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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS BINGHAMTON IN BATTLE FOR AMERICA EAST LEAD

Albany, N.Y. – Shelby Goldman had 15 kills and 13 digs as UAlbany upended Binghamton, 3-0, in a battle for first place in the America East Conference standings on Monday evening at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who lost the first meeting between these teams one month ago, won by scores of 30-21, 30-17 and 30-27.

UAlbany (14-9, AE 7-2) reversed a 13-10 deficit in the first game with 13 of the next 16 points. Ashley DeNeal, a senior outside hitter, belted back-to-back kills to put her team ahead, 18-16. Goldman later added her fifth kill of the opening frame to become the school's all-time leader in that category. She passed UAlbany Hall-of-Famer Patty Munhall (1983-86) in that category, and now has 1,549 for her career.

The Great Danes, who have won seven of their last eight outings, also controlled the second game. UAlbany led 21-17, but then ripped off nine unanswered points to close out the scoring. Ashley Crenshaw, who had six kills and six block assists, started the streak by smacking Blair Buchanan's back set for a winner. DeNeal, who had seven kills and 12 digs, ended the run with a service ace.

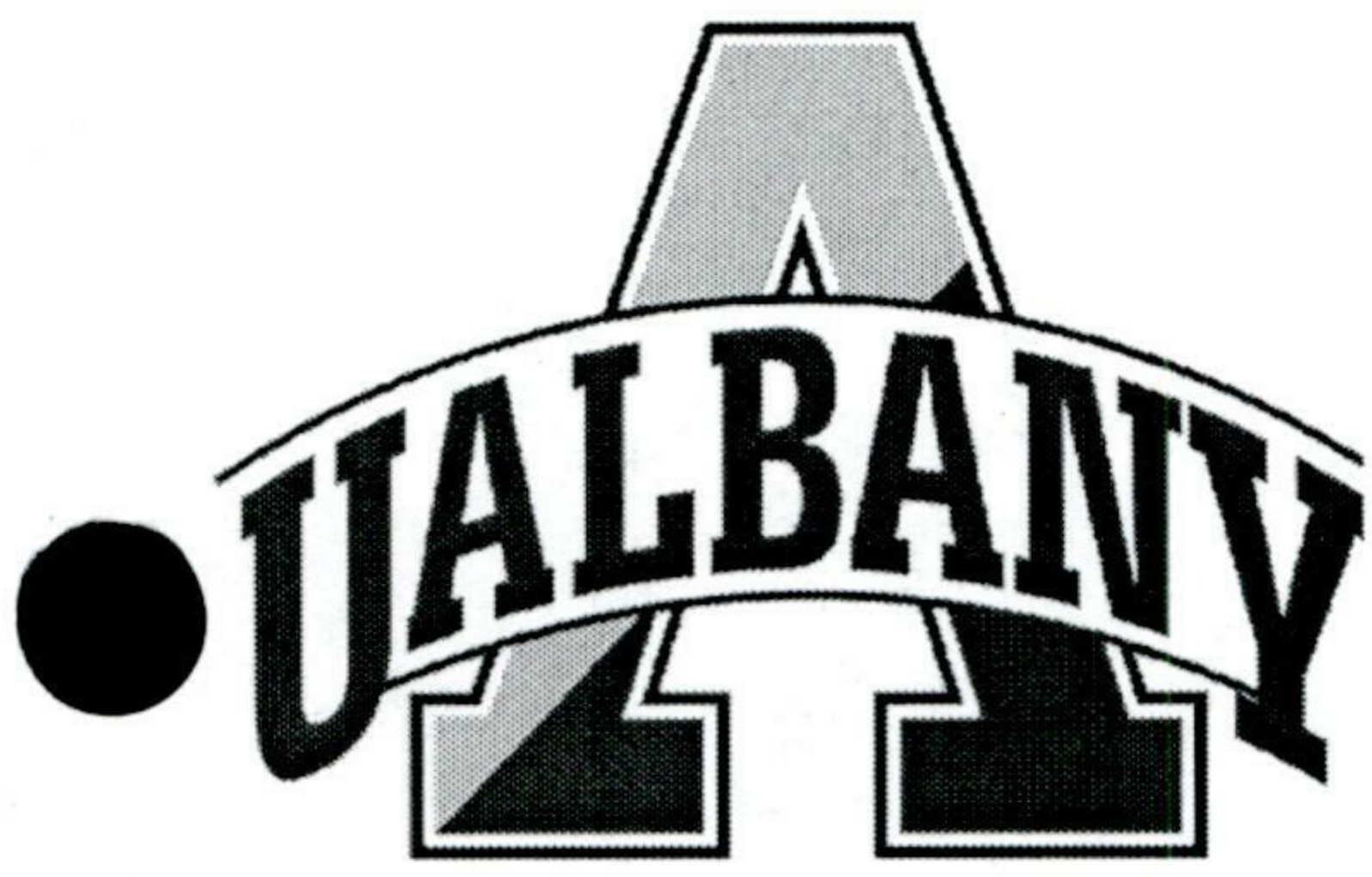
Binghamton (12-15, AE 6-2) played a tighter third game behind the play of 6-foot-2 Jacki Kane, who had a team-high eight kills, and senior middle blocker Megan Hoag, who added six kills and 19 digs. But the Bearcats, who had a four-game win streak halted, were undone when they committed two costly errors with the score tied at 26 apiece.

"I thought we played with much more poise than the first time," said UAlbany coach Kelly Sheffield, who saw his team lose 30-24, 30-28 and 30-24 on Sept. 29. "From the beginning we were frantic and did not keep our composure. But tonight our defense was right where it was supposed to be and we made an adjustment with our blocking. I like how we are improving."

Kamisha Kellam, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, had 10 kills, her sixth time in double figures this season, with four blocks. Hillary White turned in her best all-around effort as a middle blocker with seven kills, 12 digs and six blocks.

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UAlbany (14-9, AE 7-2) def. Binghamton (12-15, AE 6-2), 30-21, 30-17, 30-27.



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TESKA KOCH NAMED AMERICA EAST FIELD HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – Freshman midfielder Teska Koch has been tabbed America East Conference Rookie of the Week for field hockey, as announced Monday by the conference office.

Koch scored two goals, including the game winner in overtime, to lead UAlbany to a 3-2 win over Vermont last Saturday. With the win, the Great Danes clinched a share of the America East regular-season title, the first for the program since joining the conference in 2001. Both of Koch's goals were unassisted. The first came two minutes into the second period while the second came 7:11 into the overtime period. A shot by Kristin Holder was blocked by Vermont goalkeeper Kristen Heavens, with the rebound bouncing back to Koch, who directed the ball into the cage.

Koch finished the regular season third on the team in scoring with nine goals and three assists for 21 points. UAlbany (12-6, AE 4-1) is seeded second for the conference postseason tournament, and will face Maine on Friday, Nov. 3 in the semifinal round.

JASON FRALICKER CHOSEN NEC SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's Jason Fralicker has been chosen Northeast Conference Special Teams Player of the Week in football, as announced Monday by the conference office. He earned the weekly award for the second time this season.

Fralicker, a junior place-kicker from North Tonawanda, N.Y., booted two field goals of 31 and 39 yards in last Saturday's 34-0 victory against Wagner. He made his first kick with 40 seconds left in the first half and added a 39-yarder with 4:49 remaining in the third quarter. Fralicker connected on all four of his point-after attempts, plus handled kickoffs with one touchback.

Fralicker established the program's Division I-AA record with his 10th field goal of the season, breaking a mark set by Bryan Bagstad in 2001. His current total is second on the all-time list, as Scott Reagan kicked 12 field goals in 1985. Fralicker leads the team in scoring with 54 points, having made 10-of-15 fields and 24-of-24 PATs.

HALL AND CEUS NAMED TO AMERICA EAST MEN'S SOCCER ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany senior defenseman Stephan Hall and sophomore goaltender Steward Ceus were selected to the America East Conference men's soccer all-academic team on Monday, Oct. 30. To qualify for the squad, student-athletes must have a grade-point average of 3.00 or above entering the season. Athletically, they are required to be a nominee on the post-season awards ballot, which is determined by the league's head coaches.

Hall, who entered the season with a 3.98 GPA, is currently pursuing his master's degree in information technology and graduated from UAlbany in May 2006 with a degree in urban planning and minors in history and psychology. A two-time team captain, he was chosen as an *ESPN The Magazine* First Team Academic All-American after the 2005 season and was named to the America East Commissioner's Honor Roll and the UAlbany Athletic Director's Honor Roll. Hall finished second on the UAlbany squad in points, netting two goals and two assists.

Ceus, a biology major, appeared in 18 of the team's 19 matches this season, earning seven victories and putting together a 1.34 goals-against average. As of Oct. 22, he was fifth in the nation with 5.53 saves per game. Ceus received the Enterprise Freshman Male Outstanding Student-Athlete Award last season as a freshman.

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UALBANY FOOTBALL MOVES UP IN DIVISION I-AA MID-MAJOR POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 34-0 victory over Wagner, UAlbany moved up two spots in both NCAA Division I-AA mid-major football polls on Monday. The Great Danes are fifth in The Sports Network poll and are seventh in the Football Gazette rankings.

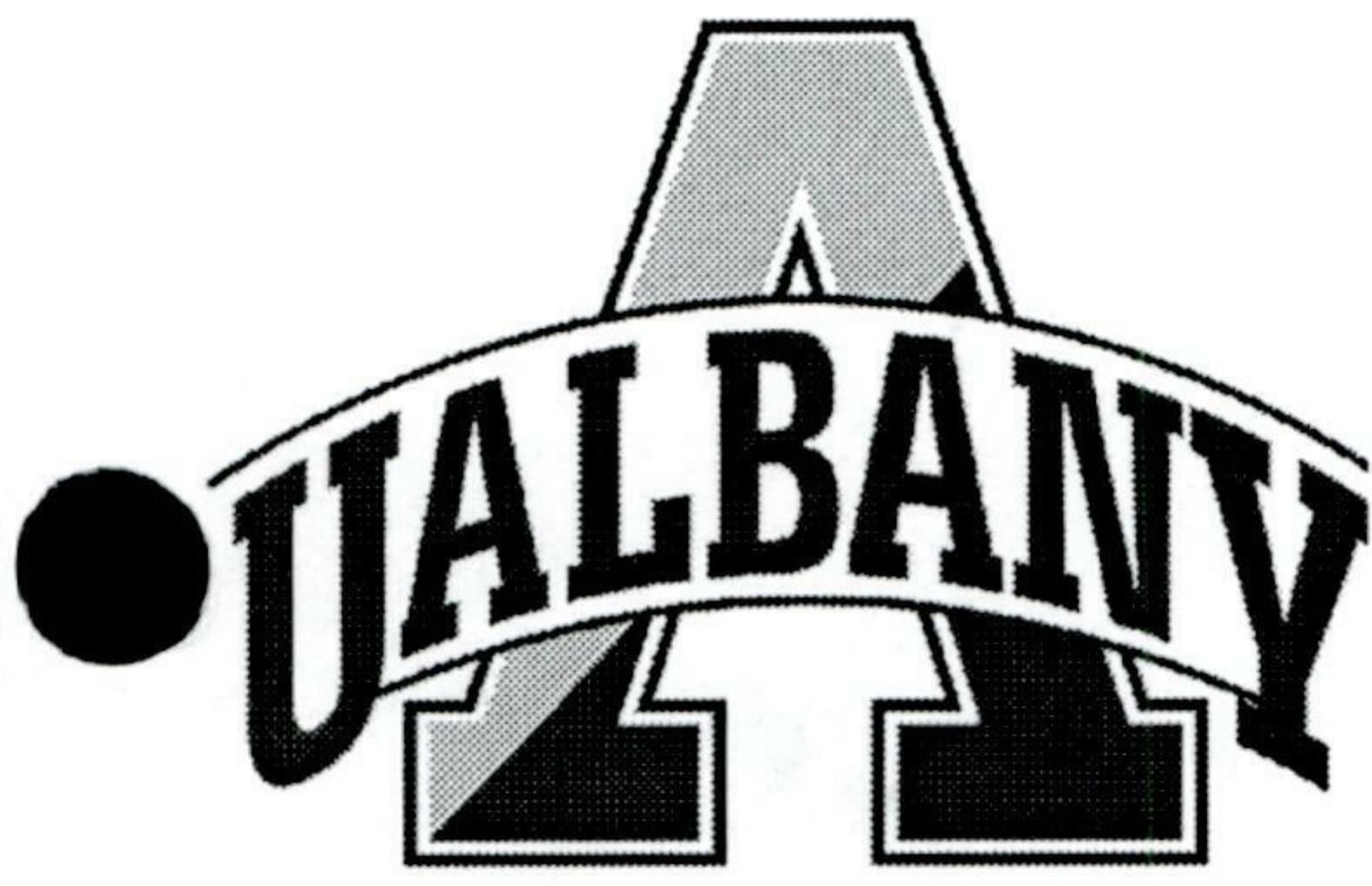
UAlbany (6-3, NEC 4-1) recorded back-to-back shutouts for the first time since 1998 by limited Wagner to 140 total yards, including 21 through the air. The defensive unit is eight in scoring defense (13.1 ppg) and ninth in total defense (246.8 ypg) among the I-AA national leaders. Meanwhile, the Great Danes have rushed for more than 250 yards in each of its last three games. Omar Johnson ran for two first-half touchdowns last week.

The Great Danes, who moved into a four-way tie for first place in the Northeast Conference standings, travel to Robert Morris on Saturday, Nov. 4. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. ET.

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FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. San Diego, 2. Monmouth, 3. Drake, 4. Robert Morris, 5. Central Conn. State, 6. Davidson, 7. **Albany**, 8. Stony Brook, 9. Iona, 10. Duquesne.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. San Diego, 2. Monmouth, 3. Central Conn. State, 4. Drake, 5. **Albany**, 6. Duquesne, 7. Robert Morris, 8. Stony Brook, 9. Davidson, 10. Jacksonville.



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UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER FALLS IN DOUBLE OVERTIME IN A-EAST QUARTERFINALS

Albany, N.Y. – Boston University sophomore forward **Peter Sigurdsson** scored the game-winning goal in double overtime as the Terriers defeated UAlbany, 1-0, in the quarterfinals of the America East Conference tournament on Sunday, Oct. 29 at Varsity Field.

The Great Danes outshot Boston U. 9-6 in regulation, with UAlbany all-rookie defenseman **Brian Gordon** registering three shots. Sigurdsson, a member of the second all-conference team, scored with 6:35 remaining in the second overtime period, putting home a rebound after a corner kick by sophomore midfielder **Neil Hlavaty**. Terriers goaltender **Zach Riffett** made five saves for his eighth victory of the season, while sophomore keeper **Steward Ceus** stopped three shots in the loss for the Great Danes.

It was the third consecutive postseason appearance for UAlbany (7-10-2). Boston University (10-4-4) advances to the tournament's semifinals, facing No. 1 seed Binghamton on Wednesday.

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Boston University (10-4-4)	0	0	0	1	-	1
UAlbany (7-10-2)	0	0	0	0	-	0

Boston University - Scoring: Petur Sigurdsson 1-0, Neil Hlavaty 0-1. Goalkeeper: Zach Riffett (103:25, 0 GA, 5 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (103:25, 1 GA, 3 saves).

Shots: Boston University 10, UAlbany 10. Corner Kicks: Boston University 4, UAlbany 2.

ROSADA EARNS AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S SOCCER ALL-ROOKIE TEAM HONORS

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany freshman midfielder **Jaclyn Rosada** was named to the America East Conference's all-rookie team, as announced by the conference on Saturday.

Rosada tied for the Great Danes' team lead with six goals and was also tied for second with two assists. Five of the goals came in a five-match stretch from Sept. 12-28, when UAlbany went 3-2 and scored 17 goals as a team. She also tallied the lone goal in the Great Danes' 1-0 victory over Delaware State on Sept. 1, breaking the program's 17-match losing streak.

The native of Ridgewood, N.J., was a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter at Ramapo High, where she was also an All-New Jersey selection as a senior and a three-time all-league honoree.

The Great Danes, who went 5-13-1 overall and 2-6 in conference play, reached several milestones on the season, including their first America East victory since 2002 with a 3-1 win over Vermont on Sept. 28, and their highest win total since joining Division I in 1999.

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Albany 34, Wagner 0

Albany, N.Y. – Omar Johnson rushed for two first-half touchdowns and Trevor DuPont returned an interception 22 yards for another score, as UAlbany posted its third straight win in a 34-0 shutout of Wagner in Northeast Conference play on Saturday afternoon at rain-soaked University Field.

UAlbany (6-3, NEC 4-1) shook off an early interception to score on four of its next five possessions in building a 24-0 halftime lead. Johnson, a 6-foot, 215-pound junior, capped a short drive by pounding through the middle on a 3-yard touchdown run. Quarterback Daniel Bocanegra, who threw for 98 yards and ran for 50 more, kept the sequence alive with a 16-yard completion to Mike Wall on third down.

After a fumbled punt return by Rashad Barksdale, Wagner (4-5, NEC 0-5) set up at the UAlbany 23. But the series stalled out when quarterback Matt Abbey's fourth-down throw was knocked down by defensive tackle Michael Dungey. The Great Danes, who piled up 382 total yards, including 266 on the ground, went work from that point.

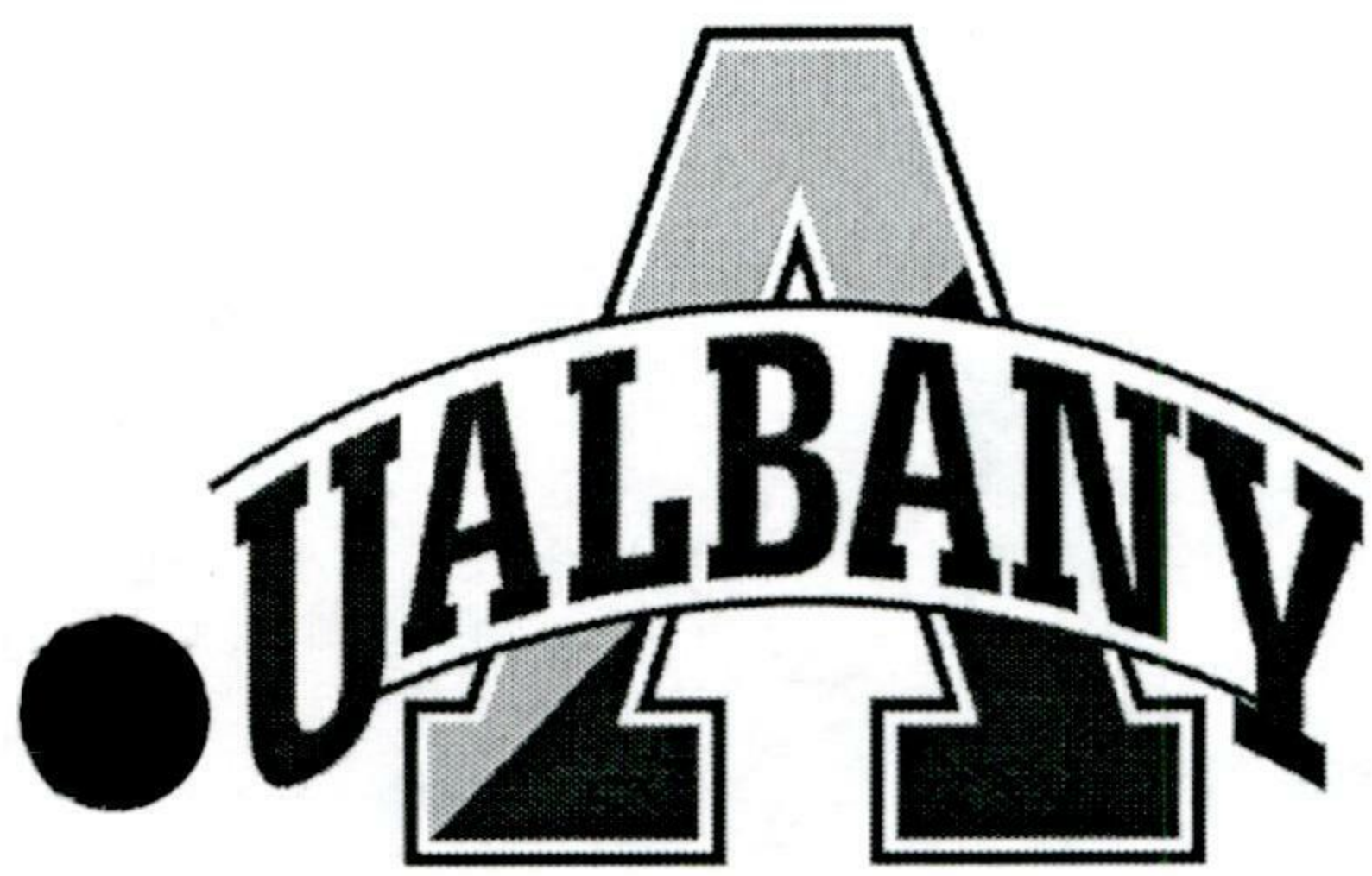
Senior tailback Marcus Allen, who had 11 carries for a team-leading 72 yards, cut off right guard on a 7-yard scoring run with 8:47 left in the second quarter. Linebacker Dan Barnes then recovered Jason Butler's fumble on a screen pass to jump start a drive that led to his team's third touchdown. Johnson, who added 65 rushing yards on 14 attempts, reached paydirt on a 4-yard blast over right guard for a 21-0 lead. Jason Fralicker completed the run of points with a 31-yard field goal with 40 seconds left before the intermission.

Fralicker added a 39-yarder with 4:49 left in the third period to set the school's Division I-AA record with his 10th field goal this season. DuPont's fourth-quarter interception runback capped the scoring, as the UAlbany defense registered back-to-back shutouts for the first time since 1998. The Seahawks, who committed four turnovers, managed just 140 total yards, including 21 through the air.

"Our defensive line has been awesome," said UAlbany coach Bob Ford, whose team held their opponent to less than 165 yards for the second straight week. "We use seven kids in there, try to rotate and keep them fresh. We ran the ball well again. I was impressed with our attitude."

The Great Danes, who won for the sixth straight time in this series, moved into a four-way tie for first place in the conference standings. Freshman Justin Gannon was one of four players with more than 40 rushing yards. Butler, a junior tailback who converted from defensive back this season, led all runners with 98 yards on 22 carries. Wagner, after opening with four wins to start the season, suffered its fifth consecutive defeat.

"This feels good because we are back where we should be (in the standings)," said UAlbany's Jacob Anderson, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound senior who made his first start at right guard after moving over from tackle due to injuries on the line. "It was interesting playing at guard. I had to block more straight ahead, but I knew my assignment. You feel like you are out an island sometimes at tackle."



