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## UALBANY WINS HOME OPENER WITH 84-73 VICTORY OVER DARTMOUTH

Albany, N.Y. – **Lucious Jordan** and **Levi Levine** each had 22 points to lead UAlbany to an 84-73 non-conference victory over Dartmouth in the Great Danes' home opener on Thursday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany (5-5) led 29-26 late in the opening period, but ran off 13 unanswered points to take control. Sophomore guard **Jamar Wilson**, who had 11 of his 16 points in the first half, led that outburst, as he started the run with a driving one-hander off the glass. Jordan, a 6-foot-2 junior, and **Brent Wilson** then connected on back-to-back three-point field goals.

The Great Danes, who held the visitors to 37-percent shooting before halftime and forced 11 turnovers, took a 42-29 lead to the locker room. Wilson, who added a team-high five assists to his scoring total, nailed another three-pointer before the break.

In the second half, Dartmouth (3-7) closed within 55-46, when **Mike Lang**, who had 11 points, nailed a 3-pointer from the top of arc and **Chuck Flynn** scored in the lane. But the Great Danes came right back to push the lead back to double digits. Levine, a junior forward who made 8-of-11 from the field, canned a pair of free throws. **Kirsten Zoellner**, a 7-foot-1 center who recorded his first career double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds, followed with a jump hook.

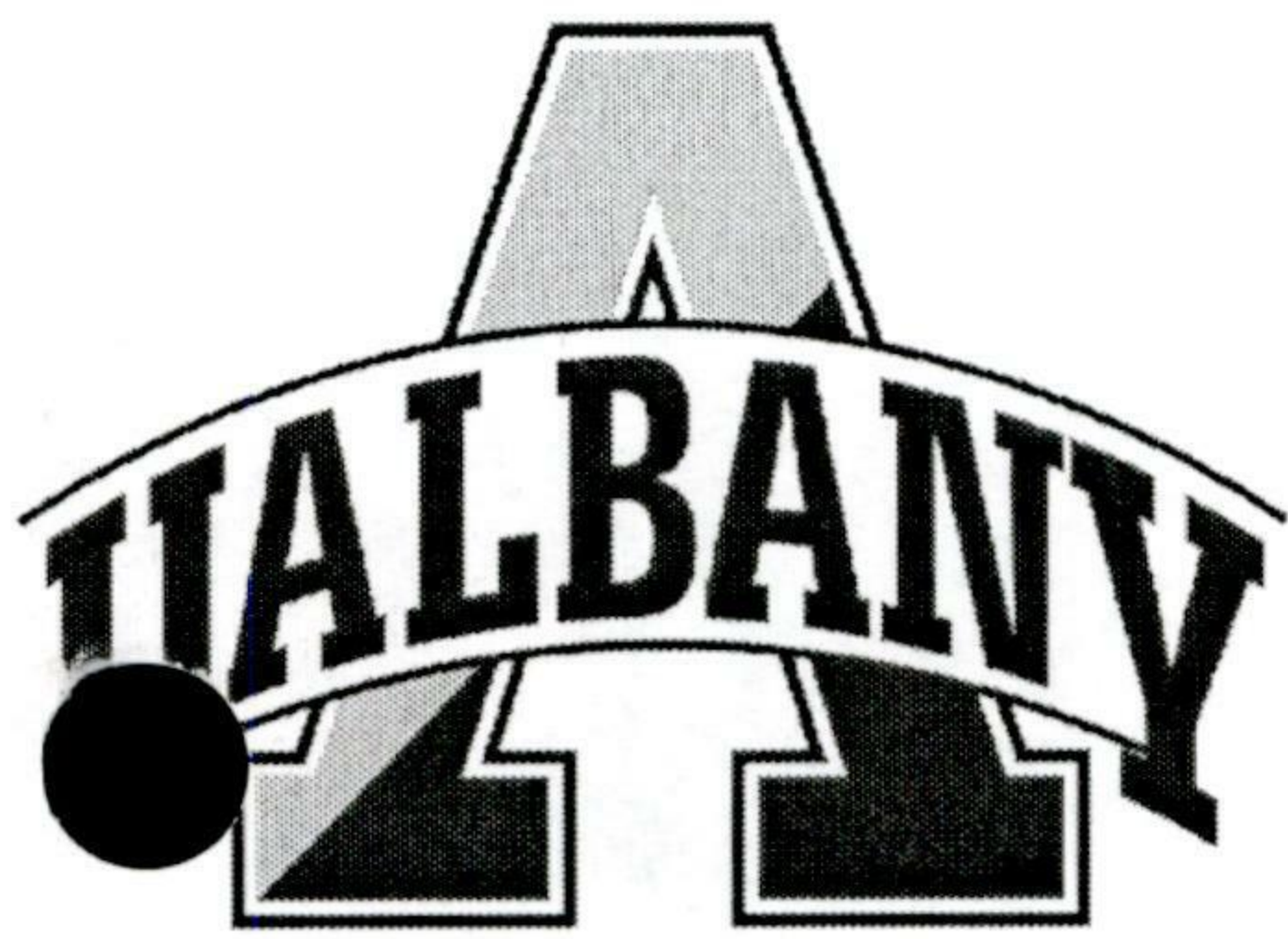
"We used pressure to pick up the pace and make them play faster," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team was coming off a 72-55 loss to seventh-ranked Syracuse on Tuesday. "We've played so many games on the road this season that it was exciting to play in our own building and in front of a friendly crowd."

Dartmouth's **Michael McLaren** had 12 of his 22 points in the opening half, and converted 5-of-7 from three-point range. **David Gardner** added 11 points for the Big Green, who lost for the fourth straight time.

Jordan, the third-leading scorer in the America East Conference, hit a pair of free throws to hand UAlbany its biggest lead, at 82-60 with 5:42 remaining. The Great Danes are .500 or better after ten games for the first time since 1997-98.

"We did a good job of not settling for jump shots," said Jordan, who scored in double figures for the tenth straight game. "We got to the rim and to the foul line, and then made our free throws."





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## UALBANY ENDS THREE-GAME SKID BY WINNING CAVALIER CLASSIC CONSOLATION

Charlottesville, Va. – **Danielle Hutcheson** recorded her second double-double of the season with 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead the University at Albany women's basketball team to a 74-57 victory over American in the consolation round of Virginia's Cavalier Classic on Wednesday evening at University Hall.

American (5-5) opened the game with a 10-2 run, but the Great Danes went on a 13-0 tear of their own to take a 15-10 lead. After several lead changes throughout the first half, the teams hit the locker room with the Eagles ahead, 34-31, on a three pointer by **Chanel Hunt** in the closing seconds. Hunt finished with 18 points.

The score remained tight to start the second half before UAlbany went on a 12-1 run to grab a 54-41 advantage with 9:31 remaining. The Great Danes, who shot a season-best 50 percent on 27-of-54 from the floor, never looked back, scoring the final points of the game on **Sherri Mikus'** layup.

"This team has a great bounce-back attitude," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, whose team held American to 22 percent shooting in the final period. "Mentally, we don't stay down for long. Early on I told them they were trying to hard and they had to relax."

**Maree Jones**, a 6-foot-1 senior, also recorded a double-double for the Great Danes, tying a career-high with 16 points and recording a career-best 15 rebounds. **Tanya James** was the third UAlbany player in double figures, posting a career-high 11 points.

"Everything I do is to give the team momentum," said James, who came off the bench to make 4-of-5 field goals and handed out four assists. "Everyone here doubted us, so we wanted to show the fans and the other teams that we belong here."

Freshman **Gia Sanders** came off the bench record a career-high seven points.

American was led by Hunt, who made 4-of-5 from beyond the three-point arc and moved to second on the school's all-time steals list with 245. **Joanna Barnes** notched 12 points, while **Jenyce Woodruff** chipped in 11 for the Eagles.



Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS

American University vs Albany

12/29/04 4:30 p.m. at Charlottesville, VA (University Hall)

VISITORS: American University 5-5

##	Player Name	TOT-FG FG-FGA	3-PT FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
					OF	DE	TOT							
35	Hunt, Chanel.....	f 5-13	4-5	4-8	0	4	4	3	18	0	3	0	2	37
44	Woodruff, Jenyce....	f 3-8	0-0	5-8	1	3	4	3	11	0	1	0	1	30
25	Salem, Kim.....	c 1-3	0-0	4-5	3	3	6	4	6	2	5	1	0	32
20	Barnes, Joanna.....	g 4-14	1-7	3-4	3	1	4	3	12	1	0	0	0	29
33	Williams, Tara.....	g 1-5	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	2	3	1	1	0	1	26
04	Rhymer, Damarah.....	0-5	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	20
21	Jordan, Angel.....	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	1	9
22	Walker, Natalie.....	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
40	Lipskis, Abby.....	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	4	2	0	1	0	0	13
TEAM.....					4	1	5							
Totals.....		16-52	6-14	19-30	12	15	27	23	57	8	13	1	6	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-29 37.9%      2nd Half: 5-23 21.7%      Game: 30.8%      DEADB  
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-7 57.1%      2nd Half: 2-7 28.6%      Game: 42.9%      REBS  
 F Throw % 1st Half: 8-11 72.7%      2nd Half: 11-19 57.9%      Game: 63.3%      7

HOME TEAM: Albany 5-4

##	Player Name	TOT-FG FG-FGA	3-PT FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
					OF	DE	TOT							
22	Learn, Alicia.....	f 2-5	0-0	0-0	2	5	7	4	4	1	2	1	1	36
44	Jones, Maree.....	f 5-9	0-0	6-8	8	7	15	2	16	3	2	0	1	36
20	Hutcheson, Danielle.	c 8-16	0-0	5-7	2	8	10	5	21	4	4	5	0	26
1	Schumacher, Jen.....	g 3-7	2-4	0-0	0	0	0	2	8	0	3	0	1	32
15	Mikus, Sherri.....	g 1-5	0-0	3-4	0	1	1	3	5	2	3	0	2	22
03	Johnson, Stacy.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21	James, Tanya.....	4-5	0-0	3-4	2	0	2	0	11	4	0	0	1	16
24	Sanders, Gia.....	3-6	1-1	0-0	1	1	2	3	7	2	1	0	1	20
32	Martinson, Kelly....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
54	Majors, Sharon.....	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	1	2	0	4	0	0	10
TEAM.....					1	2	3							
Totals.....		27-54	3-5	17-23	16	27	43	20	74	16	19	6	7	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-23 47.8%      2nd Half: 16-31 51.6%      Game: 50.0%      DEADB  
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-2 100 %      2nd Half: 1-3 33.3%      Game: 60.0%      REBS  
 F Throw % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8%      2nd Half: 10-14 71.4%      Game: 73.9%      2,1

Officials: Bill Franklin, Leslie Claybrook, Mark Behrens

Technical fouls: American University-None. Albany-None.

Attendance:

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
American University.....	34	23	- 57
Albany.....	31	43	- 74

Hutcheson (Albany) fouls out 2:53 (II)





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## HOST VIRGINIA DEFEATS UALBANY, 59-34 IN FIRST ROUND OF CAVALIER CLASSIC

Charlottesville, Va. – **LaTonya Blue** recorded a game-high 12 points to lead Virginia to a 59-34 victory over UAlbany in the first round of the Cavalier Classic, held in University Hall on Tuesday, December 28.

The Great Danes (4-4) got ahead by three early on an **Alicia Learn** jumper, but Virginia answered with two points of its own and regained the lead, 10-9 at 14:52. The Cavaliers then steadily built up a 12-point advantage with just over eight minutes remaining. **Danielle Hutcheson** attempted to spur the Great Danes back into action with a defensive stand under the basket, blocking two shots in a row by Virginia's **Jocelyn Logan-Friend**, but two missed free throws by **Sherri Mikus** ended the run.

The Cavaliers held a 14-point lead with four seconds remaining in the first half, but UAlbany's **Tanya James** hit a shot from beyond half court to cut the lead to 11 heading into the break.

Virginia (8-3) came out on all cylinders after halftime, immediately building up a lead as high as 19, 41-22, with 15:02 on the clock. Hutcheson hit a low jumper to cut the lead to 15 with 13:37 left to play, but the Cavaliers responded with an 8-0 run to build the lead to 24.

