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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES HEAD BASKETBALL COACH MARI WARNER'S CONTRACT WILL NOT BE RENEWED

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that the contract of head women's basketball coach Mari Warner will not be renewed for the 2002-03 season.

Warner, the school's all-time leader in coaching victories, recently completed her 20th season. She compiled a 299-213 career record. However, the Great Danes have registered four straight losing records, including a 21-60 mark since moving to the Division I level in 1999-2000. Albany finished its inaugural America East Conference campaign with a 4-23 record, and ended the season with 16 consecutive losses in conference play.

Warner, 43, was one of the nation's youngest head coaches when she was appointed to the position in 1982-83. Under her direction, UAlbany posted winning records in 12 of 13 seasons as a Division III program. Her clubs reached the NCAA tournament twice. In Division II, Warner's best team was the 1996-97 squad that finished 19-9 overall and advanced to the New England Collegiate Conference championship.

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

Mari Warner's Coaching Record

<u>Division III</u>		1993-94	15-9
1982-83	14-6	1994-95	16-9
1983-84	15-10	<u>Division II</u>	
1984-85	23-4	1995-96	13-14
1985-86	26-4	1996-97	19-9
1986-87	19-5	1997-98	14-13
1987-88	17-7	1998-99	13-14
1988-89	15-9	<u>Division I</u>	
1989-90	13-12	1999-00	12-15
1990-91	10-14	2000-01	5-22
1991-92	22-5	2001-02	4-23
1992-93	14-9	Overall	299-213

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Hamden, Conn. – **Chris Driscoll** scored a career-high five goals, including the game-winner in the second overtime, to lift Albany past Quinnipiac, 13-12, in the Great Danes' America East Conference opener on Saturday afternoon at Braves Field.

Quinnipiac (3-5, AE 0-2) took a 12-11 lead in the fourth quarter as senior midfielder **Jim Lollo** scored his second goal of the game. Albany (3-5, AE 1-0) drew even at 12 apiece with 4:19 remaining in regulation on **Pete Giattino's** goal.

Neither team scored in the first four-minute extra period. Driscoll, a junior attackman, ended UAlbany's string of three straight losses, when he found the back of net with 1:16 to play in the second sudden-death overtime.

The Braves, who suffered a one-goal defeat for the fourth time this season, reversed a 6-5 halftime deficit with a four-goal third period. Sophomore **Andy Pelletier** had two of his three goals in that span. Quinnipiac built an 11-9 advantage early in the final stanza.

UAlbany's **Luke Daquino**, a freshman attacker, totaled one goal and a career-best four assists, while goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** matched a season-high with 19 saves. Quinnipiac's **Mike Baglio** had three goals, including his 22nd of the season.

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Albany (3-5, AE 1-0)	2	4	2	4	0	1	-	13
Quinnipiac (3-4, AE 0-2)	3	2	4	3	0	0	-	12

Albany – Chris Driscoll 5-0, Pete Giattino 2-0, Luke Daquino 1-4, Michael Solazzo 1-0, Jon Smith 1-0, Brendan Russell 1-0, Bobby Gabriel 1-0, Tim Primrose 1-0, Sean Donnellan 0-2, Matthew Fiasconaro 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (66:46, 19 saves, 12 GA).

Quinnipiac – Mike Baglio 3-0, Andy Pelletier, 3-0, Jim Lollo 2-1, John Giordano 1-1, Jeff Speed 1-0, Joe Baglio 1-0, Ryan Petrowsky 1-0, Colin Thompson 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): T.J. Barnett (66:46, 12 saves, 13 GA).

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

SOFTBALL

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Right fielder **Liz Wieboldt** singled twice, doubled, and scored three runs as Albany split an America East Conference doubleheader with Stony Brook on Saturday afternoon at University Field. UAlbany (13-5, AE 3-1) won the nightcap, 6-5, but dropped the first game, 4-1.

The Great Danes built a 6-0 lead in the second contest. **Stacy Kowal** lined a two-run double to center field, as her team scoring three times in the third inning. In the fourth, shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) had a RBI double and **Lynnette Bohannon** added a sacrifice fly.

Stony Brook (8-11, AE 1-3) closed to within, 6-5, with a three-run rally in the sixth. **Cass Broadwater** scored a pair of runners with a double into the left-field gap. Albany reliever **Amy Hawk** came on to register her first save of the season. She forced **Stephanie DiBiase** to end the sixth with a ground out, and then struck out **Jane Stein** for the final out in the seventh with the tying run aboard.

In the opener, Stony Brook's **Stephanie Poetzsch** scattered four hits en route to the complete-game victory. Poetzsch improved to 7-6 on the mound by recording eight strikeouts and one walk. **Kristen Brust** delivered her third home run of the season, a three-run blast over the center-field fence in the first inning. Albany's Wieboldt broke up the shutout, when she singled and scored in the sixth.

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(Game 1)

Albany	000	001	0	-	1	4	2
Stony Brook	301	000	x	-	4	7	0

Kristin Couris, Danielle Buyea (2) and Stacy Kowal.

Stephanie Poetzsch and Shea Carpenter.

(Game 2)

Albany (13-5, AE 3-1)	103	200	0	-	6	10	3
Stony Brook (8-11, AE 1-3)	000	203	0	-	5	6	3

Sarah Maida, Amy Hawk (6) and Stacy Kowal.

Lindsey DeLaRosa, Stephanie Poetzsch and Shea Carpenter.

TRACK & FIELD

Raleigh, N.C. – Freshman **Kristof Molnar** anchored the men's 4x800-meter relay to an eighth-place finish with an IC4A-qualifying time at the 2002 Adidas Raleigh Relays on Saturday afternoon at North Carolina State's Paul H. Derr Track. More than 3,000 athletes from 110 schools competed in the two-day meet.

UAlbany posted a time of 7:43.02 to qualify for the IC4A championships at Princeton University on May 16-19. Molnar ran the anchor leg in one minute and 52 seconds, and was joined on the relay by **Noel Campbell**, **Ike Cherry** and **Szabolcs Molnar**.

Adam Rice was third in his section of the 3,000-meter steeplechase with an IC4A-qualifying mark of 9:14.83. UAlbany's 4x100 relay also beat the IC4A standard, and placed 17th overall. The squad of **Kenrick McBean**, **Alix Rodriques**, **Dustin Wilson** and **Jesse Bennett** sprinted 41.91 seconds. In addition, **Rob Harrison** (Shaker) finished 11th in the triple jump with a leap of 46-feet, 3.25-inches.

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ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

In the women's competition, **Meghan Howell** ran a personal-best 4:46.83 in the 1,500-meter run to take 35th place. **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) was 41st in a field of 127 runners in 4:49.21. The 4x100 relay was clocked in 48.82, and narrowly missed the ECAC-qualifying standard. The sprint medley relay ran 4:08.01, and was nearly one second off the existing school record.

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SOFTBALL

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Sarah Maida** tossed a complete game five-hit shutout and **Lynnette Bohannon** had the game-winning double in the ninth inning of the nightcap, as Albany swept a doubleheader against Stony Brook in the America East Conference opener for both schools on Friday afternoon at University Field. The Great Danes won the first game, 3-2, and followed with a 2-0 extra-inning victory.

Albany (12-4, AE 2-0), winners of five straight, scored twice in the ninth of the second game to break a scoreless deadlock. **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) led off the frame with a walk. **Liz Wieboldt's** sacrifice bunt advanced the runner. Bohannon then struck with a double down the left field line putting Albany on the scoreboard. **Megan Kraft** (South Glens Falls) added a RBI single over the shortstop for insurance. Stony Brook (7-10, AE 0-2) had an opportunity to tie the contest with runners on second and third and two outs. However, Maida, who earned her tenth career shutout, fanned **Cass Broadwater** to end the game.

Terry went 3-for-3 in the opener with two doubles and two runs scored and **Amy Hawk** pitched three innings of scoreless relief to earn her first win of the season.

The Great Danes reversed a 2-1 deficit with two runs in the sixth inning. Terry led off the frame with her second double of the contest. She scored three batters later when **Jess Kostenblatt's** squeeze attempt resulted in a throwing error to the plate by pitcher **Stephanie Poetzsch**. Wieboldt then crossed the plate with the eventual game-winning run as Craft hit a groundout to Poetzsch. Both teams play a conference doubleheader on Saturday at noon.

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(Game 1)

Albany	100	002	0	-	3	6	1
Stony Brook	001	100	0	-	2	6	2

Kristin Couris, Amy Hawk (5) and Stacy Kowal.
Stephanie Poetzsch and Mary Shea Carpenter.

(Game 2)

Albany (12-4, AE 2-0)	000	000	002	-	2	7	2
Stony Brook (7-10, AE 0-2)	000	000	000	-	0	5	0

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.
Lindsey DeLaRosa and Mary Shea Carpenter.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Schenectady, N.Y. -- Junior midfielder **Emily Lilyea** scored four times, including the final two goals of the game, as St. Bonaventure held off Albany for a 15-13 non-conference decision on Friday afternoon at Union College's Frank Bailey Field.