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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL HOLDS ON FOR 3-2 WIN OVER NEW HAMPSHIRE

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore middle blocker **Kamisha Kellam**'s block off an attack from New Hampshire's **Emmy Blouin** provided the game-winning point in leading UAlbany to a 3-2 comeback win over the Wildcats on Saturday evening in University Gymnasium. The Great Danes won the first two games by scores of 30-24 and 30-24 before New Hampshire won the next two by scores of 30-25 and 30-25. UAlbany claimed the fifth and deciding game, 15-13.

New Hampshire got ahead 10-5 in the final game before two straight handling errors cut the lead to 10-7. UAlbany recorded five straight points to reverse a 12-8 deficit. Junior defensive specialist **Bev Hazell** converted a service ace to put her team ahead. Hazell's next serve went long to tie the score at 13-all, but senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** smashed a kill on the left side to put the Great Danes back up by one, 14-13. Blouin attacked on the next rally, with Kellam coming up with a solo block to end the match.

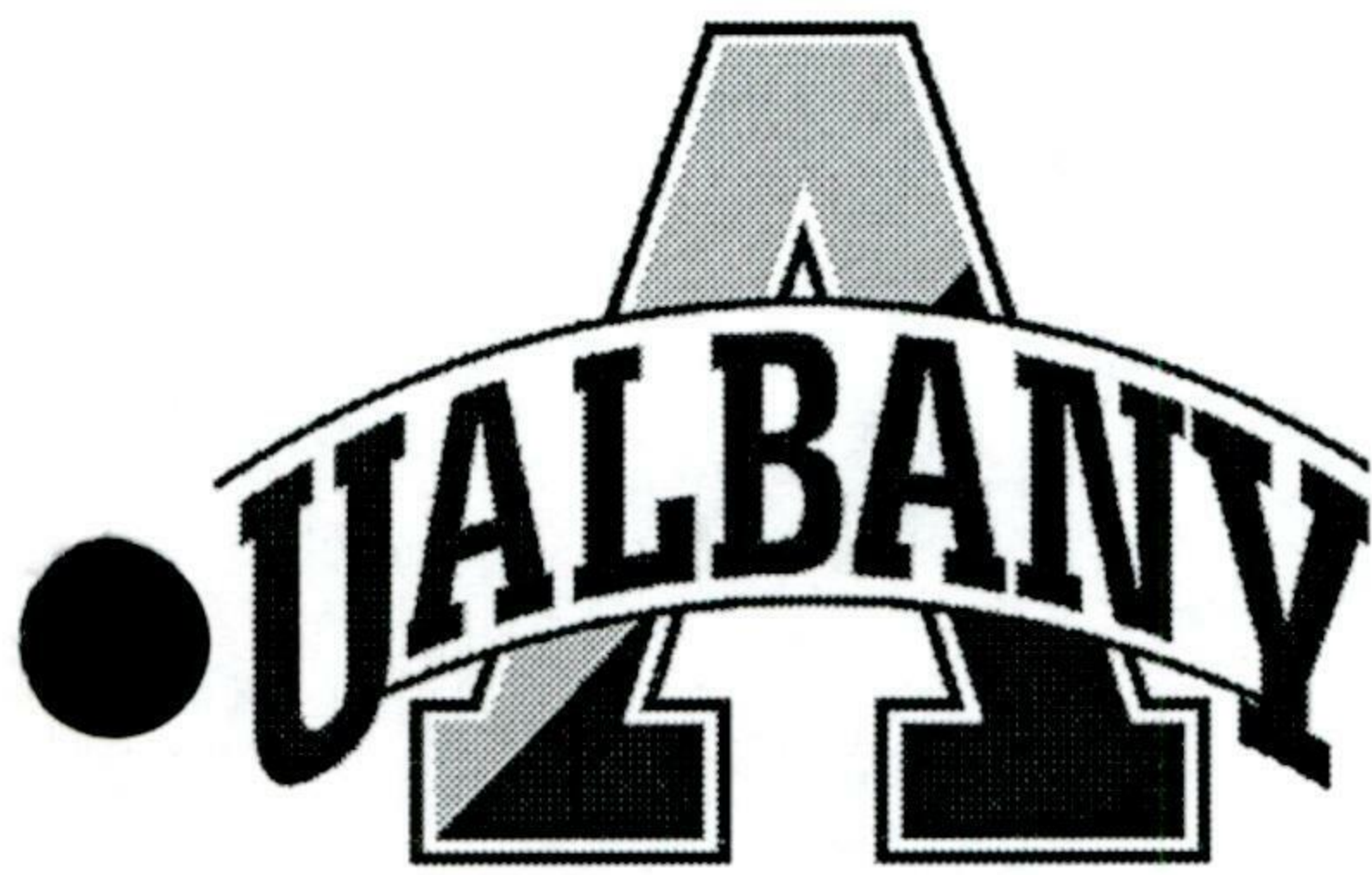
Goldman, who is now just four kills away from the school's all-time record, notched 18 kills and 14 digs for her fourth straight double-double. Junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** posted 17 kills and four block assists while senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** led the team defensively with 21 digs to go along with 15 kills. Senior libero **Kristin Fiorillo** had 16 digs and five service aces while Hazell recorded a match-high six service aces.

Blouin and senior outside hitter **Sarah Rehn** led four players in double-digits for New Hampshire (8-15, AE 3-5), recording 16 kills each. Freshmen middle blockers **Kirsten Bates** and **Lindsay Fogarty** each added 11 kills. Blouin and Bates posted double-doubles with 14 and 17 digs apiece. Freshman defensive specialist **Alyse Lahti** led the team defensively with 27 digs.

UAlbany (13-9, AE 6-2), won its third five-game conference match at home this season. The Great Danes will continue America East play on Monday, hosting Binghamton at 7 p.m. The match will be televised on Time Warner Cable (TW3).

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UAlbany 3, New Hampshire 2 (30-24, 30-24, 25-30, 25-30, 15-13)



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UALBANY CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS TAKE SEVENTH AT A-EAST MEET

Orono, Maine – Junior **Ricardo Estremera** led the UAlbany men's cross country team, while sophomores **Jessica Ortman** and **Jenna Ortman** registered top-10 finishes on the women's side, as both Great Danes' squads finished seventh out of nine teams at the America East Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Oct. 28, hosted by the University of Maine.

Estremera came in seventh in a time of 24:58.70, his fourth top-10 finish in five races this season. Three other UAlbany runners earned top-50 finishes. Junior **Joe Choiniere** clocked in at 26:19.20, good for 36th place, while junior **Ryan Gaedje** and sophomore **Brian Yurkewecz** were 43rd and 44th, respectively. The men's race was won by New Hampshire, which had seven harriers in the top 30. Maine's **Kirby Davis** earned top individual honors, posting a meet-best 24:32.40.

Jessica Ortman paced the Great Danes' women, covering the course in 17:36.60 and coming in sixth place. Jenna Ortman finished eighth in a time of 17:47.90. Junior **Danielle Trimpop** also placed in the top 50, registering a time of 19:09.50, 40th-best in the race. Boston University, which had seven runners in the top 20, won the team race. It was the third consecutive title, and fifteenth America East championship overall, for the Terriers. New Hampshire's **Catherine Parker**, who won the UAlbany Invitational on Oct. 14, finished first in a time of 16:50.30.

The men's all-conference team, which is made up of the top 10 finishers in the event, included Estremera, while both Ortman's were a part of the women's squad.

The Great Danes will compete at the NCAA Regional meet in Bronx, N.Y., on Saturday, Nov. 11.

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America East Cross Country Championships

Men's

1. New Hampshire 58, 2. Stony Brook 61, 3. Maine 62, 4. Boston University 70, 5. Vermont 154, 6. UMBC 175, 7. UAlbany 178, 8. Binghamton 183, 9. Hartford 269.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Kirby Davis (Maine) 24:32.40, 2. Jordan Horwitz (New Hampshire) 24:34.40, 3. Brian Farrell (Stony Brook) 24:44.80, 4. Nick Goodman (Boston University) 24:49.70, 5. Josh Trevino (Maine) 24:53.60, 6. Shaun Krawitz (Stony Brook) 24:56.80, 7. Ricardo Estremera (UAlbany) 24:58.70, 8. Alex Relce (Stony Brook) 25:07.00, 9. Anthony Kelhower (UMBC) 25:08.60, 10. Phil Shaw (Boston University) 25:10.10.

UALBANY RESULTS

7. Ricardo Estremera 24:58.70, 36. Joe Choiniere 26:19.20, 43. Ryan Gaedje 26:27.70, 44. Brian Yurkewecz 26:28.60, 59. Jon Hilbert 27:04.10, 63. John Moore 27:17.10, 70. Sean Gelinas 28:04.80, 74. Jared Jupin 28:46.80, DNF. Gered Burns.

Women's

1. Boston University 47, 2. New Hampshire 77, 3. Stony Brook 89, 4. Vermont 110, 5. Binghamton 134, 6. Maine 140, 7. UAlbany 152, 8. UMBC 198, 9. Hartford 257.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Catherine Parker (New Hampshire) 16:50.30, 2. Marisa Ryan (Boston U.) 17:08.40, 3. Dana Hastie (Stony Brook) 17:17.80, 4. Katie Radzik (Binghamton) 17:27.30, 5. Abbey Sadowski (Boston U.) 17:28.80, 6. Jessica Ortman (UAlbany) 17:36.60, 7. Emily Mareb (New Hampshire) 17:39.40, 9.

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Claire Robson (Boston U.) 17:50.20, 10. Elizabeth Carlson (Stony Brook) 17:53.80.

UALBANY RESULTS

6. Jessica Ortman 17:36.60, 8. Jenna Ortman 17:47.90, 40. Danielle Trimpop 19:09.50, 55. Sarah Miller 19:50.80, 57. Jessica Chichester 19:52.70, 64. Natasha Torres 20:21.10, 71. Laine Sefick 20:53.20, 78. Jenna Clarke 22:07.50.

FIELD HOCKEY CLINCHES SHARE OF A-EAST TITLE WITH 3-2 OVERTIME VICTORY

Burlington, Vt. – Freshman midfielder **Teska Koch** scored two goals, including the overtime game-winner, as the UAlbany field hockey team earned a 3-2 victory over America East Conference-rival Vermont in a game on Saturday afternoon at Moulton Winder Field. The win gives the Great Danes a share of the conference's regular-season championship, the first for the field hockey program since joining the league in 2001.

Vermont got on the board at 24:29, when junior forward **Kelly McClintock** tallied her 10th goal of the season, assisted by sophomore forward **Maegan Luce**. UAlbany then tied the game less than three minutes into the second half when Koch scored, unassisted. The Catamounts made it a 2-1 contest at 56:30, as Luce scored off a pass from junior forward **Danielle Collins**, but UAlbany sophomore defender **Michelle Polizois** put home a penalty corner at 62:04, assisted by sophomore midfielder **Arlette Westdorp** and sophomore defender **Meg Rinier**.

The overtime period did not last long, as Koch scored an unassisted goal 2:11 in to give the Great Danes the victory. Sophomore goaltender **Ashley Ross** earned her 11th victory of the season for UAlbany, while freshman **Kristen Heavens** made ten saves in the defeat for Vermont (10-7, AE 3-2).

Boston University will host the America East Conference postseason tournament. UAlbany (12-6, AE 4-1) will face Maine in the semifinals on Friday, Nov. 3, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

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UAlbany (12-6, AE 4-1)	0	2	1	-	3
Vermont (10-7, AE 3-2)	1	1	0	-	2

UAlbany – Scoring: Teska Koch 2-0, Michele Polizois 1-0, Arlette Westdorp 0-1, Meg Rinier 0-1. Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (77:11, 2 GA, 2 saves).

Vermont – Scoring: Maegan Luce 1-1, Kelly McClintock 1-0, Danielle Collins 0-1. Goaltender: Kristen Heavens (77:11, 3 GA, 10 saves).



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RAIN DELAYS FIRST-ROUND ACTION IN AMERICA EAST MEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – Due to the threat of inclement weather, the two America East first-round tournament games originally scheduled for Saturday have been moved to Sunday.

In those first round games, No. 4 UAlbany hosts No. 5 Boston University at 1 p.m., while No. 3 New Hampshire plays host to No. 6 Stony Brook at 3 p.m. in a rematch of the regular-season finale.

No. 1 Binghamton and No. 2 Vermont will host semifinal games on Wednesday, November 1. The Bearcats will play the winner of UAlbany-Boston University, while Vermont will face the winner of New Hampshire-Stony Brook.

Tickets for the America East first-round match are \$6 for adults and \$2 for youth (14 and under) and UAlbany students.

Live scoreboards for all rounds of the 2006 America East Men's Soccer Championship will be available over the internet at the conference's official web site, www.AmericaEast.com.

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2006 America East Men's Soccer Championship

First Round: Sunday, October 29

Game 1 – No. 5 Boston U. at No. 4 UAlbany, 1 p.m.

Game 2 – No. 6 Stony Brook at No. 3 New Hampshire, 3 p.m.

Semifinals: Wednesday, November 1

Game 3 – Winner Game 1 at No. 1 Binghamton, 1 p.m.

Game 4 – Winner Game 2 at No. 2 Vermont, 1 p.m.

Championship Game: Saturday/Sunday, November 4 or 5



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YAN GBOLO & BRIAN GORDON EARN AMERICA EAST SOCCER POST-SEASON HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Yan Gbolo** has been selected to the All-America East Conference second team in men's soccer for the second consecutive year, as announced by the conference office on Thursday, Oct. 26. Freshman defenseman **Brian Gordon** was named to the league's all-rookie team.

Gbolo, a senior striker, leads the Great Danes with four goals and two assists, and is tied for the conference lead with three game-winning goals, all coming in consecutive America East matches from Sept. 23-30. He was named the America East Player of the Week and was chosen to Soccer America's Division I Team of the Week on Oct. 1. Gbolo has scored 17 goals in his four years at UAlbany, second-most since the program moved to Division I in 1999.

Gordon was part of a UAlbany defense that allowed fewer than two goals in 12 matches this season. The Erskine, Scotland, native has started 17 of the team's 18 contests and is tied for second on the team with two goals, including the game-winner with less than three minutes remaining in the Great Danes' 2-1 victory over Maine on Oct. 11.

New Hampshire freshman **Chris Banks**, who led the conference with 12 goals, was named the league's Striker of the Year and Rookie of the Year, while teammate **Brian Levey** repeated as Goalkeeper of the Year. The Wildcats' coaching staff, led by **Rob Thompson**, earned Coaching Staff of the Year honors. **Michael Palacio** of Stony Brook and **Zach Kirby** of Boston University were named Midfielder and Defender of the Year, respectively.

UAlbany, which finished its America East regular-season schedule with a 5-3 record and was 7-9-2 overall, is seeded fourth for the upcoming conference postseason tournament and will face Boston University in the quarterfinal round on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 12 noon.

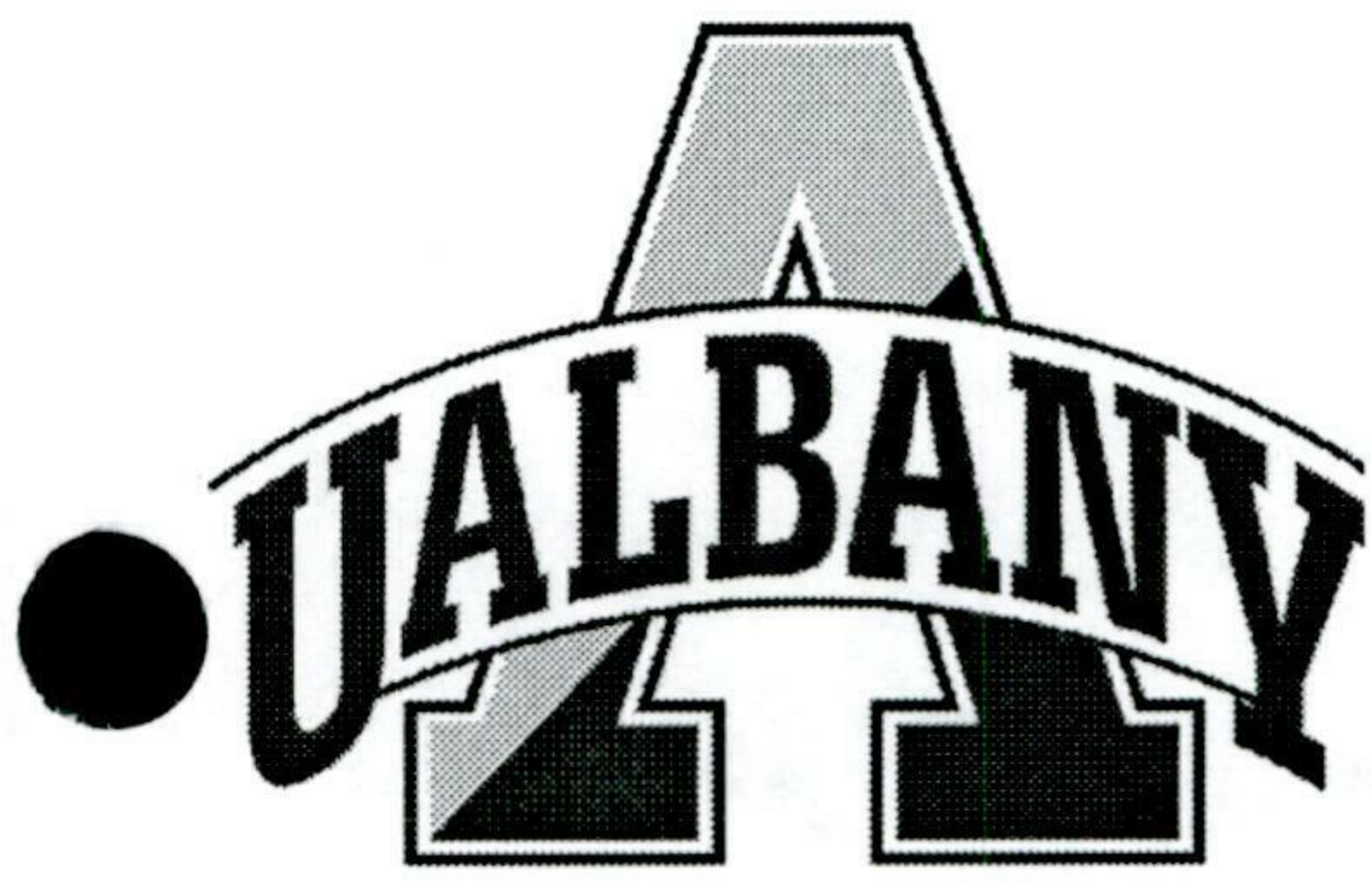
UALBANY CROSS COUNTRY SEEKS FIRST AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany men's and women's cross country teams will compete at the America East Conference Championships on Saturday, Oct. 28. This year's races will be hosted by the University of Maine, where the Great Danes competed at the Murray Keatinge Invitational on Sept. 30. Both races will begin on the practice fields and finish at Alford Stadium.

The men will compete at 11:00 a.m. on an 8,000-meter course. UAlbany is led by junior **Ricardo Estremera**, who finished ninth at the UAlbany Invitational on Oct. 14 and first at the Monmouth Kick-Off Classic on Sept. 2. Sophomore **Brian Yurkewecz** has also run well lately, finishing second among Great Danes harriers at the squad's last two meets.

The women's race starts at 12 noon on a 5,000-meter course. UAlbany will look to sophomores **Jenna Ortman** and **Jessica Ortman**, who have finished first and second among Great Danes' runners at all four of the team's meets this season.

The teams will both be vying for their first-ever America East team championship. Last season, UAlbany's men's team finished fifth at the conference race, while the women placed sixth.



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McKEOWN'S HAT TRICK LEADS CORNELL PAST UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER, 5-0

Ithaca, N.Y. – In the final match of the season for the UAlbany women's soccer team, Cornell senior forward **Alison McKeown** scored three second-half goals as the Great Danes fell to the Big Red, 5-0, in a match on Wednesday evening at Berman Field. Despite the loss, UAlbany finished its schedule with the most victories in a season since the program moved to Division I in 1999.

Cornell got on the board at 13:28 of the first half when senior midfielder **Caitlin Oliver** put home her fifth goal of the season, with the assist credited to senior midfielder **Jessica Snyder**. Snyder also assisted on the game's second goal, scored by freshman forward **Eva Dixon** at 32:26. McKeown's goals came at 54:00, 64:59 and 71:23, moving her into a tie with Oliver for the team lead with five each. Freshman **Maria Liguori** and senior **Ashley Nuessle** split time in net for UAlbany, making four and six saves, respectively. In her final match for the Great Danes, senior midfielder **Jamie Dougherty** had two of the team's four shots. With the victory, Cornell improves its record to 3-11-1.

UAlbany concludes its season with a 5-13-1 record, four more victories than last year's total and the most for the squad since 1996.

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UAlbany (5-13-1)	0	0	-	0
Cornell (3-11-1)	2	3	-	5

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goaltender: Maria Liguori (45:00, 2 GA, 4 saves), Ashley Nuessle (45:00, 3 GA, 6 saves).

Cornell - Scoring: Alison McKeown 3-0, Eva Dixon 1-1, Caitlin Oliver 1-0, Jessica Snyder 0-2, Jessica Schindler 0-1. Goaltender: Taylor Hendren (90:00, 0 GA, 2 saves). Shots: UAlbany 4, Cornell 20. Corner Kicks: UAlbany 0, Cornell 3.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL TUNES UP FOR SEASON WITH LAVAL (QUEBEC) EXHIBITION

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany, the defending America East Conference men's basketball champion, will continue preparations for the 2006-07 season with an exhibition game against Laval University of Quebec, Canada on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The Great Danes begin their regular season at home with two-time defending Patriot League champion Bucknell on Saturday, Nov. 11. The Bison, who have won their NCAA first-round game the last two years, set a school record with 27 victories last year and finished No. 25 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll.

Individual game tickets for all home games are currently available by calling 518-442-4683. The Physical Education Building's Ticket Office will be open from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Individual tickets are \$8.00 for reserved seats. Children (12 & under) can purchase the same ticket for \$1.00. Season tickets are currently available for reserved seating only and are priced at \$100. Reserved season tickets for children are \$30. Season parking passes (RACC Lot) are on sale for \$50.

UALBANY NAMES MEN'S BASKETBALL CAPTAINS FOR 2006-07

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Will Brown announced today that Jamar Wilson, Brent Wilson and Brian Lillis will serve as team captains for the 2006-07 season.

Jamar Wilson, a 6-foot-1 senior, is in a captain's role for the second consecutive year. He averaged 17.7 points, 4.9 rebounds and 3.9 assists as the 2006 America East Conference player of the year. Wilson, who was named to the Associated Press All-America squad, is one of five athletes in conference history to earn the league's top player and rookie awards during a career. The list includes former Boston Celtics' star Reggie Lewis.

