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UMBC UPENDS UALBANY, 9-8, TO EARN AMERICA EAST TOURNEY'S TOP SEED

Albany, N.Y. – **Drew Westervelt** scored three of his four goals in the first quarter, as UMBC held off UAlbany for a 9-8 America East Conference victory in the regular-season finale for both teams on Saturday evening at University Field. The Retrievers earned a share of the conference's regular-season title and the No. 1 seed for next week's postseason tournament.

UMBC (7-7, AE 5-1) jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the opening period, when Westervelt found the net on a man-advantage opportunity. The 6-foot-4 sophomore later scored with two seconds left in the quarter, as he converted a crossing pass following a turnover.

The Retrievers, who won 15 of 20 faceoffs to control the tempo of the game, possessed the ball for most of the second period. **Rob Cross** gave his team a 5-2 lead at halftime by driving around a defensive midfielder from behind the cage.

UMBC would run off three consecutive goals in the third stanza in building an 8-3 advantage. **Andy Gallagher**, who had three goals and one assist, scored back-to-back 49 seconds apart, before Westervelt added his fourth goal of the contest with 5:05 left in the period.

UAlbany (8-5, AE 5-1) still trailed 9-5 in the final quarter, before mounting a comeback. **Frank Resetarits** connected on a jump shot from the left side in a man-down situation to slice the deficit in half. Freshman **Derek Dale** closed the gap to 9-8 on an extra-man goal with 1:37 to play.

The Great Danes, who were coming off a 14-13 loss to Syracuse eight days ago, had an opportunity to draw even on the following face-off. But midfielder **Jordan Levine** was stripped of the ball by a UMBC defender as he sped toward the goal.

"We've won a couple of tough games, this team is battle tested," said UMBC coach Don Zimmerman, whose squad will meet Stony Brook in the America East semifinal round on Wednesday. "It's great to see them excited, and the fact that they have accomplished something."

Merrick Thomson led the Great Danes with two goals and two assists, while **Luke Daquino** and Resetarits each scored twice and added one assist. Daquino became the school's all-time leading scorer with 220 points, breaking a mark set by Cort Kim, who had 218 from 1989-92.

"They gave us a great game, we played poorly, but we still had a chance," said Daquino, who has 95 goals and 125 assists as a collegian. "We did the wrong things on a wet field, like trying to change direction, plus we didn't execute our fastbreak."

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| UMBC (7-7, AE 5-1) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | - | 9 |
| #13 UAlbany (8-5, AE 5-1) | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | - | 8 |

UMBC: Scoring – Drew Westervelt 4-1, Andy Gallagher 3-1, Rob Cross 1-0, Justin Haworth 1-0, Luke Reilly 0-1, Brendan Mundorf 0-1, Terry Kimener 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Cepelak (30:00, 4 saves, 2 GA), Chris Petrush (30:00, 6 saves, 5 GA).

UAlbany: Scoring – Merrick Thomson 2-2, Luke Daquino 2-1, Frank Resetarits 2-1, Chris Martocchia 1-0, Derek Dale 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 16 saves, 9 GA).



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Sпилетт и Рајцзак забилі чатыры галы, калі УАльбань перамагла Бінгхэмптон

Vestal, N.Y. – **Sarah Spillett** and **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) each tied their career-high with four goals as UAlbany defeated Binghamton, 15-10, in the final America East Conference regular season game for both teams on Friday afternoon.

Binghamton (3-12, AE 0-6) opened up a 4-2 lead midway through the first half, as **Heather Grose** scored a goal and assisted on two others. **Anna Riordan**, who paced the Bearcats with two goals and one assist, added a free-position goal.

UAlbany (6-11, AE 4-2), who has won five of its last six games, countered with six unanswered goals to build an 8-4 cushion. Rajczak tallied three goals in the spurt, while **Erin Fitzmartin**, who set a career-high with two goals, scored both in a five-minute span.

With UAlbany holding an 11-6 lead in the second half, Binghamton rattled off three goals in three minutes to close the gap to 11-9. **Laura Gabbamonte** scored her first of two goals in the game before Riordan fed **Lauren Wetherall**. **Danielle Edwards** capped the scoring spurt.

The Great Danes ended the threat by scoring four of the next five markers. Rajczak and **Kate Fontana**, who recorded her 100th career point, scored 23 seconds apart to restore a 13-9 lead.

UAlbany goalkeeper **Jen Daly** made 14 saves, while Binghamton's **Christa Quon** stopped 18 shots. The Great Danes will play in the America East postseason tournament that starts on Thursday, May 5.

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| UAlbany (6-11, AE 4-2) | 8 | 7 | - | 15 |
| Binghamton (3-12, AE 0-6) | 5 | 5 | - | 10 |

UAlbany: Scoring – Sarah Spillett (4-2), Krissy Rajczak (4-1), Kate Fontana (3-0), Nikki Donohue (2-0), Erin Fitzmartin (2-0), Kim Reny (0-2), Katie DeJoseph (0-1), Brittany Scott (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 14 saves, 10 GA).

Binghamton: Scoring – Laura Gabbamonte (2-1), Anna Riordan (2-1), Leanne Musso (2-0), Lauren Wetherall (1-2), Heather Grose (1-2), Danielle Edwards (1-0), Lauren Chemotti (1-0). Goalkeeper: Christa Quon (60:00, 18 saves, 15 GA).

CETTE LEADS UMBC PAST UALBANY AT AMERICA EAST TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

New Haven, Conn. – **Pascaline Cette** posted a singles and doubles win to help third-seeded UMBC defeat sixth-seeded UAlbany, 4-0, in a quarterfinal match of the America East Tennis Championship held at the Connecticut Tennis Center on Friday. The match was called after UMBC achieved the four points needed to determine the winner.

Cette defeated **Kim Westcott** at No. 5 singles by scores of 6-3, 6-1. Cette then teamed with **Idil Un** for an 8-2 showing at third doubles. **Aimee Lim** and Un each registered singles victories for the Retrievers.

UAlbany is scheduled to meet Hartford, who lost to Binghamton, in a consolation match on Saturday at 10 a.m. UMBC moves on to face Binghamton in the semifinals.

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Singles: (one team point for each win)

2. Aimee Lim (UMBC) def. Christina Suarez, 6-2, 6-0.
5. Pascaline Cette (UMBC) def. Kim Westcott, 6-3, 6-1.
6. Idil Un (UMBC) def. Kyle Steller, 6-1, 6-0

Others: (did not finish due to team match decided)

1. Ale Pedergrana (UMBC) led Courtney Michels, 6-0, 5-2.
3. Adriana Fonseca (UMBC) led Aimee Kern, 6-3, 4-1.
4. Elizabeth Anderson (UMBC) led Amanda Hall, 6-0, 4-2.

Doubles: (one team point for best two-of-three)

1. Pedergrana/Lim (UMBC) led Michels/Kern, 6-4.
2. Anderson/Fonseca (UMBC) def. Hall/Westcott, 8-3.
3. Cette/Un (UMBC) def. Suarez/Steller, 8-2.

LOTMORE QUALIFIES FOR ECAC'S IN 3,000-METERS AT PENN RELAYS

Philadelphia, Pa. – **Alyssa Lotmore** qualified for the ECAC Championships in the 3,000-meter run, finishing sixth with a time of 9:51.24 on Thursday, April 28 at the 111th Penn Relays.

On Friday, the men's sprint medley relay team set a school record with a time of 3:23.55. The team of **Junior Burnett, Shamere Boland, Stephen Evans, and Gered Burns** finished third overall behind Kansas and Abilene Christian.

The men's 4x100-meter relay team of **Ed Hilts, Shamere Boland, Drew Harrison and Dale Hopkinson** placed 16th overall with a time of 42.72 seconds. Meanwhile, the 4x400-meter relay team posted a 6th-place finish in their heat. The team of Burnett, **Jerry Wilson, Tim O'Riley** and Burns recorded a time of 3:18.28.

In the women's triple jump, **Arina Gerasimova** finished 14th with a distance of 37-feet, 2.75-inches. **Sarah Charles** also represented the Great Danes in the event, placing 16th with a leap of 36-feet, 10.25-inches.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL'S MORIN FIRES HER SIXTH ONE-HITTER OF THE SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – Junior pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) fired her sixth one-hitter of the season as UAlbany downed Vermont, 2-1, in the opening game of the doubleheader in America East Conference softball. Vermont rallied to take the nightcap in a non-conference tilt, 6-5.

Morin tied her season-high for strikeouts in a game with 10. The lone hit she allowed was a fourth inning lead off home run by third baseman **Kate DeForge**. Morin retired 11 of the final 12 batters she faced and is now 11-2 on the season. **Aimee Kern** took the loss for the Catamounts, dropping to 8-9. She struck out four in going the distance.

UAlbany (26-11, AE 12-2) took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when shortstop **Maegan Larsen** stole third base and scored on a throwing error. The Great Danes scored the winning run in the bottom of the fourth when third baseman **Kelly Ogden** scored on a throwing error by DeForge.

In the nightcap, Ogden set the single season record for RBI by a Great Dane when she drove in her 38th run on a RBI single in the bottom of the first. UAlbany led 3-1 before Vermont (15-17, AE 3-12) rallied with a five-run fourth inning. Shortstop **Kate Haber** put the Catamounts ahead 4-3 on a two-run single to right field. **Christine Toomey** and **Kate Ramsey** extended the lead on RBI doubles. UAlbany cut the deficit to 6-5 in the bottom half of the fourth on two unearned runs.

Vermont's **Sara Burke** picked up the victory to go to 7-7 on the season and Kern recorded her third save of the season. **Danielle Buyea** was on the short end of the decision and is now 1-2.

UAlbany returns to action on Saturday, April 30 with an America East doubleheader at Binghamton. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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Game 1

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| UAlbany | 100 | 100 | x | - | 2 | 5 | 3 |

Vermont -- Aimee Kern and Samantha Chase.

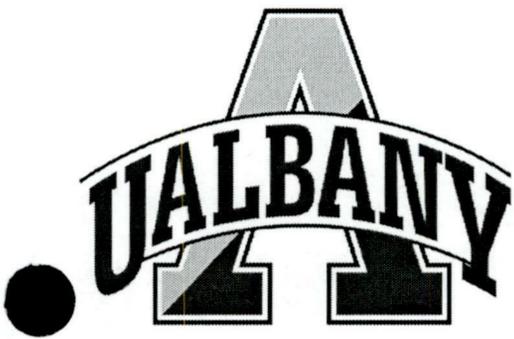
UAlbany -- Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

Game 2

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| Vermont (15-17, AE 3-12) | 001 | 500 | 0 | - | 6 | 11 | 6 |
| UAlbany (26-11, AE 12-2) | 120 | 200 | 0 | - | 5 | 8 | 1 |

Vermont -- Sara Burke, Aimee Kern (4) and Samantha Chase.

UAlbany -- Danielle Buyea, Casey Halloran (4) and Ali Meacham.



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TONY VALLONE SPARKS UALBANY TO 9-8 VICTORY OVER ST. FRANCIS N.Y.

Brooklyn, N.Y. – **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) smacked a go-ahead two-run double in the eighth inning to give UAlbany a 9-8 victory over St. Francis (N.Y.) in non-conference baseball action at Key Span Park on Thursday afternoon.

With the Great Danes trailing 8-7 entering the eighth inning, Vallone delivered his ninth double of the season to put UAlbany back in front 9-8.

Giorgio Fuda earned the win in relief and improved to 4-0. Closer **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) pitched 1.1 innings to earn his seventh save. **Fred Estes** chipped in with two hits and two RBI for the Great Danes.

UAlbany (12-13) started the game with a seven-run first inning. **Rashad Barksdale** (Hudson) drilled a solo home run and **Joe Lamb** added his first of the season, a two-run blast to fuel the outpouring.

St. Francis (6-24) slowly chipped away and eventually tied the game at 7-7 with two runs in the bottom half of the fifth. The Terriers scored a run in the sixth off UAlbany reliever

Alexander Beaulieu to go in front 8-7.

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| St. Francis N.Y. (6-24) | 100 | 421 | 000 | - | 8 |

Ethan Vaiana, Nick Murphy (3), Casey Walsh (5), Alexander Beaulieu (6), Giorgio Fuda (7), Roman Dubiel (8), Shawn Ryan (8) and Fred Estes.



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UALBANY AND ORCHARD CREEK HOSTS AMERICA EAST GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. – Diane Onofry, last year's medalist, and the University at Albany women's golf team will look to defend their titles at the 2005 America East Conference Championships on May 2 and 3. The stroke-play championship is a 36-hole event, with rounds of 18 holes each day to be held at the Orchard Creek Golf Club in Altamont.

UAlbany, Boston University and Hartford will compete for the women's championship with first-round play beginning at 11:50 a.m. Hartford, Binghamton and Boston U. will battle for the men's title and will tee off at 11 a.m. The championship's second round will start with the women at 8:30 a.m. followed by the men at 9:20 a.m.

UAlbany returns three of its top five finishers from the 2004 championship squad. Besides Onofry, the Great Danes' **Jill Friedman** and **Anne Lyons** placed second and fifth, respectively.

UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS SEEDED SIXTH AT AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

New Haven, Conn. – Defending champion Boston University earned the top seed for the America East Women's Tennis Championship, as announced by the conference office. The Terriers have won 10 consecutive conference titles.

The America East Championship will be held Friday through Sunday at the Connecticut Tennis Center in New Haven, Conn. The event is a team-match format with the finals scheduled for Sunday at 12 noon. The conference champion receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

UAlbany is seeded sixth in the championship and will take on third-seed UMBC on Friday at 10 a.m. Freshman **Amanda Hall** leads the Great Danes with a 16-11 singles record this season. Hall and classmate **Kim Westcott** have paired for a 12-7 showing at No. 2 doubles. Head coach **Chrissy Short's** squad has posted a seven-win improvement over the previous season.

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America East Conference Women's Tennis Championship

April 29 – May 1 (Connecticut Tennis Center, New Haven, Conn.)

Friday, April 29

Match 1 - #4 Stony Brook vs. #5 New Hampshire, 10 a.m.

Match 2 - #3 UMBC vs. #6 UAlbany, 10 a.m.

Match 3 - #2 Binghamton vs. #7 Hartford, 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 30

Match 4 – 2nd highest losing seed vs. lowest losing seed, 9 a.m.

Match 5 – Winner of Match 1 vs. #1 Boston University, 3 p.m.

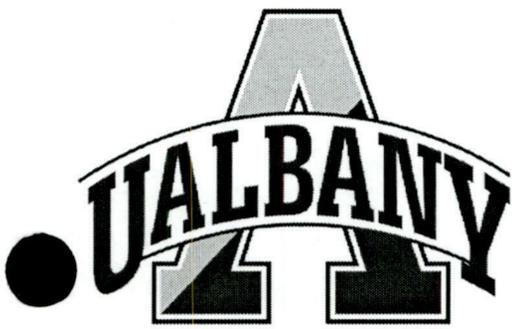
Match 6 – Winner of Match 2 vs. Winner of Match 3, 3 p.m.

Match 7 – Highest losing seed vs. Winner Match 4 (Fifth Place), 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 1

Match 8 – Loser of Match 5 vs. Loser of Match 6 (Third Place), 9 a.m.

Match 9 – Winner of Match 5 vs. Winner Match 6 (Championship), 12 p.m.



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UALBANY ATHLETES RECEIVE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS

Albany, N.Y. – State University of New York Chancellor Robert L. King recently announced that seven University at Albany student-athletes are recipients of the Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award. UAlbany athletes honored are **Andy Allstadt** (cross country), **Roman Dubiel** (baseball), **John Eleby** (lacrosse), **Jill Friedman** (golf), **Ashley Heilmann** (lacrosse), **Alexis Johnson** (field hockey) and **Susan Spierre** (volleyball).

The Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award recognizes a combination of academic excellence and outstanding athletic achievement. The winners were selected by athletic directors at SUNY's Division I institutions. The awards were presented on Monday, April 25 at a ceremony at the Wyndham Hotel in Syracuse.

Friedman, a senior golfer from Liverpool, N.Y., received the Chancellor's Award for the second consecutive year. She has a 3.69 cumulative grade point average in business administration with an emphasis in marketing. Friedman led the Great Danes in stroke average at 83.82 per round during the fall 2004 schedule. UAlbany hosts the America East Conference championships on May 2-3 at Orchard Creek Golf Course.

Allstadt, a senior cross country competitor from Endicott, N.Y., has a 3.64 GPA in biology. He earned All-America East Conference recognition for the third straight season with a seventh-place finish at the conference championships. He has been accepted into the University's biology graduate program.

A native of Andover, N.J., Johnson led the UAlbany field hockey team in scoring with nine goals and four assists for 22 points. She finished her career fourth on the school's all-time scoring list. The senior has a 3.20 GPA in psychology with a dual minor in criminal justice and education.

Spierre, who has a 3.61 GPA in atmospheric science, was a starter at middle hitter on UAlbany's America East Conference champion volleyball squad. The Great Danes became the first women's program in school history to earn a NCAA Division I tournament berth with a 27-7 record. Spierre, who hails from West Sand Lake, N.Y., averaged 1.81 kills and 0.81 blocks, plus had a .301 hitting percentage.

Eleby, a senior defensive midfielder on the men's lacrosse team from Valatie, N.Y., already has earned a B.S. in criminal justice with a minor in East Asian Studies. He was named the 2004 America East Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year in his sport with a 3.65 GPA. The Great Danes are currently ranked No. 13 in the latest USILA national poll.

A senior who is majoring in communication and linguistics, Heilmann is a four-year member of the women's lacrosse team. She received an Initiatives for Women Award to conduct research on speech patterns among male and female student-athletes. Heilmann, who has a 3.73 GPA, is also a member of UAlbany's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Dubiel, a senior pitcher from Longueuil, Quebec, has a 3.82 GPA in urban studies with a minor in Spanish. In 10 relief appearances this season, he has a 1-1 record with a 1.00 earned run average. Dubiel, who has appeared out of the UAlbany bullpen on 54 occasions during his career, is a Presidential Leadership Award Winner.



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UALBANY DEFEATS STONY BROOK, 16-5, IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE ACTION

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Tom Hill** went 3-for-4 with two home runs and a career-high six RBI to lead UAlbany to a 16-5 win over America East foe Stony Brook on Monday afternoon.

With the score tied at 5-5 heading into the fifth inning, **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich) knocked a double down the left-field line. Starting pitcher **Brian Murtagh** intentionally walked first baseman **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) before allowing an RBI single to **Leo Corvino** (Columbia). After replacing Murtagh, **Mike Errigo** walked **Justin Meagher** (Colonie) to load the bases. **Derek DeGrazio** hit a sacrifice fly and Hill followed with a two-run single to center field to give the Great Danes a 9-5 lead.

UAlbany (11-13, AE 3-6) opened up the game in the sixth inning, posting six runs to shut down the Seawolves (15-21, AE 4-5). **Joe Lamb** started off the inning with a double to center field. Lamb later scored on an error by Stony Brook pitcher **Matt Restivo**. **Craig Farley** hit a two-run single before Hill crushed his first homer of the day, a three-run shot that scored Sayre and Farley.

Hill closed out the game as the lead-off batter in the top of the ninth inning, hitting his second home run of the day to give the Great Danes the 16-5 victory.

UAlbany opened the game with a two-run first inning, scoring on two errors by Stony Brook catcher **Tom Pennino**. The Great Danes struck again with a two-run third, as Sayre knocked his second home run of the season to score Wyland.

The Seawolves scored all five of their runs in the first two innings. **Matt Devins** led Stony Brook, going 2-for-4 with one run scored and an RBI. **Isidro Fortuna** finished 1-for-3 with a team-high two RBI.

Mark Suchoweicki earned the win for UAlbany, tossing six innings, striking out two.

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| UAlbany | 202 | 146 | 001 | - | 16 | 9 | 1 |
| Stony Brook | 230 | 000 | 000 | - | 5 | 9 | 5 |

Mark Suchoweicki, Roman Dubiel (7), Shawn Ryan (8) and Tom Hill
Brian Murtagh, Mike Errigo (5), Matt Restivo (6), Kris Bakey (7) and Tom Pennino



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MERRICK THOMSON CHOSEN AMERICA EAST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Merrick Thomson (Albany Academy) has been chosen the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. Thomson has won or shared the weekly award on four occasions this season.

Thomson totaled five goals and two assists in last Friday's 14-13 loss to seventh-ranked Syracuse in a matchup of national top-20 teams at the Carrier Dome. The sophomore attackman is on fire with 29 points (23 goals, 6 assists) over his last four starts. He has scored three or more goals against eight consecutive opponents.

Thomson, who has 45 goals and 17 assists this spring, leads the nation in goals at 3.75 per game, plus is second in points with a 5.17 average.

SOFTBALL'S AMBER MAISONET NAMED AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – Freshman left fielder Amber Maisonet has been named the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in softball, as announced today by the league office. This is the second time she has won the award this season.

Maisonet recorded three multi-hit games last week as the Great Danes won three of five games. She went 3-for-4 with two runs scored in an 8-1 victory at Army on April 20. Against Maine on Sunday, she had three hits in four at-bats with two RBI. In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader with Maine, she had two hits and two RBI in a 7-0 victory. For the week, she hit .471 with four RBI.

For the season, Maisonet is second on the team in batting with a .366 average and in hits with 41. She leads the squad in stolen bases (14) and is third with 21 RBI.

UAlbany (25-10, AE 11-2) hosts Vermont in a doubleheader on Wednesday, April 27 with first pitch at 2:30 p.m. The Great Danes have won 22 of their last 26 contests.

