitetti (Providence) def. Alex Berley (Albany), 6-4, 6-1.

Flight I Doubles: Carey/Daigler (Niagara) def. Babiarz/Miller (Albany), 8-3.

DiBona/Pasay (New Hampshire) def. Babiarz/Miller (Albany), 8-3.

Flight II Doubles: Hughes/Yablonski (Pittsburgh) def. Fund (Albany)/Mills (Bucknell), 8-3.

Gaunt (Stony Brook)/Ward (Army) def. Fund/Mills, 8-0.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Lewisburg, Pa.-- Albany defeated host school Bucknell, 3-1, in the opening round of the Bull Run Inn-vitational at Davis Gymnasium.

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Albany 3, Bucknell 1

Albany def. Bucknell, 30-14, 30-28, 22-30, 30-26.

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ALBANY RALLIES FOR A 2-1 OVERTIME VICTORY AGAINST CANISIUS

Albany, N.Y. – **Rodrigo Marion** scored the game-winning goal with two minutes and six seconds elapsed in overtime, as Albany rallied for a 2-1 non-conference victory over Canisius in the Great Danes' home opener on Friday at Varsity Field.

Marion, a sophomore who tallied his first goal as a collegian, fired a shot into the right side of the net off a tap pass from **Ashtian Holmes**. The winning play originated off **Greg Chevalier's** attempt from the left side.

Canisius (0-5) took a 1-0 lead at 47:21, when **Justin Phillips** completed a give-and-go attack from **Ryan Dummett** with a shot into the left corner. Albany (2-2) drew even with 3:59 remaining in regulation, as Holmes scored on a header that grazed off the bottom of the crossbar.

Senior goalkeeper **Trevor Serraro** had four saves for the Great Danes, while Canisius' **Dave Borchard** stopped 13 shots.

-agate-

Canisius (0-5)	0	1	0	-	1
Albany (2-2)	0	1	1	-	2

Canisius – Justin Phillips 1-0, Ryan Dummett 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Dave Borchard (92:06, 13 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Ashtian Holmes 1-1, Rodrigo Marion 1-0, Tim Roty 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (92:06, 4 saves, 2 GA).

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FIELD HOCKEY

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. – **Michelle Marks** scored early in the second half off a rebound, and Syracuse, ranked 24th nationally, went on to post a 3-0 victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at Skidmore College's Outdoor Athletic Complex.

Marks, a senior forward, broke a scoreless deadlock at 40:49, when she blasted a shot into the left side of the cage off a rebound. **Ann-Marie Guglieri** gave the Orangewomen a two-goal lead 13 minutes later, as she chipped a shot in front over the stick of Albany goalkeeper **Megan Akstin**.

Kristin Aronowicz wrapped the scoring for Syracuse (2-1) with a driving shot off a give-and-go feed from **Jessica Dahle**. Senior goalkeeper **Audrey Latsko** made one save in recording the shutout.

Akstin totaled 17 saves, one off her career-best effort, for the Great Danes, who fall to 1-3 on the season.

-agate-

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

Syracuse – Michelle Marks 1-0, Ann-Marie Guglieri 1-0, Kristin Aronowicz 1-0, Jessica Dahle 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Audrey Latsko (70:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Atskin (70:00, 17 saves, 3 GA).

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Lawrenceville, N.J. – **Sarah Artale** scored three goals, including the game-winner in overtime, to lead Rider to a come-from-behind 5-4 victory over Albany on Wednesday in the Broncs' home opener.

Artale took a long pass at midfield from Rider goalkeeper **Erin Wolleon** and beat one defender for the winning goal with eight minutes and 40 seconds elapsed in the sudden-death period.

Albany (1-3-1) built a 4-2 lead in second half on back-to-back unassisted goals by **Ashley Jurica** (Fonda-Fultonville) and **Jen Schroeckthaler**. However, Rider (1-3) regrouped when **Marianna Hanna** tallied her first collegiate goal off a header at 78:11. Artale tied the match at four apiece with 1:25 remaining off a feed from Hanna.