Brent Wilson and Lillis, a pair of juniors, were starters on a squad that made the program's first-ever NCAA Division I appearance with a 21-11 record in 2005-06. Wilson, a third-team All-America East selection, averaged 10.4 points and 4.3 rebounds, and was named to the conference's all-championship team. Lillis contributed 4.4 points, 4.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists, plus was sixth in the A-East in steals at 1.6 per game. The Great Danes won 19 of their last 24 games once he was inserted into the starting lineup.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL MATCH WITH BINGHAMTON ON TIME WARNER CABLE

Albany, N.Y. – Time Warner Cable (TW3) will televise the UAlbany-Binghamton women's volleyball match from University Gymnasium on Monday, Oct. 30 at 7:00 p.m. As weekend play approaches, the two teams will most likely be battling for first place in the America East Conference standings. Greg Tobben will handle the play-by-play duties.

The Great Danes are currently 12-9 overall and 5-2 in conference play. Shelby Goldman leads the conference in kills at 4.56 per game. Blair Buchanan, a two-time America East player and setter of the year, averages 11.42 assists, while Ashley DeNeal, the top defensive player in the league last year, has a 3.47 dig average. Binghamton has a one-game lead in the standings and won the first meeting this season between the teams. Jacki Kane, a 6-foot-2 middle blocker, is the league leader in blocks (1.34 pg), plus has a 2.68 kill average and a .285 hitting percentage.

Time Warner Cable serves more than 320,000 customers in the Capital Region. TWC's Albany Division operates one of the most sophisticated cable systems in the nation and is the home to New York's first two-way digital network.



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UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER EDGED BY YALE IN REGULAR-SEASON FINALE, 1-0

New Haven, Conn. – Sophomore defenseman **Alex Afsahi** scored the match's lone goal as the UAlbany men's soccer team fell to Yale, 1-0, in a non-conference contest on Tuesday night at Reese Stadium.

After a scoreless first half that saw the Great Danes outshoot the Bulldogs, 4-3, Afsahi headed it in off a corner kick from Yale senior forward **Alex Munns** at 61:23. UAlbany had several scoring chances in the second half, taking ten shots, but Yale goaltenders **Dwayne Whylly** and **Travis Chulick** combined for eight saves in the match. Senior goaltender **Alex Kuritzky** had three saves for the Great Danes, while six different UAlbany players had two shots each. The win improved the Bulldogs' record to 5-9-1.

UAlbany dropped to 7-9-2 in its final regular-season match. The Great Danes make their third consecutive America East Tournament appearance on Saturday, Oct. 28, when they host Boston University at 12 noon. The winner of the match will face top-seeded Binghamton on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

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UAlbany (7-9-2)	0	0	-	0
Yale (5-9-1)	0	1	-	1

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goaltender: Alex Kuritzky (90:00, 1 GA, 3 saves).

Yale - Scoring: Alex Afsahi 1-0, Alex Munns 0-1. Goaltenders: Dwayne Whylly (45:00, 0 GA, 4 saves), Travis Chulick (45:00, 0 GA, 4 saves).

Shots: UAlbany 14, Yale 9. Corner Kicks: UAlbany 4, Yale 3.



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UALBANY'S MIKE WALL NAMED NEC SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Mike Wall has been selected as the Northeast Conference Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's 48-0 victory against Saint Francis. Wall, a junior flanker, received the weekly honor for the second time this season.

Wall returned the second-half kickoff 77 yards for a touchdown to give his team a 28-0 lead. He became the first UAlbany player to score on a kickoff return since Nov. 5, 1988 when Steve McNeil went 97 yards. Wall partially blocked on a punt on the Red Flash's next possession which led to Jason Fralicker's 46-yard field goal, the longest in the program's Division I-AA history. In addition, Wall hauled in a 14-yard reception on a second-quarter touchdown drive.

A native of Syracuse, N.Y., Wall is second in the conference in kickoff returns with a 26.1 average. He has 10 catches for 156 yards and two touchdowns as a receiver.

UALBANY FOOTBALL STILL AMONG TOP 10 IN DIVISION I-AA MID-MAJOR POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 48-0 shutout win against Saint Francis, UAlbany moved up to fifth in The Sports Network Division I-AA mid-major poll. The Great Danes remain No. 9 in the Football Gazette rankings.

UAlbany (5-3, NEC 3-1) posted its third-ever shutout against a Northeast Conference opponent by limiting Saint Francis to 161 total yards, including 25 on the ground. The Great Danes are among the top-15 nationally in points allowed (14.8 ppg), rushing yards against (98.5 ypg) and total defense (260.1 ypg). UAlbany rushed for 300-plus yards in back-to-back games for the first time since the 2004 season. Quarterback Daniel Bocanegra ran for a pair of first-half touchdowns, while Omar Johnson scored on a 5-yard blast in the first quarter.

The Great Danes, who moved into a tie for second place in the NEC standings, meet Wagner at University Field on Saturday, Oct. 28. Kickoff is 4:00 p.m.

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FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. San Diego, 2. Monmouth, 3. Central Conn. State, 4. Robert Morris, 5. Drake, 6. Duquesne, 7. Davidson, 8. Stony Brook, 9. **Albany**, 10. Jacksonville.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. San Diego, 2. Monmouth, 3. Central Conn. State, 4. Drake, 5. **Albany**, 6. Duquesne, 7. Robert Morris, 8. Stony Brook, 9. Davidson, 10. Jacksonville.

UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER SEEDED FOURTH IN AMERICA EAST TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany men's soccer team will be seeded fourth for the upcoming America East Conference postseason tournament. The Great Danes, who are participating in the conference's postseason for the third consecutive season, finished their America East schedule with a 5-3 record and are currently 7-8-2 overall.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

UAlbany will host fifth-seeded Boston University (9-4-4, AE 4-3-1) on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 12 noon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes defeated the Terriers, 1-0 in overtime, on Saturday, Oct. 14 during the regular season. The winner of the match will advance to face top-seeded Binghamton (8-6-4, AE 6-1-1) on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The conference championship will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4 or Sunday, Nov. 5 at the highest remaining seed's home field.

UAlbany senior forward Yan Gbolo leads the squad with four goals and two assists, and is first among America East players with three game-winning goals in conference matches. Stephan Hall, an all-league midfielder adds two goals and two assists. Steward Ceus, a 17-match starter at goalkeeper, has a 1.38 goals-against average. UAlbany's defense has given up fewer than two goals in a game 11 times this year.

Tickets for the America East first-round match are \$6 for adults, \$2 for youth (14 and under) and \$2 for UAlbany students with valid ID card.

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2006 America East Men's Soccer Championship

Saturday, October 28 – First Round

No. 5 Boston University (9-4-4, AE 4-3-1) at No. 4 UAlbany (7-8-2, AE 5-3-0), 12 noon

No. 6 Stony Brook (6-11-1, AE 3-4-1) at No. 3 New Hampshire (11-4-3, AE 5-2-1), 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 1 – Semifinals

4/5 winner at No. 1 Binghamton (8-6-4, AE 6-1-1), 1 p.m.

3/6 winner at No. 2 Vermont (8-5-4, AE 5-1-2), 1 p.m.

Championship

Saturday, November 4 or Sunday, November 5

Semifinal winners at highest remaining seed



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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS CONFERENCE-RIVAL UMBC IN THREE GAMES

Baltimore, Md. – Senior outside hitters **Shelby Goldman** and **Ashley DeNeal** each posted her third straight double-double to lead the UAlbany volleyball team to a 3-0 sweep of America East Conference rival UMBC on Sunday afternoon at the RAC Arena. The Great Danes posted scores of 30-22, 31-29 and 30-21 to improve to 12-9 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

DeNeal led the team offensively and defensively, with a match-high 14 kills and 17 digs. Goldman added 13 kills and 15 digs to go along with two service aces and one block assist. Senior setter **Blair Buchanan** added a double-double of her own, this time of the assist-dig variety, with a match-high 38 assists and 13 digs. Buchanan also recorded three block assists. Sophomore middle blocker **Kamisha Kellam** combined with teammates for seven block assists while adding six kills and four digs, for the Great Danes, who won this year's first match-up in five games.

UMBC (10-13, AE 3-4) was led by freshman outside hitter **Ashley Oscars**, who recorded 11 kills and four digs. Sophomore outside hitter **Sarah Ball** added 10 kills and 14 digs while senior libero **Jennifer Wylie** paced the Retrievers defensively with 16 digs.

The Great Danes will return to action on Saturday, Oct. 28 as they continue America East play against New Hampshire at 7 p.m. The Wildcats claimed the first meeting between the two teams this season with a 3-2 win in Durham.

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UAlbany def. UMBC, 3-0 (30-22, 31-29, 30-21)

HALL, SUAREZ WIN FIRST-ROUND DOUBLES MATCH AT ITA INVITATIONAL

Hanover, N.H. – UAlbany juniors **Amanda Hall** and **Christina Suarez** won their first-round doubles match on Saturday at the ITA Regionals, hosted by Dartmouth University.

Hall and Suarez defeated **Paulina Rys** and **Marisa Voloshin** of Fairfield, 8-5, before falling to **Masha Pozar** and **Michele Spiess** of Massachusetts, 8-2, in the second round.

UAlbany sophomore **Kim Weltman** received a first-round singles bye and will face Buffalo's **Andrea Novaceanu** in the next round.

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ITA Regionals (Hanover, N.H.)

Round 1 Doubles

Amanda Hall/Christina Suarez (UAlbany) def. Paulina Rys/Marisa Voloshin (Fairfield), 8-5

Round 2 Doubles

Masha Pozar/Michele Spiess (Massachusetts) def. Hall/Suarez, 8-2

UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER BLANKED BY NEW HAMPSHIRE IN A-EAST FINALE

Albany, N.Y. – New Hampshire sophomore forward **Sara Hourihan** scored a goal and added two assists as the UAlbany women's soccer team was defeated by UNH, 4-0, in an America East Conference match at Varsity Field on Sunday afternoon. The Great Danes finished their conference slate with their best America East record since joining the conference in 2001.

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Freshman forward **Shaunna Kaplan** scored the Wildcats' first goal at 26:49, with assists credited to Hourihan and sophomore forward **Michelle Sheehan**. Hourihan then doubled UNH's lead with six seconds remaining in the first half, putting home a left-side shot after a pass from senior midfielder **Amanda Wiggins**.

The Wildcats added two second-half insurance goals, one on a header by Wiggins at 54:20 and one on a penalty kick by junior midfielder **Caitlyn Serafine** at 60:56. Senior goalkeeper **Ashley Nuessle** made three saves for UAlbany, while junior forward **Uju Ogbuawa** had four shots on goal. With the victory, New Hampshire (6-10-0, AE 4-4-0) finishes its season tied for fourth in the America East standings.

UAlbany (5-12-1, AE 2-6-0) ends its America East schedule in eighth place. The Great Danes will play their final match of the season at Cornell on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

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New Hampshire (6-10-0, AE 4-4-0)	2	2	-	4
UAlbany (5-12-1, AE 2-6-0)	0	0	-	0

New Hampshire – Scoring: Sara Hourihan 1-2, Amanda Wiggins 1-1, Shaunna Kaplan 1-0, Caitlyn Serafine 1-0, Michelle Sheehan 0-1, Katie Lutar 0-1. Goalkeepers: Lynn Gugliuzza (76:10, 0 GA, 2 saves), Nikki Golding (13:50, 0 GA, 2 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Ashley Nuessle (90:00, 4 GA, 3 saves). Shots: New Hampshire 12, UAlbany 12. Corner Kicks: New Hampshire 3, UAlbany 2.

NO. 8 MARYLAND SHUTS OUT UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER, 4-0

College Park, Md. – Sophomore forward **Graham Zusi** had two goals and an assist as the UAlbany men's soccer team was blanked by No. 8 Maryland, 4-0, in a non-conference match at Ludwig Field on Sunday afternoon.

The Terrapins tallied the game's first goal at 22:09 on a direct kick by Zusi from 20 yards out. Just over four minutes later, Maryland made it 2-0 when midfielder **Jeremy Hall** put home a cross from sophomore defenseman **Matt Beckman**. Zusi assisted on the game's third goal, scored by junior midfielder **Maurice Edu** at 48:06, and then notched his second score of the day at 57:07. With the win, the Terrapins improve their record to 12-3-1.

Great Danes sophomore goalkeeper **Steward Ceus** made seven saves, while senior forward **Yan Gbolo** and sophomore midfielder **Mikael McNamara** had two shots apiece.

UAlbany (7-8-2) plays its last regular-season match on Oct. 24 at Yale, before hosting Boston University in an America East Conference postseason tournament match on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 12 noon.

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UAlbany (7-8-2)	0	0	-	0
Maryland (12-3-1)	2	2	-	2

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 4 GA, 7 saves).

Maryland – Scoring: Graham Zusi 2-1, Maurice Edu 1-0, Jeremy Hall 1-0, Matt Beckman 0-1. Goalkeeper: Graham Seitz (90:00, 0 GA, 1 save).

Shots: Maryland 22, UAlbany 6. Corner Kicks: Maryland 5, UAlbany 1.

College Football – October 21, 2006

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Albany 48, Saint Francis 0

Albany, N.Y. – Quarterback Daniel Bocanegra rushed for two touchdowns and Mike Wall returned the second-half kickoff for another score in leading UAlbany to a 48-0 Northeast Conference victory over St. Francis, Pa. on Saturday afternoon at University Field before a Homecoming crowd of 5,964.

UAlbany (5-3, NEC 3-1) reached the end zone on its opening two possessions. A short punt into a gusty wind set up the first scoring sequence, as the Great Danes had to drive just 40 yards for a 7-0 lead. Bocanegra, a sophomore, found paydirt on a 6-yard option run around right end. Rashad Barksdale's 29-yard punt return keyed the second series. Omar Johnson, a junior tailback who ran 13 times for 62 yards, capped the nine-play march with a 5-yard blast over right guard.

The Great Danes, who have won all eight meetings in this series, went to the locker room with a 21-0 advantage. Defensive end Mark Sheehan ended a St. Francis drive by sacking Anthony Doria and forcing the quarterback to fumble. UAlbany then used its rushing attack to grind out a 12-play, 70-yard drive. Marcus Allen, who had nine carries for 44 yards, was the workhorse at tailback, before Bocanegra scored on 6-yard run in a third-and-goal situation.

Wall, a junior flanker, helped the Great Danes push out to a 31-0 margin in the third quarter. He gathered in a squib kick to start the second half, broke through a seam, raced down the right sideline, and dove just inside the pylon on a 77-yard scoring return. It was the first kickoff return for a touchdown by a UAlbany player since 1988. Wall later partially blocked punt which led to Jason Fralicker's 46-yard field goal, the longest in the program's Division I-AA history.

The Great Danes, who accounted for 323 of their 399 total yards on the ground, added fullback Dan Beigel's 4-yard touchdown run in the third period and a pair of scores in the fourth quarter. Fralicker booted a 33-yard field goal to finish off a seven-play sequence. Dieuseul Joseph's one-yard run over the right side gave his team a 48-0 lead with 6:07 remaining. Joseph and freshman Justin Gannon added 61 and 60 rushing yards, respectively, in a balanced performance. UAlbany rushed for 300-plus in back-to-back games for the first time since the 2004 season.

"I told our squad before the game that we might have the greatest accumulation of talent that we have ever had here, but we need to be more focused and consistent," said UAlbany coach Bob Ford, who recorded his 215th career victory as at the collegiate level. "We still had too many penalties but we did a lot more positive things."

St. Francis (1-7, NEC 0-4) has dropped seven straight since winning its season opener in convincing fashion. The Red Flash had just 161 total yards, including 25 rushing. Doria, who was sacked three times, completed 18 of 34 attempts for 136 yards. Todd Harris, one of the nation's top rushers at 112.8 yards entering the contest, was held to 11 yards on seven carries.

"The shutout was something special," offered senior cornerback Ryan Chrobak, who had a team-high nine tackles and broke up two passes. "Our defense really needed it. The line did a real good job up front and the coverage was good by the linebackers and secondary."



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY FALLS TO BOSTON UNIVERSITY, 2-1, IN OVERTIME

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman midfielder **Suus Decker** scored both of Boston University's goals, including the game-winner 40 seconds into overtime, as UAlbany fell to the Terriers, 2-1, in an America East Conference field hockey match on Saturday at Alumni Turf Field. Despite the loss, the Great Danes are still tied for first place with one conference match left in the regular season.

Boston U. got on the board with 44 seconds remaining in the first half when Decker tallied an unassisted goal off a rebound, her fourth score of the season. UAlbany then tied the game at 45:56 when freshman midfielder **Nicole Savage** put home her third score of the season, assisted by freshman defender **Jess Lindsey** and sophomore midfielder **Arlette Westdorp**. Westdorp's assist, the 32nd of her UAlbany career, ties her for the Great Danes' all-time record.

Decker scored the game-winner less than one minute into overtime, with the assists credited to junior forward **Sarah Shute** and sophomore midfielder **Holly Wiles**. The Terriers, who improved their record to 3-1 in conference play and 9-6 overall, move into a three-way tie with UAlbany and Vermont atop the America East standings.

UAlbany (11-6, AE 3-1) plays its final regular-season game on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Vermont.

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Boston U. (9-6, AE 3-1)	1	0	1	-	2
UAlbany (11-6, AE 3-1)	0	1	0	-	1

Boston U. – Scoring: Suus Decker 2-0, Sarah Shute 0-1, Holly Wiles 0-1. Goalkeeper: Erin Prediger (70:40, 1 GA, 0 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Nicole Savage 1-0, Jess Lindsey 0-1, Arlette Westdorp 0-1. Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:40, 2 GA, 3 saves).



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UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER DEFEATED, 1-0, BUT REMAINS IN PLAYOFF HUNT

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Trine Allenberg** scored the game's lone goal at 26:52 as America East Conference-rival Stony Brook defeated UAlbany, 1-0, in a women's soccer match on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field. Despite the loss, the Great Danes remain in contention for the conference's sixth and final postseason tournament berth.

Allenberg's first goal of the season came off a free kick on the right side, past UAlbany freshman goaltender **Maria Liguori**. The Great Danes had six shots, including two from sophomore forward **Diana Barrera**, but could not find the back of the net. Liguori made seven saves in the defeat, while freshman keeper **Marisa Viola** picked up the victory for the Seawolves, her sixth shutout of the season. Stony Brook improved to 8-6-2 overall and 3-3-1 in the conference.

UAlbany (5-11-1, AE 2-5-0) plays its final regular-season conference match on Sunday, hosting New Hampshire at 1 p.m. The Great Danes must win to keep their chances at an America East playoff spot alive.

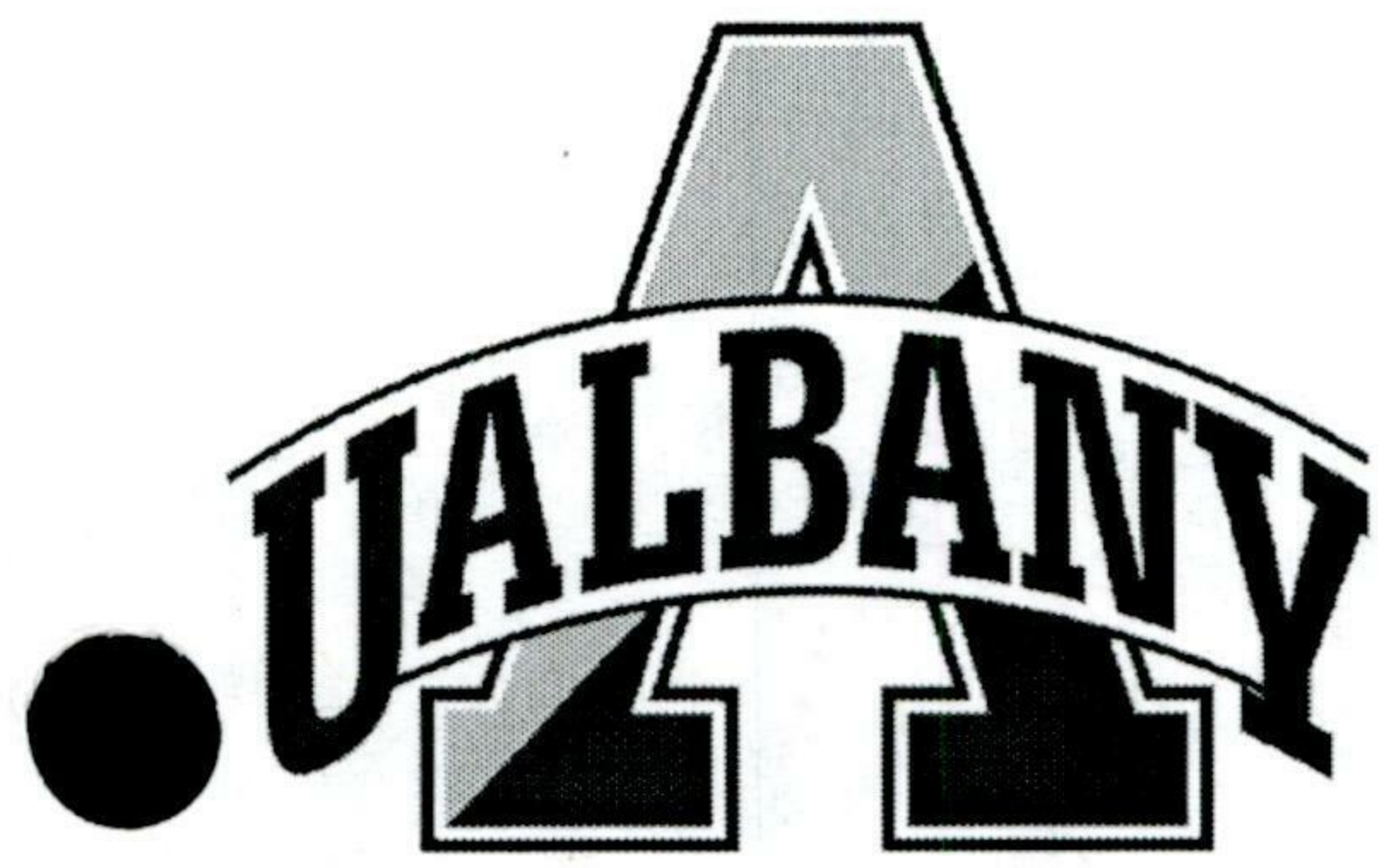
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Stony Brook (8-6-2, AE 3-3-1)	1	0	-	1
UAlbany (5-11-1, AE 2-5-0)	0	0	-	0

Stony Brook – Scoring: Trine Allenberg 1-0. Goalkeeper: Marisa Viola (90:00, 0 GA, 4 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Maria Liguori (90:00, 1 GA, 7 saves).

Shots – Stony Brook 11, UAlbany 6. Corner Kicks – Stony Brook 6, UAlbany 1.



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UALBANY SET FOR HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND ON OCT. 20-22

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany will celebrate its Homecoming and Family Weekend on Oct. 20-22. The festivities begin with the 23rd Annual HOF Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Friday evening. Dawn Di Micco '00, lacrosse & basketball; Scott Price '69, basketball; and Steve Shoen '81, football, will be enshrined in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Saturday's athletic schedule includes the homecoming football game with Northeast Conference opponent Saint Francis, Pa. at 4:00 p.m. The contest will be televised on Time Warner Cable (TW3) in the Capital Region. The first 1,000 fans will receive a free t-shirt courtesy of CDPHP. SEFCU will sponsor a fireworks display following the game.

