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SOFTBALL

Staten Island, N.Y.—Designated player **Kim Bruckner** drove in the winning run with a single to center field in the bottom of the sixth inning to lead Wagner to a 2-1 come-from-behind non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday afternoon at ASA Complex. The second game of the doubleheader was cancelled due to rain.

Wagner (23-34) scored runs in the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings to erase a 1-0 deficit. Sophomore center fielder **Marie Bianca** singled to left leading off the sixth, and advanced to third on a passed ball and a ground out. Bruckner's single put the Seahawks ahead for good.

Albany (28-15) took a 1-0 lead in the first inning as leadoff hitter **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) singled to center field. Terry, who stole second and third, came across on an error by Wagner catcher **Jessica Van Manen**. The Seahawks tied the contest in the fifth inning when **Lynn Shortway's** single to left field scored **Natalie Stollmeyer**, who had reached on an error.

Sophomore **Bridgette Colleran** pitched a perfect seventh to close out the complete-game victory. Albany senior **Sarah Maida** struck out six, allowing two runs on five hits over six innings, as she dropped to 17-6 on the season.

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| Wagner (23-34) | 000 | 011 | x | - | 2 | 5 | 1 |

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

Bridgette Colleran and Jessica Van Manen.

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UALBANY'S MARR CHOSEN AMERICA EAST LACROSSE COACH OF THE YEAR Freshman Goalkeeper Kevin Rae Named Conference's Rookie of the Year

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Scott Marr** has been chosen as the America East Conference Coach of the Year in men's lacrosse as announced today by the conference office. Freshman goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** was selected the conference's Rookie of the Year in voting by the league's head coaches.

The Great Danes, who won the America East regular-season title, made huge strides this spring under Marr's direction. The Great Danes went from a 3-8 record one year ago to 8-6 this season, including a 5-0 mark in league play. Albany's defense is ranked 13th nationally at 8.29 goals per game, and is allowing five goals less per game than in 2001.

Rae, a native of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., is ranked seventh among the nation's leaders in save percentage (.616) and is 19th in goals against average (8.72). He has made 10 or more saves against ten opponents, including a season-high 19 on three occasions. His 180 saves is the highest UAlbany single-season total since 1996.

Senior defenseman **Chris Zaffiro** leads a group of four players who were named to the all-conference squad. Zaffiro, a first-team selection, was fourth on the team in ground balls (32) and marked the opposition's top attackman throughout the season.

Luke Daquino, Jon Smith and Rae were chosen to the America East second team. Daquino, a freshman, is fifth among the league's top scorers with 20 goals and 24 assists. He is tied for 19th nationally in assists at 1.71 per game. Smith, a junior midfielder, turned in his best season as a collegian with 14 goals and eight assists.

Daquino and Rae were among four Great Danes voted to the America East Conference All-Rookie Team. Freshman midfielder **Lee Busino** (Niskayuna) is UAlbany's top face-off man with a .527 percentage. **Brendan Russell**, a freshman attacker, is fourth on the team in scoring with 26 points (17 goals, 9 assists).

Albany (8-6) meets Quinnipiac (6-6) in the conference tournament's semifinal round on Wednesday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m. Admission is free at UAlbany's Varsity Field. The America East champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Division I Tournament field.

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RAE & RUSSELL EARN WEEKLY AMERICA EAST MEN'S LACROSSE AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Kevin Rae** has been chosen as the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse as announced today by the conference office. Freshman **Brendan Russell** was selected as the conference's Rookie of the Week.

Rae, a freshman goalkeeper, made 11 of his season-high 19 saves in the first half in leading UAlbany to a 9-4 victory over Hartford on April 27. The Great Danes won the America East regular-season title and earned the No. 1 seed in this week's postseason tournament. Rae has an 8.72 goals against average with a .616 save percentage this season. He has made 10 or more saves against 10 opponents.

Russell had two goals and two assists against Hartford. He tallied a pair of third-period goals that kept the Great Danes in the lead. Russell is fourth on the team in scoring with 17 goals and nine assists.

Albany (8-6) hosts Quinnipiac (6-6) in an America East semifinal on Wednesday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m.

JENN RAJCZAK NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Jenn Rajczak (Scotia-Glenville) has been named the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's lacrosse as announced today by the conference office. Rajczak, a freshman attacker, had four goals and four assists in three games last week.

Rajczak posted season-highs in goals (3) and assists (3) in last Saturday's 21-6 victory over Binghamton. The Great Danes earned the third seed in this week's America East Tournament with the victory.

Rajczak, who has appeared in 13 games this season, is fifth on the team in scoring with 19 points (11 goals, 8 assists).

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

ALBANY SEEDED THIRD FOR A-EAST WOMEN'S LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany will be the No. 3 seed for this week's America East Conference women's lacrosse tournament. New Hampshire, ranked 20th nationally, is the championship's top seed.

Albany (6-9, AE 2-2) will meet the second seed Boston U. (6-10, AE 3-1) in the tournament's semifinal round on Thursday, May 2 at New Hampshire's Memorial Field. Game time is 3:30 p.m. The Great Danes dropped a 17-5 decision in the regular-season matchup on April 12. New Hampshire hosts Vermont in the day's first semifinal at 1:00 p.m. The two winners will meet on Saturday, May 4 for the championship.

The Great Danes won five of nine games in the month of April to earn a tournament berth, and posted conference wins over Vermont and Binghamton. **Maria Ferrucci** (34 goals, 10 assists) is the team's top scorer, and ranks second on the school's career goals list with 123. Junior attacker **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs) has 20 goals and 20 assists, while **Alexis DiDomenico** adds 31 goals and five assists.

America East Conference Women's Lacrosse Tournament

Thursday, May 2, Semifinal Round (Durham, N.H.)

#1 New Hampshire (11-5) vs. #4 Vermont (7-7), 1:00 p.m.

#3 Albany (6-9) vs. #2 Boston U. (6-10), 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, Championship

(At Memorial Field, Durham, N.H.), 1:00 p.m.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany will be the No. 1 seed for this week's America East Conference men's lacrosse tournament. The Great Danes captured the conference's regular-season title with Saturday's 9-4 victory over Hartford. The America East champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament field.

Albany (8-6) will meet the fourth seed Quinnipiac (6-6) in the tournament's semifinal round on Wednesday, May 1 at Varsity Field. Game time is 3:00 p.m. The Great Danes posted a 13-12 double-overtime victory at Quinnipiac on March 30 during the regular schedule.

Hartford, the No. 2 seed with a 9-6 record, hosts third seed Stony Brook (8-6) in the other semifinal on May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in West Hartford, Conn. The two winners will meet at the highest remaining seed's home field on Saturday, May 4 for the championship.

The Great Danes, who were picked fifth in the conference's preseason poll, have won six of their last seven games to finish with a 5-0 record in America East play. Freshman **Luke Daquino** (20 goals, 24 assists) and junior **Chris Driscoll** (35 goals, 6 assists) are the top scorers. **Kevin Rae**, a freshman goalkeeper, leads a defense that is ranked 17th among the Division I leaders in scoring against at 8.29 goals per game.

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America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Tournament

Wednesday, May 1, Semifinal Round

#4 Quinnipiac (6-6) at #1 Albany (8-6), 3:00 p.m.

#3 Stony Brook (8-6) at #2 Hartford (9-6), 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, Championship

(At Highest Remaining Seed's Home Field), 1:00 p.m.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

BASEBALL

Orono, Maine – **Alain Picard** drove in four runs as Maine swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Albany on Sunday afternoon in snow-shower conditions at Mahaney Diamond. The Black Bears won the first game, 3-2, and followed with a 14-6 victory in the second contest.

In the opener, Albany (18-24, AE 6-10) took a 2-0 lead in the third as **Joe Lamb** hit his second home run of the season, a two-run blast. Starter **Jeff Mazzola** was solid over the first five innings as he only issued one hit. Fielding miscues by the Great Danes in the sixth allowed the Black Bears to tie the contest. **Aaron Young** reached base and advanced to second on **Mike Grasso's** (Bishop Maginn) throwing error. Young later scored making it 2-1 as Picard grounded out to second. With a runner on third and two outs, Mazzola forced **Joe Drapeau** into a pop up to third base. However, a gusting wind allowed the ball to drop safely and bring in **Simon Williams** with the tying run.

Maine (26-12, AE 8-4) took advantage of Mazzola's wildness in the seventh. **Mike Ferriggi** singled with one out and moved to second when Young walked. Mazzola would throw consecutive wild pitches and Ferriggi crossed with the winning run.

In the nightcap, Albany used a five-run third frame for a 5-2 advantage. **Dan Schoonmaker's** sixth home run, a two-run shot, capped off the uprising. **Eddie Scott** added a RBI double down the left field line and **Jake Toms** had a run-scoring single.

Maine, who took three of four in the weekend series and remained second in the conference standings, regained the lead for good with four runs a half inning later.

Drapeau and **Aaron Izaryk** drove in runs with a pair of doubles, while **Mike Livulpi** and **Williams** delivered RBI singles. Albany pulled within 7-6 in the fifth, but the Black Bears totaled seven runs over the next two innings. Picard's three-run homer, his fifth of the season, gave his team a five-run cushion.

(Game 1)

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| Albany | 002 | 000 | 0 | - | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Maine | 000 | 002 | 1 | - | 3 | 3 | 1 |

Jeff Mazzola and Chase Muratore

Rich Laganieri and Alain Picard.

(Game 2)

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| Albany (18-24, AE 6-10) | 005 | 010 | 0 | - | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| Maine (26-12, AE 8-4) | 204 | 143 | x | - | 14 | 13 | 5 |

Shawn Walsh, Ryan Pitt (1), Adam Castoldi (3), Shawn Ryan (4), Nick Borgia (4), Roman Dubiel (6), Pat Hastings (6) and Fred Estes.

Adam Labelle, Scott Robinson (3) and Aaron Izaryk.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

New Haven, Conn. -- Junior **Lindsey Johnson** and freshman **Hallie Erickson** won at first and third singles to guide New Hampshire to a 5-0 win over Albany in the consolation round of the America East Conference Championships on Saturday afternoon at the Connecticut Tennis Center.

Johnson defeated junior **Violeta Petijevic** in flight one singles, 6-3, 6-0. Erickson took a 6-0, 6-0 victory against sophomore **Alex Berley** at second singles. The Wildcats won four singles matches and took two of three doubles matches for another point.

Two singles and the final doubles match were suspended after New Hampshire had clinched the victory. The Wildcats finished the tournament in fifth place, while the Great Danes were sixth.

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New Hampshire 5, Albany 0

Singles: Lindsey Johnson def. Violeta Petijevic 6-3, 6-0; Kimberlee LeDonne led Marisa Berley, 7-5, 3-0 (suspended); Hallie Erickson def. Alex Berley, 6-0, 6-0; Jennifer Witter def. Krista Babiarz, 6-0, 6-2; Katie Rose def. Stacy Kaminski, 6-1, 6-1; Amy Surprenant led Reeba Miller, 6-3, 5-3 (suspended).

Doubles: Johnson/LeDonne led Petijevic/M. Berley, 5-4 (suspended); Erickson/Witter def. A. Berley/Miller, 8-2; Rose/Surprenant def. Erin Morrison/Lisa Fund, 8-2.

ALBANY 2-2-2

BASEBALL

Orono, Maine – Sophomore right-hander **Steve Emmerthal** threw a six-hit, complete-game shutout in the nightcap, as Albany split an America East Conference doubleheader with Maine on Saturday afternoon at Mahaney Diamond. The Great Danes won the second game, 1-0 in nine innings, but lost the opener, 6-0.

Emmerthal upped his record to 5-0 with a seven-strikeout, no-walk performance. He worked out of trouble in the sixth, when catcher **Alain Picard** led off with single up the middle and would later reach third base. However, Emmerthal forced pinch-hitter Matt Reynolds to pop up to first baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** to end the inning.

Albany (18-22, AE 6-8) broke up the scoreless deadlock in the ninth, when **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) singled and stole second base. He later scored the winning run on shortstop **Joe Lamb's** sacrifice fly to left field.

In the first game, **Mike Collar** blanked the Great Danes on two hits. Collar, who is 5-2 this season, registered four strikeouts and one walk. Left fielder **Simon Williams** helped Maine (24-12, AE 6-4) build a 3-0 lead in the early innings. He tripled and scored in the first, and slugged a two-run double to left in the third.

(Game 1)

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| Maine | 120 | 300 | x | - | 6 | 8 | 0 |

Adam Kroft and Fred Estes.

Mike Collar and Alain Picard.

(Game 2)

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| Albany (18-22, AE 6-8) | 000 | 000 | 001 | - | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Maine (24-12, AE 6-4) | 000 | 000 | 000 | - | 0 | 6 | 0 |

Steve Emmerthal and Chase Muratore.

Mike MacDonald and Alain Picard.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. – Junior attacker **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs) had three goals and set the school's single-game record with seven assists to lead Albany to a 21-6 America East Conference win over Binghamton on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes qualified for next week's postseason conference tournament with the victory, and will be the No. 3 seed.

Albany (6-9, AE 2-2) leaped to a 6-1 lead midway through the opening period. Sophomore **Alexis DiDomenico**, who had a season-high six goals, scored three times in that outburst, before **Colleen Maresca** ended that run when she converted a shot from the top of the crease.

Binghamton (1-11, AE 0-4) stayed within striking distance at 9-5, when **Erin Wall** scored in transition on a play that originated off a turnover. **Ashley Cincotta** scored both of her goals in the first half.

The Great Danes broke the game open with three goals in the opening six minutes of the final period. Esposito, who also tied the Albany record for single-game points, and became the program's career assist leader, fired a shot inside the right post to ignite her team's 12-goal second half.

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ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

Freshman **Jenn Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) had three goals and three assists for the Great Danes, who snapped a three-game losing streak with their highest offensive output of the season. **Allison Beagle** (Saratoga Springs) added three goals and one assist.

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| Binghamton (1-11, AE 0-4) | 5 | 1 | - | 6 |
| Albany (6-9, AE 2-2) | 9 | 12 | - | 21 |

Binghamton – Scoring: Ashley Cincotta 2-0, Erin Smith 1-0, Laura Gensinger 1-0, Erin Wall 1-0, Clodagh Harte 1-0, Laura Gabbamonte 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Alli Steinberg (42:28, 7 saves, 16 GA), Jean Marie Danese (17:32, 3 saves, 5 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Alexis DiDomenico 6-0, Andrea Esposito 3-7, Jenn Rajczak 3-3, Allison Beagle 3-1, Colleen Maresca 2-1, Theresa Masse 2-0, Erin Pemrick 1-2, Maria Ferrucci 1-0, Ashley Heilmann 0-2, Candy Tobar 0-2, Amanda Heller 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Michelle Talviste (60:00, 10 saves, 6 GA).

SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Left fielder **Lynnette Bohannon** drove in four runs to lead Albany to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over Rensselaer on Saturday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes, playing their last home games of the season, won the twinbill, 6-1 and 5-1.

