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**ECAC DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY KUTZTOWN**

CENTERVILLE, Mass. ---The 1997 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field Championship will be hosted by Kutztown University Saturday (March 1) and Sunday (March 2). The Pentathlon will be held in the Keystone Field House on the Kutztown campus and the Championship will take place on the Lehigh University campus in the Rauch Field House.

The Shippensburg University men's team and the Southern Connecticut State College women's team return to defend their titles. Other top five finishers from last year competing for the men are University at Albany, Kutztown and Millersville University. For the women, Albany, East Stroudsburg University, University of Massachusetts at Lowell and Kutztown strive to finish in the top five again.

The women's pentathlon event, which consists of hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump and 800, takes place at Kutztown Saturday at 6:00 p.m., while the Men's Pentathlon (hurdles, long jump, shot put, high jump and 1000) takes place at Kutztown at 6:15 p.m. The Championship begins on Sunday at Lehigh with the track events beginning at 10:00 am and the field events starting at 9:30 am. In both the track and field events, the women are followed by the men.

**1997 ECAC DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
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ALBANY MEETS MASSACHUSETTS-LOWELL FOR NECC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
WROW 590 AM Radio Will Air Saturday's Basketball Title Game

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will play for the New England Collegiate Conference women's basketball championship and a berth in the NCAA Division II tournament field on Saturday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. The Great Danes travel to top-seed Massachusetts-Lowell for the conference title game. The contest will air on WROW Radio (590 AM) and campus-station WCDB (90.9 FM). **Rodger Wyland** and **Charlie Voelker** will handle WROW's broadcast from Costello Gymnasium, beginning with the pre-game at 6:45 p.m.

Albany (19-8), the tournament's No. 3 seed, upended No. 2 Franklin Pierce, 66-53, in the semi-final round, and rallied for a 52-50 overtime decision against New Haven in the quarterfinals. Massachusetts-Lowell (23-5) beat Bridgeport, 72-70, in its last game to reach the NECC championship for the sixth consecutive year. The River Hawks have captured three conference crowns in the 1990s.

Massachusetts-Lowell has won four of five meetings with Albany over the last two seasons. The River Hawks took a 70-46 verdict at home on Feb. 12 to sweep the regular-season series, and won the first encounter, 66-63, at UA's Recreation and Convocation Center on Dec. 4.

The Great Danes, who are making their first appearance in the NECC final, are led by a pair of seniors in **Michele Davis**, a second-team all-conference selection, and **Samantha Ginsberg**. Davis leads the team in scoring at 13.0 points per game, and is the school's all-time leader with 117 three-point field goals. Ginsberg, a 5-foot-8 guard, averages 12.0 points and 4.6 assists. **Kelly Paolino** (Schalmont H.S.), who contributes 5.1 points and 2.9 assists per game, scored 11 points against both New Haven and Franklin Pierce in conference tournament play.

Diane DiRoma, the '97 NECC Player of the Year, averages 12.6 points for the River Hawks, and hit the game-winner on a driving 5-footer in the lane with 2.3 seconds left in the semifinals against Bridgeport. **Sheila Knower** leads the team in scoring (13.2 ppg), while **Debbie Henderson**, a 6-foot-2 center, adds 10.4 points and 9.9 rebounds per game.

Albany reached the NECC semifinals last year in its inaugural Division II campaign, but was eliminated by Massachusetts-Lowell, 75-43, in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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Comments: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Albany's Duncan and Davis selected to NECC all-conference teams

Lowell, Mass. -- University at Albany's Andre Duncan and Michele Davis have been chosen All-New England Collegiate Conference in men's and women's basketball, respectively, for the 1996-97 season as voted by the conference's head coaches. Both players were second-team all-NECC selections.

Duncan, a 6-foot-6 junior, led the Great Danes in scoring (14.3 ppg), rebounding (6.4 pg) and blocked shots (1.3 pg). He scored in double figures on 20 occasions, including a career-high 27. Duncan is set to become the 19th 1,000-point scorer in school history early next season, and has 933 for his career. Albany finished with a 17-10 record in its second Division II season, and rebounded from last year's 12-15 campaign.

Davis, a senior swing player, has been Albany's top scorer at 13.0 points per game, and has averaged 4.7 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.9 steals. Davis, who transferred from Herkimer County Community College, has 729 points in just two seasons with the UA program, and is the all-time leader in three-point field goals made with 117. She became the sixth Great Dane to score 30+ in a single game at Franklin Pierce in January.

Davis will lead Albany (19-8) into Saturday's NECC women's championship game at top-seed Massachusetts-Lowell. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m. The winner receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Division II tournament field.

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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

Bud Light Daredevils Perform at Albany's Recreation and Convocation Center
Albany, N.Y. -- The Bud Light Daredevils, the world's most exhilarating slam dunk act, will perform at the University at Albany's Recreation and Convocation Center on Thursday evening during a men's and women's basketball doubleheader against Southern Connecticut State.

The Daredevils' routine is packed with high-velocity trampoline dunks, breath-taking flips, amazing acrobatics and comedy antics. This year's show will feature a double mini-trampoline that will allow team members to execute the "Three-Point Slam" from the top of the key. The Bud Light Daredevils have a 17-year touring history which has entertained audiences at more than 385 colleges across the United States.

Albany Men Clinch No. 5 Seed for NECC Tournament

Albany, N.Y. -- Albany clinched the No. 5 seed for next week's New England Collegiate Conference men's basketball tournament with Tuesday's 77-60 victory at Stony Brook.

The Great Danes will meet Massachusetts-Lowell, the fourth seed, in quarter-final play on Monday, Feb. 24. Tip-off is 6:00 p.m. Albany's Recreation and Convocation Center is the host site for the NECC tournament's men's and women's quarterfinals and semifinals. Official pairings will be announced this Friday.

