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## ARMY DOWNS UALBANY IN WOMEN'S HOOPS, 72-60

West Point, N.Y. – **Cara Enright** scored 14 points and **Stefanie Stone** added 13 points on 4-7 shooting as Army upended UAlbany, 72-60, on Wednesday night at Christl Arena. **Tanika Thrower**, who missed the previous game with a broken nose, led the way for the Great Danes scoring a career-high 26 points off the bench.

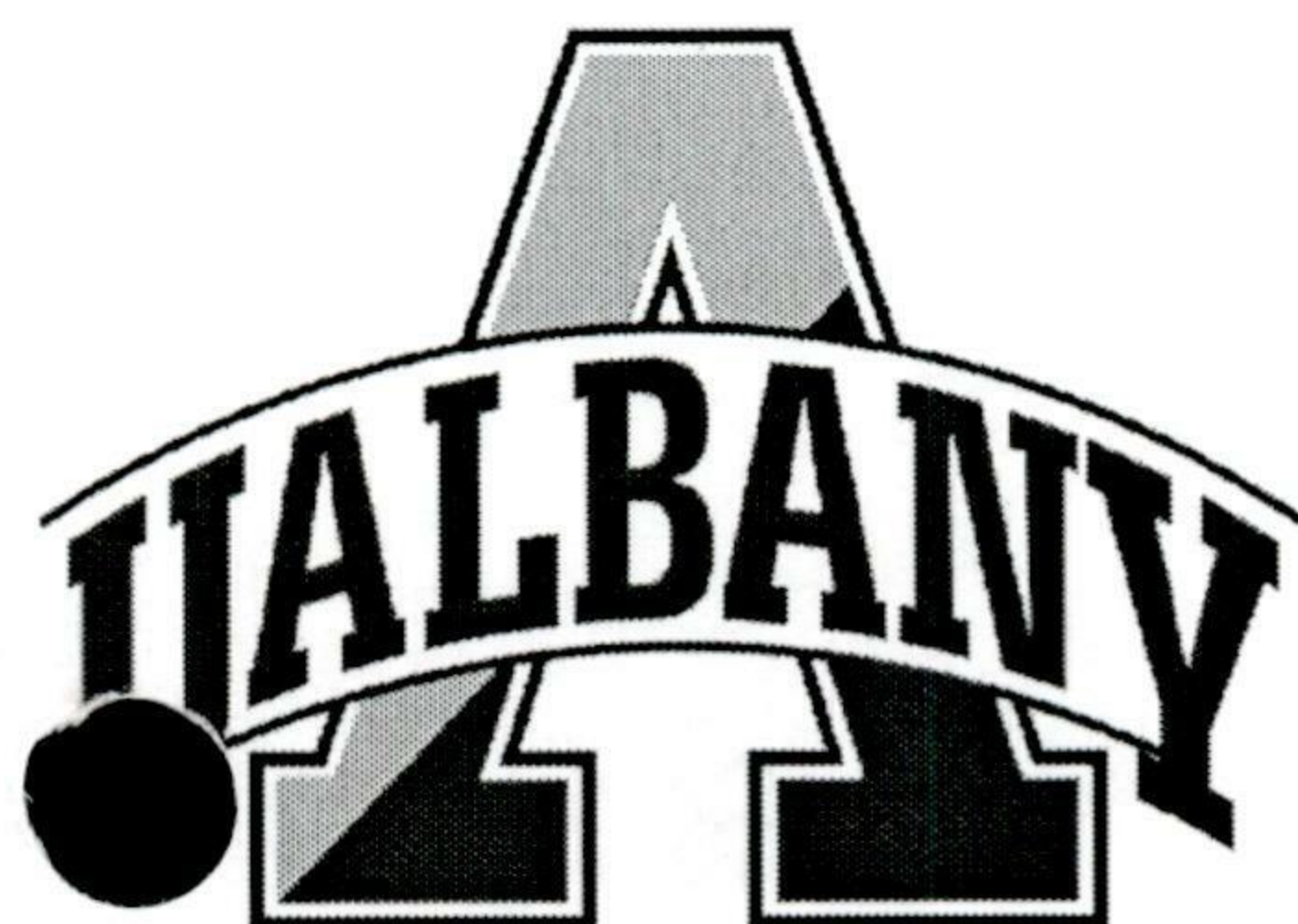
The Black Knights (3-2) led 11-10 with 14:09 remaining in the first half and went on an 11-2 run to push their lead to 10 midway through the opening stanza. **Alex McGuire** scored four of her six points in that stretch. Army pushed its lead to 30-17 on consecutive three-pointers by **Erin Begonia**. Thrower scored seven straight UAlbany points to keep her team in the contest, but **Sarah Anderson** hit her only two field-goal attempts of the game to close the half, giving Army a 44-28 advantage at the break.

“Our interior defense failed tonight,” said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team surrendered 26 points in the paint. “We played poor defense against this strong aggressive team. We need to be more physical in the future.”

**Jen Schumacher** and Thrower led the second half charge as Albany cut the halftime deficit to nine with 14:49 to go. Thrower had seven points and Schumacher added five of her eight over that stretch. The Great Danes (2-3) went without a field goal over the next 5:58 as Enright helped put the game out of reach with back-to-back three pointers to key a 14-1 Army run, giving the Black Knights their largest lead at 65-43. Thrower scored UAlbany's last eight points of the game, which ended 72-60.

“At first I was scared playing with the mask,” said Thrower, who shot 10-16 from the field and 4-6 from deep. “The mask made me focus more because your peripheral vision isn't there. I knew I had to keep playing to give the team a lift.”

Kirsten Peterson had a career-high nine points for the Great Danes, while grabbing seven boards. Army, who shot 49 percent in the opening half, scored 25 points off UAlbany's 21 turnovers.



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## No. 16 UCLA HOLDS OFF UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL, 73-65

Los Angeles, Calif. – **Arron Afflalo** had 22 points to pace four players in double figures as No. 16 UCLA overcame UAlbany, 73-65, on Tuesday evening at Pauley Pavilion.

UAlbany (1-4) regrouped from a 19-point, first-half deficit to go ahead 46-45 on a pair of free throws by **Brent Wilson** with 14:13 remaining. UCLA (5-1) went back in front for good with seven straight points. **Cedric Bozeman**, who had 16 points, and Afflalo made back-to-back three-pointers, before **Ryan Hollins** made a free throw for a 52-46 advantage.

The Bruins, who finished third in the preseason NIT four days ago, upped their margin to 59-50 when **Luc Richard Mbah a Moute**, who had 13 points and 13 rebounds, hit a driving layup. UAlbany's **Jamar Wilson**, who had nine of his 12 points in the final period, made a jumper to close the gap to 59-55, but that was as close as his team would get.

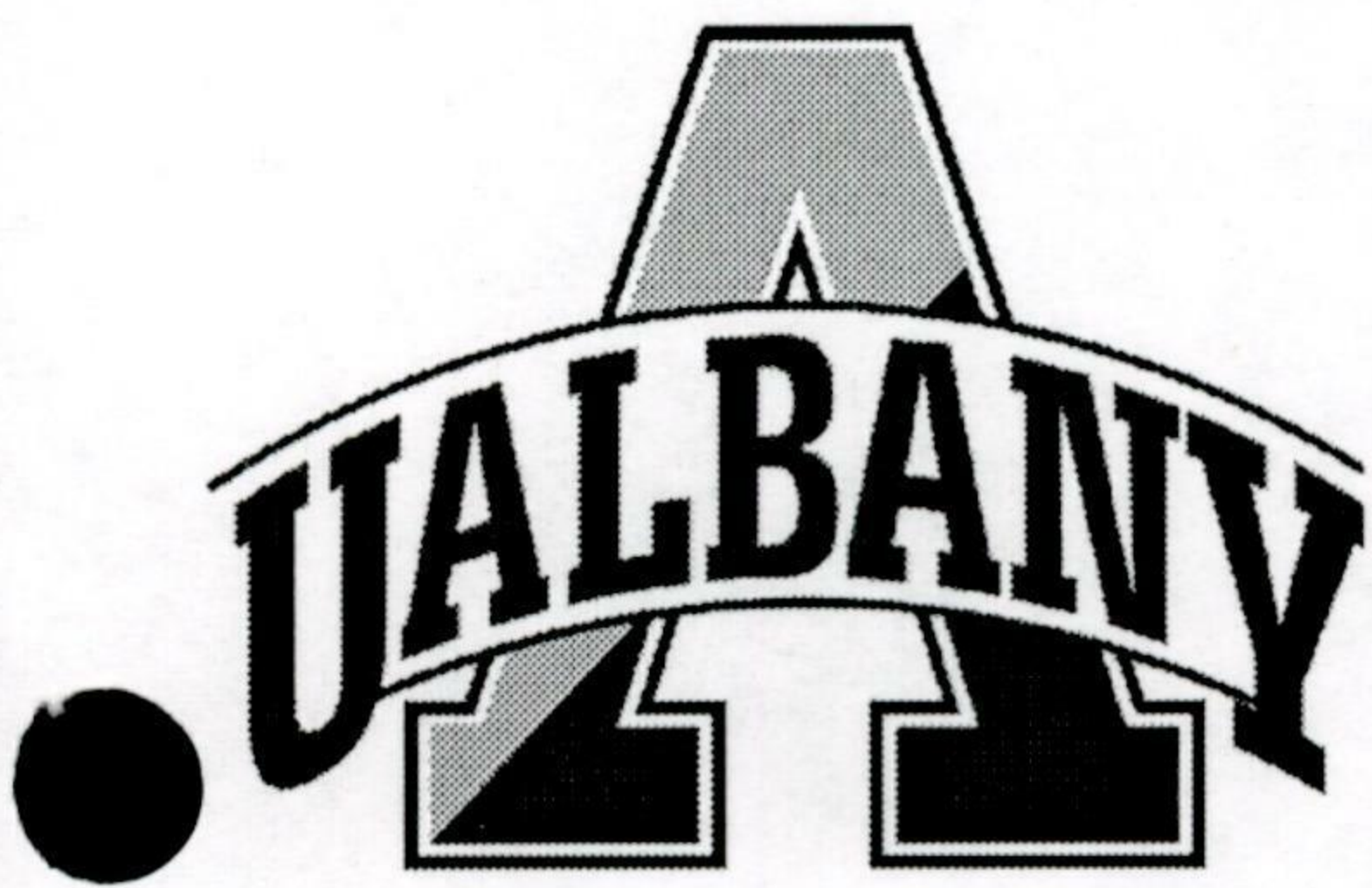
UCLA freshman **Darren Collison**, a starter for the injured **Jordan Farmar**, made two key three-pointers in the final six minutes to keep his team ahead. Collison, who had 10 points, nailed a long range jumper from the left corner to give his team a 70-62 with 1:26 left.

"This is the effort we need," UAlbany coach **Will Brown** said. "We played extremely hard on both ends of the floor. We got some flow offensively and executed the game plan. However, we made some mental mistakes during the stretch."

UAlbany got off to a fast start when **Jon Iati** made his first three 3-point attempts. The Great Danes led 11-8 after **Levi Levine** hit a jumper, but UCLA regrouped with 14 unanswered points. Afflalo, who started with 12 first-half points, ignited that run with a long-range jumper. Mbah a Moute added two free throws and a three-pointer, as the Bruins held a 22-11 advantage.

Afflalo hit another three pointer after teammate **Michael Roll** saved the ball from the backcourt, and UCLA had a 38-19 lead. But the Great Danes rallied with 14 straight points to the locker room. Levine, who finished with eight points, five assists and five rebounds, had three baskets during that stretch, and **Jimmie Covington** made two free throws with 29 seconds left before halftime.

"We took a step in the right direction," said Iati, who led all scorers with 23 points and canned a career-high six three-point field goals. "Like coach said, there are no moral victories, but we got better tonight."



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## Colin Disch Named Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year UAlbany Places Seven Players on All-Conference Football Squad

Somerset, N.J. -- University at Albany's **Colin Disch** has been chosen the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year, as voted on by the league's head coaches and announced today by the conference office. Disch led a group of seven UAlbany players who were named to the All-NEC squad, including five first-team selections.

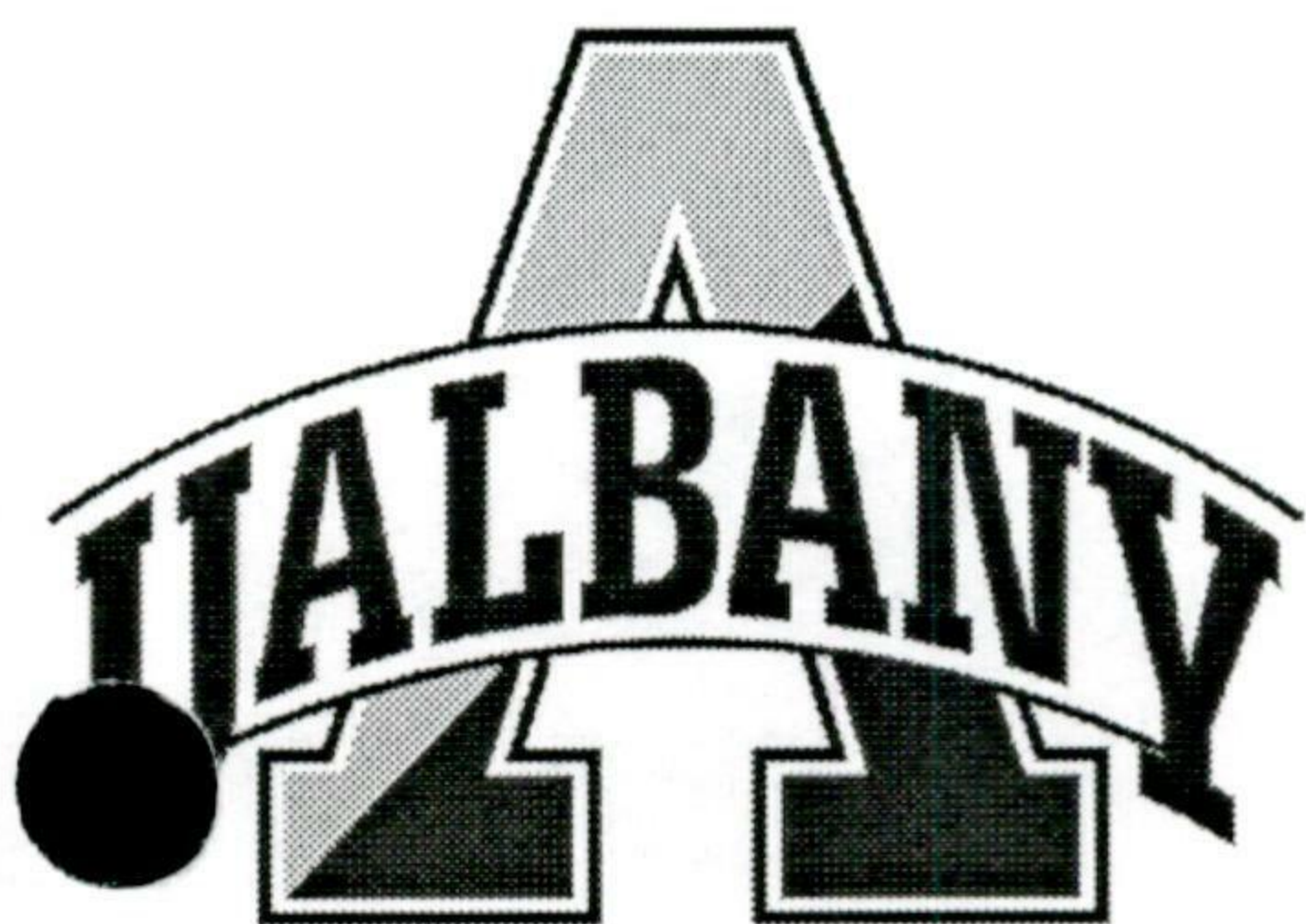
Disch, a sophomore inside linebacker, makes his second consecutive appearance on the all-conference first team. He made 112 tackles, including 15 hits for a loss and 4.5 sacks, plus added three pass break-ups and one interception. Disch, last year's NEC Defensive Rookie of the Year, ranks 27th among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in tackles at 10.18 per game. He reached the 100-tackle mark for the second straight year and has posted double-figure hits in 17 of 22 games played as a collegian. A first-team mid-major All-American in 2004, Disch tied the program's I-AA record with 18 tackles against Central Connecticut State on Sept. 24.

Senior cornerback **Kamar Elliott** and defensive end **Andre Coleman** were also named to the first team. Elliott, a three-year starter in the secondary, totaled 50 tackles, five pass break-ups and one interception. Coleman, a 6-foot-4, 290-pound junior, accounted for 32 tackles, 12 hits for a loss and 4.5 sacks. The pair of UAlbany defenders led a unit that ranked among the NCAA I-AA leaders in scoring defense (13th), rushing defense (13th) and total defense (16th).

UAlbany's offensive line placed two players on the All-NEC first team. **Jacob Anderson**, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound left tackle, earned second-team recognition one year ago. Anderson, who has started 21 consecutive games, blocked for an offense that improved as the season progressed and allowed the Great Danes to win five of their last six games. **Aaron Kimball** (Fonda-Fultonville HS), a 6-foot-3, 310-pound senior, has appeared in 45 career games and earned four varsity letters at both guard positions.

**Sam Pagano** (Colonie Central HS), a 6-foot-3, 305-pound right guard, and **Michael Dungey**, a 6-foot-2, 275-pound defensive tackle, were each chosen to the All-NEC second team. Pagano, a sophomore, paved the way for an offense that averaged 173.7 rushing yards and 280.0 yards in total offense against conference opponents. Dungey made 39 tackles, nine stops for losses and 3.0 sacks in 11 starting assignments.

The Great Danes, who recovered from a string of five consecutive losses to begin the season, finished with a 5-6 record. UAlbany tied for third place in the NEC standings with a 4-3 mark.



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## SAN DIEGO STATE UPENDS GREAT DANES BASKETBALL, 80-53

San Diego, Calif. – **Brandon Heath** had 20 points and **Marcus Slaughter** added 16 points and 15 rebounds as San Diego State upended UAlbany, 80-53, in a non-league game on Saturday evening at Cox Arena.

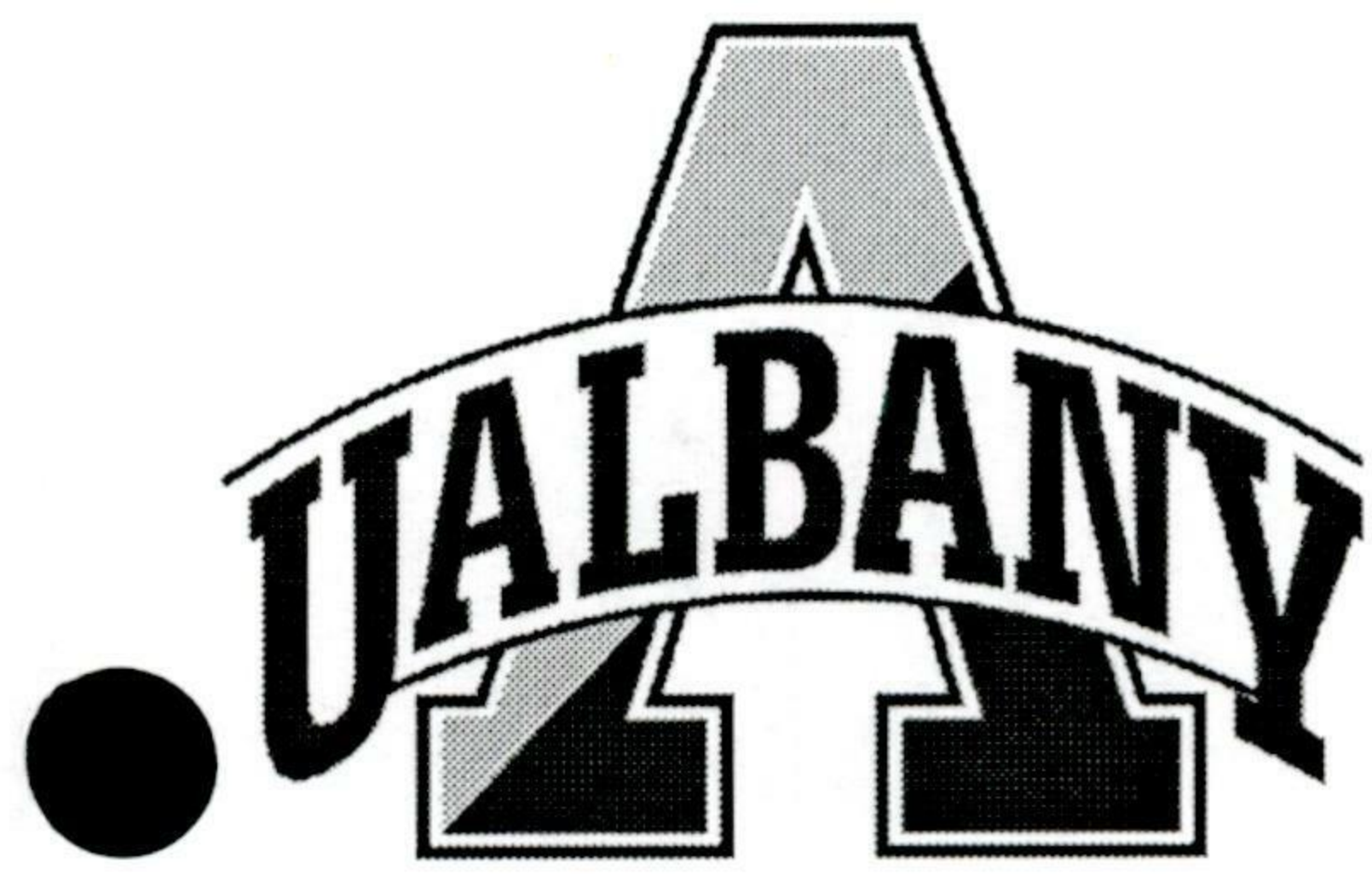
San Diego State (3-1) led 22-16 midway through the first half, but then scored seven straight points to pull away. **John Sharper**, who came off the bench to score 11 points, hit one of his three three-pointers to ignite that run. Slaughter, a 6-foot-9 junior, and Heath followed with back-to-back baskets.