MEN'S LACROSSE RANKED NO. 13 FOR THIRD STRAIGHT WEEK IN NATIONAL POLL

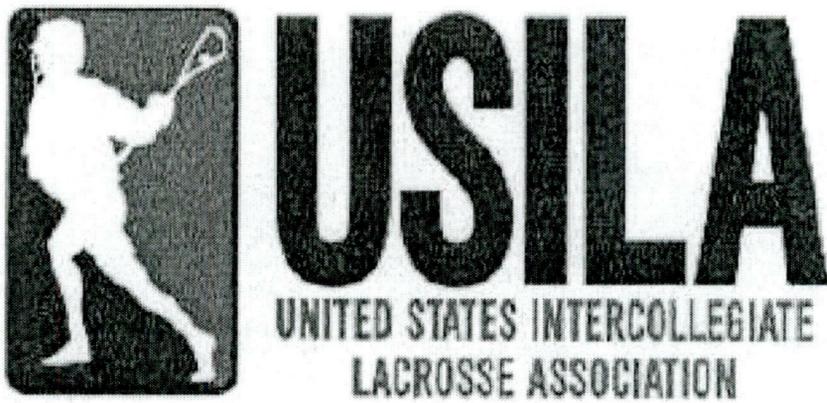
Baltimore, Md. – UAlbany's men's lacrosse team is ranked 13th for the third consecutive week in the USILA Geico/STX Coaches Poll, as announced today by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

UAlbany (8-4, AE 5-0) is coming off a narrow 14-13 loss to seventh-ranked Syracuse on April 22 at the Carrier Dome. The Great Danes meet America East Conference-rival UMBC on Saturday in the regular-season finale at University Field. Game time is 7:30 p.m. UAlbany can clinch the conference's regular-season title and secure home field for the America East postseason tournament with a victory.

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USILA Geico/STX Lacrosse Coaches Poll

1. Johns Hopkins, 2. Duke, 3. Virginia, 4. Cornell, 5. Navy, 6. Georgetown, 7. Syracuse, 8. Massachusetts, 9. Army, 10. Maryland, 11. Dartmouth, 12. Towson, 13. UAlbany, 14. Bucknell, 15. Denver, 16. Fairfield, 17. Stony Brook, 18. Penn State, 19. Delaware, 20. Brown.



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Men's Lacrosse
April 25, 2005
Week 8**



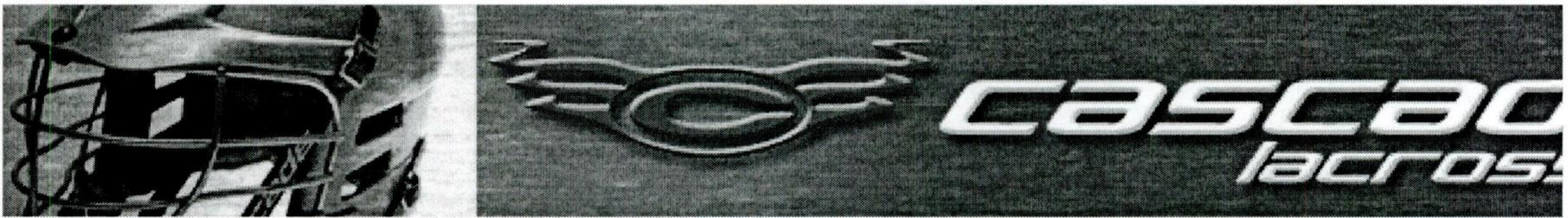
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| Division I | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | Johns Hopkins | 10-0 | (10) 200 | 1 |
| 2 | Duke | 13-1 | 190 | 2 |
| 3 | Virginia | 9-2 | 172 | 4 |
| 4 | Cornell | 8-2 | 164 | 6 |
| 5 | Navy | 9-3 | 163 | 5 |
| 6 | Georgetown | 8-3 | 150 | 3 |
| 7 | Syracuse | 7-4 | 137 | T7 |
| 8 | Massachusetts | 9-2 | 133 | 9 |
| 9 | Army | 10-3 | 119 | T7 |
| 10 | Maryland | 6-5 | 108 | 10 |
| 11 | Dartmouth | 7-3 | 106 | 11 |
| 12 | Towson | 9-3 | 82 | 14 |
| 13 | Albany | 8-4 | 76 | 13 |
| 14 | Bucknell | 8-4 | 64 | 12 |
| 15 | Denver | 8-4 | 59 | 19 |
| 16 | Fairfield | 9-3 | 57 | 15 |
| 17 | Stony Brook | 9-3 | 26 | NR |
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| 18 | Penn State | 7-5 | 25 | NR |
| 19 | Delaware | 9-4 | 23 | NR |
| 20 | Brown | 5-5 | 14 | 18 |
| Others receiving votes (in order): <i>Hofstra 12, Yale 9, North Carolina 6, Notre Dame 4</i> | | | | |

| Division II | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | LeMoyne College | 11-0 | (10) 200 | 1 |
| 2 | Limestone College | 13-0 | 190 | 2 |
| 3 | Mercyhurst College | 10-2 | 176 | 3 |
| 4 | New York Institute of Technology | 6-2 | 164 | T6 |
| 5 Tie | LIU-C.W. Post | 6-4 | 154 | 4 |
| 5 Tie | Molloy College | 9-3 | 154 | 8 |
| 7 | Adelphi University | 4-4 | 146 | 5 |
| 8 | Dowling College | 8-3 | 135 | T6 |
| 9 | Merrimack | 9-4 | 109 | 9 |
| 10 | Bryant University | 7-5 | 88 | 10 |
| Others receiving votes (in order): <i>Saint Vincent 12, Bentley 11, Notre Dame de Namur 11</i> | | | | |

| Division III | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | Salisbury | 15-0 | (15) 300 | 1 |
| 2 | Cortland | 12-1 | 278 | 2 |
| 3 | Roanoke | 12-1 | 266 | 3 |
| 4 | Middlebury | 10-1 | 260 | 4 |
| 5 | Gettysburg | 10-3 | 238 | 6 |
| 6 | Nazareth | 9-2 | 209 | 5 |
| 7 | Stevens Tech | 11-2 | 208 | 7 |
| 8 | Washington College | 8-3 | 190 | 8 |
| 9 | Lynchburg | 10-3 | 173 | 9 |
| 10 | Tufts | 8-3 | 140 | 13 |
| 11 | Messiah | 10-2 | 113 | 12 |
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Hopkins still #1 in this week's media poll

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Towson, Md. - Inside Lacrosse has released its latest media poll. Hopkins sits in first place while Duke, Virginia, Navy and Cornell round out the top five. Stony Brook and Delaware both moved into the poll. This is the first time Delaware has appeared in the top 20 this season. Hofstra and Yale both dropped out of the poll.

Inside Lacrosse Media Poll
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1. Johns Hopkins (10-0)- 400 points (16 first-place votes)
2. Duke (13-1)- 384
3. Virginia (9-2)- 359
4. Navy (9-3)- 347
5. Cornell (8-2)- 337
6. Georgetown (8-3)- 311
7. Syracuse (7-4)- 306
8. Massachusetts (9-2)- 300
9. Maryland (6-5)- 259
10. Army (10-3)- 257
11. Dartmouth (7-3)- 233
12. Towson (9-3)- 225
13. Bucknell (8-4)- 204
14. Denver (8-4)- 179
15. Albany (8-4)- 170
16. Notre Dame (6-4)- 132
17. Fairfield (9-3)- 130
18. Stony Brook (9-3)- 109
19. Delaware (9-4)- 90
20. Brown (5-4)- 89

Others receiving votes: Penn State 68, Yale 68, Hofstra 66, North Carolina 28, Hobart, 27, Villanova 12, Harvard 5, UMBC 3, Bellarmine 1, Princeton 1.

Moving in: Stony Brook, Delaware
Dropping out: Hofstra (#18), Yale (#14)

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STONY BROOK WINS FIRST TWO OF AMERICA EAST SERIES WITH UALBANY

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Jon Lewis** threw a complete game to earn his 25th career victory and set a new Stony Brook record for wins as the Seawolves swept a doubleheader from UAlbany on Sunday, April 24 at University Field. Lewis allowed just six hits in the nightcap, leading Stony Brook to a 8-4 victory. The Seawolves also took the early game, 8-2.

UAlbany (10-13, AE 2-6) opened the scoring in Game One on an RBI single by **Justin Meagher** (Colonie) in the second inning. **Steve Sayre** (Columbia), who led off the inning with a double off the left field wall, scored on the play. Stony Brook (15-20, AE 4-4) answered in the bottom of the frame, as **Isidro Fortuna** drew a leadoff walk and was plated on a line-drive home run by **Chris DiBiaso**. **Nick Theoharis** also drilled a home run in the inning to put the Seawolves up 3-1.

The Great Danes drew within 3-2 on an RBI double by **Steve Wyland** in the third inning. Sayre than knocked a single to bring Wyland home, tying the game. The score remained knotted at three until the bottom of the fifth inning as Stony Brook brought home three runs to go up 6-3. **Chris Sipp** and **Matt Devins** each added two-out RBI singles in the bottom of the sixth to give the Seawolves an 8-3 lead.

UAlbany plated a run in the seventh to pull within four, and then loaded the bases with only one out in the eighth, but **Matt Restivo** came out of the bullpen to record the final two outs of the inning and sit down the next three UAlbany batters in order to preserve the Stony Brook victory in the ninth.

In Game Two, Stony Brook jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning as **Andrew Larsen** and Fortuna singled and were brought home on a **Tom Pennino** double. The Seawolves broke open the game in the third inning, scoring four runs off UAlbany pitchers **Ethan Vaiana** and **Jeff Mazzola**. DiBiaso crushed his second home run of the day, a three-run shot, followed by an RBI double by **Jon Pasiaka** to put Stony Brook up 6-0.

The Great Danes got on the board in the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Meagher and **Leo Corvino** (Columbia). However, the Seawolves answered in the bottom of the inning to a two-run homer by Fortuna to give Stony Brook a seven-run lead. UAlbany attempted to start a rally in the top of the seventh, but were able to plate just one run, allowing the Seawolves to hold on for an 8-2 win.

Sayre led the Great Danes, going 5-for-9 on the day, including his tenth double of the year, with two RBI. Corvino went 4-of-7 with an RBI for UAlbany.

The America East series will conclude tomorrow at 12 p.m.

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GAME 1

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| UAlbany | 012 | 000 | 100 | - | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| Stony Brook | 030 | 032 | 00x | - | 8 | 13 | 0 |

Kyle Thomas, Alexander Beaulieu (6), Casey Walsh (8) and Tom Hill

Tom Koehler, Nick Abel (6), Matt Restivo (8) and Tom Pennino

GAME 2

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| UAlbany | 000 | 100 | 1 | - | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Stony Brook | 204 | 200 | x | - | 8 | 11 | 1 |

Ethan Vaiana, Jeff Mazzola (3), Giorgio Fuda (5) and Tom Hill and Fred Estes
Jon Lewis and Tom Pennino

DIANE ONOFRY FINISHES 11TH TO LEAD UALBANY TO A FOURTH PLACE TEAM FINISH

South Hadley, Mass. – UAlbany's **Diane Onofry** shot a round of 87 to finish 11th overall to lead the Great Danes to a fourth-place team finish at the Northeast Intercollegiate Championships, held at The Orchard Golf Club on Sunday.

The 36-hole tournament was shortened to one round due to rainy weather at the site of the 2004 U.S. Women's Open.

Jill Friedman was the second UAlbany finisher, placing 17th overall with a 17-over par score of 89 (45-44). **Anne Lyons** tied for 25th with a total of 91 (47-44), while **Maggie Taylert** was 36th individually with scores a total of 95. Freshman **Samantha Williams** was 32nd with a score of 94 (50-44).

Jennifer Cronan led Harvard to the team title, finishing first individually with a six-over par score of 78 (38-40). Harvard posted a team score of 331. Middlebury was second as a team with 349 strokes, followed by Hartford (351), UAlbany (356) and Amherst (362).

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Northeast Intercollegiate Invitational

(Hickory Ridge and The Orchard Golf Clubs, Amherst, Mass.)

TEAM: 1. Harvard, 331, 2. Middlebury, 349, 3. Hartford, 351, **4. UAlbany, 356**, 5. Amherst, 362, 6. Mount Holyoke, 363, 7. Boston U., 365, 8. Central Connecticut State, 368, 9. Wellesley, 369, 10. Holy Cross, 399, 11. Vassar, 424, 12. St. Lawrence, 448, 13. Williams, 482.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Jennifer Cronan, Harvard, 38-40—78, 2. Heather Gallagher, Middlebury, 43-36—79, 3. Leah Steinmiller, CCSU; Susan Choi, Wellesley, 41-39—80, 5. Adrianna DiLonardo, Hartford, 41-41—82, 6. Katie Loncke, Harvard, 41-42—83, 7. Debbi Amanti, Harvard, 42-42—84, 8. Audry Longo, Mt. Holyoke, 38-47—85, Kara Solom, Mt. Holyoke, 42-43—85, 10. Carrie Baizer, Harvard, 45-41—87.

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11. Diane Onofry, 44-43—87, t17. Jill Friedman, 47-42—89, t25. Anne Lyons, 47-44—91, t32. Samantha Williams, 50-44—94, t36. Maggie Taylert, 48-47—95.



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ALBEE SCORES CAREER-HIGH SIX GOALS AS NEW HAMPSHIRE DOWNS UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Jill Albee** scored a career-high six goals in leading New Hampshire to a 17-7 victory over UAlbany in America East Conference women’s lacrosse action on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The loss snaps the Great Danes’ win streak at four games.

Albee scored three of New Hampshire’s first four goals as the Wildcats jumped out to a 4-1 lead midway through the first half. UAlbany’s **Brittany Scott** dodged past a defender to slice the deficit to 4-2. New Hampshire (9-6, AE 4-0) countered with the final four goals of the half to build an 8-2 cushion. **Jess Burnap**, who recorded her 200th career point in the game, scored twice in that stretch.

Kim Reny pulled UAlbany to within 8-3 on a bounce shot from the right wing at 26:01. But New Hampshire’s offense pounded out six consecutive goals to increase the margin to 14-3 at 15:21. Albee scored two of her goals in the span, while Burnap added a goal and an assist.

UAlbany (5-11, AE 3-2) attempted a rally with three straight goals to make the score 14-6 at 9:43. Scott notched her second of the game before **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) received a pass from **Sarah Spillett** and scored from the right side. Reny capped the spurt with her second goal of the game.

Albee’s sixth goal of the game stopped the rally and ensured the win for New Hampshire. **Stacey Plati** made 13 saves in goal for the Wildcats, while **Jen Daly** stopped 14 shots for UAlbany.

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| New Hampshire (9-6, AE 4-0) | 8 | 9 | - | 17 |
| UAlbany (5-11, AE 3-2) | 2 | 5 | - | 7 |

New Hampshire: Scoring – Jill Albee (6-0), Jess Burnap (3-1), Kristin Blanchette (3-0), Katie Leland (2-4), Laura Dossdall (1-2), Cristina Covucci (1-1), Moira Talbot (1-0).
Goalkeeper: Stacey Plati (60:00, 7 GA, 13 saves).

UAlbany: Scoring – Kim Reny (2-1), Krissy Rajczak (2-0), Brittany Scott (2-0), Sarah Spillett (1-1), Domenica LoRe (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 17 GA, 14 saves).

MAINE CAPTURES THE SERIES FINALE OVER UALBANY IN A-EAST SOFTBALL

Orono, Maine - First baseman **Kristie Hawkins** broke a 3-3 tie in the bottom of the fifth with a one-out RBI double as Maine snapped UAlbany's nine-game America East Conference winning streak with a 9-5 victory on Sunday afternoon at Kessock Field. The Great Danes had won the first two games of the weekend series.

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Hawkins' two-bagger drove in left fielder **Molly McKinney** to put Maine (13-20, AE 7-4) ahead. Second baseman **Erin Provost** followed with a two-run homer to give the Black Bears a 6-3 cushion.

UAlbany (25-10, AE 11-2) trailed 3-0 before scoring three in the top of the fifth to knot the score. Pinch-runner **Danielle Buyea** scored on a passed ball and a RBI single by shortstop **Maegan Larsen** cut the deficit to 3-2. Third baseman **Kelly Ogden** evened the score on a base hit that plated Larsen.

The Great Danes later scored two runs in the top of the sixth to cut the deficit to 6-5 on a two-run double by left fielder **Amber Maisonet**. In the bottom half of the frame, Maine added three insurance runs on a two-run homer by shortstop **Brittany Cheney** and a solo shot by McKinney to provide the final margin.

Senior hurler **Jenna Merchant** picked up the victory for the Black Bears in relief and is now 3-3 on the season. UAlbany's **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) took the loss, snapping her 13-game win streak on the mound. The sophomore pitcher is now 13-5 on the season.

UAlbany returns to the diamond on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. against Vermont at Albany Field.

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UAlbany (25-10, AE 11-2) 000 032 0 - 5 10 1

Maine (13-20, AE 7-4) 210 033 x - 9 13 1

UAlbany -- Casey Halloran, Carisa Marcucci (5) and Ali Meacham.

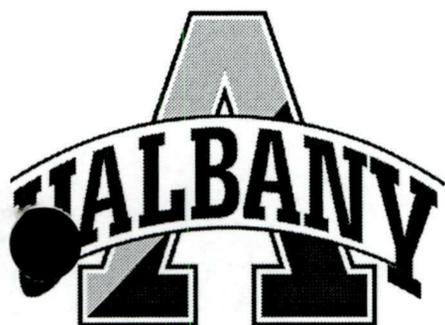
Maine -- Candace Jaegge, Jenna Merchant (5) and Marguerite Soule.

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BURNS AND LOTMORE LEAD UALBANY TRACK & FIELD AT UCONN INVITATIONAL

Storrs, Conn. – **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) finished first in the 800-meter run while **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) was second in the 1,500-meter run to highlight the University at Albany men's and women's track and field teams' performance at the UConn Invitational on Saturday, April 23. UAlbany's men placed second among six teams, while the women were third of nine squads.

Burns posted a time of 1:52.70 in his victory, over two seconds faster than the second-place runner. Lotmore, who also competed the women's 800-meter run, ran a time of 4:42.51 in the 1,500.

Other individual winners for the men team included **Tim O'Riley** in the 400-meter hurdles, **Kamar Elliott** in the triple jump and **Eric Opuana** in the hammer throw. O'Riley finished in a time of 55.04 while Elliott posted a distance of 47-feet, 1.5-inches. Opuana had a toss of 172-feet, 10.5-inches to earn the victory in his event.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team was also victorious for the Great Danes, who finished second in the team standings with a total of 201 points. The team of **Junior Burnett, Stephen Evans, O'Riley** and Burns ran a time of 3:22.25.

In the women's competition, **Patty Diedrich** placed second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.98 seconds. **Arina Gerasimova** leaped to a third-place finish in the triple jump, improving her ECAC-qualifying distance with a leap of 38-feet, 9-inches. **Joy Williams**, also among the top Great Dane field competitors, placed third in the shot put with a result of 39-feet, 7.25-inches.

The women's team tied for third in the standings with Rhode Island, finishing with 82 points. Both men's and women's team competitions were won by host team UConn with 213 and 225.5 points, respectively.

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MEN

1. UConn, 213; **2. UAlbany, 210**; 3. Brown, 153; 4. Massachusetts, 74; 5. Central Connecticut State, 43; 6. Quinnipiac, 24.

WOMEN

1. UConn, 225.5; 2. Brown, 161.5, **3. UAlbany, URI, 82**; 5. Massachusetts, 61.5; 6. Boston U., 49; 7. Southern Connecticut State, 22.5; 8. Central Connecticut State, 17; 9. Quinnipiac 13.

UALBANY SOFTBALL TAKES AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER FROM MAINE

Orono, Maine – Junior pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) hurled her fifth one-hitter of the season, as UAlbany shut out Maine, 7-0, in the opening game of an America East Conference softball

doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Kessock Field. In the nightcap, the Great Danes scored two runs in the fifth inning en route to a 3-1 win.

Morin struck out seven in the opener and is now 10-2 on the season. The lone hit she allowed was a first-inning single by center fielder **Jess Brady**. For the Black Bears, **Sarah Bennis** took the loss and falls to 6-6 on the season.

UAlbany (25-9, 11-1 AE) broke a scoreless tie in the fifth inning on a sacrifice fly by shortstop **Maegan Larsen** that plated pinch-runner **Danielle Buyea**. The Great Danes made it 3-0 in the sixth on a solo home run by first baseman **Ashley Rios** and a RBI groundout by designated player **Erika Enocksen**. Left fielder **Amber Maisonet** highlighted a four-run seventh with a triple that drove in a pair.

In the second game, Maine (12-20, AE 6-4) led 1-0 in the fourth inning when UAlbany third baseman **Kelly Ogden** homered to tie the game, her eighth of the season. Center fielder **Leslie Busch** put the Great Danes ahead 2-1 on a RBI single and an error on the same play allowed another run to score.

Sophomore pitcher **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) won her 13th straight decision to improve to 13-4 on the season. She scattered five hits and struck out three in the contest. Maine's **Jenna Merchant** was on the short end of the decision and drops to 2-3.

UAlbany solidified its first-place standing in the conference with a three-game lead in the loss column. The two teams complete the three-game weekend set on Sunday morning with first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m.

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Game 1

UAlbany 000 012 4 - 7 8 2

Maine 000 000 0 - 0 1 2

UAlbany -- Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

Maine -- Sarah Bennis and Lindsay Tibbets and Marguerite Soule (5).

Game 2

UAlbany (25-9, AE 11-1) 000 120 0 - 3 4 0

Maine (12-20, AE 6-4) 100 000 0 - 1 5 1

UAlbany -- Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham.

Maine -- Jenna Merchant and Marguerite Soule.