In addition, the defending America East Conference men's basketball champions will hold their Purple & Gold scrimmage at 1:00 p.m. in the Recreation and Convocation Center. UAlbany's field hockey squad will meet Boston University for first place in the America East Conference standings at Alumni Turf Field. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

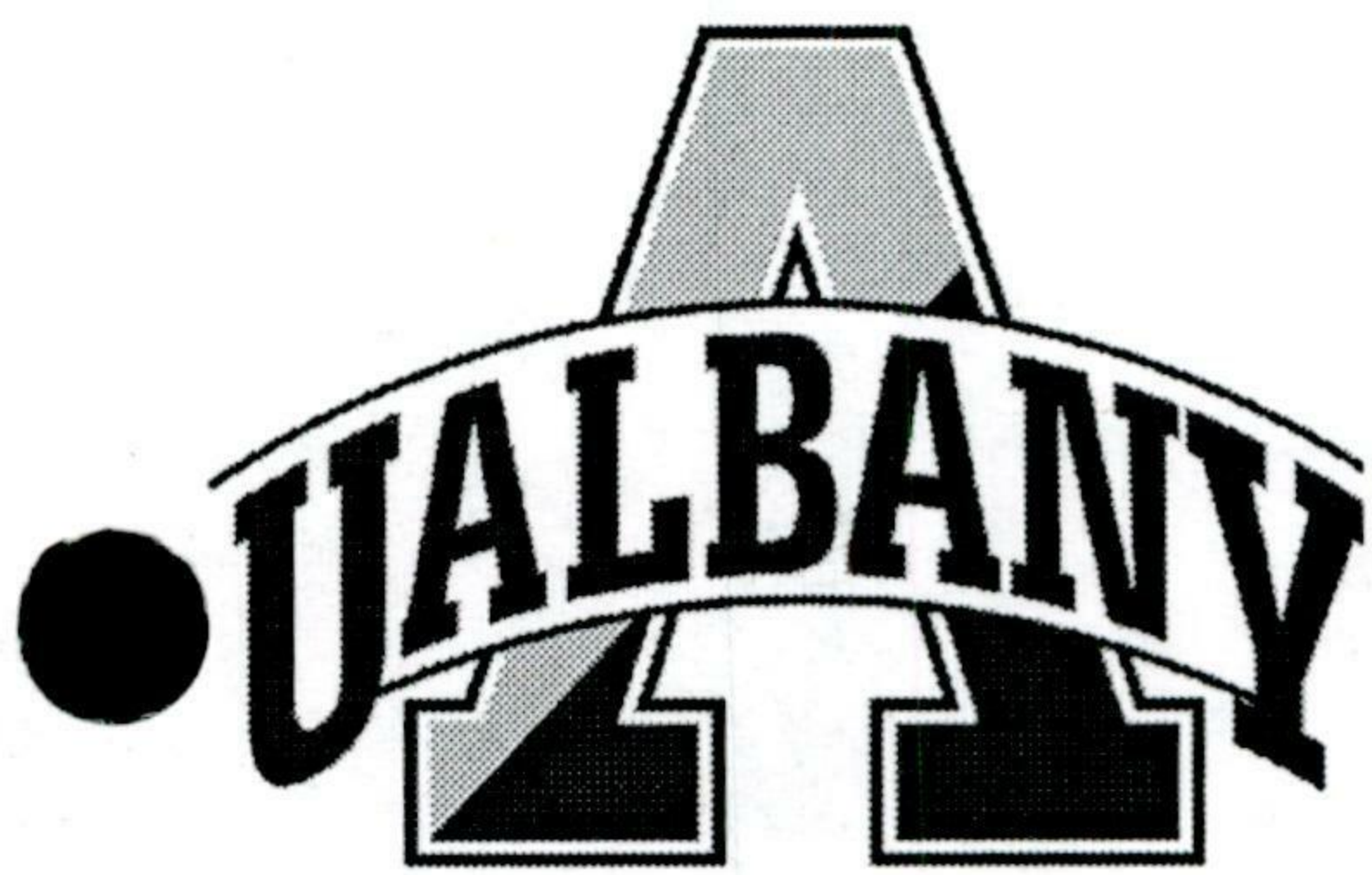
2006 UALBANY HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Friday

7:00 PM, 23rd Annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony
(Recreation and Convocation Center Hall of Fame Room)

Saturday

10:00 AM, RACC Parking Lot Opens (\$5.00)
1:00 PM, Men's Basketball - Purple & Gold Scrimmage - RACC (Free)
1:00 PM, Women's Field Hockey vs. Boston University - Alumni Turf Field (Free)
2:00-3:45 PM, Touchdown Tailgate - RACC Parking Lot (Free)
Band - Hair of the Dog
Caricatures
Paint-A-Pumpkin for Kids
2:30 PM, Football Box Office Opens and Gates Open
First 1,000 Fans Receive a Free T-Shirt Courtesy of CDPHP
2:45 PM, Meet Your Great Danes - RACC Parking Lot (Free)
Meet Will Brown and America East Men's Basketball Champions
4:00 PM, Football vs. St. Francis, Pa. - University Field
Admission - Adult \$6.00, Child \$1.00 (under 12)
SEFCU Fireworks Following Game



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UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER WRAPS UP CONFERENCE SLATE WITH 1-0 LOSS

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward Joey Neilson's first goal of the season was the difference as Binghamton edged the UAlbany men's soccer team, 1-0, in an America East Conference match on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at Varsity Field. UAlbany is assured of finishing no lower than fourth in the conference, thereby earning at least one home postseason tournament match, but the loss in the Great Danes' final conference match of the season broke their two-game winning streak.

After a scoreless first half, Neilson found the back of the net at 61:31, with assists credited to junior midfielder Matthew Narode and senior midfielder Bryan Arnault. UAlbany (7-7-2, AE 5-3-0) had scoring opportunities late in the half, but Bearcats freshman goaltender Jason Stenta made several key saves en route to his seventh victory of the season. Sophomore keeper Steward Ceus was credited with the loss for the Great Danes. With the win, Binghamton (8-6-3, AE 6-1-0) takes over sole possession of first place in the America East standings.

UAlbany finishes its regular-season schedule with two non-conference matches, at No. 8 Maryland on Oct. 22 at 2:00 and at Yale on Oct. 24 at 7:00.

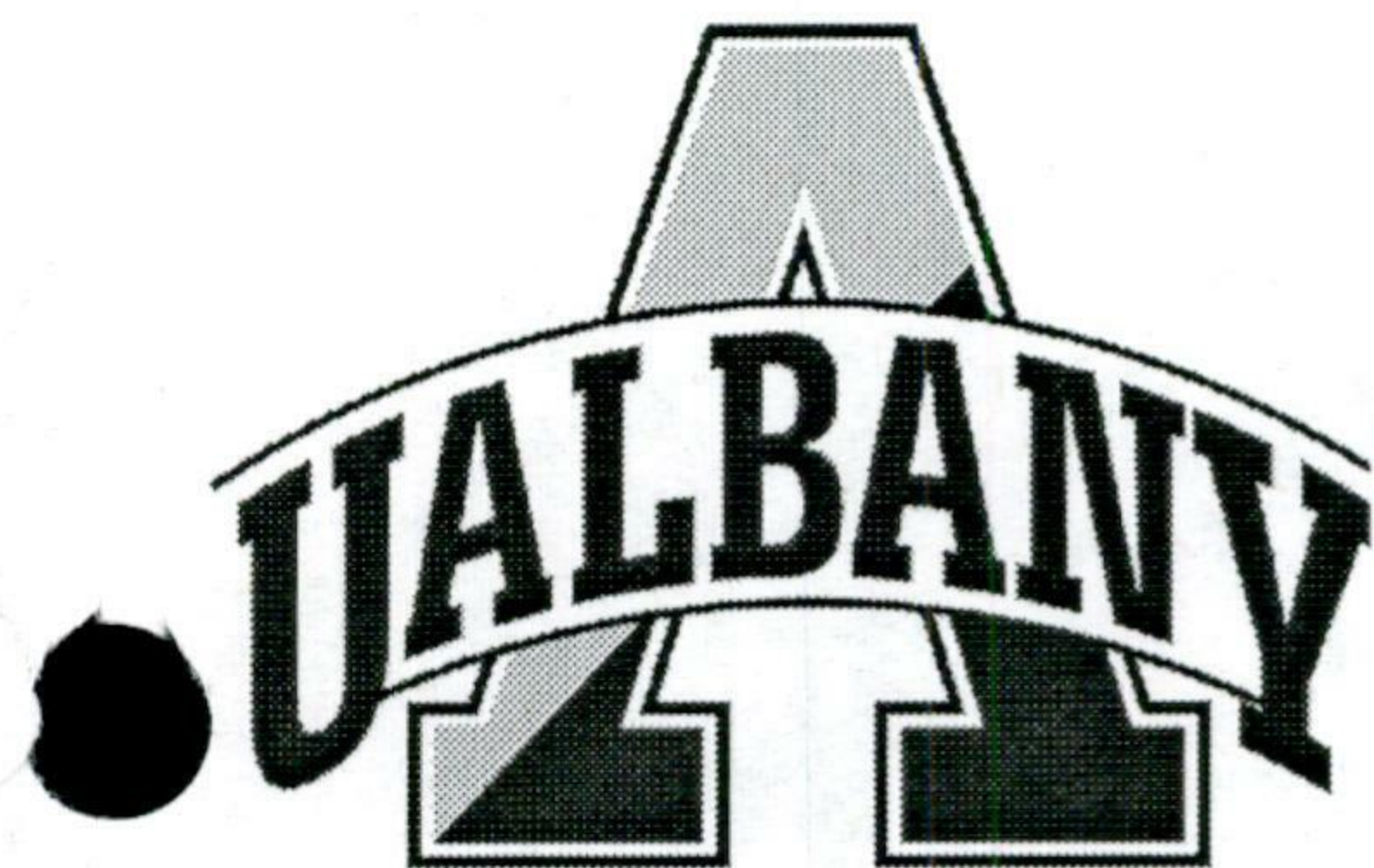
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Binghamton (8-6-3, AE 6-1-0)	0	1	-	1
UAlbany (7-7-2, AE 5-3-0)	0	0	-	0

Binghamton – Scoring: Joey Neilson 1-0, Matthew Narode 0-1, Bryan Arnault 0-1. Goalkeeper: Jason Stenta (90:00, 0 GA, 4 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 1 GA, 1 save).

Shots – Binghamton 7, UAlbany 6. Corner Kicks – Binghamton 4, UAlbany 3.



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GREAT DANES WOMEN'S GOLF COMES IN FOURTH AT LEHIGH TOURNAMENT

Telford, Pa. - Freshman Jessica Signorelli and junior Maggie Taylert both shot two-round scores of 172 as the UAlbany women's golf team finished fourth out of six teams at the Don Mershon Classic, hosted by Lehigh University. The 36-hole tournament was played at the Indian Valley Country Club, a par-72 course, on Sunday and Monday.

Signorelli fired scores of 88 and 84, while Taylert had a team-best 80 in the first round, followed up by 92. Junior Darcie Gauthier finished third on the team with a total score of 177 (90-87). Sophomore Sun Hwa Kim and senior Becky Lukac rounded out the squad, shooting 186 (99-87) and 190 (98-92), respectively.

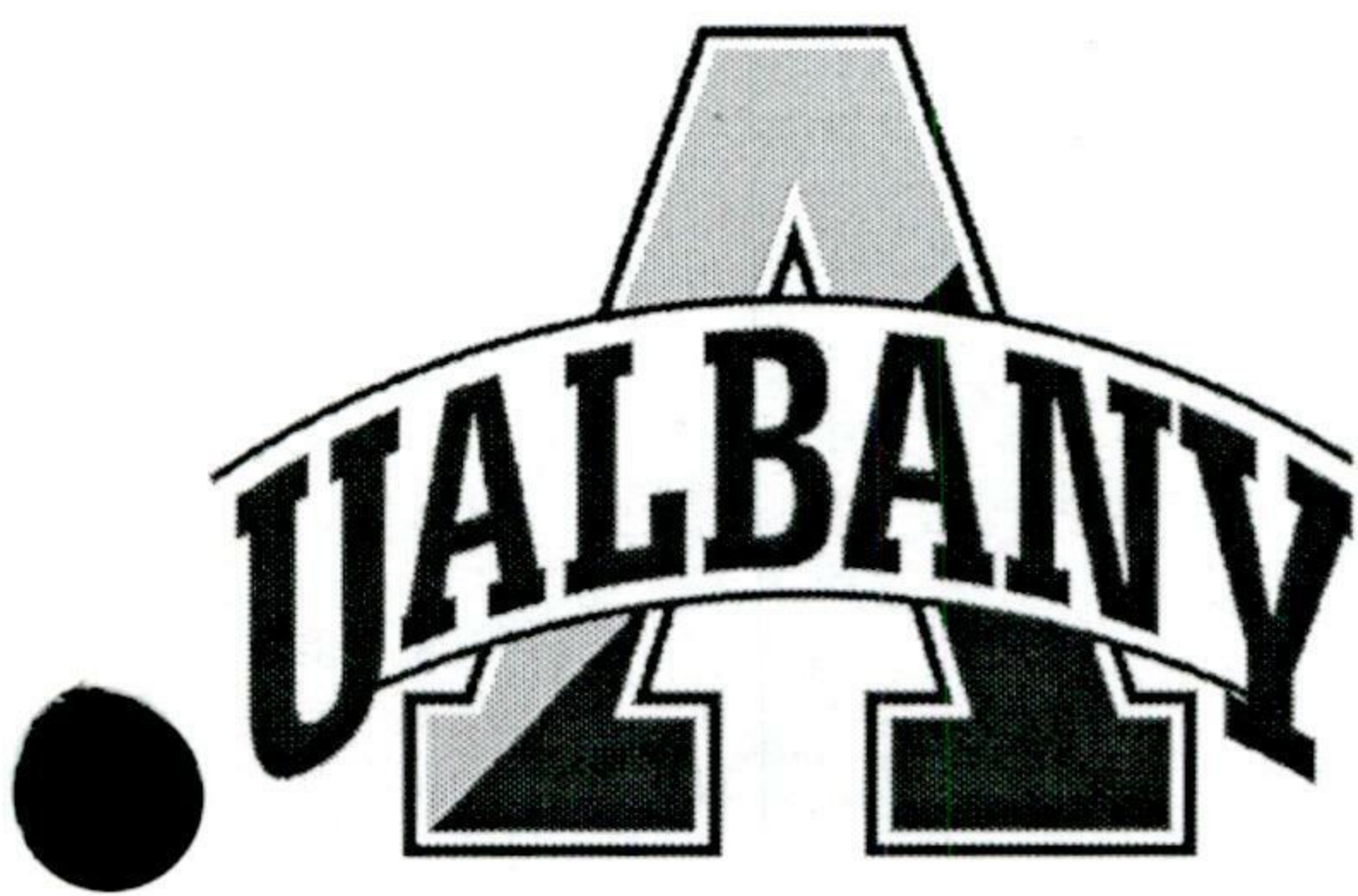
It was the final tournament of the fall season for the Great Danes, who played in four events prior to this spring's competition.

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Don Mershon Classic

UALBANY SCORES

Jessica Signorelli 88-84-172, Maggie Taylert 80-92-172, Darcie Gauthier 90-87-177, Sun Hwa Kim 99-87-186, Becky Lukac 98-92-190.



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY FALLS TO TOP-RANKED MARYLAND

College Park, Md. – Senior midfielder **Paula Infante** scored two goals and four other Maryland players found the cage to lead the No. 1 Terps to a 6-0 victory over UAlbany on Sunday afternoon at the Field Hockey and Lacrosse Complex.

Infante, the reigning national player of the year, scored the first goal of the game on a penalty corner at the 21:36 mark. Senior forward **Emily Trycinski** doubled the score for Maryland eight minutes later on a rebound in front of the cage. Freshman forward **Ameliet Rischen** gave the Terps a three-goal halftime advantage when she netted an unassisted goal at 32:37.

Freshman midfielder **Kristina Foster** scored her first collegiate goal to start the second half, with the assist going to Trycinski. Infante added her second goal, again coming on a penalty corner at 48:16. Senior midfielder **Berber Rischen** finished off the scoring for the Terps with a hard shot into the right corner past UAlbany goalkeeper **Ashley Ross** at the 64:18 mark.

Ross went the distance for the Great Danes, making eight saves. Senior **Christina Restivo** and freshman **Alicia Grater** split time in the cage for Maryland (15-1), with each seeing a half of play. Grater made one save.

UAlbany (11-5) will return to action on Saturday, Oct. 21. The Great Danes play host to America East rival Boston U. at 1 p.m. as a part of Homecoming and Family Weekend festivities.

UAlbany (11-5)	0	0	-	0
Maryland (15-1)	3	3	-	6

UAlbany - Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 0 GA, 8 saves).

Maryland - Scoring: Paula Infante 2-0, Emily Trycinski 1-1, Ameliet Rischen 1-0, Kristina Foster 1-0, Berber Rischen 1-0, Kristina Edmunds 0-2, Janneke van Leeuwen 0-2, Susie Rowe 0-1. Goalkeeper: Christina Restivo (35:00, 0 GA, 0 saves), Alicia Grater (35:00, 0 GA, 1 save).

UALBANY VOLLEYBALL FALLS TO NEW HAMPSHIRE IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Durham, N.H. – Junior outside hitter **Emmy Blouin** had a double-double with a match-high 27 kills and 13 digs to lead New Hampshire to a 3-2 victory over UAlbany in America East Conference action on Sunday afternoon. The Wildcats won in five games by scores of 30-26, 25-30, 30-26, 28-30, 15-13.

Senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** led UAlbany with her eleventh double-double of the season, recording a career-high 24 kills to go along with 16 digs. Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** also had a double-double of the kill-dig variety with 17 kills and a career-high 20 digs. With the performance, Goldman broke the 1,500-kill plateau. She now sits second on the UAlbany career chart with 1,503 and is just 35 away from the all-time record.

Junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** was also in double-digits for the Great Danes, tallying 13 kills, while sophomore middle hitter **Kamisha Kellam** added 14 kills. Senior setter **Blair Buchanan** finished with a match-high 57 assists to go along with 11 blocks.

Senior **Sarah Rehn** recorded 15 kills and a team-high 24 digs for New Hampshire (7-13, AE 2-3) while freshman middle blocker **Kirsten Bates** added 16 kills, nine digs, two service aces and two total blocks.

UAlbany (11-9, AE 4-2) will be back in action on Sunday, Oct. 22 as they visit conference-rival UMBC at 3 p.m.

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UALBANY WOMEN'S GOLF FINISHES 11TH AT RUTGERS INVITATIONAL

Piscataway, N.J. – Junior **Darcie Gauthier** finished 34th individually with a two-round score of 171 (87-84) to lead UAlbany to an 11th-place finish at the Rutgers Invitational. The 36-hole tournament was played at Rutgers University Golf Course, a par-72, 5,813-yard layout.

Junior **Maggie Taylert** finished tied for 35th with a combined score of 172 (87-85) while freshman **Jessica Signorelli** shot rounds of 91 and 84 to finish with a two-day score of 175, good enough for a 45th-place finish.

Sophomore **Sun Hwa Kim** was 62nd with a total score of 187 (98-89) and senior **Becky Lucak** rounded out the UAlbany golfers with a 66th-place showing and a two-round score of 196 (99-97).

The Great Danes will continue competition on Monday, Oct. 16 at the Lehigh Invitational.

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Rutgers Women's Invitational

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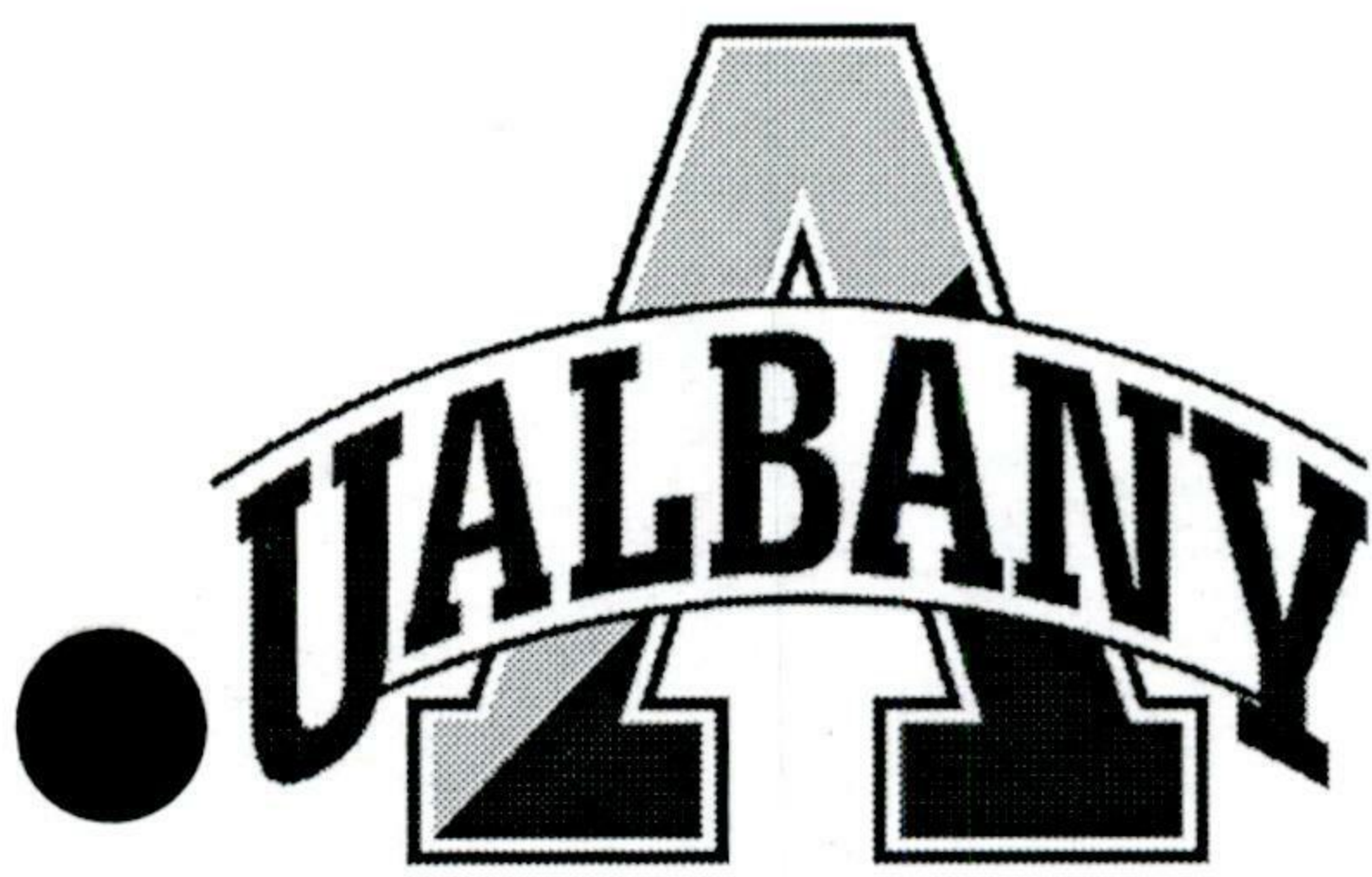
1. Columbia 317-326—643, 2. Bucknell 316-328—644, 3. Lehigh 317-336—653, 4. Towson 335-324—659, 5. Pennsylvania 326-338—664, t6. Boston U. 323-342—665, Rutgers 345-320—665, 8. Long Island 329-344—673, 9. Central Connecticut State 348-327—675, 10. Hartford 342-353—695, **11. UAlbany 363-342—705**, Sacred Heart 349-356—705, 13. Monmouth 357-357—714, 14. Holy Cross 378-340—718, 15. Fairleigh Dickinson 466-446—912.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Lauren Huhnerkoch (Rutgers) 79-74—153, t2. Amy Loughney (Bucknell) 78-76—154, Natalie Desjardins (LIU) 77-77—154, 4. Leah Steinmiller (CCSU) 79-77—156, 5. Morgan Reich (Towson) 79-78—157, t6. Lisette Vitter (Penn) 82-76—158, Meredith Kotowski (Penn) 79-79—158, t8. Lauren Braswell (Rutgers) 81-78—159, Lucie Sarochova (CCSU) 82-77—159, t10. Rylee Plitz (Monmouth), Eve Mayre (FDU) 81-79—160, Teri Schlang (Bucknell) 77-83—160, Stevy Loy (Columbia) 78-82—160.

