

# University at Albany

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**Comments: College Basketball**

**WOMEN – Fairleigh Dickinson 66, Albany 59**

Albany, N.Y. – **Kay Odenwaelder** scored 14 of her season-high 22 points in the second half, as Fairleigh Dickinson rallied in the final four minutes for a 66-59 non-conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Fairleigh Dickinson (2-1) trailed 53-52, but then ripped off 10 unanswered points to go ahead for good. Senior guard **Natallia Marchanka**, who had 11 points and nine assists, hit a driving layup to put her team in front. **Jennifer Kozlowski** followed with a fastbreak layup after a steal, before Odenwaelder scored in the lane for a 58-53 lead with 1:47 remaining.

The Knights, who held a 50-29 rebounding margin and used that advantage to score 34 points in the paint, made all six free throw attempts over the last 46 seconds to keep their lead safe. Kozlowski, who totaled 14 points and eight rebounds, made a pair of foul shots in that stretch.

Albany (1-2) trailed 44-38 midway through the second half, but regrouped behind the play of **Alicia Learn**, who tallied a career-high 18 points on 9-of-12 shooting. Sophomore **Becky Ayers**, who finished with 16 points, hit one of her four 3-point field goals on a kick-out pass from Learn, before **Sarah Sweetland** canned two free throws for a 47-46 lead with 5:45 remaining.

“We didn’t get the job done on the boards,” Albany coach Trina Patterson said. “They showed more heart and desire and got to the ball quicker than we did. When you give teams second and third opportunities, they are going to make those shots.

**Kanessa Wright**, a 6-foot-2 junior, was the fourth Fairleigh Dickinson player in double figures with 14 points and 10 rebounds. The contest featured 11 lead changes and four ties.

“We’re not as big as other teams, so we have to fight harder,” commented Ayers, whose squad is without 6-foot-4 center Danielle Hutcheson as she recovers from surgery to remove a blockage near her left kidney. “They did a good job on defense of smothering us on the wings.”



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### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

#### **#22 PITTSBURGH 83, ALBANY 54**

Pittsburgh, Pa. – Sophomore guard **Carl Krauser** scored 16 of his career-high 22 points in the second half in leading Pittsburgh to an 83-54 victory over Albany before 7,448 fans at Petersen Events Center.

Pittsburgh (4-0) led 43-37 with 15:18 remaining, but then took control with 13 unanswered points. Krauser, who made 6-of-9 from three-point territory, hit a long-range jumper from the top of the circle to ignite that run. **Chris Taft**, a 6-foot-10 freshman, was then fouled on a follow shot, and his conventional three-point play gave his team a 49-37 lead.

The Panthers, who shot 70.4 percent from the field after halftime, extended their margin by blistering the nets on 9-of-13 shooting from beyond the three-point arc. Krauser nailed consecutive three pointers for a 62-42 cushion.

"We made them stand and be passive in the first half," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose team trailed 32-27 at halftime to the nation's No. 22 squad. "But they raised their level and found a comfort zone. They are physical and strong, but they are really tough when they make perimeter shots."

Albany (0-2) trailed 17-9 at the start, but got back into the contest behind the play of sophomore **Levi Levine**, who had 12 of his 16 points in the opening period. Levine was fouled as he scored in the lane, and his free throw closed the gap to 22-20 with 9:15 left in the first half.

"I thought we did a good job and competed for 40 minutes," Brown said. "We started two freshmen and two sophomores and the talent gap showed itself in the second half."

All-Big East Conference guard **Julius Page** finished with 16 points, while Taft had 10 points and 10 rebounds. **Antonio Graves** came off the bench to score 11 for the Panthers, who extended their home winning streak to 25 straight.



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### **Comments: College Sports**

#### **TIME WARNER CABLE WILL TELEVISION FOUR UALBANY BASKETBALL GAMES**

Albany, N.Y. – Time Warner Cable will televise four University at Albany men's basketball games during the 2003-04 season. The broadcast schedule includes the home opener on Friday, Dec. 5 against Army, plus America East Conference contests with Vermont (Jan. 28), New Hampshire (Feb. 7) and Stony Brook (Feb. 18). Gendron's Truck Center will serve as the title sponsor.

Time Warner Cable, which serves more than 320,000 customers in the Capital Region, will air UAlbany basketball games on Channel 2 in Albany, Troy and Clifton Park, Channel 11 in Pittsfield, Mass., and Channel 14 in all other markets, including Schenectady, Bethlehem, Saratoga Springs, Glens Falls, Amsterdam, Gloversville and Rensselaer.

UAlbany's radio broadcast team of Rodger Wyland and Doug Mortman, from Fox Sports Radio AM 980, will provide the play-by-play coverage. Greg Bobbit will produce the broadcast for Time Warner Cable.

Time Warner Cable's Albany Division operates one of the most sophisticated cable systems in the nation and is home to New York's first two-way digital network. The system provides high-speed online access for residential customers, schools and businesses; digital cable with 240 cable channels, including on-demand services, interactive programming guides and popular, award-winning, locally-produced programming.

#### **MEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULED TO MEET NATIONAL POWER SYRACUSE**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Dr. Lee McElroy announced today that men's lacrosse will play eight-time NCAA Division I national champion Syracuse University on Friday, April 23 in the Carrier Dome. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The Orangemen earned their 24th consecutive NCAA Tournament berth in 2003, plus reached the national semifinals for the 21st straight year. Syracuse has eight starters returning from last year's 10-6 squad. Head coach John Desko, who has a 65-17 record in five seasons at the helm, has guided the program to a pair of national titles in 2000 and 2002.

UAlbany captured its first-ever America East Conference championship and reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history last season. The Great Danes, who are coming off a 10-6 campaign, return their top four scorers, including America East player of the year Luke Daquino (22 goals, 35 assists). Junior goalkeeper Kevin Rae was the 2003 America East championship MVP.



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### **Comments: College Basketball**

#### **Women – Albany 77, Navy 55**

Albany, N.Y. – **Alicia Learn** and **Becky Ayers** each scored 15 points to pace four players in double figures, as Albany came from behind in the second half for a 77-55 non-conference victory over Navy in the Great Danes' home opener on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (1-1) trailed 35-28 at halftime, but began the final period by scoring 21 of the game's next 24 points. Sophomore guard **Jen Schumacher**, who had a career-best 14 points to go with seven rebounds, buried a jumper in transition as her team drew even at 35 apiece. **Maree Jones**, who had 10 points, then scored the go-ahead basket on a jump hook in the lane.

Learn, a 6-foot-1 junior, ignited her squad's run with nine of her career-high scoring total in that outburst. She connected on a bank shot and short jumper on consecutive possessions for a 43-36 advantage. Learn, who made 7 of 9 from the field and did all of her scoring in the second half, later gave Albany a 10-point margin, when she was fouled on a fastbreak layup after her steal. Her three-point play handed her club a 48-38 lead with 13:14 remaining.

The Great Danes, who shot 56.7 percent from the field after the intermission on 17-of-30 shooting, later stretched their cushion to 20 points. Senior guard **Sarah Sweetland**, who had nine points and seven assists, canned a pair of free throws for a 68-48 lead with 4:47 remaining.

"Our defensive intensity came alive in the second half and we limited them to one shot on each possession," Albany coach Trina Patterson said. "Alicia Learn had an incredible game. We ran some sets for her because she creates so many match-up problems as a 6-foot-1 wing."

Navy (1-1) reversed a 28-26 deficit in the final three minutes of the first half with nine unanswered points. **Kate Hobbs**, who had a team-high 15 points and eight rebounds, put the Mids in front with a conventional three-point play. Hobbs, a 6-foot-2 freshman, added two free throws and a baseline jumper to stretch the lead. The opening period featured nine lead changes and three ties.

"We needed a win today and feels awesome that we mentally got it together," said Learn, whose team was coming off a 63-46 loss to Siena in last Friday's season opener. "I was more aggressive in the second half and took the ball to the hole."

Navy's **Adrienne Roseti** totaled 11 points and seven rebounds, while **Abi Campbell** scored 10. The Great Danes, who rallied from a halftime deficit for the first time since beating Northeastern last February 12, recorded their largest victory margin in nearly three years.



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### **Comments: College Sports**

#### **UALBANY WOMEN FINISH SECOND AT ECAC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP**

Bronx, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) and **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) both placed among the top-10 runners in leading their team to a second-place finish for the second consecutive year at the ECAC Division I Women's Cross Country Championships on Saturday at Van Cortlandt Park. UAlbany was fourth in the Men's IC4A Championships.

Lotmore, a freshman, covered the 5,000-meter course in 18:05 to take seventh overall, while Susser was three seconds behind in eighth place. **Meghan Howell** was 13th in 19:15, as she competed in the final race of her collegiate career. New Hampshire won the team title with 54 points, while the Great Danes were second with 80. UNH's Lesley Read and Megan Hepp went one-two across the finish line.

In the men's IC4A competition, UAlbany's **Andy Allstadt** recorded a top-10 finish for the second straight year, as he was fifth among 105 runners in 25:48 over the five-mile course. **Robbie Freeman** and **Chris Pierson** were 11th and 20th, respectively. **Sam Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville) grabbed 29th place with a time of 27:08.

The Great Danes, who scored 94 points, were fourth in the team standings behind New Hampshire, Syracuse and Colgate. UNH's Stephen Meinelt hit the tape first in 24:50 and was 19 seconds ahead of teammate Anthony Truax.

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#### **Men's IC4A University Division Championship (Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, N.Y.)**

Team: 1. New Hampshire 28, 2. Syracuse 73, 3. Colgate 81, 4. Albany 94, 5. East Carolina 117, 6. Sacred Heart 176, 7. Seton Hall 214, 8. Towson 216, 9. Binghamton 239, T10. Siena 314, T10. Wagner 314, 12. Stony Brook 315.

Individual: 1. Stephen Meinelt (New Hampshire), 24:50; 2. Anthony Truax (New Hampshire), 25:09; 3. John Bitok (Syracuse), 25:22; 4. Kyle Mackenzie (East Carolina), 25:46, 5. Andy Allstadt (Albany), 25:48.

Other Top UAlbany Finishers: 11. Robbie Freeman, 26:27; 20. Chris Pierson, 26:44; 29. Sam Gonzalez, 27:08; 31. Bryant Cherry-Woode, 27:16; 57. Rob Caracciolo, 28:04.

