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## UALBANY FALLS TO CORNELL, 23-21, IN NON-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL ACTION

Ithaca, N.Y. – Luke Siwula rushed 32 times for 162 yards and Peter Zell made a 33-yard field goal with 6:22 remaining in leading Cornell to a 23-21 victory over UAlbany on Saturday evening at Schoellkopf Field.

UAlbany (3-2) overcame a 13-point halftime deficit to take a 21-20 lead with 11:08 to play in the fourth quarter. Omar Johnson scored on a fourth-and-goal play from the one-yard line to complete a nine-play drive. Quarterback Daniel Bocanegra beat the blitz with a 38-yard pass to tight end Ross Jatkola to key the movement. The Great Danes, who were ranked No. 23 in both Division I-AA national polls, then went ahead when Tom Pandolf tipped a screen pass and defensive end Mark Sheehan caught the ball and rumbled 55 yards to paydirt.

Cornell (1-2) came back with an 11-play drive that resulted in Zell's winning field goal. A faked punt on fourth-and-five from the Big Red 25 helped the cause. Nathan Ford, who connected on 12 of 28 passes, later fired an 18-yard completion to midfield, before Siwula ran five straight times into UAlbany territory.

"Cornell played with passion and sometimes you do that when your back is against the wall," UAlbany head coach Bob Ford said. "In the first two games, they moved the ball but then self-destructed inside the 20. Tonight they didn't do that."

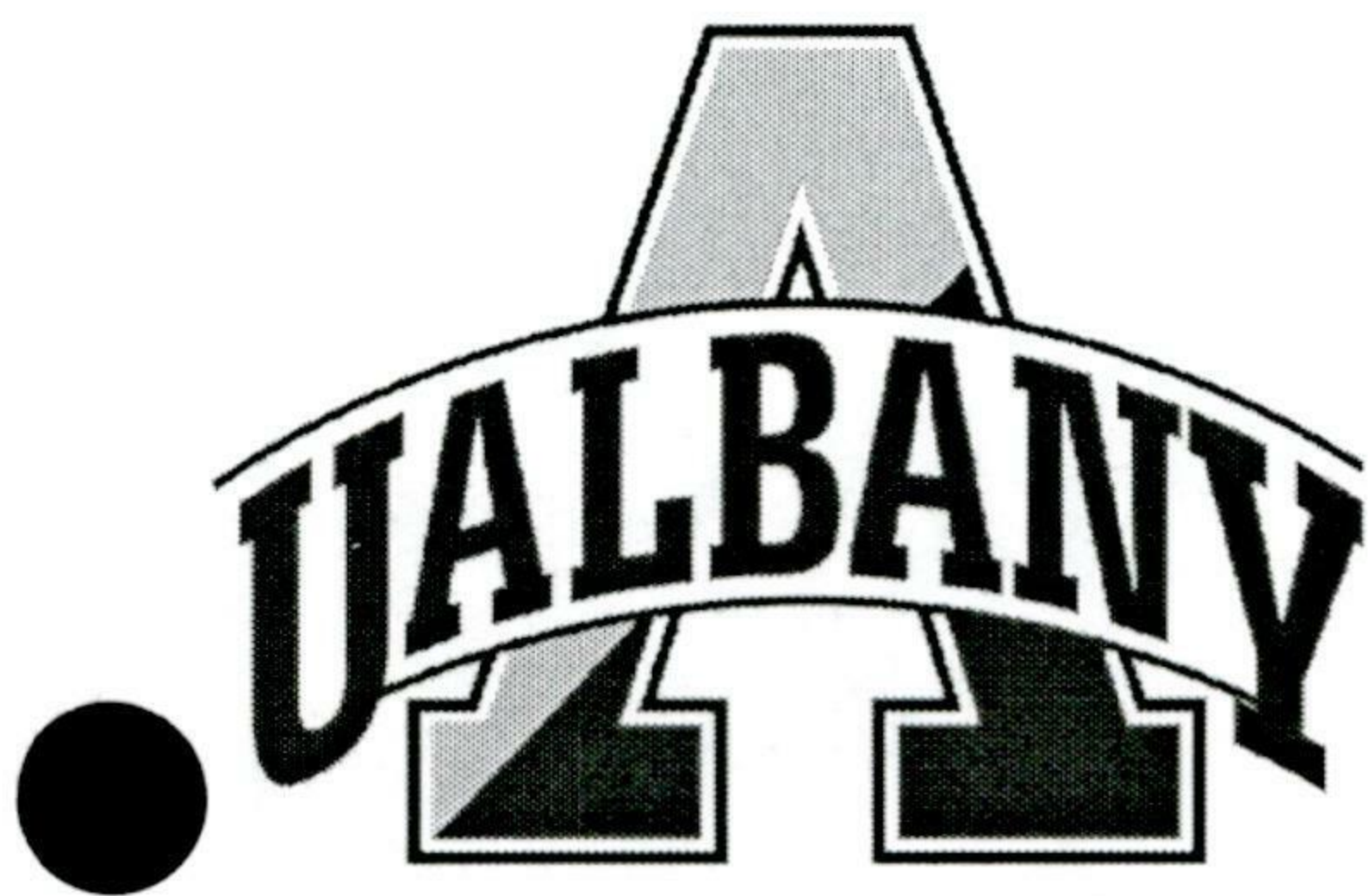
"They took advantage early with the cutback zone play and we struggled to get on track offensively," Ford continued. "The momentum swung our way in the second half, but the faked punt and their ground game helped take it back."

Cornell had trouble finding the end zone in the opening two games, but that was not the case in this non-league affair. The Big Red, who ranked eighth nationally in total offense coming into the game, scored on their second possession. Siwula ran six yards through in the middle for a touchdown with 4:03 left in the first quarter.

Cornerback Colin Nash then came up with an interception on the left sideline and raced 24 yards to the Albany 13. Zell booted a 28-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead. UAlbany took advantage of a short punt to get on the board. Bocanegra threw a 22-yard scoring pass to flanker Mike Wall.

But Cornell regrouped with scores on its next two possessions, including a 12-play, 70-yard drive. Sophomore Nathan Ford capped the march with his first career touchdown pass, a 4-yard slant to Anthony Jackson. Zell would later add a career-long 45-yard field goal for a 20-7 margin.

"I just ran as fast as I could. The defensive backs beat me down the field and sprung me after a few blocks," said Sheehan about his interception return. "It was one of the worst games we've played this year, but then we were suddenly in the lead. We over ran a lot of plays and their back was able to cut against that flow. We just didn't get a lot of guys to the ball."



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### UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY OPENS A-EAST CONFERENCE PLAY WITH 3-0 WIN OVER MAINE

Albany, N.Y. – Junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** recorded a goal and an assist to lead UAlbany to a 3-0 win over Maine to open up America East Conference play on Saturday afternoon at Alumni Turf Field.

Simpson, who is now tenth on UAlbany's career points chart with 31, scored her 12th goal of the season off an assist from freshman midfielder **Nicole Savage** just two minutes into the game. Simpson assisted on UAlbany's second goal at 34:00 of the second half, which was scored by sophomore midfielder **Vanessa Walter** in a scramble in front of the cage.

Savage, who was playing in her first game since returning from an injury, also notched an assist on the Great Danes' final goal, scored by junior forward **Kristen Holder** on a penalty corner with 7:49 left to play.

Junior goalkeeper **Rebecca Giroux** played all 70:00 in the cage, making nine saves for Maine (3-8, AE 0-1). Sophomore **Ashley Ross** went the distance for UAlbany, making four saves in the cage.

UAlbany (8-3, AE 1-0) will return to action on Sunday, Oct. 1, as they face off against non-conference opponent and 11th-ranked American at 2 p.m. at Alumni Turf Field.

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Maine (3-8, AE 0-1)	0	0	0
UAlbany (8-3, AE 1-0)	1	2	3

Maine – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Rebecca Giroux (70:00, 3 GA, 9 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Michelle Simpson 1-1, Vanessa Walter 1-0, Kristen Holder 1-0, Nicole Savage 0-2. Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 0 GA, 4 saves).

### UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER REMAINS UNDEFEATED IN A-EAST WITH 1-0 WIN

Albany, N.Y. – **Yan Gbolo** scored on a penalty kick at 28:12 to propel the UAlbany men's soccer team to their fourth consecutive victory, 1-0, over America East Conference-rival Stony Brook on Saturday, Sept. 30 at Varsity Field. The victory improves the Great Danes' conference record to 3-0, their best start since 2001.

The goal was Gbolo's team-leading fourth of the season and his third game-winner of the year. The senior forward has now scored in four consecutive games. UAlbany sophomore goaltender **Steward Ceus** registered his fifth shutout and fifth victory of the season, making five saves, while Seawolves junior keeper **Rich Skoblicki** was tagged with his first loss of the year. With the defeat, Stony Brook dropped to 3-9-0, 0-2-0 in conference play.

UAlbany (5-4-2, AE 3-0-0) resumes their homestand with a match against Vermont at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, before traveling to New Hampshire for a 4 p.m. contest on Saturday, Oct. 7.

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Stony Brook (3-9-0, AE 0-2-0)	0	0	-	0
UAlbany (5-4-2, AE 3-0-0)	1	0	-	1

Stony Brook – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Rich Skoblicki (90:00 1 GA, 4 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Yan Gbolo 1-0. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 0 GA, 5 saves.)

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Shots: Stony Brook 8, UAlbany 13. Corner Kicks: Stony Brook 5, UAlbany 1.

### UALBANY MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TIES FOR NINTH; WOMEN FINISH EIGHTH

Orono, Maine – Despite spraining his ankle during the race, junior **Ricardo Estremera** led the UAlbany men's cross country team at the Murray Keatinge Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 30. The women's squad, which finished eighth out of ten teams, was paced by sophomore **Jessica Ortman**.

Injuries hampered the Great Danes' men on the afternoon, as senior **Gered Burns** did not race due to injury, while freshman **John Moore** dropped out of the race after succumbing to a sore ankle. Estremera finished 43rd in a time of 26:07.89, while sophomore **Brian Yurkewecz** was second among UAlbany harriers, clocking in at 26:45.38. UAlbany finished the meet tied for ninth.

On the women's side, **Jessica Ortman** finished 11th in a time of 17:46.12, followed by sophomore **Jenna Ortman** in 14th at 17:49.25. Junior **Danielle Trimpop** was third on the team, coming in 42nd in 18:56.99. Juniors **Sarah Miller** and **Jessica Chichester** also finished in the top 60. The Great Dane women placed eighth as a team.

Both teams return to action when the Great Danes host the 40th UAlbany Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 14.

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#### Murray Keatinge Invitational (Orono, Maine)

##### MEN

1. Dartmouth 40, 2. New Hampshire 67, 3. Texas Tech 91, 4. Maine 99, 5. Stony Brook 106, 6. St. Francis Xavier 148, 7. Vermont 171, 8. Central Connecticut State 249, **T9. UAlbany 254**, T9. Holy Cross 254.

##### INDIVIDUAL

1. Kevin Chelimo (Texas Tech) 24:13.53, 2. Steve Mucchetti (Dartmouth) 24:29.77, 3. Brian Farrell (Stony Brook) 24:31.43, 4. Kirby Davis (Maine) 24:36.25, 5. Jordan Horowitz (New Hampshire) 24:39.17, 6. Robert Edgerton (New Hampshire) 24:49.04, 7. Pat Dooley (Dartmouth) 24:54.28, 8. Glenn Randall (Dartmouth) 24:57.45, 9. Silas Kemboi (Texas Tech) 24:59.20, 10. Matt Davis (Dartmouth) 25:00.65.

##### UALBANY RESULTS

42. Ricardo Estremera (UAlbany) 26:07.89, 56. Brian Yurkewecz (UAlbany) 26:45.38, 63. Ryan Gaedje (UAlbany) 26:58.83, 75. Joe Choiniere (UAlbany) 27:25.21, 79. Sean Gelinis (UAlbany) 27:47.61, 82. Jon Hilbert (UAlbany) 27:47.61, 86. Chris Jimenez (UAlbany) 28:13.81, 89. Jared Jupin (UAlbany) 28:22.47, 90. Tom Feeney (UAlbany) 28:27.87, 98. Joe Belokopitsky (UAlbany) 29:14.59, 101. Mitchel Troise (UAlbany) 29:25.11, 102. Chris Weingarh (UAlbany) 29:31.25, 104. Derek Mallia (UAlbany) 42:58.00, DNS. John Moore (UAlbany), DNS. Gered Burns (UAlbany).

##### WOMEN

1. Texas Tech 27, 2. New Hampshire 94, 3. Dartmouth 110, 4. St. Francis Xavier 111, 5. Vermont 122, 6. Stony Brook 133, 7. Maine 165, **8. UAlbany 166**, 9. Holy Cross 245, 10. Central Connecticut State 286.