Albany (1-5) rallied from a 13-7 deficit early in the second half by reeling off six unanswered goals in a span of five minutes and 21 seconds. **Alexis DiDomenico** started the string when she put in the first of her back-to-back goals off a pass from junior **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs). **Elizabeth Michalenko** and **Erin Pemrick** (Saratoga Springs) then scored 29 seconds apart before Esposito hit DiDomenico with a pass in front. **Maria Ferrucci** scored unassisted to cap the run with 10:18 left to play.

With the score deadlocked at 13-13, Lilyea fired in a long shot from the top of the circle to give the Bonnies the lead for good with 9:07 remaining. She cut down the middle of the crease to add an insurance goal just under five minutes later, and St. Bonaventure (2-4) held the Great Danes scoreless for more than ten minutes to end any comeback attempt.

UAlbany's Ferrucci had three goals and two assists, while Esposito finished with two goals and three assists. Freshman goalkeeper **Francine Beltempo** stopped 17 shots for the Great Danes.

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St. Bonaventure (2-4)	12	3	-	15
Albany (1-5)	7	6	-	13

St. Bonaventure -- Scoring: Emily Lilyea 4-0, Kelly Chevez 3-3, Colleen Crane 3-0, Laura Spaulding 2-0, Tracy Domm 2-0, Michelle Acierno 1-0, Katie Murphy 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Katy Jensen (60:00, 14 saves, 13 GA).

Albany -- Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 3-2, Alexis DiDomenico 3-0, Andrea Esposito 2-3, Erin Pemrick 2-0, Elizabeth Michalenko 1-0, Erin Finnigan 1-0, Candy Tobar 1-0, Theresa Masse 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (60:00, 17 saves, 15 GA).

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SOFTBALL SELECTED SIXTH IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE POLL

Boston, Mass. – The America East Conference announced its preseason softball poll today and the University at Albany has been chosen to finish sixth in the seven-team conference. Boston University, who captured all seven first-place votes, was selected by the coaches to win the title.

Head coach **Chris Cannata** enters her eighth campaign at the school, while totaling a 173-96 mark. Albany returns ten letterwinners from a squad that finished 22-25 last season. Senior shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) is a three-year starter, who hit a career-high .403 in 2001. She also ranked second nationally in stolen bases per game (1.09 pg, 49 total). Terry is the school's career and single-season record holder for runs, steals and triples.

Senior right-hander **Sarah Maida** will serve as the ace of the pitching staff. The Newburgh, N.Y. native posts a 25-19 record with a 2.33 earned run average over two seasons since transferring from the University of Bridgeport. Maida has started 42 career games and tossed over 285 innings.

Senior left fielder **Lynnette Bohannon** started all 47 games in 2001. She led the squad in home runs with six, the highest total by an Albany player in eight seasons. The Colby Community College (Kan.) transfer and Pueblo, Colo., native also had a team-high 28 RBI and .535 slugging percentage.

Sophomore infielder **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls) is one of several newcomers expected to contribute immediately. She will see action at three of the four infield positions and bat in the middle of the lineup. Craft, a transfer from Adirondack Community College, led her squad to the National Junior College Athletic Association Region III Championship and a fourth-place showing at the national tournament.

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America East Conference Softball Preseason Poll

1. Boston University (7), 49; 2. Maine 38; 3. Stony Brook 29; 4. Hartford 28; 5. Vermont 20; 6. Albany 17; 7. Binghamton 15.

() – first-place votes

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

BASEBALL PICKED SEVENTH IN PRESEASON CONFERENCE POLL

Boston, Mass. – The America East Conference announced its preseason baseball poll today, and Maine has been selected to win the conference title. The coaches picked the Great Danes to finish seventh. The Black Bears earned six of the seven first-place votes.

The Great Danes opened their regular season schedule on Feb. 23 in Richmond. Albany will play a 56-game schedule, highlighted by a 14-contest slate at Heritage Park. Heritage Park, the home facility for the Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs, an Independent Northern League minor league baseball team, is located in Colonie, N.Y. Albany is next in action on Tuesday for its home opener against Canisius, a non-conference doubleheader at Varsity Field.

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America East Conference Preseason Baseball Poll

1. Maine (6), 46; 2. Northeastern 38; 3. Vermont 36; 4. Stony Brook (1), 35; 5. Binghamton 15;
6. Hartford 14; 7. Albany 12. () – first-place votes

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Baltimore, Md. – **Adam Doneger** had three goals and one assist, as third-ranked Johns Hopkins pulled away in the second half for a 10-4 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at Homewood Field.

Albany (2-5) trailed 3-1 in the second quarter, but then tied the contest on **Sean Donnellan's** fourth goal of the season and an extra-man goal by **Brendan Russell**. Johns Hopkins (4-1) regained the lead with 2:39 left in the period, as **Conor Ford** scored off **Kyle Barrie's** feed.

The Blue Jays, who were ranked first in last week's USILA national poll before losing to Virginia on Saturday, used a four-goal third quarter to break the game open. **Peter LeSueur**, who scored twice in the period, started the outburst when he found the net with his team on a man-advantage.

Doneger, a junior midfielder who also scored in that decisive third stanza, gave his team a commanding 9-3 lead with 10:49 left in the final period. **Kevin Boland** and LeSueur each finished with two goals and one assist. Senior goalkeeper **Nick Murtha** made 10 saves for Johns Hopkins, a program that has captured seven NCAA Division I championships in its history.

Albany's **Jon Smith** had one goal and assisted on another, while **Luke Daquino** added a season-high three assists. Freshman **Kevin Rae** turned aside 16 shots for the Great Danes. UAlbany head coach **Scott Marr** was returning to his alma mater, as he played on the Blue Jays' 1987 national title squad.

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Albany (2-5)	1	2	0	1	-	4
#3 Johns Hopkins (4-1)	2	2	4	2	-	10

Albany – Scoring: Jon Smith 1-1, Sean Donnellan 1-0, Brendan Russell 1-0, Randy Donaldson 1-0, Luke Daquino 0-3; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 16 saves, 10 GA).

Johns Hopkins – Adam Doneger 3-1, Kevin Boland 2-1, Peter LeSueur 2-1, Kyle Barrie 1-2, Conor Ford 1-1, Bobby Benson 1-0, Kyle Harrison; Goalkeeper(s): Nick Murtha (60:00, 11 saves, 4 GA).

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BASEBALL

Newark, Del. – Shortstop **Kris Dufner** went 4-for-4 with four RBI and hit a three-run home run as Delaware posted a 12-7 non-conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Bob Hannah Stadium.

Albany (3-13), who has dropped six straight outings, trailed 6-2, but recaptured the lead with a five-run seventh inning. **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) singled in **Craig Farley**. **Fred Estes** belted a triple crossing two to cap the rally after a **Dan Schoonmaker** RBI sacrifice fly and **Pat Delaney's** run-scoring single. Delaney had three hits for the game, including a double in the sixth.

However, Delaware (11-9), winners of six consecutive games, benefited from a pair of three-run homers in the bottom half of the seventh. **Nick DeCarlo** blasted the first shot off reliever **Will Haskell** (Saratoga Springs). Dufner sealed the victory with a knock over the center field fence against **Nick Borgia** (Scotia-Glenville), who entered the game in a first and third, one-out jam. Blue Hen reliever **Ryan Dulaney** earned the win, as he didn't allow a run in 2 1/3 innings.

The Great Danes held a 2-0 lead in the second as **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) hit a RBI double. Crudo later scored on **Eddie Scott's** single. **Jake Toms** finished with two doubles for Albany, who next play its home opener against Canisius on April 2 at Varsity Field.

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Albany (3-13)	020	000	500	-	7	16	1
Delaware (11-9)	013	101	60x	-	12	15	1

Roman Dubiel, Will Haskell (4), Nick Borgia (7) and Fred Estes.
Mike Mihalik, Ryan Dulaney (7) and John Schneider.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

TRACK & FIELD

Chapel Hill, N.C. – **Rob Harrison** (Shaker) won the long jump and took second in the triple jump to lead Albany to a third-place finish at the UNC Classic at North Carolina's Fetzer Field. The Great Danes placed fifth in the women's team competition.

Harrison, a junior, posted a mark of 22-feet, 2.25-inches in the long jump to edge North Carolina's **John Hubbard**. He finished second to North Carolina State's **Jason Viera** in the triple jump with a leap of 46-01.50.

Freshman **Kristof Molnar** won the 800-meter run with a time of 1:52.68, and was 44-hundredths of a second better than **Douglas Smith**, of North Carolina. **Aggrey Morris** was second in the 400-meter dash (49.12), while **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) was third in the 110-high hurdles (15.26).

In the women's meet, freshman **Kristen O'Brien** set a school record in the pole vault, when she cleared the bar at 10-feet even. **Ashley Kangas** narrowly missed another UAlbany mark in the javelin, as she finished sixth with a toss of 113-03.

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MEN

1. Akron 134, 2. North Carolina 124.5, 3. Albany 93.5, 4. Duke 75, 5. DePaul 68, 6. North Carolina State 67, 7. Columbia 49.5

WOMEN

1. North Carolina 168.5, 2. Akron 131, 3. Duke 94, 4. Villanova 88, 5. Albany 65.5, 6. North Carolina State 60, 7. Columbia 55, 8. DePaul 37.