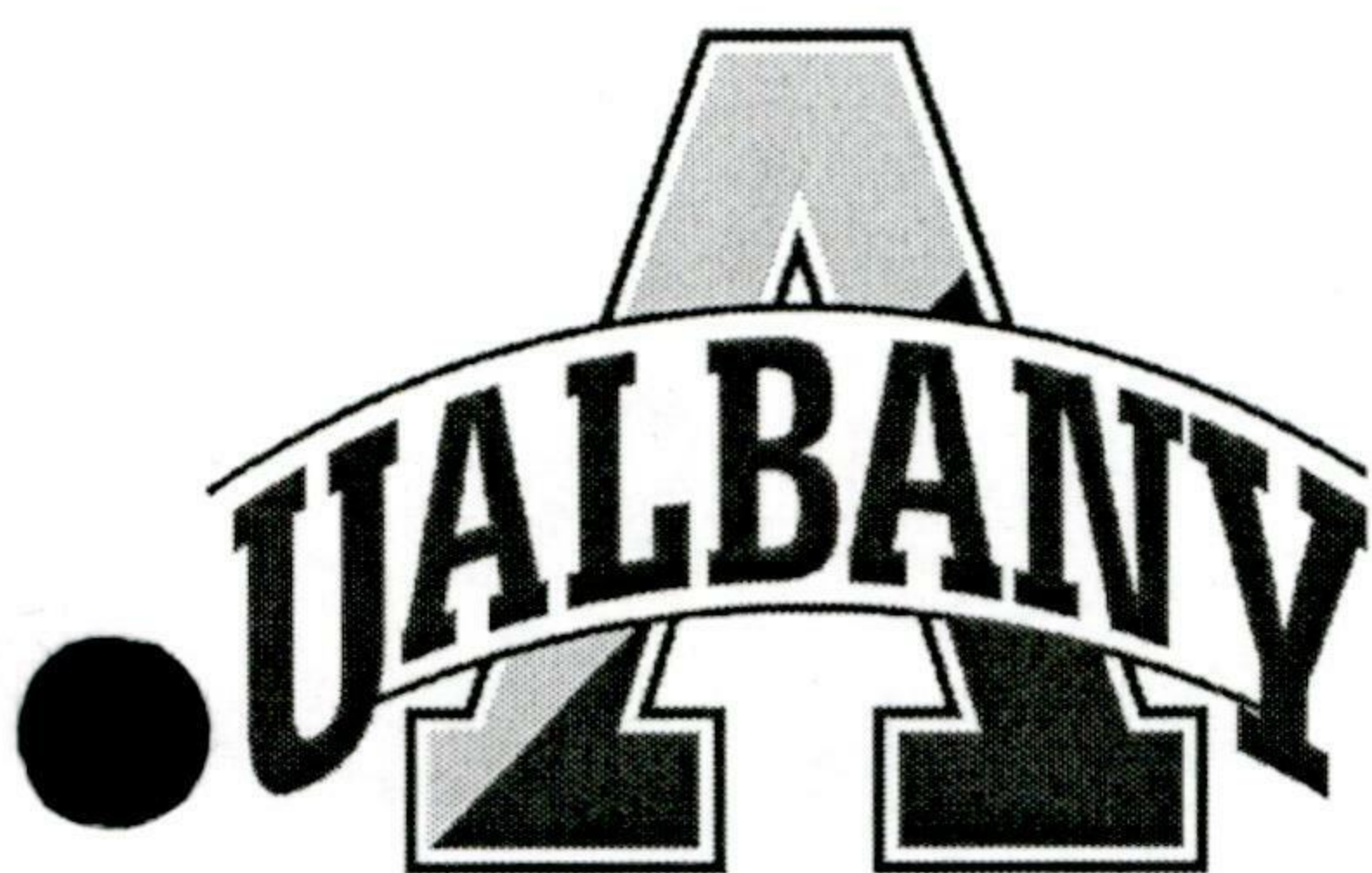
"It was a combination of their defensive pressure and athleticism that forced us into bad shots," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, who's team shot only 23.3 percent on 14-of-60 from the floor. "The positive is that they were able to control Virginia's leading scorer and rebounder. Sometimes you just play against a team that is more talented."

Virginia, who shot just 38.9 percent on 12-of-28 from the floor, held their opponent to the lowest point total since the 1996-97 season. The 34 points tied the lowest points scored by UAlbany since an 84-34 loss to Mississippi State in 1999-2000.

Hutcheson finished with a season-high 13 rebounds and seven points, while teammate **Maree Jones** chipped in eight points and pulled down five boards.

UAlbany will face American in the consolation round of the tournament on Wednesday at 4 p.m.





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### **FOOTBALL'S KURT CAMPBELL WILL PLAY IN LAS VEGAS ALL-AMERICAN CLASSIC**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Kurt Campbell has been selected to play in the Las Vegas All-American Classic, an all-star game for graduating seniors. The game, which will feature 110 student-athletes divided into East and West teams, is in its second year at UNLV's Sam Boyd Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Eastern on Saturday, January 22, 2005.

Campbell, a 6-foot-1, 225-pound roverback from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., made 34 tackles, including 2.5 for losses, plus added three pass deflections and one fumble recovery in 10 games played in 2004.

Campbell, one of four captains on this year's UAlbany team, earned his fourth varsity letter this season. He finished his collegiate career with 120 tackles and 19 pass break-ups. Campbell is the first Great Dane to appear in a postseason all-star game since offensive tackle J.T. Herfurth played in the 2000 Hula Bowl.

The Las Vegas All-American Classic, previously known as the Paradise Bowl, will include a NFL-type skills and measurement combine for professional scouts in attendance. The all-star contest will be aired on Fox Sports Net. More television information will be released as it becomes available.

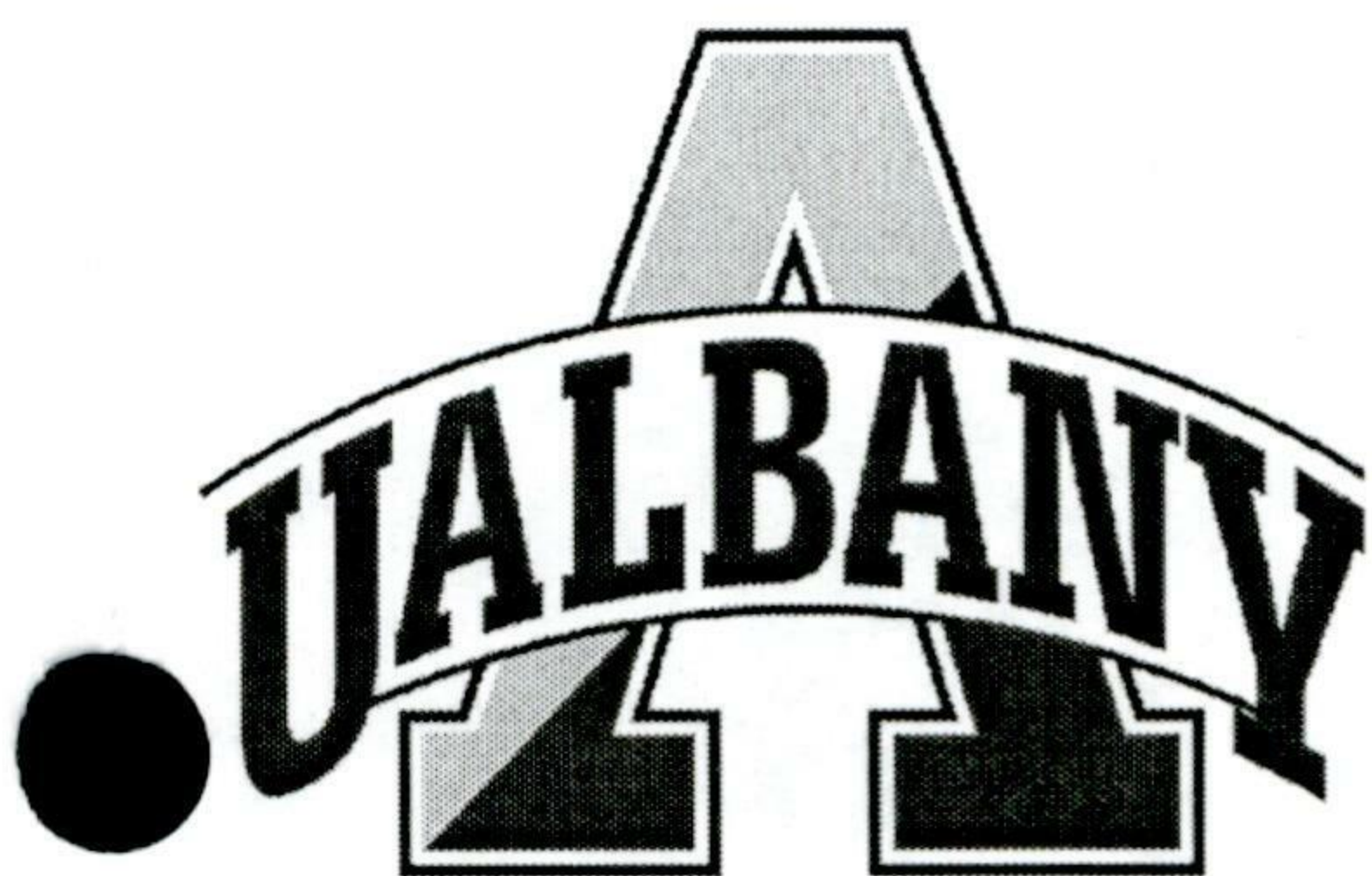
### **BASKETBALL'S JOE DYSON WILL REDSHIRT AS A FRESHMAN IN 2004-05**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Dr. Lee McElroy announced today that Joe Dyson, a freshman center on the men's basketball team, will redshirt in 2004-05 to concentrate on his academic studies.

Dyson, a 6-foot-9, 260-pound center from Wilmington, Del. (Sanford School), had played a total of 16 minutes in three appearances this season.

Dyson earned third-team all-state honors by the Wilmington News Journal as a high school senior, when he averaged 17.0 points and 10.0 rebounds. He was named first-team All-Independent Conference twice.





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### VILLANOVA MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATS UALBANY IN NON-LEAGUE PLAY

Villanova, Pa. – **Allan Ray** scored 26 points including 13 in the second half in leading Villanova to an 86-72 non-league victory over UAlbany on Wednesday evening before 6,500 fans at the Pavilion.

Villanova (5-1) led 41-38 early in the second half, but then reeled off 15 of the game's next 17 points. **Randy Foye**, who had 16 of his 23 points after halftime, and Ray did all of the scoring in that stretch. Foye who made 8-of-15 from the field, converted a layup after his steal for a 56-40 lead with 13:17 remaining.

The Wildcats, who shot 65.5 percent in the second half, upped their margin to as much as 68-50 on a three-point field goal by Ray, who scored his 1,000th career point in the contest.

UAlbany (4-4) would work its way back into the contest over the next five minutes, and closed with in 73-68 with 4:34 remaining. Freshman **Brent Wilson**, who scored a career-high 15 points off the bench, canned one of his five three-pointers to end that run. However, Villanova would pull away as **Curtis Sumpter**, who had 23 points and nine rebounds, scored in the paint and hit a three-pointer from the top of the arc to give his team a 79-70 advantage with 2:56 to play.

"I am happy with our effort, because this is an NCAA team that we played," UAlbany coach Will Brown said. "We hurt ourselves with some costly turnovers and did not box out on the boards. However, I feel we got better tonight and challenged them."

Sophomore guard **Jamar Wilson** led the Great Danes with 19 points and six assists. **Lucious Jordan** had 11 of his 16 points in the opening period, as his team trailed just 33-32 at the break.

"This proves how good we could be," said Wilson, a 6-foot-8 forward who made 5-of-7 long-range jumpers. "At halftime, we started to think that we could win this game. We had a couple of breakdowns in the second half, but we're not disappointed in our effort."





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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2005-06 WOMEN'S LACROSSE SIGNINGS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's lacrosse coach Dennis Short announced today that four student-athletes signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes in the 2005-06 academic year. The UAlbany program has reached the America East Conference tournament's semifinal round in two of the last three seasons.

"The three midfielders bring speed and depth to our program," said Short, who is in his fourth season as head coach. "We want to play a style that is both uptempo and aggressive. This will allow us to press on defense and take more chances on offense. Katie Neer will make the goalkeeper position more competitive."

**Rory Redmond** was an honorable mention All-Nassau County midfielder at Baldwin High School on Long Island. A two-time all-conference selection, Redmond totaled 35 goals, 10 assists and 25 ground balls as a junior. She played the last two summers with the Yellow Jackets Elite Lacrosse Club.

**Mackenzie Riegel**, a Capital Region scholastic standout, had 18 goals and 15 assists as a junior for Bethlehem Central High School. Her team reached the New York Class A state semifinals with an 18-1 record, and was ranked third in the state. Riegel, a Suburban Council All-Star as a sophomore, played for the Albany Elite Lacrosse Club the last two years.