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## UAlbany Cross Country 2-2-2

### Women's ECAC Univ. Division Championship (Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, N.Y.)

Team: 1. New Hampshire 54, 2. Albany 80, 3. Binghamton 98, 4. East Carolina 124, 5. Syracuse 126, 6. Sacred Heart 178, 7. Siena 196, 8. Wagner 216, 9. Fordham 222, 10. Towson 237, 11. Delaware 268, 12. St. Francis, Pa. 303, 13. Holy Cross 339, 14. Seton Hall 343, 15. St. Francis, N.Y. 458.

Individual: 1. Lesley Read (New Hampshire), 18:13; 2. Megan Hepp (New Hampshire), 18:32, 3. Katherine Wrinkle (Sacred Heart), 18:40; 4. Erika Jacobs (St. Francis, Pa.), 18:57; 5. Caitlin Littlefield (East Carolina), 19:02.

Top UAlbany Finishers: 7. Alyssa Lotmore, 19:05; 8. Nicole Susser, 19:08; 13. Meghan Howell, 19:15; 29. Theresa Juva, 19:45; 30. Jessica Oehlke, 19:46; 50. Maureen Brown, 20:20; 74. Natasha Torres, 21:00.



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### **SIENA TOPS ALBANY, 63-46, IN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON-OPENER**

Albany, N.Y. - Senior center Liene Jansone led the Saints with a team-high 24 points and seven rebounds to lead Siena to a 63-46 victory over crosstown-rival Albany on Friday night at the Pepsi Arena. Siena defeated Albany for the second consecutive year in the two team's season-opener..

Albany (0-1) erased an early 14-7 deficit to pull within three with 9:11 left in the first half. Sophomore guard Becky Ayers, who led the Great Danes with 17 points, and junior forward Maree Jones converted back-to-back free throw attempts to make it 14-11.

The Saints (0-1) closed out the first half on a 12-0 run behind Jansone, who scored eight points in that span to give Siena a 27-15 lead at halftime.

The Great Danes would regroup behind the work of Ayers and junior guard Stacy Johnson. Ayer's three pointer at the wing, and a steal and fast-break lay-up by Johnson sparked Albany's comeback, making it 39-27 with 14:04 remaining. The Great Danes continued their spurt as Ayers was fouled and converted both free throws to pull within five, 41-36. Johnson then capitalized on a Siena turnover to pull Albany within three, 41-38, with less than 11 minutes remaining.

The Saints responded with a 12-2 run to push their lead back to double-digits with six minutes left in the contest. Jansone ignited the run with back-to-back lay-ups to make it 45-38. Senior guard Nathalie Marchino, who exploded in the second half scoring 10 of her 13 points, knocked down a jumper in the lane and then nailed a three-pointer on the next play to push the Saints lead to 55-40. Ayers and junior forward Alicia Learn combined to score the team's last six points.

"Siena is a very good team and has Liene Jansone, their conference player of the year last season, leading their team," stated Albany head coach Trina Patterson. "We had too many turnovers and I believe that it would have been a different game if we took better care of the ball. I think our inexperience as a young team had something to do with the number of turnovers and that our defense did good job tonight. It was our first game and we have 26 more to go."

Jones pulled down a team-high seven rebounds with 12 points for the Great Danes. Johnson and Learn added four points and four boards each. Marchino tallied 12 points and dished out six assists, while senior forward Jolene Johnston recorded 10 points. Sophomore guard Trish Lyons handed out a team-high eight assists with six points for the Saints.

Albany hosts Navy on Sunday, Nov. 23 at the RAAC. Tip-off time is scheduled for 2 p.m.



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### **ASHLEY DeNEAL NAMED AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Ashley DeNeal** has been named the America East Conference Rookie of the Year as announced by the conference office on Thursday evening. DeNeal, a freshman outside hitter who was also named to the All-Rookie team, becomes the first Great Dane to earn the distinction.

**Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** and **Ashlee Reed** were each chosen first-team all-conference, while **Blair Buchanan** earned All-Rookie team honors. Rodriguez and Reed's selection marks the third straight year that Albany has had an all-league member, with Alissa Gibbs earning the award the previous two seasons.

DeNeal, who was named rookie of the week four times this season, is third on the team in kills (308), second in digs (350) and third in aces (37). The Muncie, Ind. product, who missed most of the conference season due to an illness, ranked 10th in the conference in kills per game at 3.20 and third in digs per game at 3.65.

Rodriguez, who earned ECAC and America East player of the week honors in consecutive weeks, leads the team with 394 kills, 140 aces and 352 digs. She is ranked third in the country and first in the A-East at 1.15 aces per game. The Ponce, Puerto Rico native was an honorable mention and all-rookie team selection a year ago.

Reed, a sophomore middle hitter from Round Rock, Texas, is second on the team with 341 kills and is hitting at a team-high .317 percentage. Her 88 total blocks are a Division I school record. Buchanan, a freshman setter, has dished out a team-high 845 assists, the fourth highest single-season total in school history, and ranks ninth in the conference with 6.71 assists per game.

Albany will take on New Hampshire, the number one seed and host school, on Friday night in the semifinals of the America East Tournament at 7 p.m. in Lundholm Gymnasium. The winner of the match will take on the Stony Brook/Northeastern victor on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 4 p.m., with the champion receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.



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### **UALBANY BASKETBALL SIGNS FOUR HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUTS FOR 2004-05**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today that four student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes in 2004-05. Agreeing to play for UAlbany next season are **Kelly Martinson**, a 5-foot-11 shooting guard from Madison, Wis. (Madison Memorial H.S.), **Sherri Mikus**, a 5-foot-11 point guard from Harrisburg, Pa. (Susquenita H.S.), **Kirsten Peterson**, a 6-foot-4 center from Owego, N.Y. (Newark Valley H.S.), and **Gia Sanders**, a 6-foot guard/forward from Bowie, Md. (The Bullis School).

Martinson was named first-team All-Big 8 Conference, second-team all-area and all-city as a junior. She averaged 11.1 points and 4.7 rebounds per game, plus made 39 three-point field goals as her team finished with a 10-12 record.

Mikus, who guided her squad to back-to-back Mid-Penn Colonial League championships, averaged 14.2 points, 4.6 assists, 3.7 steals and 7.2 rebounds her junior year. She was named to the District 3 Class AAA All-Tournament Team and Big 15 second-team on last season's 26-3 squad.

Peterson, who has solid inside techniques, did not play as a junior at Newark Valley but will return for her senior season. She led Exodus, a Nike Elite AAU team, to the Washington, D.C. tournament title, while averaging 10.0 points, 10.0 rebounds and 2.0 blocks in amateur competition.

Sanders averaged 10.0 points, 9.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.0 steals in leading the Bullis School to a 27-3 record and claiming the Independent School League championship for the third consecutive year. She was selected tenth by the Real Basketball Report as one of the D.C. Area's top-70 seniors and was named all-league her junior year.

"Overall our goal was to bring in size and athleticism to compete at the next level and this year's class satisfies that need," Albany coach Trina Patterson stated. "We have added a point guard, a true center and a shooting guard, as well as a combination player. This group is accustomed to winning and are going to add to the development of our program."

### **University at Albany Women's Basketball Signings**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Hometown (High School)</u>
Kelly Martinson	G	5-11	Madison, Wis. (Madison Memorial)
Sherri Mikus	G	5-11	Harrisburg, Pa. (Susquenita)
Kirsten Peterson	C	6-4	Owego, N.Y. (Newark Valley)
Gia Sanders	G/F	6-0	Bowie, Md. (The Bullis School)



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### **VOLLEYBALL TO COMPETE IN SECOND STRAIGHT AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT**

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany women's volleyball team will compete in the America East Conference Championships for the second straight year, this Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22 in Durham, N.H.

The Great Danes, who are seeded fourth, will take on number one seed and host school New Hampshire on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. in Lundholm Gymnasium. That semifinal match will be preceded by Stony Brook taking on Northeastern at 4 p.m. The winners of the two semifinal contests will meet on Saturday at 4 p.m. for the championship with the victor advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

Albany, who at 24-9 and 9-5 in conference play, and is having its best Division I season, is meeting the Wildcats for the second consecutive year in the postseason. Last year, New Hampshire won the decisive fifth game, 15-7, to move on to the finals. The defending A-East Champions defeated Stony Brook in four games.

The Great Danes are led by sophomore **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** and freshman **Ashley DeNeal**. Rodriguez leads the team in kills (394), digs (352) and aces (140), while DeNeal, who missed most of the conference schedule due to illness, is third in kills (308), second in digs (350) and third in aces (37).

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### **America East Conference Volleyball Tournament**

*Durham, N.H. – Lundholm Gymnasium*

*Friday, November 21*

#2 Stony Brook (19-12) vs. #3 Northeastern (22-10), 4 p.m.

#1 New Hampshire (21-11) vs. #4 Albany (24-9), 7 p.m.

*Saturday, November 22*

Winners of the semifinals, 4 p.m.



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### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS SHORT AGAINST NWBL, 78-62, IN EXHIBITION**

Albany, N.Y. – **Rhonda Jo Miller** recorded a double-double with 19 points and 14 rebounds to lead four NWBL players in double figures as the Northeast Elite Team held off Albany, 78-62, in an exhibition contest on Monday night at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The NWBL jumped out to a 30-14 lead with 8:45 remaining in the first half on a 15-2 run sparked by Miller, who converted back-to-back jump shots in the paint.

The Great Danes used a 15-4 run to pull within nine, but former Hartford standout **Cheri Eleazer** banked in a three pointer at the buzzer to give the visitors a 40-31 lead at halftime. Sophomore guard **Becky Ayers**, who missed the 2002-03 season due to plantar faciitis surgery, scored nine of her 11 points in the first half, all from three-point range.

The NWBL started the second half on consecutive baskets by Miller, but the Great Danes cut into the 13-point deficit to make it 54-50 with 10:40 remaining as sophomore guard **Jen Schumacher**, who finished with a team-high 19 points, converted a three pointer at the top of the key.

The visitors regained a double-digit lead behind **Meggan Yedsena** who tallied eight points in a 16-4 spurt for a 70-54 advantage with 4:12 remaining.

Junior forward **Alicia Learn** finished in double figures with 18 points and five rebounds. Junior forward **Maree Jones** (Albany) grabbed a team-high eight rebounds, while senior guard **Sarah Sweetland** dished out eight assists. The NWBL's **Gail Strumpf** and **Kim Martin** scored 12 and 10 points, respectively. Yedsena added 17 points, while shooting 6-of-9 from the field.

The Great Danes open their season on Friday, Nov. 21 versus crosstown-rival Siena at the Pepsi Arena. Tip-off time is at 6 p.m.



