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Comments: College Basketball

WOMEN - Manhattan 74, Albany 56

Riverdale, N.Y. – Senior center **Meredith Morse** had 17 points to pace four players in double figures as Manhattan pulled away in the second half for a 74-56 victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at Draddy Gymnasium. The Lady Jaspers are off to a 4-0 start for the first time in the program's 21-year history.

Albany (2-1) closed a 10-point halftime deficit to 55-52 with 9:23 remaining on an inside basket by **Marlana Wheelwright**, who finished with 10 points. However, Manhattan went on a 13-1 run over the following five minutes to take command. Morse, a preseason All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference choice, scored five points, including two offensive tip-ins, in that stretch. Freshman guard **Tiffany Schettig** hit two free throws for a 68-53 advantage.

"We doubled down on the post," said Albany center **Melissa Schoonover**, who had six points and eight rebounds. "Morse came from the opposite side to crash the boards. She really stepped up her game in the second half."

The Lady Jaspers trailed 10-2 early in the contest, but then went on to build a 38-28 halftime lead on the strength of 52-percent shooting from the field. Schettig, who handed out seven assists, had 11 of her 13 points before the break.

Sophomore **Marie Connors** scored a career-high 12 points the Great Danes, while **Megan Buchanan** and **Lauren O'Brien** (Averill Park H.S.) each added 11. **Liz Tucker** and **Dawn DiMicco**, the team's top scorers coming into the contest, combined on just 2-of-24 shooting from the field.

Brita Hinkle, a community college transfer, and **Eve Walters**, a 6-foot-2 sophomore, came off the Manhattan bench to score 15 and 10 points, respectively.

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Comments: College Basketball (MEN)

Niagara 84, Albany 77

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior guard **Demond Stewart** scored 24 points and **Daryl Greene** added 22 to lead Niagara past Albany, 84-77, on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (1-4) rallied to take a 63-62 lead with 7:30 remaining, when **Karim Ouattara** converted a three-point play when he was fouled on a driving layup. Ouattara, a 6-foot-7 sophomore, finished with a career-high 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Niagara (2-0) regrouped with nine of the game's next 10 points to go ahead for good. Stewart, who had eight rebounds and four assists, scored five in that stretch, including two fouls shots to put his team in front. **Terry Anderson** hit a fastbreak layup to give his club a 71-64 advantage with 4:39 to play.

The Purple Eagles, who opened the season with a double-overtime victory against Buffalo, raced to a 32-18 lead at the start. Greene, a 6-foot-1 sophomore guard, had 14 first-half points, and canned four 3-point field goals.

However, Albany used a 15-2 run to get back into the contest behind the play of senior guard **Todd Cetnar**, who had 22 points. **Matthew Haggarty**, who scored 12, made a pair of free throws to hand the Great Danes their first lead at 42-41.

Will Brand was the fourth Albany player in double figures with 16 points.

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(Men's Basketball)

Maryland-Eastern Shore 59, Albany 52

Princess Anne, Md. – **Demetric Reese** scored 22 points and **Kevin Wallace** added 16 to lead Maryland-Eastern Shore to a 59-52 victory over Albany in the Fighting Hawks home opener.

Maryland-Eastern Shore led 31-30 early in the second half, and then took control with nine straight points. Reese, who made 5-of-9 three-point field goals, buried two long-range jumpers in that spurt. Wallace's shot in the lane gave his club a 40-30 advantage with 13:52 remaining.

Albany was plagued by 39 percent shooting and 19 turnovers, and could never recover after that point.

"They have five seniors and two strong wing players," Albany coach Scott Hicks said. "We kept this team to 59 points, but we made too many mental mistakes. It's disappointing because we didn't play well. Their defense keyed on (Todd) Cetnar and he didn't get many good looks."

Will Brand led Albany with 13 points and six rebounds, while Matthew Haggarty had 12 points. Cetnar, a 6-foot guard was held to seven points. Albany (0-3) meets Elon in its first home game on Friday, Nov. 26 at 7:30.

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(Women's Basketball) Albany 63, Wagner 60

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward **Megan Buchanan's** three-pointer with seven seconds remaining lifted Albany to a 63-60 victory over Wagner Tuesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

After Wagner guard **Toni Roker's** jumper tied the game at 60 with 13 seconds remaining, Albany (2-0) dribbled the ball up the court and called a timeout. Then, off a sideline out-of-bounds play, Buchanan used a screen to score the game-winner. Wagner (0-2) scrambled to bring the ball back up the court. **Erin Loeser's** desperation three-point attempt with two seconds left was unsuccessful and time expired after a loose rebound.

The Seahawks held a 28-24 halftime lead after forcing 13 first-half Albany turnovers. Wagner opened the second stanza with a 9-0 run to take a 37-24 lead at the 16:54 mark. However, the Great Danes responded with a 15-2 run to tie the game at 39 with 11:11 left. **Monique Lee's** layup with a little over three minutes remaining gave Wagner a 57-51 advantage. Albany stormed back again with a 6-0 run to tie the game at 57 with 54 seconds remaining.

