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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES 1999-2000 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR Todd Cetnar and Megan Buchanan Are Selected

ALBANY, N.Y. – All-Conference basketball standouts **Todd Cetnar** and **Megan Buchanan** have been chosen as the University at Albany's 1999-2000 Male and Female Athlete of the Year, as Interim Director of Athletics Gail Cummings-Danson announced today. The athletes were selected in voting by the head coaches of Albany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program.

Cetnar, a senior from Amsterdam, N.Y., was a 2000 first-team All-Independent selection, and led the Great Danes to an 11-17 record in their inaugural NCAA Division I campaign. He was among the Division I Independent leaders in scoring (16.1 ppg), assists (4.2 pg), steals (2.1 pg) and free throw percentage (.820). He scored 20-plus points on eight occasions, including a career-high 30 in Albany's first Division I win against Elon.

Cetnar is one of two players in school history to combine for 1,000 points, 350 assists and 150 steals in a career. He finished ninth on the all-time scoring list with 1,345 points and reached double figures 68 times. The 6-foot guard is also second in steals (188), fifth in assists (367) and third in both three-point field goals (215) and free throw percentage (.816) on UA's all-time charts.

A native of Arkport, N.Y., Buchanan was voted to the Division I All-Independent first team, and ranked third among Independent scoring leaders at 15.0 points per game. Buchanan's 404 points are the fourth-highest single-season total in school annals, while her 33 points against Cornell in December tied the second-best single-game mark. She also averaged 4.3 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 1.4 steals, and scored in double figures in 22 contests. In addition, Buchanan posted the second-highest single-season total with 55 three-point field goals made, and set a single-game record with seven 3-pointers against Lehigh.

Buchanan, a 5-foot-11 senior forward, became the fifth player in the program's history to score 1,000 career points, and ended up third overall with 1,093. She is the school's career leader with 124 three-point field goals, and ranks 16th on the all-time rebounding list with 365. The Great Danes completed their schedule with a 12-15 record.

Past University at Albany Athletes of the Year

- 1998-99:** **Male:** Steve Checksfield (Football/Baseball);
Female: Kelly Poynton (Softball) & Xiomara Davila Diaz (Track & Field)
- 1997-98:** **Male:** Joe Savino (Football); **Female:** Rafaela Nikas (Lacrosse/Volleyball)
- 1996-97:** **Male:** Jomo Forrester (Soccer/Track) & Anthony Vitti (Football);
Female: Tonya Dodge (Cross Country/Track)
- 1995-96:** **Male:** Dennis King (Cross Country/Track); **Female:** Debbie August (Lacrosse)
- 1994-95:** **Male:** Geoffrey York (Track & Field); **Female:** Melinda Cook-Carpenter (Softball)



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Comments: College Sports

STEVE CHECKSFIELD NAMED TO ECAC DIVISION I ALL-STAR TEAM

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Steve Checksfield** has been named to the 2000 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division I Baseball All-Star Team. The 12-player unit was chosen in voting by ECAC head coaches.

Checksfield, a junior outfielder and first baseman, was selected as a first-team utility player. He posted a .329 batting average, and set the school's single-season record with 12 home runs.

Checksfield, a 6-foot-2, 235-pound athlete, led the Great Danes in RBI (46), runs (38), extra-base hits (23), doubles (10), total bases (100) and slugging percentage (.633). His RBI total was the second-highest single-season mark in UA history.

Checksfield, who was a first-team all-conference tight end in football last fall, is Albany's all-time leader in five categories, including home runs (30), total hits (165) and RBI (132).

Albany completed its first NCAA Division I campaign with a 19-24-1 record.

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LUIS SOTO PLACES THIRD IN LONG JUMP AT IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS

Princeton, N.J. – University at Albany's **Luis Soto** finished third in the men's long jump at the 124th Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America (IC4A) track and field championships at Princeton's William Weaver Stadium.

Soto, who was also third in this event at the IC4A indoor meet, went 23-feet, 9.50-inches. The senior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico placed behind James Madison's **Anthony Wallace** (24-03.50) and Georgetown's **Davin Williams** (24-03).

Albany's **Ronald Edmundson** was 10th in the triple jump with a leap of 48-02, as the Great Danes tied for 36th in the men's team standings. Pennsylvania's **Tuan Wren** (51-0) won the IC4A title.

Albany's 4x100 relay ended up in 21st place. The team of **Jonathan Garrick, John Morris, Tony Davidson** and Edmundson were timed in 42.85 seconds.

At the 17th ECAC Division I women's championships, the Great Danes were 17th in the 4x100 relay. **Seidah Abu-Bakir, Tammy Freeman, Dinnah Decatus** and **Tameka Hutcherson** posted a time of 49.44 at Weaver Stadium.

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STRAUSS NAMED TO SOFTBALL ALL-REGION SQUAD

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Stephanie Strauss** has been chosen to the Division I Northeast All-Region second team as selected by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Strauss, a junior outfielder, led the Great Danes with a .379 batting average to go with 24 RBI and 18 runs in her first season as a regular. She led Albany to a 27-9 record, and an ECAC post-season appearance in its first year as a NCAA Division I program.

FOOTBALL PROGRAM'S PARIS TRIP SLATED FOR MAY 22-29

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head coach **Bob Ford** will take a group of 45 Great Dane football players and coaches on a one-week trip to Paris, France, beginning Monday, May 22. The travel party departs Albany International Airport in the afternoon, and returns to the Capital Region on May 29.

The UAlbany group will take a sightseeing cruise along the Seine River, and plan to visit the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Louvre Museum and the Palace of Versailles. Ford and the Great Danes also toured Paris in the summer of 1992.

Albany takes the field for an exhibition with the Flash de La Courneuve on Saturday, May 27. Game time at Marville Stadium is 2:00 p.m. eastern.

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Comments: College Basketball

SHAN'TEL ALI SIGNS WITH GREAT DANES FOR 2000-2001

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's basketball coach Mari Warner announced today that **Shan'tel Ali** has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball in 2000-2001. Ali, who played at Otero Junior College this past season, is a 6-foot forward from Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Great Danes added five players during this year's recruiting process. **Kathryn Hemlock**, a 5'3" point guard from Great Falls, Va. (Langley H.S.), also inked her letter during the late signing period. **Nicole Johnson**, a 5'10" forward from Avenel, N.J. (Colonia H.S.), **Teryn O'Bannon**, a 5'11" forward from Maple Plain, Minn. (De La Salle H.S.), and **Sarah Sweetland**, a 5'8" guard from Burlington, Mass. (Burlington H.S.), all signed last November.

Ali averaged 13 points and eight rebounds per game at Wasson High School in Colorado Springs as a senior in 1997. She was a four-year starter at center, and a District XI all-academic selection. Ali went on to attend George C. Wallace Community College in Alabama, where her team advanced to the NJCAA regional semifinals. Last year, she transferred to Otero Junior College in LaJunta, Colorado. The Lady Rattlers posted a 27-5 record, and reached the Region IX tournament semifinals in Wyoming.

