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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Tom Mason and Jomo Forrester each scored twice to lead Albany to a 5-1 non-conference victory over St. Rose on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Mason, a sophomore forward, headed Gene Dove's corner kick into the net, before Forrester gave the Great Danes a 2-0 advantage at 30:28.

Kevin Koscielniak (Saratoga Springs H.S.), who also had an assist, netted a crossing pass early in the second half for a three-goal lead. St. Rose (5-12) got on the scoreboard when Magnus Stalhammar tallied off an indirect kick.

Albany (9-6-2) padded its margin as Mason and Forrester found the net within a one minute and 42 second span. Forrester's eighth goal of the season came at 65:45.

-agate-

St. Rose	0	1	-	1
Albany	2	3	-	5

Scoring -- St. Rose: Magnus Stalhammar 1-0, Mike Rutecki 0-1.
Saves: Ryan Sherman 7. Albany: Tom Mason 2-0, Jomo Forrester 2-0,
Kevin Koscielniak 1-1, Joe Augienello 0-2, Gene Dove 0-1, Dan Burnside 0-1.
Saves: Mike Cooper 8, Mike Bamel 0, Dean deFreitas 0.

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College Sports 2-2-2-2

(Men's Basketball)

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will conduct its annual Purple and White scrimmage at the Recreation & Convocation Center on Thursday (Oct. 31) at 6:30 p.m.

Richard "Doc" Sauers, who has a 685-320 career record, begins his 41st season as head coach. Sauers has all five starters returning, including preseason second-team all-New England Collegiate Conference choice Andre Duncan, a 6'6" junior forward.

Local scholastic products on the roster include junior guard Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont), who averaged 12.8 points per game last year, junior guard Dan Neary (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons), and freshman Todd Cetnar, a second-team all-state point guard from Amsterdam High School.

The Great Danes play a home exhibition game against a Czech Republic team on Sun., Nov. 10 at 3:00 p.m., before the season opener with Maine-Presque Isle on Nov. 17.

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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

Kevin Williams Voted CTC Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year

Allentown, Pa. -- University at Albany's Kevin Williams has been chosen as the Collegiate Track Conference Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year. He guided the Great Danes to a first-place finish in last weekend's CTC championships.

The Albany men were also second at the New England Collegiate Conference championships and the Slippery Rock Invitational this season. Williams, who also coaches the UA women's team, will take former local scholastic standouts Dennis King (ND-Bishop Gibbons), Todd Weiss (Shaker) and Ben Wright (Averill Park) to the NCAA Division II Regional Qualifier on Nov. 9.

Albany Football Remains Second in ECAC-IFC Poll

Centerville, Mass. -- The University at Albany is ranked second for the third consecutive week in the ECAC Intercollegiate Football Conference Division II Poll as voted by the ECAC-IFC Bowl Committee.

C.W. Post, a 16-13 winner over Stony Brook last Saturday, remains in the top spot with a 5-1 record. Albany (6-1), which upended Gannon, 40-29, is second, and is followed by Stonehill (6-1).

ECAC-IFC Division II Poll

1. C.W. Post (5), 29; 2. Albany (1), 25; 3. Stonehill, 18; 4. Bentley, 12; 5. Stony Brook, 6. () - first-place votes

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Cara Convery Named NECC Volleyball Rookie of the Week

West Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Cara Convery has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week in women's volleyball as announced today by the conference office.

Convery, a freshman middle hitter, totaled 25 kills, 49 digs, 10 blocks and one service aces in four matches played last week. She had 10 kills and 22 digs vs. Stonehill.

The first-year collegian is averaging 1.38 kills and 2.94 digs to go with 28 blocks and a .286 hitting percentage in 47 games played for the Great Danes, who have a 10-9 overall record.

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Comments: College Sports

FOOTBALL: Quarterback Joe Savino recorded the third highest single-game passing total in school history with 266 yards vs. Gannon ... he also threw three TD passes, and was selected to the ECAC Honor Roll ... Savino, who connected on 18 of 23 attempts, increased his school-record totals in passing yards (4,037) and touchdowns (31) ... FL Matt Follis (Bethlehem Central H.S.) hauled in his first career reception for 15 yards in the fourth quarter ... senior linebacker John Moskov (Niskayuna H.S.) recorded the first safety by a UA defender since 1992 when he tackled Gannon QB Todd Heigley in the end zone ... Moskov has been active the last two weeks, and stopped a two-point conversion run at Stony Brook with 2:59 left in a 13-12 game at the time ... Ted Bearor (Greenwich Central H.S.) picked off two passes for the third time in his career ... Bearor's five INTs are the most in a season since Leon Williams had seven in 1990 ... Anthony Vitti is the seventh Great Dane defender to reach the 200-plateau in career tackles (205) ...

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

CROSS COUNTRY: Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) won for the third straight weekend at the Collegiate Track Conference championships in Allentown, Pa. ... she ran the 3,000-meter course in 18:51 ... Dodge will compete in the NCAA Division II regional qualifier on Nov. 9 at Slippery Rock in Pennsylvania ... the Albany men were crowned CTC champions ... three locals keyed the victory on the 8,000-meter course ... Dennis King (ND-Bishop Gibbons, 3rd, 26:51), Ben Wright (Averill Park, 6th, 27:01), and Todd Weiss (Shaker, 7th, 27:05) ...

FIELD HOCKEY: Albany posted a school-record 12th victory in Sunday's 4-0 triumph over Merrimack ... Nicole Vieni and Tovah Atwell not only celebrated the occasion but their birthdays with two goals apiece ... Vieni, who turned age 22, slapped in a rebound with one minute and 28 seconds gone in the contest ... Atwell, on her 18th birthday, scored twice in the final 10 minutes of the second half, including her 11th goal this season ... Albany is 12-3 overall under second-year head coach Deborah Fiore ...

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Comments: College Sports

(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Nicole Vieni and Tovah Atwell celebrated their birthdays with two goals apiece in leading Albany to a school-record 12th victory with a 4-0 triumph over Merrimack on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field.

Vieni, who turned age 22, slapped in a rebound with one minute and 28 seconds gone in the contest. Atwell, on her 18th birthday, scored twice in the final 10 minutes of the first half. She tallied her 11th goal of the season off a crossing pass from Chrissy Bradt (Shenendehowa H.S.) to give the Great Danes a 3-0 advantage.

Vieni added her sixth goal this season in the second half, and goalkeeper Leia Shick recorded her fourth shutout with three saves.

Albany, which was playing its final home game, improves to 12-3, while Merrimack drops to 6-8.

-agate-

Albany 4, Merrimack 0

Merrimack	0	0	-	0
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Albany	3	1	-	4
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Scoring -- Merrimack: No Scoring. Saves: Atiyeh Legault 8. Albany: Nicole Vieni 2-0, Tovah Atwell 2-0, Niki Berman 0-1, Chrissy Bradt 0-1. Saves: Leia Shick 3.

(JV Football)

Schenectady, N.Y. -- Albany JV 6, Union JV 6.

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ATHLETICS

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Soccer

(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y.— Jomo Forrester scored one goal and one assist to lead Albany over Bridgeport, 3-0, in a New England Collegiate Conference match on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Forward Tom Mason headed in a crossing pass from Dan Burnside (Colonie H.S.) for his fifth goal of the season at 23:50 for a 1-0 halftime advantage.

Forrester fired an 18-yard shot inside the far post just 15 seconds into the final period, and later assisted on a goal by Chris Patino. Mike Cooper and Dave Welch combined on the shutout in the Alban net.

The Great Danes improve to 8-6-2 overall and 4-3-1 in the conference, while Bridgeport is 3-5-1 and 2-5.

-agate-

Bridgeport	0	0	-	0
Albany	1	2	-	3

Scoring -- Bridgeport: No Scoring. Saves: John Langer 5. Albany: Jomo Forrester 1-1, Tom Mason 1-0, Chris Patino 1-0, Dan Burnside 0-1, Joe Augienello 0-1. Saves: Mike Cooper 6, Dave Welch 2.

(Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. – Jen Svelnys and Lori Tyler each scored in the second half to lead Bridgeport to a 2-0 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Svelnys scored on a header for her fourth goal of the season two minutes and 49 seconds into the final half. Tyler nailed a 10-yard direct kick at 80:47.

Jessica Lujick had 10 saves en route to the shutout for Bridgeport (7-5, NECC 1-5). Sheri Blackman turned aside 10 shots for Albany, which ends its season at 5-13 overall and 1-7 in NECC play.

-agate-

Bridgeport	0	2	-	2
Albany	0	0	-	0

Scoring – Bridgeport: Jen Svelnys 1-0, Lori Tyler 1-0, Claudy-Ann Keasbury 0-1. Saves: Jessica Lujick 10. Albany: No Scoring. Saves: Sheri Blackman 10.