A four-sport athlete at C.W. Baker High, **Katie Neer** is a two-year starter at goalkeeper on a team that was 12th in the state rankings with a 13-6 record. Neer, a 2003 U.S. Lacrosse Academic All-American, led Central New York to the gold medal at the 2004 Empire State Games.

**Sara Wolf**, who will serve as captain on this year's Massapequa High squad, became a starting midfielder as a junior. She also was a member of the Long Island Yellow Jackets Elite Lacrosse Club. A high school soccer star, Wolf led her squad to the 2004 Long Island championship and 2003 Class AA state title.

### 2005-06 University at Albany Women's Lacrosse Signings

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown (High School)
Katie Neer	Glk.	5-6	Baldwinsville, N.Y. (C.W. Baker)
Rory Redmond	Mid.	5-4	Baldwin, N.Y. (Baldwin)
Mackenzie Riegel	Mid.	5-6	Delmar, N.Y. (Bethlehem Central)
Sara Wolf	Mid.	5-1	Massapequa Park, N.Y. (Massapequa)





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## **UALBANY DEFEATS HARTFORD 71-59 IN AMERICA EAST OPENER**

West Hartford, Conn. – Lucious Jordan scored 24 points, including 15 in the second half, as UAlbany defeated Hartford, 71-59, in the America East conference opener for both teams on Saturday afternoon at Reich Family Pavilion.

UAlbany (4-3, AE 1-0) won its first game in conference play for the first time since joining the league in 2001-02. The Great Danes shot a season-best 54.8 percent from the field, and made 12-of-20 in the final period.

Hartford (2-4, 0-1) led 40-39 with 15:04 to play after David Ruffin scored on a followed shot in the lane. The Great Danes, who have shot better than 50 percent in all four wins this season, then ran off nine unanswered points. Freshman Brent Wilson hit a layup in the lane to put his team on top for good. Jordan, who made 6-of-7 from three point range, converted a fast break layup and buried a three pointer for a 48-40 lead with 11:46 remaining.

The Hawks, who had won 14 of their previous 20 league openers, would later close within 54-49 on Ruffin's jumper in the lane. But UAlbany sealed the verdict by realing off eight consecutive points. Jordan and Levi Levine connected on back-to-back three point field goals for a 62-49 advantage with 3:36 left.

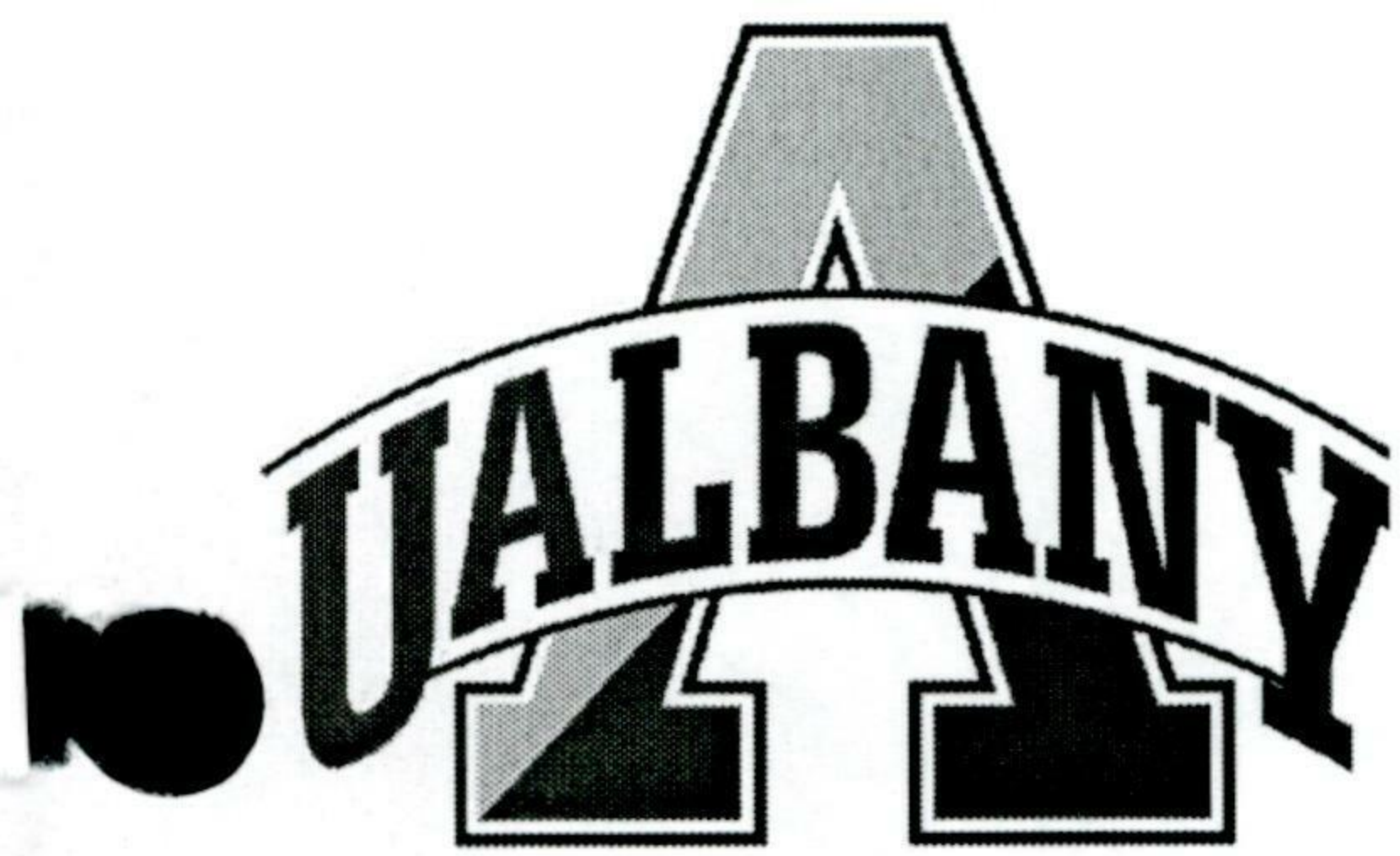
"It is difficult to win at home and even more difficult to win on the road," UAlbany coach Will Brown said. "This was the first step in learning how to win. We played solid defense, and were able to handle adversity with Jon Iati sidelined by injury."

UAlbany's Levine finished with 14 points and a game-high nine rebounds in his first start following a two-game suspension. Sophomore guard Jamar Wilson added 14 points and four assists.

"My teammates got me in open positions and I just made shots," commented Jordan, who made 8-of-12 field goals and grabbed six rebounds. "It's defense that's going to win games for us, and we were able to slow them down. It's good to have him [Levine] back. He makes a big difference out there."

Hartford's Trevor Goode, a 6-foot-9 senior, led his team with 15 points on 7-of-9 shooting. Bo Taylor was the only other player in double figures, as he had 10 off the bench.





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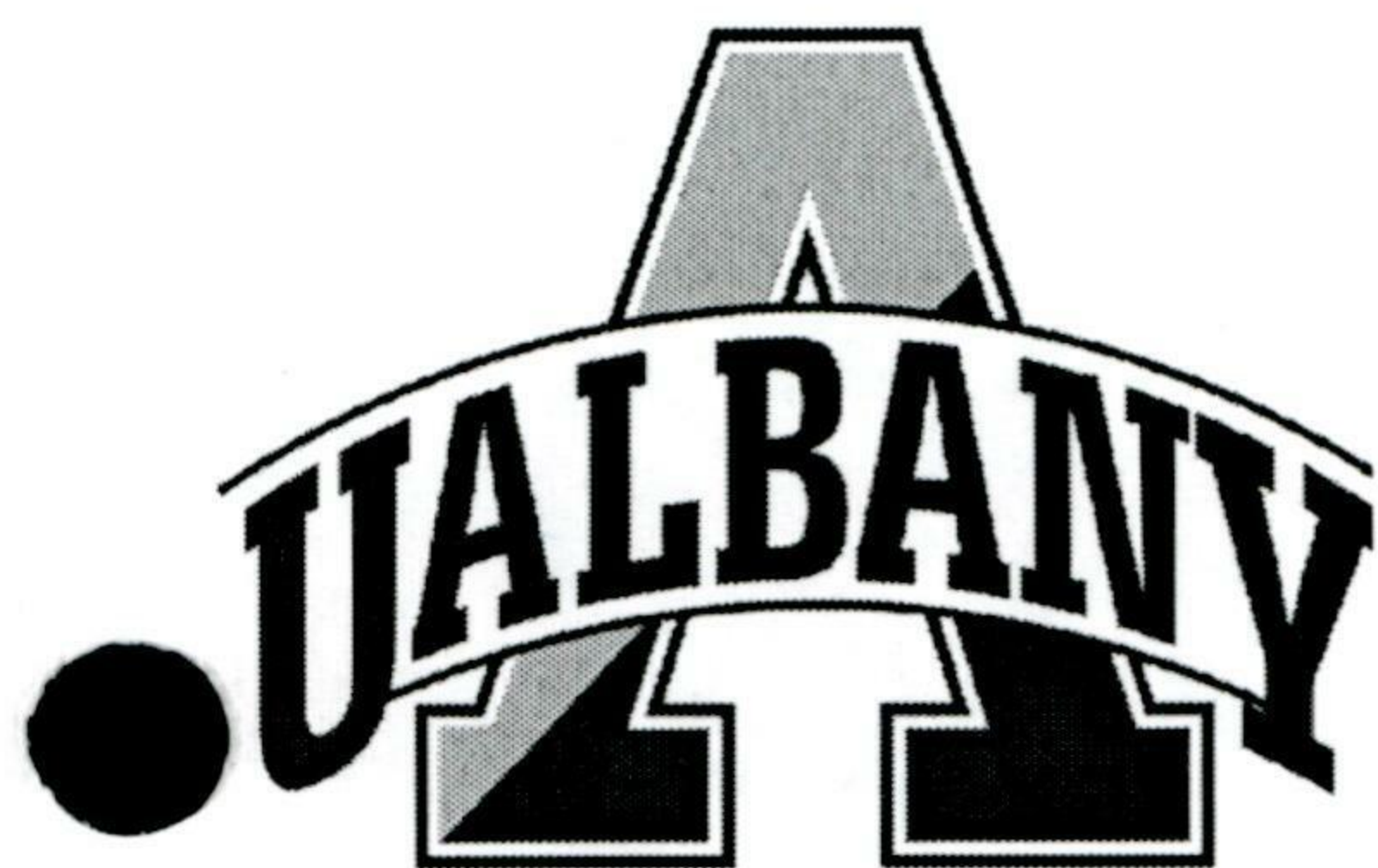
**BASKETBALL'S JON IATI WILL MISS NEXT THREE GAMES WITH SHOULDER INJURY**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Jon Iati, a sophomore on the men's basketball team, will miss at least the next three games after suffering a shoulder injury in practice on Dec. 15. Iati will go through rehabilitation before it is determined whether surgery will be required.

Iati, a 5-foot-9, 170-pound guard from York, Pa., met with team physician Dr. Max Alley and had an MRI exam on Thursday afternoon that revealed he has a partially torn labrum in his right shoulder. A surgical procedure was performed on Iati's same shoulder to repair a labrum tear on August 6, 2003.

Iati, a starter in all six games this season, is averaging 11.0 points, 2.2 assists and 2.0 rebounds. He was the 2004 America East Conference Rookie of the Year as a freshman.





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## FOOTBALL'S GEIR GUDMUNDSEN NAMED TO AFCA ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM

Waco, Texas – University at Albany's **Geir Gudmundsen** has been voted to the American Football Coaches Association's 2004 Division I-AA Coaches' All-America Team, as announced today by the AFCA office. The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945. Gudmundsen becomes the second UAlbany player to be chosen at the I-AA level.

Gudmundsen, a 6-foot-6, 315-pound left tackle, made 44 consecutive starts on the Great Danes' offensive line during his career. He recently made his fourth straight appearance on the All-Northeast Conference squad, including three years as a first-team selection.

Gudmundsen, who was voted UAlbany's top offensive lineman in 2004, helped his team rank seventh nationally among the I-AA leaders in rushing at 254.7 yards per game. The Great Danes ran for 345-plus yards against four opponents, while teammate Nicholas Bazan established single-season school records by a quarterback for rushing yards (1,043) and touchdowns (12).