The Aztecs, who shot 50 percent from the field in the opening half, led 43-30 at halftime. Heath, a preseason All-Mountain West Conference selection, and Slaughter each had 12 points in the period. SDSU then opened the final period with a 9-3 run and never looked back. Freshman **Richie Williams**, who had all 10 of his points in the final half, nailed a three-point field goal on his team's first possession. Williams and Slaughter converted consecutive steals for a 52-33 advantage with 16:14 remaining.

"I thought the two big keys were keeping them off the offensive glass and playing good transition defense," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team shot just 34.7 percent on 17-of-49 attempts. "We failed to do either of those things in the first half. We compounded our problems with too many turnovers and careless passes. Slaughter is a tough matchup for us and is certainly an all-conference player."

Freshman **Kyle Spain** was the fifth Aztec in double figures with 10 points. UAlbany (1-3) was led by 7-foot-1 center **Kirsten Zoellner**, who recorded the second double-double of his career with 13 points and 10 rebounds. **Jon Iati** had 12 points off the bench. Leading scorer **Jamar Wilson** was held to eight points, and had his 31-game double-figure scoring streak halted.

The Great Danes finish their west coast swing when they meet UCLA on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at historic Pauley Pavilion.



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## SENIORS LEAD UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TO 66-56 WIN IN HOME OPENER

Albany, N.Y. – **Jen Schumacher** scored a season-high 15 points, including nine in the second half, as UAlbany upended Morgan State, 66-56, in its home opener on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany and Morgan State battled nip and tuck for the first 12 minutes of the game, with no team leading by more than four points. UAlbany led 20-17 with 8:14 remaining in the period before reeling off a 7-0 run over the next three minutes. **Joy Sterling**, who scored all 11 of her points in the opening stanza, hit a jumper. **Sharon Majors** added a bucket in the paint before **Sherri Mikus** completed a three-point play to cap the spurt.

Morgan State (0-3) answered back with seven straight points, trimming the gap to 24-17 with three minutes left in the half. **Latricia Jones** and **Jennyffer Vargas** each made layups in the lane, while **Sarissa Gaskins** added three free throws. Gaskins tallied a team-high 15 points and seven rebounds.

“We need to get better at handling runs,” said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team was playing its fourth game in seven days. “When we get up by 10 or 20, we want to stay up, and not let the other team back in the game.”

UAlbany (2-2) was leading 30-28 early in the second stanza and then rattled off 14 unanswered points to go ahead 44-28 at 12:40. Schumacher keyed the run with a jumper and three-pointer on consecutive possessions. **Gia Sanders** scored all six of her points in the stretch.

The Lady Bears stayed close and cut the lead to single digits, 55-47, on a three-pointer by **Whitney Johnson**, who finished with 12 points. Another jumper by Johnson brought Morgan State within 55-49 at 4:03.

**Tanya James** countered for the Great Danes with a fast-break layup and four free throws, as UAlbany built a 61-50 cushion. James tallied 10 points, including a perfect 8-of-8 at the free throw line. Majors then found **Kirsten Peterson** under the basket on the following two possessions to put the game out of reach.

“It’s usually difficult to get a rhythm going when you come off the bench,” said Majors, who registered a career-high nine points. “Everything just went well today. I was able to make some nice passes at the end to help close out the game. It just felt good to be home.”

The Great Danes, who connected on 22-of-24 free throws, also held a 45-31 margin on the glass. Sterling spearheaded the effort with 10 rebounds for her first double-double and third game with double-figure boards.



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## UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SETS PROGRAM RECORD FOR SEASON WINS

Philadelphia, Pa. - **Ashley DeNeal** drilled 17 kills to lead UAlbany to a 3-1 win over Long Island in the team's season finale on Saturday evening at McGonigle Hall. The Great Danes recorded scores of 27-30, 33-31, 30-18 and 30-28 to set the Division I program record with 28 wins. The victory total bested the record of 27, set in 2004.

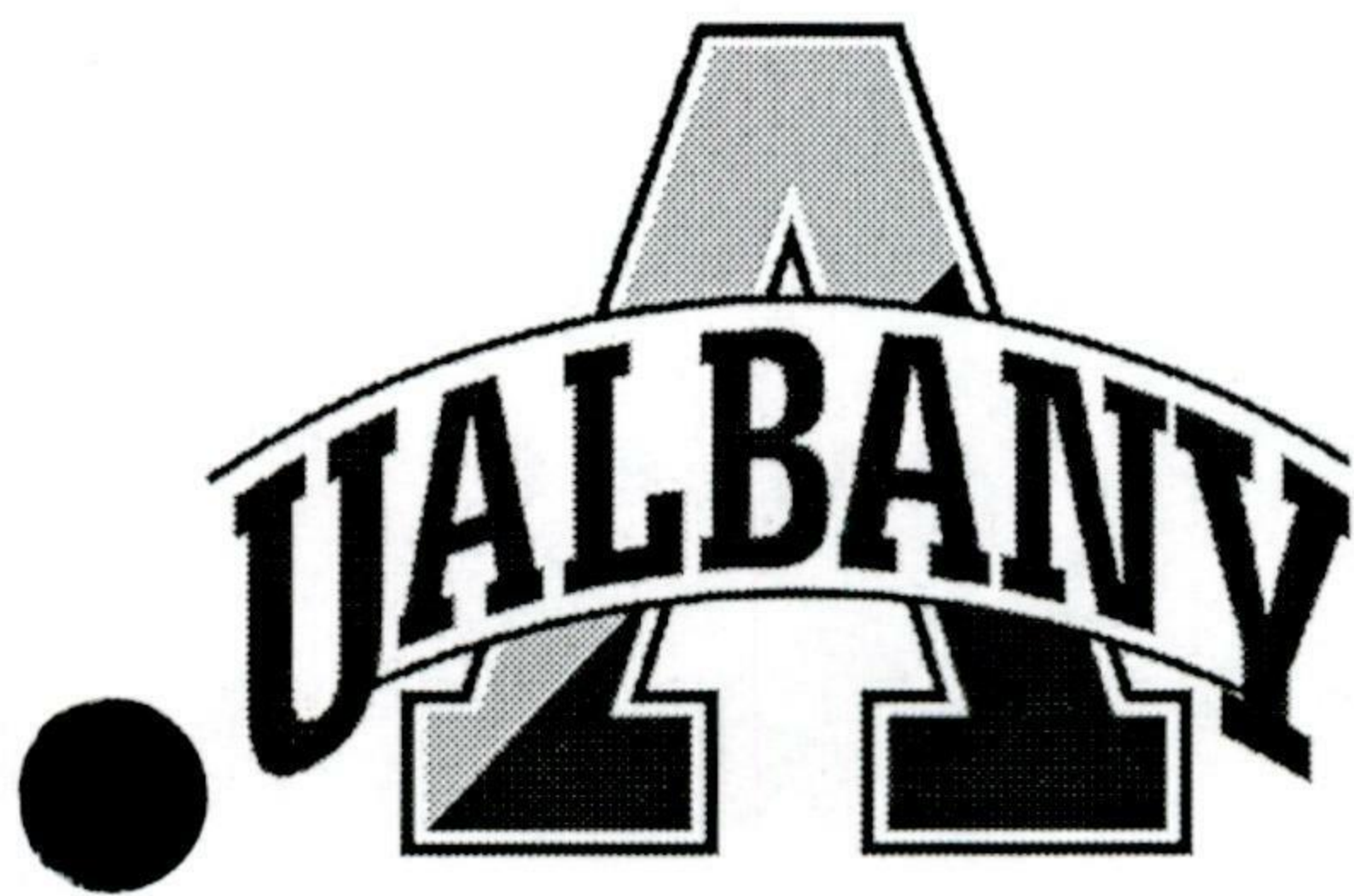
DeNeal added 17 digs to bring her season total to 566, which ties the school record set in 1997 by 2005 UAlbany Hall of Fame inductee Rafaela Nikas. **Blair Buchanan** added 18 digs to go along with her 49 assists and team-leading .583 hitting percentage. Senior **Ashlee Reed** recorded a double-double with 14 digs and 13 kills. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** also reached double figures with 15 digs, as well as smacking six service aces. UAlbany tallied 16.5 blocks as a team, led by **Ashley Green**, who had eight to tie her career high.

Long Island, which won the Northeast Conference championship, was led by **Jade Gold**, who smacked 16 kills.

"I'm as proud of the team as I have been all year," commented UAlbany coach **Kelly Sheffield**. "After last week's disappointment, we came in here and absolutely competed against two good teams. I think that shows the character of the players we have on the team, including the four seniors who have led the way all year."

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UAlbany (28-4) def. Long Island (25-13), 27-30, 33-31, 30-18, 30-28



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## UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS TEMPLE, TIES PROGRAM RECORD FOR WINS

Philadelphia, Pa. – **Ashley DeNeal** smacked 16 kills to lead UAlbany to a 3-0 sweep of Temple in non-conference women's volleyball action at McGonigle Hall on Friday night. The Great Danes, who posted scores of 30-25, 30-27 and 30-27, tied the program record with 27 victories at the Division I level. It is the second straight year UAlbany registered 27 wins.

DeNeal, who moved from libero to outside hitter for the match, also added a team-high 18 digs and hit .341. **Ashley Crenshaw** added 12 kills and finished with a .478 hitting percentage. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** added 13 digs and two service aces, while **Ashlee Reed** chipped in nine kills. **Blair Buchanan** tallied 35 assists for the Great Danes, who hit .286 as a team.

Temple, who finished as runners-up in the Atlantic-10 conference tournament, was led by **Stephanie Buynovsky** with 13 kills and a .462 hitting percentage. **Patricia Vernon** also reached double figures with 13 kills.

The Great Danes conclude their season on Saturday at 5 p.m. against Northeast Conference champion Long Island.

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UAlbany (27-4) def. Temple (23-12), 30-25, 30-27 and 30-27.



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### **SIENA HOLDS OFF UALBANY, 61-55, IN WOMEN'S HOOP CROSSTOWN SERIES**

Albany, N.Y. – Whitney Cave had 20 points, two off her career-high, and grabbed 10 rebounds as Siena held off crosstown-rival UAlbany, 61-55, on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at Pepsi Arena. The teams were meeting for the fourth time as Division I programs.

Siena (1-1) raced to a 31-17 halftime lead by holding the Great Danes to 25-percent shooting in the period. Michelle Blot, a 6-foot senior, tallied all 10 of her points in the opening half, as her team leaped to a 20-7 advantage at the start by making 7-of-12 from the field. Katelyn Dooley, who had 14 points, canned two of her four 3-point field goals in that outburst. Talaya Wilkins' layup gave her team an 18-point cushion with 8:08 remaining before the break.

The Saints, who fell to No. 14 Maryland by 41 points in their opener, began the second half by tallying 12 of the game's next 16 points to build a 43-21 margin. Cave, a 6-foot senior, scored eight points in that stretch, including a pair of three-pointers.

UAlbany (1-2) later trailed 55-37, but then showed some life with a string of nine unanswered points. Sherri Mikus, who came off the bench to score a career-best 10 points and make four steals, hit two baskets, before Jen Schumacher canned a three-point field goal. The senior guard finished with a team-high 13 points on 5-of-11 shooting.

Siena still had an 11-point advantage with 3:39 remaining, but Amanda Ward hit back-to-back baskets and Schumacher drilled another 3-pointer to close the gap to 57-53. However, the Saints held on when Cave and Dooley each converted one-and-one free throw opportunities over the final 30 seconds to seal the outcome.

"I thought we were shell-shocked at the beginning," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team forced 23 turnovers by Siena. "We didn't start the game very well, but it is amazing how quick the momentum swung in the second half. We were getting to the hoop and creating shots. We just needed more time."

Laura Menty was the fourth Siena player in double figures with 10. Ward, a junior college transfer, scored nine, while Gia Sanders added a career-high 10 rebounds to go with six points.





## UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SIGNS TWO HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUTS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced on Tuesday afternoon that two student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes during the 2006-07 academic year. **Charity Iromuanya**, a 5-foot-8 guard from Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Northeast H.S.) and **Britney McGee**, a 5-foot-8 guard from Bakersfield, Calif. (West H.S.), each committed during the early signing period.

Iromuanya, a three-year starter, was named to the Associated Press Class A All-Nebraska Second Team as a junior. She averaged 10.6 points and 3.7 rebounds in leading the Rockets to a perfect 24-0 season and the Class A state championship. Iromuanya became the state's seventh girls' basketball player to receive a Division I scholarship.

McGee was honored as the All-Area Player of the Year by the Bakersfield Californian. She was named the Southwest Yosemite League's Most Valuable Player after averaging 16.2 points and 8.0 rebounds per game as a junior. McGee guided West High to the Central Section Division III semifinals after posting a triple-double (19 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds) in a first-round playoff game.

"Charity and Britney will add depth to our guard play," said Patterson, who is starting four underclassmen this season. "Charity is a speedy guard with exceptional floor presence. She can get to the basket and create pressure on defense. Britney is a long-range combo guard with outstanding passing ability and great court awareness."

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### 2006-07 University at Albany Women's Basketball Signings

Name, Pos., Ht., Hometown (High School)

Charity Iromuanya, G, 5-8, Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Northeast)

Britney McGee, G, 5-8, Bakersfield, Calif. (West)

## UALBANY'S STEPHAN HALL EARNS FIRST TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Waltham, Mass. – University at Albany junior midfielder Stephan Hall was named to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Men's Soccer Team as announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Hall, a first-team selection, became the first UAlbany men's soccer player to earn national academic All-America honors.

Hall, who has a 3.97 cumulative grade point average in urban studies with a double minor in history and psychology, is a two-time CoSIDA District I selection. He was named the America East Conference Men's Soccer Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2004. Hall has been a member of the America East Commissioner's Honor Roll and the UAlbany Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

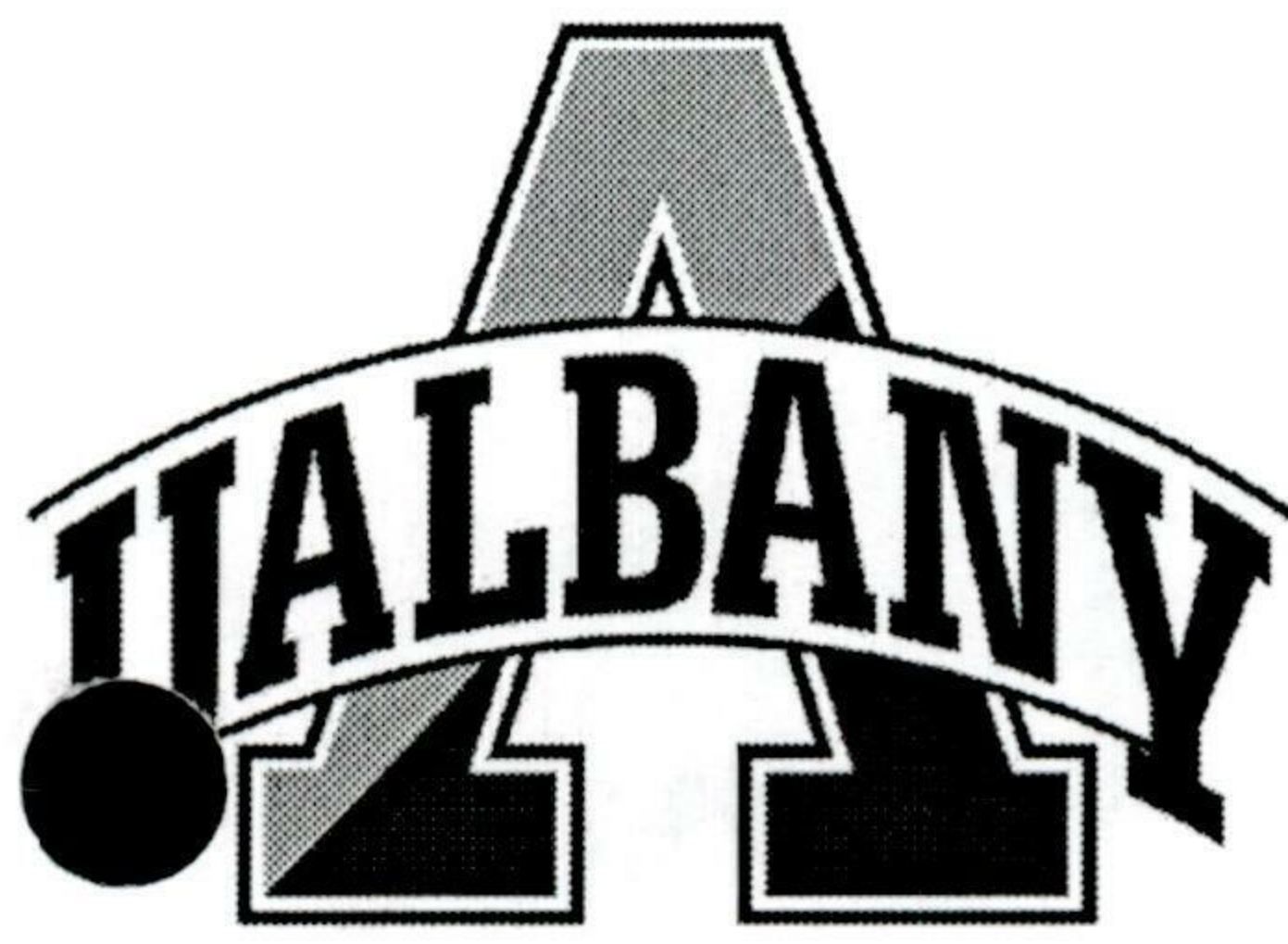
A two-time all-conference selection, Hall finished the 2005 season fifth in the America East in points (17) and tied for fifth in assists (7). He also led UAlbany in those categories and finished tied for the team lead with five goals. Hall has 30 career points on nine goals and 12 assists.

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**STERN NAMED FOOTBALL GAZETTE SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Brookville, Ill. – UAlbany's **Steven Stern** has been named the Football Gazette I-AA Mid-Major Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's 41-0 victory over non-league opponent Fordham.

Stern, a senior outside linebacker, tied a career-best with four tackles, including three solo, on special teams. A Siena College transfer, Stern plays on the kickoff cover, punt cover and punt return units. He was voted the UAlbany's special teams MVP in 2004.



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## College Basketball – Sacred Heart 63, Albany 61

Albany, N.Y. – Kibwe Trim scored a career-high 29 points and made two free throws with 16.5 seconds remaining to lift Sacred Heart to a 63-61 non-league victory over UAlbany in the Great Danes' home opener on Monday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Sacred Heart (1-1) used a 16-3 run in the second half to build a 52-39 margin. Trim, a 6-foot-10 center, hit a slam dunk in transition from Jarrid Frye before the Pioneers made eight of nine free throws to extend their lead. Luke Granato's fastbreak layup gave his team a 13-point cushion.

UAlbany (1-2) would eventually get back into the contest behind the play of Jon Iati, who had 12 of his 20 points in the final period. The Great Danes closed within 56-54 when Iati canned one of his four 3-pointers with 4:49 remaining.

The Pioneers seemed to pull away when Boston College transfer Tavio Hobson drilled a three-point field goal from the left corner and Trim scored from left of the lane for a 61-54 advantage.

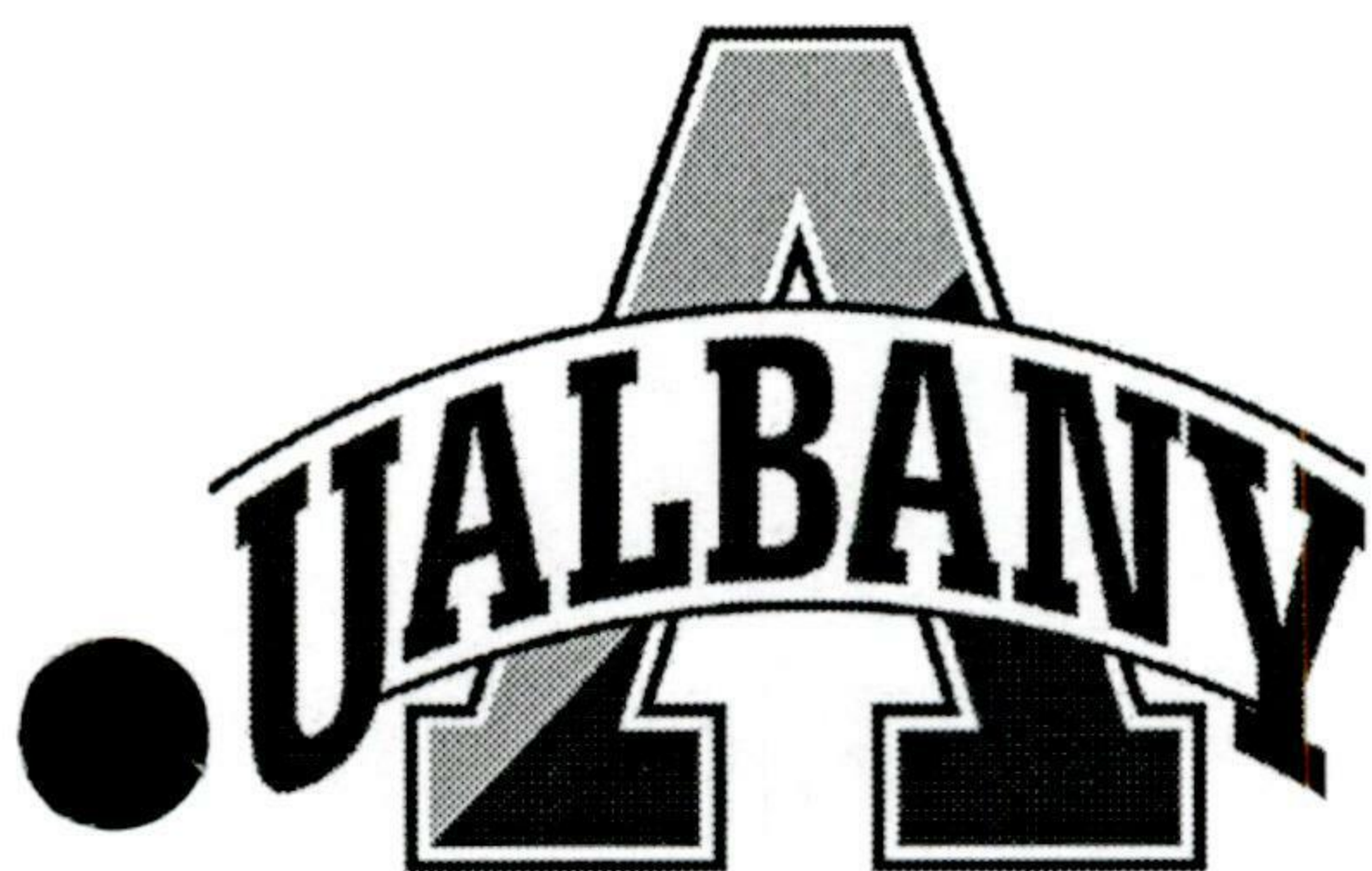
But Jamar Wilson, who had 15 points, and Iati each sank a pair of free throws over the next two minutes to close the gap to a one-possession game. Following a missed three-pointer by Hobson, Iati nailed a step-back, long-ranger jumper from the left side to draw his team even at 61 apiece.