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**Albany Sports 2-2-2-2
(Field Hockey)**

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman Tovah Atwell scored two goals and Niki Berman added one goal and two assists as Albany upended Massachusetts-Lowell, 5-0, on Saturday afternoon at Albany Field.

Atwell found the cage twice within a three-minute span of the first half to give the Great Danes a 2-0 lead. Berman, who assisted on both goals, scored herself with 18:05 left in the opening period.

Nicole Vieni and Jen Cordes also hit the scoring column, as Albany improved to 11-3 on the season. Goalkeeper Leia Shick had five saves to gain her third shutout. Massachusetts-Lowell drops to 4-14 overall.

-agate-

Massachusetts-Lowell	0	0	-	0
Albany	4	1	-	5

Scoring -- Massachusetts-Lowell: No Scoring. Saves: Kerry Dudley 14, Diana Melnyk 10. Albany: Tovah Atwell 2-0, Niki Berman 1-2, Nicole Vieni 1-0, Jen Cordes 1-0, Chrissy Bradt 0-1, Mia Malan 0-1. Saves: Leia Shick 5.

(Cross Country)

Allentown, Pa. – Senior Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) won for third consecutive weekend, as she captured the Collegiate Track Conference championship on Saturday afternoon. In addition, Albany won the men's team title.

Dodge, who was first in the Slippery Rock and Albany invitationals the last two Saturdays, ran 18:51 over the 5,000-meter distance. Freshman Andrea Viger, also from Granville, N.Y., finished eighth in 20:45, and the Great Danes took second in the team competition.

Albany scored 32 points to outdistance Southern Connecticut State (78) for the men's championship. Senior Dennis King (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons H.S.) was third in 26:51, while Ryan Osborn placed fifth. Two more local high school products keyed the victory on the 8,000-meter course. Ben Wright (Averill Park H.S.) was sixth in 27:01, and Todd Weiss (Shaker H.S.) finished seventh in 27:05.

-agate-

(MEN)

Team Results: 1. Albany 32; 2. Southern Connecticut State 78; 3. Hunter 120; 4. NYU 124; 5. Allentown 136; 6. Stony Brook 152; 7. Montclair State 200; 8. New Haven 216; 9. Sacred Heart 231; 10. St. Rose 251; 11. U. S. Merchant Marine 283; 12. William Paterson 301; 13. C.W. Post 304.

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

Individual Results: 1. Ross Nelson (Southern Connecticut State), 25:45.

Albany Results: 3. Dennis King, 26:51; 5. Ryan Osborn 26:56; 6. Ben Wright 27:01; 7. Todd Weiss 27:05; 11. Sean Higgins, 27:39; 12. Josh Gruzba 27:45; 14. Kevin Rahner 27:50; 15. Doug Carl 27:52; 21. Brendan Howell 28:24.

(WOMEN)

Team Results: 1. Southern Connecticut State 33; 2. Albany 60; 3. Sacred Heart 80; 4. Allentown 80; 5. NYU 152; 6. St. Rose 154; 7. Stony Brook 167; 8. Jersey City 227; 9. New Haven 280; 10. William Paterson 283.

Albany Individual Results: 1. Tonya Dodge, 18:51; 8. Andrea Viger 20:45; 18. Liz Hamilton 21:34; 20. Samantha Cohen 21:41; 23. Jan Daniels 21:46; 26. Erica Viger, 21:48; 26. Jenny Hein 22:18.

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Andreas Ericsson and Gilbert Baptiste each scored within a two-minute span in the second half to lead Southern Connecticut State to a 3-0 victory over Albany in a New England Collegiate Conference match at Bleecker Stadium on Wednesday evening.

Ericsson blasted a rebound past Albany goalkeeper Dean deFreitas at 66:29 to break a scoreless deadlock. deFreitas, who had six saves, made an initial stop on high-arcing shot by defender Mike Petke. Baptiste followed with his third goal of the season just one minute and 43 seconds later.

Asaf Dagai netted his eighth goal this season on a crossing pass from Itai Mor to give the Owls a three-goal advantage at 75:56.

Rick Koczak had two saves for Southern Connecticut State (14-0-1, NECC 6-0-1), the nation's top-ranked team in Division II, and the defending national champion. Albany falls to 7-6-2 overall and 3-3-1 in conference play.

-agate-

Southern Connecticut State 3, Albany 0

Southern Connecticut State	0	3	-	3
Albany	0	0	-	0

Scoring -- Southern Connecticut State: Asaf Dagai 1-1, Andreas Ericsson 1-0, Gilbert Baptiste 1-0, Mike Petke 0-1, Itai Mor 0-1. Saves: Rick Koczak 2. Albany: No Scoring. Saves: Dean deFreitas 6, Mike Cooper 1.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2-2

(Volleyball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Rafaela Nikas had 11 kills to lead Albany to a 15-2, 15-3, 15-9 victory over visiting Concordia College on Wednesday evening at University Gym. The Great Danes improve to 9-7 on the season.

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Albany def. Concordia, N.Y., 15-2, 15-3, 15-9.

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(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Tovah Atwell and junior defender Meredith Jackel each scored in the first half to lead Albany to a 5-0 non-conference victory over Siena on Tuesday afternoon at Albany Field.

Atwell's seventh goal of the season came from right in front of the cage with 21:36 left in the opening period, while Jackel scored on a penalty stroke just before halftime.

Chrissy Bradt, a freshman from Shenendehowa H.S., fed Niki Berman with a short pass for a 3-0 advantage, before Shannon Hartz and Liz Peck added to the Great Danes' total.

Albany (10-3) outshot the visitors, 28-3. Junior goalkeeper Mary Kate Schneider made 18 saves for Siena (1-8).

-agate-

Albany 5, Siena 0

Siena	0	0	-	0
Albany	2	3	-	5

Scoring -- Siena: No Scoring. Saves: Mary Kate Schneider 18. Albany: Tovah Atwell 1-0, Meredith Jackel 1-0, Niki Berman 1-0, Shannon Hartz 1-0, Liz Peck 1-0, Chrissy Bradt 0-1. Saves: Leia Shick 1.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2-2

(Football)

Centerville, Mass. -- University at Albany is ranked No. 2 for the second straight week in the ECAC Intercollegiate Football Conference Division II Poll as voted by the ECAC-IFC Bowl Committee.

C.W. Post, a 14-0 winner over Bentley last Saturday, received all seven first-place votes, and is ranked first with a 4-1 record. Albany (5-1) is second, while Stonehill (5-1) is third.

The ECAC-IFC Division II championship will take place on Sat., Nov. 23 at a campus site.

(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Albany hosts the nation's top Division II soccer team in Southern Connecticut State on Wednesday evening at Bleecker Stadium. Match time is 7:00 p.m.

The Owls, who captured the 1995 national title, are ranked first in this week's National Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/Umbro Select Poll with a 13-0-1 record.

Albany (7-5-2), which dropped a 2-1 decision in last year's New England Collegiate Conference meeting with Southern Connecticut, is led by junior Kevin Koscielniak (Saratoga Springs H.S.), who has six goals and two assists, and senior midfielder Jomo Forrester (5 goals, 4 assists).

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Comments: College Sports

Matt Caliandro Named ECAC-IFC Co-Defensive Player of the Week

Centerville, Mass. -- Sophomore defensive end Matt Caliandro has been selected as the ECAC Intercollegiate Football Conference Division II Co-Defensive Player of the Week. Caliandro totaled eight tackles (5 solo), 2.5 sacks and one fumble caused in last Saturday's 19-12 victory at Stony Brook.

The 6'5", 230-pound defender recorded all of his sacks in the last two minutes of play. He tackled QB Anthony Gazzillo in the end zone with 29 seconds left in the final quarter, and his hit resulted in Peter London's fumble recovery for a touchdown.

Steve Flood, a senior linebacker, was named to the ECAC Division II Honor Roll, as he matched a season-high with 12 tackles and added two sacks.

Albany Ranked No. 10 in Lambert-Meadowlands Football Poll

East Rutherford, N.J. -- University at Albany is ranked tenth in this week's Lambert-Meadowlands Awards Division II Football Poll. The Great Danes have their best six-game record since 1979 with a 5-1 mark.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

-agate-

Lambert-Meadowlands Division II Poll

1. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	(3)	6-1	46 pts.
2. Indiana (Pa.)	(1)	5-1	42
3. Clarion (Pa.)		6-1	39
4. East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	(1)	4-2	37
5. New Haven (Conn.)		4-2	28
6. West Chester (Pa.)		3-2	26
7. So. Connecticut State		6-1	20
8. Slippery Rock (Pa.)		4-3	15
9. Millersville (Pa.)		3-3	10
10. Albany (N.Y.)		5-1	4

Also Receiving Votes: Edinboro (Pa.), 3; American International (Mass.), 2; Kutztown (Pa.), 2; California (Pa.), 1.

