

2002 Verizon Academic All-District I Volleyball (University Division) Team
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INKS TWO SCHOLASTIC STARS IN EARLY PERIOD

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head women's basketball coach Trina Patterson is proud to announce the signing of National Letters of Intent by **Lyndsay Clark** and **Nicole Scipione** to the class of 2007.

Clark, a 6-foot-2 center from Dixfield, Maine, averaged 17.3 points, 9.0 rebounds, and 4.0 blocks per game as a junior at Dirigo High School. Clark is rated one of the top-five players in the state of Maine. She has been the starting center on the varsity team since her freshman year and her squad has an 88-1 record during that time. Dirigo has won the Mountain Valley Conference and regional championships all three years with Clark in the lineup. The program captured the Class C state crown in 2000 and 2002. In the 2000 state championship game, Clark scored the game-winning basket.

Scipione, a 5-foot-11 guard from State College Pa., averaged 10.0 points and 3.4 rebounds per game for the State College Lady Little Lions, which finished 26-4 last year winning the District 6 and Mountain High League Championships. She received an 85 out of 100 rating from the Adidas All-Star Sports Report among shooting guards in the class of 2003. Her squad also made the final four of the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Athletic Association Playoffs.

In April of 2002, Scipione's AAU team won the Albany Capital Classic. Her AAU teams were second at the 2001 United States Junior National in Washington, D.C. and the Deep South Classic in North Carolina. Scipione enters her senior year shooting 46 percent from the field and 33.3 percent from three-point range.

"Nicole is a slashing guard with great size," stated Patterson. "Lyndsay is an athletic impact player who can score in the paint. Overall, they come from programs that have won state championships and know how to win."

Albany, a member of the America East Conference, has three additional scholarships available for 2003-04.

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ALBANY'S BOB FORD & GARY JONES EARN MAJOR NEC FOOTBALL AWARDS Great Danes Tie League Record with 14 All-Conference Players

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Bob Ford** was named the Northeast Conference Coach of the Year and tailback **Gary Jones** earned Offensive Player of the Year honors, as the NEC all-conference football team was announced today by the league office. The Great Danes tied an NEC record with 14 players voted to the all-conference first and second teams.

Jones, a junior who played at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk H.S., established nine school single-season records in 2002. He also set NEC records with 1,509 rushing yards, 138 points and 23 touchdowns. Jones, a four-time NEC offensive player of the week, totaled 1,949 all-purpose yards and nine 100-yard rushing games, both UAlbany single-season marks. He is currently third among the NCAA Division I-AA rushing leaders at 125.8 yards per game.

Ford, the school's only coach since starting the program at the club level in 1970, led the Great Danes to its first-ever NEC championship. Albany went on to beat an undefeated Duquesne team in the ECAC Football Classic on Nov. 23. The Great Danes finished with an 8-4 record, including 6-1 in conference play. Ford has posted a 185-115 record in UAlbany's 30 seasons at the varsity level.

In addition to Jones, Albany placed seven other players on the first team. Quarterback **Ryan Roeder** passed for 1,366 yards and eight touchdowns, plus rushed for 259 yards and eight scores. **Josh Bazan**, a senior linebacker, led the Great Danes with 124 tackles, including 16 for losses and 3.5 sacks. He makes his third consecutive appearance on the All-NEC first team. **Billy Pike**, who averaged 39.0 yards, was the first-team punter for the second year in a row.

The Great Danes' offensive line is well represented, as the group paved the way for the nation's seventh-ranked rushing attack at 252.3 yards per game. **Alex Argulewicz**, a senior who made 32 consecutive starts at left guard, in a first-team selection for the second straight year. Right tackle **Mike Laroche** (Queensbury), left tackle **Geir Gudmundsen** and tight end **Greg Sigler** were also chosen.

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Free safety **Samson Brown** leads a group of six Albany players on the All-NEC second team. Brown, who had 52 tackles, 10 pass break-ups and two interceptions this season, is an all-conference choice for the fourth consecutive season. He is joined on the unit by fullback **Jon George** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake), flanker **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute), defensive end **Josh MacAnn**, defensive tackle **David Parks** and center **Brandon Shaw**.

UALBANY MOVES UP IN FINAL NATIONAL MID-MAJOR FOOTBALL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 24-0 victory over previously unbeaten Duquesne in the ECAC Football Classic, UAlbany climbed dramatically in the final Football Gazette and Sports Network Division I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. The Great Danes improved four positions to No. 2 in the Football Gazette rankings, and moved up three spots to No. 3 in the Sports Network poll.

The Great Danes, who captured their first-ever Northeast Conference championship, finished 8-4 overall. Albany has reached the seven-mark in six of the last seasons, and has a combined 55-20 record in that period.

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Dayton, 2. **Albany**, 3. Duquesne, 4. Morehead State, 5. Davidson, 6. Stony Brook, 7. Sacred Heart, 8. San Diego, 9. Marist, 10. Drake.

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

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ECAC Football Classic

Albany 24, Duquesne 0

Albany, N.Y. – Junior tailback **Gary Jones** rushed 36 times for 194 yards and two touchdowns, as Albany knocked off previously unbeaten Duquesne, 24-0, in the ECAC Football Classic on Saturday afternoon at University Field. The postseason contest annually matches the regular-season champions from the Northeast Conference and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

NEC champion Albany (8-4) scored on three consecutive possessions in the first quarter to leap to a 17-0 lead. Wind gusts out of the northwest that at times exceeded 30 miles per hour played havoc with both teams passing and kicking games.

Following Joe Maker's two-yard punt, the Great Danes had good field position at the Duquesne 43-yard line. Senior quarterback **Ryan Roeder** directed his team on a seven-play drive that ended in Jones' 19-yard dash through the middle to the end zone.

Albany scored 10 more points by taking advantage of two consecutive short punts that were directly affected by the wind. Fullback **Jon George** and Jones ran five straight times, before place-kicker **Stan Zylinski** booted a 30-yard field goal. The Great Danes, who rushed for 253 yards on a muddy field that was drenched by a heavy overnight rain, had to travel just 29 yards for their next touchdown. George drove over left guard on a one-yard scoring run with 19 seconds left in the period.

MAAC champion Duquesne (11-1), ranked 21st in the Division I-AA national polls entering the game, had two scoring chances late in the second quarter. But the first opportunity ended in a missed 24-yard field goal by **Earl Bellisario**, and the second drive stalled out at the Albany 13 when quarterback **Niel Loebig's** fourth-down pass fell incomplete.

Although Albany failed to score in the third quarter, the offense helped the defense by controlling the clock for 14-plus minutes in the period. The Great Danes put the game away with a late fourth-period drive. Jones, who set the NEC's single-season records for rushing (1,509 yards) and scoring (142 points), carried five times in the scoring march. The ECAC championship MVP went around right end on a one-yard TD run to cap his team's upset victory.

"This is a picture-perfect way to end a career," said Albany linebacker **Josh Bazan**, who led his team with 11 tackles, broke up two passes, and established the school's career mark in the process with 354. "We lost some close ones this year, but I wish everyone could go out like this."

The Dukes, who were bidding for the program's first undefeated season since 1941, were shutout for the first time since 1997 and held to 146 total yards, including 44 on the ground. Duquesne was averaging 36.1 points and 430.2 yards entering the contest. Loebig completed 12 of 37 passes for 102 yards, and was picked off twice by Albany roverback **Ryan MacLean**.

"We played like we're capable of playing," commented Jones, who rushed for 100 or more yards for the seventh straight game. "We're lot better than our record. We pounded the football in tough conditions and relied on a line that got the job done."

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ALBANY CROSS COUNTRY SQUADS TURN IN OUTSTANDING EFFORTS AT IC4A & ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bronx, N.Y. - Behind the second-place finish of junior **Joe Pienta** and fifth-place showing of sophomore **Andy Allstadt**, the University at Albany men's cross country team finished third at the IC4A Championships on Saturday afternoon at Van Cortlandt Park.

Princeton won the team title with a total of 61 points, while the Great Danes amassed 90.

Colgate's **Xavier Deboissezon** finished the 10,000-meter course in 25:40.5 to claim the individual title. Pienta was 12 seconds behind him in second place, clocking in at 25:52.1. Allstadt crossed the tape at 26:09.0 to finish in fifth. Fellow **sophomore Sam Gonzalez** rounded out a trio of UAlbany runners in the top-25 by placing 10th in a time of 26:29.4. Also scoring points for the Great Danes were junior **Rob Caracciolo** (29th, 27:20.5) and freshman **Robbie Freeman** (41st, 27:38.0).