In the first game, Albany (28-14) snapped a 1-1 deadlock with a five-run fifth inning. Shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) singled and later scored on a fielder's choice RBI by **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls). Bohannon followed with a triple into the right-field gap that cleared the bases. Senior right-hander **Sarah Maida** allowed three hits and struck out eight, as she improved to 17-5 on the mound.

The Great Danes jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning of the nightcap. Third baseman **Jess Kostenblatt** lined a two-run single to center field, before Craft scored another run with a ground out. Freshman **Danielle Buyea** scattered four hits, struck out six and walked one in running her record to 3-0.

Liz Vitaliano and **Marissa Crisfasi** each had two hits on the day for Rensselaer (19-14). Albany coach **Chris Cannata** picked up her 200th career victory at the school in the opener, and has a 201-110 record in her eighth season. Second baseman **Liz Wieboldt** totaled four hits and three runs in the two games.

(Game 1)

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| Rensselaer | 001 | 000 | 0 | - | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Albany | 010 | 500 | x | - | 6 | 11 | 0 |

Shannon Smith and Leanna Smith.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal, Lynnette Bohannon.

(Game 2)

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| Rensselaer (19-14) | 010 | 000 | 0 | - | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Albany (28-14) | 302 | 000 | x | - | 5 | 7 | 1 |

Ali O'Connor and Leanna Smith.

Danielle Buyea and Stacy Kowal.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Chestnut Hill, Mass.—Senior attacker **Lauren Miller** scored five goals and added three assists in her final home game to lead Boston College to a 21-3 non-conference win over Albany on Friday evening at Alumni Stadium.

Miller, among the national leaders with 75 points (40 goals, 35 assists) this season, paced a balanced attack for Boston College (8-8) on senior night. Six different players recorded multi-point efforts, and 11 Eagles scored goals in the contest. Boston College raced out to a 14-0 halftime advantage, as freshman **Carley St. Lucia** scored four times and Miller added three of her goals in the stanza.

Albany (5-9) would get on the board just under five minutes into the second half on the first of two goals by senior defender **Allison Beagle** (Saratoga Springs). Sophomore **Alexis DiDomenico** added her 25th goal of the season with just eight seconds left.

The Great Danes return home to face Binghamton in their final regular-season contest on Saturday, April 27 at Varsity Field. Game time is 1:00 p.m. Albany will compete in the four-team America East Conference Championship on Wednesday, May 1 on the campus of the University of New Hampshire.

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| Albany (5-9) | 0 | 3 | - | 3 |
| Boston College (8-8) | 14 | 7 | - | 21 |

Albany—Scoring: Allison Beagle 2-0, Alexis DiDomenico 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (60:00, 11 saves, 21 GA).

Boston College—Scoring: Lauren Miller 5-3, Carley St. Lucia 4-1, Susan Breaznell 3-0, Rachael Tella 2-0, Meggie O'Neill 1-1, Courtney Legath 1-1, Caitlin Bracken 1-0, Abby Gotfredson 1-0, Kelly Boyle 1-0, Chrissie DeMichele 1-0, Jennifer Meek 1-0, Blair Anstey 0-1, Jacklyn Yovankin 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Michelle Lawson (60:00, 6 saves, 3 GA).

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TRACK & FIELD

Philadelphia, Pa. – **Charles Young** ran a 14.6-second split on the second leg to lead UAlbany to a fifth-place finish in the Shuttle Hurdle Relay Championship of America on Friday afternoon at the 108th Penn Relays.

The Great Danes posted a time of 59.22 seconds, the second fastest in school history, over the Franklin Field surface. Other relay members were **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna), **Dustin Wilson** and **Dale Hopkinson**. Tennessee won the race in 55.65 seconds, and was followed by Florida, Pennsylvania and Monmouth.

Naron Stewart, the America East Conference indoor champion, placed fifth in College Eastern High Jump with a mark of 6-feet, 7.50-inches. West Virginia's Justin Willyoung won the competition at 6-10.50.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

New Haven, Conn. – **Patricia Gomez** and **Karen Hansen** won at second and third singles, as Stony Brook upended Albany, 6-0, in the opening round of the America East Conference Championships on Friday afternoon at the Connecticut Tennis Center.

Gomez defeated **Marisa Berley**, 6-2 and 6-0, while Hansen knocked off **Alex Berley**, 6-0 and 6-1. The Seawolves, the tournament's No. 2 seed, won all five singles matches and earned another point for sweeping the doubles.

The Great Danes will play in the consolation round on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
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America East Championship – First Round
Stony Brook 6, Albany 0

Singles: Martha Barrett (SB) led Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-4, 6-7 (7-2), suspended; Patricia Gomez (SB) def. Marisa Berley, 6-2, 6-0; Karen Hansen def. Alex Berley, 6-0, 6-1; George Bushell (SB) def. Krista Babiarz (A), 6-0, 6-2; Olesya Ianovitch (SB) def. Stacy Kaminski (A), 6-1, 6-0; Deanna Ghozati (SB) def. Reeba Miller (A), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: Barrett-Hansen (SB) def. Petijevic-M. Berley, 8-1; Gomez-Bushell (SB) def. A. Berley-Miller, 8-2; Ianovitch-Ghozali (SB) def. Lisa Fund/Erin Morrison (A), 8-0.

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BASEBALL

Pleasantville, N.Y. – Left fielder **Craig Farley** drove in four runs in leading Albany to a 14-7 non-conference victory over Pace on Wednesday afternoon at Finnerly Field.

Pace (10-27) built a 6-1 lead in the early innings. Catcher **Joe DeCandia** belted a two-run homer in the second, while **Doug Hehner** slugged his sixth home run of the season, a three-run blast over the left-field fence, in the third.

Albany (17-21) rallied with a pair of five-run innings. In the fourth, first baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** lined a two-run double into the left-field gap, before **Mike Grasso's** (Bishop Maginn) fielder's choice RBI tied the contest at six apiece.

The Great Danes took the lead for good in the fifth. **Jake Toms**, who had two hits and two RBI, singled to right field to start the inning, and later scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch. Farley and **Fred Estes** pushed across two more runs with a pair of sacrifice flies to left field.

Farley, a freshman, added a two-run single in the seventh, while Schoonmaker finished with two runs, two hits and two RBI. Grasso, a second baseman, singled, scored two runs and stole two bases, including his team-leading 23rd of the season.

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| Pace (10-27) | 033 | 010 | 000 | - | 7 | 11 | 1 |

Steve Emmerthal, Adam Kroft (2), Roman Dubiel (3), Ryan Pitt (4), Shawn Ryan (7), Shawn Walsh (8), Nick Borgia (9) and Fred Estes, Chase Muratore.

Dan Macom, Matt DeSimone (4), Andrew Conley (6), Chris Volz (8), Brad Jones (9) and Joe DeCandia.

SOFTBALL

Burlington, Vt. – **Sarah Maida** fired a two-hit shutout in the opener and won the second game in relief to lead Albany to a America East Conference doubleheader sweep over Vermont on Wednesday afternoon at Archie Post Field. The Great Danes won the twinbill, 5-0 and 8-6 in 10 innings.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Maida, a senior right-hander, struck out six in recording her sixth shutout of the season. She allowed a pair of singles by shortstop **Jaime Dawson**. Albany (26-14, AE 11-9) scored twice in its first at-bat, as **Liz Wieboldt**, who had five hits on the day, delivered a RBI triple and later came across on **Megan Craft's** ground out.

In the nightcap, Vermont (5-29, AE 3-13) used a five-run fifth inning to take a 6-3 lead. Catcher **Melissa Gyles** cleared the bases with a double to highlight the uprising. The Great Danes sent the game to extra innings with a three-run seventh. **Debbie Hodge** and **Valerie Terry** provided RBI singles, before pinch-runner **Jenni Barros** scored on a fielding error.

Albany broke a 6-6 deadlock in the tenth, as Barros' bunt single pushed across **Jess Kostenblatt**, who led off with a walk. **Lynnette Bohannon**, who had three hits in the contest, singled and scored on a wild pitch. Maida, who picked up her 40th and 41st career victories as a collegian, threw two innings of scoreless relief to improve to 16-5 on the mound.

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(Game 1)

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| Albany | 220 | 010 | 0 | - | 5 | 8 | 0 |
| Vermont | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 2 | 1 |

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

Angie Totaro and Samantha Chase.

(Game 2)

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| Albany (26-14, AE 11-9) | 300 | 000 | 300 | 2 | - | 8 | 18 | 3 |
| Vermont (5-29, AE 3-13) | 001 | 050 | 000 | 0 | - | 6 | 9 | 1 |

Kristin Couris, Danielle Buyea (6), Sarah Maida (8) and Stacy Kowal.

Kara Massey, Gayle Peryea (7) and Melissa Gyles.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Syracuse, N.Y. – Freshman attacker **Ashlyn Maguire** scored the go-ahead goal with nine minutes and 36 seconds remaining to lift Le Moyne past Albany, 13-12, in a non-conference matchup on Wednesday afternoon.

Albany (5-8) reversed a 7-5 deficit in the second half with five unanswered goals. **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs) scored three times in that span, while **Alexis DiDomenico** gave her club a 10-7 lead off a rebound with 12:02 to play.

Le Moyne (8-7) rallied by scoring five consecutive times. Maguire put the Dolphins in the lead, before her sister, **Erin Maguire**, netted her second goal of the game for a 12-10 advantage.

Maria Ferrucci, who had three goals and one assist, converted a free-position shot, as the Great Danes closed within 13-12 with 1:28 remaining. But the Dolphins held on to lead for their third straight win. Le Moyne's **Amanda Daniels** led all scorers with four goals and one assist.

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| Albany (5-8) | 3 | 9 | - | 12 |
| Le Moyne (8-7) | 6 | 7 | - | 13 |

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

Albany – Maria Ferrucci 3-1, Andrea Esposito 3-0, Alexis DiDomenico 2-0, Jenn Rajczak 1-1, Theresa Masse 1-1, Erin Finnigan 1-0, Erin Pemrick 1-0, Colleen Maresca 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (60:00, 10 saves, 13 GA).

Le Moyne – Amanda Daniels 4-1, Tara Walberger 3-0, Erin Maguire 2-0, Ashlyn Maguire 2-0, Alison Simonelli 1-2, Colleen Sperry 1-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brandy Payne (46:00, 9 saves, 9 GA), Erica Henderson (14:00, 1 save, 3 GA).

UALBANY'S CAFFELL EARNS HOOPS.CA ALL-CANADIAN TEAM HONORS

Toronto, Ontario – University at Albany's **Cara Caffell** has been selected to the 2001-02 inaugural hoops.ca All-Canadian NCAA team. A second-team selection, Caffell is one of ten players, three from the America East Conference, to be cited by the Canadian online basketball journal (www.hoops.ca).

Caffell concluded her four-year basketball career at UAlbany in early March. The Beamsville, Ontario native finished fourth on the school's all-time games played list with 107 and started 66 games over the last three seasons. Caffell, who averaged 4.4 points this campaign, was the squad's second-leading rebounder (4.7 rpg). She ranks fourth on the school's career blocks list (89).

Oklahoma's Stacey Dales-Schuman, a two-time consensus Kodak and Associated Press All-American, heads the first-team recipients including Erin Gibbons (Utah), Kim Mackie (Boston College), Aaron Yantzi (Vermont) and Ashley Burke (Gonzaga). Caffell was named to the second team along with Kristy Hine (Dayton), Darci Arsene (Wyoming), Dawn Cressman (Vermont) and Tanya Cross (Rider). Eight players secured honorable mention honors.

Albany completed its first season in the America East Conference and third at the NCAA Division I level.

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Albany, N.Y. – Right fielder **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) totaled five hits and five RBI on the day, as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with Niagara on Tuesday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the first game, 12-3, but dropped the second, 8-5.

Vallone, who drove in four runs in the opener, gave his club a 4-2 lead in the third by scoring a pair of runners with a single to right field. Albany (16-21) scored four times in the fourth and sixth innings to break the game open.

Shortstop **Joe Lamb** lined a two-run single to key the fourth. **Dan Schoonmaker** belted his fifth home run of the season, a three-run shot over the left-field fence, to highlight the sixth. Starting pitcher **Mike Muller** picked up his first win of the season by allowing one earned run over six innings.

In the nightcap, first baseman **Miguel Iglesias** homered twice and knocked in five runs, as Niagara (7-27) snapped a nine-game losing streak. Iglesias slugged a pair of two-run homers in the first and third as the Purple Eagles built a 7-0 lead after four innings.

The Great Danes, who travel to Pace on Wednesday, rallied in their last at-bat. Designated hitter **Jake Toms**, who had three hits, four RBI and two runs in the two games, cleared the bases with a double to close the gap to 8-4.

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(Game 1)

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| Niagara | 110 | 010 | 0 | - | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| Albany | 013 | 404 | x | - | 12 | 10 | 2 |

Matt McNally, Tom Vasile (4), Pete Trzybinski (7) and Mark Bomar.
 Mike Muller, Ryan Sullivan (7) and Fred Estes.

(Game 2)

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| Niagara (7-27) | 302 | 200 | 1 | - | 8 | 9 | 0 |
| Albany (16-21) | 000 | 000 | 5 | - | 5 | 8 | 2 |

Mark Nicholson, Mike Matz (6), Steve Venerus (7) and Mark Bomar.
 Will Haskell, Adam Castoldi (3), Pat Hastings (7) and Chase Muratore.

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KEVIN RAE NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Kevin Rae** has been selected as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in men's lacrosse. Rae, a freshman goalkeeper, was a key figure in victories over conference-rival Vermont and Siena last week.

Rae made 14 saves in last Saturday's 7-5 win over Vermont as the Catamounts were shut out in the fourth quarter. He recorded 10 or more saves for the ninth time this season. Rae played the first half and made four saves in a 17-5 non-league victory over Siena on April 18.

Rae is currently 16th among the NCAA Division I leaders in save percentage (.599) and third in the America East rankings with a 9.11 goals against average. He has a 7.92 GAA in his last six appearances, and the Great Danes are 5-1 in that stretch.

Albany (7-6, AE 4-0) will play at Hartford (9-4, AE 4-0) on Saturday, April 27 for the conference's regular-season title and the No. 1 seed in the upcoming America East Tournament. The champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

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BASEBALL

Colonie, N.Y. – Left fielder **Dwayne Whitaker** drove in five runs on the day, as Stony Brook took a pair of America East Conference games from Albany on Sunday afternoon at Heritage Park. The Seawolves won the doubleheader, 4-2 and 17-10.

In the first game, senior right-hander **Anthony Stutz** scattered four hits, as his record improved to 3-2. Stutz registered six strikeouts and two walks. Stony Brook (18-14, AE 7-5) jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the early innings. **Ed Kull** and **Stu Juarez** each lined a RBI double in the second. Whitaker belted his seventh home run of the season, a two-run blast over the left-field fence, in the third.

In the nightcap, the Seawolves scored five times in the second, as Whitaker keyed the frame by scoring a pair of runners with a single. Albany (15-20, AE 5-7) rallied from an 11-5 deficit with five-run fifth. **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) and **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) each had RBI singles in the uprising.