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Erika Van Zandt and **Beth Spinelli** combined on eight saves for the Great Danes. **Christie Cremo** and **Kristen Winneberger** each netted their first goals of the season.

-agate-

Albany (1-3-1)	1	3	0	-	4
Rider (1-3)	1	3	1	-	5

Albany – Christie Cremo 1-0, Ashley Jurica 1-0, Kristen Winneberger 1-0, Jen Schroeckenthaler 1-0, Sara Rickard 0-1, Erin Stanek 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Erika Van Zandt (84:09, 5 saves, 4 GA), Beth Spinelli (14:31, 3 saves, 1 GA).

Rider – Sarah Artale 3-1, Marianne Hanna 1-1, Molli Burns 1-0, Jennifer Marcella 0-1, Casey Fagan 0-1, Erin Wolleon 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Erin Wolleon (98:40, 2 saves, 4 GA).

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BILLY PIKE NAMED NEC SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Billy Pike** has been selected as the Northeast Conference Special Teams Player of the Week in football, as announced today by the conference office.

Pike, a senior, punted eight times for a 46.4 average and placed two kicks inside the opponents' 20-yard line against Montana, the nation's top-ranked team and defending NCAA I-AA national champion. Four of his eight punts went for 50-plus yards, including a 59-yarder in the second quarter, the 11th longest kick in school history.

Pike, a first-team All-NEC selection in 2001, is the first UAlbany player to record two or more 50-plus yard punts in a game.

GREAT DANES STILL AMONG NATION'S TOP 10 MID-MAJOR I-AA TEAMS

Albany, N.Y. – Despite Saturday's 45-7 loss to defending Division I-AA champion Montana, UAlbany football is ranked nationally in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid-Major Polls. The Great Danes, who played before the largest crowd in the program's history with a stadium-record 19,511 in attendance last Saturday, are ranked sixth by The Sports Network and fifth by Football Gazette. Albany meets Northeast Conference-rival Central Connecticut State on Saturday, Sept. 14 in the home opener at University Field. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Dayton, 2. Duquesne, 3. Robert Morris, 4. Morehead State, 5. **Albany**, 6. Butler, 7. Jacksonville, 8. San Diego, 9. Fairfield, 10. Davidson.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. Dayton, 2. Duquesne, 3. Robert Morris, 4. Morehead State, 5. Jacksonville, 6. **Albany**, 7. Marist, 8. Monmouth, 9. Sacred Heart, 10. Austin Peay.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Niagara University, N.Y. -- Sophomores **Sara Rickard** and **Ashley Jurica** scored one minute and one second apart late in the first half to lead Albany to a 2-1 victory over Robert Morris in the second round of the Niagara Fall Classic on Sunday morning.

Rickard, the team's MVP and leading scorer last season, floated a shot over the head of Robert Morris goalkeeper **Shana Berardi** at the 40:04 mark in the first half. Just over a minute later, Ashley Jurica (Fonda-Fultonville) put home an unassisted goal, her second of the season, to give Albany (1-2-1) a 2-0 advantage at halftime.

Despite a goal by **Meghan Steighner** in the 59th minute, the Great Danes were able to hang on for their victory of the season. Sophomore **Beth Spinelli** made three saves in the winning effort, while Berardi made five stops for Robert Morris (0-3-1).

-agate-

Robert Morris (0-3-1)	0	1	-	1
Albany (1-2-1)	2	0	-	2

Albany -- Scoring: Sara Rickard 1-0, Ashley Jurica 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 1 GA, 3 saves).

Robert Morris -- Scoring: Meghan Steighner 1-0, Angela Story 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Shana Berardi (90:00, 2 GA, 5 saves).

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Annapolis, Md.--Amanda Wiles had nine kills on 17 attempts to lead UNC-Asheville to a 3-0 victory over Albany in the final match of Navy's Trident Classic at Macdonough Hall on Saturday, Sept. 7.