Buchanan led all scorers with 21 points, shooting 8-of-18 from the field including three 3-pointers. Her 10 rebounds clinched a double-double. Junior **Liz Tucker** totaled 14 points, 12 in the second half, and eight rebounds while freshman guard **Jess McGinlay** added 11 points including three 3-pointers. Albany shot 53 percent (8-for-15) from three-point range and 50 percent (24-for-48) from the field. The Great Danes out-rebounded Wagner, 40-27.

"This is a great win once again for us," said coach **Mari Warner**. "The kids listened well and we were able to come back. Our squad raises their level of play each game. Wagner is a great team with a lot of athletes, but we just stuck to our game plan. We're not where we want to be, but we're getting closer."

Nia Ryan led three Wagner players in double figures with 16 points. Roker recorded 13 points while Lee added 12. The Seahawk defense caused 23 Albany turnovers in the loss.

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Tucker Named Division I Women's Basketball Independent POW

Stony Brook, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Liz Tucker** was named the Division I Women's Basketball Independent Player of the Week.

Tucker, a junior co-captain from Plaistow, N.H., scored a career-high 29 points, including 20 in the second half, leading Albany to an 85-73 victory over Iona in its season opener on Friday in New Rochelle, N.Y. The win was Albany's first as a NCAA Division I program. The single-game point total was the eighth-highest in school history while her .790 shooting percentage established a new school record. Tucker, who shot 11-of-14 from the field and converted on 7-of-11 free throws, also grabbed 10 rebounds to record her fifth career double-double. It was also the second time in Tucker's career that she had no turnovers in 30 or more minutes of action.

Albany is one of six Division I women's basketball independents this season which also includes Belmont, Centenary, Stony Brook, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Texas-Pan American.

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(Men's Basketball)

Colgate 79, Albany 69

New Britain, Conn. – **Jordan Harris** scored 17 points and **Pat Campolieta** added 16 to lead Colgate to a 79-69 victory over Albany in the consolation game of the Mohegan Sun Classic on Saturday evening at Detrick Gymnasium.

Albany (0-2) led 33-32 with 6:08 remaining in the first half, but then went scoreless for more than four minutes. During that stretch, Colgate (1-1) reeled off 15 unanswered points. **Pat Diamond**, who totaled 16 points and 12 rebounds, tallied 10 markers in that run. The Red Raiders would eventually increase their lead to 51-36 on Diamond's layup in transition.

The Great Danes, who shot 52 percent from the field, battled back from a double-figure deficit for the second straight night. An early second-half spurt closed the gap to 53-52 with 15:59 to play. **Todd Cetnar**, who had 14 of his 17 points in the opening period, keyed that comeback. However, the Red Raiders would slowly pull away over the next nine minutes. Campolieta, last year's Patriot League Rookie of the Year, scored nine straight points for a 68-58 lead.

"I was disappointed in our early play," said Albany coach **Scott Hicks**. "There was too much one-on-one and we did not play as a team. The sum of our parts must add up, not the individual."

Will Brand, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, led the Great Danes with 19 points and seven rebounds. **Sam Hopes** and **Joe Vukovic** each scored 10. The Great Danes travel to Maryland-Eastern Shore on Tuesday, November 23 in their next outing.

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(Men's Basketball)

Central Connecticut State 70, Albany 56

New Britain, Conn. -- Senior guard **Bryan Finley** scored 18 points and **Corsley Edwards** had 12 points and 13 rebounds to lead Central Connecticut State to a 70-56 victory over Albany in the opening round of the Mohegan Sun Classic on Friday evening at Detrick Gymnasium. In the other first round game Dartmouth upended Colgate, 68-65.

Central Connecticut led 42-40 with 11:38 remaining, but then scored seven straight points to take control. Finley canned one of his three 3-point field goals in that stretch. **Dean Walker's** basket ended that run and gave the Blue Devils a 49-40 advantage with 8:41 left.

Albany, which was playing its first game as a NCAA Division I program went scoreless for six minutes and 30 seconds midway through the first half and fell behind by as much as 27-13. However, the Great Danes rallied behind the play of **Matthew Haggarty**, who had 18 points and made 6-of-9 three point shots. Albany sliced the deficit to six points at halftime, and drew within 37-36 on Haggarty's long-range jumper early in the final period.

"It was a tough game," Albany coach **Scott Hicks** said. "They are a very big and physical team. We earned every bucket, but we did not get to the foul line. They did, and made the most of their opportunities."

Albany's **Todd Cetnar** (Amsterdam H.S.) led all scorers with 19 points, and added six assists. **Tomas Brookins** had 14 points for the Blue Devils, while **Harvey Van Stein** added 10. The Great Danes will meet Colgate in Saturday's consolation at 6 p.m.