In the ECAC Women's Cross Country Championships, Albany recorded their best finish ever, as the team placed second overall with 127 points. Princeton nabbed the team title with 79 points. Army's **Ashley Urick** captured the individual crown in a time of 18:31.8.

Senior **Meghan Howell** was the 11th runner overall across the finish line in 19:13.6 to lead the Great Danes. Fifteen seconds behind her was senior **Zerlinda Martinez** who placed 17th in a time of 19:28.1. Clocking in at 19:41.0 and finishing 26th was junior **Trista Neinast**. Sophomore **Nicole Susser** was one second behind her in 29th place. Rounding out the scoring for Albany was **Theresa Juva** in 44th at 19:55.9.

IC4A CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS - UNIVERSITY MEN (Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, N.Y.)

Top 10 Team Results - 1. Princeton 61, 2. Colgate 77, 3. Albany 90, 4. New Hampshire 105, 5. Seton Hall 134, 6. St. John's 164, 7. Monmouth 201, 8. Fordham 214, 9. East Carolina 221, 10. Binghamton 253.

Individual Champion - Xavier DeBoissezon, Colgate, 25:40.5

UAlbany's Top Finishers - 2. Joe Pienta 25:52.1, 5. Andy Allstadt 26:09.0, 13. Sam Gonzalez 26:29.4, 29. Robert Caracciolo 27:20.5. 41. Robbie Freeman 27:38.0.

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ECAC WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS (Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, N.Y.)

Top 10 Team Results - 1. Princeton 79, 2. Albany 127, 3. Fordham 141, 4. New Hampshire 151, 5. Army 168, 6. Sacred Heart 192, 7. East Carolina 207, 8. Manhattan 219, 9. Colgate 249, 10 Wagner 264.

Individual Champion - Ashley Urick, Army, 18:31.8

UAlbany Top Finishers - 11. Meghan Howell 19:13.6, 17. Zerlinda Martinez 19:28.1, 26. Trista Neinast 19:41.0, 29. Nicole Susser 19:42.6, 44. Theresa Juva 19:55.9.

UALBANY DEFEATED IN FIRST ROUND OF AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Durham, N.H. - Despite a career-high 17 kills from freshman outside hitter **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez**, UAlbany was defeated, 3-2, by New Hampshire, the No. 1 seed, in the semifinals of the America East Volleyball Championships on Saturday afternoon at UNH's Lundholm Gymnasium. The Wildcats won the decisive fifth set 15-7 after the Great Danes tied the match at two games apiece. New Hampshire won by scores of 30-18, 24-30, 30-24, 25-30, 15-7.

New Hampshire (22-10) was led by all-conference player **Alyson Coler** who tied an America East Championship record with a match-high 27 kills. **Lauren Knight** was the only other Wildcat with double-digit kills recording 12. **Sasha Scott** tallied a match-high 20 digs and was one of four UNH players in twin figures. New Hampshire advances to the championship game and will take on the winner of the Stony Brook-Northeastern match.

Rodriguez also chipped in with a team-high 16 digs, while recording seven service aces to finish her record-setting year with 207. Senior **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) added 15 kills and freshman **Alexis Bowen** tallied 11. Sophomore setter **Jill Dombrowski** dished out 41 assists, improving the school's single-season mark at 1,283.

Albany finishes the 2002 campaign with a 16-15 record, a dramatic turnaround from last year's 4-20 campaign.

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AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

First Round

#1 New Hampshire defeats #4 Albany 3-2 (30-18, 24-30, 30-24, 25-30, 15-7)

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ALBANY & DUQUESNE WILL BATTLE IN ECAC FOOTBALL CLASSIC ON NOV. 23

Albany, N.Y. – The second annual ECAC Football Classic will match Northeast Conference champion Albany and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champion Duquesne on Saturday, Nov. 23. Kickoff at UAlbany's University Field is 1:00 p.m.

Albany (7-4) clinched its first-ever NEC championship with last Saturday's 19-7 victory over Monmouth. The Great Danes are ranked eighth nationally in rushing at 252.3 yards, while the defense is tied for eighth in rushing defense with a 97.3 average. Junior tailback **Gary Jones** is fourth among the I-AA leaders in rushing (119.6 yards/game and tied for third in scoring (11.5 ppg).

Duquesne (11-0) has set a school record for victories, and is undefeated for the first time since 1941. The Dukes, who are No. 21 in the both the ESPN/USA Today and The Sports Network national Division I-AA polls, won their fourth consecutive MAAC title. Quarterback **Niel Loebig** has passed for 2,583 yards and 29 touchdowns, while All-America receiver **Jeremy Conley** has 68 receptions for 1,185 yards and 14 TDs. Sacred Heart beat Duquesne, 31-15, in last year's inaugural ECAC Classic.

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Division I-AA Mid-Major Football Polls

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Duquesne, 2. Dayton, 3. Morehead State, 4. Davidson, 5. Stony Brook, 6. Albany, 7. Sacred Heart, 8. San Diego, 9. Marist, 10. Drake.

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

ECAC Football Classic – Media Conference Call

Tuesday, November 19

Duquesne head coach Greg Gattuso will be available from 10:00-10:15 a.m., while Albany head coach Bob Ford will follow at 10:15 a.m.

The call-in number is (888) 872-2155. The passcode is 0001.

RODRIGUEZ NAMED AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** has been selected as the Baden/America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced today by the conference office. Rodriguez received the weekly award for the second straight week and third time this season.

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Rodriguez, a freshman from Ponce, Puerto Rico, averaged 2.25 kills, 2.58 digs and 1.75 service aces in 12 games played. She totaled eight kills, 13 digs and tied a career-high with 14 aces in a playoff-clinching 3-1 victory over Hartford on Nov. 16. Rodriguez also had seven aces in a four-game win over Siena that moved to her first on the school's career list. She now has 200 services aces on the season and leads the national at 1.85 per game.

Albany (16-14) is the fourth seed for this weekend's America East Conference Tournament. The Great Danes, who own their most wins since 1998, have made a dramatic turnaround from last year's 4-20 campaign.

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ALBANY SEEDED FOURTH FOR AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany has clinched its first-ever spot in the America East Conference Volleyball Championships. The two-day event will be played on the campus of the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H. on Nov. 23-24. The Great Danes secured their spot in the NCAA-qualifying tournament with a four-game victory over Hartford in the final match of the regular season.

Albany (16-14) is the fourth seed in the four-team field and will play number one-seed New Hampshire on November 23 at 1 p.m. The winner of that match will take on the victor of the 3:30 affair between the Northeastern Huskies and Stony Brook Seawolves on November 24 at 1:00 p.m.

The Great Danes and the Wildcats have already played twice this year with New Hampshire winning both matches 3-2 on Oct. 25 and 3-0 on Nov. 9. **Alyson Coler** and **Lauren Knight**, who are averaging 4.41 and 3.46 kills per game, respectively, are UNH's top players.

Senior **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) is the Great Danes' leading hitter, collecting 414 kills during the season for an average of 3.80 per game. Freshman **Alexis Bowens** is just seven kills behind Gibbs with 407 and has a 4.15 average. Albany is the Division I leader in service aces at 3.47 per game, due in part to the NCAA-record 200 aces freshman **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** has tallied this year.

Albany has clinched a winning season for the first time since 1998, and made a dramatic turnaround from last year's 4-20 campaign.

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2002 AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Lundholm Gymnasium, Durham, N.H.)

Saturday, November 23

Game 1 -- #4 Albany (16-14) vs. #1 New Hampshire (21-10), 1:00 p.m.

Game 2 -- #3 Stony Brook (21-12) vs. #2 Northeastern (18-14), 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 24

Game 3 – Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2, 1:00 p.m.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL QUALIFIES FOR AMERICA EAST TOURNAMENT

West Hartford, Conn. – Senior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) had 16 kills and 12 digs to lead Albany to a 3-1 America East Conference victory over Hartford in the final the regular-season match for both teams on Saturday evening at The Chase Family Arena.

The Great Danes, who won by scores of 30-20, 22-30, 30-27 and 30-18, earned the fourth seed for next weekend's America East postseason tournament with the victory. The two-day tournament will be held at New Hampshire's Lundholm Gymnasium.

Albany (16-14, AE 5-7) also clinched a winning record for the first time since 1998, as second-year coach **Kelly Sheffield** has guided his club to dramatic turnaround from last year's 4-20 campaign.

Freshman **Ashlee Reed** had a career-high 12 kills, and added nine digs and six block assists. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** tied a career-best with 14 service aces, two off the NCAA single-match record, plus totaled eight kills and 13 digs. Gibbs recorded her 14th double-double of the season.

