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WOMEN'S GOLF COMPETES AT BETHUNE-COOKMAN INVITATIONAL

Daytona Beach, Fla. – **Maggie Taylert** fired an 86 to lead UAlbany in the second round of the Bethune Cookman Invitational, held at the par-72 Indigo Lakes Golf Club. The Great Danes recorded a team score of 757 to finish eighth out of nine teams competing in the tournament.

Jacksonville's **Therese Karlsson** finished third overall in the individual competition and two of her teammates also finished in the top five to lead Jacksonville to the team title. Stetson's **Gretchen Jewell** and Bethune-Cookman's **Maria Dunne** each recorded a two-round total of 157 on the 5,913-yard course to share the individual title.

Taylert finished in a tie for 30th overall with a 183 total over the two-day competition. **Amanda McPhee** shot an opening-round 83 to lead the Great Danes after 18 holes but followed with a second-round 95 in 35-mph winds. The freshman had the best showing for UAlbany, sharing a three-way tie for 23rd place with a 178. **Sun Hwa Kim** finished third on the team and 34th overall with a 195 total (91-104). **Samantha Williams** (T37th, 100-101 –201) and **Tracey Berns** (41st, 105-105 –210) rounded out UAlbany's scorers.

The Great Danes resume their 2006 spring season when they compete at the Hartford Invitational on April 10-11.

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Bethune Cookman Invitational (Indigo Lakes Golf Club)

TEAM

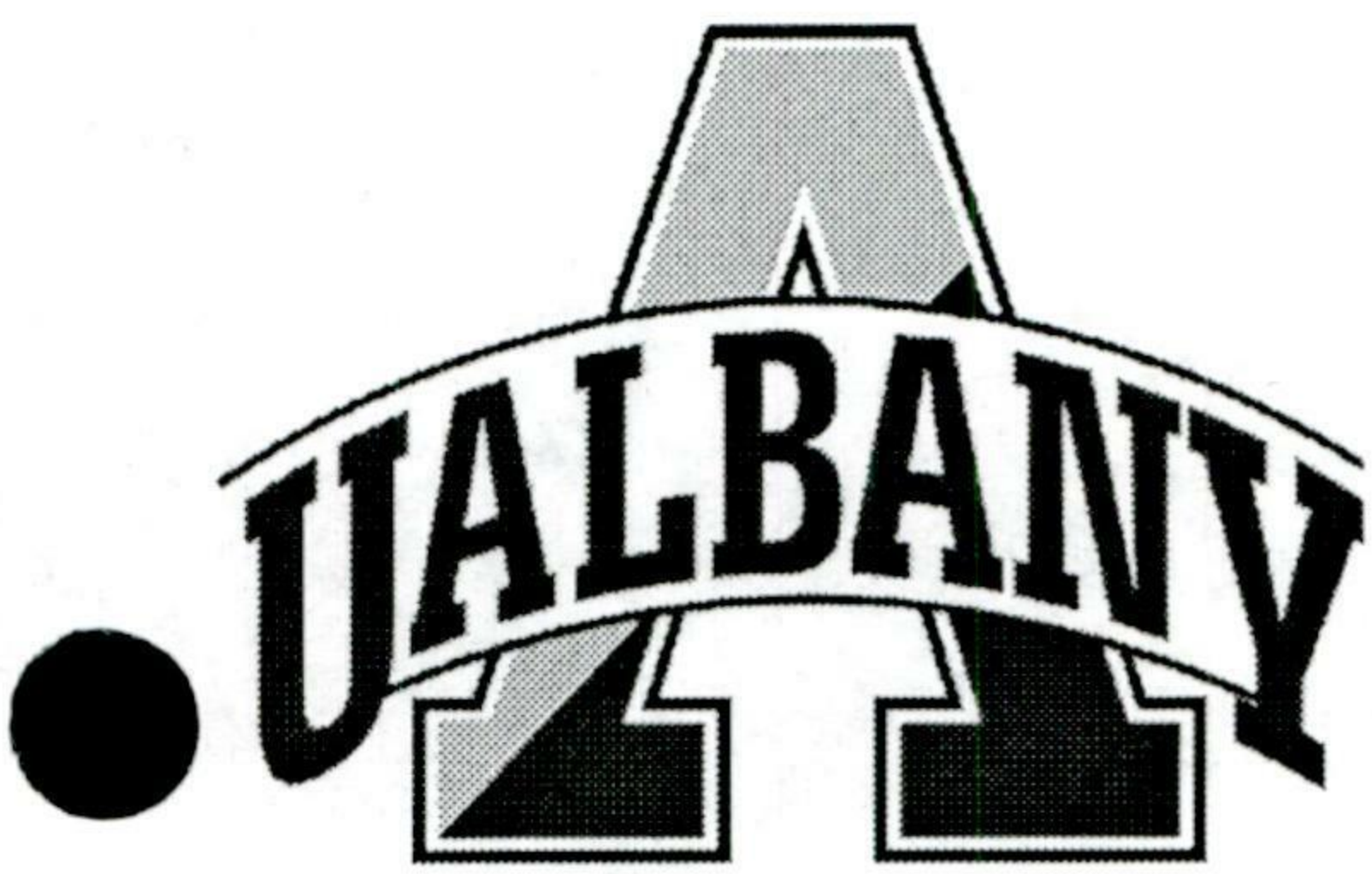
1. Jacksonville 316-321 –637, 2. Bethune-Cookman 327-336 –663, 3. Embry-Riddle 332-240 –672, 4. Stetson 333-344 –677, 5. The Citadel 334-346 –680, 6. Old Dominion 347-361 –708, 7. Charleston Southern 362-352 –714, **8. UAlbany 371-386 –757**, 9. Hampton 388-381 –769

INDIVIDUAL

T1. Gretchen Jewell (Stetson) 77-80 –157, T1. Maria Dunne (Bethune-Cookman) 77-80 –157, 3. Therese Karlsson (Jacksonville) 78-80 –158, 4. Jessica Green (Jacksonville) 84-76 –160, T5. Camilla Loeveid (Jacksonville) 81-80 –161, T5. Fern Grimshaw (Bethune-Cookman) 79-82 –161, 7. Autumn Gee (Embry-Riddle) 81-81 –162, 8. Rhiannon Loeb (Charleston Southern) 78-85 –163, 9. four tied with 164.

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T23. Amanda McPhee 83-95 –178; T30. Maggie Taylert 97-86 –183; 34. Sun Hwa Kim 91-104 –195; T37. Samantha Williams 100-101 –201; 41. Tracey Berns 105-105 –210.



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KRISSY RAJCZAK POWERS UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE PAST LA SALLE

Albany, N.Y. – **Krissy Rajczak** scored four goals and **Jen Daly** made 13 saves in leading UAlbany to its second straight win in a 12-8 victory over La Salle on Sunday afternoon at John Fallon Field.

Rajczak, who also added two assists to tie her career-high of six points, scored all four of her goals in the opening period to give the Great Danes a 7-5 halftime advantage. **Emily Bonczek**, the Atlantic-10 rookie of the year last season, and **Catie Borneman** each tallied two goals in the half to keep the Explorers close.

UAlbany (2-0) opened the second half with four straight goals to stretch its lead to 11-5 with 4:41 remaining. **Kate Fontana** scored three in that span, while **Brittany Scott** added her lone goal of the game. **Kristen Davis**, who paced La Salle with two goals and two assists, converted a feed from **Mara Sardella** to bring the Explorers within 11-6, but **Sarah Spillett** sealed the outcome with a goal for the Great Danes.

Daly, who managed double-digit saves for the 21st time in her career, made nine of her saves in the second half. **Chantelle McCormick** registered nine stops for La Salle (0-2).

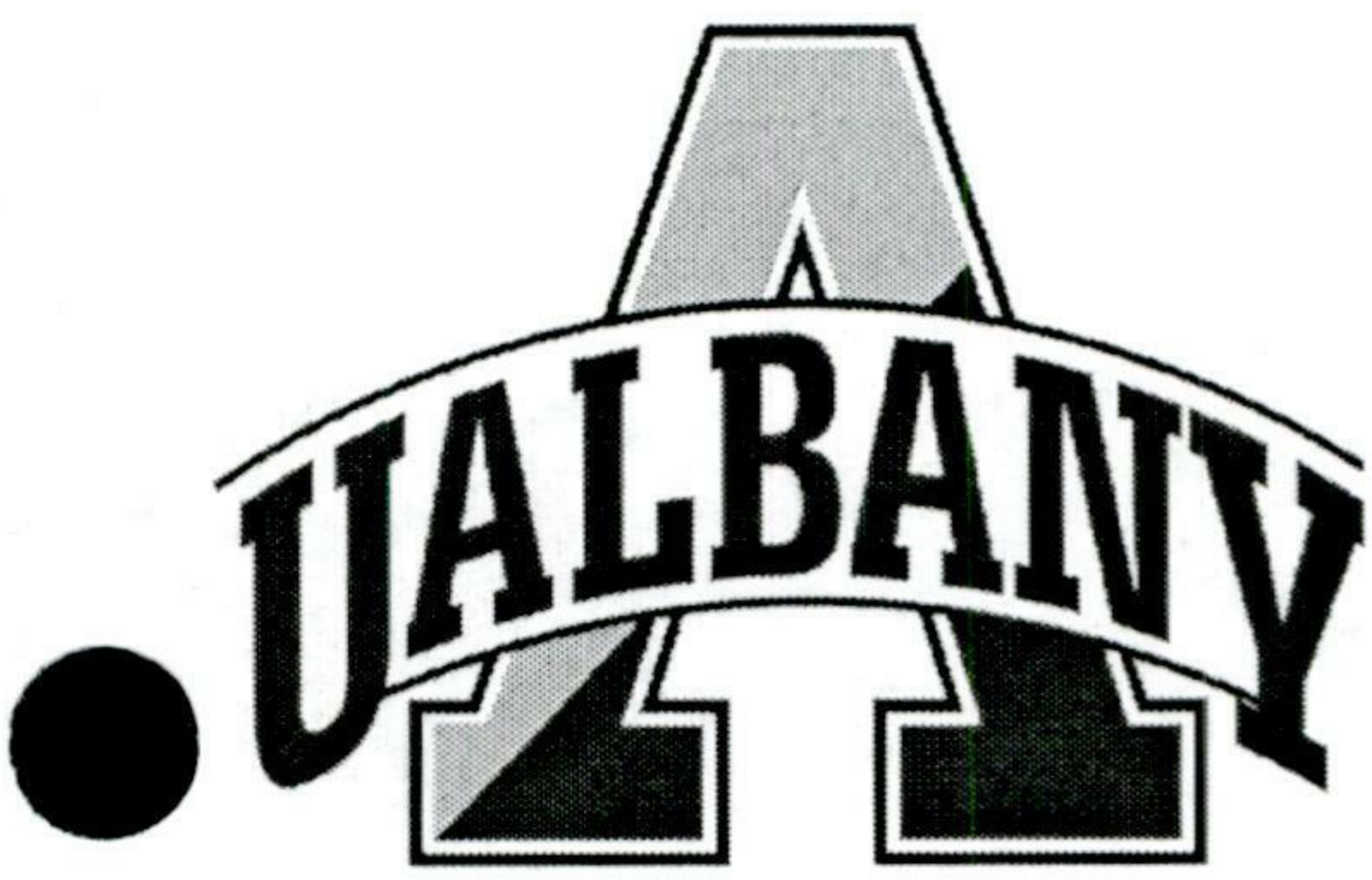
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John Fallon Field (Albany, N.Y.)

La Salle (0-2)	5	3	-	8
UAlbany (1-0)	7	5	-	12

La Salle – Scoring: Kristen Davis (2-2), Catie Borneman (2-0), Emily Bonczek (2-0), Tiffany Grossi (1-0), Kat Prokop (1-0), Ann Anderson (0-1), Mara Sardella (0-1). Goalkeeper: Chantelle McCormick (60:00, 12 GA, 9 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Krissy Rajczak (4-2), Kate Fontana (3-1), Domenica Lo Re (2-0), Julie Bush (1-2), Brittany Scott (1-1), Sarah Spillett (1-1), Nikki Donohue (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 8 GA, 13 saves).



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Men's Basketball – UAlbany 76, UMBC 61

Baltimore, Md. – Sophomore guard Jon Iati had 20 of his career-high 29 points in the first half in leading UAlbany to a 76-61 America East Conference victory over UMBC on Sunday afternoon at Retriever Athletic Center. The Great Danes clinched their first-ever America East regular season title and will be the top seed for next week's postseason tournament.

UAlbany (18-10, AE 13-3) reversed an early 5-4 deficit with 10 of the game's next 12 points. Iati made the first of a career-best six 3-point field goals to put his team ahead and finished off that run with a steal and layup. He canned four long-range jumpers in the opening period, as his team took a 35-26 margin to the locker room.

The Great Danes, who have won eight of their last 10 contests, still led 44-37 early in the second half but then pulled away with a 12-5 scoring run. Lucious Jordan, who had all 13 of his points after halftime, sank a three-pointer from the top of the arc to begin that outburst. Kirsten Zoellner, a 7-foot-1 senior, added a pair of baskets before Brent Wilson's three-pointer gave his club a 56-42 advantage with 9:39 remaining.

"We talked about winning the regular season all week," commented Jordan, who added seven rebounds. "This is a great accomplishment for our team, but now we need to move on to the next goal. This definitely gives us momentum and confidence. We just need to continue to do the little things in practice this week."

John Zito, one of two seniors playing in his final home game, led UMBC (9-18, AE 5-11) with 16 points and six rebounds. Jarrell Dinkins and Chris Pugh each had 10 points for the Retrievers, who came into the game with an 8-3 home record.

"I just had one of those days where everything is dropping," said Iati, who made 8-of-12 from the field and 7-of-8 from the line in reaching twin figures for the first time since Dec. 28. "I felt comfortable playing out there and when Coach (Brown) put me in early, that showed he had confidence in me."

Wilson and Zoellner each scored in double figures for the Great Danes with 11 points apiece. Jamar Wilson finished with nine points and five assists. The Great Danes, as the top seed, will play in the America East quarterfinal round on Saturday, March 4 at 6 p.m.



UALBANY SOFTBALL DOWNS RUTGERS AND OHIO AT ELON INVITATIONAL

Burlington, N.C. – **Ali Meacham** finished with four RBI as UAlbany defeated Rutgers, 8-3, and Ohio, 8-2, at the second day of the Elon Invitational, held Saturday at Burlington Springwood Park. The Great Danes have gone undefeated in the first two days of the tournament and own their best start since the 2002 season, when the team opened with six straight wins.

Rutgers (0-3) carried a 1-0 lead after three innings, but UAlbany (4-0) erased the deficit and broke the game open with a four-run fourth inning. With the bases loaded, **Leslie Busch** smacked a two-run double to right field, plating Meacham and **Julie Gannon**. **Michelle Pechacek** scored on a **Maegan Larsen** sacrifice fly to left field, and **Amber Maisonet** followed with a single up the middle to drive in Busch and give UAlbany the 4-1 advantage.

The Great Danes extended their lead to 8-3 with a four-run sixth inning. **Kelly Ogden**, who made her collegiate pitching debut against the Scarlet Knights, singled to left to score Larsen. **Katrina Dunning**, Meacham and Pechacek followed with one RBI apiece.

Ogden threw four innings and allowed three earned runs on seven hits to earn her first win for the Great Danes. The junior finished 4-for-5 at the plate with a double and an RBI.

Casey Halloran (Columbia) held the Scarlet Knights hitless in three innings of relief. Rutgers' starting pitching **Nicole Freeman** lasted 3.2 innings, giving up four runs on 10 hits.

In the second game of the day, UAlbany scored two in the first against Ohio and never looked back. The Great Danes added one run in the second and third frames, plus four in the fifth inning. In the third inning, Dunning scored on a Meacham double to give UAlbany a 4-0 lead. Meacham doubled to left center in the fifth to drive in **Ashley Rios** and Dunning.

Ohio (5-5) managed six hits and two runs off Halloran, who went the distance for the Great Danes in earning her second win of the season. **Zoe Heim** gave up four runs on seven hits in her three innings as a starter for the Bobcats.

UAlbany will face Elon in the semifinal round of the tournament on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 11:00 a.m.

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Elon Invitational – Day Two

Burlington, N.C. – Burlington Springwood Park

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
UAlbany (3-0)	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	–	8	18	0
Rutgers (0-3)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	–	3	7	2

UAlbany – Kelly Ogden, Casey Halloran (5) and Ali Meacham, Leanne Tillman (7)

Rutgers – Nicole Freeman, Christina Yard (4) and Kim Hodges

Game 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
Ohio (5-5)	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	–	2	6	1
UAlbany (4-0)	2	1	1	0	4	0	4	–	8	13	2

UAlbany – Casey Halloran and Leanne Tillman

Ohio – Zoe Heim, Katlyn Mallette (4) and Marian Davis, Maghan Lunsford (4)

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UALBANY BASEBALL DROPS DOUBLEHEADER AT WOFFORD

Spartanburg, S.C. – **J.D. Melton** hit a solo home run with the game tied at eight in the bottom of the seventh inning as Wofford defeated UAlbany, 9-8, in game two of a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Russell C. King Field. The Terriers also took game one, 7-3.

In the nightcap, Wofford (7-5) built a 6-2 lead entering the top of the fifth. UAlbany (2-4) got three in the fifth, keyed by **Steve Sayre's** (East Greenbush) two-run double. The Great Danes added three more in the sixth to tie the game at eight. But with two out in the seventh, Melton, who also threw two innings of no-hit relief to earn his first collegiate victory, took an **Alexander Beaulieu** pitch and hit it over the left-field fence.

In the first game, Wofford got on top early, scoring three in the first. **Brandon Waring** and **John Brandt** had RBI singles for the Terriers, who scored all their runs with two outs in the inning. UAlbany's **Nate Olson**, a transfer from Long Island, got his squad on the board in the fourth with a two-run home run. Brandt, who went 3-3 with four RBI, hit a two-run homer in the fifth to give his squad a five-run advantage. **Lance Player** and Melton combined to pitch a scoreless seventh for Wofford.

Rashad Barksdale (Hudson) went 4-5 with three runs scored on the day for the Great Danes, who return to action, March 3, when they start a three-game series at Virginia Military Institute.

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Spartanburg, S.C. – Russell C. King Field

Game One	1 2 3	4 5 6	7 –	R H E
UAlbany	0 2 0	2 1 0	0 –	3 8 4
Wofford	3 0 0	1 3 0	x –	7 7 3

UAlbany – Nick Murphy, Casey Walsh (5) and Tom Hill

Wofford – Austin Redwine, Lance Player (6), J.D. Melton (7) and John Brandt

Game Two	1 2 3	4 5 6	7 –	R H E
UAlbany (2-4)	0 1 1	0 3 3	0 –	8 9 1
Wofford (7-5)	3 1 1	2 0 1	1 –	9 8 1

UAlbany – Giorgio Fuda, Tony Kirbis (2), John Naples (5), Alexander Beaulieu (6) and Chris Wood

Wofford – Charles Vartanian, Melton (6) and Keith Munns



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Men's Lacrosse - #1 Johns Hopkins 10, #18 UAlbany 8

Baltimore, Md. – Kevin Huntley and Paul Rabil each scored three goals as Johns Hopkins, the nation's top-ranked team, held off No. 18 UAlbany, 10-8, in the season opener for both teams on Saturday afternoon at Homewood Field.

Johns Hopkins, the defending national champions, scored three times in the opening four minutes of play. Huntley netted a pair of goals in that span, including a shot from the right side for a 3-0 advantage. Huntley, who also had two assists, tied a career-high with five points.

A sophomore attackman, Huntley gave his team a 4-1 lead in the first quarter on a bounce shot. The Blue Jays, who tied the all-time Division I record with 37 straight home wins, led 5-1 after one period, and following a scoreless second quarter took that margin to the locker room.

The Great Danes, who have captured three straight America East Conference championships, would slice the deficit to two goals twice early in the fourth quarter. Frank Resetarits, who added three assists, converted a 10-yard shot after gaining a loose ball to close the gap to 8-6 with 6:38 remaining.

The Blue Jays, who won for the 17th consecutive time, regrouped with a pair of goals 12 seconds apart. All-America attack Jake Byrne tallied his second goal of the game by rifling a shot into the net from the left side. Rabil, a sophomore midfielder, scored off the following face-off when he switched to his left hand and deposited the ball from in front of the cage. UAlbany's Merrick Thomson, who had three goals and one assist, and Derek Dale each found the net in the late stages of the contest.

"We proved that we could play at high level," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, who has led the program to three straight NCAA appearances. "We can only get better from here. Their three-goal blitz helped them at the start. We did not do a good job of clearing the ball or handling their pressure."

UAlbany goalkeeper Brett Queener, who was playing in his first game after transferring from Herkimer County Community College, was impressive in his UAlbany debut as he made 14 saves. But Queener's third-period goal, the first by a Great Dane goalie at the Division I level, might have been the game's most dramatic play as he carried the ball from the defensive end and hit the net to get his squad within 6-3. Johns Hopkins' Rabil connected on an extra-man opportunity that provided his club with a four-goal margin after three periods.

"I wish I had seen the first three shots or it might have been a different game," said Queener, who led HCCC to last year's junior college national title. "Coach Marr allows me to travel with the ball up the field and it adds another dimension to my game. Our team gave an awesome effort and played hard for the entire 60 minutes."