() - first-place votes

Rafaela Nikas Chosen NECC Player of the Week in Volleyball

West Haven, Conn. -- Junior outside hitter Rafaela Nikas has been named the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball. She has been honored by the conference twice this season.

Nikas totaled 34 kills, 44 digs and five blocks in three matches last week. She posted a career-high 27 digs vs. LeMoyne.

A 1995 second-team all-NECC choice, Nikas is averaging 3.68 kills and 4.04 digs per game for Albany (8-7).

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FOOTBALL: The Albany-Stony Brook game looked like a scene from the movie, "Waterworld", as a driving rainstorm and 30 MPH wind gusts pelted Seawolves Field on Long Island ... it was appropriate that a player from Valley Stream, N.Y. and linebacker Steve Flood had a hand in the outcome ... DE Matt Caliandro, who attended Valley Stream South H.S. on Long Island, had three sacks in the last two minutes of the contest, including his hit on QB Anthony Gazzillo with 29 seconds left in the Stony Brook end zone ... the sack resulted in Peter London's fumble recovery for a touchdown ... Caliandro, who was selected the ECAC-IFC Division II Co-Defensive Player of the Week, had eight tackles (5 solo) and one fumble recovery ... Flood, who was named to the ECAC Division II Honor Roll, matched a season-high with 12 tackles and added two QB sacks ... Unsung hero in the game was senior linebacker John Moskov (Niskayuna H.S.), who stopped RB Bobby Kane short of the goal line on a 2-point conversion run with 2:59 left, and Albany clinging to a 13-12 lead ... the bus ride took 6 1/2 hours home due flooding (water was up to the windows on some vehicles) on the Long Island Expressway and most major routes in the New York City area ...

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College Notes 2-2-2-2

WOMEN'S TENNIS: The Great Danes won their second consecutive New England Collegiate Conference championship ... sophomore Mary Wood (Schenectady H.S.) won the Flight III singles title, and improved her record to 11-4 on the season ... Wood had to come from behind in two three-set matches to capture the crown ... She also won her second straight NECC doubles championship (Flight II), and is 11-5 with two doubles partners this fall ... freshman Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) also won a singles and doubles title for the Great Danes ...

CROSS COUNTRY: Senior Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) won for the second straight weekend at the 30th annual Albany Invitational ... she covered the 5K distance in 18:24.12 ... Dodge also claimed the NECC championship, which was also scored at the meet ... Albany finished fourth in the men's team standings, and was second in the NECC competition ... three locals were in the Top 20 in the Albany Invitational ... Dennis King (ND-Bishop Gibbons) -- 16th, 26:19.60; Ben Wright (Averill Park) -- 18th, 26:23.09 and Todd Weiss (Shaker) -- 19th, 26:23.70 ...

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(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and Mary Wood (Schenectady) each won a singles and doubles title, as Albany won its second straight New England Collegiate Conference women's tennis championship on Sunday. The three-day event was held in The Bubble on campus.

Albany, which had four singles and two doubles champions, captured the crown with 40 points, while Franklin Pierce was second with 26.

Bliss, who has a 17-5 record on the season, won all three matches in straight sets to become the Flight I singles titleholder. She also teamed with freshman Marci Travin, the Flight II singles winner, for a Flight I doubles championship.

Wood had a rougher road as the Flight III singles champion. She came from behind to defeat Franklin Pierce's Kara Ducharme, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 and Sacred Heart's Kelly Quinn, 6-7 (7-0), 6-1, 6-3 in her final two matches. Wood also garnered her second consecutive NECC doubles crown, as she and partner Christine Phillips won in Flight II. Phillips also claimed the Flight IV singles title for the Great Danes.

Franklin Pierce was the only other team to claim an NECC tournament title. Kerri Rowe (Flight V) and Ruth Butz (Flight VI) were victorious in singles play, while Rowe and Ducharme took the Flight III doubles for the Ravens.

-agate-

1996 New England Collegiate Conference Women's Tennis Championships
(Team)

1. Albany 40, 2. Franklin Pierce 26, 3. Massachusetts-Lowell 16, 4. Sacred Heart 14, 5. Stony Brook 12, 6. New Haven 0.

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COLLEGE SPORTS 2-2-2-2-2

(Singles Champions)

- Flight I: Julie Bliss (Albany)**
- Flight II: Marci Travin (Albany)**
- Flight III: Mary Wood (Albany)**
- Flight IV: Christine Phillips (Albany)**
- Flight V: Kerri Rowe (Franklin Pierce)**
- Flight VI: Ruth Butz (Franklin Pierce)**

(Doubles Champions)

- Flight I: Julie Bliss-Marci Travin (Albany)**
- Flight II: Mary Wood-Christine Phillips (Albany)**
- Flight III: Kerri Rowe-Kara Ducharme (Franklin Pierce)**

(Women's Soccer)

Keene, N.H. -- Sharon Currie and Lisa Pellegrino each scored twice to lead Keene State to a 6-0 New England Collegiate Conference victory over visiting Albany at Owl Stadium.

Nealy Hucker and Currie each netted first-half goals to Keene State (13-2-2, NECC 5-1-1) at 2-0 halftime advantage. The flood gates opened in the second half, when the Owls tallied three times in a two-minute, 44-second span.

Kristen Daly and Carrah Fisk combined on the shutout, while Sheri Blackman stopped 13 shots for Albany (5-11, NECC 1-6).

-agate-

Keene State 6, Albany 0

Albany	0	0	-	0
Keene State	2	4	-	6

Scoring -- Albany: No Scoring. Saves: Sheri Blackman 13. Keene State: Sharon Currie 2-1, Lisa Pellegrino 2-0, Heather Boisvere 1-1, Nealy Hucker 1-0, Andrea Slayton 0-1, Roxanna Fera 0-1. Saves: Kristen Daly 0, Carrah Fisk 1.

(JV Football)

Albany JV at Williams JV was postponed due to wet grounds.

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Comments: 30th Annual Albany Cross Country Invitational

Albany, N.Y. -- Albany's Tonya Dodge and Southern Connecticut's Ross Nelson each won individual titles, while Massachusetts-Lowell and R.I.T. tied for the men's championship and Massachusetts-Lowell won the women's championship at the 30th annual Albany Cross Country Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

Ross outdueled Tony Fraij of R.I.T. in the R.K. Munsey men's varsity race to win by eight seconds. Ross completed the 8,000-meter course in 25:02, while Fraij finished at 25:10 to lead R.I.T. to a first place tie. Chris Keenan finished eighth in 25:59 to lead Buffalo to a third place finish.

Albany placed fourth as Dennis King finished 16th at 26:19. St. Lawrence finished fifth as Lawton Redman came in in fifth at 25:39. Rensselaer was sixth with 165 and LeMoyne placed seventh with 209.

Dodge, a senior, finished 13th last year, but won by eight seconds on Saturday with a time of 18:24 in the women's 5,000 meter race. Dodge's triumph led Albany to a fourth-place overall finish. Sarah Titus (18:32) placed second for Southern Connecticut State, which scored 101 points to finish in second place.

Massachusetts-Lowell's Jaime Gleason placed third in 18:44 and Caitlyn Kolodzinski (19:01) finished in sixth place to lead their team to the championship. Georgina Bendaha of St. John's came in at 18:46 to lead her team to a third place finish. Quinnipiac was fifth with 174, while Sacred Heart placed sixth with 183.

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(Men's R.K. Munsey Varsity Team)

1. Massachusetts-Lowell 77, 1. R.I.T. 77, 3. Buffalo 119, 4. Albany 121, 5. St. Lawrence 154, 6. Rensselaer 165, 7. LeMoyne 209, 8. Southern Connecticut State 226, 9. St. John's 237, 10. Stony Brook 295, 11. Vassar 301, 12. Union 325, 13. St. Michael's 345, 14. New Haven 400, 15. Johnson State 417, 16. SUNY-Maritime 486, 17. Quinnipiac 489, 18. Sacred Heart 493, 19. St. Rose 526, 20. Adelphi 529, 21. Hartwick 551, 22. Hobart 570, Clarkson 571, 24. C.W. Post 659, 25. Bard 704, 26. North Adams State 726, 27. Bridgeport 841.

(Top Individuals- 8, 000 meters)

1. Ross Nelson (Southern Connecticut State), 25:02; 2. Tony Fraji (R.I.T.), 25:10; 3. Pete Clusener (Stony Brook), 25:34; 4. Tony Martin (Southern Connecticut State), 25:37; 5. Lawton Redman (St. Lawrence), 25:39; 6. Russ Warren (R.I.T.), 25:52; 7. Brad Klinedinst (Massachusetts-Lowell), 25:54; 8. Chris Keenan (Buffalo), 25:59; 9. Jason Yuknus (St. John's), 26:03; 10. Adrien Grise (Massachusetts-Lowell), 26:07.