Hartford (14-16, AE 3-9) was led by sophomore **Stephanie Voelker's** 21-kill, 25-dig performance. **Kelly McEathron**, a junior outside hitter, was also in double figures with 13 kills.

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Albany 19, Monmouth 7

Albany, N.Y. – Tailback **Gary Jones** rushed for 103 yards and quarterback **Ryan Roeder** scored on a 59-yard run in the second quarter as Albany captured its first-ever Northeast Conference championship with a 19-7 victory over Monmouth in the regular-season finale for both teams on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

The Great Danes also earned an ECAC Football Classic berth by winning the NEC title and will host Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champion Duquesne on Nov. 23.

Albany (7-4, NEC 6-1) scored on its first series, an eight-play drive that was capped by **Stan Zylinski's** 37-yard field goal. Roeder, who completed 11 of 17 passes for 91 yards on a field covered by a two-inch, overnight snowfall, started the march with a 25-yard completion to flanker **Matt Crudo**.

The Great Danes' defense, who limited the visitors to 104 yards, including four net rushing yards, set up another field goal in the first quarter. Defensive tackle **Matt Kryzak** forced fullback **Mike DiBella** to fumble and defensive end **Kevin Gribbin** made the recovery at the Monmouth 23. Four plays later, Zylinski's 31-yarder gave his team a 6-0 lead.

Albany put together a 13-play, 54-yard drive that took more than seven minutes off the clock for its first touchdown. Jones, who ran for 100 or more yards for the sixth straight game, and broke the school's single-season record for all-purpose yards, rushed four consecutive times to the Monmouth 1. Fullback **Eddie Unverzagt** busted into the end zone for the final yard, and his team had a 13-0 advantage with 10:45 left in the second quarter.

Roeder, who rushed 12 times for a career-high 62 yards, helped extend Albany's lead in the final minute of the opening half. He checked off against a blitzing linebacker, and sprinted over left guard and up the sideline on a 59-yard touchdown run. The extra-point was blocked, following a celebration penalty, and the Great Danes led 19-0 at halftime.

"Winning a conference championship is a great way to finish your career," said Roeder, who scored his eighth rushing TD of the season. "We've come up short in the past, and then to finally win it is a great feeling. We were shorthanded with (fullback) Jon George injured, and the defense just picked it up."

Monmouth (2-8, NEC 2-5) got on the scoreboard midway through the third quarter, when quarterback **Bill Rankin** fired a 25-yard scoring pass to **Dennis Carriero**. Rankin, who completed just 6 of 21 attempts for 89 yards, drove his team to the Albany 34 late in the fourth quarter, but the sequence stalled out when he was sacked for the fourth time on the afternoon.

"We were picked the win the conference in the preseason, and I'd be disappointed if we had to share it," commented Albany coach Bob Ford, whose team finished ahead of Sacred Heart and Stony Brook who tied for second with 5-2 conference records. "The defense was spectacular and they also helped to set up scores today."

The Great Danes, who are among the top Division I-AA teams against the run, held an opponent to less than 100 yards on the ground for the fifth time this season.

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M/W CROSS COUNTRY AMONG TOP 20 AT NCAA NORTHEAST REGIONAL

Bronx, N.Y. - Iona College had four of its seven runners place in the top-15 finishers, as the Gaels scored 59 points to win the men's race at the 2002 NCAA Division I Northeast Regional at Van Cortlandt Park. Providence finished two points behind Iona, as both claimed bids to the NCAA men's cross country championships. **Tom McCardle** of Dartmouth finished the 10,000-meter course in 30:04.70 to capture medalist honors.

UAlbany finished 18th in the 33-team field, amassing a total of 487. **Andy Allstadt** was the Great Danes' top finisher placing 58th in a time of 32:29.0. Two seconds behind him was teammate **Joe Pienta** in 59th. **Sam Gonzalez** finished in 102nd as he completed the trek in 33:35.5. Rounding out the scoring for the Great Danes were **Robbie Freeman** (130th, 34:13.2) and **Christopher Pierson** (140th, 34:28.4).

In the women's competition, Columbia captured top honors with a team total of 70 points, while Providence also clinched a spot in the NCAA women's cross country championships by finishing second. **Kate O'Neill** hit the tape first in a time of 20:45.3 to win the individual title.

The Great Danes placed 15th out of 36 teams with a total of 486 points. **Meghan Howell** was the first UAlbany harrier to cross the line in a time of 23:09.2 and was 79th overall. Five seconds later, **Trista Neinast** completed the 6,000-meter course to place 83rd. Albany's next finisher was **Nicole Susser** who took 101st in a time of 23:34.9. **Zerlinda Martinez** (109th, 23:41.9) and **Theresa Juva** (114th, 23:46.7) also scored points.

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MEN'S NCAA NORTHEAST REGIONAL (Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, N.Y.)

Top 10 Team Results - 1. Iona 59, 2. Providence 61, 3. Dartmouth 95, 4. Columbia 128, 5. Brown 204, 6. Cornell 213, 7. Harvard 228, 8. Manhattan 235, 9. Yale 239, 10. New Hampshire 248, **18. Albany, 489.**

Individual Champion - Tom McArdle, Dartmouth, 30:04.7

UAlbany's Top Finishers - 58. Andy Allstadt 32:29.0, 59. Joe Pienta 32:31.0, 102. Sam Gonzalez 33:35.5, 130. Robbie Freeman 34:13.2, 140. Christopher Pierson 34:28.4.

WOMEN'S NCAA NORTHEAST REGIONAL (Van Cortlandt, Park, Bronx, N.Y.)

Top 10 Team Results - 1. Columbia 70, 2. Providence 75, 3. Boston College 100, 4. Yale 108, 5. Dartmouth 109, 6. Cornell 160, 7. Boston U. 218, 8. Stony Brook 227, 9. Harvard 249, 10. Brown, **15. Albany 486.**

Individual Champion - Kate O'Neill, Yale, 22:27.3

UAlbany's Top Finishers - 79. Meghan Howell, 23:09.2, 83. Trista Neinast 23:14.9, 101. Nicole Susser 23:34.9, 109. Zerlinda Martinez 23:41.9, 114. Theresa Juva 23:46.7.

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UALBANY PLACES SIX ON VERIZON DISTRICT I ACADEMIC FOOTBALL TEAM

Center Valley, Pa. – University at Albany's **Ryan MacLean** leads a group of six players who were named today to the 2002 Verizon Academic All-District I University Division Football Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). The Great Danes had the most representatives on the team, while Syracuse was next with three all-district players. District I includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

MacLean, a senior roverback, was chosen to the all-academic unit for the third straight year. He posted a 3.72 cumulative grade point average in management information systems. MacLean has 60 tackles, five pass break-ups and 2.0 sacks this season, and is tied for eighth on the school's all-time tackles list with 236.

Mike Laroche (Queensbury H.S.), a junior offensive tackle who has a 3.46 GPA in mathematics, makes his second consecutive appearance on the district team. He has made 20 straight starts at right tackle. The Great Danes are ranked fifth nationally in rushing at 254.8 yards per game and are 20th in scoring with a 31.4 average.

Other UAlbany players to make the academic squad are quarterback **Ryan Roeder** (3.20, communication & psychology), punter **Billy Pike** (3.42, business administration), defensive tackle **David Parks** (3.48, history) and linebacker **Victor Camacho** (3.82, business administration/finance). Roeder has passed for 1,246 yards and eight touchdowns, plus run for seven TDs this season. Pike is ranked 23rd among the I-AA leaders with a 41.0 punting average. Parks (25 tackles, 4.5 sacks) and Camacho (46 tackles) are members of a unit that is 17th in rushing defense at 106.6 yards per game.

ALBANY FOOTBALL PLAYS FOR NORTHEAST CONFERENCE TITLE ON NOV. 16

Albany, N.Y. – The Northeast Conference title and an ECAC Football Classic berth will be on the line this Saturday, Nov. 16, when UAlbany hosts Monmouth in the regular-season finale at University Field. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. on Senior Day.

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Albany (6-4, NEC 5-1) can win the championship outright with a victory, and would host Duquesne, the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champion, in the ECAC Football Classic on Nov. 23. If the Great Danes lose, Albany, Stony Brook and Sacred Heart would share the conference crown. Stony Brook would then earn a trip to the ECAC Classic by winning the tiebreaker, due in part to its 24-20 victory over Albany on Sept. 28.

The New York state champion Mohonasen High School Marching Band will perform at Saturday's halftime. In addition, fans will receive a winning tradition, three-dimensional ticket, celebrating the school's 30th anniversary football season, plus a UAlbany student will walk away with a PlayStation 2 Video Game Unit.

