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Comments: College Basketball – MEN

Albany 86, Colgate 70

Hamilton, N.Y. – **Todd Cetnar** scored 21 points, and **Will Brand** added a season-high 20 to lead Albany to an 86-70 non-conference victory over Colgate on Tuesday evening at Cotterell Court. The Great Danes finished their inaugural NCAA Division I campaign with an 11-17 record.

Colgate (12-15) scored seven straight points to grab an early 17-13 lead, but Albany regrouped with 11 straight markers to take the lead for good. **Matthew Haggarty**, who scored 12 points, buried two three-point shots in that stretch. Freshman **Steve Albany** had a career-high 16 points, all in the first half, and helped stake his club to a 43-32 halftime advantage.

The Red Raiders, closed within 54-45 with 11:54 remaining on a pair of free throws by **Pat Campolietta**, who scored 11. The Great Danes, who shot 55-percent from the floor, including 12-of-23 from three-point range, pushed the lead back to double digits on back-to-back baskets by Brand and **Dave Schloss**.

"We played exceptional," said Albany coach Scott Hicks, who saw an Albany program reach the 11-win mark for the 45th consecutive season. "Steve Albany gave us a big lift, and we shot the lights out in the first half. This team has a lot to be proud of. We played a lot of games on the road, and the kids stuck together throughout the season."

Pat Diamond led Colgate with 18 points, while **Jordan Harris** had 11 points and nine rebounds. **Joe Vukovic** had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Great Danes, who avenged a 79-69 loss to Colgate back on Nov. 20.

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Comments: College Basketball -- WOMEN

Albany 56, Navy 50

Albany, N.Y. – **Megan Buchanan** scored 18 points, and **Liz Tucker** added 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead Albany past Navy, 56-50, in the Great Danes' season finale on Monday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany has won seven of its last eight contests to finish 12-15 in the program's inaugural NCAA Division I campaign.

Tucker sank two free throws to hand the Great Danes a 41-31 lead early in the second half. Navy (5-22) regrouped with 10 of the game's next 11 points. **Hilary Goodrich**, who led all scorers with 21, buried a three-pointer and hit a driving layup to close the gap to 42-41.

Albany still led 48-46 with 2:07 remaining, when Buchanan scored in the lane on an in-bounds play. Tucker sealed the verdict with 38 seconds left by converting a driving bank shot from left of the lane for a 54-49 advantage.

"This team has matured over the last month," Albany coach **Mari Warner** said. "They discovered what their capabilities are, and I am quite proud of winning 12 games in our first Division I year. We had a great group of seniors."

The Midshipmen, who have won just once on the road this season, jumped out to early six-point lead. Albany used a 12-3 run to go in front for good en route to a 34-28 halftime cushion. Buchanan, a 5-foot-11 senior making her final home appearance, netted 16 first-half points, including 4-of-6 from three-point range.

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Albany (N.Y.) – Suspended men's basketball player Sam Hopes for the final game of the season for a team rules violation.

FRESHMAN GUARD SAM HOPES SUSPENDED FOR SEASON FINALE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Sam Hopes** has been suspended for the basketball team's final game of the season due to a team rules violation, as head coach Scott Hicks announced today. The Great Danes conclude their inaugural NCAA Division I campaign at Colgate on Tuesday, Feb. 29.

Hopes, a freshman guard from Detroit, Mich., has appeared in all 27 contests as a reserve. He is averaging 5.2 points, 1.6 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game.

Albany is competing as a Division I independent, and owns a 10-17 overall record.

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Comments: College Sports – Women's Tennis

VERMONT TOPS ALBANY IN WOMEN'S TENNIS

Albany, N.Y. – **Milana Simik** posted victories at second singles and doubles leading Vermont to a 6-2 victory over Albany on Saturday at the University's Bubble on campus.

Simik defeated Violeta Petijevic, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, in second singles and teamed with Joanna Kahn to upend Erinn Langford and Ilissa Strolovitz, 9-8(7-3), in second doubles action. Samantha Kramer earned a two tiebreaker first singles victory over Kahn, 7-6(4), 7-6(5), while Strolovitz edged Lisa Caffrey, 6-4, 6-3. Vermont captured both doubles points. Albany dropped to 8-6 this year.

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Vermont 6, Albany 2

Singles: Samantha Kramer (A) def. Joanna Kahn (V), 7-6(4), 7-6(5); Milana Simik (V) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; Lindsay Cutter (V) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-0, 6-2; Kate Davidow (V) def. Jennifer Hahn (A), 7-6(7-1), 6-1; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Lisa Caffrey (V), 6-4, 6-3; Sarah Taylor (V) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: Kate Keegan/Cutter (V) def. Kramer/Petijevic (A), 8-4; Kahn/Simik (V) def. Langford/Strolovitz (A), 9-8(7-3); Caffrey/Amalia Foukal (V) def. Hahn/Emily Gonzales (A), 8-5.