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#18 UAlbany (0-1)	1	0	2	5	-	8
#1 Johns Hopkins (1-0)	5	0	2	3	-	10

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UAlbany – Scoring: Merrick Thomson (3-1), Frank Resatarits (1-3), Derek Dale (1-0), Jordan Levine (1-0), Brett Queener (1-0), Corey Small (1-0); Goalkeeper: Brett Queener (60:00, 14 saves, 10 GA).

Johns Hopkins – Scoring: Kevin Huntley (3-2), Paul Rabil (3-0), Jake Byrne (2-0), Greg Peyser (1-2), Brian Christopher (1-0), Jamison Koesterer (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jesse Schwartzman (60:00, 12 saves, 8 GA).

Women's Basketball – Stony Brook 80, Albany 71

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Sydney Orndorff** had 13 points to lead five Seawolves in double figures as Stony Brook defeated UAlbany, 80-71, in America East Conference women's basketball action on Saturday afternoon the SBU Sports Complex. The Seawolves, who have won six of their last seven contests, improved to 11-2 at home this season.

Stony Brook (17-8, AE 10-4) led 33-27 at halftime but, Albany cut the deficit to one at 45-44 on a three pointer by **Jen Schumacher** in the seventh minute of the second period. The Seawolves ran off 18 of the game's next 21 points as America East player of the year-candidate **Mykeema Ford** keyed the spurt with seven points. Ford, the conference's second-leading scorer (15.7 ppg) and leader in assists (4.6), finished with 12 points. The Seawolves opened the lead to 19 on a conventional three-point play by **Farah Vasquez Jacobo** with 5:13 left in the contest.

UAlbany (6-19, AE 2-12), which led for most of the first half, cut the deficit to seven for a 73-66 score with 58 seconds to play, on a three-pointer by **Sherri Mikus**. Mikus led the Great Danes with 19 points and added six assists. Stony Brook held on, canning 7-of-8 free throws down the stretch.

"Our team played hard and never gave up," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team shot 46.6 percent from the floor (27-of-58). "We have a good young team and we finished hard but their (Stony Brook) experience prevailed."

Mikus, who shot 5-of-7 from the floor and 6-of-8 from the free throw line, led three Great Danes in double figures. Schumacher added 14 points, while **Amanda Ward** scored in twin figures for the sixth straight game, putting in 12.

Dana Ferraro and **Jessica Smith** each tallied double-doubles for Stony Brook. Ferraro had 10 points and 14 rebounds, while Smith scored 10 points and pulled down 12 boards. **Kelly Watson**, who shot 3-of-5 from deep, had 11 points for the Seawolves, who scored 31 points off 20 UAlbany turnovers.

FREEMAN BREAKS 3,000m UALBANY RECORD AT FASTRACK INVITATIONAL

New York, N.Y. – Senior **Robbie Freeman** broke his own 3,000-meter run school record and three female Great Danes posted wins to lead the UAlbany track and field teams at NYU's FasTrack Invitational, held at the New York City Armory. Several UAlbany athletes posted personal bests and ECAC- or IC4A-qualifying marks.

Freeman ran the 3,000m in 8:19.10, shaving 1.44 seconds off his previous UAlbany standard of 8:20.54, which he set earlier this year. **Ricardo Estremera** qualified for the IC4A Championship in the 1,000m, finishing in a time of 2:28.74. Estremera's time, a season best,

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was good for fourth place overall in the event. In field events, **David Parker** (Niskayuna) matched his season-best pole vault with a mark of 15-feet, 3-inches to tie for second place.

Jenna Ortman captured the 1,000m, crossing the line in 2:54.85. She followed in second place by UAlbany sophomore **Danielle Trimpop**, who ran a season-best 2:57.42 to finish second, plus qualified for next weekend's ECAC Championship. **Jessica Ortman**, Jenna's twin sister, had a winning time of 2:11.97 in the 800m, only two seconds off her personal best. Freshman **Jenn Gurrant** also posted a win for UAlbany, capturing the triple jump with a season-best leap of 37-feet, 8-inches.

Gered Burns (Guilderland) competed in the 800m at the AT&T USA Track & Field Indoor Championships, held at Boston's Reggie Lewis Center on Saturday. His time of 1:54.57 in the event preliminaries fell short of the qualifying mark for the finals.

Burns, a two-time IC4A 800m champion, will defend his title as the UAlbany track and field teams compete at the IC4A and ECAC Championships on March 4-5.



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UALBANY SCORES EIGHT IN THE FOURTH IN 13-2 WIN OVER WOFFORD

Spartanburg, S.C. – Leadoff man **Rashad Barksdale** (Hudson) went 3-5 with two RBI and two runs scored as UAlbany defeated Wofford, 13-2, in non-conference baseball action on Friday afternoon at Russell C. King Field. The Great Danes, who pounded out 16 hits, used an eight-run fourth inning to blow the game open.

UAlbany (2-2), which led 2-0 entering the fourth, exploded in the inning with nine hits, including six straight at one point. **Tom Hill** and **Nate Olson** led off the inning with walks and **Sean Donovan** started the barrage of hits with a RBI single. Barksdale followed with a two-RBI double down the left field line and scored on a triple by **Dave West**. **Steve Wyland**, who went 2-5 with 3 RBI, singled home West. After a single by **Steve Sayre** (East Greenbush), **Zac Halloran** (Albany) smacked a RBI double and Donovan capped the scoring with his second RBI single of the inning.

The Great Danes would score two more in the seventh and add a single run in the eighth, while allowing Wofford (5-5) to single runs in the fourth and sixth. **Mark Suchowiecki**, who won his first game of the season, allowed one run on three hits over five innings. The senior left-hander struck out seven and walked two.

Hill and West also had multi-hit games for the Great Danes, who return to action with a doubleheader against the Terriers tomorrow beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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Spartanburg, S.C. – Russell C. King Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	–	R	H	E
UAlbany (2-2)	0	2	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	–	13	16	0
Wofford (5-5)	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	–	2	8	4

UAlbany – Mark Suchowiecki, Matthew Herrick (6), Josh Willimott (7), Eric Cortland (8), Cory Warrings (9) and Chris Wood

Wofford – Chip Hunt, Whit Kennedy (4), Ryan Beaton (4), Reid McElveen (8) and John Brandt, Keith Munns (4)



UALBANY SOFTBALL OPENS SEASON WITH TWO WINS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Burlington, N.C. – UAlbany’s **Kelly Ogden** and **Ali Meacham** each had a game-winning hit as the Great Danes edged Towson, 5-4, and Campbell, 1-0, to open their season on Friday at Burlington Springwood Park. Elon University is hosting a three-day, eight-team tournament.

UAlbany (2-0) scored three runs in the home half of the sixth inning to battle back from a 3-1 deficit in its first game of the season. **Amber Maisonet**, the 2005 America East Conference Rookie of the Year, led off with a double and scored when Ogden singled. **Laura Gremillion** and **Leslie Busch** each picked up an RBI when they drew bases-loaded walks by Towson starter **Jessica Fisher** to give the Great Danes a 4-3 advantage.

Towson (1-6) tied the game at four apiece in the top of the seventh as catcher **Aimee Rosa** hit a sacrifice fly to left to plate **Megan Zwoyer**. With no outs in the bottom of the inning, Maisonet dropped a bunt for UAlbany and advanced to second on a throwing error by Fisher. Ogden, a two-time America East first-team selection, then singled to the opposite field for the game-winning RBI.

Senior **Maegan Larsen**, who had a career-high three home runs last season, led off the game with her first of the season for the Great Danes. **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) allowed only two earned runs and struck out five in earning the complete game victory. Towson’s Fisher also went the distance, giving up four earned runs on seven hits and striking out five.

In the second game of the day, UAlbany broke up a scoreless tie in the top of the seventh against Campbell (7-4). Meacham hit a sacrifice fly to deep center field to score **Katrina Dunning**, who started things off with a triple.

Gremillion, a sophomore right-hander, went the distance for the Great Danes, shutting out the opposition on three hits and striking out one.

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Elon Invitational – Day One

Burlington, N.C. – Burlington Springwood Park

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
Towson (1-6)	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	–	4	8	2
UAlbany (1-0)	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	–	5	7	3

Towson – Jessica Fisher and Aimee Rosa

UAlbany – Casey Halloran and Ali Meacham

Game 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	–	R	H	E
UAlbany (2-0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	–	1	2	2
Campbell (7-4)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	0	3	1

UAlbany – Laura Gremillion and Ali Meacham

Campbell – Lauren Caviness and Erica Willis



UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE DEFEATS SIENA, 16-4, IN SEASON-OPENER

Albany, N.Y. – **Nikki Donohue** and **Julie Bush** each scored three goals to lead UAlbany to a 16-4 victory over Siena in the season-opener for both teams in the inaugural game at UAlbany's John Fallon Field on Friday afternoon. It marked the first season-opening win for the Great Danes at the Division I level and the fifth straight win over the rival Saints.

UAlbany (1-0) opened up a 5-0 lead midway through the first half. Bush, a freshman attack, scored all three of her goals in the stretch. **Kate Fontana**, a two-time All-America East selection at midfield, added a fast-break tally off an assist from **Sarah Spillett**. Spillett, who tallied a team-high six points on two goals and four assists, also scored in the run off a feed from **Brittany Scott**.

Siena's **Christina Pampalone**, a preseason All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference honoree, put the Saints on the board with a free-position goal at 8:19, trimming the gap to 5-1. The Great Danes answered with three goals over the next three minutes to push the score to 8-1. **Krissy Rajczak** found the net twice, while **Domenica Lo Re**, who moved from defense to attack this season, added a goal. Pampalone, who finished with three goals on the day, scored her second right before halftime to make the score 8-2.

The Great Danes, whose 16 goals were the most since April 9, 2004, opened the second half with three straight goals to open up an 11-2 advantage. Scott, who tied her career-high with three points, scored twice in that span.

Jen Daly, who made her 36th straight start in goal, finished with eight saves and five ground balls for the Great Danes. Siena's **Bethany Zimmer** tallied seven saves. **Lindsey Rosecrans** finished with one goal, while **Michelle Eide** and **Amy Schoonmaker** managed one assist each.

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John Fallon Field (Albany, N.Y.)

Siena (0-1)	4	4	-	8
UAlbany (1-0)	8	8	-	16

Siena – Scoring: Christina Pampalone (3-0), Lindsey Rosecrans (1-0), Michelle Eide (0-1), Amy Schoonmaker (0-1). Goalkeeper: Bethany Zimmer (60:00, 16 GA, 8 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Nikki Donohue (3-2), Julie Bush (3-1), Sarah Spillett (2-4), Brittany Scott (2-1), Kate Fontana (2-1), Krissy Rajczak (2-0), Domenica Lo Re (1-1), Jackie Davren (1-0), Rory Redmond (0-1), Kristin Cioffi (0-1). Goalkeepers: Jen Daly (51:03, 4 GA, 7 saves), Katie Neer (8:57, 0 GA, 0 saves).



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NEW HAMPSHIRE EDGES UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL IN OVERTIME, 78-71

Durham, N.H. – **Jermaine Anderson** and **Mike Christensen** combined for 11 points in overtime as New Hampshire swept the regular-season series from UAlbany with a 78-71 America East Conference victory on Thursday evening at Lundholm Gymnasium.

UAlbany (17-10, AE 12-3) rallied from a 61-54 deficit to force the extra period. **Brent Wilson** hit a three-pointer from the top of the arc and **Brian Lillis** converted a driving bank shot to cut the lead to two. Following Christensen's offensive foul, Wilson made a 12-foot jumper from left of the lane to draw his team even at 61 apiece. **Jamar Wilson** had his shot blocked in the lane by UNH's **Jamaal Caterina** with two seconds remaining.

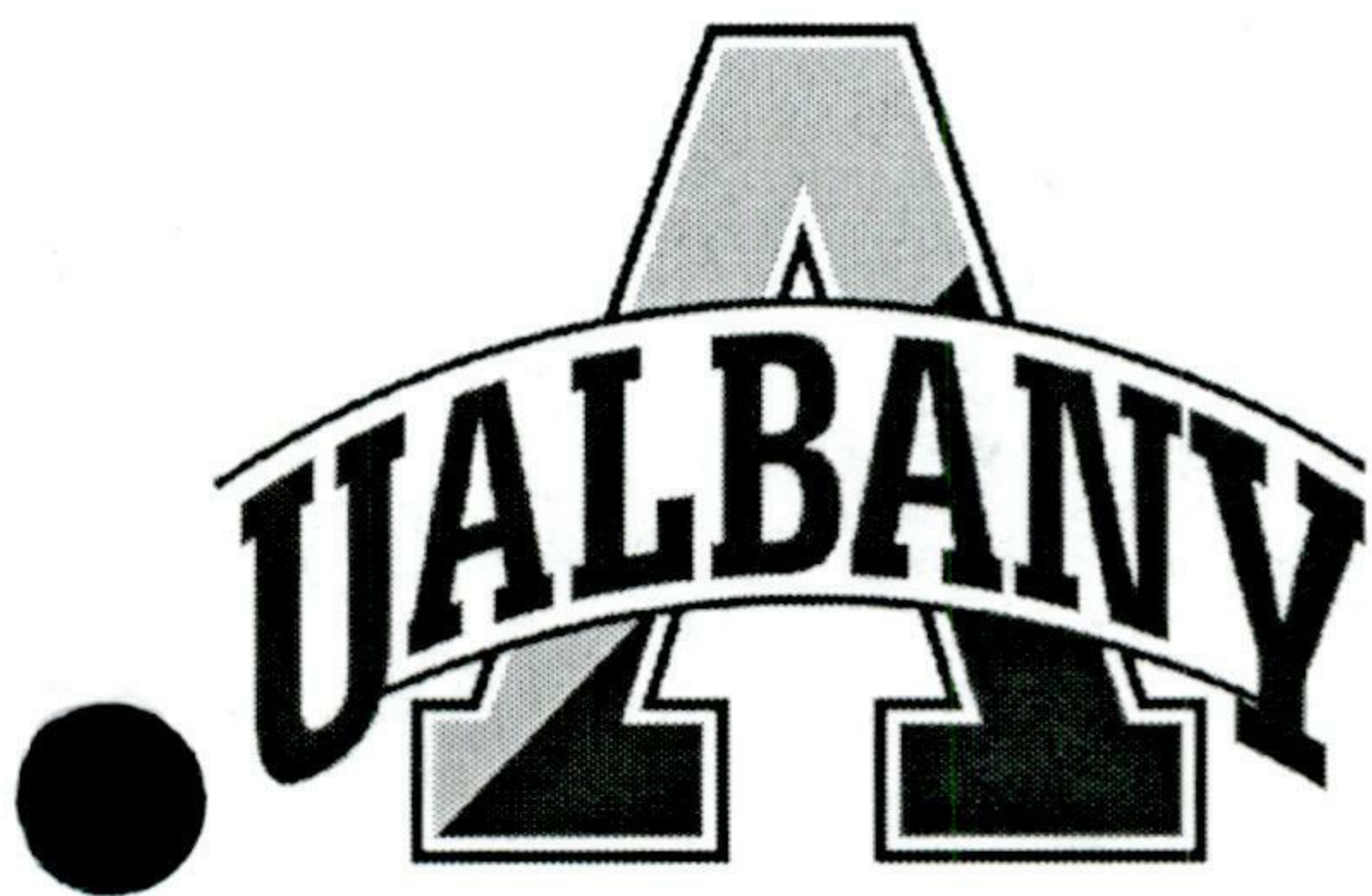
New Hampshire (11-16, AE 8-8) led all the way in overtime as Christensen, who had 15 points off the bench, canned a three-point field goal from the right wing on his team's first possession of the period. The Wildcats, who also defeated the visitors in overtime in the first meeting on Jan. 22, pulled away when Caterina tipped in his own missed shot for a 70-67 lead. Anderson, who had 15 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, then sank a pair of free throws.

"This was the same as the last game," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team had its seven-game winning streak in conference play halted. "We weren't disciplined on defense. They are a tough matchup because they spread the floor. We didn't help ourselves in the first half on either end of the floor."

New Hampshire led by as much as 10 points in the opening period before settling for a 31-25 halftime margin. The Great Danes kept within striking distance and drew even at 52 all on an inside basket by **Kirsten Zoellner**, who had 12 points. The Wildcats answered when **Blagoj Janev**, who had 13 points, buried a three-pointer from the left corner. Later freshman **Tyrece Gibbs**, who had 14 points, sank a 23-footer that beat the shot clock for a 61-54 advantage with 2:25 left.

UAlbany's **Lucious Jordan** led four players in double figures with 17 points and eight rebounds. **Jamar Wilson** and **Levi Levine** added 13 and 11 points, respectively.

"They hit all of our pressure points in the two games," Levine commented. "We thought we had the momentum going into overtime, but we didn't do the right things to get the win. Now we need to take one day at a time as we prepare for our next game."



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UALBANY PLACES 57 ON AMERICA EAST FALL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany women's volleyball player **Ashlee Reed** and men's soccer standout **Stephan Hall** lead a group of 57 Great Dane student-athletes who have been named to the 2005 America East Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll as announced by the conference office on Thursday. Additionally, Reed and Hall were chosen by a committee of athletic administrators and NCAA Faculty Representatives as America East Scholar-Athletes in their respective sports.

Reed, a three-time all-conference standout in women's volleyball, was named to her sport's all-academic squad along with teammates **Blair Buchanan** and **Ashley DeNeal** last fall. Hall, a CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team selection in men's soccer, became the first UAlbany player to earn that distinction.

The honor roll recipients, who earned a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, were members of teams in the six championship sports which the conference offered in the fall season, including men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball.

UAlbany also had 26 student-athletes on the Commissioner's Honor Roll after posting a 3.50 GPA and above during the 2005 fall semester. **Alyssa Lotmore**, who earned All-East accolades after finishing seventh at the ECAC women's cross country championship, recorded a perfect 4.0 GPA last fall.

2005 America East Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll

Men's Cross Country: Gered Burns, Bryant Cherry-Woode, Ricardo Estremera, Ryan Gaedje, Chris Jimenez, Mitchel Troise, Eric Zorilla.

Women's Cross Country: Elizabeth Caldon, Jessica Chichester, Alyssa Lotmore, Colleen Murray, Jenna Ortman, Jessica Ortman, Jennifer Russell, Natasha Torres.

Field Hockey: Danielle Conklin, Barbara Czaplinski, Shelley Gebhardt, Letitia Mazzaferro, Devon Switzer, Ashley Ross, Vanessa Walter, Kasey Weaver, Arlette Westdorp.

Men's Soccer: George Apostolidis, Timba Bimont, Steward Ceus, Stephan Hall, Don Johnson, Tufi Long, Rodrigo Marion, Pete Marx, Dan Mayerhofer, Taylor-Mikael McNamara, Adam Nordbeck, Alex Ruhe-Lischke, Gaby Seguin-Gauthier, Jon Stroud, Eric Zekiroski.

Women's Soccer: Jessica Campbell, Kay Connolly, Jamie Dougherty, Andrea Dunn, Alicia Gibson, Allison Grossman, Jessica Insana, Uju Ogbuawa, Jaclyn Schaaf, Sophia Tripoli.

Women's Volleyball: Blair Buchanan, Ashley DeNeal, Shelby Goldman, Ashley Green, Ashley Hunter, Eileen Nicole Rodriguez, Ashlee Reed, Hillary White.



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Women's Basketball – New Hampshire 70, Albany 55

Durham, N.H. – Danielle Clark tallied a double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds as New Hampshire defeated UAlbany, 70-55, in America East Conference women's basketball action on Wednesday evening at Lundholm Gymnasium.

New Hampshire (14-11, AE 5-8) used a 16-2 run bridging the first and second halves to open a 38-26 advantage with 16:36 remaining in the contest. Ray Williams, who also notched a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds, hit a pair of layups to cap the run.