UAlbany offensive tackle J.T. Herfurth was named to the AFCA I-AA All-America squad in 2000. Defensive end Matt Caliandro (1998) earned Division II All-America recognition, while offensive tackle Scott Turrin made the Division III team in 1992 and 1994.

## UALBANY PLACES TEN FOOTBALL PLAYERS ON NEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Somerset, N.J. – First-team all-conference offensive lineman **Brandon Shaw** leads a group of ten UAlbany football players who have been named to the Northeast Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll, as announced today by the league office.

Shaw, who is already enrolled in the school's master's program for accounting, has a 3.37 cumulative grade point average in business administration with a concentration in management and finance. Defensive tackle **Matt Kryzak** and cornerback **Ryan Chrobak**, a pair of second-team All-NEC standouts, were also honored. Kryzak owns a 3.36 GPA in sociology, while Chrobak has a 3.48 in a dual major of criminal justice and chemistry.

Other UAlbany athletes named were split end **Jason Miller** (3.20, history/political science), quarterback **Tom Banach** (3.94, mathematics/education), fullback **Wayne Carrabus** (3.29, undeclared), free safety **Lucas Kurtz** (3.68, mathematics), fullback **Vince Marzano** (3.33, business administration), linebacker **Mitch Pawluk** (3.56, political science) and defensive end **Jon Volpe** (3.51, business administration).



## 2004 Northeast Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll

Name	School	Yr	Sport	Major / Overall GPA
Tom Banach	Albany	Sr.	Football	Mathematics / Education / 3.94
Wayne Carrabus	Albany	RFr.	Football	Undeclared / 3.29
Ryan Chrobak	Albany	So.	Football	Criminal Justice / Chemistry / 3.48
Matt Kryzak	Albany	Sr.	Football	Sociology / 3.36
Lucas Kurtz	Albany	Sr.	Football	Mathematics / 3.68
Vince Marzano	Albany	RFr.	Football	Business Administration (Finance) / 3.33
Jason Miller	Albany	Sr.	Football	History / Political Science / 3.20
Mitch Pawluk	Albany	RFr.	Football	Political Science / 3.56
Brandon Shaw	Albany	Sr.	Football	Business Admin (Management/Finance) / 3.37
Jon Volpe	Albany	RFr.	Football	Business Administration / 3.51
Chelsea Magee	Central Conn. St.	So.	Volleyball	Biology / 3.41
Milou Saxton	Central Conn. St.	So.	Volleyball	Pre-Graphic - information Design / 3.85
Kristie Beckwith	Central Conn. St.	Sr.	Volleyball	English / 3.23
Chantelle Bowden	Central Conn. St.	Jr.	Volleyball	Athletic Training / 3.88
Jen Cote	Central Conn. St.	Sr.	Volleyball	Biology / 3.82
Shannon Verity	Central Conn. St.	Sr.	Volleyball	Accounting / 3.76
Peter Howe	Central Conn. St.	So.	Men's Soccer	Engineering / 3.73
Nicholas Gieczewski	Central Conn. St.	Sr.	Men's Soccer	Management / 3.31
Alex Harrison	Central Conn. St.	So.	Men's Soccer	Physical Education / 3.27
Nathan Meade	Central Conn. St.	Sr.	Men's Soccer	International Business / 3.48
Danielle D'Ambrosio	Central Conn. St.	Jr.	Women's Soccer	History/English (Teaching) / 3.28
Laura Duncan	Central Conn. St.	Sr.	Women's Soccer	Graphic/Information Design / 3.41
Ashley Ferra	Central Conn. St.	Jr.	Women's Soccer	Marketing / 3.46
Sophie Hopper	Central Conn. St.	Jr.	Women's Soccer	Psychology / 3.24
Megan Kavanaugh	Central Conn. St.	Jr.	Women's Soccer	Mathematics / 3.24
Megan Korn	Central Conn. St.	So.	Women's Soccer	Physical Education / 3.41
Marina Lorentzon	Central Conn. St.	So.	Women's Soccer	Business / 3.39
Sabrina Mariani	Central Conn. St.	Sr.	Women's Soccer	Finance / 3.95
Jessica McKavanaugh	Central Conn. St.	So.	Women's Soccer	Psychology / 3.31
Laura Stalgaitis	Central Conn. St.	Jr.	Women's Soccer	History/English (Teaching) / 4.0
Denise Thomas	Central Conn. St.	Sr.	Women's Soccer	Sociology / 3.30
Farod Muhammad	Central Conn. St.	So.	Football	Electronics Technology / 3.56
Brian Mularski	Central Conn. St.	So.	Football	Pre-Management / 3.26
Ryne Nutt	Central Conn. St.	So.	Football	Accounting / 3.92
Michael Williams	Central Conn. St.	Sr.	Football	Math/Biology (Teaching) / 3.20
Eben Blanchard	Central Conn. St.	So.	Football	Psychology / 3.34
Craig DeAngelis	Central Conn. St.	So.	Football	Physical Education / 3.29
Scott Dolch	Central Conn. St.	Sr.	Football	Marketing / 3.89
Peter Guoba	Central Conn. St.	Jr.	Football	Physical Education / 3.21
Koren Kevorkian	Central Conn. St.	Jr.	Football	Physical Education / 3.53
Kristin Coit	Central Conn. St.	Jr.	Women's Cross Country	Criminology / 3.22
Ashley Hill	Central Conn. St.	So.	Women's Cross Country	Physical Education / 3.25
Andrea Caputa	Fairfield	Sr.	Field Hockey	Accounting / 3.27
Lauren Pizzi	Fairfield	Sr.	Field Hockey	Psychology / 3.22
Nicole Mazzocchi	Fairfield	So.	Field Hockey	Business / Marketing / 3.4
Caitlin Quinn	Fairfield	So.	Field Hockey	Chemistry / 3.98
Chelsea Adams	Fairleigh Dickinson	Jr.	Women's Soccer	Marketing / 3.328
Jillian D'Onofrio	Fairleigh Dickinson	Sr.	Women's Soccer	Communications / 3.716
Marguerite Ferrell	Fairleigh Dickinson	Jr.	Women's Soccer	English / 3.334
Andrea Maston	Fairleigh Dickinson	Sr.	Women's Soccer	Criminal Justice / 3.205
Courtney Smith	Fairleigh Dickinson	So.	Women's Soccer	Individual Studies / 3.810
LaShell Green	Fairleigh Dickinson	Jr.	Women's Cross Country	Sociology / 3.395





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### BLAIR BUCHANAN NAMED AVCA HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICAN

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany sophomore setter **Blair Buchanan** was named an honorable mention All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association on Wednesday. Buchanan, the lone America East Conference player on the squad, is the first UAlbany volleyball athlete to earn Division I All-America recognition.

Buchanan, the America East player and setter of the year, became the first student-athlete in conference history to capture both awards in the same season. She tallied 1,448 assists to establish the school record for a single season. Buchanan averaged a conference-best 12.59 assists per game and 2.39 digs. The tri-captain registered at least 50 assists in nine matches and set a school record with 71 helpers in a win over Stony Brook.

Buchanan was recognized by the AVCA earlier this month after being selected to the All-Northeast Region team.

UAlbany (27-7) captured its first-ever America East regular-season and tournament championships this season. The Great Danes became the first women's program in school history to qualify for an NCAA Division I Tournament.

### UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SIGNS TWO STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR 2005

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany volleyball head coach Kelly Sheffield announced the commitment of two student-athletes for the 2005 season. **Allison Wolfe**, a two-time all-state honoree from Virginia, and **Kamisha Kellam** have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes.

Wolfe, a first-team all-state selection this season, guided Grafton High School to the state semifinals. A 6-foot outside hitter from Yorktown, Va., Wolfe was named Region I player of the year as a junior and senior and is a three-time all-region first-team selection. She was voted the Bay Rivers District Player of the Year in 2003 and 2004 and was chosen the *Daily Press* Player of the Year three times. Wolfe finished her high school career with 1,015 kills, 228 blocks and 703 digs.

Kellam earned All-Prince Georges County first-team accolades from the Star/Gazette newspaper this season. A 6-foot-1 middle blocker from Forestville, Md., Kellam received a spot on the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference first team in 2004. She was named the Gatorade Athlete of the Year at Bishop McNamara High School in Maryland. Kellam, her team's MVP, plays club volleyball for the Maryland Juniors.

"Wolfe is a dynamic hitter who can attack the ball in a variety of ways," said Sheffield. "She is a very offensive-oriented player. Kellam may be one of the most athletic student-athletes we have ever brought in. She can play higher on the net than anyone on our team."





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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY MEN'S LACROSSE SIGNS FIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR 2005-06

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany men's lacrosse coach Scott Marr announced today that five student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes in the 2005-06 academic year. The UAlbany program captured the America East Conference championship and earned an NCAA Division I Tournament berth for the second consecutive season in 2004.

"We are off to a good start in attracting a solid incoming class," said Marr, whose program has produced back-to-back 10-win campaigns. "We filled a need at goalkeeper, and have a group of midfielders who are both athletic and intelligent players. I am especially pleased that we have made a breakthrough into Central New York by getting three commitments from one of the top high school programs in the nation."

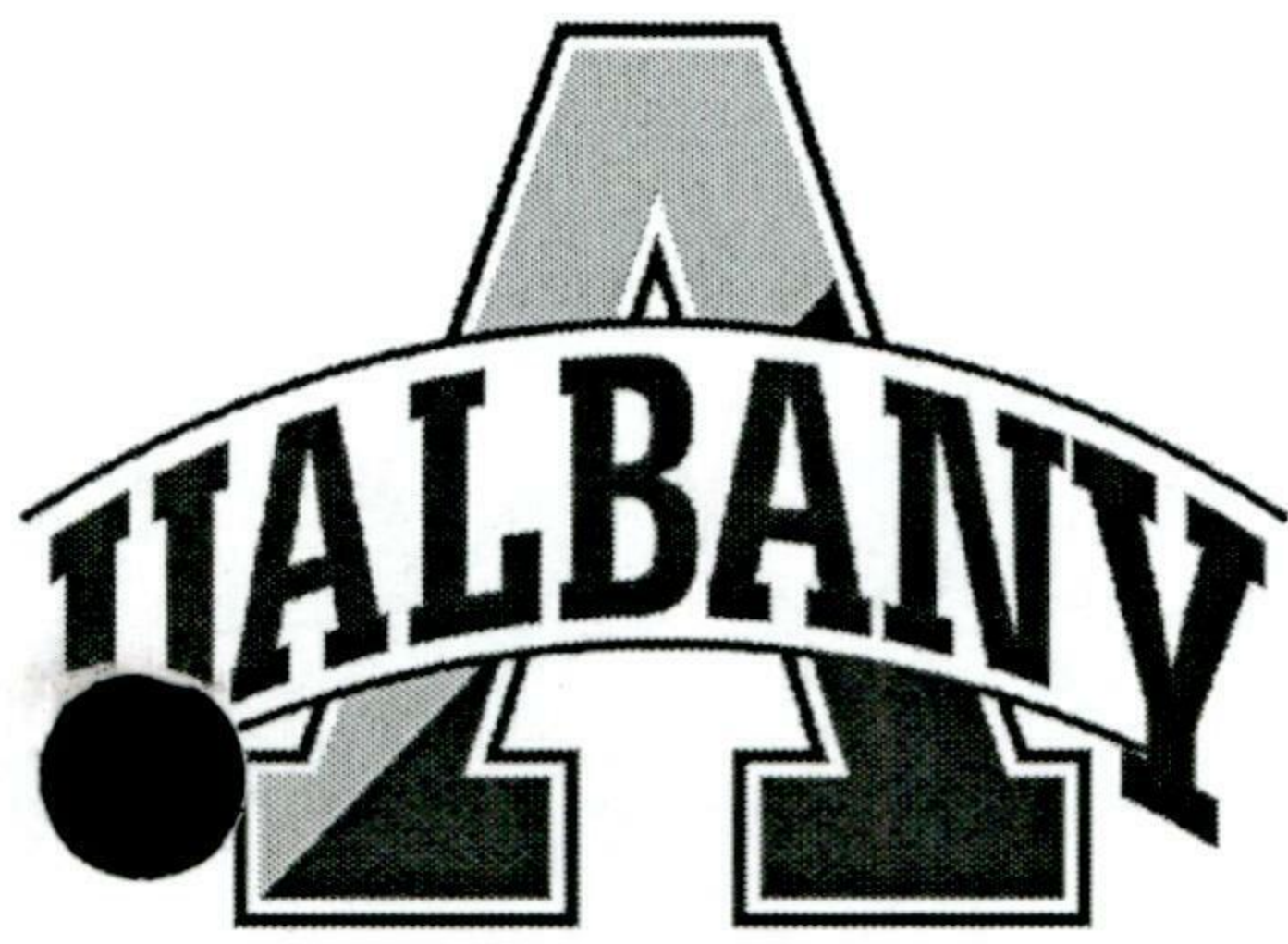
The Great Danes inked three players from West Genesee High School, a program that captured its third consecutive New York Class A state championship last spring. The Wildcats finished 23-1 overall and were ranked third nationally. Goalkeeper **Dan McKeon** was named third-team All-Central New York by the *Syracuse Post Standard*, and was a first-team All-Onondaga League choice as a junior. McKeon posted a .648 save percentage and totaled 244 saves. **Mark Cometti** was an honorable mention all-league midfielder, who had 13 goals and seven assists in his first year as a starter. **Tim Spillet**, a 6-foot-1 attackman, comes from a family of top collegians. His brother, Ryan, was a two-time All-American at Le Moyne College from 2000-03, while his cousin, Brandon, led the same program to last year's NCAA Division II title.