#7 SYRACUSE HOLDS OFF #13 UALBANY 14-13 IN NON-LEAGUE ACTION

Syracuse, N.Y. – **Brian Crockett** tied a career-high with six goals and added one assist in leading seventh-ranked Syracuse to a 14-13 victory over No. 13 UAlbany in a battle of top-20 teams on Friday, April 22 before 4,488 fans at the Carrier Dome.

Syracuse (7-4) snapped a 10-10 tie early in the fourth quarter with a pair of goals exactly one minute apart. **Mike Leveille**, who had two goals and two assists, hit the lower right corner off Crockett's feed before **Brett Bucktooth** drove around the cage to score his fourth goal of the game.

UAlbany (8-4) closed within one goal on three separate occasions over the final 10 minutes. After Leveille gave his team a 14-12 lead with 2:05 remaining, **Merrick Thomson** scored in transition 32 seconds later to slice the deficit in half. SU goalkeeper **Jay Pfeifer** then sealed the outcome, when he stopped **Brendan Russell's** low shot with 26 seconds to play.

"I was disappointed in some of the events at the end of the game, but satisfied with the way we played against the defending national champions," commented UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team had won six of its previous seven contests. "They played a zone the last two or three minutes, and we used a floating set to find a good matchup. (Russell's shot) didn't go where he wanted. It was a good shot, but it was just the wrong placement."

The Orange, who have won six of their last seven starts, led 7-5 early in the third quarter. But the Great Danes came back with three straight goals to go ahead. **Frank Resetarits**, who had three goals and two assists, found the upper corner off a short crossing pass that tied the contest at seven apiece. Thomson, who totaled five goals and two assists, gave his team the lead with a man-advantage goal.

UAlbany later led 9-8 after **Chris Martocchia** converted his third goal of the game, but SU scored twice in the late stages of the third period to regain the lead. **Greg Rommel** connected on a spin shot that drew his team even, before Crockett rifled a 15-yard shot into the net with one second left in the quarter.

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| #13 UAlbany (8-4) | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | - | 13 |
| #7 Syracuse (7-4) | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | - | 14 |

UAlbany – Scoring: Merrick Thomson (5-2), Frank Resetarits (3-2), Chris Martocchia (3-1), Luke Daquino (1-4), Jordan Levine (1-1), Derek Dale (0-1), Mike Ammann (0-1).

Goalkeeper: Kevin Rae (60:00, 14 saves, 14 GA).

Syracuse – Scoring: Brian Crockett 6-1, Brett Bucktooth 4-0, Mike Leveille 2-2, Jarett Park 1-1, Greg Rommel 1-0, Jake Plunket 0-1, Greg Niewieroski 0-1. Goalkeeper: Jay Pfeifer (60:00, 11 saves, 13 GA).



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FONTANA SCORES CAREER-HIGH SIX GOALS TO LEAD UALBANY PAST VERMONT

Albany, N.Y. – **Kate Fontana** scored a career-high six goals, including the game-winning tally, in helping UAlbany rally to a 10-9 win over Vermont in America East Conference women's lacrosse action on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field. The victory extended UAlbany's winning streak to four games.

Vermont (4-10, AE 1-4) opened up a 6-3 halftime advantage and led 9-5 with 7:05 remaining before UAlbany mounted its comeback. **Nikki Donohue** sparked the scoring, dishing to **Sarah Spillett** on the right side of the net off a free-position opportunity. Fontana, who recorded her 11th multiple-goal game, scored unassisted goals 10 seconds apart to close the margin to 9-8 with 3:41 left.

Spillett won the ensuing draw control to give the ball back to the Great Danes. After working the perimeter, **Kim Reny** spun past a defender and knotted the game at 9-9 with 2:24 left to play. Fontana picked up the next draw control before delivering the game-winning goal with 42 seconds remaining. The Catamounts were unable to gain possession in their offensive zone before time expired.

Reny, who finished with two goals, put UAlbany (5-10, AE 3-1) on the board, scoring low on the first shot of the game. Vermont countered with four unanswered goals to take a 4-1 lead. **Sara Talbot** notched two in that stretch, while **Vanessa Cox**, who is Vermont's all-time scoring leader, added a goal and an assist.

After a goal by Fontana made the score 4-2, **Becky Kenison** and **Christen Faltermeier** rebuilt a 6-2 cushion for the Catamounts. Fontana bounced in her second goal of the game to cut the deficit to 6-3 at the half.

Jen Daly made 10 saves in goal for UAlbany, while **Meaghan Hanley** stopped eight shots for the Catamounts.

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| Vermont (4-10, AE 1-4) | 6 | 3 | - | 9 |
| UAlbany (5-10, AE 3-1) | 3 | 7 | - | 10 |

Vermont: Scoring – Vanessa Cox (2-1), Sara Talbot (2-0), Becky Kenison (2-0), Jen Wenrich (1-1), Erin Hall (1-0), Christen Faltermeier (1-0), Sariann Lehrer (1-0), Ashleigh Wilson (0-1). Goalkeeper: Meaghan Hanley (60:00, 10 GA, 8 saves).

UAlbany: Scoring – Kate Fontana (6-0), Kim Reny (2-0), Sarah Spillett (1-1), Stacey Brown (1-0), Nikki Donohue (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 9 GA, 10 saves).



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CASEY HALLORAN HELPS UALBANY SOFTBALL TO SPLIT AT ARMY

West Point, N.Y. – Sophomore **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) won her twelfth straight game as UAlbany split a non-conference doubleheader at the Army Softball Complex on Wednesday afternoon. Halloran allowed one run in six innings as the Great Danes won game two, 8-1. Army captured the first game, 2-0, behind a strong outing from pitcher **Leigh Harrell**.

UAlbany (23-9) jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning of game two as the first three Great Dane hitters reached base. With the bases loaded and one out, **Katrina Dunning** had an RBI groundout to plate **Amber Maisonet** who had singled. Then **Ali Meacham** added an RBI single to left and **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) capped the scoring with a two-run single.

Kelly Ogden hit her team-leading seventh home run of the season in the third inning to put UAlbany ahead 5-0. Ogden broke the school's single-season home run record with the blast. The Black Knights cut into the lead in their half of the third as **Lindsay March** lined a single to left to plate **Lindsey Romack**, who had also singled.

UAlbany regained its five-run cushion on **Maegan Larsen's** solo home run in the top of the fourth. The Great Danes added a second run after Army pitcher **Kelly Trout** threw away Maisonet's bunt attempt, allowing her to come all the way around. **Erika Enocksen** tacked on a solo homer to right field in the top of the fifth, stretching the score to 8-1.

Halloran, who improved to 12-4, surrendered four hits in six innings. **Danielle Buyea** worked a scoreless seventh. **Veronica Barth** took the loss for Army, giving up five runs on five hits in 2.2 innings.

Army (27-17) struck first with a run in the bottom of the third inning. Romack led off with a bunt single and scored on **Nikki Posey's** ensuing double to the right-center gap. **Lauren Gobar** followed with a bunt single and stole second base to put runners at second and third with no outs. UAlbany pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) worked out of the jam by setting down the next three batters in order.

Army added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth. Romack reached on a fielder's choice and stole second. Posey also reached on a fielder's choice and advanced Romack to third. Romack and Posey then executed a double steal, with Romack making the score 2-0.

Harrell pitched her fifth complete game of the season, scattering four hits over seven innings. She improved to 9-7 overall. Morin took the loss for UAlbany, allowing six hits and one run in four innings of work. Morin fell to 9-2 this season.

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(Game 1)

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| UAlbany | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Army | 001 | 001 | x | - | 2 | 9 | 1 |

Amanda Morin, Danielle Buyea (5) and Ali Meacham.
Leigh Harrell and Jamie Gjurjevich.

(Game 2)

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| UAlbany (23-9) | 401 | 210 | 0 | - | 8 | 13 | 0 |
| Army (27-17) | 001 | 000 | 0 | - | 1 | 5 | 1 |

Casey Halloran, Danielle Buyea (7) and Ali Meacham.
Veronica Barth, Kelly Trout (3), Breanne McClellan (4) and Mary Ann Kearney.

ALTINAY SPARKS BINGHAMTON TO 7-0 SWEEP OF UALBANY TENNIS

Vestal, N.Y. – **Zeynep Altinay** captured first singles and second doubles in helping to guide Binghamton to a 7-0 sweep of UAlbany in women's tennis action on Wednesday afternoon.

Altinay defeated **Courtney Michels**, 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 singles and then teamed with **Alyssa Freeman** for an 8-0 showing at No. 2 doubles. **Jelena Koprivica** and **Lya Kushnirovich** posted victories at No. 2 and 3 singles for the Bearcats (14-5).

UAlbany closes its dual meet season at 7-12. The Great Danes will compete at the America East Championship from April 29-May 1 in New Haven, Connecticut.

Binghamton 7, Albany 0

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Singles

1. Zeynep Altinay (B) def. Courtney Michels (A) 6-1, 6-0
2. Jelena Koprivica (B) def. Christina Suarez (A) 6-3, 6-2
3. Lya Kushnirovich (B) def. Aimee Kern (A) 6-2, 6-2
4. Jenn Naegli (B) def. Amanda Hall (A) 6-2, 4-6 (10-8)
5. Alyssa Freeman (B) def. Kim Westcott (A) 6-2, 4-6 (10-1)
6. Vera Popova (B) def. Lisa Fund (A) 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

1. Koprivica/Naeggeli (B) def. Michels/Kern (A) 8-0
2. Altinay/Freeman (B) def. Hall/Westcott (A) 8-0
3. Kushnirovich/Popova (B) def. Saurez/Kyle Steller (A) 8-1

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UALBANY TAKES 11-5 WIN OVER LE MOYNE IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

Syracuse, N.Y. – **Leo Corvino** (Columbia) and **Steve Wyland** each recorded three hits to lead UAlbany to an 11-5 non-conference win over Le Moyne on Tuesday, April 19 at Dick Rockwell Field.

UAlbany scored four runs in the top of the fourth to take the lead. **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich) plated the go-ahead run with an RBI double to right center off a 3-2 pitch, sending **Derek DeGrazio** home. Corvino, who finished with three RBI, recorded his second hit of the day on a single to center field, scoring Vallone. The sophomore right fielder then stole second before scoring a run off an RBI single by **Joe Lamb**. Wyland plated the final run of the inning for the Great Danes, reaching on a fielder's choice, sending catcher **Fred Estes** over the plate.

Le Moyne started the game off with a two-run first inning before the Great Danes scored two of their own in the top of the second. **Justin Meagher** (Colonie) knocked a double to left center to advance **Steve Sayre** (Columbia), who reached after being hit by a pitch. DeGrazio then hit a base hit back to Dolphin pitcher **Craig Soja**, plating Sayre. Corvino had his first hit of the day in the inning, an RBI single through the right side, scoring Meagher.

UAlbany posted single runs in both the fifth and sixth to pad their lead, and then finished the game with a three-run ninth inning. Le Moyne reliever **Andre Enriquez** walked Estes, followed by a base hit by **Rashad Barksdale** (Hudson). Lamb, the reigning America East player of the week, then hit an RBI double to center field to score Estes. Wyland hit a sacrifice fly to advance the runners, scoring Barksdale on the play. Lamb reached home on a single up the middle by Sayre to give the Great Danes a six-run advantage.

Junior **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) earned his first win of the season, going seven innings on the mound for UAlbany, striking out four. Soja allowed six earned runs in 3.1 innings pitched to take the loss for the Dolphins.

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Le Moyne (13-13) 200 020 010 - 5 7 1

Nick Murphy, Giorgio Fuda (8), Roman Dubiel (9) and Fred Estes

Craig Soja, Adam Leduc (4), Jon Maduro (5), A.J. Lindsey (8), Andre Enriquez (9), Ryan Toth (9) and Phil St. Amant



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JONATHAN JONES EARNS AMERICA EAST TRACK PERFORMER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jonathan Jones** has been named the America East Conference Field Performer of the Week in men's track and field as announced by the conference office on Tuesday, April 19.

Jones, a senior, won the long jump at the UAlbany Spring Classic on April 16. Jones posted an NCAA-qualifying mark of 24-feet, 1.5 inches in helping the Great Danes to the team title. He also finished fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 48-08.25. Jones will compete in next month's NCAA East Regional.

UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER SIGNS EIGHT STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR 2005 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany men's soccer coach Johan Aarnio announced today that eight student-athletes have committed to play for the Great Danes, beginning with the 2005 season. **Timba Bimont, Steward Ceus, Don Johnson, Brent "Tufi" Long, Kurt Ruhe-Lischke, Erik DiLorenzo, Taylor McNamara** and **Gabriel Seguin-Gauthier** have signed national letter of intents to become members of the UAlbany program.

"We are extremely pleased with our incoming recruiting class which brings us height, athleticism, and talent," Aarnio said. "Timba (Bimont) and Tufi (Long) will add strength and quickness to our forward line. McNamara and Johnson are talented midfielders, while the other two Canadian defenders, Lischke and DiLorenzo, will give us size in the back. Ceus is a huge goalkeeper who was highly recruited by others."

Bimont, a transfer from The Globe Institute, joins the Great Danes after scoring four goals and five assists for 13 points last season. He was named the best offensive player and helped his squad to the regional championship in 2003 with an 8-5-1 record. The Stockholm, Sweden native played for Tensta Gymnasium, which won the 1999 City of Stockholm High School Championship.

Ceus, a 6-foot-6 goalkeeper from West Haverstraw, New York, was a four-year starter in the net for North Rockland. He recorded 36 shutouts and was named to *The Journal News* first team all-star in his senior season. He also participated for the Hudson Valley in the scholastic division at the 2004 Empire State Games.

DiLorenzo, a defender from Bolton, Ontario, was named the school's player of the year in 2004 as a junior. He is a two-year captain and a member of three division championship teams. He scored 13 goals a year ago. DiLorenzo competed on the Toronto Junior Lynx, who reached the finals of the Dallas Cup.

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Johnson tallied 53 goals and chipped in with 18 assists for 124 points in two seasons at Cardinal Spellman. The Bronx, New York native was the team's most valuable player in 2003 and 2004, first team all-Catholic League in 2003 and co-league MVP in 2004. The midfielder/forward helped Cardinal Spellman to a 16-1 record this past season and the Catholic League Championship.

Long scored 66 goals and added 23 assists for 155 career points at McKinley High School. A forward, he was a two-time all-state selection, including third team as a sophomore and second team as a senior. The Canton, Ohio native is the first player from his high school to receive a Division I men's soccer scholarship.

McNamara helped Iona C.S.S. to the Peel Division regular-season crown in 2004, when they went 8-0. The midfielder scored three goals and added 10 assists for 16 points. The Bolton, Ontario product also played on the Toronto Junior Lynx club team and had 36 points on eight goals and 20 assists.

Ruhe-Lischke, a defender, played for the Toronto Junior Lynx U-17 squad. The team was undefeated against all other Canadian teams in the age group and did not lose in Super Y League play. The Lynx won the Super Y League Heartland Division Championship and were Super Y North American semi-finalists.

Seguin-Gauthier scored four goals for Champlain College and helped his team finish 8-1-3. The Chateaugay, Quebec native has played on the U-17 Canadian National Team and earned 13 international caps. He also played on the U-16 FC Select Rive-Sud in the 2002 national championships.

In 2004, UAlbany went 12-4-2 overall and 6-2-1 in the America East Conference, sharing the regular season title with Boston University.

2005 University at Albany Men's Soccer Newcomers

Name, Pos., Ht., Wt., Hometown (High School/Previous School)

Timba Bimont, F, 6-4, 190, Stockholm, Sweden (Globe Institute)

Steward Ceus, GK, 6-6, 210, West Haverstraw, N.Y. (North Rockland)

Erik DiLorenzo, B, 6-0, 165, Bolton, Ontario (Robert F. Hall CSS)

Don Johnson, M/F, 5-4, 130, Bronx, N.Y. (Cardinal Spellman)

Brent "Tufi" Long, F/M, 5-7, 150, Canton, Ohio (Canton McKinley)

Kurt A. Ruhe-Lischke, B, 6-2, 190, Kitchener, Ontario (Forest Heights Collegiate)

Taylor McNamara, M, 5-11, 160, Mississauga, Ontario (Iona Secondary School)

Gabriel Seguin-Gauthier, F, 5-5, 155, Chateaugay, Quebec (Champlain College)



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LAMB NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Joe Lamb** was named the America East Conference Player of the Week in baseball as announced today by the conference office.

Lamb earned his first award of the season after a stellar four-game performance. The senior shortstop went 11-of-17 at the plate for a .647 average. Lamb knocked out two doubles, scored four runs and recorded four RBI. He also notched his fourth stolen base of the season to move his career total to 47.

In the second game of a doubleheader against Northeastern, Lamb went 4-for-4 at the plate with one run scored and a RBI. In the final game of the weekend series, he was 4-of-5 with two runs and a RBI. Lamb, who did not strike out once in 17 at-bats, raised his batting average 105 points to .269 on the season.

UAlbany (9-11, AE 2-4) will be back in action on Tuesday in non-conference play against Le Moyne.

DAQUINO EARNS A-EAST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS IN LACROSSE

Boston, Mass. - UAlbany's **Luke Daquino** has been selected as the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. Daquino earned the weekly award for the second time this season.

Daquino totaled six goals and eight assists in a pair of America East victories, as his team clinched a spot in the upcoming conference postseason tournament. The senior attacker had three goals and three assists in a 16-9 triumph over Vermont and totaled three goals and five assists in a 16-8 victory against Quinnipiac.

Daquino, who is among the NCAA Division I leaders in scoring and assists with 22 goals and 26 assists, also became the school's all-time assists leader with 120. He broke a mark established by Blake Kim, who had 119 from 1989-92.

MEN'S LACROSSE REMAINS NO. 13 IN USILA NATIONAL RANKINGS

Baltimore, Md. – UAlbany's men's lacrosse team is ranked 13th for the second straight week in the USILA Geico/STX Coaches Poll, as announced today by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. The Great Danes made their debut in the national top 20 on April 4.

UAlbany (8-3, AE 5-0) has won six of its last seven outings following Sunday's 16-8 victory over Quinnipiac. The Great Danes will face Syracuse, who is tied for seventh in the USILA poll, on Friday, April 22 at the Carrier Dome. Game time is 7:00 p.m. The two teams last met in the opening round of the 2004 NCAA Tournament.

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USILA Geico/STX Lacrosse Coaches Poll

1. Johns Hopkins, 2. Duke, 3. Georgetown, 4. Virginia, 5. Navy, 6. Cornell, T7. Syracuse, T7. Army, 9. Massachusetts, 10. Maryland, 11. Dartmouth, 12. Bucknell, 13. UAlbany, 14. Towson, 15. Fairfield, 16. Yale, 17. Hofstra, 18. Brown, 19. Denver, 20. Notre Dame.

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AMANDA MORIN CHOSEN AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. - UAlbany's **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) has been chosen the America East Conference Pitcher of the Week in softball, as announced today by the league office. Morin received the honor for the fourth time this season.

Morin tossed a total of eight innings in two starts this week, allowing just one hit and pitching to the minimum in seven innings. She retired all nine batters she faced against Stony Brook on April 16 and then set down the first 12 hitters against the Seawolves the following day. Morin fanned seven hitters in the eight innings.

Morin is 9-1 on the season and leads the conference with a 0.41 ERA and five shutouts. In 68.1 innings, she has fanned 69 hitters and is holding opponents to a .100 batting average (23-for-230).

UAlbany (22-8, AE 9-1) travels to Army for a non-conference doubleheader on Wednesday, April 20 at 3:00 p.m.

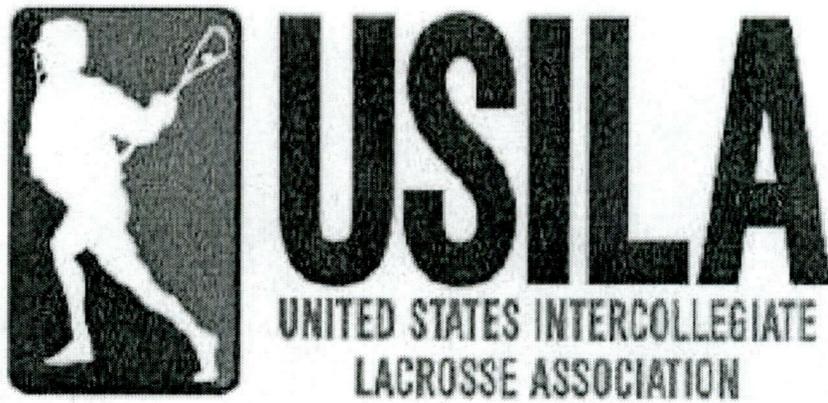
JEN DALY NAMED AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S LACROSSE DEFENDER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. - University at Albany goalkeeper **Jen Daly** has been named the America East Conference Defender of the Week in women's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office.

Daly, who earned the award for the first time in her career, recorded 15 saves in leading UAlbany to a 13-12 victory over America East-rival UMBC on April 15. The sophomore net-minder added a career-high six ground balls and one caused turnover.

Daly, who has reached double-digit saves six times this season, has a 13.29 goals against average and a .426 save percentage. With the 15 saves, Daly became the Great Danes' all-time leader in that category with 328. She surpassed Kim Martini's previous standard of 327.

UAlbany (4-10, AE 2-1) has won three straight games and returns to action on Friday, April 22 at 4 p.m. against Vermont.