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#### FOUR HIGH SCHOOL CAGE STARS SIGN TO PLAY FOR UALBANY IN 2004-05

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that four student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes in 2004-05. Making their commitments are **David Bauman**, a 6-foot-2 guard from Sarver, Pa. (Freeport H.S.), **Joe Dyson**, a 6-foot-9 center from Wilmington, Del. (Sanford School), **Brian Lillis**, a 6-foot-5 swingman from Urbandale, Iowa (West Des Moines Dowling H.S.) and **Brent Wilson**, a 6-foot-8 forward from Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Prairie H.S.).

Baumann averaged 16.9 points and connected on 56 three-point field goals as a junior in leading his team to a 17-5 record and the WPIAL Class AA tournament's first round. His season included a 46-point effort against Jeannette High, when he made eight 3-pointers.

Dyson was named honorable mention all-state by the *Wilmington News Journal*, as he averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds last year. He was chosen first-team All-Independent Conference, and led his squad to the state tournament's quarterfinal round. His teammate, Will Sheridan, is currently a freshman at Villanova.

Lillis, who has solid perimeter skills, totaled 16 points, five rebounds and four assists as a junior. A two-time All-CIML Central Conference selection, Lillis led his team to the Class 4-A Substate 8 final and a No. 4 state ranking.

Wilson was named first-team All-Mississippi Valley Conference and Class 4-A honorable mention all-state last season. He averaged 16.0 points and 10.3 rebounds, as his team finished with a 14-10 record.

"This recruiting class is filled with talented individuals who will have an opportunity to help our program immediately," Albany coach Will Brown said. "We were able to address our needs as we have added both a combo and wing guard, plus two frontcourt players. With the addition of two college transfers from last spring, the program has a bright future with both experienced players and talented high school athletes on the roster next year."

#### University at Albany Men's Basketball Signings

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Joe Dyson	C	6-9	240	Wilmington, Del. (Sanford School)
Brian Lillis	G/F	6-5	200	Urbandale, Iowa (West Des Moines Dowling)
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### **UALBANY CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS FINISH IN TOP-20 AT NCAA REGIONALS**

Boston, Mass. – Junior **Andy Allstadt** placed 42nd to lead UAlbany's men's cross country team to a 17th-place finish, while senior **Meghan Howell** finished 84th to place the women's team at 20th at the NCAA Division I Northeast Regional at Franklin Park on Saturday, Nov. 15 in Boston, Mass. The men's field consisted of 33 teams, while the women's were compiled of 36 teams.

Allstadt completed the 9,855-meter course in 31:30 to lead the Great Danes. Senior **Joe Pienta** placed 52nd at 31:49, while junior **Sam Gonzalez** finished with a time of 33:06. Senior's **Rob Caracciolo** and **Chris Pierson** rounded out UAlbany's scorer's at 33:18 and 33:25, respectively.

Howell finished the 6,017-meter course in a time of 23:13 to pace the women's team. Freshman **Alyssa Lotmore** placed 102nd at 23:24, while junior **Nicole Susser** finished two seconds behind for 106th place. Freshman **Jessica Oehlke** and junior **Theresa Juva** clocked times of 23:31 and 24:04, respectively.

The Great Danes return to action on Saturday, Nov. 22 with the men's team competing in the IC4A Championships and the women in the ECAC Championships in the Bronx, N.Y.

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### **NCAA DIVISION I NORTHEAST REGIONALS (Boston, Mass.)**

**Men's Team Results (33):** 1. Iona 58, 2. Providence 73, 3. Brown 94, 4. Yale 111, 5. Columbia 173, 6. Dartmouth 182, 7. New Hampshire 220, 8. Harvard 260, 9. Boston College 267, 10. Quinnipiac 286, 11. Army 307, 12. Connecticut 313, 13. Colgate 325, 14. Cornell 399, 15. Boston U. 405, 16. Marist 442, **17. Albany 447**, 18. Syracuse 461, 19. Maine 494, 20. Buffalo 523, 21. Manhattan 551, 22. Massachusetts 617, 23. Fordham 618, 24. Holy Cross 654, 25. Sacred Heart 703, 26. Binghamton 796, 27. Hofstra 848, 28. Vermont 857, 29. Long Island 896, 30. Fairfield 941, 31. Wagner 985, 32. Siena 1003, 33. Niagara 1045.

**Men's Individual Results:** 1. Richard Kiplagat, (Iona), 29:50; 2. Steve Sundell (Columbia), 29:56; 3. Dylan Wykes (Providence), 30:00; 4. Jeff Gaudette (Brown), 30:10; 5. Mark Smyth (Iona), 30:19; 6. Lucas Meyer (Yale), 30:20; 7. Xavier de Boissezo (Colgate), 30:24; 8. Patrick Moulton (Providence), 30:26; 9. Jochen Dieckfoss (Boston U.), 30:29; 10. Stephen Meinelt (New Hampshire), 30:35.

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**Albany Scorers:** 43. Andy Allstadt 31:30, 53. Joe Pienta 31:49, 115. Sam Gonzalez 33:06, 123. Rob Caracciolo 33:18, 127. Chris Pierson 33:25.

**Women's Team Results (36):** 1. Providence 49, 2. Columbia 62, 3. Dartmouth 103, 4. Yale 135, 5. Boston College 139, 6. Cornell 213, 7. Brown 297, 8. New Hampshire 319, 9. Stony Brook 373, 10. Iona 377, 11. Connecticut 380, 12. Boston U. 385, 13. Harvard 397, 14. Army 428, 15. Rhode Island 441, 16. Buffalo 470, 17. Binghamton 498, 18. Vermont 525, 19. Maine 544, **20. Albany 559**, 21. Syracuse 566, 22. Manhattan 597, 23. Colgate 625, 24. Massachusetts 690, 25. Marist 710, 26. Hofstra 719, 27. Sacred Heart 752, 28. Northeastern 757, 29. Quinnipiac 765, 30. Fordham 828, 31. Holy Cross 833, 32. Wagner 869, 33. Fairfield 878, 34. Siena 896, 35. Canisius 946, 36. Niagara 1167.

**Women's Individual:** 1. Kim Smith, Providence, 20:23; 2. Mary Cullen, Providence, 20:31; 3. Caitlin Hickin, Columbia; 20:55; 4. Cara Kiernan, Yale, 21:09; 5. Emmily Chelanga, Iona, 21:10; 6. Lisa Stublic, Columbia, 21:11; 7. Jennifer Kramer, Boston College, 21:17; 8. Fiona Crombie, Providence, 21:22; 9. Melanie Schorr, Dartmouth, 21:25; 10. Jennifer Donovan, Boston College, 21:27.

**Albany Scorers:** 84. Meghan Howell, 23:13, 102. Alyssa Lotmore, 23:24, 106. Nicole Susser, 23:26, 117. Jessica Oehlke, 23:31, 150. Theresa Juva, 24:04.

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE SWEEPS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL IN THREE GAMES**

Durham, N.H. – **Alyson Coler's** 14 kills and 10 digs led the way in the University of New Hampshire's three-game sweep over UAlbany in America East Conference action on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Lundholm Gym. The match was the regular season finale for both squads.

New Hampshire (21-11, AE 12-2), who already clinched the top seed in next week's America East Tournament, won by scores of 30-25, 30-22, 30-28. **Erin Walker** contributed 10 kills and **Sasha Scott** added 13 digs for the Wildcats.

Albany, who finish the regular season with a 24-9 record and 9-5 in conference play, was lead by sophomore outside hitter **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez's** 10 kills and 10 digs.

The Great Danes will take on the Wildcats again next Friday, Nov. 21 in the four-team America East Tournament.

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New Hampshire (21-11, AE 12-2) defeated Albany (24-9, AE 9-5) 30-25, 30-22, 30-28



## College Football

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### Towson 35, Albany 16

Towson, Md.-- Sophomore quarterback **Anthony Melzi** threw a pair of touchdown passes, and defensive end **Jason Troilo** scored on a 38-yard interception return in leading Towson to a 35-16 non-league victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Johnny Unitas Stadium.

Towson (6-5) reversed a 9-7 deficit with two touchdowns one minute-and-41-seconds apart. Backup quarterback **Andrae Brown** scored on an 11-yard option run following a roughing-the-passer penalty that knocked Melzi from the game for a short time. Troilo then picked off **Anthony Sciarra's** screen pass and raced to the end zone for a 21-9 lead with 56 seconds left before halftime.

The Tigers, who are undefeated in five home games this season, moved out to a 28-9 lead with 4:05 left in the third quarter. Melzi, a Lehigh transfer who completed 7 of 15 attempts for 149 yards, beat a strong rush with a 41-yard touchdown strike to **Eric Yancey**.

Albany (7-4) used a fake punt to close within 28-16. **Dustin Wilson**, off a short snap on fourth down, rumbled 51-yards to the Towson 13. Senior tailback **Gary Jones**, who rushed 26 times for 140 yards, scored on a 6-yard run up the middle. However, Towson came right back on its next possession to seal the verdict. Melzi hit **Jason Galloway** with a 62-yard scoring pass on the right sideline.

"The things that hurt us all year hurt us again today," said Albany coach **Bob Ford**, whose team was also kept from its second straight ECAC Classic berth when Monmouth defeated St. Francis, Pa., 28-21, to clinch a share of the Northeast Conference title. "We had turnovers, crucial penalties, and gave up big pass plays. The penalties were critical because they took us out of rhythm on offense."

Towson grabbed a 7-3 lead early in the second quarter, as tailback **Matt Romeo** darted through the middle on a 14-yard touchdown scamper. The Great Danes went back in front on a 10-play drive that was jumpstarted by Wilson's 52-yard kickoff return. Sciarra finished off the series with a 5-yard touchdown pass to fullback **Jon George** in the right flat.

"This meant a lot to our seniors and we left our hearts on the field," said Jones, who became the school's all-time rusher with 3,033 yards and broke his own single-season standard with 1,524. "We had some different formations, but we didn't get properly lined up or maybe we weren't focused at times for some reason."

The Great Danes accounted for 276 of their 353 total yards on the ground, and in the process established both the UAlbany and NEC single-season rushing records.



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### **ALBANY VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS MAINE IN FOUR GAMES**

Orono, Maine – Sophomore middle hitter **Ashlee Reed** had 14 kills and nine digs to lead UAlbany to a four-game victory over America East Conference-rival Maine on Friday evening at Memorial Gym.

Albany (24-8, AE 9-4), who swept the Black Bears in three games on October 11th, won by scores of 30-27, 30-19, 30-32, 30-28. Freshman outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** added 11 kills and eight digs, while sophomore **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** contributed eight kills and 11 digs for the Great Danes.