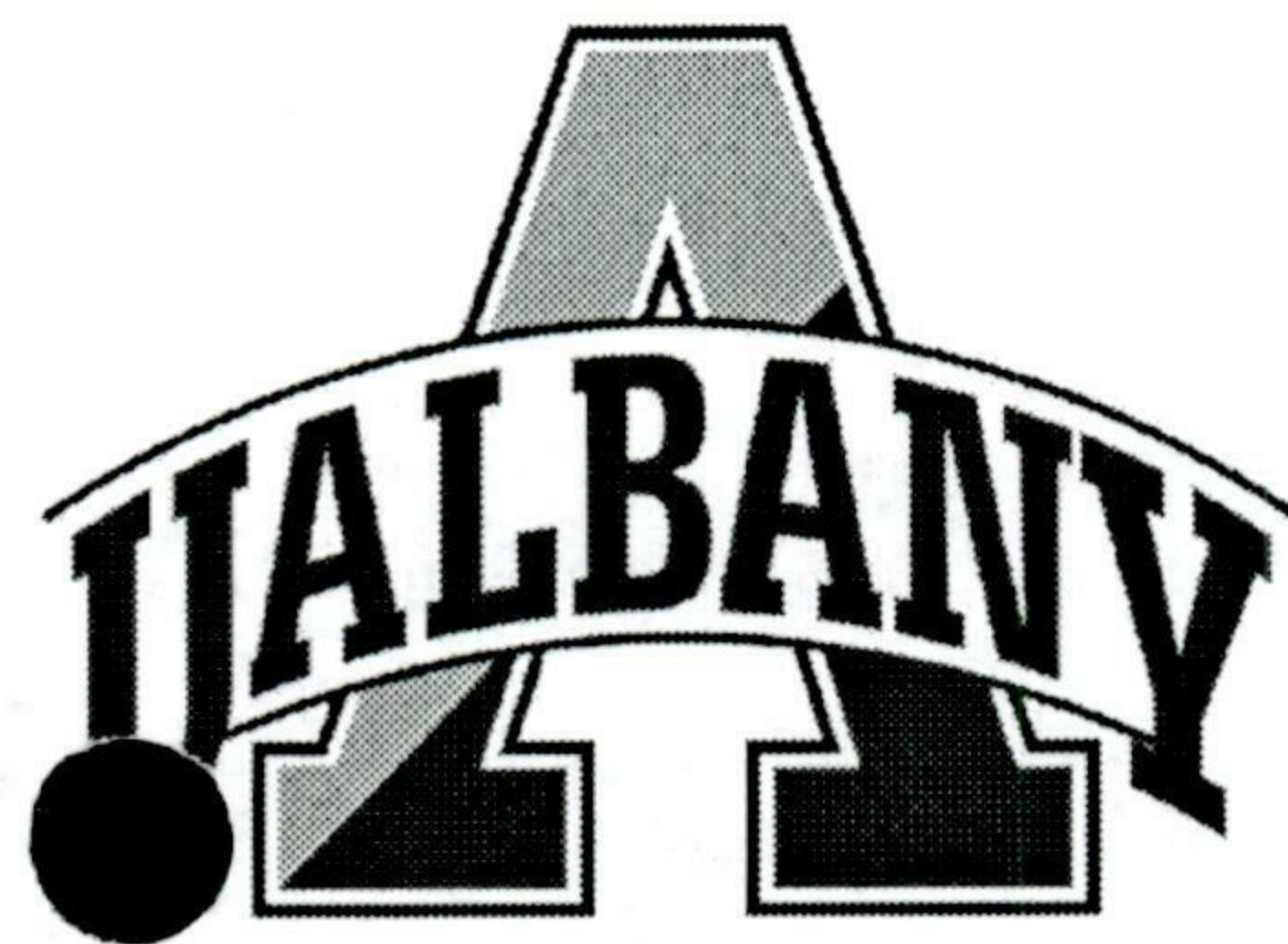
UAlbany (6-18, AE 2-11) bounced back scoring 15 of the game's next 20 points over the following 6:31. Devran Tanacan had all six of her points during that stretch and Sarah Hayes (Rensselaer) hit two free throws to cut the lead to 43-41 with 10:05 remaining. A pair of three pointers by Emily Hardy and Ebony Woods stopped UAlbany's spurt and kickstarted a 12-2 Wildcat run as they regained their double-digit advantage.

Amanda Ward, who scored a career-high 23 points in the loss, hit consecutive buckets to bring the Great Danes within eight and Gia Sanders hit a jumper in the lane to cut the gap to 55-49 with 4:36 to go. But Clark, who scored in double figures for the 20th time this season, and Ray combined to score 10 points down stretch to seal the victory for UNH.

"Ray Williams really hurt us when she kept getting those offensive rebounds," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team gave up eight offensive caroms to Williams. "Their (New Hampshire's) defense also put a lot of pressure on our guards and we weren't ready for that."

UAlbany, which scored the game's first eight points, jumped out to a 13-2 lead early in the first half. The Great Danes led 24-21 with 4:22 left in the opening stanza, but the Wildcats, who snapped a three-game losing streak with the victory, closed the period on a 7-0 run to take a 29-24 halftime advantage.

Ward, who scored in twin figures for the fifth straight game, was the only Great Dane in double digits. Jen Schumacher added nine points on three first half 3-pointers.



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Men's Basketball – UAlbany 76, Vermont 64

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half as UAlbany clinched a share of the America East Conference regular-season title with a 76-64 victory over Vermont before 4,011 fans on Monday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Great Danes also earned the top seed for next week's conference postseason tournament.

UAlbany (17-9, AE 12-2) led 54-45 with 6:55 remaining, but then broke things open with nine of the game's next 10 points. Brent Wilson, who had 18 points on 8-of-10 shooting, and grabbed six rebounds, canned a pair of three-point field goals in that decisive run. Kirsten Zoellner, one of four seniors who were making their final home appearance, made two free throws for a 63-46 advantage.

Jamar Wilson, a 6-foot-1 junior who scored 20-plus for the fifth time in his last six games and added seven assists, then pushed the lead to 70-50 when he made a three-point play after being fouled on a driving layup. The Great Danes, who held the visitors to 35.7-percent shooting in the final period, avenged a 12-point loss to Vermont in this season's first meeting on Jan. 18.

"We exchanged baskets for quite a while in the second half, but we really turned it up with eight minutes to go, especially on defense," commented UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team also secured a NIT berth with its regular-season crown. "We had a lot of energy early in the first half, but then we got into foul trouble and that set us back."

The Great Danes, who have won seven of their last eight contests, got off to a quick start by leaping to a 14-5 lead. Lucious Jordan, the third UAlbany player in double figures with 11 points, converted a driving layup before Brian Lillis drilled a 3-pointer. UAlbany led by as much as 15 in the period, but then settled for a 35-27 halftime margin.

Vermont (11-14, AE 7-7) was still trailing by eight points with 13:34 to play when Martin Klimes, who scored a team-high 13, converted in the lane off a feed from Josh Duell. The Catamounts, who had won eight straight times in this series since the 2002-03 season, never got any closer. Freshman guard Mike Trimboli added 12 points and six assists. UAlbany's Levi Levine had seven points and five assists off the bench.

"This is very rewarding," offered Levine, a tri-captain who played on a team with a 5-23 record just two seasons ago. "We are still greedy because we want to get to the NCAAs, but this was nice to share with the people who have been with us through the tough times. Everybody has matured and this year it has come together."



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SHERRI MIKUS NAMED AMERICA EAST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK IN BASKETBALL

Boston, Mass. – **Sherri Mikus** has been named the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in women's basketball, as announced by the conference office this afternoon. Mikus, a sophomore guard, shares the honor with Boston U.'s **Rachael Vanderwal**.

Mikus, who earned her first America East honor, poured in a career-high 23 points in UAlbany's 65-62 victory over Vermont on Saturday. She tallied 18 in the second half, including a perfect 6-of-6 at the free throw line in the closing minutes. Mikus added a career-high seven rebounds and tied her personal-best of six steals. The team's assists leader, Mikus passed out five against the Catamounts.

Mikus, who leads the Great Danes with 10.9 points per game in America East contests, ranks among the top-10 in the conference in steals (1.96 pg) and assists (2.91 pg). UAlbany (6-17, AE 2-10) resumes action on Wednesday at New Hampshire.



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UALBANY MEN'S TRACK WINS AMERICA EAST TITLE, WOMEN FINISH SECOND

Boston, Mass. – **Andy Allstadt** won two individual titles and was named the Most Outstanding Track Performer of the Year as the UAlbany men were crowned the America East Conference champions on Saturday afternoon at Boston University's Track and Tennis Center. The Great Danes, who have captured the title in three of the last four years, earned 193 points to reclaim the championship after finishing one point off the lead last year. The UAlbany women finished with a best-ever 165.5 points and placed second behind Boston University's 195.

Allstadt captured the 3,000-meter run in 8:25.28 to follow his win in the 5,000m on Friday. He became the first Great Dane to win two individual indoor titles since Paul Roche took first in the 55m hurdles and long jump in 2003. The UAlbany distance runner also received the Coaches' Award, given to the athlete who scores the most points for his team.

Kamar Elliott won his third consecutive America East triple jump title, finishing with a season-best leap of 48-feet, 10.75-inches. He was more than 1.5 feet better than teammate **Ray Gilman** (Berne-Knox-Westerlo), who took second. Elliott, an all-conference defensive back in football who has also won two consecutive outdoor titles in the event, placed second in the long jump on the first day of competition with a mark of 23-feet.

Gered Burns (Guilderland) successfully defended his 800m title in 1:52.22, while freshman **Pat Weider** turned in a first-place showing in the 200m with a time of 21.77. Weider set a new school record of 21.75 seconds in the preliminary round.

The men's 4x800m relay team won the conference title and set a new UAlbany standard of 7:38.87. Shaker's **Jared Jupin** and **Joe Belokopitsky** teamed with **Ricardo Estremera** and Burns, who ran an anchor-leg split of 1:48.7.

Joe Greene was honored as the men's Rookie of the Year. He posted a second-place finish in the 400-meter dash and was seven-hundredths of a second off the winning pace. The freshman also anchored the 4x400m relay, which took second in 3:14.09, as well as placed fourth in the long jump.

The Great Danes were followed by UMBC, which scored 148 to finish second. UAlbany's win margin of 45 points is the most by a men's indoor America East champion since 1991. New Hampshire (127.5), Boston U. (100) and Binghamton (86.5) followed to round out the top five.

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The UAlbany women were led by **Adanna Andrews**, who won the 500-meter dash with a school-record time of 1:14.54. Andrews broke her own standard of 1:15.47, which she set in the event's preliminaries. Andrews later ran the second leg of the winning 4x800m relay, which featured her twin sister **Anisha Andrews**, as well as twin sisters **Jenna** and **Jessica Ortman**.

Freshmen **Kamilah McShine** and **Ritshell Verdier** also came up big for the Great Danes. McShine captured the 55m hurdles crown in 8.25 seconds after tying UAlbany's pentathlon record for a second-place finish on the first day. Verdier took first in the shot put after recording a mark of 42-11.

The women have posted a second-place showing twice since joining the America East in 2001-02. The team finished 74.5 points ahead of third-place Maine, with New Hampshire (84.5) and UMBC (84) rounding out the top five.

"This was a team effort by every member of this team, and I'm excited for each and every one of them," said UAlbany coach Roberto Vives, whose son (Andres) and daughter (Ashley) were also competitors at the conference meet. "Everybody stepped up, and it was an unreal two days. This was our best performance in school history."

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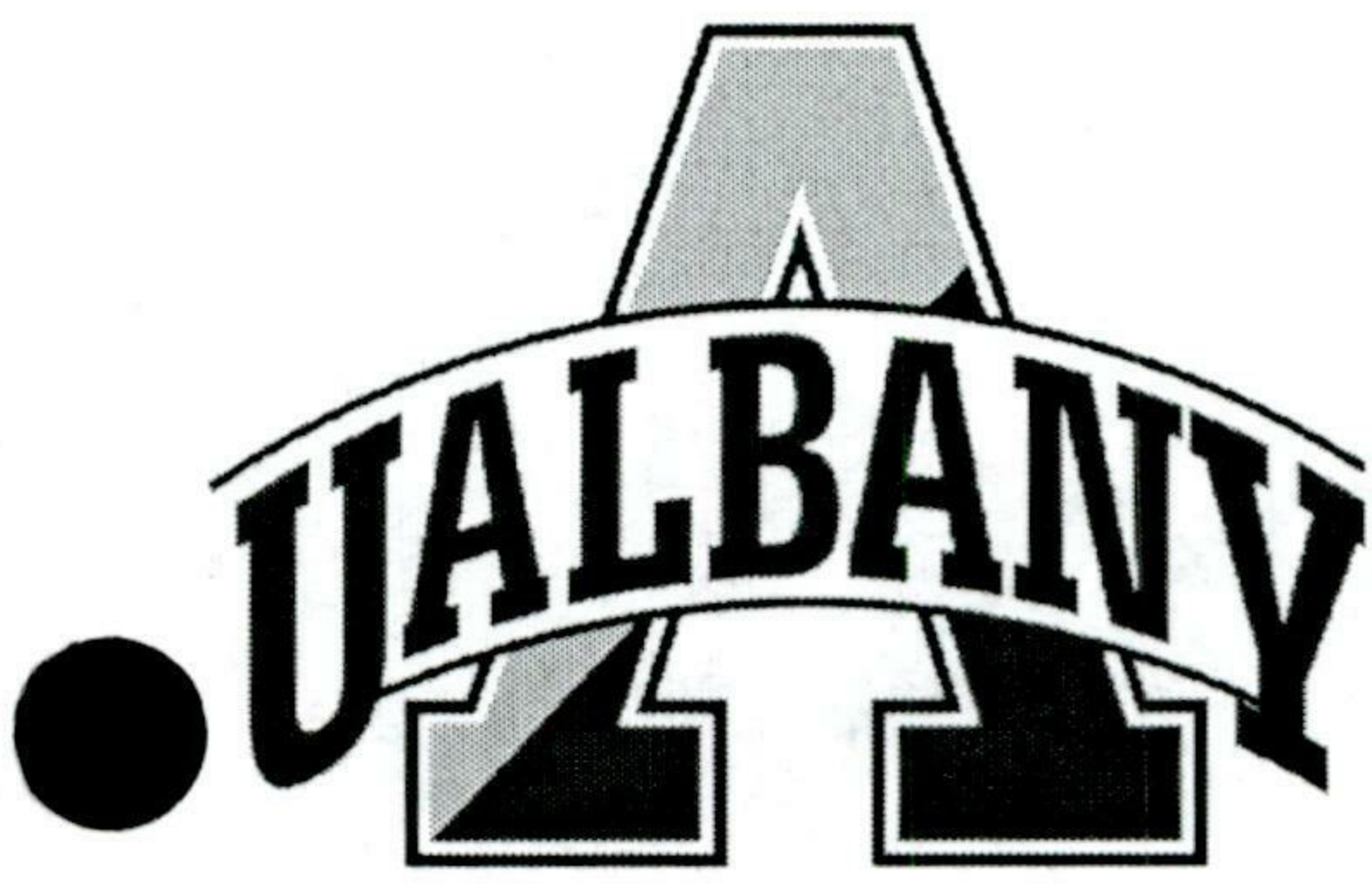
Final Results -- TEAM

MEN

1. **UAlbany 193**, 2. UMBC 148, 3. New Hampshire 127.5, 4. Boston U. 100, 5. Binghamton 86.5, 6. Maine 50, 7. Stony Brook 33, 8. Vermont 22, 9. Hartford 20.

WOMEN

1. Boston U. 195, 2. **UAlbany 165.5**, 3. Maine 91, 4. New Hampshire 84.5, 5. UMBC 84, 6. Binghamton 71, 7. Vermont 53, 8. Stony Brook 33, 9. Hartford 3.



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UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DOWNS VERMONT, 65-62, TO SNAP LOSING SKID

Burlington, Vt. – Sophomore guard **Sherri Mikus** netted a career-high 23 points, including 18 in the second half, to lead UAlbany past Vermont, 65-62, in America East Conference women's basketball action on Saturday afternoon at Patrick Gymnasium. The Great Danes defeated Vermont for the first time in the teams' 10 meetings.

UAlbany (6-17, AE 2-10) extended a 29-27 halftime lead with a 12-0 run early in the second stanza to take the 47-33 advantage with 11:49 remaining in the game. Vermont (8-14, AE 4-9) answered back with 17 of the game's next 22 points as **Ashleigh Cuncic** hit two from beyond the arc, including one to cap the run and cut the lead to 52-50 with 4:32 left to play.

Jen Schumacher, who finished with seven points for the Great Danes, made a driving layup and Mikus made both ends of a one-and-one to rebuild the lead to 57-52 at the 1:19 mark. UAlbany pushed out to a 63-57 advantage with 53.6 seconds to go, after Mikus hit two free throws and Schumacher and **Amanda Ward** added one apiece.

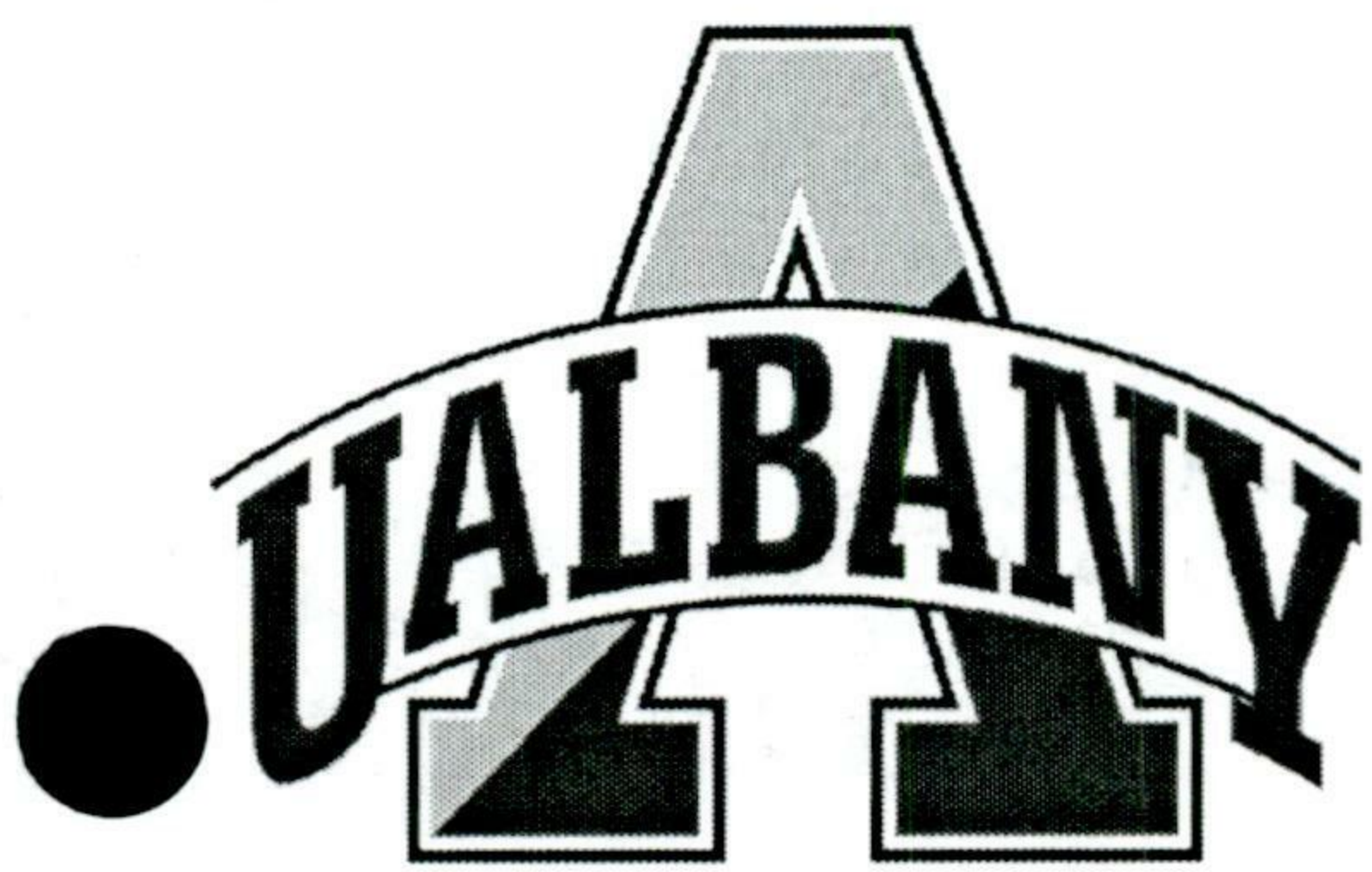
The Catamounts came within three after **Chrissy Battram** sank one at the line, but the Great Danes grabbed the rebound and Mikus converted her final two free throws to seal the victory, the team's first in eight contests.

"In the first half, I just let my defense be my offense," commented Mikus, who made all six of her free throws in the final 1:19 of the game. "I had no idea how many points I was scoring. I concentrated on making the free throws at the end of the game to ice it."

Alexis Castro notched her second double-double against UAlbany this season, finishing with 20 points and 10 rebounds for Vermont. Cuncic added 14 points and six steals, but the Catamounts could not mount a successful comeback and have now dropped seven of their last eight games.

"I'm ecstatic," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team shot a season-high 53.2 percent from the floor. "After Vermont blew us out the last time we played, we were determined not to let that happen again. Sherri is the leader," Patterson added of Mikus, who grabbed a career-high seven rebounds while adding six steals and five assists. "She put this team on her back and handled the tough run in the second half."

Ward tied her season-high with 18 points, plus added six rebounds and four assists. She owns a four-game, double-digit scoring streak, the longest of any Great Dane this season. Freshman **Kirsten Peterson** finished with five points and a season-high five blocks in strong defensive play down the stretch.



College Basketball – Virginia Commonwealth 70, Albany 67

Richmond, Va. – Nick George scored 23 points and Eric Maynor scored the go-ahead basket with 1:16 remaining in leading Virginia Commonwealth to a 70-67 victory over UAlbany in the fourth annual BracketBusters on Friday evening at Alltel Pavilion.

Virginia Commonwealth (17-8) went ahead 66-64 when Maynor converted a back door layup off a high-post pass from George. UAlbany (16-9) closed to within one when Jamar Wilson split a pair of free throws. UAlbany later closed within one when Lucious Jordan scored on a follow shot in the lane with 9.0 seconds left. Maynor, who had nine points off the bench, then sank two free throws for a 70-67 before Jamar Wilson's three-point attempt was blocked by B.A. Walker with three seconds to play.

The Great Danes, who had their six game winning streak halted, traded baskets with VCU for almost the entire second half. Wilson, who had 21 of his game-high 28 points in the final period, kept his team in the hunt throughout the period. Kirsten Zoellner gave UAlbany its last lead at 61-60 with 3:09 left when he hit a layup in the lane.