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(Women's Basketball)

Albany 85, Iona 73

New Rochelle, N.Y. -- Junior forward **Liz Tucker** scored a career-high 29 points in leading visiting Albany to a 85-73 victory over Iona in its season opener on Friday evening at Mulcahy Center. The win was Albany's first as a NCAA Division I program.

Tucker, who shot 11-of-14 from the field and converted on 7-of-11 free throws, also grabbed 10 rebounds to record her fifth career double-double.

Dawn DiMicco added 15 points, including 10 in the opening half as Albany and Iona (0-1) were tied 38-38 at the break.

Marlana Wheelwright scored a lay-up with 18:32 remaining in the second half, giving Albany a 41-40 advantage, a lead that it would not relinquish.

Jess McGinlay's 3-pointer with 4:30 left gave the Great Danes a 13-point advantage, which was their largest of the contest. **Megan Buchanan** contributed 10 points to round out three players scoring in double figures for Albany, who outscored Iona 47-35 in the second half.

The Great Danes were 30-of-62 from the field and 5-of-11 from behind the 3-point arch. Albany also forced 23 Iona turnovers.

"This is a tremendous win for our new Division I program," said Albany coach Mari Warner. "Liz Tucker played the best game of her career. She dominated on the floor," added Warner.

Four players scored in double figures for the Lady Gaels led by **Karen Culbertson's** 23 points. **Megan Cobb** added 17 points.

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WNYT-TV AIRS ALBANY BASKETBALL PROGRAM FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Albany, N.Y. -- WNYT-TV (NewsChannel 13) has reached an agreement with the University at Albany to air "**Hoop Games-Great Danes Basketball**" for the fourth consecutive year. The 30-minute television program will be seen on 10 occasions from December through the first weekend in March. Each show will be broadcast on Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m.

Rodger Wyland, the evening sports anchor at WNYT-TV, will host the program. Men's head coach **Scott Hicks** and women's head coach **Mari Warner** will be featured along with player guests and sports-related human interest segments.

The first shows are scheduled for December 12 and 19, and then after a three-week break will resume on January 16, 2000.

Hoop Game-Great Danes Basketball Schedule

Air Time: Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

December 12 & 19
January 16, 23 & 30
February 6, 13, 20 & 27
March 5

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TOVAH ATWELL NAMED TO ALL-MIDEAST REGIONAL FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's **Tovah Atwell** has been named to the 1999 AstroTurf/National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I Mideast Regional All-America squad. Atwell, a senior forward, was a second-team selection.

Atwell, a two-time NFHCA All-American on the Division II level, led the Great Danes in scoring with 14 goals and six assists. She finished her career as the school's all-time scorer with 63 goals and 32 assists for 158 points.

Albany recently completed its inaugural Division I campaign with an 11-4 record.

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TREVOR SERRARO NAMED SOCCER ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Garden City, N.Y. -- University at Albany freshman goalkeeper **Trevor Serraro** has been named the Division I Independent Rookie of the Week in men's soccer.

Serraro, a native of Shenorock, N.Y., made three saves in leading Albany to a 1-0 victory over Army in the Great Danes' season finale on November 9. The shutout of Army was Serraro's second of the season. In addition, Serraro fashioned a 1.91 goals against average and had .719 save percentage in 17 appearances this fall.

JULIE TARDIF LEAVES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman **Julie Tardif** will not play basketball for the University at Albany program in 1999-2000. A native of Atkinson, N.H., Tardif cited personal reasons for her decision. She originally attended the University of Hartford, but transferred to Albany in December 1998. Tardif would have been eligible after the fall semester's completion by NCAA transfer rules.

Tardif, a 5-foot-10 forward, scored 1,314 career points for Timberlane Regional High School, where she averaged 16.7 points and 6.6 rebounds as a senior. She was a two-time Class I all-state selection.

ALBANY MOVES ONE SPOT TO FOURTH IN FOOTBALL GAZETTE POLL

Brookfield, Ill. -- Albany is fourth in this week's *Football Gazette* Division I-AA non-scholarship Top 20 Poll. The Great Danes, who finished with a 7-2 record, moved up one position from last week. Robert Morris remained in the top spot, and is followed by Dayton and Valparaiso. The Colonials can wrap up the Northeast Conference championship with a victory against Stony Brook on Nov. 20. If Robert Morris loses, Albany would share the NEC title with the Colonials.
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Football Gazette Division I-AA Poll (non-scholarship)

1. Robert Morris (7-2), 2. Dayton (6-4), 3. Valparaiso (8-2), 4. **Albany** (7-2), 5. Fairfield (8-2), 6. Duquesne (7-3), 7. Drake (7-30), 8. Morehead State (5-4), 9. Davidson (8-3), 10. Georgetown (8-2).

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NCAA Division I Northeast Regional Cross Country Championships

Boston, Mass. – Sophomore **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) finished in 32nd place as the Albany men's cross country team placed 13th among 33 teams at the NCAA Division I Northeast Regional on Saturday afternoon at Franklin Park. This was the first NCAA post-season competition for any Great Dane team since 1997, as Albany was ineligible due to the two-year Division I transition period.