Maine (13-19, AE 4-9) was led by **Brittany Howe's** 14 kills and **Brook Truong's** 20 digs.

Albany will close out its regular season tomorrow against America East-foe New Hampshire. Match time is 7:00 p.m.

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Albany (24-8, AE 9-4) defeated Maine (13-19, AE 4-9) 30-27, 30-19, 30-32, 30-28



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### **UALBANY CHANGES BASKETBALL EXHIBITION TO SCRIMMAGE FORMAT Great Danes Will Work Against Big Apple All-Stars on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 4:00 p.m.**

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany’s men’s basketball exhibition game on Sunday, Nov. 16 with the Big Apple All-Stars has been changed to a controlled scrimmage, as Albany coach Will Brown announced today. The event begins at 4:00 p.m., and is still open to the public with free admission.

The Great Danes, who are preparing for the season opener against crosstown-rival Siena on Nov. 21, will have a team dominated by underclassmen with five sophomores and three freshmen.

**Jamar Wilson**, last year’s America East Conference Rookie of the Year, leads the returnees, but will miss the next two to four weeks with a fractured patella. **Levi Levine**, a 6-foot-6, 225-pound forward, was among the conference’s top scorers (13.2 ppg) and rebounders (6.0 ppg) as a freshman. Levine was a member of the America East All-Rookie Team.

“With Jamar (Wilson) sidelined and other nagging injuries, I felt it was best for our players to scrimmage against the all-stars,” Brown said. “This will give the younger guys an opportunity to work on some things in a controlled setting as we prepare for the start of the season.”

Former St. Bonaventure standouts **Tim Winn** and **Nii Nelson-Richards** lead the Big Apple All-Stars. Winn, a 5-foot-9 guard, scored 1,407 points from 1996-2000, while Nelson-Richards is also among the school’s all-time scorers with 1,298. **JaJa Bey**, a 6’6” swingman, averaged 12.4 points for Long Island last year as a senior. **Robert Hodgson** (Rutgers), **Llewellyn Cole** (Providence) and **Gordon Malone** (West Virginia) each played as collegians in the Big East Conference.



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### **UALBANY FOOTBALL PLAYERS ON ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT I TEAM**

Center Valley, Pa. – University at Albany's **Victor Camacho**, **David Parks** and **Lucas Kurtz** have been named to the 2003 CoSIDA Academic All-District I Football Team as announced today by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Camacho, a senior inside linebacker, and Parks, a senior defensive tackle, were each chosen to all-academic squad for the second consecutive year.

Camacho has a 3.79 cumulative grade point average in business administration and finance, while Parks has a 3.54 GPA in history.

Camacho, the team's leading tackler with 85 on the season, has made 10 or more tackles against four opponents, including a career-high 13 versus Stony Brook on Oct. 25. Parks, who has 35 tackles, leads the Great Danes in sacks (7.5) and hits for a loss (13). Albany is seventh nationally among I-AA programs in rushing defense, plus eighth in both scoring and total defense.

Kurtz, a junior free safety, is the third UAlbany player to be selected. Kurtz, who has a 3.65 GPA in mathematics, has recorded 46 tackles, including 26 unassisted, to go with a team-high 15 pass break-ups in his first year as a starter.

Albany (7-3) has clinched a share of the Northeast Conference championship for the second straight year, and will meet non-league opponent Towson in the regular-season finale on Nov. 15.



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## Vermont Selected in Men's Basketball Coaches' Poll

**BOSTON**— University of Vermont, which won its first Choice Hotels America East Championship last season, has been chosen by the conferences coaches to repeat. The poll was announced at America East Men's Basketball Media Day at Eilberg Lounge on the Boston University campus.

The Catamounts, 21-12 overall last season (11-5 in America East), received four first-place votes and 74 points to edge defending regular-season champion Boston University and Northeastern University. Both the Terriers, who received two first-place votes, and the Huskies, who received four, finished with 72 points. Coaches were not permitted to rank their own teams in the preseason voting.

A total of five votes separated University of Hartford (50), Stony Brook University (46) and Binghamton University (45) in fourth, fifth and sixth place. University of Maine, which saw its streak of four-straight trips to the semifinals end last season when Northeastern's Jose Juan Barea nailed a three-pointer with 0.8 seconds left for a 71-68 win, was chosen seventh. America East newcomer University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), University at Albany and University of New Hampshire rounded out the poll.

### 2003-04 Preseason Poll

1.	Vermont (4)	74
2.	Boston U. (2)	72
	Northeastern (4)	72
4.	Hartford	50
5.	Stony Brook	46
6.	Binghamton	45
7.	Maine	40
8.	UMBC	20
9.	Albany	16
10.	New Hampshire	15

Vermont, a charter member of America East in 1979, finds itself atop the preseason coaches poll for the first time in conference history. The Catamounts return 2003 America East Player of the Year Taylor Coppenrath, who led America East in scoring last season with 20.1 ppg, and 2002 America East Player of the Year T.J. Sorrentine, who led the conference in scoring with 18.8 ppg two years ago.

Boston University has appeared in each of the last two Choice Hotels America East Championship games. The Terriers, who had eight players average at least 19.5 minutes a game last season, will again be among the deepest teams in the conference with 10 letter winners returning. First-team all-conference choice Rashad Bell (12.0 ppg, 5.2 rpg) and third-team all-conference selection Ryan Butt (8.0 ppg, 4.9 rpg) are two of five returning players who averaged at least 7.2 ppg last season. Seniors Kevin Fitzgerald, Jason Grochowalski, Matt Turner and Butt have led the Terriers to a 35-15 mark in conference games over the last three seasons, the top winning percentage in America East over that span.

Northeastern has won a conference-best seven America East Championships. But the Huskies have not appeared in the title game since 1995 and last won the championship in 1991. In fact, prior to last year, Northeastern had not enjoyed a winning season since 1994-95. Ron Everhart, now in his third year along Huntington Avenue, has rebuilt Northeastern behind third-team all-conference choices Jose Juan Barea (17.0 ppg, 3.9 rpg), Javorie Wilson (14.6 ppg) and Sylbrin Robinson (11.4 ppg, 9.1 rpg).

After posting just one conference win in his rookie season as head coach, Larry Harrison has guided Hartford to the No. 3 seed in the Choice Hotels America East Championship each of the past two seasons. First-team all-conference choice Jerell Parker (13.6 ppg, 7.0 rpg), senior Ryan Stys (8.7 ppg) and all-rookie selection Aaron Cook (9.9 ppg, 4.8 three-pointers) lead the Hawks in 2003-04.

Two-time all-conference choice D.J. Munir (17.4 ppg) is one of five returning starters for Stony Brook head coach Nick Macarchuk, now in his fifth year with the Seawolves and 27th year as a collegiate head coach. Touted recruit Mitchell Beauford of Christ the King High School, also joins the Seawolves.

Al Walker will look to the tallest player in America East to lead Binghamton to new heights in 2003-04. Junior Nick Billings, a 7-0 center, was a second-team all-conference choice after averaging 9.0 ppg and 6.7 rpg last year. Billings was named the conference's Defensive Player of the Year after finishing second in the nation with 4.3 blocks per game. He already owns the Binghamton career blocks record with 197 in 48 games.

Maine saw its streak of four-straight trips to the America East semifinals end last season when Northeastern's Barea drilled a three-pointer with 0.8 seconds left for a 71-68 win. The Black Bears' ability to return to the semifinals this season revolves around all-rookie choice Kevin Reed, who averaged 12.4 ppg last year and established a school rookie record for three-pointers with 81, and the additions of transfers Jermaine Jackson (Indian River JC) and Chris Markwood (Notre Dame), who become eligible after the first semester.

UMBC joins America East this season and head coach Tom Sullivan, now in his ninth year with the Retrievers, welcomes the return of all five starters. Sullivan's teams have been no strangers to success, earning the Northeast Conference regular season title in 1998-99 and posting a 20-9 campaign two seasons ago.

Head coach Will Brown begins his second full season at Albany (he was interim head coach for 20 games in 2001-02) building around all-rookie choices Jamar Wilson (18.9 ppg) and Levi Lovino (13.2 ppg).

Fifth-year head coach Phil Rowe welcomed the Wildcats' first international player (Ioannis Karalis of Greece) and first junior college player (Griffin Walker) last season. This year, Blagoj Janev, a native of Macedonia who calls Sydney, Australia home, and two junior college transfers (Damione Liddell, Craig Walls) join the Wildcats, who also boast senior Marcus Bullock, who has 183 career three-pointers, 14 shy of the Wildcat record.



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## Coppenrath, Bell Lead Men's Basketball Preseason All-Conference Team

**BOSTON**— Reigning America East Player of the Year Taylor Coppenrath of University of Vermont and junior Rashad Bell of Boston University were unanimous selections to the conference's preseason all-conference team as voted by the men's basketball head coaches. The team was announced at America East Men's Basketball Media Day at Eilberg Lounge on the Boston University campus.

Coppenrath, Bell and Jerell Parker of University of Hartford, each of whom earned first-team all-conference honors a season ago, were joined on the preseason all-conference team by 2002 America East Player of the Year T.J. Sorrentine of Vermont, who missed last season after suffering broken bones in both wrists in the preseason, junior center Nick Billings of Binghamton University, and sophomore guard Jose Juan Barea of Northeastern University.

### 2003-04 Preseason All-Conference Team

Jose Juan Barea	G	So.	5-11	Northeastern
Rashad Bell	F	Jr.	6-8	Boston U.
Nick Billings	C	Jr.	7-0	Binghamton
Taylor Coppenrath	F	Jr.	6-9	Vermont
Jerell Parker	G/F	Sr.	6-4	Hartford
T.J. Sorrentine	G	Jr.	5-11	Vermont

The teams were selected regardless of position. Six players were named to the team due to a tie in the voting.

Coppenrath was named the winner of the Kevin Roberson Award, given to the America East Player of the Year, after leading the conference in scoring last season with 20.1 ppg. He was eighth in the conference with 6.2 rpg. The 6-9 junior led the Catamounts to their first America East Championship and NCAA Championship berth and a 21-12 overall record.

The 5-11 Sorrentine will see his first game action since 2001-02 when he led America East in scoring with 18.8 ppg, added 4.0 assists per contest and led the conference with 90 three-pointers. He was chosen as the Roberson Award winner that season.