Albany went 12-15 overall in its first season as a NCAA Division I program in 1999-2000, and has six letterwinners returning from that squad next year.

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, Softball)

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. – Right fielder **Steve Checksfield** belted a walk-off home run in the ninth inning to lead Albany to a come-from-behind 7-6 victory over St. Rose in the Great Danes' season finale on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Albany (19-24-1) rallied from a 6-2 deficit in the late innings, and scored three times in the eighth to draw even. Checksfield, who went 2-for-5 at the plate, doubled and scored in the eighth's uprising, and then drilled a 2-0 pitch over the left-field fence to leadoff the ninth. Checksfield's 12th home run set the school's single-season record.

Jim Lovett (Colonie Central H.S.) had two hits, including a solo homer in the seventh, and scored twice, while reliever **David Schrepper** picked up his second win of the season.

Sophomore **Jose Segura** had two hits and slugged his ninth home run, a two-run blast, for St. Rose (29-14-1). Third baseman **Pat Storz** drove in a pair of runs with a double in his team's four-run second.

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St. Rose (29-14-1)	040	110	000	-	6	7	2
Albany (19-24-1)	100	010	131	-	7	11	3

(no outs when winning run scored)

Justin Terry, Matt Duquette (7), Dan Vogl (8), Gregg Kelly (8) and Mike Wilson.
Mark Zacharczyk, David Schrepper (9) and Rob Ryan.

(Softball)

Fairfax, Va. – **Erica Morgenstein** drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, as Dartmouth posted a 1-0 victory over Albany in the loser's bracket of the ECAC Division I Softball Championship on Saturday at George Mason Field. The Great Danes dropped a 1-0 opening-round decision to East Carolina earlier in the day.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

Dartmouth's **Christine Quattrocchi** (Guilderland H.S.) fired a one-hit shutout in the elimination game to improve to 21-3 on the season. The freshman hurler struck out seven and walked four, and allowed just a second-inning single by **April Kuryluk** (Albany H.S.). The Big Green, who lost to George Mason, 2-0, in the first round, upped their record to 31-15.

In the first round, East Carolina's **Eva Herron** accounted for the game's lone run with a RBI single to left field in the second. Pitcher **Hillary Halpern** recorded 12 strikeouts, and worked out of a sixth-inning jam to post her 14th victory. With Albany runners on second and third, she struck out **Stephanie Strauss** and got **Stacy Kowal** to ground out to third base.

East Carolina (58-17) is the tournament's top seed, while the Great Danes finish their inaugural NCAA Division I campaign with a 27-10 record.

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ECAC Division I Softball Championship

(First Round)

Albany (27-9)	000	000	0	-	0	4	1
East Carolina (58-17)	100	000	x	-	1	5	0

Jessica Hansen and Stacy Kowal.

Hillary Halpern and Addie Chlebnikow.

(Loser's Bracket)

Albany (27-10)	000	000	000	0	-	0	1	1
Dartmouth (31-15)	000	000	000	1	-	1	7	0

(one out when winning run scored)

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

Christine Quattrocchi and Carrie Sekela.

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Comments: Albany Spring Track Classic

TONYA DODGE RUNS TOP AMERICAN TIME IN 3,000 STEEPLECHASE

Albany, N.Y. – Former University at Albany All-American **Tonya Dodge** (Granville Central H.S.) posted the fastest time by an American this season in winning the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase at the 6th annual Albany Spring Classic and Adirondack USAT&F Invitational on Friday evening at University Field.

Dodge, who was ranked 20th in the World last year, established a facility record of 10:20.21. **Carrie Morales**, of NIKE Portland, was second in 10:27.45, while **Kristina Laubenstein** (Bryn Mawr Track Club) was third in 10:30.50. Dodge's time was more than four-tenths of a second faster than Kara Ormond's previous-best American mark of 10:20.66 set in California in April.

"I was nervous at the start, especially in front of my home area fans," said Dodge, who is training for July's U.S. Olympic Trials, and was fourth at the 1999 USA outdoor championships. "With 1,000 meters to go, I knew I could take the race. It's a good time for now; I am ahead of where I was last year."

Albany was first in the men's team standings with 148.50 points, as **Luis Soto** (long jump) and **Ronald Edmundson** (triple jump) won individual titles. **Tony Davidson's** come-from-behind anchor leg provided the Great Danes with a first-place finish in the 4x400 relay.

In the women's competition, **Onieka Randall** and **Tammy Freeman** each ran on Albany's winning 4x100 and 4x400 relays. The Great Danes scored 179 points to take the team championship.

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MEN: 1. Albany 148.50, 2. Rensselaer 68, 3. Colgate 62, 4. Plattsburgh 60, 5. Binghamton 57, 6. Ithaca 50, 7. Monmouth 39, 8. Williams 24, 9. Hunter 21, 10. Cortland 19, 11. New Horizon Track Club 18; 12. Army 16, 13. Syracuse Chargers Track Club 14, 14. Rochester 11, 15. Syracuse and Bronx International 10, 16. Hartwick, Sacred Heart and Union 9, 20. Marist, Brockport, Navy Sports and GE Runners 8, 24. Maryland Elite and Utopia 6, 24. Geneseo, U.S. Merchant Marine 5, 27. Lehman 3.5, 28. Oswego 1.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Track Events: **100** – Phinel Petit-Frere (Colgate), 11.14; **110-Hurdles** – Geoffrey York (unattached), 13.74; **200** – Michael Ford (New Horizon Track Club), 21.87; **400** – Chris Verkey (Binghamton), 48.41; **400-Hurdles** – Bill Hertz (Monmouth), 55.10; **800** – Corey Davidson (Plattsburgh), 1:53.02; **1,500** – Matt Dresser (Binghamton), 4:03.06; **3,000 Steeplechase** – Blaine Williams (Monmouth), 9:21.91; **5,000** – Jay Wells (Plattsburgh), 15:04.86; **10,000** – Will Wyche (Army), 31:04.66; **4x100 Relay** – Colgate, 41.94; **4x400 Relay** – Albany (Courtney Bonham, Ike Cherry, Jeffrey Petersen, Tony Davidson), 3:22.30; **4x800 Relay** – Williams, 8:36.1

Field Events: **Long Jump** – Luis Soto (Albany), 23-0; **Triple Jump** – Ronald Edmundson (Albany), 46-05.50; **High Jump** – Phinel Petit-Frere (Colgate), 6-09; **Hammer** – Mike Pestilli (Rensselaer), 180-04; **Discus** – Bill Monette (Rensselaer), 166-11; **Javelin** – Ron McConnell (unattached), 206-01; **Pole Vault** – Jason Gianotti (Binghamton), 16-0; **Shot Put** – Alexander Brown (Syracuse), 49-11.

WOMEN: 1. Albany 179, 2. Ithaca 130, 3. Monmouth 81, 4. Cortland 53, 5. Binghamton 40, 6. Plattsburgh 30, 7. Hunter 28, 8. Colgate 25, 9. Geneseo 20, 10. Hartwick 18, 11. Sacred Heart 14, 12. S/A Hinds Feet 13, 13. Oswego 11, 14. Union and Syracuse Chargers Track Club 10, 16. Rensselaer and NIKE Portland 8, 18. Bryn Mawr Track Club 6, 19. Rochester and FILA 5, 21. Williams 3.