##### INDIVIDUAL

1. Sally Kipyego (Texas Tech) 16:11.82, 2. Irene Kimaiyo (Texas Tech) 16:51.05, 3. Catherine Parker (New Hampshire) 16:53.60, 4. Violet Chemakwila (Texas Tech) 17:16.67, 5. Dana Hastie (Stony Brook) 17:18.64, 6. Erin MacLean (St. Francis Xavier) 17:26.72, 7. Gladys Kipsang (Texas Tech) 17:37.57, 8. Susan Dunklee (Dartmouth) 17:39.71, 9. Diana Purtz (Vermont) 17:44.58, 10. Carmen Lagala (Vermont) 17:45.03

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UALBANY RESULTS

11. Jessica Ortman (UALbany) 17:46.12, 14. Jenna Ortman (UALbany) 17:49.25, 42. Danielle Trimpop (UALbany) 18:56.99, 52. Sarah Miller (UALbany) 19:19.70, 56. Jessica Chichester (UALbany) 19:31.58, 67. Natasha Torres (UALbany) 19:59.29, 81. Laine Sefick (UALbany) 20:31.73, 92. Jenna Clarke (UALbany) 22:39.71, DNS. Alissa Lotmore (UALbany).

UALBANY TENNIS COMPETES AT BINGHAMTON INVITATIONAL

Binghamton, N.Y. – **Amanda Hall** defeated Colgate's **Lindsay Grossman** 6-4, 4-6 (10-7) in Flight B singles action to lead the UAlbany tennis team on the first day of competition at the Binghamton Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 30.

**Kim Weltman** fell 6-3, 6-3 in Flight A singles to the Bearcats' **Zeynep Altinay** while **Christina Suarez** also lost in the flight. Suarez was defeated 6-3, 6-1 by Colgate's **Jackie Couture**.

Couture teamed up with **Elise DeRose** to beat Suarez and **Amanda Hall** in doubles action by a score of 8-6.

UAlbany will continue play at the Binghamton Invitational on Sunday, Oct. 1.

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Binghamton Invitational (Binghamton, N.Y.)

Flight A Singles

Zeynep Altinay (Bing) def. Kim Weltman (UA), 6-3, 6-3

Jackie Couture (Colg) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 6-3, 6-1

Flight B Singles

Amanda Hall (UA) def. Lindsay Grossman (Colg), 6-4, 4-6 (10-7)

Erica Rosenblum (Bing) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-2, 6-4

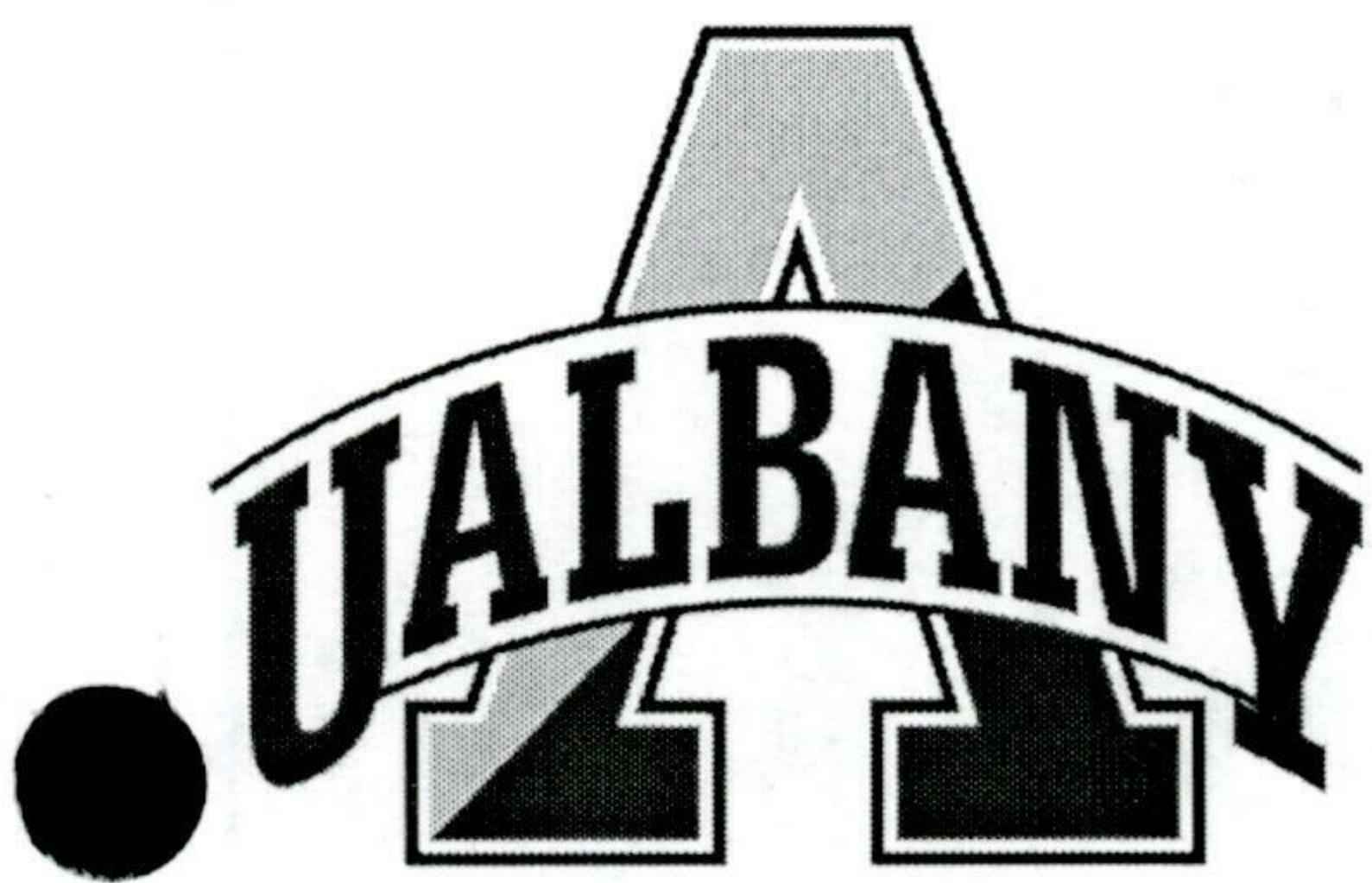
Flight C Singles

Cameron Williams (Colg) def. Kim Westcott (UA), 7-5, 6-0

Doubles – Round 1

Couture/Derose (Colg) def. Suarez/Hall (UA), 8-6

Naegeli/Kushnirovich (Bing) def. Weltman/Westcott (UA), 8-5



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## UALBANY VOLLEYBALL DROPS AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE OPENER

Binghamton, N.Y. – **Kathleen Schauer** recorded 15 kills to lead Binghamton to a three-game sweep over UAlbany in the America East Conference opener for both teams. The Bearcats won by scores of 30-24, 30-28, 30-24 to earn the win.

Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** was the only UAlbany player to reach double-digits, recording 11 kills for the Great Danes. Senior setter **Blair Buchanan** recorded a double-double of the assist-dig variety with 33 assists and a team-high 10 digs. Sophomore middle hitter **Kamisha Kellam** added seven kills and a team-best five total blocks.

**Katie Robertson** notched a double-double for Binghamton with 14 kills and 13 digs, while **Ashley Meffert** added 41 assists, eight digs and five kills. The Bearcats improved to 6-12 on the season.

UAlbany (7-8, AE 0-1) will be back in action on Sunday as they continue conference play with a 3 p.m. match against UMBC in University Gymnasium.



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### UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER EARNS FIRST AMERICA EAST WIN SINCE 2002

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman midfielder **Jaclyn Rosada** scored her team-leading sixth goal of the season as the UAlbany women's soccer team broke a 31-match America East Conference losing streak with a 3-1 win over Vermont at Varsity Field on Thursday afternoon.

The Great Danes' last conference victory came on October 6, 2002, with a 2-0 win over Stony Brook. In addition, the win was the team's the fourth of the season, tying a UAlbany Division I mark set in 2002.

Rosada put UAlbany on the board with a goal at 25:28, dribbling towards the goal off of a pass from junior midfielder **Rachel Boles**. Three minutes and four seconds later, sophomore forward **Diana Barrera** tallied her fourth goal of the year, assisted by junior midfielder **Adrienne Heady**. Freshman forward **Ashley Tirabassi** then made it 3-0 with a goal off a rebound at 48:21.

Vermont's lone goal came at 84:40, when freshman midfielder **Nikki Wilner** scored off of a pass through the UAlbany defense. The loss dropped the Catamounts to 3-6-1, 1-1-0 in conference play.

On breaking the losing streak, Great Danes head coach **Mary-Frances Monroe** said, "It just shows that UAlbany is in a new year and that this is a new start for the program. As coaches, we just want to bring in the best players and improve each season. Hopefully, more records will be broken." A four-time All-American at UCLA and Connecticut, Monroe is in her first season as head coach.

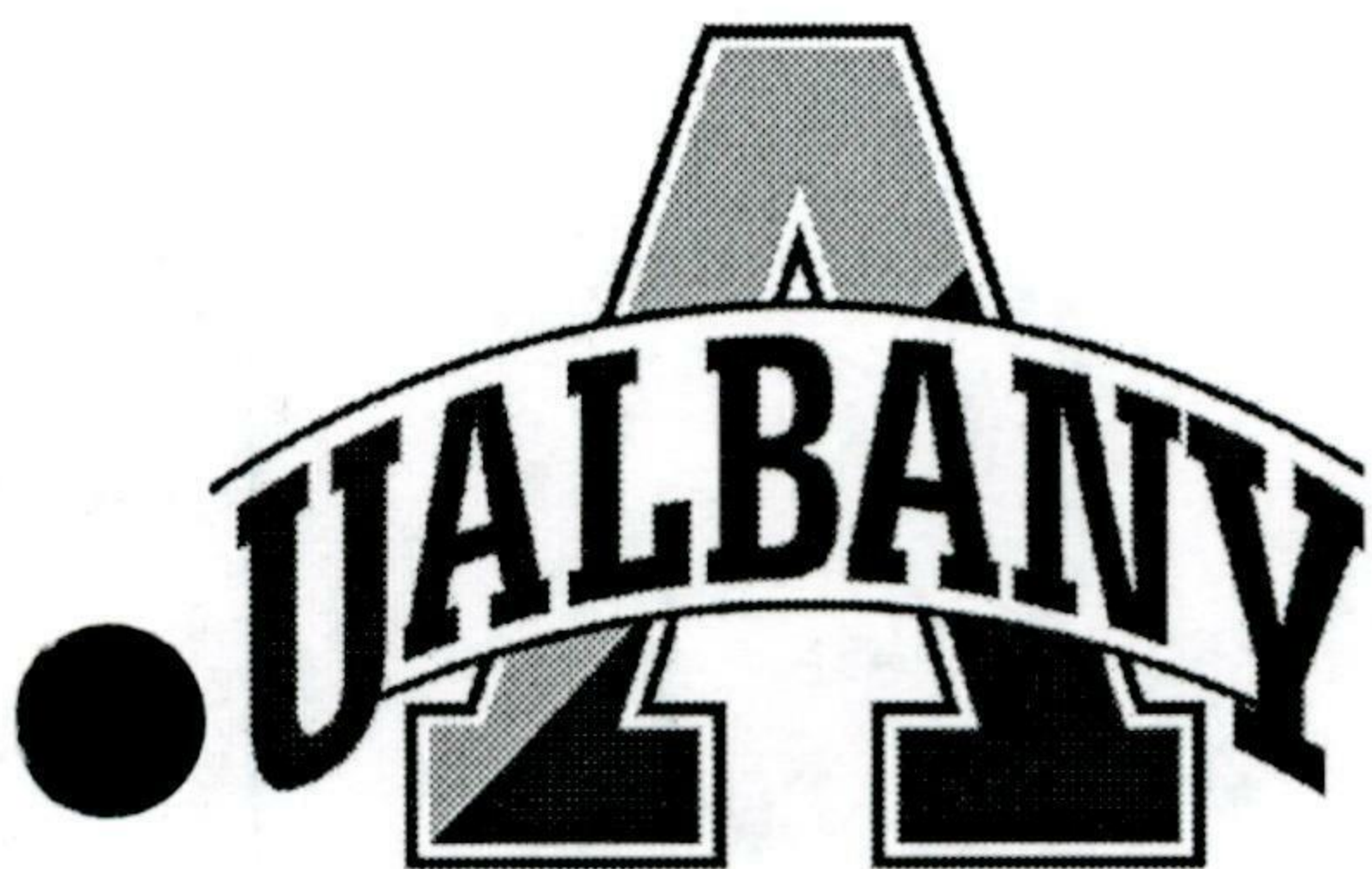
UAlbany (4-7-1, AE 1-1-0) starts a two-game road trip on Sunday with a 1 p.m. match at Binghamton before traveling to Boston University on Thursday, Oct. 5 for a 7 p.m. contest.

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Vermont (3-6-1, AE 1-1-0)	0	1	-	1
UAlbany (4-7-1, AE 1-1-0)	2	1	-	3

Vermont – Scoring: Nikki Wilner 1-0, Kaitlin Francis 0-1. Goalkeepers: Eliza Bradley (54:17, 3 GA, 2 saves), Laura Kissock (35:43, 0 GA, 1 save).

UAlbany – Scoring: Diana Barrera 1-0, Jaclyn Rosada 1-0, Ashley Tirabassi 1-0, Rachel Boles 0-1, Adrienne Heady 0-1.

Shots: Vermont 9, UAlbany 12. Corner Kicks: Vermont 5, UAlbany 0.