Capital Region standout **Chris Schongar** led Shenendehowa High to an 18-5 record and the Class A state semifinals in 2004. Schongar, a long-stick midfielder at 6-foot and 180 pounds, was named to the *Albany Times Union* All-Area second team. He also competed at Empire State Games as a member of the Adirondack squad. **Bryan Gil**, a speedy midfielder from Long Island, completes the group of early commitments. He helped Sachem North High record a 13-5 campaign last year.

### 2005-06 University at Albany Men's Lacrosse Signings

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Mark Cometti	Mid.	6-0	175	Syracuse, N.Y. (West Genesee)
Bryan Gil	Mid.	5-11	170	Holbrook, N.Y. (Sachem North)
Dan McKeon	Glk.	5-10	185	Camillus, N.Y. (West Genesee)
Chris Schongar	Mid.	6-0	180	Clifton Park, N.Y. (Shenendehowa)
Tim Spillet	Att.	6-1	170	Camillus, N.Y. (West Genesee)





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### UALBANY LOSES SECOND STRAIGHT GAME, FALLING TO COLGATE 83-77

Hamilton, N.Y. – **Megan Ballard** scored a career-high 21 points to pace five players in double figures, as Colgate handed UAlbany its second straight loss, 83-77, in a non-league contest on Saturday afternoon at Cotterell Court.

UAlbany's **Danielle Hutcheson**, who had her 27-game starting streak ended due to a minor chest injury suffered in practice on Thursday, came off the bench to score 18 points. Alicia Learn tied her career best by scoring 19.

Colgate (3-5) led by as many as seven points in the first half, paced by guard **Alison Lipinski** and 63 percent shooting from the field. The Great Danes were able to cut the lead to 43-42 on a 7-1 run to close the period.

**Maree Jones**, who was the third of four UAlbany players to record double-digit points with 18, opened the second stanza with a three-pointer to put the Great Danes up by a basket. A defensive rebound followed by two free throws by Hutcheson started a run that had UAlbany (4-3) up by six before the Raiders' Ballard, who made 6-of-8 field goals and 8-of-8 from the line, combined with **Emily Braseth** to cut the lead back to 51-50 with 17:33 remaining.

**Jen Schumacher**, who netted 15 points, hit the first of three treys to keep the visitors ahead by four before Lipinski tied the game at 60 apiece just before the halfway point of the second half.

The Raiders proceeded to build up an eight-point lead with just under two minutes remaining before Schumacher hit a pair of three-pointers to bring the Great Danes back within two. Hutcheson then missed two free throws, while Lipinski and Ballard combined for four straight from the charity stripe in the final 15 seconds to seal the victory for the Raiders.

"I was disappointed in our defensive effort in the first half. That's not the way we play defense," said UAlbany head coach **Trina Patterson**, who saw her team allow its highest point total since Boston University posted 77 last season. "We have to keep protecting the basketball and play our defense."

The Raiders held UAlbany to 43.5 shooting percentage from the floor, while hitting 50-percent themselves.

"Especially since we lost two in a row, we're going to rebound really from this," said junior forward **Sharon Majors**, who made her first career start for the Great Danes. "These two losses are going to fuel us. We have a week of practice coming up, and it's going to be really hard."

UAlbany returns to action after the holiday break, traveling to Charlottesville, Va. for the University of Virginia's Cavalier Classic on December 28 and 29.





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## **UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO LONG ISLAND IN OVERTIME, 80-76**

Albany, N.Y. - Sophomore guard James Williams scored 25 points and made the go-ahead three-point field goal in overtime to lift Long Island to an 80-76 non-league victory over UAlbany on Wednesday evening at the College of St. Rose's Nolan Gymnasium.

Long Island (3-2) rallied from a 71-66 deficit with less than three minutes remaining in regulation. Derek Bell, a 6-foot-7 center who had 20 points and eight rebounds, scored on a follow shot, before Williams buried one of his four 3-pointers from the top of the circle with 1:10 left. UAlbany's Jamar Wilson, who had a season-high 23 points, split a pair of free throws to put his team in front. Wilson then sank two more foul shots with 8.4 seconds to play for a 74-71 after the Blackbirds received a technical while calling a timeout when they had none to take.

Evan Meekins, who had nine points off the bench, wiped out the mistake, when he drilled a three-pointer from the right side with 1.1 seconds left on the clock to force the extra period. In overtime, UAlbany (3-3) took a 76-74 lead, as Lucious Jordan, who had 12 points and seven rebounds, followed Kirsten Zoellner's missed jumper in the lane. After Williams made one of two free throws, the 6-foot-2 guard moved the Blackbirds ahead for good, 78-76, on another 3-point shot with 1:23 remaining. UAlbany's Jon Iati had a chance to tie the contest with 10 seconds left, but missed a 17-foot jumper.

"We are still trying to figure out how to win close games," UAlbany coach Will Brown commented. "Our overall shot selection must get better. We knew at the end that they would help off of Jamar (Wilson), and Iati would get a good look."

UAlbany trailed 34-33 at halftime, but regrouped to go ahead by as much as eight points. Zoellner, a 7-foot-1 junior, led that charge with a career-high 15 points. Long Island would later go on a 10-2 run to regain the lead, as Williams nailed a fadeaway 3-pointer from the top of the circle for a 54-52 advantage with midway through the second half. The Great Danes responded with eight consecutive points to regain the lead.

"We should have played better defense," said Wilson, who made 8-of-16 from the field and added six assists. "They had too many easy baskets. I am tired of the coaches taking the blame for losses. We didn't do a good job of executing, and it's time for us as a team to do something about it."

Freshman guard Randy Jones was the third LIU player in the double figures with 10. Aquawasi St. Hillaire and Courtney Johnson had 14 and 10 points, respectively for the Great Danes, who shot 51.7 percent from the field in the second half, but went one-for-13 in overtime.





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## UALBANY'S BLAIR BUCHANAN NAMED TO AVCA ALL-REGION SQUAD

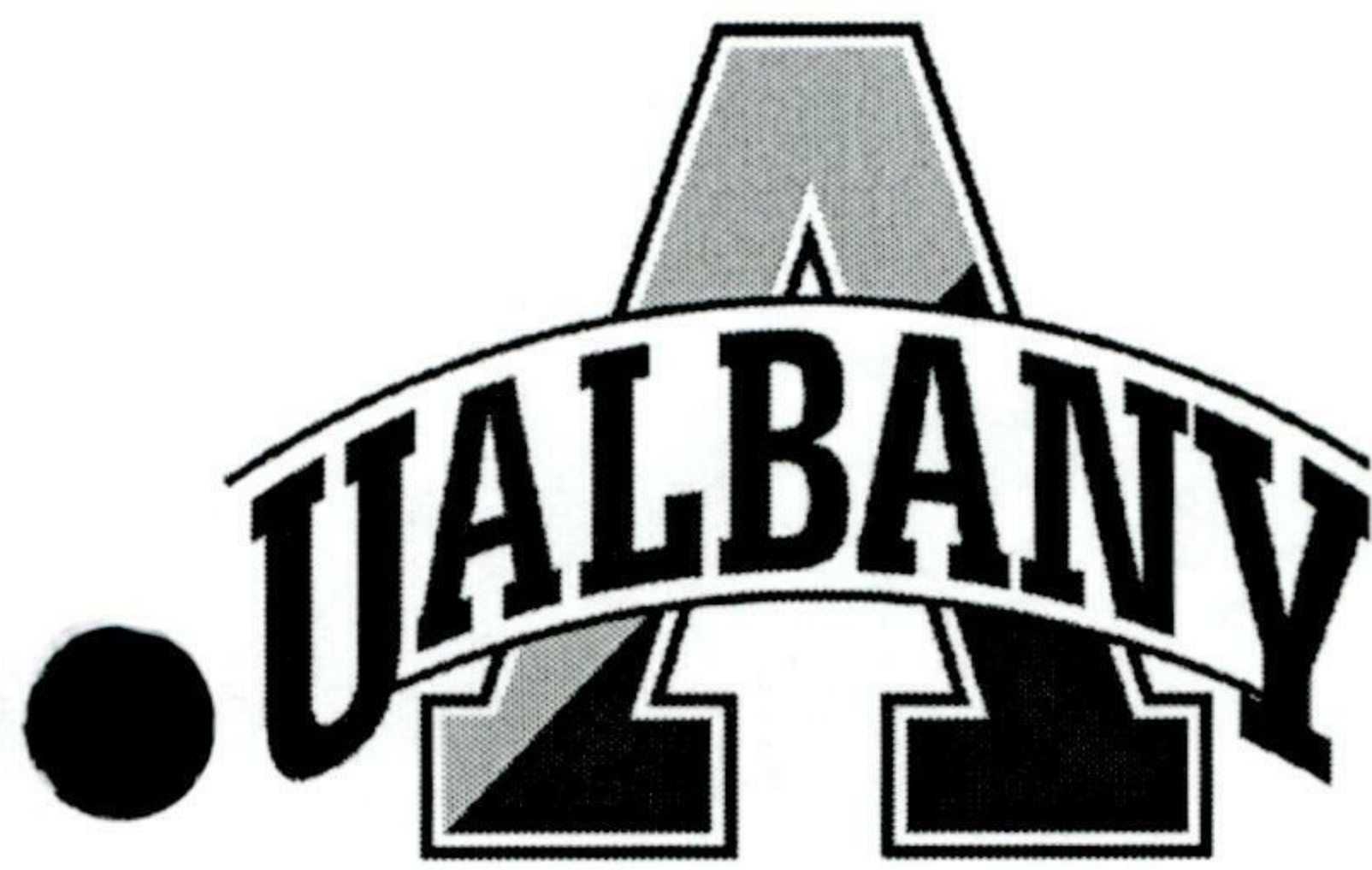
Colorado Springs, Colo. – UAlbany sophomore setter **Blair Buchanan** was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Northeast Region team on Wednesday, Dec. 8. She becomes the first Great Dane to earn an all-region award in the school's Division I history. Outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** was an all-region honorable mention selection.

Buchanan finished the season with 1,448 assists that established the school record for single-season assists. She averaged 12.59 assists per game that led all America East Conference players. A six-time America East Conference setter of the week honoree, Buchanan earned the America East player of the year and setter of the year honors. She is the first player in conference history to capture both awards in the same year.

An All-America East first team selection, Goldman turned in a career season and tallied a team-high 492 kills. Her 4.19 kills per game average ranked first in America East and she was seventh with a .292 hitting percentage. She also recorded 112 digs and 32 blocks through the season.

UAlbany (27-7) captured its first-ever America East regular-season and tournament championships this season. The Great Danes became the first women's program in school history to qualify for an NCAA Division I Tournament.





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## **SIX STUDENT-ATHLETES COMMIT TO UALBANY TRACK AND FIELD PROGRAM**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head track and field coach Roberto Vives announced the signing of six student-athletes for the 2005-06 academic year. Two men and four women have signed national letters of intent to compete for the Great Danes next season.

**Freddie Wills**, a 5-foot-11 athlete from Londonderry, N.H., is expected to compete in several events for UAlbany. Wills earned the top scores in New Hampshire last season in the pentathlon (3,447 points) and the decathlon (5,757 points). He also competed in the jumping events, with personal bests of 22-feet, 6-inches in the long jump, 44-10 in the triple jump and 6-2 in the high jump.