Track Events: **100** – Diane Temple (Monmouth), 12.77; **100-Hurdles** – Veronica Dyer (unattached), 14.35; **200** – Aniecia Modeste (Binghamton), 26.02; **400** – Aniecia Modeste (Binghamton), 57.27; **400-Hurdles** – Jennifer White (Cortland), 1:02.39; **800** – Terra Sarnacki-Royer (Monmouth), 2:15.70; **1,500** – Cara Devlin (Ithaca), 4:41.91; **3,000 Steeplechase** – Tonya Dodge (Syracuse Chargers), 10:20.21; **3,000** – Erin Boshe (Ithaca), 10:17.57; **5,000** – Michelle Kelly (Cortland), 17:32.78; **4x100 Relay** – Albany (Seidah Abu-Bakir, Tammy Freeman, Oneika Randall, Tameka Hutcherson), 48.54; **4x400 Relay** – Albany (Dinnah Decatus, Tammy Freeman, Tamirah Haywood, Onieka Randall), 3:56.86; **4x800 Relay** – Ithaca, 10:31.54

Field Events: **Long Jump** – Nicole Kimbrough (unattached), 19-02; **High Jump** – Carin Miller (Ithaca), 5-04.25; **Triple Jump** – Talitha Vickers (Monmouth), 36-08.25; **Pole Vault** – Lisa Ricciardelli (Monmouth), 9-10; **Discus** – Jennie Chacenis (Colgate), 128-09; **Hammer** – Jennie Chacenis (Colgate), 158-09; **Javelin** – Sarah Takach (Ithaca), 107-03; **Shot Put** – Erin Stevens (Ithaca), 39-07.75.

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TWO ALBANY PLAYERS ON GTE DISTRICT I ACADEMIC BASEBALL SQUAD

Kalamazoo, Mich. – University at Albany's **Eddie Scott** and **Mark Zacharczyk** have been named to the GTE University Division District I Academic All-America Baseball Team. Scott, a sophomore who plays center field and second base, has a 3.67 cumulative grade point average in psychology with a minor in economics. Zacharczyk, a senior pitcher, has a 3.46 GPA in marketing/management with a minor in economics.

Scott, who is in his first year as a regular, is batting a team-leading .398 in the leadoff spot with 30 runs, 20 RBI, 14 stolen bases and a .521 on-base percentage. Zacharczyk has a 3-4 record with a 5.52 earned run average in nine appearances this spring. He leads the staff in innings pitched with 58.2, and has three complete games.

The Great Danes, who along with Harvard, Yale and St. Bonaventure had two players on the all-academic unit, are competing at the Division I level for the first time in 2000.

(Baseball)

Syracuse, N.Y. – First baseman **Scott Edwardson** belted his 13th home run of the season and drove in three runs in the nightcap to lead Le Moyne to a doubleheader sweep over visiting Albany on Thursday at Dick Rockwell Field. The Dolphins won the first game, 2-1, and the second, 4-2.

Edwardson snapped a 2-2 tie in the sixth inning with a two-run homer over the left-field fence to decide the second game. Reliever **Adam Shaver** sent Albany (18-24-1) down in order in its last at-bat to pick up his third save. The Great Danes tied the contest at two apiece in the second, as outfielder **Mike Steinberg** doubled and scored to key the frame.

In the opener, Le Moyne (29-14) rallied from a 1-0 deficit in the sixth. **Casey Sauke** lined a leadoff double, and later scored on **Brett Woodcock's** single. Third baseman **Jack Kennedy** singled to right field to plate the winning run with two outs. Albany broke a scoreless deadlock in the fifth, when **Chris Robilotti** (Colonie Central H.S.) doubled and came across on **Eddie Scott's** sacrifice fly.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

The Great Danes finish their season with a home game against St. Rose on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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(Game 1)

Albany	000	010	0	-	1	6	0
Le Moyne	000	002	x	-	2	7	0

Jason Trufant and Dave Mykel.

Chris Barlow, Andy Weimer (7) and Brett Woodcock.

(Game 2)

Albany (18-24-1)	020	000	0	-	2	5	1
Le Moyne (29-14)	200	002	x	-	4	5	0

Scott Tower and Dave Mykel.

Tim Salvatore, Dave Valdovinos (2), Scott LeRoy (6), Adam Shaver (7) and Mike Volkmar.

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

SELECTED BY COSIDA

2000 GTE Academic All-District I University Division Baseball Team

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		First Team				
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major(s)
P	Travis Veracka	Univ. of Mass.	Sr	Stow, Mass.	3.45	Env. Science
P	Mark Zacharczyk	Univ. at Albany	Sr	Monroe, N.Y.	3.46	Marketing/Management
C	Scot Hopps	Harvard	Jr	East Brunswick, N.J.	3.633	Anthropology
IF	Mark Evers	St. Bonaventure	Jr	Troy, N.Y.	3.5	Finance
IF	Brian Ivy	Yale	Sr	Austin, Texas	3.35	Political Science
IF	Trevor Mosley	Pace	Sr	Nepean, Ontario	3.28	Finance
IF	Eddie Scott	Univ. at Albany	So	Kingston, N.Y.	3.67	Psychology
OF	Joe Llanes	Harvard	Jr	Pembroke, Mass.	3.583	Engineering Sciences
OF	Brendan Mahoney	Manhattan	Sr	Columbia, Md.	3.7	Finance
OF	Jason Milleisen	St. Bonaventure	Sr	Miller Place, N.Y.	3.7	Finance
DH	R.D. DeSantis	Yale	Jr	Dunedin, Fla.	3.68	History/Political Science

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CHATMAN TRANSFERS TO MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's basketball coach Scott Hicks announced today that **Lindbergh Chatman**, an all-state player in Ohio as a high school senior, has transferred into the program. Chatman, who played as a freshman at Robert Morris College this past winter, will be eligible for competition in the 2001-2002 season.

Chatman, a 6-foot-5, 200-pound small forward from Akron, Ohio (Hoban H.S.), appeared in 26 games at Robert Morris, and averaged 2.5 points and 0.9 rebounds. The Colonials posted an 18-12 record, and reached the Northeast Conference championship final.

As a scholastic player, Chatman was named to the Division II all-state third team, and was a first-team All-Northeast Inland Ohio choice. He averaged 15 points and seven rebounds per game as a senior, when he led Akron Hoban to a 21-1 record and the No.1-ranking in the state's Associated Press poll. Chatman also played in the 1999 Akron/Cuyahoga County All-Star Game, and was an all-city selection.

The Great Danes have added five players to the roster since last fall. **Micah Mack**, a 6'3" guard-forward from Denton, Texas, and **E.J. Gallup**, a 6'4" guard from Gloversville, N.Y., signed letters of intent during the late recruiting period. **Kiki Picard**, a 6-foot point guard from Kissimmee, Fla., inked his letter in November. **Alex Barnhill**, a 6'4" forward from Schenectady, N.Y., transferred from Canisius in January, and will be eligible to play at the completion of the 2000 fall semester.