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Comments: College Sports – Basketball & Tennis

HAGGARTY NAMED TO GTE DISTRICT I BASKETBALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Kalamazoo, Mich. – University at Albany's **Matthew Haggarty** has been selected to the GTE District I Academic All-America Men's Basketball Team as chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Haggarty, who has a 3.37 cumulative grade point average in communication with a double minor in Spanish and marketing, was one of five players named to the all-district unit. The national team will be announced on March 14.

Haggarty, a senior guard from Wayland, Mass. (Catholic Memorial H.S.), is averaging 13.7 points, 3.1 rebounds and 2.9 assists as a 27-game starter this season. He ranks eighth nationally among the NCAA Division I leaders in three-point field goals made (3.3 per game), and is shooting 42.7 percent from beyond the arc.

Haggarty became the 23rd 1,000-point scorer in school history this season, and currently is 17th on the all-time chart with 1,084. He shattered Albany's career record for 3-pointers made (252) earlier this month, and set the single-season standard (90) on Wednesday against Bucknell.

Along with Haggarty, members of the District I team include **Darren Fenn** (Canisius), **Marcus Blossom** (Northeastern), **Ted Smith** (Yale) and **Alexei Vasiliev** (Buffalo).

ALBANY BLANKS NIAGARA IN WOMEN'S TENNIS

Albany, N.Y. -- **Samantha Kramer** and **Violeta Petijevic** posted straight-set victories at first and second singles, respectively, leading Albany to an 8-0 victory over Niagara on Thursday at the University's Bubble on campus.

Kramer upended Colleen Willick, 6-2 and 6-1, while Petijevic was a 6-0, 6-4 winner over Colleen Cary. The duo teamed for an 8-6 first-doubles victory over the team of Willick and Audra Majocho. Albany, playing its first match of the spring, improved to 8-5 this year.

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Albany 8, Niagara 0

Singles: Samantha Kramer (A) def. Colleen Willick (N), 6-2, 6-1; Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Colleen Cary (N), 6-0, 6-4; Erinn Langford (A) def. Audra Majocha (N), 6-0, 6-4; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Tricia Hathaway (N), 6-0, 6-1; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Renee Olszewski (N), 6-1, 6-1; Marissa Tuchband (A) def. Tara Sklenar (N), 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles: Kramer/Petijevic (A) def. Willick/Majocha (N), 8-6; Langford/Strolovitz (A) def. Cary/Hathaway (N), 8-1; Hahn/Emily Gonzales (A) def. Olszewski/Sklenar (N), 8-0.

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Comments: College Basketball - MEN

Bucknell 72, Albany 61

Lewisburg, Pa. – **Dan Bowen** scored 18 points to pace five players in double figures, as Bucknell posted its fifth straight win with a 72-61 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at Davis Gymnasium.

Bucknell (17-9) led 46-44 midway through the second half, but then reeled off nine unanswered points to take control. **Shaun Asbury**, who did all of his scoring in the final period, netted five of his 10 points in that stretch. **Brian Muckle**, who had 12 points, finished off that spurt with a transition basket. Albany (10-17) could get no closer than five points the rest of the way.

“You have to play perfect in order to beat a well coached team with good seniors,” Albany coach **Scott Hicks** said. “We took ourselves out of it with poor transition defense and our inability to do the little things that get you over the tough moments in a game.”

The Great Danes, who dropped their fourth straight, led 16-15 in the first half, but the Bison took the lead for good with an 8-2 run. Bucknell, who shot 58-percent from the field in the contest, went on to grab a 29-23 halftime advantage. Albany rallied to within 41-40 with 14:01 remaining.

Todd Cetnar led the Great Danes with 18 points, while **Steve Albany** added a career-high 15. **Matthew Haggarty** scored 12 points, and set a single-season record for three-point field goals made (90). Sophomore guard **Bryan Bailey** finished with 16 points for the Bison.

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Comments: College Basketball - WOMEN

Albany 64, Bucknell 63

Lewisburg, Pa. – **Megan Buchanan** scored 15 points and became the school's all-time three-point leader lifting Albany to a 64-63 victory over Bucknell on Wednesday evening at Davis Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who have won six of their last seven games, avenged an early-season 24-point loss to the Bisons.

"It's tremendous to avenge an early season loss," said Albany coach Mari Warner, whose team has posted three straight road wins against Patriot League schools. "We've been playing great down the stretch and have had a good presence on the boards."

Albany (11-15), who outrebounded the Bisons 35 to 28, took a 62-54 lead on a **Melissa Schoonover** jumper with 6:32 remaining, but only scored one field goal the rest of the period. Bucknell (13-13) scored nine of the game's final 11 points. The Bisons had a chance to win the contest on a **Vicki Quimby** turnaround jumper in the paint with four seconds left, but the shot missed and Schoonover grabbed the rebound.

Quimby scored 18 of her game-high 19 points in the second half. Bucknell held just two second-half leads, including a 35-34 advantage that was the result of a 9-3 run after the intermission.

In the first stanza, Albany trailed 22-19, but used a 12-1 spurt to take a 31-23 lead late in the first half, which had six ties.

Liz Tucker and **Dawn DiMicco** both totaled nine points for Albany, who shot 48-percent from the field. **Lori Houck** scored 16 for Bucknell, who was limited to 22-percent three-point shooting.