**Patrick Weider** will join the Great Danes as a member of the sprinting corps. A 5-foot-6, 200-meter runner from Fairport, N.Y., Weider was sixth in the New York State Championship as a junior with a time of 22.04 seconds, the fastest time in Section V in 2004.

Sisters **Jenna** and **Jessica Ortman**, who hail from Williamsville, N.Y., headline the women's signings. Both run mid-distance events, with Jessica finishing fourth at the New York State Championship in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:13.99. Jessica also competed in the 2,000m steeplechase at the USATF Youth Nationals, posting a time of 7:20.87. Jenna, who was a Junior Olympic Regional qualifier in the 800m with a time of 2:19.2, also competes in cross country, with a personal-best time of 19:45.00 for 5-kilometers.

**Jennifer Garrant** of Batavia, N.Y., will join the women's sprinters and jumpers next season. Garrant posted a time of 57.2 in her leg of the 4x400m relay and was the 2004 Empire State Games Champion in the triple jump with a distance of 39-5.

**Ritshell Verdier** of Baldwin, N.Y., rounds the women's commitments. Verdier will compete in the throwing events for the Great Danes after posting a 38-11 result in the shot put as a junior.

"This is the best group of recruits that we have signed early, ever," said Vives, who has led the UAlbany program to three America East Conference titles. "They are quality athletes, a great, talented group. More importantly, they are good people who have good personalities, great students and are committed to the sport."





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## SYRACUSE PULLS AWAY IN SECOND HALF IN 66-56 VICTORY OVER UALBANY

Syracuse, N.Y. – Freshman **Amanda Adamson** scored a career-high 14 points, as Syracuse pulled away in the second half to post a 66-56 non-league victory over UAlbany on Wednesday evening at Manley Field House.

Syracuse (6-1) led 44-43 with 9:10 remaining, but then reeled off 11 of the game's next 13 points to take control. Adamson, a 6-foot guard who had six points in that span, started that decisive run with a reverse layup. Sophomore **Tracy Harbut**, who totaled 10 points and seven rebounds, later hit a jumper following a turnover, and then created a steal that led to Adamson's layup for a nine-point lead. Adamson completed the outburst with a shot in the lane for a 55-45 lead.

UAlbany (4-2) drew even at 35 apiece early in the final period, when **Maree Jones** split a pair of free thows. Jones, a 6-foot-1 senior, finished with 11 points and six rebounds. But the Orange, who have already equaled last year's victory total under first-year head coach Keith Cieplicki, regained the lead for good, as Harbut scored on a follow shot and **Sarah Wgrzynowicz** hit a jumper in the paint.

"I was disappointed in the execution of our press break, mentally we were not strong," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team committed 21 turnovers that led to 30 points for the home team. "Other teams have pressured us this season, but they were bigger and more athletic."

The first half featured seven lead changes and five ties, as both teams shot less than 40 percent from the field. Schumacher, who had nine points and seven rebounds put her team ahead late in the period with a three-point field goal.

UAlbany's **Danielle Hutcheson** reached double figures for the sixth straight game with 16 points and eight rebounds, while senior forward **Alicia Learn** added 14. Senior guard **Krystalyn Ellerbe** had a career-best 13 points on 6-of-9 shooting for the Orange, who rebounded from a one-point loss to Massachusetts three days ago, and have now won four consecutive home games for the first time since 2001-02.

"There were no nerves," commented Hutcheson, about her team's first-ever meeting with Syracuse. "We practiced against pressure, but didn't come out ready for it. "We got messed up on our defensive rotations, plus our shots wouldn't fall and we didn't rebound well."





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## **UALBANY ROLLS TO VICTORY OVER ARMY, 73-46, IN WEST POINT**

West Point, N.Y. – Lucious Jordan scored 19 points to pace four players in double figures in leading UAlbany to a 73-46 non-league victory over Army on Monday evening at Christl Arena.

UAlbany (3-2) used two separate runs of ten and seven consecutive points in the opening nine minutes to take an 18-8 lead. The Great Danes, who used a full court pressure defense, wiped out an early 3-0 deficit with the first run. Army (1-6) closed within 11-8 on a 3-point field goal by Matt Bell, who had a team-high 14 points. UAlbany's second run pushed the lead to double figures, as Jamar Wilson nailed a three-pointer with 11:35 remaining in the half.

UAlbany later extended its margin to 27-12, when Jon Iati, who had 11 points, nailed a long-range jumper. The Great Danes led 41-18 at halftime by holding Army to 7-of-21 shooting and forcing 16 turnovers in the period.

“We controlled tempo and got steals off our press,” said Iati, who's team made 10-of-14 three-point attempts. “This game called for using pressure tonight. They eventually turned it over and we were able to get our confidence.”

The Great Danes, who have shot better than 50 percent from the field in all three victories this season, led by as much as 51-22 early in the second half. Jordan, a 6-foot-2 junior, made a three-pointer from the left corner to produce that margin. He made 7-of-12 field goals and added five rebounds, five assists and four steals.

“We passed up good shots for great shots,” said UAlbany coach Will Brown, who's team is 3-2 after the opening five games for the first time since 1997-98. “By forcing tempo we got them out of their rhythm. (Aquasi) St. Hillaire played well in his first start, and was very effective at the top of the press.”

St. Hillaire, who was replacing Levi Levine in the starting lineup, scored 14 points on 6-of-6 shooting and grabbed four rebounds. Wilson was the fourth player in double figures with 11.





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## COUNDOUL NAMED ALL-NEW YORK REGION FIRST TEAM GOALKEEPER

Buffalo, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Bouna Coundoul** was named the 2004 NSCAA/adidas All-New York Region First Team goalkeeper in a vote by the region's head coaches on Monday morning. This is the second time that Coundoul has made the all-region team, as he was chosen to the second team in 2003. Sophomore forward **Yan Gbolo** earned second-team honors, while senior midfielder **Savvas Theofilou** was selected to the third team.

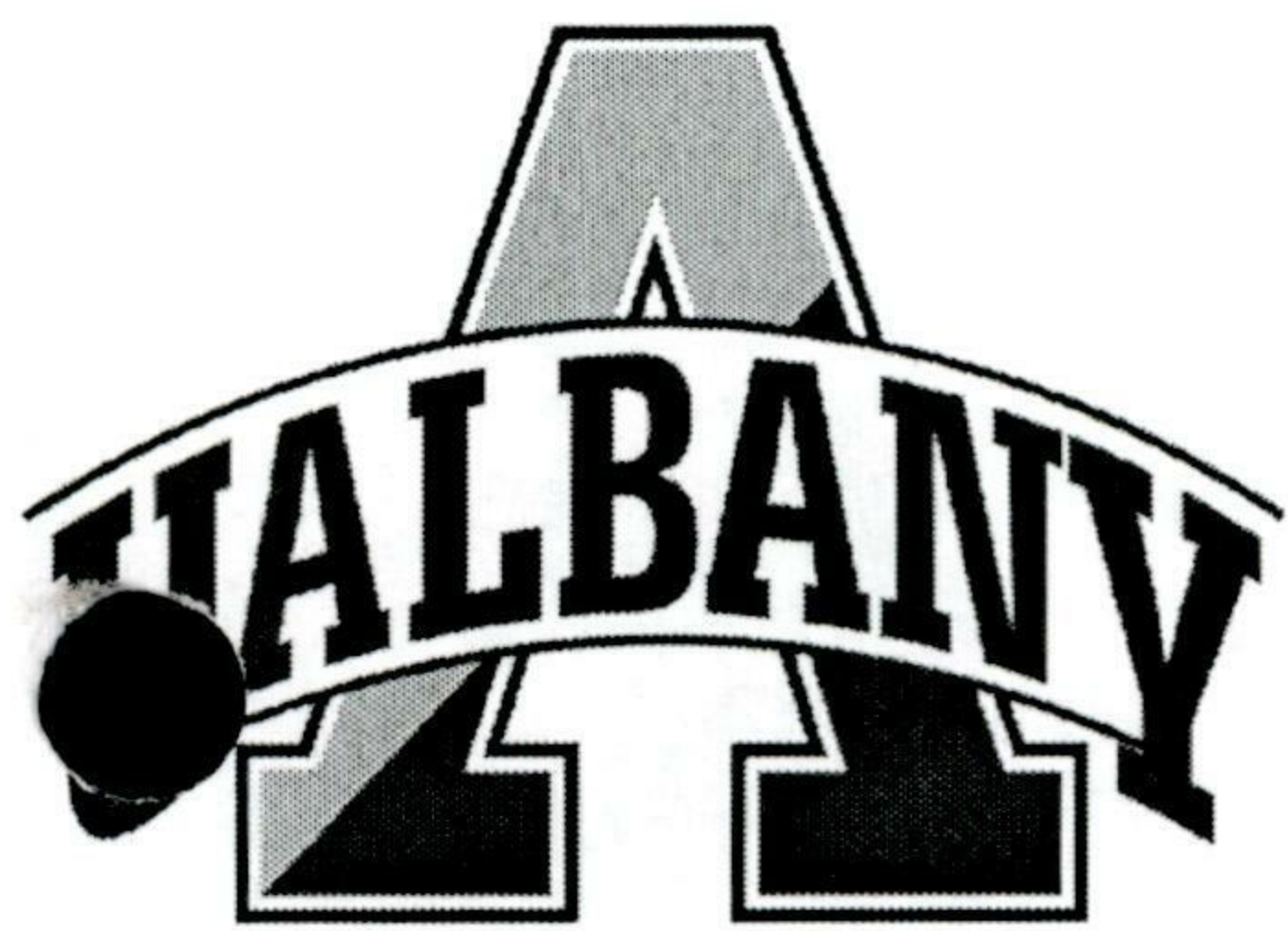
Coundoul, who was also named the America East Conference Goalkeeper of the Year, went 12-4-2, notched 11 shutouts and posted a 0.54 goals against average. The senior recorded a save percentage of .901, made 91 saves and had four streaks of over 200 minutes without allowing a goal this season. He had three matches with 10 or more saves, and was selected conference player of the week three times. Coundoul was also named the MVP of the Duquesne Invitational. For five weeks this season, he was ranked as the top goalkeeper in Division I in goals against average.

Gbolo, a first-time all-region pick, started six of 10 matches before suffering a season-ending knee injury on Oct. 6 at Boston University. He had four goals and one assist for nine points prior to the injury. Three of his four goals this season came on game-winning shots. The sophomore scored both goals for the Great Danes in a 2-1 win against Marist.

Theofilou, also a first-team member of the America East, was part of a defensive unit that allowed just 10 goals and recorded 12 shutouts in 2004. He had three goals for six points during the campaign. The senior netted the game-winning goal in a season opening 1-0 win against Oneonta State. His other goals came against Stony Brook and Binghamton in the semifinal round of the America East Conference Tournament.

The University at Albany finished 12-4-2 overall and 6-2-1 in the America East, sharing the regular-season championship with Boston University.





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## TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS OPEN INDOOR SEASON AT HUSKY INVITATIONAL

Boston, Mass. – The UAlbany men's and women's track and field teams opened the 2004-05 indoor season at the Husky Invitational, held at Northeastern University's Reggie Lewis Center.

The women's team was led by first-place finishes by **Sarah Charles** in the triple jump, **Joy Williams** in the shot put and **Natasha Bermudez** in the weight throw. Charles had a personal best of 38-feet, 4 inches in the triple jump. Freshman **Arina Gerasimova** was second in the event with a distance of 38-2. Williams' throw of 44-11 in the shot put was over five feet further than the second-place finisher. Bermudez took the individual title in the weight throw with a distance of 49-4.5, while Williams finished in second with a distance of 47-6.5.

Freshman **Corinna Hengen** broke the school record in the pole vault, placing fifth with a height of 10-6.

Other top finishers for the women included a second-place showing by **Adanna Andrews** in the 800-meter run (2:16.04). Junior **Patty Diedrich** finished second in the 55m hurdles in a time of 8.40 seconds, followed by a third-place showing by sophomore **Eliana Durko**, who also clocked a time of 8.40. **Jillian Sherman** ended up third in the long jump with a personal-best distance of 18-4.5, while the 4x400m relay team of **Anisha Andrews**, **Tracy Estriplet**, **Rebecca Vannoy** and Adanna Andrews placed third with a time of 4:01.33.

In the men's competition, the Great Danes were led by two IC4A qualifiers. Senior **Dale Hopkinson** qualified for the IC4A Championships, to be held on March 5-6 at Boston University, with a third-place finish in the 55m hurdles in a time of 7.74 seconds. Sophomore **Ray Gilman** had a qualifying distance of 47-2.25 in the triple jump, finishing third overall.