Trim, who made 10-of-17 field goals and 9-of-11 from the line, then calmly sank two free throws to put his club ahead after being fouled in the lane by UAlbany's Levi Levine. The Great Danes failed to get off a shot on their last possession when Lucious Jordan's pass was deflected out of bounds by Trim.

"I can't tell you why it took us 35 minutes to play with energy," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team had 14 of its 18 turnovers in the opening half. "Kibwe Trim just dominated the game on the blocks. We were trying to get a mismatch on the last play with a dribble hand-off to Iati or (Brent) Wilson popping out."

Frye had eight points, 10 rebounds and seven assists for the Pioneers, who dropped a six-point decision to Rhode Island in their season opener two days ago. Brent Wilson, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, was the third UAlbany player in double figures with 11, but the Great Danes shot just 37.7 percent from the floor, including 5-of-23 from the three-point arc.

"My job is to be leader and I am taking this loss personally," commented Jamar Wilson, who added seven assists and three steals to his scoring total. "It's been eleven days since our last game, but I still thought we were ready to play. Trim just tore us apart, but it was all of us on defense that allowed him to score that way."



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### UALBANY'S JAMAR WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jamar Wilson** has been named the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's basketball, as announced on Monday afternoon by the conference office. Wilson shared the award with UMBC's John Zito.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 junior, averaged 23.5 points, 3.5 assists and 3.0 rebounds in pair of games at the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic on Nov. 9-10 in Gainesville, Fla. He scored 26 points on 10-of-13 shooting in a first-round 90-73 victory over Oakland, plus became the 27th player in school history to reach the 1,000-point mark. Wilson tallied 19 of his 21 points in the first half against Florida in the regional final. Wilson, who shot 81 percent from the field (17-21) in the two-game set, owns a 30-game, double-figure scoring streak. He has netted 20-plus points on 21 occasions as a collegian.

### THREE UALBANY PLAYERS EARN NORTHEAST CONFERENCE WEEKLY AWARDS

Somerset, N.J. – UAlbany's **Daniel Bocanegra** has been selected as both the Northeast Conference Offensive Player and Rookie of the Week in football for his performance in last Saturday's 41-0 victory over non-league opponent Fordham. The Great Danes' **Colin Disch** and **Steven Stern** also picked up NEC awards as the Defensive Player of the Week and Special Teams Player of the Week, respectively.

Bocanegra, a redshirt freshman, accounted for a career-high 206 total yards and passed for two touchdowns in making his first start at quarterback since Oct. 1. He completed 12-of-18 attempts for 157 yards, rushed 12 times for 49 yards, and returned one punt for 10 yards. He threw a 6-yard scoring pass in the third quarter and a 13-yard touchdown early in the final period. Bocanegra, who attended the same California high school as two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady, also set up the first touchdown of the game with a 44-yard, flea-flicker pass.

Disch, a sophomore inside linebacker, made a team-high 12 tackles, including six unassisted and two for losses, and had one sack and one pass break-up as his team posted its fifth shutout as a Division I-AA program. The Great Danes held Fordham to 104 total yards, the third-lowest mark by an opponent in UAlbany's I-AA history. Disch, who is among the NCAA leaders with 112 tackles this season, recorded double-figure hits for the 17th time of his career.

Stern, a senior outside linebacker, tied a career-best with four tackles, including three solo, on special teams. A Siena College transfer, Stern plays on the kickoff cover, punt cover and punt return units. He was voted the UAlbany's special teams MVP in 2004.



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## COLLINS LEADS ST. BONAVENTURE PAST UALBANY, 59-49, IN TOURNNEY TITLE GAME

Elmira, N.Y. – Senior **Stefanie Collins** scored 12 points to lead three players in double figures as St. Bonaventure downed UAlbany, 59-49, in the championship game of the St. Bonaventure Shootout on Sunday afternoon at First Arena.

St. Bonaventure (2-0) held a 31-22 halftime advantage, but a layup by UAlbany's **Joy Sterling** pulled the Great Danes within 33-28 early in the second period. UAlbany (1-1) stayed close until Collins drilled back-to-back three-pointers to stretch the Bonnies lead to 45-35 with 10:01 remaining. Collins, who was voted the tournament MVP, connected on 4-of-7 attempts from three-point range. The Great Danes, who committed 14 of their 20 turnovers in the second half, were unable to make another run.

St. Bonaventure jetted out to an 11-2 lead to start the game. **Kirsten Peterson** scored the first four points of the game for the Great Danes. **Amanda Ward** added five straight points and **Gia Sanders** converted a layup as UAlbany trimmed the gap to 15-11 at 8:36. Sanders finished with a team and career-high 11 points in addition to six rebounds and two blocks. **Katelyn Murray** then took over for the Bonnies, reeling off seven straight points as part of an 8-2 spurt that gave them their largest lead at 27-15 with 4:00 left in the half.

"We played well in spurts," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson. "These games were good preparation for the rest of the season. We still have a lot to learn, and we are going to use each game as a learning tool."

Sterling, a freshman forward, registered six points and 10 rebounds, her second straight game with double-figure boards. **Jen Schumacher**, who was named to the all-tournament squad, added nine points. **Tanika Thrower** tallied six points and a career-high six rebounds and also earned all-tournament accolades.

Murray finished with 11 points, while **Ashley Edwards** added 10 points for St. Bonaventure. The Bonnies shot 47-percent (7-of-15) from three-point range and 41-percent (20-of-49) overall.

UAlbany returns to the court on Wednesday at 7 p.m. against crosstown-rival Siena at the Pepsi Arena.



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## THROWER GUIDES UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TO OPENING VICTORY

Elmira, N.Y. – Sophomore **Tanika Thrower** scored a career-high 16 points and senior **Jen Schumacher** added 12 points as UAlbany defeated Niagara, 54-47, in the season opener for both teams in the first round of the St. Bonaventure Shootout on Saturday afternoon at First Arena. UAlbany will meet the winner of St. Bonaventure-Cornell in the tournament championship on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Great Danes, who won their second consecutive season opener, held a 36-23 advantage midway through the second half. Niagara stormed back with a 17-6 run, which was fueled by four three-pointers. **Shaunna Ambrose** drained two long-range shots, while **Jessi Tomasin** and **Chantelle Wilson** also connected from behind the arc. **Michelle Manfredi's** three-point play trimmed the gap to 42-40 with 4:57 remaining.

Thrower and Schumacher answered with back-to-back three-pointers as UAlbany pushed the lead to 48-40 with 4:09 remaining. The Great Danes never let Niagara any closer than six points the rest of the game. Thrower, who added a career-high five steals, finished 6-of-12 from the floor and 2-of-4 from behind the arc. All 12 of Schumacher's points came on three-pointers.

"Tanika can shoot the ball," said head coach Trina Patterson, who had four first-time starters in the lineup. "She is another offensive weapon for us and that is important because teams suffocate Jen. We also had a great team effort on defense. It is encouraging to see the young players on the team play older than they are."

Both teams struggled from the floor early in the game, as UAlbany led 9-1 before Manfredi scored Niagara's first field goal at 10:23 of the first half. The Great Danes led 18-12 before an offensive basket by **Jennifer Roueche** made the score 18-14. **Amanda Ward**, who finished with nine points off the bench, scored on a fast-break layup as UAlbany led 22-14 at the half.

Redshirt freshman center **Kirsten Peterson** corralled 11 rebounds to go along with three blocks and four points in her first career start for UAlbany. Freshman guard **Joy Sterling** added 12 rebounds, including seven on the offensive glass in her first collegiate game. The Great Danes held a 54-47 advantage on the boards and connected on 44-percent (8-of-18) of their three-point attempts.

Ambrose paced Niagara with 12 points, while Manfredi tallied seven points and seven rebounds.

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## FOUR UALBANY CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS EARN ALL-EAST STATUS

Bronx, N.Y. – Four members of the UAlbany cross country teams earned All-East status as the men's and women's squads competed at the ECAC/IC4A Championship at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx on Saturday. **Alyssa Lotmore** and **Jenna Ortman** finished in the top 15 for the women, while seniors **Robbie Freeman** and **Bryant Cherry-Woode** did the same for the Great Dane men.

Lotmore (Bishop-Maginn) was the top UAlbany women's runner, covering the 5,000-meter course in 18:37.4 and leading the women to a fifth-place finish. Freshman Jenna Ortman, who has placed first or second on the Great Danes squad in each of their races this season, finished with a 14th-place showing. Her twin sister **Jessica Ortman** and **Danielle Trimpop** also finished in the top-40 overall.

New Hampshire won its third straight ECAC University Division championship with a team score of 76. The Wildcats' **Catherine Parker** took home the individual title with a time of 18:10.5.

Freeman, who won last year's IC4A University Division and was the first Great Dane to accomplish the feat, finished fifth overall in the men's five-mile race with a time of 35:58.2. Cherry-Woode, coming off the NCAA Regionals competition, finished 14th overall.

Sophomore **Ricardo Estremera** also placed in the top-50 for the Great Danes with a time of 27:11.3.

Manhattan's **Tyler Raymond** won this year's individual IC4A title, while Army captured the team competition. The UAlbany men finished 10th overall in their final contest of the season.

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### 2005 IC4A Championship (Van Cortlandt Park)

#### INDIVIDUAL

1. Tyler Raymond (Manhattan) 25:24.6, 2. Girma Segni (Marist) 25:41.8, 3. Faraz Bala (Army) 25:45.6, 4. Shaun Krawitz (Stony Brook) 25:55.8, **5. Robbie Freeman (UAlbany) 25:58.2**, 6. Daniel O'Loughlin (Army) 25:59.5, 7. Justin Wood (Seton Hall) 26:03.9, 8. Jordan Horwitz (New Hampshire) 26:09.3, 9. Doug Pelletier (Army) 26:14.9, 10. John Mickowski (Army) 26:21.9

#### OTHER UALBANY FINISHERS

14. Bryant Cherry-Woode, 26:30.0, 46. Ricardo Estremera, 27:11.3, 108. Gered Burns, 28:06.6, 127. Chris Jimenez, 28:47.8, 153. Eric Zorrilla, 29:46.3, 161. Jimmy Henn, 30:12.4, 176. Joe Belokopitsky, 31:01.8

### 2005 ECAC Championship (Van Cortlandt Park)

#### INDIVIDUAL

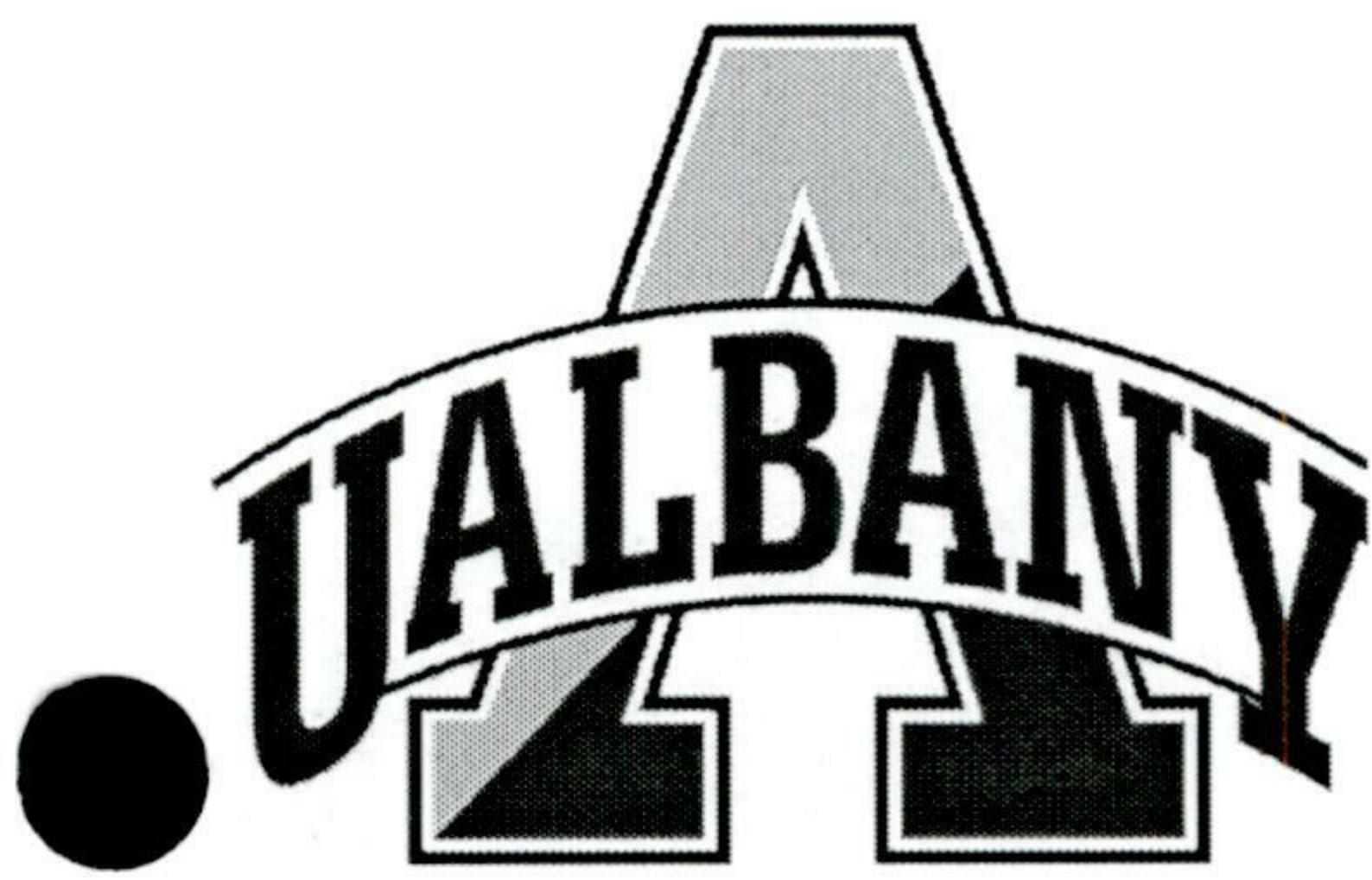
1. Catherine Parker (New Hampshire) 18:10.5, 2. Caitlin Dunne (Loyola College) 18:14.6, 3. Dana Hastie (Stony Brook) 18:21.2, 4. Andrea Rovegno (Loyola College) 18:25.1, 5. Katie Radzik (Binghamton) 18:27.8, 6. Megan Lerch (Towson) 18:36.0, **7. Alyssa Lotmore**

(UAlbany) 18:37.4, 8. Emily Marbe (New Hampshire) 18:42.2, 9. Katina Alexander (Monmouth) 18:43.6, 10. Jacqueline Prevete (Fordham) 18:44.4

**OTHER UALBANY FINISHERS**

14. Jenna Ortman, 18:58.4, 32. Jessica Ortman, 19:39.3, 40. Danielle Trimpop, 19:47.9, 94. Jessica Chichester, 20:52.7, 107. Jenny Boshco, 21:23.6, 112. Jenn Russell, 21:38.9





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## UALBANY FOOTBALL ENDS SEASON WITH 41-0 SHUTOUT AGAINST FORDHAM

Bronx, N.Y. – Quarterback **Daniel Bocanegra** passed for two touchdowns and tailback **Omar Johnson** scored three times in leading UAlbany to a 41-0 victory over Fordham in the regular-season finale for both teams on Saturday afternoon at Jack Coffey Field.

With Bocanegra starting at quarterback for the injured **Brett Hall**, the Great Danes scored on their second possession. Bocanegra went to the team's bag of tricks with a 44-yard flea-flicker pass to **Josh Furnas**. Johnson then reached the end zone when he powered over the left guard on an 8-yard run.

UAlbany (5-6) scored a pair of touchdowns in the final three minutes of the second quarter. Bocanegra hit split end **Irani DeAraujo** with a 19-yard completion before running a draw play 13 yards to the Fordham 1. Johnson would then blast over the left side for a touchdown.

The Great Danes' defense got into the act when Ram quarterback **Derric Daniels** fumbled a shotgun snap and defensive end **Jermaine Lee** recovered. Furnas darted around the left end with a reverse on the next play for a 20-0 lead. The 36-yard run was keyed by center **Pierce Brennan's** downfield block.

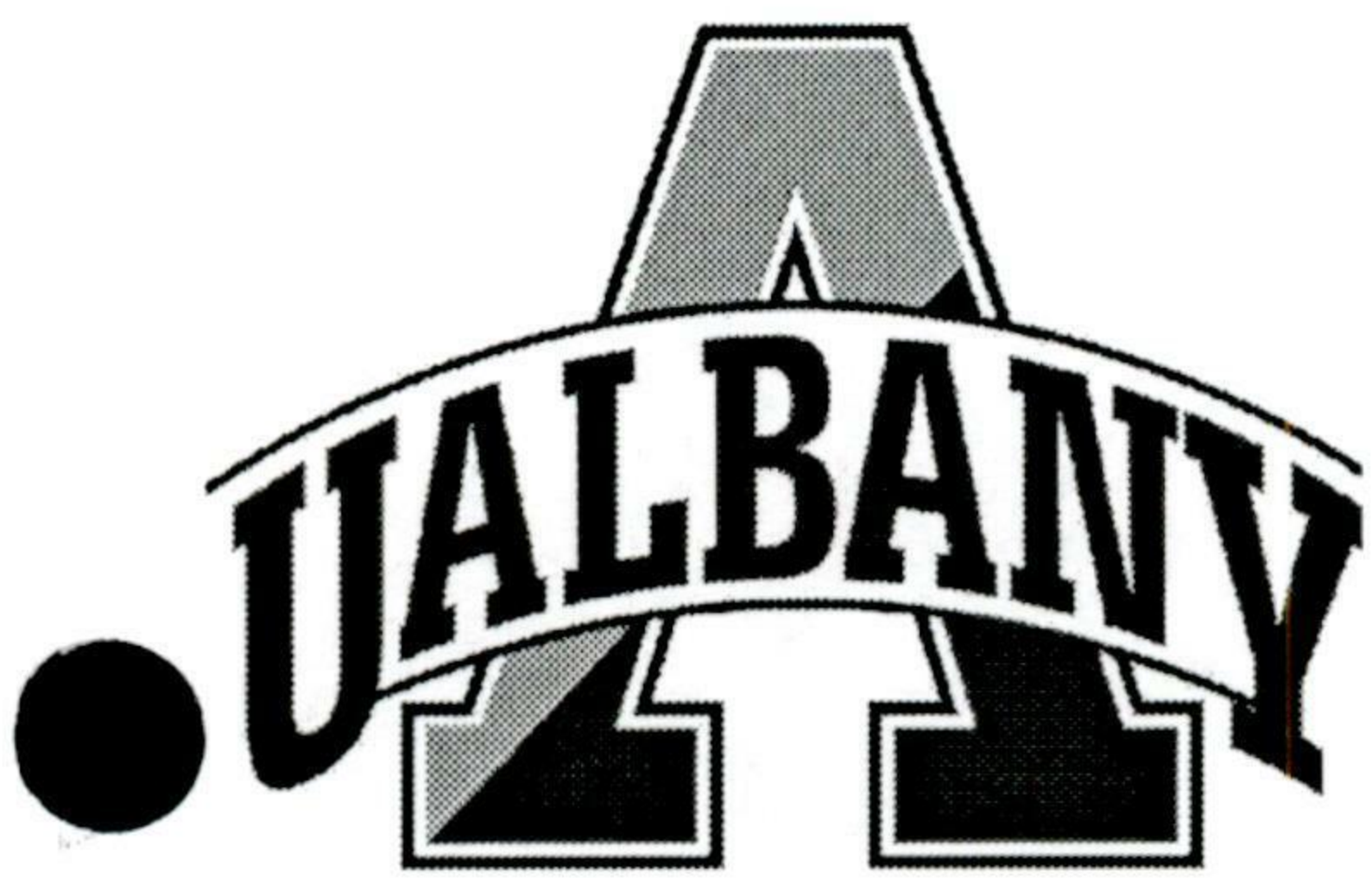
In the third quarter, Bocanegra, who accounted for a career-high 206 total yards, led his team on a 9-play, 65-yard march. **Marcus Allen**, who ran for 74 yards on 20 carries, and fullback **Dan Beigel** did the bulk of the work. Bocanegra capped the drive with a 6-yard scoring pass to Johnson for a 27-0 advantage. The redshirt freshman finished 12-of-18 for 157 yards through the air and added 49 on the ground.

"This was a great team win," said UAlbany coach **Bob Ford**, whose team won five of its last six games and also ended an eight-game skid against non-league opponents. "Our offense got our defense off the field. Bocanegra made some big-time plays and our offensive line dominated at the point of attack. The defense was, as usual, very solid."