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BASEBALL

Newark, Del. – **Steve Van Note** had two home runs, five RBI and scored five times in leading Delaware to a non-conference doubleheader sweep of Albany on Saturday afternoon at Bob Hannah Stadium. The Blue Hens won the first game, 10-7, and followed with a 21-3 victory in the second contest.

In the opener, Delaware (10-9), winners of five straight and eight of its last nine, posted a five-run first inning. **John Schneider** hit a two-run double to left center field and **Steve Harden** later added a double down the left-field line crossing two more.

Albany (3-12), who has dropped five consecutive games, would rally and bring the score to 5-4 in the third as **Fred Estes'** single scored **Jake Toms**. The Great Danes previously plated three runs in the second capitalizing on two Blue Hen fielding errors. However, Delaware would seal the win with a four-run bottom of the third. **Kris Dufner**, who finished with five RBI and six runs scored on the day, belted a double scoring Harden and **Teddy Puitz**. Albany committed five errors during the contest.

In the nightcap, Delaware was aggressive as they totaled eight runs in 2 2/3 innings off Albany starter **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa). **Doug Eiteleman**, who went 3-for-3 with five RBI and a home run in the second game, singled in two and Schneider added a run-scoring double for a 3-0 advantage in the first inning. The Blue Hens added a five-run third frame as part of a 22-hit attack. **Mark Michael** delivered a three-run homer to left center highlighting the outburst. **Van Note** added a grand slam in the sixth.

Eddie Scott had four hits and scored twice on the day. **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn), **Pat Delaney**, Estes and Toms each added two RBI for Albany.

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(Game 1)

Albany	031	021	0	-	7	13	5
Delaware	504	001	x	-	10	5	2

Jeff Mazzola, Shawn Walsh (3) and Fred Estes.

Jason Vincent and John Schneider.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

(Game 2)

Albany (3-12)	000	110	1	-	3	8	2
Delaware (10-9)	305	328	x	-	21	22	2

Adam Kroft, Adam Castoldi (3), Ryan Pitt (4), Ryan Sullivan (5), Mike Muller (5), Pat Hastings (6), Shawn Ryan (6) and Chase Muratore, Ciaran Crampton.

Rich McGuire, Mike Iannucci and John Schneider, Matt Wimer.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Troy, N.Y. – **Mark Williamson** and **Jason Kilpatrick** each had two goals and two assists to lead Drexel to a 10-7 non-conference win over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Renssealer's Harkness Field.

Drexel (4-3) held a 4-3 advantage in the third quarter, but then took control with three consecutive goals. **Yoni Cohen** found the net off a crossing pass, before Williamson fired in a shot from the top of the crease 42 seconds later. Cohen scored on a man-advantage to complete the outburst with 7:55 remaining in the period.

Albany (2-4) still trailed, 8-5, midway through the fourth quarter, when **Michael Solazzo** tallied his second goal of the game off a rebound. But the Dragons, who have posted back-to-back victories for the first time this year, answered with a pair of goals. Williamson, last year's America East Conference rookie of the year, scored in transition, and was followed by Kilpatrick's 10th goal of the season.

Drexel's top scorer **Sean Moloney** added two goals and one assist, while **Jordie Olivella** stopped 19 shots in the cage. Freshman **Brendan Russell** led the Great Danes with three goals and one assist. Goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made a career-high 19 saves.

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Drexel (4-3)	2	2	3	3	-	10
Albany (2-4)	1	1	1	4	-	7

Drexel – Scoring: Mark Williamson 2-2, Jason Kilpatrick 2-2, Sean Moloney 2-1, Yoni Cohen 2-0, Pat Friel 1-1, Joe Fiore 1-0, Jarett Mizzi 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jordie Olivella (60:00, 17 saves, 7 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Brendan Russell 3-1, Michael Solazzo 2-0, Luke Daquino 1-1, Chris Driscoll 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 19 saves, 10 GA).

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Towson, Md. -- Senior attack **Nicole McNeil** scored two goals and added three assists in leading Towson to a 15-5 non-conference win over Albany at Minnegan Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Sophomore midfielder **Caitlin Marshall** scored just 21 seconds into the contest for Towson (4-3), and the Tigers added five more unanswered tallies for a 6-0 advantage with 7:58 remaining in the first half. **Kat Brady**, a senior attack, recorded three consecutive goals in that span, including two off feeds from McNeil.

Albany (0-4) got on the board when freshman **Jenn Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) found the back of the net on a fastbreak at the 1:48 mark of the first period. **Maria Ferrucci** and **Alexis DiDomenico** then tallied back-to-back goals 24 seconds apart to cut the halftime deficit to 6-3.

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ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

Albany's **Andrea Esposito** would score five minutes into the second half to bring her team within two goals, but Towson countered with three straight scores to push out to a 9-4 advantage. A free-position goal by **Theresa Masse** was the final point of the day for Albany, as the Great Danes were held scoreless over the final 14:48. The Tigers reeled off the game's final six goals to close out their third straight victory.

Freshman goalkeeper **Francine Beltempo** stopped 19 shots in defeat for Albany, while **Jessica O'Connell** had six saves for Towson.

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Albany (0-4)	3	2	-	5
Towson (4-3)	6	9	-	15

Albany -- Scoring: Alexis DiDomenico 1-0, Andrea Esposito 1-0, Maria Ferrucci 1-0, Theresa Masse 1-0, Jenn Rajczak 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (60:00, 19 saves, 15 GA).

Towson -- Scoring: Nicole McNeil 2-3, Kat Brady 3-0, Martha Dwyer 2-0, Melissa Garner 2-0, Abigail Giancola 2-0, Danielle Gyarmathy 1-0, Melissa Raszewski 1-0, Amy Middleton 1-0, Caitlin Marshall 1-0, Kari Mielke 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jessica O'Connell (60:00, 6 saves, 5 GA).

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Baltimore, Md. – Junior midfielder **Lindsey Hart** scored a season-high eight goals to lead Ohio University to an 18-12 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday afternoon at Johns Hopkins University's Homewood Field.

Ohio U. (4-2) scored seven unanswered goals to break an 11-11 tie. Hart tallied back-to-back goals to give her team the lead for good. She found the net off a feed from **Emily Hemmelgarn** with 23:17 remaining, and then converted again four minutes later.

Albany (0-3) trailed 8-4 late in the opening half, but drew even with four straight goals. **Erin Pemrick** (Saratoga Springs), who scored twice and added one assist, tied the contest off a crossing pass from **Maria Ferrucci** with 1:53 left in the period.

The Great Danes again fell behind, 10-8, in the final half, but sophomore **Jenn Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) tallied consecutive goals. Hart would put the Bobcats back on top, 11-10, before **Ashley Heilmann** answered with a free-position goal.

Ohio U.'s **Kristen Gombeski** had three goals and two assists, while **Lynz Keys** added three goals and one assist. Ferrucci led the Great Danes with two goals and three assists.

-agate-

Ohio University (4-2)	8	10	-	18
Albany (0-3)	8	4	-	12

Ohio U. – Scoring: Lindsey Hart 8-0, Kristen Gombeski 3-2, Lynz Keys 3-1, Alyssa Trocher 2-3, Emily Hemmelgarn 1-1, Ashley Bauer 1-0, Becky Oxman 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Jennifer Cassidy (60:00, 17 saves, 12 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 2-3, Erin Pemrick 2-1, Alexis DiDomenico 2-0, Jenn Rajczak 2-0, Theresa Masse 2-0, Andrea Esposito 1-1, Ashley Heilmann 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (60:00, 16 saves, 18 GA).

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Troy, N.Y. – Senior attackman **Marc Morley** had four goals and one assist to lead 11th-ranked Massachusetts to a 16-6 victory over Albany on Tuesday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field. The Minutemen posted their fifth straight win following a season-opening overtime loss to Hofstra.

Massachusetts (5-1) raced to a 5-0 lead midway through the first quarter. **Dan Paccione**, who totaled one goal and three assists, had a hand in each of his team's opening three goals. **Chris Fiore** drove from the right side, and bounced a shot past Albany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** to complete the outburst with 6:27 to play.

Albany (2-3) closed within 5-2 when **Bobby Gabriel** converted off a rebound, and **Jon Smith** fired a shot inside the far post. However, Morley would score twice in the closing moments of the opening period. He found the net from Paccione following a face-off with three seconds left to regain UMass' five-goal margin.

The Minutemen, who have made nine NCAA tournament appearances since 1986, would lead 12-4 at halftime. Morley, a preseason All-ECAC selection, added one goal and one assist in his team's five-goal second quarter.