Senior **Sheldon Gomes** was fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 45-6.5. Hopkinson also finished sixth in the long jump with a leap of 22-1.5.

The 4x400m relay team of **Junior Burnett**, **Jeremiah Wilson**, **Richard Villanueva** and **Stephen Evans** was fourth in a time of 3:20.78. Senior **Jesse Bennett** took fifth in the 55m hurdles in a time of 7.85 seconds. Freshman **Ricardo Estremera** led the UAlbany distance runners, finishing fourth in the 3,000m run in a time of 8:40.74. Wilson and Villanueva were fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 800m run with times of 1:58.48 and 1:58.78. Freshman **Junior Burnett** was fourth in the 400m dash in 49.89 seconds to pace the UAlbany sprinters.





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## QUARTERBACK NICHOLAS BAZAN RECEIVES FOOTBALL'S TEAM MVP AWARD

Albany, N.Y. – Senior quarterback **Nicholas Bazan** was named the University at Albany football team's 2004 most valuable player on Sunday afternoon at the program's annual postseason banquet. He also received the top offensive back honor. Head coach **Bob Ford** handed out 61 varsity letters, including nine fourth-year awards.

Bazan, a second-team All-Northeast Conference selection, became the sixth player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Bazan, who is 36th nationally in rushing at 94.8 yards per game, set single-season marks by a UAlbany quarterback by running for 1,043 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also posted the third-best single-season total offense mark with 1,732 yards.

**Colin Disch**, the NEC's Defensive Rookie of the Year, was voted the team's most improved player and best linebacker awards. Disch, a redshirt freshman, ranks eighth among the Division I-AA leaders in tackles with 131.

**Geir Gudmundsen**, a two-time Sports Network Mid-Major All-America left tackle, was the team's top offensive lineman. Gudmundsen blocked for a unit that led the NEC in rushing for the sixth consecutive season. Other winners were **Jason Miller** (receiver), **Matt Kryzak** (defensive lineman), **Ryan Chrobak** (defensive back) and **Steven Stern** (special teams).



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Women's College Basketball - UAlbany 64, Bucknell 37

Troy, N.Y. -- Senior forward Maree Jones had 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead UAlbany to a 64-37 non-league victory over Bucknell on Saturday afternoon at Hudson Valley Community College's McDonough Sports Complex. The Great Danes are off to a 4-1 start for the first time since the 1997-98 campaign.

UAlbany reversed an early 7-6 deficit with 15 unanswered points. Jones, a 6-foot-1 senior, and Alicia Learn combined for nine markers in the outburst. Learn gave her team the lead for good with a jumper in the lane. Jones converted a conventional three-point play when she fouled on a follow shot and added a pair of free throws. Danielle Hutcheson's driving shot completed the run, and have her team a 23-9 lead.

The Great Danes, who had lost four of the previous five meetings with Bucknell, took a 33-14 lead to the lockerroom. UAlbany's defense held the visitors to 21.4-percent shooting in the period.

Bucknell (1-5) closed within 37-25 with 12:23 remaining, when Lindsey Hollobaugh was fouled as she made a fastbreak layup. Hollobaugh, who had 14 points and a career-high 12 rebounds, made the free throw to complete the three-play play.

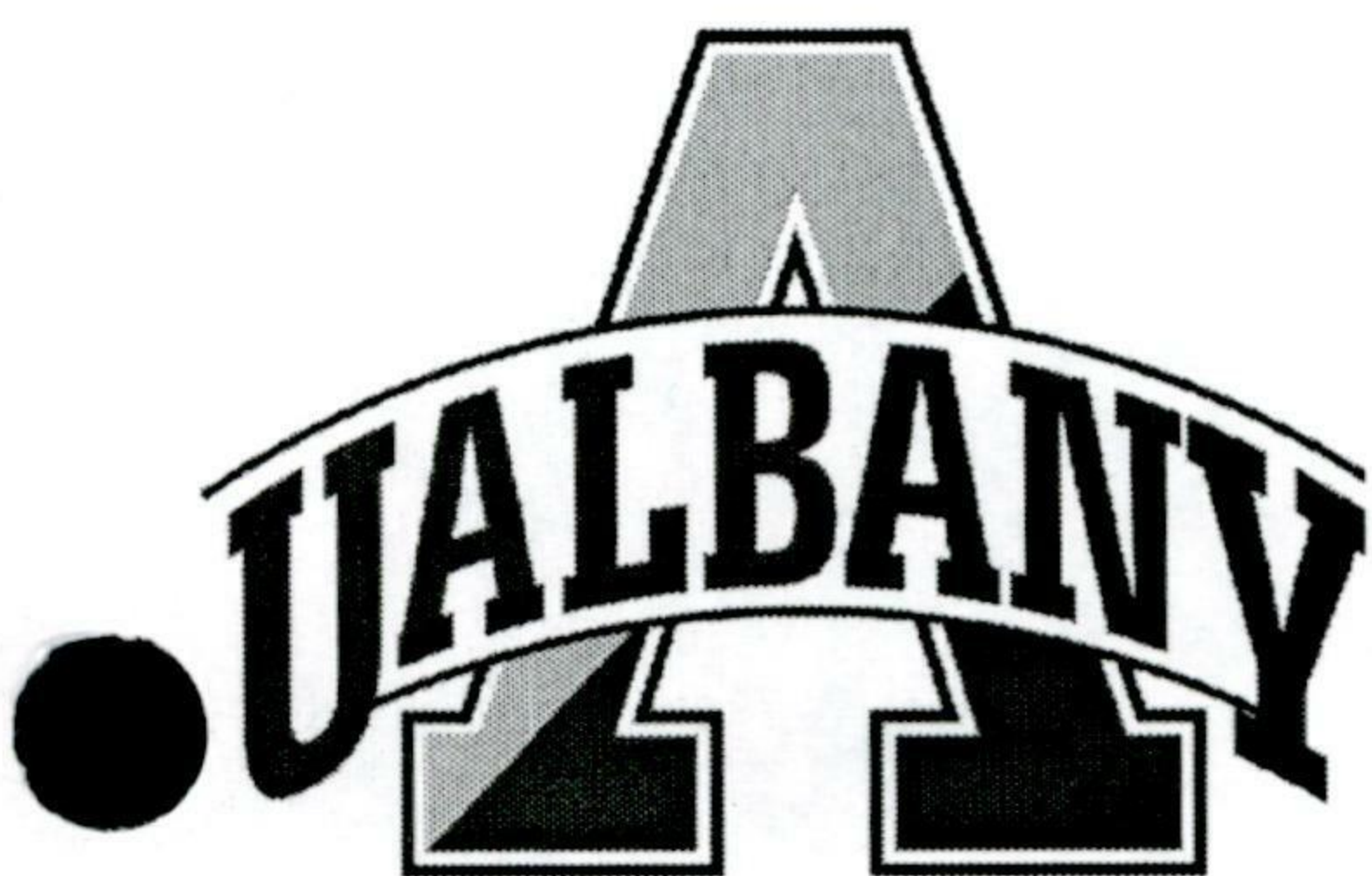
UAlbany ended any threat by reeling off 10 consecutive points. Learn connected on a fastbreak opportunity, before Jen Schumacher drilled a three-point field for a 45-25 lead. Schumacher finished with 13 points.

"This team is mature," UAlbany coach Trina Patterson said. "I tell them before every game that they are relentless. It doesn't matter what happens, they understand the flow of the game. We were the wiser team on both ends of the floor."

Hutcheson posted her first double-double of the season with 13 points and 10 rebounds. The Great Danes limited Bucknell to 13-of-52 shooting from the floor and forced 23 turnovers.

"When things are not going well on offense, we know we have to get back stop them on defense," said Hutcheson, who is seventh on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,050 points. "Our start is very encouraging, the younger girls don't understand what a great start it is. The upperclassmen appreciate it more."





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## GEIR GUDMUNDSEN ON SPORTS NETWORK MID-MAJOR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Philadelphia, Pa. – University at Albany's **Geir Gudmundsen** has been voted to The Sports Network Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America Football Team. Gudmundsen, a 6-foot-6, 315-pound left tackle, was chosen to the 27-player squad by a panel of I-AA media and sports information directors.

Gudmundsen, a first-team All-Northeast Conference selection for the third straight year, makes his second consecutive appearance on The Sports Network All-America squad. The Great Danes rank seventh among the national leaders in rushing at 254.7 yards per game, and have led the NEC in that category for six straight seasons. UAlbany ran for 345 or more yards in four games, while quarterback Nicholas Bazan became the sixth player in school history to rush for 1,000-plus yards.

Gudmundsen, who made 44 consecutive starts on UAlbany's offensive line as a collegian, was one of four captains on this year's team. During his career, the Great Danes captured a pair of NEC championships and combined for 26 victories.





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### YALE DEFEATS UALBANY IN FOUR GAMES IN NCAA FIRST-ROUND MATCH

New Haven, Conn. – Sophomore outside hitter Shannon Farrell had 18 kills and 14 digs to lead Yale to a 3-1 victory over UAlbany in the first round of the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship on Thursday evening at John J. Lee Amphitheater. The Bulldogs won by scores of 30-28, 30-21, 31-33 and 30-22.

Yale (18-7) will meet fifth-ranked Minnesota, the championship's No. 4 seed, in the second round on Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Golden Gophers improved to 29-4 overall with a 30-19, 30-12, 30-27 win over Long Island in their opening-round match. UAlbany, the America East Conference champion, finished with a 27-7 record.

The Bulldogs, who posted their tenth straight victory, broke a 24-24 deadlock in the first game with five consecutive points. Kali Nelson, who had 15 kills, and Renee Lopes each put away hitting attempts in that span. Farrell, a first-team All-Ivy League selection, had six kills in the second frame, as her team took advantage of UAlbany's 18 hitting errors over the first two games.

The Great Danes, who had won 21 of 22 matches entering the contest, faced match point twice in the fourth game, including a 31-30 deficit following a service error. But UAlbany ran off three straight to close out the scoring. Shelby Goldman, who had a team-high 18 kills, and Ashley Hunter, sandwiched a pair of kills around an attack error by Yale's Jana Freeman.

In the fourth game, the Bulldogs, who capture their first Ivy League title since 1978 in a four-team playoff, tallied the opening five points and never looked back. Anja Perlebach, who had a match-high 26 digs, recorded a service ace that gave her team a commanding 20-10 advantage.

"Their team played very well, especially their young kids," said UAlbany coach Kelly Sheffield, whose squad became the first women's program in school history to earn an NCAA Division I berth. "We had a difficult time handling the emotions of the situation. We settled down a little, but they were like a snowball and set off their own energy."

Yale's Farrell, who had a career-high 31 kills in the Ivy League championship against Cornell, registered her 18th double-double of the season and posted a .341 hitting percentage, while Freeman added 10 kills and 10 digs. UAlbany's Hunter finished with 16 kills, while Ashlee Reed totaled 11 kills and 10 digs.

"We came out slow at the start," said America East Player of the Year Blair Buchanan, who had 51 assists, four kills and seven digs from her setter position. "When we went down by five in game four, it's hard to come back from a hole like that. It was hard communicating, we were standing right next to each other and couldn't hear."

UAlbany senior Susan Spierre, who played on a 4-20 team as a freshman, added, "I'm still proud of our team. It's tough to lose, but we still had a great season and I'm not letting this (loss) take away from that."

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NCAA Tournament – First Round

Minnesota def. Long Island, 30-19, 30-12, 30-27

Yale def. UAlbany, 30-28, 30-21, 31-33, 30-22



# Volleyball Box Score

Volleyball Box Score (4th game only)  
 2004 NCAA Volleyball Championship  
 Albany vs Yale (Dec 02, 2004 at New Haven, Conn.)