The Great Danes, who posted their fifth shutout as a Division I-AA program, used their defense to score twice in the final period. Bocanegra fired a 13-yard touchdown pass to tight end **Wayne Carrabus** after UAlbany linebacker **Brian Becker** recovered a fumble. Later, outside linebacker **Mike St. Fleur** recovered reserve quarterback **Matthew Fullam's** fumble in the end zone for another score.

"Everything was clicking together both on offense and defense," commented Becker, who had five tackles in his final game as a collegian. "We wanted to prove that we were a good defense. We knew that their tailback was quick but everyone did a good job of shutting him down. It was important that our offense helped us today because that picked up our game a lot."

Fordham (2-9) was led by tailback **James Prydatko**, who ran 20 times for 41 yards, plus went over the 1,000-yard mark for the season. However, the Rams' offense was held in check and managed just 104 total yards.



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## STONY BROOK UPSETS TOP-SEED UALBANY IN AMERICA EAST SEMIFINAL MATCH

Albany, N.Y. – **Amy Oleksiej** had six of her 17 kills in the fifth and deciding game to lead Stony Brook to a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over top-seed UAlbany in the semifinal round of the America East Conference Tournament on Friday evening at University Gymnasium. The Seawolves, who won by scores of 26-30, 30-28, 22-30, 30-26 and 15-12, advanced to tomorrow's championship against the Binghamton-Maine semifinal winner. The America East champion receives an automatic NCAA berth.

UAlbany (26-4) won the third game in convincing fashion behind the play of senior **Ashlee Reed**, who had a career-high 21 kills and added 13 digs. Reed put away four shots in a run that stretched her team's lead to 26-19, as the defending America East tournament champions pulled away. **Blair Buchanan**, who totaled 51 assists, five kills and eight digs, scored off a set with a dump to tally the game point.

Stony Brook (12-17) came broke to take the fourth game by reeling off five straight points for a 14-11 lead. **Morgan Sweany**, who recorded a double-double with 19 kills and 19 digs, drilled a service ace to end that run. The Seawolves, who had dropped a pair of three-game sweeps to UAlbany during the regular season, never trailed in the fourth after that outburst. **Noelle Bay**, a 5-foot-10 freshman, had five of her 17 kills in that game.

The Great Danes, who had their 11-match win streak halted, were behind by as much as four points in the deciding game. However, UAlbany closed within one on two occasions in the stretch, including 13-12 when Reed delivered a kill off a block attempt. Oleksiej then spiked a shot in the middle and a Great Dane attack sailed wide of the right sideline to close out the upset.

"This hurts a lot, especially for our five seniors who have helped build the program," said Buchanan, the America East player and setter of the year for the second consecutive season. "Our defense was not up to its usual level. They served the ball aggressively and caught us off guard with the number of jump serves they used."

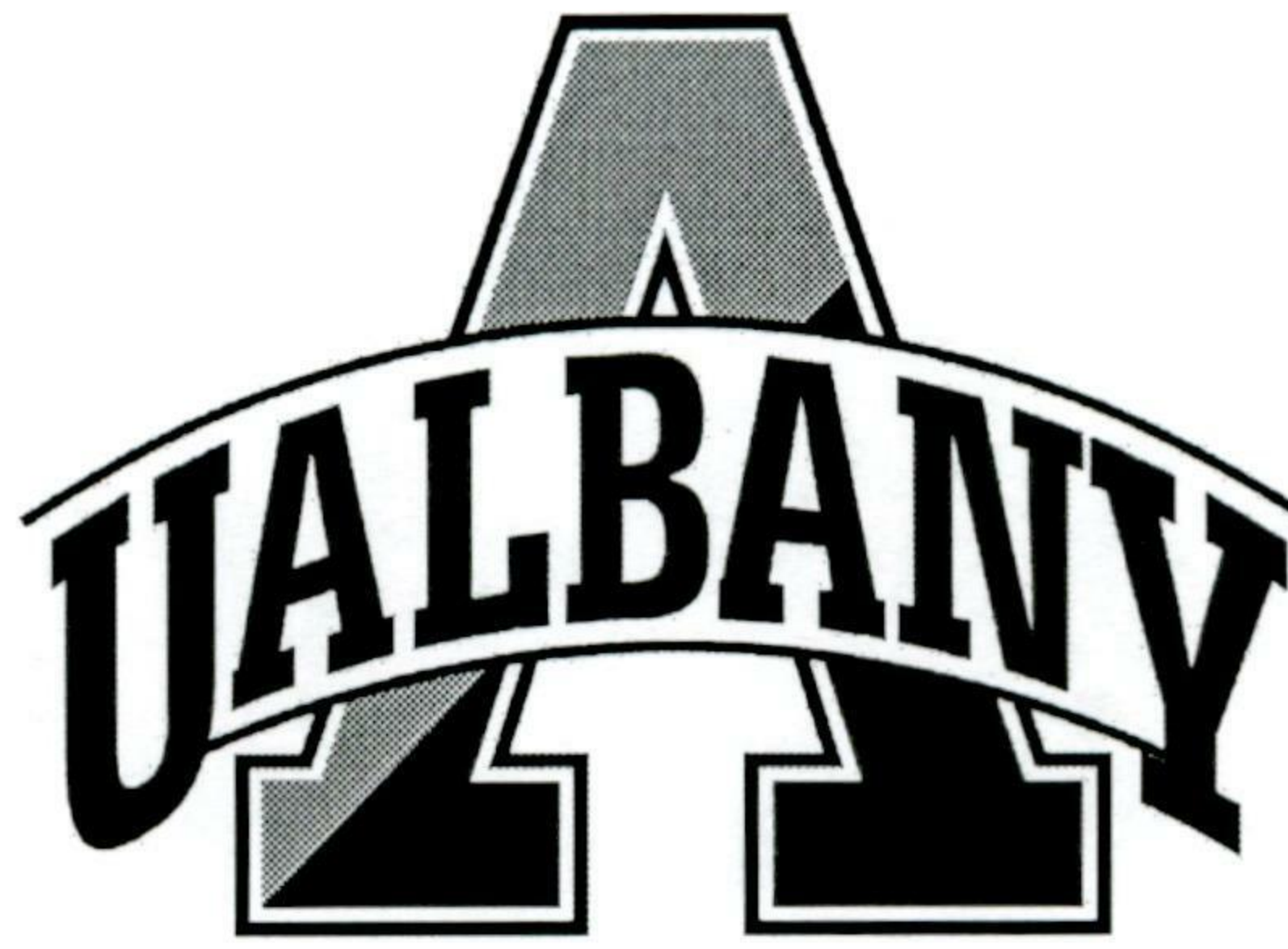
**Ashley Hunter** and **Ashley Crenshaw** had 12 and 11 kills, respectively, for the Great Danes, who had won 11 of 12 home matches this season prior to the contest. **Shelby Goldman**, one of six all-conference performers on the UAlbany squad, was forced to leave the match in the second game when she suffered a high ankle sprain.

"We had two big wins to even get into the tournament," said Sweaney, a first-team All-America East outside hitter. "I think that helped us pull together because we had to win. After we won game two tonight, we said to ourselves that we've got one, now let's get more. The coaches had us change to jump serving for this match and that helped keep their offense off the net."

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America East Conference Volleyball Tournament – Semifinal

Stony Brook def. UAlbany, 26-30, 30-28, 22-30, 30-26, 15-12.



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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY BASKETBALL SIGNS FOUR STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR 2006-07

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that four student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes in the 2006-07 academic year. **Reid Anderson**, a 6-foot-5, 190-pound swingman from Avon Lake, Ohio (Lakewood St. Edward H.S.), **Brett Gifford**, a 6-foot-10, 250-pound center from Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge H.S.), **Michael Knight**, a 6-foot-3, 185-pound guard from Seattle, Wash. (St. Petersburg College), and **Mike Yocum**, a 6-foot-9, 235-pound forward from Dresher, Pa. (Episcopal Academy), each made his commitment during the early signing period.

Anderson was named to the 2004-05 Associated Press Division I All-Ohio squad in the honorable mention category. He averaged 16.9 points, 6.4 rebounds and 4.2 assists when he was chosen All-Northeast Lakes District. The Eagles reached the state tournament's regional semifinals and posted a 16-7 record last year. Lakewood St. Edward is expected to be a preseason top-10 team in the state rankings.

Gifford is one of four returning starters on a Rock Bridge High squad that finished 22-5 last season. The Bruins, who compete at the state's Class 5 level, advanced to the district tournament's championship final. Gifford averaged 14.9 points, 11.5 rebounds and 3.0 blocks per game as a junior.

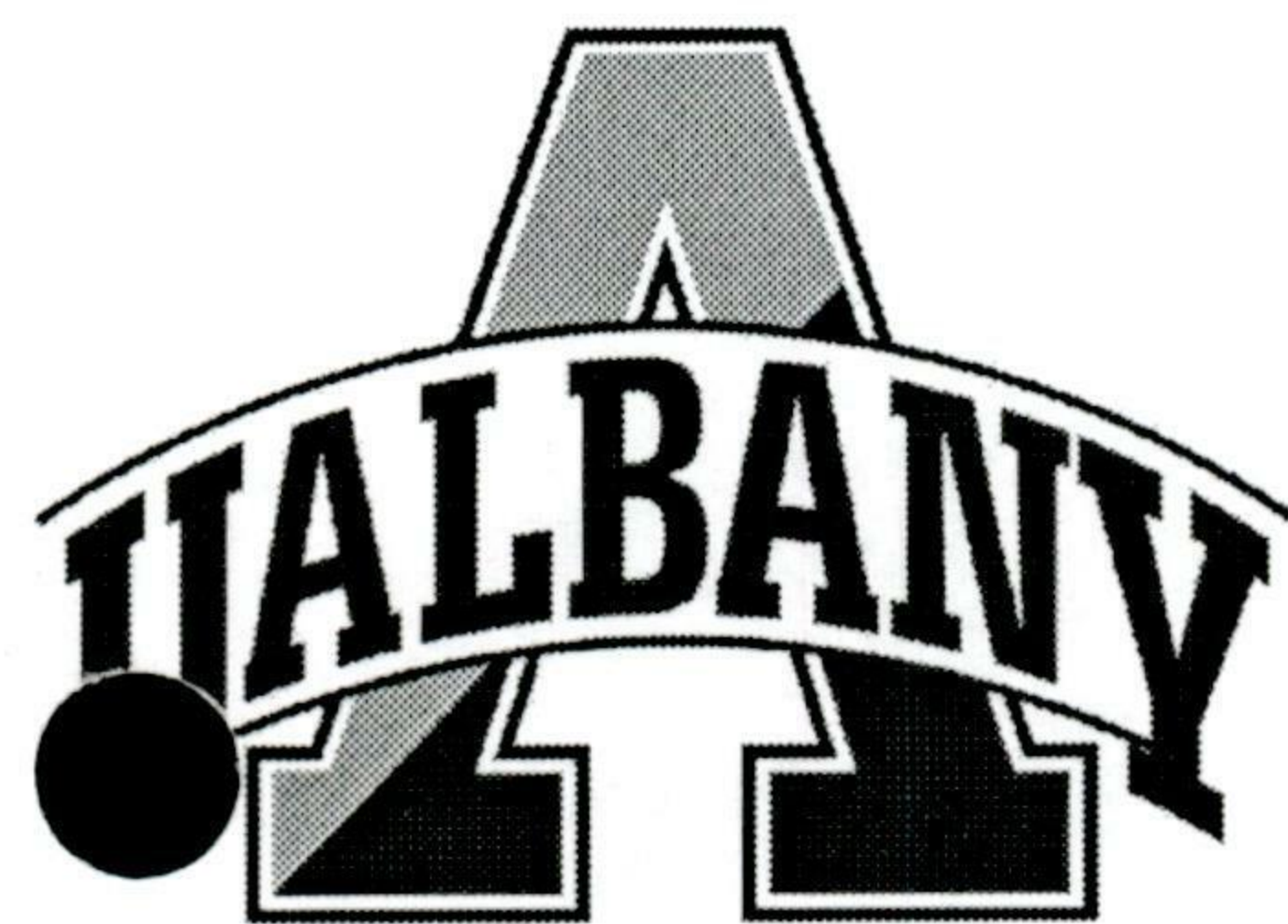
Knight, who appeared in all 28 games for Maryland-Baltimore County in 2004-05, is currently attending St. Petersburg College in Florida. As a high school senior at Seattle Prep in Washington, Knight was chosen second-team All-Metro after averaging 15.0 points, 4.5 assists and 4.8 rebounds. He was a member of the All-Metro third team as junior with a 13.8 scoring average.

Yocum was chosen first-team All-InterAc after leading his team to a 25-3 record against a national schedule. He averaged 12 points and 12 rebounds per game. Episcopal Academy won the InterAc championship with a perfect 10-0 mark, plus was the No. 1 ranked team in Southeastern Pennsylvania. His teammates Wayne Ellington (North Carolina) and Gerald Henderson (Duke) have also signed with Division I programs.

"We are very fortunate to complete our recruiting during the early period," Brown said. "I am excited that we have signed four quality student-athletes who address all of our needs. Gifford and Yocum are gifted big kids and should do very well at this level. Knight has already successfully competed in the America East Conference, while Anderson comes from one of the best high school programs in the state of Ohio. Both perimeter players are versatile and can play multiple positions."

### 2006-07 University at Albany Men's Basketball Signings

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School/Junior College)
Reid Anderson	G/F	6-5	190	Avon Lake, Ohio (Lakewood St. Edward)
Brett Gifford	C	6-10	250	Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge)
Michael Knight	G	6-3	185	Seattle, Wash. (Seattle Prep / St. Petersburg College)
Mike Yocum	F	6-9	235	Dresher, Pa. (Episcopal Academy)



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## **BLAIR BUCHANAN NAMED 2005 AMERICA EAST PLAYER AND SETTER OF THE YEAR Earns Conference's Major Volleyball Awards For Second Straight Season**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Blair Buchanan** has been named the America East Conference Player and Setter of the Year in women's volleyball for the second straight season as announced by the conference office on Thursday evening. UAlbany's **Ashley DeNeal** was voted America East Defensive Player of the Year.

In addition to the major awards, four Great Danes joined Buchanan and DeNeal as all-conference honorees. **Shelby Goldman**, **Ashley Hunter** and **Ashlee Reed** were named to the America East first team, while **Ashley Crenshaw** was voted as an honorable mention selection. UAlbany set a league record with five athletes on the all-conference first team.

Buchanan, a junior who became the second athlete in America East history to repeat as player of the year, leads all conference players with 12.31 assists per game. Buchanan, who was a unanimous choice for setter of the year, also ranks first in the league with a .344 hitting percentage and averages 2.29 digs and 1.43 kills per game. In 2004, she became the first player in America East history to earn player and setter of the year honors in the same season. Buchanan is the only volleyball athlete in NCAA Division I history to be named both player and setter of the year in two straight seasons.

DeNeal, who earned the conference's rookie of the year award in 2003, ranks first among A-East leaders with 5.28 digs per game. The junior libero is also ranked 28th nationally in that category. DeNeal, who became the first libero in conference history to be named player of the week, has reached double-digit digs in 27 of 29 matches this season.

Reed, a strong offensive and defensive player for the Great Danes, is a three-time All-America East first-team selection. The senior middle hitter averages 2.96 kills and 2.56 digs per game and ranks among the conference's best with a .326 hitting percentage. Reed is the third player in school history to combine for 1,000 digs and 1,000 kills in a career.

Goldman, a junior outside hitter, was chosen to the first team for the second straight year. She leads the Great Danes and ranks second in the America East with 3.95 kills per game. Goldman also stands among the conference leaders in hitting percentage (.300) and points per game (4.14).

Hunter, last year's America East Tournament MVP, makes her second appearance on the all-league first team. She averages 3.76 kills per game, which stands fourth among America East players. Hunter also ranks among AE leaders in hitting percentage (.292) and points per game (4.06).

Crenshaw, a sophomore middle blocker, is averaging 2.42 kills per game in her first season as a starter. She has a team-high 76 blocks and is ranked tenth in the America East with 0.83 blocks per game.

UAlbany (26-3) captured its second consecutive America East regular-season crown this season. The Great Danes, who earned the No. 1 seed for this weekend's America East Conference Championship, will face fourth-seed Stony Brook in the semifinals on Friday at 5:30 p.m.



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## FOUR UALBANY FALL ATHLETES EARNS AMERICA EAST ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS

Boston, Mass. – Four University at Albany student-athletes have made the inaugural America East Conference All-Academic Team for the fall sports of cross country, volleyball, field hockey and soccer as announced by the conference office on Thursday afternoon. UAlbany's **Ashley DeNeal**, **Shelby Goldman** and **Ashlee Reed** of the volleyball team and **Stephan Hall** of the men's soccer team were named to their respective all-academic squads.

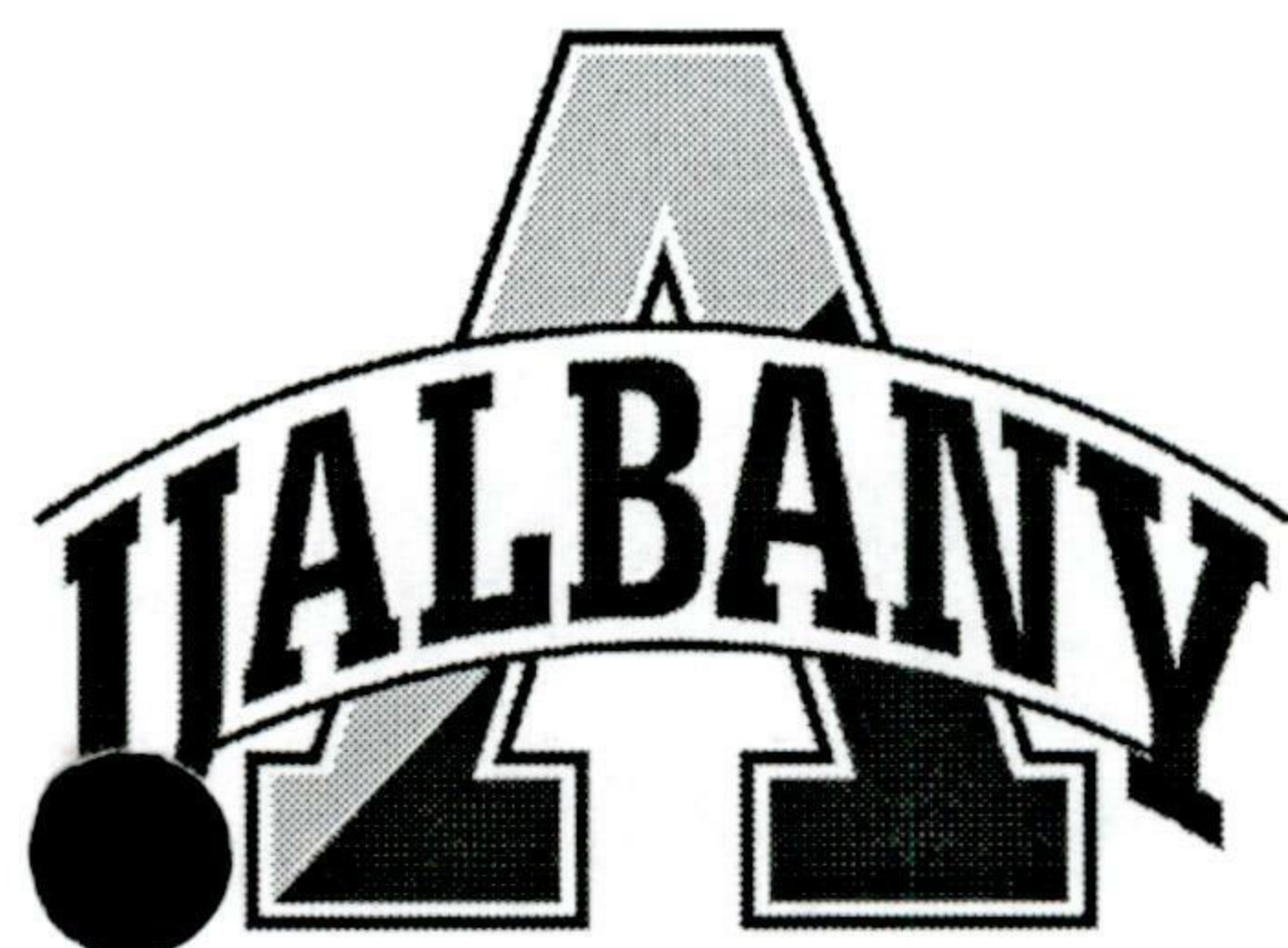
DeNeal, a junior libero, has a 3.31 grade point average with a double major in criminal justice and psychology. She leads the conference with 5.28 digs per game.

Goldman, a junior outside hitter who is majoring in English, has a 3.18 GPA. A first-team All-America East standout, she leads the Great Danes and ranks second in the America East with 3.92 kills per game.

Reed, a senior middle hitter, has a 3.44 GPA with a double major in human biology and psychology. Reed, a first-team all-conference selection, received the UAlbany Alumni Association Athletic Scholarship. She is averaging 2.96 kills per game and 2.56 digs per game.

Hall, a junior midfielder, was voted to the CoSIDA Academic District I Team for the second straight year in 2005. He has a 3.97 grade point average and is majoring in urban studies with a double minor in history and psychology. Hall finished the season fifth in the conference with 17 points and tied for fourth with seven assists. He was tabbed the America East Men's Soccer Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2004.

Each all-academic team has been selected based on the student-athlete's academic and athletic accomplishments. Academic achievement for consideration requires student-athletes to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 entering the season. Athletic accomplishment standards vary between team sports and individual sports. For team sports, student-athletes are required to be a nomination on the post-season awards ballot, which is determined by the league's head coaches. For individual sports, student-athletes are required to be a medalist at the conference championship meet. Team size for team sports is based on the number of athletes that participate in a contest at one time (e.g., 11 on the field for soccer). In the event that the number of student-athletes meeting the requirements is greater than the number that participate in a contest at one time, all-conference vote totals were used as the tie-breaking criteria. Team size for individual sports is determined by the number of all-conference honorees who possess the minimum academic requirement.