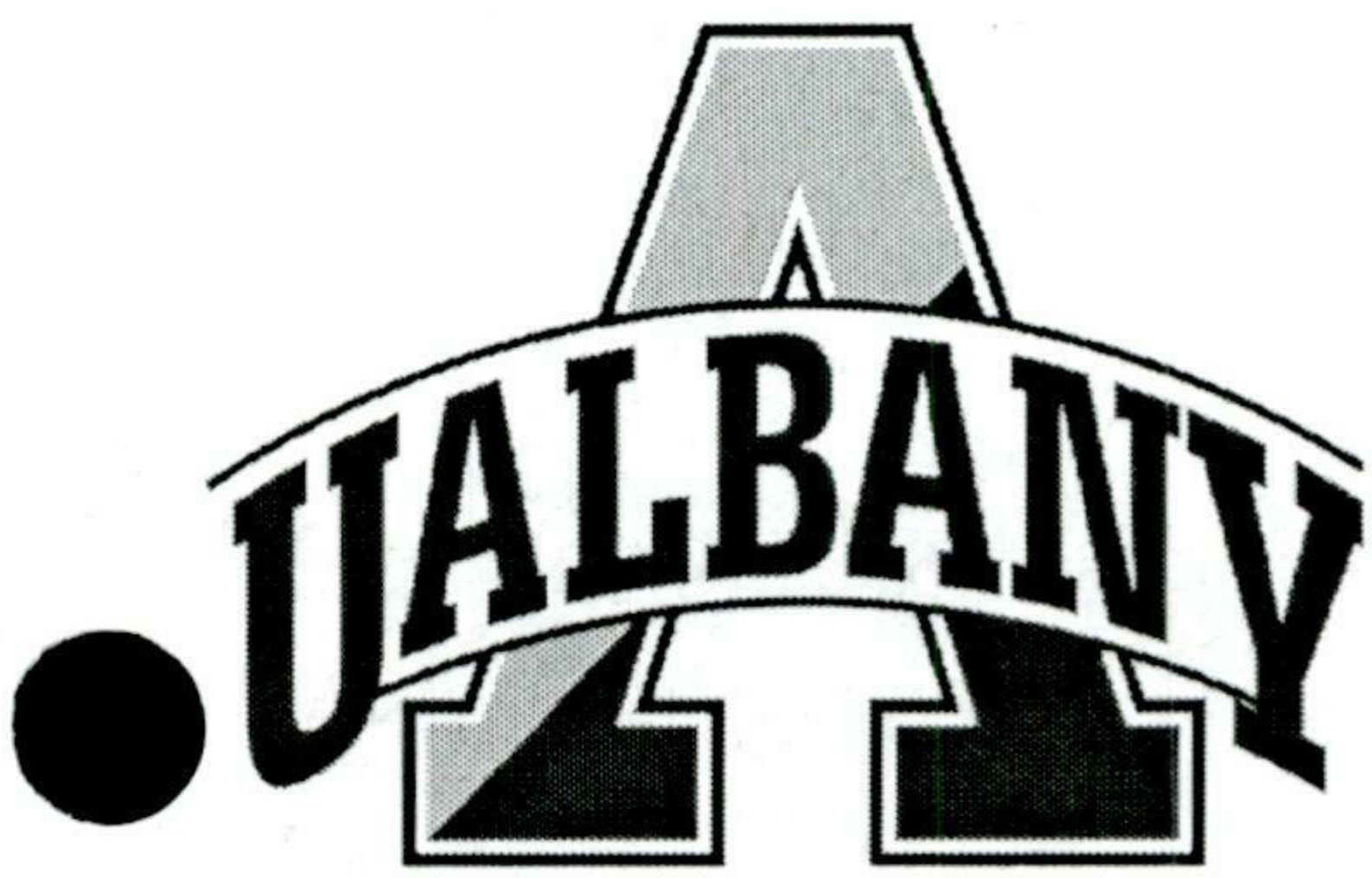
VCU's Walker, who had all nine of his points after halftime, put his team back in front with a pair of free throws. George, a 6-foot-6 senior who made 9-of-15 from the field, then canned an eight-foot jumper following a steal. UAlbany's Brent Wilson, who had 14 of his 17 points in the final stanza, then tied the contest for the ninth time at 64 apiece by drilling a three pointer from the right wing.

"We hurt ourselves with all the turnovers," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team made a season-high 20 miscues. They put pressure on us throughout the game and it bothered us at times. Give them credit they made some tough shots down the stretch. This was a great atmosphere to play in and we competed at a high level."

Both teams got off to a slow start to begin the game. The Rams would eventually build an eight-point lead on two occasions in the period including 24-16 on Jamal Schuler's layup with 2:36 remaining. However the Great Danes closed the gap to 24-22 by the intermission as Jamar Wilson converted a layup and Levi Levine sank two free throws to end the period.]

"They put pressure on us for the entire 40 minutes," commented Jamar Wilson, whose squad had won 14 of its previous 16 contest. "We eventually calmed down and came together as a team. We knew at that point we had a chance to win the game."

VCU's Alexander Harper was the only other player in double figures with 11 points. Schuler added nine for the Rams, who shot 62.9 percent shooting in the second half on 15-of-24 attempts. UAlbany's Zoeller, a 7-foot senior finished with five points



UALBANY MEN IN LEAD AFTER FIRST DAY OF AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Boston, Mass. – **Andy Allstadt** won the 5,000-meter run to help the UAlbany men take the lead after the first day of the America East Conference Championship, held at Boston University's Track and Tennis Center on Friday. The Great Dane men tallied 53 points and have an eight-point lead over UMBC, who sits in second place with 45 points. The UAlbany women scored 34 points and are tied for third after the first day of competition.

Allstadt crossed the line in an ECAC-qualifying time of 14:26.99, less than one second off school-record pace. Senior **Robbie Freeman** finished third in the event and qualified for ECACs with a time of 14:34.25.

Kamar Elliott placed second with a season-best long jump of 23-feet. Freshmen **Joe Greene** and **Chase Frazer** took fourth and fifth in that event, respectively. **David Parker** (Niskayuna) finished fourth in the pole vault with a personal best of 15-feet, 3-inches, while the men's distance medley relay took third in 10:04.88.

Pat Weider, a freshman, set a UAlbany record in the 200m, covering the preliminaries in 21.75 seconds to advance to tomorrow's final. Weider also ran a 6.49 in the 55m to qualify for tomorrow's final, while **Junior Burnett** advanced with times of 6.47 in the 55m and 22.06 in the 200m.

For the women, **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) turned in a third-place showing in the 5,000m and broke her own UAlbany standard, running the event in 16:55.50. **Adanna Andrews** bested the school's 500m mark with a time of 1:15.47 in qualifying for the finals, while **Corinna Hengen** tied her program record of 10-10 in the pole vault.

Freshman **Kamilah McShine** turned in a second-place showing in the women's pentathlon, tying Ricshara Knight's 2004 UAlbany record with 3,401 points. McShine qualified for March's ECAC Championship, setting personal bests in each of the five events. **Jillian Sherman** (Academy of the Holy Names) notched a long jump mark of 18-0.25 to finish third.

The women's distance medley relay ran a combined 11:46.16 to set a school record and finish second. Two sets of twins, **Adanna Andrews, Anisha Andrews, Jessica Ortman** and **Jenna Ortman**, eclipsed the previous standard by over two seconds.

The America East Conference Championship continues tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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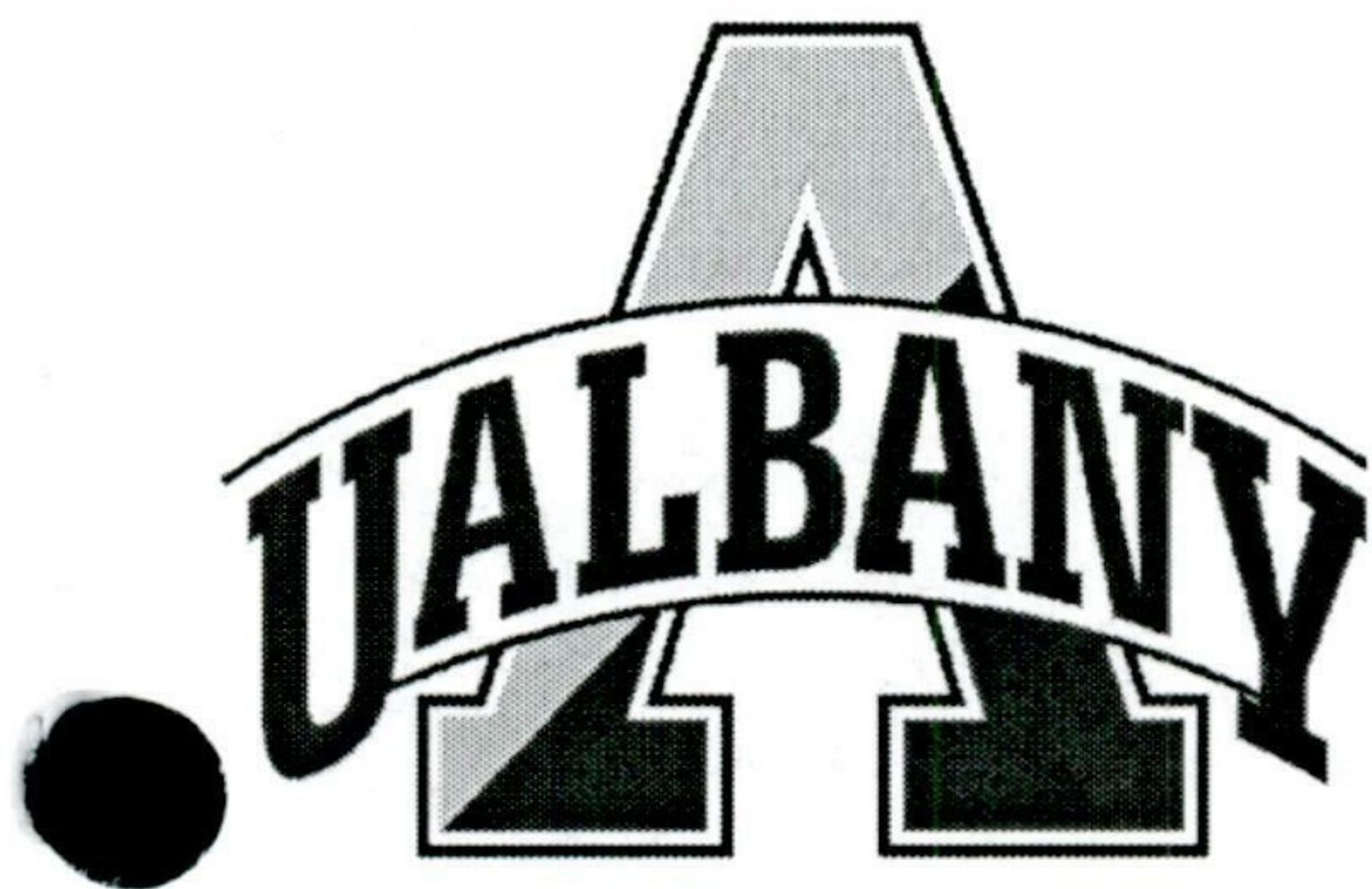
Day One Results

MEN

1. **UAlbany 53**, 2. UMBC 45, 3. New Hampshire 39.5, 4. Binghamton 26.5, T5. Stony Brook 10, T5. Boston U. 10, T7. Vermont 5, T7. Maine 5, 9. Hartford 1.

WOMEN

1. Boston U. 52, 2. Maine 41, **T3. UAlbany 34**, T3. New Hampshire 34, 5. Binghamton 31, 6. UMBC 17, 7. Vermont 12, 8. Stony Brook 11, 9. Hartford 2.



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UALBANY BASEBALL DROPS RUBBER GAME TO GEORGIA STATE

Atlanta, Ga. – Leadoff man **Eric Suttle** reached base four times and scored three runs as Georgia State defeated UAlbany, 8-1, in the rubber game of a three-game series on Friday afternoon in Atlanta, Georgia. The two teams split a doubleheader yesterday with the Great Danes taking the opener, 6-4, and the Panthers capturing the nightcap, 6-3.

Georgia State (2-2) scored three in the first inning as Suttle and **Ryan Sterling** each walked to start the game. After a double steal, **Jean-Michel Rocon-Salvas** and **Nick McEntyre** followed with sacrifice flies, while an error led to a third Panther run.

After plating a single run in the second, Georgia State broke the game open in the fourth and fifth innings. A RBI single by Sterling and a sacrifice fly by Rocon-Salvas made the score 6-0 after four. Wesley Wilson followed with a two-run home run in the fifth to give the Panthers an 8-0 advantage.

The Great Danes' lone run came in the eighth when **Nate Olson**, a senior transfer from Long Island, singled home **Zac Halloran** (Albany). On the mound, **Giorgio Fuda** (Rexford) gave up four runs in two innings for the loss.

Georgia State's **Clayton Shunick** threw six scoreless innings for his first collegiate victory. The freshman allowed just five hits and struck out four.

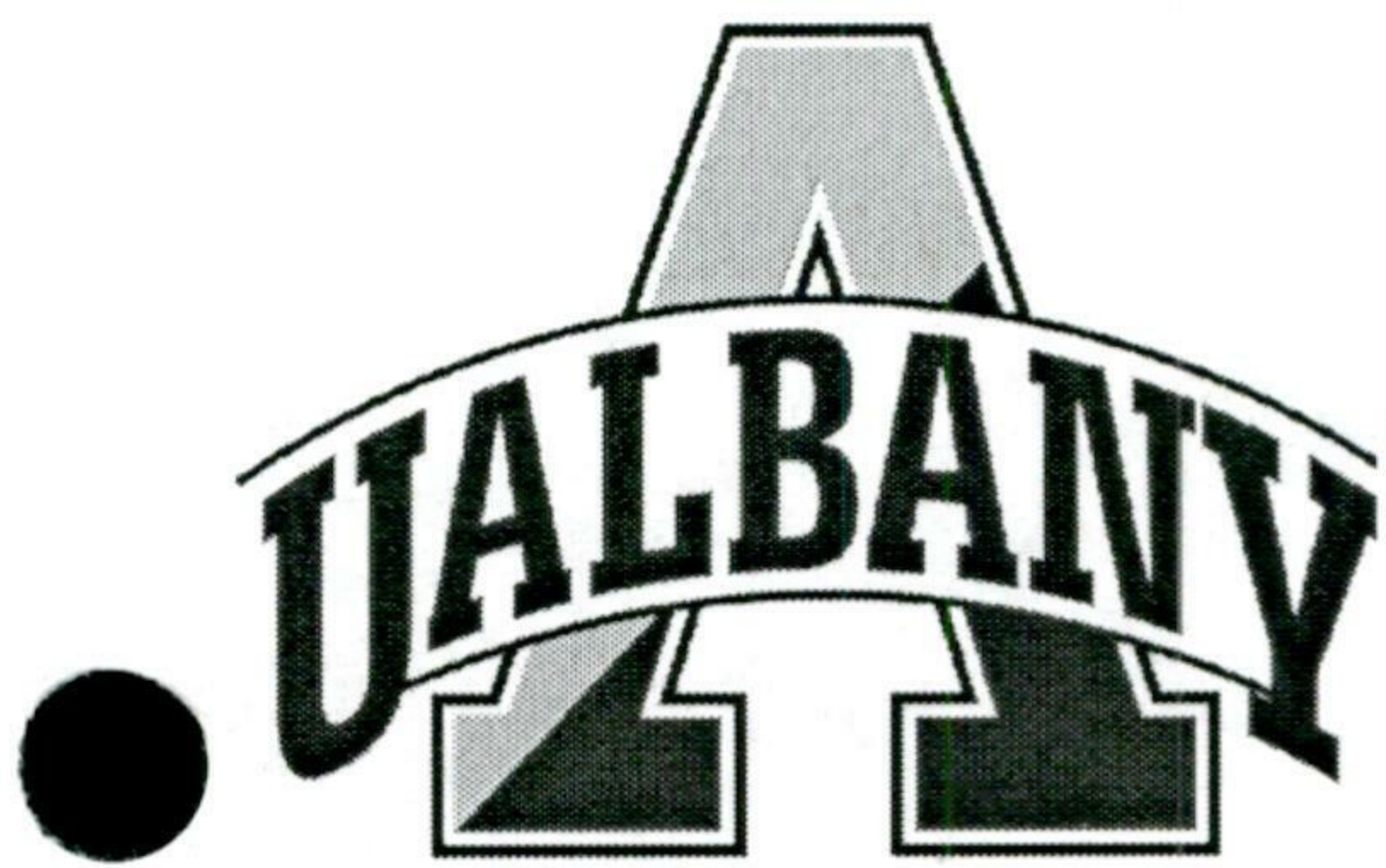
UAlbany (1-2), which stranded nine runners, returns to action next weekend with a three-game series at Wofford starting Saturday.

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Albany – Giorgio Fuda, Tony Kirbis (3), Chris Ott (6), Cory Warrings (7), Josh Willimott (8) and Tom Hill, Sean Doyle (7)

Georgia State – Clayton Shunick, David Ferrer (7), Tyler Allen (8), Brandon Kersey (9) and Aede McQueary-Ennis



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UALBANY BASEBALL SPLITS OPENING DOUBLEHEADER WITH GEORGIA STATE

Atlanta, Ga. – The University at Albany baseball team opened its 2006 season by splitting a doubleheader with Georgia State on Thursday night in Atlanta, Georgia. The Great Danes won the first game, 6-4, and dropped the nightcap, 6-3.

In Game One, UAlbany (1-1) took advantage of six Panther errors en route to the win. The Great Danes scored single runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings but trailed by one entering the seventh. Leading off the stretch inning, right fielder **Leo Corvino** (East Greenbush) walked, catcher **Tom Hill** reached on catcher's interference and shortstop **Zac Halloran** (Albany) reached on an error. A **Brad Daniels'** free pass forced home the tying run and freshman center fielder **Dave West** put the Great Danes ahead with a two-out two-run double plating Hill and Halloran.

Junior **John Naples**, a transfer from Briarcliff Community College, pitched two and two-thirds innings of scoreless relief for the win, while sophomore **Alexander Beaulieu** recorded the save. Corvino and Daniels both had two hits apiece and scored twice for the Great Danes, who have won three straight season openers.

In Game Two, the Panthers struck first as **Charlie Pelt** doubled home a pair in the first to give his squad an early 2-0 lead. Albany tied the game in the third on a two-run home run by Halloran, the first of his career. The Great Danes took the lead in the fourth on a RBI groundout by Sean Donovan, but Georgia State (1-2) scored two in the fourth on RBI singles by **Eric Suttle** and **Justin Newman** and added two more in the fifth. **Jeremy Compton** pitched five innings for his first collegiate win, while Newman pitched a perfect seventh for the save.

The two teams will play the rubber game of the three-game set tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.

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Game One

UAlbany 001 110 300 - 6 8 2

Georgia State 101 002 000 - 4 7 6

Albany - Mark Suchowiecki, Sean Gregory (5), John Naples (6), Alexander Beaulieu (9) and Tom Hill.

Georgia State – Matt Handley, Aede McQueary-Ennis (6), Dustin Carder (8) and Charlie Pelt.

Game Two

UAlbany 020 100 0 - 3 5 0

Georgia State 200 220 x - 6 9 1

Albany – Nick Murphy, Casey Walsh (4), Eric Cortland (6) and Chris Wood.

Georgia State – Jeremy Compton, Nick McEntyre (6), Justin Newman (8) and McQueary-Ennis.



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UALBANY BASEBALL CHOSEN FIFTH IN AMERICA EAST COACHES' POLL

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany baseball team was picked to finish fifth in the America East Conference preseason coaches' poll, as announced by the conference office on Thursday. Maine, the defending champion, was chosen to retain its title, receiving six of seven first-place votes. Stony Brook was selected second, receiving one first-place vote, followed by Vermont and Binghamton.

The Great Danes, who were 20-19 last season and finished fifth in the conference with a 10-11 mark, return 14 letterwinners from last year's squad. First-team All-America East selection **Steve Wyland**, who finished 2005 tied for fourth among conference leaders with a .357 batting average, will shift from second base to third base this season. The junior added one home run and drove in 27 a year ago. Junior first baseman **Steve Sayre** (East Greenbush) also ranked among league leaders last season with a .351 average and a team-high 31 RBI.

On the mound, senior left-hander **Mark Suchowiecki** will head the starting rotation. Suchowiecki went 3-5 with a 4.85 earned run average in 2005 and led the club with three complete games. Senior left-hander **Giorgio Fuda**, who had a team-high four wins as a middle reliever last season, will shift from the bullpen to the rotation.

The Great Danes are led by head coach Jon Mueller, who begins his seventh year at UAlbany. Mueller sits second on the program's all-time win list with 131 victories and is 26 wins shy of Bob Burlingame's all-time mark.

UAlbany opens its 2006 schedule this afternoon with a doubleheader at Georgia State beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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2006 America East Conference Baseball Poll

1. Maine 47 (6), 2. Stony Brook 38 (1), 3. Vermont 35, 4. Binghamton 29, 5. UAlbany 24, 6. UMBC 16, 7. Hartford 9.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL SELECTED AS PRESEASON AMERICA EAST FAVORITE

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany softball team, which won last year's America East Championship, has been selected to repeat as conference winners, in voting by the league's coaches, as announced by the conference office on Wednesday afternoon.