SIXTH ANNUAL ALBANY SPRING CLASSIC ON MAY 12-13

Albany, N.Y. – The sixth annual Albany Spring Classic and Adirondack USAT&F Track and Field Invitational, hosted by the University at Albany, will be held on May 12-13 at University Field.

Friday's field events start at 1:30 p.m. with the men's decathlon, while the 400-meter hurdles begin the track schedule at 3:00. The last track competition, the 10,000-meter run, is slated for 8:30 in the evening. The decathlon and women's heptathlon wrap up the competition on Saturday.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Albany, Rensselaer, and Union are among the more than 30 collegiate teams who will have athletes competing in the 23 men's and 24 women's events. Most of the competitors are attempting to qualify for both the NCAA and IC4A/ECAC championships later this month.

Friday's featured events are the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase (8:00 p.m.) and the men's 110-meter high hurdles (7:45 p.m.). Albany assistant cross country coach and former All-American runner **Tonya Dodge** (Granville Central H.S.) will run against three nationally-ranked athletes in the 3,000 steeplechase. Dodge is the No.3-ranked American, and was fourth at the 1999 USA Track & Field Championships.

Geoffrey York (Troy H.S.), an Albany assistant track coach and 1995 Division III national champion, will compete against two national-caliber sprinters in the 110-hurdles. Dodge and York have their sights set on the U.S. Olympic Trials in Sacramento, Calif. on July 14-23.

In addition, former World and American Record holder **Tom Petranoff** is entered in the javelin throw. Petranoff, a 42-year-old who competes for the M-F Athletic Club, was an Olympian in 1984 and 1988, and finished second at last year's national championships in Eugene, Oregon.

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See Attached Release -- **Matthew Haggarty** and **Laura Walls** chosen as University at Albany's top senior male and female student-athletes.

(Softball)

Centerville, Mass. – The University at Albany will be the fourth seed at the 2000 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division I Softball Championship on May 13-14. The four-team, double-elimination tournament will be held at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Albany finished its first Division I season with a 27-8 record, and will meet East Carolina (57-17), the tournament's top seed, in the opening round on Saturday morning. Dartmouth (30-14), the Ivy League runner-up and No. 2 seed, faces No. 3 George Mason (33-27) in the other first-round pairing.

Shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls H.S.) is one of Albany's top hitters, and has a .365 average with 28 runs, 11 extra-base hits, 17 RBI and 14 stolen bases. Left fielder **Stephanie Strauss** batted .410 and drove in a team-leading 26 runs, while sophomore right-hander **Sarah Maida** has been solid on the mound with a 14-4 record and a 2.14 earned run average.

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ECAC Division I Softball Tournament
(George Mason Field, Fairfax, Va.)

Saturday, May 13

Game 1 - #1 East Carolina (57-17) vs. #4 Albany (27-8), 10:00 a.m.

Game 2 - #2 Dartmouth (30-14) vs. #3 George Mason (33-27), 12:00

Game 3 - Loser Game #1 vs. Loser Game #2, 2:00

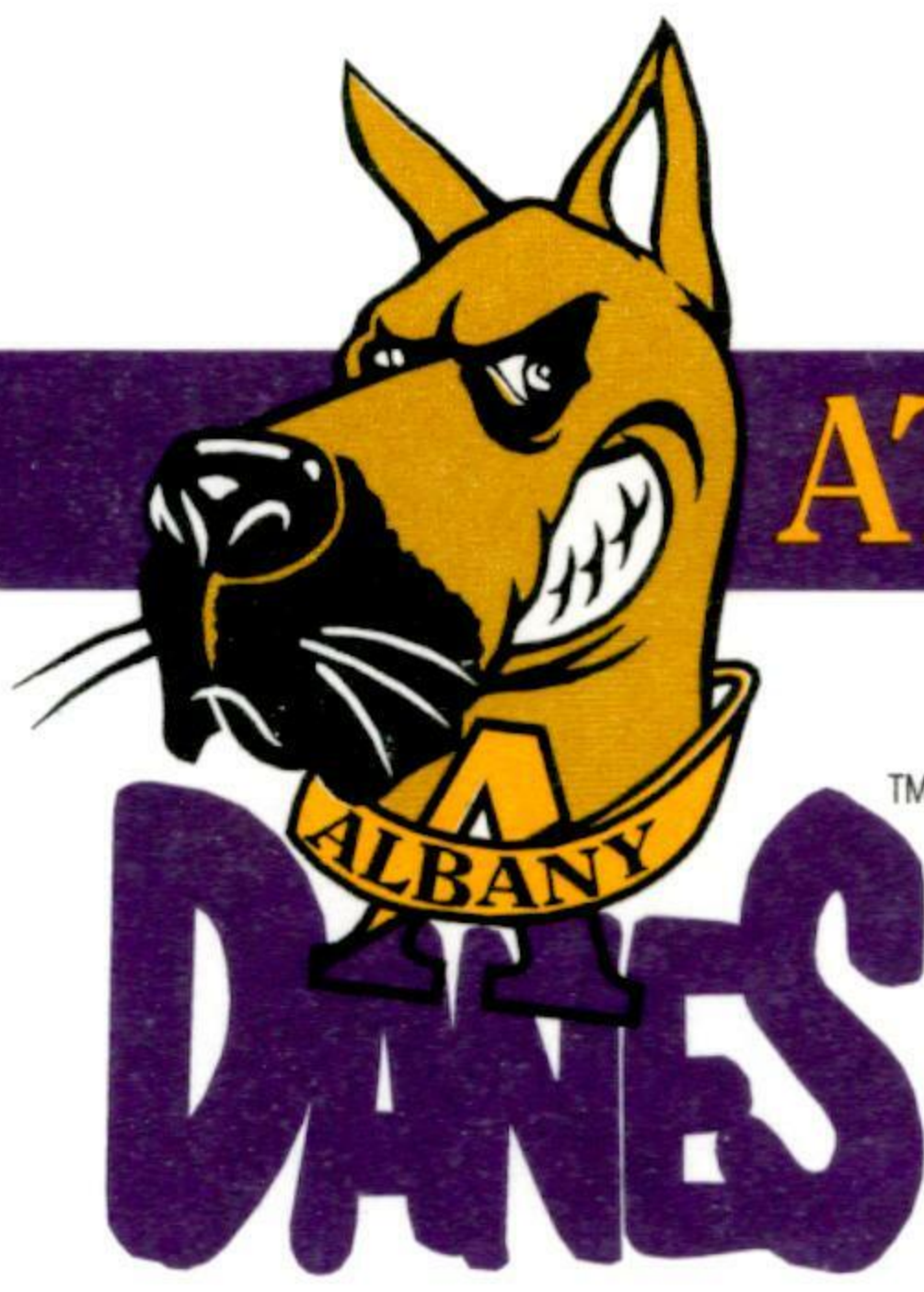
Game 4 - Winner Game #1 vs. Winner Game #2, 4:00

Sunday, May 14

Game 5 - Winner Game #3 vs. Loser Game #4, 10:00 a.m.