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### UALBANY TO HOST 2005 AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany will host the 2005 America East Conference Championship on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18-19, at University Gymnasium on campus. The Great Danes captured their second consecutive regular-season America East crown with an 11-1 league record.

UAlbany, the No. 1 seed, will face fourth-seed Stony Brook in the first semifinal at 5:30 p.m. The second semifinal will feature second-seed Binghamton against third-seed Maine and is scheduled to start at 8:00 p.m. The winners will meet in the championship match on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the championship will be \$6 for adults and \$2 for college students, youth under 18 and senior citizens. The America East champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

UAlbany (26-3), which is seeking its second straight NCAA Tournament berth, is led by junior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman**, who ranks second in the league with 3.95 kills per game and senior outside hitter **Ashley Hunter** (3.76 kpg). Junior setter **Blair Buchanan** leads the America East with 12.31 assists per game, while junior libero **Ashley DeNeal** is first in the league with 5.28 digs per game.

Junior outside hitter **Katie Brody** leads Binghamton (18-11, AE 10-2) with 3.74 kills per game, which stands fifth in the conference. Sophomore middle blocker **Jacki Kane** adds a conference-best 1.36 blocks per game and 2.51 kills. The Bearcats are making their second straight appearance in the America East postseason tournament.

Maine (11-12, AE 8-4), which reached last year's A-East championship match, is led by senior middle blocker **Shannan Fotter** (3.45 kpg). Junior **Shelly Seipp**, who ranks second in the America East with 11.37 assists, is one of the league's veteran setters.

Stony Brook (11-17, AE 5-7) boasts the league's top hitter in sophomore **Morgan Sweany** (4.28 kpg). Junior libero **Claire Lindner** is second in the conference with 4.72 digs per game for the Seawolves, who are making their third tournament appearance in the last four years.

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2005 America East Conference Women's Volleyball Championship

University Gymnasium, Albany, N.Y.

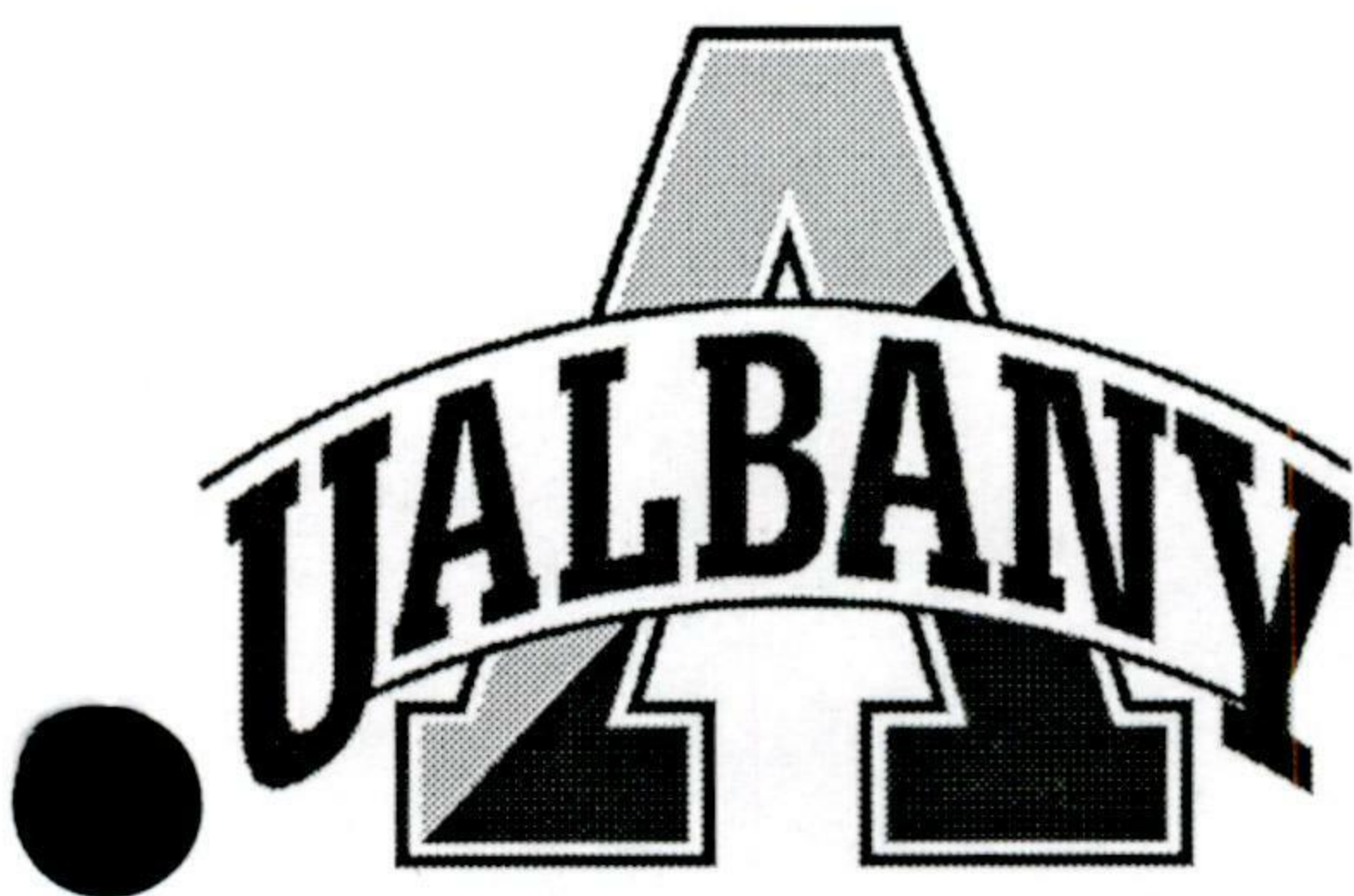
Friday, Nov. 18, Semifinal Round

#4 Stony Brook (11-17) vs. #1 UAlbany (26-3), 5:30 p.m.

#3 Maine (11-12) vs. #2 Northeastern (18-11), 8:00 p.m.

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Winner of Semifinals, 5:00 p.m.



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## UALBANY WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CAPTURES AMERICA EAST REGULAR-SEASON CROWN

West Hartford, Conn. – **Kamisha Kellam** drilled a career-high 13 kills to spark UAlbany to a 3-0 sweep of Hartford in the America East Conference regular-season finale for both teams on Sunday afternoon at The Sports Center Volleyball Arena. UAlbany (26-3, AE 11-1) won by scores of 30-21, 30-14 and 30-14 in capturing its second consecutive America East regular-season title.

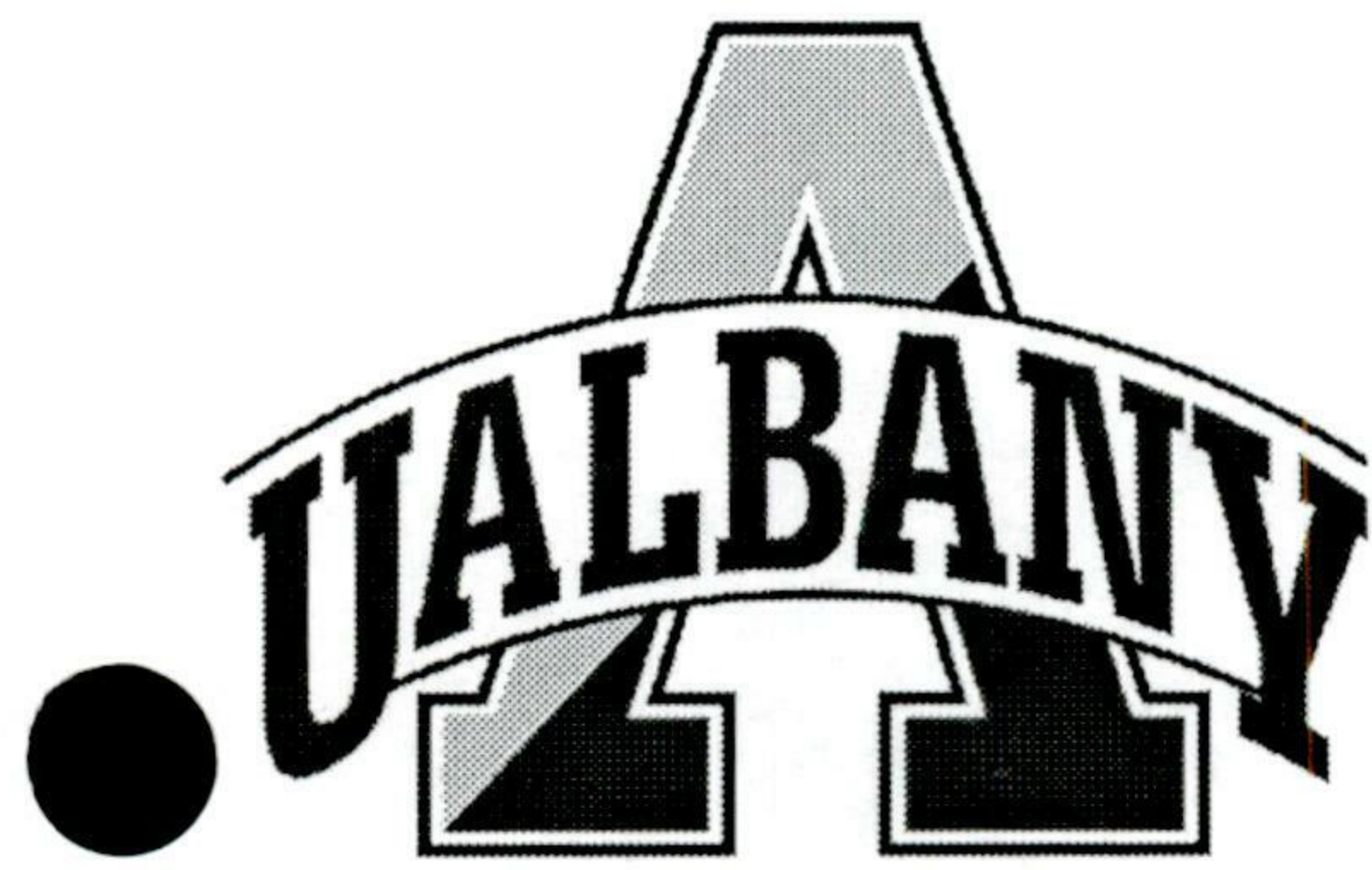
Kellam connected on 13-of-19 attempts for a team-high .632 hitting percentage. **Shelby Goldman** was the other Great Dane in double figures with 12 kills. **Ashley DeNeal** recorded 18 digs, while **Ashlee Reed** chipped in 11 digs and nine kills. **Blair Buchanan** added 41 assists, four kills and three digs. UAlbany hit .400 in the match by connecting on 49-of-100 attempts.

**Jennifer Monroy's** 10 kills paced Hartford (8-22, AE 0-12) offensively, while **Sarah Rasor** tallied a team-high nine digs. **Brianne Paulson** finished with 21 assists and seven digs.

The Great Danes, who extended their unbeaten streak to 11 matches, secured the top seed and will host the America East Conference Championship. The four-team tournament will be held on Nov. 18-19 at University Gymnasium on campus. UAlbany will meet fourth-seed Stony Brook in the semifinals in its quest for a second straight NCAA berth.

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UAlbany (26-3, AE 11-1) def. Hartford (8-22, AE 0-12), 30-21, 30-14 and 30-14.



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## LAST-SECOND FIELD GOAL LIFTS MONMOUTH PAST UALBANY, 16-13, IN NEC FINALE

West Long Branch, N.J. – **Fred Weingart** booted a 26-yard field goal as time expired in leading Monmouth to a 16-13 Northeast Conference victory over UAlbany on Saturday afternoon at Kessler Field.

Monmouth (6-4, NEC 4-3) set up the winning drive when cornerback **David Jiles** picked off his second pass of the game and returned it to his own 45-yard line. From there, quarterback **Brian Bolland** scrambled 24 yards into UAlbany territory. Running back **Walter Carter** then ran four times to the 14-yard line to put Weingart in line for the game-winning kick.

UAlbany (4-6, NEC 4-3) rallied from a 13-7 deficit in the fourth quarter. Quarterback **Brett Hall**, who completed 16-of-36 attempts for a career-high 198 yards, hit tight end **Wayne Carrabus** with an eight-yard TD pass on a slant pattern. But Monmouth's Dan Sizelove blocked the extra point try.

The Great Danes, who had their four-game win streak halted, looked to go ahead later in the period. Hall keyed a nine-play march with a 35-yard completion to flanker/backup quarterback **Daniel Bocanegra**. But the drive stalled out in the red zone and freshman **Eric Althardt** missed a 27-yard field goal to the right with 5:09 remaining.

"We've had a problem with our kicking game all year long," said UAlbany coach Bob Ford, whose team lost a chance to earn a share of the NEC title after Stony Brook upset Central Connecticut State, 23-21. "It would have been a good story to come back from an 0-5 start and win a championship, but we were a few points from running the table in the conference."

UAlbany took a 7-0 lead on its first possession of the contest with an eight-play, 60-yard drive. Hall found **Dan Beigel** in the right flat, and the sophomore fullback raced 31 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown.

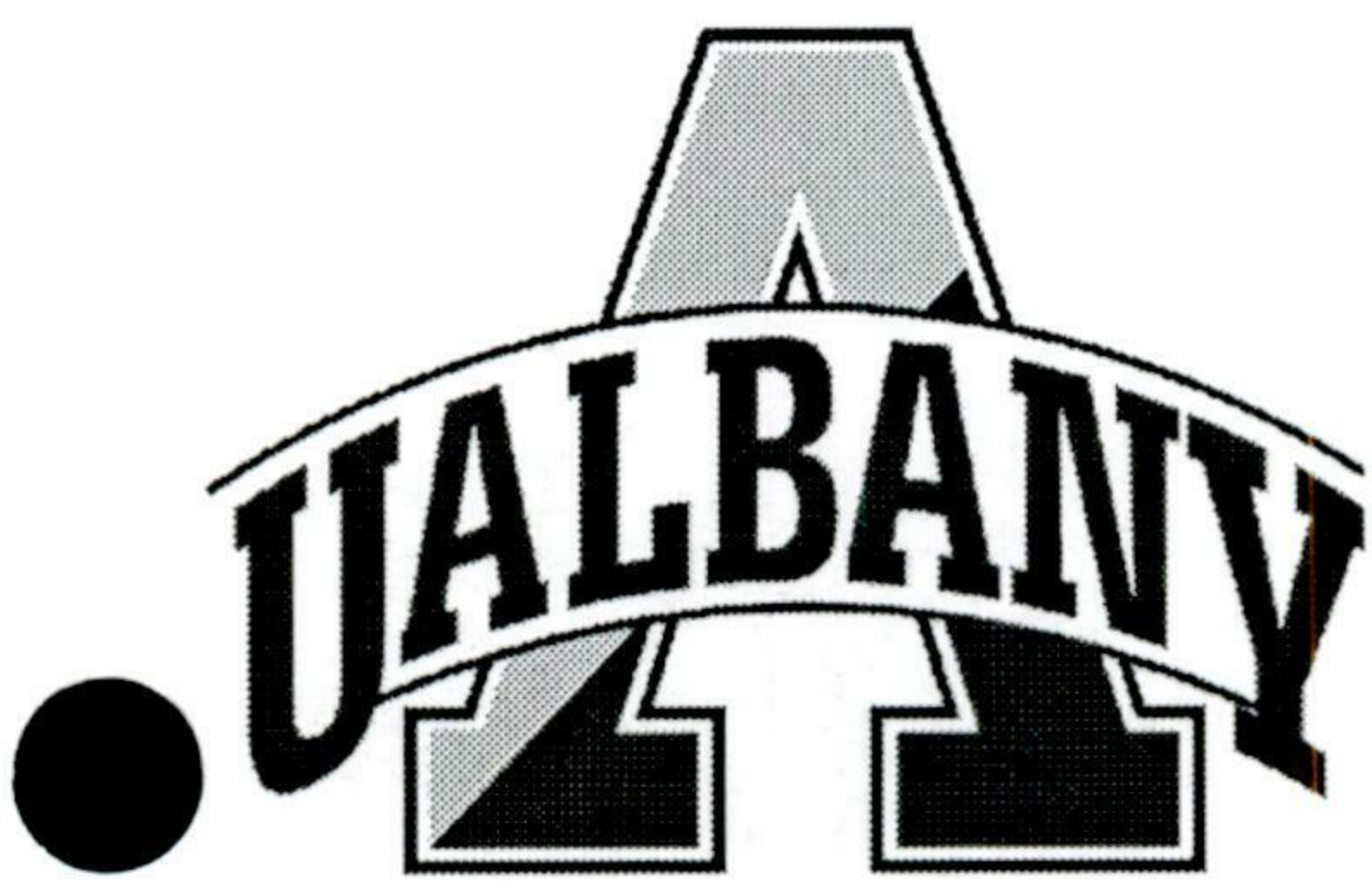
The Hawks, who also won a 25-24 thriller with UAlbany on a last-second field goal one year ago, put together a 10-point second quarter. Bolland, who passed for 163 yards and rushed for 57 more, fired a 19-yard scoring pass to **Adam San Miguel** to give his club a 10-7 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, UAlbany's Beigel fumbled at his own 29-yard line, one of five turnovers by the Great Danes. Monmouth capitalized on that miscue as Weingart kicked a 41-yard field goal, his second of three on the day, on the last play of the stanza.

"This is very disappointing to be this close," offered UAlbany linebacker **Brian Becker**, who had 11 tackles. "I wasn't expecting him (Bolland) to run as much as he did. He had a better angle and beat me to the spot on his scramble during the last drive."

Carter finished with 62 yards on the ground on 16 carries, while San Miguel had six catches for 83 yards. UAlbany's Bocanegra accounted for 107 all-purpose yards, including two receptions for 40.





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## UALBANY WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY PLACES 18<sup>th</sup> AT NCAA NORTHEAST REGIONAL

Boston, Mass. – **Alyssa Lotmore (Bishop Maginn)** placed 41st overall in leading the UAlbany women's cross country team to an 18th-place finish at the NCAA Northeast Regional at Franklin Park on Saturday afternoon. Lotmore finished the 5,000-meter course in 22:06.6.

Freshman **Jessica Ortman** placed 67th for the Great Danes with a time of 22:31.5, while her twin sister **Jenna** finished 72nd in 22:37.9.

Providence's **Fiona Crombie** won the women's individual title with a winning time of 20:27.7, while Boston College captured the team championship.

In the men's race, UAlbany's **Bryant Cherry-Woode** and **Ricardo Estremera** competed as individuals. Cherry-Woode finished 82nd in 32:18.9 on the 10,000-meter course, while Estremera placed 142nd in 33:36.6.

Iona's **Richard Kiplagat** posted the winning men's time of 29:11.2 in helping lead the Gaels to the men's team championship.

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### NCAA Northeast Regional (Franklin Park, Boston Mass.)

#### MEN'S TEAM RESULTS

1. Iona 33; 2. Dartmouth 50; 3. Providence 67; 4. Cornell 104; T5. Brown 181; T5. Columbia 181; 7. Army 260; 8. Harvard 322; 9. Boston College 329; 10. Yale 365; 11. Buffalo 368; 12. New Hampshire 396; 13. Syracuse 423; 14. Boston U. 444; 15. Manhattan 454; 16. Marist 456; 17. Massachusetts 460; 18. Colgate 471; 19. Connecticut 474; 20. Maine 477; 21. Quinnipiac 507; 22. Fordham 528; 23. Hofstra 673; 24. Rhode Island 779; 25. Siena 783; 26. Binghamton 784; 27. Northeastern 796; 28. Vermont 816; T29. Central Connecticut 824; T29. Long Island 824; 31. Sacred Heart 828; 32. Niagara 881; 33. Canisius 947.

#### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Richard Kiplagat (Iona) 29:11.2; 2. Martin Fagan (Providence) 29:15.6; 3. Ben True (Dartmouth) 30:03.8; 4. Harbert Okuti (Iona) 30:03.9; 5. Max Smith (Providence) 30:05.5; 6. Mohamed Khadraoui (Iona) 30:07.4; 7. Alec Wall (Dartmouth) 30:07.5; 8. Ahmed Haji (Providence) 30:10.4; 9. Mike Hanlon (Colgate) 30:11.3; 10. Stephen Chemlany (Iona) 30:17.6.

#### TOP UALBANY FINISHERS

82. Bryant Cherry-Woode 32:18.9; 142. Ricardo Estremera 33:36.6.

#### WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS

1. Boston College 87; 2. Columbia 88; 3. Providence 94; 4. Boston U. 160; 5. Yale 198; 6. Iona 221; 7. Cornell 230; 8. Brown 232; T9. Harvard 271; T9. Dartmouth 271; 11. Stony Brook 293; 12. New Hampshire 341; 13. Syracuse 399; 14. Quinnipiac 405; 15. Army 423; 16. Buffalo 435; 17. Rhode Island 445; **18. UAlbany 520**; 19. Binghamton 546; 20. Connecticut 584; 21. Sacred Heart 605; 22. Vermont 646; 23. Hofstra 683; 24. Colgate 719; 25. Fordham 737; 26. Maine 748; 27. Marist 753; 28. Manhattan 774; 29. Northeastern 781; 30. Massachusetts 783; 31. Niagara 846; 32. Wagner 873; 33.