The Great Danes, who finished 35-14 with a conference record of 17-2, received six of a possible eight first-place votes, and 62 points overall. Boston U., who returns eight players from last year's 26-19-1 team, finished second with 55 points, including two first-place tallies.

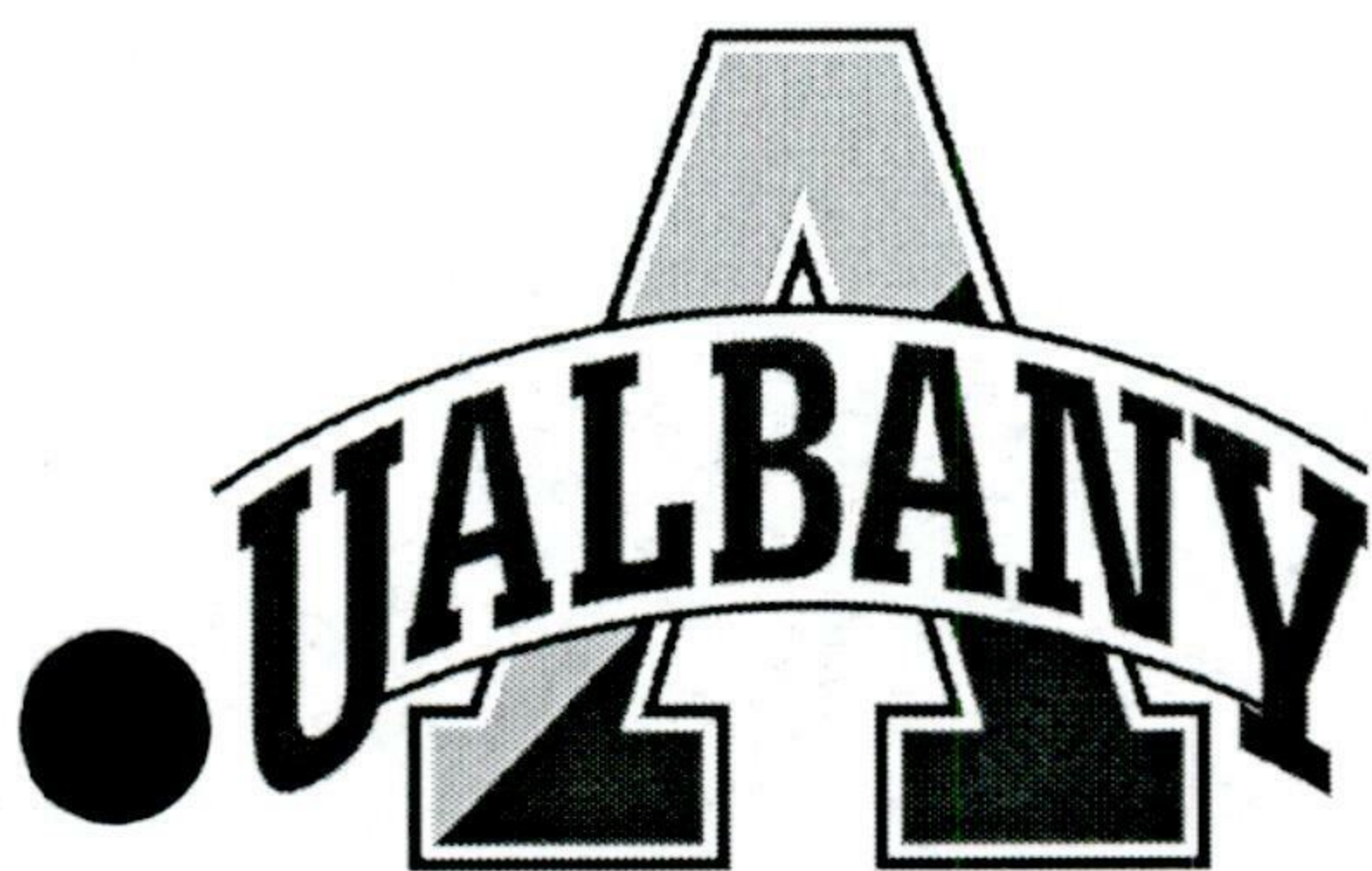
Last season, UAlbany advanced to its first-ever NCAA Tournament after capturing both the America East regular-season title and championship. The team returns seven all-conference players, including 2005 America East Rookie of the Year **Amber Maisonet**. **Kelly Ogden**, an NFCA All-Northeast Region Second Team third baseman, also returns, as does two-time all-conference honoree **Casey Halloran** (Columbia), the squad's top returning pitcher.

The Great Danes, who play under three-time America East coach of the year Chris Cannata, open their season at the Elon Invitational, where they face off against Towson and Campbell on Feb. 24.

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2006 America East Conference Softball Poll

1. UAlbany 62 (6), 2. Boston U. 55 (2), 3. Stony Brook 45, 4. Maine 35, 5. UMBC 26, 6. Hartford 23, 7. Binghamton 22, 8. Vermont 20.



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GERED BURNS, FREDDIE WILLS EARN A-EAST ATHLETE OF THE WEEK HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) has been named the America East Conference Male Track Co-Performer of the Week, as announced by the conference office on Tuesday afternoon. Freshman **Freddie Wills** earned America East Male Field Performer of the Week.

Burns, a senior, won the championship 800-meter run at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. on Feb. 11. The senior ran an IC4A-qualifying time of 1:49.86 to defeat three 2005 All-Americans. It was the second straight week Burns has won the 800m. He put together a school record-setting performance at the New Balance Collegiate Invitational on Feb. 4. Burns became the first UAlbany athlete to compete at the elite Tyson Invitational.

Wills, a freshman, won the long jump with a mark of 22-feet, 6.25-inches to help the UAlbany men to a dual-meet win over Binghamton on Feb. 11. The leap was four inches off his personal best in the event. He also placed second in the triple jump with a personal-best, IC4A-qualifying leap of 47-0.75, only nine inches off the top competitor.

Burns will defend his America East 800m indoor title when the UAlbany track and field teams compete at the America East Conference Championship, held at Boston University's Track and Tennis Center, on Feb. 17-18.

UALBANY BASEBALL TO OPEN SEASON THURSDAY AT GEORGIA STATE

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany baseball team will open its 2006 schedule on Thursday at Georgia State at 4 p.m. The Great Danes will play a three-game series with the Panthers this weekend. They finished 2005 with a 20-19 record and were fifth in the America East Conference with a 10-11 mark.

UAlbany will be led at the plate by junior third baseman **Steve Wyland**, who earned first-team All-America East honors in 2005 after tying for fourth in the conference with a .357 batting average. Junior first baseman **Steve Sayre** also ranked among league leaders last season, batting .351 with two home runs and a team-high 30 RBI.

On the mound, senior left-hander **Mark Suchowiecki** will head the starting rotation. Suchowiecki went 3-5 with a 4.85 earned run average last year and led the club with three complete games. Senior left-hander **Giorgio Fuda**, who had a team-high four wins as a middle reliever last season, will shift from the bullpen to the rotation.

"They're a hard-working group that's hungry," said head coach Jon Mueller, who sits second on the program's all-time win list with 131 victories. "We hope to use the non-conference schedule to prepare for conference play and define roles for our guys."



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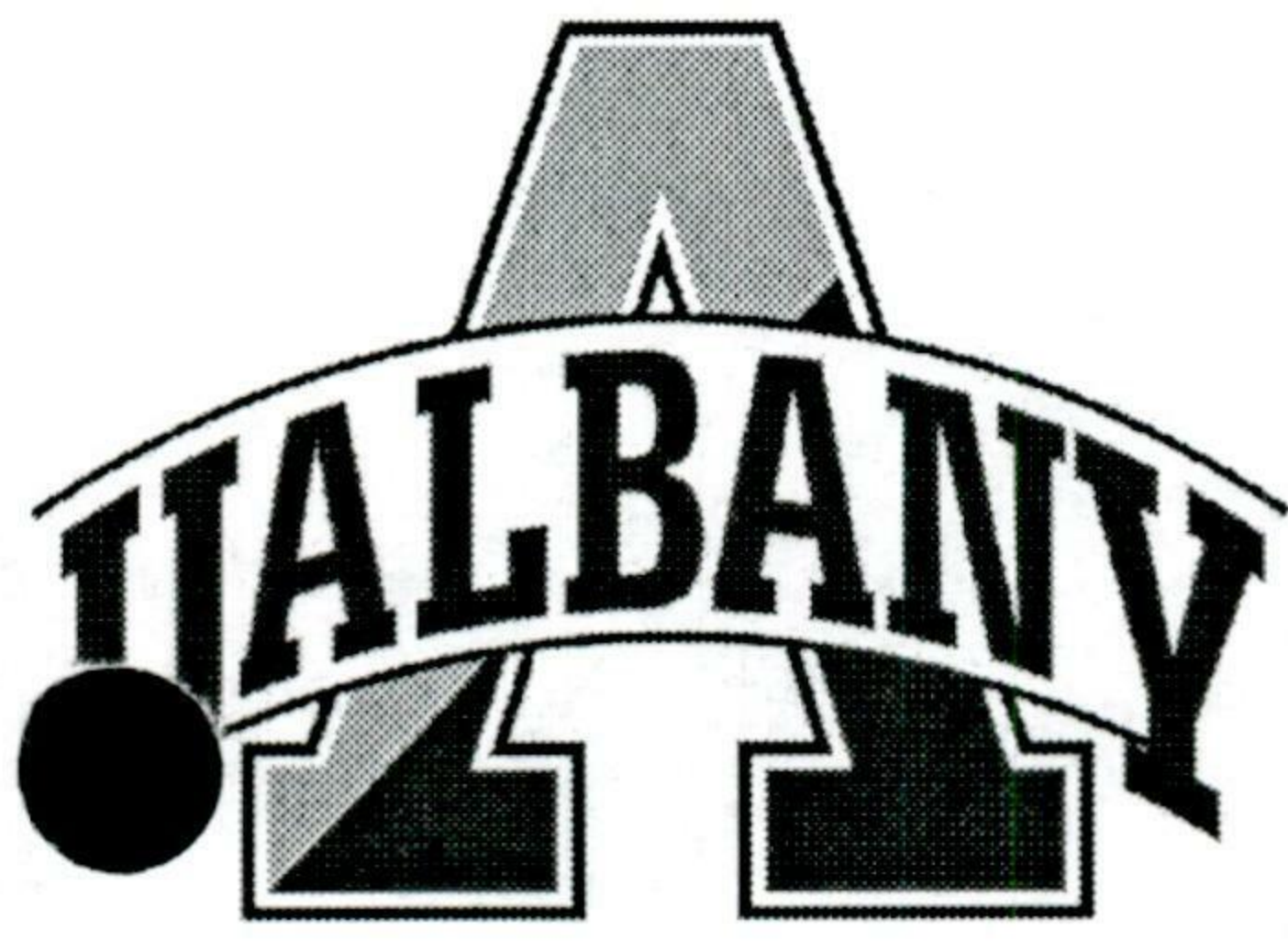
GREG KEAGLE NAMED UALBANY ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head baseball coach Jon Mueller announced the hiring of Greg Keagle as an assistant coach for the upcoming season. Keagle, a former major league pitcher in the San Diego Padres, Detroit Tigers and Anaheim Angels organizations, will work primarily with UAlbany's hurlers.

Keagle, 34, is coming to Albany after two years as field manager of the Elmira Pioneers of the Canadian American Association. Appointed midway through the 2004 season, Keagle served as the team's pitching coach in 2001 and 2002.

A sixth-round selection of the Padres in the 1993 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, Keagle made his major league debut with the Tigers on April 1, 1996. In three seasons with Detroit, he made 46 appearances and won six games.

A native of Corning, N.Y., Keagle earned an associate's degree in marketing and business management from Monroe Community College in 1992. He spent one year at Florida International University before being drafted and is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree.



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JAMAR WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Jamar Wilson has been chosen the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's basketball as announced today by the conference office. Wilson has earned the weekly award on three occasions this season.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 junior, averaged 21.5 points, 5.5 assists and 5.0 rebounds in a pair of America East road victories. Wilson had a season-high 30 points, including 20 in the second half, in last Saturday's 87-73 win against Maine. He matched the second-best scoring total of his career and recorded the first 30-point game by a UAlbany player since the 2004-05 season opener. In a 65-63 triumph at Hartford, Wilson totaled 13 points, including two key baskets in the final three minutes, five rebounds and five assists.

Wilson ranks second in the conference in scoring at 17.6 points per game, plus is fourth in assists (3.9 pg), fourth in free throw percentage (.825) and ninth in steals (1.5 pg).

UAlbany (16-8, AE 11-2) is currently in first place in the America East standings. The Great Danes, who have won six straight and 14 of their last 16 games, meet Virginia Commonwealth in the fourth annual *BracketBusters presented by eBay* on Friday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m. ESPNU will televise the contest nationally.



UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS WINS PAIR OF WEEKEND MATCHES

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Kim Weltman** captured her second singles match in helping lead UAlbany to a 5-1 defeat of Providence in a shortened match. The Great Danes (3-0) also edged St. Bonaventure, 4-3, in weekend action.

Against Providence, **Christina Suarez** and **Amanda Hall** won in straight sets at third and fourth singles, while **Aimee Kern** and **Kim Westcott** rounded out the singles victories for the Great Danes.

UAlbany and St. Bonaventure split the singles matches, with Suarez, Hall and Kern winning for the Great Danes. **Anna Perevenzetseva** and **Stephanie Fosnight** claimed the top two singles matches for the Bonnies, while **Jasmine Jaysingh** added a win at the sixth spot.

In doubles, **Courtney Michels** and Kern teamed for an 8-4 victory at No. 1, while Weltman and Hall posted an 8-0 shutout at No. 2. Westcott and Suarez secured the doubles sweep with an 8-2 decision.

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UAlbany 5, Providence 1

Singles:

1. Jennifer Daigle (PC) def. Courtney Michels (UA), 6-1, 6-3.
2. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Sara Bitetti (PC), 7-5, 6-1.
3. Christina Suarez (UA) def. Andrea Lee (PC), 6-1, 6-1.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Ashley Rissolo (PC), 6-3, 6-3.
5. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Meghan Gilroy (PC), 6-1, 6-0.
6. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Kate Lyons (PC), 7-5, 6-1.

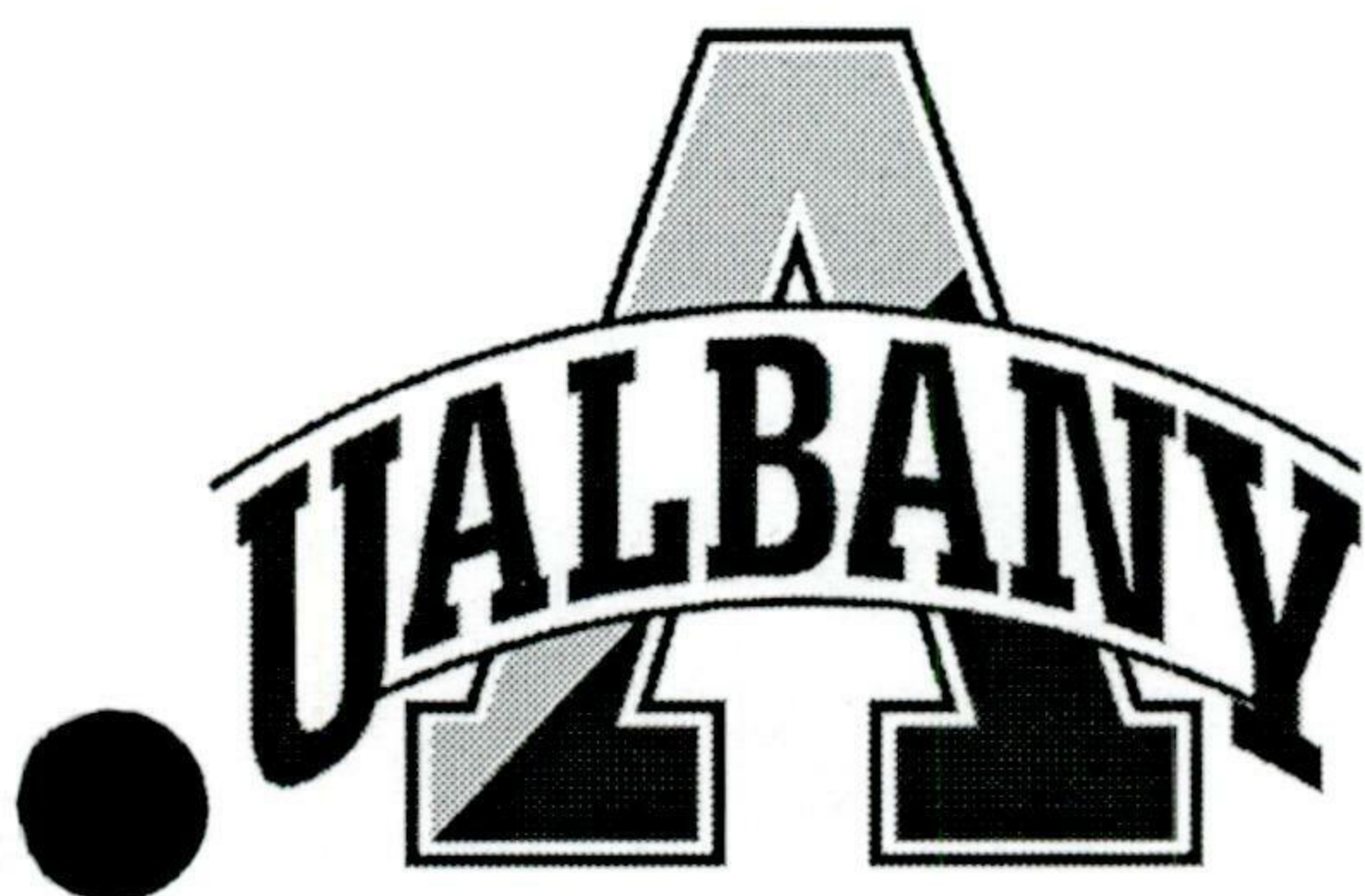
UAlbany 4, St. Bonaventure 3

Singles:

1. Anna Perevenzetseva (SBU) def. Courtney Michels (UA), 7-5, 6-3.
2. Stephanie Fosnight (SBU) def. Kim Weltman (UA), 6-7 (7-5), 7-5, 10-8.
3. Christina Suarez (UA) def. Anna Martorell (SBU), 6-3, 7-5.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Yolande Callaghan (SBU), 7-6 (9-7), 6-2.
5. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Ana Delgado (SBU), 4-6, 6-4, 10-3.
6. Jasmine Jaysingh (SBU) def. Kim Westcott (UA), 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, 10-5.

Doubles:

1. Michels/Kern (UA) def. Perevenzetseva/Delgado (SBU), 8-4.
2. Weltman/Hall (UA) def. Callaghan/Martorell (SBU), 8-0.
3. Suarez/Westcott (UA) def. Fosnight/Jaysingh (SBU), 8-2.



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ABBY SCHRADER REGISTERS DOUBLE-DOUBLE TO LEAD MAINE PAST UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Abby Schrader** scored 19 points and added a career-high 15 rebounds in leading Maine to a 61-52 win over UAlbany in America East Conference basketball action on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

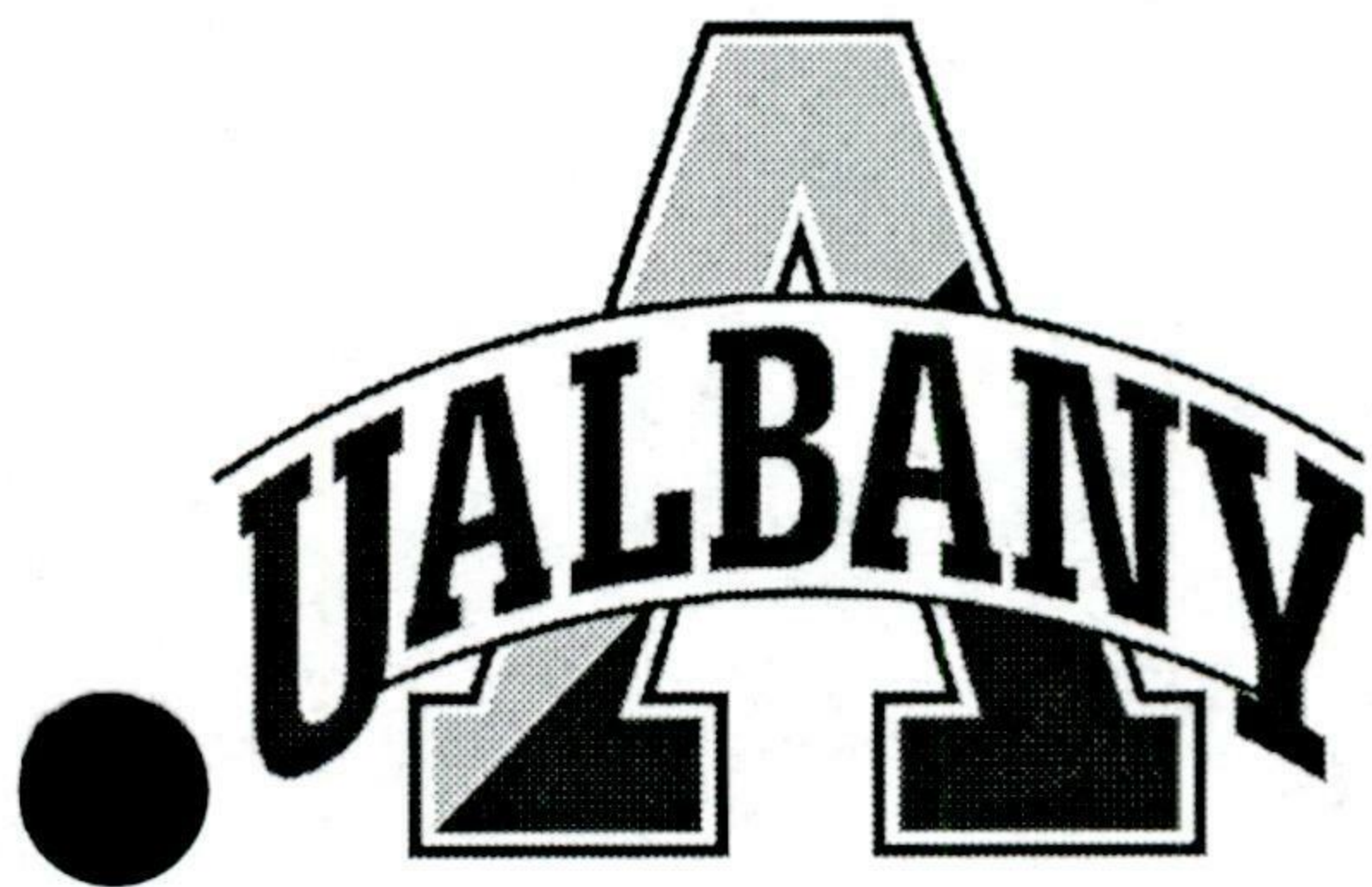
After trailing 35-29 at halftime, UAlbany (5-17, AE 1-10) rallied to take a 50-46 advantage with 7:35 to go in the second half. **Amanda Ward**, who finished with 13 points for her third straight game in double figures, scored on a drive in the lane and **Gia Sanders** converted a baseline jumper.