UNC-Asheville (4-3) made just 12 hitting errors to the Great Danes' 23 in the match. Asheville outhit Albany .240 to .065 overall. Suzanne Aubel and Rose Butler each contributed seven kills for UNC-A.

Albany (3-2) lost the final two matches of the tournament to finish in fourth place. Navy, the host school, suffered its only loss to the Great Danes on Friday night, but recovered to win its next two matches and take the title. UAlbany freshman Kristin Norton was selected to the All-Tournament team in voting by the coaches.

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UNC-Asheville 3, Albany 0

UNC-Asheville def. Albany, 30-21, 30-21, 30-25.

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#1 Montana 45, Albany 7

Missoula, Mont. -- Senior quarterback **John Edwards** passed for a career-high 322 yards and three touchdowns to lead Montana, ranked No. 1 in Division I-AA, to a 45-7 victory over Albany on Saturday before a stadium-record crowd of 19,511 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Montana (2-0) put together 80-plus yard scoring drives on its opening two possessions. **David Gober**, who rushed for 83 yards on 15 carries, completed a 15-yard march with a four-yard touchdown run over right guard. Edwards, who completed 27 of 35 passes, beat the blitz with a 18-yard strike to tight end **Conor Molloy** for a 14-0 lead.

Albany (0-1) was effective on offense through the first half, but missed a field goal and had two potential touchdown passes dropped. The Great Danes moved inside the Montana 10 when tailback **Gary Jones** hauled in a 32-yard reception. Four plays later, **Salomon Belilty's** 22-yard field goal missed wide right.

The Grizzlies, who totaled 552 yards in offense, racked up 17 points in the final nine minutes of the first half for a 31-0 lead at the break. Edwards fired a 19-yard touchdown pass to **Dane Oliver**, before **Levander Segars** scored on a 66-yard punt return. Placekicker **Chris Snyder** ended the period with a school-record 57-yard field goal.

The Great Danes, who were playing west of the Mississippi River for the first time, reached the end zone in the third quarter, when free safety **Samson Brown** gather in a pass that bounced off Molloy's chest and raced 86 yards to paydirt with the interception.

Later in the quarter, Edwards, a Walter Payton Trophy candidate, threw his third touchdown of the afternoon, a 43-yard screen pass to running back **J.R. Waller**. Reserve quarterback **Brandon Neill** wrapped the scoring with a 10-yard scoring toss to freshman wideout **Jon Talmage**.

"Montana is an excellent football team and they played like the defending national champions," Albany coach **Bob Ford** said. "We did some positive things, but failed to capitalize on our opportunities. We should have had 17 points at halftime. Our defense was much better in the second half, and I thought **Billy Pike** really showed he can punt the football."

Albany quarterback **Ryan Roeder** completed 12 of 20 passes for 113 yards in three quarters of action, while flanker **Matt Crudo** caught four passes for 42 yards. All-America linebacker **Josh Bazan** and cornerback **Kurt Campbell** each had a team-high eight tackles for the Great Danes.

"Montana is good, but they are extremely efficient," commented Bazan, whose team played before the largest crowd in the UAlbany program's history. "Edwards didn't make any mental mistakes, plus made all his key reads and throws."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Oneonta, N.Y.-- Senior **Russ Pfeiffer** scored at the 20:18 mark of the first half and junior goalkeeper **Jack Potter** made three saves to record his first shutout of the season as Oneonta State defeated Albany 1-0 in the second round of the 27th Mayor's Cup Tournament on Saturday evening.

Oneonta (2-2) opened the scoring in the 20th minute, when Pfeiffer took a pass from sophomore **Luke Kitchen** and headed a shot over goalkeeper **Bouna Coundol**. Coundol, a sophomore transfer who was making his first start for the Great Danes, couldn't reach the high shot, and the tally was all that the Red Dragons would need to hand Albany (1-2) its second shutout loss in as many days.

Coundol recorded six saves in his first action for Albany. The Red Dragons outshot the Great Danes 13-7, including 9-3 in the first period.