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### **UALBANY BASKETBALL'S TANIKA THROWER WILL NOT PLAY IN 2006-07**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today that guard Tanika Thrower will not play during the 2006-07 campaign due to personal reasons. She plans to return to the floor the following season.

Thrower, a 5-foot-6 backcourt player from Houston, Texas, missed the majority of her sophomore season for medical reasons. She was averaging 12.5 points per game prior to her injury. In the 2004-05 campaign, she appeared in 21 games, finishing as the second-highest freshman scorer at 2.9 points per game. On the high school level, Thrower was a three-time All-District 21-5A selection.



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### UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER KEEPS ROLLING WITH 3-1 VICTORY OVER UMBC

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward **Yan Gbolo** had one goal and an assist as the UAlbany men's soccer team won their third straight match, 3-1, over America East Conference-rival Maryland-Baltimore County on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Varsity Field. The victory marks the third time since joining America East that UAlbany has started their conference schedule 2-0.

The Great Danes got on the board early when sophomore defenseman **Erik DiLorenzo** tallied his first goal of the season at 4:21, off a pass from Gbolo. UAlbany then made it 2-0 three minutes and 31 seconds later when Gbolo registered his third goal in as many games, dribbling through several defenders on the left side. The score would stay that way until early in the second half, when senior defenseman **Stephan Hall** put home a shot off of a pass from DiLorenzo at 46:10.

Sophomore forward **Kevin Gnatiko** scored on a penalty shot at 61:58 to close the gap to 3-1, but it was as close as the Retrievers would get. Sophomore goalkeeper **Steward Ceus** earned his fourth victory of the season for the Great Danes, while sophomore keeper **Steve King** picked up the loss for UMBC (3-6-2, AE 0-1-1).

UAlbany (4-4-2, AE 2-0-0) continues its homestand with matches on Saturday, Sept. 30 against Stony Brook, and Wednesday, Oct. 4 against Vermont.

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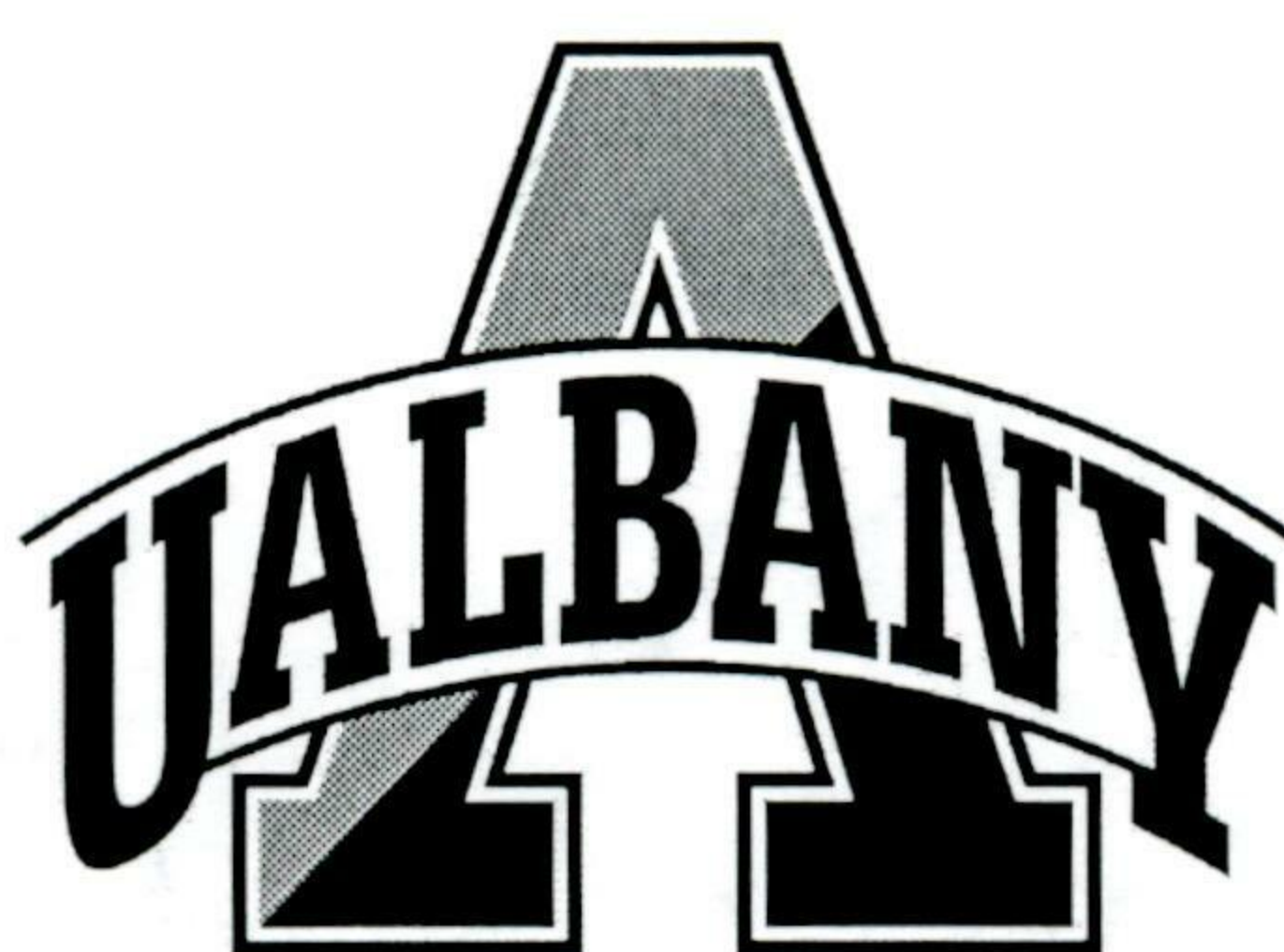
UMBC (3-6-2, AE 0-1-1)	0	1	-	1
UAlbany (4-4-2, AE 2-0-0)	2	1	-	3

UMBC – Scoring: Kevin Gnatiko 1-0. Goalkeeper: Steve King (90:00, 3 GA, 4 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Erik DiLorenzo 1-1, Yan Gbolo 1-1, Stephan Hall 1-0, Brad Ray 0-1. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 1 GA, 4 saves).

Shots: UMBC 7, UAlbany 17. Corner Kicks: UMBC 5, UAlbany 3.





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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2006-07 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the school's women's basketball schedule for the 2006-07 season. The Great Danes, who have 10 letterwinners and four starters returning from last year's squad, are set to begin their sixth year as an America East Conference member.

A 16-game America East schedule starts on Jan. 4 against Binghamton. The season concludes with the America East Conference Tournament on March 8, 9, 10 and 11. Binghamton University's Events Center will host the entire postseason tournament.

The Great Danes begin their season on Friday, Nov. 10 when Atlantic 10 Conference opponent La Salle visits the Recreation and Convocation Center. UAlbany will also face the Patriot League's top two programs in Army (Dec. 3) and Holy Cross (Nov. 26) on its home floor. The Black Knights are coming off a 20-11 campaign and the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. Sacred Heart, the defending Northeast Conference champion with a school-record 26 wins, will also play at the RACC on Dec. 17. UAlbany has a 13-game home slate that also includes St. Bonaventure (Jan. 2), America East champion Hartford (Jan. 20) and conference-rival Binghamton on Feb. 3, the first half of this year's Big Purple Growl doubleheader.

The non-conference schedule is also highlighted by the program's first-ever meeting with a Big Ten Conference opponent. The Great Danes travel to Wisconsin on Dec. 10. UAlbany will also compete in the UCF Golden Knights Tournament, hosted by Central Florida in Orlando on Nov. 17-18. Bowling Green, a 2006 NCAA participant, and Fairleigh Dickinson are also in the field. The Great Danes will make a two-game state of Texas swing in late December against Sam Houston State (Dec. 28) and Lamar (Dec. 30).

The annual crosstown-rival meeting with Siena is slated for Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Pepsi Arena. The two teams will meet for the 11th time overall and fifth since the series was renewed on Nov. 27, 2001.

**Sherri Mikus**, who received last year's team MVP award, leads the cast of returnees in 2006-07. She averaged 8.6 points, 3.1 rebounds and 3.1 assists as a sophomore. **Amanda Ward**, a 5-foot-9 senior, scored at an 8.3 clip, while 6-foot forward **Gia Sanders** contributed 7.0 points and 6.0 rebounds and was the conference's top shot-blocker at 1.86 per game. Sophomore **Joy Sterling** had a solid first year as a collegian by averaging 4.6 points and a team-leading 6.3 rebounds. **Kristin Higy**, a 6-foot-1 forward who transferred from George Mason, is expected to provide immediate help. Head coach **Trina Patterson**, who is in her fifth year at the helm, has entire new staff of assistants this season.

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**2006-07 University at Albany Women's Basketball Schedule**

**November**

10 (Fri.), **La Salle**, 7:00; 15 (Wed.), at Siena (Pepsi Arena), 7:00; 17 (Fri.), vs. Bowling Green<sup>^</sup>, 5:00; 18 (Sat.), vs. Central Florida or Fairleigh Dickinson<sup>^</sup>, 3:00 or 5:00; 21 (Tue.), at Virginia Commonwealth, 7:00; 26 (Sun.), **Holy Cross**, 2:00.

**December**

3 (Sun.), **Army**, 2:00; 6 (Wed.), at Buffalo, 7:00; 10 (Sun.), at Wisconsin, 2:30; 17 (Sun.), **Sacred Heart**, 2:00; 28 (Thu.), at Sam Houston State, 8:00; 30 (Sat.), at Lamar, 8:00.

**January**

2 (Tue.), **St. Bonaventure**, 7:00; 4 (Thu.), at Binghamton\*, 7:00; 7 (Sun.), **Maine\***, 2:00; 10 (Wed.), **UMBC\***, 7:00; 14 (Sun.), at Boston U.\*, 1:00; 17 (Wed.), **Vermont\***, 7:00; 20 (Sat.), **Hartford\***, 2:00; 27 (Sat.), at Stony Brook\*, 2:00; 31 (Wed.), at New Hampshire\*, 7:00.

**February**

3 (Sat.), **Binghamton\***, 5:00+; 6 (Tue.), at Maine\*, 7:30; 10 (Sat.), at UMBC\*, 7:00; 14 (Wed.), **Boston U.\***, 7:00; 17 (Sat.), at Hartford\*, 2:00; 21 (Wed.), **New Hampshire\***, 7:00; 28 (Wed.), **Stony Brook\***, 7:00.

**March**

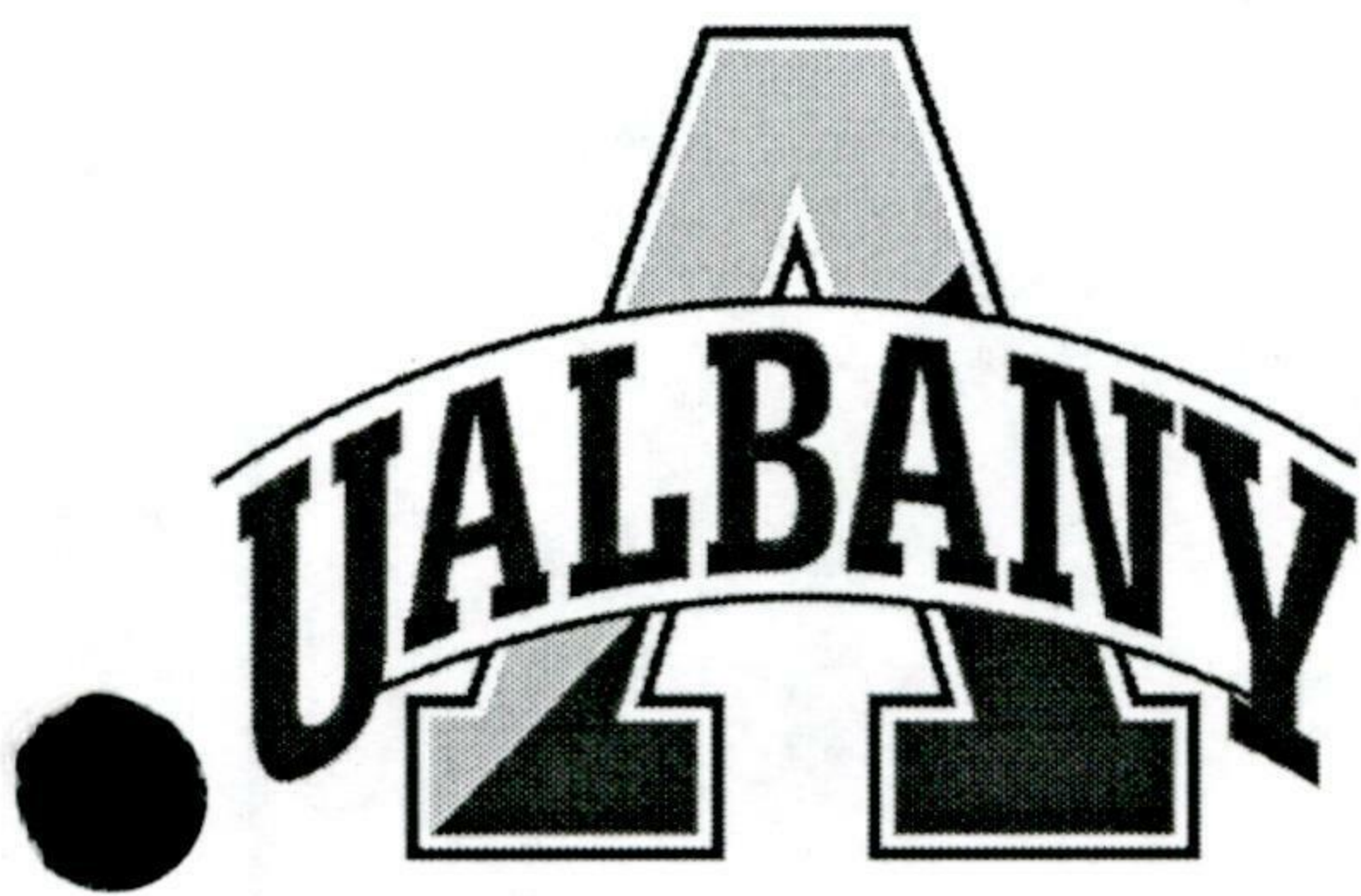
3 (Sat.), at Vermont\*, 1:00; 8-11, America East Conference Tournament (Events Center, Vestal, N.Y.).