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Comments: College Football

GREVER SELECTED FOOTBALL GAZETTE LINEBACKER OF THE YEAR

Brookfield, Ill. -- Senior linebacker **Mike Grever** has been selected as the 1999 *Football Gazette* Division I-AA Non-Scholarship Linebacker of the Year, as announced today by the national publication. Grever, the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year, was a first-team All-America selection.

Grever led the Great Danes with 88 tackles, including seven for losses and 1.5 sacks, and added three interceptions, five pass break-ups and two blocked kicks. A 5-foot-11, 215-pound defender, Grever spearheaded a defensive unit that ranked 15th among the Division I-AA national leaders in scoring at 17.3 points per game. He finished his career as Albany's all-time tackles leader with 351, and had 24 career games with double-figure tackles.

Seven Albany players received honorable mention All-America honors, including tailback **Greg Garrett**, the school's career rushing leader with 2,958 yards, and All-ECAC left guard **Billy Van Jura**. Others chosen were left tackle **J.T. Herfurth**, right tackle **Jason Barra**, tight end **Steve Checksfield**, free safety **Samson Brown**, and split end/return specialist **Chris Phillis**.

The Great Danes completed their first season as a NCAA Division I-AA program with a 7-2 record.

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Comments: College Basketball – MEN

Army 52, Albany 45

Albany, N.Y. – **Seth Barrett** came off the bench to score 11 points, as Army ended a nine-game losing streak with a 52-45 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Army (4-21) led 33-30 midway through the second half, but then broke the contest open with six straight points. Barrett hit a baseline jumper, before **Jerry Crockett** converted a driving layup for a 39-30 lead.

The Cadets, who avenged a 63-56 loss to Albany earlier this season, increased its advantage to 49-39, but then had to survive a furious comeback attempt. **Matthew Haggarty**, who had 13 points, missed a shot in the lane following a steal that would have put Albany (10-16) within two points with 12 seconds remaining. Army's **Joe Quinn** and Crockett combined to sink three foul shots to keep their team's lead safe.

Adam Glosier had nine points and 14 rebounds for the Cadets, who held Albany to a season-low 24-percent shooting. Army out-rebounded the Great Danes, 46-27, as **Jonte' Harrell** had four points and 14 caroms.

Albany's **Todd Cetnar** led all scorers with 21 points in his final home appearance. The first half featured eight lead changes and two ties.

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Comments: College Basketball -- WOMEN

Albany 69, Green Mountain 40

Albany, N.Y. – **Liz Tucker** had 12 points, and **Melissa Schoonover** added 11 to lead Albany to a 69-40 victory over Green Mountain on Tuesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Great Danes, who are competing at the Division I level for the first time, have won five of their last six games.

Albany (10-15) led 30-20 at halftime, but then began the final period with a 12-5 run to take control. Schoonover, who had eight rebounds and three blocks, had two baskets in that stretch, before **Megan Buchanan** finished off that spurt with a fastbreak layup for a 42-25 lead.

The Great Danes, who shot 51.4 percent from the field in the second half, led by as much as 31 points in the final minutes. Buchanan finished with 10 points, while Tucker added seven assists, six rebounds and four steals to her team-high scoring total.

“We were a little sluggish in warm ups,” said Schoonover, whose team lost at No. 22 Mississippi State two days earlier. “The trip was exhausting with our flight delayed until Monday, but we had to put that behind us. In the second half, we did the things we had to do to win, and picked up our intensity on defense.”

Green Mountain (15-7) trailed 8-0 at the start, but closed to within 18-14 behind the play of **Sarah Matuszak** (Colonie Central H.S.), who had 16 points and six rebounds. The Great Danes, who forced a season-high 33 turnovers, responded with eight unanswered points to regain a double-digit lead.

Melissa Bathalon had 10 points and eight rebounds for Green Mountain, a NAIA Division II program. Albany out-rebounded the visitors, 47-30, and pulled down 24 offensive boards.

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Comments: College Basketball -- MEN

Rutgers 79, Albany 60

Piscataway, N.J. – **Dahntay Jones** scored 18 points to pace four players in double figures in leading Rutgers to a 79-60 non-conference victory over Albany on Monday evening at Louis Brown Athletic Center.

Albany (10-15) trailed 8-0 at the start, but rallied to draw even at 21 apiece on two free throws by **Will Brand** with 6:06 left in the period. Rutgers (14-10) responded with nine consecutive points to take the lead for good. Jones, who had 14 first-half points, put his team ahead and **Todd Billet** hit a three-pointer during that run.

The Scarlet Knights, who posted their second straight win, still led 45-32 early in the second half, but then tallied 13 of the game's next 19 points. **Rashod Kent** keyed that stretch, and finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

"I was satisfied with our effort, we competed hard," Albany coach **Scott Hicks** said. "We played well the first 14 minutes, but then went through a three-minute lapse where we made bad decisions. We knew they had a size advantage going into the game and the rebound margin proved that point."

Matthew Haggarty tied a season-high with 23 points, including 7-of-12 from three-point range. The 6-3 senior became the school's career three-point leader with 247 and replaced Darrin Jahnel on top of the list. **Todd Cetnar** and Brand added 16 and 10 points respectively.