TWO HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUTS SIGNS WITH UALBANY BASKETBALL

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that two student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes in 2003-04. Making their commitments are **Jon Iati**, a 5-foot-9, 150-pound guard from York, Pa. (York Catholic H.S.) and **Todd Martin**, a 6-foot-7, 220-pound forward from Upland, Calif. (Upland H.S.).

Iati, who averaged 24.8 points as a junior, was named to the Associated Press Small School (Class A & AA) all-state fifth team in Pennsylvania. He twice has been selected to the *York Daily Record* all-star squad. Iati, who has 1,485 career points, scored a career-high 56 against York Suburban at last December's Special Olympics Holiday Classic. He will attempt to break the YAIAA all-time record of 2,236 points, held by Kennard-Dale's Adam Miller, as a senior.

Martin averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds last season, and helped his scholastic team reach the state final four as a sophomore. He was selected first-team All-Baseline League and was a second-team CIF-Southern Section choice.

The early signing period runs through Nov. 20. Albany, a member of the America East Conference, has three more scholarships available.

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USDBL ALL-STARS 99, ALBANY 95

Albany, N.Y. – Former Syracuse star **Lawrence Moten** scored 20 points to pace six players in double figures, as the USDBL All-Stars posted a 99-95 exhibition victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

USDBL reversed a 35-30 deficit with 3:21 left in the first half by mounting a 17-3 run to end the period. **Charles Manga**, a 6-foot-10 center from Seton Hall, tied the contest when he converted a three-point play as he was fouled while making a spin move on the right baseline. Manga then scored in the lane following **Kevin Houston's** steal that gave the All-Stars a 37-35 lead. **Jamar Smiley**, of Illinois State, had 10 of his 16 points before the break, as he helped stake his team to a 48-37 halftime advantage.

Albany, who opens its schedule against crosstown-rival Siena on Nov. 22, closed to within 50-46 early in the second half as freshman forward **Levi Levine** nailed a turnaround bank shot. Levine finished with 25 points and eight rebounds.

USDBL, who beat Seton Hall, 93-91, the previous evening, followed with 10 of the game's next 12 points to take control. Moten, the leading-scorer in Syracuse history and a second round NBA draft choice, finished off that spurt with a steal and layup for a 60-48 lead with 14:34 remaining. Albany could never get closer than six points until the final minute.

"I was pleased with our freshman players and the energy they brought to the floor," Albany coach **Will Brown** said. "We failed to capitalized on some easy baskets in transition or we might have won the game. If we can tightened up our defense, we can be very competitive this season."

Freshman guard **Jamar Wilson** led the Great Danes with 26 points and 10 assists, while last year's leading scorer **Antione Johnson** had 22. Manga had 13 points for the USDBL All-Stars. **Fred Cofield** and Houston added 12 points apiece.

"I think they have three or four good shooters," said Moten, when asked about Albany's team. "Their point guard can really penetrate and kick the ball, and the other guys played hard down low. Hopefully good things will happen for them."

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RODRIGUEZ NAMED AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** has been selected as the Baden/America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced today by the conference office. Rodriguez, a freshman from Ponce, Puerto Rico, received the weekly award for the third time this season.

Rodriguez established the NCAA's single-season service aces record on Nov. 8, breaking a mark set by Morgan State's Kim Spottswood in 1991. She now has 179 aces, and continues to lead the nation at 1.91 per game. In two matches last week, Rodriguez averaged 2.43 kills and 5.29 digs. She totaled nine kills, four aces and a career-high 23 digs in a four-game loss to Northeastern.

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

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 35-26 non-conference loss against Florida International, UAlbany fell to sixth in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. The Great Danes slipped two spots in both rankings.

Albany (6-4, NEC 5-1) seeks its first Northeast Conference championship and an ECAC Football Classic berth in the regular-season finale against Monmouth on Saturday, Nov. 16. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. at University Field. A victory would give the Great Danes the outright NEC title, and UAlbany would host Duquesne, the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champion, on Nov. 23 in the ECAC Classic. If the Great Danes lose, Albany, Stony Brook and Sacred Heart would share the NEC crown. Stony Brook would then earn a trip to the ECAC Classic by winning the tiebreaker, due in part to its 24-20 victory over Albany on Sept. 28.

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Duquesne, 2. Dayton, 3. Morehead State, 4. Davidson, 5. Stony Brook, 6. **Albany**, 7. Sacred Heart, 8. San Diego, 9. Marist, 10. Fairfield.

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UALBANY'S GARY JONES LEADS DIVISION I-AA FOOTBALL IN SCORING

Indianapolis, Ind. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk H.S.) is ranked first in scoring among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders, and is averaging 12.6 points per game.

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Jones, who has the 30th-best single-season scoring mark in NCAA history with 126 points, is closing in on the Northeast Conference record. Monmouth's Chris Reed scored 132 points in 1998.

Jones, who has run for 100 or more yards in five straight games, is also second among the national leaders in rushing at 121.2 yards per game and sixth in all-purpose yards with a 165.0 average. He ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns in last Saturday's non-league game against Florida International.

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JILL DOMBROWSKI BREAKS SCHOOL SINGLE-SEASON ASSISTS RECORD IN GREAT DANES' LOSS

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore setter **Jill Dombrowski** recorded a match-high 44 assists to bring her season total up to 1,098 to establish a school single-season mark. She breaks the 1988 mark of 1,064 set by Vanessa Docharty. The record-breaking assist came during game one of Albany's three-set loss to New Hampshire on Saturday night inside University Gym. The Wildcats improved to 20-10, 10-1 in the America East conference with the 30-26, 30-25, 30-25 victory, while Albany dropped to 14-13 and 4-6 in conference.

Alyson Coler led the UNH attack with 12 kills to hit at a .370 clip. **Lauren Knight, Amy Dai, Natasha Otte** and **Erin Ludwig** all recorded hitting percentage of .400 or higher, resulting in the Wildcats hitting .347 as a team.

Freshman **Alexis Bowens** was the leading hitter for the Great Danes, totaling 12 kills. A night after breaking the NCAA single-season service aces record, freshman **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** added five more to give her a total of 179. In addition, she collected 14 digs, her second straight night in double digits.

The loss drops Albany to fourth place in the America East standings with two matches remaining. The top four teams qualify for the A-E Championships, which will be played November 23-24.

The Great Danes close out their 2002 home campaign with a match against crosstown-rival Siena on Tues., November 12 at 7 p.m.

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New Hampshire defeated Albany 30-26, 30-25, 30-25.

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RODRIGUEZ BREAKS NCAA SERVICE ACES RECORD AND SETS CAREER HIGH IN DIGS

Albany, N.Y. – With Northeastern leading 9-5 in the third game, Albany (14-12, AE 4-5) freshman **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** made NCAA history when she recorded her 172nd service ace on the season, breaking the 11-year record set by Morgan State's Kim Spottswood in 1991. She would later add two more to set the mark at 174 and counting.

"I am excited about breaking the record, this is an unbelievable moment for me," stated Rodriguez. "I was nervous to start off the match, but after I got the first ace I settled down and got back into my rhythm."

The ace shifted the momentum for the Great Danes, who were down two sets to none, as they rallied to win the third set. Unfortunately, Northeastern came back to win the fourth game to pick up the, 3-1, victory inside University Gym on Friday evening. The Huskies moved to 16-14 on the season and 8-2 in the America East Conference.

Although the record was the main focus tonight, Rodriguez also established a new career high with 23 digs to lead both teams in that category. Senior **Alissa Gibbs** had 15 kills to go along with 12 digs to give her 36 career double-doubles. Freshman **Kristin Norton** recorded the second double-double of her career with 13 kills and 12 digs.

Sophomore setter **Jill Dombrowski** moved within 11 assists of the school's single-season record set by Vanessa Docharty in 1988, as her 44 helpers increased her season total to 1,054. For her career, Dombrowski has 1,877 assists, which ranks her third on the all-time charts.

Larissa Adomat (19), **Erin Spangler** (11) and **Lindsay Wagner** (10) each totaled double-digit kills, while **Kristin Ursillo** added 50 assists for the Huskies who sit in second place in the AE.

Albany, currently tied for third in the conference, will host America-East leading New Hampshire tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

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Northeastern defeated Albany 30-26, 30-15, 27-30, 30-24.



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Northeastern's Kirkopoulos, Saccoccio, Matz Named Offensive Player, Rookie and Coach of the Year; Coundol of Albany, Helgason of Vermont Also Honored

BOSTON— Northeastern University won three of the top five men's soccer honors in America East as junior forward Atha Kirkopoulos was named Offensive Player of the Year, goalkeeper Sergio Saccoccio was chosen Rookie of the Year, and Ed Matz was selected Coach of the Year. Senior back Keli Helgason of University of Vermont and sophomore Bouna Coundol of University at Albany were named Defensive Player of the Year and Goalkeeper of the Year, respectively. All voting is conducted by the conference's head coaches.