\*America East Conference Opponent

<sup>^</sup>UCF Golden Knights Tournament (Orlando, Fla.)

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### UALBANY VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS CROSSTOWN-RIVAL SIENA, 3-1

Albany, N.Y. – Senior outside hitters **Shelby Goldman** and **Ashley DeNeal** both recorded double-doubles of the kill-dig variety, while senior setter **Blair Buchanan** posted double digit numbers in both kills and assists as the UAlbany volleyball team defeated crosstown-rival Siena 3-1 on Tuesday evening in University Gymnasium.

UAlbany, who won for the fifth straight time against the Saints, ended Siena's five-game win streak with scores of 30-24, 27-30, 30-28, 30-20.

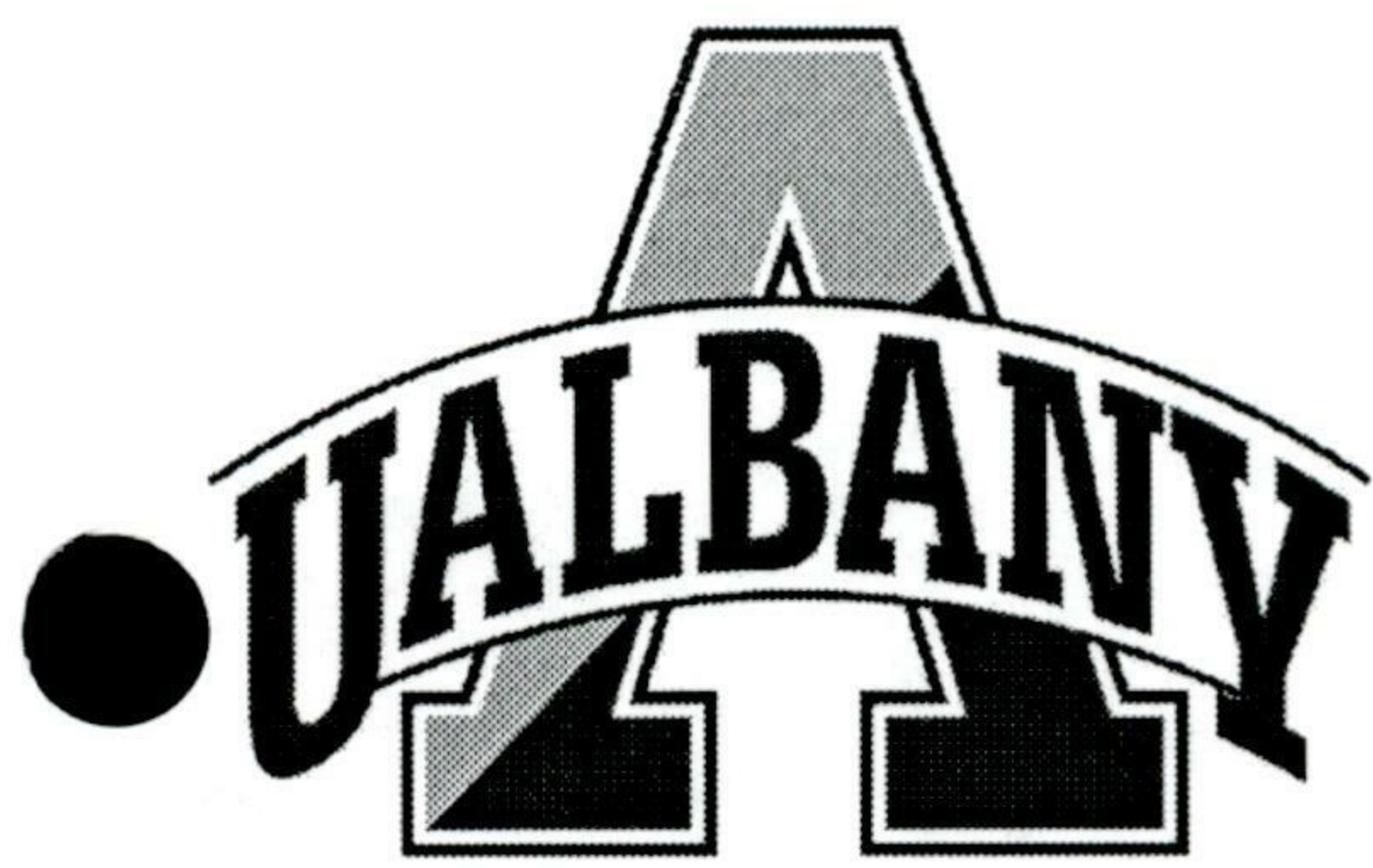
Goldman led the Great Danes offensively with 17 kills, while also helping out defensively with 10 digs. DeNeal had 14 kills and 15 digs while Buchanan posted 50 assists and 12 digs. Junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** and sophomore middle hitter **Kamisha Kellam** each recorded 15 kills apiece. Kellam also recorded a career-high ten total blocks.

Junior outside hitter **Nadiege Honore** led Siena (8-8) with 12 kills and 17 digs. Freshman middle hitter **Burgandy McCurty** had a team-high 15 kills while sophomore defensive specialist **Kathi Kobayashi** paced the Saints defensively with a team-best 18 digs.

UAlbany (7-7) will kick off America East Conference play this weekend, visiting Binghamton on Friday, Sept. 29 and hosting UMBC on Sunday, Oct. 1.

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UAlbany 3, Siena 1 (30-24, 27-30, 30-28, 30-20)



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## **UALBANY FOOTBALL BREAKS INTO TOP 25 FOR FIRST TIME ON DIV. I-AA LEVEL**

Albany, N.Y. – For the first time in the program's history, the University at Albany football team is ranked in both The Sports Network and College Sporting News Division I-AA national polls. The Great Danes, who have posted victories over a pair of top-25 teams the last two weeks, make their debut at No. 23 in both national rankings. UAlbany (3-1) defeated 23rd-ranked Central Connecticut State, 19-14, last Saturday and knocked off 11th-ranked Delaware, 17-10, on Sept. 16.

"It's thrilling to be on any top 25 list, but of course you would like to be there at the end of the season," said UAlbany's Bob Ford, who is second among active Division I-AA head coaches with 213 career victories. "You have to be proud of this group of kids and what they achieved at this point against a high level of competition. But it's the old cliché, we have to take one play at a time and one game at a time."

UAlbany has made its move into the national rankings with a swarming defensive unit. The Great Danes are 10th among I-AA teams in points allowed (12.3 ppg), 14th in total defense (246.0 ypg) and 15th in rushing defense (96.0 ypg). Linebacker Colin Disch is tied for first in the nation in tackles at 13.0 per game.

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### **The Sports Network Division I-AA Top 25 Poll**

1. New Hampshire, 2. Appalachian State, 3. Furman, 4. Montana, 5. Cal Poly, 6. Illinois State, 7. Richmond, 8. Youngstown State, 9. Massachusetts, 10. Southern Illinois, 11. North Dakota State, 12. Hampton, 13. Northern Iowa, 14. Portland State, 15. James Madison, 16. McNeese State, 17. Delaware, 18. UC-Davis, 19. Towson, 20. Eastern Illinois, 21. Western Illinois, 22. Harvard, 23. Albany, 24. Western Carolina, 25. Northern Arizona.

### **College Sporting News (CSN) Coaches Poll**

1. New Hampshire, 2. Appalachian State, 3. Furman, 4. Montana, 5. Illinois State, 6. Richmond, 7. Cal Poly, 8. Youngstown State, 9. Southern Illinois, 10. Massachusetts, 11. Hampton, 12. North Dakota State, 13. Northern Iowa, 14. Portland State, 15. James Madison, 16. Delaware, 17. Eastern Illinois, 18. McNeese State, 19. Towson, 20. UC-Davis, 21. Harvard, 22. Western Illinois, 23. Albany, 24. Alabama A&M, 25. Georgia Southern.

## **NEUGEBAUER & WALL EARN NORTHEAST CONFERENCE WEEKLY AWARDS**

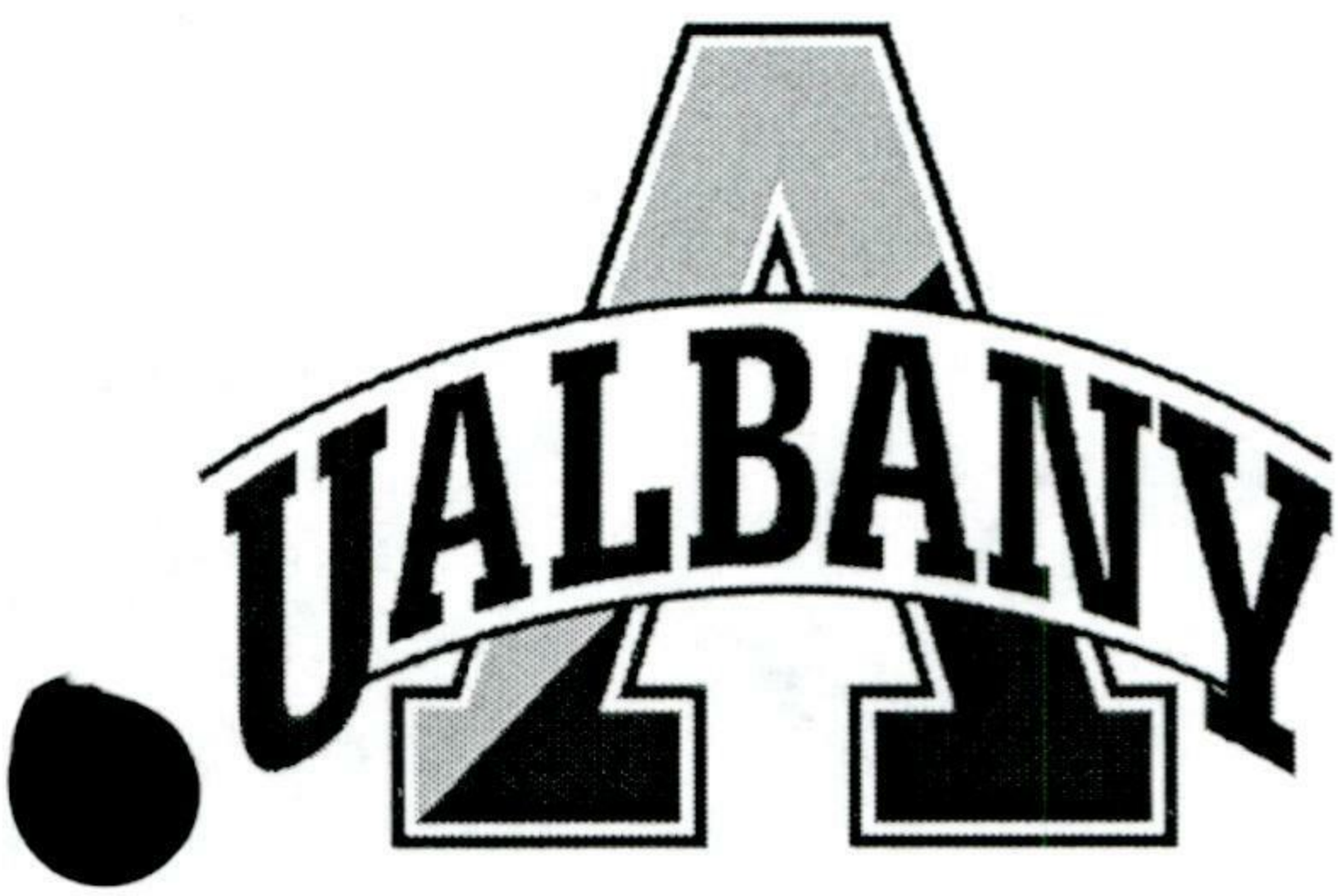
Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's Eric Neugebauer has been chosen the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's 19-14 victory over nationally-ranked Central Connecticut State in the conference opener for both teams. In addition, Mike Wall was named the NEC Special Teams Player of the Week.

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Neugebauer, a senior free safety from Sayville, N.Y., returned an interception for a touchdown and recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter in his team's second consecutive win against a top-25 opponent. Neugebauer, who also made three tackles, scored on a 27-yard interception return with 1:32 remaining in what proved to be the difference in the game. The Great Danes held the nation's fifth-ranked rushing offense to 139 net yards. He is fourth on the team with 25 tackles this season.