Stony Brook pulled away with six runs over the final two innings. In the sixth, Juarez had a run-scoring single and **Rich Graham** added a RBI fielder's choice. Graham, a second baseman, totaled two hits and five runs from his leadoff spot in the twinbill.

Albany's Grasso finished with three singles and two runs, plus added his 19th stolen base of the season. **Jake Toms** and **Eddie Scott** each had three hits on the afternoon.

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(Game 1)

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| Stony Brook | 022 | 000 | 0 | - | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Albany | 000 | 200 | 0 | - | 2 | 4 | 1 |

Anthony Stutz and Ed Kull.

Jeff Mazzola and Chase Muratore.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

(Game 2)

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| Stony Brook (18-14, AE 7-5) | 252 | 022 | 4 | - | 17 | 15 | 3 |
| Albany (15-20, AE 5-7) | 203 | 050 | 0 | - | 10 | 14 | 6 |

Jamie Szwejkowski, Nick Abel (3), Ray Zimmerman (5), Graham Wildt (6), Kevin Willi (7) and Ed Kull.

Shawn Ryan, Roman Dubiel (2), Shawn Walsh (3), Will Haskell (6), Nick Borgia (6), Pat Hastings (7) and Chase Muratore, Fred Estes.

SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Jennifer Merchant** fired a two-hit shutout in the nightcap, as Maine swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Albany on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field. The Black Bears won the two-game set, 3-2 and 2-0.

Merchant struck three and walked two to improve to 13-10 on the season. She allowed a single in the fifth by **Stacy Kowal** and single by **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) in the sixth.

Shortstop **Erica Sobel** led off the second with a walk and later scored on a fielding error. Maine (19-25, AE 7-7) added an insurance run in the seventh on **Melissa Mather's** single to right field.

In the opener, the Black Bears built a 3-1 lead in the late innings. **Nicole Taylor** tied the contest at one apiece in the fourth with a run-scoring single, before **Aliesha Rautenberg's** RBI single in fifth gave her club the lead.

Albany (24-14, AE 9-9) closed within 3-2 in the sixth as **Jessica Kostenblatt** singled home **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls), who had reached on a fielding error. The Great Danes had the potential tying and winning runs aboard in the same frame, but **Jen Nolette** popped out and **Debbie Hodge** flied out to center field to end the rally.

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(Game 1)

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| Maine | 000 | 111 | 0 | - | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Albany | 100 | 001 | 0 | - | 2 | 6 | 3 |

Candace Jaegge and Rachel Bain.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

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| Maine (19-25, AE 7-7) | 010 | 000 | 1 | - | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Albany (24-14, AE 9-9) | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 2 | 4 |

Jennifer Merchant and Lindsay Tibbets.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. – Junior attackman **Chris Driscoll** scored the go-ahead goal midway through the fourth quarter to lift Albany to a 7-5 America East Conference victory over Vermont on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes, who stayed unbeaten in America East play, clinched home field for the conference tournament's semifinal round.

Vermont (4-8, AE 0-4) used a ball-control offense and stingy defense to tie the contest at five apiece with 3:09 remaining in the third quarter. Sophomore **Mark Prior** scored his second goal of the game from the left side off a feed from **Thomas Hajek**.

Driscoll put Albany (7-6, AE 4-0) ahead for good with 9:39 play, as he split two defenders and fired a shot between the legs of UVM goalkeeper **Michael Gabel**.

Christopher Preble (Shenendehowa) gave his team some breathing room three minutes later, when he drove and ripped a shot into the top right corner. The Great Danes limited the visitors to three shots in the final period.

R.J. Harrison, who had two goals and one assist, drew the Catamounts even at 4-4 with 4:33 left in the second period. But Driscoll, who had two goals, including his 27th of the season, gave his club a halftime lead by converting an underhanded shot at the top of the crease with 26 seconds to play.

Freshman **Brendan Russell** had two goals, while goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made 14 saves for the Great Danes, who have won five of their last six starts and will play at Hartford for America East's regular-season title on April 27.

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| Vermont (4-8, AE 0-4) | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | - | 5 |
| Albany (7-6, AE 4-0) | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | - | 7 |

Vermont – R.J. Harrison 2-1, Mark Prior 2-0, Lowell Thompson 1-0, Thomas Hajek 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Michael Gabel (60:00, 13 saves, 7 GA).

Albany – Chris Driscoll 2-0, Brendan Russell 2-0, Jon Smith 1-1, Alan Beach 1-0, Christopher Preble 1-0, Bobby Gabriel 0-1, Michael Solazzo 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 14 saves, 5 GA).

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Senior shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) had the game-winning hit in both games as Albany swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Maine on Saturday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the first contest, 2-1 in eight innings and the second, 2-1 in 10 innings.

In the opener, Terry tripled over center fielder **Jessica Brady's** head to score **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) with no outs in the eighth inning. Burnham walked to leadoff the frame. **Jessica Kostenblatt's** RBI double had tied the game in the first.

Sophomore right-hander **Kristin Couris** allowed six hits and one unearned run in the complete-game effort. She struck out five and walked one to improve to 6-7 on the season.

Albany (24-12, AE 9-7) took a 1-0 lead in the nightcap, as **Lynette Bohannon** delivered a run-scoring single in the fourth. Maine (17-25, AE 5-7) drew even in the sixth, when **Aliesha Rautenberg** led off with a triple and later scored on a single by **Leigh Ann Hlywak**.

In the tenth, Burnham walked with one out. Terry, who had four hits on the day, followed with her seventh double of the season into the right-field gap. **Sarah Maida** upped her record to 14-4 on the mound by limiting the Black Bears to four hits and registering five strikeouts.

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(Game 1)

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| Maine | 100 | 000 | 00 | - | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Albany | 100 | 000 | 01 | - | 2 | 7 | 2 |

(no outs when winning run scored)

Candace Jaegge and Rachel Bain.

Kristin Couris and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

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| Maine (17-25, AE 5-7) | 000 | 001 | 000 | 0 | - | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Albany (24-12, AE 9-7) | 000 | 100 | 000 | 1 | - | 2 | 9 | 1 |

(one out when winning run scored)

Jennifer Merchant and Lindsay Tibbets.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

BASEBALL

Colonie, N.Y. – **Eddie Scott** and **Jake Toms** each drove in three runs in the nightcap, as Albany split an America East Conference doubleheader with Stony Brook on Saturday afternoon at Heritage Park. The Great Danes won the second game, 9-2, but lost the opener, 8-5.

In the nightcap, Albany (15-18, AE 5-5) snapped a 2-2 tie with a four-run second inning. Left fielder **Craig Farley**, who had five hits in the twinbill, gave his team the lead for good with a RBI single to right field. Scott later cleared the bases with a double into the left-field gap.

Sophomore right-hander **Steve Emmerthal** improved to 4-0 this season by allowing one earned run on six hits. Toms, who belted a two-run homer in his first at-bat, had a run-scoring single in the fifth.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

Stony Brook (16-14, AE 5-5) jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first game. **Andrew Larsen** lined a two-run double down the left-field line in the first. **Rich Graham** had a RBI triple in the second, before **Dwayne Whitaker** scored another run with a single. The Seawolves made use of three fielding errors to put together a three-run fifth inning.

Albany's **Dan Schoonmaker**, a sophomore first baseman, totaled five hits, two runs and three RBI on the day. He slugged his fourth home run of the season in the opener.

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(Game 1)

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| Stony Brook | 220 | 130 | 0 | - | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| Albany | 020 | 210 | 0 | - | 5 | 10 | 6 |

Jon Lewis, Ray Zimmerman (7) and Ed Kull.

Adam Kroft and Fred Estes.

(Game 2)

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| Stony Brook (16-14, AE 5-5) | 110 | 000 | 0 | - | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Albany (15-18, AE 5-5) | 240 | 120 | x | - | 9 | 13 | 1 |

Kevin Willi, Ray Zimmerman (2), Matt Blumberg (4), Graham Wildt (6) and Ed Kull.

Steve Emmerthal and Chase Muratore.

TRACK & FIELD

Binghamton, N.Y. – UAlbany's **Brandon Howlett** won the discus with an IC4A-qualifying mark, and his team had six individual champions at the State University Centers Track & Field Championship on Saturday at Binghamton University's East Gym Track Complex.

Howlett, a sophomore, threw 157-feet, 6-inches to win the competition and earn a place at the IC4A championships in May. **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) was first in the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.19 seconds, and took second in the long jump with a leap of 21-feet, 5-inches.

The Great Danes, who captured second in the team standings behind Buffalo, had four other first-place finishers. Freshman **Kristof Molnar** ran 1:53.72 to win the 800-meter run, while **Tim Best** (Granville Central) won the javelin with a toss of 167-6.50. **Sheldon Gomes** (Shaker) and **Naron Stewart** had winning marks in the triple jump and high jump, respectively. Gomes went 44-7.75, while Stewart cleared the bar in 6-6.75.

Albany was third in the women's team competition. **Tequirra Cox** placed second in the 100-meter dash (12.42) and was third in the 200 (25.73). **Ashley Kangas** threw 104-feet, 4.25-inches to finish second in the javelin.

Diane Matthews, **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) and **Natasha Bermudez** also garnered three-place showings in their respective events. Matthews went 2:18.64 in the 800, while Susser ran 19:02.86 in the 5,000. Bermudez had a hammer throw of 142-7.

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MEN – 1. Buffalo 247, 2. Albany 198, 3. Binghamton 134, 4. Stony Brook 92.

WOMEN – 1. Buffalo 247. 2. Binghamton 165, 3. Albany 149, 4. Stony Brook 61.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Durham, N.H. -- Senior **Meagan Clavin** and freshman **Jess Burnap** each totaled four goals and one assist to lead nationally-ranked New Hampshire to a 16-2 America East Conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Memorial Field.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 4-4-4

New Hampshire (9-4, AE 4-0), ranked 20th in the latest IWLCA poll, opened the game's scoring at the 3:38 mark when Clavin connected off a pass from **Molly Cherington**. Albany (5-7, AE 1-2) quickly answered with an unassisted tally by junior midfielder **Maria Ferrucci** to knot the score at one apiece.

Following a UNH timeout, the Wildcats scored seven unanswered goals to end the first half with a comfortable 8-1 advantage. They would stretch that lead to as much as 14-1, before Ferrucci scored her second of the afternoon for UAlbany with 1:08 left on the clock.

New Hampshire, who has won seven of its last eight contests, earned their first-ever America East regular-season championship with a perfect 4-0 league record. They will host the conference tournament May 2-4. Albany, currently tied with Vermont for third in the conference standings, plays their final conference opponent on Saturday, April 27 when they host Binghamton at Varsity Field.

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| Albany (5-7, AE 1-2) | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| New Hampshire (9-4, AE 4-0) | 8 | 8 | - | 16 |

Albany -- Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 2-0; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (43:50, 10 saves, 13 GA), Michelle Talviste (16:10, 5 saves, 3 GA).

New Hampshire -- Scoring: Jess Burnap 4-1, Meagan Clavin 4-1, Jessie Grosckowski 3-0, Sue Yund 2-0, Molly Cherington 1-3, Kelly Blaney 1-1, Bronwyn Leto 1-0, Jill Albee 0-1, Hilary Maynes 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Danielle Martin (60:00, 6 saves, 2 GA).

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BASEBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Second baseman **Mike Grasso** totaled four hits, five runs and three stolen bases as Albany swept a non-conference doubleheader from C.W. Post on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the twinbill, 12-1 and 11-8.

In the opener, **Dan Schoonmaker**, who drove five runs in the two games, broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth inning with a RBI single. Albany (14-17) scored five times in the frame, as Grasso added a run-scoring single and shortstop **Joe Lamb** pushed two runners across with a single to right field.

Left fielder **Jake Toms** belted his third home run of the season, a solo blast, in the fifth. **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central), who went 3-for-4 in the contest, had a RBI single in a four-run sixth.

C.W. Post (7-26-1) leaped to a 3-0 lead in the first inning of the nightcap. **Joe Grillo**, who had a pair of hits, led off with a single and scored on **Greg Annino's** base-hit. **Pete Esposito** lined a RBI double to center field to complete the outburst.

The Great Danes, who have won 11 of 15 games in the month of April, rallied with a six-run second. Lamb, a freshman, tied the contest with a two-run single to left field. Schoonmaker later cleared the bases with a triple into the right-field gap. In the sixth inning, **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) and **Pat Delaney** each homered to give their club a comfortable 11-5 lead.

(Game 1)

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| C.W. Post | 100 | 000 | 0 | - | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Albany | 100 | 524 | x | - | 12 | 15 | 1 |

Mark Suchowiecki and Joe Esposito, Jack Montague.

Steve Emmerthal, Jeff Mazzola (2), Will Haskell (3), Adam Castoldi (5), Ryan Sullivan (6) and Fred Estes.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

(Game 2)

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| C.W. Post (7-26-1) | 300 | 020 | 3 | - | 8 | 12 | 2 |
| Albany (14-17) | 160 | 013 | x | - | 11 | 10 | 6 |

Michael Vicaro, Brian Mitchell (6) and Jack Montague.

Roman Dubiel, Ryan Pitt (2), Mike Muller (4), Shawn Walsh (6), Pat Hastings (7) and Chase Muratore.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Burlington, Vt. – Junior attacker **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs) scored a career-high four goals and added two assists to guide Albany to a 16-11 America East Conference victory over Vermont on Thursday afternoon at Centennial Field.

Albany (5-6, AE 1-1) jumped out to an 8-3 halftime lead behind three goals and one assist from Esposito. Fellow Saratoga Springs graduate **Erin Pemrick** added two goals in the first half, as five different Great Dane players scored in the period.

Vermont (5-5, AE 1-2) scored five times in the opening eight-plus minutes of the final period and cut Albany's lead to 10-8 with 21:23 remaining on an unassisted goal by senior **Courtney LaMere**. But **Jenn Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) would score exactly one minute later to spark a string of five unanswered goals that sealed the outcome for the Great Danes. Rajczak also finished the decisive run with an unassisted tally at the 10:35 mark.

Albany evened its record in conference play with its third consecutive victory, the team's longest winning streak in nearly two years. Freshman **Francine Beltempo** made 15 saves for the Great Danes. Pemrick and **Alexis DiDomenico** scored three times apiece, while Rajczak finished with two goals and two assists.

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| Albany (5-6, AE 1-1) | 8 | 8 | - | 16 |
| Vermont (5-5, AE 1-2) | 3 | 8 | - | 11 |

Albany—Scoring: Andrea Esposito 4-2, Alexis DiDomenico 3-0, Erin Pemrick 3-0, Jenn Rajczak 2-2, Maria Ferrucci 2-0, Theresa Masse 1-1, Allison Beagle 1-0, Erin Finnigan 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (60:00, 15 saves, 11 GA).

Vermont—Scoring: Courtney LaMere 3-1, Courtney Keefe 2-2, Molly Sheehan 2-0, Alison Mitchell 2-0, Westy Lemaistre 1-0, Nicole Rifenburg 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kate McBride (60:00, 16 saves, 16 GA).