Kirkopoulos is fifth in the conference in scoring with seven goals and eight assists for 22 points in 18 games. Saccoccio has started all 18 games in goal and is 9-7-2 overall with a 1.31 goals against average, third in America East. Matz, now in his seventh season as head coach of the Husky men's program, has guided Northeastern to a 6-2-0 mark in America East as the No. 1 seed in the conference championship. Matz, who is also the head coach of the Husky women's soccer team, has also led that team to the conference championship as the No. 4 seed.

Helgason, who has three goals and an assist for seven points in 16 games, has led a defense which allows 1.47 goals per game. Coundol posted a 1.49 goals against average and was second in America East with an .817 save percentage.

University of Hartford senior Asaf Lubezky leads the all-conference first-team midfielders. Lubezky, who has four goals and two assists for 10 points in 16 games, becomes only the second player in America East history to earn first-team honors in each of his four years in the conference. He joins former Hawk Vito Serafini, who was a first-team choice on the initial America East all-conference team in 1988 and proceeded to earn similar honors in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Other first-team midfielders include senior Anthony D'Angelo and junior Andrew Dorman of Boston University and junior Adam Wallace of Vermont. Dorman, a repeat selection on the first team, had six goals and leads America East with 10 assists. Wallace has seven goals and two assists for 16 points in 11 games since returning from injury.

Kirkopoulos is joined at forward on first team by junior Nicola Chicco of University New Hampshire and sophomore Alon Lubezky of Hartford. Chicco is second in America East scoring with nine goals and five assists for 23 points in 16 games. Lubezky, a first-team all-conference choice as a rookie, leads America East scoring with 13 goals and two assists for 28 points in 17 games.

Helgason is joined in the back by rookie Graham Munro of Binghamton University and junior Brendan Hankard of New Hampshire. Hankard is eighth in America East scoring with five goals and four assists for 14 points in 16 games. Coundol is the first-team goalkeeper.

The second team consists of sophomores Stephen Bruce of Binghamton and Logan Lee of New Hampshire, and senior Steven Procknal of Albany at forward. Lee is fourth in America East scoring with nine goals and two assists for 20 points in 16 games. Procknal is seventh with six goals and three assists for 15 points in 16 matches.

Juniors Daniel Florenz of University of Maine, Josh Hareld of New Hampshire, Ethan Hutchins of Vermont and Oumar Thiam of Northeastern are the second-team midfielders.

The second-team backs are senior Greg Chevalier of Albany, who has six goals and an assist for 13 points in 17 games, sophomore Erik Evjen of Boston University, who earns second-team honors for the second-consecutive year, and sophomore Rodrigo Marion of Albany. Saccoccio is the second-team goalkeeper.

Marion, Munro, and Saccoccio are joined on the All-Rookie team by Kyle Antos of Binghamton, Neil Beasley of Vermont, David Downing and Tom Heimreid of Northeastern, Cooper Friend of Maine, Jamie Johnson of Boston University, Eric Masi of New Hampshire and Chris Scarpati of Stony Brook University.

Six of the first-team all-conference players and four from the second team will be in action this weekend at the America East Men's Soccer Championship. No. 4 New Hampshire meets No. 1 Northeastern in a semifinal match at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 9. No. 3 Hartford travels to No. 2 Vermont Sunday, November 10 at 1 p.m. in the other semifinal. The winners meet the following weekend in the championship game.

2002 America East Men's Soccer All-Conference Team

First Team

Position	Name	Cl.	School	Hometown/Last School
Forward	Nicola Chicco	Jr.	New Hampshire	Claymont, Del./St. Mark's
Forward	Alon Lubezky (1)	So.	Hartford	Kfar Shmaryahu, Israel/Yovel Herzlia
Forward	Atha Kirkopoulos	Jr.	Northeastern	Altbach, Germany/Reutlingen University
Midfield	Anthony D'Angelo	Sr.	Boston University	Tewsbury, Mass./Buckingham, Browne and Nichols
Midfield	Andrew Dorman (1)	Jr.	Boston University	Flintshire, Wales/Hawarden
Midfield	Asaf Lubezky (2)	Sr.	Hartford	Kfar Shmaryahu, Israel/Yovel Herzlia
Midfield	Adam Wallace	Sr.	Vermont	Delta, British Columbia/Delta Secondary
Back	Brendan Hankard	Jr.	New Hampshire	Glastonbury, Conn./Glastonbury
Back	Keli Helgason	Sr.	Vermont	Reykjavik, Iceland/V-Hamrahlid
Back	Graham Munro	Fr.	Binghamton	Inverness, Scotland/Invergordon
Goalkeeper	Bouna Coundol	So.	Albany	Bronx, N.Y./Martin Luther King

Second Team

Forward	Stephen Bruce	So.	Binghamton	Buckie, Scotland/Buckie Community
Forward	Logan Lee	So.	New Hampshire	Racine, Wis./Washington Park
Forward	Steven Procknal	Sr.	Albany	Williamsville, N.Y./Williamsville South
Midfield	Daniel Florez	Jr.	Maine	Bogota, Columbia/Dean College
Midfield	Josh Hareld	Jr.	New Hampshire	North Kingstown, R.I./North Kingstown
Midfield	Ethan Hutchins	Jr.	Vermont	Barre, Vt./Spaulding
Midfield	Oumar Thiam	Jr.	Northeastern	Thies, Senegal/Northfield Mt. Hermon
Back	Greg Chevalier	Sr.	Albany	Central Valley, N.Y./Monroe-Woodbury
Back	Erik Evjen (3)	So.	Boston University	Askim, Norway/St. Olav videregaende
Back	Rodrigo Marion	So.	Albany	LaPaz, Bolivia/Felix Eguino Zaballa
Goalkeeper	Sergio Saccoccio	Fr.	Northeastern	Holtsville, N.Y./Sachem

All-Rookie Team (11 regardless of position)

Name	School	Hometown/Last School
Kyle Antos	Binghamton	Endicott, N.Y./Union Endicott
Neil Beasley	Vermont	Dublin, Ireland/Chanel
David Downing	Northeastern	Cape Elizabeth, Maine/Cape Elizabeth
Cooper Friend	Maine	Ellsworth, Maine/Berkshire School
Tom Heimreid	Northeastern	Oslo, Norway/Wang
Jamie Johnson	Boston University	Brisbane, Australia/Cavendish Road
Rodrigo Marion	Albany	LaPaz, Bolivia/Felix Eguino Zaballa
Eric Masi	New Hampshire	York, Maine/York
Graham Munro	Binghamton	Inverness, Scotland/Invergordon
Sergio Saccoccio	Northeastern	Holtsville, N.Y./Sachem
Chris Scarpati	Stony Brook	Dix Hills, N.Y./Half Hollow Hills East

Offensive Player of the Year: Atha Kirkopoulos, Northeastern

Defensive Player of the Year: Keli Helgasson

Goalkeeper of the Year: Bouna Coundol, Albany

Rookie of the Year: Sergio Saccoccio, Northeastern

Coach of the Year: Ed Matz, Northeastern

(1) first team 2001

(2) first team 2001, 2000, 1999

(3) second team 2001



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Boyer of New Hampshire, Arrindell of Northeastern Earn Top America East Field Hockey Awards; New Hampshire's White Named Rookie of the Year, Maine's Kix Honored as Coach of the Year

BOSTON— University of New Hampshire senior Marcie Boyer and Northeastern University senior Fior Arrindell were named America East Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year, respectively, in voting conducted by the conference's head coaches. Katie White of New Hampshire was chosen the Rookie of the Year. Terry Kix of University of Maine was selected Coach of the Year. The awards were announced at the America East Field Hockey Championship Banquet at the Colonnade Hotel.

Boyer has 14 goals and eight assists for 36 points in 19 games. She is second in the conference in points per game (1.90). Arrindell ranks ninth in America East in scoring with six goals and seven assists for 19 points in 18 games. She has also led the Huskies' defense which has surrendered a conference-low 16 goals in 19 games. White, a forward and midfielder, has four goals in 19 games off the bench for the Wildcats. Kix, who was also Coach of the Year in 1993 and 1995, has led Maine to a 14-3 overall mark and a 3-2 record as the No. 3 seed in the America East Championship.