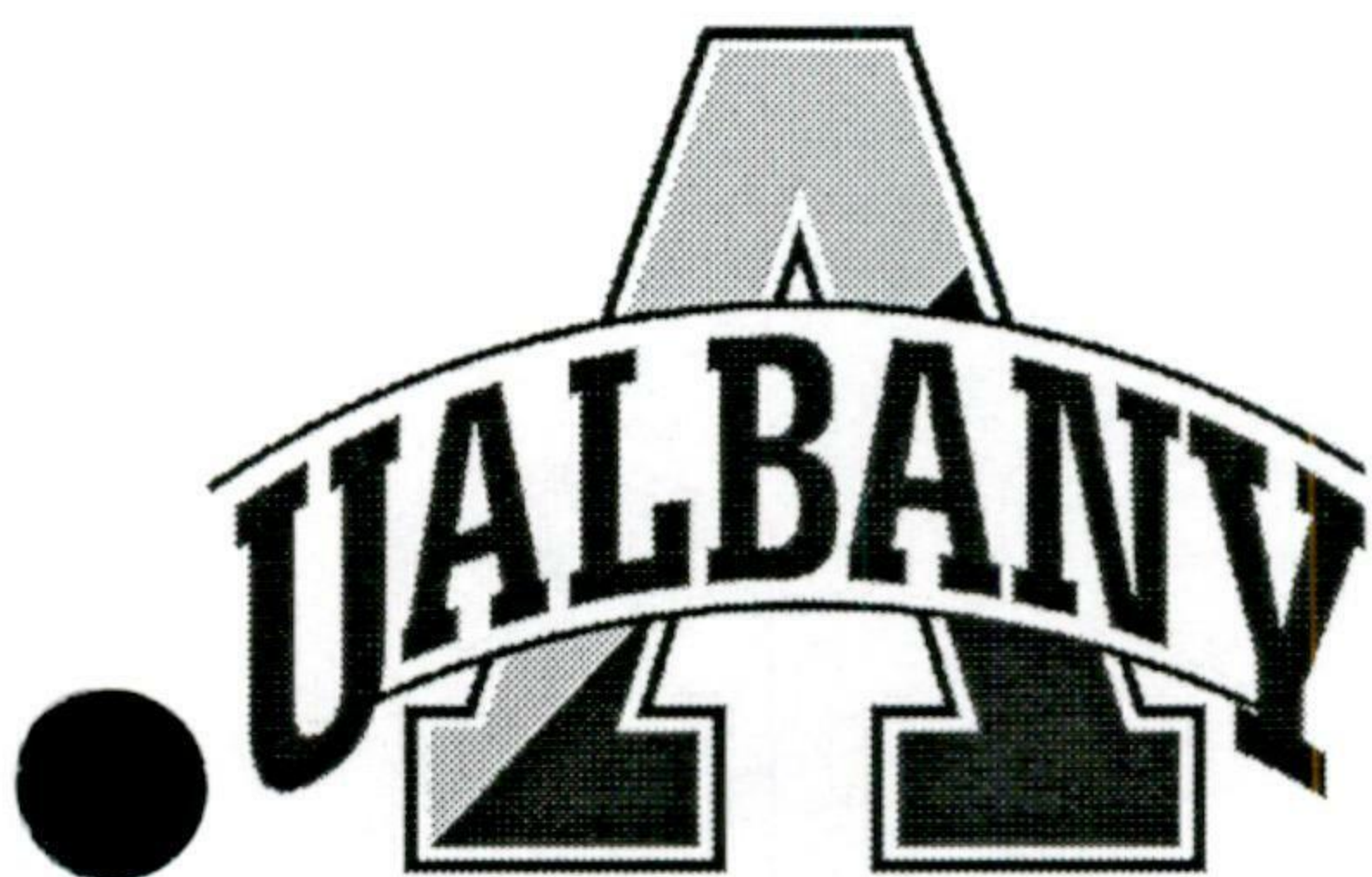
Central Connecticut 882; 34. Holy Cross 979; 35. St. John's 1074; 36. Siena 1104; 37. Canisius 1130.

#### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Fiona Crombie (Providence) 20:27.7; 2. Lisa Stublic (Columbia) 20:29.1; 3. Caroline Bierbaum (Columbia) 20:29.9; 4. Kaitlyn Gwyther (Quinnipiac) 20:30.3; 5. Lindsey Scherf (Harvard) 20:34.7; 6. Aine Hoban (Providence) 20:45.2; 7. Melanie Schorr (Dartmouth) 20:51.5; 8. Lindsay Donaldson (Yale) 20:54.6; 9. Maria Cicero (Boston College) 21:00.5; 10. Laurel Burdick (Boston College) 21:08.5.

#### TOP UALBANY FINISHERS

41. Alyssa Lotmore 22:06.6; 67. Jessica Ortman 22:31.5; 72. Jenna Ortman 22:37.9; 124. Danielle Trimpop 23:22.6; 216. Jessica Chichester 25:13.4; 223. Jenny Boshco 25:29.7; 231. Jennifer Russell 25:54.3



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## UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS MAINE, CLINCHES TOP SEED FOR A-E TOURNAMENT

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashlee Reed** tallied a match-high 11 kills as UAlbany swept Maine, 3-0, in America East Conference volleyball action on Friday night at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who extended their unbeaten streak to 10 matches, clinched the top seed for next week's America East Conference Championship.

**Shelby Goldman** powered UAlbany (25-3, AE 10-1) with six of her nine kills in game one. **Ashley Hunter**, who finished with a .571 hitting percentage, added four of her nine kills in that stretch. In game two, the Great Danes raced to a 20-9 advantage behind the strong hitting of **Ashley Crenshaw** and Reed.

Crenshaw, who tallied nine kills and three blocks on the night, recorded three kills and two blocks in the third game alone. The sophomore middle blocker also hit a team-high .643. **Ashley DeNeal** led UAlbany defensively with 13 digs, while **Blair Buchanan** added 37 assists and three digs.

**Kaili Jordan** smacked 11 kills to pace Maine (10-12, AE 7-4), who also has clinched a spot in the conference tournament. **Amy Lawson** added seven kills and two blocks, while **Jody Connacher** managed a team-high nine digs.

UAlbany, the defending America East tournament champion, will host the 2005 championship on Nov. 18-19 at University Gymnasium.

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UAlbany (25-3, AE 10-1) def. Maine (10-12, AE 7-4), 30-23, 30-22 and 30-13.



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## College Basketball – Florida 83, UAlbany 64

Gainesville, Fla. – **Corey Brewer** had 18 points and **Joakim Noah** added a career-high 17, as Florida pulled away in the second half for an 83-64 victory over UAlbany in the second round of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic on Thursday evening at the O'Connell Center. The Gators advance to next week's semifinal round at New York City's Madison Square Garden.

UAlbany (1-1) trailed 28-21 midway through the opening half after Florida's Brewer, the regional MVP, canned a three-point field goal. The Great Danes responded with 14 of the game's next 18 points to take a 35-32 lead. **Jamar Wilson**, who had 19 of his 21 points before halftime, buried a three-point shot to put his team ahead before **Jon Iati** nailed a jumper with 5:08 left.

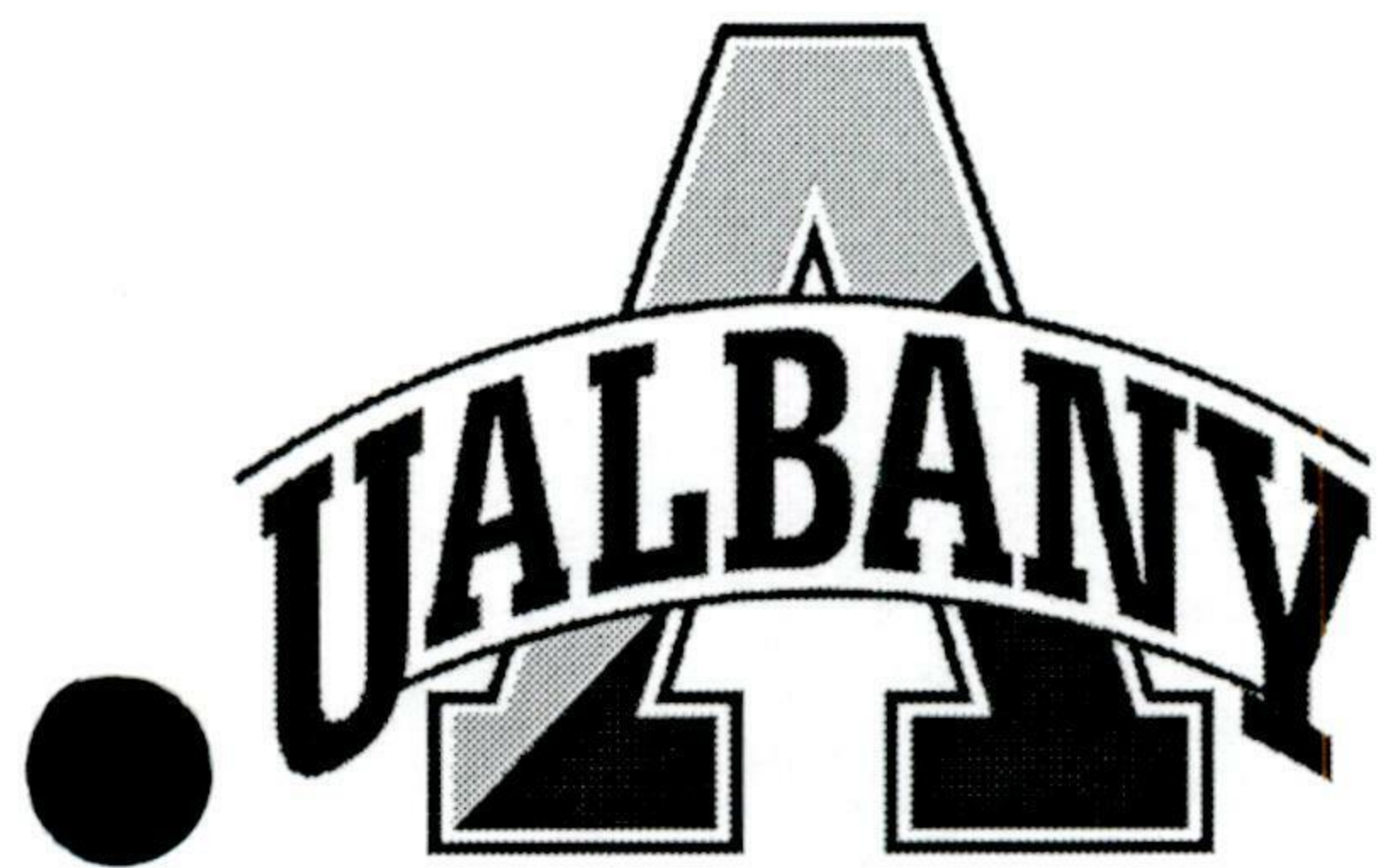
The Great Danes, who defeated Oakland, 90-73, in the first round, still led 38-36 after Wilson converted a conventional three-point play when he was fouled on a driving layup. Florida (2-0) came back with six-straight points to move ahead for good. **Chris Richard** made two free throws and made a jumper to end that run. Brewer, who made 6-11 from the field, put an exclamation point on the end of the period by draining a fade away three-pointer at the buzzer for a 45-39 advantage at the break.

The Gators distanced themselves from the visitors right after halftime with 10 of the game's next 11 points. Noah, a 6-foot-11 sophomore started the outburst with a layup in the lane. Brewer then hit a slam dunk after his steal and **Lee Humphrey** made a long-range jumper from the left corner for a 55-40 margin. The Gators went on to shoot 60.9 percent in the final stanza on 14-23 shooting.

"In two years I think Florida could be a Final Four team," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team was held to 40.9 percent from the field in the second half. "They just wore us down. I thought it was very important to make that first run in the second half, but they raised their level and got a double-digit lead very quickly."

**Brent Wilson** finished with 15 points and a team-high six rebounds, while Iati added 10 points off the bench. Florida's Humphrey scored 15 points including five three-pointers, while Richard was the fourth player in double-figures with 14.

"I have great respect for Albany," commented Florida coach Billy Donovan, whose squad made 30-51 field goal attempts overall. "They have the ability to shoot the basketball and are very experienced. We did a better job defensively in the second half. I like our level of unselfishness and our will to win."



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## UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL OPENS SEASON WITH 90-73 WIN OVER OAKLAND

Gainesville, Fla. – **Jamar Wilson** scored 26 points, including the 1,000th of his career, and **Brent Wilson** added a career-high 19 as UAlbany upended Oakland, 90-73, in the opening round of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic on Wednesday evening at the O'Connell Center. The Great Danes advance to Thursday's second round where they will meet the winner of Florida and St. Peter's.

Oakland, who captured last year's Mid-Continent Conference tournament title and won an NCAA play-in game, took a 14-10 lead on the strength of three consecutive three-point field goals by Rutgers' transfer **Calvin Wooten**. The Golden Grizzlies still led 18-15 midway through the period, before UAlbany ran off 17 unanswered points.

Both Wilsons were key figures in that outburst, as the duo combined for 13 points in that span. **Brent Wilson**, who made 7-of-10 from the field, hit a three-pointer to tie the contest, before freshman **Jimmie Covington** scored off an offensive rebound to put his team ahead. The Great Danes, who won their second straight season opener, pushed out to a 29-18 advantage, when **Jamar Wilson** hit a jumper in the lane and **Brent Wilson** followed with another three-pointer.

UAlbany led 48-35 at halftime, but Oakland would make several runs early in the final period. **Patrick McCloskey** converted a layup to close the gap to 64-52 with 12:10 remaining. But the Great Danes, who shot 56.5 percent overall and made 13 three-point shots, pulled away with 11 of the game's next 13 points. Sophomore guard **Jon Iati** had five of his 11 points in that stretch, and his long-range jumper from beyond the international arc of 20-feet, 9-inches, handed his team a commanding 75-54 margin with 8:46 left.

"You never know what to expect in a first game," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team was picked as the America East Conference preseason favorite. "We expected a zone defense and we worked on attacking it. I thought we stuck together despite having 14 turnovers in the first half. Our pressure slowed them down and rattled them a little bit."

**Levi Levine** was the fourth UAlbany player in double figures with 16 points. He also tied his career-high with seven assists and six rebounds. Wooten had 21 of his 39 points, a school single-game record, and finished by making 8-of-12 three-point attempts.

"It was great to come out and all be on the same page," commented Wilson, who became the 27th player in school history to reach the 1,000-point mark. "We were composed tonight and we did a good job of scouting our opponent before the game. The coaches did a great job of getting us prepared. We did what we had to do in order to get the win."



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### STONY BROOK EDGES UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER IN AMERICA EAST SEMIFINALS

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Chris Megaloudis** scored the game-winning goal six minutes into the first overtime, as top-seed Stony Brook edged UAlbany, 2-1, in a semifinal game of the America East Conference Men's Soccer Championship on Wednesday night at LaValle Stadium. Stony Brook (12-4-3) advances to face Binghamton, who upended UMBC, 4-1, in the other semifinal, in the conference championship on Saturday, Nov. 12 or Sunday, Nov. 13 at LaValle Stadium.

Megaloudis, a two-time All-America East first-team honoree, finished off a cross from **Tamer Mohamed** at 96:34. Stony Brook's **Adam Ciklic** started the scoring by taking a centering pass from **Douglas Narvaez** and burying the shot in the bottom-right corner of the net at 62:36 to give Stony Brook a 1-0 advantage. **Michael Palacio**, who was also credited with an assist, started the scoring play with a free kick from 30 yards out.

UAlbany's **Yan Gbolo**, who made the game-deciding penalty kick in the quarterfinals, tied the score at 1-1 off a **Stephan Hall** cross. **Gaby Seguin-Gauthier** earned his first career assist on the goal for the Great Danes (6-9-4).

"This was one of the best conference games we played this season," said UAlbany coach Johan Aarnio, whose team was making its second straight appearance in the tournament semifinals. "Stony Brook controlled the first half and we did a great job to get back into the game. It was a tremendous accomplishment for our young team to come as far as we did in the playoffs. We are very happy with the performance of our team."

UAlbany freshman goalkeeper **Steward Ceus**, who entered the game with a shutout streak of 208:07, finished with seven saves in goal. **John Moschella** also made seven saves for the Seawolves, who captured the America East regular-season crown.

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#### America East Conference Men's Soccer Championship

#### Semifinal – LaValle Stadium (Stony Brook, N.Y.)

No. 5 UAlbany (6-9-4)                    0    1    0    -    1

No. 1 Stony Brook (12-4-3)           0    1    1    -    2

UAlbany – Scoring: Yan Gbolo (1-0), Stephan Hall (0-1), Gaby Seguin-Gauthier (0-1).

Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (96:34, 2 GA, 7 saves).

Stony Brook – Scoring: Adam Ciklic (1-0), Chris Megaloudis (1-0), Tamer Mohamed (0-1),

Douglas Narvaez (0-1), Michael Palacio (0-1). Goalkeeper: John Moschella (96:34, 1 GA, 7

saves).

Shots: UAlbany 17, Stony Brook 24; Corner Kicks: UAlbany 7, Stony Brook 9.



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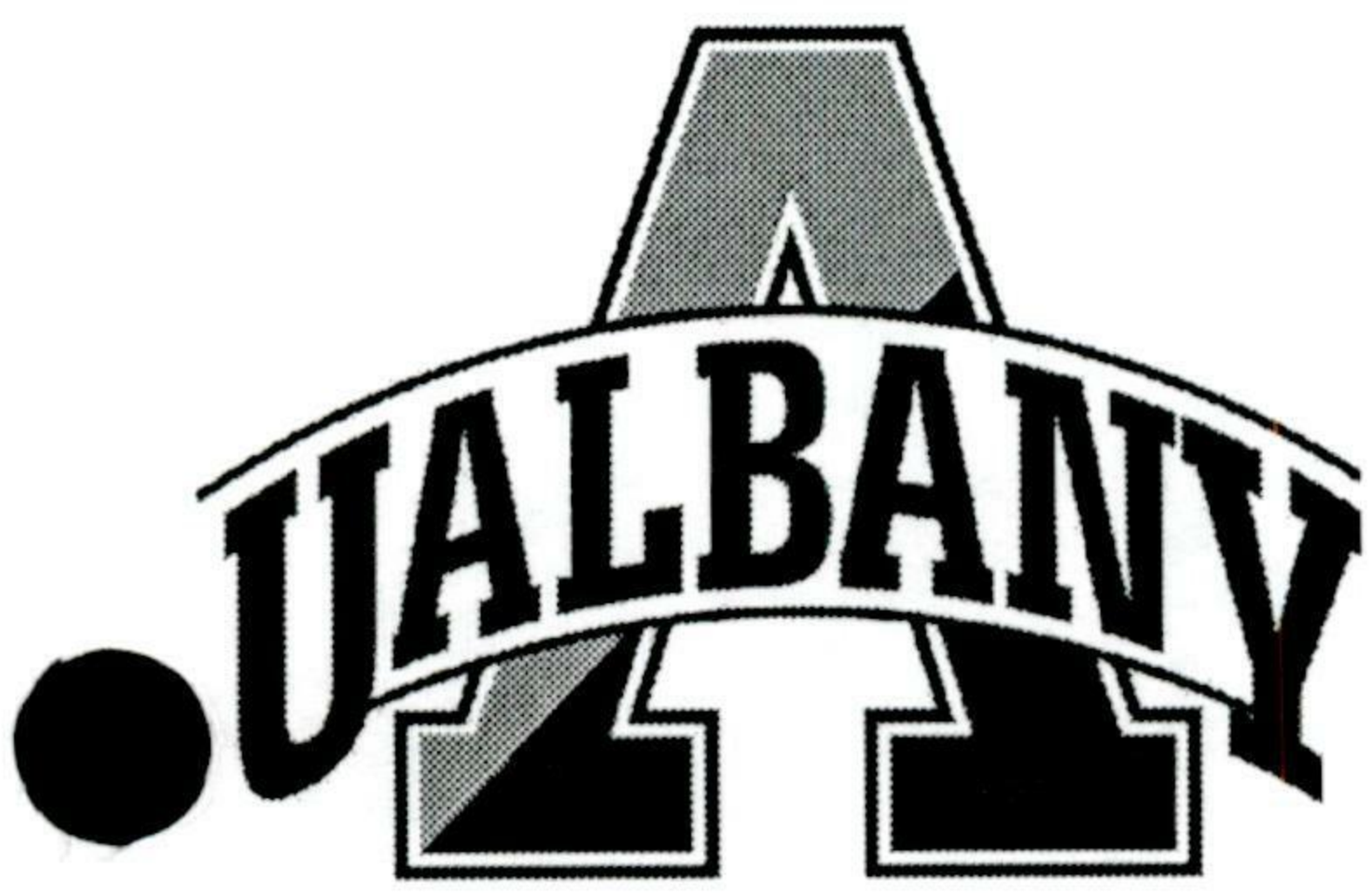
### **BLAIR BUCHANAN TABBED AMERICA EAST SETTER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. - University at Albany's Blair Buchanan has been named the America East Conference Setter of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced by the conference office on Monday, Nov. 7. Buchanan won the award for the seventh time this season.

Buchanan, a junior setter, averaged 13.50 assists, 2.00 kills and 2.75 digs per game in two victories last week. She fell one kill shy of her first triple-double, tallying 66 assists, a career-high nine kills and 14 digs in a win over Syracuse. Against New Hampshire, Buchanan stuffed the stat sheet with 42 assists, eight digs, seven kills and two blocks.

Buchanan, who recently became the program's all-time assists leader, ranks first among America East setters with 12.26 assists per game and leads all conference players with a .344 hitting percentage.

UAlbany (24-3, AE 9-1) moved into sole possession of first place in the America East standings. The Great Danes wrap up their regular-season schedule against Maine on Friday and Hartford on Sunday.



## College Football – Albany 20, Robert Morris 17

Albany, N.Y. – Quarterback Brett Hall scored on a 2-yard option run with two minutes and 57 seconds remaining, as UAlbany handed head coach Bob Ford his 200th career win at the school in a 20-17 Northeast Conference victory over Robert Morris on Saturday evening at University Field.

Robert Morris (2-7, NEC 1-5) took a 17-13 lead with 10:22 left in the final period, when senior quarterback Drew Geyer fired a 41-yard touchdown pass to Michael Rogers. Geyer, who completed 12 of 28 attempts for 166 yards, caught the Great Danes' defense in a blitz and found Rogers wide open on the left sideline.

After the team traded punts, UAlbany (4-5, NEC 4-2) marched 59 yards in 12 plays for the go-ahead touchdown. Hall, who connected on 13 of 21 passes for a career-high 161 yards, kept the drive alive with a third-and-14 completion to split end Irani DeAraujo. Johnson then converted a fourth-and-one at the Robert Morris 40 with a three-yard run over the right side. A pass interference call in the end zone would later move the ball inside the 5-yard line.