Game 6 - Winner Game #4 vs. Winner Game #5, 12:00

Game 7 - Game #6 opponents (if necessary), 2:00



For Immediate Release
Tuesday, May 9, 2000

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ATHLETES AWARDED ECAC MERIT MEDALS Matthew Haggarty and Laura Walls Are Selected

ALBANY, N.Y. – **Matthew Haggarty** and **Laura Walls** have been chosen to receive Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Merit Medals, as University at Albany Interim Director of Athletics Gail Cummings-Danson announced today. The awards are annually given to school's top senior male and female student-athletes who have shown excellence in the classroom and as competitive athletes during the current academic year.

Haggarty, who ranked sixth nationally among the NCAA Division I leaders in three-point field goals as a 6-foot-3 guard-forward on the men's basketball team, has a 3.37 cumulative grade point average in communication with a dual minor in Spanish and marketing.

A native of Wayland, Mass., Haggarty was named to the Division I All-Independent second team, and averaged 13.7 points, 3.1 rebounds and 2.8 assists. He established the school's single-season record with 94 three-point field goals made, and also set the career mark with 256. Haggarty finished his career ranked 16th on the all-time scoring list with 1,096 points, and eclipsed another UA standard with 110 games played.

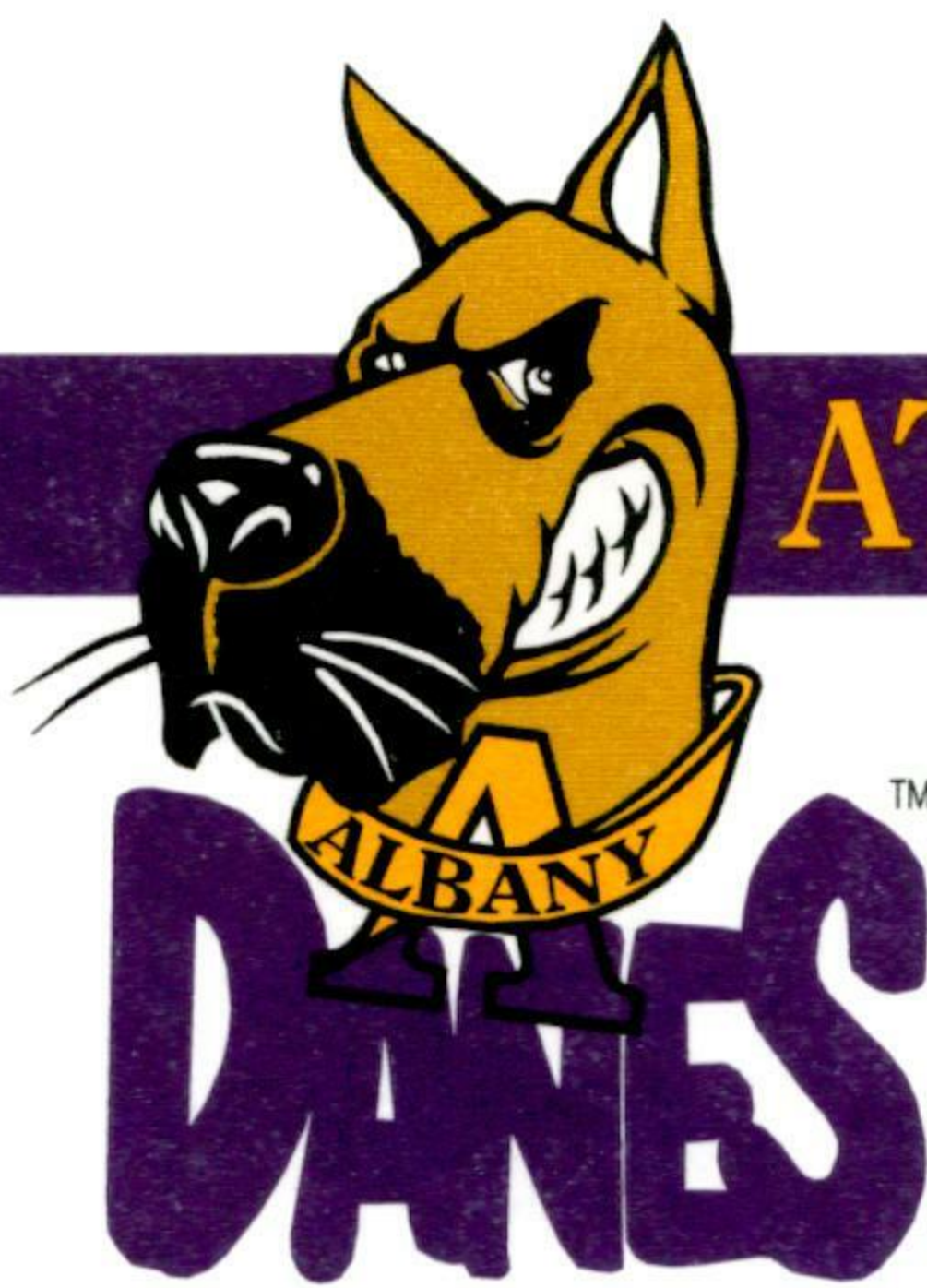
A two-time captain and three-year starter, Haggarty is a Presidential Scholar, and has served internships with Arnold Communications and WAMC Radio. He was selected to the GTE/CoSIDA District I Academic All-America Basketball squad.

Walls, a four-year regular on the women's lacrosse team, has a 3.57 grade point average in history with a minor in political science, and will attend Hofstra University Law School in the fall.

She scored 16 goals and six assists and had four multiple-goal games this spring. As a senior attack, she led the Great Danes to an 8-6 record in their inaugural Division I campaign. Walls, who hails from Yorktown Heights, N.Y., scored 69 points (52 goals, 17 assists) as a collegian, and her goal total ranks fifth on the school's all-time chart.

Walls, whose lacrosse teams combined for 34 victories during her career, will graduate from the University with honors later this month, and is a seven-time dean's list student. She has served a two-semester internship with the New York State Supreme Court, and is a member of Golden Key National Honor Society.





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ALBANY'S 2000 FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS ANNOUNCED

Albany, N.Y. – Head football coach Bob Ford announced today that 38 student-athletes have signed enrollment cards to attend the University at Albany and play football next fall.

“This is a solid group of football players, who will increase our team speed significantly,” said Ford, who led Albany to a 7-2 record in its first NCAA Division I-AA campaign in 1999. “We met many of our needs. The class includes a great group of inside linebackers, a decent group of offensive linemen, and six good defensive backs.”

The 2000 class features 34 high school standouts, three prep school players, and one junior college transfer from seven different states. The group is comprised of 31 recruits from the state of New York, two from Florida, and one each from New Mexico, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Ohio and Rhode Island. The breakdown by position is six running backs, three quarterbacks, three tight ends, three receivers, six offensive linemen, eight linebackers, six defensive backs and three defensive linemen.