Albany is 17-8 overall (10-7 NECC) and plays its last regular-season contest against Southern Connecticut State, the nation's No. 18 team in Division II, on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Albany women can secure the No. 3 seed for the upcoming NECC tournament with a victory over Southern Connecticut State. The Great Danes are 16-8 overall, and 11-6 in the conference.

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Comments: College Sports
Men's Basketball

Albany 77, Stony Brook 60

Stony Brook, N.Y. -- Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) scored 11 points and Kris Zeisler came off the bench to add 10 as Albany routed Stony Brook 77-60 in a New England Collegiate Conference contest at the USB Sports Complex.

Albany which has won six of its last seven starts improves to 17-8 overall and 10-7 in the conference. Stony Brook falls to 10-14, and 6-11.

The Great Danes rolled to a 30-10 lead by hitting six of 12 three-point field goals. Jahnel and Matthew Haggarty each scored eight points in that opening outburst.

The Seawolves, which trailed by as much as 26 in the second half, were led by junior guard Larry Gibson who had 15 points and center Neil Edwards who scored 14.

Albany featured a balanced attack, and had five players with nine points each including Todd Cetnar (Amsterdam H.S.) and Haggarty.

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College Basketball 2-2-2-2

Women's Basketball

Albany 59, Stony Brook 54

Stony Brook, N.Y. -- Freshman Mary Harrison scored 15 of her 19 points in the second half, and hit the go-ahead three-point field goal with 1:53 remaining in leading Albany to a 59-54 NECC victory over Stony Brook at the USB Sports Complex on Tuesday evening.

Stony Brook (9-16, NECC 5-12) built a 37-27 advantage early in the second half behind the play of freshman guard Jackie Byrne, who led her team with 14 points.

Albany (16-8, 11-6) still trailed 51-44 with 9:24 left, but then scored seven straight points. Megan Buchanan buried a three-point shot to draw her team even at 51 apiece.

The teams were still tied at 54-all when Harrison canned a three-pointer from just right of the key. The 6-foot center, who played in high school on Long Island at Cold Spring Harbor, then scored on the inside on her club's next possession.

Michele Davis had 19 points for the Great Danes, and reached double figures for the first time since Jan. 22. Donna Fennessey had 11 points for the Seawolves, while Amy DeMasi added 10.

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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

Matthew Haggarty Earns NECC Rookie of the Week in Basketball

Lowell, Mass. -- University at Albany's Matthew Haggarty has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Feb. 9-15) in men's basketball.

Haggarty scored 11 points, and added three rebounds and two assists in 16 minutes off the bench in Saturday's 88-78 upset victory over Franklin Pierce. The 6'2" freshman guard canned 4 of 7 field-goal attempts, including 3 of 4 from the three-point arc.

Haggarty, who has scored in double figures three times this season, is averaging 5.1 points, 1.1 rebounds and 1.3 assists in 24 appearances. He is shooting 42.5 percent (31 of 73) from 3-point range. Haggarty has helped Albany (16-8, NECC 9-7) win five of its last six starts.

In addition, Tom McGoldrick was named to this week's ECAC Division II Honor Roll. He had 18 points and seven rebounds against Franklin Pierce.

Roberto Vives Chosen NECC Track Coach of the Year

New Haven, Conn. -- Albany's Roberto Vives has been voted both the men's and women's New England Collegiate Conference Indoor Track Coach of the Year. Vives guided the Great Danes to the men's and women's titles at the NECC championships last Saturday.

Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) was named Female Athlete of the Meet at NECCs. Williamson was a triple-winner in the 55-meter dash, 55-hurdles and 200.

Albany athletes captured Rookie of the Meet honors in both the men's and women's championships. Freshman Benjamin Wright (Averill Park) earned the award by winning the one-mile run (4:22.73), while Andrea Viger (Granville Central) was first in the women's 5,000-event (19:22.43).

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Comments: COLLEGE NOTES

NECC TOURNAMENT: Pairings and brackets for the NECC tournament at Albany's Recreation & Convocation Center will be announced on Friday, Feb. 21 ... the women's quarter-final round is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 23, while the men's tournament begins on Monday, Feb. 24 ... Albany, regardless of its seed, will play in the 6:00 p.m. contest ... the afternoon session is 1:00 and 3:00, while the evening session is 6:00 and 8:00 ... Tuesday, Feb. 25 is semi-final day ... the women play in the afternoon at 1:00, while the men's semifinals begin at 6:00 ... Ticket prices: (all session) \$15 adults, \$6 students & senior citizens, (daily) \$7 adults, \$3 students & senior citizens ...

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Albany canned 10 of 18 three-point field goals in Saturday's 88-78 victory over third-place Franklin Pierce ... the Great Danes have made 10 or more long-range shots in 12 games this season, and have already eclipsed the single-season marks for 3-pointers made (211) and attempted (524) ... Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont) has been the "big gun", and has hit 76 of 170 (.447) ... Todd Cetnar (Amsterdam) is shooting 41.5% from the arc (27 of 65) ...

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Albany College Notes 2-2-2-2

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Two of the stars in last Saturday's Albany alumnae game are coaching on the local high school scene ... Chris LaBombard '87, who is among the school's career leaders in assists and steals, coached Catholic Central H.S. to a 17-3 record heading into the Section II tournament ... Casey Stanley '93, who averaged 7.4 points and 5.5 rebounds in her 90-game UA career, is the freshman coach at Guilderland H.S. ...

TRACK & FIELD: Roberto Vives has been chosen as the New England Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year for both men's and women's indoor track ... Albany captured both NECC championships on Saturday at Southern Connecticut State University ... Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.), the Female Athlete of the Meet, was a triple-winner in the 55-meter hurdles, 55-dash, and 200 ... Williamson set a school record in the 200 (25.21) ...

Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) and Xiomara Davila Diaz each won two events ... Dodge cruised to victory in the mile and 3,000, while Davila captured the triple jump, and set a school record and NCAA provisional mark in the 400 (57.51) ... freshman Andrea Viger (Granville Central) was voted Rookie of the Meet, and won the 5,000 in 19:22.43 ... Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) was victorious in the long jump (17-11) ...