-agate-

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

Albany-- Scoring: None; Goalkeeper(s): Bouna Coundol (90:00, 1 GA, 6 saves).

Oneonta State -- Scoring: Russ Pfeiffer 1-0, Luke Kitchen 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jack Potter (90:00, 0 GA, 3 saves).

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Annapolis, Md.-- **Jennifer Davis** totaled a match-high 16 kills and **Julia Wacłowiak** added 14 as Maryland-Baltimore County handed Albany its first loss of the season in the second round of the Trident Classic at Macdonough Hall on Saturday morning. UMBC took the match 30-22, 20-30, 30-28, 30-22.

Albany (3-1) had hit over .275 in each of its previous three matches, but that percentage fell to .164 in their first loss of the season. Senior **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) totaled 13 kills and nine digs, while freshman **Alexis Bowens** had 10 kills on 21 attacks.

Maryland-Baltimore County, which improves to 3-2 this season, totaled 55 digs and had three players with double-figure totals in that category. **Christine Skala** led the way with 14. Sophomore **Jill Dombrowski** totaled a match-high 35 assists for the Great Danes.

Albany will square off against UNC-Asheville in the tournament's final match on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

-agate-

Md.-Baltimore County 3, Albany 1

UMBC (3-2) def. Albany (3-1), 30-22, 20-30, 30-28, 30-22.

CROSS COUNTRY

Bronx, N.Y. -- Junior **Meghan Howell** finished fourth out of 96 competitors and the Great Danes placed seven runners in the top-25 as the Albany women finished second among 10 teams at the season-opening Fordham Cross Country Invitational on Saturday morning. The UAlbany men's team also finished in second place out of 12 teams.

Fairleigh Dickinson's **Chepton Everlyne** took the individual title with a time of 19:26, while Howell completed the course in 20:10 to post her best finish as a collegiate runner. Sophomore **Trista Neinast** finished in seventh place overall, and was followed by **Zerlinda Martinez** (11), **Erin Goddard** (13), and **Theresa Juva** (16). **Sarah Scoville** (Granville Central) finished 19th, and **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) crossed the line in 20th just three seconds later.

In the men's race, UAlbany was led by sophomore **Andy Allstadt**, who finished 12th out of 91 runners. Allstadt, an All-America East selection last season, crossed the line in 26:27.

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He was followed by junior **Joe Pienta** in 13th place (26:35). Junior **Rob Caracciolo** (25) and freshmen Rob Freeman (29), and Sam Pecoraro (30) rounded out the scoring for the Great Danes.

-agate-

FORDHAM CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL (Bronx, N.Y.)

Women's Team Scoring: 1. Fordham 34, **2. Albany 51**, 3. Sacred Heart 70, 4. Seton Hall 143, 5. St. John's 170, 6. St. Rose 178, 7. Fairleigh Dickinson 180, 8. St. Peter's 197, 9. Molloy 223, 10. C.W. Post NS.

Women's Individual Results: 1. Chepton Everlyne, FDU 19:26; 2. Meghan Caldwell, Fordham, 19:48; 3. Katharine Wrinkle, Sacred Heart, 19:54; **4. Meghan Howell, Albany, 20:10;** 5. Meg McDermott, Fordham, 20:19;

Other Albany Scorers: 7. Trista Neinast, 20:38; 11. Zerlinda Martinez, 20:49; 13. Erin Goddard, 20:53; 16. Theresa Juva, 21:07; 19. Sarah Scoville, 21:17.

Men's Team Scoring: 1. Navy 21, **2. Albany 92**, 3. St. John's 106, 4. Fordham 117, 5. Seton Hall 121, 6. Fairleigh Dickinson 131, 7. Sacred Heart 165, 8. St. Peter's 239, 9. Maritime 245, 10. C.W. Post NS, 11. Molloy NS, 12. St. Rose NS.