All five of the Albany runners finished in the top-100 led by Rodriguez, who covered the 10,000-meter course in 31:03. **Mike Kiernan** was the second UA harrier across the finish line in 60th place (31:42), while **Andy Rickert** (Guilderland H.S.) was 72nd (31:55). **Jeffrey Brooks** (Guilderland H.S.) took 92nd (32:14), and **Adam Rice** finished in 96th place (32:16).

In the women's competition, junior **Nicole Herring** (Academy of the Holy Names) placed 83rd with a time 18:45 in the 5,000-meter event, and was Albany's top finisher. The Great Danes were 23rd among 34 teams.

Andrea Viger (Granville Central H.S.) placed 106th, and broke the tape in 19:00, while her twin sister, **Erica Viger** ran 19:45 to finish 159th among the nearly 250-runner field.



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Great Danes Athletics

SPORTS NEWS

Friday, November 12, 1999

Today's Headlines

****Men's Basketball Exhibition - Albany 81, McMaster (Ontario) 70**

****Albany Joins Atlantic Soccer Conference in 2000**

****Five Albany Players Named to GTE District I Academic All-America Football Team**

MEN'S BASKETBALL TUNES UP WITH EXHIBITION VICTORY

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman guard Sam Hopes scored 14 points to pace four players in double figures, as Albany rallied in the second half for an 81-70 exhibition victory over McMaster (Ontario) on Thursday, Nov. 11 at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Great Danes rebounded from a 46-45 deficit early in the second half with 11 of the game's next 12 points to go ahead for good. Matthew Haggarty, who had 13 points off the bench, hit a three-point field goal in that run, while Karim Ouattara added two baskets.

Albany, which shot 58 percent from the field in the second half, pushed the lead to 66-51 with 8:18 remaining, when Hopes canned a three-pointer and Ouattara hit a follow shot in the lane. The 6-foot-7 sophomore finished with 10 points and four rebounds.

McMaster, which dropped a 90-83 decision at Niagara on Wednesday, broke a 25-25 deadlock in the opening period with eight consecutive points. Steve Maga, who tallied all of his game-high 16 points in the first half, keyed that outburst. McMaster took a 35-34 lead to the locker room.

Todd Cetnar, a senior guard, was the fourth Albany player in double digits with 13 points. Graham Hewitt had 12 points and six rebounds for the Marauders. The Great Danes, who will compete at the NCAA Division I level for the first time, open their regular-season schedule on Nov. 19 against Central Connecticut State in the first round of the Mohegan Sun Classic.

ALBANY JOINS ATLANTIC SOCCER CONFERENCE IN 2000

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Interim Director of Athletics Gail Cummings-Danson announced today that the men's soccer program will join the Atlantic Soccer Conference, a new NCAA Division I conference, for the 2000-2001 academic year. In addition to Albany, the nine-member league includes Adelphi University, Binghamton University, Florida International University, Hartwick College, Howard University, Oneonta State University, Philadelphia University, and the University at Stony Brook.

"This is a great opportunity for the nine members of the Atlantic Soccer Conference," said Philadelphia University Director of Athletics Tom Shirley, who will serve as the conference's president. "In the past, it was a monumental task making the NCAA Tournament as a Division I independent. But with the new league, in two years we will have a guaranteed NCAA Tournament play-in game. In addition, if the tournament goes to 48 teams, which is a possibility, the league will be guaranteed an automatic bid."

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JARVIN SKEETE CHOSEN TO MEN'S SOCCER INDEPENDENT ALL-STAR TEAM

Garden City, N.Y. – University at Albany sophomore midfielder **Jarvin Skeete** has been selected to the second-team Independent Men's Soccer All-Star squad, voted by the coaches of the nine Division I independent programs.

Skeete, a native of Hempstead, N.Y., led Albany in scoring this past season with 18 points (7 goals and 4 assists), while starting all 18 games. He assisted the game-winning goal in Albany's season-ending victory over Army on Tuesday evening. Skeete, a biology major, has totaled 12 goals and four assists over the course of his two-year career. Albany, who competed at the NCAA Division I level for the first time this fall, finished with a record of 6-11-1.

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(Women's Volleyball)

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Senior **Almaris Miranda** recorded 13 kills and nine digs in leading Stony Brook to a 3-0 victory over Albany Friday afternoon. The Seawolves improved to 20-13 with the win.

Freshman **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) earned nine kills and eight digs in the loss for Albany, who ended its season with an overall record of 9-17.

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Stony Brook def. Albany, 15-7, 15-6, 15-3

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ALBANY CROSS COUNTRY SQUADS TO COMPETE AT NCAA REGIONALS

Albany, N.Y. – Albany's men's and women's cross country squads will compete at the NCAA Division I Northeast Regional Championships on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Franklin Park in Boston, Mass. The men's 8,000-meter run will begin at 1:30, with the women's 5,000-meter race to start at 2:15.