The Albany men had two individuals champions ... freshman Ben Wright (Averill Park) won the mile in 4:22.73, and was chosen Rookie of the Meet ... Jayson Vasquez (Amsterdam) was first in the 55-hurdles (7.74) ... Rob Naughtner (Guilderland) finished second in the 1,000 (2:32.96) ...

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Comments: TRACK & FIELD

New Haven, Conn. -- Freshman Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) won three events to lead Albany to a women's team title at the New England Collegiate Conference Indoor Track Championships on Saturday afternoon at James W. Moore Fieldhouse on the campus of Southern Connecticut State University. The Great Danes also won the men's team championship.

Williamson captured the 55-meter hurdles in 7.10 seconds, the 55-meter hurdles in 8.10 seconds and the 200-meter dash (25.21).

Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) and Xiomara Davila each were double winners. Dodge cruised to victory in the 1-Mile Run in 5:14.44 and the 3,000 in 10:17.30, while Davila took the 400 (57.51) and the triple jump (36'03.75").

Other first-place finishers included Andrea Viger (Granville Central H.S.) in the 5,000 (19:22.43) and Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) in the long jump (17'11.00").

The men's team were led by freshman Ben Wright (Averill Park H.S.) who captured the 1-Mile Run in 4:22.73 and Jayson Vasquez (Amsterdam H.S.) in the 55-meter hurdles in 7.74 seconds.

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New England Collegiate Conference Championships

MEN

1. Albany 170, 2. Massachusetts-Lowell 131, 3. Southern Connecticut State 115, 4. New Haven 44, 5. Stony Brook, 6. Keene State 35, 7. Sacred Heart 30.

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Track & Field 2-2-2-2

Men - Individual

55 - Kevin Rembert (Southern Connecticut State), 6.49; 200 - Kevin Rembert (Southern Connecticut State), 22.37; 400 - Dan Clark (Massachusetts-Lowell), 49.47; 500 - Liam Govostes (Massachusetts-Lowell), 1:05.76; 800 - Eric Larson (New Haven), 1:52.87; 1,000 - Matt Kocyaba (Keene State), 2:31.67; 1-Mile Run - Ben Wright (Albany), 4:22.73; 3,000 - Andy Bengston (Keene State), 8:47.37; 55 Hurdles - Jayson Vasquez (Albany), 7.74; 4x400 Relay - Massachusetts-Lowell, 3:22.39; 4x800 Relay - Massachusetts-Lowell, 8:08.71; Distance Medley Relay - Massachusetts-Lowell, 10:39.93; High Jump - Jeff Williams (Southern Connecticut State), 6'04.00"; Pole Vault - Dave Mason (Southern Connecticut State), 13'00.00"; Long Jump - Frank Biancamano (Southern Connecticut StateA), 22'05.50"; Triple Jump - Frank Biancamano (Southern Connecticut State), 46'10.50"; Shot Put - Roy Bogue (Southern Connecticut State), 52'09.50"; Weight Throw - Dan Borque (Southern Connecticut State), 59'11.00"

WOMEN

1. Albany 177, 2. Massachusetts-Lowell 158, 3. Southern Connecticut State 101, 4. Sacred Heart 97, 5. Stony Brook 36, 6. Keene State 7, 7. New Haven 2.

Women - Individual

55 - Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 7.10; 200 - Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 25.21; 400 - Xiomara Davila (Albany), 57.51; 500 - Moriah Reid (Southern Connecticut State), 1:20.22; 800 - Elizabeth O'Neill (Southern Connecticut State), 2:21.79; 1,000 - Heather Farrand (Massachusetts-Lowell), 3:07.19; 1-Mile Run - Tonya Dodge (Albany), 5:14.44; 3,000 - Tonya Dodge (Albany), 10:17.30; 5,000 - Andrea Viger (Albany), 19:22.43; 55 Hurdles - Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 8.10; 4x220 Relay - Massachusetts-Lowell, 1:49.75; 4x440 Relay - Southern Connecticut State, 4:19.43; 4x880 Relay - Massachusetts-Lowell, 10:08.46; Distance Medley Relay - Massachusetts-Lowell, 13:13.85; High Jump - Jenn Pratt (Massachusetts-Lowell), 5'06.00"; Long Jump - Janna Johnston (Albany), 17'11.00"; Triple Jump - Xiomara Davila (Albany), 36'03.75"; Shot Put - Monique Belisle (Sacred Heart), 41'06.50"; Weight Throw - Lynn Jones (Southern Connecticut State), 42'07.50"

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**New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) Indoor Track Championships-Men
(at James W. Moore Fieldhouse-Southern Connecticut State University-New Haven, Conn.)**

Team Scores: Albany 170; UMass Lowell 131; SCSU 115; New Haven 44; Stony Brook 36;
Keene State 35; Sacred Heart 30

Event Winners: one mile run: Benjamin Wright (Albany) 4:22.73; pole vault: Dave Mason (SCSU) 13'00.00"; 55 meter dash: Kevin Rembert (SCSU) 6.49; weight throw: Dan Borque (SCSU) 59'11.00"; 55 meter high hurdles: Jayson Vazsquez (Albany) 7.74; 5,000 meter run: Pete Clusener (Stony Brook) 15:13.90; 800 meter run: Eric Larson (UNH) 1:52.87; 1,000 meter run: Matt Kocyaba (KSC) 2:31.67; shot put: Roy Bogue (SCSU) 52'09.50"; 500 meter dash: Liam Govostes (UML) 1:05.76; 400 meter dash: Dan Clark (UML) 49.47; triple jump: Frank Biancamano (SCSU) 46'10.50"; 200 meter dash: Kevin Rembert (SCSU) 22.37; 3,000 meter run: Andy Bengston (KSC) 8:47.37; long jump: Frank Biancamano (SCSU) 22'05.50"; distance medley relay: UMass Lowell 10:39.93; 4x440 yard relay: UMass Lowell 3:22.39; 4x880 yard relay: UMass Lowell 8:08.71; high jump: Jeff Williams (SCSU) 6'04.00"

NEW HAVEN, Conn -- SUNY at Albany raced to a win at the NECC Men's Indoor Track Championships Saturday, despite only having two first-place winners. Benjamin Wright won the one-mile run in 4:22.73 and Jayson Vazsquez took the 55-meter hurdles in 7.74 for Albany. UMass Lowell swept the three relays to place second for the meet.