Maine (7-14, AE 3-7) regrouped and scored the game's next 11 points to pull away for a 57-50 lead. **Colleen Kilmurray** started the spurt with a pair of free throws, then **Bracey Barker** added a bucket in the lane to pull the Black Bears even at 50-50. Schrader, who recorded her league-leading ninth double-double, added two more at the charity stripe before **Margaret Elderton** scored five straight points, including 3-of-4 at the line. During the run, Maine held the Great Danes scoreless, as they missed their next 11 attempts.

“Our players got a little tentative at the end of the game, and started to second guess their shots,” said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team shot 41 percent (23-of-56) from the floor. “The two things we pride ourselves on are rebounding and defense. We did a good job holding them to 34-percent shooting, but our rebounding was not where it needed to be.”

Maine owned a 43-29 edge on the glass and took advantage at the line, making 22-of-27 attempts, compared to 6-of-9 for UAlbany. The Great Danes also struggled from three-point range, misfiring on 15 long-range shots.

Barker and Elderton each finished with 13 points for the Black Bears, who won on the road for the first time in eight games. **Sherri Mikus** paced UAlbany with a career-high 18 points on 8-of-13 shooting, and added four assists and four steals.



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UALBANY'S GERED BURNS CAPTURES 800-METER RUN AT TYSON INVITATIONAL

Fayetteville, Ark. – UAlbany's **Gered Burns (Guilderland H.S.)** won the 800-meter run at the Tyson Invitational on Saturday afternoon at Arkansas' Randal Tyson Track Complex.

Burns, who competed against three All-Americans in the event, posted a winning time of 1:49.86. Stanford's **Michael Garcia**, a two-time New Mexico scholastic state champion in the 800m, finished second in 1:51.09.

"I was a little nervous because I knew there were some fast guys," said Burns. "I kind of took over in the third lap and held everyone off. I was pretty excited to win all the way down here in Arkansas."

Earlier this season, Burns captured 800m titles at the Great Dane Classic and the New Balance Collegiate Invitational, where he ran the fastest time by a collegian this season at 1:48.80.

UALBANY MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK TEAMS DEFEAT BINGHAMTON IN DUAL MEET

Vestal, N.Y. – **Adanna Andrews** won the 1,000-meter run with an ECAC-qualifying time as UAlbany defeated Binghamton, 80-72, in a dual meet at the Binghamton Event Center on Saturday afternoon. The UAlbany men downed the Bearcats, 82-57.

Andrews, who earlier this season qualified for the ECAC meet in the 800m event, posted a winning time of 2:57.32 in the 1,000m. **Ritshell Verdier** captured the shot put (42-feet, 0.5 inches) and the weight throw (41'-7") to lead the Great Danes in the field events. **Danielle Trimpop** raced to a win in the mile with a time of 5:12.03, while **Anisha Andrews** finished first in the 800m in 2:18.68. Twin sisters **Jessica** and **Jenna Ortman** placed one-two in the 3000m and **Kamilah McShine** won the 55m hurdles.

Ray Gilman (Berne-Knox-Westerlo H.S.) (47'-9.25") and **Freddie Wills** (47'-0.75") both qualified for the IC4A Championship in the triple jump, finishing first and second. Wills added a first-place jump of 22-6.25 in the long jump, while **Renauld Buck** won the shot put with a throw of 46-10.25.

Kamar Elliott claimed the top spot in the 55m hurdles in a season-best time of 7.77, while also finishing second in the long jump. **Joe Belokopitsky (Shaker H.S.)** captured the 800m and was part of the winning 4x400 relay that also included **Rachaud Hill (Glens Falls H.S.)**, **Jared Jupin (Shaker H.S.)** and **Andrew Overbaugh**.

Junior Burnett and **Pat Weider** added victories in the 55m and 200m, respectively. **Ricardo Estremera** (mile) and **Ryan Gaedje** (3,000m) also posted individual victories for the Great Danes.



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WILSON AND ZOELLNER LEAD UALBANY BASKETBALL TO SIXTH STRAIGHT WIN

Orono, Maine – **Jamar Wilson** had a season-high 30 points and **Kirsten Zoellner** added a career-high 17 in leading UAlbany to its sixth straight win in an 87-73 America East Conference victory over Maine on Saturday evening at Alfond Arena.

Maine (9-14, AE 4-8) trailed by as much as 11 points on two occasions in the opening period, but regrouped to take a 60-59 lead with 7:59 remaining. **Chris Bruff**, who had 13 points off the bench, converted a shot in the lane to put his team ahead.

UAlbany (16-8, AE 11-2) responded with 10 unanswered points. **Levi Levine**, who had 12 points, five rebounds and five assists, hit a turn-around in the lane to put the Great Danes ahead for good. Zoellner, a 7-foot-1 senior, later converted a three-point play when he hit a jump hook off the glass. **Jason Siggers**, who reached double figures for the fifth time in his last six games with 13 points, made another three-point play as he was fouled on a fast-break layup for a 69-60 advantage.

Wilson, who had 20 second-half points, buried a three-pointer from the top of the arc to give his team a commanding 74-62 lead with 4:19 left. The Great Danes, who have won 14 of their last 16 contests, held their margin in the stretch as Wilson sank a pair of free throws and **Brian Lillis** made three more from the line.

“We did a good job of moving the ball,” offered Wilson, who added six assists and five rebounds in reaching the 30-point mark for the fifth time in his career. “Kirsten (Zoellner) is our X-factor. He takes up space and is the reason we have been successful. He helped open up their zone with strong moves and tough plays.”

Ernest Turner led four Maine players in double figures with 16 points. **Jon Sheets** and **Freddy Petkus** each had 15 for the Black Bears, who dropped their third straight.

“We didn’t settle for jump shots,” said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team shot better than 50 percent from the field for the third time in its last four outings. “We knew we would see a zone and we were able to make plays with dribble penetration. Every conference game at this time of the year is going to be a war and we were able to survive.”



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Women's Basketball – Hartford 70, Albany 53

Hartford, Conn. – Erika Messam scored a team-high 16 points as Hartford upended UAlbany, 70-53, in America East Conference women's basketball action on Thursday evening at Chase Arena.

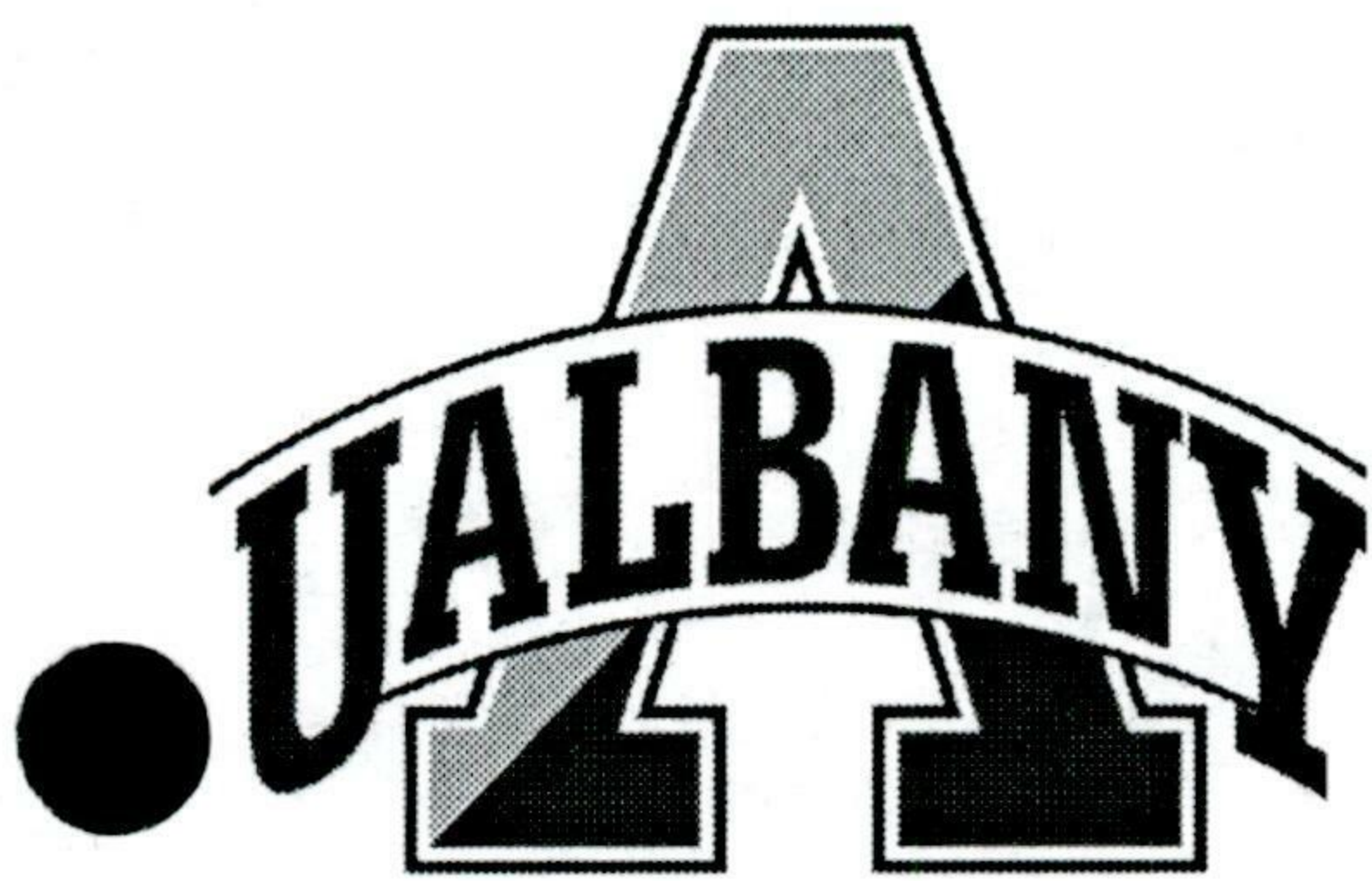
Hartford (18-2, AE 10-0), which set a program-record with its 12th straight victory, got out to a 24-11 advantage when Messam hit a driving layup with 6:20 left in the first half. The Great Danes cut the deficit to 10 before halftime as Sherri Mikus canned a long-range three pointer as time expired in the period. The Hawks, who shot 14-of-28 from the floor in the first stanza, led 32-22 at intermission.

UAlbany (5-16, AE 1-9) trailed 44-30 with 15:35 left in the contest, but Hartford ran off 12 of the game's next 16 points to open up a 56-34 lead with 12:31 remaining. Messam had five points in that stretch, including a conventional three-point play. UAlbany cut the gap to 13 when Jen Schumacher hit one of her season-high five 3-pointers with 8:31 to go. The Great Danes would not get any closer as Hartford held on for its 24th win in its last 25 home games.

"We did not take advantage of our opportunities," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, whose team was 2-of-11 from the free-throw line. "We did a good job of getting to the basket but didn't make our free throws. I'm so proud of our effort. We made a good run in the second half but just needed more time."

Schumacher was one of two Great Danes in double-figures finishing with a game-high 17 points on 6-of-10 shooting, including 5-of-6 from three-point land. Amanda Ward, a 5-foot-9 guard from East Hartford, Conn., had 12 points and four rebounds, while Joy Sterling added nine points and eight boards.

Messam, who led four Hawks in double-figures, shot 5-of-9 from the floor and 5-of-7 from the free-throw line. Danielle Wexler and Erica Beverly each had 14 points apiece, while Danielle Hood added 12 points and six rebounds. Hartford, who improved to a perfect 10-0 in conference play, scored 24 points off 17 UAlbany turnovers.



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UALBANY PICKED THIRD IN AMERICA EAST PRESEASON MEN'S LACROSSE POLL

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany has been picked to finish third in the America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Preseason Coaches' Poll, as announced today by the conference office. UMBC is the preseason favorite with 32 points and three first-place votes, while Stony Brook (28) and UAlbany (26) follow in order. The Great Danes received two first-place votes.

The America East Championship will be held on May 5 and 7. The semifinals and championship will be played at the No. 1 seed's home field. The Great Danes have captured three consecutive conference titles.

UAlbany earned its third straight NCAA appearance with a 10-6 record in 2005. Head coach **Scott Marr** will face a different challenge this season as just three starters return. "Our team will be thrown to the wolves right away with three of our opening four opponents having made the NCAAs," commented Marr, whose team begins the spring against defending national champion Johns Hopkins on Feb. 25. "We have a new starter at every defensive position. We will have to get comfortable with each other very quickly."

The Great Danes should be potent on offense with three of last year's top four scorers back. **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy), a preseason honorable mention All-American, ranked first nationally in goals (54) and second in points (74) last season. **Frank Resetarits** was among the America East leaders with 29 goals and 21 assists. **Chris Martocchia** totaled 35 goals and 11 assists.

Sophomores **Jordan Levine**, who led the conference with 70 ground balls, and **Steve Ammann**, who along with Levine made the America East All-Rookie Team, lead the midfield. Freshman **Dan McKeon**, a first-team All-Central New York selection on the high school level, and **Brett Queener**, who led Herkimer County Community College to the 2005 national crown, are battling for the starting goalkeeper position.

UAlbany was recently ranked No. 15 by Lax.com and No. 18 by Inside Lacrosse and Face-Off Yearbook in the preseason national polls.

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2006 America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Coaches' Poll

1. UMBC (3) 32, 2. Stony Brook 28, 3. UAlbany (2) 26, 4. Binghamton (1) 18, 5. Vermont 14, 6. Hartford 8. () – first-place votes



Men's Basketball – UAlbany 65, Hartford 63

West Hartford, Conn. – **Jamar Wilson** had 13 points and **Jason Siggers** added 12 off the bench as UAlbany held off Hartford, 65-63, in America East Conference play for their fifth straight victory on Wednesday evening at Chase Arena.

UAlbany (15-8, AE 10-2) led 51-41 with 13:12 remaining after Siggers drilled a three-pointer from the right corner. Hartford (9-13, AE 5-6) wiped out that deficit with 11 unanswered points while holding the visitors scoreless for five-plus minutes.

Paris Carter, who had 11 of his 18 points in the final period, keyed that outburst. Carter, a 6'4" freshman, made a three-pointer and later sank two free throws that gave his team a 52-51 lead with 8:19 to play. The Great Danes went back ahead 54-53 on a layup by **Levi Levine** and pushed out to a 59-55 advantage when the 6'6" senior sank a pair of foul shots.

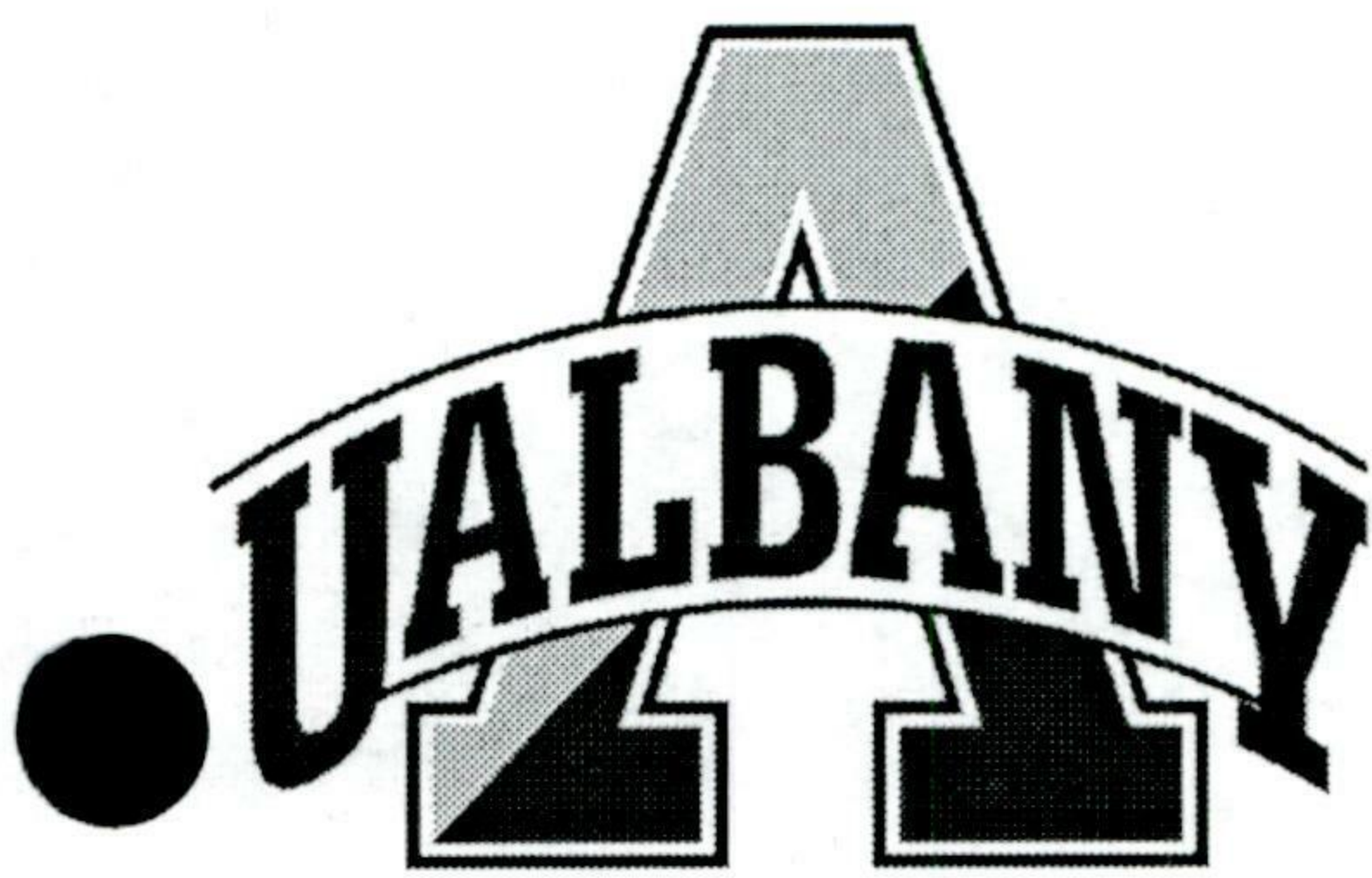
The Hawks, who won back-to-back conference road games in their last two outings, drew even at 59 apiece on a scoop shot in the lane by **Aaron Cook**, who had 17 points. UAlbany's Wilson put his team back on top for good with a one-handed bank shot in the lane. The junior guard converted another drive for a 64-61 margin with 1:23 remaining.

Hartford's **Kenny Adeleke**, who had 21 points and 11 rebounds, hit a jump hook in the lane to close the gap to one. After UAlbany's **Kirsten Zoellner** made the second of two free throw attempts, **Rich Baker** missed a three-pointer from the left corner with seven seconds left. Hartford had one more chance on the last play of the game when Carter stole an inbound pass and fired a 30-foot shot that hit off the front rim as the horn sounded.

"We found a win to get it done and just gutted it out," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, who lost second-leading scorer **Brent Wilson** to a concussion at the end of the opening period. "We were stagnant against their 1-3-1 zone and made careless turnovers. It's the kind of defense that makes you passive and not aggressive. But this is what conference play is all about, where you have to win your home games and steal one on the road."