Bell emerged as the top player on the regular-season champion Terriers last year. The 6-8 swingman averaged 12.0 ppg and 5.2 rpg in leading Boston University to a 20-11 mark and a berth in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

Parker was one of the most complete players in America East in his first season at Hartford after transferring from Loyola (Ill.). The 6-4 swingman was the only player to rank among the conference's Top 15 in scoring (13.6), rebounding (7.0) and assists (2.5). He led the Hawks to a 16-13 overall mark and the No. 3 seed in the Choice Hotels America East Championship.

The 7-0 Billings averaged 9.0 ppg and 6.7 rpg with 4.3 blocks per game, second in the nation to Connecticut's Emeka Okafor. Billings led the Bearcats to a 14-13 record last season. Binghamton, which was ineligible for the Choice Hotels America East Championship in its transition to Division I, finished fourth in the conference a year ago.

The 5-11 Barea averaged 17.0 ppg with 3.89 assists per game as an all-rookie choice last year. He scored 38 points in the quarterfinal win over Maine in the Choice Hotels America East Championship en route to all-championship honors. The point guard led Northeastern to a 16-15 mark, the Huskies' first winning season since 1994-95.

The return of Roberson Award winners Sorrentine and Coppenrath marks only the second time in NCAA history where conference players of the year will be teammates for an entire season. The only other occurrence was in the 1998-2000 season when Stefan Ciosci and Brian Ehlers teamed at Lafayette. Ciosci, a center, was the Patriot League Player of the Year in 1998 before suffering a knee injury that forced him to miss the 1998-99 season. Ehlers, a point guard, was chosen Player of the Year that season. Ehlers also won the league's top honor in 2000 when the two played together.





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## Maine is the Unanimous Choice in Women's Basketball Coaches' Poll

**BOSTON**— University of Maine, which last season became the first team since 1995-96 to go undefeated in conference games, is the unanimous choice of the coaches to win the America East title this season. The Black Bears (25-6 overall, 16-0 in America East) received nine first-place votes (coaches were not permitted to rank their own teams in the preseason voting) and 81 points.

Defending America East Champion Boston University, which beat Maine 69-65 in the championship game of the Friendship Cottage Cheese America East Championship, received the other first-place vote and had 73 points. University of Vermont is again chosen to be near the top of the pack, receiving 63 points. The Catamount seniors are 39-11 in conference games over the last three years, best in America East. University of New Hampshire, which has finished fourth in each of the last three years, is again chosen at that position with 50 points.

Northeastern University (48 points), University of Hartford (44), Stony Brook University (35) and Binghamton University (25) followed. University at Albany and America East newcomer University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) received 18 and 13 points, respectively, to round out the poll.

2003-04 Preseason Poll		
1.	Maine (9)	81
2.	Boston U. (1)	73
3.	Vermont	63
4.	New Hampshire	50
5.	Northeastern	48
6.	Hartford	44
7.	Stony Brook	35
8.	Binghamton	25
9.	Albany	18
10.	UMBC	13

Maine, which has not lost a regular-season America East game since March 2, 2002, returns all five starters including America East Player of the Year Heather Ernest (conference-best 20.0 ppg and 10.2 rpg) and America East Defensive Player of the Year Kim Corbitt. Head coach Sharon Versyp, the America East Coach of the Year, has seen the program's win total rise from 12 in her initial year to 25 last season, her third with the Black Bears.

Boston University hopes to repeat as America East Champion after last season's 69-65 win over Maine in the title game. Senior Katie Terhune (17.1 ppg in 2002-03), who enters the season as the active scoring leader in America East with 1,468 career points, should become the Terriers' career scoring leader midway through the 2003-04 season. Head coach Margaret McKeon's arsenal also includes Katie Meinhardt, the America East Rookie of the Year, who averaged 11.0 points per game. Junior Becky Bonner, who sat out last season after transferring from Stanford, should give the Terriers added punch. The 6-2 forward is the sister of Matt Bonner, a second-round pick of the Toronto Raptors in the 2003 NBA Draft.

Sharon Dawley served on the staff of Chris Weiglus at Dartmouth from 1993 until her appointment as head coach at Vermont this past spring. Residing in Hanover, N.H., less than 100 miles from the Vermont campus, Dawley is familiar with the success of the Catamounts, who have averaged 21 wins a season over the last eight years. If Vermont is to have similar success, it will need another all-conference season from senior Aaron Yantzi, who averaged 15.0 ppg and 5.3 rpg in 2002-03.

New Hampshire has advanced to the semifinals of the Friendship Cottage Cheese America East Championship each of the last two seasons. The Wildcats would like to advance a few additional steps in 2004, the final season for senior Maren Matthias (17.5 ppg, 9.6 rpg), who has led the Wildcats in scoring and rebounding each of the last two years.

Northeastern head coach Willette White saw eight different players lead the team in scoring last season, including top returning scorer Melissa Kowalski (9.5 ppg) and Marafene Zwarich (9.3 ppg).

After an improbable run to the America East Championship as the No. 5 seed in 2002 – the lowest seed ever to win the title – Hartford head coach Jen Rizzotti suffered through a season where injuries decimated the team. In fact, only two players appeared in all 28 games last year. Rizzotti hopes for better luck as junior Liz Stich (9.1 ppg) and sophomore Erika Messam (9.1 ppg) lead a young team, which includes only one senior.

When Stony Brook's Trish Roberts departed the America East Championship after her team's loss to New Hampshire in the quarterfinals, it broke a streak of four-straight trips (three at Maine, one at Stony Brook) to the title game for the head coach. Roberts hopes to return to the title game this season behind Sherry Jordan (15.3 ppg, 9.6 rpg), who has earned first-team all-conference honors in each of her first two years in America East.

Not only does Binghamton turn the head coaching reins over to Rich Conover on a permanent basis, the Bearcats will move into the new Events Center, which will be configured for 4,500 seats this year. Conover looks to senior Kate Townley, who led America East with 5.5 assists per game in 2002-03, to pace the team.

Albany second-year head coach Trina Patterson, the former head coach at William and Mary, saw the Tribe improve from seven wins, to 11, to 20 in her first three years there. After a 9-18 mark in her initial season with the Great Danes, Patterson is looking for similar improvement at Albany. The Great Danes suffered a blow in the preseason when all-conference choice Danielle Hutcherson (13.9 ppg, 9.4 rpg) underwent surgery and is out indefinitely.

UMBC second-year head coach Phil Stern realized he had some rebuilding to do when he took over the Retriever program in 2002. Little did he know that would include a move from the Northeast Conference to America East. In his first season at UMBC, Stern guided the Retrievers to their first appearance in the NEC Championship game in school history. This season, he welcomes six newcomers.





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## Ernest Leads Women's Basketball Preseason All-Conference Team

**BOSTON**— Four players – Heather Ernest of University of Maine, the reigning America East Player of the Year, Katie Terhune of Boston University, Maren Matthias of University of New Hampshire and Sherry Jordan of Stony Brook University – were unanimous preseason all-conference choices as voted by the America East coaches. Each of the four, who received nine votes (coaches were not permitted to vote for their own players), was a first-team all-conference selection last year.

Senior Aaron Yantzi of University of Vermont, a second-team choice last year, is the fifth selection to the 2003-04 preseason team.

2003-04 Preseason All-Conference Team				
Heather Ernest	F	Sr.	6-1	Maine
Sherry Jordan	G	Sr.	5-11	Stony Brook
Maren Matthias	C	Sr.	6-3	New Hampshire
Katie Terhune	G	Sr.	6-0	Boston U.
Aaron Yantzi	F	Sr.	6-1	Vermont

The 6-1 Ernest led the conference in both scoring (20.0 ppg) and rebounding (10.2 rpg) and was the only player in America East to average a double-double for the season. She helped Maine to a 25-6 overall mark, a perfect 16-0 record in the conference and the school's second WNIT bid.

Terhune, a 6-0 swing player, averaged 17.1 ppg and was the Most Outstanding Player of the 2003 Friendship Cottage Cheese America East Championship after averaging 17.7 ppg and 5.0 rpg in leading the Terriers to the conference title and to the NCAA Championship for the first time.

The 6-3 Matthias is the conference's second-leading returning scorer and rebounder (behind Ernest) after leading the Wildcats with 17.5 ppg and 9.6 rpg a season ago.

Jordan, a 5-11 swing player, is perhaps the top all-around performer in America East. After leading the Seawolves to the America East Championship game in her first year in the conference (2001-02), she was the team leader in scoring (15.3 ppg), rebounding (9.6 rpg), steals (2.7 spg) and blocks (0.8 bpg) last season.

Yantzi, a 6-1 forward, has earned second-team honors in each of the past two seasons. Last season she averaged 15.0 ppg and 5.3 rpg for the 21-8 Catamounts.

Each of the five preseason all-conference choices has already surpassed the 1,000-point plateau.

Terhune is ranked No. 21 on the conference's career list with 1,468 points. Ernest is No. 33 with 1,306 points. Yantzi has 1,083 points to rank No. 57. Matthias has 1,041 points to rank No. 65.

In addition, Jordan has 1,283 points in her three-year career. However, Jordan has scored 803 points in the two seasons in which Stony Brook has competed in America East and does not appear among the conference's career scoring leaders (games played while at an America East school).

Cindy Blodgett of Maine owns the America East career mark and ranks No. 6 on the NCAA list with 3,005 points. She is one of eight players in conference history to reach 2,000 points.

Ernest, who has earned all-conference honors in each of her first three seasons in America East, has the opportunity to join some elite company in conference history. Only five players have earned all-conference accolades in each of their four seasons in America East: Blodgett, Jamie Cassidy of Maine, Karalyn Church and Morgan Hall of Vermont and Tesha Tinsley of Northeastern.



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### **JAMAR WILSON WILL MISS 2 TO 4 WEEKS WITH PATELLA FRACTURE**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany basketball standout Jamar Wilson will miss the next two to four weeks with a fracture at the lower end of his right patella or knee cap. Wilson's injury was confirmed by Dr. Max Alley, of Capital Region Orthopaedic Group, following a X-ray taken on Monday afternoon.

Wilson, the 2003 America East Rookie of the Year, will wear an immobilizer during the rehabilitation period. MRI results from last Friday showed Wilson's knee ligaments were normal and there was no meniscal or cartilage damage.

"My No. 1 concern is Jamar Wilson," Albany coach Will Brown said. "He needs to get healthy before he steps on the floor again, but at least he will back soon. Someone else will have to step forward early in the season. When he is at full health, I think we have added some players, who along with him, will be an exciting team to watch."

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, was the conference's second-leading scorer last year with an 18.9 average. He scored 20-plus points on 12 occasions, including a freshman-record 39 points against New Hampshire.