Top Local Finishers: 13. Shin Ozeni (Rensselaer), 26:11; 16. Dennis King (Albany), 26:19; 18. Ben Wright (Albany), 26:23; 19. Todd Weiss (Albany), 26:23; 29. Eric Kolb (Rensselaer), 30. Kyle Beahan (Rensselaer), 26:47; 31. John Druzna (Albany), 26:48; 34. Nick Conway (Union), 26:51; 37. Ryan Osborn (Albany), 26:53.

(Women's Varsity Team)

1. Massachusetts-Lowell 59, 2. Southern Connecticut State 101, 3. St. John's 110, 4. Albany 127, 5. Quinnipiac 174, 6. Sacred Heart 183, 7. St. Lawrence 188, 8. Buffalo 209, 9. Stony Brook 264, 10. St. Rose 279, 11. LeMoyne 295, 12. Vassar 305, 13. Rensselaer 310, 14. Lyndon State 328, 15. Hartwick 347, 16. St. Michael's 360, 17. Union 362, 18. Queens 524, 19. Mercy 579.

(Top Individuals- 5,000 meters)

1. Tonya Dodge (Albany), 18:24; 2. Sarah Titus (Southern Connecticut State), 18:32; 3. Jaime Gleason (Massachusetts-Lowell), 18:44; 4. Georgina Bendana (St. John's), 18:46; 5. Debbie Danehy (St. Lawrence), 18:56; 6. Caitlin Kolodzinski (Massachusetts-Lowell), 19:01; 7. Carrie Demirgian (Sacred Heart), 19:03; 8. Michelle Apland (Rensselaer), 19:15; 9. Christine Zurawik (Hartwick), 19:15; 10. Suzanne Kane (Massachusetts-Lowell), 19:16.

Other Local Finishers: 19. Andrea Viger (Albany), 19:45; 30. Elizabeth Hamilton (Albany), 20:05; 35. Erin Roach (Albany), 20:14.

Men's Purple Division/Varsity "B" Team)

1. Alfred State 54, 2. Rensselaer 72, 3. Albany 82, 4. Buffalo 94; 5. Finger Lakes C.C. 96; 6. C.C. Rhode Island 108, 7. St. Lawrence 184, 8. SUNY-Farmingdale 216; 9. Suffolk C.C. 285, 10. Nassau C.C. 289, 11. St. Michael's 313, 12. Union 359, 13. Sacred Heart 405.

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(Individual)

1. Peter Munyan (Alfred State), 26:54.

(Women's Purple Division/Varsity "B" Team)

1. Nassau C.C. 36, 2. Albany 47, 3. Vassar 68, 4. Union 71, 5. SUNY-Maritime 130, 6. Franklin Pierce 141, 7. Southern Vermont 185.

(Individual)

1. Danielle Audette (C.C. Rhode Island), 19:46.

NECC Championship

(Men's Varsity)

1. Massachusetts-Lowell 37, 2. Albany 52, 3. Southern Connecticut State 73, 4. Stony Brook 97, 5. New Haven 126, 6. Sacred Heart 151, 7. Bridgeport 220.

(Top Individuals)

1. Ross Nelson (Southern Connecticut State), 25:02; 2. Pete Clusener (Stony Brook), 25:34; 3. Tony Martin (Southern Connecticut State), 25:37; 4. Brad Klinedinst (Massachusetts-Lowell), 25:54, 5. Adrien Grise (Massachusetts-Lowell), 26:07.

(Women's Varsity)

1. Massachusetts-Lowell 34, 2. Southern Connecticut State 54, 3. Albany 65, 4. Sacred Heart 87, 5. Stony Brook 113.

(Top Individuals)

1. Tonya Dodge (Albany), 18:24; 2. Sarah Titus (Southern Connecticut State), 18:32; 3. Jaime Gleason (Massachusetts-Lowell), 18:44; 4. Caitlyn Kolodzinski (Massachusetts-Lowell), 19:01; 5. Carrie Demirigan (Sacred Heart) 19:03.

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(Men's Soccer)

Rindge, N.H. -- Seamus Donnelly scored five goals to lead Franklin Pierce over Albany, 9-1, on Saturday afternoon in a New England Collegiate Conference match at Crystal Field.

The Ravens improve to 10-3-1 overall and 5-1-0 in the NECC, while the Great Danes drop to 7-5-2 and 3-2-1.

-agate-

Albany	0	1	-	1
Franklin Pierce	4	5	-	9

Scoring- Albany: Kevin Koscielniak 1-0, Jomo Forrester 0-1. Saves: Dean DeFreitas 4, Steve Bamel 4. Franklin Pierce: Seamus Donnelly 5-0, Russ Masse 2-0, Tony Frankland 1-2, Joe Murray 1-0, Sandro Dambrosio 0-4, Attila Javor 0-2, Robert Pardo 0-1. Saves: Jeff Burstein 0.

(Women's Soccer)

Rindge, N.H. -- Paulina Miettinen scored three goals to lead Franklin Pierce past Albany, 9-0, on Saturday afternoon in a New England Collegiate Conference match at Crystal Field.

Anne Parnilla tallied one goal and three assists, while Paulina Auveri, Melissa Munro, Jen Miller, and Jenni Kapanen all added goals. Goalkeepers Marisa Giannone and Jessica Wimpenny both combined for the shutout.

The Ravens improve to 14-1 and 8-0 in the NECC, while the Great Danes fall to 5-10 and 1-5.

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-agate-

Albany	0	0	-	0
Franklin Pierce	4	5	-	9

Scoring -- Albany: No Scoring. Saves: Sheri Blackman 3, Beth Fisher 7.
Franklin Pierce: Paulina Miettinen 3-0, Anne Parnilla 1-3, Paulina Auveri 1-1,
Melissa Munro 1-0, Jen Miller 1-0, Jeni Kapanen 1-0. Saves: Marisa Giannone 1.

(Volleyball)

LeMoyne 3, Albany 0

East Stroudsburg 3, Albany 1

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LeMoyne def. Albany 15-7, 15-12, 15-12.

East Stroudsburg def. Albany 15-11, 11-15, 15-4, 15-4.

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1996 New England Collegiate Conference Women's Tennis Championship

Albany, N.Y. --

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(First Round)

Singles:

Flight I: Julie Bliss (UA) def. Katie Gibbs (ML), 6-1, 6-0; Carolyn Knight (FP) def. Beth Saucier (NH), 6-0, 6-1; Laura Higgins (SB) def. Maren Niemann (SH), 6-2, 6-4.

Flight II: Marci Travin (UA) def. Catherine Jones (UM), 6-4, 6-2; Melissa Kiely (SH) def. Christina Collins (FP), 7-5, 6-3; Alice Kupczynska (SB) def. Paulette Dixon (NH), 6-1, 6-2.

Flight III: Erin Gaffney (UM) def. Grace Courbis (SB), 6-1, 7-5; Mary Wood (UA) def. Kara Ducharme 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; Kelly Quinn (SH) def. Leighanne Merigan (NH), 6-1, 6-0.

Flight IV: Christine Phillips (UA) def. Alison Jean (ML), 6-1, 6-7; Lauren MacPhee (SH) def. KerryAnn Ash (NH), 6-2, 6-1; Jamie Keller (SB) def. Kathy Walborn (FP), 7-6 (6-1), 6-1.

Flight V: Marissa Tuchband (UA) def. Richelle Clini (NH), 6-1, 6-0; Kerri Rowe (FP) def. Belvin Gong (SB), 6-3, 6-2; Sheleagh O'Neil (ML) def. Ashley Aimetti (SH), 7-6 (7-5), 6-0.

Flight VI: Ruth Butz (FP) def. Kim Sanford (ML), 6-1, 6-0.

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(First Round)

Doubles:

Flight I: Bliss-Travin (UA) def. Kupczynska-Courbis (SB), 6-2, 6-2; Gibbs-Gaffney (ML) def. Saucier-Dixon (NH), 6-2, 6-4; Knight-Collins (FP) def. Kiely-Ametti (SH), 6-7 (7-5), 6-1, 6-3.

Flight II: Higgins-Keller (SB) def. Walborn-Butz (FP), 6-3, 6-2; Wood-Phillips (UA) def. Niemann-Kiely (SH), 6-1, 6-2; Jones-Sanford (ML) def. Merigan-George (NH), 6-0, 6-0.

Flight III: Rowe-Ducharme (FP) def. Ash-Greenaway (NH) 6-0, 6-0; Jean- O'Neil (ML) def. Tuchband-Jethani (UA), 6-3, 6-4; Galizia-Balone (SH) def. Rebosa-Reformina (SB), 6-4, 6-2.

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(Field Hockey)

Waltham, Mass. -- Senior midfielder Jessica Cormier scored two goals to lead Bentley over Albany, 2-0, on Friday afternoon at Bentley Athletic Field.