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◆ **Division I** ◆ **Division II** ◆ **Division III**

| Division I | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | Johns Hopkins | 9-0 | (10) 200 | 1 |
| 2 | Duke | 12-1 | 190 | 2 |
| 3 | Georgetown | 8-2 | 173 | 5 |
| 4 | Virginia | 9-2 | 167 | 3 |
| 5 | Navy | 9-2 | 163 | T6 |
| 6 | Cornell | 7-2 | 150 | 8 |
| 7 Tie | Army | 9-2 | 136 | 4 |
| 7 Tie | Syracuse | 6-4 | 136 | T6 |
| 9 | Massachusetts | 8-2 | 116 | 10 |
| 10 | Maryland | 5-5 | 111 | 9 |
| 11 | Dartmouth | 5-3 | 91 | 11 |
| 12 | Bucknell | 7-3 | 82 | 12 |
| 13 | Albany | 8-3 | 67 | 13 |
| 14 | Towson | 8-3 | 60 | T16 |
| 15 | Fairfield | 9-2 | 56 | 20 |
| 16 | Yale | 7-2 | 52 | 18 |
| 17 | Hofstra | 6-6 | 38 | T16 |
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| 18 | Brown | 5-3 | 33 | 19 |
| 19 | Denver | 6-4 | 25 | 15 |
| 20 | Notre Dame | 6-4 | 20 | 14 |
| Others receiving votes (in order): <i>Delaware 17, Hobart 7, Stony Brook 7, Penn State 2, North Carolina 1</i> | | | | |

| Division II | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | LeMoyne College | 9-0 | (10) 200 | 1 |
| 2 | Limestone College | 10-0 | 187 | 2 |
| 3 | Mercyhurst College | 10-0 | 183 | 3 |
| 4 | LIU-C.W. Post | 5-3 | 165 | 5 |
| 5 | Adelphi University | 4-3 | 153 | 8 |
| 6 Tie | Dowling College | 7-3 | 147 | 6 |
| 6 Tie | New York Institute of Technology | 5-2 | 147 | 4 |
| 8 | Molloy College | 8-2 | 136 | 7 |
| 9 | Merrimack | 7-4 | 108 | 9 |
| 10 | Bryant University | 4-5 | 45 | 10 |
| Others receiving votes (in order): <i>Bentley 33, Saint Michael's 12, Saint Vincent 12, Notre Dame de Namur 11, Queens (NC) 11</i> | | | | |

| Division III | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | Salisbury | 13-0 | (14) 280 | 1 |
| 2 | Cortland | 10-1 | 258 | 3 |
| 3 | Roanoke | 10-1 | 242 | 4 |
| 4 | Middlebury | 8-1 | 238 | 5 |
| 5 | Nazareth | 8-1 | 226 | 2 |
| 6 | Gettysburg | 8-3 | 223 | 6 |
| 7 | Stevens Tech | 9-2 | 195 | 8 |
| 8 | Washington College | 6-3 | 173 | 9 |
| 9 | Lynchburg | 9-4 | 154 | 11 |
| 10 | Washington and Lee | 8-3 | 153 | 10 |
| 11 | Bowdoin | 7-3 | 145 | 12T |
| 12 | Messiah | 8-3 | 107 | 7 |
| 13 | Tufts | 6-3 | 97 | 14 |
| 14 | Springfield | 6-4 | 80 | 18 |



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DAQUINO SETS CAREER ASSISTS RECORD IN UALBANY'S 16-8 AMERICA EAST WIN

Albany, N.Y. – **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) scored five goals and **Luke Daquino** added three goals and five assists in leading 13th-ranked UAlbany to a 16-8 America East Conference victory over Quinnipiac on Sunday afternoon at University Field.

In winning for the sixth time in its last seven outings, UAlbany (8-3, AE 5-0) clinched at least a share of the conference's regular-season title and secured home field advantage for the America East postseason tournament's semifinal round.

The Great Danes used a run of five consecutive goals to build a 6-1 lead in the second quarter. Daquino, who became the school's all-time assists leader and moved into second on the UAlbany career points list, ignited the scoring, when he fed a wide-open Thomson on the left side in transition. The senior attacker then hit the top left corner on an angle after his first shot was blocked. Freshman **Steve Ammann** and **Derek Dale** later found the net 28 seconds apart to complete the outburst.

Quinnipiac (2-9, AE 1-3) closed within 8-5 early in the third quarter, when **Leigh DiPace** drove from the right and bounced a shot into the net for his second goal of the day. UAlbany answered with six of the game's next seven goals. **Frank Resetarits**, who had three goals and one assist, connected on a jump shot, before **Chris Martocchia** converted back-to-back goals. Thomson, who also had two assists, added a pair of goals in that scoring spree, including an underhanded shot off a Daquino pass for a 14-6 cushion with 13:48 remaining.

"As the game developed, we connected on our passes, started to run and were much sharper in transition," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team has won 19 of its last 22 regular-season games against America East opponents. "Thomson and Daquino have been putting up numbers on a consistent basis throughout the year."

UAlbany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made 16 saves, including eight in the first quarter. Martocchia finished with three goals and one assist. Sophomore **Tucker Prudden** totaled two goals and one assist for the Bobcats, who had won two of their last three coming into the contest.

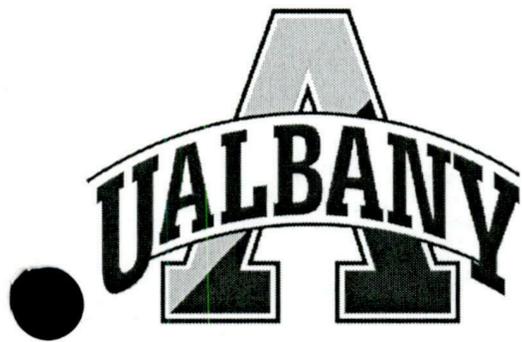
"We picked it up after a sloppy start," said Daquino, who now has 120 assists to eclipse a mark set by Blake Kim from 1989-92. "I am more happy about winning than the assists record. I have good guys around me who can finish, so it's easier to get assists."

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| Quinnipiac (2-9, AE 1-3) | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | - | 8 |
| #13 UAlbany (8-3, AE 5-0) | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 | - | 16 |

Quinnipiac – Tucker Prudden 2-1, Leigh DiPace 2-0, Eddie Morley 1-0, Brian Vaccaro 1-0, Kevin Browne 1-0, Eric Trama 1-0, Sean McBride 0-1, Josh Murray 0-1, Dave Loftus 0-1, James Nastro 0-1, Keith Yianacopolus 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): James Nastro (60:00, 11 saves, 16 GA).

UAlbany – Merrick Thomson 5-2, Luke Daquino 3-5, Chris Martocchia 3-1, Frank Resetarits 3-1, Steve Ammann 1-0, Derek Dale 1-0, Mike Ammann 0-1, Craig McDonald 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 16 saves, 8 GA).



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UALBANY SOFTBALL COMPLETES SWEEP WITH 8-0 WIN OVER STONY BROOK

Albany, N.Y. - Center fielder **Leslie Busch** hit her first career home run in the bottom of the fifth, to highlight an eight-run fifth inning as UAlbany defeated Stony Brook, 8-0, in America East Conference softball action on Sunday afternoon to complete the three-game sweep.

UAlbany (22-8, AE 9-1) took a 1-0 lead when Stony Brook (14-24, AE 5-5) catcher **Margaret Blair** dropped the ball when applying the tag to pinch-runner **Danielle Buyea**, allowing Buyea to score. Catcher **Ali Meacham** gave the Great Danes a 2-0 edge on a run-scoring single to right field. Busch then hit a two-run shot over the right-center field wall to put her team up 4-0. Second baseman **Katrina Dunning** gave UAlbany a 7-0 lead on a two-run single up the middle. Junior right fielder **Julie Gannon** ended the game on a RBI single that scored Dunning.

Junior pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) tossed her fourth one-hitter of the season, improving to 9-1. She struck out four batters and pitched to the minimum in four of the five frames. The only hit Morin allowed was a fifth-inning leadoff single by **Kristen Brust**. For the Seawolves, **Sarah Hoffman** took the loss and falls to 8-8 on the campaign. She allowed seven hits and five runs, of which three were earned.

Gannon and first baseman **Ashley Rios** went 2-for-3 for the Great Danes in the contest. Dunning and Busch each had two RBI for UAlbany.

The Great Danes, who have won 19 of their last 21, travel to Army on Wednesday for a non-conference doubleheader, with first pitch scheduled for 3 p.m.

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Stony Brook (14-24, AE 5-5) 000 00 - 0 1 4

UAlbany (22-8, AE 9-1) 000 08 - 8 11 0

(game ended due to eight-run rule)

Stony Brook - Sarah Hoffman, Angela Andrews (5) and Margaret Blair.

UAlbany - Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

NORTHEASTERN DEFEATS UALBANY IN RUBBER MATCH OF SERIES, 11-10

Albany, N.Y. - **Jeff Heriot** knocked the game-winning home run to right field to lead Northeastern to an 11-10 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Sunday, April 17 at Varsity Field.

Northeastern (12-15, AE 5-1) went up 7-0 after a six-run fourth inning. UAlbany starting pitcher **Mark Suchoweicki** walked leadoff hitter **Miguel Paquette**, before allowing a single to **Dan Milano**. Second baseman **Brian Nutting** loaded the bases with a base hit to right field before **Jeff Maher** doubled to plate Paquette and Milano. Outfielder **Chris Emanuele** then hit a triple to center field to score two more runs before **Alexander Beaulieu** took over for Suchoweicki on the mound. The Huskies scored two other unearned runs before Paquette, in his second appearance of the inning, grounded out to first base.

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UAlbany (9-11, AE 2-4) responded with a three-run bottom half of the fourth. **Joe Lamb** singled to right field to start the inning. **Tony Vallone** reached on an error by the third baseman, while Lamb, who stole second, scored on the play. **Leo Corvino** was hit by a pitch to advance Vallone. Third baseman **Justin Meagher** doubled to center field to plate two runs. Northeastern was able to get out of the inning, striking out **Tom Hill** swinging.

UAlbany posted three more runs in the bottom of the fifth before scoring four in the sixth to take a 10-9 lead. Meagher started the sixth inning with a home run, his second of the season, to right field. Hill followed with a double before **Brad Daniels** got a base hit and advanced on an error by the left fielder. Hill scored on the play. Lamb knocked a double to score Daniels, followed by a groundout RBI by **Steve Wyland** to send Lamb across the plate.

Designated hitter **Matt Morizio** hit a solo home run in the top of the seventh to tie the game at 10-all before Heriot gave the Huskies the win with his homer in the eighth. Lamb finished 4-of-5 for UAlbany while Meagher, who went 2-for-4, led the Great Danes with four RBI. Emanuele paced the Huskies, going 2-for-4 with three RBI and a home run.

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Northeastern (12-15, AE 5-1) 100 602 110 - 11 16 2

UAlbany (9-11, AE 2-4) 000 334 000 - 10 12 1

Dave Pellegrine, Kris Dabrowiecki (6) and Dan Milano

Mark Suchoweicki, Alexander Beaulieu (4), Nick Murphy (5), Casey Walsh (6), Roman Dubiel (7), Giorgio Fuda (8) Shawn Ryan (9) and Tom Hill

UMBC NOTCHES 7-0 SWEEP OF UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS

Baltimore, Md. – **Ale Pederagnana** and **Aimee Lim** were both double-winners as UMBC registered a 7-0 sweep of UAlbany in women's tennis dual action on Sunday afternoon.

Pederagnana and Lim won first and second singles for the Retrievers, before teaming for an 8-4 showing at No. 1 doubles. **Adriana Fonseca**, **Elizabeth Anderson**, **Pascaline Cette** and **Idil Un** rounded out the singles winners for UMBC.

UAlbany (7-11) returns to the courts on Wednesday at Binghamton.

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Singles:

1. Ale Pederagnana (UMBC) def. Courtney Michels, 6-0, 6-0.

2. Aimee Lim (UMBC) def. Christina Suarez, 6-1, 6-2.

3. Adriana Fonseca (UMBC) def. Amanda Hall, 6-1, 6-1.

4. Elizabeth Anderson (UMBC) def. Kim Westcott, 6-1, 6-1.

5. Pascaline Cette (UMBC) def. Kyle Steller, 6-1, 6-1.

6. Idil Un (UMBC) def. Lisa Fund, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles:

1. Pederagnana/Lim (UMBC) def. Michels/Suarez, 8-4.

2. Fonseca/Anderson (UMBC) def. Hall/Westcott, 8-3.

3. Cette/Un (UMBC) def. Fund/Steller, 8-2.



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UALBANY SPLITS AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER WITH NORTHEASTERN

Albany, N.Y. – **Steve Wyland** slammed a two-run homer off the scoreboard in right field to lead UAlbany to a 3-1 America East Conference victory over Northeastern in the second game of a doubleheader on Saturday, April 16 at Varsity Field. The Huskies claimed the first game of the day, 3-2.

Northeastern (11-15, AE 4-1) held a 1-0 lead after the top of the third. The Huskies picked up two quick outs in the bottom of the inning, striking out two UAlbany batters, before **Joe Lamb** knocked a base hit to right field. Wyland followed with his first home run of the season to put the Great Danes up by one.

UAlbany (9-10, AE 2-3) tacked on an insurance run in the fourth, as Lamb, who finished the game 4-for-4 with an RBI, hit a single to center field to score **Rashad Barksdale**. Barksdale walked to get on base, and then stole second for his team-leading fourth swipe of the season.

Shawn Ryan entered the game in the sixth inning and earned his sixth save.

In the first game of the day, UAlbany led 1-0 before Northeastern scored two runs in the top of the eighth. Husky catcher **Dan Milano** hit a double to left field before **Chris Emanuele** reached on an infield single.

After the runners advanced on a passed ball, shortstop **Arman Sidhu** walked, and **Jeff Heriot** followed with a groundball to short to score one run. Emanuele then scored on another passed ball by UAlbany catcher **Tom Hill** to put the Huskies up by one, 3-2.

Northeastern hurlers **Adam Ottavino** and **Tim Bush** combined in the final innings to shut down the Great Dane offense. Ottavino struck out nine for the Huskies.

The teams will conclude the three-game series on Sunday, starting at 12 p.m.

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GAME 1

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| Northeastern (11-15, AE 4-1) | 001 | 000 | 020 | - | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| UAlbany (9-10, AE 2-3) | 002 | 000 | 000 | - | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| Adam Ottavino, Tim Bush (9) and Matt Morizio | | | | | | | |
| Kyle Thomas, Shawn Ryan (8) and Tom Hill | | | | | | | |

GAME 2

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| UAlbany | 002 | 100 | x | - | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Devin Monds, Jim Madison (5) and Dan Milano | | | | | | | |
| Ethan Vaiana, Roman Dubiel (6), Giorgio Fuda (6), Shawn Ryan (6) and Fred Estes | | | | | | | |



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UALBANY MEN & WOMEN WIN 11TH ANNUAL SPRING TRACK & FIELD CLASSIC

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Jonathan Jones** won the long jump with a NCAA-qualifying mark of 24-feet, 1.50-inches to lead the Great Danes to the team title at the 11th annual UAlbany Spring Classic on Saturday afternoon at University Field. UAlbany also captured the women's championship, as **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) was a double-winner in the 800- and 1,500-meter events.

Jones qualified for next month's NCAA East Regional on his first jump of the competition, and was well over seven meters on all six of his attempts. A senior from Syracuse, N.Y., he also finished fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 44-8.25.

"As a senior, to go to nationals is something that I've dreamed about all year," said Jones, who was two inches off Luis Soto's school record that was established in 1998. "I was focused today and felt faster in the runway. This was a great atmosphere and I appreciated the support from my family and the crowd."

UAlbany's **Chris Pierson** qualified for May's IC4A meet with a first-place performance in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Pierson's time of 9:10.64 was 12 seconds better than his previous best effort. **Mike Reynolds** was the Great Danes' third winner, as he took first in the pole vault by clearing the bar at 14-8. UAlbany scored 199.50, and was 29 points ahead of second-place Syracuse.

The Great Danes dominated the women's meet with 245 points. Lotmore ran a personal-best 4:34.68 in the 1,500 to record a 13-second triumph. She later came back to take the 800 by a two-second margin in 2:18.34. **Arina Gerasimova** also pulled off a double-victory in the triple jump (38-5) and long jump (17-5.50).

Other UAlbany winners were **Patty Diedrich** (100-hurdles), **Eliana Durko** (400-hurdles) and **Maureen Brown** (3000-steeplechase). **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) led the 4x400 relay to a first-place finish in 4:02.60. Syracuse's **Brittany Pryor** turned in the meet's top performance with three victories in the discus, hammer and shot put.

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11th Annual UAlbany Spring Classic

MEN

Team: 1. UAlbany 199.50, 2. Syracuse 170.50, 3. Middlebury 111.50, 4. Club Perchy 92.50, 5. Rhode Island College 54, 6. Willow Street A.C. 28, 7. SUNY-Delhi 16, 8. Colgate 14, 9. Vassar 10, 10. Club Gigantes 6.

Track Events: 100 – Aulton Kohn (Syracuse), 10.91; 110-Hurdles – Ramon Sosa (Syracuse), 14.89; 200 – Yavid Zakey (Club Perchy), 21.67; 400 – Cristian Santiago (Club Perchy), 48.21; 400-Hurdles – Kevin Bright (Middlebury), 53.16; 800 – Manny Karngar (Rhode Island College), 1:55.62; 1,500 – Valerij Petrulevich (Syracuse), 3:58.24; 3,000-Steeplechase – Chris Pierson (UAlbany), 9:10.64; 5,000 – Jamie Rodriguez (Willow Street A.C.), 14:56.82; 4x100 Relay – Club Perchy, 40.93; 4x400 Relay – Club Perchy, 3:13.34.

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UALBANY TRACK 2-2-2

Field Events: Long Jump – Jonathan Jones (UAlbany), 24-1.50; Triple Jump – Chris Telesford (Syracuse), 47-8; High Jump – Dan Newman (Rhode Island College), 6-2.25; Javelin – Steve Atkinson (Middlebury), 204-9.75; Shot Put – Dan Pribula (Syracuse), 51-0; Discus – Marcoux Bobby (Middlebury), 133-8.50; Hammer – Nick Palazzo (Rhode Island College), 168-1; Pole Vault – Mike Reynolds (UAlbany), 14-8; Decathlon – Christoph Becker (Middlebury), 6,645 points (facility record).

WOMEN

Team: 1. UAlbany 245, 2. Syracuse 164, 3. Middlebury 149, 4. Club Gigantes 40, 5. Club Perchy 26, 6. Rhode Island College 17, 7. Ottawa Lions 10, 8. Vassar 8, 9. Adirondack Track Club 5.

Track Events: 100 – Valerie Boling (Syracuse), 12.42; 100-Hurdles – Patty Diedrich (UAlbany), 14.41; 200 – Valerie Boling (Syracuse), 24.69; 400 – Zuleika Torres (Club Perchy), 57.45; 400-Hurdles – Eliana Durko (UAlbany), 1:04.06; 800 – Alyssa Lotmore (UAlbany), 2:18.34; 1,500 – Alyssa Lotmore (UAlbany), 4:34.68; 3,000-Steeplechase – Maureen Brown (UAlbany), 11:37.06; 5,000 – Shalini Vimal (Middlebury), 13:34.87 (facility record); 4x100 Relay – Club Gigantes, 49.92; 4x400 Relay – UAlbany (Kelly Peao, Anisha Andrews, Nicole Susser, Rebecca Vannoy), 4:02.60.

Field Events: Long Jump – Arina Gerasimova (UAlbany), 17.5.50; Javelin – Samantha Piquette (Ottawa Lions), 139-4; Discus – Brittany Pryor (Syracuse), 153-3.50; Triple Jump – Arina Gerasimova (UAlbany), 38-5; Shot Put – Brittany Pryor (Syracuse), 46-10.75; Hammer – Brittany Pryor (Syracuse), 164-9.50; High Jump – Jenna Grimaldi (Syracuse), 5-7; Pole Vault – Sarah Berkowitz (Middlebury), 10-0; Heptathlon – Jillian Dorvian (Syracuse), 2,912 points.



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MEACHAM BELTS THREE HOME RUNS AS UALBANY SWEEPS STONY BROOK

Albany, N.Y. – Junior catcher **Ali Meacham** smacked three home runs and tallied four RBI to lead UAlbany to a doubleheader sweep of Stony Brook in America East Conference softball action on Saturday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes posted scores of 14-0 and 10-2.

UAlbany (21-8, AE 8-1) jetted out to a 7-0 lead after two innings in the opener. **Erika Enocksen** hit a two-run single down the right-field line to put the Great Danes ahead 2-0 after one inning. Then in the second, **Katrina Dunning's** three-run blast to left field highlighted a five-run spurt. **Kelly Ogden** added a sacrifice fly and **Ashley Rios** had an RBI single.

The Great Danes continued the offensive outpouring with six runs on seven hits in the bottom of the fourth. **Julie Gannon** and Meacham drilled back-to-back home runs, while Enocksen, **Maegan Larsen** and **Amber Maisonet** notched RBI hits.

Amanda Morin (South Glens Falls) and **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) combined for the no-hit shutout, with Morin picking up the win and improving to 8-1. Stony Brook's **Angela Andrews** took the loss, surrendering eight hits and nine runs, only two of which were earned, in two innings.

UAlbany jumped out early in the second game with a five-run first inning. Ogden hit a two-run single to the left side and Gannon added her second home run of the day, this one a two-run blast to left.

The Seawolves (14-23, AE 5-4) put two runs on the board in the top of the fourth, slicing the gap to 5-2. **Kristen Brust** and **Hayley Durham** belted consecutive solo home runs. UAlbany countered with four runs in the bottom of the fifth, making the score 9-2. Enocksen led off the inning with a solo homer before Meacham added a two-run shot later in the frame. Ogden tallied her third RBI of the game on a single down the left-field line. Meacham then put an end to the game with a solo home run to left in the bottom of the sixth.

Halloran went the distance to pick up her 11th consecutive victory and is now 11-4 overall. She scattered three hits and two runs over six innings, while striking out six batters. **Sarah Hoffman** got the loss for Stony Brook, allowing 10 hits and eight runs in four innings of work.