Dane Winget, a 6-foot-1, 210-pound linebacker, leads the list of defensive players. Winget, the first Albany recruit from New Mexico, was named *USA Today* honorable mention All-American, and had 65 tackles with eight sacks as a senior. Linebacker **Kevin Gribbin** (6-2, 235) was an All-Suffolk County selection, while Scotia-Glenville High's **Fred Frese** (6-0, 162) was third-team All-New York State as a defensive back.

Running back **Tom Cuozzo** (6-1, 185) was named by Fox Sports as a top-50 player in New York State last fall. He rushed for 2,099 career yards, and was a two-time *Staten Island Advance* all-star. **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) and **Mike Hampel** (Cobleskill-Richmondville) were consensus All-Capital Region running backs. Wide receiver **Tom Burkhart** (Averill Park) and tight end **Michael Laroche** (Queensbury) will also play for the Great Danes next year.

2000 University at Albany Football Recruits

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Previous School/Hometown
Jeremy Barnes	DB	5-10	185	Paul V. Moore/Brewerton, N.Y.
Matt Buck	OL	6-5	230	John Glenn/East Northport, N.Y.
Tom Burkhart	WR	6-4	205	Averill Park/Averill Park, N.Y.
Kurt Campbell	DB	6-1	205	Palm Beach Gardens/Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
Ryan Carden	OLB	5-9	193	Pelham Memorial/Pelham, N.Y.
Tom Chirichella	LB	6-0	200	Paramus Catholic/Carlstadt, N.J.
Michael Corey	OLB	5-11	200	Victor Central/Victor, N.Y.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Football Recruits – Continued)

Ciaran Crampton	DB	6-1	188	Iona Prep/Yonkers, N.Y.
Matt Crudo	RB	5-11	177	LaSalle Institute/Latham, N.Y.
Tom Cuzzo	RB	6-1	185	Monsignor Farrell/Staten Island, N.Y.
James Ducharme	LB	5-11	215	North Rockland/Stony Point, N.Y.
Fred Frese	DB	6-0	162	Scotia-Glenville/Scotia, N.Y.
Al Girard	DE	6-4	225	Worcester Academy (Mass.)/Barrington, R.I.
Thomas Greene	QB	6-1	215	St. Francis Prep/Belle Harbor, N.Y.
Kevin Gribbin	LB	6-2	225	Harborfields/Huntington, N.Y.
Geir Gudmundsen	OL	6-6	240	Saugerties/Saugerties, N.Y.
Matt Hamme	QB	6-0	190	Western Reserve Acad. (Ohio)/New York, N.Y.
Mike Hampel	RB	5-10	195	Cobleskill-Richmondville/Cobleskill, N.Y.
Joe Hensel	OL	6-4	285	Milford Academy (Conn.)/New Hartford, N.Y.
Eric Holzer	TE	6-2	225	Archbishop Stepinac/Pleasantville, N.Y.
Justin Kozlowski	QB	6-2	191	Cicero-North Syracuse/Cicero, N.Y.
Luke Kurtz	DB	6-3	190	Clarence/Clarence Center, N.Y.
Rocco Lafaro	OLB	6-0	190	Archbishop Stepinac/Harrison, N.Y.
Michael Laroche	TE	6-3	230	Queensbury/Queensbury, N.Y.
Erik Leary	FB	5-11	235	Webster/Webster, N.Y.
Jason Miller	WR	6-1	160	Fairport/Fairport, N.Y.
Abraham Oyewo	TE	6-6	210	Mount St. Michael Academy/Bronx, N.Y.
Jason Pelosi	DL	6-5	205	Broadalbin-Perth/Broadalbin, N.Y.
Clifton Prince	DB	5-9	173	St. Francis Prep/Queens Village, N.Y.
Doug Schrier	OL	6-4	220	Gates-Chili/Rochester, N.Y.
Joe Senchyshyn	SE	6-0	155	Cooperstown/Cooperstown, N.Y.
Brandon Shaw	OL	6-2	280	Auburn/Auburn, N.Y.
Drew Strong	OL	6-2	275	Spanish River/Boca Raton, Fla.
Mike Tortorelli	LB	6-0	218	Cicero-North Syracuse/Mattydale, N.Y.
Hans Valverde	DL	6-1	240	Dean J.C. (Mass.)/Lynn, Mass.
Rohann Vidal	RB	5-8	175	Holy Cross/Laurelton, N.Y.
Dustin Wilson	RB	6-0	190	Susquehanna Valley/Kirkwood, N.Y.
Dane Winget	LB	6-1	210	Highland/Albuquerque, N.M.

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Comments: College Baseball

Albany, N.Y. – Third baseman **Mike Kuebler** had three hits, including a three-run homer, in the nightcap, as Albany earned a doubleheader split with Binghamton on Sunday at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 7-2, but lost the first contest, 5-3.

Chris Robilotti (Colonie Central H.S.), a senior infielder playing in his final home game, gave Albany (18-22-1) a 2-0 lead in the second game with a two-run double in the second. Kuebler added a RBI single in the third, and belted his third home run of the season to highlight a four-run fifth. **David Schrepper** scattered four hits to post his first victory on the mound this spring.

In the opener, Binghamton (23-18) reversed a 2-1 deficit by scoring four times in the fifth. **Tim Macko** lined a two-run double to the deepest part of center field, before **Tim Collar**, who had three hits, slugged a two-run homer over the left-field fence. **Phil Goldstein** improved to 6-5 overall with his third complete game of the season.

Albany's **Steve Checksfield** had three hits, including his 11th home run of the year, and added three runs and two RBI on the day.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Binghamton	100	040	0	-	5	9	1
Albany	000	201	0	-	3	9	1

Phil Goldstein and Kyle Loucks.

Adam Harriman, Mike Jorgensen (6), Craig Straus (6) and Rob Ryan, Dave Mykel (7).

(Game 2)

Binghamton (23-18)	000	000	2	-	2	4	2
Albany (18-22-1)	021	040	x	-	7	6	2

Jason Heindorf, Phil Antonio (5), James Yost (6) and Mike Loucks.

Dave Schrepper and Dave Mykel.

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Comments: College Sports (Men's Lacrosse, Baseball)

(Men's Lacrosse)

Providence, R.I. – Junior midfielder **Kris Bremer** scored the go-ahead goal with 12:41 remaining to lift Albany past Providence, 14-11, in the season finale for both teams at Glay Field. The Great Danes, who have won five of their last six starts, finish the program's inaugural Division I campaign with a 6-5 record.

Albany trailed 6-4 in the second quarter, but then reeled off five consecutive goals. Senior attackman **Dan Small**, who had five goals, including his 37th of the season, and three assists, scored three times in that stretch.

Providence (5-10) rallied to draw even at 11 apiece with 13:01 left in the final period, when **Skip Dunphy** converted an extra-man opportunity. Bremer put the Great Danes ahead for good 20 seconds later off a feed from **Jim Lindsay**, who had two goals and three assists. **Matt Duball**, who scored three times, and **Sal Massa** padded Albany's margin over the next three minutes.