UALBANY SCORES

34. Darcie Gauthier 87-84—171, t35. Maggie Taylert 87-85—172, t45. Jessica Signorelli 91-84—175, 62. Sun Hwa Kim 98-89—187, 66. Becky Lucak 99-97—196.



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY REMAINS UNDEFEATED IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Baltimore, Md. – Freshman midfielder **Teska Koch** scored two goals to lead UAlbany to a 4-0 win over America East opponent UMBC to remain undefeated in conference play on Saturday afternoon. With the win, the Great Danes improve to 11-4 overall, 3-0 in the America East.

Koch tallied her first goal just 6:37 into the first half, unassisted. Junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** doubled the score for UAlbany as she deflected a shot by sophomore midfielder **Arlette Westdorp** at 32:10.

Koch continued the scoring for the Great Danes in the second half, tallying her second goal of the game at 42:15, with an assist by sophomore midfielder **Michele Polizois**. Freshman forward **Nicole Savage** recorded her second goal of the season on a rebound at the 61:20 mark to set the four-goal advantage.

Goalkeeper **Ashley Bentiz** went the distance for UMBC (1-11, AE 0-3), making seven saves. Sophomore **Ashley Ross** saw 63 minutes of action for the Great Danes, making six saves. Senior **Barb Czaplinski** played the final 6:25 in the cage for UAlbany.

The Great Danes will be back in action on Sunday, as they visit top-ranked Maryland at 1 p.m. -agate-

UAlbany (11-4, AE 3-0)	2	2	4
UMBC (1-11, AE 0-3)	0	0	0

UAlbany - Scoring: Teska Koch 2-0, Michelle Simpson 1-0, Nicole Savage 1-0, Arlette Westdorp 0-1, Michele Polizois 0-1. Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (63:35, 0 GA, 6 saves).

UMBC - Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Ashley Bentiz (70:00, 4 GA, 7 saves).

MEN'S SOCCER DEFEATS BOSTON U., 1-0, IN OVERTIME

Boston, Mass. – Freshman forward **Joe Hogan** recorded his first collegiate goal to give the UAlbany men's soccer team a 1-0 overtime victory over America East Conference rival Boston U. on Saturday afternoon.

The game was scoreless through regulation before Hogan took a centering pass from sophomore forward **Brad Ray** and slipped it through four Terrier defenders into the goal, 7:02 into sudden-death overtime.

Sophomore **Steward Ceus** played all 97:02 in the net for the Great Danes, making eight saves and recording his sixth shutout of the season. The Terriers' **Zach Riffett** also went the distance, making three stops for Boston U. (7-4-4, AE 2-3-1).

UAlbany (7-6-2, AE 5-2-0) will return to action on Wednesday, Oct. 18 as they host America East rival Binghamton at Varsity Field at 4 p.m. -agate-

UAlbany (7-6-2, AE 5-2-0)	0	0	1	1
Boston U. (7-4-4, AE 2-3-1)	0	0	0	0

UAlbany – Scoring: Joe Hogan 1-0, Brad Ray 0-1. Boston U. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (97:02, 0 GA, 8 saves).

Boston U. – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Zach Riffett (97:02, 1 GA, 3 saves)

Shots – Boston U.: 9, UAlbany: 5.

Corner Kicks – Boston U.: 7, UAlbany: 3

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THREE GREAT DANES FINISH IN TOP 10 AT UALBANY INVITATIONAL

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany sophomores Jenna Ortman and Jessica Ortman were among the top women's finishers, while junior Ricardo Estremera registered a top-10 finish in the men's race at the 40th UAlbany Cross Country Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

Jenna Ortman came in seventh in a time of 18:08.7 in the women's race, while Jessica Ortman clocked in at 18:10.6, good for tenth place. Danielle Trimpop, Jessica Chichester and Sarah Miller all finished in the top 75 for the Great Danes, who came in seventh out of 22 women's teams competing. Ontario's Guelph University, in their first appearance at the UAlbany Invitational, finished first in team scoring with 63 points, while New Hampshire's Catherine Parker was first overall in a time of 17:14.1.

On the men's side, Estremera ended the race ninth in a time of 25:10.5, one of three UAlbany men's harriers to finish in the top 100. Brian Yurkewecz and Ryan Gaedje also had solid afternoons, coming in 74th and 82nd, respectively. As a team, the Great Danes came in 13th out of the 27 teams who entered. New Hampshire took home their second consecutive men's team title with 65 points. Colgate's Mike Hanlon set a new course record with a time of 24:23.8, shattering the old record by nearly 23 seconds.

"The ladies did really, really well," UAlbany cross country coach Craig McVey said. "They've been training very hard, and this is a fast but tough course. Our men's team is still recovering from injuries, but Ricardo Estremera and Brian Yurkewecz ran well. Ryan Gaedje also had a really good race."

Director of Cross Country/Track & Field Roberto Vives added, "It was another competitive event this year. We were able to attract a couple of new teams in Guelph and George Mason, and it's our biggest Division I field we've ever had."

UAlbany returns to action at the America East Championships in Orono, Maine, on Oct. 28.

UAlbany Cross Country Invitational Women's

1. Guelph 63, 2. New Hampshire 72, 3. Middlebury 78, 4. Quinnipiac 97, T5. New Jersey 159, T5. Colgate 159, 7. UAlbany 209, 8. Connecticut 222, 9. Massachusetts 231, 10. Brandeis 308, 11. Marist 313, 12. St. Lawrence 314, 13. RIT 332, 14. Monmouth 359, 15. Siena 435, 16. Adelphi 524, 17. St. Francis 557, 18. Ramapo 561, 19. Saint Rose 566, 20. Clarkson 597, 21. Springfield 619, 22. Long Island 674.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Catherine Parker (New Hampshire) 17:14.1, 2. Jillian Sullivan (Connecticut) 17:36.3, 3. Laura Moulton (Guelph) 17:41.3, 4. Kristen Stevens (Quinnipiac) 17:45.3, 5. Rachel Cliff (Guelph) 17:48.1, 6. Emily Mareb (New Hampshire) 18:04.7, 7. Jenna Ortman (UAlbany) 18:08.7, 8. Erin Archard (Middlebury) 18:09.7, 9. Andrea Giddings (Middlebury) 18:10.3, 10. Jessica Ortman (UAlbany) 18:10.6.

UALBANY RESULTS

7. Jenna Ortman 18:08.7, 10. Jessica Ortman 18:10.6, 48. Danielle Trimpop 19:06.5, 71. Jessica Chichester 19:39.7, 73. Sarah Miller 19:43.3, 110. Laine Sefick 20:36.6, 112. Natasha Torres 20:42.1.

Men's

1. New Hampshire 65, 2. Connecticut 101, 3. Guelph 119, 4. George Mason 132, T5. RIT 145, T5. New Jersey 145, 7. Quinnipiac 162, 8. St. Lawrence 252, 9. Middlebury 259, 10. Monmouth 280, 11. Colgate 312, 12. Massachusetts 321, 13. UAlbany 374, 14. Adelphi 393, 15. Connecticut College 393, 16. Vassar 423, 17. Springfield 451, 18. Ramapo 533, 19. Siena 562, 20. St. Francis 610, 21. Saint Rose 682, 22. Clarkson 723, 23. Mercy 734, 24. Potsdam 776, 25. Cazenovia 796, 26. Molloy 835, 27. Broome CC 886.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Mike Hanlon (Colgate) 24:23.8, 2. Charlie Millioen (George Mason) 24:44.8, 3. Jordan Horwitz

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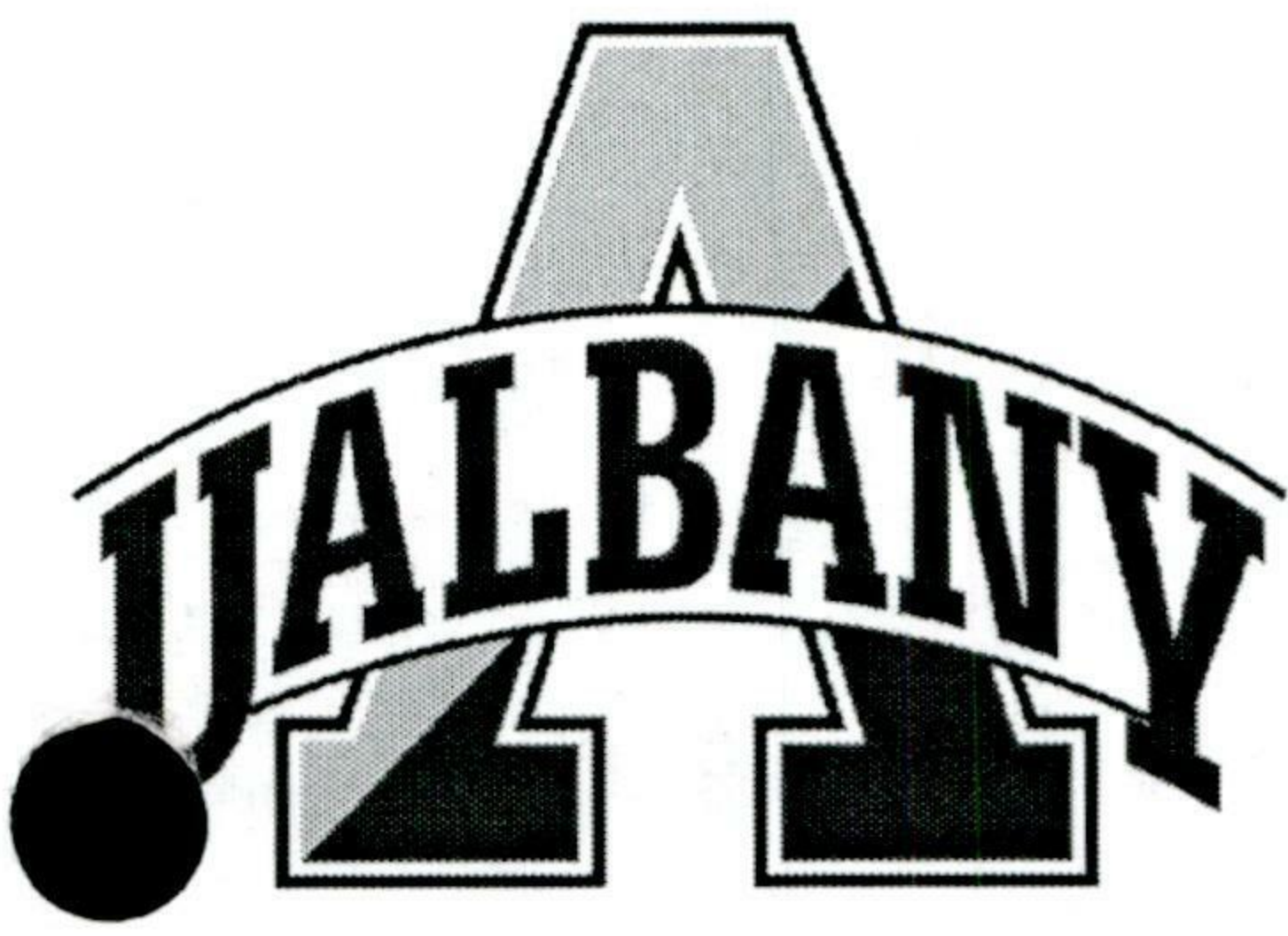
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(New Hampshire) 24:49.1, 4. Jesse Williamson (RIT) 24:55.8, 5. Max Feldman (Connecticut) 24:58.1,

6. Matthew Russell (New Hampshire) 25:03.1, 7. Paul Durfee (Connecticut) 25:04.1, 8. Will Melofchik (Connecticut) 25:06.8, 9. Ricardo Estremera (UAlbany) 25:10.5, 10. Chris Cuerrero (New Jersey) 25:10.9.

UALBANY RESULTS

9. Ricardo Estremera 25:10.5, 74. Brian Yurkewecz 26:34.2, 82. Ryan Gaedje 26:48.8, 104. Jon Hilbert 27:32.6, 105. Joe Choiniere 27:34.0, 127. Sean Gelinas 28:31.9, 132. Gered Burns (28:37.9).



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UALBANY FOOTBALL DEFEATS SACRED HEART, 24-13, IN NEC ACTION

Fairfield, Conn. - **Marcus Allen** rushed for a career-high 149 yards and two touchdowns and **Omar Johnson** had a career-best 135 yards in leading UAlbany to a 24-13 Northeast Conference victory over Sacred Heart on Saturday afternoon at Campus Field.

UAlbany (4-2, NEC 2-1) took a 21-7 lead in third quarter, when Allen raced around right end with an option pitch on his way to a 65-yard touchdown scamper. The Great Danes, who ended a two-game skid, stayed on the ground during the 5-play, 93-yard drive.

Sacred Heart (2-5, NEC 1-2) came right back on its next possession by marching 71 yards, all through the air, to paydirt. **Tyler Arciaga**, who completed 23 of 38 passes for 206 yards and two touchdowns, threw a 39-yard scoring strike to **Stephen Tedesco** with 3:58 left in the third quarter. However, UAlbany's **Mark Sheehan** blocked the extra-point attempt.

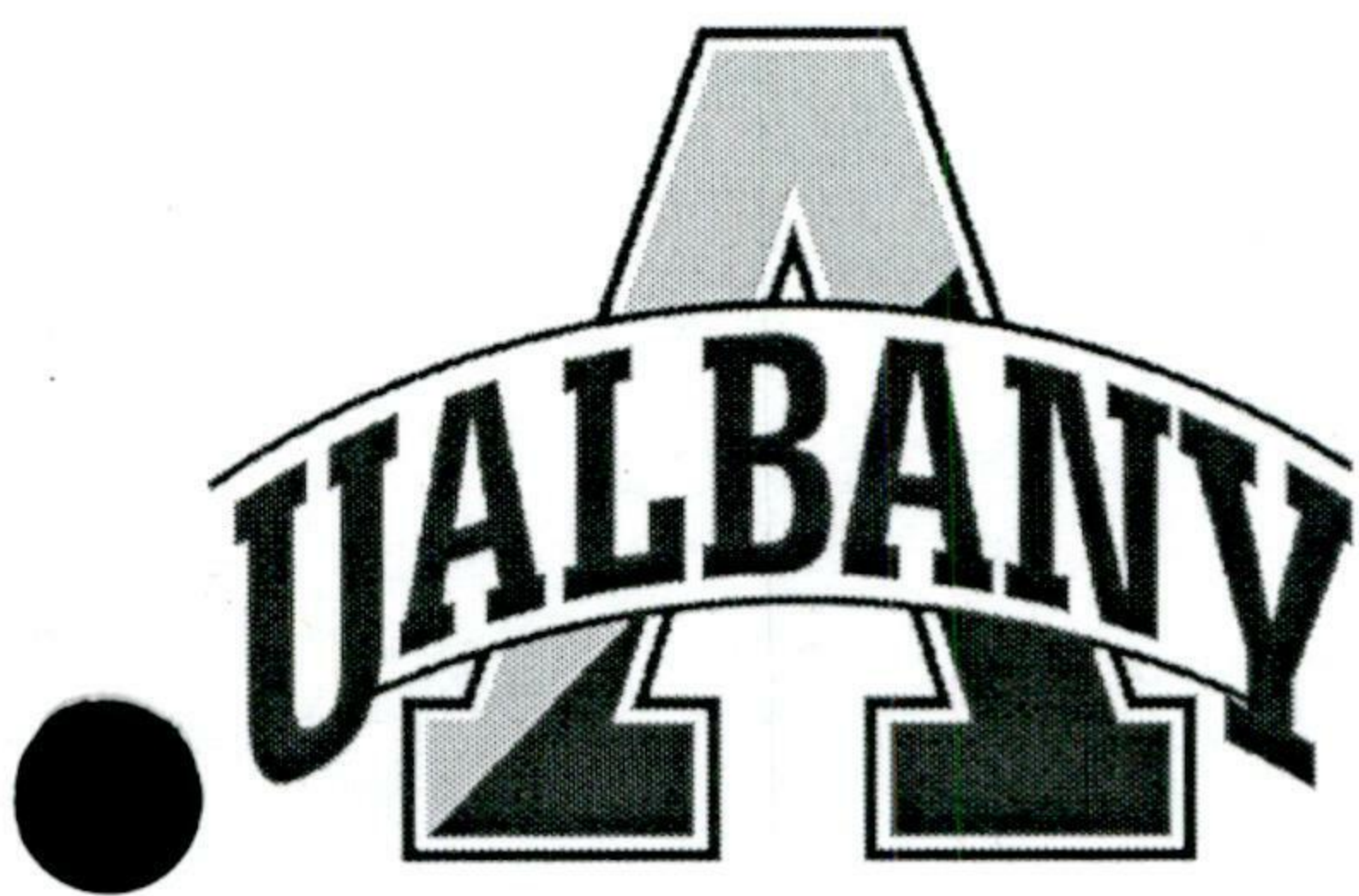
In the fourth quarter, the Great Danes used a rushing attack that piled up exactly 300 net yards and an opportunistic defense to record its first win since beating back-to-back top-25 teams in September. Johnson, a 6-foot, 215-pound junior, had five of his 27 rushing attempts in a 10-play sequence that led to **Jason Fralicker's** career-long 39-yard field goal and a 24-13 lead. Safety **Dave Nicomini** sealed the outcome when he picked off Arciaga at the UAlbany 22-yard line with 2:35 remaining.

"We dominated the offensive and defensive lines of scrimmage and played much smarter overall," said UAlbany head coach Bob Ford, whose team had two 100-yard rushers for the first time since Sept. 13, 2003 against Central Connecticut State. "We did a great job of running the football, especially when you consider two starters were out with injuries."

UAlbany broke a 7-7 tie in the second quarter by grinding out an 81-yard drive. Johnson did the bulk of the work with seven carries for 61 yards in the series. Allen, who went over 1,000 yards for his career, later burst through left side on an 11-yard touchdown run with 6:04 left in the second quarter. The Great Danes stayed ahead at the break when cornerback **Ryan Chrobak** wiped out a Pioneers' threat by forcing Arciaga to cough up the ball on a sack.

The Great Danes grabbed an early 7-0 advantage when quarterback **Daniel Bocanegra** lofted a 31-yard TD pass to **David McCarty** following a Pioneer fumble. McCarty came up with a tipped ball off the hands of his teammate **Mike Wall**. Arciaga directed his team on a 10-play march that tied the contest in the second period. He beat the blitz with a screen pass to **Jason Payne**, who broke several tackles to complete the 30-yard scoring play.

"It all starts up front and our line took it to them for four straight quarters," explained Johnson, whose squad rolled up a season-best 445 total yards, including 145 passing. "We played this game like it was our last one. We've got a loss (in the conference), but we are still in it."



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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS MAINE, 3-1, IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Orono, Maine – Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** recorded 13 kills to lead four UAlbany players in double-digits as the Great Danes defeated America East Conference rival Maine, 3-1 in volleyball action on Friday evening.

Maine was victorious in the first game by a 30-28 margin, but UAlbany swept the next three games with scores of 30-27, 33-31, 30-16 to secure the win.

Goldman led the Great Danes offensively and defensively, notching a team-high 17 digs to record her ninth double-double of the season. Senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** also tallied a double-double with 15 digs and 10 kills, while junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** added 12 kills and six total blocks. Sophomore middle blocker **Hillary White** recorded a career-high 10 kills while senior setter **Blair Buchanan** totaled 43 assists, 16 digs and four total blocks.

Maine's **Lindsay Allman** had a double-double of her own, recording a team-high 18 kills to go along with 16 blocks. **Jody Connacher** led the Black Bears defensively with 28 digs, while **Jessica Wolfenden** and **Brittany Kiehl** added 15 and 14 blocks, respectively, for Maine (4-14, AE 2-3).

UAlbany (11-8, AE 4-1) will return to action on Sunday as they visit New Hampshire at 2 p.m. for an America East match.

UALBANY GOLF TEAM COMPETES AT RUTGERS INVITATIONAL

Piscataway, N.J. – Junior **Darcie Gauthier** and sophomore **Maggie Taylert** were tied for 43rd with a score of 87 on the first day of competition at the Rutgers Women's Invitational at the RU Golf Course on Friday.

Taylert and Gauthier finished 15-over, while freshman **Jessica Signorelli** was tied for 54th with a first-day score of 91. Sophomore **Sun Hwa Kim** was 64th individually with a score of 98. Senior **Becky Lucak** rounded out the UAlbany finishers with a 27-over 99.

The Great Danes, who finished the day 13th in the team standings, will continue play on Saturday, Oct. 14, with tee times beginning at 8 a.m.

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Rutgers Women's Invitational

TEAM

1. Bucknell 316, T2. Lehigh, Columbia 317, 4. Boston U. 323, 5. Pennsylvania 326, 6. Long Island 329, 7. Towson 335, 8. Hartford 342, 9. Rutgers 345, 10. Central Connecticut State 348, 11. Sacred Heart 349, 12. Monmouth 357, **13. UAlbany 363**, 14. Holy Cross 378, 15. Fairleigh Dickinson 466.