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(game ended due to eight-run rule)

Stony Brook – Angela Andrews, Christina Voth and Rachael Vogl.

UAlbany – Amanda Morin, Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham.

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UAlbany (21-8, AE 8-1) 500 041 - 10 13 0

(game ended due to eight-run rule)

Stony Brook – Sarah Hoffman, Angela Andrws and Margaret Blair.

UAlbany – Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham.

LONG ISLAND EDGES UALBANY TENNIS, 4-3, IN ROAD DUAL MATCH

Long Island, N.Y. – **Merve Koksals** and **Veronica Apostu-Efremov** registered wins at the top two singles positions as Long Island edged UAlbany, 4-3, in non-conference women's tennis action on Saturday afternoon.

Freshman **Aimee Kern** picked up a 7-5, 6-3 win at No. 3 singles for the Great Danes and now stands at 9-8 this spring. **Amanda Hall** earned the other UAlbany singles win, a 6-3, 6-2 showing at No. 4 to make her record 13-4.

UAlbany (7-10) captured the doubles point, as Hall teamed with **Amanda Westcott** for an 8-3 win at No. 2. They improved to 12-5 overall. **Christina Suarez** and **Kyle Steller** posted an 8-4 decision at No. 3 doubles and moved to 9-5 this season.

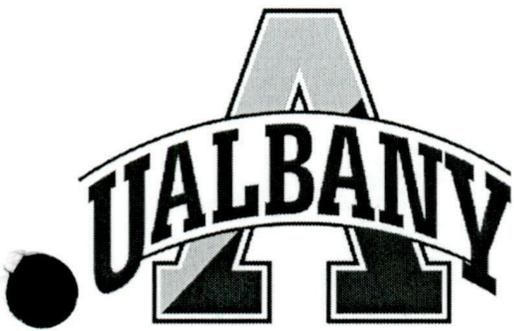
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Singles:

1. Merve Koksals (LIU) def. Courtney Michels, 6-3, 6-3.
2. Veronica Apostu-Efremov (LIU) def. Christina Suarez, 6-0, 6-3.
3. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Krystina Bachner, 7-5, 6-3.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Claudia Arteaga, 6-3, 6-2.
5. Ellen Anolin (LIU) def. Kim Westcott, 6-4, 6-1.
6. Xenia Roman-Korobochkina (LIU) def. Kyle Steller, 7-5, 6-2.

Doubles:

1. Bachner/Apostu-Efremov (LIU) def. Michels/Kern, 8-5.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) def. Koksals/Anolin, 8-3.
3. Suarez/Steller (UA) def. Arteaga/Andrea Pertab, 8-4.



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KRISSY RAJCZAK'S LATE GOAL LIFTS UALBANY LACROSSE PAST UMBC, 13-12

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) scored the game-winning goal with four seconds remaining, as UAlbany rallied for a 13-12 America East Conference victory over UMBC in women's lacrosse action on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field.

UMBC (2-8, AE 0-3) took a 12-11 lead with 7:10 left, when **Kelly Fiorani** converted a low shot on a free-position attempt. UAlbany (4-10, AE 2-1) tied the contest 30 seconds later, as **Sarah Spillett** fired a shot inside the right post following a restart at midfield.

In the closing moments, the Retrievers' **Ede Carpenter** turned the ball over in the center circle with less than 20 seconds to play. UAlbany's **Kim Reny** was later fouled as she drove to the net in the scoring area to set-up a free-position opportunity. Reny then passed off to Rajczak, who sent a high shot into the cage past goalkeeper **Kristina Raab**.

UMBC built a 9-6 lead early in the second half, as senior midfielder **Anna Jacobs** connected on back-to-back goals, the second off an inside curl. Jacobs led all scorers with four goals and two assists.

The Great Danes, who have won three straight contests, followed with three consecutive goals to draw even. **Nikki Donohue** spun to her left around a defender, and rifled a shot into the top corner to tie the game at nine apiece.

In a seesaw affair down the stretch, UMBC's **Jocena Venditti**, who had two goals and one assist, gave her team an 11-10 advantage after Fiorani won a draw and slid a pass to her with 11:52 remaining. UAlbany's **Kate Fontana**, who scored four goals for the third consecutive game, got the equalizer 52 seconds later by going low with a free-position shot.

"We're used to getting in a hole, and then getting ourselves out," said Rajczak, who scored twice, including her 18th of the season. "This was a big step for us in the conference. (Reny) knew I was wide open and had the better chance on that last play. It felt good (to make the shot) after my turnover on our previous possession."

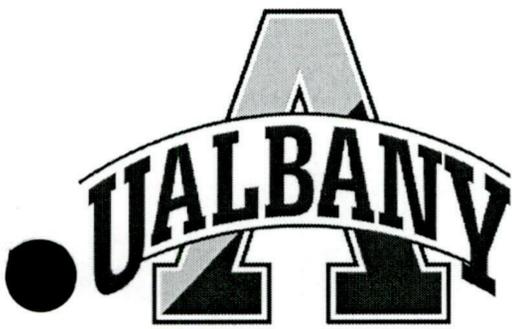
UAlbany goalkeeper **Jen Daly** made 15 saves, while Reny tied a season-high with three goals and added one assist. Fiorani tallied two goals and two assists for the Retrievers, who have dropped four in a row.

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| UMBC (2-8, AE 0-3) | 7 | 5 | - | 12 |
| UAlbany (4-10, AE 2-1) | 4 | 9 | - | 13 |

UMBC – Scoring: Anna Jacobs 4-2, Kelly Fiorani 2-2, Jocena Venditti 2-1, Kate Worthington 1-2, Stephanie Crouch 1-0, Meghan Keelan 1-0, Bridget Gambino 1-0, Ali Levendusky 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Kristina Raab (60:00, 4 saves, 13 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Kate Fontana 4-0, Kim Reny 3-1, Krissy Rajczak 2-0, Domenica LoRe 1-0, Nikki Donohue 1-0, Sarah Spillett 1-0, Katie DeJoseph 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 15 saves, 12 GA).



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OGDEN SETS HOME RUN RECORD AS UALBANY SPLITS WITH MANHATTAN

Albany, N.Y. – Third baseman **Kelly Ogden** set the UAlbany home run mark with her ninth career home run as the Great Danes downed Manhattan, 8-1, in the first game of the doubleheader on Thursday afternoon at Albany Field. In the second game, the Jaspers scored six runs in the sixth inning en route to a 9-4 win.

Ogden set the mark in the bottom of the third inning on a two-run blast to left field to give UAlbany (19-8) a 4-0 lead. The Great Danes took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first on a two-out single by first baseman **Ashley Rios**. Designated player **Erika Enocksen** hit a home run to left field to put her team up 2-0 in the second. Catcher **Katie Trott** cracked a two-run shot in the fourth to put UAlbany ahead 6-0.

Senior pitcher **Danielle Buyea** went the distance to pick up her first victory of the season, scattering one run and three hits over seven innings. For Manhattan (12-14), **Kristin Gelsleichter** took the loss, dropping to 2-5 on the season.

In the nightcap, the Jaspers trailed 4-2 before igniting for six runs in the top half of the sixth. With one runner on, third baseman **Christina Buyea** hit a ball off the left fielder's glove and over the wall to tie the game. Manhattan took the lead on a fielding error. Catcher **Kiera Fox**, who hit a home run in the fourth inning, capped the outburst with an RBI single up the middle. She was one of four Manhattan players with two hits in the contest.

Sophomore pitcher **Elizabeth Pennino** picked up the win in the nightcap and improves to 2-3. For the Great Danes, **Lauren Perk** was the loser and drops to 1-2. Ogden and right fielder **Julie Gannon** each went 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI in the game.

UAlbany, who recorded its 500th in the history of the program, returns to action on Saturday afternoon with an America East Conference doubleheader against visiting Stony Brook. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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Game 1

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| Manhattan (11-14) | 000 | 001 | 0 | - | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| UAlbany (18-7) | 112 | 202 | x | - | 8 | 11 | 1 |

Kristin Gelsleichter and Christina Buyea.

Danielle Buyea and Katie Trott.

Game 2

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| Manhattan (12-14) | 100 | 106 | 1 | - | 9 | 11 | 1 |
| UAlbany (19-8) | 100 | 210 | 0 | - | 4 | 7 | 4 |

Elizabeth Pennino, Jill Medea (6) and Kiera Fox.

Lauren Perk, Carisa Marcucci (6) and Ali Meacham.



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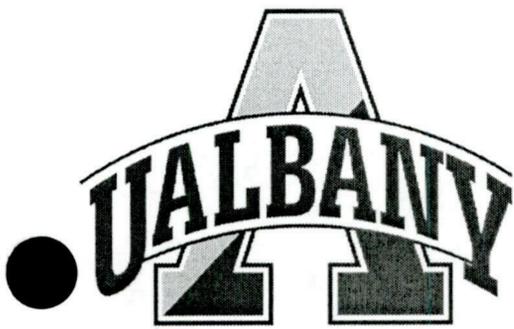
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UALBANY TRACK & FIELD WILL HOST 11TH ANNUAL SPRING CLASSIC

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany track and field program will host the 11th Annual UAlbany Spring Classic on Friday and Saturday, April 15-16 at University Field. More than 300 athletes from eight different schools will participate in the event.

Junior **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) will run the anchor leg on the men's 4x400 relay, teaming with **Junior Burnett**, **Stephan Evans** and **Jeremiah Wilson**. Sophomore **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) will race in both the 800- and 1500-meter events, while senior **Nicole Susser** (Colonie) is scheduled to compete in the 800.

The UAlbany Spring Classic will begin on Friday at 4:00 p.m. with the women's heptathlon and men's decathlon. The multi-events will continue on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Field events are scheduled to start at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, with running events beginning at 1:00 p.m.



UALBANY SOFTBALL SWEEPS VERMONT IN AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER

Burlington, Vt. – **Ali Meacham** singled in the game-winning run in the top of the sixth inning of the nightcap as UAlbany downed Vermont, 3-2, to complete the sweep of the an America East Conference doubleheader at Post Field. In the opening game, the Great Danes used a 16-hit attack to record a 13-3 win.

Meacham's two-out single drove in second baseman **Katrina Dunning**, who led off the inning with a double. It was the fifth RBI of the day for the junior catcher. UAlbany (18-7, AE 6-1) trailed 1-0 in the top of third inning when first baseman **Ashley Rios** cracked a two-run home run to center field to put the Great Danes ahead. Vermont (13-10, AE 2-6) tied the game in the bottom of the third frame on a double by **Kate DeForge** that drove in **Christine Toomey**, who had tripled.

In the opener, UAlbany trailed 2-0 in the top of the second, when Meacham hit a two-run double to right-center to even the score. The Great Danes took a 3-2 lead on a RBI double by center fielder **Leslie Busch**. After the Catamounts tied the game in the bottom of the second, Rios put her team up for good, 4-3, in the third inning. She tripled and scored on the play following an error by Vermont's center fielder. Meacham highlighted a five-run fourth inning with a two RBI double into the right-field gap.

Meacham had four RBI, while Rios and Busch each plated three runs in the opening contest. For the doubleheader, Rios, along with Meacham drove in five runs and went 4-for-7 from the plate.

Sophomore pitcher **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) won both games, extending her winning streak to 10 games, tying her career high. She struck out a season-high eight batters in the nightcap while scattering five hits. For Vermont, sophomore **Sara Burke** took the loss in game one, while freshman **Aimee Kern** was the loser in the second contest.

The Great Danes, who have won 15 of their last 16 contests, hosts Manhattan in a non-conference doubleheader on Thursday afternoon at Albany Field. Game time is at 3:00 p.m.

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Game 1

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| UAlbany (17-7, AE 5-1) | 032 | 53 | - | 13 | 16 | 1 |
| Vermont (13-9, AE 2-5) | 210 | 00 | - | 3 | 8 | 4 |

(Game ended due to eight-run rule)

Casey Halloran, Carisa Marcucci (5) and Ali Meacham.

Sara Burke, Rachelle Eloschuk (5) and Samantha Chase.

Game 2

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| UAlbany (18-7, AE 6-1) | 002 | 001 | 0 | - | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Vermont (13-10, AE 2-6) | 011 | 000 | 0 | - | 2 | 5 | 2 |

Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham.

Aimee Kern and Samantha Chase.



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THOMSON'S SIX GOALS LEADS NO. 13 UALBANY LACROSSE TO 16-9 A-EAST WIN

Burlington, Vt. – **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) had four of his six goals in the second half in leading 13th-ranked UAlbany to a 16-9 America East Conference victory over Vermont on Wednesday afternoon at Centennial Field.

Vermont (2-6, AE 0-3) took a 5-4 lead with 11:55 left in the third quarter, when **Jamie Kirk** tallied his eighth goal of the season. UAlbany (7-3, AE 4-0) responded with four unanswered goals to take the lead for good. Thomson, a sophomore attacker, scored twice in that stretch, while **Luke Daquino**, who had three goals and three assists, put his team in front off a feed from freshman **Mike Ammann**.

The Catamounts were still in the contest late in the third stanza, when **Dan Zwirko** scored one of his four goals to close the gap to 8-6 with 2:08 left in the period. But UAlbany exploded by scoring eight straight times to take control.

Chris Martocchia scored all three of his goals in the outburst. Daquino, who became the third player in school history to reach the 200-career point mark, connected on back-to-back shots 51 seconds apart at the beginning of the final period. Thomson, who has netted three or more goals against seven consecutive opponents, added a pair in that run, including his 35th of the season.

“The biggest difference in the second half is that we played as a team,” offered UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose squad has won five of its last six contests. “Their defense was very aggressive. They were locking on (Merrick) Thomson, and that left guys open on the backside. Our midfielders drove the ball hard, and our offense was able to take advantage of the situation.”

Senior goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** had nine of his 15 saves after halftime, while **Brendan Russell** scored once and assisted two others. UVM's **Mike Maher** added two goals and one assist. Goalkeeper **Mike Gabel** stopped 10 shots.

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| #13 UAlbany (7-3, AE 4-0) | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 | - | 16 |
| Vermont (2-6, AE 0-3) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | - | 9 |

UAlbany – Scoring: Merrick Thomson 6-1, Luke Daquino 3-3, Chris Martocchia 3-1, Brendan Russell 1-2, Frank Resetarits 1-1, Steve Ammann 1-1, Jordan Levine 1-0, Mike Ammann 0-2, Lee Busino 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 15 saves, 9 GA).

Vermont – Scoring: Dan Zwirko 4-0, Mike Maher 2-1, Jamie Kirk 1-2, Sean Layton 1-0, Brian Connelly 1-0, Doug DeCandia 0-1, Gordon Holden 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Mike Gabel (54:10, 10 saves, 14 GA), Matt Landsman (5:50, 0 saves, 2 GA).



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GREAT DANES FALL TO MARIST IN NON-CONFERENCE BASEBALL ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – **Justin Lepore** smacked a two-run homer and finished four RBI to lead Marist to a 14-3 non-conference victory over UAlbany on Tuesday, April 12 at Varsity Field.

After UAlbany opened the scoring with a two-run second inning, Marist posted a three-run third to take the lead. **Andy Kiriakedes** singled to right field to score **Travis Musolf** before **Keith Brachold** hit a two-run homer to right, scoring Kiriakedes.

The Red Foxes knocked in another four runs in the top of the fifth to take an 8-2 lead. The Great Danes attempted a comeback in the bottom of the inning, scoring one run on a **Leo Corvino** single that plated **Tom Hill**.

Marist (10-14) continued to pad its cushion, however, scoring another four runs in the top of the seventh. Lepore, who hit his home run to right center, drove in two Red Fox runners after Musolf scored on a Brachold grounder back to the pitcher.

Despite getting men on base in the seventh and ninth innings, UAlbany (8-9) was unable to get any runners over the plate. **Joe Lamb** led the Great Danes, recording a double and two RBI in the second inning.

Jeff Mazzola took the loss for UAlbany, moving to 1-1 for the season. **Tom Close** earned the win for Marist.

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| Marist (10-14) | 003 | 142 | 400 | - | 14 | 15 | 1 |
| UAlbany (8-9) | 020 | 010 | 000 | - | 3 | 7 | 0 |

Jeff Mazzola, Casey Walsh (5), Giorgio Fuda (7), Roman Dubiel (8) and Tom Hill and Sean Doyle

Tom Close, Bobby Hastry (7) and Keith Glasser

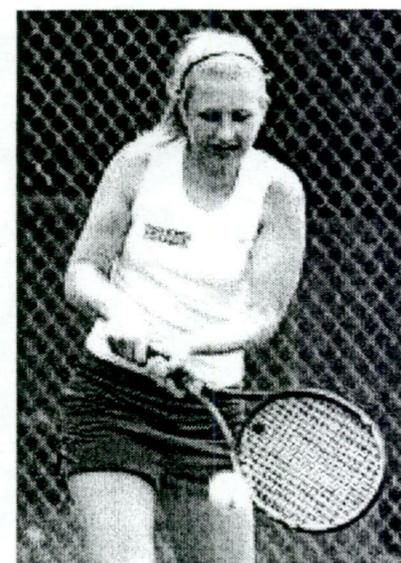
UAlbany Ousts Siena in Women's Tennis, 5-2

Saints Fall to 7-7 on Season

April 12, 2005

UAlbany won four of six singles matches and swept the doubles competition to earn a 5-2 win over Siena in women's tennis action Tuesday afternoon in Loudonville. All six of the Saints singles players were forced to play up as junior standout Denisa Hluchova continues her recovery from a knee injury.

Freshman Karina Davis earned a 6-2 and 6-3 win at top singles and sophomore Julia Lebedev won 6-1 and 6-4 at second singles to account for the two Siena points.



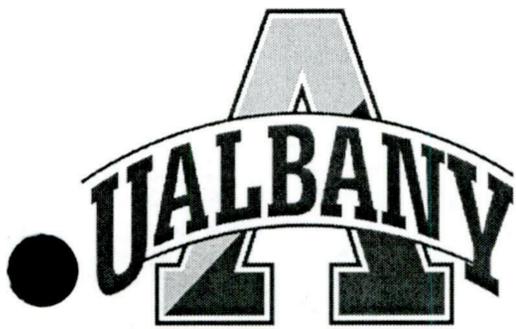
Karina Davis

Results*Singles*

1. SC Karina Davis def. Courtney Michaels 6-2 and 6-3
2. SC Julia Lebedev def. Christina Suarez 6-1 and 6-4
3. UA Aimee Kern def. Brooke Fisher 6-1 and 6-0
4. UA Amanda Hall def. Meghan Slenkamp 6-0 and 6-2
5. UA Kim Westcott def. Sugam Langer 6-1 and 6-0
6. UA Kyle Stellar def. Molly Scullen 6-2 and 6-1

Doubles

1. UA 1 & 3 def. 1 & 5 (9-7)
2. UA 4 & 5 def. 3 & 4 (8-4)
3. UA 2 & 6 def. 2 & 6 (9-7)



ALYSSA LOTMORE NAMED AMERICA EAST TRACK PERFORMER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn H.S.) has been named the America East Conference Track Performer of the Week as announced on Tuesday afternoon by the conference office.

Lotmore finished sixth in the 5,000-meter run at the Duke Invitational on April 8. The sophomore's time of 16:51.77 qualified her for the NCAA East Regional meet. Lotmore posted the first sub-17 minute clocking by a UAlbany female runner in the event. She also shattered the school record by nearly 40 seconds, a mark she established in 2004.

UAlbany hosts its 11th Annual Spring Classic on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16 at University Field.

UALBANY WOMEN'S GOLF FINISHES EIGHTH AT HARTFORD INVITATIONAL

West Hartford, Conn. – Hofstra's **Caitlin Munroe** won medalist honors and St. John's captured the team title at the Hartford Invitational on Tuesday afternoon at the Wampanoag Country Club. UAlbany finished eighth in the two-day, 36-hole tournament.

Munroe shot a final-round 82 to edge Long Island's **Shauna Wilde** by one stroke. Siena's **Jillian Blanchard** fired a pair of 83s to finish in third place. Munroe, who was tied for fifth after the first round, made up a two-shot deficit on the final day. First-round leader **Jennifer Rhee**, of St. John's, slipped into a tie for fourth with an 87 over the final 18 holes. The Red Storm easily took first in the team scoring with a 24-stroke advantage over Hartford.

Freshman **Maggie Taylert** tied for 18th place to lead the Great Danes, who had a two-round score of 723. Taylert carded an 86 over the par-73, 5,872-yard layout to go with her opening-round 88. **Diane Onofry** tied for 25th with an 89 in each round, will **Jill Friedman's** final-day 87, nine strokes better than her first 18 holes, moved the senior into a tie for 34th place.

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Hartford Invitational

(Wampanoag C.C., Par 73, 5,872 Yards)

Team

1. St. John's 668, 2. Hartford 692, 3. Siena 698, 4. Long Island 702, 5. Lehigh 706, 6. Boston U. 709, 7. Fairfield 716, 8. UAlbany 723, 9. Hofstra 729, 10. Monmouth 742, 11. Central Connecticut State 743, 12. Sacred Heart 773, 13. Pace 824.

Individual

1. Caitlin Munroe (Hofstra), 82-82—164, 2. Shauna Wilde (Long Island), 84-81—165, 3. Jillian Blanchard (Siena), 83-83—166, T4. Allison Web (Lehigh), 81-86—167, T4. Jennifer Rhee (St. John's), 80-87—167.

Top UAlbany Finishers

T18. Maggie Taylert, 88-86—174; T25. Diane Onofry, 89-89—178; T34. Jill Friedman, 96-87—183, 42. Anne Lyons 92-96—188.