Frank Biancamano won both the triple jump and the long jump to help Southern Connecticut to a third place finish.

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**New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) Indoor Track Championships-Women
(at James W. Moore Fieldhouse-Southern Connecticut State University-New Haven, Conn.)**

Team Scores: Albany 177; UMass Lowell 158; SCSU 101; Sacred Heart 97; Stony Brook 36;
Keene State 7; New Haven 2

Event Winners: 400 meter dash: Xiomara Davila (Albany) 57.51; Long Jump: Janna Johnston (Albany) 17'11.00"; 500 meter dash: Moriah Reid (SCSU) 1:20.22; 800 meter dash: Elizabeth O'Neill (SCSU) 2:21.79; 1,000 meter run: Heather Farrand (UML) 3:07.19; 4x220 yard relay: UMass Lowell 1:49.75; one mile run: Tonya Dodge (Albany) 5:14.44; 55 meter hurdles: Ellakisha Williamson (Albany) 8.10; 55 meter dash: Ellakisha Williamson (Albany) 7.10; weight throw: Lynn Jones (SCSU) 42'07.50; 5,000 meter run: Andrea Viger (Albany) 19:22.43; 200 meter dash: Ellakisha Williamson (Albany) 25.21; shot put: Monique Belisle (SHU) 41'06.50"; 3,000 meter run: Tonya Dodge (Albany) 10:17.30; distance medley relay: UMass Lowell 13:13.85; 4x440 yard relay: SCSU 4:19.43; triple jump: Xiomara Davila (Albany) 36'03.75"; 4x880 yard relay: UMass Lowell 10:08.46; high jump: Jenn Pratt (UML) 5'06.00"

NEW HAVEN, Conn -- SUNY Albany won the NECC Women's Indoor Track Championships behind a remarkable performance by Ellakisha Williamson. Williamson took home wins in the 55-meter dash, the 55-meter high hurdles and the 800 meter dash.

Like the men, UMass Lowell also swept the relays to take home second place.

Southern Connecticut's Moriah Reid, Elizabeth O'Neill and Lynn Jones posted wins in the 500 meter dash, the 800-meter dash, and the weight throw respectively, to give SC third place.

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Comments: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Massachusetts-Lowell 70, Albany 46

Lowell, Mass. -- Diane DiRoma scored 16 points to lead four players in double figures, as Massachusetts-Lowell pulled away early in the second half for a 70-46 victory over Albany in a New England Collegiate Conference game at Costello Gymnasium.

Albany (14-8, NECC 9-6) has dropped four straight, and fell to fourth place in the conference standings. Massachusetts-Lowell (18-5, 13-2), which defeated the Great Danes, 66-63, in the first meeting this season, is alone in first place.

Melissa Schoonover was fouled on a drive in the lane, and converted the three-point play to give Albany a 31-26 advantage with 1:35 remaining in the opening stanza. But DiRoma, who did all of her scoring before halftime, buried a three-pointer to start a 7-0 run to end the period.

The River Hawks, which led 33-31 at the intermission, then reeled off 27 of the game's next 34 points to blow the contest wide open. Marsha Blaylock scored all 11 of her points in that outburst, and connected on 3 of 4 three-point field goals.

UML's Jessica Bruce added 11 points and 11 rebounds, while Debbie Henderson scored 10.

Freshman Mary Harrison's 12 points led the Great Danes, who shot just 27 percent from the floor.

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Albany's Deborah Fiore Selected National Coach of the Year

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Deborah Fiore has been selected as the 1996 Division II National Coach of the Year by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA). She previously was voted the North Region's top coaching award.

Fiore, a native of Oneida, N.Y., led Albany to a 14-3 record, and a No. 3 ranking in the final North Region poll. The Great Danes allowed nine goals on defense and blanked 11 opponents in just its third intercollegiate varsity season.

Fiore led Albany to an 11-3-1 record in her first year as head coach in the fall of 1995. Prior to her present position, she guided Oneonta State to two NCAA Division III tournament berths and the '91 ECAC championship.

Last summer, Fiore, who also serves as Albany's assistant women's lacrosse coach, directed the Adirondack Region field hockey team to a silver medal at the Empire State Games.

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Field Hockey: University at Albany's Deborah Fiore has been selected as the National Field Hockey Coaches Association's (NFHCA) Division II National Coach of the Year ... Fiore guided the Great Danes to a 14-3 record and a No. 3 ranking in the final North Region poll ... Fiore, a native of Oneida, N.Y., has a combined 25-6-1 record in two seasons as Albany's head coach ... she was the head coach at Oneonta State for six years prior to taking the UA position, and directed the Red Dragons to two NCAA Division III tournament berths ...

Men's Basketball: Richard "Doc" Sauers became the 10th coach in NCAA annals to record his 700th career victory on Saturday ... the 38th annual Albany alumni game was held earlier in the day ... Byron Miller (Gloversville H.S.), who played from 1971-74, and is a member of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame, and Jason Graber (Schalmont H.S.), the No. 2 scorer in UA history with 1,608 points, were in attendance ... Steve Ries (Christian Brothers Academy) hit the game-winning three-pointer with 8.2 seconds remaining as the Purple defeated the White, 96-93 ... Albany has won four of its last five games to improve to 15-8 overall ... the Great Danes have recorded 15+ victories in 11 of the last 12 seasons ...