Zoellner, a 7'1" senior, finished with 10 points, seven rebounds and two blocks for the Great Danes, who made eight 3-point field goals in the first period to take a 39-34 halftime lead. Levine added eight points and four rebounds, as his team has won 13 of its last 15 contests.

"As coach says, if you live by the 3, then you die by the 3," commented Jamar Wilson, who added five assists and five rebounds in 40 minutes played. "We didn't play great defense. But it goes down as a win. We saw each other against their zone in the second half, but we just didn't get the ball there."



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UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE CHOSEN SIXTH IN AMERICA EAST PRESEASON POLL

Boston, Mass. – Boston University was picked as the unanimous choice to defend its 2005 America East Conference women's lacrosse championship according to the conference's preseason poll announced on Wednesday, February 8. UAlbany, which finished third last season, was picked sixth in the head coaches' poll.

UAlbany posted a 6-12 overall mark in 2005, but registered its best America East record at 4-2 to earn the Great Danes their second straight trip to the conference tournament. Leading the list of returnees this season are junior midfielders **Kate Fontana** and **Erin Fitzmartin**, a pair of All-America East first-team selections. Fontana ranked among the conference's top scorers with 45 goals and four assists, while also leading the league in ground balls (3.44 pg). Fitzmartin, who played her first full season as part of the squad's defensive unit, added three goals, two assists and 32 ground balls.

First-year head coach **Lindsey Hart** will also rely on all-conference attack **Sarah Spillett**, who contributed 22 goals and 16 assists. Sophomore midfielder **Brittany Scott** (6 goals, 5 assists) was named to the America East all-rookie team after finishing second on the squad with 29 draw controls.

Other key veterans include junior midfielder **Krissy Rajczak** (24 g, 9 a) and senior attack **Nikki Donohue** (15 g, 10 a). Junior goalkeeper **Jen Daly** became the program's career saves leader and finished with a 13.23 goals against average in 2005.

The Great Danes open their season on Feb. 24 against crosstown-rival Siena.

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2006 America East Conference Women's Lacrosse Preseason Poll

1. Boston U. (7) 49; 2. New Hampshire 38; 3. UMBC 36; 4. Stony Brook 28; 5. Vermont 20; 6. UAlbany 17; 7. Binghamton 11.

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UALBANY'S BURNS, LOTMORE RECEIVE WEEKLY AMERICA EAST HONORS

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) has been named the America East Conference Male Track Athlete of the Week, as announced by the league office Tuesday afternoon. **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) received female track athlete of the week honors.

Burns ran the fastest time in the 800m by a collegian this season as he won the event in 1:48.80 at the New Balance Collegiate Invitational last weekend. He broke his own school record for the second time this season, improving his best time by 44-hundredths of a second. The senior took first in this same event at the 2004 Collegiate Invitational and finished second last season.

Burns' time is the fastest in the America East Conference by nearly five seconds, and he has provisionally qualified for March's NCAA Championship on two occasions. The two-time IC4A champion also helped the 4x400m relay team to an IC4A-qualifying time of 3:15.47 at the invitational.

Lotmore shattered the UAlbany 5,000-meter record with a time of 16:57.62 at the New Balance Collegiate Invitational last weekend. She bested the previous standard of 17:34.61, set by Tonya Dodge in 1997, by more than 35 seconds. Lotmore also became the first woman in school history to break the 17-minute mark indoors.

The junior finished 10th in the 5,000m, which featured some of the best collegiate distance runners in the nation. She also met the ECAC standard in the 5,000, the third individual event she has qualified for this season. Lotmore is in the top four in the America East in the mile, 3,000m and 5,000m.

The UAlbany indoor track and field teams return to action this weekend when they face Binghamton in a dual meet on Saturday, Feb. 11. Burns will travel to Fayetteville, Ark. to compete at the Tyson Invitational.



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UALBANY MEETS VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH ON FEB. 17, AN ESPNU TELECAST

Albany, N.Y. – Game times and telecast outlets for the fourth annual *BracketBusters* presented by eBay – a 13-game men's basketball event matching NCAA tournament hopefuls against each other – were announced today. UAlbany will travel to Colonial Athletic Association opponent Virginia Commonwealth on Friday, Feb. 17. Game time is 7:00 p.m. at the 7,500-seat Alltel Pavilion at the Siegel Center in Richmond, Va. ESPNU, a 24-hour college sports network, will televise the contest.

This year's event will mark the first time that games will be televised over two days. The first three years of *BracketBusters*, previously branded as *Bracket Buster Saturday*, featured every game on Saturday.

UAlbany (14-8, AE 9-2) is currently in first place in the America East Conference standings. The Great Danes, who have won 12 of their last 14 contests, established the program's Division I record for single-season victories in a 71-60 triumph against Boston University on Feb. 4. Junior guard **Jamar Wilson** is among the conference leaders in scoring (17.2 ppg), assists (3.7 pg) and steals (1.6 pg). **Brent Wilson**, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, averages 10.4 points and 4.9 rebounds on a balanced squad.

Virginia Commonwealth (15-6, CAA 9-4) is tied for fourth in the 12-team Colonial Athletic Association. The Rams, who reached the NCAA in 2004 and NIT in 2005, are ranked No. 24 in CollegelInsider.com's mid-major national poll. **Nick George**, a 6-foot-6 senior, ranks fifth among the conference's leading scorers with a 16.8 average. George, a first-team all-league selection last year, played for Great Britain in the 2005 World University Games. **B.A. Walker**, a 6'2" junior, averages 12.4 points and has connected on 48-of-134 three-point field goals.

Two of Division I's youngest coaches will be matched up in UAlbany's **Will Brown** (age 34) and VCU's **Jeff Capel** (age 31 on Feb. 12). Brown ranks 11th on that coaching list, while Capel, a former Duke standout, is third.

ESPNU was launched in March 2005. The ESPNU schedule will feature more than 400 live events in the network's first year, including nearly 200 men's and women's basketball games that represent various Division I conferences. ESPNU has secured distribution agreements with DIRECTV (Channel 609), Echostar's DISH network (Channel 148), Adelphia, Insight Communications, Mediacom, Verizon, several smaller affiliates and is close to distribution agreements with others.

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BRACKETBUSTERS GAME TIMES AND TELECAST NETWORKS ANNOUNCED

ESPN AND ESPN2 TO TELEVISION SIX, ESPNU FIVE AND ESPN360 TWO GAMES

Game times and telecast outlets for the fourth annual *BracketBusters presented by eBay* -- a 13-game men's basketball event matching NCAA tournament hopefuls against each other on Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18 -- were announced today. All 13 *BracketBusters* contests will be available nationally with ESPN and ESPN2 combining to televise six, ESPNU, the 24-hour college sports network, televising five and ESPN360, ESPN's customized broadband service, offering coverage of the remaining two.

This year's event will mark the first time games will be televised over two days. The first three years of *BracketBusters*, previously branded as *Bracket Buster Saturday*, featured every game on a Saturday.

The 26 teams participating in *BracketBusters* (announced on Monday, Jan. 30) were selected from a pool of 100 programs representing 18 conferences. Last year's field included a potential of 64 teams representing 13 conferences (vying for 11 *BracketBusters* games).

***BracketBusters* Schedule:**

Date	Time (ET)	Teams	Network
Fri., 2/17	7 p.m.	Albany at Virginia Commonwealth	ESPNU
	9 p.m.	Akron at Nevada	ESPNU
Sat., 2/18	noon	Bucknell at Northern Iowa	ESPN2
	noon	Buffalo at Iona	ESPN360
	12:30 p.m.	Butler at Kent State	ESPNU
	2 p.m.	Missouri State at Wisconsin-Milwaukee	ESPN2
	2:30 p.m.	Northern Arizona at Western Kentucky	ESPNU
	4 p.m.	Marist at Old Dominion	ESPN2
	6 p.m.	Louisiana Tech at Southern Illinois	ESPN2
	8 p.m.	George Mason at Wichita State	ESPN2
	8 p.m.	Samford at Ohio	ESPN360
	10 p.m.	Northwestern State at Utah State	ESPNU
midnight	Fresno State at Creighton	ESPN	

BRACKETBUSTERS

The *BracketBusters* concept, named because of the success of teams from these conferences in NCAA Tournament play over the past years, provides participating programs with an opportunity to play top non-conference opponents approximately three weeks prior to Selection Sunday. Each conference selected their participating teams months prior to the season and the matchups for the event were determined by ESPN in conjunction with the conferences.

BracketBusters is an example of ESPN college basketball franchise programming. Others include *Rivalry Week Presented by Cisco Systems*, *Feast Week Presented by Lowe's*, *Judgment Week Presented by Cisco Systems* and *Championship Week Presented by 7UP*.

ESPNU

ESPNU was launched in March 2005. The ESPNU schedule will feature more than 400 live events (regular-season and championships) in the network's first year. Action includes a variety of top football and men's and women's basketball, mixed with baseball, softball, volleyball, lacrosse, ice hockey, wrestling and more. ESPNU also offers comprehensive studio programming, replays of ABC Sports, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN Regional Television games, plus specials and more. In addition, the network has a wide-ranging, long-term agreement with the NCAA calling for extensive coverage of numerous NCAA Championships, including sports from each of the three collegiate seasons.

In the 2005 Beta Research Cable Subscriber Study – Interest in Emerging/Mid-sized/VOD Networks, ESPNU was ranked sixth (tied) among men 18-34 for high interest in watching each network, out of the 40 emerging/digital networks assessed. This was the first time ESPNU was evaluated by Beta Research.

ESPNU has secured distribution agreements with DIRECTV (Channel 609), Echostar's DISH Network (Channel 148), Adelphia, Insight Communications, Mediacom, Verizon, several smaller affiliates and is close to distribution agreements with others. The 24-hour television network is the key component of the multi-media ESPNU initiative that will deliver college sports content across ESPN's family of services, such as ESPN.com, *ESPN The Magazine*, ESPN Mobile, ESPN Radio, ESPN Interactive, ESPN360, merchandising and more.

ESPN360

ESPN360, ESPN's customized broadband service, provides users with live games, access to highlights, inside analysis from ESPN commentators and extended *SportsCenter* interviews. ESPN360's exclusive coverage of the two *BracketBusters* games will not be available anywhere else - television or online. ESPN360 will roll in trucks and productions teams, and announcers will call the game to give the ESPN360 users a quality program they expect from ESPN.

ESPN360 is available on your computer via a high-speed data connection by logging on to www.ESPN360.com. ESPN360, ESPN's multi-dimensional broadband service, highlights the value of a high-speed connection by combining the best elements of television and the Internet for the computer user. ESPN360 has agreements in place with Adelphia, Beld, Bend, Charter, Frontier, Grande, Iowa Network Services, Mid-Hudson, MediaCom, Spencer, Municipal Utilities, Starstream Communications, Sus-com, US Cable and Verizon.

For more information fans can call their high-speed Internet provider and ask for ESPN360 or log on to www.ESPN360.com.

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Men's Basketball – Albany 71, Boston U. 60

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson scored 22 points and Jason Siggers added a career-high 19 as UAlbany held off Boston University to post its fourth straight win in a 71-60 America East Conference victory on Saturday evening before a capacity crowd of 4,538 at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany (14-8, AE 9-2) led 31-24 early in the second half, but then ripped off 15 of the game's next 16 points. Wilson, who scored 19 of his total after halftime, ignited that run with a spinning jumper and a three-point play when he was fouled on a driving bank shot. Siggers and Brent Wilson added back-to-back 3-point field goals before Jamar Wilson made a pair of free throws for a 46-25 advantage with 13:24 remaining.

Boston U. (8-14, AE 5-6) clawed their way back into the contest behind the play of Kevin Gardner, a 6-foot-8 center who had 14 of his 22 points in the final period. Gardner tallied seven unanswered points, including two foul shots that closed the gap to 60-55 with 4:24 left.

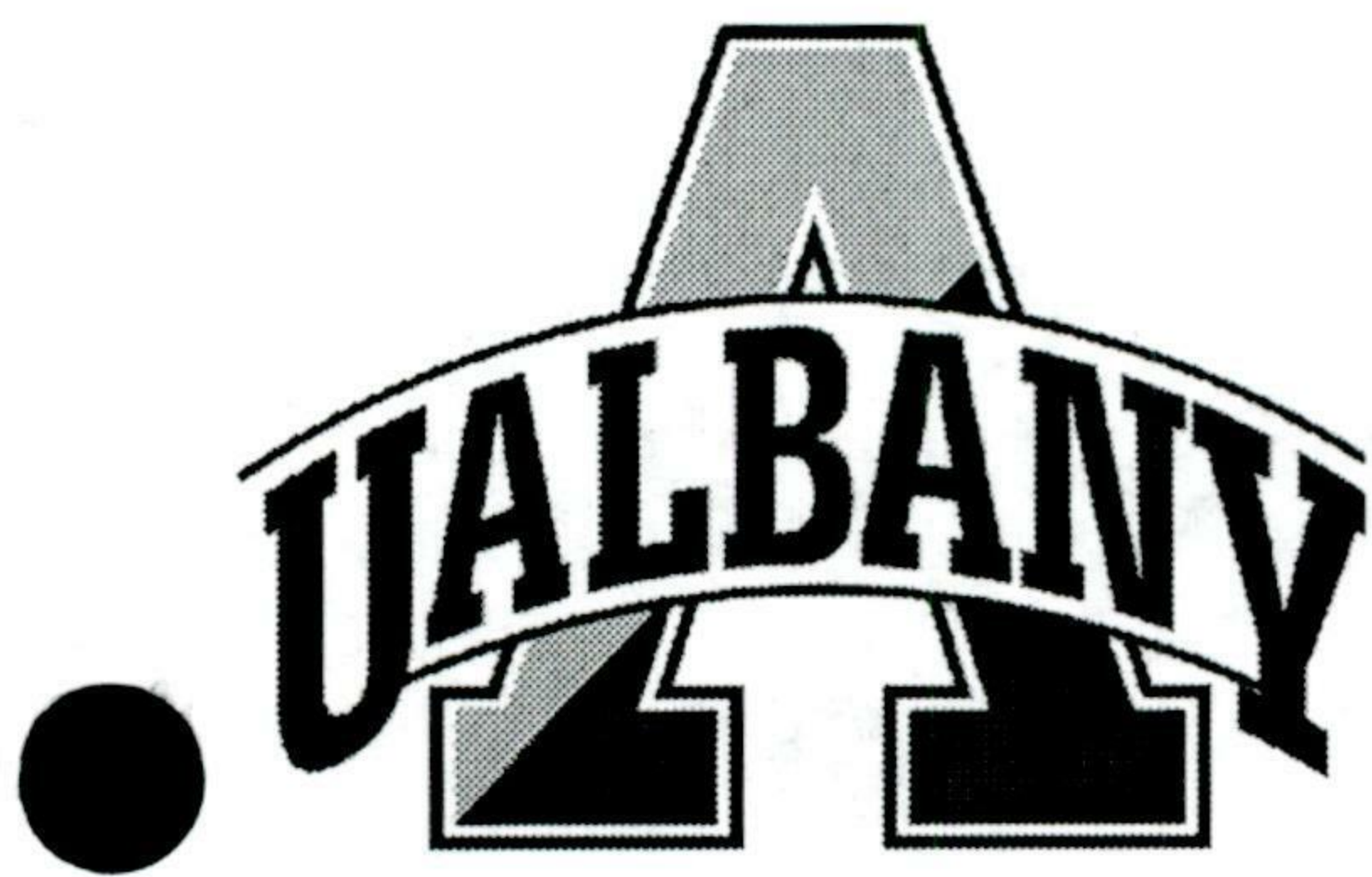
The Great Danes, who have won 12 of their last 14 games, pulled away with a 9-2 run. Siggers, a 6-foot-4 junior who did all of his scoring in the second half on 6-of-8 shooting, drilled two 3-pointers in that decisive stretch. His long-range jumper from the right corner gave his team a 68-57 lead with 2:17 to play.

"The atmosphere was tremendous and we fed off that energy," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team established the program's Division I record for single-season victories. "Boston U. was not going to go away and they fought and clawed to get back into it. They forced the ball into the post and Gardner did a great job of finishing plays off."

UAlbany jumped out to a 17-4 lead at the beginning of the game by connecting on seven of its opening 10 field goal attempts. Lucious Jordan had nine of his 13 points in that outburst. Jordan and Brian Lillis connected on consecutive 3-pointers before Kirsten Zoellner made a turnaround in the lane.

Freshman Corey Hassan had career-high 19 points to go with five rebounds and five assists for the Terriers, who lost for the third consecutive time. Notre Dame transfer Omari Peterkin totaled seven points and seven rebounds.

"There are a lot of guys who can shoot on this team, I just happened to be open," offered Siggers, who has reached double figures in three of his last four outings off the bench. "That was as big a crowd that I've seen at a game, the excitement just helps you win."



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BOSTON U. DOWNS UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL IN BIG PURPLE GROWL

Albany, N.Y. – **Rachael Vanderwal** netted a career-high 22 points as Boston University upended UAlbany, 65-50, in America East Conference women's basketball action on Saturday night at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The squads, who met for the second time in 11 days, played in front of a sell-out crowd of 4,538 fans at the ninth annual Big Purple Growl.

After trailing for most of the opening period, Boston U. connected on its final five shots of the stanza to take a 30-26 halftime lead. Vanderwal and **Kristi Dini** drained back-to-back three pointers to close out the half, with Dini drilling a 26-footer at the buzzer.

The Terriers (13-7, AE 6-3), who have won four of their last five, used an 11-3 run to start the second half and push out to a 41-29 lead at 14:38. Vanderwal fueled the spurt with two three-pointers, while **Christine Kinneary** added three free throws.

Boston U. opened up its biggest lead at 48-36 on a jumper by **Cheri Raffo**, who finished with 12 points. UAlbany's **Amanda Ward** netted a three-pointer to keep the Great Danes (5-15, AE 1-8) within 53-41 with 7:37 remaining. The Terriers, who are averaging a league-best 72 points in conference games, countered with an 8-0 run to put the game away.

Boston U. shot 41 percent (23-of-55) from the floor, while the Great Danes connected on 38 percent (19-of-50) of their shots. The Terriers also scored 18 points off 20 UAlbany turnovers.

"We have been practicing our shooting the last few days," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team dropped its fifth straight game. "Offense is something that can be fixed. We're looking at these next eight games as the start of a new season. Our goal is to get better every game."

Ward, who hit double figures for the fourth time this season, paced the Great Danes with 12 points. **Devran Tanacan**, who made her first start of the year, finished with career-highs of eight points and eight rebounds. **Joy Sterling** added a game-high 11 rebounds and five points.

UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS DEFEATS FAIRFIELD IN SEASON-OPENING MATCH

Albany, N.Y. – **Courtney Michels** and **Kim Weltman** swept the top two singles matches in leading UAlbany to a 6-1 victory over Fairfield on Saturday afternoon in the UAlbany Bubble. Michels defeated **Lauren Bonanno**, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5, while Weltman upended **Gabriela Davila**, 6-4, 6-3.

Sophomores **Aimee Kern**, **Kim Westcott** and **Amanda Hall** also won their singles matches for the Great Danes (1-0). Hall teamed with Weltman for an 8-5 victory at No. 2 doubles, while Michels and **Kyle Steller** posted an 8-3 win at third doubles.

Megan Stauffer earned Fairfield's lone point with a three-set victory over **Christina Suarez** at third singles.