Men's Individual Results: 1. Aaron Lanzel, Navy, 25:32; 2. Eric Eckstrand, Navy, 25:47; 3. Erick Too, FDU, 25:54; 4. Robert Rotich, FDU, 25:55; 5. Ben Glasier, Navy, 26:13.

Other Albany Scorers: 12. Andy Allstadt, 26:27; 13. Joe Pienta, 26:35; 25. Rob Caracciolo, 27:37; 29. Rob Freeman, 28:03; 30. Sam Pecoraro, 28:05; 43. Chris Pierson, 29:36.

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Women's Volleyball

Annapolis, Md.-- Senior **Alissa Gibbs** and freshman **Alexis Bowens** combined for 25 kills and a .432 hitting percentage to lead Albany to a 3-0 win over host school Navy in the opening round of the Trident Classic at Macdonough Hall on Friday evening.

Albany (3-0), off to its best start since the 1997 season, held Navy to a .068 hitting percentage in the match. Bowens, who was named America East Conference Rookie of the Week on Sept. 3, registered a match-high 13 kills and added five digs. Gibbs totaled 12 kills, five digs and four service aces.

Navy, which fell to 2-4 on the season, got eight kills from **Kristin Davidson**. Albany freshman **Kristin Norton** posted eight kills and a match-high 15 digs. The Great Danes play two matches on Saturday, squaring off against Maryland-Baltimore County at 10:00 a.m. and UNC-Asheville at 7:00 that evening.

-agate-

Albany 3, Navy 2

Albany (3-0) def. Navy (2-4), 32-30, 30-18, 30-24.

Men's Soccer

Oneonta, N.Y. -- Junior midfielder **Rob Catana** scored one goal and assisted on two others to lead Hartwick to a 3-0 victory over Albany in the opening round of the 27th Mayor's Cup on Friday evening.

Catana fed a pass to **Ymeric Sanon** as Hartwick (1-1-1) opened the game's scoring just two minutes and 58 seconds into the contest. The Hawks, who led 1-0 at the intermission, pushed out to a two-goal advantage at the 43:14 mark when Catana found the back of the net on a penalty kick.

Greg Victor closed out the scoring for Hartwick in the 52nd minute on a feed from Catana. Goalkeeper **Randall Moate** made just one save in recording the shutout victory. Senior **Trevor Serraro** stopped three shots in the losing effort.

-agate-

Hartwick 3, Albany 0

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

Albany -- Scoring: None; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 3 GA, 3 saves).

Hartwick -- Scoring: Rob Catana 1-2, Ymeric Sanon 1-0, Greg Victor 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Randall Moate (90:00, 0 GA, 1 save).

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Women's Soccer

Niagara University, N.Y.-- Junior midfielder **Alexandra Sahlen's** first goal of the season capped a three-goal first-half rally to lead Niagara over Albany, 3-2, in the first round of the Niagara Fall Classic on Friday afternoon at Niagara Field.

Albany (0-2-1) opened the scoring when freshman **Kristen Winneberger** collected a rebound in front and fed a pass to sophomore **Ashley Jurica** (Fonda-Fultonville) at the 15:30 mark. It was the first goal of the season for the Great Danes, who earned a scoreless tie in the season-opener versus Wagner and lost to Army, 1-0, two days later.

Niagara, which moved to 3-0 this season with the win, would answer back with three goals in a span of 6:53 midway through the first half. Sophomore forward **Ashley Cullen** tied the contest at the 22:58 mark, and junior midfielder **Jen Greiner** scored her first goal of the season 39 seconds later. Both goals came off passes from the Purple Eagles' leading scorer, **Rosie Luzak** (15 points).

Sahlen's unassisted tally gave Niagara a 3-1 edge at halftime. That margin held up until the 84th minute, when Albany senior co-captain **Jen Schroeckenthaler** stepped up from her defensive position to score off a pass from Winneberger. The freshman notched the first two assists of her collegiate career in the loss.

Niagara's **Katy Owings** made eight saves in earning the victory. **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) stopped seven shots for the Great Danes, who play Robert Morris on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the tournament's second round.