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### Comments: College Football

#### **UALBANY FOOTBALL MOVES UP IN NATIONAL DIV. I-AA MID-MAJOR POLLS**

Albany, N.Y. -- Following last Saturday's 27-7 victory over Robert Morris, the University at Albany moved up in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette Division I-AA mid-major national rankings. UAlbany climbed three spots to No. 2 in the Football Gazette poll, and is ranked sixth by The Sports Network.

Albany (7-3, NEC 6-1) clinched a share of its second consecutive Northeast Conference championship last weekend. The Great Danes, who finish their regular season on the road against Patriot League opponent Towson on Nov. 15, must await this weekend's results to determine any postseason play. If Monmouth (9-1, 5-1) wins at St. Francis, Pa., the Hawks will be crowned NEC co-champions and play in the ECAC Classic against Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champion Duquesne. If Monmouth loses, the Great Danes will win the title outright and travel to Pittsburgh on Nov. 22 in a rematch of last year's ECAC opponents.

**Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk), who ran for 195 yards and three touchdowns against Robert Morris, is now ranked fourth among the I-AA leaders in rushing at 138.4 yards per game, plus is fifth in scoring (10.8 ppg). The Great Danes are fourth nationally in rushing (295.2 ypg) and have reached the 300-mark in seven games this season. Albany is also rated in rushing defense (7th), scoring defense (8th) and total defense (8th).

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

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### **UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES HEAD FIELD HOCKEY COACH DEBORAH FIORE'S CONTRACT WILL NOT BE RENEWED**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that the contract of head field hockey coach Deborah Fiore will not be renewed for the 2004 season.

Fiore, the program's all-time leader in coaching victories, recently completed her ninth season. She compiled an 88-64-1 career record. However, the Great Danes have registered three straight losing records, including a 38-48 mark since moving to the Division I level in 1999. Albany finished its third season in the America East Conference with a 7-12 record, including 2-4 in league play.

Fiore became the program's second head coach since its development one decade ago, and was appointed to the position in 1995. Under her direction, UAlbany produced six winning seasons at the school and led the Great Danes to a school-record 17-2 campaign and the 1997 ECAC championship. In 1996, Fiore was voted the NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year, when her squad posted a 14-3 record.

McElroy indicated that a national search for a new coach would commence shortly. "A screening committee will be organized that will be comprised of student-athletes, coaches and administrators," he said.

#### **Deborah Fiore's Coaching Record**

##### Division II

1995	11-3-1
1996	14-3-0
1997	17-2-0
1998	8-8-0

##### Division I

1999	11-4-0
2000	10-8-0
2001	5-12-0
2002	5-12-0
2003	7-12-0
<b>Overall</b>	<b>88-64-1</b>



## College Football

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### Albany 27, Robert Morris 7

Albany, N.Y. – Senior tailback **Gary Jones** rushed for 195 yards and three touchdowns, as Albany clinched a share of the Northeast Conference championship with a 27-7 victory over Robert Morris on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

Following a scoreless first quarter, Albany (7-3, NEC 6-1) struck first by taking advantage of a short punt. Jones rumbled for 12 yards on two consecutive carries to the Robert Morris 2, before he powered over right guard to give his team the lead with 8:07 left in the period.

The Great Danes, who have won six of their last seven games, grabbed a 13-0 lead on their next possession. **Mike Schlaepfer's** punt went just 24 yards into a 20-mile-per-hour northwest wind. Reserve tailback **Rohann Vidal** then darted over the left side and broke out to the sideline, as he raced 40 yards for a touchdown.

Albany posted a commanding 20-0 margin with 10:02 left in the third quarter. Robert Morris (6-3, NEC 4-3), bottled up most of the day by the Great Dane defense, was forced to punt from its 10-yard line, but again Schlaepfer's kick was knocked down by wind. The Great Danes followed by using Jones to go 31 yards in three plays. Jones, who had run for 200 or more yards in his last two starts, sprinted 22 yards to end zone on counter play over left guard.

The Colonials, who had won five of their last six entering the contest, got on the scoreboard late in third stanza, when **Sam Dorsett** scored on a fourth-and-goal run from one yard out with 2:07 remaining. Backup quarterback **Shaun Abkarian** keyed the sequence that enabled his team to close within 20-7 with a 34-yard pass to **Ricky Daldo**.

After the ensuing kickoff was misplayed, Robert Morris found new life when the Great Danes had to punt from their three-yard line. But Albany punter **Stan Zylinski**, who had planned to take a safety, saw a wide-open sideline from his end zone, and ran around right end 13 yards for a first down. The special teams play ignited a 16-play, 99-yard drive that took more than seven minutes off the clock. Jones, who had 47 yards on six attempts in the series, capped it off with a one-yard touchdown run over left tackle.

"It's tough to win on any level, so sharing the title is pretty satisfying," said Albany coach Bob Ford, whose team most hope for Monmouth to lose its final conference game next weekend in order to win the championship outright and earn an ECAC Classic berth. "It's hard to win when you've been picked unanimously to defend the title. You have to be motivated, focused and not beat yourself."

Albany's defense held Robert Morris to 94 total yards, including 39 net rushing yards, plus came up with two turnovers and four sacks. Dorsett, a senior halfback, finished with 51 yards on 17 carries. The Great Danes, who have the fourth-leading rushing attack in Division I-AA, toppled the 300-yard mark for the seventh time this season by accounting for 345 on the ground. Fullback **Jon George** and Vidal added 57 and 47 rushing yards, respectively.

Any time a senior leaves the field with a championship, that's a great feeling," commented Jones, who has rushed for 1,384 yards and 17 touchdowns this season. "It's a pleasure to play with this team. The offensive line was just dominant, and we knew from the first play we could control the game."



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### **ALBANY SWEEPS HARTFORD IN HOME FINALE**

Albany, N.Y. – Junior **Susan Spierre** had a game-high 13 kills to lead Albany to a three-game sweep of Hartford in an America East Conference volleyball match on Saturday afternoon at University Gymnasium.

Albany (23-8, AE 8-4), which qualified for the conference postseason tournament for the second straight year, won by scores of 30-8, 30-28, 30-18, as they recorded a season-best hitting percentage .424. The eight points in the first game were the fewest allowed by the Great Danes this season. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** added 12 kills, eight digs and six service aces in the win. Setter **Jill Dombrowski** had 16 assists and 10 aces, while senior **April Fries**, who was playing in her home finale, had 11 digs.

Hartford (8-20, AE 0-12), which has lost 12 straight, was led by **Kelly McEathron** and **Stephanie Volckers**, who had 11 and 10 kills, respectively. **Brianne Paulson** dished out 25 assists.

The Great Danes will close out the regular season next weekend when they travel to America East opponents Maine and New Hampshire.

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Albany (23-8, AE 8-4) defeated Hartford (8-20, AE 0-12), 30-8, 30-28, 30-18.



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### **STONY BROOK HANDS ALBANY ITS FOURTH CONFERENCE LOSS**

Albany, N.Y. – **Rachel Goldsmith** had 14 kills and 18 digs as Stony Brook defeated Albany, 3-1, in America East Conference volleyball action on Friday evening at University Gymnasium.

Stony Brook (16-12, AE 7-4), which moved into a tie for third in the conference standings with the Great Danes, lost the first game, 30-25, but then took the next three by scores of 30-28, 30-23 and 30-25. **Tesha Harry** and **Maria Samilo** contributed 12 and 11 kills, respectively, in the win, while **Julie Zub** dished out 42 assists.

Albany (22-8, AE 7-4), which had defeated the Seawolves in five games back on Oct. 25, was led by freshman **Shelby Goldman's** 16 kills. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** and **Ashlee Reed** each added 14 kills as well as 10 and 13 digs, respectively. **Blair Buchanan** handed out 38 assists.

The Great Danes finish the home portion of their schedule tomorrow with a 4 p.m. match against America East-rival Hartford. Senior **April Fries**, who had 15 digs tonight, will be honored prior to the contest.

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Stony Brook (16-12, AE 7-4) defeated Albany (22-8, AE 7-4), 25-30, 30-28, 30-23, 30-25

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### **KRISTINA MAZE NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR LISA BURLINE & ALEXIS JOHNSON EARN SECOND-TEAM ALL-LEAGUE HONORS**

Boston, Mass. – Four University at Albany field hockey players received America East Conference postseason awards, as announced by the conference office on Thursday. Freshman forward **Kristina Maze** (Glens Falls) was chosen America East Rookie of the Year. Forwards **Lisa Burline** and **Alexis Johnson** were both named to the all-conference second team. Goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) joined her twin sister, Kristina, on the America East All-Rookie Team.

Kristina Maze is the first UAlbany player to be voted America East's top rookie. In 14 games this season, Maze finished first on the team in assists (7), third in goals (7) and third in points (21). Maze set the school's single-game record for most shots with 17 against conference-foe UMBC on Oct. 18 and also collected a career-high seven points (two goals, three assists) against the Retrievers. The skilled forward was named America East rookie of the week three times, plus finished in the top-10 in four offensive categories.

Burline, a Whitesboro, N.Y., native, was a member of the all-conference second team for a second consecutive year. The senior co-captain closed out her career ranked fourth all-time in points (63) and goals (26), and tied for sixth in assists (11). Burline, who started all 19 games, totaled six goals and seven assists for 19 points. The quick forward was eighth in shots (55) and tied for tenth in assists (6) among the America East leaders.

Johnson, of Andover, N.J., led the Great Danes' offense in 2003, finishing with a team-high 13 goals and 29 points. The junior forward tallied a career-high three goals twice during the year. Johnson placed second in shots (76) and fourth in goals and points among the league's statistical leaders. Johnson ranks fifth on UAlbany's career charts in points (53) and goals (22), and is ninth in assists (9).

Marisa Maze posted a 3.60 goals against average in 18 starting assignments. She posted a 6-11 record with one shutout in her first collegiate campaign. Maze was named A-East rookie of the week, when she recorded the school's freshman record and a career-high 24 saves against Lafayette on Aug. 31. The UAlbany goalkeeper ranked first nationally in Division I with 198 saves.

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## Albany Sports 2-2-2

### **UALBANY'S RICKARD SELECTED TO AMERICA EAST SECOND TEAM**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany junior midfielder **Sara Rickard** was selected All-America East Conference in women's soccer, as announced on Thursday by the conference office. Rickard was a second-team selection.

Rickard has garnered All-America East honors in three consecutive seasons. The Otisville, N.Y. native was also a member of the second team last year and was chosen in the honorable mention category following her freshman campaign in 2001.

Rickard, a two-time team MVP recipient, started all 20 matches this season and tallied one goal on a team-high 30 shots.