UMass' **Kevin Glenz**, **Neil Lundberg** and Fiore each had two goals apiece, while starting goalkeeper **Bill Schell** made 10 saves. Freshman **Luke Daquino** scored twice for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Massachusetts (5-1)	7	5	1	3	-	16
Albany (2-3)	2	2	0	2	-	6

Massachusetts – Scoring: Marc Morley 4-1, Chris Fiore 2-0, Kevin Glenz 2-0, Neil Lundberg 2-0, Dan Paccione 1-3, Craig Conn 1-3, Kevin Leveille 1-1, Gene Tundo 1-1, Don Little 1-0, Dusty Smith 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Bill Schell (55:03, 10 saves, 6 GA), Derek Kunkel (4:57, 2 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Luke Daquino 2-0, Jon Smith 1-1, Chris Driscoll 1-1, Bobby Gabriel 1-0, Michael Solazzo 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 13 saves, 16 GA).



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2002 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the school's football schedule for 2002. The Great Danes will play a seven-game Northeast Conference slate, and meet non-conference opponents, Montana, the defending Division I-AA national champion, Drake, Canisius and Florida International.

The Great Danes begin their 30th season on Saturday, September 7 with Montana, the I-AA national champion in 1995 and 2001. The Grizzlies, who are coming off a 15-1 campaign as a member of the Big Sky Conference, have made 11 NCAA post-season appearances.

Albany travels to Florida International, a first-year football program coached by former Miami Dolphins quarterback Don Strock, on Nov. 9, and to Drake on Oct. 12. The Bulldogs, who play in the 18,000-seat Drake Stadium, return first-team All-Pioneer League quarterback Ira Vandever, who accounted for 2,478 total yards and 20 touchdowns last season. The Great Danes are also on the road at Sacred Heart on Sept. 21. The Pioneers put together a perfect 11-0 record en route to the 2001 ECAC Bowl and Northeast Conference titles.

Albany's home schedule opens with conference-rival Central Connecticut State on Sept. 14. Canisius will be the opponent for Homecoming and Family Weekend on Oct. 19. Hall of Fame Day is set for Oct. 5 versus Wagner. All games at University Field start at 1:00 p.m.

The Great Danes finished 7-3 last year, and tied for third in the NEC standings. Head coach Bob Ford will return 14 starters, including eight on defense and six on offense. Josh Bazan, the 2001 *Football Gazette* I-AA Mid-Major Linebacker of the Year, and Sports Network I-AA All-American, led the defense with 103 tackles, three fumbles recovered and four fumbles forced.

2002 Albany Football Schedule

September -- 7 (Sat.), at Montana, 3:05; 14 (Sat.), **Central Connecticut State***, 1:00; 21 (Sat.), at Sacred Heart*, 1:00; 28 (Sat.), at Stony Brook*, TBA.

October -- 5 (Sat.), **Wagner***, 1:00; 12 (Sat.), at Drake, 2:00; 19 (Sat.), **Canisius** (HC), 1:00; 26 (Sat.), **St. Francis, Pa.***, 1:00

November -- 2 (Sat.), at Robert Morris*, 1:30; 9 (Sat.), at Florida International, TBA; 16 (Sat.), **Monmouth***, 1:00. All Times Eastern *Northeast Conference Opponent



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BASEBALL

Old Westbury, N.Y. – Senior right-hander **Brandon Kurz** tossed a four-hit shutout and **Tom Merkle** had three RBI on the afternoon as New York Tech swept a non-conference doubleheader against Albany on Sunday at Presidents' Field. The Bears won the first game, 5-0, and followed with a 13-6 victory.

New York Tech (7-5), winners of seven straight, scored twice in the third inning of the opener. **Christian Diaz** crossed the plate on a fielder's choice by **Mike Gaffney**, who later added a two-run single in the fourth. Kurz earned his second win as he scattered four hits and didn't allow a walk over seven innings.

Albany (3-10), who has dropped five of its last six games, struggled in the beginning of the nightcap. The Bears tallied eight runs over the first two frames. The Great Danes led 1-0 as **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) scored on **Jake Toms'** RBI groundout to third base. However, New York Tech capitalized on a wild pitch and a fielding error with three runs in the bottom of the first. The Bears added five more in the second as **Brian Goldberg** hit a two-run single. Merkle followed with a two-run triple to right field.

The Great Danes closed within 8-4 in the third, but stranded the bases loaded in a one-out rally. Toms had a RBI single, while **Dan Schoonmaker** and **Eddie Scott** brought in runs on a walk and a hit by pitch. Albany took advantage of two Bear errors in the sixth to make it 8-6 on **Joe Lamb's** single. **Kevin Perrucci** blasted a three-run homer as New York Tech responded with a five-run bottom half to seal the victory.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	000	000	0	-	0	4	0
New York Tech	002	300	x	-	5	6	1

Adam Kroft, Roman Dubiel (6) and Chase Muratore.

Brandon Kurz and Garrett McDevitt.

(Game 2)

Albany (3-10)	103	002	0	-	6	7	2
New York Tech (7-5)	350	005	x	-	13	13	4

Nick Borgia, Steve Emmerthal (2), Will Haskell (3), Shawn Ryan (4), Marty Pincar (6), Pat Hastings (6), Mike Muller (6) and Fred Estes.

Ed Gillespie, Wayne Seder (3), Kyle Patten (7) and Vincent Galea, Garret McDevitt.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

SOFTBALL

Fort Myers, Fla. -- Senior right-hander **Sarah Maida** scattered five hits in recording her second shutout of the season, as Albany posted a 3-0 extra-inning victory over St. Francis, N.Y. on Sunday at Lee County Sports Complex. The Great Danes, who wrapped up their eight-game Florida trip, improved to 10-4 overall.

Maida, who has thrown 15 consecutive scoreless innings, registered seven strikeouts and no walks en route to her ninth career shutout. She worked out of a jam with a two outs and a runner on third base in the fourth, when infielder **Jess Kostenblatt** made a diving stop to end the inning. Maida, who has 31 career victories as a collegian, upped her record to 6-1 on the season.

Albany (10-4) broke up a scoreless deadlock in the eighth. Third baseman **Nicole Adisano's** throwing error led to two runs, before **Jenni Barros** delivered a RBI single. Shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) singled and doubled for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Albany (10-4)	000	000	03	-	3	4	1
St. Francis, N.Y. (1-7)	000	000	00	-	0	5	1

Samantha Griffin and Jennifer Campuzano.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

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BASEBALL

Old Westbury, N.Y. – Reliever **Dan Britton** earned his first save by working out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth inning, as New York Tech posted a 4-3 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Presidents' Field.

New York Tech (5-5) built a 3-0 lead in the early innings, as **Tom Merkle** belted a two-run homer in the first and **Brian Goldberg** added a RBI double in the third.

Albany (3-8) closed within 3-2, when **Jake Toms** scored on a wild pitch in the fourth and **Dan Schoonmaker** hit a solo home run in the sixth. Schoonmaker, a sophomore first baseman, went 4-for-5 at the plate.

New York Tech's **Mike Gaffney** doubled and scored in the sixth to give his club a 4-2 lead, before the Great Danes again sliced the deficit on **Eddie Scott's** sacrifice fly in the eighth. Albany threatened in the ninth with two outs, and loaded the bases when Toms was hit by a pitch. However, Britton forced Schoonmaker to foul out to first baseman Mike Kearney to end the game.

Joe Lamb and **Fred Estes** each had two hits for the Great Danes, who play a doubleheader with New York Tech on Sunday at 12 noon.

-agate-

Albany (3-8)	000	101	010	-	3	12	1
New York Tech (5-5)	201	001	00x	-	4	5	0

Jeff Mazzola, Nick Borgia (8) and Fred Estes.

Rob Taormina, Andrew Karkoulas (8), Kevin Perrucci (9), Ismael Almonte (9), Dan Britton (9) and Garret McDevitt.

SOFTBALL

Cape Coral, Fla. – Sophomore right-hander **Kristin Couris** recorded her first victory of the season with a three-hit shutout to lead Albany to a 1-0 victory over St. Francis, N.Y. on Saturday afternoon at Cape Coral Sports Complex.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Couris, who registered seven strikeouts and no walks in posting the second shutout of her career, worked out of trouble in the fourth. She gave up a one-out triple to opposing pitcher **Alex Richardson**, but then struck out **Samantha Griffin** and **Samantha Barchitta** to wipe out the threat.

Albany (9-4) tallied the game's lone run in the bottom of the inning. Sophomore infielder **Jess Kostenblatt** led off with a single, and then moved to second on a sacrifice bunt. **Liz Wieboldt** followed with a RBI single to right field. The Great Danes complete their eight-game Florida swing on Sunday against St. Francis.

-agate-

St. Francis, N.Y. (0-5)	000	000	0	-	0	3	0
Albany (9-4)	000	100	x	-	1	6	0

Alex Richardson and Jennifer Campuzano.

Kristin Couris and Stacy Kowal.

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SOFTBALL

Cape Coral, Fla. – **Lynnette Bohannon** hit a three-run triple to highlight an eight-run fourth inning, as Albany defeated St. Francis, N.Y., 8-0, on Friday at Cape Coral Sports Complex. The Great Danes dropped a 2-0 contest to St. Joseph's, Pa. in the first game of the day.