The Colonials, who dropped their fourth straight, reversed a 7-3 halftime deficit in the third period, when halfback Devin Wilson broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage on fourth-and-inches and rumbled 45 yards to paydirt. UAlbany would move ahead later in the quarter on a 7-play, 47-yard drive. DeAraujo, who had seven receptions for 107 yards, hauled in a 32-yard completion from Hall to set up the touchdown. Johnson, a 6-foot, 225-pound tailback who ran for 100-plus yards for the second straight week, then blasted three yards over right guard for a 13-10 lead. Marc Palozzi's extra-point missed to the left.

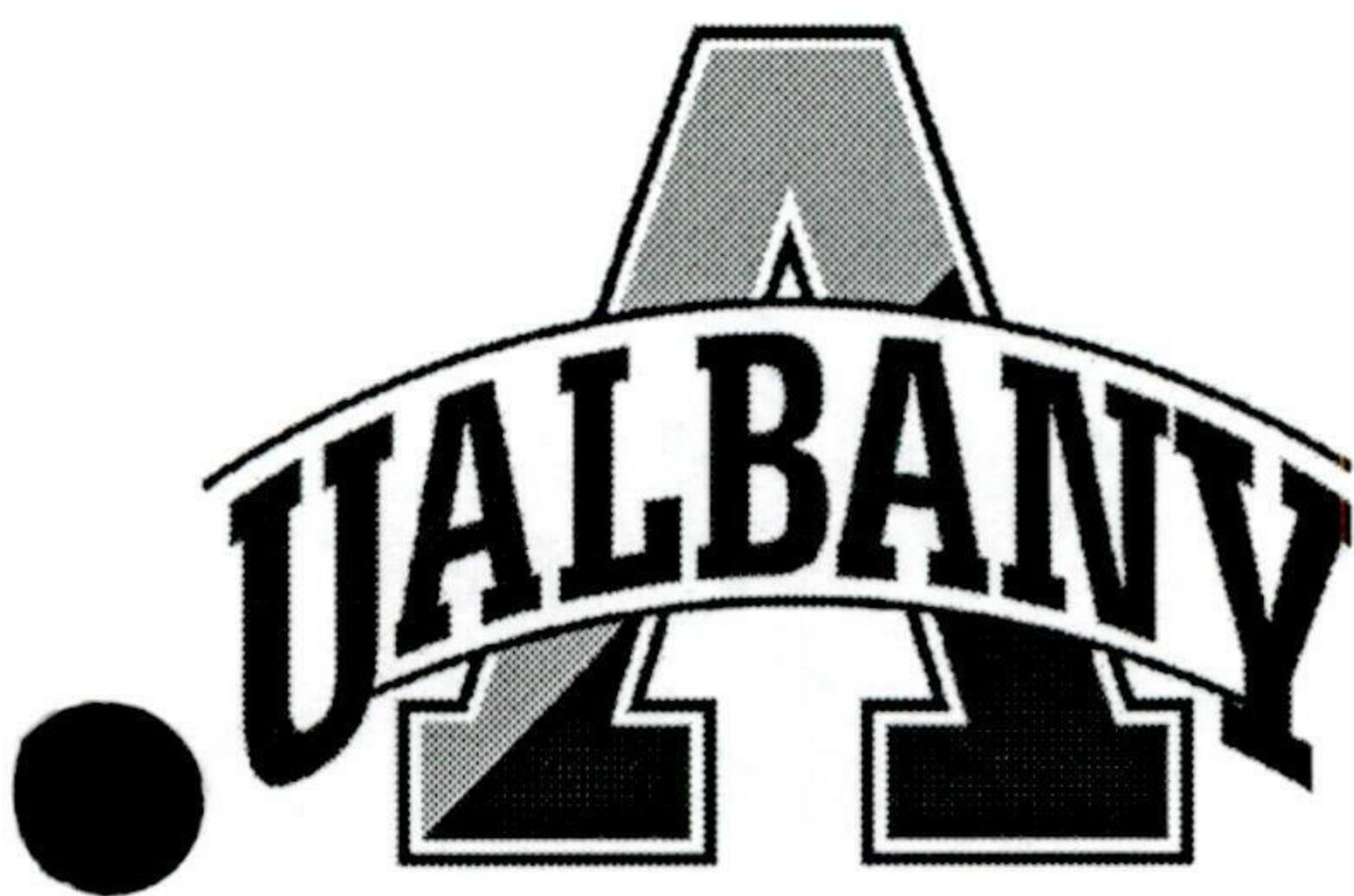
"That was taxing on my health," said Ford, whose record at UAlbany improved to 200-131 for a .604 winning percentage. "At times we didn't look very good out there. Our offense couldn't get untracked and they stuffed the run pretty well. But we showed some character at the end."

In the first quarter, Robert Morris grabbed a 3-0 advantage on its opening possession, as Nathan DiLorenzo booted a 32-yard field goal. Wilson, who had 20 carries for 137 yards, was the workhorse in that sequence. Johnson, who rushed 34 times for 120 yards, capped a nine-play march on a one-yard scoring run with 2:55 remaining in the period to put the Great Danes in front.

"I am happy for Coach Ford," offered Johnson, who has seven rushing touchdowns over the last three games. "He's a great man and part of the reason I came to school here. This is a real family atmosphere. The fact that they gave me a lot of carries and that I had two touchdowns was a bonus."

Ford, who is second among active Division I-AA coaches with 209 career victories overall, now has his team in a position to share the conference title. A Central Connecticut State loss coupled with a Great Dane win next weekend would result in a three-way tie for the NEC crown.





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### College Basketball – EXHIBITION – Albany 85, McGill 41

Albany, N.Y. – **Jamar Wilson** scored 16 points to pace five players in double figures, as UAlbany tuned up for the regular season with an 85-41 exhibition victory over McGill on Friday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Great Danes, who shot 50 percent from the field, including 10 of 17 from three-point range, raced to a 17-4 lead in the opening eight minutes. Wilson, a 6-foot-1 junior, began the contest by drilling a pair of 3-pointers from beyond the international line of 20-feet, 9-inches. **Jon Iati**, a sophomore guard who missed most of last season with a shoulder injury, canned another long-range jumper from the left corner to end the outburst.

UAlbany cruised to a 40-13 halftime advantage, as **Levi Levine**, one of four returning starters from last year's squad, had 10 of his 12 points in the period. **Brent Wilson**, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, added eight of his 10 markers before the break, plus grabbed nine rebounds in the contest.

"It was a chance to play for real with the lights on, three officials, and an opponent that had played several games before tonight," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team begins its season next week in the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer in Gainesville, Fla. "We will be playing a team (Oakland) that's at another level in our next game. They have the experience of winning last year's NCAA Tournament play-in, and will certainly be a tough match-up for us."

Iati finished with 15 points on 5-of-7 shooting from the three-point arc for the Great Danes, who were voted the America East Conference preseason favorite by the league's coaches. **Jason Siggers**, a junior college transfer, was the fifth player in twin figures with 13 points and five assists off the bench.

McGill, a school located in Montreal, Quebec, was led by **Daniel Martin and Yannick Chouinard**, who each had 11 points. The Redmen were held to just 25-percent shooting on 12-of-48 attempts.



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## CRENSHAW LEADS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL TO NINTH STRAIGHT WIN

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashley Crenshaw** tallied 11 kills to lead three players in double-figure kills as UAlbany defeated New Hampshire, 3-0, in America East Conference volleyball action on Friday night at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who extended their unbeaten streak to nine matches, posted scores of 30-19, 30-23 and 30-27.

Crenshaw recorded six of her 11 kills in the final game as UAlbany (24-3, AE 9-1) held on for the sweep. **Shelby Goldman** added 10 kills, including six in the second game. **Ashley Hunter** also reached double-figures with 10 kills.

UAlbany's **Ashlee Reed** just missed a double-double with nine kills and 11 digs. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** posted a season-high 18 digs, while **Blair Buchanan** finished with 42 assists, eight digs and seven kills.

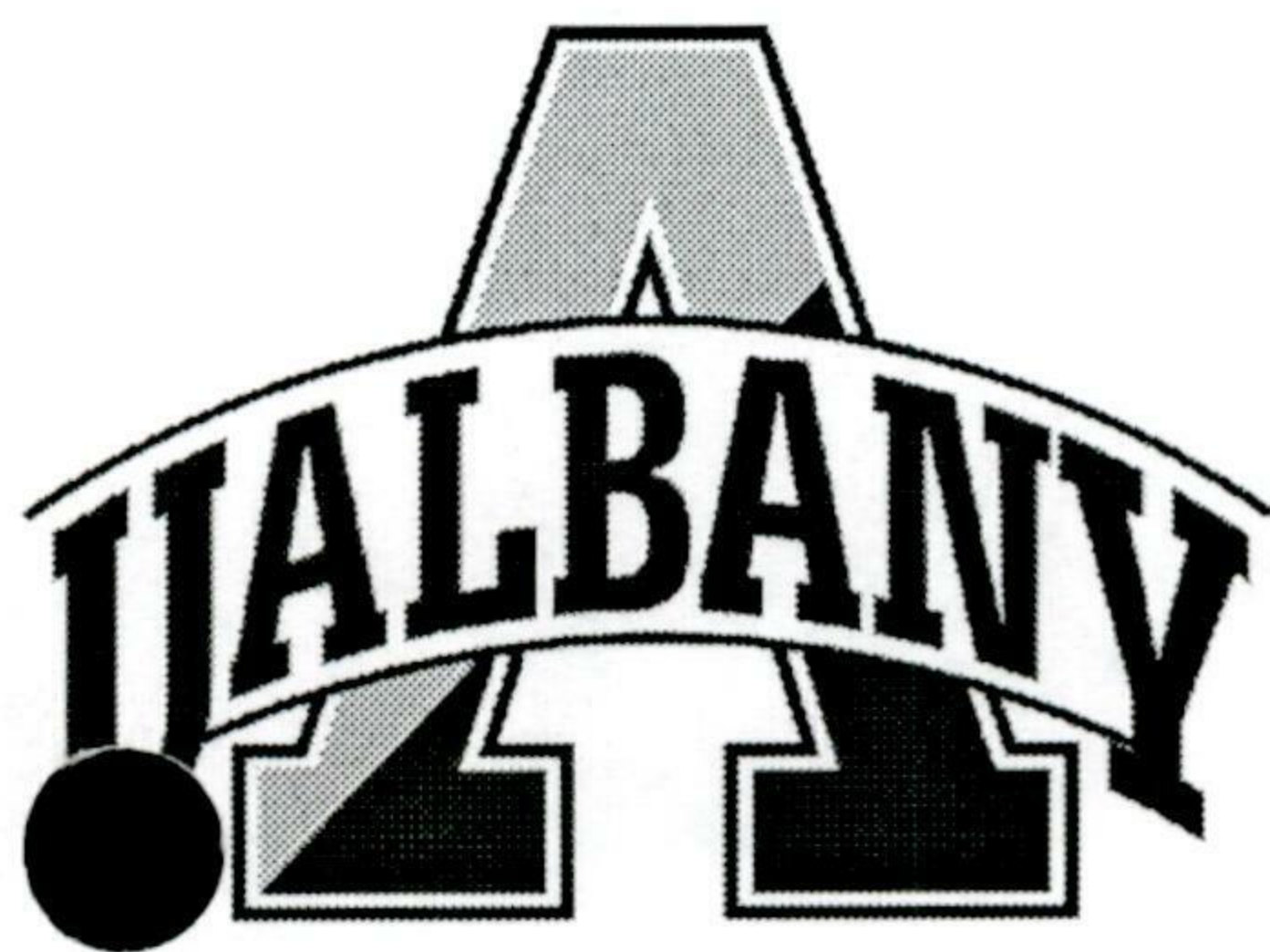
**Erin Walker** finished with a match-high 17 kills and 10 digs for New Hampshire (6-19, AE 3-6). **Emmy Blouin** chipped in with nine kills, while **Caitlin Dowd** added eight.

The Great Danes hit better than .300 for the tenth time this season, finishing at .325 (53-of-120). Albany also tallied eight total team blocks, paced by Crenshaw's four and **Ashley Green's** three.

UAlbany, which has won 18 of its last 19, resumes America East action on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. when Maine visits University Gymnasium. The Great Danes will honor their four seniors in their last regular-season home match.

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UAlbany (24-3, AE 9-1) def. New Hampshire (6-19, AE 3-6), 30-19, 30-23 and 30-27.



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### MAINE DOWNS UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY IN A-EAST TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS

Cambridge, Mass. – **Gina Legge's** first-half goal lifted Maine to a 1-0 victory over UAlbany in the semifinal round of the America East Conference Field Hockey Championship on Friday afternoon at MIT's Jack Barry Field. Boston U., the top seed, defeated Vermont, 5-1, in the other semifinal.

Legge, who tallied her second goal of the season, brought the ball down the middle of the field and scored from 10 feet away at 17:39. Maine (12-6) held the Great Danes to one shot on goal for the game. Goalkeeper **Rebecca Giroux** finished with one save.

**Ashley Ross** played all 70 minutes in goal for UAlbany, who finished 9-9 overall, the program's best record since 2000.

"Right before the season, I was nervous to say the least," said UAlbany head coach Phil Sykes, whose team made its first America East postseason appearance. "I had made a hard schedule, but the way people responded day-to-day with confidence says a lot about the character of our team."

Boston U. and Maine will meet in the championship on Saturday at 3 p.m. The Black Bears advanced to the conference title game for the third time in their history.

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#### America East Conference Field Hockey Championship

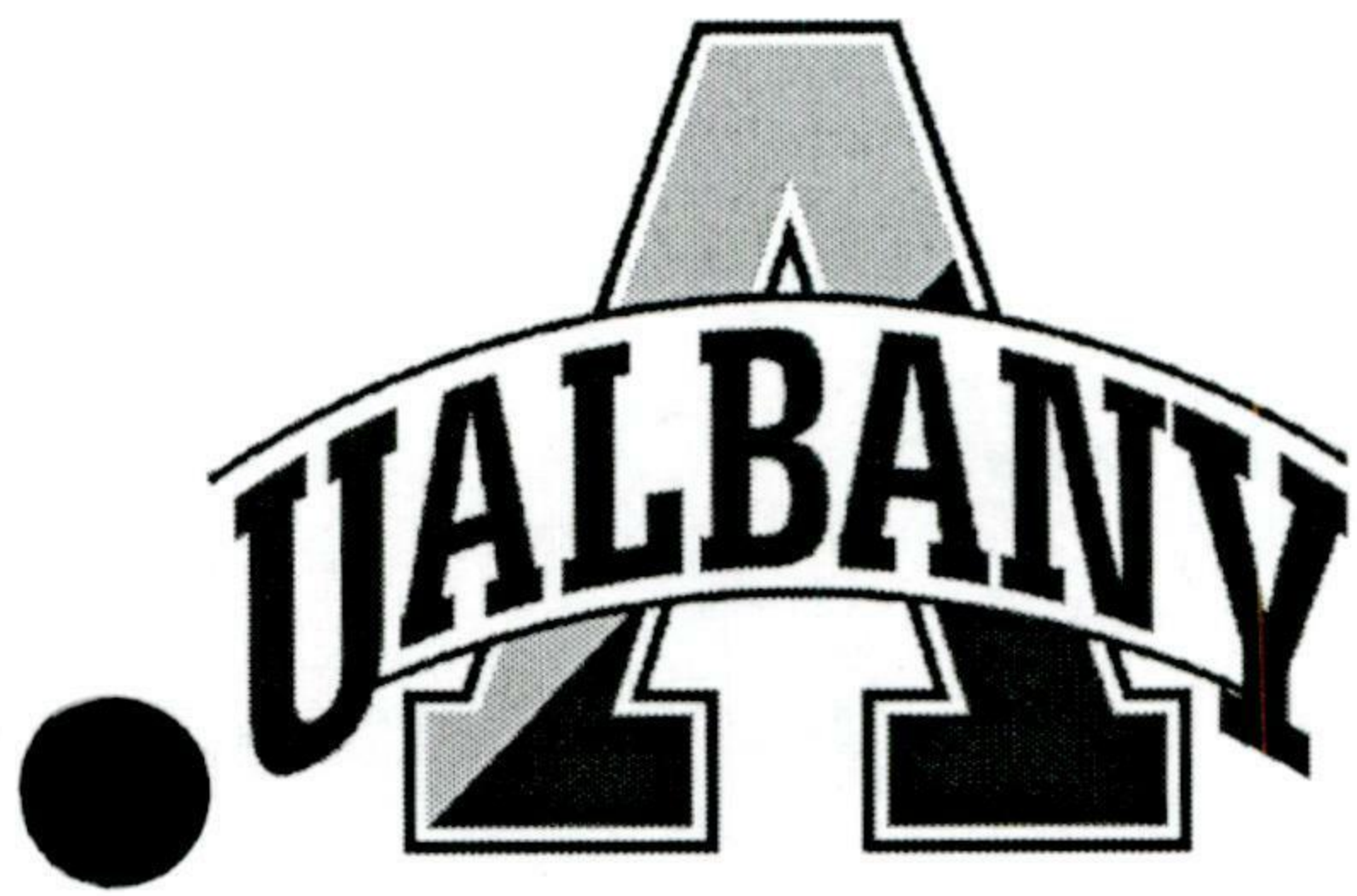
##### Semifinal

No. 2 Maine (12-6)            1     0     -     1

No. 3 UAlbany (9-9)        0     0     -     0

Maine – Scoring: Gina Legge (1-0); Goalkeeper: Rebecca Giroux (70:00, 0 GA, 1 save)

UAlbany – Scoring: None; Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 1 GA, 0 saves)



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## FOUR UALBANY PLAYERS RECEIVE AMERICA EAST FIELD HOCKEY HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Tina Bryson**, **Kristen Holder** and **Arlette Westdorp** were each honored as All-America East Conference selections in women's field hockey, as announced at the conference's postseason tournament banquet held at Boston University on Thursday evening. Bryson was named to the All-America East first team, while Holder and Westdorp received second-team accolades.

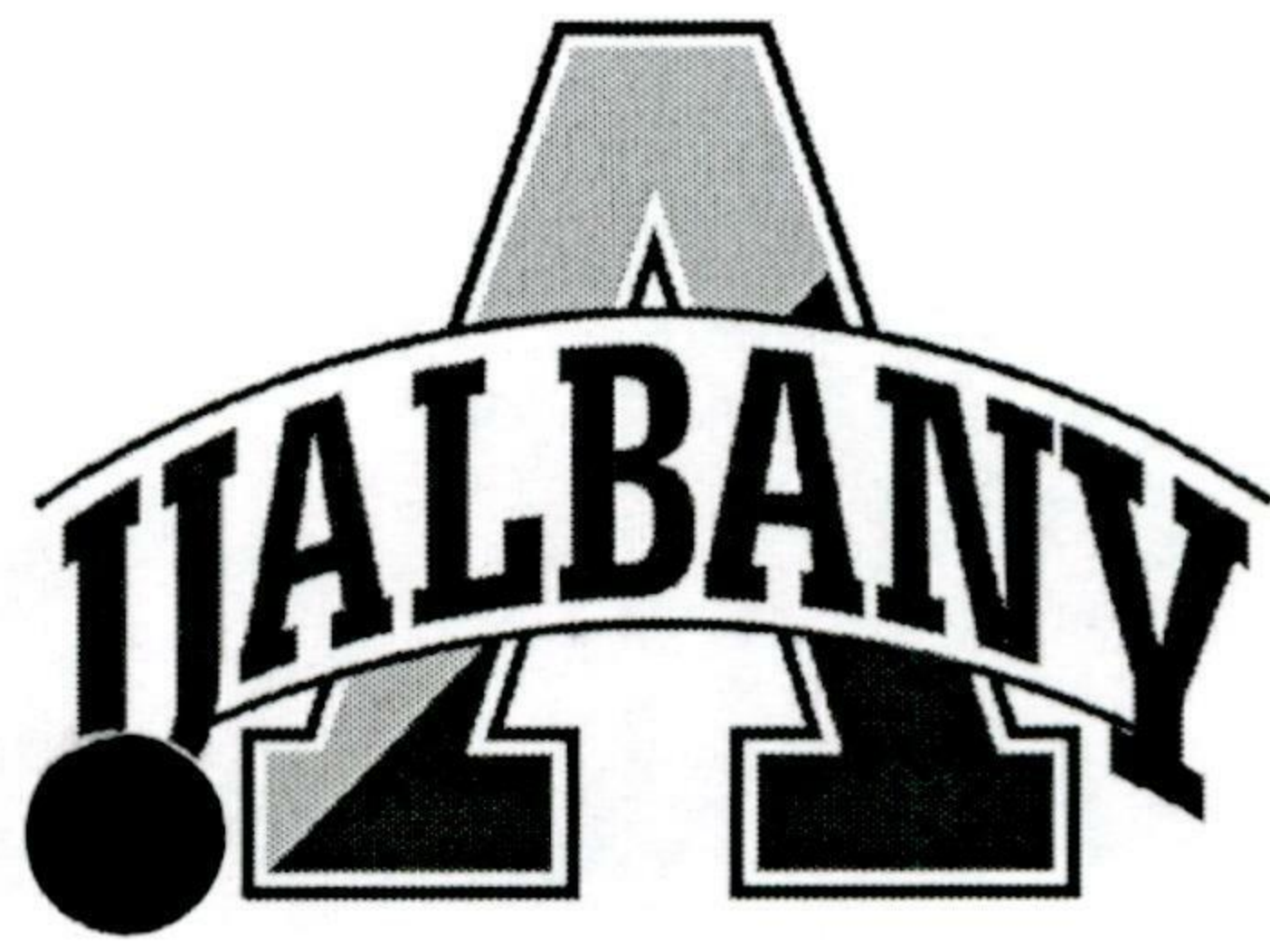
Bryson, a senior forward, is third in the America East with nine goals this season. She leads UAlbany with 22 points and has climbed the school charts to fourth in both total points (78) and goals (32). A native of Mahopac, N.Y., Bryson was named the America East Player of the Week and ECAC Player of the Week in mid-October. A two-time first-team selection, Bryson also made the America East all-rookie team as a freshman.