The Great Danes will be among 38 men's and women's teams from this region vying for a trip to the NCAA Division I Championships at the University of Indiana on Nov. 22.

Five runners will represent the Albany men's squad at the meet, including sophomore **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy). Rodriguez has been the top finisher for Albany in each meet this season, highlighted by his third-place showing at the IC4A Championships on Oct. 15. Also competing will be **Mike Kiernan**, who has placed in the top-10 in three meets this season. Guilderland High School graduates **Andy Rickert** and **Jeffrey Brooks** will also compete.

The Albany women's squad will send seven runners to the competition. Junior **Nicole Herring** (Academy of the Holy Names) has been the top runner for the Great Danes in the last three meets and placed ninth at the ECAC Championships on Oct. 15. **Andrea Viger** and **Erica Viger**, who are twin sisters from Granville Central High School, and **Abigail Olson** (Guilderland H.S.) are also entered.

Automatic bids for the NCAA Championships will be given to the top two men's and women's teams. At-large bids will also be available. The four highest finishers in the individual standings from the non-qualifying teams will also advance.

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"Conference affiliation for our men's soccer program provides an opportunity to play for a conference championship, and eases the scheduling burden," Cummings-Danson said. "Since all nine schools competed as independents this year, it makes sense to join forces with a common goal in mind."

Albany finished 6-11-1 in its first NCAA Division I campaign this season.

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Albany Athletics 2-2-2-2

FIVE ALBANY PLAYERS SELECTED TO GTE DISTRICT I ACADEMIC TEAM

Kalamazoo, Mich. -- Five University at Albany players were named today to the GTE/CoSIDA District I Academic All-America University Division Football Team. Albany was the most represented school on the 21-player all-academic squad, while Harvard had four athletes selected.

J.T. Herfurth, a junior who has a 3.84 cumulative grade point average in sociology, has made 20 consecutive starts at left tackle, and blocked for an offense that is ranked 17th in scoring (37.0 ppg) and 26th in total offense (424.1 ypg) among the I-AA national leaders. Fullback **Ben Kelcey** (3.53, mathematics) rushed for 278 yards and two touchdowns, and caught 10 passes for 124 with two TDs.

Linebacker **Ryan Tumbry** (3.43, business administration) was second on the team with 68 tackles, and added 5.0 sacks and two interceptions. Roverback **Greg Green** (3.31, finance/management information systems) and defensive tackle **Brian Campe** (3.38, business administration) were also District I selections.

Albany completed its inaugural Division I-AA season with a 7-2 record. Athletes chosen to the all-district unit move on to the national ballot, with that team's announcement scheduled for December 7.

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

S E L E C T E D B Y C O S I D A

1999 GTE Academic All-District I University Division Football Team For Release: Thursday, November 11, 1999

First Team Offense

| Pos. | Name | School | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major(s) |
|------|-------------------|---------------------|-----|--------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| QB | Giovanni Carmazzi | Hofstra Univ. | Sr. | Sacramento, Calif. | 3.901 | Business Management |
| WR | Jake Coppola | Canisius College | Jr. | Forestville, N.Y. | 3.872 | Mathematics |
| WR | Eric Johnson | Yale Univ. | Jr. | Needham, Mass. | 3.640 | American Studies/Sociology |
| TE | Shaun Castillo | U.S. Military Acad. | Sr. | Willis, Texas | 3.759 | Engineering Management |
| RB | Adam Ferreri | Fairfield Univ. | Jr. | N. Babylon, N.Y. | 3.800 | Marketing |
| RB | Ben Kelcey | Univ. at Albany | Jr. | Buffalo, N.Y. | 3.530 | Mathematics |
| OL | Mark Baniewicz | Syracuse Univ. | Gr. | Penfield, N.Y. | 3.833 | Finance |
| OL | J.T. Herfurth | Univ. at Albany | Jr. | E. Northport, N.Y. | 3.840 | Sociology |
| OL | Ryan Kauppila | Harvard Univ. | Sr. | Huber Hts., Ohio | 3.550 | Economics |
| OL | Michael Rescigno | Hofstra Univ. | Sr. | Lake Carmel, N.Y. | 3.304 | Physical Education |
| OL | Mike Wynne | Univ. of Mass. | Sr. | Somerdale, N.J. | 3.930 | Accounting |