Boyer and Arrindell, a three-time first-team choice, are joined on the all-conference first-team team, which includes 10 field players and a goalkeeper, by juniors Celeste Hubbard and Dalinda Banuelos of Boston University, seniors Jen Johnstone and Tara Bedard and junior Jerrell Lance of Maine, junior Jen Stamp of New Hampshire, senior Sarah Broderick and sophomore Liane Dixon of Northeastern, and senior Alexis Ressler of University of Vermont.

Hubbard and Banuelos rank sixth and seventh, respectively, in America East scoring. Hubbard has 11 goals and four assists for 26 points in 20 games while Banuelos has 10 goals and four assists for 24 points. Johnstone, a repeat selection on the first team, has four goals and six assists in 17 games. Bedard leads the conference in points per game (1.94) with 11 goals and 11 assists for 33 points in 17 games. Broderick, the 2001 America East Offensive Player of the Year, has eight goals and an assist for 17 points in 19 games. Dixon, the 2001 America East Rookie of the Year, leads America East with 15 goals in 19 games. Stamp is third in the conference in scoring with 12 goals and seven assists in 19 games. Ressler anchors the defense for Vermont, which is making its first appearance in the America East Championship since 1991. Lance is 10-3 with a 1.04 goals against average and leads the conference with an .859 save percentage.

The second team includes junior Lisa Burline of the University at Albany, junior Whitney Peabody and sophomore Kara Rossi of Boston University, seniors Karly Bundy and Kim Leo of Maine, seniors Lizzy Duffy and Kristen Weldon of New Hampshire, junior Sara Webber of Northeastern and senior Shawn Carney and junior Stephanie Shield of Vermont. Senior Susan Harrington of Boston University, who was a first-team selection last year after earning second-team honors in 2000, is the second-team goalkeeper.

Nine of the first-team all-conference players and seven from the second team will be in action this weekend at the America East Field Hockey Championship. No. 1 Northeastern meets No. 4 Vermont at 1 p.m. Friday, November 8 with No. 2 New Hampshire and No. 3 Maine to follow at 3:30. The winners meet in Sunday's championship game at 2 p.m. All games will be played at Sweeney Field on Huntington Avenue, adjacent to the Northeastern campus. The winner of the America East Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Field Hockey Championship.

2002 America East Field Hockey All-Conference Team

First Team (10 field players regardless of position and a goalkeeper)

Dalinda Banuelos	Jr.	Boston University	Escondido, Calif./San Pasqual/Stanford University
Celeste Hubbard	Jr.	Boston University	Detroit, Mich./University Liggett
Tara Bedard	Sr.	Maine	Skowhegan, Maine/Skowhegan
Jen Johnstone (1)	Sr.	Maine	Dallas, Pa./Lake-Lehman
Marcie Boyer (2)	Sr.	New Hampshire	Dillsburg, Pa./Northern York County
Jen Stamp	Jr.	New Hampshire	Tyngsboro, Mass./Tyngsboro
Fior Arrindell (3)	Sr.	Northeastern	Oakville, Conn./Watertown
Sarah Broderick (1)	Sr.	Northeastern	Harwich, Mass./Harwich
Liane Dixon (4)	So.	Northeastern	Vineyard Haven, Mass./Martha's Vineyard
Alexis Ressler	Sr.	Vermont	St. Louis, Mo./Whitfield School
Jerrell Lance (GK)	Jr.	Maine	Columbia, Md./Long Reach

Second Team (10 field players regardless of position and a goalkeeper)

Lisa Burline	Jr.	Albany	Whitesboro, N.Y./Whitesboro
Whitney Peabody	Jr.	Boston University	Hamilton, Mass./Wenham
Kara Rossi	So.	Boston University	North Salem, N.Y./North Salem
Karly Bundy	Sr.	Maine	Kennebunk, Maine/Kennebunk
Kim Leo	Sr.	Maine	Skowhegan, Maine/Skowhegan
Lizzy Duffy	Sr.	New Hampshire	Oak Park, Ill./Oak Park River
Kristen Weldon	Sr.	New Hampshire	Avon, Conn./Avon
Sara Webber	Jr.	Northeastern	South Dennis, Mass./Dennis-Yarmouth
Shawn Carney	Sr.	Vermont	South Burlington, Vt./South Burlington
Stephanie Shield	Jr.	Vermont	Manakin-Sabot, Va./Collegiate School
Susan Harrington (GK) (5)	Sr.	Boston University	Tuftsboro, N.H./Kingswood Regional

All-Rookie Team (regardless of position)

Tina Bryson	Albany	Mahopac, N.Y./Mahopac
Devon Switzer	Albany	Penfield, N.Y./Penfield Central
Caitlyn Cassara	Boston University	North Caldwell, N.J./West Essex
Colleen McClay	Boston University	Mahopac, N.Y./Mahopac
Natalie DiSabato	Boston University	New Albany, Ohio/Columbus Academy
Meagan Connolly	Maine	Mahopac, N.Y./Mahopac
Kaitlyn Skelley	New Hampshire	Wolfeboro, N.H./Kingswood Regional
Katie White	New Hampshire	Glens Falls, N.Y./Glens Falls
Lauren Edelmeier	Northeastern	Delta, British Columbia/South Delta Secondary
Jaclyn Quinn	Northeastern	Watertown, Mass./Watertown

Offensive Player of the Year: Marcie Boyer, New Hampshire

Defensive Player of the Year: Fior Arrindell, Northeastern

Rookie of the Year: Katie White, New Hampshire

Coach of the Year: Terry Kix, Maine

(1) first-team all-conference, 2001

(2) first-team all-conference, 2001; second-team all-conference, 2000

(3) first-team all-conference, 2001, 2000

(4) second-team all-conference, 2001

(5) first-team all-conference, 2001; second-team all-conference, 2000



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Hartford's Akerlund, Maine's Consolante Win America East Offensive, Defensive Player of the Year; Ouellette, Jackson of New Hampshire Named Top Goalkeeper, Coach; Bennett of Stony Brook Top Rookie

HARTFORD, Conn. — University of Hartford junior midfielder Jeanette Akerlund and University of Maine sophomore back Linda Consolante were named America East Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year, respectively, in voting conducted by the conference's head coaches. University of New Hampshire senior Kristen Ouellette was selected as the Goalkeeper of the Year. Cindy Bennett, a goalkeeper from Stony Brook University, was chosen the Rookie of the Year. Mike Jackson of New Hampshire was the Coach of the Year. All awards were announced at the America East Women's Soccer Championship Banquet at the Hartford Hilton.

Akerlund is tied for the conference lead in scoring with 11 goals and eight assists for 30 points in 18 games. Consolante has led a Black Bear defense which allowed 19 goals in 16 games. Ouellette leads America East with a 0.86 goals against average and has compiled an 8-3-0 record. Bennett has a 1.35 goals against average. Jackson, who was also Coach of the Year in 1998, has led the Wildcats to a 5-2-1 record in America East and the No. 2 seed in the conference championship. New Hampshire is 10-6-1 overall.

Akerlund is joined on the all-conference first team by juniors Tracy Kasmarcik of Binghamton University and Annie Hamel of Maine at forward. Kasmarcik is tied with Akerlund for the conference scoring lead with 12 goals and six assists for 30 points in 18 games. Hamel ranks sixth in America East in scoring with four goals and seven assists for 15 points in 15 games.

The first-team midfielders include two four-time all-conference choices and two three-time all-conference selections. Hartford seniors Katharina Lindner and Tini Lyng are both four-time choices. Lindner, who is tied for third in America East scoring with eight goals and six assists for 22 points, was a first-team choice in 2001 and 2000 after earning second-team honors as a rookie. Lyng, who has five goals and five assists for 15 points, was a first-team choice in 1999 and 2000 and was a second-team selection last season. Boston University senior Allison Merkle receives first-team honors for the third-consecutive year. Hartford senior Sandra Kayulu, the 2001 America East Player of the Year, has four goals and two assists for 10 points this season.

Consolante, who earned first-team honors last season, is joined in the back by junior Brittany Norwood of Stony Brook, a second-team selection last year, and senior Patty Woodson of Hartford, an honorable mention choice in 2001. Ouellette is the first-team goalkeeper.

The second team consists of New Hampshire sophomore Chiara Best, Boston University first-year student Meghann Cook, University of Vermont sophomore Nikki Hessney and Northeastern University sophomore Jennifer North at forward. Best, a second-team choice last year, has scored three goals in seven games since returning from injury. Cook and Hessney have both scored four goals and have three assists for 11 points. North ranks eighth in America East scoring with eight goals and an assist for 17 points.