Cormier lifted Lia Pezzola's penalty-corner into the cage just 45 seconds into the contest. In the second half, Cormier tallied her second goal on a 25-yard direct shot at 27:56.

Freshman goalkeeper Carolyn Cahill stopped six shots to record her sixth shutout. The Falcons improve to 10-5, while the Great Danes drop to 9-3.

-agate-

Albany (9-3)	0	0	-	0
Bentley (10-5)	1	1	-	2

Scoring -- Albany: No Scoring. Saves: Carrie Waible 8. Bentley: Jessica Cormier 2-0, Lia Pezzola 0-1, Johanna DiCarlo 0-1. Saves: Carolyn Cahill 6.

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ALBANY HOSTS NECC WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany hosts the New England Collegiate Conference Women's Tennis Championships on October 18-20. The three-day event will feature six singles and three doubles flights. Doubles play begins at 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening, while the tournament resumes on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Albany, the defending champion, is led by freshman Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) and sophomore Mary Wood (Schenectady H.S.). Bliss has a 14-5 record, and will compete in Flight I singles, while Wood (8-4 overall) will play in Flight III singles.

The NECC tournament is scheduled for University Courts on campus, but matches will be moved to The Bubble if there is inclement weather.

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(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior defender Meredith Jackel scored in the first half to lead Albany over St. Michael's, 1-0, in a battle of two of the Region's top five teams on Wednesday afternoon at Albany Field.

Jackel tallied on a penalty stroke with 13 minutes and 57 seconds remaining in the first period. Freshman goalkeeper Leia Shick stopped five shots to record her first career shutout.

St. Michael's outshot the Great Danes, 14-6. Albany improves to 9-2 on the season, while the Lady Knights fall to 8-4.

-agate-

St. Michael's (8-4)	0	0	-	0
Albany (9-2)	1	0	-	0

Scoring -- St. Michael's: No Scoring. Saves: Nicki Collette 2. Albany: Meredith Jackel 1-0. Saves: Leia Shick 5.

(Women's Tennis)

New Paltz, N.Y. -- Freshman Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and sophomore Mary Wood (Schenectady) each won in straight sets to lead Albany to an 8-1 decision at SUNY-New Paltz on Wednesday afternoon.

Bliss defeated Lori Clark, 6-1, 6-0, to run her season record at first singles to 14-5 overall, while Wood improved to 8-4 at third singles with a 6-3, 6-4 victory. The Great Danes have an 8-4 dual-match record.

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Albany 8, SUNY-New Paltz 1

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Lori Clark (NP), 6-1, 6-0; Marci Travin (A) def. Jordan Gobrecht (NP), 6-0, 6-4; Mary Wood (A) def. Denise Cariola (NP), 6-3, 6-4; Marissa Tuchband (A) def. Judy Salvati (NP), 6-3, 6-3; Anju Jethani (A) def. Jennifer Faro (NP), 6-4, 6-2; Nina Alvarez (A) def. Colleen Usherwood (NP), 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles: Bliss-Travin (A) def. Clark-Gobrecht (NP), 8-3; Wood-Alvarez (A) def. Cariola-Usherwood (NP), 8-2; Salvati-Faro (NP) def. Tuchband-Jethani (A), 8-6.

Records: Albany (8-4), SUNY-New Paltz (6-7).

(Football)

Centerville, Mass. -- The University at Albany is ranked second in the first weekly ECAC Intercollegiate Football Conference Division II Poll as voted by the ECAC-IFC Bowl Committee.

C.W. Post, which received all four first-place votes, is first in the poll with a 3-1 record. Albany (4-1) is second, while Stony Brook and Stonehill are tied for third.

The ECAC-IFC Division II championship will be conducted on Saturday, November 23 (12 noon) at a campus site.

The Great Danes travel to Stony Brook on Saturday, October 19 for a 1:00 p.m. contest.

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ECAC-IFC Division II Poll

1. C.W. Post (4)	3-1	20 points
2. Albany	4-1	16
3. Stony Brook	4-1	10
Stonehill	4-1	10
5. Bentley	3-2	4

() - first-place votes

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Comments: College Sports

Shenendehowa's Janna Johnston Receives Toone Memorial Scholarship

Sophomore Janna Johnston, a 1995 graduate of Shenendehowa Central High School, will be the first University at Albany student-athlete to receive the Kimberly Toone Women's Track & Field Memorial Scholarship.

Toone's parents, Walter and Gwendolyn, will be at the presentation on Saturday, October 19, when the Albany Cross Country/Track & Field Banquet is held on campus. Tragically, their daughter died at the age of 22 in an auto accident last March 6. Kimberly, a Phi Beta Kappa student and an NCAA qualifier in the long jump and 55-meter hurdles, was attending Albany's graduate school in criminal justice. She earned her B.S. in the same discipline from the University.

Johnston, who has a 3.87 grade point average in mathematics with a minor in physics, won the 1996 Collegiate Track Conference heptathlon title, and was invited to the ECAC Division I championship, where she finished ninth by scoring a school-record 4,536 points. Johnston own the second best long jump in school annals (18' 8.25").

Shana Williams, a former Albany assistant track coach who was a member of 1996 U.S. Olympic Team in the women's long jump, will speak at Saturday evening's event.

30th Annual Albany Invitational Set For Saturday

The 30th annual Albany Cross Country Invitational will be held this Saturday, October 19 at the University at Albany. The New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) and New York Collegiate Athletic Conference (NYCAC) championships will also be scored at this meet. Local schools in the event include Albany, St. Rose and Union.

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The R.K. Munsey Men's Gold Race, a varsity 8,000-meter competition, is scheduled for 12 noon, while the Women's Gold Race will be contested over 5,000 meters at 1:30 p.m.

The Albany women are led by senior Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.), who won last week's Slippery Rock Invitational. The men feature Dennis King (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons), Todd Weiss (Shaker) and Ben Wright (Averill Park).

30th annual Albany Invitational

- 10:00 a.m. - Adirondack USAT&F Development Race (Men-8K; Women-5K)
- 11:15 a.m. - Men's Purple Division (8K - community colleges, jayvee teams)
- 12 noon - R.K. Munsey Men's Gold Race (8K - varsity teams)*
- 12:45 p.m. - Women's Purple Division (5K - community colleges, jayvee teams)
- 1:30 p.m. - Women's Gold Race (5K - varsity teams)*

*also serves as NECC and NYCAC cross country championships

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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

(Men's Soccer)

New Haven, Conn. -- Freshman goalkeeper Dean deFreitas made seven saves, as Albany and New Haven battled to a scoreless overtime tie in a New England Collegiate Conference match on Sunday afternoon.

Albany (7-4-2, NECC 3-1-1) tied for the second straight day, as the Great Danes drew with New York Tech, 2-2, on Saturday. Sophomore Josh Faris stopped three shots for New Haven (6-3-1, NECC 2-1-1), which played Albany to a 1-1 tie in last year's meeting.

-agate-

Albany	0	0	0	-	0
New Haven	0	0	0	-	0

Scoring -- Albany: No Scoring. Saves: Dean deFreitas 7. New Haven: No Scoring. Saves: Josh Faris 3.

(Women's Soccer)

New Haven, Conn. -- Freshman forward Christine Huber scored twice to lead New Haven to a 3-0 New England Collegiate Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon.

Anna Maria Uyar netted a feed from Paula Uscilla just five minutes into the match, before Huber added two second-half goals.

Goalkeepers Christel Thompson and Candace Morgan faced just two shots in recording the shutout for the Chargers. Sheri Blackman turned aside nine shots in the Albany net.

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Comments: College Notes

Football: Albany had its largest home (6,082) since September 8, 1984, when 6,500 jammed University Field to see the season opener with Ithaca ... FL Bob Thorne needs 44 yards to become the sixth UA wideout with 1,000 career receiving yards ... TB Greg Garrett is 85 yards from setting the freshman single-season rushing record ... Ed Lemon ran for 546 yards in 1990 ... Todd McKeown's 38-yard flea-flicker to Jason Noker was the first TD pass given up by the Albany defense this season ...

Men's Soccer: Kevin Koscielniak (Saratoga Springs) scored his fifth goal of the season at 31:11, as Albany upended Rensselaer, which was ranked 12th nationally in Division III ... Albany is 3-0-2 in its last five matches with two Top 10 Division II teams in Franklin Pierce and #1 Southern Connecticut State on the horizon ...

Cross Country: Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) won the Slippery Rock Invitational in 18:49.71 ... the men finished second in the team standings as Dennis King (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons) was fifth in 34:44.34 and Todd Weiss (Shaker) was 11th ... the 30th annual Albany Invitational is scheduled for Saturday ... the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) and New York Collegiate Athletic Conference (NYCAC) will also score their championships at the meet ...