Albany (8-4) capitalized on a pick-off throwing error to third base with the bases loaded in the fourth inning of the nightcap. The erratic throw by the catcher went down the left-field line scoring three Great Danes. Later in the frame, Bohannon's triple to center field cleared the bases as well. **Sarah Maida** recorded five strikeouts on the mound en route to her fifth victory.

St. Joseph's used single runs in the first and seventh innings to stay unbeaten at 9-0 overall. **Kristin Nau** singled and would later cross the plate on a wild pitch. The Hawks added an insurance run in the last frame as **Desiree McGhie's** single brought home **Lindsey McNamera**. Pitcher **Dana Travis** limited Albany to two hits, while striking out eight and walking one hitter.

-agate-

(Game 1)

St. Joseph's, Pa. (9-0)	100	000	1 -	2	6	1
Albany	000	000	0 -	0	2	1

Dana Travis and Alicia Cunic.

Amy Hawk and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

St. Francis, N.Y. (0-4)	000	00	-	0	1	3
Albany (8-4)	000	8x	-	8	5	0

(game ended due to eight-run rule)

Sandra Carey and Jennifer Campuzano.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

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SOFTBALL

Fort Myers, Fla. – **Jess Kostenblatt** hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning, as Albany rallied for a 4-3 victory over St. Francis, N.Y. on Thursday at Lee County Sports Complex. The Great Danes dropped a 7-4 decision to St. Joseph's, Pa. in their second game of the day.

St. Francis, N.Y. took a 3-0 lead in the top of the sixth, when **Alex Richardson** lined a triple down the right-field line to score a pair of runners. Richardson came across on **Samantha Barchitta's** sacrifice fly.

Albany (7-3) countered with a four-run rally in the same frame. **Lynnette Bohannon** delivered a RBI single, before Kostenblatt belted her third home run of the season, a three-run shot over the left-field fence. **Sarah Maida** improved to 4-1 on the mound by recording eight strikeouts and one walk.

St. Joseph's scored five times in the first inning to stay unbeaten at 7-0 overall. **Teresa Andreani** keyed the uprising with a two-run single. **Lindsey McNamara** went 4-for-4 at the plate with two runs, and slugged a solo homer in the fifth. Albany's Bohannon led her club with a RBI double in the third and her second home run of spring in the seventh. **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls) and **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) each had two hits.

-agate-

(Game 1)

St. Francis, N.Y.	000	003	0	-	3	4	0
Albany	000	004	x	-	4	4	1

Alex Richardson and Jennifer Campuzano.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

St. Joseph's, Pa. (7-0)	500	110	0	-	7	11	0
Albany (7-3)	003	000	1	-	4	10	2

Brandie Adams and Teresa Andreani.

Kristin Couris and Stacy Kowal.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Hempstead, N.Y. – Junior midfielder **Kathleen Mikowski** had four goals and three assists to lead Hofstra to a 14-3 non-conference victory over Albany on Thursday afternoon at Hofstra Stadium.

Mikowski, a third-team All-America selection last season, did all of her scoring in the opening period, as Hofstra (1-2) built a 10-1 halftime advantage. The Pride, who were coming off losses to Massachusetts and George Mason, led 4-1 midway through the first half, but tallied three goals over the next two minutes to pull away.

Megan Zimmer had four goals, while **Kristin Marshall** scored three times. Sophomore goalkeeper **Megan Greene** registered eight saves.

Erin Pemrick (Saratoga Springs) had two goals for the Great Danes, who fell to 0-2 overall, and play Ohio University in Baltimore, Maryland on March 19.

-agate-

Albany (0-2)	1	2	-	3
Hofstra (1-2)	10	4	-	14

Albany – Erin Pemrick 2-0, Maria Ferrucci 1-0, Candy Tobar 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Francine Beltempo (60:00, 12 saves, 14 GA).

Hofstra – Kathleen Mikowski 4-3, Megan Zimmer 4-0, Kristin Marshall 3-0, Megan Zimmer 3-0, Jen Maget 2-1, Jill Wienecke 1-0, Melissa Hedrick 0-3, Tara Buecker 0-1, Grace Vidulich 0-1, Caitlin Connolly 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Greene (60:00, 8 saves, 3 GA).



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES WILL BROWN HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Will Brown as head men's basketball coach. Brown, who has worked on the collegiate level since 1995, becomes the 15th head coach in the UAlbany program's history.

Brown was appointed as Albany's interim head coach last Dec. 20, and guided the Great Danes to a 7-13 record over the last 20 games. Albany was among the conference leaders in scoring defense at 65.0 points per game. Brown, who joined the UAlbany staff as an assistant in September 2001, coached the team to several impressive victories, including a win over Vermont, the America East Conference's regular-season champion. At age 30, Brown becomes the third youngest Division I head coach in the nation.

"Will Brown has proven over the last three months that he has the leadership skills and coaching expertise to manage a Division I program," McElroy said. "He has high energy, commitment and integrity, plus values the student-athlete. I have been impressed with his professionalism and his ability to handle challenging circumstances."

Brown previously served as the head coach at Sullivan County Community College in Loch Sheldrake, New York from 1998-2001. He led the Generals to a 90-10 record over a three-year period with two regional and two district titles. Sullivan County C.C. posted a 30-2 record and reached the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) championship in 2000-01. Brown's first SCCC squad appeared in the NJCAA "Final Four" and finished 32-3 overall. The Generals were ranked second nationally in scoring at 92.9 points per game, and ninth in team defense with a 67.1 average.

Brown was chosen the New York State Coaches Association junior college coach of the year in 1999. He also earned Mid-Hudson Conference coach of the year honors three times, and was District V's top coach twice. In addition, he worked at Sullivan County C.C. as an associate athletic director and as an adjunct professor of sports management.

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SOFTBALL

Coral Springs, Fla. – **Brandie Adams** and **Dana Travis** each fired a three-hit shutout, as St. Joseph's, Pa. took a pair of games from Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Cape Coral Sports Complex. The Hawks won the first game, 3-0, and the second contest, 4-0.

St. Joseph's (6-0) scored three times in the fifth inning to break a scoreless tie in the first contest. **Cara Deldeo** and **Alicia Cunic** each delivered RBI singles, as the Hawks took advantage of three UAlbany fielding errors. Adams struck out three and walked two en route to the complete-game victory on the mound.

In the second game, Travis recorded 10 strikeouts, as the St. Joseph's pitching staff has blanked five of six opponents this season. **Lindsey McNamara** belted a three-run homer in the first inning to supply the offense. The Great Danes, who play in Florida for the next four days, fall to 6-2 overall.

-agate-

(Game 1)

St. Joseph's, Pa.	000	030	0	-	3	5	2
Albany	000	000	0	-	0	3	3

Brandie Adams and Teresa Andreani.

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

(Game 2)

Albany (6-2)	000	000	0	-	0	3	3
St. Joseph's, Pa. (6-0)	300	001	x	-	4	4	0

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

Dana Travis and Alicia Cunic.

LACROSSE

Hanover, N.H. – Junior attackman **Scott Roslyn** had four goals and added one assist to lead unbeaten Dartmouth to a 12-5 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Scully-Fahey Field.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Dartmouth (3-0) reversed an early 1-0 deficit with seven unanswered goals. Freshman **Brandon Wright** tallied three of his four goals in that span. Roslyn and Wright found the net 11 seconds apart to hand their team the lead for good in the first quarter.

Jake Dwyer scored twice in the second quarter, as the Big Green broke the game open with a four-goal period. Goalkeeper **Mike Gault** made eight saves.

Albany (2-2) was led by junior attacker **Chris Driscoll**, who totaled a season-high three goals. Freshman **Luke Daquino** added two assists.

-agate-

Albany (2-2)	1	0	1	3	-	5
Dartmouth (3-0)	2	4	2	4	-	12

Albany – Scoring: Chris Driscoll 3-0, Brendan Russell 1-0, Matthew Fiasconaro 1-0, Luke Daquino 0-2, Sean Donnellan 0-1, Jon Smith 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 9 saves, 12 GA).

Dartmouth – Scoring: Scott Roslyn 4-1, Brandon Wright 4-0, Jake Dwyer 3-0, Ben Grinnell 1-1, Tom Daniels 0-3, Darren Yulfo 0-1, Matt Heineman 0-1, Connor Price 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Mike Gault (50:00, 8 saves, 4 GA), Andrew Goldstein (10:00, 1 save, 1 GA).

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BASEBALL

New Britain, Conn. – **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) had four hits and scored three times on the day and **Steve Emmerthal** pitched four innings of scoreless relief in the nightcap as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader at Central Connecticut State on Tuesday afternoon. The Great Danes dropped the opener, 4-2, and won the second contest, 6-3.

In the second game, Albany (3-7) trailed 3-2 in the third inning after **Tim D'Aquila** hit a three-run homer to left center field off starter **Will Haskell** (Saratoga Springs). However, the Great Danes tied the score an inning later and took the lead for good in the fifth on **Tony Vallone's** (Greenwich) RBI single crossing **Dan Schoonmaker**, who reached on a double. **Jake Toms** later added a two-run single for insurance. Emmerthal, a sophomore right-hander, allowed one walk and three hits over four innings to earn his first victory. The 6-foot-4 transfer has given up one earned run in nine innings of relief this season.