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College Notes 2-2-2-2

Track & Field: Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons) was third in the IC4A Mile at last Friday's Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden ... Albany won the men's and women's team titles at Colgate's Class of '32 Invitational on Saturday ... Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) provisionally qualified for NCAAs in the one mile run (4:59.40) ... Xiomara Davila Diaz was a double-winner in the 400 and triple jump ... Diaz's time in the 400 of 57.60 seconds was a NCAA provisional qualifying mark ... Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) won the 55-hurdles and 200-dash, while Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) captured the long jump ... On the men's side, Ben Wright (Averill Park) won the one-mile run, while Rob Naughter was victorious in the 800 (1:56.50) ... Naughter and Wright were also members of the winning 3,200-meter relay squad ...



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Men's and Women's Pairings Will Be Announced on Friday, February 21

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The New England Collegiate Conference men's and women's basketball tournaments will be held at the University at Albany's Recreation and Convocation Center on February 23-25. Albany will host the quarterfinals and semifinals, while the championship games will move to the highest remaining seed's home arena on Saturday, March 1. Both the NECC men's and women's champions receive automatic berths in the 48-team NCAA Division II tournament field.

The NECC's eight-team tournament begins on Sunday, February 23 with four women's quarterfinal games, while the men take the floor for their quarter-final round on Monday, February 24. All opening-round games will be played at 1:00 and 3:00 in the afternoon, and 6:00 and 8:00 in the evening.

Tuesday, February 25 is semi-final day for both the men and women. Sunday's women's winners will play at 1:00 and 3:00 in the afternoon. Monday's men's winners are paired up in the semifinals at 6:00 and 8:00. The finals for both tournaments are scheduled for Saturday, March 1 at the highest remaining seed's arena.

The NECC's regular schedule concludes on Thursday, February 20, so the pairings for the men's and women's field will be announced the following day. Albany will play in the evening session despite its seeding in the bracket. The Great Danes are scheduled for the 6:00 p.m. contest in the men's and women's quarter-final round.

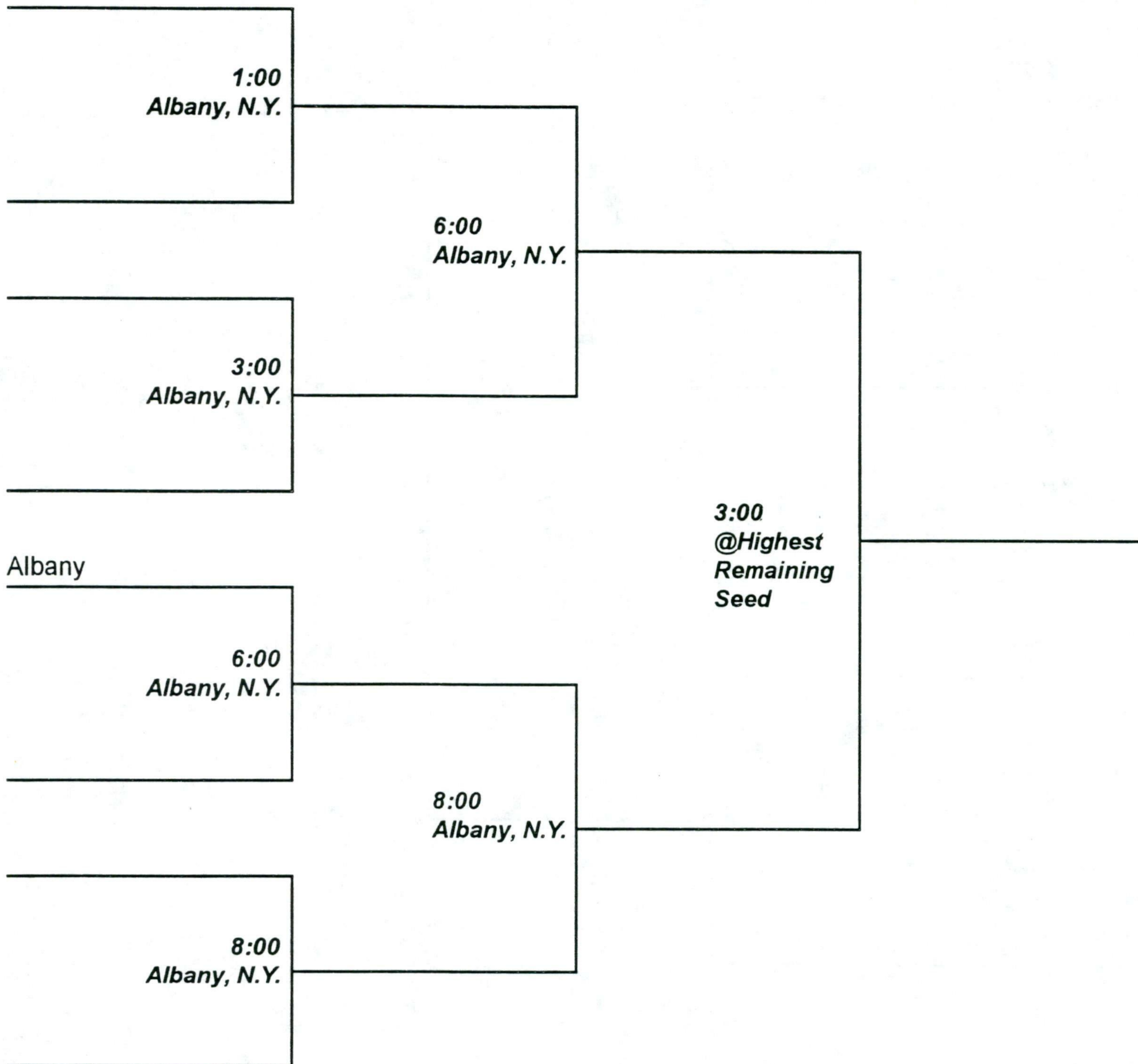
Several local high school standouts will be featured at the NECC tournament. **Darrin Jahnel** (Schalmont) and **Todd Cetnar** (Amsterdam) are prominent in the Albany backcourt, while Shenendehowa High graduates **Ryan McDermott** and **Steve Treffiletti** play at Stony Brook and Keene State, respectively. In the women's field, **Kelly Paolino** (Schalmont) and **Kerry Ochal** (Amsterdam) are regulars in the Albany lineup. New Haven's **Becky Snow** (Columbia) and New Hampshire College's **Chris Padula** (Shenendehowa) are both starters, while Bridgeport's **Lauren O'Brien** (Averill Park) and Stony Brook's **Jill Hanches** (Shenendehowa) see time off the bench.