Attn: Sports Department

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MERRICK THOMSON EARNS SECOND STRAIGHT AMERICA EAST WEEKLY AWARD

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) has been named the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's lacrosse as announced by the conference office on Monday. He shared the award with Stony Brook's **Jason Cappadoro**. Thomson earned his second consecutive America East weekly honor and third this season.

Thomson, a sophomore attack, scored a season-high seven goals and dished one assist in UAlbany's 12-6 America East victory over Binghamton on April 9. He fell one shy of tying the school's single-game record of eight that he established during the 2004 season. Thomson also tallied three goals and one assist in a 19-6 loss to No. 1 Johns Hopkins on April 5.

A native of Stoney Creek, Ontario, Thomson leads the conference with 3.32 goals per game and ranks second in points per game (4.56). He has registered 29 goals and 12 assists in nine games this season.

The Great Danes, who made their first-ever appearance in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association national poll on April 4 at No. 14, moved up a spot to No. 13 in the latest poll released today. UAlbany (6-3, AE 3-0) is ranked 18th in this week's Inside Lacrosse Media Poll.

KATE FONTANA RECEIVES AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S LACROSSE ACCOLADES

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Kate Fontana** was named the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in women's lacrosse as announced by the conference office on Monday. Fontana shared the honor with Vermont's **Vanessa Cox**.

Fontana, a sophomore midfielder, scored four goals, including the game-winning tally with two minutes left in UAlbany's 11-10 victory over America East rival Stony Brook on April 9. Fontana, who earned her first America East honor this season, added a game-high five ground balls and three caused turnovers.

A native of East Syracuse, N.Y., Fontana ranks fifth in the conference with 2.38 goals per game. Fontana also sits among the leaders in ground balls (3.54 pg) and caused turnovers (2.23 pg). She has tallied 31 goals and four assists in 13 games this season.

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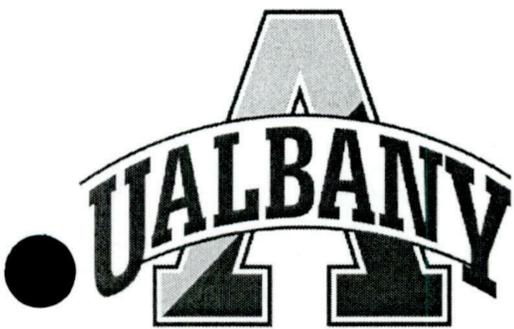
KELLY OGDEN & AMBER MAISONET GARNER AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL AWARDS

Boston, Mass. - University at Albany's **Kelly Ogden** has been named the America East Conference Player of the Week and **Amber Maisonet** received the Rookie of the Week award in softball, as announced on Monday by the league office.

Ogden, a sophomore third baseman, hit .500 for the week with four home runs and 14 RBI as the Great Danes went 6-1. She drove in both deciding runs in the doubleheader sweep of Dartmouth on April 5, with a sacrifice fly in the opener and a grand slam in the nightcap. In the first game against Hartford, Ogden hit a two-run go-ahead home run on April 6. At Boston University on April 10, Ogden tied the UAlbany all-time home run mark with eight when she cracked a two-run homer. She drove in her 50th career run on a single in the first inning of game two against Boston U. on April 9. For the season, Ogden is leading the squad with five home runs and 26 RBI, while batting .329.

Maisonet, a freshman left fielder, recorded three hits and drove in three runs as UAlbany downed Boston U., 13-7, in game two on April 9. She recorded a hit in six of seven contests this past week and plated six runs. Maisonet sparked a five-run rally against Hartford in the first game with a bunt single. In the final two games against Boston U., she had five hits, four runs scored and four RBI. She hit .409 for the week and made 16 putouts without an error. Maisonet is hitting .324 this season and is tied for the team lead in stolen bases with eight.

UAlbany (16-7, AE 4-1), who has won 13 of its last 14, travels to Vermont for an America East doubleheader on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.



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OGDEN TIES UALBANY SOFTBALL HOME RUN RECORD IN WIN OVER BOSTON U.

Boston, Mass. – Third baseman **Kelly Ogden** cranked a two-run homer in the fifth inning as UAlbany defeated Boston University, 14-2, on Sunday afternoon in America East Conference softball action to capture the three-game series. With the blast, she ties **Lynnette Bohannon** (2001-02) for the UAlbany home run record with eight.

With one runner on base, Ogden hit the record tying shot to left center to give the Great Danes a 5-1 lead on the Terriers. The home run was a part of a 15-hit barrage by UAlbany, who is now 16-7 overall and 4-1 in America East play.

Boston University (8-15-1, AE 2-3) led 1-0 going into the fourth inning before UAlbany ignited with three runs to take the lead. First baseman **Ashley Rios** drove in left fielder **Amber Maisonet** on a sacrifice fly to tie the game. Second baseman **Katrina Dunning** gave the Great Danes the lead for good on a double to right center field, plating Ogden. Designated player **Erika Enocksen** capped off the inning with a RBI single that scored Dunning.

The Great Danes scored nine runs in the top of the sixth, sending up 14 batters to the plate in the inning. Center fielder **Leslie Busch** had three RBI in the inning, while Rios knocked in two runs. UAlbany also got run scoring hits by shortstop **Maegan Larsen**, Dunning and Maisonet. Busch and Rios each drove in three runs for the Great Danes.

Sophomore pitcher **Casey Halloran** (Columbia), who pitched her fourth complete game of the season, won her eighth straight game and is now 8-4. She struck out five batters and scattered six hits in six innings. For the Terriers, **Jenna Grapensteter** took the loss and falls to 3-1 on the season.

UAlbany, who has won 13 of its last 14, continues conference play on Wednesday afternoon at Vermont for a doubleheader. First pitch is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

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| UAlbany (16-7, AE 4-1) | 000 | 329 | - | 14 | 15 | 0 |
| Boston University (8-15-1, AE 2-3) | 100 | 001 | - | 2 | 6 | 2 |

(Game ended due to eight-run rule)

Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham.

Jenna Grapenstater, Krysta Peplowski (6) and Jennifer Shields.

UALBANY SNAPS MAINE'S SIX-GAME WIN STREAK WITH AN 8-6 A-EAST VICTORY

Albany, N.Y. – **Tom Hill** hit a three-run triple in the bottom of the sixth inning in leading UAlbany to a 8-6 America East Conference victory over Maine on Sunday, April 10 at Varsity Field. The victory broke the Black Bears' six-game win streak that began on April 1.

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Maine starter **Greg Creek** allowed two base hits before walking **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich) to load the bases. Hill then hit the ball off the center field wall, giving UAlbany a two-run lead, 6-4. The Black Bears had taken the lead in the top of the inning on two doubles followed by a **Joel Barrett** home run.

Maine (15-9, AE 2-1) attempted another rally in the seventh when **Ryan Quintal** doubled down the right field line. Barrett knocked a base hit up the middle for his third RBI of the day before **Mike Ferriggi** hit into a double play. **Alexander Beaulieu** entered the game for his team-leading tenth appearance to get the final out to end the Black Bear run.

UAlbany (8-8, AE 1-2) posted two more runs in the seventh. **Rashad Barksdale** (Hudson) walked, then advanced to second on a passed ball. Barksdale moved on to third on a single to left field by **Steve Wyland**, and crossed the plate on a balk by Maine reliever **Nolan Boike**. **Derek DeGrazio** knocked a base hit, but moved on to second on an error by the Black Bears' right fielder which Wyland home.

Closer **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central), who earned his conference-leading fifth save of the season, entered the game in the eighth. In the top of the ninth, Ryan struck out the first two Maine batters before **Curt Smith** reached on a passed ball. With a two-strike count, **Frank Pesanello** singled to center field, plating Smith. **Joe Hough** then reached on an error by Wyland at second base, loading the bases. Ryan followed by sitting down **Matt McGraw** swinging to end the game.

DeGrazio went 2-for-3 for UAlbany with one run scored and an RBI. Barrett led the Black Bears, going 2-for-4 with a run scored and three RBI.

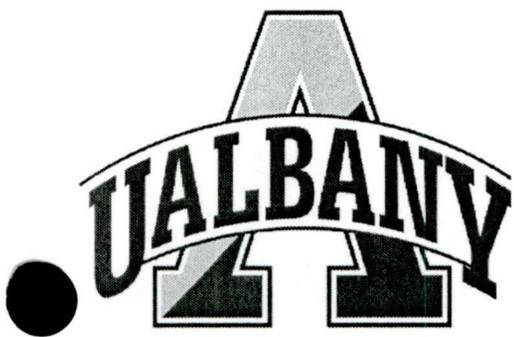
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Maine (15-9, AE 2-1) 000 004 101 - 6 11 1

UAlbany (8-8, AE 1-2) 003 003 20x - 8 9 3

Ethan Vaiana, Giorgio Fuda (6), Roman Dubiel (7), Alexander Beaulieu (7), Shawn Ryan (8) and Tom Hill

Greg Creek, Josh Zyskowski (6), Nolan Boike (7) and Adam Izaryk



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KATE FONTANA NETS GAME-WINNING GOAL AS UALBANY DOWNS STONY BROOK

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Kate Fontana** scored a season-high four goals, including the game-winner with two minutes remaining as UAlbany rallied for an 11-10 victory over Stony Brook in an America East Conference contest on Saturday evening at LaValle Stadium.

After trailing 7-3 at halftime, UAlbany (3-10, AE 1-1) battled all the way back to later tie the game at 9-9 on a goal by **Nikki Donohue** with 6:37 remaining in the game. The Great Danes, who won their second straight game, took their first lead of the game a minute later on a free-position goal by **Erin Fitzmartin**.

Stony Brook (6-4, AE 1-1) answered right back as a yellow card on **Michelle Michalenko** gave **Carlee Buck** a free-position opportunity that she used to knot the game at 10-10 at 5:02. Fontana then netted the game-winning tally on a free position at 2:02.

Fontana sparked the second-half rally with the Great Danes' first two goals of the period, closing the gap to 7-5. **Amy Taylor** countered with a transition goal after **Jen Sandtorv** made a save and threw the outlet pass, putting Stony Brook ahead 8-5.

The Great Danes continued to battle as **Kim Reny** netted a goal as Sandtorv was peppered with three consecutive shots, bringing the score to 8-6 at 14:02. The two teams traded goals over the next six minutes, with **Domenica LoRe** and **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) scoring for the Great Danes and **Danielle Werner** for the Seawolves.

UAlbany's **Jen Daly** made seven saves, while Sandtorv stopped 10 shots for Stony Brook. The Great Danes won the shot battle, 22-20, and limited the Seawolves to five shots in the second half.

Rajczak finished with two goals and two assists, while Werner recorded three goals to pace the Seawolves.

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| UAlbany (3-10, AE 1-1) | 3 | 8 | - | 11 |
| Stony Brook (6-4, AE 1-1) | 7 | 3 | - | 10 |

UAlbany: Scoring – **Kate Fontana** (4-0), **Krissy Rajczak** (2-2), **Erin Fitzmartin** (1-0), **Sarah Spillett** (1-0), **Kim Reny** (1-0), **Domenica LoRe** (1-0), **Nikki Donohue** (1-0). Goalkeeper: **Jen Daly** (60:00, 10 GA, 7 saves).

Stony Brook: Scoring – **Danielle Werner** (3-0), **Marrisa Trachtenberg** (2-1), **Carlee Buck** (2-0), **Amy Taylor** (1-0), **Kristen Dupuis** (1-0), **Jennifer Joyce** (1-0), **Diana Caroleo** (0-1). Goalkeeper: **Jen Sandtorv** (60:00, 11 GA, 10 saves).

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BURNS AND LOTMORE SET RECORDS TO QUALIFY FOR NCAA REGIONAL MEET

Durham, N.C. – **Gered Burns** posted an NCAA Regional-qualifying time of 3:47.78 in the 1,500-meter race, finishing fifth at the Duke Asics Invitational on Friday, April 8. Burns' time was a five-second personal best and was a new school record.

Alyssa Lotmore also qualified for the NCAA Regional meet, placing sixth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 16:51.77. The time, which was a 40-second personal best for Lotmore, set a school record. The sophomore, who has only run the 5,000-meter event twice in her career, became the first UAlbany female runner to post a sub-17-minute time in the event.

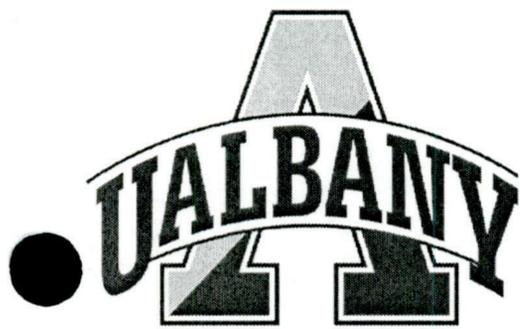
Senior **Andy Allstadt** captured the 10,000-meter run, posting a personal-best time of 30:56.53. In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, senior **Chris Pierson** finished first in his heat in a personal-best time of 9:22.33. **Ryan Gaedje** was 13th in the heat while **Bryant Cherry-Woode** placed 14th with personal-best times of 9:51.62 and 9:59.66, respectively.

Nicole Susser competed in the 1,500-meter race in the women's competition, finishing second in a personal-best time of 4:42. **Patty Deidrich** placed first in the developmental section of the 400-meter hurdles, posting a personal-best time of 64.29 seconds.

Members of the UAlbany track and field team also competed at the Williams Relays on Saturday, April 9. The 4x400-meter relay team of **Tim O'Riley, Steven Evans, Shamere Boland** and **Jerry Wilson** finished first in the event in a time of 3:21.02.

Latrice Ewing placed first in the 200-meter dash in 26.50, while **Heather Angel** set a personal record of 65.24 in the 400-meter hurdles. In the field events for the Great Danes, **Joy Williams** finished first in the shot put with a distance of 43-feet. **Corrina Hengen** also won the pole vault with a height of 9-feet, 8-inches.

In the men's field events, **Jonathan Jones** was first in the long jump with a distance of 22-feet, 9-inches. **Marc Pallozzi**, who is competing in the javelin for the first time as a collegian this season, threw a personal record 172-feet in the event. **Kamar Elliott**, who finished second in the 100-meter hurdles, leaped a height of 6-feet, 4-inches in the high jump in the first time he participated in the event.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL SPLITS TWINBILL WITH BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Boston, Mass. – Third baseman **Kelly Ogden** and left fielder **Amber Maisonet** each drove in three runs as UAlbany downed Boston University, 13-7, in the second game of the doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at BU Softball Field. The Terriers won the opening game in 11 innings, 2-1, snapping the Great Danes 11-game winning streak.

UAlbany (15-7, AE 3-1) scored runs in four of the first five innings to take control. The Great Danes used a six-run fourth inning to take a 10-2 lead. Maisonet drove in the first two runs of the outburst with a two-run single to left field. Ogden would plate Maisonet on a RBI double to right-center field. Catcher **Ali Meacham** closed out the scoring with a run-scoring single up the middle. UAlbany pounded out 15 hits in the victory.

Sophomore pitcher **Casey Halloran** picked up her seventh consecutive victory and improves to 7-4. She pitched the first three innings, allowing only three hits. Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Detweiler** took the loss for Boston U. (8-14-1, AE 2-2), allowing eight runs, six earned, in 3 1/3 innings. She falls to 3-6 on the season.

In the opening game, junior **Erin McDonald** led off the bottom of the 11th inning with a walk-off home run to give the Terriers a 2-1 victory. McDonald gave Boston U. a 1-0 lead on a RBI single up the middle in the bottom of the first. UAlbany tied the game in the top of the fourth when first baseman **Ashley Rios** scored on a double by second baseman **Katrina Dunning**.

Terrier pitcher **Jenna Grapensteter** pitched five innings of scoreless relief to pick up the victory. She struck out eight and allowed only three hits, improving to 3-0. **Amanda Morin** took the loss for UAlbany and falls to 7-1 on the season. She hurled her seventh complete game of the season, striking out nine.

The two teams will play the rubber match of the three-game series on Sunday afternoon at BU Softball Field. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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(Game 1)

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| Boston University (8-12-1, AE 2-1) | 100 | 000 | 000 | 01 | - | 2 | 7 | 3 |

Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

Ashlee Freeman, Jenna Grapensteter (6) and Jennifer Shields.

(Game 2)

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| UAlbany (15-7, AE 3-1) | 220 | 630 | 0 | - | 13 | 15 | 0 |
| Boston University (8-13-1, AE 2-2) | 200 | 050 | 0 | - | 7 | 6 | 4 |

Casey Halloran, Lauren Perk (4), Carisa Marcucci (5) and Ali Meacham, Katie Trott (5).
Brittany Detweiler, Erin McDonald (4), Krysta Peplowski (5) and Jennifer Shields.

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MAINE BASEBALL CLAIMS BOTH ENDS OF CONFERENCE-OPENING DOUBLEHEADER

Albany, N.Y. – Maine reliever **Scott Robinson** ended a potential UAlbany rally in the bottom of the seventh, allowing Maine to sweep the first two games in the America East Conference opener at Varsity Field on Saturday, April 9.

Robinson entered the game with the bases loaded after starter **Greg Norton** walked in a run to allow the Great Danes to pull within 3-2. Norton walked **Justin Meagher** to start the inning, followed by a base hit to center field by **Leo Corvino**. Norton then hit **Tony Vallone** with a pitch to load the bases before walking **Rich Northrup**, allowing Meagher to score. **Rashad Barksdale** hit a groundball to shortstop **Steve Gambale**, who tagged out Northrup on a fielder's choice to end the game.

Maine's **Mike Ferriggi** hit a home run off UAlbany starter **Mark Suchoweicki** as the leadoff hitter in the third inning to get the Black Bears up 1-0. Maine posted another two runs in the fifth off a two-run double by **Greg Creek**.

In the first game of the day, UAlbany got off to an early start when **Derek DeGrazio** hit an RBI single to left field to send Barksdale across the plate. The Black Bears went ahead 2-1 in the top of the fourth, however, when Ferriggi hit a two-run single to right field. **Matt McGraw** and **Ryan Quintal**, both of whom earned stolen bases in the inning, scored on the play.

The Great Danes attempted a comeback in the fifth on three straight hits, with Meagher plating **Steve Wyland** on a single down the right field line. UAlbany was unable to score another run, leaving a total of 14 men on base in the game.

Maine (14-8, AE 2-0) added one run in the eighth and two more in the ninth to seal their conference-opening win over the Great Danes (7-8, AE 0-2).

UAlbany will attempt to avoid the sweep by Maine in the final game of the series on Sunday, starting at 12 p.m.

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UAlbany (7-7, AE 0-1) 100 010 000 - 2 9 4

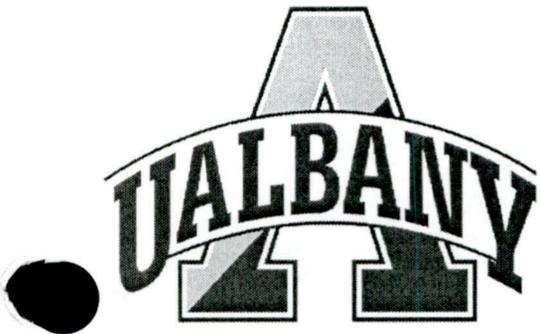
Kyle Thomas, Alexander Beaulieu (8), Giorgio Fuda (9) and Tom Hill and Fred Estes
Steve Richard, Troy Martin (7), Scott Robinson (8) and Adam Izaryk

GAME 2

Maine (14-8, AE 2-0) 001 020 0 - 3 6 1

UAlbany (7-8, AE 0-2) 000 100 1 - 2 3 2

Mark Suchoweicki and Tom Hill and Fred Estes
Greg Norton, Scott Robinson (7) and Adam Izaryk



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THOMSON NETS SEVEN GOALS TO LEAD #14 UALBANY PAST BINGHAMTON

Vestal, N.Y. – **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) scored seven goals and added one assist as No. 14 UAlbany defeated Binghamton, 12-6, in America East Conference play on Saturday. The Great Danes improved to 6-3 overall and 3-0 in conference action.

Thomson set the tone for UAlbany, scoring the first four Great Dane goals. His fourth tally sent the Great Danes to a 4-2 halftime advantage. **Steve Ammann** picked up two assists, while **Frank Resetarits** and **Luke Daquino** assisted on the others.

Stephen Smith scored off a pass from **Jeff Kaylor**, trimming the margin to 4-3 just 36 seconds into the second half. The Great Danes countered by rattling off three consecutive tallies to build a 7-3 cushion. Daquino, who finished with three goals and three assists, started the spurt with a short-handed goal. **Mike Ammann** added an unassisted score before Thomson notched his fifth goal of the game off a feed from **Chris Martocchia** to cap the run.

Binghamton's **Brian Chaapel** brought the Bearcats to within 7-4, scoring off an assist by **Matt McNamara** at 7:25 of the third period. McNamara paced the Bearcats with two goals and one assist.

That was as close as Binghamton would come, as UAlbany struck with the next two. Daquino managed back-to-back goals, making the score 9-4 with 14:47 left in the game.

UAlbany's **Kevin Rae** faced 23 shots, making six saves, while **Kevin McKeown** stopped 11 for Binghamton (1-7, AE 1-1). **Lee Busino** (Niskayuna) helped the Great Danes to a 14-8 face-off advantage by winning 11 of his 16 draws.

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| No. 14 UAlbany (6-3, AE 3-0) | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | - | 12 |
| Binghamton (1-7, AE 1-1) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | 6 |

UAlbany: Scoring – Merrick Thomson (7-1), Luke Daquino (3-3), Chris Martocchia (1-2), Mike Ammann (1-0), Steve Ammann (0-2), Frank Resetarits (0-1). Goalkeeper: Kevin Rae (60:00, 6 GA, 6 saves).