Wall, a junior flanker from Syracuse, N.Y., blocked a punt that rolled through the end zone for a safety that broke a 7-7 deadlock with 4:49 left in the third quarter. Wall's play marked the first blocked punt by UAlbany's special teams since Oct. 9, 2004. He also accounted for a career-high 113 all-purpose yards (51 kickoff return, 31 punt return, 28 receiving, 3 rushing) against CCSU. Wall caught a season-high three passes for 28 yards.



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### UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER WINS BY LARGEST MARGIN IN DIVISION I ERA

Washington, D.C. – Senior midfielder **Jamie Dougherty** and freshman midfielder **Jaclyn Rosada** scored two goals apiece as the UAlbany women's soccer team defeated non-conference opponent Howard, 6-0, on Sunday, Sept. 24.

It was the Great Danes' largest margin of victory in a game since the soccer program moved to Division I in 1999. The previous record had been set one week ago, with a 6-1 win over NJIT.

Junior midfielder **Scovia Oraro** scored the game's first goal with one second remaining in the first half. The unassisted goal was Oraro's first of the season. Dougherty then made it a 2-0 game with a score at 66:25, assisted by Rosada and junior midfielder **Alicia Gibson**. It was the first of four Great Danes goals tallied in a span of eight minutes and 20 seconds, with the other three scored by Rosada, Dougherty and sophomore forward **Diana Barrera**. Rosada finished the scoring with her second of the afternoon at 85:55.

With the win, UAlbany's record improves to 3-7-1. UAlbany freshman goaltender **Maria Liguori** earned her second shutout of the season, making five saves. Sophomore forward **Nathalie Williston** had three of Howard's seven shots, while sophomore **Jessamyn Perkins** and senior **Dolly Akingbohunge** split time in net for the Bison (0-8-0).

The Great Danes resume their conference schedule with a match against Vermont on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m. before traveling to Binghamton on Sunday, Oct. 1 for a 1 p.m. contest.

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UAlbany (3-7-1)	1	5	-	6
Howard (0-8-0)	0	0	-	0

UAlbany – Scoring: Jaclyn Rosada 2-1, Jamie Dougherty 2-0, Diana Barrera 1-1, Scovia Oraro 1-1, Kaylin Connolly 0-1, Alicia Gibson 0-1, Uju Ogbuawa 0-1. Goalkeeper: Maria Liguori (90:00. 0 GA, 5 saves).

Hartford – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Jessamyn Perkins (70:03, 3 GA, 10 saves), Dolly Akingbohunge (19:57, 3 GA, 1 save).

Shots: UAlbany 19, Howard 7. Corner Kicks: UAlbany 1, Howard 1.

### UALBANY WOMEN'S GOLF FINISHES ELEVENTH AT PRINCETON INVITATIONAL

Princeton, N.J. - Freshman **Jessica Signorelli** put together rounds of 81 and 86 as the UAlbany women's golf team finished 11<sup>th</sup> at the Princeton Women's Invitational tournament on Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Springdale Golf Club.

UAlbany had an overall team score of 734, while Princeton won the tournament with a score of 594. Signorelli's two-round total of 167 placed her 32nd on the par-72, 5,599-yard layout. Junior **Maggie Taylert** finished among Great Danes golfers with a score of 182, good for 56th overall.

UAlbany's other competitors included junior **Darcie Gauthier**, sophomore **Sun Hwa Kim** and senior **Becky Lukac**, who were among the top 70 finishers.

UAlbany returns to the course on Oct. 6-7 at the ECAC Championship in Williamsburg, Va.

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Princeton Women's Invitational

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TEAM

1. Princeton 290-304 – 594; 2. Harvard 303-309 – 612; 3. St. John’s 315-325 – 640; 4. Lehigh 320-324 – 644; 5. Siena 330-316 – 646; 6. Pennsylvania 326-332 – 658; 7. Brown 331-341 – 672; 8. Long Island-Brooklyn – 331-345 – 676; 9. Dartmouth 343-336 – 679; 10. Sacred Heart 357-360 – 717; 11. UAlbany 356-378 – 734; 12. Wagner 385-401 – 786; 13. Fairleigh Dickinson 502-478 – 980.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Annika Welander (Princeton) 69-77 – 146; T2. Marlowe Boukis (Princeton) 73-75 – 148; T2. Brittany Lambertson (St. John’s) 72-76 – 148; 4. Susannah Aboff (Princeton) 73-77 – 150; 5. Lisette Vitter (Pennsylvania) 74-78 – 152; T6. Emily Balmert (Harvard) 74-79 – 153; T6. Sharla Cloutier (Princeton) 78-75 – 153; T6. Michelle Grilli (Princeton) 75-78 – 153; T9. Ali Bode (Harvard) 78-76 – 154; T9. Jessica Hazlett 79-75 – 154.

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32. Jessica Signorelli 81-86 – 167; 56. Maggie Taylert 86-96 – 182; 59. Darcie Gauthier 96-93 – 189; 63. Sun Hwa Kim 93-103 – 196; 64. Becky Lukac 100-106 – 206.

**UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY DROPS 4-0 DECISION TO #5 NORTH CAROLINA**

Chapel Hill, N.C. – Junior forward **Liz Morris** recorded a goal and an assist to lead fifth-ranked North Carolina to a 4-0 victory over UAlbany in non-conference field hockey action on Sunday afternoon.

Morris started the scoring for the Tar Heels at 19:44 of the first half on an unassisted shot past UAlbany goalkeeper **Ashley Ross**. North Carolina doubled its score just two minutes later as Morris assisted senior forward **Karen Mann** on a penalty corner. Freshman forward **Danielle Forword** added the final goal of the first half at the 23:10 mark with an unassisted tally.

Sophomore midfielder **Britt van Beek** scored her first goal of the season, an unassisted a minute into the second half, to give the Tar Heels their final four goal advantage.

Ross played all 70:00 in the cage for the Great Danes, making six saves. Freshman goalkeeper **Brianna O’Donnell** did not have to make a save for North Carolina (7-3), who held a 22-3 shot advantage and a 12-0 advantage in penalty corners.

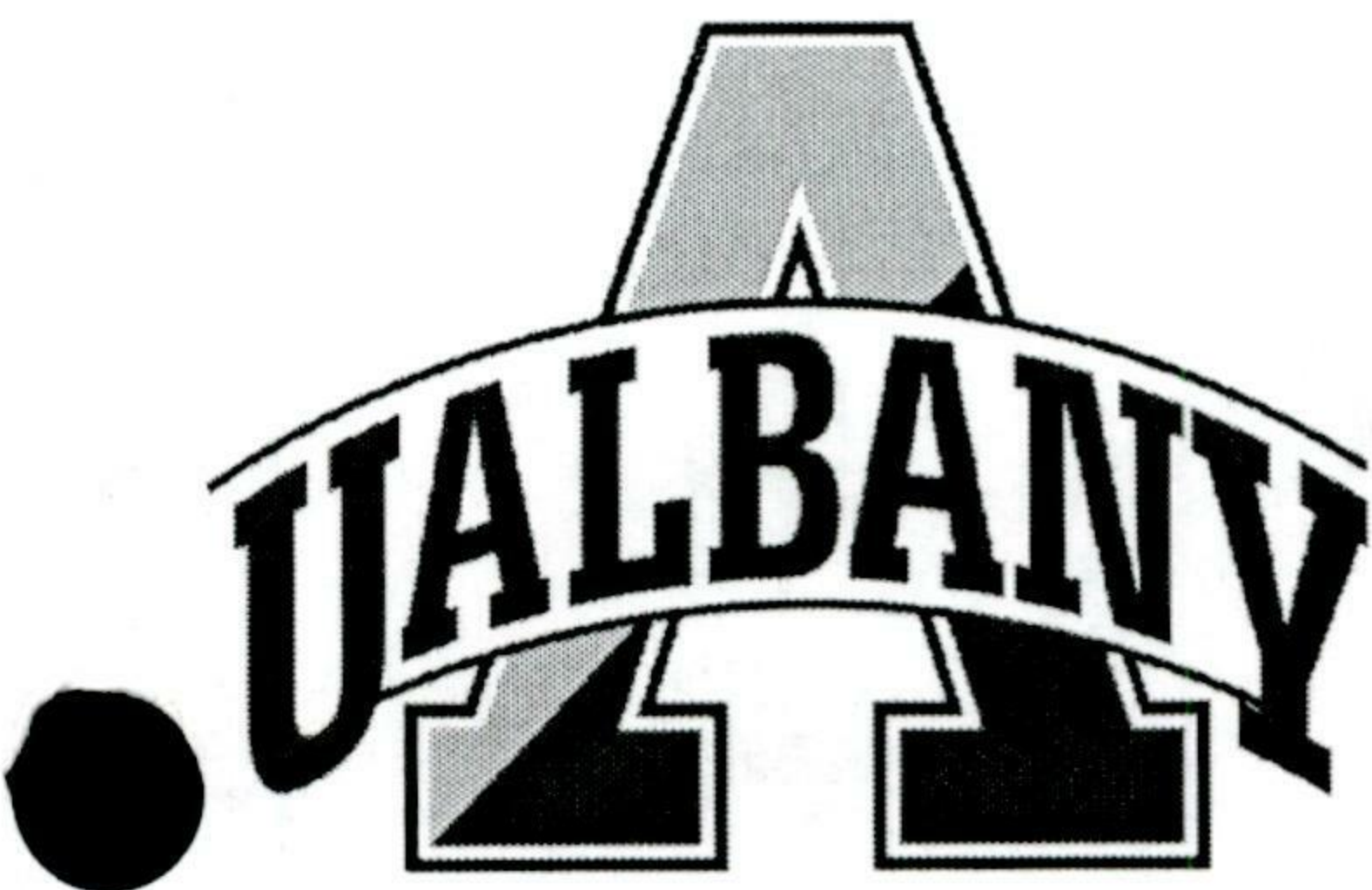
UAlbany (7-3) will be back in action on Saturday, Sept. 30, as they return home to Alumni Turf Field to open up America East Conference play against Maine at 1 p.m.

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North Carolina 4, UAlbany 0			
UAlbany (7-3)	0	0	0
North Carolina (7-3)	3	1	4

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 4 GA, 6 saves).

North Carolina – Scoring: Liz Morris 1-1, Britt van Beek 1-0, Karen Mann 1-0, Danielle Forword 1-0. Goalkeeper: Brianna O’Donnell (70:00, 0 GA, 0 saves).



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## BUCHANAN NAMED MVP AS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL WINS TWO AT YALE CLASSIC

New Haven, Conn. – Senior setter **Blair Buchanan** was named tournament MVP to lead the UAlbany volleyball team to two victories on the second day of the Yale Classic on Saturday. The Great Danes swept Rhode Island, 3-0, and then defeated the host Bulldogs 3-2 to conclude the tournament.

UAlbany defeated Rhode Island in straight games by scores of 30-17, 30-23, 30-23. Senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** was the only player in double-digits for the Great Danes, recording a match-high 10 kills. Senior libero **Kristin Fiorillo** recorded 10 digs for UAlbany, while sophomore middle hitter **Kamisha Kellam** had six block assists.

**Chinny Okpara** led Rhode Island (3-12) with nine kills while **Leslie Wiekamp** had a match-high 18 digs for the Rams.

In the second match of the day, UAlbany defeated Yale by scores of 31-29, 22-30, 26-30, 30-22, 15-11. Goldman had a double-double with a match-high 27 kills and 12 digs while Crenshaw added a career-best 25 kills and seven total blocks. Buchanan also recorded a double-double of the assist-dig variety, totaling 61 assists and 16 digs. Junior defensive specialist **Bev Hazell** posted her best effort in a UAlbany uniform with a team-best 21 digs.

Yale (5-4), who defeated the Great Danes 3-1 in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament in 2004, was led by **Alexis Crusey**, who tallied 26 kills and 17 digs. **Shannon Farrell** also had a double-double with 16 kills and 12 digs while **Anja Perlebach** recorded a match-high 22 digs.

UAlbany will be back in action on Tuesday, facing off against crosstown-rival Siena in University Gymnasium starting at 7 p.m.

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UAlbany 1, Rhode Island 0 (30-17, 30-23, 30-23)

UAlbany 3, Yale 2 (31-29, 22-30, 26-30, 30-22, 15-11)





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### LONG'S GOAL GIVES UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER 1-0 WIN IN CONFERENCE OPENER

West Hartford, Conn. – **Tufi Long** scored the game's lone goal late in the first half as the UAlbany men's soccer team defeated Hartford, 1-0, in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Saturday, Sept. 23.

The sophomore forward put home a rebound from the top of the box at 40:24 after a shot by senior forward **Yan Gbolo**. Long also had the game-winning goal in the Great Danes' 3-1 victory over Siena earlier this week.

Sophomore goaltender **Steward Ceus** earned his fourth shutout of the season, making six saves, while junior keeper **Matt Glaeser** picked up the loss for Hartford (2-3-4, AE 0-1-0). Gbolo and Long combined for five of the Great Danes' seven shots.

UAlbany (3-4-2, AE 1-0-0) returns home for matches against conference rivals UMBC at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27 and Stony Brook at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30.