MEN'S LACROSSE

Loudonville, N.Y. – **Chris Driscoll** scored four goals, including three in the first half, and added one assist to lead Albany to a 17-5 non-conference victory over Siena on Thursday afternoon at Marcelle Athletic Complex.

Albany (6-6) raced to a 5-0 lead in winning for the fourth time in their last five games. **Michael Solazzo**, who had three goals, found the net off the opening face-off on a feed from **Lee Busino** (Niskayuna). Freshman **Brendan Russell**, who totaled three goals and one assist, scored a pair of man-advantage goals in that stretch.

Siena (1-8) closed within 5-2 late in the first quarter on back-to-back goals by **Daniel Wolpert**. But Great Danes scored four consecutive times en route to a 10-4 halftime advantage. Driscoll, who leads the team with 25 goals this season, started that run when he converted an underhanded attempt from the left side. He then ripped a behind-the-head-shot inside the left post with 16 seconds left in the stanza.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

Freshman attacker **Conor Quinn** tallied a career-high three goals, while **Luke Daquino** added two goals and three assists. Wolpert, a sophomore, led the Saints with three goals. **Tom Nally** had one goal and one assist.

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| Albany (6-6) | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | - | 17 |
| Siena (1-8) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | - | 5 |

Albany – Scoring: Chris Driscoll 4-1, Brendan Russell 3-1, Michael Solazzo 3-0, Conor Quinn 3-0, Luke Daquino 2-3, Tim Primrose 1-0, Jeremy Smith 1-0, Jon Smith 0-2, Lee Busino 0-1, Christopher Preble 0-1, Bobby Gabriel 0-1, Daniel Orlowski 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (30:00, 4 saves, 4 GA), Chris Gill (18:41, 3 saves, 0 GA), Bob Bruno (11:15, 1 save, 1 GA).

Siena – Scoring: Daniel Wolpert 3-0, Tom Nally 1-1, Christopher Padden 1-0, Kevin Deacon 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Jon Pence (60:00, 13 saves, 17 GA).

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SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – **Kristin Couris** fired a two-hit shutout in the nightcap, as Albany earned a split with Vermont in an America East Conference doubleheader on Wednesday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 4-0, but dropped the opener, 3-1.

Couris, a sophomore right-hander, struck out six and allowed no walks in recording her third shutout of the season. She improved to 5-7 on the mound by allowing singles in the first and seventh innings. Second baseman **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls) singled in a pair of runs in the first. Albany (22-12, AE 7-7) scored two unearned runs in the fourth.

Vermont (4-22, AE 2-8) won the first game behind the strong pitching of **Angie Totaro**, as she scattered five hits and registered five strikeouts. **Megan Long** drove in all three runs with a pair of doubles. She lined a two-bagger into the left-field gap in the fifth to break up a scoreless deadlock.

Senior shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) had two hits and two stolen bases for the Great Danes, who host Maine in a conference weekend series on April 20-21.

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(Game 1)

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| Vermont | 000 | 020 | 1 | - | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Albany | 000 | 000 | 1 | - | 1 | 5 | 2 |

Angie Totaro and Samantha Chase.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

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| Vermont (4-22, AE 2-8) | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Albany (22-12, AE 7-7) | 200 | 200 | x | - | 4 | 5 | 1 |

Kara Massey, Gayle Peryea (4) and Amanda Collis.

Kristin Couris and Stacy Kowal.

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BASEBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Right fielder **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) drove in four runs and starting pitcher **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) threw six scoreless innings to lead Albany to a 7-1 non-league victory over Hofstra on Tuesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (12-17) took a 2-0 lead in the third inning on pair of RBI singles by **Jake Toms** and Vallone. In the fifth, Vallone belted his first home run of the season, a three-run blast that traveled inside the left-field foul pole. Center fielder **Eddie Scott** added a two-run single in the seventh.

Ryan, a freshman right-hander, scattered three hits in improving to 2-0 on the season. He struck out nine and walked three. Relievers **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) and **Pat Hastings** worked the last three innings.

Hofstra (9-24) scored its lone run in the seventh. **Terence Moran** reached on an infield single, and later came across on **Sam Eferstein's** sacrifice fly to right field. Albany shortstop **Joe Lamb** had three hits, including two doubles, and scored two runs. The Great Danes have won 9 of 13 games in the month of April.

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| Hofstra (9-24) | 000 | 000 | 100 | - | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Albany (12-17) | 002 | 030 | 02x | - | 7 | 9 | 1 |

Sam DeLuca, Malcolm DePalma (5), Jeff Edwards (6) and Kevin Flavin.
Shawn Ryan, Adam Kroft (7), Pat Hastings (8) and Chase Muratore.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. – Junior attacker **Erin Pemrick** (Saratoga Springs) scored a career-high three goals, as Albany held off Sacred Heart, 9-7, in a non-conference game on Tuesday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes, who posted back-to-back victories for the first time this season, improved their record to 4-6 overall.

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SOFTBALL

West Point, N.Y. – **Sarah Maida** scattered seven hits en route to her fifth shutout of the season, as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with Army on Tuesday afternoon at Buffalo Solider Field. The Great Danes won the nightcap, 2-0, but lost the first game, 4-3 in nine innings.

Maida, a senior right-hander, upped her record to 13-3 this spring, as she struck out four and walked none. She recorded the 12th shutout of her career. Albany (21-11) scored twice in the first inning. **Jess Kostenblatt's** squeeze bunt scored **Liz Wieboldt**, who had singled with one out. **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls) doubled and came across on a fielding error.

In the first contest, Army outfielder **Nicki Robbins** broke a 3-3 deadlock in the ninth inning with a RBI single up the middle. The Great Danes took a 3-2 lead in the fourth when Kostenblatt and **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) each scored a pair of unearned runs.

Albany's **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) had two hits in the opener, while Wieboldt added a RBI double in the third. The Black Knights, who share first place in the Patriot League standings, are 22-13-1 overall.

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(Game 1)

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| Albany | 001 | 200 | 000 | - | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| Army | 020 | 100 | 001 | - | 4 | 8 | 6 |

(one out when winning run scored)

Amy Hawk, Kristin Couris (9) and Stacy Kowal.

Ashlie Christian, Shauna Evans (4) and Becky Tsuchiya.

(Game 2)

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| Albany (21-11) | 200 | 000 | 0 | - | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Army (22-13-1) | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 7 | 3 |

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

Leigh Harrell and Kari Burke.

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Albany used a ball-control offense to push out to a 6-0 advantage in the opening period. **Maria Ferrucci** staked her team to a three-goal lead, when she hit the net off a failed clearing attempt. Pemrick finished off the outburst with 7:44 remaining in the half, as she found the lower left corner in transition.

In the second half, Sacred Heart (6-8) would rally from a five-goal deficit in by scoring four consecutive times. Freshman **JoAnn Montesarchio**, tallied two of her three goals in that span, before **Mary Romano** drove from the left side to close the gap to 7-6 with 8:30 left.

The Great Danes pulled away by scoring twice in a 30-second span. Pemrick moved inside a defender, and fired a low shot inside the far post past goalkeeper **Maggie Brauer**. **Alexis DiDomenico**, when had one goal and two assists, then found a cutting **Amanda Heller** at the top of the crease for a 9-6 lead with 7:23 to play.

Ferrucci finished with four goals, including her 26th of the season. Sacred Heart's **Natalie Smith** scored twice.

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| Sacred Heart (6-8) | 1 | 6 | - | 7 |
| Albany (4-6) | 6 | 3 | - | 9 |

Sacred Heart – Scoring: JoAnn Montesarchio 3-0, Natalie Smith 2-0, Michelle Bruckner 1-0, Mary Romano 1-0, Jenn Girouard 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amy Lavoie (19:45, 3 saves, 4 GA), Maggie Brauer (40:15, 4 saves, 5 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 4-0, Erin Pemrick 3-0, Alexis DiDomenico 1-2, Amanda Heller 1-1, Andrea Esposito 0-2, Jenn Rajczak 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (59:38, 6 saves, 7 GA), Michelle Talviste (0:22, 0 saves, 0 GA).

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman **Grace Wu** garnered wins at both first singles and doubles as Binghamton downed Albany, 7-0, on Tuesday afternoon at University Courts.

In the Great Danes' final tuneup before the America East Championships, Albany junior **Violeta Petijevic** fell to Wu 7-6, 6-0 in the top singles match. Wu also teamed with junior **Amy Weissberg** for an 8-6 first doubles victory over Petijevic and **Marisa Berley**, 8-6.

Berley, a freshman, dropped her second singles match to sophomore **Janine Sedaka**, 6-0 and 6-2. Weissberg prevailed at third singles, defeating **Alex Berley**, 6-0, 6-1.

The America East Tennis Championships will be held April 26-28 at the Connecticut Tennis Center in New Haven, Conn.

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Binghamton 7, Albany 0

Singles: Grace Wu (B) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 7-6(4), 6-0; Janine Sadaka (B) def. Marisa Berley (A), 6-0, 6-2; Amy Weissberg (B) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-0, 6-1; Alexis Brill (B) def. Krista Babiarz (A), 6-0, 6-1; Erin Monaco (B) def. Stacy Kaminski (A), 6-0, 6-0; Amy Linda (B) def. Reeba Miller (A), 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles: Wu/Weissberg (B) def. Petijevic/M. Berley (A), 8-6; Sadaka/Linda (B) def. A. Berley/Miller (A), 8-4; Monaco/Jen Sussman (B) def. Kaminski/Erin Morrison (A), 8-2.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

West Hartford, Conn. – Freshman **Jill Friedman** finished in a three-way tie for eighth place overall as the University at Albany women's golf team finished 10th out of 15 schools at the Wellesley Inn Hartford Invitational on Monday at Wampanoag Country Club.

Friedman, a freshman from Liverpool, N.Y., fired a two-day total of 171 to tie two competitors from Boston College for eighth overall. She finished with rounds of 84 and 87 on the par-73, 5,902-yard course. UAlbany's **Diane Onofry**, also a freshman, was one of five competitors tied for 14th overall. She shot rounds of 88 and 87 to finish with a total of 175.

Amherst College took the team title with a 696 total, three strokes better than runner-up Central Connecticut State. The Great Danes finished 10th overall with a 734-stroke total. **Kristy Finlayson** of Hartford took the individual title with a seven-over-par score of 153 (76-77), and was 10 strokes ahead of Central Connecticut's **Colleen McDonnell**.

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TEAM

1. Amherst 696, 2. Central Connecticut State 699, 3. Long Island-Brooklyn 704, 4. Hartford 710, 5. Boston College 714, 6. Hofstra 715, 7. Wagner 726, 8. Boston University 728, 9. Fairfield 730, 10. Albany 734, 11. Lehigh 793, 12. Bryant 804, 13. St. Lawrence 815, 14. Wellesley 908, 15. Sacred Heart 998.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Kristy Finlayson (Hartford), 76-77--153; 2. Colleen McDonnell (CCSU) 82-81--163, 3. Kristen Monsell (St. Lawrence), 79-85--164, 4. Tracey Chew (Long Island), 81-85--166, 5. Cristy Gryzmala (Hofstra), 85-82--167.

UAlbany Finishers: T8. Jill Friedman, 84-87--171, T14. Diane Onofry, 88-87--175, 38. Katie Wachtl, 95-96--191, T47. Diane Wasileski, 102-95--197, T54. Anne Lyons, 106-97--203.

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GRASSO NAMED CO-AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) has been chosen co-America East Conference Player of the Week in baseball as announced today by the conference office. Alain Picard, a designated hitter from Maine, was also awarded the honor.

Grasso, a junior second baseman, put together an impressive week as he posted a .609 average with 14 hits in 23 at-bats. He also totaled seven RBI, seven runs, three stolen bases, two doubles, a triple and a home run over a five-game stretch that saw the Great Danes win three of five contests, including a conference split with Hartford this past weekend. Albany (11-17, 4-4) is currently tied for third place in the America East standings.

Grasso, an Albany native, raised his batting average 64 points to .370 and didn't strike out in 23 at-bats last week. He currently leads his squad in hitting, runs (23), triples (2), RBI (20), total bases (51) and stolen bases (14), all from the leadoff spot in the lineup.

The Great Danes host Hofstra in a non-conference single game on Tuesday at Varsity Field beginning at 3:30 p.m.

FINNIGAN EARNS CONFERENCE LACROSSE HONOR

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Erin Finnigan** has been selected as the America East Conference Defender of the Week in women's lacrosse as announced today by the conference office.

Finnigan, a defender from Fairport, N.Y., scored her second goal of the season on a free-position shot during Albany's 16-11 win over Manhattan on Sunday, April 14. The senior had four ground balls and caused seven turnovers in two contests last week. She also added three draw controls against Boston University.

For the season, Finnigan has started all nine contests for the Great Danes and totals 21 ground balls. She has caused 11 turnovers and has won seven draw controls.

The Great Danes host non-conference opponent Sacred Heart on Tuesday at Varsity Field beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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BASEBALL

Colonie, N.Y. – Shortstop **Matt Denorfia** drove in the go-ahead run with a single in the sixth inning of the third game of the day, as Hartford posted a 9-8 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Heritage Park. Hartford won Saturday's suspended contest, 9-8, while the Great Danes took the first game of a scheduled doubleheader, 6-2.

In the third game, Albany (11-17, AE 4-4) built an 8-5 lead after four innings. The Great Danes scored six times in the second, as **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) and **Joe Lamb** each delivered a two-run double.

Hartford (10-15, AE 3-5) rallied with a four-run sixth. **Steve Moyer**, who went 3-for-4 with two runs and two RBI, drew his team even at eight apiece with a run-scoring single. Denorfia followed three batters later with his game-winning hit to left field.

Sophomore right-hander **Steve Emmerthal** scattered four hits in running his record to 3-0 in leading UAlbany to victory. Emmerthal recorded three strikeouts and no walks. Designated hitter **Jake Toms** had a RBI single in the first, before **Eddie Scott's** single to left field scored two to highlight a three-run fourth.

The two teams completed Saturday's suspended game to start the day. Hartford rallied from a 5-4 deficit with a three-run fifth inning. **Marichal Marichal** tied the contest with a RBI single. Denorfia gave the Hawks the lead for good with a two-run double to right field.

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(Suspended Game From Saturday)

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| Hartford | 310 | 032 | 0 | - | 9 | 12 | 1 |
| Albany | 140 | 002 | 1 | - | 8 | 14 | 0 |

Joe Connolly, Kellen Ferris (2), Brian Mascaro (3), Tony Cekovsky (7) and Keith Mirante.

Jeff Mazzola, Mike Muller (2), Roman Dubiel (3), Ryan Pitt (5) and Fred Estes, Chase Muratore.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

(Game 1)

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| Hartford | 000 | 002 | 0 | - | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Albany | 103 | 200 | x | - | 6 | 11 | 1 |

Jarrett Stawarz, Drew Nekola (6) and Josh Topp.

Steve Emmerthal and Chase Muratore.