Women's Tennis: Freshman Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake), who has a 13-5 record at first singles, will help Albany defend its 1995 NECC championship this weekend ... the University is hosting the conference tournament for the second straight year (Oct. 18-20) ... Mary Wood (Schenectady), who has a 7-4 record, will play in Flight III singles ...

Toone Memorial Scholarship: Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) will be the first recipient of the Kimberly Toone Women's Track & Field Memorial Scholarship, and will receive her award on Saturday evening at a banquet in the Campus Center Patroon Room ... Toone's parents, Walter and Gwendolyn, will be at the presentation ... Kimberly, a Phi Beta Kappa student and an NCAA qualifier in the long jump and 55-meter hurdles, died at the age of 22 in a tragic auto accident last March 6 ... Johnston, a sophomore who has a 3.87 grade point average in mathematics with a minor in physics, won the 1996 Collegiate Track Conference heptathlon title, and was invited to the ECAC Division I championship, where she finished ninth by scoring a school-record 4,536 points ... Johnston owns the second best long jump mark (18' 8.25") in school history ...

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

New Haven improves to 8-4 overall and 3-3 in the conference, while Albany is 4-9 and 1-4.

-agate-

Albany	0	0	-	0
New Haven	1	2	-	3

Scoring -- Albany: No Scoring. Saves: Sheri Blackman 9. New Haven: Christine Huber 2-0, Anna Maria Uyar 1-0, Paula Uscilla 0-1, Kristina Nuzzo 0-1. Saves: Christel Thompson 1.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Marci Travin dropped 6-4, 6-1 decision to Dowling's Nicole Bove in Sunday's consolation final at the New York State Division I-II championships at the Capital Region Tennis & Fitness Club.

Travin, who has a 9-9 singles record this fall, had battled her way through the consolation bracket during the two-day tournament. Earlier in the day, she defeated Diana Teytel of Queens College in the semifinal round, 6-4, 5-7 and 6-4.

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Damien Farrell scored midway through the second half, as New York Tech and Albany battled to a 2-2 overtime tie in a non-conference match on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (7-4-1) took a 2-1 lead, when freshman Jeff Lopriore scored off a scramble in front of the net at 59:50. Farrell tied the game three minutes later off a 20-yard direct kick. Neither team scored in overtime.

New York Tech (6-7), which defeated St. Rose, 3-0, on Friday, took a 1-0 lead on Suavy Wysocki's goal in the opening period, before Albany's Jomo Forrester tied the contest early in the second half.

-agate-

Albany 2, New York Tech 2 (OT)

New York Tech	1	1	0	-	2
Albany	0	2	0	-	2

Scoring -- New York Tech: Suavy Wysocki 1-0, Damien Farrell 1-0, Nikas Christofedes 0-1. Saves: Aiden Lyons 13. Albany: Jomo Forrester 1-0, Jeff Lopriore 1-0, Tom Mason 0-1. Saves: Dean deFreitas 6.

(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior midfielder Carrie Franklin scored with 8:32 left in the second overtime to lift Columbia to a 2-1 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Albany Field.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Freshman Chrissy Bradt (Shenendehowa H.S.) gave Albany (8-2) a 1-0 lead early in the second half with her third goal of the season. Lauren Reynolds, the Lions' leading-scorer, drew her team even with 11:26 remaining in regulation.

Whitney Weems, a freshman goalkeeper, had 16 saves for Division I Columbia, which improves to 4-6 on the season.

-agate-

Columbia 2, Albany 1 (2OT)

Columbia	0	1	0	1	-	2
Albany	0	1	0	0	-	1

Scoring -- Columbia: Lauren Reynolds 1-0, Carrie Franklin 1-0, Sarah Brubaker 0-1. Saves: Whitney Weems 16. Albany: Chrissy Bradt 1-0. Saves: Leia Schick 9.

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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

(Cross Country)

Slippery Rock, Pa. - Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) finished first in the women's race, while Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons H.S.) was fifth in the men's division at the Slippery Rock Invitational on Saturday.

Dodge, who was second at the Fordham Invitational in early September, ran the 5,000-meter course in 18:49.71. Albany finished sixth in the team standings with 132 points. East Stroudsburg scored 54 to capture the overall women's title.

In the men's 10K, King led the Great Danes to a second-place showing. The Albany senior was clocked in 34:44.34 to place fifth, while teammate Todd Weiss (Shaker H.S.) took 11th in 35:21.20. East Stroudsburg had 50 points to finish first in the team event, while Albany had 65 and Indiana, Pa. was third with 94.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) was eliminated in the quarterfinal round, while Marci Travin reached the consolation semifinals on Saturday at the New York State Division I-II championships, which are being held at the Capital Region Tennis & Fitness Club.

Bliss, the sixth seed, defeated Hofstra's Monica Pop, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, in the second round, before dropping a 6-4, 6-2 decision in the quarterfinals to Lisa Taub of Pace. Travin, who lost in the first round of the championship bracket, captured two straight-set victories later in the day to reach Sunday's consolation semifinals.

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(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) won in straight set at first singles to lead Albany to a 5-4 victory over Stony Brook on Friday evening.

Bliss defeated Tara Boening, 6-1, 6-0, to improve her record to 12-4 on the season. She is seeded sixth in Saturday's New York State Division I-II championships, which will be held at the Capital Region Tennis & Fitness Club.

-agate-

Albany 5, Stony Brook 4

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Tara Boening (SB), 6-1, 6-0; Alicia Kupczynska (SB) def. Marci Travin (A), 7-6 (7-4), 6-2; Laura Higgins (SB) def. Mary Wood (A), 6-4, 0-6, 6-4; Jaime Keller (SB) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (9-7); Melanie Rebosa (SB) def. Anju Jethani (A), 6-4, 7-5; Nina Alvarez (A) def. Karina Reformina (SB), 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles: Bliss-Travin (A) def. Boening-Higgins (SB), 8-4; Wood-Phillips (A) def. Kupczynska-Keller (SB), 8-3,; Tuchband-Jethani (A) def. Rebosa-Reformina (SB), 8-4.

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(Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior midfielder Tara Ford scored two goals to lead Albany past Russell Sage, 2-1, on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Ford fired a 10-yard shot into the left corner of the net at 28:46. Defender Alicia Zorn's direct kick tied the match with less than two minutes remaining in the first period. Nine minutes into the second half, Ford tallied the game-winner on a pass from teammate Irene Eliea.

Goalkeeper Sheri Blackman stopped three shots in the Great Dane net, while Bernadette Stephanowski had eight saves in the loss. Albany improves to 4-8 on the season. Russell Sage drops to 0-11-1.

-agate-

Russell Sage (0-11-1)	1	0	-	1
Albany (4-8)	1	1	-	2

Scoring -- Russell Sage: Alicia Zorn 1-0. Saves: Bernadette Stephanowski 8.
Albany: Tara Ford 2-0, Irene Eliea 0-1. Saves: Sheri Blackman 3.

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(Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman midfielder Denise Mattimore scored in the second half to lead North Adams State past Albany, 1-0, on Tuesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Mattimore fired an eight-yard shot past Albany goalkeeper Sheri Blackman at 66:42. The Great Danes outshot North Adams State, 22-17, but goalkeeper Kelley Morrissey came up with 13 saves to record the shutout. The Mohawks improve to 2-7 on the season, while the Great Danes drop to 3-8.

-agate-

North Adams State (2-7)	0	1	-	1
Albany (3-8)	0	0	-	0

Scoring -- North Adams State: Denise Mattimore 1-0. Saves: Kelley Morrissey 13.
Albany: No Scoring. Saves: Sheri Blackman 8.

(Women's Tennis)

Clinton, N.Y. -- Amy Lopatin captured a three-set decision at second singles to lead Hamilton to a 7-2 victory over Albany on Tuesday afternoon.

Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and Mary Wood (Schenectady) each won in straight sets for Albany, which falls to 6-4 overall. Hamilton has a 4-4 dual-match record.

-agate-

Hamilton 7, Albany 2

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Mindy Bell (H), 6-0, 6-0; Amy Lopatin (H) def. Marci Travin (A), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; Mary Wood (A) def. Nicole Barnard (H), 6-0, 6-0; Kristen Donofrio (H) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-4, 6-1; Courtney Dane (H) def. Anju Jethani (A), 6-7 (7-4), 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); Sara Chatterton (H) def. Nina Alvarez (A), 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles: Bell/Donofrio (H) def. Bliss/Travin (A), 8-3; Lopatin/Shana Roberts (H) def. Wood/Tuchband (A), 8-4; Jenny Scharfeld/Emma McLaren (H) def. Jethani/Alvarez (A), 8-5.