First Team Defense

| Pos. | Name | School | Yr. | Hometown | GPA | Major(s) |
|------|----------------|-----------------|-----|----------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| CB | Ben Green | Harvard Univ. | Sr. | Cherry Hill, N.J. | 3.340 | Anthropology |
| CB | Greg Green | Univ. at Albany | Sr. | Auburn, N.Y. | 3.310 | Finance/Management I.S. |
| DB | Brian Smith | Univ. of Mass. | Jr. | Wilmington, Del. | 3.310 | Computer Science |
| LB | Aron Natale | Harvard Univ. | Sr. | N. Huntington, Pa. | 3.400 | Economics |
| LB | Steve Norcini | Fairfield Univ. | Jr. | Berwyn, Pa. | 3.680 | Accounting |
| LB | Ryan Tumbry | Univ. at Albany | Sr. | Oswego, N.Y. | 3.430 | Business Administration |
| DL | Brian Campe | Univ. at Albany | Sr. | Rochester, N.Y. | 3.380 | Business Administration |
| DL | Patrick Grugan | Fairfield Univ. | Jr. | Aston, Pa. | 3.590 | Marketing |
| DL | Chris Nowinski | Harvard Univ. | Sr. | Arlington Hts., Ill. | 3.390 | Sociology |
| DL | Peter Sarantos | Yale Univ. | Sr. | Portage, Mich. | 3.260 | American Studies |

Note: Only three defensive backs were nominated. No punters or kickers were nominated.

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Transaction

Albany, N.Y. -- Announced that men's basketball freshman forward Rasheed Bonner will miss the remainder of the season with a leg injury.

ALBANY'S RASHEED BONNER WILL MISS SEASON WITH A LEG INJURY

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's **Rasheed Bonner** will miss the 1999-2000 men's basketball season with a lower leg stress fracture as announced today by head coach Scott Hicks. Bonner's condition was revealed following a positive CAT scan X-ray.

Bonner, a freshman forward from University Heights, Ohio, is expected to have surgery in seven to 10 days. Dr. Max Alley, of Capital Region Orthopaedic Associates, will perform the procedure. Bonner's leg will be placed in a cast for eight weeks, and a rehabilitation period of one to two months will follow.

Bonner, at 6-foot-8 and 215 pounds, averaged 12.0 points and 8.0 rebounds as a senior at Cleveland Heights High School, and was an All-Cuyahoga County and All-Lake Erie League selection.

Albany is competing at the NCAA Division I level for the first time in 1999-2000.

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(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany women's field hockey squad posted an 11-4 mark this fall competing in its inaugural season at the NCAA Division I level. The Great Danes closed their 1999 campaign by winning 11 of their final 12 games, including six consecutive victories. Albany has recorded double-digit wins in four of its last five seasons with a 61-20-1 record during that span.

Under the direction of Coach **Deborah Fiore**, Albany scored 54 goals this season, which is the second highest total since the program's inception in 1994. The Great Danes are ranked ninth nationally in scoring offense (3.59 goals per game) and 15th in margin of victory (1.80). For the first time in school-history, four players scored 20 points or more, including two-time All-America selection, **Tovah Atwell** (Mount Markham H.S.).

Atwell, a senior captain from West Winfield, N.Y., led the Great Danes in scoring during each of her four seasons, including a team-high 34 points (14 goals, 6 assists) in 1999. Atwell, a midfielder, ranks 17th nationally in goals per game (0.93) and is tied for 19th in points per game (2.27). During her career at Albany, Atwell has established all-time school records in points (158), goals (63), and assists (32).

Sophomore forward **Angie Stegel** (Johnstown, N.Y./Johnstown H.S.) was second on the team in scoring with 30 points (12 goals, 6 assists) this season, and has 44 career points (18-8). Senior captain **Chrissy Bradt** (Clifton Park, N.Y./Shenendehowa H.S.) netted two goals and finished her career with 42 points (12-18).

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman sweeper back **Ashtian Holmes** scored the game-winning goal off a **Jarvin Skeete** cross from five yards out at the 72:05 mark to give Albany a 1-0 victory over Army Tuesday evening at Nott Road Field.

The Great Danes outshot the Cadets, 22-18. Freshman goalkeeper **Trevor Serraro** recorded three saves for Albany, who ended its season with a 6-11-1 record. **Jamie Evarts** made four saves for Army (4-11-1).

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| Army (4-11-1) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 |
| Albany (6-11-1) | 0 | 1 | - | 1 |

Army – Scoring: (none). Saves: Jamie Evarts 4.

Albany – Scoring: Ashtian Holmes 1-0, Jarvin Skeete 0-1. Saves: Trevor Serraro 3.

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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

ALBANY MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HOOP CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany has selected its men's and women's basketball captains for the 1999-2000 season. **Todd Cetnar** (Amsterdam H.S.), **Matthew Haggarty** and **Will Brand** will serve as tri-captains for head coach **Scott Hicks**. **Liz Tucker** and **Dawn DiMicco** are co-captains for women's coach **Mari Warner**.

Cetnar, a 6-foot guard, averaged a team-leading 16.2 points and was a second-team All-New England Collegiate Conference selection last season. Haggarty, one of the top three-point shooters in school history, scored at a 12.5 clip. Brand, the NECC Rookie of the Year last year, contributed with 14.7 points and 6.6 rebounds. Albany meets McMaster (Ontario) in the second of two pre-season exhibitions on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Tucker, a junior guard/forward, averaged 10.2 points and a team-leading 6.7 rebounds. DiMicco, a junior guard, returns after missing 25 of 27 games last year. She suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament last November. The Great Danes open their season at Iona on Friday, Nov. 19.