Binghamton: Scoring – Matt McNamara (2-1), Rob Williams (1-0), Brian Chaapel (1-0), Stephen Smith (1-0), Matt DeCirce (1-0), Jeff Kaylor (0-2), Tom Wilmot (0-1). Goalkeeper: Kevin McKeown (60:00, 12 GA, 11 saves).

ARMY SWEEPS UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS, 7-0, IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

West Point, N.Y. – **Marissa Limsiaco** and **Jennifer Segar** captured singles and doubles matches to lead Army to a 7-0 sweep of UAlbany in a non-conference match on Friday, April 8 at the Malek Tennis Center.

Limsiaco defeated **Courtney Michels**, 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 singles, while Segar edged **Aimee Kern**, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3. The Black Knights claimed all three doubles match-ups.

UAlbany (6-9) returns to action on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Siena.

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Singles

1. Marissa Limsiaco (ARMY) def. Courtney Michels, 6-0, 6-1.
2. Christine Ong (ARMY) def. Christina Suarez, 6-0, 6-1.
3. Jennifer Segar (ARMY) def. Aimee Kern, 6-4, 6-3.
4. Lyndsey Nott (ARMY) def. Amanda Hall, 6-2, 6-4.
5. Christine Limsiaco (ARMY) def. Kim Westcott, 4-6, 6-4, (10-5).
6. Mary Ford (ARMY) def. Lisa Fund, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles

1. Limsiaco/Morgenstern (ARMY) def. Michels/Kern, 8-1.
2. Noble/Segar (ARMY) def. Hall/Westcott, 8-4.
3. Chavez/Paluch (ARMY) def. Suarez/Steller, 8-0.



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UALBANY DEFEATS FAIRFIELD, 9-6, IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

Fairfield, Conn. – **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) worked his way out of two bases-loaded innings to earn his fourth save of the season to lead UAlbany to a 9-6 non-conference victory over Fairfield at Alumni Diamond on Wednesday, April 6.

The Great Danes broke open a 5-5 tie in the top of the eighth inning when **Brad Daniels** scored on a wild pitch by Fairfield reliever **Ric Gruber**. **Rashad Barksdale** (Hudson) hit an RBI single to plate **Leo Corvino** (Columbia). **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) followed with an RBI base hit to left field scoring Barksdale. **Steve Wyland** also scored for UAlbany on an error by left fielder **Adam Chilelli**.

The Stags loaded the bases in the bottom of the eighth before Ryan entered the game and got **Brian Rudolph** swinging. After recording two quick outs, Ryan found himself in another bases loaded situation in the bottom of the ninth after committing a fielding error, hitting a batter and walking the next. **Jim Girolamo** struck out looking to end the game, giving Ryan his conference-leading fourth save.

Barksdale finished the day 3-for-5 with two RBI, while centerfielder **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a stolen base. **Giorgio Fuda** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) earned the win for the Great Danes, allowing just one earned run while striking out three in one inning pitched.

First baseman **John Scaife** led the Stags, going 2-for-3 with one run scored and three RBI. Gruber took the loss on the mound.

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| UAlbany (7-6) | 131 | 000 | 040 | - | 9 | 16 | 1 |
| Fairfield (5-16) | 000 | 400 | 110 | - | 6 | 9 | 1 |

Ethan Vaiana, Jeff Mazzola (4), Casey Walsh (6), Alexander Beaulieu (7), Giorgio Fuda (7), Shawn Ryan (8) and Tom Hill and Fred Estes

Steve Tyburski, Dan Breen (3), Ric Gruber (7), Matt Kessler (8) and Tom Arpino

FRESHMEN SPARK UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS TO WIN OVER HOLY CROSS

Albany, N.Y. – **Christina Suarez** and **Aimee Kern** each registered singles and doubles decisions in leading UAlbany to a 5-2 victory over Holy Cross in non-conference action on Wednesday afternoon at University Courts. The win snaps a four-match losing skid for the Great Danes.

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Suarez and Kern picked up straight-set victories at No. 2 and No. 3 singles for UAlbany.

Suarez defeated **Carrie Simmons**, 6-3, 6-4, while Kern downed **Amy Garrity**, 6-1, 6-4, who improved to 6-8 overall. Fellow freshmen **Amanda Hall** and **Kim Westcott** won in straight sets at third and fourth singles, respectively. Hall, who won her fourth straight match, upped her record to 11-3 on the spring.

The Great Danes swept the doubles matches with **Courtney Michels** and Kern teaming for a 9-7 pro-set win at No. 1. Hall and Westcott posted an 8-5 decision at No. 2, while **Kyle Steller** and Suarez won 8-4 at third doubles.

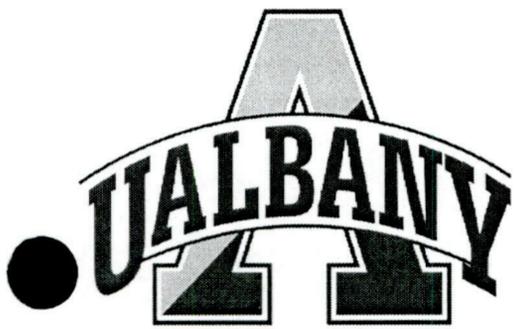
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Singles:

1. Kerry Trimmer (HC) def. Courtney Michels, 6-4, 6-4.
2. Christina Suarez (UA) def. Carrie Simmons, 6-3, 6-4.
3. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Amy Garrity, 6-1, 6-4.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Meg Moran, 6-2, 6-2.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Meredith Bacon, 6-2, 6-3.
6. Katie Guarino (HC) def. Kyle Steller, 7-5, 6-1.

Doubles:

1. Michels/Kern (UA) def. Simmons/Trimmer, 9-7.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) def. Garrity/Bacon, 8-5.
3. Suarez/Steller (UA) def. Moran/Guarino, 8-4.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL SWEEPS AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER FROM HARTFORD

Albany, N.Y. – **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) threw a complete-game victory in the first game and earned her second save of the season in the nightcap, as UAlbany swept a doubleheader from Hartford in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Wednesday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the pair of games, 7-2 and 4-0.

In the opener, Morin scattered four hits and struck out seven with no walks en route to her seventh win of the spring. She allowed her first earned run in 46.1 innings, when first baseman **Amy Sullivan** smacked a 2-2 offering over the right-field fence in the fifth. Sullivan's two-run homer was her second of the spring.

UAlbany (14-6, AE 2-0) plated five runs in the bottom of the inning to reverse a 2-1 deficit. **Kelly Ogden**, who went 4-for-4 with two runs and four RBI in the contest, belted a two-run home run to put her team in front. **Erika Enocksen** and **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) added RBI singles.

Ogden, who raised her batting average to .313 on the season, drilled her second home run of the game and fourth this year in the sixth with a blast down the left-field line. UAlbany's third baseman added a RBI double in the first.

In the second contest, the Great Danes took a 3-0 lead in the fifth, when **Katie Trott** scored one run with a single up the middle and **Amber Maisonet** walked with the bases loaded.

Starting pitcher **Casey Halloran**, who improved to 6-4 on the mound by allowing just four hits, got in a bit of a jam in the sixth. But Morin, making her third relief appearance of the season, worked out of trouble by forcing **Samantha Morrison** to hit into a force play. She struck out the side in the seventh.

Morrison collected a hit in each game for the Hawks, who fell to 2-7 overall and 0-2 in the league. The Great Danes, who extended their winning streak to 11 straight, travel to conference-foe Boston U. this weekend.

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(Game 1)

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| Hartford | 000 | 020 | 0 | - | 2 | 4 | 2 |
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Caitlin Eichler and Nikki Thompson.

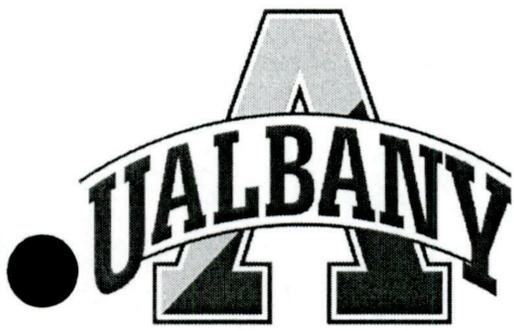
Amanda Morin and Ali Meacham.

(Game 2)

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| Hartford (2-7, AE 0-2) | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| UAlbany (14-6, AE 2-0) | 010 | 021 | x | - | 4 | 4 | 0 |

Nicole McMillon and Nikki Thompson.

Casey Halloran, Amanda Morin (6) and Ali Meacham.



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OGDEN DRIVES IN FIVE AS UALBANY SWEEPS DOUBLEHEADER FROM DARTMOUTH

Albany, N.Y. – **Kelly Ogden** hit a grand slam to key a second-inning outburst as UAlbany defeated Dartmouth, 11-3, in the second game of a non-conference doubleheader on Tuesday afternoon in the home opener at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who extended their unbeaten streak to nine games, also captured the opener, 2-1.

Dartmouth (3-9-1) held a 3-1 lead before UAlbany (12-6) erupted for seven runs in the second inning. **Ali Meacham** singled to lead off and then **Katie Trott** blasted a two-run home run to left-center over the scoreboard. **Maegan Larsen** followed with a base hit and **Amber Maisonet** walked to load the bases. Ogden, who went 3-for-4 in the game, belted her second home run of the season just over the left-field fence. UAlbany added an unearned run to cap the scoring.

Lauren Perk earned the win for UAlbany, surrendering five hits and three runs in six innings, while striking out 10. **Ashley Thorfinnson** took the loss, giving up eight runs and seven hits in 1.1 innings.

In the opening game, **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) scattered six hits and allowed one run over six innings. She improved to 5-4 on the season, her fifth straight win, with three strikeouts. Reliever **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) mowed down the order in the seventh to pick up the save. She has not given up an earned run in 42 consecutive innings.

Dartmouth struck first with a run in the top of the third. **Lacey Neahr** started the inning with a single to left and later scored on a two-out double by **Kelly Fry**.

The Great Danes rallied for two runs in the bottom of the sixth. Meacham and **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) led off with back-to-back singles. **Leslie Busch** reached on an error by the first baseman before a bases-loaded walk to Maisonet forced home the tying run. Ogden added a sacrifice fly to left to push across the go-ahead run.

Albany Field -- Albany, N.Y.

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| Game 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | - | R | H | E |
| Dartmouth (3-8-1) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| UAlbany (11-6) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | x | - | 2 | 3 | 0 |

Dartmouth -- Angela Megaw (L, 1-2) and Jodee Thompson

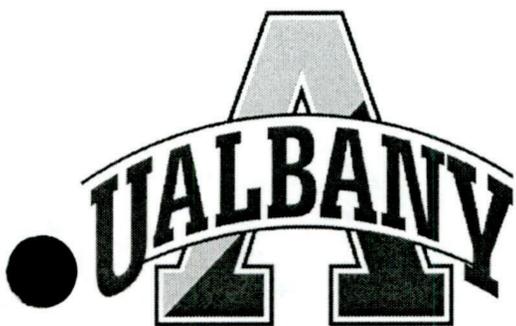
UAlbany -- Casey Halloran (W, 5-4), Amanda Morin (Save) and Ali Meacham.

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| Game 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | - | R | H | E |
| Dartmouth (3-9-1) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| UAlbany (10-6) | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | - | 11 | 12 | 1 |

(game ended due to 8-run rule)

Cornell -- Ashley Thorfinnson (L, 0-4), Karin Edwardson (2) and Kelly Fry.

UAlbany -- Lauren Perk (W, 1-1) and Katie Trott.



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NO. 1 JOHNS HOPKINS DOMINATES UALBANY, 19-6, TO REMAIN UNBEATEN

Baltimore, Md. – **Jake Byrne** scored four of his career-high five goals in the opening half, and top-ranked Johns Hopkins went on to post a 19-6 victory over No. 14 UAlbany on Tuesday afternoon at Homewood Field.

John Hopkins (7-0) extended its home win streak to 31 straight, dating back to April 3, 2001. The Blue Jays' string of victories ties the second-longest in Division I history. Syracuse won 37 consecutive home games from 1982-87.

UAlbany (5-3) trailed 2-1 midway through the first quarter, before JHU exploded with six unanswered goals. Byrne converted **Peter LeSueur's** pass, before All-America midfielder **Kyle Harrison** scored unassisted. A sophomore attack, Bryne completed the run with back-to-back goals in the final 37 seconds of the opening period.

The Blue Jays, who have defeated three consecutive top-20 teams in Syracuse, Virginia and North Carolina, rolled to a 12-2 halftime lead. Senior midfielder **Joe Malo** scored the third of his four goals in the second quarter, while Harrison added three of his career-best five assists in the period.

"They did a great job of taking away our transition game, and we struggled to clear the ball," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, who played on Johns Hopkins' 1987 national championship squad. "We can't win games without emotion and energy, and at times today we lost our composure and didn't play with patience. Johns Hopkins respected us coming into the game and the result was their best offensive game of the year."

UAlbany's **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) had three goals and one assist for the Great Danes, who had their three-game win streak halted. UAlbany made its first-ever appearance in the USILA national poll on Monday after a pair of top-20 wins against Dartmouth and Stony Brook. Sophomore midfielder **Frank Resetarits** totaled two goals and four assists to tie a career-high with six points.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Jesse Schwartzman** made nine saves for the Blue Jays, who have won all four meetings in this series, including three times when the program was ranked No. 1 nationally. UAlbany's **Kevin Rae** turned away 13 shots.

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| #14 UAlbany (5-3) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | - | 6 |
| #1 Johns Hopkins (7-0) | 7 | 5 | 5 | 2 | - | 19 |

UAlbany – Scoring: Merrick Thomson 3-1, Frank Resetarits 2-4, Luke Daquino 1-0, Chris Martocchia 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 13 saves, 19 GA).

Johns Hopkins – Scoring: Jake Byrne 5-2, Joe Malo 4-0, Paul Rabil 2-2, Kevin Huntley 1-0, Kyle Harrison 1-5, Jamison Koesterer 1-2, Greg Peyser 1-1, Joe Benson 1-1, Michael Donegar 1-0, Garrett Stanwick 1-0, Peter LeSueur 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jesse Schwartzman (51:30, 9 saves 4 GA), Graydon Locey (6:48, 2 saves, 2 GA), Jim Maimone-Medwick (1:42, 0 saves, 0 GA).



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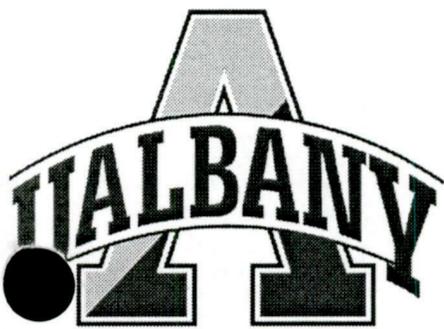
Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland H.S.) and **Patty Diedrich** have been named the America East Conference men's and women's track performers of the week as announced on Tuesday by the conference office. **Eric Opuana** and **Joy Williams** received the men's and women's field performer of the week awards.

Burns finished third in the 1500-meter run at the University of South Florida Invitational with a time of 3:57.92. Burns also ran the anchor leg on the 4x400 relay, posting a personal-best split of 48.1 seconds. The relay placed first and qualified for the IC4A Championships with a season-best time of 3:57.19. Burns will race in the 800- and 1500-meter events at the Duke Invitational on April 8-9.

Diedrich captured fifth place in the 100-meter hurdles at the USF Invitational with a personal-best time of 14.20 seconds. Diedrich, who will compete in the 100- and 400-hurdles at the Duke Invitational, qualified for the ECAC Championships.

Opuana won the hammer throw with a toss of 178-feet, 10 inches at the USF meet. Opuana had reached the IC4A standard the previous week at Army.

Williams finished fourth in the hammer throw, tying her school record with an ECAC-qualifying mark of 45-feet, 3.5 inches.



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UALBANY FALLS TO HOFSTRA, 6-5, IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

Hempstead, N.Y. – **David Cole** hit a RBI single up the middle in the bottom of the eighth inning to put Hofstra up by a run, leading the Pride to a 6-5 non-conference victory over UAlbany on Monday, April 4 at University Field.

Hofstra scored one run in each of the first two innings before a two-run third inning put UAlbany on top by one, 3-2. **Rashad Barksdale** singled through the right side before advancing to second on a throwing error by the Pride's **Mike Walsh**. **Derek DeGrazio** hit a sacrifice fly to score Barksdale before **Steve Wyland**, who was walked by Hofstra starting pitcher **Patrick Rogers** and advanced on a balk, scored the second UAlbany run of the inning on an error by Pride third baseman **Ricky Caputo**.

Hofstra (9-16) responded with unanswered runs in the next three innings to set the score at 5-3 before the Great Danes posted another two-run inning in the top of the seventh to tie the game at five runs apiece. UAlbany catcher **Tom Hill** was walked by relief pitcher **Kevin Conzelman** to start the inning, and then advanced on a wild pitch. Barksdale was hit by a pitch, while **Steve Wyland** walked to load the bases. **Steve Sayre** hit a RBI single to send Hill across the plate, followed by another sacrifice fly by DeGrazio to score Barksdale.

The Pride scored one more run in the bottom of the eighth to go up by one run. Closer **Jeff Denlea** produced three quick outs in the top of the ninth to stop UAlbany's bid for the win.

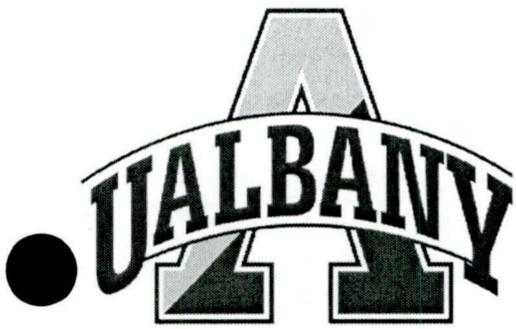
Mark Suchowiecki took the loss for UAlbany, who fell to 6-6 on the season. **Greg Lane** claimed the win for Hofstra on the mound.

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| UAlbany (6-6) | 012 | 000 | 200 | - | 5 | 7 | 1 |
| Hofstra (9-16) | 110 | 111 | 01x | - | 6 | 11 | 2 |

Kyle Thomas, Mark Suchowiecki (5), Alexander Beaulieu (8) and Tom Hill

Patrick Rogers, Kevin Conzelman (7), Greg Lane (7), Jeff Denlea (9) and Mike Walsh



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UALBANY LACROSSE RANKED IN USILA NATIONAL TOP 20 FOR FIRST TIME

Baltimore, Md. – University at Albany's men lacrosse team is No. 14 in this week's GEICO/STX USILA national coaches poll. The Great Danes, who are off to a 5-2 start with three wins against ranked teams, make their first-ever appearance as a Division I program in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association rankings. UAlbany is also ranked 18th in the latest Inside Lacrosse Media Poll.

"One of our goals when I came here was to not only get in the top 20, but be consistently among those teams," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose squad faces the nation's top-ranked team Johns Hopkins on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. "This is a reward for all the players' efforts, but now we have to continue to work to stay there."

UAlbany has won three straight games, including last week's victories over No. 14 Stony Brook and No. 19 Dartmouth. John Hopkins, last year's national runner-up, improved to 6-0 overall with last Saturday's 7-5 victory over North Carolina. The Blue Jays, who have been the No. 1 team since the preseason, own the nation's longest home win streak with 30 consecutive victories at Homewood Field dating back to April 3, 2001.

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GEICO/STX USILA Coaches Poll

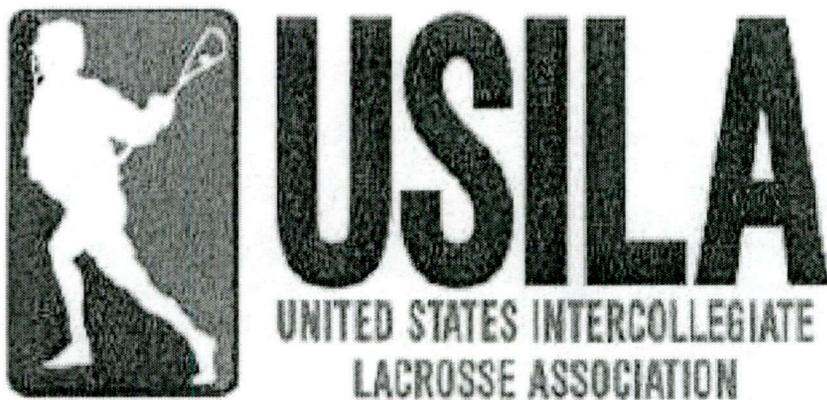
1. Johns Hopkins, 2. Duke, 3. Virginia, 4. Army, 5. Georgetown, 6. Maryland, 7. Syracuse, 8. Navy, 9. Cornell, 10. Massachusetts, 11. Notre Dame, 12. Dartmouth, 13. Bucknell, **14. UAlbany**, 15. Hobart, 16. Brown, 17. Delaware, 18. Towson, 19. Hofstra, 20. Fairfield.

MERRICK THOMSON NAMED BOTH INSIDE LACROSSE DIVISION I NATIONAL AND AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) has been chosen the Inside Lacrosse Division I Player of the Week, as announced today by the national publication. He was also named the America East Conference Player of the Week. Thomson received the conference's weekly award for the second time this season.

Thomson, a sophomore attack, totaled seven goals and four assists in a pair of victories over national top-20 teams. He had four goals and two assists in last Saturday's 12-9 America East win over No. 14 Stony Brook. Thomson scored once and assisted on another in the fourth quarter, when his team broke a 9-9 tie. He added three goals and two assists in a 9-7 victory over No. 19 Dartmouth on March 29.

A native of Stoney Creek, Ontario, Thomson is second in the conference in scoring at 4.14 points per game. He has 19 goals and 10 assists through seven games.