(Game 2)

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| Hartford (10-15, AE 3-5) | 140 | 004 | 0 | - | 9 | 11 | 1 |
| Albany (11-17, AE 4-4) | 160 | 100 | 0 | - | 8 | 13 | 5 |

Tony Cekovsky, Kyle Valentine (2), John Manning (2), Drew Nekola (4), Marichal Marichal (6) and Keith Mirante.

Shawn Walsh, Jeff Mazzola (2) and Chase Muratore, Fred Estes.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. – Junior midfielder **Maria Ferrucci** tied the school's single-game record with seven goals and added one assist in leading Albany to a 16-11 non-conference victory over Manhattan on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (3-6) snapped a 2-2 tie early in the opening period with 11 unanswered goals. **Erin Pemrick** (Saratoga Springs) gave her team the lead, when she hit the lower right corner on a feed from **Jenn Rajczak** in transition.

Ferrucci tallied four of her five first-half goals in that decisive run. Sophomore attacker **Alexis DiDomenico**, who scored three times and added three assists, capped that stretch with an unassisted goal for a 13-2 advantage with 2:05 left in the period.

In the second half, the Great Danes upped their lead to 15-4, as Ferrucci scored her seventh goal of the game and 22nd of the season when she placed a shot inside the far post. Manhattan (2-9) closed the gap in the final 13 minutes behind the play of **Melissa Medina**, who led her club with three goals and two assists.

Andrea Esposito (Saratoga Springs) had one goal and three assists for the Great Danes, who recorded their highest offensive output this season. Manhattan's **Nora Jacquette** and **Jaime Carter** each scored twice.

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| Manhattan (2-9) | 3 | 8 | - | 11 |
| Albany (3-6) | 13 | 3 | - | 16 |

Manhattan – Melissa Medina 3-2, Nora Jacquette 2-1, Jaime Carter 2-0, Victoria Carman 1-1, Mary Dudek 1-0, Sarah Hallet 1-0, Alana Fevola 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Meagan Cosgrove (60:00, 8 saves, 16 GA).

Albany – Maria Ferrucci 7-1, Alexis DiDomenico 3-3, Theresa Masse 2-0, Andrea Esposito 1-3, Erin Pemrick 1-1, Erin Finnigan 1-0, Colleen Maresca 1-0, Jenn Rajczak 0-1, Amanda Heller 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (51:08, 7 saves, 7 GA), Michelle Talviste (8:52, 5 saves, 4 GA).

SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Julie Henneke** fired a two-hit shutout in the opener to lead Boston University to an America East Conference doubleheader sweep over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field. The Terriers won the twinbill, 2-0 and 4-2.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

In the second game, Albany (20-10, AE 6-6) tied the contest at two apiece in the third inning. **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls) lined a two-run single to center field. Boston U. (16-19, AE 10-2) came back in the fourth, as **Robyn Horrnick** singled up the middle and later scored on a fielding error. The Terriers added an insurance run in the seventh, as **Tiffany Finateri**, who had five hits on the day, delivered a RBI single.

Horrnick, a junior right-hander, allowed just two hits and struck out eleven en route to her seventh win of the spring. Shortstop **Jamie Haas**, who went 6-for-8 at the plate in the twinbill, tripled and singled.

Henneke posted her third shutout of the season in the opener, as she recorded 10 strikeouts and one walk to improve to 5-3 on the mound. Finateri doubled into the left-field gap to break a scoreless deadlock in the sixth. Henneke's RBI ground out in the seventh added another run.

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(Game 1)

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| Boston U. | 000 | 001 | 1 | - | 2 | 11 | 2 |
| Albany | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 2 | 0 |

Julie Henneke and Christy King.

Kristin Couris and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

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|----------------------------|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston U. (16-19, AE 10-2) | 200 | 100 | 1 | - | 4 | 9 | 1 |
| Albany (20-10, AE 6-6) | 002 | 000 | 0 | - | 2 | 2 | 3 |

Robyn Horrnick and Christy King.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

TRACK & FIELD

West Point, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) won the 110-meter high hurdles and was third in both the long jump and high jump at Army's inaugural Dick Shea Open. Roche, a junior, won the hurdles in 14.44 seconds, and posted leaps of 21-feet, 2.75 inches in the long jump and 6-feet, 4-inches in the high jump.

UAlbany's **Teikyo Aryee** went 6-7 to capture the high jump competition. **Brandon Howlett** was third in the discus (152-4.25), while **Tim Best** (Granville Central) also took third in the javelin (163-6.50). **Fred Frese** (Scotia-Glenville) and **Sheldon Gomes** (Shaker) also posted third-place finishes in the pole vault and triple jump, respectively. Frese cleared the bar at 14-3.25, and Gomes traveled 42-10.50.

In the women's meet, **Nierria Jones** placed third in the triple jump (34-10.50) and fourth in the 400-meter hurdles (1:11.89). **Ashley Kangas** set a school record to finish second in the javelin with a toss of 116-7.50. Kangas eclipsed a mark set by Janna Johnston in 1999.

Elizabeth Meierdiercks (Shenendehowa) was third in the shot put (37-11), while **Erin Watson** (Shenendehowa) and **Rebecca Habernig** tied for third place in the high jump (5-0).

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BASEBALL

Colonie, N.Y. – Center fielder **Eddie Scott** doubled into the left-field gap to score **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) with the winning run in the 10th inning of the first game of a scheduled doubleheader in leading Albany to a 9-8 America East Conference victory over Hartford on Saturday afternoon at Heritage Park.

The nightcap was suspended after two innings with Albany ahead, 5-4. The contest will resume at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday prior to a conference twinbill.

Hartford (8-14, AE 1-4) took an 8-6 lead in the ninth on RBI singles by **Ryan Cuscovitch** and **Matt Denorfia**. Albany (10-15, AE 3-2) tied the contest in the bottom of the inning, when left fielder **Jake Toms** blasted a two-run homer, his second of the year, over the left-field fence.

The Hawks regained the lead in the tenth, as **Cory Parker** belted his second home run of the day, a solo shot down the left-field line. Parker went 3-for-5 at the plate with four RBI. Albany drew even in its last at-bat, when **Craig Farley** led off with a single and later scored on a passed ball. Grasso, a second baseman who totaled four hits, including a triple, reached base with a bunt single to set up Scott's game-winning hit.

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(Game 1)

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| Hartford (8-14, AE 1-4) | 000 | 401 | 002 | 1 | - | 8 | 14 | 3 |
| Albany (10-15, AE 3-2) | 020 | 021 | 002 | 2 | - | 9 | 13 | 3 |

(one out when winning run scored)

Scott Roy, Marichal Marichal (6), Jarrett Stawarz (10) and Keith Mirante.

Adam Kroft, Nick Borgia (7), Will Haskell (9), Shawn Ryan (9) and Fred Estes.

(Game 2 – Suspended)

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| Hartford | 31 | - | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Albany | 14 | - | 5 | 7 | 1 |

(game suspended due to darkness until Sunday at 11:00 a.m.)

Joe Connolly, Kellen Ferris (2) and Keith Mirante.

Jeff Mazzola, Mike Muller (1) and Fred Estes.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

TRACK & FIELD

New York, N.Y. – Freshman **Tequirra Cox** finished seventh in the 200-meter dash and ninth in the 100 to highlight the University at Albany's performances at the Columbia Invitational on Saturday at Wien Stadium.

Cox sprinted 25.76 seconds in the 200, and ran the 100 in 12.66. **Trista Neinast** and **Tammy Freeman** posted a pair of sixth-place efforts in the 5,000 (19:00.94) and 400-hurdles (1:04.76), respectively. **Dinnah Decatus** placed ninth at 800 meters in 2:15.79.

In the men's competition, **Andy Allstadt** and **Joe Pienta** (Ichabod Crane) finished fifth and sixth in the 5,000-meter run. Allstadt was timed in 15:16.17, while Pienta came across in 15:18.19. **Josh Merlis** placed seventh in the 10,000 (33:49.72), and **Kristof Molnar** was eighth in the 400 (49.45). **Rob Caracciolo** (9:43.55) and **Kenrick McBean** (11.07) each finished ninth in the 3,000-steeplechase and 100-dash, respectively.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Michael Solazzo** scored three times, including the go-ahead goal with 11:54 remaining in the fourth quarter, as Albany beat Stony Brook, 11-7, in an America East Conference contest on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Stony Brook (7-4, AE 3-2) rallied from a 7-4 halftime deficit to tie the contest early in the final period. Freshman **Steve Conlon**, who totaled a career-high four goals and two assists, drew his team even when he underhanded a low shot into the net after receiving a long crossing pass from **George LaFlare**.

Solazzo, a left-handed attackman, put Albany (5-6, AE 3-0) back in front for good, as fired a shot into the upper right corner. **Sean Donnellan** scored on a bounced shot, before **Luke Daquino** hit a cutting Solazzo in front of the crease for a 10-7 lead with 8:39 remaining.

The Great Danes, who dropped an 18-8 decision to Stony Brook in last year's matchup, trailed 2-0 in the first period, but then reeled off six unanswered goals. Junior midfielder **Bobby Gabriel** sparked that run with a pair of goals and one assist. **Chris Driscoll**, who had three goals and one assist, scored twice in that stretch.

Stony Brook's **Steve Armsworthy** recorded 17 saves, while **Denis Scannell** added two goals. Daquino finished with one goal and two assists for the Great Danes, who with the victory clinched a spot in the postseason tournament and kept pace with Hartford for first place in the conference standings.

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| Stony Brook (7-4, AE 3-2) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 7 |
| Albany (5-6, AE 3-0) | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | - | 11 |

Stony Brook – Steve Conlon 4-2, Denis Scannell 2-0, George LaFlare 1-1, Kyle Pearl 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Steve Armsworthy (60:00, 17 saves, 11 GA).

Albany – Chris Driscoll 3-1, Michael Solazzo 3-0, Bobby Gabriel 2-1, Luke Daquino 1-2, Sean Donnellan 1-0, Tim Primrose 1-0, Brendan Russell 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Chris Gill (15:00, 2 saves, 2 GA), Kevin Rae (45:00, 8 saves, 5 GA).

MORE

ALBANY 2-2-2

SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – **Sarah Maida** scattered six hits in the nightcap to post her 12th victory of the season, as Albany split an America East Conference doubleheader with Boston University on Saturday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 5-3, but lost the opener, 7-0.

Boston U. (14-19, AE 8-2) took a 2-0 lead in the fifth inning, when first baseman **Aryn Rangel** lined a two-run single through the left side. Albany (20-8, AE 6-4) rallied by scoring five times in the bottom of the frame. **Debbie Hodge** keyed the uprising when she plated two runners with a single. **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) and **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) tied the contest with a pair of unearned runs, as their club took advantage of four fielding errors.

Maida, a senior right-hander who has a 1.16 earned run average, improved to 12-2 on the mound, plus recorded her eighth complete-game effort.

In the first game, **Robyn Horrnick** and **DeKenya Williams** combined on a one-hit shutout. Horrnick, who upped her record to 6-5, worked the first five innings, and registered four strikeouts. The Terriers scored three times in the third, as **Julie Henneke** scored two runs with a single to center field. **Tiffany Finateri** added a two-run homer, her second of the year, over the left-field fence in the fifth.

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(Game 1)

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| Boston U. | 030 | 030 | 1 | - | 7 | 12 | 0 |
| Albany | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Robyn Horrnick, DeKenya Williams (6) and Christy King.

Kristin Couris, Danielle Buyea (6) and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

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| Boston U. (14-19, AE 8-2) | 000 | 002 | 1 | - | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| Albany (20-8, AE 6-4) | 000 | 005 | x | - | 5 | 5 | 2 |

Tiffany Finateri, Julie Henneke (6) and Christy King.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Stony Brook, N.Y. -- Senior **Martha Barrett** won an 8-2 pro-set decision over freshman **Marisa Berley** at first singles to lead Stony Brook to a 6-0 sweep of Albany on Saturday morning.

Sophomores **Patricia Gomez** and **Karen Hansen** posted a pair of 6-0, 6-0 victories at second and third singles, respectively, for the Seawolves. The doubles matches were not contested, as Stony Brook led 6-0 after the completion of the singles competition. The first and fourth flight singles matches were shortened to pro-set play.

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Stony Brook 6, Albany 0

Singles: Martha Barrett (SB) def. Marisa Berley (A), 8-2; Patricia Gomez (SB) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-0, 6-0; Karen Hansen (SB) def. Krista Babiarz (A), 6-0, 6-0; Georgia Bushell (SB) def. Stacy Kaminski (A), 8-0; Olesya Ianovich (SB) def. Lisa Fund (A), 6-0, 6-1; Deanna Ghozati (SB) def. Reeba Miller (A), 6-0, 6-0.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. – Senior midfielder **Ericka Hergenroeder** scored five times and freshman midfielder **Alyssa Trudel** added three goals and five assists as Boston University downed Albany, 17-5, in the America East Conference opener for both schools on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Boston U. (4-6, AE 1-0), ranked 20th nationally in last week's IWLCA poll, jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the game's opening 16:47 behind two goals apiece from Trudel and senior **Molly Byrne**. Five different Terrier players scored in the run, as **Kelly Trahon**, **Katie Nordhoff** and Hergenroeder also posted goals.

Albany (2-6, AE 0-1) got on the board when junior midfielder **Maria Ferrucci** scored unassisted with 7:28 remaining in the period. Ferrucci would later cut the halftime deficit to 9-3 with a pair of goals in the final two minutes, the first coming off a feed from **Andrea Esposito**.

Sophomore attacker **Alexis DiDomenico** scored two second-half goals for UAlbany, but the Great Danes never got closer than six goals. In the final period, Hergenroeder scored three times, while Trudel had one goal and four assists.

Michelle Talviste, a four-year goalkeeper on the UAlbany women's soccer team, made her first start in the cage for the Great Danes. The senior, who had never played lacrosse prior to walking-on to the team this season, stopped 15 shots.

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| Boston University (4-6, AE 1-0) | 9 | 8 | - | 17 |
| Albany (2-6, AE 0-1) | 3 | 2 | - | 5 |

Boston U.—Scoring: Ericka Hergenroeder 5-0, Alyssa Trudel 3-5, Molly Byrne 2-0, Kelly Trahon 1-2, Tiffany Mullan 1-1, Briana Smith 1-1, Kristin Abruzzese 1-1, Katie Nordhoff 1-0, Hannah Cross 1-0, Rachel Olanoff 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Brooke Barrett (23:12, 3 saves, 1 GA), Anne Sheridan (22:28, 5 saves, 3 GA), Lauren Beatty (14:20, 1 save, 1 GA).

Albany—Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 3-1, Alexis DiDomenico 2-0, Andrea Esposito 0-1, Amanda Heller 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Michelle Talviste (60:00, 15 saves, 17 GA).

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BASEBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Right fielder **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) drove in five runs with two doubles and a single to lead Albany to a 15-0 non-conference victory over Quinnipiac on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes, who have won six of their last eight outings, improved to 9-15 on the season.

Vallone, who returned to the lineup after missing the last 13 games with a dislocated thumb, lined a two-run double down the left-field line in his first at-bat, as the Great Danes scored three times in the first.