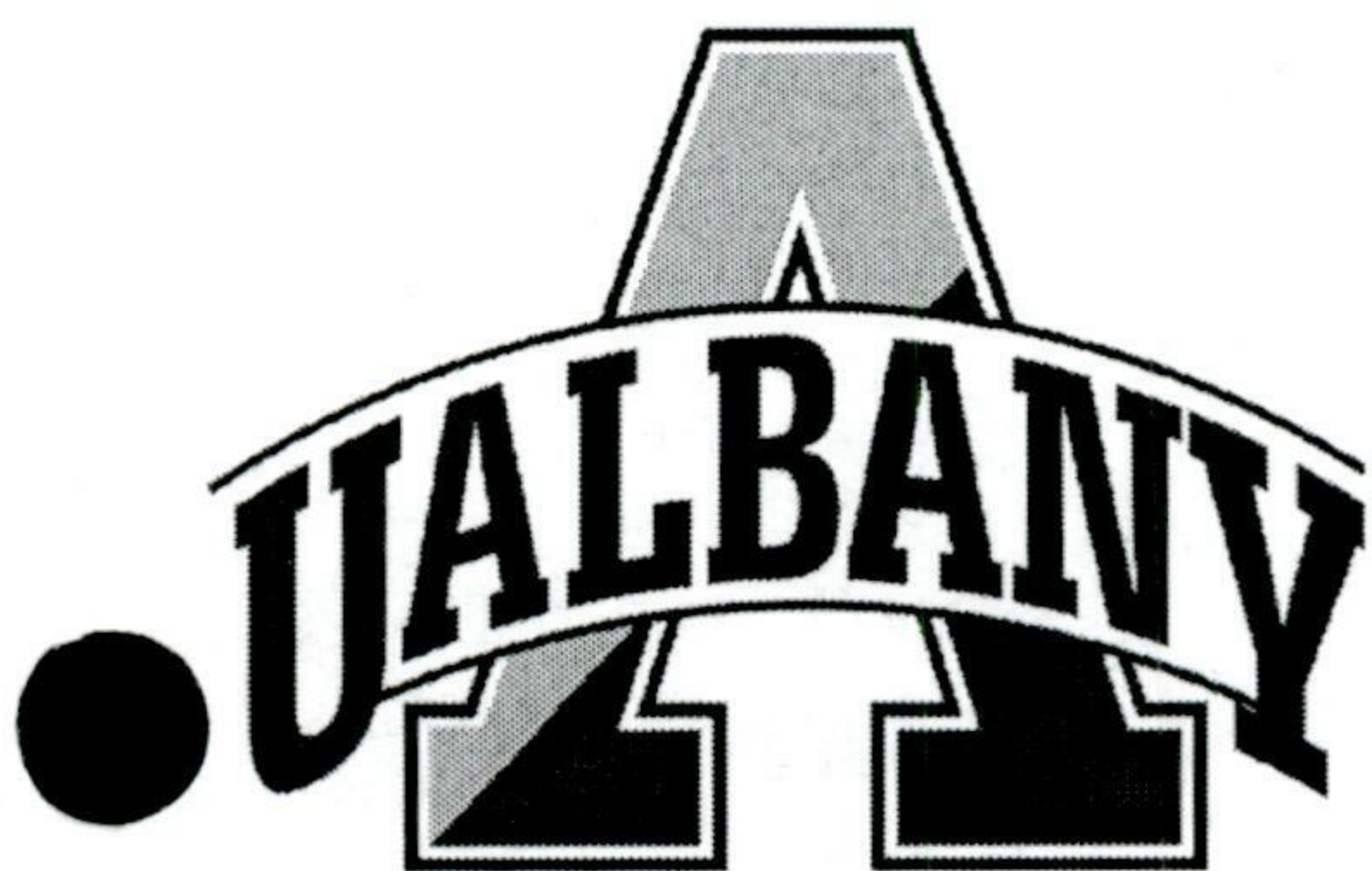
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Singles

1. Courtney Michels (UA) def. Lauren Bonanno (FU), 7-6 (7-4), 7-5.
2. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Gabriela Davila (FU), 6-4, 6-3.
3. Megan Stauffer (FU) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 6-4, 6-7, 7-5.
4. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Alexis Accomando (FU), 6-3, 6-1.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Tiffany Marsocci (FU), 6-4, 6-4.
6. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Cristin Zaccareo (FU), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles

1. Bonannon/Davila (FU) def. Kern/Westcott (UA), 8-5.
2. Hall/Weltman (UA) def. Stauffer/Accomando (FU), 8-5.
3. Michels/Kyle Steller (UA) def. Christina Chacharone/Michaela Kehoe (FU), 8-3.



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BURNS RUNS FASTEST 800-METER TIME IN NATION AT COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL

New York, N.Y. – UAlbany's **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) ran the fastest time in the 800-meter run by a collegian this season and **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) set a school record in the 5,000-meters at the New Balance Collegiate Invitational held at the New York City Armory. The Great Danes established four school marks at the two-day competition.

Burns, who had already broken his own school record once this season, won the championship 800m in a time of 1:48.80, provisionally qualifying for March's NCAA Championship. The senior took first in this same event at the 2004 Collegiate Invitational and finished second last season. Burns' time is the fastest in the America East Conference by nearly five seconds. **Andy Allstadt** also ran a personal-best 14:47.11 in the 5,000m. It was the first time he has broken the 15-minute mark this season.

"I was really happy with how it turned out," said Burns, who has won consecutive IC4A 800m indoor titles. "It helped to have such great competition, and I went out hard."

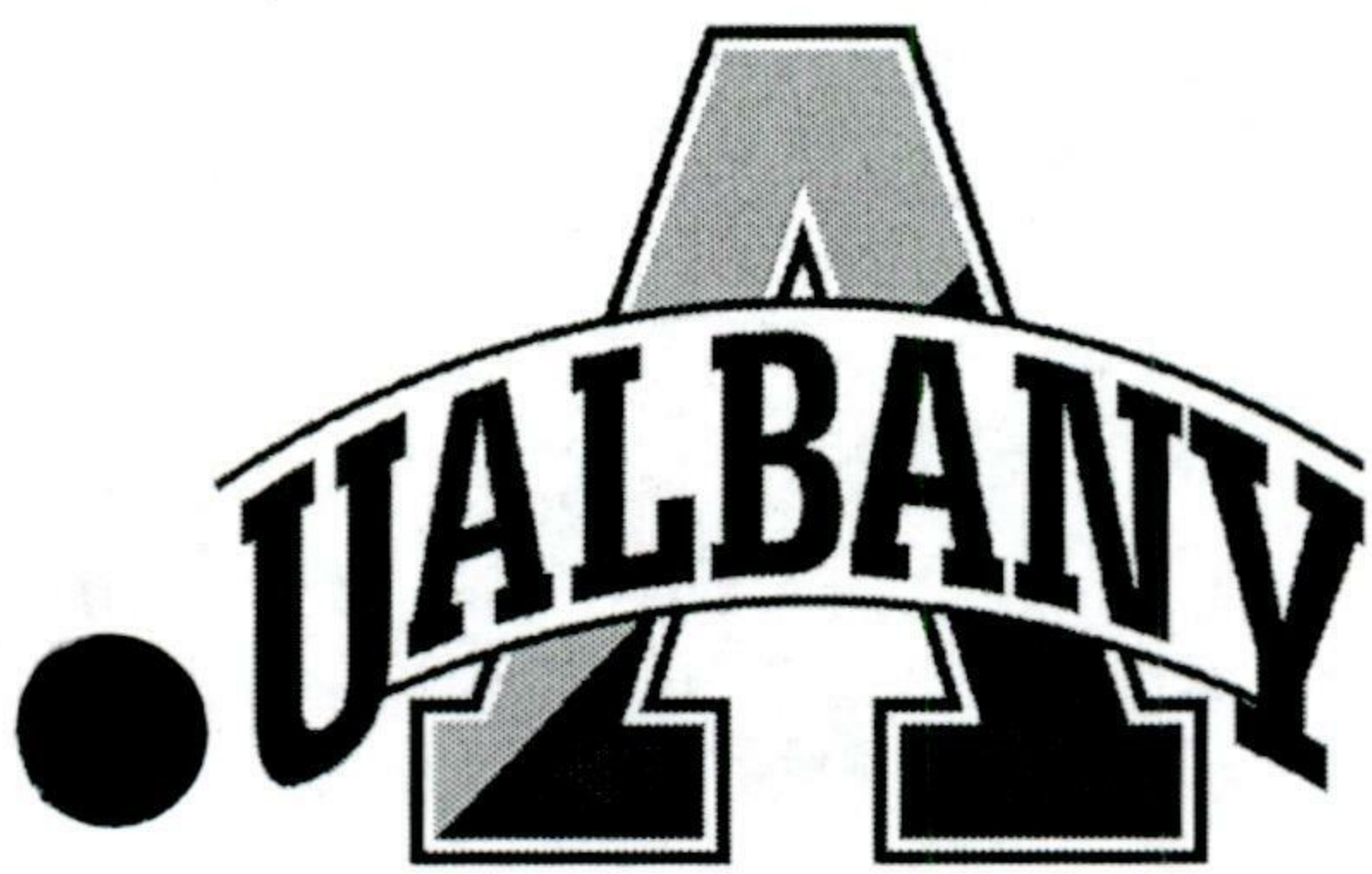
"Gered is one of those special individuals that coaches get every now and then," said UAlbany track and field coach Roberto Vives. "He ran against the best today and showed that he is a champion."

Lotmore, a junior, covered the 5,000m in an ECAC-qualifying time of 16:57.62 to become the first woman in school history to break the 17-minute mark indoors. She eclipsed the previous standard of 17:34.61, set by Tonya Dodge in 1997, by more than 35 seconds. **Corinna Hengen** broke her own school record in the pole vault with a mark of 10-feet, 10-inches. She improved on her personal best by four inches.

Jessica Ortman bested her own UAlbany 800m standard with a 2:09.76 clocking, good for fourth place in the championship run. Ortman's time is tops in the America East this season. Her twin sister **Jenna Ortman** qualified for ECACs in the mile and improved her season-best in the collegiate 800m with a time of 2:13.15. The freshman became the second UAlbany woman to break the five-minute mark in the mile this season with a time of 4:59.23.

Defending America East champion **Arina Gerasimova** took third in the triple jump with a leap of 39-feet, 9.75-inches, while freshman **Sarah Charles** posted a seventh-place showing in the event with a mark of 39-0.25.

The UAlbany indoor track and field teams return to action next weekend when they face Binghamton in a dual meet on Saturday, Feb. 11.



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UALBANY MEN'S 4X400-METER RELAY WINS AT THE 99TH MILLROSE GAMES

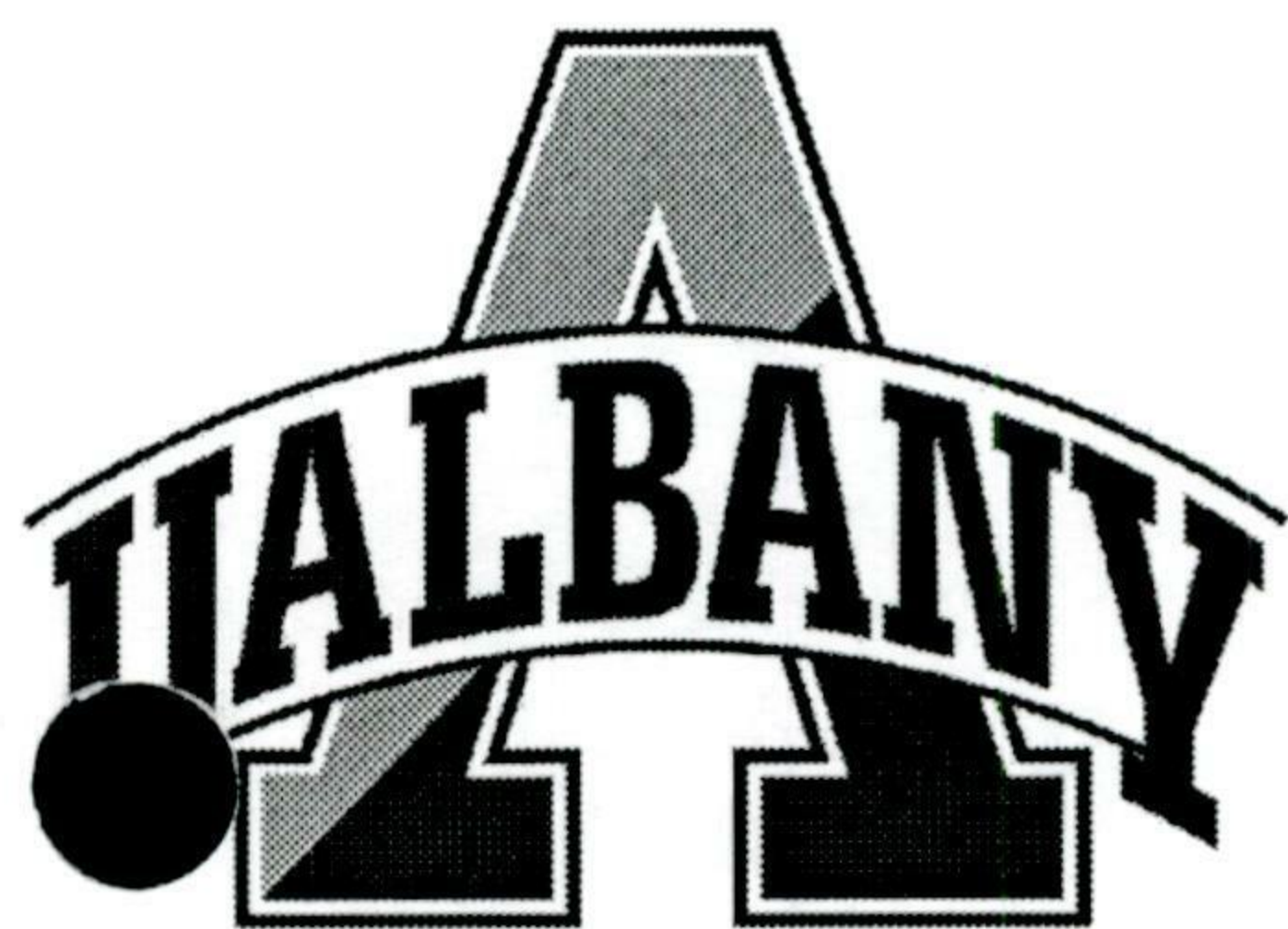
New York, N.Y. – The UAlbany men's squad won the 4x400-meter college relay at the 99th Millrose Games held at Madison Square Garden on Friday evening. The team finished in a time of 3:25.43 to win the event for the second consecutive year.

Stephen Evans ran an anchor split of 50.7 seconds to overtake C.W. Post in the final straightaway of the relay. Post finished second in a time of 3:25.75, while St. Francis (N.Y.) took third in 3:31.79. **Junior Burnett**, who recently set a school record in the 200m, turned in a time of 50.1 to cut the gap during the third leg. Freshmen **Pat Weider** and **Rachaud Hill** (Glens Falls) led off with splits of 51.9 and 52.2 seconds, respectively.

"It was really exciting to compete at Madison Square Garden," said Evans, who has helped the relay to a first-place finish in the college 4x400m relay at three of the last four Millrose Games. "The energy from the crowd and from my teammates helped me to catch and pass the other team in the final seconds."

The UAlbany women turned in a fourth-place showing in their side of the 4x400m college relay. Junior **Adanna Andrews** ran an anchor split of 58.7 to help the women's relay cross the line in 3:59.48. Her twin sister **Anisha Andrews** led off with a time of 60.3, while **Melissa Lee** and **Jessica Ortman** ran the middle legs with splits of 60.2 and 59.8, respectively. Essex County College won the women's event in a time of 3:53.52, followed by South Carolina in 3:53.74 and Seton Hall in 3:56.19.

The UAlbany indoor track and field teams wrap up this week's competition tomorrow, as they contend at the final day of the New Balance Collegiate Invitational at the New York City Armory.



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Men's Basketball – Albany 85, Stony Brook 62

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson scored 23 points to pace four players in double figures as UAlbany pulled away in the second half for its third straight victory with an 85-62 America East Conference win over Stony Brook on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany (13-8, AE 8-2) led 34-30 at halftime, but opened the final period with a 10-2 run to break away. Lucious Jordan, who had 10 points and six rebounds, scored in the lane before Brent Wilson drilled a three-point field goal. Jamar Wilson then made one of his four 3-pointers for a 44-32 advantage with 15:13 remaining.

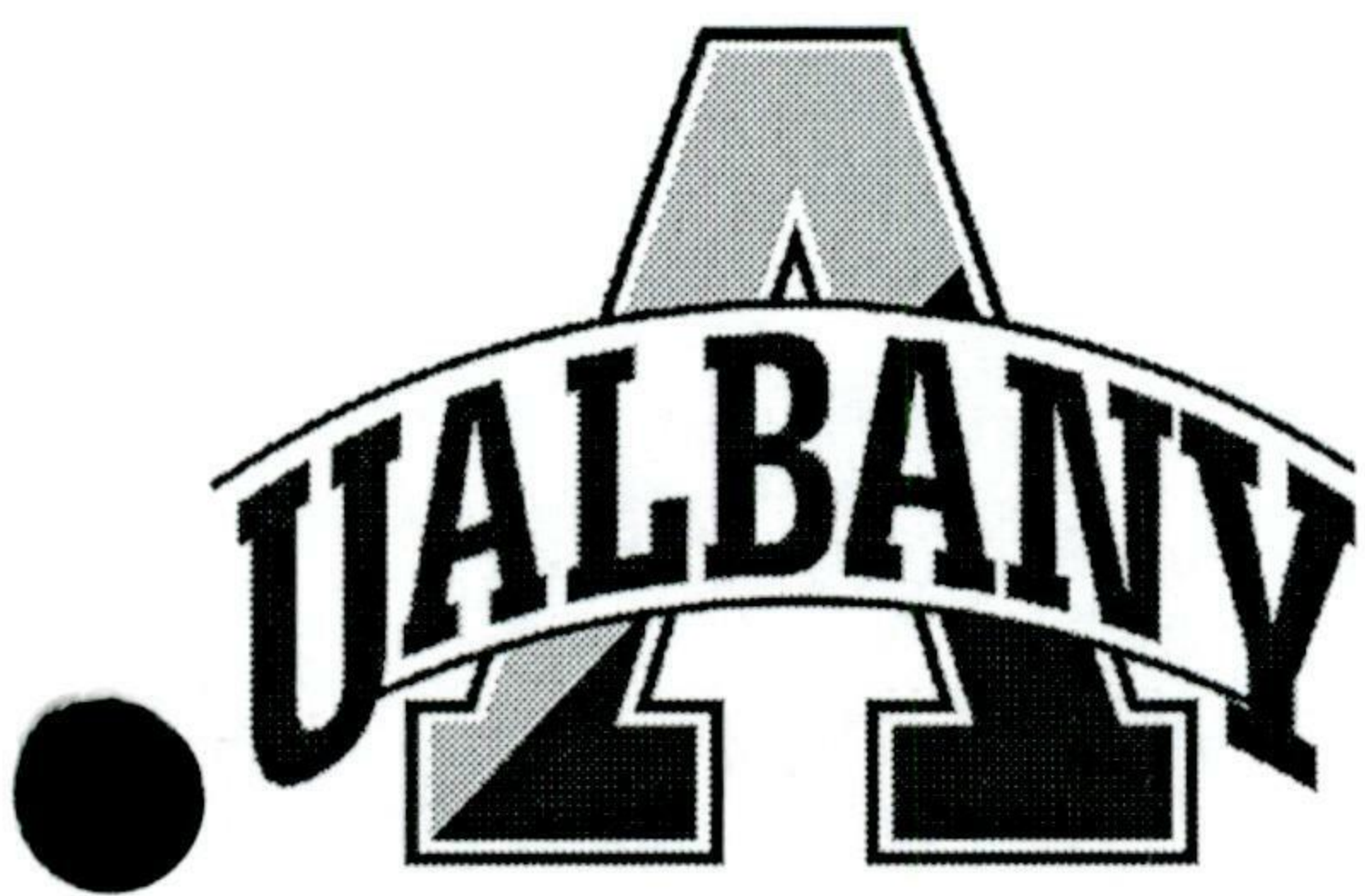
The Great Danes, who have won 11 of their last 13 outings, still led 51-40 three minutes later, but then reeled off 10 unanswered points to take firm control. Jordan and Levi Levine connected on three-point shots in that run. Kirsten Zoellner, a 7-foot-1 senior, then hit a slam dunk for a 61-40 margin with 8:51 left. Zoellner finished with 12 points, six rebounds and three blocked shots.

Levine added 13 points off the bench for the Great Danes, who shot a blistering 62.1 percent from the field in the second half on 18-of-29 from the floor. Tre Cunningham led Stony Brook (4-16, AE 2-8) with 15 points, while Solomon Bamiro had 12. The Seawolves' top scorer Mitchell Beauford was held to seven points, well below his 16.1 average.

"We defended and rebounded at a high level and had very few defensive breakdowns in the second half," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, who squad posted its largest win margin against an America East opponent since joining the conference in 2001-02. "We closed the gaps and kept them on the perimeter. A lot of guys contributed and we are tough to defend when we have good ball movement."

The Great Danes, who held on to first place in the conference standings, led by as much as nine points in the opening period. Jamar Wilson, a 6-foot-1 junior, scored 14 of his game-high total in the stanza. Stony Brook's Bobby Santiago closed the gap to four by the intermission with three-point field goal in the last minute.

"We played with more determination in the second half," commented Levine, whose team matched last year's overall victory total, the most wins since the program moved to Division I in 1999-2000. "We were unselfish and guys were looking for each other. Everybody can score on our team and we can help each other by sharing the basketball."



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JESSICA SMITH POURS IN 20 POINTS TO LEAD STONY BROOK PAST UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – **Jessica Smith** scored 20 points, including 12 in the second half, as Stony Brook upended UAlbany, 68-46, in America East Conference women's basketball action on Wednesday night at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Smith, a junior forward, added seven rebounds and seven steals.

After leading 26-25 at halftime, Stony Brook (12-7, AE 5-3) stretched the margin to 33-29 to start the second period. **Mykeema Ford** drilled a three-pointer before **Sidney Orndorff** and **Jessie Boylan** converted jumpers.

UAlbany (5-14, AE 1-7) closed to within 35-33 as **Sherri Mikus** made a layup after a steal by **Amanda Ward**. Smith countered for the Seawolves, completing a three-point play and then making 1-of-2 free throws as Stony Brook built its biggest lead, 43-35, at 13:02. Another Smith layup five minutes later gave the Seawolves a 52-41 advantage and they led by double digits the rest of the game.

Sidney Orndorff added 12 points for Stony Brook, while **Dana Ferraro** finished with five points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Ferraro helped the Seawolves to a 41-33 advantage on the glass. Stony Brook also scored 29 points off 35 Great Danes turnovers.

"Part of dealing with a young team is having ups and downs," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team dropped its fourth straight game. "Capitalizing on opportunities, limiting turnovers and rebounding are keys to winning the game. We showed a lack of concentration and focus tonight."

UAlbany's **Jen Schumacher** netted 10 points to finish in double figures for the third straight game. Freshman forward **Joy Sterling** added 10 points and two steals, while Mikus tallied eight points and six assists.