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

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ALBANY REMAINS FIFTH IN FOOTBALL GAZETTE DIVISION I-AA POLL

Brookfield, Ill. -- Albany remained in fifth place in this week's *Football Gazette* Division I-AA non-scholarship Top 20 Poll as announced today. The Great Danes completed their first I-AA campaign with a 41-0 victory over Sacred Heart on Saturday. Robert Morris is No. 1 in the rankings for the second straight week.

Albany (7-2) is 12th in scoring offense at 37.0 points per game, and 26th in total offense (424.1 yards/game) among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders through games played Nov. 6. Additionally, the Great Danes are tied for seventh in turnover margin (+10), and are 17th in scoring defense (17.0 ppg) and 28th in pass efficiency defense with a 102.7 rating.

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Football Gazette Division I-AA Poll (non-scholarship)

1. Robert Morris (7-2), 2. Dayton (6-4), 3. Valparaiso (7-2), 4. Morehead State (5-3), 5. **Albany** (7-2), 6. Fairfield (7-2), 7. Duquesne (6-3), 8. Drake (7-3), 9. Davidson (7-3), 10. Georgetown (7-2).

(Women's Tennis)

Cambridge, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Erinn Langford** (Bishop Maginn H.S.) and **Samantha Kramer** were eliminated in the opening round of doubles play at the ITA Eastern Region Women's Tennis Championships on Sunday at Harvard University's Murr Center.

Lehigh's Kim Luff and Erica Feinman won an 8-2 pro-set against the Albany duo.

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(Men's Basketball)

Exhibition

Jersey Jammers AAU 98, Albany 87

Albany, N.Y. -- **Justin Frederick** scored 19 points to pace six players in double figures, as Jersey Jammers posted a 98-87 exhibition victory over Albany on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Jersey Jammers, an amateur club from New Jersey, trailed 34-29 in the first half, but then scored 18 of the period's final 20 points to take control. Frederick netted five markers in that run, while **Danny Golembiewski** and **Gene Derkack** each added four points apiece for a 47-36 halftime lead.

Donald Moxley, an All-Ivy League guard at Pennsylvania, scored all 16 of his points in the second half for the Jammers. Albany, which will compete at the NCAA Division I level for the first time this season, could never get closer than nine points in the final period.

Matthew Haggarty led the Great Danes with 17 points, including 4-of-7 from three-point range, while **Todd Cetnar** scored 14. Albany will play the second of two exhibition games on Nov. 11 at home against McMaster (Ontario).

Derkack, who played as a collegian at Florida International, finished with 14 points for the Jammers, who shot a torrid 61 percent from the field.

(Women's Volleyball)

Burlington, Vt. -- Junior **Julie Arbitman** recorded 16 kills and seven digs and freshman **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) added 14 kills and eight digs in leading Albany to a 3-1 victory over Vermont Saturday afternoon.

Albany improved to 9-16 with the win, while Vermont dropped to 5-12.

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Albany def. Vermont, 15-1, 15-3, 10-15, 15-4

Albany 41, Sacred Heart 0

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior tailback **Greg Garrett** rushed for a season-high 117 yards and two touchdowns to lead Albany to a 41-0 Northeast Conference victory over Sacred Heart in the Great Danes' season finale on Saturday at University Field.

Albany (7-2, NEC 6-1) finished with seven or more victories in four straight years for the first time. The Great Danes were 10-1 and 11-1, respectively, the last two seasons, and went 7-3 in 1996.

UA quarterbacks **Eric Williams** and **Michael Oliva** threw touchdowns passes on back-to-back first-quarter drives for a 14-0 lead. Williams fired a 45-yard strike to split end **Michael Ettz**, before Oliva hit flanker **Jonathan Garrick** with a 28-yard scoring pass.

Garrett, the school's all-time leading rusher with 2,958 yards, capped a 10-play march with an 8-yard touchdown run on Albany's third score. Oliva's 3-yard scramble around right end handed the Great Danes at 28-0 advantage with 10 seconds left before halftime.

Garrett ended a 14-play scoring sequence with a 4-yard scoring run, his 28th career rushing touchdown, with 14:52 left in the final period. Reserve tailback **Brian Manigault**, who ran 12 times for 89 yards, darted through the middle on a 10-yard TD jaunt late in the contest.

"This four-year run is a credit to the seniors," Albany coach **Bob Ford** said. "They have great chemistry, they are good football players, but more importantly they're great people."

Senior linebacker **Mike Grever**, who had a team-high 11 hits, became the school's all-time tackles leader early in the fourth quarter. Grever, a 5-foot-11, 215-pound defender, has 348 for his career, and broke a mark set by Frank Sarcone (1984-87).

"He is a cut above at this level," Ford said, whose defense recorded its second shutout this season by allowing 233 total yards. "He might be one of the two best defensive players we've ever had here."