-agate-

Niagara 3, Albany 2

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

Albany -- Scoring: Ashley Jurica 1-0, Jen Schroeckenthaler 1-0, Kristen Winneberger 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 3 GA, 7 saves).

Niagara -- Scoring: Ashley Cullen 1-0, Jen Greiner 1-0, Alexandra Sahlen 1-0, Rosie Luzak 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Katy Owings (90:00, 2 GA, 8 saves).

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WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY LOSES TO STANFORD IN SYRACUSE

Syracuse, N.Y. – **Tysie Sawyer** scored a pair of second-half goals to lead unbeaten Stanford to a 4-0 victory over Albany on Thursday evening at Syracuse University's Coyne Field.

Stanford (3-0) took a 1-0 lead nearly 20 minutes into the contest, when junior forward **Noor Dorwood** tallied her third goal of the season off a feed from **Amanda Billmyer**.

The Cardinal, who shared last year's Nor-Pac West Division title, moved out to a two-goal advantage on Sawyer's unassisted goal at 47:06. **Freshman Missy Halliday** converted a penalty stroke eight minutes later, before Sawyer completed the scoring at 66:44.

Stanford, who opened its schedule with shutout victories over Ohio State and Rutgers, limited Albany (1-2) to four shots. **Emily Zander** and **Ana Kralovec** combined on three saves. **Megan Akstin** stopped a career-high 18 shots for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Stanford 4, Albany 0 (Syracuse, N.Y.)

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

Stanford – Tysie Sawyer 2-0, Noor Dorwood 1-0, Missy Halliday 1-0, Amanda Billmyer 0-1, Lyndsay Erickson 0-1, Eleanor Morgan 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Emily Zander (35:00, 2 saves, 0 GA), Ana Kralovec (35:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 18 saves, 4 GA).

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UALBANY-MONTANA FOOTBALL GAME TELEVISED ON WYPX (PAX 55)

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that WYPX-TV 55 will televise this Saturday's season-opening football game with Montana, from Washington Grizzly Stadium in Missoula, Mont. Game time is 3:00 p.m. Eastern (1:00 p.m. Mountain).

WYPX-TV (PAX 55) can be seen on Time Warner Cable's Channel 20 in the Capital Region. PAX 55 will air the broadcast originated by KECI-TV, the NBC affiliate in Missoula, and Eagle Communications. KECI Sports Director Todd Reed will call the play-by-play along with Josh Collier.

Montana, the defending NCAA Division I-AA national champion, is ranked No. 1 by ESPN/USA Today and The Sports Network.

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AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE HONORS TWO UALBANY ATHLETES

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Greg Chevalier** has been chosen as the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's soccer as announced today by the conference office. Chevalier shared the award with New Hampshire's Brendan Hankard.

Chevalier, a senior defender, scored a career-high three goals, all in the second half, as Albany rallied from a 1-0 deficit in the 59th minute to beat Marist, 7-1, on Sept. 1. Chevalier tied the contest at one piece off a deflection, and then later scored twice within a 10-minute stretch for a commanding 5-1 lead.

Chevalier became just the second UAlbany player to score three goals in a game since the program moved to Division I in 1999. Jarvin Skeete accomplished that same feat against Stony Brook last year.

In women's volleyball, **Alexis Bowens** was named the America East Rookie of the Week. Bowens, a freshman middle hitter, turned in on the top 10 performances in NCAA history with 21 kills on 24 attacks in her first collegiate match against Lafayette on Aug. 30. Bowens also had 13 kills in her team's victory over Marist the following evening. The Great Danes, at 2-0 overall, are off to their best start since 1997.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO ARMY ON LAST-MINUTE GOAL

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Leigh Kosco** scored the game-winning goal with two minutes and 21 seconds remaining to lift Army past Albany, 1-0, on Monday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Kosco volleyed a short crossing pass from senior midfielder **Emily Nay** inside the right post to break the scoreless deadlock. Army (1-0-1) had several scoring opportunities over the final 10 minutes, and held a 29-11 shot advantage.