Rutgers' **Joel Salvi** had 14 points while Billet scored 13 with seven assists.

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Comments: College Basketball – WOMEN

Mississippi State 84, Albany 34

Starkville, Miss. – Freshman forward **LaToya Thomas** scored 18 of her game-high 27 points in the first half lifting No. 17 Mississippi State to an 84-34 victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Humphrey Coliseum. The loss snapped Albany's four-game winning streak.

Mississippi State (18-5) jumped out to a 24-6 lead, sparked by Thomas' 14 points. Albany (9-15) only netted four field goals over the game's first 11 minutes and went scoreless for a six-and-a-half minute stretch late in the first half. The Lady Bulldogs held a 44-16 advantage at halftime.

Mississippi State went on a 13-4 run to open the second half and took a 57-20 lead with 13:19 left. The Lady Bulldogs shot 47-percent from the field during the second stanza.

Thomas, who is ranked 11th nationally in scoring, made 8-of-13 field goals and 10-of-13 free throws. She also added seven rebounds and five steals. **Jennifer Fambrough** totaled 17 points and six rebounds.

Liz Tucker was Albany's leading scorer with 14 points. **Melissa Schoonover** grabbed a season-high, 12 rebounds for Albany, who was outrebounded by just a 47-42 margin. The Great Danes shot a season-low 22-percent from the field and made only 2-of-17 three-point field goals. Albany's 34 points were its lowest total since scoring just 32 in a loss to Saint Rose in 1980.

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(Indoor Track)

New York, N.Y. – **Luis Soto** and **Ronald Edmundson** won the long jump and triple jump, respectively, and the Albany women set three school records at the Fordham/St. John's Invitational. The Great Danes were second in both the men's and women's team standings at the Armory Track & Field Center.

Soto went 23-feet, 8.75-inches in the long jump, and narrowly missed Anthony Davenport's school mark of 23-9. **Robby Harrison** (Shaker H.S.) was second in 23-2, and qualified for the IC4A championships in March. Edmundson won the triple jump with a leap of 47-4.25. **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) placed third in the 5,000-meter run (14:51.88). **John Morris** was second in the high jump (6-5), and **Rudy Volcy** took third in the 55-hurdles (7.89).

Andrea Viger and **Sarah Best**, a pair of Granville Central graduates, were winners in the 5,000 and pole vault, respectively. Viger posted an ECAC-qualifying time of 17:35.24, and was three seconds better than LaSalle's Kathy Heable. Best, a freshman, established a school standard with a mark of 8-6.

Two other Albany indoor records were smashed. **Erica Viger**, Andrea's twin sister, was fifth at 1,000 meters in 3:02.07 to break a mark set by Tonya Dodge in 1994. **Dinnah Decatus** eclipsed another record owned by Dodge, when she finished fourth in the 800 with a time of 2:16.88.

St. John's edged Albany, 92 to 90, in the men's competition, and also outdistanced the Great Danes by nearly 44 points in the women's meet.

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Fordham/St. John's Invitational

MEN

1. St. John's 92, 2. Albany 90, 3. St. Joseph's 86, 4. Iona 74.50, 5. LaSalle 70, 6. Colgate 66.50, 7. Fordham 63, 8. Rutgers 55, 9. Manhattan 25, 10. Stony Brook 21.

WOMEN

1. St. John's 144, 2. Albany 100.5, 3. LaSalle 89, 4. St. Joseph's 76, 5. Colgate 58, 6. Fordham 50, 7. Wagner 40, 8. St. Francis, N.Y. 23, 9. Stony Brook 22, 10. Manhattan 21.50, 11. Iona 10.

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Comments: College Basketball – WOMEN

Albany 78, St. Joseph, Vt. 30

Albany, N.Y. – **Lauren O'Brien** (Averill Park H.S.) came off the bench to score a career-high 17 points, as Albany extended its winning streak to four straight with a 78-30 victory over St. Joseph, Vt. on Friday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (9-14) rolled to a 17-2 lead in the opening seven minutes. **Marie Connors** had five of her career-best 13 points in that run, and canned a three-point field goal to end the outburst.

The Great Danes, who shot 53 percent in the first half, would later lead 29-15, but then used a 9-0 run to push its margin over 20 points for the rest of the night. **Liz Tucker** had five of her 10 points in that stretch.