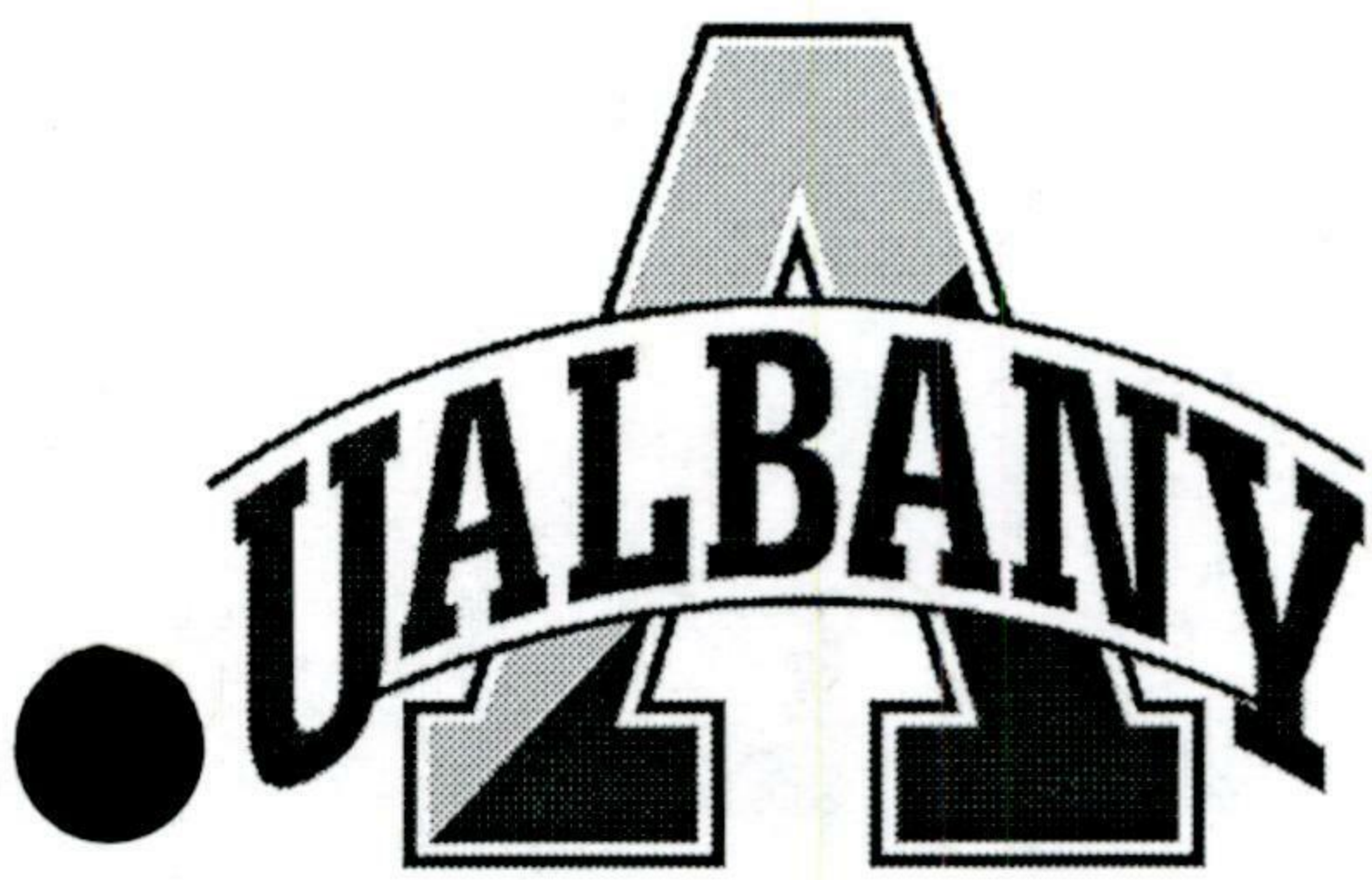
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1. Sara Ovadia (Columbia) 37-37—74, T2. Teri Schlang (Bucknell), Natalie Desjardins (LIU) 40-37—77, T4. Lauren Stong (Boston U.), Amy Loughney (Bucknell) 38-40—78, Allison Juster (Lehigh), Stevy Loy (Columbia) 40-38—78, T8. Leah Steinmiller (CCSU), Lauren Huhnerkoch (Rutgers) 40-39—79, Morgan Reich (Towson) 43-36—79, Alison Webb (Lehigh) 37-42—79, Meredith Kotowski (Penn) 39-40—79.

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UALBANY SCORES

T43. Maggie Taylert 42-45—87, Darcie Gauthier 48-39—87, T54. Jessica Signorelli 48-43—91, 64.
Sun Hwa Kim 48-50—98, T65. Becky Lucak 51-48—99.



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MAINE'S HARPER SCORES TWICE IN 2-0 VICTORY OVER UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER

Orono, Maine – Junior forward **Laura Harper** scored two first-half goals as the UAlbany women's soccer team was blanked, 2-0, by America East Conference-rival Maine in a match on Thursday afternoon at Alumni Field.

The Black Bears, who were ranked in the nation's top 25 one week ago, got on the board two minutes and 15 seconds into the contest on Harper's unassisted goal, her seventh tally of the season. Maine (11-2-1, AE 3-2) then made it 2-0 in the 38th minute when Harper put home a header off a pass from sophomore midfielder **Kim Stephenson**. It was all the offense the Black Bears would need, as sophomore goaltender **Jasmine Phillips** earned her eighth shutout of the season.

UAlbany (5-10-1, AE 2-4) had six different players with one shot on goal, while senior keeper **Ashley Nuessle** and freshman goaltender **Maria Liguori** each played 45 minutes in net. The squad had won three of their last five entering the game.

The Great Danes, still in contention for an America East postseason berth, play their last two America East matches of the season against Stony Brook on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. and New Hampshire on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m.

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UAlbany (5-10-1, AE 2-4-0)	0	0	-	0
Maine (11-2-1, AE 3-2-0)	2	0	-	2

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeepers: Ashley Nuessle (45:00, 2 GA, 3 saves), Maria Liguori (45:00, 0 GA, 3 saves).

Maine – Scoring: Laura Harper 2-0, Kim Stephenson 0-1. Goalkeeper: Jasmine Phillips (90:00, 0 GA, 2 saves).

Shots: UAlbany 6, Maine 20. Corner Kicks: UAlbany 8, Maine 11.



UALBANY'S THREE-GAME WIN STREAK BROKEN BY SYRACUSE

Syracuse, N.Y. – Senior defender **Michelle Sola** recorded two penalty-corner goals to lead Syracuse to a 2-1 victory over UAlbany in non-conference action at Coyne Field on Wednesday evening. The loss ended the Great Danes' three-game win streak

The Orange struck first, as Sola scored on a penalty corner at the 12:20 mark. UAlbany attempted to even the score with three consecutive corners late in the period, but the Great Danes were unable to connect for the score.

Syracuse scored its second goal of the game at 52:06 of the second half as Sola converted another tally on a penalty corner. Senior forward **Meg Ryan** and senior defender **Jess Wreski** assisted on the goal.

UAlbany cut the deficit in half at 59:51 as sophomore midfielder **Michelle Polizois** struck from the top of the circle, with assists going to sophomore midfielder **Arlette Westdorp** and freshman defender **Jess Lindsey**.

The Great Danes were unsuccessful in drawing even with another corner at 61:37, but a shot by freshman forward **Nicole Savage** went wide. Syracuse goalkeeper **Heather Hess** made a save with ten seconds remaining on a shot by UAlbany midfielder **Teska Koch** to secure the win for the Orange.

Hess made four saves in the cage for Syracuse (8-7) while sophomore **Ashley Ross** also stopped four shots for UAlbany (10-4).

The Great Danes will continue their four-game road swing on Saturday as they visit America East Conference opponent UMBC at 12 p.m.

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UAlbany (10-4)	0	1	1
Syracuse (8-7)	1	1	2

UAlbany - Scoring: Michele Polizois 1-0, Arlette Westdorp 0-1, Jess Lindsey 0-1. Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 2 GA, 4 saves).

Syracuse - Scoring: Michelle Sola 2-0, Meg Ryan 0-2, Jess Wreski 0-2. Goalkeeper: Heather Hess (70:00, 0 GA, 4 saves).



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UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER EDGES MAINE, 2-1, ON GORDON'S LATE GOAL

Orono, Maine – Freshman defenseman **Brian Gordon** scored with under three minutes remaining to lift the UAlbany men's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over America East Conference-rival Maine in a match on Wednesday afternoon at Alumni Field. The win puts the Great Danes one step closer to their third consecutive berth in the conference's postseason tournament.

UAlbany (6-6-2, AE 4-2-0) tallied the lone goal of the first half when sophomore defenseman **Kurt Ruhe Lischke** scored at 25:26 off a left-side pass from sophomore forward **Gaby Seguin-Gauthier**. The Black Bears tied the game nine minutes into the second half when senior midfielder **Cooper Friend** put home a penalty kick.

Gordon later gave the Great Danes the victory with 2:28 left in the match, scoring his second goal of the season, assisted by sophomore midfielder **Don Johnson**.

UAlbany sophomore goaltender **Steward Ceus** picked up his sixth win of the season, making three saves, while Maine sophomore keeper **Ben Piotrowski** stopped five shots. The Black Bears are still searching for their first victory of the year, dropping to 0-14-0 overall and 0-5-0 in conference play.

The Great Danes travel to Boston University for a 1 p.m. contest on Saturday, Oct. 14 before returning for their final home match of the regular season at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

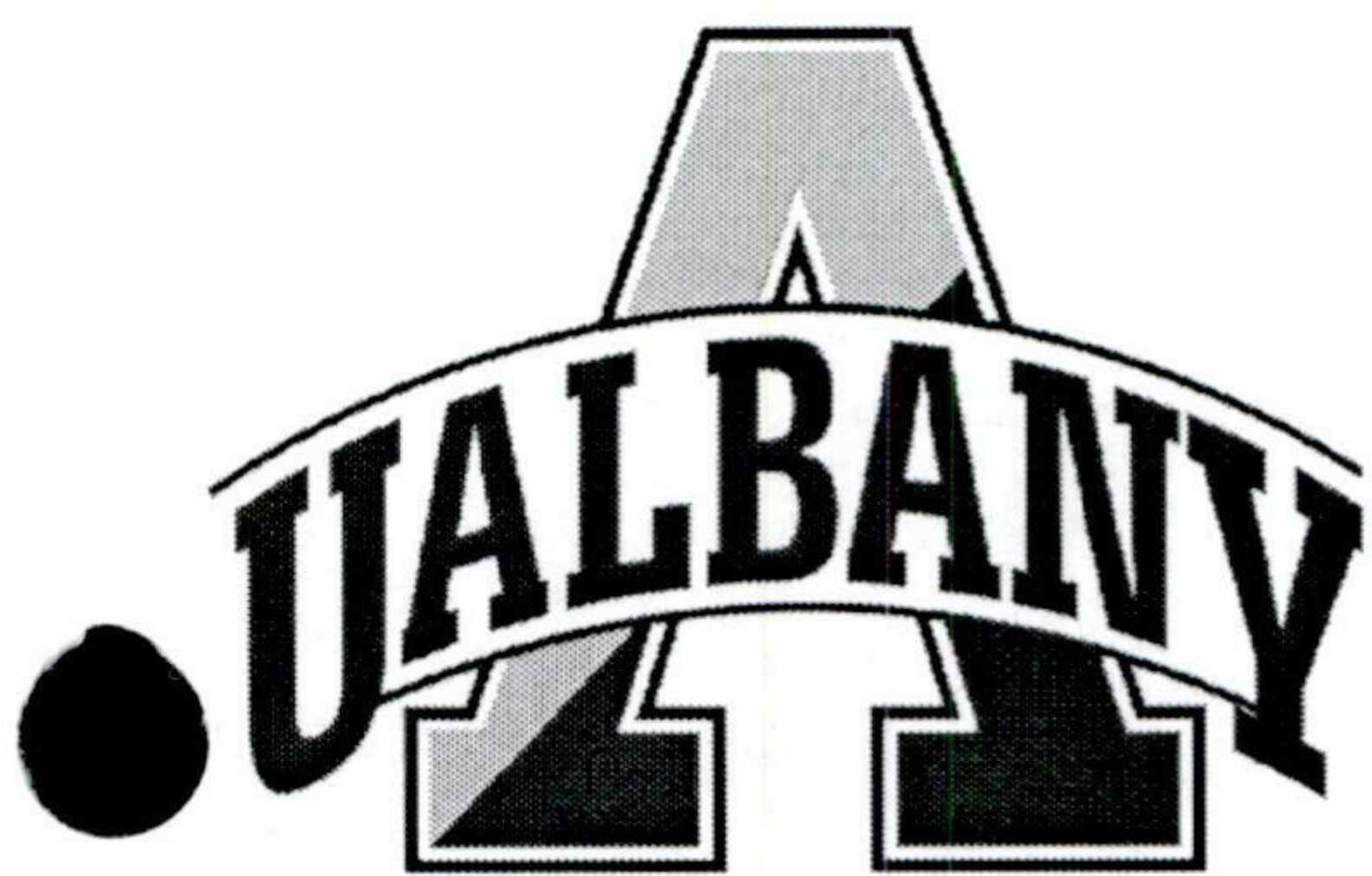
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UAlbany (6-6-2, AE 4-2-0)	1	1	-	2
Maine (0-14-0, AE 0-5-0)	0	1	-	1

UAlbany – Scoring: Brian Gordon 1-0, Kurt Ruhe Lischke 1-0, Don Johnson 0-1, Gaby Seguin-Gauthier 0-1. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 1 GA, 3 saves).

Maine – Scoring: Cooper Friend 1-0. Goalkeeper: Ben Piotrowski (90:00, 2 GA, 5 saves).

Shots: UAlbany 17, Maine 8. Corner Kicks: UAlbany 4, Maine 3.



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PRESEASON PRACTICE FOR UALBANY BASKETBALL TEAMS BEGINS ON OCT. 13

Albany, N.Y. – Preseason practice for the University at Albany men's and women's basketball teams begins on Friday, Oct. 13 in preparation for each program's sixth season as America East Conference members. The men will take the floor at 7:00 p.m. in the Physical Education Building's University Gymnasium. The women will practice at the same time in the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Great Danes, who captured their first-ever America East Conference championship and earned an NCAA Tournament berth last season, are coming off a 21-11 campaign, the most wins since 1993-94. Jamar Wilson, the conference player of the year and an Associated Press honorable mention All-American, leads the cast of returnees. He averaged 17.7 points and 3.9 assists last year. Brent Wilson, a third-team All-America East forward, added 10.4 points and 4.3 rebounds. Brian Lillis, a 6-foot-5 junior, contributed 4.4 points, 4.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists. UAlbany opens its schedule on Saturday, Nov. 11 against two-time defending Patriot League champion Bucknell.

"It's been a productive preseason to this point," said UAlbany's Will Brown, the 2006 New York State Basketball Coaches Association's Coach of the Year. "We have a good mix of veterans and new guys. It will be interesting how that combination interacts. This team has not won or lost together or handled adversity together, so I am anxious to see how they respond."

UAlbany women's coach Trina Patterson feels her team has made great strides during the offseason. Sherri Mikus, who received last year's team MVP award, is one of the top returning players. She averaged 8.6 points, 3.1 rebounds and 3.1 assists as a sophomore. Amanda Ward, a 5'9" senior, scored at an 8.3 clip, while 6-foot forward Gia Sanders contributed 7.0 points and 6.0 rebounds and was the conference's top shot-blocker at 1.86 per game. Kristin Higy, a 6-foot-1 forward who transferred from George Mason, is expected to provide immediate help. The Great Danes begin their schedule against La Salle on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

"This may be our most athletic team since I have been here," said Patterson, who is in her fifth season at the helm. "We made some changes, and I think they have grown up a lot as a team. We have established how to be excellent and stressed mental toughness."

INDIVIDUAL HOME GAME BASKETBALL TICKETS GO ON SALE ON OCT. 16

Albany, N.Y. – Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that the University at Albany will begin the sale of individual home game tickets for the 2006-07 men's and women's basketball season on Monday, Oct. 16 at 9:00 a.m. Tickets will be available online at www.albany.edu/sports or by calling 518-442-4683. The Physical Education Building's Ticket Office will be open from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Individual tickets are \$8.00 for reserved seats. Children (12 & under) can purchase the same ticket for \$1.00. Season tickets are currently available for reserved seating only and are priced at \$100. Reserved season tickets for children are \$30. Season parking passes (RACC Lot) are on sale for \$50.



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UALBANY TO HOST 40TH ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany will host the 40th Annual Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 14 on its campus course. The Bobbi Palma Women's Championship Race, a 5,000-meter event, starts at 11:45 a.m. The R.K. Munsey Men's Championship Race, conducted over an 8,000-meter course, begins at 12:15 p.m.

This year's field includes 28 men's teams and 26 women's teams, including America East Conference members New Hampshire and Binghamton. The UNH Wildcats won both the men's and women's team competitions at last year's UAlbany Invitational. Siena and Saint Rose have also entered men's and women's squads.

Connecticut's Max Feldman returns to defend his men's title from last season, while Potsdam's Jodie Schoppmann won the women's race in 2005.

Sophomores Jessica Ortman and Jenna Ortman, who have finished first and second on the team in all three of the Great Danes' competitions this year, look to lead the UAlbany women. Jenna Ortman came in first overall at the Monmouth Kick-Off Classic on Sept. 2 and at the Fordham Invitational on Sept. 9.

On the men's side, junior Ricardo Estremera has led UAlbany in all of its meets this season, including a first-place overall finish at the Monmouth race. Eric Zorilla and Gered Burns are the two senior harriers on this year's squad.

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40th UAlbany Cross Country Invitational

Schedule of Events (Campus Course)

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| 11:15 a.m. | - | Women's Gold 5K Race |
| 11:45 p.m. | - | Bobbi Palma Women's Championship Race (5,000 meters) |
| 12:15 p.m. | - | R.K. Munsey Men's Championship Race (8,000 meters) |
| 1:00 p.m. | - | Men's Purple 8K Race |
| 1:45 p.m. | - | Men & Women's Open 5K (non-collegiate) |



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SHELBY GOLDMAN NAMED AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Shelby Goldman** has been named the America East Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon.

Goldman, a senior outside hitter, led the Great Danes to an undefeated weekend in America East Conference play. UAlbany defeated Stony Brook, 3-2, last Friday and swept Hartford, 3-0, the following night. Goldman totaled 40 kills and 23 digs in the two matches.

In the victory over the Seawolves, Goldman recorded her seventh double-double of the season with 26 kills and a career-high 16 digs. She notched three straight points in the fifth and deciding game for the Great Danes, including a smash down the left line that gave UAlbany a 13-10 advantage. In the sweep of Hartford, Goldman led all players with 14 kills and added seven digs and one block assist. She is second on UAlbany's career kills charts with 1,473 and is just 65 away from the all-time record.

UAlbany (10-8, AE 3-1) will be back in action on Friday, Oct. 13, visiting America East opponent Maine at 7:00 p.m. before facing conference-rival New Hampshire in Durham on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2:00 p.m.

UALBANY FOOTBALL SLIPS IN DIVISION I-AA MID-MAJOR POLLS

Boston, Mass. – Following a 33-21 loss to Northeast Conference opponent Stony Brook, UAlbany slid several places in both NCAA Division I-AA mid-major football polls. The Great Danes are ranked No. 6 by The Sports Network and No. 9 by Football Gazette.

UAlbany (3-3, NEC 1-1) was thwarted by three fumbles last Saturday, including two that were returned for second-quarter touchdowns. In the program's Division I-AA era, the TD plays marked the first time an opponents' defense has scored twice in the same game.

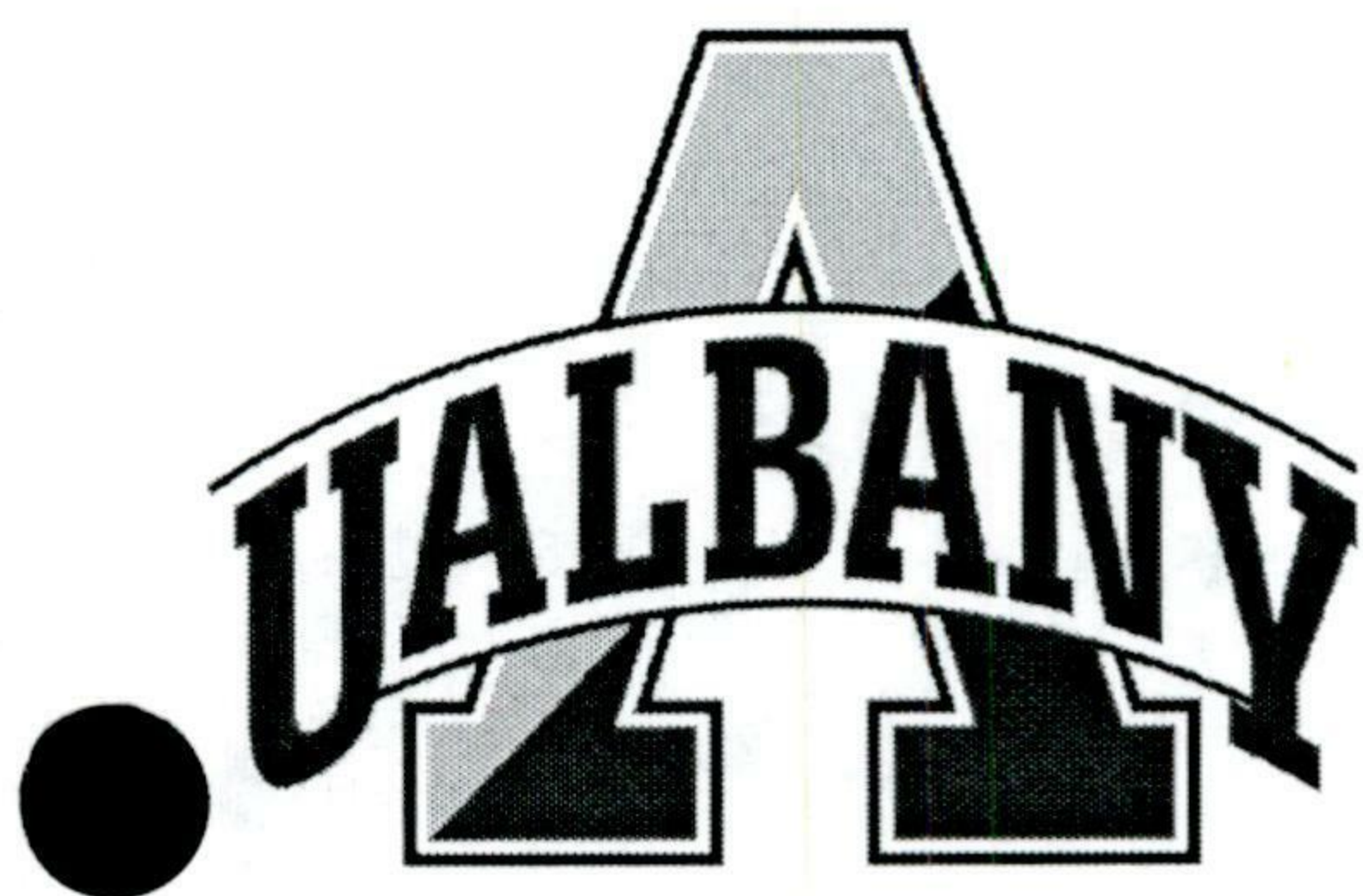
All-America linebacker Colin Disch is ranked eighth among the NCAA leaders in tackles at 11.17 per game. The Great Danes are 22nd nationally in scoring defense with a 17.5 average. Meanwhile, Omar Johnson, a junior tailback, scored multiple touchdowns for the fifth time in his career. Johnson, who reached the end zone on runs of 5 and 6 yards, moved into a tie for 14th on the school's all-time list with 15 career touchdowns.