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### **UALBANY'S COUNDOUL & MARION NAMED ALL-LEAGUE IN MEN'S SOCCER**

#### **Freshman Yan Gbolo Voted to Conference's All-Rookie Team**

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany had three men's soccer players honored by the America East Conference, as announced by the league office on Wednesday.

Junior goalkeeper **Bouna Coundoul** and junior defender **Rodrigo Marion** were selected to the All-America East second team. Freshman forward **Yan Gbolo** made the conference's All-Rookie squad.

Coundoul, the 2002 America East Goalkeeper of the Year, played all 1,672 minutes in goal for the Great Danes this season. He posted a 7-9-2 record with 113 saves, a 1.02 goals against average, and a save percentage of .856 to go along with four shutouts.

Marion, who was selected to the second team for the second consecutive year, started all 17 matches in which he appeared. He spearheaded a defense that allowed one goal or less against 13 opponents this season.

Gbolo was UAlbany's co-leader in scoring, collecting four goals and one assist for nine points. He saw action in all 18 games, making 14 starts and netting a team-high three game-winning goals.



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### **UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER DEFEATS ARMY, 2-1, IN SEASON FINALE**

West Point, N.Y. – Freshman midfielder **Joshua Lenoff** tallied the game-winner in UAlbany's 2-1 victory over non-conference-foe Army in the Great Danes' season finale on Tuesday night at Clinton Field.

Lenoff netted freshman **Michael Baranowitz's** pass, for his first career goal, in the 73rd minute to give Albany a 2-1 advantage.

**Chris DeFiori** put the Black Knights (3-10-4) up 1-0 at the 61:37 mark when he deflected in **Todd Severson's** pass from the right corner. **Savvas Theofilou** played the ball to sophomore **Tom Lough**, who deposited the equalizer for his first career tally in the 66th minute.

Junior goalkeeper **Bouna Coundoul** collected five saves for the Great Danes, who finish the season with a 7-9-2 record and 3-5-1 in America East Conference play. --agate--

Albany (7-9-2)	0	2	-	2
Army (3-10-4)	0	1	-	1

Albany- Tom Lough 1-0, Joshua Lenoff 1-0, Savvas Theofilou 0-1, Michael Baranowitz 0-1; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 5 saves, 1 GA).

Army- Chris DeFiori 1-0, Todd Severson 0-1; Goalkeeper: Matt Miller (90:00, 8 saves, 2 GA).



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#### **GARY JONES NAMED FOOTBALL GAZETTE DIV. I-AA PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) has been named the Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid-Major Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's 28-7 victory over Wagner. Jones was also chosen the ECAC Division I-AA player of the week for the second straight time and selected as a I-AA.org national all-star on Tuesday.

Jones, a senior tailback, became the first player in Northeast Conference and UAlbany history to post back-to-back 200-yard rushing games with 211 yards on 16 carries against Wagner. Jones, who gained 176 on the ground in the first half, tied a conference record with four rushing touchdowns (41, 8, 28 and 7 yards) and totaled 264 all-purpose yards. He set the school's career scoring record with 228 points and moved to third on the NEC's all-time rushing chart with 2,698 yards.

Jones, who is the first UAlbany runner to account for 1,000 or more rushing yards in consecutive seasons, is eighth among the Division I-AA leaders in rushing (132.1 ypg) and fifth in scoring (10.0 ppg).

Albany (6-3, NEC 5-1) can capture a share of the NEC championship with a victory against Robert Morris (6-2, 4-2) on Saturday, Nov. 8 at UAlbany's University Field. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m.

#### **UALBANY VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS EARN AMERICA EAST WEEKLY AWARDS**

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** has been chosen as the ECAC Division I Co-Player of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced today by the conference office. Rodriguez, who received the award for the second straight week, was honored by the America East Conference on Monday.

Rodriguez averaged 6.29 kills per game in three matches and went over the 30-kill mark in two victories. She had 34 kills, two off the school's single-game record, as her team rallied for a five-game victory against UMBC. Rodriguez, a sophomore outside hitter, also had 32 kills in a 3-2 win over Northeastern. Albany (22-7, AE 7-3) is in third place in the America East standings. The Great Danes have already posted their most victories in a season since 1992.



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### **UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES LIZ SAHIN ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH AND KRISTAN PELLETIER DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today the hiring of Liz Sahin as an assistant coach and Kristan Pelletier (Bishop Maginn H.S.) as director of basketball operations.

Sahin recently completed her collegiate playing career at the University of Virginia as a two-year letterwinner. She averaged 3.6 points and 2.0 rebounds as a senior, when the Cavaliers advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Sahin was the recipient of Virginia's most improved player award in 2002, when she averaged 3.0 points and 1.7 rebounds. The Cavaliers earned a NCAA tournament berth with a 17-13 record.

A native of Hatay, Turkey, Sahin previously attended Palm Beach Community College in Florida before transferring to Virginia, where she led the team to two Southern Conference Championships. She was named Southern Conference Player of the Year, plus was a two-time all-state and all-academic selection.

Sahin received a B.A. in economics from Virginia in May 2003, where she was a Dean's List student and member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. She is also a member of the Turkish National Women's Basketball Team.

Pelletier, a native of Albany, N.Y., will handle community relations efforts, team and head coach appearances, marketing the women's program and travel accommodations. She completed her collegiate playing career at the College of St. Rose during the 2002-03 season, where she averaged 7.0 points and 4.4 rebounds as a senior. A Dean's List student, Pelletier received her B.A. in psychology last May.



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#### **FOOTBALL'S JONES NAMED NEC PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR FOURTH TIME**

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) has been named the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week in football, as announced today by the conference office. He earned the award for the second straight week and fourth time this season.

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The Great Danes, who set a conference rushing record with 468 yards on the ground against Wagner, are ranked fourth nationally in rushing at 289.7 yards per game. Albany's defense is ranked 13th in scoring (15.9 ppg) and 15th in rushing (101.6 ypg).

**MORE**



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### **UALBANY VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS EARN AMERICA EAST WEEKLY AWARDS**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** has been chosen as the America East Conference Baden Player of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced today by the conference office. Freshman **Shelby Goldman** was selected the America East Rookie of the Week.

Rodriguez, who received the award for the second straight week, averaged 6.29 kills per game in three matches and went over the 30-kill mark in two victories. She had 34 kills, two off the school's single-game record, as her team rallied for a five-game victory against UMBC. Rodriguez, a sophomore outside hitter, also had 32 kills in a 3-2 win over Northeastern. She ranks first in the conference in service aces (1.17 pg) and 10th in kill average (3.21 pg).

Goldman, an outside hitter, recorded a career-best 29 kills in a five-game match at Northeastern on Oct. 28. She followed that performance with 14 and 22 kills, respectively, against Binghamton and UMBC. Goldman averaged 4.64 kills in three matches to go with a .288 hitting percentage.

Albany (22-7, AE 7-3) is in third place in the America East standings. The Great Danes have already posted their most victories in a season since 1992.



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### **HARTFORD DEFEATS UALBANY, 5-0, IN WOMEN'S SOCCER ACTION**

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman forward **Susanne Nilsson** tallied two goals and one assist in leading Hartford to a 5-0 victory over America East Conference-foe UAlbany in the Great Danes' season finale on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field.

**Stephanie Pothier's** pass tipped off Albany goalkeeper **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) and Nilsson deposited the deflection to put her team in the scoring column in the 38th minute. She notched her second goal with 18 seconds remaining in the half on a blast into the left side that put her team up, 2-0.

Nilsson sent a pass to **Diane Zaniewski**, who also scored two goals on the day, and she placed a shot in the left side in the 78th minute to give the Hartford (7-10-2, AE 6-2-1) a three-goal advantage.

Hartford goalkeepers **Heather Hinton** and **Stefanie Bourassa** combined on the shutout, while Van Zandt turned aside 11 shots for the Great Danes.

Van Zandt, **Bridgit Mennite**, **Beth Spinelli**, and **Vanessa Vukov** were honored before the game in a Senior Day ceremony. The Great Danes finish the season with a 1-18-1 record, including 0-9-0 in America East play.

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Hartford (7-10-2, AE 6-2-1)	2	3	-	5
Albany (1-18-1, AE 0-9-0)	0	0	-	0

Hartford- Susanne Nilsson 2-1, Diane Zaniewski 2-0, Cindy Walsh 1-0, Stephanie Pothier 0-1; Goalkeepers: Heather Hinton (68:05, 1 save, 0 GA), Stefanie Bourassa (21:55, 0 saves, 0 GA).

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 11 saves, 5 GA).

### **ALBANY DOWNS NORTHEASTERN, 4-1, IN MEN'S SOCCER ACTION**

Brookline, Mass. – Senior defender **Ryan Bombard** got the scoring started in the 29th minute as UAlbany defeated America East Conference-rival Northeastern, 4-1, Saturday, November 1 at Parsons Field. The four tallies are the biggest scoring output for the Great Danes this season.

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Junior **Cagdas Bayram** played the ball to Bombard, who sent it in for his first goal of the season to give the Great Danes a 1-0 lead. Northeastern (8-7-3, AE 4-4-1) sophomore **Jeff Gannon** answered 47 seconds later when he netted a **Michael Cipriano** pass down low to tie the game 1-1.

Albany's **Lucas Machado**, a junior forward, sent a hard shot past a diving **Sergio Saccoccio**, who had two saves on the day, and into the net to give his team a 2-1 lead in the 37th minute. Junior **Savvas Theofilou** and freshman **Yan Gbolo** netted goals 53 seconds apart late in the second half to seal the victory for the Great Danes.

UAlbany junior goalkeeper **Bouna Coundoul** turned aside three shots to pick up the win.

Albany (6-9-2, AE 3-5-1) closes out its season when they travel to Army on Tues., Nov. 4. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

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Albany (6-9-2, AE 3-5-1)	2	2	-	4
Northeastern (8-7-3, AE 4-4-1)	1	0	-	1

Albany- Ryan Bombard 1-0, Lucas Machado 1-0, Savvas Theofilou 1-0, Yan Gbolo 1-0, Cagdas Bayram 0-1; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 3 saves, 1 GA).

Northeastern- Jeff Gannon 1-0, Michael Cipriano 0-1; Goalkeeper: Sergio Saccoccio (90:00, 2 saves, 4 GA).



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### **ALBANY RALLIES FOR FIVE-GAME WIN OVER UMBC**

Baltimore, Md. – Sophomore outside hitter **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** had a career-high 34 kills and collected 17 digs as Albany rallied for a 3-2 win over UMBC in America East Conference volleyball action on Saturday evening at the RAC. With the victory, the Great Danes are one win away from clinching a spot in the conference postseason tournament.