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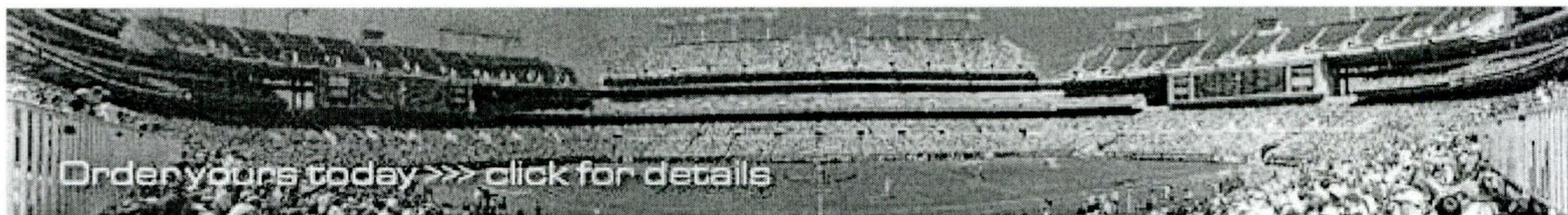
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| Division I | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | Johns Hopkins | 6-0 | (8) 198 | 1 |
| 2 | Duke | 11-0 | (2) 192 | 2 |
| 3 | Virginia | 7-1 | 180 | 3 |
| 4 | Army | 7-1 | 160 | 5 |
| 5 | Georgetown | 5-2 | 159 | 7 |
| 6 | Maryland | 5-3 | 152 | 4 |
| 7 | Syracuse | 4-3 | 144 | 8 |
| 8 | Navy | 7-2 | 131 | 6 |
| 9 | Cornell | 4-2 | 122 | 10 |
| 10 | Massachusetts | 6-2 | 102 | 13 |
| 11 | Notre Dame | 5-2 | 91 | 9 |
| 12 | Dartmouth | 4-2 | 80 | 19 |
| 13 | Bucknell | 6-2 | 79 | 15 |
| 14 | Albany | 5-2 | 54 | NR |
| 15 | Hobart | 5-3 | 45 | 12 |
| 16 | Brown | 3-2 | 42 | 18 |
| 17 | Delaware | 7-3 | 27 | NR |
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| 18 | Towson | 5-3 | 24 | 20 |
| 19 | Hofstra | 3-5 | 18 | 11 |
| 20 | Fairfield | 6-2 | 17 | NR |
| Others receiving votes (in order): <i>North Carolina (16), Denver (13), Villanova (11), Loyola (10), Stony Brook (7), Yale (7), Harvard (5)</i> | | | | |

| Division II | | | | |
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| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | LeMoyne College | 6-0 | (8) 196 | 1 |
| 2 | Limestone College | 8-0 | (1) 190 | 2 |
| 3 | Mercyhurst College | 8-0 | (1) 183 | 3 |
| 4 | New York Institute of Technology | 4-1 | 170 | 4 |
| 5 | LIU-C.W. Post | 3-2 | 159 | 5 |
| 6 Tie | Adelphi University | 3-1 | 146 | 6T |
| 6 Tie | Dowling College | 5-2 | 146 | 6T |
| 8 | Bryant University | 3-2 | 123 | 8 |
| 9 | Molloy College | 6-1 | 108 | NR |
| 10 | Bentley College | 1-3 | 84 | 9T |
| Others receiving votes (in order): <i>Notre Dame de Namur (34), Saint Anselm (11)</i> | | | | |

| Division III | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------|----------|
| No. | Name | Record | (First place votes) Points | Previous |
| 1 | Salisbury | 10-0 | (15) 300 | 1 |
| 2 | Nazareth | 5-0 | 285 | 2 |
| 3 | Tufts | 5-0 | 260 | 4 |
| 4 | Cortland | 6-1 | 259 | 3 |
| 5 | Roanoke | 6-1 | 229 | 5 |
| 6 | Messiah | 6-0 | 219 | 6 |
| 7 | Middlebury | 4-1 | 218 | 7 |
| 8 | Washington College | 5-2 | 182 | 8 |
| 9 | Gettysburg | 5-3 | 181 | 9 |
| 10 | Washington and Lee | 7-1 | 173 | 10 |
| 11 | Stevens Tech | 5-2 | 147 | 11 |
| 12 | Lynchburg | 7-2 | 119 | 13 |
| 13 | Amherst | 4-1 | 106 | 12 |
| 14 | Bates | 7-0 | 92 | 16 |
| 15 | Hartwick | 6-2 | 81 | 15 |



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Inside Lacrosse Media Poll for 4/4/05

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Baltimore, Md. - After this weekend of lacrosse one thing is certain: nobody is safe in the IL media poll. Hopkins, Duke and Virginia retained the top three spots in this week's poll, with Hopkins getting 15 first-place votes and Duke nabbing three. However, it's a log-jam after that. Losses by Maryland and Navy blew the field wide open. Georgetown moved into fourth place, followed by Army, Syracuse and Maryland. The four teams are separated by only 10 points, and Army is just one point out of fourth place. Albany moved into the top 20 this week following wins over Stony Brook and Dartmouth. Dartmouth rebounded from that loss with a victory over Notre Dame, causing the Irish to fall and the polls and the Big Green to rise. Stony Brook dropped out of the top 20, as did Princeton and North Carolina. In addition to Albany, Denver and Loyola moved into the poll.

Inside Lacrosse Media Poll April 4, 2005

1. Hopkins (6-0)- 447 points (15 first place votes)
2. Duke (11-0)- 431 (3)
3. Virginia (7-1)- 418
4. Georgetown (5-2)- 365
5. Army (7-1)- 364
6. Syracuse (4-3)- 362
7. Maryland (5-3)- 355
8. Navy (7-2)- 332
9. Notre Dame (5-2)- 299
10. Cornell (4-2)- 283
11. Massachusetts (6-2)- 254
12. Bucknell (6-2)- 243
13. Dartmouth (4-2)- 207
14. Hobart (5-3)- 194
15. Brown (3-2)- 164
16. Towson (5-3)- 149
17. Loyola (4-3)- 134
18. Albany (5-2)- 113
19. Denver (5-2)- 95
20. Hofstra (3-6)- 92

Others receiving votes: Stony Brook 70, Delaware 65, Yale 65, Fairfield 57, Villanova 52, Princeton 43, North Carolina 34, UMBC 19, Harvard 7, Colgate 3

Moving in: Albany, Denver, Loyola

Dropping out: Stony Brook, Princeton, North Carolina

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KATE FONTANA SPARKS UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE TO 8-5 WIN OVER OHIO

Troy, N.Y. – Sophomore **Kate Fontana** scored four goals, including three in the second half as UAlbany defeated Ohio, 8-5, in non-conference action on Sunday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field. The victory snapped a nine-game losing skid for the Great Danes.

With the game knotted at four goals apiece at halftime, UAlbany (2-10) erupted for the first three scores of the final period en route to a 7-4 advantage with 11:28 remaining. Fontana, who registered her ninth multiple-goal game this season, capitalized on two free-position chances in a two-minute span to put the Great Danes ahead 6-4. UAlbany added to its lead during a two-on-one break when **Sarah Spillett** fed **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville), who drew the goalkeeper out of the cage and found the empty net.

Ohio (3-6) closed to within 7-5 on a free-position goal by **Kelley Windle** with 5:19 to play. UAlbany added an insurance goal when Fontana scored on a left-to-right crossing pass from Rajczak.

In the first half, Ohio took advantage of free-position opportunities by scoring on three attempts. **Caitlin Link** scored twice in the half, while **Dana Dobbie** added a goal that gave the Bobcats a 3-2 margin. UAlbany countered with a transition goal by Fontana, who carried the ball all the way in from the defensive zone. **Kim Reny** then put the Great Danes ahead 4-3, bouncing a free-position chance.

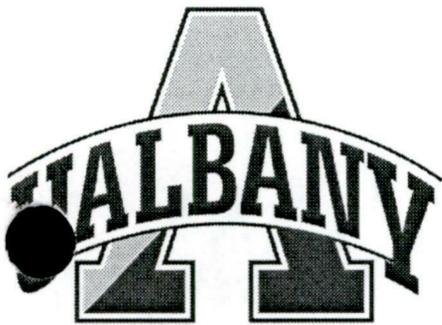
Jen Daly made eight saves in goal for the Great Danes as she surrendered the fewest goals to an opponent this season. **Jayme Levy** stopped seven shots for Ohio.

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| Ohio (3-6) | 4 | 1 | - | 5 |
| UAlbany (2-10) | 4 | 4 | - | 8 |

Ohio: Scoring – Caitlin Link (2-0), Dana Dobbie (1-0), Julie Roguski (1-0), Kelley Windle (1-0). Goalkeeper: Jayme Levy (60:00, 8 GA, 7 saves).

UAlbany: Scoring – Kate Fontana (4-1), Krissy Rajczak (1-2), Kim Reny (1-0), Nikki Donohue (1-0), Jackie Davren (1-0), Sarah Spillett (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 5 GA, 8 saves).



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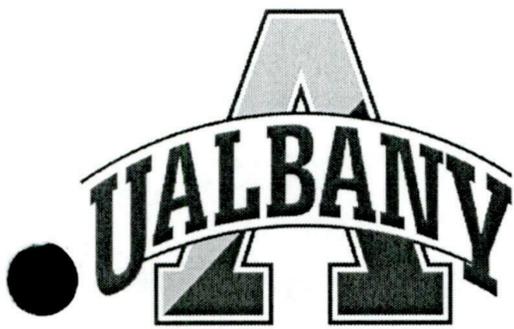
UALBANY TRACK AND FIELD COMPETES AT USF INVITATIONAL

Tampa, Fla. – **Eric Opuana** finished first in the hammer throw with a distance of 178-feet, 10-inches to help lead the UAlbany men's track and field team at the University of South Florida Track and Field Invitational on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2 at the USF Track and Soccer Stadium. **Patty Diedrich** led the women's squad, qualifying for the ECAC Championships with a personal best time of 14.20 in the finals of the 100-meter hurdles.

Joy Williams was the top women's finisher in the field events, tying her school record in the shot put with a distance of 45-feet, 3.5-inches to finish fourth. **Tequirra Cox** paced the UAlbany runners, finishing sixth in the 200-meter dash with a season-best time of 24.92.

Gered Burns (Guilderland) finished third in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:57.92. Burns finished just .04 seconds behind the reigning 800-meter indoor national champion, **Kevin Hicks** from Florida A&M. **Jonathan Jones** placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 22-feet. **Marc Pallozzi**, who also finished 13th in the event with a jump of 19-feet, was sixth in the javelin with a distance of 171-feet, 1-inch.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team placed fourth with a season-best time. The team of **Junior Burnett, Stephen Evans, Jerry Wilson** and **Burns** posted a time of 3:15.97. Burns ran a personal best 400 split of 48.1 seconds.



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UALBANY LACROSSE DOWNS NO. 14 STONY BROOK IN AMERICA EAST PLAY

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) totaled four goals and two assists in leading UAlbany to a 12-9 victory over 14th-ranked Stony Brook in an America East Conference contest on Saturday afternoon at LaValle Stadium. The Great Danes, who have won three straight, knocked off a national top-20 team for the second time in the last five days.

Stony Brook (5-2, AE 1-1) trailed 9-6 midway through the third quarter, but then responded with three consecutive goals. **Chris Tracey**, a transfer from Herkimer County Community College, did all of the scoring in that stretch, and finished with a career-high four goals. He scored back-to-back 40 seconds apart, and then tied the game at nine apiece when he converted **Ryan Duchs**' pass with 1:10 left in the period.

UAlbany (5-2, AE 2-0) regrouped in the fourth quarter, as goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made four of his 11 saves in stanza when the Seawolves had three extra-man opportunities. **Frank Resetarits** netted his 14th goal of the season to put his team ahead with 12:44 remaining after Thomson found him alone in front of the crease. The Great Danes later scored a pair of goals in an eight-second span. **Chris Martocchia** found the net in transition, before Thomson added another off the following faceoff.

The Great Danes, who upended No. 19 Dartmouth earlier in the week, jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the opening period as Martocchia scored twice. The Seawolves rallied by scoring five consecutive times, including **Jason Cappadora's** short-handed goal, in posting a 6-4 advantage. However, Brendan Russell nailed a 12-yard jump shot with 0.8 seconds left to slice the deficit in half.

In the third quarter, UAlbany used that momentum to regain the lead, as **Luke Daquino** started a run of four goals during a six-minute stretch. Thomson, who had a season-best six points, found the net twice in that outburst, including his 19th of the year that finished off Resetarits' feed with 7:14 to play in the quarter.

"It was a game of runs," explained UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team will meet top-ranked Johns Hopkins in Baltimore on Tuesday (April 5). "We played solid defense in the fourth quarter, and Kevin (Rae) came up with some big saves."

Callahan totaled 12 saves for the Seawolves, who had their 12-game home winning streak halted. Martocchia and Daquino, a pair of Long Island natives, finished with three and two goals, respectively.

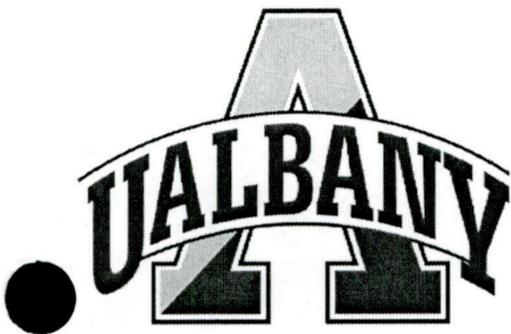
"When you win you earn respect," said Marr, as he referred to his team's three wins over top-20 opponents this season. "It shows you the direction we're going, and the caliber of players we have in the program."

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| UAlbany (5-2, AE 2-0) | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | - | 12 |
| #14 Stony Brook (5-2, AE 1-1) | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | - | 9 |

UAlbany: Scoring – Merrick Thomson 4-2, Chris Martocchia 3-0, Luke Daquino 2-0, Frank Resetarits 1-1, Brendan Russell 1-0, Mike Ammann 1-0, Jordan Levine 0-1, Lee Busino 0-1, Steve Ammann 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 11 saves, 9 GA).

Stony Brook: Scoring – Chris Tracey 4-0, Rhys Duchs 2-1, Adam Marksberry 2-0, Jason Cappadoro 1-1, Larry Cerasi 0-2, Bo Tripoldi 0-1, Ryan Maehr 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brendan Callahan (60:00, 12 saves, 12 GA).



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NO. 11 BOSTON U. DOWNS UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE, 17-3, IN A-EAST OPENER

Boston, Mass. – **Alyssa Trudel** scored five goals and added two assists to lead No. 11 Boston U. to a 17-3 victory over UAlbany in the America East Conference opener for both squads on Friday afternoon at Nickerson Field.

UAlbany (1-10, AE 0-1) struck first in the contest, as **Katelyn Primomo** found **Kim Reny** in front of the net for a transition goal.

Boston U. (7-1, AE 1-0) then exploded for eight unanswered goals in staking an 8-1 lead with 4:07 left in the first half. **Lindsay Lewis** and **Kaitlyn Cuneo** scored twice for the Terriers, who have won all five meetings in this series. Boston U. took advantage of UAlbany's first-half fouls, as free-position opportunities led to three goals.

The Great Danes' **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) stopped the run, sending a **Kate Fontana** pass into the net, making the score 8-2 at halftime.

The Terriers, who are unbeaten in five home games this season, continued their offensive outpouring in the second half, racing to a 15-2 lead. Trudel scored three of her goals in the opening eight minutes of the stanza, fueling the attack.

Jackie Davren notched UAlbany's lone goal of the half, capitalizing on a three-on-one for her first tally as a collegian.

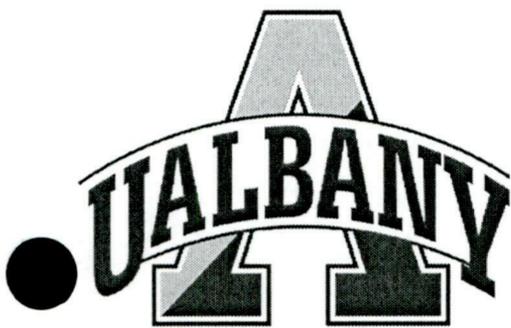
Anne Sheridan made five saves for the Terriers, while UAlbany's **Jen Daly** stopped nine shots.

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| UAlbany (1-10, AE 0-1) | 2 | 1 | - | 3 |
| No. 11 Boston U. (7-1, AE 1-0) | 8 | 9 | - | 17 |

UAlbany: Scoring – Kim Reny (1-0), Krissy Rajczak (1-0), Jackie Davren (1-0), Katelyn Primomo (0-1), Nikki Donohue (0-1), Erin Fitzmartin (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 15 GA, 9 saves).

Boston U.: Scoring – Alyssa Trudel (5-2), Lindsay Lewis (3-0), Jenny Hauser (2-2), Kaitlyn Cuneo (2-0), Lauren Morton (2-0), Mary Beth Miller (1-4), Angie Martin (1-0), Kaitlyn Gentry (1-0), Noelle Hopper (0-1), Caryn Lean (0-1). Goalkeeper: Anne Sheridan (60:00, 3 GA, 5 saves).



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UALBANY FOOTBALL BEGINS SPRING PRACTICE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Albany, N.Y. -- For the third consecutive spring, University at Albany head football coach **Bob Ford** will face the challenge of finding a starting quarterback and reshaping his offensive line, as his team prepares for its seventh campaign at the Division I-AA level. Ford must replace 10 starters -- seven on offense and three on defense -- from a squad that went 4-7 overall, but finished third in the Northeast Conference standings.

The list of graduates includes All-America offensive tackle Geir Gudmundsen, All-NEC center/guard Brandon Shaw, record-setting quarterback Nicholas Bazan, a pair of tailbacks in Dustin Wilson and Rohann Vidal, and roverback Kurt Campbell, a defender with pro potential.

"Every spring presents a new set of objectives," states Ford, who has a 205-148-1 career record in 36 seasons at the collegiate level. "We need to establish our quarterback situation on offense, plus shuffle our personnel on the line. Our defense looks solid where we are deep at linebacker. The most important thing that will come out of the spring is finding who our team leaders are and getting our coaches familiar with their new assignments."

The Great Danes begin preparations for the 2005 season on Saturday, April 2 with the first of 15 NCAA-allowed spring practices. The scheduled spring practice dates are: April 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 and 29.

OFFENSE: UAlbany's multiple attack will have a new leader as former line coach **Peter Rossomando** has been promoted to offensive coordinator. He will have a decent group of linemen, many quality receivers and tight ends, and several young quarterbacks to build around.

Jacob Anderson (6-6, 285) earned second-team All-NEC honors in his first year at right tackle. Guards **Aaron Kimball** (6-3, 310), a Fonda-Fultonville graduate, and Sam Pagano (6-3, 280), who played at Colonie Central, and center **Pierce Brennan** (6-1, 260) were also regulars upfront. Tight end **Eddie Unverzagt** (6-1, 235) has the speed and agility to be an all-league candidate.

Flanker **Mike Wall** was on his way to a spectacular red-shirt freshman season until a broken collarbone sidelined him. He caught 13 passes for 178 yards and one touchdown, plus ran for another score. Junior **Topher Davey** (Amsterdam) leads the list of returnees with 15 catches, including one for a TD. **Irani DeAraujo** (6-2, 200) and **Gabe Gallucci** (6-2, 185) represent the future at this position.

The key to any offense is at quarterback, and a competition exists for the third consecutive year. **Daniel Bocanegra** (6-1, 190) and **Jason Boltus** (6-4, 220) lead a group of four red-shirt freshmen who will battle along with junior walk-on **Tom Banach**. Bocanegra, a California native, and Boltus had impressive prep careers.

Fullback **Dan Beigel** (6-2, 230) had a productive rookie year. Beigel rushed for 244 yards and one TD, plus hauled in nine passes. **Omar Johnson** (168 rush yards) may become the tailback on a full-time basis, but will miss the spring following surgery.

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DEFENSE: The Great Danes went through the transition, with a young corps of defenders, of moving from a 4-4 alignment to a multiple scheme. Last year's teachings should result in a more proven and aggressive unit.

Colin Disch (6-1, 208) and Saratoga Springs High product **Brian Becker** (5-11, 225) are a pair of solid inside linebackers. Disch, the 2004 NEC Defensive Rookie of the Year, set the school's freshman single-season record with 131 tackles, including 15 hits for a loss and 5.0 sacks. Becker, a two-year starter, was second on the team in tackles with 76, plus added two interceptions and four pass break-ups.

Will Boone and **Chris Stellato** turned in credible junior campaigns at the inside and roverback positions. Boone made 48 tackles, while Stellato totaled 42 hits, 5.0 sacks and one interception. Sophomores **Dan Barnes** (24 tackles), **Trevor DuPont** and **Mitch Pawluk** are ready to see more playing time among the linebackers. **Mike St. Fleur** (22 tackles) has moved from the outside to roverback.

UAlbany returns both starting cornerbacks in the secondary. **Kamar Elliott**, a conference triple jump champion, made 40 tackles to go with four pass break-ups. **Ryan Chrobak**, a second-team All-NEC selection, was fourth on the squad in tackles (51) and added three interceptions and seven passes defended. Safety **Eric Neugebauer** had 30 tackles.

Jermaine Lee (6-1, 230) and **Justin Sands** (6-1, 285) have seen many snaps on the defensive line. Lee, a senior defensive end, led the Great Danes in sacks (7.5), plus had 55 tackles, including 10.5 for losses. Sands, who also works as a long snapper, made 14 tackles. Defensive end **Michael Dungey** (6-1, 260) showed lots of promise as a freshman.

KICKING GAME: All of the kicking and punting was handled by sophomore **Chris Lynch**, who averaged 33.4 yards per punt. He scored 36 points (24-24 PATs, 4-11 FGs).