In the opener, Central Connecticut State (5-5) capitalized on two Albany errors in the sixth to break a 2-2 deadlock. **Phil Rothkugel** belted a double scoring D'Aquila, who reached on a fielding miscue. Rothkugel later scored as catcher **Fred Estes** dropped the ball on a play at the plate. Blue Devil starter **Kevin Rival** registered five strikeouts and two earned runs over five innings.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	001	100	0	-	2	5	2
Central Connecticut State	000	202	X	-	4	5	0

Adam Kroft and Fred Estes.

Kevin Rival, Donald Crossman (6), Lewis Pappariella (7) and Chip Rourke.

(Game 2)

Albany (3-7)	200	112	0	-	6	10	1
Central Connecticut State (5-5)	003	000	0	-	3	5	1

Will Haskell, Steve Emmerthal (4) and Fred Estes.

Justin Cerbone, Donald Crossman (6) and Chip Rourke.

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SOFTBALL

Princess Anne, Md. – **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls H.S.) had four hits and drove in six runs to lead visiting Albany to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over Maryland-Eastern Shore. The Great Danes, who are off to a 6-0 start for the second time in the last three years, won the twinbill, 6-3 and 11-0.

In the opener, Craft's groundout scored **Lynette Bohannon**, who had walked, to break a 3-3 tie in the fifth inning. Albany added two insurance runs in the seventh on Craft's RBI triple and a run-scoring single by outfielder **Jen Nolette** (Columbia H.S.).

Right-hander **Sarah Maida**, who picked up her third win of the season, won for the second straight day in relief. She allowed no hits over four innings, and recorded five strikeouts and one walk.

Craft, a sophomore transfer from Adirondack Community College, and Nolette went to work again the second game. Craft drove in three runs with a pair of singles, while Nolette went 3-for-4 at the plate with two runs and one RBI. Bohannon added two hits and scored twice. Pitchers **Danielle Buyea** and **Kristin Couris** combined for six strikeouts in registering a four-hit shutout.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	012	010	2	-	6	8	3
Maryland-Eastern Shore	003	000	0	-	3	3	1

Amy Hawk, Sarah Maida (4) and Lynette Bohannon.

Molly Johnson and Lindsay Poss.

(Game 2)

Albany (6-0)	102	044	-	11	10	2
Maryland-Eastern Shore	000	000	-	0	4	6

Danielle Buyea, Kristin Couris (4) and Stacy Kowal.

Melanie Parker and Lindsay Poss.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Burlington, Vt. – **Ana Maria Mora** won at first singles in three sets to lead Hartford to a 7-0 victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium.

Mora, a freshman from Lima, Peru, defeated Albany's **Violeta Petijevic** in a thrilling third-set tiebreaker, 10-8. **Crystallia Leontiadis** posted a straight-set triumph at third singles and a pro-set win at No. 2 doubles.

Petijevic and **Marisa Berley** (Shenendehowa) teamed for the Great Danes' lone win at first doubles, an 8-4 pro-set decision.

-agate-

Hartford 7, Albany 0

Singles: Ana Maria Mora (H) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (10-8); Alexis Alexander (H) def. Marisa Berley (A), 6-0, 6-0; Crystallia Leontiadis (H) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-3, 6-2; Stefanie Leontiadis (H) def. Krista Babiarz (A), 6-2, 6-0; Amanda Schmidt (H) def. Reeba Miller (A), 7-5, 7-6 (7-3); Angela Venincasta (H) def. Lisa Fund (A), 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles: Petijevic-M. Berley (A) def. Mora-Alexander (H), 8-4; C. Leontiadis-Schmidt (H) def. A. Berley-Babiarz (A), 8-4; Venincasta-S. Leontiadis (H) def. Stacy Kaminski-Miller (A), 8-3.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Troy, N.Y. – Freshman attackman **Luke Daquino** had five goals and two assists to power Albany past Boston College, 18-3, in a non-conference contest on Saturday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

Albany (2-1) used an eight-goal third quarter to break the game open. Daquino scored four times in the period, and ignited the run when he found the net off a clear from defenseman **Chris Zaffiro**. **Michael Solazzo** and **Jon Smith** each added a pair of goals in the quarter.

The Great Danes, who were coming off an impressive win over Rutgers earlier in the week, took a 2-1 lead with 4:03 left in the opening period. Daquino cut from behind the cage on the artificial grass surface and scored from the left side off a feed from midfielder **Bobby Gabriel**. **Sal Massa** gave his club a 5-1 halftime lead on a spin move with 23 seconds left before the intermission.

Solazzo, a sophomore attacker, finished with three goals and one assist, while Smith also had three goals. Freshman **Kevin Rae** made seven saves in just over three quarters of work between the pipes.

Senior goalkeeper **James Karamby** had 18 saves for Boston College, who was playing its season opener.

-agate-

Boston College (0-1)	1	0	1	1	-	3
Albany (2-1)	2	3	8	5	-	18

Boston College – Scoring: John Cella 1-0, Sean Connelly 1-0, Matthew Safaii 1-0, Teddy Cella 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): James Karamby (44:05, 18 saves, 16 GA), Michael Tait (5:55, 4 saves, 2 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Luke Daquino 5-2, Michael Solazzo 3-1, Jon Smith 3-0, Sean Donnellan 2-0, Brendan Russell 1-2, Alan Beach 1-0, Sal Massa 1-0, Christopher Preble 1-0, Conor Quinn 1-0, Bobby Gabriel 0-4, Daniel Orlovski 0-2, Jim Lindsay 0-1, Chris Zaffiro 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (48:18, 7 saves, 3 GA), Chris Gill (7:55, 2 saves, 0 GA), Bob Bruno (3:47, 0 saves, 0 GA).

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SOFTBALL

Hampton, Va. – Freshman right-hander **Danielle Buyea** fired a three-hit shutout in leading Albany to a 8-0 victory over Maryland-Eastern Shore on Saturday afternoon at the Hampton University Tournament. The Great Danes, who earlier in the day defeated Hampton, 3-2 in eight innings, won the tournament title.

Buyea recorded nine strikeouts and no walks in her first start as a collegian. The game was shortened to five innings due to an eight-run rule. Senior shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls H.S.) singled, walked, scored two runs and added a stolen base. Terry and **Jenni Barros** each had RBI singles, as Albany (4-0) scored four times in the second inning to build a commanding 5-0 advantage.

In the first game, the Great Danes took a 2-1 lead in the sixth, when **Jess Kostenblatt**, who had singled, scored on a throwing error. Hampton tied the contest a two apiece in the seventh, when **Adrian Williams** delivered a two-out, run-scoring single. Albany's **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville H.S.) scored the winning run in the eighth on a wild pitch.

Albany pitcher **Sarah Maida** picked up the victory in relief of starter **Kristin Couris**. Maida, a senior right-hander, struck out six and walked two in five innings on the mound.

-agate-

Hampton University Tournament

(Game 1)

Albany	010	001	01	-	3	5	2
Hampton	010	000	10	-	2	5	5

Kristin Couris, Sarah Maida (4) and Stacy Kowal. Erin White and Sayaka Umemura.

(Game 2)

Maryland-Eastern Shore	000	00	-	0	3	5
Albany (4-0)	141	2x	-	8	5	0

(game ended due to eight-run rule)

Sarah Whitfield, Marlee Johnson (2) and Lindsay Poss.

Danielle Buyea and Lynnette Bohannon.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Burlington, Vt. – **Lindsey Johnson** won in three sets at first singles and posted a victory at first doubles to lead New Hampshire to a 7-0 decision over Albany on Saturday at Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium.

Johnson defeated Albany's **Violeta Petijevic**, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, and then teamed with **Kim LeDonne** for an 8-0 pro-set triumph in doubles. UNH's **Hallie Erickson** was a winner at third singles and second doubles.

-agate-

New Hampshire 7, Albany 0

Singles: Lindsey Johnson (NH) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; Kim LeDonne (NH) def. Marisa Berley (A), 6-0, 6-0; Hallie Erickson (NH) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-4, 6-2; Jennifer Witter (NH) def. Krista Babiarz (A), 6-2, 6-3; Kate Rose (NH) def. Reeba Miller (A), 6-0, 6-0; Amy Suprenant (NH) def. Lisa Fund (A), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: Johnson-LeDonne (NH) def. Petijevic-M. Berley (A), 8-0; Erickson-Witter (NH) def. Berley-Babiarz (A), 8-5; Rose-Suprenant (NH) def. Fund-Miller (A), 8-1.

Records: Albany (0-8), New Hampshire (5-1-1).

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Burlington, Vt. – Sophomore **Molly Moran** won in three sets at first singles to lead Vermont to a 7-0 victory over Albany on Friday evening at Patrick Gymnasium.

Moran upended Albany's **Violeta Petijevic** in a third-set tiebreaker, 7-5, and teamed with **Danielle Fleury** for an 8-1 pro-set triumph at third doubles. **Joanna Kahn** won in straight sets at No. 2 singles and was also victorious at No. 2 doubles.