Albany (22-7, AE 7-3), which had swept UMBC back on Oct. 17, found themselves down two games to none before taking the next three by scores of 30-26, 30-18 and 15-12. The five-game win is the fourth in the last five matches for the Great Danes and marks the first time this season they have come back from a two sets to none deficit.

Freshman outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** and sophomore middle hitter **Ashlee Reed** added 22 and 16 kills, respectively, while **April Fries** matched a career-high with 23 digs. Setters **Blair Buchanan** and **Jill Dombrowski** had double-doubles.

UMBC (14-14, AE 3-6) saw **Jennifer Davis**, **Christine Skala** and **Jocelyn Teoh**, who also had 20 digs, each record 12 kills, while **Megan Gross** dished out 37 assists and collected 11 digs in assists and digs.

The Great Danes return home on Friday, November 7 to host fourth-place Stony Brook. Match time is set for 7 p.m.

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Albany (22-7, AE 7-3) defeated UMBC (14-14, AE 3-6), 23-30, 27-30, 30-26, 30-18, 15-12

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### **COACH BOB FORD WINS 200TH CAREER VICTORY IN 28-7 WIN OVER WAGNER**

Staten Island, N.Y. – Senior tailback **Gary Jones** rushed for 211-yards and a career-high four touchdowns in leading Albany to a 28-7 Northeast Conference victory on Saturday afternoon at Wagner College Stadium.

Albany's **Bob Ford** became the fourth active NCAA Division I-AA coach to record his 200th win with the victory. The Great Danes, who improved to 6-3 overall and 5-1 in the NEC, moved into a tie for first place in the conference standings with Monmouth.

"This is special for all of us," said Jones about Ford's milestone victory. "Everyone will remember this win because it goes down in history and he started the program. The look on his face at the end of the game was meaningful for the whole team."

The Great Danes, who have won five of their last six games, shook off a fumble and two punts on their opening three possessions. Jones then took a last-second option pitch from quarterback **Anthony Sciarra** and raced 41 yards for a touchdown with 49 seconds left in the first quarter.

Wagner (4-5, NEC 1-4) tied the contest in the second period. Following a Sciarra fumble, the Seahawks marched 70-yards in seven plays to the end zone. **David Bateman**, who completed 23-of-43 passes for 193-yards, hit freshman **Chris Turner** on a 17-yard fade pattern for a touchdown with 9:34 remaining.

The Great Danes came back with scores on their next two offensive series. Sciarra, who connected on 7-of-15 through the air, fired a 60-yard pass to **Jason Miller** on a post pattern to set up the go-ahead touchdown. Jones powered his way through the middle on an eight-yard TD with 8:47 left.

Albany went ahead 21-7 six minutes later on an eight-play, 82-yard sequence. Jones, who became the first Great Dane to rush for 200 or more yards in back-to-back games, sprinted 28-yards up the right sideline to paydirt.

The Great Danes, who broke the NECs' single-game rushing record for the third time this season with 468 on the ground, put the game away in the third stanza. Sciarra, who directed a 75-yard march, ran two consecutive option plays to the Wagner 7. Jones then rumbled around the left end into the end zone for a 21-point lead with 1:47 left in the period.

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Meanwhile, Albany's defense dominated second-half action by holding the Seahawks to 101 of their 275 total yards. The Great Danes, who can clinch a share of the NEC championship against Robert Morris next Saturday, came up with a season-high five sacks and limited the home team to 82 net-rushing yards overall.

"It's kinda hard to summarize a career," said Ford, who has a 200-140-1 record in his 35th season at the collegiate level. "We've had great kids and great coaches. I've been fortunate that people have been patient over the years."



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### **NEW HAMPSHIRE CAPTURES BOTH AMERICA EAST CROSS COUNTRY TITLES**

Albany, N.Y. - University of New Hampshire won both the America East Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships at the University at Albany course Saturday. The Wildcat men won their third-straight conference championship while the women ended Boston University's seven-year run as champion.

Boston University's **Jochen Dieckfoss**, who covered the 8K course in 24:50, became the second four-time individual champion in the 16-year history of the men's championship. Dieckfoss, who established a course record and ran the 11th fastest time in championship history, joined former Terrier **Karl Rasmussen**, who won from 1993-95 and again in 1997, as the only individuals to win in each of their four collegiate seasons.

The New Hampshire women placed three of the top five runners en route to a team score of 42. Stony Brook University, led by individual champion **Jackie Nunez**, who covered the 5K course in 17:31, was second with a team score of 70. Albany was third with 112, followed by Boston University with 116 and Binghamton University with 117. University of Vermont, led by **Michele Palmer's** fourth-place individual finish in a time of 18:11, was sixth with team score of 131. University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) was seventh with a score of 154, followed by University of Maine (155), Northeastern University (176) and University of Hartford (325).

Freshman **Alyssa Lotmore** was the top finisher for the UAlbany women with a time of 18:17, which was two seconds off her season-best time at the Albany Invitational two weeks ago.

"We really worked together as a team today," said Lotmore, "we did a really good job at working hard all race. I felt a big confidence boost from two weeks ago. I was more confident going into today."

The Albany men, led by **Andy Allstadt**, who finished fifth with a time of 25:10, was second with a team score of 64. Boston University followed with 74. UMBC was fourth with a score of 114. Maine was fifth with 115. Stony Brook, which saw **Dale Summerville** (25:10) finish fourth, was sixth with a team score of 145. Binghamton (201), Vermont (222), Northeastern (234) and Hartford (295) rounded out the field.

"Our goal was to beat New Hampshire but they had a good race today," stated Allstadt about his team's performance.

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Senior **Joe Pienta**, who took home third place at the Albany Invitational, finished eighth overall for the Great Danes with a time of 25:38. "I knew where I should finish if I could run as fast as last time," said Pienta, whose school hosted their first-ever America East Championship. "The race went really well, it was nice to be at our home course and it was well organized."

"We knew the ladies race was going to be tight and it was," said UAlbany head coach Craig McVey, whose teams recorded its best-ever finishes at the Conference meet. "Our men went in all season knowing they had a good shot and we still believed that today. I was very pleased with seven guys finishing in the top 26. That's a huge stepping stone for us going into next season."

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### 2003 America East Cross Country Championships

#### MEN

1. New Hampshire 40, **2. Albany 64**, 3. Boston U. 74, 4. UMBC 114, 5. Maine 115, 6. Stony Brook 145, 7. Binghamton 201, 8. Vermont 222, 9. Northeastern 234, 10. Hartford 295.

#### INDIVIDUAL

1. Jochen Dieckfoss (Boston U.), 24:50; 2. Anthony Traux (New Hampshire), 24:53; 3. Stephen Meinelt (New Hampshire), 24:56; 4. Dale Summerville (Stony Brook), 25:10; **5. Andy Allstadt (Albany), 25:10**; 6. Dan Coval (Boston U.), 25:28; 7. Jordan Jones (Boston U.), 25:36; **8. Joe Pienta (Albany), 25:38**; 9. Tim Perry (New Hampshire), 25:48; 10. Greg Saylor (UMBC), 25:49.

#### OTHER UALBANY SCORES

14. Chris Pierson 26:03, 18. Sam Gonzalez 26:16, 19. Rob Caracciolo 26:18, 24. Robbie Freeman 26:34, 26. Bryant Cherry-Woode 26:44, 55. Sam Pecorcaro 28:10, 59. Gered Burns 28:23.

#### WOMEN

1. New Hampshire 42, 2. Stony Brook 70, **3. Albany 112**, 4. Boston U. 116, 5. Binghamton 117, 6. Vermont 131, 7. UMBC 154, 8. Maine 155, 9. Northeastern 176, 10. Hartford 325.

#### INDIVIDUAL

1. Jacquelin Nunez (Stony Brook), 17:31; 2. Lesley Read (New Hampshire), 17:35; 3. Caitlin Hayes (New Hampshire), 18:04; 4. Michele Palmer (Vermont), 18:11; 5. Megan Hepp (New Hampshire), 18:16; **6. Alyssa Lotmore (Albany), 18:17**; 7. Laura Hixson (Stony Brook), 18:19; 8. Leonora Joy (Stony Brook), 18:21; 9. Stefanie Thomas (UMBC), 18:22; 10. Jessica Iannacci (Boston U.), 18:22.

#### OTHER UALBANY SCORES

11. Nicole Susser 18:25, 21. Meghan Howell 18:55, 28. Theresa Juva 19:04, 46. Jessica Oehlke 19:32, 52. Maureen Brown 19:50, 58. Laura Subik 20:11, 68. Gwen Uhler 20:35, 69. Natasha Torres 20:36.

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**FIELD HOCKEY ENDS SEASON WITH 7-0 LOSS AT AMERICA EAST-RIVAL MAINE**

Orono, Maine – Senior forward **Jana Ouellette** scored twice to lead Maine to a 7-0 victory over Albany in America East Conference field hockey action on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Morse Field. With the win, the Black Bears (14-5, AE 4-2) clinch the #3 seed in the upcoming America East Tournament dashed the Great Danes (7-12, AE 2-4) hopes of earning a berth.

Ouellette started Maine’s offensive attack with her first goal of the contest at the 19:20 mark of the first period. Senior forward **Karly Bundy** tallied her eighth goal of the season with 38 seconds remaining before halftime to give the Black Bears a 2-0 advantage.

Maine closed out the game in the final 18:31, scoring five goals with Ouellette leading the way with her second of the game, while **Amie Dubois, Rebecca Ouellet, Rachael Hilgar** and **Kirsten Costa** each added a goal.

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) recorded 11 saves before being relieved by fellow rookie **Barbara Czaplinski** with 7:33 remaining in the contest. Senior goalkeeper **Jaye Lance** made three saves for the Black Bears, who outshot the Great Danes 31-7 and held a 15-3 penalty corner advantage.

Albany concludes its season with the most wins since the 2000 season when they finished 10-8.

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Morse Field (Orono, Maine)

Maine (14-5, AE 4-2)	2	5	-	7
Albany (7-12, AE 2-4)	0	0	-	0

Maine – Scoring: Jana Ouellette 2-0, Karly Bundy 1-0, Rachael Hilgar 1-0, Amie Dubois 1-0, Rebecca Ouellet 1-0, Kirsten Costa 1-0, Jaclyn Comeau 0-1; Goalkeeper: Jaye Lance (70:00, 3 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – Scoring: none: Goalkeepers: Marisa Maze (62:27, 11 saves, 6 GA), Barbara Czaplinski (7:33, 0 saves, 1 GA).