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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

Albany's Dean deFreitas named NECC Rookie of the Week

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman goalkeeper Dean deFreitas has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week in men's soccer as announced today by the conference office.

deFreitas, a native of Trinidad & Tobago, had eight saves in Saturday's 5-1 decision over Stony Brook. Albany improved to 6-4 overall and 3-1 in NECC play with the victory. deFreitas has a 1.73 goals against average and 36 saves in eight appearances for the Great Danes this season.

Football Receives Votes in Lambert/Meadowlands Poll

East Rutherford, N.J. -- The University at Albany was listed among several teams receiving votes in this week's Lambert/Meadowlands Division II Football Poll. West Chester (Pa.) University and Indiana (Pa.) University are tied for the top spot. The Great Danes have a 4-0 record entering this Saturday's game with Union.

-agate-

Lambert/Meadowlands Division II Football Poll

T1. West Chester (3-1) and Indiana, Pa. (4-0), 38; 3. Bloomsburg (3-1), 32; 4. New Haven (2-2), 24; 5. Clarion (4-1), 23; 6. Edinboro (2-2), 20; T7. Slippery Rock (3-2) and Southern Connecticut State (3-1), 10; 9. Millersville (2-2), 8; 10. Bentley (3-1), 7.

Also Receiving Votes: East Stroudsburg 4; Kutztown 4; Albany, N.Y. 2.

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FOOTBALL: Albany enters the Union game undefeated for the second time in the program's history ... the Great Danes were 3-0 in 1981 (10-7 loss) and 2-0 in 1982 (17-7 win) ... head coach Bob Ford will be looking across the field at a former assistant for the second straight game ... Union's John Audino was a special teams coach at Albany in the late 1970s ... Sean King (Stillwater) may have won back the place-kicking job ... King made Albany's first field goal (27 yards) of the season at Rensselaer, and the Danes are 11-4 since the start of the '92 season when a UA kicker connects on a field goal attempt ...

MEN'S SOCCER: Junior forward Kevin Koscielniak (Saratoga Springs H.S.) had three goals in Saturday's 5-1 NECC victory over Stony Brook ... his effort was the first three-goal game by an Albany player since Chris Mogavero against Caldwell on Sept. 11, 1994 ...

FIELD HOCKEY: Albany (8-1) knocked off Millersville, the South Region's No. 2 team, on Sunday by a 1-0 score ... sophomore Michelle Pabst (Saratoga H.S.) is a member of a defensive unit which has allowed just five goals this season ... freshman Chrissy Bradt (Shenendehowa H.S.) has two goals, while freshman Sonja Bates (Saratoga Springs H.S.) has appeared in six games ...

WOMEN'S TENNIS: The Great Danes are 6-3 in dual matches ... freshman Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) is 10-4 at first singles, while sophomore Mary Wood (Schenectady) is 6-3 at third singles ...

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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman forward Tovah Atwell scored midway through the first half to lead Albany over Millersville, 1-0, on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field.

Atwell tallied her sixth goal of the season with 15:58 remaining in the opening period, as found the cage from right in front off a feed from teammate Nicole Vieni.

Freshman goalkeeper Cecilia Rex stopped two shots to record her first career shutout, while Tina Starner had 13 saves for the Mauraders. The Great Danes improve to 8-1, while Millersville falls to 6-6.

-agate-

Millersville (6-6)	0	0	-	0
Albany (8-1)	1	0	-	1

Scoring -- Millersville: No Scoring. Saves: Tina Starner 13. Albany: Tovah Atwell 1-0, Nicole Vieni 0-1. Saves: Cecilia Rex 2.

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Danielle Faretta won a three-set match at first singles to lead Bloomsburg to a 9-0 victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon. Faretta, a finalist at the ITA-Rolax East Regional, upended Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake), 5-7, 6-4 and 6-1.

The Huskies upped their dual-match record to 8-1, while the Great Danes fell to 6-3.

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-agate-

Bloomsburg 9 Albany 0

Singles: Danielle Faretta (B) def. Julie Bliss (A), 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; Ashley Goetz (B) def. Marci Travin (A), 6-4, 6-1; Amy Koontz (B) def. Mary Wood (A), 6-2, 6-4; Cara Evangelista (B) def. Christine Phillips (A), 7-5, 6-2; Cara Fiore (B) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-0, 6-0; Lisa Curran (B) def. Anju Jethani (A), 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: Faretta-Goetz (B) def. Bliss-Travin (A), 8-1; Koontz-Evangelista (B) def. Wood-Phillips (A,) 8-6; Fiore-Claire (B) def. Tuchband-Alvarez (A), 8-2.

Records: Bloomsburg (8-1), Albany (6-3).

(JV Football)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman quarterback Ryan Quill threw a 40-yard touchdown pass and scored on a one-yard run to lead Dean Junior College to a 20-7 victory over Albany's junior varsity on Sunday afternoon at University Field.

Quill, who completed 12 of 20 passes for 190 yards, hit wide receiver Dennis Barbosa with a 40-yard TD strike on the last play of the first half to give his club a 7-0 lead. Quill scored on a one-yard sneak to cap a 62-yard march with 5:47 left in the third quarter.

Albany JV (1-2) closed the gap to 13-7 with 5:38 remaining in the final period on a 12-yard run by fullback Dennis Gleit, who rushed 13 times for 60 yards. But Dean J.C.'s Jeff Martin raced 92 yards to paydirt with the ensuing kickoff to thwart any comeback attempt by the Great Danes.

-agate-

Dean Junior College	0	7	6	7	-	20
Albany JV	0	0	0	7	-	7

D - Dennis Barbosa 40 pass from Ryan Quill (Matthew Scott kick), 0:00 (2nd)

D - Quill 1 run (kick failed), 5:47 (3rd)

A - Dennis Gleit 12 run (David Hupp kick), 5:38 (4th)

D - Jeff Martin 92 kickoff return (Dominic Piccini kick), 5:23 (4th)

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior forward Kevin Koscielniak (Saratoga Springs) scored three goals to lead Albany over Stony Brook, 5-1, on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field in a New England Collegiate Conference match.

Koscielniak's effort was the first three-goal game by an Albany player since Chris Mogavero against Caldwell on Sept. 11, 1994.

Stony Brook's Mike Hillis scored off a pass from teammate Ryan Jinks just two minutes into the game to give his club a 1-0 advantage. Koscielniak scored twice over the next 17 minutes to put Albany ahead for good at 2-1. He netted a rebound shot off goalkeeper Greg Adelsberg's save, before knocking in the game-winner off a pass from Jomo Forrester at 18:52.

Koscielniak's third goal at 83:26 gave Albany a 4-1 cushion, while Joe Augienello and Forrester also scored in the second half. Freshman Dean deFreitas had eight saves in the Great Dane net.

Albany improves to 6-4 overall and 3-1 in NECC play, while the Seawolves drop to 2-8 and 1-4.

-agate-

Stony Brook (2-8, 1-4)	1	0	-	1
Albany (6-4, 3-1)	2	3	-	5

Scoring -- Stony Brook: Mike Hillis 1-0, Ryan Jinks 0-1. Saves: Greg Adelsberg 7. Albany: Kevin Koscielniak 3-0, Jomo Forrester 1-2, Joe Auginello 1-0. Saves: Dean deFreitas 8.

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(Women's Volleyball)

New Haven, Conn. --

-agate-

Southern Connecticut State Tournament

New Haven def. Albany, 15-1, 15-3, 15-9

Albany def. Southern Connecticut State, 15-11, 15-11, 15-7

Bentley def. Albany, 15-6, 15-5, 15-5

Albany def. Keene State, 15-10, 15-7, 15-10

(Women's Tennis)

Rindge, N.H. -- Freshman Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and sophomore Mary Wood (Schenectady) each won in straight sets to lead Albany to a 9-0 victory at Franklin Pierce.

Bliss improved to 10-3 on the season with a 6-0, 6-0 decision over Carolyn Knight. Wood upended Kara Ducharme, 7-5, 6-4 to gain her sixth win in singles this fall.

-agate-

Albany 9, Franklin Pierce 0

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Carolyn Knight (F), 6-0, 6-0; Marci Travin (A) def. Christina Collins (F), 6-3, 6-4; Mary Wood (A) def. Kara Ducharme (F), 7-5, 6-4; Christine Phillips (A) def. Kerrie Rowe (F), 7-5, 6-4; Marissa Tuchband (A) def. Kathy Walborn (F), 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4); Nina Alvarez (A) def. Ruth Butz (F), 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

Doubles: Bliss-Travin (A) def. Knight-Collins (F), 8-4; Wood-Phillips (A) def. Walborn-Butz (F), 8-0; Tuchband-Anju Jethani (A) def. Ducharme-Rowe (F), 8-4.

Records: Albany (6-2), Franklin Pierce (5-4).

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(Women's Field Hockey)

Hamden, Conn. -- Junior midfielder Tara Thibeault scored two goals, including the game-winner in overtime, as Quinnipiac defeated Albany, 2-1, on Friday afternoon.