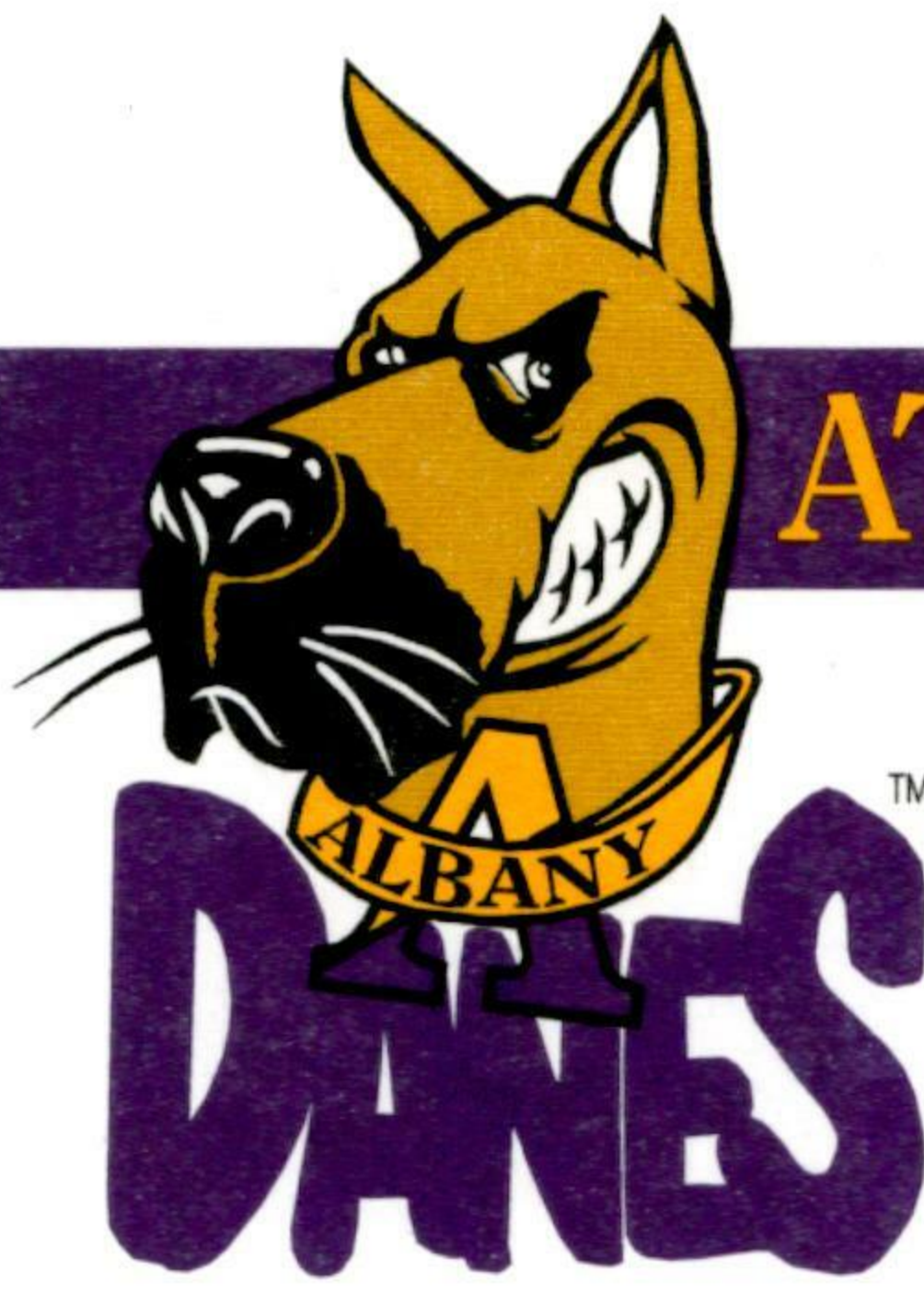
Sophomore center **Cara Caffell** finished with a career-high 13 points and added seven rebounds for the Great Danes, who travel to Mississippi State, ranked 21st in the latest Associated Press national poll on Sunday.

"This was a confidence builder for several of us," said O'Brien, who made 5-of-9 from three-point range, and added five assists and six steals. "I had not been shooting well, and tonight I got my rhythm back. Megan (Buchanan) has the flu, so it was great to see Marie and Cara step it up."

Buchanan, the team's top scorer this season with a 16.3 average, played just nine minutes, and scored three points. Most of the Albany regulars saw just over 20 minutes of action.

St. Joseph, Vt., a NAIA Division II program, fell to 13-4 this season.

Megann Devine (Catholic Central H.S.) had six points and five rebounds, while **Kristen Koniowka** (Shaker H.S.) added five points and four rebounds.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES JERRY FAIOLA DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC FACILITIES

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany Interim Director of Athletics Gail Cummings-Danson announced today the hiring of **Jerry Faiola** as director of athletic facilities. Faiola will supervise day-to-day operations and facility renovations and projects, and serve as event manager for all home contests.

Faiola will also coordinate and schedule activities in the Recreation and Convocation Center, a 5,000-seat all-purpose arena, the Physical Education Building with its gymnasium and swimming areas, the school's air-supported bubble, and an outdoor complex which includes University Field, a football stadium with a 400-meter track, and 12 lighted tennis courts.

Faiola was previously assistant administrator of events and facilities at Princeton University, where he supervised a 38-sport NCAA Division I program. He directed building operations for Jadwin Gymnasium and Baker Rink, and was assistant coordinator of aquatics at DeNunzio Pool. During his tenure, he was involved in directing NCAA championships in men's lacrosse and field hockey.