1997 NECC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKET

February 24
Quarterfinals

February 25
Semifinals

March 1
Championship
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New England Collegiate Conference Men's Standings (thru Sun., Feb. 9)

	NECC	Overall
New Hampshire College	13-1 .929	20-2 .909
So. Connecticut State	13-1 .929	20-2 .909
Franklin Pierce	11-3 .786	12-10 .545
Massachusetts-Lowell	11-4 .733	15-8 .652
Albany	8-7 .533	15-8 .652
Stony Brook	6-8 .429	10-11 .476
Sacred Heart	6-8 .429	8-14 .364
New Haven	2-12 .143	3-19 .136
Bridgeport	1-13 .071	4-18 .182
Keene State	0-14 .000	1-18 .053

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Comments: Track & Field

Hamilton, N.Y. -- Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) and Xiomara Davila each won two events to lead Albany to a women's team title at Colgate's Class of '32 Invitational on Saturday. The Great Danes also captured the men's team championship.

Davila won the triple jump and the 400-meters in 57.60 seconds which set a school record and also provisionally qualified her for the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships. Williamson, a freshman, won her titles in the 200-meters (26.20) and the 55-meter hurdles (8.00).

Senior Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) also set a new school standard and provisionally qualified for the NCAA's in the one-mile run (4:59.40). Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) took the long jump and Tara Bialy was first in the 55-meter (7.20).

Three local men led a group of five Albany athletes who won individual titles. Rob Naughtner (Guilderland) ran 1:56.50 to win the 800-meter run, while Jayson Vasquez (Amsterdam) won the 55-meter hurdles (7.60) and Ben Wright (Averill Park) took the one-mile run (4:18.33). Other winners included Jason Gurwitz (500) and Richard O'Riley (triple jump).

The men's 4x400 relay team of Halim Wise, Courtney Currie, Corey Hudson and Gurwitz ran 3:21.00 to finish first. And the quartet of Naughtner, Marc Pflieger, Wright and Doug Carl in the 4x800 relay won also (8:03.10).

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Colgate's Class of '32 Invitational
MEN

1. Albany 141, 2. Monmouth 110.67, 3. Lehigh 110.33, 4. Canisius 59, 5. Buffalo 51, 6. Rochester 40, 7. Colgate 26, 8. Marist 18, 9. Siena 2.

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Track & Field 2-2-2-2

Men - Individual

55 - Kevin Hazzard (Lehigh), 6.50; 200- Brian Hirshblond (Monmouth), 22.20; 400 - Dario Jordonne (Monmouth), 51.16; 500 - Jason Gurwitz (Albany), 1:05.53; 800 - Rob Naughtner (Albany), 1:56.50; 1,000 - Felix Olivo (Monmouth), 2:33.80; 1-Mile - Ben Wright (Albany), 4:18.33; 3,000 - Andrew Evans (Rochester), 8:38.30; 55 Hurdles - Jayson Vasquez (Albany), 7.60; 4x400 Relay - Albany, 3:21.00; 4x800 Relay - Albany, 8:03.10; Distance Medley - Marist, 10:35.00; Pole Vault - Neil Murray (Buffalo), 4.60m; High Jump - Matt Kosek (Canisius), 2.03m; Long Jump - Brian Hirshblond (Monmouth), 6.84m; Triple Jump - Richard O'Riley (Albany), 13.74m; Shot Put - David Monro (Monmouth), 15.51m; Weight Throw - Brain Fectgau (Lehigh), 14.57m.

WOMEN

1. Albany 130, 2. Buffalo 115, 3. Lehigh 89, 4. Colgate 64, 5. Monmouth 59, 6. Marist 22, 7. Canisius 16.

Women - Individual

55 - Tara Bialy (Albany), 7.20; 200 - Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 26.20; 400 - Xiomara Davila (Albany), 57.60; 500 - Tara Santoroski (Lehigh), 1:20.40; 800 - Ellen Cogswell (Lehigh), 2:17.40; 1,000 - Jen Middleton (Lehigh), 3:04.10; 1-Mile - Tonya Dodge (Albany), 4:59.40; 3,000 - Lisa Murphy (Canisius), 10:43.40; 4x400 Relay - Buffalo, 4:02.10; 4x800 Relay - Colgate, 9:22.70; Distance Medley - Buffalo, 12:43.10; 55 Hurdles - Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 8.00; Long Jump - Janna Johnston (Albany), 5.37m; Triple Jump - Xiomara Davila (Albany), 11.40m; High Jump - Marie Greaux (Monmouth), 1.68m; Shot Put - Amanda Sage (Lehigh), 12.81m; Weight Throw - Lacy Johnson (Monmouth), 14.35m.



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**ALBANY BASKETBALL COACH RICHARD "DOC" SAUERS
APPROACHES 700 CAREER VICTORIES**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Richard "Doc" Sauers is one victory from becoming the 10th head coach in the history of college basketball to reach the 700-career win mark. Sauers, who is in his 41st season as the Albany mentor, has a 699-328 record. The Great Danes are home on Saturday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. against Bridgeport.