Williams finished 10-of-12 through the air for 167 yards, while Oliva connected on 7-of-8 for 79 more. Halfback **Kiheme Cowan**, who rushed 17 times for 79 yards, and caught three passes for 35, led Sacred Heart (1-9, NEC 0-7).

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore midfielder **Jarvin Skeete** scored the game-winning goal in overtime to give Albany a 1-0 victory over Mercy on Saturday at Varsity Field. Skeete increased his team-leading goal total to seven.

Skeete received a pass from **Brandon McLaren** and beat Mercy goalkeeper **Keron Cranston** in a one-on-one situation at the 102:23 mark.

Freshman goalkeeper **Trevor Serraro** made five saves, including two in the overtime period as Albany improved to 5-11-1. Cranston stopped 13 shots for Mercy (8-10).

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| Mercy (8-10) | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 |
| Albany (5-11-1) | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | 1 |

Mercy – Scoring: (none). Saves: Keron Cranston 13.

Albany – Scoring: Jarvin Skeete 1-0, Brandon McLaren 0-1. Saves: Trevor Serraro 5.

(Women's Tennis)

Cambridge, Mass. – James Madison's **Lauren Dalton** defeated Albany freshman **Violeta Petijevic** in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0, during first round action at the Rolex Tournament on Saturday in Cambridge, Mass.

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Rolex Tournament first-round

Lauren Dalton (James Madison) def. Violeta Petijevic (Albany), 6-0, 6-0.

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ALBANY HOSTS JERSEY JAMMERS IN MEN'S EXHIBITION ON SATURDAY

Albany, N.Y. -- Head coach **Scott Hicks** and his University at Albany men's basketball team will play the first of two exhibition contests on Saturday, Nov. 6 against the Jersey Jammers. Tip-off at the Recreation and Convocation Center is 7:30 p.m.

Jersey Jammers, a 10-member amateur basketball club, is based in Cedar Knolls, New Jersey. **Lambert Shell**, a three-time New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Year, is one of the team's more prominent former college stars. Shell averaged 22.3 points and 9.4 rebounds, when he led Bridgeport to the 1992 NCAA Tournament. **Danny Golembiewski**, a 6-foot-6 forward, played as a collegian at Iona College, while **Donald Moxley** was an All-Ivy League guard at the University of Pennsylvania.

Albany is competing at the NCAA Division I level for the first time this season, and returns three starters. **Todd Cetnar**, a 6-foot guard from Amsterdam, N.Y., and **Will Brand**, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, were second-team all-conference selections last year. Cetnar averaged a team-leading 16.2 points, while Brand contributed 14.7 points and 6.6 rebounds.

The Great Danes also entertains McMaster (Ontario) during the preseason on Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

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ATWELL NAMED ECAC DIVISION I PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Tovah Atwell** has been selected as the ECAC Division I Field Hockey Player of the Week as announced today by the conference office.

Atwell, a midfielder from West Winfield, N.Y., had four goals and one assist in a pair of victories over Siena and C.W. Post last week. Atwell, who has 14 goals and six assists this season, is ranked 17th nationally in goals per game (0.93) and is tied for 19th in points at 2.27 per game. She is the school's all-time scoring leader with 158 points, and has totaled 63 goals and 32 assists during her career.

AFCA CHILD ID PROGRAM FEATURED AT SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL GAME

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany is participating in the American Football Coaches Association's National Child Identification Program on Saturday, November 6, when the Great Danes meet Sacred Heart in the season finale for both teams at University Field. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. All students and children will be admitted free.

Free child identification kits will be distributed to fans following the game. The program, sponsored by the AFCA since 1997, is a community service project that enables parents to have pertinent information close at hand in the case of missing or abducted children. In 1998, the AFCA, in cooperation with college athletic departments, distributed more than 1.2 million children's I.D. kits.

Bob Ford, Albany's head football coach, serves as the AFCA's first vice president, and is a member of the Board of Trustees.

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Women's Exhibition

Albany 71, Nor'Easter Storm 46

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior forward **Megan Buchanan** scored 14 points to lead Albany past Nor'Easter Storm AAU, 71-46, in an exhibition contest on Tuesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Great Danes, who will play at the NCAA Division I level for the first time this season, begin their regular schedule on November 19 when they travel to Iona.

Jess McGinlay, a freshman guard from Burke, Va., scored three consecutive baskets for a 16-8 lead with 11:53 remaining in the first half. McGinlay tallied all 10 of her points in the opening period, as Albany cruised to a 35-23 halftime advantage.

In the second half, the Great Danes pushed out to a comfortable 49-27 lead, when Buchanan canned a three-point field goal from the right wing.

Albany's **Marlana Wheelwright** added 10 points, while 6-foot-1 center **Melissa Schoonover** grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds. **Kristen McCory**, who played as a collegian at Syracuse, led Nor'Easter Storm with 10 points.