Senior Beth Arikian of Stony Brook and junior Katie Hodge of Maine, who were honorable mention selections last year, lead the second-team midfielders. They are joined by sophomore Sara Rickard of University at Albany, junior Ana Tobon of New Hampshire, and junior Cindy Walsh of Hartford, a two-time first-team choice who is tied for third in America East scoring with seven goals and eight assists for 22 points.

Junior Lesley Garvey of Boston University, a second-team choice in 2000, and New Hampshire first-year student Debbie Newman and senior Cyndi Poehner are the second-team backs. Binghamton senior Lauren Cherry, who posted a 9-7-2 mark with a 1.05 goals against average, is the second-team goalkeeper.

Bennett, Cook and Newman are joined on the All-Rookie team by midfielder Brooke Bingham of Boston University, forward Heather Hathorn of Maine, who leads the conference's rookies in scoring with eight goals and two assists for 18 points, midfielder Jamie Koehnlein of Vermont, who has five goals and two assists for 12 points, midfielder Danielle Lewis of Stony Brook, midfielder Lauren Massey of Binghamton, back Brittany McDonald of Boston University, midfielder Filippa Petruccelli of Northeastern and forward Jackie Wishoski of New Hampshire, who has five goals and an assist for 11 points.

Seven of the first-team all-conference players and seven from the second team will be in action this weekend at the America East Women's Soccer Championship at Al-Marzook Field on the Hartford campus. No. 2 New Hampshire meets No. 3 Stony Brook in a semifinal match at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 8. No. 1 Hartford and No. 4 Northeastern follow that game in the second semifinal. The winners meet in Sunday's championship game at 12 noon with the champion receiving the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Women's College Cup.

2002 America East Women's Soccer All-Conference Team

First Team

Position	Name	Cl.	School	Hometown/High School
Forward	Jeanette Akerlund (1)	Jr.	Hartford	Stockholm, Sweden/Eriksdalsskolan
Forward	Annie Hamel	Jr.	Maine	Magog, Quebec/Universite de Sherbrooke
Forward	Tracy Kasmarcik	Jr.	Binghamton	Binghamton, N.Y./Susquehanna Valley
Midfield	Sandra Kayulu (2)	Sr.	Hartford	Winchester, Mass./Winchester
Midfield	Katharina Lindner (3)	Sr.	Hartford	Kleinostheim, Germany/Friedrich-Dessane
Midfield	Tini Lyng (4)	Sr.	Hartford	Kastrup, Denmark/Kastrup
Midfield	Allison Merkle (3)	Sr.	Boston University	Baltimore, Md./Catholic
Back	Linda Consolante (5)	So.	Maine	Beaconsfield, Quebec/John Abbott
Back	Brittany Norwood (6)	Jr.	Stony Brook	Federal Way, Wash./Decatur
Back	Patty Woodson (7)	Sr.	Hartford	Enfield, Conn./Fermi
Goalkeeper	Kristen Ouellette	Sr.	New Hampshire	Weatogue, Conn./Simsbury

Second Team

Forward	Chiara Best (6)	So.	New Hampshire	Rose Valley, Pa./Strath Haven
Forward	Meghann Cook	Fr.	Boston University	Melrose, Mass./Bishop Fenwick
Forward	Nikki Hessney	So.	Vermont	Rochester, N.Y./Victor Central
Forward	Jennifer North	So.	Northeastern	Duxbury, Mass./Duxbury
Midfield	Beth Arikian (7)	Sr.	Stony Brook	West Islip, N.Y./West Islip
Midfield	Katie Hodge (7)	Jr.	Maine	Rock Forest, Quebec/John Abbott
Midfield	Sara Rickard	So.	Albany	Otisville, N.Y./John S. Burke Catholic
Midfield	Ana Tobon	Jr.	New Hampshire	Philadelphia, Pa./Archbishop Ryan
Midfield	Cindy Walsh (8)	Jr.	Hartford	Saint Bruno, Quebec/Richelieu Valley
Back	Lesley Garvey (9)	Jr.	Boston University	Hopewell Junction, N.Y./John Jay
Back	Debbie Newman	Fr.	New Hampshire	Ashford, Conn./E.O. Smith
Back	Cyndi Poehner	Sr.	New Hampshire	Greenwich, Conn./Greenwich
Goalkeeper	Lauren Cherry	Sr.	Binghamton	Wyncote, Pa./Cheltenham

All-Rookie Team (11 regardless of position)

Cindy Bennett	Stony Brook	Canton, Mich./Belleville
Brooke Bingham	Boston University	Marshfield, Mass./Marshfield
Meghann Cook	Boston University	Melrose, Mass./Bishop Fenwick
Heather Hathorn	Maine	Sraborough, Maine/Loomis-Chaffee
Jamie Koehnlein	Vermont	Honeyoye, N.Y./Honeyoye
Danielle Lewis	Stony Brook	Livonia, Mich./Livonia Stevenson
Lauren Massey	Binghamton	Burlington, Ontario/Notre Dame
Brittany McDonald	Boston University	Lindenhurst, N.Y./Lindenhurst
Debbie Newman	New Hampshire	Ashford, Conn./E.O. Smith
Filippa Petruccelli	Northeastern	Flushing, N.Y./St. Francis Prep
Jackie Wishoski	New Hampshire	Malden, Mass./New Hampton Prep

Honorable Mention: Jen Schroeckenthaler, B, Albany; Erin Stanek, F, Albany; Amanda Norman, M, Binghamton; Meghan Taylor, B, Binghamton; Rebecca Beyer, M, Boston University; Jessica Clinton, GK, Boston University; Katie Gardiner, B, Hartford; Annika Michaels, B, Hartford; Jen Buckley, B, Maine; Allison Kelly, B, Maine; Angeline Alexakos, M, New Hampshire; Andi Matthews, B, Northeastern; Cindy Slowik, GK, Northeastern; Lea Kyle, B, Stony Brook; Emily Snyder, B, Stony Brook; Lauren Donagher, M, Vermont; Brooke Fairbanks, GK, Vermont.

Offensive Player of the Year: Jeanette Akerlund, Hartford
 Defensive Player of the Year: Linda Consolante, Maine
 Goalkeeper of the Year: Kristen Ouellette, New Hampshire
 Rookie of the Year: Cindy Bennett, Stony Brook
 Coach of the Year: Mike Jackson, New Hampshire

- (1) second team 2001, 2000
- (2) first team 2001, second team 2000
- (3) first team 2001, 2000; second team, 1999
- (4) first team 2000, 1999; second team 2001
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- (8) first team 2001, 2000
- (9) second team 2000

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ALISSA GIBBS NAMED AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) has been named the Baden/America East Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced today by the conference office. Gibbs, a senior outside hitter from Ballston Lake, N.Y., earned the weekly award for the second time this season.

Gibbs averaged 4.67 kills and 4.67 digs in a pair of America East victories over Binghamton and Maine. Albany (14-11, AE 4-4) moved into third in the conference standings after finishing in last place one year ago.

Gibbs recorded her 11th double-double of the season and 35th of her career with a 14-kill, 12-dig performance against Maine on Nov. 2. She also had 14 kills and 16 digs, as the Great Danes beat Binghamton in three games on Oct. 29. Gibbs climbed into fourth place on the school's all-time digs list with 930, and is already second in career kills with 1,299.

ALBANY RANKED FOURTH IN BOTH MID-MAJOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 32-7 victory over Northeast Conference opponent Robert Morris, UAlbany is ranked fourth in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. The Great Danes moved up one position in The Sports Network poll and remained in the same spot in the Football Gazette rankings.

Albany (6-3, NEC 5-1) travels to non-league foe Florida International, a first-year Division I-AA scholarship program coached by former Miami Dolphins quarterback Don Strock, on Saturday, Nov. 9. Kickoff is 3:30 p.m. at the 17,000-seat FIU Community Stadium. The Great Danes, who are in first place in the conference standings, return home to University Field on Nov. 16 to face Monmouth for the NEC championship and an ECAC Football Classic berth.

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Duquesne, 2. Dayton, 3. Morehead State, 4. **Albany**, 5. Stony Brook, 6. Davidson, 7. Sacred Heart, 8. San Diego, 9. Austin Peay, 10. Wagner.
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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

GARY JONES RANKED AMONG NCAA DIVISION I-AA LEADERS

Indianapolis, Ind. – Junior tailback **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) is ranked among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in three categories. Jones is second in scoring at 12.7 points per game, sixth in rushing at 120.9 yards per game, and 10th in all-purpose yards with a 164.0 average.

Jones, who ran for 108 yards and two touchdowns last Saturday, erased a pair of school single-season records in his last start. He established the season mark for rushing yards with 1,088, and shattered a standard set by Brian Manigault, who had 1,041 in 2000. Jones also became the first player in UAlbany history to rush for 100 or more yards six times in one season.