Sauers, at 66 years old, would stand alongside such legendary coaches as Kentucky's Adolph Rupp, North Carolina's Dean Smith, DePaul's Ray Meyer and F.C. "Phog" Allen of Kansas. Rupp holds the record for victories with 876 over a 41-year career.

Sauers, who is the fourth winningest active college head coach, became the 15th person to coach his 1,000th game at the collegiate level in February 1996. He has suffered just one losing season during his career. The Great Danes went 12-15 in their inaugural Division II campaign last year, but have already clinched a winning record this season with a current 14-8 overall mark.

Sauers, who became Albany's coach in 1955 when the school was known as the New York State College for Teachers, and Mount St. Mary's Jim Phelan are the only active coaches with 40 or more seasons at the same school. Sauers' son, Stephen, played for his father in the late 1980s, and is presently an assistant at Division I Marist College.

NCAA All-Division College Coaching Victories

Wins, Coach, Teams Coached, Tenure (as of Feb. 7)

1. 876, Adolph Rupp (Kentucky, 1931-52, 1954-72)
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Comments: COLLEGE TRACK & FIELD

Albany's Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons H.S.)
and Three Relays to Compete at Millrose Games

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Dennis King and three relay teams have been invited to compete in Friday's Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

King, a senior, will be one of seven runners in the college mile, and the only Division II athlete in the field. He provisionally qualified for the NCAA indoor championships with a time of 4:12.90 at the Greater Boston Track Club Invitational in January.

Four local athletes will compete on Albany relay teams. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) and Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) are members of the women's 1,600-meter relay. Ben Wright, a freshman from Averill Park H.S., and Rob Naughtner (Guilderland) will run on the men's 3,200-relay. The Great Danes are also entered in the men's 1,600-relay event.

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**Comments: College Sports
Men's Basketball**

New Hampshire College 84, Albany 61

Manchester, N.H. -- Scott Smith recorded 19 points and 15 rebounds and Orlando Ranson scored 16 to pace five players in double figures as New Hampshire College rolled to an 84-61 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at NHC Fieldhouse.

New Hampshire College (18-2, NECC 11-1), the nation's ninth-ranked team in Division II, folded into a tie for first-place in the conference standings following Southern Connecticut State's loss to Franklin Pierce. The Penmen jumped out to a 27-7 lead behind the play of Ranson, who had 12 first-half points, and never looked back. Shawon Moncrief, who had 10 of his 15 points before the intermission, helped his club cruise to a 41-20 halftime advantage. NHC shot 50% percent from the field in the period on 16-of-32 shooting.

Albany (14-8, 7-7) was led by Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) who had 14 points, while Andre Duncan added 12.

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College Basketball 2-2-2-2

Women's Basketball

New Hampshire College 62, Albany 59

Manchester, N.H. -- Senior forward Kristin Croteau scored 11 of her 14 points in the second half, and hit the go-ahead basket with 34.6 seconds remaining to lift New Hampshire College to a 62-59 victory over Albany in a New England Collegiate Conference contest on Tuesday evening.

Albany (14-6, NECC 9-4) led 51-45 with 8:33 remaining, but the Penwomen responded with nine unanswered points to go in front. Senior guard Jen Ryan, who had 14 points, buried a three-point field goal from the top of the arc for a 54-51 advantage.

Albany's Samantha Ginsberg hit a three-pointer on her team's next possession to tie the score, and the game seesawed in the stretch. Katie Zeglis, who scored a season-high 16 points, gave the Great Danes their last lead at 58-56 on a turnaround shot on the baseline. After a Miki Hall free throw, Croteau scored on a follow shot in the lane to give her team the lead at 59-58.

New Hampshire College improves to 6-13 overall, and 4-8 in the conference. Croteau also added 10 rebounds.



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APPROACHES 700 CAREER VICTORIES**

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SAUERS 2-2-2-2

Milestone Victories in the Career of Richard "Doc" Sauers

(Joined Albany athletic staff on September 23, 1955)

Win#	Date, Site	Details
#1	Dec. 3, 1955, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats New Paltz State Teachers College 92-58 at Page Hall in Sauers' second game as head coach
#100	Mar. 7, 1961, Jersey City, N.J.	UA defeats Jersey City 64-63 in NAIA College Div. Tournament
#200	Feb. 6, 1968, Binghamton, N.Y.	UA defeats Harpur College (now Binghamton University) 75-60
#300	Feb. 13, 1974, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Oneonta State 62-59 at University Gym to assure Sauers his 20th consecutive winning campaign
#400	Jan. 30, 1980, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Plattsburgh 70-56 to begin the season with a best-ever 14-2 record and solidify a #5 national ranking
#500	Feb. 22, 1985, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Brockport 91-66 at University Gym in SUNYAC Tournament's first round
#600	Jan. 4, 1992, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Montclair State 69-56 at University Gym
#665	Jan. 26, 1995, Albany, N.Y.	UA defeats Mount St. Mary 78-56 at RACC as Sauers passes John Wooden on the all-time victory list
#699	Feb. 1, 1997, Fairfield, Conn.	UA defeats Sacred Heart 78-72
#700	????	

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Comments: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tom McGoldrick Selected NECC Player of the Week

Lowell, Mass. -- University at Albany's Tom McGoldrick has been chosen as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week (Jan. 27-Feb. 2) in men's basketball.

McGoldrick, a junior, averaged 17.5 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.0 assists and shot 50 percent from the froot in a 2-0 week for the Great Danes. The 6-foot-5 forward has scored in double figures in nine of his last 10 starts.

McGoldrick is averaging 14.5 points and 5.9 rebounds, and ranks 10th in the conference in field goal percentage (.509).

Albany (14-7, NECC 7-6) travels to nationally-ranked New Hampshire College (17-2, 10-1) on Tuesday.

Mary Harrison Chosen as NECC Rookie of the Week

Lowell, Mass. -- University at Albany's Mary Harrison has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week (Jan. 27-Feb. 2) in women's basketball for the second time this season.