Albany		GP	ATTACK				SET A	SERVE		SRV RE	DEF DIG	BLOCK			GEN BHE
##	Name		K	E	TA	PCT		SA	SE			BS	BA	BE	
1	Buchanan, Blair.....	4	4	1	9	.333	51	1	0	0	7	0	0	2	2
6	Hunter, Ashley.....	4	16	8	42	.190	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	1	0
9	Reed, Ashlee.....	4	11	7	34	.118	4	1	2	3	10	0	2	0	0
10	Goldman, Shelby.....	4	18	8	60	.167	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0
11	Green, Ashley.....	4	8	2	18	.333	0	1	5	0	4	0	4	0	1
15	Rodriguez, Eileen...	4	1	0	2	.500	0	4	2	4	17	0	0	0	0
2	DeNeal, Ashley.....	4	0	0	1	.000	2	0	5	4	24	0	0	0	0
4	Dombrowski, Jill....	4	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
12	Fiorillo, Kristin...	4	0	1	1-1	.000	1	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0
23	Spierre, Susan.....	4	7	4	17	.176	2	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0
Totals.....		1	65	31	184	.185	60	9	16	13	82	1	12	3	3

TEAM	ATTACK	PER	GAME
Game	K	E	TA Pct
1	19	9	51 .196
2	11	9	40 .050
3	21	7	60 .233
4	14	6	33 .242

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

GAME SCORES	1	2	3	4	TEAM RECORDS
Albany.....	(1)	28	21	33	22 27-7
Yale.....	(3)	30	30	31	30 18-7

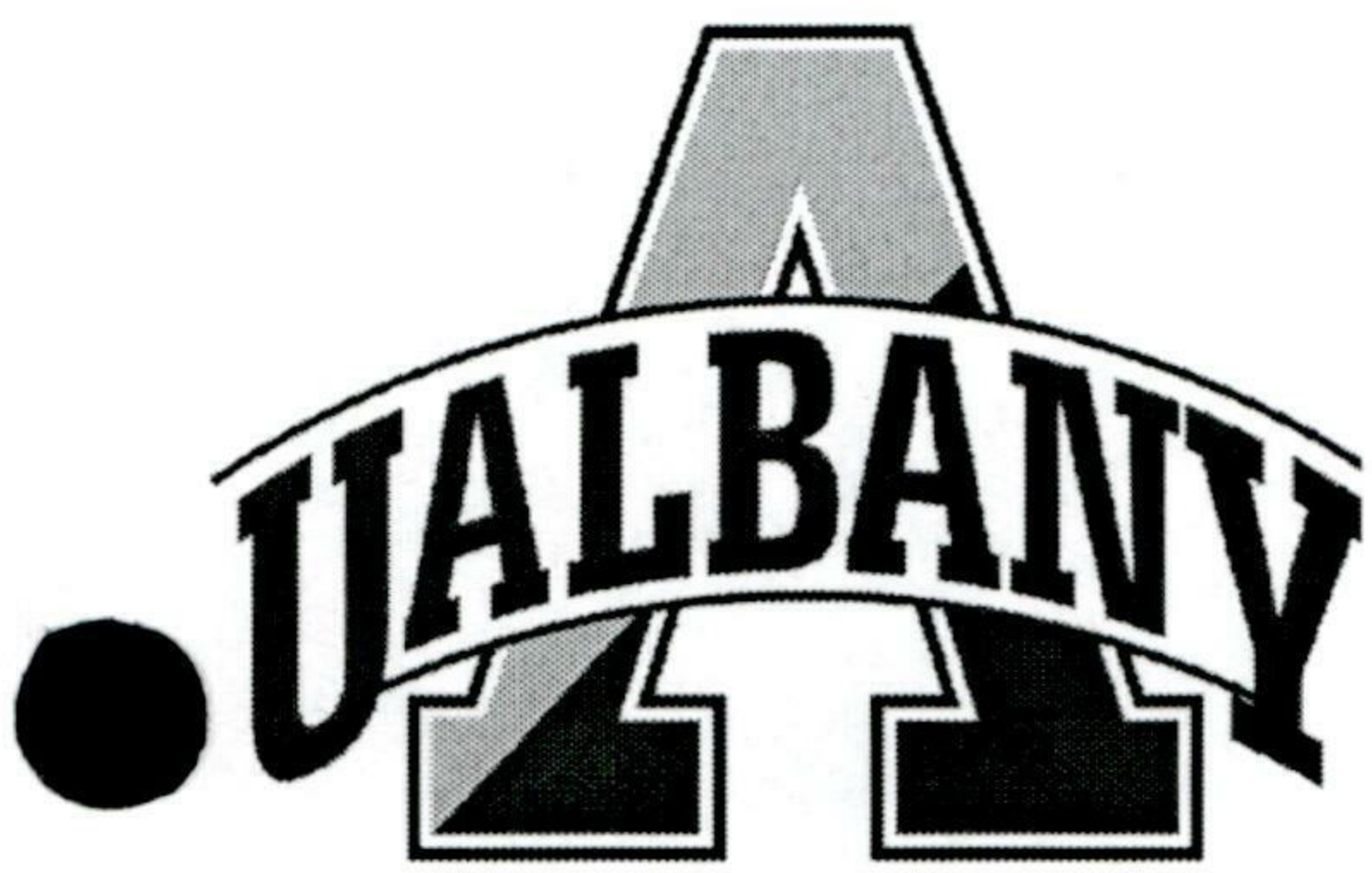
Yale		GP	ATTACK				SET A	SERVE		SRV RE	DEF DIG	BLOCK			GEN BHE
##	Name		K	E	TA	PCT		SA	SE			BS	BA	BE	
8	Freeman, Jana.....	4	10	8	40	.050	1	0	2	2	10	0	1	0	0
10	Farrell, Shannon...	4	18	4	41	.341	2	3	2	3	14	0	1	3	1
11	Martens, Maribeth...	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0
12	Burke, Lauren.....	4	4	0	9	.444	0	2	2	0	1	0	4	0	0
15	Lopes, Renee.....	4	7	3	28	.143	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
16	Becker, Jacqueline..	4	3	1	8	.250	50	4	1	0	6	0	2	0	0
1	Westhart, Valery....	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Nelson, Kali.....	4	15	4	42	.262	0	1	1	0	5	0	1	1	0
5	Perlebach, Anja.....	4	0	0	0	.000	1	3	0	3	26	0	0	0	0
13	Paluf, Christy.....	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....		1	57	20	168	.220	55	13	8	9	73	0	10	4	1

TEAM	ATTACK	PER	GAME
Game	K	E	TA Pct
1	13	7	48 .125
2	13	4	31 .290
3	15	4	57 .193
4	16	5	32 .344

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 5.0

Site: New Haven, Conn. (John J. Lee Amph.)  
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 Referees: Ditmars Vienbachs, Steve Webster  
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## UALBANY RECORDS THIRD WIN WITH 63-47 VICTORY AT FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON

Hackensack, N.J. – **Danielle Hutcheson** scored a season-high 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds in leading UAlbany to a 63-47 non-league victory over Fairleigh Dickinson on Wednesday evening at Rothman Center. The Great Danes are off to their best start since the 1997-98 season with a 3-1 record.

Fairleigh Dickinson (1-3) built a 19-13 lead with 7:41 remaining in the first half, as junior **Krissy Suckow** buried a pair of three-point field goals in that span. Suckow, a 5-foot-7 junior, finished with 11 of her team-high 13 points in the period.

The Great Danes then reeled off 21 of the game's next 23 points by using a suffocating zone defense that held FDU to 7-of-26 from the floor in the half. **Jen Schumacher**, who had 11 points, four assists and five steals, gave her team the lead, 21-19, with a short jumper in the lane. Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 center, added six markers in the outburst, before **Maree Jones** scored in the low post and Schumacher canned a 3-pointer for a 34-21 halftime advantage.

In the second half, the Knights closed within 42-33 on freshman **Josie Polk's** three-pointer with 12:07 to play. But UAlbany ran off nine unanswered points to pull away for good.

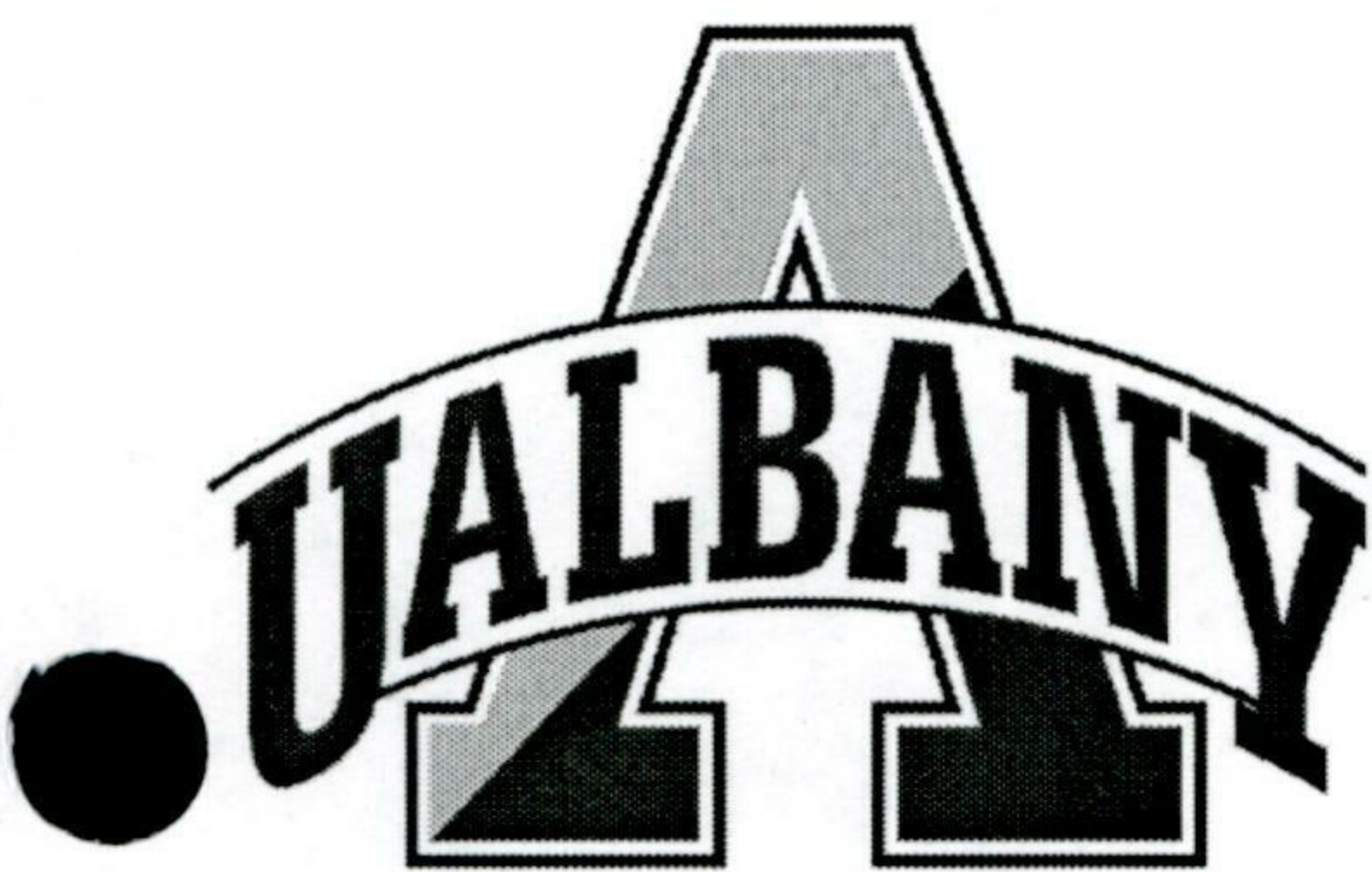
**Sharon Majors**, who had a career-best nine points on 4-of-5 shooting in 16 minutes off the bench, and Hutcheson did most of the damage in that stretch. The Great Danes would lead by as much as 58-36 with 4:52 remaining.

"Our defense was tenacious," said UAlbany coach **Trina Patterson**, whose team held their opponent to 30-percent shooting and forced 32 turnovers. "We know if we want to be a good team that we have to love to play defense. (Alicia) Learn and Jones are very active in our 2-3 zone, because they have the ability to anticipate passes and pressure the ball."

Jones, a 6-foot-1 senior who was named to the Northern Arizona all-tournament team last weekend, totaled eight points, seven rebounds and three steals. FDU's **Erin Mills** was the only other player who scored in double figures with 11.

"We were flat in the first fifteen minutes of the game," said Hutcheson, who added a career-high five steals, plus moved to seventh on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,037 points. "Our zone gets so many steals because we anticipate the next pass. I let the game come to me like my coaches have been asking me to do. I played with patience and was calm."





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**LEVI LEVINE WILL NOT PLAY IN UALBANY'S UPCOMING TWO GAMES**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that junior Levi Levine will not play in the men's basketball team's upcoming games against non-league opponents Army (Dec. 6) and Long Island (Dec. 8). Levine will serve a two-game suspension for a violation of team rules.

Levine, a 6-foot-6 forward, is averaging 11.0 points and a team-leading 7.0 rebounds through the opening four games, plus is shooting 54.3 percent from the field. He has made 60 consecutive starts in an UAlbany uniform.