Petijevic and doubles partner **Marissa Berley** (Shenendehowa) were winners at No. 1 doubles with an 8-6 decision. Albany meets New Hampshire in Burlington on Saturday.

-agate-

Vermont 7, Albany 0

Singles: Molly Moran (V) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7-5); Joanna Kahn (V) def. Marisa Berley (A), 6-4, 6-0; Katie Davidow (V) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-3, 6-4; Sarah Taylor (V) def. Krista Babiarz (A), 6-3, 6-4; Sofi Rubinstein (V) def. Stacy Kaminski (A), 6-2, 6-2; Alie Taylor (V) def. Lisa Fund (A), 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: Petijevic-M. Berley (A) def. Davidow-S. Taylor (V), 8-6; Kahn-A. Taylor (V) def. A. Berley-Babiarz (A), 8-2; Danielle Fleury-Moran (V) def. Reeba Miller-Kaminski (A), 8-1.

Records: Albany (0-7), Vermont (4-7).

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SOFTBALL

Hampton, Va. – Senior right-hander **Sarah Maida** fired a four-hitter to lead Albany to a 9-1 victory over Central Connecticut State on Friday afternoon at the Hampton University Tournament. Earlier in the day, the Great Danes opened their season with a 7-5 extra-inning win over St. Peter's.

Maida recorded nine strikeouts and three walks en route to her 26th career victory on the mound. **Jess Kostenblatt** had three hits, including two home runs, and three RBI to lead her team's 10-hit attack. She belted a solo shot in the fourth, and added a two-run homer in the seventh. Adirondack Community College transfer **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls H.S.) singled and doubled with one run scored and one RBI.

In the first game against St. Peter's, Albany (2-0) used a four-run ninth inning to break a 3-3 deadlock. **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville H.S.) scored on a fielding error, before shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls) came across on **Liz Wieboldt's** single. **Lynette Bohannan** capped the uprising with a two-run blast over the right-field fence.

The two-day tournament continues on Saturday. The Great Danes meet the host school at 9:30 a.m., before facing Maryland-Eastern Shore.

-agate-

Hampton University Tournament

(Game 1)

Albany	010	000	024	-	7	5	4
St. Peter's	000	100	022	-	5	8	5

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

Sandy Attanasio, Kathryn Bucco (9) and Marsha Kelley.

(Game 2)

Albany	100	123	2	-	9	10	2
Central Connecticut State	000	000	1	-	1	4	2

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

Jessica Cline, Jessica Smith (5) and Stacie Signore.

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SEVEN UALBANY PLAYERS ON DIVISION I NATIONAL ACADEMIC TEAM

Glen Allen, Va. – **Amy DiMicco** leads a group of seven University at Albany student-athletes who have been selected to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I National Academic Squad.

DiMicco, a senior who has a 3.82 cumulative grade point average in communication, earned All-Mideast Region and All-America East Conference recognition as a midfielder. She led the team in scoring with six goals and four assists for 16 points. Sophomore **Rhonda Corcoran**, who started 15 of 16 games as a defender, posted a 3.86 GPA in psychology. Freshman goalkeeper **Megan Akstin** has a 3.43 in criminal justice.

Other UAlbany players on the all-academic squad are **Cheryl Varga** (4.00, undeclared), **Amber Wade** (3.51, biology), **Amber Greiner** (3.35, education) and **Amy Hammer** (3.34, history).

Players chosen to the national academic field hockey team attained a minimum 3.30 cumulative GPA and were a starter or key reserve during the 2001 season.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Piscataway, N.J. – Sophomore attackman **Michael Solazzo** had two goals and two assists, as Albany upended Rutgers, 8-6, in cold and windy conditions on Tuesday afternoon at Rutgers Stadium Turf Field.

After the teams played to a 3-3 halftime tie, Albany (1-1) went ahead in the third quarter, as **Jon Smith** tallied his second goal of the day off a feed from Solazzo. Rutgers (1-3) tied the contest at four apiece with 4:40 left in the period, when junior attackman **Ken Springer** scored the first of his three goals.

The Great Danes, who were beaten by Rutgers, 19-2, on their home field last year, responded with three consecutive goals to take control. **Sal Massa**, a senior midfielder, put his club in front for good, before Solazzo found the net with 29 seconds left in the stanza. Freshman **Brendan Russell** gave his team a 7-4 lead with 11:12 remaining in the final quarter.

Freshman goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** had 10 saves for the Great Danes, who host Boston College on Saturday, March 9 at Rensselaer's Harkness Field. Freshman **Craig Lutwyler**, making his first start as a collegian, stopped 10 shots for the Scarlet Knights, who were ranked in the top-25 in several national preseason polls.

-agate-

Albany (1-1)	2	1	3	2	-	8
Rutgers (1-3)	2	1	1	2	-	6

Albany – Scoring: Michael Solazzo 2-2, Jon Smith 2-0, Brendan Russell 1-1, Jim Lindsay 1-0, Sal Massa 1-0, Sean Donnellan 1-0, Chris Driscoll 0-1, Matthew Fiasconaro 0-1, Bobby Gabriel 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 10 saves, 6 GA).

Rutgers – Scoring: Ken Springer 3-0, Tim Horgan 1-0, Leif Blomquist 1-0, Jeff Duca 1-0, Tim White 0-2, Jamie Lovejoy 0-1, Dan Achatz 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Craig Lutwyler (60:00, 10 saves, 8 GA).



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES HEAD BASKETBALL COACH MARI WARNER'S CONTRACT WILL NOT BE RENEWED

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that the contract of head women's basketball coach Mari Warner will not be renewed for the 2002-03 season.

Warner, the school's all-time leader in coaching victories, recently completed her 20th season. She compiled a 299-213 career record. However, the Great Danes have registered four straight losing records, including a 21-60 mark since moving to the Division I level in 1999-2000. Albany finished its inaugural America East Conference campaign with a 4-23 record, and ended the season with 16 consecutive losses in conference play.

Warner, 43, was one of the nation's youngest head coaches when she was appointed to the position in 1982-83. Under her direction, UAlbany posted winning records in 12 of 13 seasons as a Division III program. Her clubs reached the NCAA tournament twice. In Division II, Warner's best team was the 1996-97 squad that finished 19-9 overall and advanced to the New England Collegiate Conference championship.

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

Mari Warner's Coaching Record

<u>Division III</u>		1993-94	15-9
1982-83	14-6	1994-95	16-9
1983-84	15-10	<u>Division II</u>	
1984-85	23-4	1995-96	13-14
1985-86	26-4	1996-97	19-9
1986-87	19-5	1997-98	14-13
1987-88	17-7	1998-99	13-14
1988-89	15-9	<u>Division I</u>	
1989-90	13-12	1999-00	12-15
1990-91	10-14	2000-01	5-22
1991-92	22-5	2001-02	4-23
1992-93	14-9	Overall	299-213

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

#3 Hartford 65, #6 Albany 49

Boston, Mass. -- **Junior Amos** had 14 points and 10 rebounds to pace four players in double figures, as Hartford posted a 65-49 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon in the quarterfinal round of the America East Conference Tournament at Northeastern University's Matthews Arena.

Hartford (14-17), the No. 3 seed, led 24-23 at halftime, but then pulled away with 10 unanswered points to begin the final period. **Pierre Johnson**, who had 14 points and eight rebounds, tallied five markers to begin that run, before **Ryan Stys** nailed a three-point field goal. **Josh Odugbela**, a 6-foot-8 junior, hit a jumper inside the foul line for a 34-23 lead with 17:08 remaining.

The Hawks, who made 65.2 percent of their field goal attempts in the second half on 15-of-23 shooting, would later push out to a 48-33 advantage. Albany, the sixth seed who finished the season with an 8-20 record, went scoreless for more than five minutes at one point in the stanza.

"We gave up a lot of easy baskets," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, who took over on an interim basis in late December. "There was a three- to four-minute period where we just exchanged baskets with them. However, I am proud of this group because we stuck together during the year and had some good wins down the stretch."

Hartford, who split the regular-season series as each team won on its home floor, jumped out to a 14-7 lead. But the Great Danes rallied with seven straight to draw even on a jumper by **Will Brand**, who finished with nine points and five rebounds in his final game as a collegian. Albany would pull ahead, 23-22, just before the intermission on **Alex Barnhill's** follow shot in the lane. The Hawks' **Charles Ford** made two free throws to give his club the lead at the break.

"We dug ourselves too big a hole in the second half," said Brand, who ended his career ranked eighth on the all-time scoring list with 1,405 points. "It's hard for the other team to come back when you give up too many jumpers and second-chance baskets."

Hartford's **Deon Saunders** had 11 points and six rebounds off the bench, while Stys was the fourth Hartford player in double figures with 11. **Rhasheed Peterson** led the Great Danes with 12 points.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Melissa Kowalski** tallied 18 points to lead five players in double figures as Northeastern shot 51 percent and upended Albany, 81-69, in the America East Conference regular-season finales for both teams on Saturday at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Northeastern (6-21, AE 4-12), who snapped a five-game losing streak, led 39-37 at the intermission and exploded with 20 of the opening 25 points in the final period. **Joi Jefferson**, who finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds, scored six markers in the spurt. The Huskies shot 50 percent in the stanza and extended to a 59-42 advantage on a **Francesca Vanin** layup with 11:11 remaining. Vanin had 10 points and nine boards off the bench.