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UAlbany (3-4-2)	1	0	-	1
Hartford (2-3-4)	0	0	-	0

UAlbany – Scoring: Tufi Long 1-0, Yan Gbolo 0-1. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 0 GA, 6 saves).

Hartford – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Matt Glaeser (90:00, 1 GA, 2 saves).

Shots: UAlbany 7, Hartford 17. Corner Kicks: UAlbany 2, Hartford 6.

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### Albany 19, Central Connecticut State 14

Albany, N.Y. – Eric Neugebauer's 27-yard interception return in the fourth quarter proved to be the difference as UAlbany knocked off unbeaten Central Connecticut State in the Northeast Conference opener for both teams on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

UAlbany (3-1, NEC 1-0) snapped a 7-7 tie in the third quarter when Mike Wall blocked Chris Rose's punt and the ball rolled through the end zone for a safety. The Great Danes would take a 12-7 lead with 9:50 left in the third quarter as Jason Fralicker booted a 25-yard field goal to finish off an 11-play drive. Freshman quarterback Frank Blasinsky threw a 22-yard completion and scrambled 16 yards inside the CCSU 10 to highlight the scoring march.

Central Connecticut State (3-1, NEC 0-1) was on the move in the fourth quarter behind the play of quarterback Ryan Holmes, who completed 10 of 21 passes for 175 yards and rushed for 48 more. But UAlbany's defense stuffed a fourth-and-three option play on its own 42, when outside linebacker Trevor DuPont wrapped up tailback Justise Hairston to end the drive.

In a defensive struggle as advertised, Neugebauer picked off Holmes' second-down pass over the middle at the CCSU 27 and sprinted up the sideline for a touchdown and a 19-7 advantage with 1:32 remaining. The Blue Devils, who were off to their best start since 1973 and ranked among the top 25 in both Division I-AA national polls, then put together a 10-play, 67-yard march at the end. Jo Jo Freeman's second touchdown of the game, a 2-yard blast over left guard with nine seconds left, capped the sequence.

"We bounced back from last week's win pretty well," offered UAlbany coach Bob Ford, whose squad beat its second consecutive top-25 team after defeating No. 11 Delaware last week. "We were focused and had a great mental attitude. Our defense played well for 58 minutes and we will continue to ride that horse."

In the first half, the Great Danes broke up a scoreless tie with a nine-play drive. Starting quarterback Daniel Bocanegra, who left the game at halftime with an injury, hooked up with split end Jason Smith on a 7-yard touchdown pass with 59 seconds left before intermission. Smith, a redshirt freshman, hauled in three passes for 32 yards during that possession. UAlbany could have done more damage in the opening half, but CCSU defensive tackle Devon Douglass' sack forced Bocanegra to fumble and end a 13-play, 70-yard march.

Central Connecticut State drew even following a long scoring drive to begin the second half. Holmes connected with Nick Colagiovanni on a 49-yard pass to the Albany 30. Freeman's 14-yard burst up the middle placed his team at the 5-yard line before he later bulled his way over the left side on fourth-and-inches near the goal line with 10:20 left in the period.

"All these NEC games are going to real nail-biters," Central Connecticut State coach Jeff McInerney stated. "The team that can stay consistent will have a chance, but it's hard to run the table. I thought we worried about losing in the first half, but came out and played in the second half. But you still have to give Albany the credit for winning the game."

The Great Danes, who have won six of eight conference openers since joining the league in 1999, held the nation's fifth-best rushing offense to 89 net yards on the ground. Hairston, a Rutgers transfer who was averaging 139.7 rushing yards coming into the contest, managed just 55 yards on 22 carries. UAlbany piled up 180-plus rushing yards for the second straight week, as Marcus Allen led the way with 65 yards on 15 attempts.

"We keep getting better as a defense," said UAlbany linebacker Colin Disch, who had nine tackles. "We are disappointed that we gave up the long drive to begin the second half and that late touchdown. But everyone knows what they are doing, they run to ball well, and defensive line is solid."



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### UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY CRUISES PAST DAVIDSON TO WIN FIFTH STRAIGHT

Davidson, N.C. – Sophomore midfielder **Michele Polizois** recorded her first career hat trick, scoring three goals in UAlbany's 5-0 win over Davidson in non-conference field hockey action on Friday evening. The Great Danes, who have won five straight, improved to 7-2 on the season.

Polizois started the scoring for the Great Danes, slipping an unassisted shot past Wildcat goalkeeper **Brittany Rollek** just 2:41 into play. Freshman midfielder **Teska Koch** doubled the score for the Great Danes at 6:46 of the first half with an unassisted tally of her own. Junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** scored her team-leading 11th goal of the season on a corner just two minutes later to finish the first-half scoring for UAlbany.

UAlbany started the second half much like the first, with Polizois recording her second score of the night four minutes into the stanza on a corner. The Great Danes, who held an 8-5 advantage in penalty corners, converted their third of the game at 47:53 as Polizois scored her third, with assists going to sophomore midfielder **Arlette Westdorp** and freshman defender **Jess Lindsay**.

Sophomore **Ashley Ross** and senior **Barb Czaplinski** split time in the cage, with Ross making two stops for UAlbany. Rollek and **Rachel Kiselewich** combined for seven saves in the cage for Davidson (4-5).

The Great Danes will play the final contest of their four-game road stretch on Sunday, as they visit North Carolina, who was ranked fifth in this week's STX/NFHCA National Division I Coaches Poll. The game starts at 1 p.m.

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UAlbany (7-2)	3	2	5
Davidson (4-5)	0	0	0

UAlbany – Scoring: Michele Polizois 3-0, Michelle Simpson 1-0, Teska Koch 1-0, Jess Lindsay 0-3, Arlette Westdorp 0-3. Goalkeepers: Ashley Ross (59:36, 0 GA, 2 saves), Barb Czaplinski (10:24, 0 GA, 0 saves).

Davidson – Scoring: None. Goalkeepers: Brittany Rollek (45:44, 4 GA, 6 saves), Rachel Kiselewich (24:16, 1 GA, 1 save).

### TIRABASSI SCORES IN UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER'S 4-1 LOSS AT NAVY

Annapolis, Md. – **Ashley Tirabassi** scored the first goal of her college career in a 4-1 UAlbany loss to undefeated Navy in a non-conference women's soccer match on Friday, Sept. 22.

With the Great Danes down 3-0, the freshman forward scored at 58:45 on a left-side shot from ten yards out. The assist was given to sophomore forward **Diana Barrera**, her team-leading second of the season.

Navy took an early lead when freshman midfielder **Shelly Moeller** scored at 3:12 of the first period off of an assist from senior forward **Meggie Curran**. After junior forward **Kari Weniger** doubled the Midshipmen's lead with a goal at 26:45, Moeller tallied her second score of the evening with a goal off of a corner kick in the 36th minute. Senior midfielder **Carmen Myers** later notched an insurance goal in the 68th minute. With the win, Navy improved their record to 9-0-0.

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Senior goaltender **Ashley Nuessle** and freshman keeper **Maria Liguori** split time in net for the Great Danes, combining for nine saves, while five different UAlbany players had shots on goal.

UAlbany (2-7-1) continues their road trip with a match at Howard on Sunday, Sept. 24, before returning home to start their America East Conference schedule against Vermont on Thursday, Sept. 28.

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UAlbany (2-7-1)	0	1	1
Navy (9-0-0)	3	1	4

UAlbany – Scoring: Ashley Tirabassi 1-0, Diana Barrera 0-1. Goalkeepers: Ashley Nuessle (45:00, 3 GA, 5 saves), Maria Liguori (45:00, 1 GA, 4 saves).

Navy – Scoring: Shelley Moeller 2-0, Kari Weniger 1-1, Cassie Barbaresi 0-2, Carmen Myers 1-0, Meggie Curran 0-1. Goalkeepers: Lizzie Barnes (45:00, 0 GA, 0 saves), Beth Reed (36:00, 1 GA, 0 saves), Rachel Tarbox (9:00, 0 GA, 0 saves).

Shots: UAlbany 5, Navy 32. Corner Kicks: UAlbany 0, Navy 8.

### UALBANY VOLLEYBALL FALLS TO CENTRAL CONNECTICUT AT TOURNAMENT

New Haven, Conn. – Despite a match-high 19 kills by senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman**, the UAlbany volleyball team fell to Central Connecticut State, 3-1, in the first match of the Yale Classic Tournament held on Friday evening.

The Great Danes won the first game, 30-27, then fell in three straight by scores of 30-19, 30-28, 30-28.

Junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** also recorded double-digit kills for UAlbany with 13, and also notched three block assists. Senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** had a team-best 13 digs, seven kills and a match-high four service aces. Senior setter **Blair Buchanan** had a double-double of the assist-dig variety with 39 assists and 10 digs. Buchanan also recorded a team-best four block assists. Goldman also notched a double-double with 12 digs to go along with her kills total.

**Chelsea Magee** led five Central Connecticut (7-4) players with double-digit kills, totaling 16. **Amanda Olmstead** tallied 15 kills and 14 digs while **Brynn Good** had a triple-double with 52 assists, 13 digs and 10 kills.

UAlbany (4-7) will be back in action on Saturday, taking on Rhode Island at 11 a.m. and concluding the tournament against the host Bulldogs at 6 p.m.

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Central Connecticut 3, UAlbany 1 (27-30, 30-19, 30-28, 30-28)



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## **UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY MEN'S LACROSSE PLANS FALL EVENTS**

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany is entered in the Price Modern “Lacrosse For Leukemia” Fall Invitational Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 30 at St. Paul’s School in Brooklandville, Md. Sixteen of the nation’s top lacrosse teams will unite for the annual tournament to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Maryland Chapter.

Johns Hopkins, the 2005 NCAA champion, and Syracuse, the 2004 national champion, are among the teams. The Great Danes will meet Air Force at 8:30 a.m. and Butler, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Each participating collegiate team will play in honor of a local ambassador who has survived or is currently undergoing treatment for blood cancer. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world’s largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education and patient services.

In addition, UAlbany will hold its alumni lacrosse weekend on Oct. 6-7. The annual alumni game will be played at John Fallon Field on campus on Friday at 8:00 p.m. Van Patten Golf Course will host Saturday’s 1:00 p.m. golf outing. The cost is \$100.00 per person, and includes greens fees, cart, dinner and prizes. For more information contact head coach Scott Marr by phone (518-442-3015) or e-mail ([smarr@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:smarr@uamail.albany.edu)).

UAlbany (8-7) reached the America East Conference championship final for the fifth consecutive year last spring. Frank Resetarits, the nation’s leading scorer with 45 goals and 19 assists, is back along with Merrick Thomson (31 goals, 11 assists) to form a potent attack. First-team all-conference goalkeeper Brett Queener (.577 save percentage) and first-team all-league midfielder Jordan Levine, who averaged 5.87 ground balls per game, also return.

## **COLIN DISCH NAMED FOOTBALL GAZETTE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Westmont, Ill. – University at Albany’s Colin Disch has been chosen the Football Gazette I-AA Mid-Major Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday’s 17-10 victory over nationally-ranked Delaware. Disch recently received both the ECAC and Northeast Conference weekly awards.

Disch, a junior inside linebacker from North Plainfield, N.J., made a game-high 15 tackles, including 10 unassisted, against the Blue Hens, who had not lost to a non-league opponent since a 2000 NCAA playoff defeat against Georgia Southern. Disch has recorded double-figure tackles in 20 of 25 games played as a collegian. He currently ranks second among the Division I-AA national leaders at 14.3 tackles per game.



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## UALBANY ANNOUNCES MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR 2006-07

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the school's men's basketball schedule for the 2006-07 season. The Great Danes, who won the America East Conference championship with a 21-11 record last year, are coming off their most celebrated season with a first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament appearance.

The conference schedule begins with "America East Opening Night" on Jan. 3 against New Hampshire at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The season concludes with the America East Conference Tournament on March 2, 3, 4 and 10. Boston University's Agganis Arena will host the first round, quarterfinals and semifinals.

The Great Danes open at home with two-time defending Patriot League champion Bucknell on Saturday, Nov. 11. The Bison, who have won their NCAA first-round game the last two years, set a school record with 27 victories last year and finished No. 25 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll. In what is the most attractive list of home opponents in the UAlbany program's history, Virginia Commonwealth visits the RACC on Dec. 6. The Rams, who had a 19-10 record and the highest RPI of any team not participating in post-season play, were paired with UAlbany in last year's *BracketBusters* event. The Great Danes have a 13-game home slate that also includes Delaware (Nov. 17), Brown (Dec. 9), St. Bonaventure (Dec. 16) and conference-rival Binghamton on Feb. 3, this year's opponent for the Big Purple Growl game.

UAlbany's non-conference schedule is also highlighted by a trip to Storrs, Conn., where the Great Danes will meet perennial national power Connecticut on Nov. 26 in a rematch of last year's thrilling NCAA first-round contest in Philadelphia. The Huskies, who reached the NCAA regional finals one year ago, have captured national titles in 1999 and 2004. UAlbany will also travel to the state of Utah for a pair of games on Dec. 28 and 30. The University of Utah has reached the NCAA Tournament 26 times in its program's storied history, including a 1998 Final Four appearance.