Quinnipiac led 1-0 at the intermission as Thibeault scored off a penalty corner. Tovah Atwell scored the equalizer five minutes and 10 seconds into the second half. Thibeault's game-winning goal came at 2:37 into overtime on a penalty-corner shot.

Albany outshot Quinnipiac, 16-7, but goalkeeper Missy Beaulieu came up with 11 saves. The Great Danes lost for the first time this season, and are 7-1. The Lady Braves improved 4-4 overall.

-agate-

Albany	0	1	0	-	1
Quinnipiac	1	0	1	-	2

Scoring - Albany: Tovah Atwell 1-0, Mia Malan 0-1. Saves: Leia Shick 2, Carrie Waible 0. Quinnipiac: Tara Thibeault 2-0, Jan Puleo 0-1, Denice Horsfield 0-2, Addie Warren 0-1. Saves: Missy Beaulieu 11.

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(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman Julie Bliss (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and sophomore Mary Wood (Schenectady) each won in straight sets to lead Albany to an 8-1 victory over Oneonta State. The Great Danes improved their dual-match record to 5-2.

-agate-

Albany 8 Oneonta State 1

Singles: Julie Bliss (A) def. Jill Nelson (OS) 6-0, 6-0; Marci Travin (A) def. Christina Zola (OS) 6-0, 4-6, 6-3; Mary Wood (A) def. JoAnna Testa (OS) 6-2, 6-1; Marissa Tuchband (A) def. Ann Marie Gowans (OS) 6-3, 6-1; Anju Jethani (A) def. Rene Mentore (OS) 6-4, 6-4; Nina Alvarez (A) def. Taryn Esposito (OS) 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles: Bliss-Travin (A) def. Nelson-Gowans (OS) 8-1; Wood-Phillips (A) def. Zola-Testa (OS) 8-1; Imbornone-Dameus (OS) def. Tuchband-Jethani (A) 8-2.

Albany (5-2) Oneonta State (2-7)



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TONY DICKENS NAMED ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH
Andrew Goodemote elevated from interim to full-time assistant

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Tony Dickens**, a former University at Albany player, and recently a head high school basketball coach in Ohio, has been named as an assistant coach as Albany head coach **Richard Sauers** announced today. In addition, **Andrew Goodemote** has been elevated from interim to full-time status as an assistant on Sauers' staff.

Dickens, who also works in the University's Residential Life & Housing Office, was previously the head coach at Firestone High School in Akron, Ohio from 1991-95. He guided the program to 56-32 overall record in four years, and his teams won one regional, two district, and two city championships. His '92 club reached the Division I state semifinals. Dickens also served as an assistant coach at Akron North High School for three seasons.

Dickens, 37, had a 53-game varsity career at Albany, where he earned a B.A. in communication and sociology in 1987. Prior to enrolling at the University, he was a second-team all-region center at Orange County Community College in Middletown, New York, and served six years in the United States Marine Corps as a sergeant and marksmanship instructor.

A native of Mount Rainier, Md., Dickens will handle recruiting and work with the post players as a member of the Albany staff.

Goodemote, who hails from Gloversville, N.Y., has been with the Albany basketball program for the past three years. He was named as an assistant coach on an interim basis for the 1995-96 season after previously working as a part-time assistant and head junior varsity coach.

Goodemote, 30, began his coaching career in 1991 as a volunteer assistant for Mike Deane at Siena College, and then moved to Newberry College in South Carolina. He was a standout guard on Albany teams in the late 1980s, and an all-state player and Section II's top scorer at Gloversville (N.Y.) High School.

Albany, which begins its second year as a NCAA Division II program and as a member of the New England Collegiate Conference, conducts its first practice on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

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(Women's Field Hockey)

Springfield, Mass. -- Sophomore midfielder Mia Malan scored twice to lead unbeaten Albany to a 5-0 victory at Western New England on Wednesday afternoon.

Malan broke a scoreless deadlock with 55 seconds left in the first half, when she sent an attempted clear by WNEC goalkeeper Natalie Pisarcik into the lower left corner from the top of the circle.

Albany (7-0) broke it open with a four-goal barrage in the final period. Freshman Chrissy Bradt (Shenendehowa H.S.) and Malan scored back-to-back goals to give the Great Danes a 4-0 advantage.

Shannon Hartz added one goal and one assists, while Leia Shick and Cecilia Rex combined for five saves in recording the shutout. Pisarcik stopped 19 shots for Western New England (0-6).

-agate-

Albany	1	4	-	5
Western New England	0	0	-	0

Scoring -- Albany: Mia Malan 2-0, Shannon Hartz 1-1, Chrissy Bradt 1-0, Tovah Atwell 1-0, Nicole Vieni 0-1. Saves: Leia Shick 3, Cecilia Rex 2. Western New England: No Scoring. Saves: Natalie Pisarcik 19.

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College Sports 2-2-2-2

(Women's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman forward Jen Gargiulo scored with just over 10 minutes left in overtime to lift Southern Connecticut State to a 2-1 victory over Albany in a New England Collegiate Conference match at Varsity Field.

Gargiulo deposited a six-yard shot past UA goalkeeper Sheri Blackman off a crossing pass from Juli Farber.

Albany's Ellen Braun had tied the contest at one apiece four minutes earlier on a 20-yard direct kick. SCSU's Amie Bennett had given her club the lead early in the extra period off an indirect kick, after the two teams battled to a scoreless tie in regulation.

The Owls improved to 3-1 overall and 3-1 in NECC play. Albany falls to 3-7 and 1-3.

-agate-

Southern Conn. State	0	0	2	-	2
Albany	0	0	1	-	1

Scoring -- Southern Conn. State: Amie Bennett 1-0, Jen Gargiulo 1-0, Juli Farber 0-1. Saves: Jennifer Lalla 10. Albany: Ellen Braun 1-0. Saves: Sheri Blackman 10.

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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY WILL HOST 1997 NECC BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT (see attached)
FOOTBALL RANKED AMONG DIVISION II'S TOP DEFENSIVE UNITS**

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany football team is off to its best start since 1979 with a 4-0 record, and the Great Danes are first in the nation in pass efficiency defense. The NCAA released this week's NCAA Division II statistical rankings today.

The Albany defense is first among Division II teams in pass efficiency defense with a 55.3 rating, and fifth in scoring defense (10.3 points per game).

Albany, which has not allowed a touchdown pass this season, has held the opposition to 45 of 124 passing for a 36.2 completion percentage, and totaled six interceptions.

The Great Danes were allowing 29.5 points per game through the opening four contests last season en route to a 1-3 start.

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1997 NECC POST-SEASON BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT COMES TO ALBANY, N.Y.

West Haven, Conn. - - On Tuesday, the New England Collegiate Conference announced the 1997 Men's and Women's Post-Season Basketball Tournament will be held in Albany, New York, at the Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) on the campus of the University at Albany, with the Men's and Women's Championship Games to be held at the campus site's of the highest-seeded team remaining.

The eight-team tournament (men and women) will begin on Sunday, February 23, 1997 with four women's quarterfinal games. The men will play their four quarterfinal games on Monday, February 24th, with the Men's and Women's semifinals on Tuesday, February 25th. All games at the RACC would be at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The final would be played on Saturday, March 1st at the highest seed's campus site. (Men - 3 p.m.; Women - 7 p.m.)

NECC Commissioner Bill Moore felt "The New England Collegiate Conference looks forward to the University at Albany's hosting the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of its men's and women's basketball tournament championships. The University at Albany will do a great job with the 1997 NECC Basketball Tournaments. Milt Richards (University at Albany, Director of Athletics) will put full effort toward running a first class event. The Albany facility is one of the best in the East and the Capital District is known for its support of collegiate basketball. The conference made a good decision about site selection and the new format may well serve as the pattern of the future."

The Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) opened in the spring of 1992, an \$11 million state-of-the-art facility. The RACC is the home for Albany's men's and women's basketball teams, and has an .11 mile indoor track. The 5,000-seat arena also serves as a major venue for community events such as rock and pop concerts, sporting events and University activities.

Dr. Milton E. Richards feels "very excited that the University at Albany has the opportunity to showcase the capital Region, an outstanding campus and an excellent athletic facility for this important basketball tournament."



1997 NECC POST-SEASON BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FACTS:



City: Albany, New York

Site: Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) on the campus of the University at Albany.

Capacity: 5,000

Dates: Sunday, February 23, 1997 (women's quarterfinals, 1, 3, 6, 8 p.m.); Monday, February 24, 1997 (men's quarterfinals, 1, 3, 6, 8 p.m.); Tuesday, February 25, 1997 (men's and women's semifinals, 1, 3, 6, 8 p.m.); Saturday, March 1, 1997 (Championship finals at highest seed's campus site; men - 3 p.m.; women - 7 p.m.).

Teams: Top eight for men and women.