Albany goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** registered a career-high 20 saves to keep her squad in the match. Army's **Sara Johnson** turned aside seven shots to record the shutout.

The Great Danes, who fall to 0-1-1 overall, play in Niagara's Fall Classic on Sept. 6 and 8. Albany tangles with the host school on Friday, before meeting Robert Morris in the second round.

-agate-

Army 1, Albany 0

Army (1-0-1)	0	1	-	1
Albany (0-1-1)	0	0	-	0

Army -- Leigh Kosco 1-0, Emily Nay 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Sara Johnson (90:00, 7 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 20 saves, 1 GA).

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MEN'S SOCCER USES BIG SECOND HALF TO WIN SEASON OPENER

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. – Senior **Greg Chevalier** scored a career-high three goals, all in the second half, to lead Albany to a 7-1 non-conference victory over Marist in the season opener for both teams on Sunday evening at Leonidoff Field. The Great Danes recorded their highest offensive output in nearly seven years.

Marist carried a 1-0 lead into the 59th minute of play, but Albany reeled off seven unanswered goals. The Red Foxes' **Patrick Safino**, a sophomore striker, found the net past a charging goalkeeper with 12 minutes and 25 seconds elapsed in the match.

Chevalier drew his team even at one apiece off a deflection, before Connecticut transfer **Geza Teleky** scored on a header off a corner kick at 68:29. Chevalier would score twice more over the next 15 minutes, including an 18-yard unassisted goal that gave Albany a commanding 5-1 lead.

Sophomore midfielder **Ousmane Toure** added a pair of goals, while **Ashtian Holmes** totaled three assists. The Great Danes, who dropped a one-goal decision to Marist in last year's opener, last scored seven goals against Lehman College on Sept. 9, 1995 in the first round of the Elmira College Invitational.

-agate-

Albany 7, Marist 1

Albany (1-0)	0	7	-	7
Marist (0-1)	1	0	-	1

Albany: Greg Chevalier 3-0, Ousmane Toure 2-0, Mark Perez 1-0, Geza Teleky 1-0, Ashtian Holmes 0-3, Savvas Theofilou 0-1, Vadim Ivanyushchenko 0-1, Jonathan Stroud 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 0 saves, 1 GA).

Marist: Patrick Safino 1-0, Alex Giotis 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Mike Valenti (90:00, 8 saves, 7 GA).

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WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY EDGED BY LASALLE ON LATE GOAL, 3-2

Philadelphia, Pa. – **Laura Whitman** scored the game-winning goal with two minutes and 20 seconds remaining, as LaSalle rallied for a 3-2 non-conference victory over Albany on Sunday at Hank DeVincent Field.

Albany (1-1) took a 2-1 lead 36 seconds into the second half, as **Cheryl Varga** converted a pass from **Allison Mann**. LaSalle drew even four minutes later when **Katie O'Connell** tallied her second goal of the game.

Whitman put her team ahead off a scramble in front of the cage after Albany goalkeeper **Megan Akstin** saved O'Connell's initial shot. **Colleen Bolger** had four saves for the Explorers, who played their home opener in a steady rain and muddy conditions.

Sophomore **Alexis Johnson** scored unassisted in the sixth minute of the game for the Great Danes, while Akstin finished with seven saves. Albany meets Stanford at Syracuse University's Coyne Field on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7:00 p.m. -agate-

LaSalle 3, Albany 2

Albany (1-1)	1	1	-	2
LaSalle (1-1)	1	2	-	3

Albany: Alexis Johnson 1-0, Cheryl Varga 1-0, Allison Mann 0-1;
Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 7 saves, 3 GA).

LaSalle: Katie O'Connell 2-0, Laura Whitman 1-0, Sarah Camilli 0-1;
Goalkeeper(s): Colleen Bolger (70:00, 4 saves, 2 GA).