The Great Danes will participate in the *BracketBusters* series for the second consecutive year on Feb. 16-17. UAlbany is one of 102 teams representing 16 conferences in the event. Pairings decisions will be announced on Monday, Jan. 28. A total of 13 games will be televised by the ESPN family of networks.

The annual crosstown-rival meeting with Siena is slated for Saturday, Dec. 2 at Pepsi Arena. The two teams will meet for the 46th time overall and sixth since the series was renewed on Nov. 27, 2001. The UAlbany-Siena game has averaged 10,260 fans over the last five years. Other non-conference opponents include Ivy League members Harvard and Cornell, plus Sacred Heart and Utah Valley State.

UAlbany will be one of the America East Conference preseason favorites after last year's first 20-win campaign since 1993-94. **Jamar Wilson**, the conference player of the year and an Associated Press All-American, averaged 17.7 points, 4.9 rebounds and 3.9 assists as a junior. **Brent Wilson**, a third-team All-America East forward, added 10.4 points and 4.3 rebounds. **Brian Lillis**, a 6-foot-5 junior, is the third returning starter. He contributed 4.4 points, 4.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists. **Jon Iati** (6.7 ppg) and **Jason Siggers** (5.0 ppg) were explosive off the bench last season.

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**2006-07 University at Albany Men's Basketball Schedule**

**November**

11 (Sat.), **Bucknell**, 7:00; 17 (Fri.), **Delaware**, 7:00; 21 (Tue.), at Sacred Heart, 7:00; 26 (Sun.), at Connecticut, 4:00.

**December**

2 (Sat.), at Siena (Pepsi Arena), 7:00; 6 (Wed.), **Virginia Commonwealth**, 7:00; 9 (Sat.), **Brown**, 2:00; 12 (Tue.), at Harvard, 7:00; 16 (Sat.), **St. Bonaventure**, 2:00; 22 (Fri.), at Cornell, 7:00; 28 (Thu.), at Utah, 9:00; 30 (Sat.), at Utah Valley State, 9:05.

**January**

3 (Wed.), **New Hampshire\***, 7:00; 6 (Sat.), at Binghamton\*, 1:00; 9 (Tue.), at UMBC\*, 7:00; 11 (Thu.), **Maine\***, 7:00; 13 (Sat.), at Vermont\*, 1:00; 15 (Mon.), at Stony Brook\*, TBA; 21 (Sun.), **Hartford\***, TBA; 24 (Wed.), at Boston U.\*, TBA; 28 (Sun.), at New Hampshire\*, TBA; 31 (Wed.), **UMBC\***, 7:00.

**February**

3 (Sat.), **Binghamton\***, 7:00+; 5 (Mon.), at Hartford\*, 7:00; 7 (Wed.), at Maine\*, 7:30; 11 (Sun.), **Vermont\***, TBA; 16/17 (Fri./Sat.), at ESPN BracketBusters, TBA; 22 (Thu.), **Stony Brook\***, 7:00; 25 (Sun.), **Boston U.\***, TBA.

**March**

2, 3, & 4, America East Conference Tournament (Agganis Arena, Boston, Mass.); 10 (Sat.), America East Conference Championship^, 12:00 (ESPN2).

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### SECOND-HALF OUTBURST LEADS UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER PAST SIENA

Albany, N.Y. – Tufi Long scored the go-ahead goal midway through the second half in leading UAlbany to a 3-1 victory over crosstown-rival Siena in a match at Varsity Field on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

After a quiet first half, Siena got on the board with junior forward Thomas Ciovacco's score from the left side at 54:13. The Great Danes responded with three goals in a span of less than six minutes to overcome the deficit.

Senior forward Yan Gbolo's breakaway goal at 65:45, his first of the season, started the scoring. Long, a sophomore forward, gave UAlbany the lead one minute and one second later, dribbling around several defenders in the goal box off of a pass from sophomore defenseman Erik DiLorenzo. At 71:43, freshman defenseman Brian Gordon scored an insurance goal, burying an arcing shot from well outside the goal box.

Sophomore goaltender Steward Ceus earned the victory for UAlbany (2-4-2), while senior keeper Patrick Henry picked up the loss for Siena (1-4-1).

The Great Danes start their America East Conference schedule on Saturday, Sept. 23 with a match at Hartford, before returning home for their conference home opener against UMBC at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

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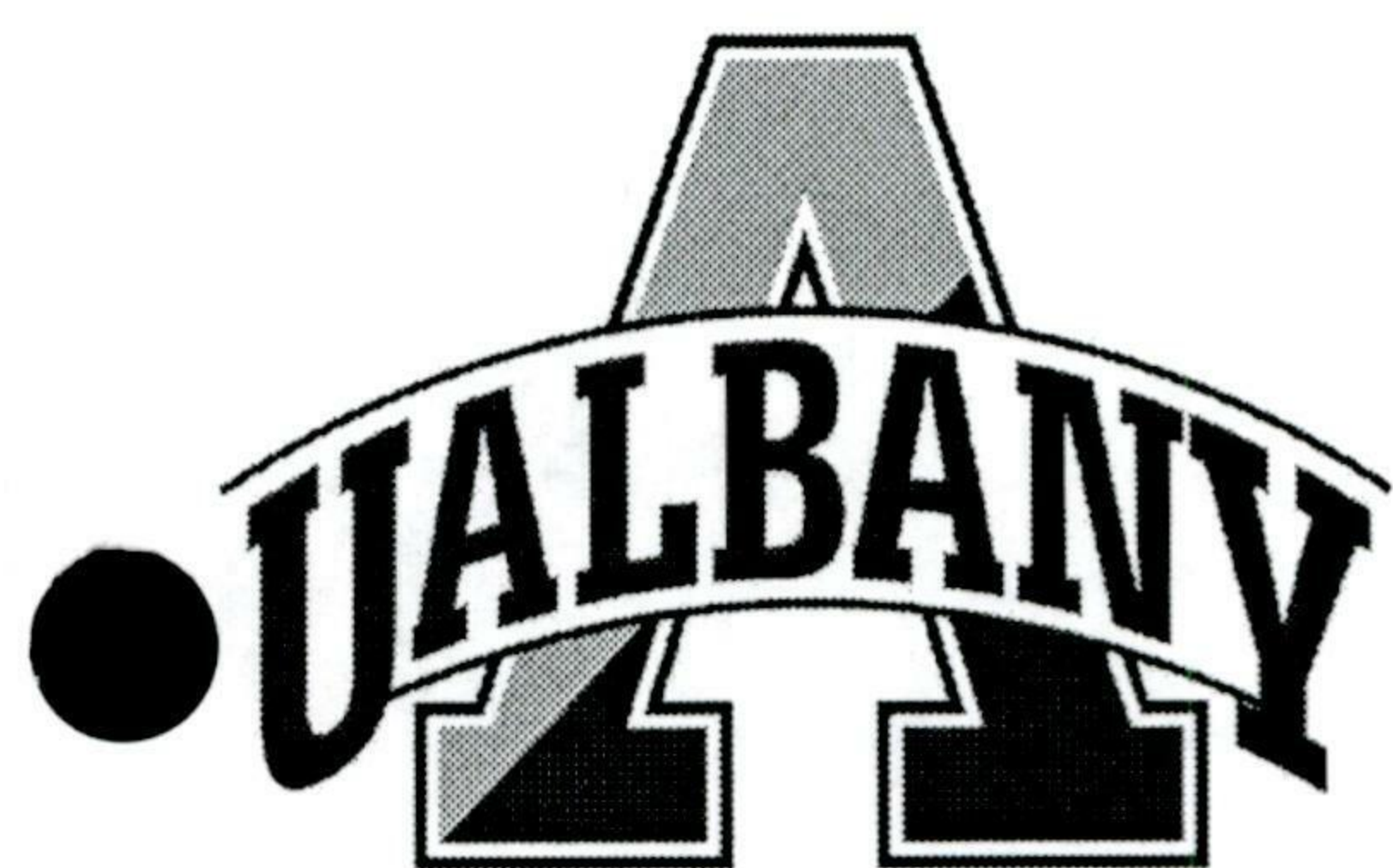
Siena (1-4-1)	0	1	1
UAlbany (2-4-2)	0	3	3

Siena – Scoring: Thomas Ciovacco 1-0, Ross Cardinell 0-1. Goalkeeper: Patrick Henry (90:00, 3 GA, 4 saves)

UAlbany – Scoring: Yan Gbolo 1-0, Brian Gordon 1-0, Tufi Long 1-0, Brad Ray 0-2, Erik DiLorenzo 0-1. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 1 GA, 4 saves)

Shots: Siena 11, UAlbany 13. Corner Kicks: Siena 1, UAlbany 6.





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### **UALBANY FOOTBALL MOVES UP TO THIRD IN MID-MAJOR NATIONAL POLLS**

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany climbed to third in both NCAA Division I-AA national mid-major football polls today. The Great Danes, who are coming off a 17-10 upset of No. 11 Delaware, are ranked highly by The Sports Network and Football Gazette.

UAlbany (2-1) faces unbeaten Central Connecticut State (3-0) in its Northeast Conference opener on Saturday, Sept. 23 at University Field. Kickoff is 4:07 p.m. The contest will be televised locally by Time Warner Cable. The Blue Devils, who are off to their best start since 1973, are No. 1 in the Football Gazette poll and are ranked No. 2 by The Sports Network.

The Great Danes, who held 2003 national champion Delaware to 270 yards last Saturday before a capacity crowd of 22,016 at Delaware Stadium, have one of the top defensive units in the nation. UAlbany is 10th in the country among I-AA teams in rushing yards allowed (81.7 pg) and 14th in scoring defense (11.7 ppg). Central Connecticut State owns the fifth-best rushing offense nationally at 263.0 yards per game.

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NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major National Football Polls

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Central Connecticut State, 2. San Diego, 3. Albany, 4. Monmouth, 5. Duquesne, 6. Dayton, 7. Wagner, 8. Drake, 9. Valparaiso, 10. Sacred Heart.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. San Diego, 2. Central Connecticut State, 3. Albany, 4. Dayton, 5. Monmouth, 6. Duquesne, 7. Drake, 8. Wagner, 9. Valparaiso, 10. Marist.

### **COLIN DISCH & RASHAD BARKSDALE EARN WEEKLY NEC FOOTBALL AWARDS**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Colin Disch has been selected as the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's surprising 17-10 victory over nationally-ranked Delaware. In addition, Rashad Barksdale (Hudson H.S.) was named the NEC Rookie of the Week.

Disch, a junior inside linebacker, made a game-high 15 tackles, including 10 unassisted, against the Blue Hens, who had not lost to a non-league opponent since a 2000 NCAA playoff defeat against Georgia Southern. The Great Danes allowed 270 total yards. Disch recorded double-figure tackles for the 20th time in his career and moved to sixth on the school's all-time tackles list with 286. He currently ranks second among the I-AA national leaders at 14.3 tackles per game.

Barksdale, a senior cornerback, picked off two passes, including one near the goal line with 29.1 seconds remaining, against Delaware. A member of the UAlbany baseball team the last two years, Barksdale decided to walk-on on the first day of preseason football camp in August. The defensive back added one tackle and returned three punts for 20 yards last Saturday. His first interception led to Jason Fralicker's 20-yard field goal in the second quarter. Barksdale's second pick sealed the biggest win in the program's history on a third-and-four play at the UAlbany 19. An all-state high school football standout, Barksdale batted .277 with 22 stolen bases in the spring of 2006 for the Great Danes.

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### **MICHELLE SIMPSON EARNS SECOND A-EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS**

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Michelle Simpson has been chosen America East Conference Player of the Week in women's field hockey for the second consecutive week, as announced by the conference office on Monday.

Simpson scored two goals and added an assist in two games last week to lead UAlbany (6-2) to its third and fourth consecutive wins. Simpson recorded her ninth goal and sixth assist of the season in the Great Danes' 3-2 win over Delaware on Sept. 15 and scored her tenth goal off a penalty stroke in a 2-0 shutout of Rutgers on Sunday. She now leads UAlbany with 10 goals and is third on the team with six assists for a team-best 26 total points.

The Great Danes, who are in the middle of a four-game road stretch, will be back in action on Friday, Sept. 22 against Davidson at 5:30 p.m.

### **ASHLEY DeNEAL NAMED AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Ashley DeNeal has been named the America East Conference Player of the week in women's volleyball, as announced by the conference office on Monday.

DeNeal led the Great Danes to a 2-1 record at the UAlbany Volleyball Classic last weekend. The junior outside hitter was strong across the board, recording 28 kills, a team-best 49 digs, five service aces and a block assist in three matches, en route to being named to the all-tournament team. She had her best match versus Temple last Saturday, recording her sixth double-double of the season with 10 kills, a match-high 25 digs and three service aces. She followed with another double-double against Middle Tennessee State, tallying 10 kills and 12 digs. Against Syracuse, she notched eight kills and 12 digs.

DeNeal is third on the team in kills, averaging 2.65 per game, and leads the Great Danes with 3.73 digs and 0.43 service aces per game.

The Great Danes will be back in action this weekend at the Yale Classic. UAlbany (4-6) will play Central Connecticut State on Friday at 5:00 p.m. The Great Danes will conclude the tournament on Saturday against Rhode Island at 11 a.m. and the host school at 7 p.m.