Chris Houston led the Friars with three goals, while leading-scorer **Kenneth Leahy** added two goals and two assists. Albany's **Mike Shelli** (Shenendehowa H.S.) made 11 saves.

-agate-

Albany (6-5)	3	6	2	3	-	14
Providence (5-10)	4	3	3	1	-	11

Albany – Scoring: Dan Small 5-3, Jim Lindsay 3-2, Matt Duball 3-0, Sal Massa 1-2, Kris Bremer 1-0, Jeremy Smith 1-0, Sean McConaghy 0-2, Sean Donnellan 0-1, Jon Smith 0-1; Goalkeeper: Mike Shelli (60:00, 11 saves, 11 GA).

Providence – Scoring: Chris Houston 3-0, Kenneth Leahy 2-3, Dan Moran 1-1, Jim Dooley 1-1, Jeff Merklinger 1-0, John Pisinski 1-0, C.P. Kenny 1-0, Skip Dunphy 1-0, Brian Walker 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Kelly (8:49, 1 save, 2 GA), John Farley (6:11, 2 save, 1 GA), Brian McCarthy (45:00, 8 saves, 11 GA).

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. – Right fielder **Mike Rick** hit a grand slam in the nightcap, and drove in seven runs on the day to lead New York Tech to a doubleheader sweep over Albany on Saturday at Varsity Field. The Bears won the twinbill, 7-4 and 17-2.

In the opener, New York Tech (17-20-1) snapped a 3-3 tie in the seventh with a four-run inning. **Tom Merkle** broke the deadlock with a two-run double down the left-field line. Rick drove in two more runs with a single up the middle.

Pitcher **Doug Stasio** fired a three-hitter in the second game, and improved to 2-2 this spring. Rick's grand slam, his third home run of the season, keyed a seven-run first inning. Leadoff hitter **Rob Santoro** went 4-for-7 on the afternoon with four runs scored, and belted a two-run homer in the nightcap.

Michael Tecklenburg had a pair of hits, including his fifth home run of the year, and added two runs and two RBI for Albany (17-21-1).

-agate-

(Game 1)

New York Tech	002	100	4	-	7	9	2
Albany	010	110	1	-	4	6	1

Rich Roth and Vincent Galea.

Mark Zacharczyk, Michael Tecklenburg (7) and Rob Ryan.

(Game 2)

New York Tech (17-20-1)	709	000	1	-	17	15	0
Albany (17-21-1)	000	110	0	-	2	3	2

Doug Stasio and Steve Zydowsky.

Craig Straus, Adam Castoldi (1), Shawn Walsh (3), Jeff Fernandez (3), Mike Jorgensen (4) and Dave Mykel.

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Comments: College Baseball

Colonie, N.Y. – First baseman **Jeff Rossiter** lined a two-run double to score the go-ahead runs, as Albany rallied in the nightcap to earn a doubleheader split with New York Tech on Friday at Heritage Park. The Great Danes won the second game, 9-7, but lost the opener, 9-3.

New York Tech (15-20-1) broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth with a four-run frame. **Ryan Nevins** gave his team the lead with a pinch-hit single. **Rob Santoro** had a RBI single, and **Ian Beller** executed a sacrifice-squeeze bunt during the uprising.

Albany (17-19-1) came right back with six runs in the bottom of the inning. **Jim Lovett** (Colonie Central H.S.) drilled a two-run single to left field, before **Steve Checksfield's** run-scoring base hit and **Mike Steinberg's** fielder's choice RBI drew the Great Danes even. Rossiter, who had three hits and three RBI on the night, later followed with his game-winning two-bagger to right field.

The Bears used a six-run third inning to take control in the first contest. **Brian Goldberg**, who had five hits, including four doubles, and drove in five runs in the twinbill, keyed the at-bat with a RBI double.

Checksfield went 5-for-8 at the plate in the two games with four runs, two RBIs and a double. Albany and New York Tech meet in a 12-noon doubleheader on Saturday at Varsity Field on campus.

-agate-

(Game 1)

New York Tech	006	021	0	-	9	12	2
Albany	001	020	0	-	3	7	2

Brandon Kurz and Vincent Galea. Jason Trufant, Adam Castoldi (6) and Rob Ryan.

(Game 2)

New York Tech (15-20-1)	102	004	0	-	7	11	0
Albany (17-19-1)	100	026	x	-	9	13	2

Ben Petersen, Ed Gillespie (6), Rob Bosworth (6) and Steve Zydowsky, Vincent Galea (6). Scott Tower and Dave Mykel.

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Comments: College Sports (Football, Baseball)

FOOTBALL FINISHES SPRING PRACTICE WITH SATURDAY SCRIMMAGE

Albany, N.Y. -- Spring football practice concludes at the University at Albany on Saturday, May 6 with a controlled scrimmage at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free at University Field. The Great Danes are expected to run 60 plays in the final session of a 15-practice schedule in preparation for their second season at the NCAA Division I-AA level.

Head coach **Bob Ford** led Albany to a 7-2 record, and a second-place finish in the Northeast Conference last fall. Ford has 35 letterwinners, including five starters on offense and four on defense, returning from that team.

Junior **Marcus Rontondi** (Shenendehowa H.S.) has emerged in the battle for the starting quarterback position. Other prominent local high school standouts are All-NEC split end **Chris Phillis** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) and all-conference cornerback **Jelani Dandles** (Bishop Maginn H.S.). Senior **Davon Jones** (Albany H.S.) will start at one of the defensive end positions.

Albany has an 11-game schedule in 2000, and opens on the road against Atlantic-10 Conference foe Northeastern on September 9.

2000 Albany Schedule

Sept. 9, at Northeastern, 12:30; Sept. 16, at Rowan, 1:30; Sept. 23, Wagner*, 6:00; Sept. 30, at Stony Brook*, 12:30; Oct. 7, St. Francis, Pa.*, 1:00; Oct. 14, at St. John's, TBA; Oct. 21, at Sacred Heart*, 1:00; Oct. 28, Central Connecticut State*, 1:00; Nov. 4, Monmouth*, 1:00; Nov. 11, at Robert Morris*, 1:30; Nov. 18, at Hofstra, TBA.

*Northeast Conference Opponent

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Baseball)

Pleasantville, N.Y. -- Albany's **Steve Checksfield** drove in three runs, including his 40th of the season, and pitcher **Adam Harriman** threw a complete game to lead the Great Danes to a 5-1 victory over Pace on Thursday at Finnerty Field.

Albany (16-18-1) snapped a three-game losing streak, and hosts New York Tech in a doubleheader at Heritage Park on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

The Great Danes rallied from a 1-0 deficit, when catcher **Rob Ryan** (Shenendehowa H.S.) lined a two-run triple into the left-field gap in the sixth. Checksfield drove in **Eddie Scott**, who led off with a double, with a groundout in the seventh, and then drilled his 10th home run this spring, a eighth-inning two-run blast over the left-field fence.

Harriman, a junior left-hander, scattered seven hits to improve to 4-4 overall, and threw his fifth complete game of the season. Pace (12-26) scored on an RBI single by **Keith Richardson**.

Checksfield and Scott each had two hits, while freshman shortstop **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn H.S.) added a pair of singles.