Albany put together an 11-run fifth inning as 16 players batted in the frame. Second baseman **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) led off with a solo home run over the left-field fence. Vallone, who went 3-for-5 on the day, had a run-scoring single and a two-run double in the inning. **Eddie Scott**, who totaled two hits and three runs, plated two more base runners with a single.

Grasso and shortstop **Joe Lamb**, who bat one-two in the order, each finished with three hits and three runs. **Jake Toms** added a pair of hits, including his first home run of the spring, a solo blast in the third.

Quinnipiac (4-19) has lost 12 of its last 13 games. Albany hosts Hartford in an America East Conference doubleheader at Heritage Park on Saturday at 12 noon.

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| Quinnipiac (4-19) | 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 000 | - | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Albany (9-15) | 301 | 0 | (11) | 0 | 00x | - | 15 | 16 | 0 |

Steve Emmerthal, Shawn Walsh (2), Roman Dubiel (3), Shawn Ryan (4), Ryan Pitt (5), Adam Castoldi (6), Will Haskell (7), Mike Muller (8), Pat Hastings (9) and Chase Muratore, Ciaran Crampton.

Mike Spahr, Ari Kafka (5), Jackson Ellis (7) and Steve Silverstein.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

UALBANY'S MAZZOLA EARNS LOUISVILLE SLUGGER NATIONAL HONOR

Tucson, Ariz. – University at Albany's Jeff Mazzola has been chosen as one of five *Louisville Slugger* National Players of the Week as announced today by the *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper*.

Mazzola, a freshman right-hander, recorded Albany's first no-hitter since 1965 in a 3-0 victory over Canisius on April 2. In the seven-inning performance, Mazzola retired the first 16 batters he faced before Scott Beebe reached on a hit by pitch spoiling a perfect game bid. Jim Nass, a Schalmont High School graduate and native of Schenectady, threw the last Albany no-hitter against New Paltz 37 years ago.

Jeff Baker (Clemson), Bill Verbrick (Wisconsin-Stevens Point), Kevin Field (Georgetown) and Jonah Bayliss (Trinity) were also honored by the publication.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Albany, N.Y. -- UAlbany got victories from its top two singles players on Thursday afternoon, but the Great Danes fell to Marist, 5-2, at University Courts.

Junior **Violeta Petijevic** took a straight-sets victory at first singles, defeating **Diana Perachio** 6-1, 6-4, to win her second consecutive match. Freshman **Marisa Berley** (Shenendehowa) defeated **Amanda Doetsch** in flight two singles, 6-2 and 6-0. Doetsch had won her previous six matches this spring.

Marist swept the remainder of the singles matches, including a win by Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake graduate **Kara Bliss** in the sixth position. Perachio and Doetsch teamed up to defeat Albany's tandem of Petijevic and Berley at first doubles, 8-5.

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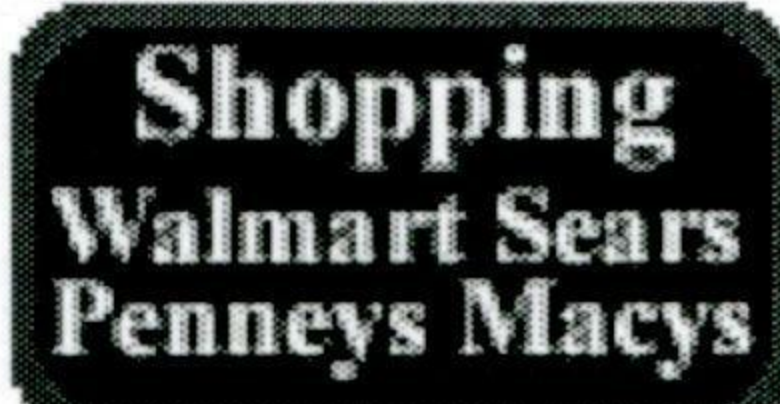
Marist 5, Albany 2

Singles

1. Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Diana Perachio (M), 6-1, 6-4
2. Marisa Berley (A) def. Amanda Doetsch (M), 6-2, 6-0
3. Kristy Salloum (M) def. Alex Berley (A), default
4. Courtney McGeever (M) def. Krista Babiarz (A), 6-0, 6-1
5. Jennifer Edwards (M) def. Stacy Kaminski (A), 6-4, 6-1
6. Kara Bliss (M) def. Reeba Miller (A), 7-5, 6-2

Doubles

1. Perachio-Doetsch (M) def. Petijevic-M. Berley (A), 8-5
2. Salloum-McGeever (M) def. A. Berley-Erin Morrison (A), 8-1
3. Edwards-Kathryn Szymanski (M) def. Babiarz-Fund (A), 8-0



College Baseball Poll - [Collegiate Baseball Newspaper](http://www.baseballnews.com)

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: Monday (April 8, 2002)

CLEMSON NO. 1 IN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL NEWSPAPER (www.baseballnews.com) POLL

TUCSON, Ariz. — For the third straight week, Clemson (27-2) has been ranked No. 1 in *Collegiate Baseball* newspaper's NCAA Division I baseball poll.

The Tigers have won 14 of their last 15 games and have outscored opponents by nearly a 3:1 ratio (284 runs to 109). Clemson is hitting .345 as a team with 56 homers in 29 games. The team has also swiped 45 bases and is averaging 9.7 runs per game.

As far as pitching, the Tigers have a 3.26 team ERA and a better than 2:1 strikeout to walk ratio (230 strikeouts, 87 walks). Clemson is also one of the top defensive teams in the nation with a .973 fielding percentage.

POLL NOTES: Several other teams are also on a roll. Florida Atlantic has the longest winning streak in the nation with 22 consecutive wins. It is the longest winning streak for Florida Atlantic since tying the NCAA record in 1999 with 34 straight wins. Mississippi has won 10 straight games, its longest winning streak since the 1964 season. Cal. St. Fullerton has won nine of its last 10 as has East Carolina which took two of three over highly regarded Houston over the past weekend.

The **Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll** is the oldest college baseball poll. Its birth took place during the 1957 college baseball season.

(Top 30 Agate Follows)

| <u>Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's</u> | | |
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| NCAA Div. I Poll (As of April 8, 2002) | | |
| www.baseballnews.com | | |
| Rank School (Record) | Points | Previous |
| 1. Clemson (27-2) | 496 | 1 |
| 2. Stanford (22-6) | 493 | 2 |
| 3. Alabama (28-5) | 489 | 5 |
| 4. Rice (28-7) | 485 | 3 |
| 5. Georgia Tech. (27-4) | 483 | 6 |
| 6. Wake Forest (25-6) | 480 | 8 |
| 7. South Carolina (24-8) | 478 | 4 |
| 8. Wichita St. (20-7) | 474 | 10 |

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| 9. Mississippi (25-7) | 470 | 11 |
| 10. Nebraska (21-10) | 464 | 13 |
| 11. Houston (23-10) | 461 | 9 |
| 12. Florida (24-10) | 457 | 7 |
| 13. North Carolina (22-11) | 452 | 12 |
| 14. Florida St. (30-11) | 451 | 14 |
| 15. Texas (28-9) | 450 | 15 |
| 16. Texas A&M (26-11) | 448 | 16 |
| 17. Oklahoma St. (22-8) | 445 | 21 |
| 18. Baylor (22-12) | 444 | 18 |
| 19. Cal. St. Fullerton (21-10) | 442 | 19 |
| 20. Florida Atlantic (29-6) | 439 | 22 |
| 21. Long Beach St. (20-9) | 437 | 23 |
| 22. Arizona St. (22-12) | 435 | 20 |
| 23. Richmond (28-3) | 430 | 24 |
| 24. Oklahoma (19-12) | 426 | 17 |
| 25. Ohio St. (18-6-1) | 424 | 25 |
| 26. Stetson (27-5) | 421 | 30 |
| 27. S.W. Missouri St. (20-5) | 418 | — |
| 28. Southern Miss. (21-11) | 414 | — |
| 29. East Carolina (23-7-1) | 412 | — |
| 30. James Madison (26-7) | 409 | — |

"LOUISVILLE SLUGGER'S" NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- **3B Jeff Baker, Clemson:** Baker hit 5 home runs in five games last week for the Tigers as he went 8-for-18 at the plate. Against Winthrop, he blasted three home runs, including a walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth to win the game, 6-4. Baker tallied 9 RBI on the week.
- **P Bill Verbrick, Wisc.-Stevens Point:** Verbrick threw the first 9-inning perfect game in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference history in a 5-0 win over Wisc.-River Falls. He struck out 10 and retired all 27 batters. It was the school's first perfect game since a 5-inning flawless effort during the 1961 season.
- **P Kevin Field, Georgetown:** Field hurled a 7-inning no-hitter against Rutgers but lost a heartbreaker, 1-0 due to a double error in the first inning. Field struck out five and walked three in the contest.
- **RHP Jeff Mazzola, Albany:** Mazzola recorded Albany's first no-hitter since 1965 in a brilliant 7-inning performance with a 3-0 win over Canisius. He retired the first 16 batters he faced before Scott Beebe reached on a hit by pitch which spoiled a perfect game bid. Jim Nass threw the last Albany no-hitter 37 years ago.
- **RHP Jonah Bayliss, Trinity:** Bayliss recorded the first no-hitter since 1997 for Trinity in a 7-inning contest which saw the Bantams win, 14-0 over Bates College. He recorded 14 strikeouts.

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SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) totaled five hits, two runs, three stolen bases and two RBI on the day, as Albany swept a non-conference doubleheader from Niagara on Wednesday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the twinbill, 7-0 and 4-2.

In the nightcap, Terry singled up the middle to score **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) for a 2-1 lead in the third inning. Niagara (3-13) tied the contest in the fourth, as **Krissy Costanzo** belted a run-scoring triple to left field.

Albany (19-7) went back in front, 3-2, in the fourth, when **Debbie Hodge** singled home **Jen Nolette** (Columbia), who had reached base on a throwing error. Terry, who raised her batting average to .367 on the season, led off the fifth with a bunt single, and came around to add an insurance run on **Liz Weiboldt's** single to right field.

In the first game, pitchers **Sarah Maida** and **Danielle Buyea** combined on a two-hit shutout. Maida, who worked the first five innings, struck out five and walked two, as she upped her record to 11-2.

Terry, who had three hits in the opener, had a RBI single in the second. She gave her club a commanding 5-0 lead, when she double down the left-field line and later scored in fourth.

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(Game 1)

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| Niagara | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Albany | 013 | 120 | x | - | 7 | 8 | 0 |

Ashleigh Barber, Andrea Crapo (6) and Randi Lawton.

Sarah Maida, Danielle Buyea (6) and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

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| Niagara (3-13) | 100 | 100 | 0 | - | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Albany (19-7) | 011 | 110 | x | - | 4 | 7 | 3 |

Kristin Willebrandt and Lindsey Costello.

Amy Hawk, Kristin Couris (5) and Stacy Kowal.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

MEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. – Junior attackman **Mike Scaglione** tied a career-high with six goals and added two assists to lead 14th-ranked Yale to a 13-7 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Yale (5-3) rebounded from back-to-back losses to Brown and Duke by leaping to a 3-0 lead in the opening five minutes. Scaglione scored twice in that stretch, including a man-advantage goal with 10:03 left in the period.

Albany (4-6) closed to within 4-2 midway through the second quarter, as **Michael Solazzo** hit the net after Yale goalkeeper **Eric Wenzel** made an initial save on **Chris Driscoll's** shot. However, the Bulldogs scored three unanswered goals in the remaining four-plus minutes of the stanza. Scaglione tallied his fourth goal of the half, as he drilled a shot inside the left post. **Tucker Foote** scored with the man-advantage for a 7-2 halftime cushion.

The Great Danes were still within striking distance at 10-6, when **Jon Smith** converted **Luke Daquino's** feed from over top of the cage with 9:58 left in the final period. Yale slammed the door on any comeback attempt as **Marko Lujic** and **Patrick Moylan** scored one minute and 25 seconds apart.

Yale's **Ryan Floyd** had two goals and three assists, while Wenzel made 14 saves. Driscoll led Albany with two goals and one assist, while **Sean Donnellan** scored twice. Freshman goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** stopped 13 shots.

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| Yale (5-3) | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | - | 13 |
| Albany (4-6) | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | - | 7 |

Yale – Scoring: Mike Scaglione 6-2, Ryan Floyd 2-3, Tucker Foote 1-1, Scott Kenworthy 1-1, Patrick Moylan 1-0, Marko Lujic 1-0, Edward Britt 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Eric Wenzel (60:00, 14 saves, 7 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Chris Driscoll 2-1, Sean Donnellan 2-0, Michael Solazzo 1-1, Luke Daquino 1-1, Jon Smith 1-0, Alan Beach 0-1, Brendan Russell 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 13 saves, 13 GA).

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LUKE DAQUINO NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Luke Daquino has been chosen as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in men's lacrosse as announced today by the conference office.

Daquino, a freshman attackman, scored two goals and tied a career-high with four assists in last Saturday's 16-2 conference victory over Binghamton. Albany improved to 4-5 overall and 2-0 in America East play, and hosts No. 14 Yale on Wed., April 10 and league-rival Stony Brook on Sat., April 13.

Daquino, who has 14 goals and 17 assists on the season, ranks fourth among the America East scoring leaders at 3.44 points per game, and is first in assists with a 1.89 average.

SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – **Sarah Maida** fired a three-hit shutout in the opener, as Albany split an America East Conference doubleheader with Binghamton on Monday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who have won 10 of their last 13 games, won the first game, 1-0, but lost the nightcap, 8-0.

Maida, a senior right-hander, blanked her fourth opponent this season by registering five strikeouts and one walk. She improved to 10-2 on the mound, and posted her 35th career win as a collegian.

Albany (17-7, AE 5-3) scored the game's lone run in the second, when second baseman **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls) led off with an infield single and later came across on a throwing error.

In the second contest, Binghamton's **Mary Karen Wheat** returned the favor by blanking the Great Danes on three hits. Wheat struck out nine as she upped her record to 7-6 on the season. **Jessica Chellis** had three hits, including a pair of doubles, two RBI. **Jennifer Richardson** lined a two-run double in the sixth, as the Bearcats scored four times in the frame.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Albany's **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) had two hits on the day, and recorded her 17th stolen base of the spring. Binghamton improves to 15-12 overall and 3-5 in conference play.

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(Game 1)

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| Binghamton | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Albany | 010 | 000 | x | - | 1 | 7 | 0 |

Margaret Yerdon and Jessica Chellis.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

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| Binghamton (15-12, AE 3-5) | 200 | 024 | - | 8 | 9 | 1 |
| Albany (17-7, AE 5-3) | 000 | 000 | - | 0 | 3 | 2 |

(game ended in sixth due to 8-run rule)

Mary Karen Wheat and Jessica Chellis.

Kristin Couris, Amy Hawk (6) and Stacy Kowal.

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BASEBALL

Brookline, Mass. – Sophomore right-hander **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) earned his fourth win of the season as Albany split a pair of extra-inning contests in America East Conference action on Sunday afternoon at Friedman Diamond. The Great Danes won the first game, 4-2, in eight innings, and dropped the nightcap, 4-3, in 10 innings.