Albany (4-23, AE 0-16) dug themselves in a hole early in the second half as they totaled two field goals over the opening 12 minutes. The Great Danes used a pair of back-to-back **Becky Ayers'** three-pointers to cut the deficit to 63-55 with six minutes left. Ayers posted a career-high 22 points, including five 3-pointers, and ended with a program single-season three-point shooting record (46.9 percent). She made 46-of-98 attempts from behind the arc. However, the Huskies would later total six straight points to increase the margin to 14.

"These past few games we have given up too many points down the stretch," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**, whose team ended the year with 16 consecutive losses. "We plan on making the necessary improvements in the off-season. The future is bright for this program as we have a lot of young, developing talent."

The first half saw eight ties and 11 lead changes. Albany built a 24-19 lead on a three-pointer by **Marie Connors**, who was one of three Great Dane seniors playing in their final home game. Northeastern later responded with an 11-2 spurt for a 34-29 advantage at the 2:44 mark. **Lori Newsome** had four of her 13 points in the stretch.

Jess McGinlay reached twin figures with 18 points, including four 3-pointers, for Albany, who canned a season-high 11 long-range shots on 22 attempts. The total was one shy of a school record. **Genny Caruso** added 15 for Northeastern. The Huskies, as the eighth seed, open the America East Conference Tournament on Thursday against top-seeded Vermont.

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BASEBALL

Philadelphia, Pa. – **Dan Schoonmaker** hit a two-run home run and added three RBI and sophomore right-hander **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) earned a seven-inning, eight-strikeout performance for his second win of the season as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with Drexel on Saturday afternoon at Drexel Field. The Great Danes won the first game, 7-3, and dropped the second contest, 4-0.

In the opener, Albany (2-6) took a 2-0 lead in the first inning. **Eddie Scott** doubled to left field and eventually scored on a failed pick-off attempt. **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn), who reached on a bunt single, later crossed the plate on a hit by Schoonmaker. After the score was tied at 3 apiece, the Great Danes added a single run in the fourth and three in the fifth frame, highlighted by Schoonmaker's two-run homer to left field. Grasso went 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored in the first game.

Nic Beecher tossed a complete game, four-hit shutout in the nightcap as he only walked two Albany hitters. A first-inning solo home run by **Mike Francis** was all Beecher needed to earn his first victory of the season. Drexel (2-8) added two in the third inning on a run-scoring single by **Steve DeMarco**. **Braden Watson** followed with a RBI-groundout to first base. **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich) finished 2-for-5 on the day with two runs and a triple for Albany. The Great Danes are next in action on March 12, when they travel to Central Connecticut State for a non-conference doubleheader.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	210	130	0	-	7	8	2
Drexel	030	000	0	-	3	7	3

Adam Kroft and Fred Estes.

Brett Hraban, Mike Lynch (5) and Rob Martine.

(Game 2)

Albany (2-6)	000	000	0	-	0	4	0
Drexel (2-8)	102	010	x	-	4	6	1

Jeff Mazzola, Nick Borgia (6) and Chase Muratore and Fred Estes.

Nic Beecher and Jason Bailey.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Philadelphia, Pa. – Sophomore **Laurie Bean** tallied four goals, including the game-winner with 10:43 remaining, as Drexel upended Albany 10-7 in the season-opener for both teams at Drexel Field on Saturday afternoon.

Sophomore **Alexis DiDomenico** and juniors **Maria Ferrucci** and **Erin Pemrick** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) gave Albany (0-1) a 3-1 lead 14 minutes into the contest. However, Drexel (1-0) rallied to tie the game at three apiece with goals from junior **Jaime Connahan** and sophomore **Kristyn Minnick**. Albany led 4-3 at the intermission, as Pemrick tallied her second goal of the game off of a pass from **Colleen Maresca**.

The Dragons opened the second half with three straight goals for a 6-4 advantage. But once again the Great Danes answered back, as DiDomenico tallied two more goals and Ferrucci added one off a free position to give Albany a 7-6 lead.

Junior **Lauren Kernaghan** would put in her only goal of the afternoon to tie the contest at 7-7 with 13:27 remaining, and Bean scored the game-winner less than three minutes later. The Drexel defense kept Albany scoreless over the final 14:23 of the contest as the Dragons pulled away. Bean added an insurance goal with just 2:47 remaining, while junior **Katrina Rand** would close out the scoring with just seven seconds remaining.

Freshman goalkeeper **Francine Beltempo** made 18 saves for Albany, while Drexel's **Shirley Sarker** had seven stops.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Springfield, Ohio— **Rich Pavlick** scored the game-winning goal with 45 seconds remaining, and teammate **Scott Walker** added an insurance goal with 37 seconds left to play, giving Butler an 11-9 non-conference victory over Albany on Friday, Mar. 1, on the campus of Wittenberg University.

Chris Aitkin got Butler (1-0) on the board first, connecting on an unassisted goal at the 13:44 mark. Junior transfer **Chris Driscoll** responded for Albany (0-1) just over two minutes later when he put home a **Bobby Gabriel** pass. However, Butler would score the game's next three goals to take a 4-1 lead, and would end the first period with a 6-3 advantage.

The Great Danes came out charging in the second quarter, tallying 11 shots and outscoring the Bulldogs 5-0 in the period to head into halftime with an 8-6 lead. Albany's top scorer from a year ago, senior attackman **Jim Lindsay**, scored twice in the period. Gabriel and freshman **Luke Daquino** each tallied a goal for Albany during the run.

Butler's **Ryan Ward** would score an unassisted goal with 9:50 remaining and assisted Aitkin on the team's next goal to knot the game at 8-8. The Bears regained the lead at 12:16 in the final period as **Lawrence O'Toole** scored off of an Aitkin helper. The Great Danes would give the game its final tie when junior **Jon Smith** found the back of the net with 6:52 remaining in the game, and the score remained deadlocked until Pavlick's goal in the final minute of play.

Albany freshman **Kevin Rae** recorded 18 saves in his first collegiate appearance. Driscoll and Daquino each finished their first game in a UAlbany uniform with two goals and two assists.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Boston, Mass.—University at Albany junior **Naron Stewart** finished third in the high jump and the Great Danes established two school records at the IC4A/ECAC Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center on Saturday afternoon.

Stewart, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, cleared 6-feet, 10 ¼-inches to take third overall at the prestigious meet. The Great Danes men's team sits in eighth place in the team scoring competition with six points following the second day of competition. Manhattan leads the meet with 22 points.

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The men's 4x800-meter relay team posted a time of 7:43.51 as they finished sixth in the semifinal round. Freshman **Kristof Molnar** clocked a 1:55.1 split on the leadoff leg, and was joined on the team by his brother, **Szabolcs Molnar**, as well as freshman **Sam Gonzalez** and junior **Edmund Fotiades**. The team broke the previous school mark of 7:44.23, which was established in 1987.

Kristof Molnar also established an individual school record in the 800-meter run. He clocked a time of 1:52.51 to finish second in the semifinal round, breaking his own school mark set earlier this season.

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BASEBALL

Harrisonburg, Va. – Junior left-hander **Jared Doyle** recorded five strikeouts over three innings in leading five pitchers to a combined five-hit shutout as James Madison earned a 6-0 non-conference victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Long Field/Mauck Stadium.

James Madison (7-2), winners of five straight, totaled four runs over the first three innings. **Matt Deuchler** and **Steve Ballowe** each hit run-scoring doubles. Ballowe's double to right center field scored **Brent Metheny** and gave the Dukes a 4-0 advantage.

JMU's pitching staff was masterful all day allowing one walk over nine innings, while striking out 14 Great Dane hitters. Albany (1-5) threatened in the second inning after **Jake Toms** singled and would later advance to third with two outs. However, **Pat Delaney** popped out to the shortstop ending the frame.

Eddie Kim went 3-for-5 with one RBI and **Dustin Bowman** added a solo homer, his third home run of the season, in a two-run eighth. Albany ends its eight-game southern trip with a doubleheader at Drexel on Saturday, which begins at noon.

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WILL BRAND NAMED THIRD TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Will Brand** was voted to the 2002 America East Conference all-conference men's basketball squad as announced on Friday evening at the championship award's banquet. Brand was chosen to the third-team by the league's head coaches.

A 6-foot-5 senior forward, Brand averaged 10.3 points, 5.2 rebounds and 2.0 assists this season. He scored in double figures on 16 occasions.

Brand, who has made 111 consecutive starts as a collegian, ranks ninth in scoring with 1,396 points and tenth in rebounding (683) on the school's all-time lists. He is one of seven UAlbany players to combine for more than 1,300 points and 650 rebounds in a career.

Albany (8-19), as the sixth seed, meets third seed Hartford (13-17) in the America East Conference tournament's quarterfinal round on Saturday. Game time is 2:15 p.m. at Northeastern University's Matthews Arena.