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**WOMEN'S HOOP WINS FIRST TWO IN SWEEDEN**

*Sweden* - The University at Albany Women's Basketball team got off to a good start on their tour of Sweden last week. They won their first two games, 64-62, over Orgryte Basket in Goteborg last Thursday and, 74-69, over Westwinds Basket in Helsingborg on Sunday.

Against Orgryte, the Danes were led by junior center Erica Witham's (Guilderland, NY) 14 points while junior guard Maura Quinn (Canton, MA) added 13. Senior guard Michelle Smith (Cohoes, NY) led four Danes scorers in double figures with 17 points against Westwinds. Senior forward Christy Squires (Johnsonville, NY) added 12 points and four rebounds, Witham had 12 points, five boards and three blocked shots and sophomore guard Samantha Ginsberg (Nanuet, NY) scored 11 points.

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### UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN SPORTS SPONSORSHIP FOR MEN AND WOMEN

ALBANY, N.Y. -- In an effort to maintain gender equity and fiscal responsibility, the University at Albany has decided to add intercollegiate athletic programs in women's field hockey and women's golf, effective in the 1994-95 academic year. At the same time, the University will discontinue sponsorship of wrestling, men's and women's swimming, and men's tennis as varsity teams, as Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards announced today.

The University, under the new administrative model, will sponsor eight men's teams and 11 women's teams, a total of 19 varsity programs. With the changes, participation opportunities for female athletes will be increased to slightly more than 47 percent, while male athletes will be just under 53 percent. This past year's model had a ratio of approximately 65% men and 35% women. Albany's current student body is comprised of 51% men and 49% women.

"These adjustments in our athletic department's administrative model meet President (H. Patrick) Swygert's instructions to become as gender equitable as possible while maintaining our current state funding profile," said Richards, who added that the junior varsity programs in football and men's basketball would also be eliminated. "I am pleased we have been able to significantly increase athletic opportunities for women in proportion to the undergraduate student population, and still conduct a broad-based intercollegiate program."

Albany, which recently announced it will upgrade its athletics program to Division II and join the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) in September 1995, currently offers 21 varsity sports -- 11 for men and 10 for women. Men's tennis appeared on campus in the early 1900's, while the men's and women's swimming and diving programs were introduced in the 1920's. Wrestling became an intercollegiate sport at Albany in 1951.

#### ALBANY'S INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS MODEL

##### 1993-94 Varsity Sports Sponsorship\*

MEN	WOMEN
Baseball	Basketball
Basketball	Cross Country
Cross Country	Indoor Track
Football	Lacrosse
Indoor Track	Outdoor Track
Lacrosse	Soccer
Outdoor Track	Softball
Soccer	Swimming/Diving
Swimming/Diving	Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball
Wrestling	

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11 Sports	10 Sports
326 male athletes	179 female athletes
64.6 percent	35.4 percent

\*participation rates based on squad lists

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Basketball	Cross Country
Cross Country	Field Hockey
Football	Golf
Indoor Track	Indoor Track
Lacrosse	Lacrosse
Outdoor Track	Outdoor Track
Soccer	Soccer
	Softball
	Tennis
	Volleyball

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8 Sports	11 Sports
244 male athletes	219 female athletes
52.7 percent	47.3 percent

\*\*participation rates based on projected squad sizes







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**JOHN ARDIZONE NAMED AS A WOMEN'S GRADUATE ASSISTANT  
BASKETBALL COACH AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **John Ardizone**, who served as a women's assistant basketball coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for the last two years, has been chosen as a graduate assistant coach at the University at Albany, as head women's basketball coach **Mari Warner** announced today.

A native of Voorheesville, N.Y., Ardizone was responsible for recruiting, scouting, travel, and the conditioning program for head coach Kathy Ryan at Rensselaer. He recently was selected as an assistant coach for the Adirondack region women's open division team at the 1994 Empire State Games.

"We are very fortunate to find someone with John's experience," said Warner, who has 203 victories in 12 seasons at Albany. "He will be a great asset to our program."

Ardizone, 25, received his undergraduate degree in marketing and management from Siena College in 1990, after earning an associates degree in business administration from the State University of New York at Cobleskill. He will start graduate work in liberal studies at Albany in the fall.

A 1986 graduate of Voorheesville High School, Ardizone was a member of the basketball and baseball teams, and was selected all-Colonial Council Conference in golf.

**DANE NOTES:** The Albany women's basketball team departs for a 10-day tour of Sweden and Denmark on Tuesday, June 7...three area athletes will make that European trip with the Great Danes...**Erica Witham**, a 6'2" junior center from Guilderland H.S., averaged 7.5 points and 6.2 rebounds last season...**Christy Squires**, of Hoosic Valley H.S., scored at a 9.0 clip as a junior forward in 21 starts...senior **Mickey Smith**, of Cohoes H.S., averaged 4.0 points and 2.5 assists as a point guard... Albany will play two games in Sweden, before moving on to Copenhagen...a contest with the Danish Division I champion is scheduled for June 15, while the players and coaches will conduct a two-hour clinic in Denmark the following day...