In the opener, Albany (8-15, AE 2-2) scored twice in the top of the eighth inning to break a 2-2 deadlock. **Joe Lamb's** ground ball went through the legs of Husky third baseman **Nick Graves** to score **Eddie Scott** with the eventual game-winning run. **Jake Toms** followed with a RBI single for a two-run cushion.

The Great Danes took a 2-1 lead in the second as **Pat Delaney** grounded out to second scoring Toms. **Fred Estes** later added a run-scoring single to left field. **Ben Beck** evened the contest at two apiece in the fifth with his ninth double of the season. Kroft, who won his second straight decision and improved to 4-3 by scattering seven hits, forced Graves to ground into a double play to end the game.

In the nightcap, **Brad Czarnowski** had the game-winning single with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the tenth. The contest featured three ties as both teams combined to leave 19 runners on base. Albany reliever **Nick Borgia** (Scotia-Glenville) received the loss despite allowing one run over 4 2/3 innings.

Northeastern (12-5, AE 2-2) tied the contest at three in the sixth as **Diego Garcia** crossed on **Erik Hagstrom's** fielder's choice groundball. Garcia was safe at home as Estes, a freshman catcher, dropped the ball on a play at the plate. The Great Danes failed to score in the eighth with runners on first and second and two outs. Husky reliever **Matt Piryk** tossed three hitless innings to secure his third victory.

Albany returns to action for a non-conference game against Boston College on Tuesday at Heritage Park, beginning at 5:00 p.m.
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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

(Game 1)

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| Albany | 020 | 000 | 02 | - | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Northeastern | 100 | 010 | 00 | - | 2 | 7 | 2 |

Adam Kroft and Fred Estes.

Ken Henry and Luke Carlin.

(Game 2)

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| Albany (8-15, AE 2-2) | 100 | 011 | 000 | 0 | - | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Northeastern (12-5, AE 2-2) | 100 | 101 | 000 | 1 | - | 4 | 9 | 1 |

(two outs when winning run scored)

Jeff Mazzola, Roman Dubiel (1), Nick Borgia (6) and Fred Estes.

Devin Monds, Matt Piryk (8) and Luke Carlin.

SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – **Lynnette Bohannon** singled twice and drove in three runs in the nightcap, as Albany earned a split in an America East Conference doubleheader with Binghamton on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes, who improved to 16-6 overall and 4-2 in the conference, won the second game, 10-0, but dropped the opener, 8-0.

Shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls), who went 3-for-3 at the plate with two runs and two stolen bases, singled and scored in the first inning. Bohannon lined a RBI single up the middle in the third, and plated two runners with a base-hit down the left-field line in her team's six-run fourth.

Meanwhile, right-hander **Kristin Couris** tossed a two-hit shutout in a game that was shortened to five innings due to an eight-run rule. Couris, a sophomore, upped her record to 4-3 on the mound. **Stacy Kowal** added a pair of singles and two RBI to UAlbany's 11-hit attack.

Binghamton (14-11, AE 2-4) won the first game behind the strong pitching of **Margaret Yerdon**, who recorded the shutout by scattering four hits and posting five strikeouts. **Jennifer Chellis**, who had three hits and four RBI, cleared the bases with a double into the right-field gap, as the Bearcats scored five times in third.

The two teams play another America East doubleheader on Monday at 3:00 p.m.

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(Game 1)

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| Binghamton | 005 | 020 | 1 | - | 8 | 13 | 1 |
| Albany | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 4 | 1 |

Margaret Yerdon and Jessica Chellis.

Sarah Maida, Danielle Buyea (4) and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

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| Binghamton (14-11, AE 2-4) | 000 | 00 | - | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Albany (16-6, AE 4-2) | 103 | 6x | - | 10 | 11 | 0 |

(game ended by 8-run rule in fifth inning)

Mary Karen Wheat, Karen Prievo (3) and Jessica Chellis.

Kristin Couris and Stacy Kowal.

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BASEBALL

Brookline, Mass. – Freshman third baseman **Pat Delaney** scored the go-ahead runs with a single in the seventh, as Albany split a doubleheader with a 5-3 come-from-behind nightcap victory over Northeastern in the America East Conference opener for both schools on Saturday afternoon at Friedman Diamond. The Great Danes dropped the first game, 6-3.

Albany (7-14, AE 1-1) trailed 3-1 in the seventh of the second game, but rallied with a four-run frame to pull out the victory. The Great Danes, winners in four of their last five, tied the score at three apiece when **Dan Schoonmaker's** fielder's choice groundball scored **Eddie Scott**. Delaney's single to center field pushed across **Jake Toms** and **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) with the winning runs. Delaney went 3-for-5 on the day.

Albany pulled out their first-ever America East Conference win despite stranding ten runners on base. Reliever **Nick Borgia** (Scotia-Glenville) keyed the decision as he entered with a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the bottom of the sixth. Borgia struck out **Erik Hagstrom** and forced **Jeff Heriot** to fly out to left field, setting the table for the Albany comeback. He retired the Huskies in order in the seventh.

In the opener, sophomore right-hander **Jordan Thomson** allowed two earned runs, one walk and scattered five hits over seven innings en route to his third win of the season. Northeastern, who has won 10 of its last 12 starts, scored three times in the bottom of the first as **Colin Gaynor's** two-run double to left field capped the rally. **Ben Beck**, the America East Player of the Week, recorded his 21st RBI with a sacrifice fly.

The Huskies extended the margin to 6-0 in the fourth highlighted by a pair of run-scoring singles by **Brad Czarnowski** and junior catcher **Luke Carlin**. Albany capitalized on a RBI groundout by Scott, a Husky throwing error and a wild pitch to cut the deficit to 6-3 a half inning later. However, Thomson retired seven of the next eight Great Danes to end the threat. Albany reliever **Shawn Walsh** recorded four strikeouts in 2 1/3 scoreless innings. The two teams play a conference twinbill on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

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(Game 1)

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| Albany | 000 | 030 | 0 | - | 3 | 5 | 1 | |
| Northeastern | | 300 | 300 | x | - | 6 | 8 | 4 |

Will Haskell, Shawn Walsh (4) and Fred Estes, Chase Muratore.
Jordan Thomson and Luke Carlin.

(Game 2)

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| Albany (7-14, AE 1-1) | 000 | 100 | 4 | - | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| Northeastern (11-4, AE 1-1) | 110 | 001 | 0 | - | 3 | 7 | 4 |

Steve Emmerthal, Nick Borgia (6) and Fred Estes.
Brendan Ryan and Luke Carlin.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. – **Chris Driscoll** scored four goals and **Michael Solazzo** added three goals and two assists to power Albany past Binghamton, 16-2, in an America East Conference contest on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Solazzo, a sophomore attackman, played a role in all of his team's scoring in the opening period. He set up **Brendan Russell** and **Randy Donaldson** for a 2-0 advantage, before finding the net off **Luke Daquino's** feed from behind the cage with 4:44 left in the stanza.

Daquino, who had two goals and tied a career-high with four assists, scored twice in a four-goal second quarter. The freshman attacker tallied his 14th goal of the season from the top of the crease to give his team a 7-0 lead at halftime.

Albany (4-5, AE 2-0) posted back-to-back victories for the first time in nearly two years by racking up seven goals in the third period. Driscoll scored three times, including his team-leading 16th goal, while Solazzo found the net twice.

Freshman goalkeeper **Toby Scalone** registered a career-high 21 saves for Binghamton (1-5, AE 0-2). **Andrew Verkey** and **Craig Reynolds** were the Bearcats' goal scorers. Albany's **Jon Smith** added two goals and two assists, as his team totaled 57 shots on the cage.

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| Binghamton (1-5, AE 0-2) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| Albany (4-5, AE 2-0) | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | - | 16 |

Binghamton – Scoring: Andrew Verkey 1-0, Craig Reynolds 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Toby Scalone (60:00, 21 saves, 16 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Chris Driscoll 4-0, Michael Solazzo 3-2, Luke Daquino 2-4, Jon Smith 2-2, Randy Donaldson 2-0, Conor Quinn 2-0, Brendan Russell 1-0, Sal Massa 0-1, Ernie Spaulding 0-1, Daniel Orlowski 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (41:01, 4 saves, 1 GA), Chris Gill (13:47, 2 saves, 1 GA), Bob Bruno (5:12, 0 saves, 0 GA).

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Albany, N.Y.—Junior **Violeta Petijevic** won a third-set tiebreaker to take her first singles match as Albany dropped a 5-2 decision to Holy Cross on Saturday afternoon at University Courts.

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ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

Petijevic defeated **Amy Crump** at the No. 1 position, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (16-14) to win her third match of the spring season and sixth overall. Albany earned its second point of the afternoon when the Crusaders' number two player, **Missy Crump**, defaulted her match against freshman **Marisa Berley** (Shenendehowa).

Albany hosts Marist on Thursday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m.

-agate-

Holy Cross 5, Albany 2

Singles

1. Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Amy Crump (HC), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (16-14)
2. Marisa Berley (A) def. Missy Crump (HC), default
3. Britt Burns (HC) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-0, 6-0
4. Erica Fugelsang (HC) def. Krista Babiarz (A), 6-3, 6-2
5. Melissa Levy (HC) def. Reeba Miller (A), 6-0, 6-0
6. Alison Levy (HC) def. Lisa Fund (A), 6-1, 6-1

Doubles

1. A. Crump-M. Crump (HC) def. Petijevic-M. Berley (A), 8-1
2. A. Levy-M. Levy (HC) def. A. Berley-Erin Morrison (A), 8-0
3. Burns-Sarah Spain (HC) def. Babiarz-Kaminski (HC), 8-0

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Albany, N.Y.—Freshman **Krista Babiarz** won at fourth singles as Albany dropped a 5-1 decision to St. John's on Friday afternoon at University Courts.

Babiarz won her second match of the spring season, defeating **Olga Romanidis** 6-1 and 6-3. St. John's was led by sophomore **Nataliya Kostova**, who defeated Albany's **Violeta Petijevic** in flight one singles, 6-0, 6-0. Kostova teamed with **Tessa Lewis** for an 8-6 victory at first doubles over Petijevic and freshman **Marisa Berley**.

The Great Danes host Holy Cross on Saturday, April 6 at 3:00 p.m.

-agate-

St. John's 5, Albany 1

Singles

1. Nataliya Kostova (SJ) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-0, 6-0
2. Tessa Lewis (SJ) vs. Marisa Berley (A), DNF
3. Corina Ceteteanu (SJ) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-0, 6-2
4. Krista Babiarz (A) def. Olga Romanidis (SJ), 6-1, 6-3
5. Carolina Miccolis (SJ) def. Reebea Miller (A), 6-0, 6-1
6. Jennifer Liantonio (SJ) def. Lisa Fund (A), 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1. Kostova-Lewis (SJ) def. Petijevic-M. Berley (A), 8-6
2. Ceteteanu-Romanidis (SJ) def. A. Berley-Erin Morrison (A), 8-0
3. Liantonio-Miccolis (SJ) def. Stacy Kaminski-Babiarz (A), 8-1

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GALLAGHER DRISCOLL NAMED ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today the hiring of Gallagher Driscoll as an assistant coach. Driscoll spent the last two years as an assistant at Loyola College in Maryland.

Driscoll previously worked at UAlbany on Scott Hicks' staff from 1997-2000, as the basketball program made the transition from Division II to the Division I level. The Great Danes reached the ECAC Division II tournament on two occasions, and posted an 11-17 record in the program's inaugural Division I campaign.

"I am confident in Gallagher's ability to teach, coach and interact with young people," said Brown, who was named as Albany's head coach on March 13. "I am familiar with him as a person, and he is familiar with the University as a former staff member. He also brings the experience of having worked at the Division I level."

Driscoll, 32, also coached at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, and the program qualified for the NCAA Division II Tournament in both 1996 and 1997. Prior to that appointment, he was the boys' junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant at West Genesee High School in Central New York for three years.

A 1992 graduate of The College of Saint Rose, Driscoll earned honorable mention All-America honors and was an All-New York Collegiate Athletic Conference (NYCAC) point guard. A four-year starter and three-time captain, he led the Golden Knights to four consecutive 20-plus win seasons, and a '92 NCAA Tournament berth.

Driscoll, who received a B.S. in political science, graduated as St. Rose's all-time leader in assists (878) and steals (359). He attended Bishop Ludden High School in Syracuse, where he was a two-time all-state and All-Central New York selection, and led his club to the 1987 Class A state final.

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Albany 9, Le Moyne 1

Syracuse, N.Y. – Senior left fielder **Jake Toms** singled, doubled and drove in four runs, as Albany won its third straight with a 9-1 non-conference victory over Le Moyne on Thursday afternoon at Dick Rockwell Field.

Albany (6-13) built a 6-0 lead after four innings. **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) singled and scored in the second, and added a RBI double in third. The Great Danes plated three runs in the fourth. Toms walked with the bases loaded, before first baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** scored a pair of runs with a single down the left-field line.

Le Moyne (9-9) tallied its lone run in the fifth inning, when catcher **Steven Suarez** singled and later came across on a fielding error. The Great Danes, who had dropped seven of the previous eight meeting between the schools, added three insurance runs in the eighth. **Toms** keyed the uprising with a two-run single through the left side.

Second baseman **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) singled, walked twice and scored three runs for the Great Danes, who open America East Conference play with a doubleheader at Northeastern on Saturday.

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| Albany (6-13) | 012 | 300 | 030 | - | 9 | 10 | 3 |
| Le Moyne (9-9) | 000 | 010 | 000 | - | 1 | 6 | 2 |

Roman Dubiel, Shawn Ryan (3), Ryan Pitt (5), Adam Castoldi (6), Pat Hastings (7), Nick Borgia (8) and Chase Muratore.

Alan Drechsler, Nick Marascia (3), Chad Sidmore (4), Matt Scherer (7), Shane Burke (9) and Steven Suarez, Tony Woods.



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UALBANY CELEBRATES NATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETE DAY ON APRIL 6

Albany, N. Y. -- University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that the school is participating in the 15th annual celebration of National Student-Athlete Day on Saturday, April 6. National Student-Athlete Day is designed to honor student-athletes who have achieved excellence in academics and athletics, while having made significant contributions to the school and/or community.

UALbany student-athletes have participated in several community outreach programs throughout the 2001-02 academic year, including the Cystic Fibrosis Stair Climb and the Great Danes' Reading Program for elementary school students. UAlbany student-athletes have also excelled in the classroom, where forty-six fall athletes were named to the America East Conference Academic Honor Roll and eleven football players were members of the Northeast Conference Academic Honor Roll.

National Student-Athlete Day was created by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) and Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society. It is co-sponsored by the NCAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Five UAlbany teams are scheduled to play home contests on Saturday, while the football squad begins spring practice with a morning workout. The athletic department will provide giveaway items, as a prize patrol tours varsity athletic events.