From 1996-98, Faiola was the director of club sports and assistant manager of the Pride's Den at Springfield College. He marketed sports apparel to 39 athletic teams and five club sports, and generated \$110,000 in sales. In addition, Faiola was a recreation supervisor for Springfield's intramural sports program, and coordinated the NCAA Division III men's basketball northeast regional and ECAC swimming & diving championships.

A native of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Faiola received his B.S. in marketing and management from Siena College, where he was a two-year starter as a pitcher/infielder on the baseball team. He earned his master's in education with an emphasis in athletic administration from Springfield in 1998.

Faiola, 32, played in the Albany Twilight Collegiate Baseball League, and won three championships as a player/manager in the 1990s. He was an assistant coach for two years with the Springfield College program, and has coached two state championship squads in the Saratoga Springs Babe Ruth League.

Albany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program for men and women has upgraded to the NCAA Division I level in 1999-2000.



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Comments: College Basketball - MEN

Lafayette 90, Albany 70

Easton, Pa. – **Brian Ehlers** had 26 points and **Tyson Whitfield** added 22, as Lafayette won its seventh straight with a 90-70 victory over Albany on Monday evening at Kirby Sports Center.

Lafayette (15-5) led 48-44 with 14:19 remaining, but then scored nine straight points to seize control. Ehlers, who had 16 first half points, scored two baskets in that stretch. Albany (10-14) closed within 59-54 on a three-pointer by **Matthew Haggarty**, who had 12 points.

The Leopards, who have lost just once at home this season, regrouped with an 11-2 run to put the game away. **Brian Burke**, who scored all 11 of his points from the free throw line, sank seven foul shots in that span.

Stefan Ciosici had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Leopards, who shot 52-percent from the field, including 11-of-18 from three-point range.

“We played an excellent team, an NCAA caliber team,” Albany coach **Scott Hicks** said. “They have good shooters, and hurt us with their offensive rebounding. We had our chances early in the second half, but missed some free throws and wide open looks.”

Todd Cetnar had 26 points to lead the Great Danes, who had their winning streak halted at six straight.

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Comments: College Basketball - WOMEN

Albany 60, Lafayette 57

Easton, Pa. – Junior **Liz Tucker** scored 21 points, and grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds to lead Albany to a 60-57 come-from-behind victory over Lafayette on Monday evening at Allan P. Kirby Sports Center. The Great Danes won their third straight game.

Albany (8-14) trailed by 16 points early in the second half, but used a 15-6 run to tie the score at 54 on a **Jess McGinlay** fast break lay-up. The Great Danes outscored the Leopards, 28-12, over an 11-minute period. Albany took its first lead of the final stanza, 57-55, on a Tucker lay-up. Lafayette's **Elizabeth Rojahn**, who recorded a career-high, 25 points and 10 rebounds, hit two free throws to tie the score at 57 with 2:30 left. **Melissa Schoonover** made one-of-two free throws to give Albany the lead for good with 20.8 seconds remaining.

Tucker, who recorded her eighth career double-double, added two free throws to up the score to 60-57 with 10.3 seconds left. Rojahn's three-point attempt in the final second was blocked **Megan Buchanan**, who finished with 11 points and canned two three-point field goals to tie Michele Davis' school-record of 117 career three-pointers. The Great Danes shot 44 percent in the second half, while holding their opponent to 28 percent.

"I have to give all the credit to the players," said head coach **Mari Warner**. "They fought hard to get back into the game. We had some good possessions down the stretch that decided the game."

In the first half, Albany jumped out to an 18-10 lead, but Lafayette responded with a 24-4 run midway through the opening period. Rojahn scored eight of her points during that stretch. The Leopards led 34-22 at halftime.

Dawn DiMicco was Albany's third double figure scorer with 10 points, while **Jennifer Bayer** recorded 10 for Lafayette (4-17).

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Comments: College Basketball -- MEN

Albany 67, Stony Brook 53

Albany, N.Y. -- **Matthew Haggarty** scored 17 points, as Albany won its sixth straight with a 67-53 victory over Stony Brook on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Great Danes swept the season series in this match-up between first-year Division I independents before the largest home crowd, 4,017, since 1994.

Albany (10-13) led 40-37 midway through the second half, but then tallied nine of the game's next 11 points. **Will Brand** (8 points, 7 rebounds) scored two baskets in that stretch, and his turnaround on the right baseline handed his team a 49-39 lead with 6:35 remaining. **Dave Schloss**, a 6-foot-11 center who had a season-high 13 points, also canned a three-pointer in the decisive run.

The Great Danes, who have won seven of their last eight contests, held their advantage in the closing minutes behind the play of senior guard **Todd Cetnar**, who had 11 of his 15 points after halftime.

Stony Brook (6-18) led 23-19 in a first half which featured four lead changes and two ties. However, Albany erased that deficit as Haggarty netted the final five points of the period. His 17-foot jumper provided a 24-23 lead at the intermission.

Joakim Eriksson led the Seawolves with 16 points, while forward **Pablo Porras** added 12 points and nine rebounds.