-agate-

Albany (16-18-1)	000	002	102	-	5	11	1
Pace (12-26)	001	000	000	-	1	7	2

Adam Harriman and Rob Ryan.

Joel Filipek, Juan Miranda (8) and Joe Stefania.

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Comments: **College Sports** (Lacrosse, Softball)

(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior attackman **Dan Small** tied a career-high with seven goals to lead Albany to a 16-10 victory over Quinnipiac on Wednesday at Varsity Field. Albany (5-5) has won four of its last five starts to reach the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Quinnipiac (5-8) held a 3-2 lead midway through the first quarter, when the Great Danes erupted for five consecutive goals. Freshman **Alan Beach** gave his team the lead for good with 32 seconds left in the period. Small ended that stretch with 11:54 remaining in the second quarter, when he converted a pass from defenseman **Brian Vanderlofske** in a man-down situation for a 7-3 advantage.

Mike Heslin's extra-man goal pulled the Braves within 10-7 in the third stanza, but Albany tallied five unanswered goals to put the game away. Small, who had seven goals earlier this season against Boston College, and **Sal Massa** each scored twice in that decisive stretch.

Massa finished with three goals, while sophomore **Jim Lindsay** added a season-high six assists. Senior midfielder **Sean McConaghy** (Columbia H.S.) had two goals in his final home game. Quinnipiac's **Mike Baglio** had three goals and one assist, while **Joe Baglio** scored three times.

-agate-

Quinnipiac (5-8)	3	2	2	3	-	10
Albany (5-5)	4	4	4	4	-	16

Quinnipiac – Scoring: Mike Baglio 3-1, Joe Baglio 3-0, Mike Heslin 2-0, Justin Smith 1-0, Ryan Petrowsky 1-0, Jeff Speed 0-2; Goalkeeper: T.J. Barnett (60:00, 11 saves, 16 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Dan Small 7-0, Sal Massa 3-0, Sean McConaghy 2-0, Brian Vanderlofske 1-1, Sean Donnellan 1-0, Joe Goldsmith 1-0, Alan Beach 1-0, Jim Lindsay 0-6, Matt Duball 0-1, Tim Shea 0-1; Goalkeeper: Mike Shelli (60:00, 18 saves, 10 GA).

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Stephanie Strauss** has been selected as both the ECAC Division I and Independent Division I player of the week in softball (Apr. 24-30).

Strauss, a junior outfielder, batted .522 (16-for-29) in 10 games last week with eight runs, two doubles, one home run, eight RBI and two sacrifice hits. She raised her season batting average 58 points to a team-leading .410. She ranks second among Division I independent hitters.

Strauss recorded five hits, four RBI and three runs in a doubleheader sweep against Buffalo, and homered for the first time this spring in the opener. She also totaled five hits, including two doubles, and drove in two runs in a twinbill sweep at Vermont. Strauss scored the winning run in the eighth inning of the nightcap.

Albany is 27-8 overall in its first year as a NCAA Division I program.

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Comments: College Baseball

Colonie, N.Y. – Junior **Mike Volkmar** had six hits and scored a pair of runs to lead Le Moyne to a doubleheader sweep over Albany on Tuesday evening at Heritage Park. The Dolphins won the first game in eight innings, 6-5, and the second contest, 6-3.

In the opener, Le Moyne (25-13) reversed a 2-1 deficit with a three-run sixth inning. Volkmar opened the frame with a double and later came around to score. **Brett Woodcock** gave his club a 5-2 lead with a RBI single in the seventh.

Albany (15-18-1) rallied with three runs in its last at-bat to force extra innings. **Steve Checksfield**, who had singled, scored the tying run on **Michael Tecklenburg's** ground ball to second base. Le Moyne's **Casey Saucke** drove in the winning run in the eighth with a single to left field.

The Dolphins jumped out a 3-0 lead in the first inning of the nightcap. **Scott Edwardsen** and Saucke each had RBI singles. Freshman infielder **Sam Parkins** went 3-for-4 in the contest with two runs and one RBI. **Eddie Scott** had a pair of run-scoring singles for the Great Danes.

Albany catcher **Rob Ryan** (Shenendehowa H.S.) went 4-for-5 in the twinbill with two doubles and one run.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Le Moyne	001	003	11	-	6	11	3
Albany	001	010	30	-	5	12	1

Adam Shaver, Brian Mattoon (4), Andy Weimer (6) and Brett Woodcock.

David Schrepper, Adam Castoldi (6), Neil Hagin (6), Michael Tecklenburg (7) and Rob Ryan.

(Game 2)

Le Moyne (25-13)	301	100	1	-	6	8	1
Albany (15-18-1)	001	000	2	-	3	5	2

Dave Valdovinos, Michael Hamm (5), Scott LeRoy (6), Josh Pokracki (7), Tom Matuseski (7) and Mike Volkmar.

Mark Zacharczyk, Craig Straus (7) and Rob Ryan, Dave Mykel (4).

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Comments: College Basketball

Micah Mack Will Play Basketball for Great Danes in 2000-2001

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Scott Hicks announced today that **Micah Mack** has signed a national letter of intent to play men's basketball in 2000-2001. Mack is a 6-foot-3, 195-pound guard/forward from Denton, Texas (Ryan H.S.).

Mack averaged 12.1 points and 4.4 rebounds this past season in leading Denton Ryan High to the 4A state championship and a 30-6 record. He was named to the University Interscholastic League (UIL) all-state team, and was a *Denton Record-Chronicle* first-team All-Area selection. The Raiders also won the 4A Area and District 7 titles.

Mack, who averaged 2.4 assists, and shot 54 percent from the field, was also selected a first-team Region I all-star and to the *Dallas Morning News* District 7-4A squad. He was rated among the state's top-75 players by *Texas Basketball Review*.

E.J. Gallup, a 6-foot-4 guard from Gloversville, N.Y., signed with the Great Danes yesterday. **Kiki Picard**, a 6-foot point guard from Kissimmee, Fla., inked his letter in November.

Albany finished with an 11-17 record in its first season as a Division I program in 1999-2000. The late recruiting period continues through May 15.

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E.J. Gallup Commits to University at Albany Basketball Program

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head men's basketball coach Scott Hicks announced today that **E.J. Gallup** has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball in 2000-2001. Gallup, a native of Gloversville, N.Y., is a 6-foot-4, 185-pound guard. He is currently attending Bridgton Academy in Maine, where he averaged nearly 13 points per game.

The Great Danes signed one player during the early recruiting period. **Kiki Picard**, a 6-foot point guard from Kissimmee, Fla. (Osceola H.S.), inked his letter in November.

Gallup, a three-point shooting threat, averaged 19.0 points per game during his senior season, when he led Gloversville High School to the 1999 Section II Class B final. He was named the Foothills Council League MVP, and earned Capital Region All-Area recognition. In addition, Gallup scored at an 18.0 clip as a junior, and was a three-year regular on the varsity.

Albany completed its first NCAA Division I season with an 11-17 record in 1999-2000. The late signing period continues through May 15.