UAlbany Athletic Events -- Saturday, April 6

| Event | Opponent/Location | Time |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| First Spring Football Practice | Western Avenue Fields | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. |
| Men's Track & Field | (vs. Colgate, Hartford, Holy Cross & Williams) University Field | 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. |
| Women's Track & Field | (vs. Colgate, Hartford & Williams) University Field | 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. |
| Softball | Binghamton (Doubleheader) Albany Field | 1:00 p.m. |
| Men's Lacrosse | Binghamton Varsity Field | 3:00 p.m. |
| Women's Tennis | Holy Cross University Courts | 3:00 p.m. |



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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. – **Maria Ferrucci** scored the go-ahead goal with three minutes and seven seconds remaining, as Albany rallied in the second half for an 11-9 victory over Holy Cross on Wednesday afternoon in the Great Danes' home opener at Varsity Field.

Holy Cross (4-7) built a 6-0 lead late in the opening period, when **Heather Bryce** converted off a crossing pass from **Justine Reeber**. Junior attack **Erin Rowse**, who had three goals and one assist, and Reeber each scored twice in that span.

Albany (2-5) trailed 6-2 at halftime, but came from behind in the final stanza behind the play of junior attacker **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs H.S.), who did all of her scoring in the period with three goals and one assist. **Amanda Heller's** free-position goal tied the contest at seven apiece with 18:37 left.

The Great Danes would eventually take a 9-8 lead, when **Alexis DiDomenico** tallied her fourth goal of the game. Holy Cross drew even with 4:53 remaining, as **Susan MacWilliams** found the net on a play that originated off a turnover in the midfield.

Ferrucci, who had two goals and two assists, put her team back on top for good, when she beat goalkeeper **Kellaigh Malangone** to the right side on a free-position shot. Ferrucci added her 12th goal of the season for insurance in the closing seconds.

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| Holy Cross (4-7) | 6 | 3 | - | 9 |
| Albany (2-5) | 2 | 9 | - | 11 |

Holy Cross – Scoring: Erin Rowse 3-1, Justine Reeber 2-3, Susan MacWilliams 2-0, Heather Bryce 1-0, Taylor Connolly 1-0, Katie Britt 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Kellaigh Malangone (60:00, 10 saves, 11 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Alexis DiDomenico 4-0, Andrea Esposito 3-1, Maria Ferrucci 2-2, Jenn Rajczak 1-0, Amanda Heller 1-0, Candy Tobar 0-1, Elizabeth Michalenko 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (60:00, 16 saves, 9 GA).

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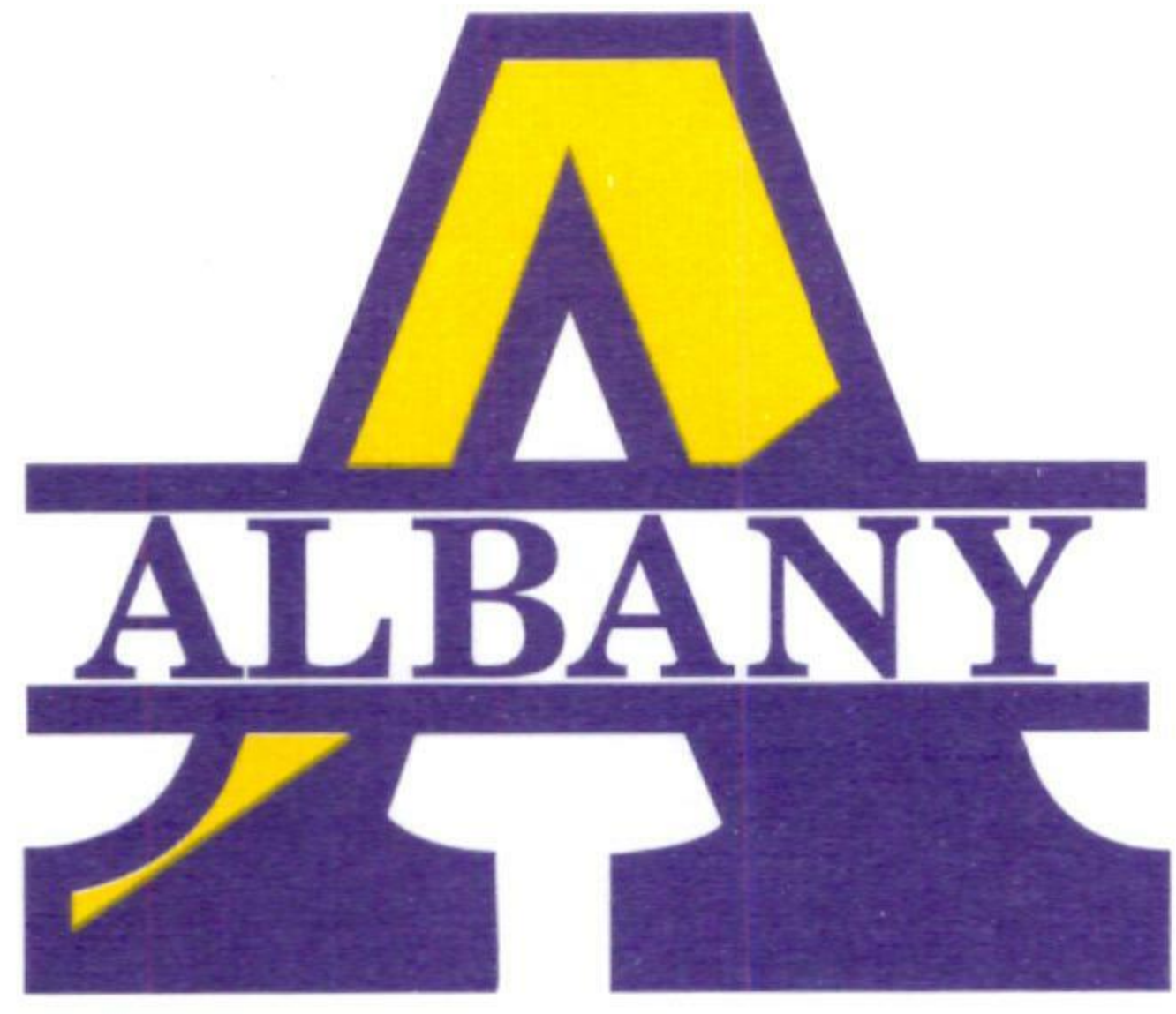
ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

SARAH MAIDA NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Sarah Maida** has been chosen as the America East Conference Pitcher of the Week in softball, as announced today by the conference office.

Maida, a senior right-hander from Newburgh, N.Y., is one reason why the Great Danes are off to a 15-5 start, and are tied for second place in the conference standings with a 3-1 record. She has surrendered just two earned runs in her last 34.2 innings and registered three shutouts in that span.

Maida leads the conference in victories with a 9-1 record, and is second with a 0.78 earned run average. Albany plays a home doubleheader against Syracuse on Thursday, April 4 at 3:00 p.m.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY BEGINS SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE ON APRIL 6

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany head football coach **Bob Ford** will have 39 returning lettermen, including 14 starters, available, when the Great Danes begin spring football practice this weekend. The first practice is slated for Saturday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. on the Western Avenue practice fields. The 15-session schedule continues on Sunday, April 7 (9:30 a.m.) and runs through May 4.

Albany finished 7-3 in its third NCAA Division I-AA campaign in 2001. The Great Danes posted a 5-2 mark in Northeast Conference play, and tied for third place in the standings. Eight starters are back on a defense that ranked 17th in rushing (111.0 yards/game) and 22nd in scoring (19.5 points/game) among the I-AA national leaders. Six offensive starters return from a group that averaged 357.9 total yards, including 182.6 yards on the ground.

"We need to address our physical toughness, and will probably do more hitting this spring than in past years," said Ford, who has registered 177 career victories in 29 varsity seasons as UAlbany's head coach. "We should be a decent football team, but every team has questions to be answered. I am concerned about the wide receiver position, and there are several young players who need to step up and challenge."

Josh Bazan, the *Football Gazette* I-AA Mid-Major Linebacker of the Year, is one reason why UAlbany lowered its scoring defense by nine points per game in 2001. Bazan, at 6-foot and 210 pounds, led the Great Danes in tackles (103), hits for a loss (17) and fumbles defended (7). **Samson Brown**, a three-time All-Northeast Conference free safety, totaled five interceptions and 10 pass break-ups last year.

Defensive end **John Bolt** (Watervliet), a second-team All-NEC pick, is among three regulars returning on the line. Bolt made 29 tackles and led the team with 5.0 sacks for minus-21 yards. **Josh MacAnn**, a converted outside linebacker, compiled 41 total hits and 3.0 sacks at the other end position. Roverback **Ryan MacLean**, a two-year starter, totaled 77 tackles, including 10 for losses.

Joining Brown in the secondary are cornerbacks **Fred Frese** (Scotia-Glenville), **Cliff Prince** and **Kurt Campbell**. Frese, a two-year regular in the secondary, was fifth on the team in tackles (46) and broke up eight passes.

Ryan Roeder is ready to assume full-time control at quarterback after sharing those duties the last two seasons. Roeder, who missed two games while recovering from off-season surgery, completed 68 of 128 passes for 1,019 yards and seven touchdowns. He led the team in total offense at 132.6 yards per game.

The Great Danes are still solid in the trenches, where five starters are back. **Alex Argulewicz**, at 6-foot-1 and 295 pounds, has made 21 consecutive starts at left guard. He was named to The Sports Network Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America first team. He will be joined on the line by second-team All-NEC left tackle **Geir Gudmundsen** (6-6, 285). Tight end **Greg Sigler** (6-4, 255) improved his pass-catching skills as a junior with 10 receptions for 80 yards and three touchdowns.

Albany's offense lost the services of split end and punt returner Chris Phillis, a three-time all-conference selection who hauled in 20 career scoring receptions, and tailback Brian Manigault, who rushed for 2,251 yards and 24 TDs.

Several players are ready to move into Manigault's tailback spot. **Dustin Wilson**, who led the NEC in kickoff returns with a 27.8 average, was fourth on the team in rushing with 188 yards. **Rohann Vidal**, a sophomore, and **Gary Jones**, a standout at Ravena-Coyemans-Selkirk H.S. and Hudson Valley Community College, will also be in the competition. Fullback **Jon George** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) ran for 201 yards and four TDs as a sophomore.

Spring practice will help determine the future of several wide receivers. Phillis and Jay McFarlane, who combined for 75 catches, have graduated, and top returnee **Matt Crudo**, of LaSalle Institute, (10 receptions, 150 yards, 2 TDs) is an outfielder on the UAlbany baseball team.

All-Conference punter **Billy Pike** averaged 34.5 yards per kick, and placed 19 punts inside the opponents' 20-yards line. The departure of Bryan Bagstad, who is third on the all-time scoring list with 167 points, sets up a battle for the place-kicking duties.

Albany will open its 2002 schedule against defending national champion Montana on September 7. Fall practice begins when the newcomers report on August 17.



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BASEBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman right-hander **Jeff Mazzola** recorded the school's first no-hitter since 1965 and teammate **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) tossed a two-hit complete game as Albany swept a non-conference doubleheader against Canisius in the Great Danes' home opener Tuesday at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the opener, 3-2, and followed with a 3-0 victory.

Albany (5-13), who snapped a six-game losing streak, capitalized on the pitching of Mazzola and Kroft as they allowed two hits and no walks over 14 innings. Mazzola, who earned his first win as a collegian, retired the first 16 batters he faced in the nightcap before **Scott Beebe** reached on a hit by pitch spoiling a perfect game bid. Jim Nass, a Schalmont High School graduate and native of Schenectady, threw the last Albany no-hitter against New Paltz 37 years ago.

The Great Danes plated single runs in the third, fifth and sixth innings. **Eddie Scott's** infield single scored **Pat Delaney** all the way from first base as a collision at first base sent the ball into the outfield. Delaney led off the fifth with a single and later crossed on a passed ball. The Great Danes added an insurance run in the sixth as **Nick Ragone** (Christian Brothers Academy) had a pinch-hit single, stole second and scored on an errant throw.

In the opener, Canisius (1-10) led 2-0, but Albany tied the game in the fourth frame. Estes, who added two stolen bases, began the rally with a RBI single and scored on a throwing error by third baseman **Danny Conrad**. **Joe Lamb's** infield hit brought in Scott with the eventual game-winner in the bottom of the sixth. Kroft secured his third win as he allowed one earned run and struck out eight hitters over seven innings to even his record at 3-3. The Great Danes next play a doubleheader at Le Moyne on Thursday.

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

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(Game 1)

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| Canisius | 100 | 100 | 0 | - | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Albany | 000 | 210 | x | - | 3 | 5 | 1 |

Jeremy Dracup and Matt VanGeene.

Adam Kroft and Fred Estes.

(Game 2)

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| Canisius (1-10) | 000 | 000 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Albany (5-13) | 001 | 011 | x | - | 3 | 5 | 1 |

Chris Cole and Matt VanGeene.

Jeff Mazzola and Fred Estes.

SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Right-hander **Sarah Maida** scattered six hits in the opener, as Albany swept a non-conference doubleheader against Iona on Tuesday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who were playing their first home games of the season, won the twinbill, 2-1 and 4-1.

Maida recorded six strikeouts and four walks in improving her record to 9-1 this season. She worked out of trouble in the seventh inning, when she struck out right fielder **Alison Higgs**, with the two runners aboard, to end the contest.

Albany (15-5) tied the contest at one apiece in third on **Liz Weiboldt's** RBI single. The Great Danes, who have won eight of their last nine starts, went ahead in the fifth, when Weiboldt doubled and later scored on an error.

In the nightcap, sophomore **Kristin Couris** threw five innings of scoreless relief to up her record to 3-3 on the mound. Couris allowed one hit, a lead-off single in the fifth by **Kate Giella**. UAlbany's **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls) drove in a pair of runs with a walk and infield single. **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) collected two hits, including a RBI double in the third. Iona falls to 7-10 overall.

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(Game 1)

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| Iona | 100 | 000 | 0 | - | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| Albany | 010 | 010 | x | - | 2 | 6 | 1 |

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

Kate Giella and Marissa Panichi.

(Game 2)

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| Iona (7-10) | 100 | 000 | - | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Albany (15-5) | 202 | 00x | - | 4 | 4 | 3 |

(game halted in sixth by darkness)

Brisbane Vaillancourt, Amy Burdette (3) and Amanda Pucci.

Amy Hawk, Kristin Couris (5) and Stacy Kowal.

AMERICA EAST HONORS TWO UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE PLAYERS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Francine Beltempo** has been selected as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's lacrosse as announced today by the conference office. In addition, UAlbany's **Amanda Heller** was named the America East Defender of the Week.

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ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

Beltempo, a freshman goalkeeper, made seven saves in her team's first victory of the season against Siena, a 10-3 decision on March 26. She also stopped 17 shots in a 15-13 loss to St. Bonaventure. Beltempo ranks 22nd among the NCAA Division I leaders with a .543 save percentage.

Heller, a junior midfielder, scored a career-high three goals, added one assist and caused five turnovers against Siena. In two games, she totaled seven ground balls and seven turnovers caused. Heller is tied for sixth nationally in turnovers at 3.0 per game.