Harrison, a 6-foot freshman, averaged 16.5 points and 7.5 rebounds in two games last week. In addition, she made 57.1 percent of her field-goal attempts. Harrison recorded her second double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds against Stony Brook last Wednesday.

Harrison is averaging 9.2 points per game, and leads the Great Danes in rebounding (6.6 pg).

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Comments: COLLEGE NOTES

MORE ON ALSTODT: Lance Alstodt, who booted a 35-yard field goal to win \$1 million at halftime of the NFL Pro Bowl on Sunday evening, was a reserve on Albany's 1989 ECAC Division III championship men's soccer team which finished with a school-record 18-2 mark ... Alstodt, of Roslyn, N.Y., earned a B.A. in economics from the University in 1992 ...

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Richard "Doc" Sauers (see attached) is one victory away from becoming the 10th coach in the history of college basketball to reach the 700-career win mark ... Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) has broken his own single-season record for 3-point field goals, and has converted 67 of 147 attempts to date ... Todd Cetnar scored 18 points, and his four-point play broke a 60-60 deadlock with 4:54 remaining in Saturday's victory at Sacred Heart ... Albany had dropped the previous three meetings with SHU, including an 83-77 decision on Jan. 11 ... the Great Danes have canned 10 or more three-point shots in 11 games this season ... Albany has posted 14+ victories in 20 of the last 21 seasons ...

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Samantha Ginsberg and Mary Harrison were both selected to the ECAC Division II Honor Roll on Sunday ... Ginsberg, who averaged 17.0 points and 5.5 assists in two games last week, moved to third on the school's career lists in both assists (337) and steals (226) ... Harrison, a freshman who recorded her second career double-double (18 points, 10 rebounds) vs. Stony Brook, is averaging 13.3 points and 7.4 rebounds over her last nine games ...

TRACK & FIELD: Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) won the 55-meter hurdles title at the Syracuse Invitational on Feb. 1, and became the first UA track athlete to automatically qualify for the NCAA Division II championships in Indianapolis next month ... Williamson sprinted 7.97 seconds to set a school record ... Xiomara Davila Diaz, who was first in the 55-meter dash (7.19), placed second in the hurdles, and also is an automatic qualifier in 8.13 ... Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) established a school record at 800 meters in winning one of three heats at Syracuse's Manley Field House ... Dodge's 2:17.71 was an NCAA provisional qualifying time ...

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Comments: College Sports

Indoor Track & Field

Syracuse, N.Y. -- Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) and Xiomara Davila each claimed individual titles at the Syracuse Invitational on Saturday afternoon at Manley Field House.

Williamson captured the 55-meter hurdles by setting a new school standard in 7.97 seconds while automatically qualifying for the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships. Davila came in second place (8.13) which also qualified her for the NCAA's.

In the 55-meter dash Davila claimed victory in 7.19 seconds followed by Williamson (7.25). Both times provisionally qualified them for the NCAA's.

Senior Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) won her heat in the 800-meters (2:17.71) and set a school record which provisionally qualified her for the NCAA Championships in March.

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Comments: College Sports
Men's Basketball

Albany 78, Sacred Heart 72

Fairfield, Conn. -- Freshman guard Todd Cetnar (Amsterdam H.S.) scored 18 points while Tom McGoldrick added 17 in leading Albany to a 78-72 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Sacred Heart University on Saturday afternoon at SHU Gymnasium.

With the score tied at 60 apiece, Cetnar, who had 13 first half points, was fouled while making a three-point shot from the top of the arc. The 6-foot guard buried the subsequent free throw for a four-point play and a 64-60 lead with 4:54 remaining. Another free throw by Cetnar gave Albany (14-7, NECC 7-6) a 67-60 advantage two minutes later.

Sacred Heart (7-12, 5-6) staged a late rally and closed within 74-72 on a three-point field goal by Rod Toppin. Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont H.S.) made four free throws in the final 19 seconds to seal the verdict.

"In the second half we got the ball inside to (Andre) Duncan, and that's what we wanted to do," said Albany coach Richard Sauers, who earned his 699th career victory with the decision. "Cetnar had a great first half, and while he showed inexperience at times he hit some big shots."

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College Sports 2-2-2-2

Joseph Doyle led all scorers with 26 points for Sacred Heart, while Louis Frye and Bryon Chong each scored 12. Duncan was the third Great Dane in double figures with 14 points and also added nine rebounds.

"That was a good spurt for us," said Cetnar, referring to his team's decisive run in the second half. "I had a good shooting night, but when I don't I know I still have to play solid defense."

Albany had lost its previous three meetings with Sacred Heart and like this one, came down to the wire. Albany had lost 83-77 earlier this season at home, and 2 two-point decisions last year.

Women's Basketball

Sacred Heart 73, Albany 68

Fairfield, Conn. -- Maureen Delaney hit the go ahead free throw with 43 seconds remaining in leading Sacred Heart University to a 73-68 NECC victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon.

Albany (14-5, NECC 9-3) scored 12 unanswered points to take a 57-50 lead with 8:36 remaining behind the play of Samantha Ginsberg, who had 17 points. Sacred Heart (10-9, 6-5) rallied to go in front 62-61 four minutes later, when Heather Yablonski, who had 15 points, converted a three-point play when she was fouled on a shot on an inside basket.

The contest see-sawed in the stretch, before the Great Danes took their last lead at 68-67 on a turnaround shot in the lane by Kerry Ochal (Amsterdam H.S.)

Delaney, who had all nine of her points in the final period, was than fouled on a three-point attempt, and made two of three free throws to put the Pioneers ahead. Delaney and Jessica Bresnahan each canned two foul shots in the final 18 seconds to secure the win.

Chrissie Perkins led Sacred Heart with 14 of her 18 points in the first half, while Bresnahan added 11. Freshman Mary Harrison had 15 points for the Great Danes.