The Great Danes are ranked sixth among the national leaders in rushing (257.9 yards/game), 21st in scoring (32.0 points/game), 23rd in rushing defense (109.2 yards/game) and are tied for 35th in total offense (388.4 yards/game).

STEVEN PROCKNAL NAMED A-EAST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK IN SOCCER

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Steven Procknal** has been chosen as the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's soccer, as announced today by the conference office. Procknal, a senior striker, shared the award with Northeastern's Atha Kirkopoulos.

Procknal scored a pair of goals and assisted on the game-winner in a 3-2 conference victory over Northeastern on Oct. 30. He added his third goal of the week in a 2-1 loss at Hartford in last Saturday's season finale. Procknal was the team's top scorer this season with six goals and three assists for 15 points.

Albany (9-6-2, AE 4-2-2) tied for fourth in the conference standings, but lost the tie-breaker with New Hampshire for the final spot in the America East postseason tournament. The Great Danes reached the nine-win mark for the first time since 1998.

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Volleyball

GREAT DANES TAKE OVER THIRD PLACE IN AMERICA EAST WITH 3-0 WIN

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Kristin Norton** had a game-high 17 kills and senior **Alissa Gibbs** recorded her 11th double-double of the season as Albany defeated America East Conference foe Maine, 3-0. The 30-21, 30-22, 35-33 victory for the Great Danes saw them improve their record to 14-11 and 4-4 in conference play, putting them in sole possession of third place in the A-E standings. The top four teams qualify for the America East Championships, Nov. 23-24.

Gibbs, who is second on the school's career kills list with 1299 and fourth in the career digs with 320, has recorded double digit kills in 37 of her last 39 matches. Sophomore setter **Jill Dombrowski** dished out 45 assists for a career total of 1833, 28 behind **Patty Munhall** (1983-86) for third in school history.

Freshman **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** tallied 11 kills to go along with seven service aces, giving her 170 on the season. She is one off the NCAA record for service aces in a season set by Morgan State's **Kim Spottswood** in 1991. Rodriguez also trails former Great Dane **Lisa Greiner**, who had 185 aces from 1995-98, on the school's career list.

Sophomore **Lori Maloney** led the Black Bears (8-17, AE 2-6) with eight kills, while three others chimed in with seven apiece. **Carmen Gabriel** recorded 25 helpers in the loss.

The Great Danes take to the floor again next Friday at 7:00 p.m., as they play Northeastern, the second-place team in the America East standings.

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Albany defeated Maine 30-21, 30-22, 35-33.

Men's Soccer

ALBANY MEN'S SOCCER SEASON ENDS WITH 2-1 LOSS TO HARTFORD

West Hartford, Conn. – Albany senior forward **Steven Procknal** tallied his sixth goal of the season at 67:21, but the Great Danes were unable to overcome an early 2-0 lead against Hartford on Saturday evening at Al-Marzook Field. The loss drops Albany to 9-6-2, 4-2-2 in the America East tying them with New Hampshire for fourth in the conference.

Unfortunately, the Wildcats owned the tiebreaker and clinched a spot in the four-team America East Soccer Championships.

Hartford (7-10, AE 5-3) got on the board early as **Guy Primor** put in a Easton Wilson pass at 10:03, for his first goal of the season. **Alon Lubezky** gave Hartford a decisive 2-0 lead when he scored his team-leading 13th goal at 65:40. **Goalkeeper Ryan Carr** made five saves on 10 shots in the victory.

Great Danes' sophomore goalkeeper **Bouna Coundol** made nine saves on 13 shots as he picked up the loss.

Albany finishes the 2002 season with nine victories, its most since 1998 and its highest winning percentage (.588) since the 1994 season.

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Albany (9-6-2, AE 4-2-2)	0	1	-	1
Hartford (7-10, AE 5-3)	1	1	-	2

Albany – Scoring: Steven Procknal 1-0, Nick Leddy 0-1; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundol (90:00, 9 saves, 2 GA).

Hartford – Scoring: Guy Primor 1-0, Alon Lubezky 1-0, Easton Wilson 0-1, Asaf Lubezky 0-1; Goalkeeper: Ryan Carr (90:00, 5 saves, 1 GA).

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ALBANY MEN FOURTH, WOMEN FIFTH AT AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boston, Mass. – Junior **Joe Pienta** (25:00) and sophomore **Andy Allstadt** placed sixth and eighth, respectively, on the 8K course at Franklin Park as Albany placed fourth at the 2002 America East Cross Country Championships on Saturday afternoon. New Hampshire captured the team title with 25 points by having four Wildcat runners finish among the top five. Boston U.'s **Jochen Dieckfoss** won the individual crown in a time of 23:45.

On the women's side, the Boston U. Terriers took home the team title, placing all seven of their runners in the top 25 for a total of 36 points. **Jenny Payne** of Stony Brook took home the individual title covering the 5K trek in 17:32. Albany's women placed fifth overall as senior **Meghan Howell** (18:53) and sophomore **Nicole Susser** (18:55) were the Great Danes' top finishers in 16th and 17th place.

Albany now has two weeks off to prepare for the NCAA Northeast Regional on Nov. 16 at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, N.Y.

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2002 AMERICA EAST CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Race – 8K – Franklin Park, Boston, Mass.

Team – 1. New Hampshire 25, 2. Boston U. 67, 2. Maine 67, 4. Albany 98, 5. Vermont 146, 6. Binghamton 170, 7. Stony Brook 179, 8. Northeastern 219, 9. Hartford 272.

Individual Champion – Jochen Dieckfoss (Boston U.), 23:45

Albany Finishers – 6. Joe Pienta 25:00, 8. Andy Allstadt 25:06, 19. Sam Gonzalez 25:46, 32. Robbie Freeman 26:45, 33. Rob Caracciolo 26:47

Women's Race – 5K – Franklin Park, Boston, Mass.

Team – 1. Boston U. 36, 2. Stony Brook 43, 3. New Hampshire 78, 4. Vermont 113, 5. Albany 118, 6. Maine 161, 7. Binghamton 173, 8. Northeastern 191, 9. Hartford 292.

Individual Champion – Jenny Payne (Stony Brook), 17:32

Albany Finishers – 16. Meghan Howell 18:53, 17. Nicole Susser 18:55, Zerlinda Martinez 18:58, 31. Erin Goddard 19:13, 34. Trista Neinast 19:20.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Boston, Mass. – **Liz Dyjack** and **Jill Link** each scored in the first half, and Northeastern went on to post a 3-0 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday evening at Parsons Field.

Dyjack, a sophomore midfielder, found the net off a header at 23:16 after being set up by **Jess Pfeiffer's** pass. Link followed ten minutes later with her first goal of the season for a 2-0 halftime lead.

In the final period, sophomore **Jennifer North** tallied her team-leading seventh goal of the year at 76:53. She placed a shot into an empty net after gathering in a feed from teammate **Filippa Petruccelli**.

Goalkeeper **Cynthia Slownik** made three saves to record the shutout. **Beth Spinelli** stopped six shots for the Great Danes, who fell to 4-13-1 overall and 1-6-0 in conference play. Albany closes out its schedule at Boston University on Sunday at 12 noon.

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Albany (4-13-1, AE 1-6-0)	0	0	-	0
Northeastern (7-7-4, AE 3-2-2)	2	1	-	3

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 6 saves, 3 GA).

Northeastern – Scoring: Liz Dyjack 1-0, Jill Link 1-0, Jen North 1-0, Jess Pfeifer 0-1, Tanya Mello 0-1, Filippa Petruccelli 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Cynthia Slowik (90:00, 3 saves, 0 GA).

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DANIELLE HUTCHESON OUT FOR TWO WEEKS WITH FOOT INJURY

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore center **Danielle Hutcheson**, the team's leading rebounder from a year ago, will miss the next two weeks of practice and the exhibition game against McGill University on Nov. 10 with a foot injury. Hutcheson was fitted with a cast to help correct plantar fasciitis, which is the inflammation of the tendon at the attachment that supports the arch or bottom of the foot. Her left foot will be re-evaluated, by Dr. Shankar Das, once the cast is removed.

Hutcheson was third on the team and 17th in the America East Conference with 11.1 points per game. She established the school's freshman single-season rebounding record with 216. A native of Phoenix, Ariz., Hutcheson was third in the conference in rebounding at 8.0 per game, fifth in shooting percentage at 48.6 percent and sixth in blocked shots (1.0 pg).

Becky Ayers, last year's leading scorer, has the same foot injury, but is sidelined for four weeks. Her foot will be re-examined in late November.