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Comments: College Basketball -- WOMEN

Albany 67, Stony Brook 52

Albany, N.Y. -- **Megan Buchanan** scored 15 points to pace four players in double figures, as Albany posted a 67-52 victory over Stony Brook on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (7-14) led 31-30 at halftime, but went on a 17-3 run in the opening nine minutes of the final period to take control. Buchanan scored six in that stretch, while freshman guard **Chris Gray** added five. The Great Danes, who shot 58 percent from the field in the second half, made 6-of-10 from the floor to begin the stanza.

Stony Brook (12-9) led by nine points twice in the first half, but Albany rallied go ahead, 27-26, on Buchanan's baseline shot. The Seawolves, who have dropped four of their last five, managed just 5-of-22 shooting after the intermission.

Dawn DiMicco had 12 points for the Great Danes, while Gray and **Liz Tucker** added 11 and 10, respectively. Stony Brook's **Julie Szabo** led all scorers with 23, including 10-of-12 from the foul line. Albany swept the season series in this battle of Division I independents, and also recorded a 72-61 win on Jan. 11.

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ALBANY FINISHES THIRD IN MEN'S RELAY AT MILLROSE GAMES **Troy's Geoffrey York Places Fifth in 60-Meter Hurdles**

New York, N.Y. – **Harold Moore** ran a strong third leg to help Albany finish third in the men's 4x400 relay event at the 93rd annual Millrose Games on Friday evening at Madison Square Garden.

Moore sprinted 52.6 seconds to pass two teams, and **Christian Bloomer** (Ballston Spa H.S.) held the Great Danes' position on his anchor leg to post a relay time of 3:33.70. Colgate was first in 3:27.40, while Lynchburg (Va.) College placed second in 3:29.09.

In the women's 4x400 relay, Albany took fifth in 4:08.54, and was more than four seconds behind first-place St. Francis, N.Y. (4:04.01).

Albany assistant track coach **Geoffrey York** (Troy H.S.) finished fifth in the men's 60-meter hurdles. York, who won five NCAA Division III national titles in the 1990s as a member of the Albany program, ran 7.73 seconds, and was just behind **Allen Johnson**, the 1996 Olympic champion. **Dominique Arnold**, the '96 NCAA Division I winner, out-dueled current national champion **Terrance Trammell**, of South Carolina, for first place. Arnold, who competed for Washington State in college, was timed in 7.51.

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Men's 4x400 Relay

1. Colgate 3:27.40, 2. Lynchburg 3:29.09, 3. **Albany** 3:33.70, 4. Montclair State 3:34.01, 5. Holy Cross 3:35.68, 6. Wagner 3:36.68, 7. SUNY-Farmingdale 3:37.58, 8. SUNY-Delhi 3:39.03.

Women's 4x400 Relay

1. St. Francis, N.Y. 4:04.01, 2. Long Island 4:04.51, 3. Maryland-Baltimore County 4:05.78, 4. Colgate 4:06.98, 5. **Albany** 4:08.54, 6. Wagner 4:23.33, 7. Lehman, DNS.

Men's 60-Meter Hurdles

1. Dominique Arnold (Los Angeles T.C.) 7:51, 2. Terrance Trammell (University of South Carolina), 7.60, 3. Mark Crear (God Speed T.C.) 7.65, 4. Allen Johnson (Nike) 7.69, 5. Geoffrey York (New York Pioneer Club) 7.73, 6. Marsailles Wagner (Haiti), 8.08.

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ANDREA VIGER NAMED TO ECAC DIVISION I TRACK HONOR ROLL

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Andrea Viger** (Granville Central H.S.) has been selected to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Women's Indoor Track and Field Honor Roll, for the week ending Jan. 31.

Viger established an indoor school record with a time of 10:10.52 in the 3,000-meter run at Manhattan's Jasper Relays on Jan. 29 at the New York City Armory. She finished second in the event.

Viger, a senior and native of Granville, N.Y., toppled the previous mark of 10:11.16 that was set by Tonya Dodge at the 1997 Brandeis Invitational. Dodge is an assistant coach with the Albany cross country and track and field programs.

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ALBANY RELAY TEAMS ENTERED AT U.S. AIR FORCE MILLROSE GAMES **Assistant Coach Geoffrey York will run in 60-meter hurdles event on Friday evening**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Christian Bloomer** (Ballston Spa H.S.) will anchor the men's 4x400 relay in Friday's 93rd annual Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The Great Danes are also entered in the women's 4x400 relay, and are led by **Tamirah Haywood** and **Onieka Randall**.

Albany assistant track coach **Geoffrey York** (Troy H.S.) will compete for the New York Pioneer Club in the 60-meter hurdles. The field includes 1996 Olympic champion **Allen Johnson**, **Terrance Trammell**, the 1999 NCAA Division I indoor and outdoor hurdles winner from the University of South Carolina, and Irish national titleholder **Peter Coghlan**.

York, the 1995 NCAA Division III outdoor champion in the 110-meter high hurdles, won five national titles as a member of the Albany track program. York, who received the school's male athlete of the year award in 1994-95, reached the 110-hurdles semifinals at last June's USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon.

NBC Television's coverage of the Millrose Games will air on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 2:30-3:30 p.m., and can be seen locally on WNYT-TV (NewsChannel 13).