Holder is third on the team with 17 points coming on eight goals and one assist, including the game-winning goal against then-No. 18 Boston University on Oct. 22. A sophomore forward, she garnered player of the week honors earlier this year and was named to the America East all-rookie squad last season.

Westdorp, a freshman midfielder, leads the America East with 14 assists and is in the top-10 in the nation in that category. She is second on the team with 20 points, tallying six goals in addition to her assists total. Westdorp has already moved into the top five on the school's all-time assists chart. She was named the A-East Rookie of the Week on Sept. 12.

In addition, Westdorp and freshman goalkeeper **Ashley Ross** were voted to the 2005 America East All-Rookie Team. Ross started all 17 games for the Great Danes this season, notching 67 saves and compiling a 2.17 GAA. After tallying 11 saves against Boston U. on Oct. 22, she was named the America East Rookie of the Week and the ECAC Goalie of the Week.

Maine's Terry Kix was named America East Coach of the Year for the fourth time, while the Black Bears' Meagan Connelly was named Defensive Player of the Year. Boston University's Sarah Shute and Holly Wiles were named Offensive Player and Rookie of the Year, respectively.



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## **UALBANY'S STEPHAN HALL NAMED TO COSIDA DISTRICT I MEN'S SOCCER TEAM**

Bronx, N.Y. – University at Albany junior midfielder **Stephan Hall** was named to the 2005 CoSIDA Academic All-District I Men's Soccer Team as announced on Thursday by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Hall, a second-team selection in 2004, earned first-team honors this season.

Hall, who has a 3.97 cumulative grade point average in urban studies with a double minor in history and psychology, is a member of the America East Commissioner's Honor Roll and the UAlbany Athletic Director's Honor Roll. He was named the America East Conference Men's Soccer Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2004.

An All-America East second-team member last season, Hall is tops on UAlbany and fifth among conference leaders with 16 points on five goals and six assists in 2005. He has 30 career points on nine goals and 12 assists.

UAlbany finished fifth in the America East and will take on fourth-seeded Vermont in the quarterfinals of the conference's postseason tournament on Saturday at noon.



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**LUKE DAQUINO CHOSEN IN MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE EXPANSION DRAFT**

Boston, Mass. – Former University at Albany All-American **Luke Daquino** has selected in the Major League Lacrosse 2006 Expansion Draft in the ninth round by Denver. As the premier professional outdoor lacrosse league, the MLL has added franchises in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver and Chicago to the “Original Six” members.

Daquino, a native of Farmingville, N.Y., was chosen to the 2005 STX-USILA All-America squad as an honorable mention selection last June after leading UAlbany to its third consecutive America East Conference championship and NCAA Tournament berth.

He made his third consecutive appearance on the All-America East first team last spring, when he ranked third in assists (2.31 pg) and fifth in scoring (4.38 ppg) among the NCAA Division I leaders. Daquino, the 2004-05 UAlbany Male Athlete of the Year, totaled 33 goals and 37 assists for 70 points, the sixth highest single-season mark in school history.

Daquino finished his career as the program’s all-time scorer with 234 points (103 goals, 131 assists). He shattered a record that had stood since 1992.



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### UALBANY DOWNS MAINE, 3-0, TO EARN A-EAST POSTSEASON BERTH

Albany N.Y. – Freshman **Tufi Long** scored his first career goal 36:13 into the first half as UAlbany shutout Maine, 3-0, in an America East Conference match on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field. With the win the Great Danes earned the fifth seed in the America East Conference Tournament which starts on Saturday. The Great Danes (6-8-3, 3-4-1 AE) will travel to fourth-seeded Vermont on Saturday at noon for their first-round tournament match.

UAlbany got on the board late in the first half when Long took a through-pass from freshman **Erik DiLorenzo** and beat Maine goalkeeper **Ben Piotrowski**. Senior **Yan Gbolo** gave UAlbany a 2-0 advantage 1:58 into the second half off a pass from sophomore **Trevor Elmo**. Sophomore **Eric Zekiroski** added his second goal of the season with 14:15 left in the contest to extend UAlbany's lead to 3-0.

"It's a great moment for the program and for a young team to come in fifth (in America East) and make the playoffs," said head coach Johan Aarnio, whose team is making its second straight playoff appearance. The Great Danes lost to Binghamton, 3-1, in last year's America East tournament semifinals.

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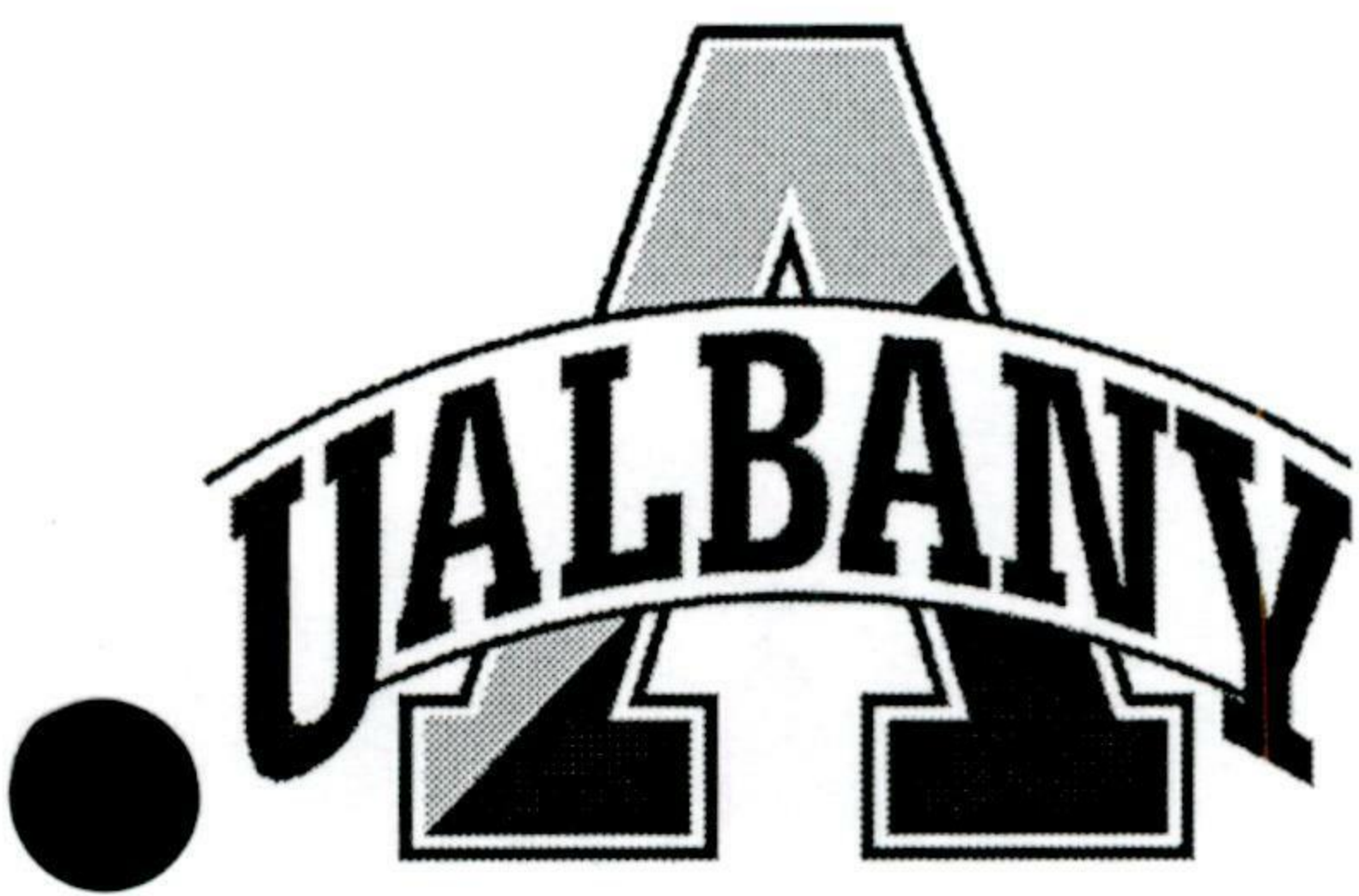
UAlbany 3, Maine 0 (Varsity Field-Albany, N.Y.)

UAlbany (6-8-3, 3-4-1 AE)	1	2	-	<b>3</b>
Maine (2-11-2, 0-6-2 AE)	0	0	-	<b>0</b>

UAlbany- Scoring: Yan Gbolo 1-0, Tufi Long 1-0, Eric Zekiroski 1-0, Erik DiLorenzo 0-1, Trevor Elmo 0-1; Goalkeepers: Steward Ceus (83:43, 0 GA, 1 save), Kyle Edsall (6:17, 0 GA, 1 save)

Maine: Scoring- None; Goalkeeper: Ben Piotrowski (90:00, 3 GA, 3 saves)

Shots: UAlbany 13, Maine 5; Corner Kicks: Maine 4, UAlbany 1



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### UALBANY VOLLEYBALL RALLIES TO DOWN BIG EAST-RIVAL SYRACUSE, 3-2

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashley Hunter** drilled a match-high 23 kills as UAlbany rallied for a 3-2 victory over Syracuse in non-conference volleyball action on Tuesday night before more than 500 fans at University Gymnasium. The Orange captured games one and two, 30-21 and 30-25. The Great Danes, who won for the eighth straight time, followed with scores of 30-17, 30-21 and 16-14.

UAlbany (23-3) jumped out to a 14-3 lead in the third game with kills on 10 of their first 13 attempts. **Shelby Goldman**, who registered 18 kills and four digs in the match, recorded five kills in the game. **Ashley Green** added four of her six kills, while Hunter also chipped in four kills.

The Great Danes, who rallied from two games down for the first time since Nov. 1, 2003, grabbed an 11-5 lead in the fourth. **Ashlee Reed** registered five kills and **Ashley DeNeal** tallied nine of her team-high 26 digs in that span.

In the fifth and deciding game, Syracuse held a 14-13 edge and was serving match point. However, Hunter delivered a kill to even the score before Green blocked **Kelly Duan's** attack to give the Great Danes a 15-14 lead. **Blair Buchanan** provided the final point with one of her career-high nine kills.

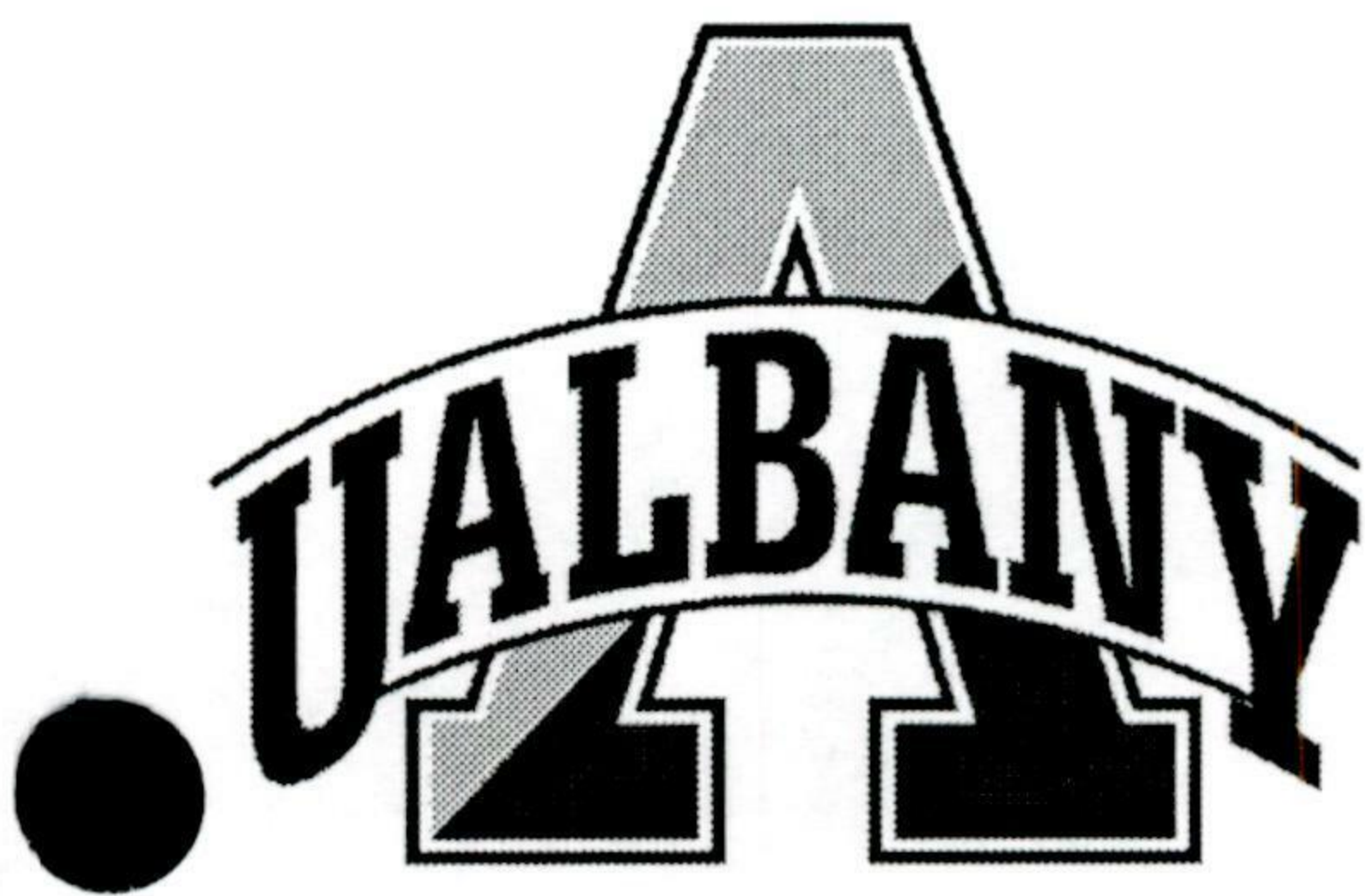
Buchanan, who fell one kill shy of a triple-double, finished with 66 assists, 14 digs and three blocks. Reed tallied 15 kills and seven digs, while **Kristin Fiorillo** set a career-high with 20 digs.

Duan paced the Orange with 21 kills, including nine in the second game alone. **Cheryl Cobbina** added 15 kills and four digs, while **Kristen Conway** registered 13 kills and 11 digs. Syracuse (22-8) had its 10-match unbeaten streak halted.

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UAlbany (23-3) def. Syracuse (22-8), 21-30, 25-30, 30-17, 30-21, 16-14.





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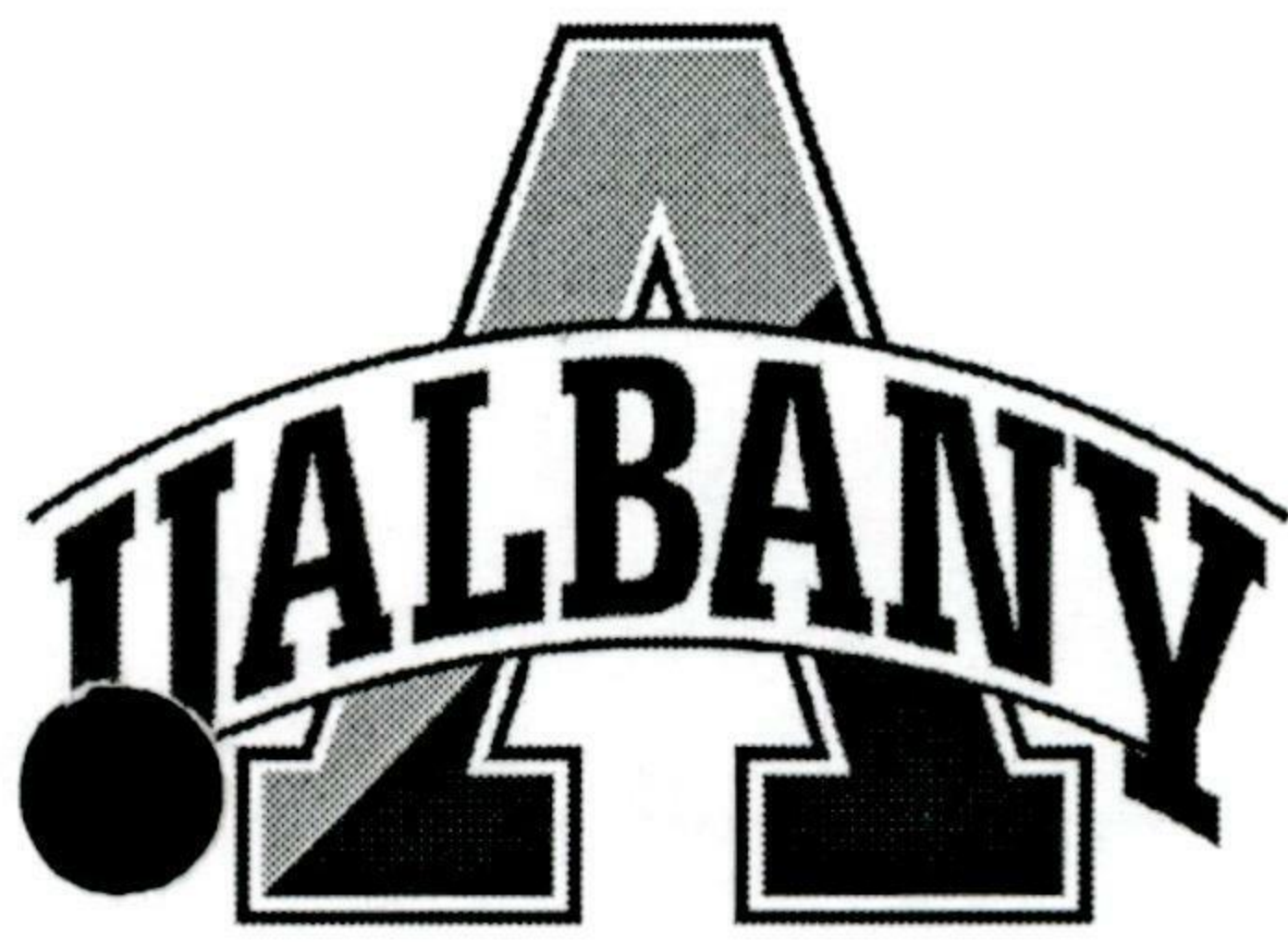
### UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PICKED EIGHTH IN AMERICA EAST PRESEASON POLL

Boston, Mass. – Hartford has been named as the unanimous choice to repeat as America East Conference women's basketball champions, as voted on by the conference head coaches in the preseason poll released on Tuesday afternoon. Boston University and Maine were tied for second place in the nine-team conference.

UAlbany, which graduated three of its top four scorers, was picked to finish eighth. Head coach **Trina Patterson** returns for her fourth season at the helm after guiding the squad to a Division I program-record 14 victories last year. Senior **Jen Schumacher** is the top returning scorer for the Great Danes. The 5-foot-8 guard averaged 12.5 points per game last season. Schumacher also set a school and America East record with 77 three-pointers.

Junior guard **Tanya James** added 2.8 points and 1.85 assists per game. Sophomore forward **Gia Sanders** is the squad's top returning rebounder after averaging 3.0 per game last year. Senior forward **Sharon Majors** (1.4 ppg, 1.5 rpg), and sophomore guards **Sherri Mikus** (3.0 ppg, 1.6 rpg) and **Tanika Thrower** (2.9 ppg, 1.4 rpg) are also key returnees.

The Great Danes open their season on Nov. 19-20 at the St. Bonaventure Shootout in Elmira, N.Y.



## UALBANY PICKED TO WIN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE BASKETBALL CROWN

Boston, Mass. -- The University at Albany returns four of five starters from last season's fourth-place team and has been selected as the preseason favorite to win the 2006 America East Men's Basketball Championship.

The Great Danes, who finished 13-15 overall last season, received five first-place votes and 61 points to outscore second-ranked Boston University in the poll. The Terriers received three of the four remaining first-place votes and 52 points, while the University of Maine garnered one first-place vote and tallied 46 points. Coaches were not permitted to select their own teams in the preseason voting.

"It is an honor to have the respect of the coaches in the conference," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team showed an eight-win improvement from the previous season last year. "The credit goes to the players and coaches in the program. Hopefully, what's on paper can translate into a championship next March. We welcome the expectations but understand the responsibility that comes with it."

UAlbany enjoyed its best-ever America East record last season when the Great Danes went 9-9 and posted a fourth-place finish. Things are expected to continue to look up as the team with nine letterwinners back, including two all-conference players from one year ago in **Jamar Wilson** (16.9 ppg, 4.2 apg) and **Lucious Jordan** (14.8 ppg, 4.9 rpg). Wilson and Jordan also highlight this year's America East Preseason All-Conference Team.

The Great Danes open their 2005-06 schedule on November 9-10 at the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer in Gainesville, Fla. UAlbany meets Oakland in the regional's opening round, while Florida faces St. Peter's.

### America East Conference

#### Men's Basketball Preseason Poll

1. Albany (5), 61
  2. Boston U. (3), 52
  3. Maine (1), 46
  4. Binghamton, 43
  5. Hartford, 41
  6. Vermont, 31
  7. Stony Brook, 21
  8. UMBC, 15
  9. New Hampshire, 14
- (first-place votes)

### 2005-06 Preseason All-Conference Team

Jamar Wilson (Albany)

Lucious Jordan (Albany)

Andre Heard (Binghamton)

Shaun Wynn (Boston U.)

Kevin Reed (Maine)

# **University at Albany Basketball Media Luncheon**

*Tuesday, November 1, 2005  
Recreation & Convocation Center  
Hall of Fame Room*

**12:00 Noon**

**Men's Coach Will Brown,  
Women's Coach Trina Patterson,  
UAlbany's coaching staffs, and  
players from both teams will be in attendance.**

**America East Conference  
representatives will also be at the event.**

**Lunch will be served.**

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