The Great Danes will play their third consecutive road game against NEC opponent Sacred Heart on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1:00 p.m.

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FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. San Diego, 2. Central Conn. State, 3. Monmouth, 4. Drake, 5. Duquesne, 6. Davidson, 7. Robert Morris, 8. Stony Brook, 9. **Albany**, 10. Sacred Heart.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. San Diego, 2. Central Conn. State, 3. Drake, 4. Monmouth, 5. Robert Morris, 6. **Albany**, 7. Duquesne, 8. Dayton, 9. Wagner, 10. Stony Brook.



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY CRUISES PAST NEW HAMPSHIRE, 5-0

Durham, N.H. – Freshman defender **Jess Lindsey** recorded one goal and two assists to lead UAlbany to a 5-0 win over America East Conference rival New Hampshire on Sunday afternoon. The Great Danes, improve to 10-3 overall, 2-0 in conference play, have the most wins for the program since 2000, when the team went 10-8.

Junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** scored her team-leading 13th goal of the season at 16:38 of the first half, driving in from the left and slipping a shot into the cage past New Hampshire goalkeeper **Margaux Shute**.

The Great Danes did not strike again until the second half, when Lindsey tallied her first points of the game on a penalty corner. Lindsey, who was assisted by sophomore midfielders **Michele Polizois** and **Arlette Westdorp**, hit her scoring shot from the top of the circle at 38:41. Polizois added a score of her own five minutes later on a penalty corner. Lindsey and Westdorp assisted on the goal.

Freshman midfielder **Nicole Savage** tallied her first collegiate goal 45:56 into the contest. Westdorp, who is now just two assists away from UAlbany's all-time record, passed the ball to Savage in the middle of the circle. Freshman forward **Jamie Flagg** closed out the scoring for the Great Danes at the 61:14 mark off an assist from sophomore forward **Jessica Woodall**.

Sophomore **Ashley Ross** went all the way in the cage for UAlbany, making four saves in her fifth shutout of the season. Shute totaled 63:11 for the Wildcats, while **Holly Schurk** finished out the last 6:49 in the cage. The two combined for 10 saves for New Hampshire (1-11, AE 0-2).

UAlbany (10-3, AE 2-0) will be back in action on Wednesday, visiting Syracuse in non-conference action starting at 7 p.m.

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UAlbany (10-3, AE 2-0)	1	4	5
New Hampshire (1-11, AE 0-2)	0	0	0

UAlbany - Scoring: Jess Lindsey 1-2, Michele Polizois 1-1, Nicole Savage 1-0, Michelle Simpson 1-0, Jamie Flagg 1-0, Arlette Westdorp 0-3, Jessica Woodall 0-1. Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 0 GA, 4 saves).

New Hampshire - Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Margaux Shute (63:11, 5 GA, 9 saves), Holly Schurk (6:49, 0 GA, 1 save).

BARRERA'S TWO GOALS LEAD UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER PAST UMBC, 3-1

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Diana Barrera** scored two goals as the UAlbany women's soccer team defeated America East Conference-rival UMBC, 3-1, on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes have won three of their last five matches.

Barrera started the scoring at 42:10 with a shot over the keeper off a pass from freshman forward **Ashley Tirabassi**. UAlbany (5-9-1, AE 2-3-0) built a two-goal advantage 13 minutes into the second half when Tirabassi put home a left-side shot, with the assist by freshman midfielder **Jaclyn Rosada**. The Retrievers cut the lead to one less than seven minutes later on sophomore midfielder **Kali Schwartz's** penalty-kick score, but Barrera tallied an insurance goal at 82:54, scoring off a rebound of her own shot.

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Barrera's fifth and sixth goals of the season tie her with Rosada for the team lead. The Great Danes' Division I record for goals in a season is seven, set by **Sara Rickard** in 2001.

Senior goaltender **Ashley Nuessle** earned the victory for the Great Danes, making six saves. The win improved her record to 3-5-0. Senior keeper **Robin Babaris** stopped nine shots in the loss for UMBC (4-9-1, AE 0-4-0).

UAlbany travels to Maine for a match on Thursday, Oct. 12 before returning home to face Stony Brook on Thursday, Oct. 19.

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UMBC (4-9-1, AE 0-4-0)	0	1	-	1
UAlbany (5-9-1, AE 2-3-0)	1	2	-	3

UMBC – Scoring: Kali Schwartz 1-0. Goalkeeper: Robin Babaris (90:00, 3 GA, 9 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Diana Barrera 2-0, Ashley Tirabassi 1-1, Jaclyn Rosada 0-1.

Shots: UMBC 14, UAlbany 16. Corner Kicks: UMBC 1, UAlbany 5.



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VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS A-EAST WEEKEND WITH 3-0 WIN OVER HARTFORD

Albany, N.Y. – Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** tallied a match-high 14 kills to lead UAlbany to a 3-0 win over Hartford to complete the weekend sweep of America East Conference opponents. The Great Danes, who held off Stony Brook for a 3-2 win on Friday, defeated Hartford by scores of 30-18, 30-16, 30-18.

Senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** added nine kills and 11 digs, while also producing three service aces. DeNeal served for nine straight points to start the third game, giving UAlbany a 9-2 lead. Junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** also tallied nine kills while senior libero **Kristin Fiorillo** posted a team-high 12 digs. Sophomore middle hitter **Kamisha Kellam** continued her strong play at the net for the Great Danes, recording a match-best seven total blocks.

Junior outside hitter **Jennifer Monroy** led the Hawks with seven kills, while junior libero **Lauren Flores** recorded 12 digs. Junior middle blocker **Ljiljana Zecevic** recorded a match-high five service aces for Hartford (7-9, AE 0-4).

UAlbany (10-8, AE 3-1) will continue America East play on Friday, Oct. 13, visiting Maine at 7 p.m.

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UAlbany 3, Hartford 0 (30-18, 30-16, 30-18)

OVERTIME PENALTY KICK GOAL SINKS UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER, 1-0

Durham, N.H. – New Hampshire sophomore defenseman **Richard Weinrebe** scored on a penalty kick one minute and 58 seconds into sudden-death overtime as the UAlbany men's soccer team fell, 1-0, at Lewis Field in an America East Conference match on Saturday afternoon.

The two teams battled through two scoreless regulation periods, with Great Danes sophomore goaltender **Steward Ceus** making four saves and Wildcats senior keeper **Brian Levey** stopping six. The penalty kick was awarded to UNH after a handball in the UAlbany goal box at 91:58, enabling Weinrebe's second goal of the season. With the victory, New Hampshire (8-4-2, AE 3-2-0) moves into a tie for second place in the conference with UAlbany and Binghamton, four points behind Vermont.

UAlbany (5-6-2, AE 3-2-0) continues their road trip with matches at Maine on Wednesday, Oct. 11 and at Boston University on Saturday, Oct. 14.

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UAlbany (5-6-2, AE 3-2-0) 0 0 0 - 0

New Hampshire (8-4-2, AE 3-2-0) 0 0 1 - 1

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UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (91:58, 1 GA, 4 saves).

New Hampshire – Scoring: Richard Weinrebe 1-0. Goalkeeper: Brian Levey (91:58, 0 GA, 6 saves).

Shots: UAlbany 9, New Hampshire 11. Corner Kicks: UAlbany 2, New Hampshire 8.

ECAC WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP CANCELED

Williamsburg, Va. – Due to heavy rains, the ECAC Division I Women's Golf Championship, which the UAlbany team was scheduled to take part in this weekend, has been canceled.



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UALBANY FOOTBALL DROPS 33-21 DECISION TO STONY BROOK

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Josh Dudash** threw for 236 yards and one touchdown and **Cory Giddings** scored on a pair of fumble returns in leading Stony Brook to a 33-21 Northeast Conference victory over UAlbany before 6,688 fans on Saturday afternoon at LaValle Stadium.

UAlbany (3-3, NEC 1-1) grabbed a 21-17 lead on the first series of the second half, when quarterback **Daniel Bocanegra** flipped an 11-yard scoring pass to tight end **Chris Lore**. Bocanegra passed for 145 yards and ran for 24 more, but fumbled twice. Stony Brook (2-4, NEC 2-0) came right back with an 80-yard touchdown march. Dudash, who connected on 16-of-22 through the air, hit **Mike Consentino** with a 43-yard pass to key the drive. Halfback **Steve Austin** later took a direct snap and threw a 3-yard TD pass to **Saladin Davis** for a 24-21 advantage with 9:09 left in the third quarter.

The Seawolves, who were coached by former UAlbany fullback and assistant Chuck Priore, then put the game away with solid special teams play. **Dwayne Eley's** 43-yard punt return led to **Luke Gaddis'** 42-yard field goal, his second on the day. A partially blocked punt set up Dudash's 41-yard touchdown strike to a wide-open **Lynell Suggs**.

"We did everything we possibly could wrong. At times it's hard to believe this is the same team that beat Lehigh and Delaware. Stony Brook played very hard. They hurt us with the run game, capitalized on our turnovers and mistakes, and made big plays on special teams," said UAlbany head coach Bob Ford, who was going up against a former player for the first time.

The Seawolves, who posted an impressive 19-point win against unbeaten Monmouth one week ago, used a big-play defense to take a 17-14 halftime lead. Giddings returned a pair of second-quarter fumbles for touchdowns, including a 7-yard runback with 10:52 remaining in the period.

UAlbany drew even with a short drive set up by **Chris Simpson's** 31-yard kickoff return. **Omar Johnson** capped the sequence with a 5-yard blast through the middle. But **Colin Simmons** coughed up the ball on his team's next possession, and Giddings picked up the loose ball en route to a 34-yard touchdown return.

The Great Danes tied the contest at 14 apiece with an 80-yard march on their next offensive series. **Mike Wall's** diving 39-yard reception keyed the scoring drive. Johnson reached paydirt again on a 6-yard run. However, Stony Brook jumped back in front when Gaddis booted a 41-yard field goal on the last play of the first half.

"It was a cluster of things that resulted in this loss. It is very frustrating. We turned the ball over for two touchdowns and the defense played on its heels," said senior **Colin Disch**, who led his team with eight tackles. "We have to be more focused and emphasize all 60 minutes (to turn this around)."



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UALBANY POSTS 3-2 WIN OVER AMERICA EAST RIVAL STONY BROOK

Albany, N.Y. -- **Shelby Goldman** had 26 kills and **Ashley DeNeal** added 15 kills and 11 digs, as UAlbany (9-8, AE 2-1) held off Stony Brook in America East Conference women's volleyball action on Friday, Oct. 6 at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who were looking to avenge last year's five-game loss in the America East's semifinal round, won by scores of 30-26, 30-26, 27-30, 25-30 and 15-10.

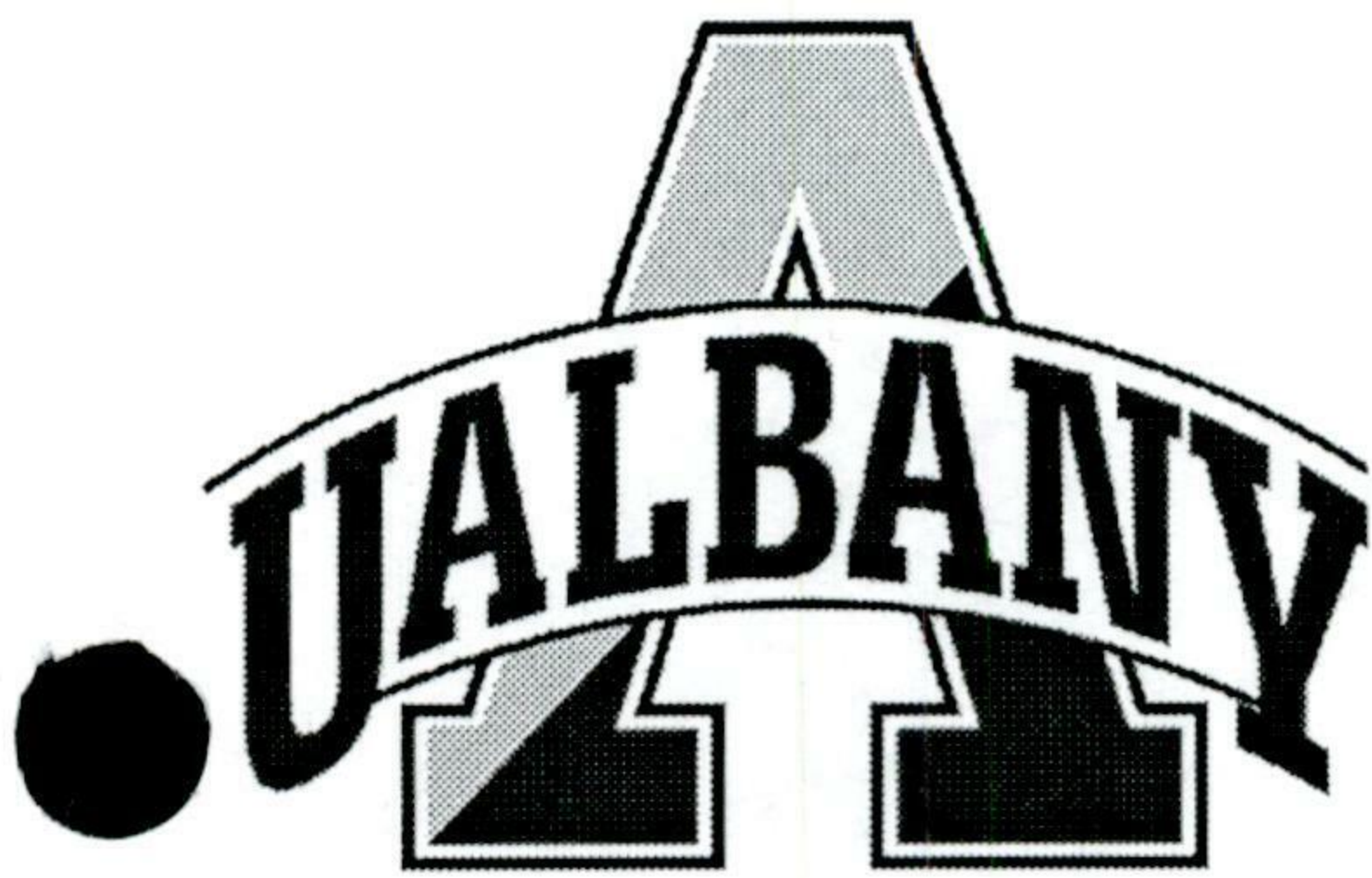
UAlbany tallied five of the contest's final six points in the fifth and deciding game. Goldman, a senior outside hitter who had a double-double with 16 digs, drilled three kills in that decisive stretch. The Great Danes were up 9-6 before Goldman scored three straight for UAlbany, including a smash down the left side to give the Great Danes a 13-10 advantage.

Sophomore middle blocker **Hillary White** combined with senior setter **Blair Buchanan** for a block assist for UAlbany's 14th point before Stony Brook's **Jessica Graham** hit an attack attempt long to seal the win for the Great Danes.

Buchanan finished with 56 assists, eight kills, six digs and three block assists, while sophomore middle hitter **Kamisha Kellam** added ten kills and six total blocks. White recorded eight kills, nine digs and three block assists for UAlbany.

Junior outside hitter **Morgan Sweany** led the Seawolves with 26 kills and 17 digs while sophomore outside hitter **Gulce Dikecligil** added a double-double of her own with 23 kills and 12 digs. Senior libero **Claire Lindner** recorded a match-high 25 digs for Stony Brook (8-11, AE 1-1).

The Great Danes will return to action on Saturday, Oct. 7 as they continue America East Conference play with a 7 p.m. match against Hartford in University Gymnasium.



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TIRABASSI SCORES IN 4-1 WOMEN'S SOCCER LOSS AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany freshman forward **Ashley Tirabassi** scored her third goal of the season in the Great Danes' 4-1 loss to 12th-ranked Boston University in an America East Conference women's soccer match on Thursday, Oct. 5 at Nickerson Field.

Boston U. drew first blood with junior forward **Lauren Basham**'s goal at 7:55 off a cross from freshman forward **Farrell McClernon**, the reigning America East Player of the Week. Tirabassi tied the game exactly five minutes later with an unassisted tally, deflecting a shot off the goalkeeper into the right side of the net. The Terriers made it a 2-1 game late in the half when sophomore midfielder **Marisa Schumacher-Hodge** scored, getting by a defender after a pass from McClernon. Boston U. then added two insurance goals in the second half, one by McClernon, her team-leading sixth of the season, and one from Schumacher-Hodge.

With the win, the Terriers stay in first place in the conference with a 3-0-1 record, and improve to 10-2-2 overall. Boston U. extended its home unbeaten streak to 18 matches.

Terriers senior goaltender **Stephanie Dreyer** earned her 10th victory of the season. For UAlbany (4-9-1, AE 1-3-0), freshman keeper **Maria Liguori** made 10 saves in the defeat.

The Great Danes return home for a match against UMBC on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m., before traveling to Maine on Thursday, Oct. 12.

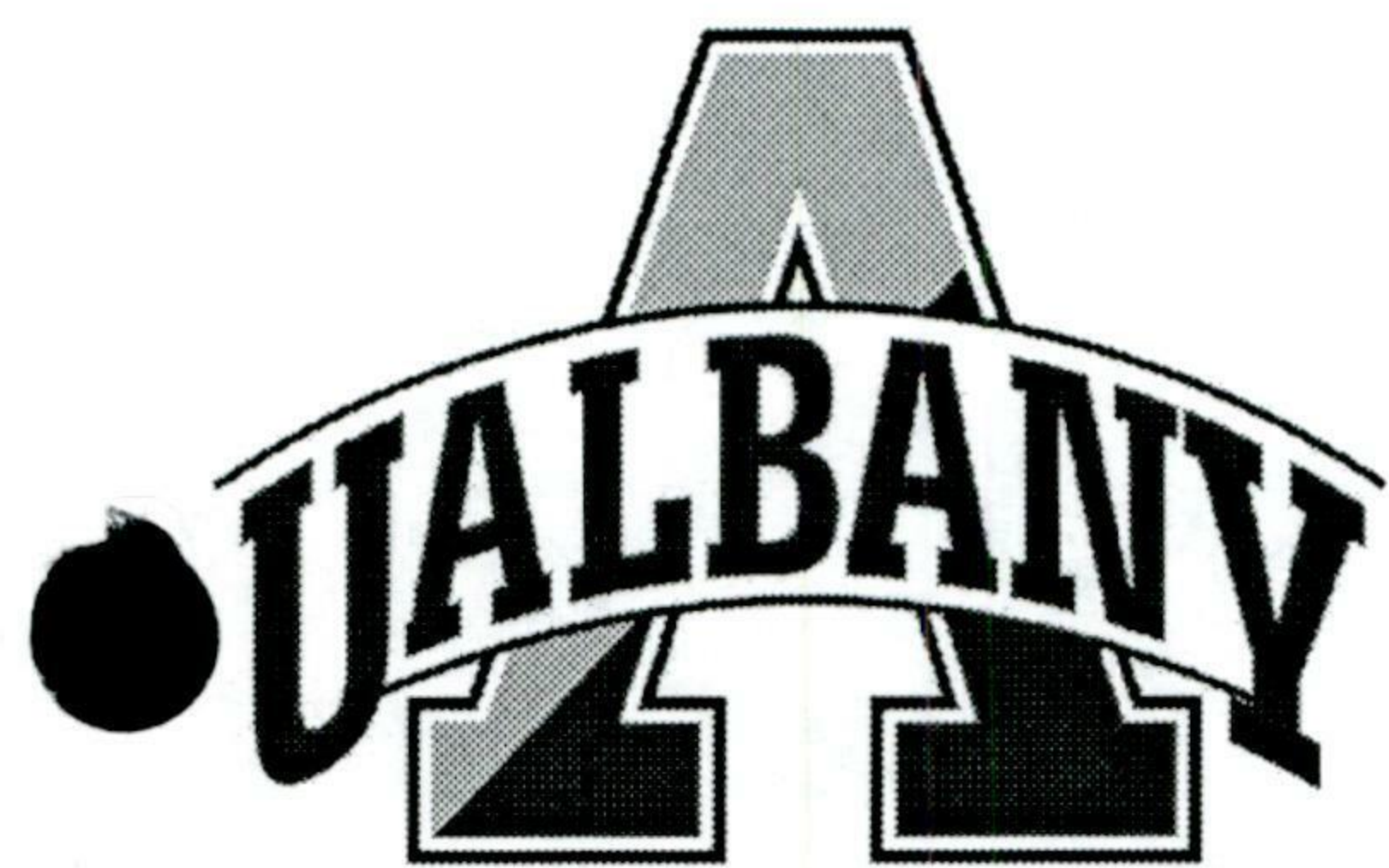
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UAlbany (4-9-1, AE 1-3-0)	1	0	-	1
Boston U. (10-2-2, AE 3-0-1)	2	2	-	4

UAlbany – Scoring: Ashley Tirabassi 1-0. Goalkeeper: Maria Liguori (90:00, 4 GA, 10 saves)

Boston U. – Scoring: Marisa Schumacher-Hodge 2-0, Farrell McClernon 1-2, Lauren Basham 1-0, Lauren Erwin 0-2, Casey Brown 0-1, Emily Pallotta 0-1. Goalkeeper: Stephanie Dreyer (90:00, 1 GA, 1 save).

Shots: UAlbany 22, Boston U. 2. Corner Kicks: Boston U. 6, UAlbany 1.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2007 MEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the school's men's lacrosse schedule for the 2007 season. The Great Danes, who made their fifth consecutive appearance in the America East Conference championship final last year, will play five games against conference opponents. The non-league schedule features former national champions Syracuse and Johns Hopkins and last year's NCAA runner-up Massachusetts.

UAlbany starts its eighth season at the NCAA Division I level on Saturday, Feb. 24 against Johns Hopkins, the 2005 NCAA champion. The Great Danes will meet four other programs who were ranked in the USILA's national top-20 poll at the end of last year. UAlbany faces Syracuse (No. 7), Massachusetts (No. 10), UMBC (No. 11) and Johns Hopkins (No. 6), a group of teams who all participated in the 2006 NCAA Tournament. Delaware (No. 15), Colgate and Dartmouth are on the home slate at John Fallon Field. UAlbany also tangles with non-league opponents Yale, Drexel and crosstown-rival Siena. America East Conference competition begins with Hartford on Saturday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Syracuse will host the Great Danes for the fourth consecutive season on Friday, April 20 at the Carrier Dome. The two teams have played a pair of 14-13 thrillers the last two years. The America East postseason tournament, slated for May 3-5, will be held at the highest seed's home facility.