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Comments: College Basketball – MEN

Albany 63, Army 56

West Point, N.Y. -- **Matthew Haggarty** scored 17 points, as Albany posted its fifth straight win with a 63-56 victory over Army on Wednesday evening at Christl Arena.

The Great Danes, who won back-to-back road games for the first time since January 1999, leaped to a 19-8 lead. **Will Brand** had eight of his 14 points in that opening outburst. Albany (9-13) went on to take a 32-21 halftime advantage, and held the Cadets to 35-percent shooting in the period.

In the second half, Army (3-17) closed within 34-26 on a jumper by **Chris Spatola**, who had 16 points and five assists. Albany responded with a 13-2 run to take firm control. Brand and **Joe Vukovic** each had two baskets in that stretch. The Great Danes led by as much as 23 midway through the final stanza.

"We played exceptional for 32 minutes," said head coach Scott Hicks, whose team won consecutive road games for just the second time in his Albany career. "It was a team effort. We did well against their double and triple screens, and the forwards gave a lot of help on defense. I thought we moved the ball to the open shooters and made great passes within our sets."

Haggarty, who had 12 first half points, became the 23rd player in school history to score 1,000 for his career. **Todd Cetnar** was the third Great Dane in double figures with 12, and he added a game-high six assists.

Charles Woodruff had 16 points and eight rebounds for Army, who travels to the Recreation and Convocation Center for a second meeting with Albany on Feb. 19.

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Comments: College Basketball – WOMEN

Albany 71, Army 68

West Point, N.Y. -- Senior forward **Megan Buchanan** scored a game-high 20 points to lead Albany to a 71-68 victory over Army on Wednesday evening at Christl Arena. The win snapped a five-game losing streak for the Great Danes.

Albany (6-14) used a 10-0 run to capture a 53-51 lead with 8:08 remaining on a **Chris Gray** lay-up. **Marie Connors**, who made her first appearance in three games, scored all six of her points during that stretch. Army (8-12) was held scoreless for six and a half minutes during that Albany run.

The Lady Knights tied the game at 60 with 4:21 left on a **Megan Dempsey** three-point field goal. Dempsey scored 17 points, including three 3-pointers for Army. The Great Danes scored eight of the game's next 10 points, sparked by three **Liz Tucker** free throws. Tucker had 12 points, and converted on 7-of-8 free throws, while adding six rebounds and five assists.

Army cut Albany's lead to 69-68 on a **Therese Kelley** three-pointer with 15 seconds remaining, but Buchanan made two free throws with 13 seconds left. A three-point shot by Dempsey at the buzzer was off the mark.

Army, who held a 40-35 halftime advantage, led by as many as 10 points on four different occasions in the opening period.

Cara Caffell had a career-high, nine points, for Albany, which shot 16-of-22 from the foul line in the second half. Kelley led the Lady Knights with 19 points.

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Todd Cetnar Named Independent Player of the Week

Edinburg, Texas – University at Albany's **Todd Cetnar** (Amsterdam H.S.) has been selected the Division I Independent Player of the Week (Jan. 24-30) in men's basketball.

Cetnar averaged 18.5 points, 8.5 assists and 3.0 steals in pair of victories last week, plus shot 65 percent from the field. Cetnar, a senior guard, had 19 points and hit a key 3-point field goal in the final two minutes in a 68-59 win over Dartmouth. He also scored 18 points to go with a career-high nine assists in a 108-84 victory over Southern Vermont.

The UA captain leads the Great Danes in scoring (15.3 ppg), assists (4.1 pg) and steals (2.1 pg) this season. Albany has an 8-13 record heading into this evening's game against Army.

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BIG PURPLE GROWL SET FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany's third annual **Big Purple Growl** will take place on Saturday, February 5 at the Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) on campus. The evening's winter homecoming activities get underway at 4:00 p.m., and are followed by a men's and women's Division I basketball doubleheader against Stony Brook.

The Ferocious Feast, a dinner buffet presented in a renaissance style, begins the schedule in the Physical Education Building. The RACC's Key Atrium will be the site of several family-oriented events, including magicians, jugglers, jesters and games.

The Albany women take the floor at 5:30 p.m., while the men's game immediately follows at 7:30. At halftime of the women's contest, the Class of 1999's gift to the University will be unveiled. **Brian Caverly**, of Ballston Lake, has created a larger-than-life bronze sculpture of the Great Dane. The school's mascot will eventually be prominently displayed in the Key Atrium. **President Karen R. Hitchcock** will host a ceremonial banner hanging in recognition of the University's upgrade to Division I athletics during the men's halftime.

In addition, a lucky fan will be entered in the \$25,000 Shoot for Loot contest, sponsored by Lender's Choice Funding. Game prizes during the evening include one 25-inch Sanyo Stereo Television, one Sony Camcorder and PlayStation, two book scholarships and a \$500 cash prize toward a Spring Break trip.

General admission tickets are priced at \$5.00 for the basketball doubleheader. If you buy one ticket, you get one free. UAlbany upgraded its intercollegiate athletics program for men and women to Division I in 1999-2000.