Head coach Scott Marr, a U.S. Team assistant at the 2006 World Championships, led UAlbany to an 8-7 record one year ago. The Great Danes, who ranked third nationally at 11.73 goals per game, return a potent attack. Frank Resetarits, the nation's leading scorer, totaled 45 goals and 19 assists, while Merrick Thomson (Albany Academy) added 31 goals and 11 assists. Brett Queener, a first-team All-America East goalkeeper, posted a .577 save percentage as a junior. All-Conference midfielder Jordan Levine (14 goals, 13 assists) was eighth among the Division I leaders in ground balls with a 5.87 average.

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2007 University at Albany Men's Lacrosse Schedule

February – 24 (Sat.), at Johns Hopkins, 12:00.

March – 3 (Sat.), at Siena, 1:00; 7 (Wed.), **Dartmouth**, 3:30; 10 (Sat.), **Delaware**, 1:00; 13 (Tue.), **Massachusetts**, 3:30; 17 (Sat.), at Drexel, 1:00; 24 (Sat.), **Hartford***, 1:00; 27 (Tue.), **Colgate**, 3:30; 31 (Sat.), **UMBC***, 1:00.

April – 7 (Sat.), at Stony Brook*, 7:00; 11 (Wed.), at Yale, 7:00; 14 (Sat.), at Vermont*, 1:00; 20 (Fri.), at Syracuse, 7:00; 28 (Sat.), at Binghamton*, 1:00.

May – 3 (Thu.), at America East Conference Tournament+; 5 (Sat.), at America East Conference Tournament+.

*America East Conference Opponent

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MEN'S SOCCER'S STREAK ENDS AS UALBANY FALLS, 3-0, TO VERMONT

Albany, N.Y. – Junior midfielder **Panos Georgiadis** scored twice as Vermont used a three-goal second half to defeat UAlbany, 3-0, in a battle of the America East Conference's top two teams on Wednesday at Varsity Field.

The match was scoreless until the 71:20 mark, when Georgiadis scored his first goal of the year off a crossing pass from freshman midfielder **Rem Kielman**. Georgiadis then doubled the Catamounts' lead at 77:12, firing a penalty kick past Great Danes' sophomore goaltender **Steward Ceus**. Vermont sophomore forward **Lee Stephane Kouadio** tallied an insurance goal three and a half minutes later, picking off an errant pass by a UAlbany defender and putting it into an empty net.

Junior goalkeeper **Roger Scully** earned his fifth shutout of the season for the Catamounts, while Ceus made three saves in the defeat. The Great Danes' four-match winning streak was also snapped, plus the team was handed its first loss in conference play. With the victory, Vermont (6-4-3, AE 3-0-1) moves into sole possession of first place in the America East.

UAlbany (5-5-2, AE 3-1-0) plays five of its final six regular-season matches on the road. The Great Danes travel to New Hampshire for a 4 p.m. contest on Saturday, Oct. 7, and to Maine for a 3 p.m. matchup on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

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Vermont (6-4-3, AE 3-0-1)	0	3	-	3
UAlbany (5-5-2, AE 3-1-0)	0	0	-	0

Vermont – Scoring: Panos Georgiadis 2-0, Lee Stephane Kouadio 1-0, Rem Kielman 0-1.
Goalkeeper: Roger Scully (90:00, 0 GA, 1 save).
UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 3 GA, 3 saves).
Shots: Vermont 14, UAlbany 4. Corner Kicks: Vermont 3, UAlbany 1.



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GBOLO NAMED TO SOCCER AMERICA MEN'S TEAM OF THE WEEK

Oakland, Calif. – UAlbany's **Yan Gbolo** has been selected to *Soccer America* magazine's Division I Men's Team of the Week for the period ending Oct. 1. The senior forward scored the game-winning goals in both of the Great Danes' matches on the week, a 3-1 victory against UMBC and a 1-0 shutout of Stony Brook. He also added an assist in the win over UMBC.

Gbolo, who was also named the America East Conference Player of the Week on Monday, has scored in four consecutive games and leads the conference with three game-winning goals. The native of Liberia has scored 17 goals in his UAlbany career. The first-place Great Danes, undefeated at home this season, have won four in a row and are off to their best conference start since 2001.

UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY GARNERING NATIONAL ATTENTION

Albany, N.Y. – For the third straight week, the University at Albany field hockey team is receiving votes in the STX/NFHCA Division I National Coaches Poll. The Great Danes, who defeated their highest-ranked opponent on Sunday, Oct. 1 with a 1-0 win over No. 11 American, received 15 votes in the latest poll.

UAlbany (9-3, AE 1-0) is off to the best start in the program's Division I history, and swept the weekly America East Conference awards for the second time this season after a 2-0 week. Sophomore midfielder **Vanessa Walter** was named the conference's player of the week while freshman midfielder **Nicole Savage** earned rookie of the week honors for their performances in the Great Danes' two victories.

UAlbany will be back in action on Sunday, Oct. 8 as the team continues conference play on the road at New Hampshire at 1 p.m.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ENSHRINES THREE INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Albany, N.Y. – Three former athletes will be enshrined into the University at Albany Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, October 20 at the 23rd annual HOF Dinner and Induction Ceremony. A reception for the Athletic Hall of Fame inductees begins at 6:00 p.m., with the dinner and ceremony to follow in the Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) on campus.

The induction ceremony is part of Homecoming and Family Weekend, which also includes Saturday's football game at University Field with Northeast Conference-rival St. Francis, Pa. at 4:00 p.m. A women's field hockey contest with America East Conference opponent Boston University begins at 1:00 p.m.

The new inductees and their sports: **Dawn Di Micco** '00, lacrosse & basketball; **Scott Price** '69, basketball; and **Steve Shoen** '81, football.

With this year's class, there are 111 former athletes, coaches, and administrators who have been inducted into the University at Albany's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dawn Di Micco (1996-2001) -- One of the top women's lacrosse players in UAlbany history, Di Micco was a two-time All-American on the NCAA Division II level before competing on the program's first two Division I squads. She finished her career as the school's all-time scorer with 182 points, plus was first in assists (61) and ground balls (447) and second in goals (121).

In 1998, Di Micco led the Great Danes to the ECAC Division II championship game and a school-record 11-4 win-loss mark. She was first on the team in scoring with 41 goals and 17 assists for 58 points as a midfielder and was named to the Brine/IWLCA and USWLA All-America squads. During that campaign, Di Micco tied the school's single-game record with seven goals against Shippensburg. She also earned All-America recognition as a freshman, when she had 32 goals and four assists in leading UAlbany to an 8-4 record.

Di Micco battled back from a severe knee injury to play on the school's first Division I teams. She totaled 23 goals and 24 assists as the Great Danes put together an 8-6 mark in her junior season. In 2001, Di Micco led the nation in ground balls at 5.73 per game, plus scored 25 goals and 16 assists with 35 caused turnovers. She posted season-highs in goals (5) and assists (4) against Le Moyne, a point total that was one off the single-game record. Di Micco was voted the UAlbany Female Athlete of the Year for the 2000-01 academic year.

A student-athlete who combined to earn eight varsity letters in two sports, Di Micco played in 106 games and made 63 starts as a member of the UAlbany women's basketball team. She started all 27 games as a senior co-captain and averaged 6.7 points, 2.8 rebounds and 2.1 assists from her guard position.

A native of South Salem, N.Y., Di Micco earned a B.S. in social welfare and psychology in May 2000. She went on to receive a master's degree in social work from UAlbany in 2002. She is currently directing the Army Family Team Building program at Fort Drum in Watertown, N.Y. Her husband, Jeffrey Lucowitz, is a U.S. Army Captain who is serving a tour of duty in Afghanistan as a support operations officer.

Scott Price (1966-69) -- One of the top scorers and rebounders in the history of the men's basketball program, Price helped the Great Danes reach the NCAA Tournament at the College Division level in the late 1960s. He teamed with Rich Margison, who was inducted into the UAlbany Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986, to form was one of the most feared and respected duos in the eastern college ranks.

As a senior co-captain, Price led the Great Danes to the 1969 NCAA College Division East Regional and an 18-6 record. He averaged 11.4 points and 8.1 rebounds per game as a 6-foot-2, 210-pound center. He was named MVP of the Capital City Tournament when he scored 19 points and made two free throws with 20 seconds remaining in a 59-58 victory against crosstown-rival Siena. Price was chosen to the *Knickerbocker News* Capital District Big College All-Star Team for the second consecutive year.

Price averaged 15.9 points and 11.4 rebounds per contest in his junior season. He was voted team MVP after leading the Great Danes to an 18-4 record. A consistent performer, he scored in double figures in 20 of 22 games, including a season-high 25 points against Pratt. He also put together an impressive 17-point, 23-rebound performance versus Plattsburgh on Dec. 6, 1967.

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After transferring from Butler University, Price contributed 15.9 points and 11.9 rebounds per game in the 1966-67 season. He was named team MVP for a squad that went 15-7 overall. He scored 24 points and made the winning free throw with two seconds left in a 76-75 win over Siena at the Washington Avenue Armory to avenge an early-season loss against the same school.

Price, who played 68 games as a collegian, finished his career with 973 points and 707 rebounds, a total that currently ranks eighth on the all-time list. He averaged a double-double with 14.3 points and 10.4 rebounds while playing for the legendary Richard "Doc" Sauer. During his three years with the program, the Great Danes were a combined 51-17 overall.

A native of Clifton Springs, N.Y., Price earned his undergraduate degree from UAlbany in mathematics. He has worked in sales for nearly 30 years with the Rochester Lumber Company, a family-owned home builder. Price and his wife, Judy, have two daughters, Amy and Kami. Following graduation, he played AAU Basketball with the Roseland Raiders for several years.

Steve Shoen (1976-80) -- An All-America defensive lineman in the late 1970s, Shoen was a member of the UAlbany football squad that reached the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Shoen, who played at both defensive tackle and end, led the Great Danes to the 1977 national semifinals and a 9-2 record. UAlbany also recorded an impressive 42-39 road win over Maine, a Division II program at the time. Meanwhile, Shoen and his defensive teammates allowed 92.1 rushing yards and 19.5 points per game. Shoen racked up 142 tackles, 14 sacks, three fumble recoveries and one interception in earning All-ECAC honorable mention recognition. He was selected the *Albany Times Union* Capital Region College Player of the Year. Shoen was twice named to the ECAC's weekly honor roll. He had two sacks, one fumble recovery and one interception in a 13-3 victory against Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and totaled 18 tackles in an 18-15 triumph over Cortland.

A 6-foot-2, 235-pound defender, Shoen missed the 1978 season for family reasons and the 1979 campaign was shortened due to injuries. However, he came back to serve as co-captain of the 1980 team. In that season, Shoen was chosen to the Associated Press College Division All-America squad in the honorable mention category and as a CoSIDA Division III first-team All-American. Shoen, who was also voted All-ECAC Upstate New York, was twice picked to the ECAC weekly honor roll. He was named the ECAC defensive player of the week when the Great Danes edged Fordham, 17-14.

Shoen received a B.A. in psychology from UAlbany in 1981. He was later accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy's Officer's Training School in Newport, R.I., and graduated with special training in underwater demolition. From 1983-2003, Shoen earned several distinguished awards as Regimental Athletic Coordinator and Special Operations Officer. A veteran of the Persian Gulf War, Shoen was the Commanding Officer of the USS Avenger. He retired from the United States Navy with the rank of Commander and currently works as a Senior Civilian Superintendent.

He currently resides in Marlboro, N.J., with his son Stephen Jr., 20, a sophomore at Rutgers University and a member of the heavyweight crew team, and his daughter Sarah, 17, a senior at Colts Neck High School.



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WALTER & SAVAGE SWEEP AMERICA EAST WEEKLY FIELD HOCKEY AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's **Vanessa Walter** and **Nicole Savage** swept this week's America East Conference field hockey awards as they were named Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week, respectively. The honors were announced by the conference on Monday, Oct. 2.

Walter scored one goal in each of the Great Danes' two games last week to lead UAlbany to a pair of wins, including its first against a nationally-ranked opponent. Walter took an assist from Michelle Simpson to the cage one minute into the second half against Maine to give the Great Danes a 2-0 lead. Against No. 11 American, Walter grabbed a rebound in front of the cage and slipped it past Eagle goalkeeper Allison Fayfich for what proved to be the game-winning tally. Walter, who has started all 12 games for UAlbany this season, now has four goals and one assist for nine points.

Savage, a freshman, assisted on two goals in last Saturday's 3-0 win over Maine. Savage, who was starting her first game after missing nine contests due to injury, recorded her first points of the season, assisting on the game-winner and an insurance goal. Savage was also a starting midfielder in the Great Danes' win over American, helping UAlbany defeat its first nationally-ranked opponent and continue its best start as a Division I program.

UAlbany (9-3, AE 1-0) will return to action on Sunday, Oct. 8, visiting conference opponent New Hampshire at 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL'S BUCHANAN NAMED AMERICA EAST SETTER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – Senior setter **Blair Buchanan** was named the America East Conference Setter of the Week in volleyball, as announced by the conference office on Monday, Oct. 2.

Buchanan recorded her first career triple-double as the Great Danes rallied for a 3-2 America East Conference win over UMBC on Sunday. Buchanan, who scored the winning point in the fifth and deciding game, posted 58 assists, 13 digs and a career-high 14 kills in the match, while also hitting .500 and notching four total blocks. Buchanan had also recorded double-doubles of the assist-dig variety in the previous two matches, totaling 33 assists and 10 digs in a loss to Binghamton on Sept. 29 and 50 assists and 12 digs in a win over crosstown-rival Siena on Sept. 26. For the week, Buchanan accounted for 141 assists, 35 digs, 18 kills and six total blocks.

UAlbany (8-8, AE 1-1) will be back in action on Friday, Oct. 6, hosting conference opponent Stony Brook at 7 p.m. at University Gymnasium.

YAN GBOLO CHOSEN AMERICA EAST MEN'S SOCCER PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Yan Gbolo** has earned the America East Men's Soccer Player of the Week award, as announced by the conference office on Monday, Oct. 2.

The senior forward scored the game-winning goal and registered an assist on Erik DiLorenzo's goal in the Great Danes' 3-1 victory over conference-rival UMBC on Sept. 27. Gbolo scored the game's lone goal on a penalty kick at 28:12 in another A-East win against Stony Brook. The native of Liberia has scored in four consecutive games, all of them UAlbany victories. The Great Danes' last four-match winning streak came in 2004.

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UAlbany's string of three straight wins to begin the conference schedule is the best start since 2001. The Great Danes (5-4-2, AE 3-0-0) return to action with a match against visiting Vermont on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

UALBANY FOOTBALL FALLS OUT OF BOTH DIVISION I-AA NATIONAL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – After being ranked in the national polls last week for the first time in the football program's history, UAlbany fell out of The Sports Network and College Sporting News Division I-AA top 25 polls. The Great Danes, who were No. 23 in both national rankings on Sept. 25, are now among a group of teams who are in the receiving votes category after dropping a 23-21 decision at Cornell last Saturday.

UAlbany (3-2) is still third in the national mid-major rankings by both Football Gazette and The Sports Network. The Great Danes are one of four teams at the Division I-AA level who have had all of their games decided by seven points or less this season. Dayton, Alabama A&M and Lehigh are the other three programs.

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THE SPORTS NETWORK 2006 I-AA POLL (Oct. 2)

Rank, School	Record	Points
1. New Hampshire (81)	4-0	2,552
2. Appalachian State (21)	4-1	2,457
3. Furman	4-1	2,252
4. Montana	3-1	2,195
5. Cal Poly	4-1	2,065
6. Illinois State	3-1	1,996
7. Richmond	4-0	1,939
8. Youngstown State	4-1	1,831
9. Southern Illinois (1)	4-0	1,730
10. Massachusetts	3-1	1,711

Others Receiving Votes: Princeton 193, Western Illinois 152, McNeese State 147, Maine 103, Central Arkansas 61, Jacksonville State 60, Jackson State 59, **Albany** 47.

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COLLEGE SPORTING NEWS (CSN) COACHES POLL (Oct. 2)

Rank, School	Record	Points
1. New Hampshire (21)	4-0	645
2. Appalachian State (5)	4-1	628
3. Furman	4-1	575
4. Montana	3-1	556
5. Illinois State	4-1	499
6. Cal Poly	4-1	485
7. Richmond	4-0	480
8. Youngstown State	4-1	466
9. Southern Illinois	4-0	439
10. Massachusetts	3-1	419

Others Receiving Votes: Tennessee Martin 46, Western Illinois 40, Central Arkansas 28, Maine 25, Western Kentucky 25, Jackson State 20, McNeese State 15, Tennessee Tech 11, **Albany** 10.

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WALTER SCORES AS UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY UPENDS NO. 11 AMERICAN, 1-0

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore midfielder **Vanessa Walter** scored the game's lone goal as the UAlbany field hockey team defeated 11th-ranked American, 1-0, in a non-conference game on Sunday, Oct. 1 at Alumni Turf Field. The win improves the Great Danes' record to 9-3 and marks their best 12-game start since joining Division I.

After a scoreless first half, Walter scored with 24:57 remaining in the final period off a rebound from a shot by sophomore midfielder **Michele Polizois**. Sophomore goaltender **Ashley Ross** made several key saves the rest of the way to hold the Eagles scoreless and earn her eighth victory of the season. Senior keeper **Allison Fayfich** made five saves in the loss for American (8-4).

Ross finished with 10 saves in recording her fourth shutout this season. The Great Danes, who were 8-4 to start the 1999 campaign, have won seven of their last eight contests.

UAlbany plays five of their remaining six games on the road, traveling to New Hampshire on Sunday, Oct. 8 and Syracuse on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

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American (8-4)	0	0	-	0
UAlbany (9-3)	0	1	-	1

American – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Allison Fayfich (70:00, 1 GA, 5 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Vanessa Walter 1-0, Michele Polizois 0-1. Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 0 GA, 10 saves).

BUCHANAN RECORDS TRIPLE-DOUBLE AS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS UMBC, 3-2

Albany, N.Y. – Senior setter **Blair Buchanan** recorded her first career triple-double, tallying 58 assists, 13 digs and a career-high 14 kills, to lead UAlbany to a 3-2 victory over America East Conference-rival UMBC on Sunday afternoon at University Gymnasium.

The Great Danes won the first game 30-20, but missed serves on game points in both games two and three to fall 30-28 in each. After rallying for a 30-23 win in the fourth game, UAlbany got off to a 5-1 start in game five before UMBC tied it up at 6-6.

UAlbany got ahead, 8-6, on an ace by senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** before the Retrievers landed three straight points to get up 9-8 on a kill by sophomore outside hitter **Angela Anderson**. Sophomore middle blocker **Hillary White** smashed a kill down the right side, followed by a block by junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** to put the Great Danes back on top 10-9.

After exchanging points, UAlbany was on top 14-13 and received a serve from sophomore outside hitter **Sarah Ball**. Buchanan recorded the final point of the match for the Great Danes, dumping a set over the net into open space.

Goldman recorded a career-high 30 kills in the match, notching her seventh double-double of the season with 12 digs. Crenshaw also totaled double-digit kills, knocking down 10, while also notching a career-high eight total blocks. Senior defensive specialist **Kristin Fiorillo** had a career-high 28 digs in the match.

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UMBC (7-9, AE 1-1) was led by freshman outside hitter **Ashley Oscars**, who recorded a team-high 25 kills. Ball tallied a double-double of the kill-dig variety with 11 kills and 10 digs while Anderson added 15 kills for the Retrievers. Senior outside hitter **Jennifer Wylie** led UMBC defensively with a team-best 25 digs.

UAlbany (8-8, AE 1-1) will continue America East play on Friday, Oct. 6, hosting Stony Brook at 7 p.m. in University Gymnasium.

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UAlbany 3, UMBC 2 (30-20, 28-30, 28-30, 30-23, 15-13)

FIRST-HALF GOAL LEADS TO WOMEN'S SOCCER'S 1-0 DEFEAT IN A-EAST PLAY

Vestal, N.Y. – Senior midfielder **Kelly Burnham**'s third goal of the season at 35:37 was the difference as the UAlbany women's soccer team fell to Binghamton, 1-0, in an America East Conference match on Sunday, Oct. 1 at West Gym Field.

Burnham scored off a goal-mouth scramble after a corner kick, putting it past Great Danes freshman goaltender **Maria Liguori**, who made six saves in the defeat. Bearcats senior keeper **Kristie Bowers** picked up her third shutout of the season. Junior midfielder **Alicia Gibson** had three of UAlbany's 11 shots. The victory improves Binghamton's record to 4-6-2 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

UAlbany (4-8-1, AE 1-2-0) travels to Boston University for a match at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, before returning home for a meeting with UMBC on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m.

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UAlbany (4-8-1, AE 1-2-0)	0	0	-	0
Binghamton (4-6-2, AE 1-2-0)	1	0	-	1

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Maria Liguori (90:00, 1 GA, 6 saves).

Binghamton – Scoring: Kelly Burnham 1-0. Goalkeeper: Kristie Bowers (90:00, 0 GA, 1 save).

Shots: UAlbany 11, Binghamton 12. Corner Kicks: UAlbany 0, Binghamton 5.

UALBANY TENNIS CONTINUES PLAY AT BINGHAMTON INVITATIONAL

Binghamton, N.Y. – Junior **Amanda Hall**, who won the only match for UAlbany on the first day of the tournament, was unable to repeat that effort during the next round, as Binghamton swept seven matches from the Great Danes on the second day of play at the Binghamton Invitational.

Hall, who defeated Colgate's **Lindsay Grossman** on Saturday, fell to the Bearcats' **Juliana Umeki**, 6-4, 6-1. Junior **Aimee Kern** was defeated by Binghamton's **Danyelle Shapiro** 6-3, 6-2, while junior **Christina Suarez** fell in straight sets to **Zeynep Altinay**, 6-0, 6-0.

The Great Danes will not be back in action until October 20, when they compete at the ITA Eastern Regional at Dartmouth.

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Binghamton Invitational (Binghamton, N.Y.)

Singles

Danyelle Shapiro (Bing) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-3, 6-2

Zeynep Altinay (Bing) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 6-0, 6-0

Erica Rosenblum (Bing) def. Kim Westcott (UA), 6-0, 6-0

Lya Kushnirovich (Bing) def. Kim Weltman (UA), 6-1, 6-1

Juliana Umeki (Bing) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 6-4, 6-1

Doubles

Altinay/Rosenblum (Bing) def. Weltman/Westcott (UA), 8-3

Naegeli/Kushnirovich (Bing) def. Suarez/Hall (UA), 8-2