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## UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY SHUTS OUT RUTGERS FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN

Piscataway, N.J. – Junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** scored her tenth goal of the season to lead UAlbany to its fourth straight win in a 2-0 triumph over Rutgers in non-conference field hockey action on Sunday afternoon. The Great Danes, who recorded their fourth shutout of the season, defeated an opponent that was receiving votes in the STX/NFHCA Division I Coaches Poll for the second consecutive contest.

UAlbany (6-2) got on the board at 22:53 of the first half as freshman midfielder **Teska Koch** scored on a penalty corner. Sophomore midfielder **Arlette Westdorp** and freshman defender **Jess Lindsey** assisted on the goal.

Simpson doubled the score for the Great Danes with 7:06 remaining in the second half, converting a penalty stroke past the Scarlet Knights' goalkeeper **Leslie Kelly**. Kelly, who played the second half for Rutgers, made one save in the cage.

UAlbany outshot Rutgers, 9-5, and also held a 12-4 margin in penalty corners.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Ashley Ross**, who earned her second solo shutout of the season made three saves for UAlbany, while starter **Rosalyn Wentko** stopped four shots in the first half for Rutgers (3-6).

The Great Danes, who are in the midst of a four-game road stretch, return to action on Friday, Sept. 22 as they visit Davidson at 5:30 p.m.

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UAlbany 2, Rutgers 0

UAlbany-Scoring: Michelle Simpson 1-0, Teska Koch 1-0, Arlette Westdorp 0-1, Jess Lindsey 0-1;  
Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 0 GA, 3 saves)

Rutgers-Scoring: None; Goalkeeper: Rosalyn Wentko (35:00, 1 GA, 4 saves), Leslie Kelly (35:00, 1 GA, 1 save)

## BARRERA, DOUGHERTY SCORE TWICE AS UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER WINS, 6-1

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore forward Diana Barrera and senior midfielder Jamie Dougherty each scored two goals as the UAlbany women's soccer team defeated NJIT, 6-1, in a Governor's Cup match on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field.

The Great Danes got on the board at 5:50 as Dougherty converted a header off of a crossing pass from junior midfielder Scovia Oraro. They then doubled their lead forty-nine seconds later when Barrera put one home off of a cross from junior forward Kay Connolly. Barrera scored a rebound goal at 23:37, and Dougherty added another at 37:35 through traffic in the goal box, assisted by junior midfielder Rachel Boles, for a 4-0 lead.

At 41:20 of the first half, Highlanders freshman midfielder Chelsea Nobles drove towards the net and scored NJIT's first goal since moving to Division I. The Great Danes scored two more times in the second half, once on a penalty kick by junior forward Uju Ogbuawa, her first goal of the season, and another by freshman midfielder Jaclyn Rosada, her third tally of the year.

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Senior goaltender Ashley Nuessle earned the victory for UAlbany (2-6-1), improving her record to 2-3-0. Angelica Sepulveda picked up the loss for NJIT (0-7-0).

Despite UAlbany's victory, the tournament championship was awarded to Siena College by virtue of goal differential. The two teams played to a scoreless tie earlier in tournament play.

The Great Danes return to action on Friday with a 7 p.m. contest at Navy before traveling to Howard for a match on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m.

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NJIT (0-7-0)	1	0	1
UAlbany (2-6-1)	4	2	6

NJIT – Scoring: Chelsea Nobles 1-0. Goalkeeper: Angelica Sepulveda (90:00, 6 GA, 8 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Diana Barrera 2-0, Jamie Dougherty 2-0, Uju Ogbuawa 1-0, Jaclyn Rosada 1-0, Rachel Boles 0-1, Kay Connolly 0-1, Scovia Oraro 0-1, Ashley Tirabassi 0-1. Goalkeepers: Ashley Nuessle (68:18, 1 GA, 0 saves), Maria Liguori (21:42, 0 GA, 0 saves).

Shots: NJIT 2, UAlbany 26. Corner Kicks: NJIT 1, UAlbany 1.

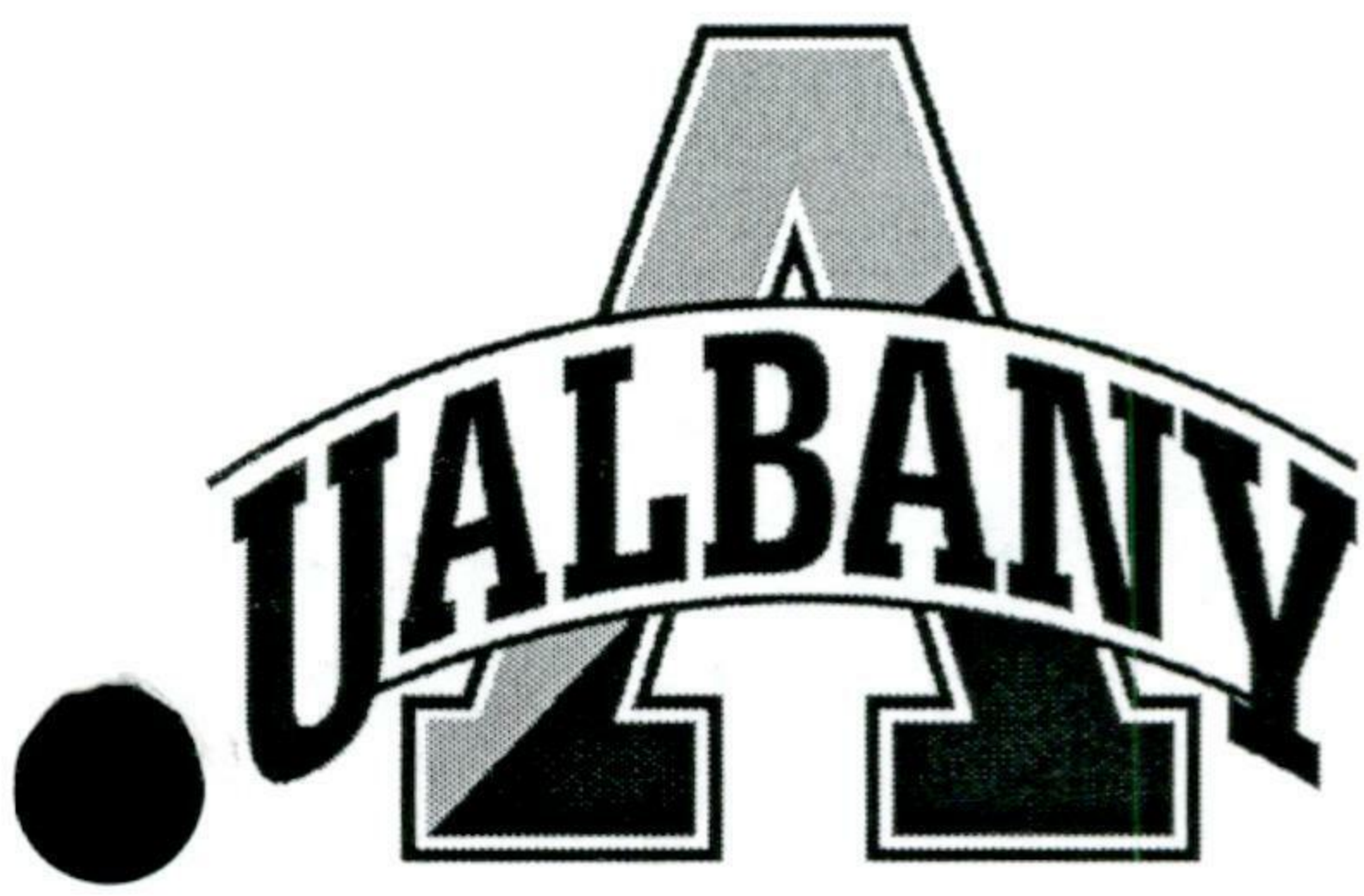
Governor's Cup Tournament Champion: Siena

Offensive MVP: Rachel Boles, UAlbany

Defensive MVP: Carey Winkler, Siena

All-Tournament Team:

Dena Baskous, NJIT; Cindy Bayiokos, NJIT; Rachel Boles, UAlbany; Shana Brady, Siena; Jamie Dougherty, UAlbany; Erinn Flaherty, Siena; Briana Morales, NJIT; Uju Ogbuawa, UAlbany; Jaclyn Rosada, UAlbany; Kristen Turner, Siena; Carey Winkler, Siena.



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## UALBANY UPSETS NO. 11 DELAWARE BEFORE CAPACITY CROWD

Newark, Del. - Sophomore quarterback **Daniel Bocanegra** threw one touchdown pass and ran for another as UAlbany upset nationally-ranked Delaware, 17-10, on Saturday evening before an overflow crowd at Delaware Stadium.

The Great Danes, who split their opening two games against Lehigh and Fordham, beat a top-25 team at the Division I-AA level for just the second time in eight tries. The Blue Hens, who won the 2003 national championship, were ranked No. 11 by The Sports Network and College Sporting News.

"That was a great win against a quality program in their house," said UAlbany coach **Bob Ford**, whose team was going up against a program that has captured six national titles. "I am sure that score will shock the football world tomorrow. We controlled the ball on the ground and played solid defense. We put some pretty good heat on (Joe) Flacco by moving our defensive fronts."

UAlbany (2-1) had to hang on at the end when Delaware (1-1) drove all the way from their 30-yard line in the last two minutes to the Great Danes' 19. But cornerback **Rashad Barksdale** picked off **Joe Flacco's** pass, intended for **Mark Duncan**, at the goal line with 29.1 seconds remaining to seal the outcome.

The Blue Hens, who trailed by 14 points at the intermission, got back into the contest with a 17-play, 87-yard drive in the third quarter. All-America running back **Omar Cuff**, who rushed for 90 yards and caught six passes for 77 more, completed the scoring march with a 1-yard dive over the middle. Flacco, a Pittsburgh transfer, connected on five passes. He finished 18-of-35 through the air for 177 yards.

UAlbany's defense was up to the task in the fourth quarter. **Ryan Chrobak** broke up a third-down pass to end one possession. **Colin Disch**, who had 15 tackles, including 10 solo, pressured Flacco to throw the ball in another third-down situation with nearly four minutes left.

"This wipes out that sour taste from last week, because only this football team expected to win," offered Disch, who recorded double-digit tackles for the 20th time in his career. "The fact we were able to blitz off the corners and keep their offensive line off balance was a key. We all said that this would be a big win, but words can't describe that right now."

UAlbany stunned a capacity crowd of 22,016, the 14th consecutive sellout, by scoring on its second possession. Following a short punt, the Great Danes opened up the playbook with flea-flicker touchdown pass. Bocanegra took a pitch from flanker **Mike Wall** and fired a 38-yard strike down the middle of the field to **Josh Furnas**.

"I am so happy for (Josh) Furnas," said Bocanegra who completed 11-of-16 attempts for 121 yards. "We ran the flea-flicker against Hofstra last year and he dropped the ball. That was an important play because it took something out of the crowd."

After Barksdale misplayed a punt inside his 10-yard line, Delaware got on the board. **Zach Hobby** booted a 19-yard field goal with 1:17 left in the first quarter. However, UAlbany put together two nine-play drives in the second stanza in building a 17-3 halftime lead.

Bocanegra capped a 54-yard march by diving over the top for his first career touchdown. Freshman tailback **Colin Simmons** keyed the sequence, including a 23-yard scamper around right end to the Blue Hens' 2. **Jason Fralicker** finished off the second drive with a 20-yard field goal.

**Marcus Allen** darted 29 yards to the Delaware 14 to help set up that three-pointer.



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## VOLLEYBALL SPLITS WITH SYRACUSE AND MIDDLE TENNESSEE AT UALBANY CLASSIC

Albany, N.Y. – Senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** and junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** were named to the all-tournament team, leading the Great Danes to a 2-1 record at the UAlbany Volleyball Classic, which concluded Saturday evening in University Gymnasium. UAlbany defeated Temple, 3-2, earlier in the day, and closed out the tournament with a 3-0 loss to Middle Tennessee.

UAlbany posted scores of 22-30, 30-24, 30-25, 25-30, 15-8 to defeat the Owls in the first match of the day. Crenshaw and senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** both tallied 19 kills to lead four Great Danes in double digits. Goldman also recorded a double-double with 15 digs in the match. Sophomore middle hitter **Kamisha Kellam** added 12 kills and eight total blocks while DeNeal added a double-double of her own with 10 kills and a match-high 25 digs.

Temple (6-7) was paced by junior outside hitter **Yue Liu**, who led three Owls in double digits with 16 kills. Liu also recorded a team-best 19 digs. Junior middle blocker **Christina DeMarco** tallied 15 kills for Temple, while senior outside hitter **Jessica Waybrandt** added 13. Senior defensive specialist **Yan Liu** earned a spot on the all-tournament team for the Owls.

In the second game of the day, UAlbany fell to Middle Tennessee by scores of 30-25, 30-25, 30-26. DeNeal recorded a double-double to lead the Great Danes, tallying 10 kills and 12 digs. Crenshaw also added 10 kills while Kellam added six kills and three total blocks.

Middle Tennessee (9-4) had four players record double-digit kill totals, led by sophomore middle blocker **Ashley Asberry's** 13. Senior middle blocker **Jessica Robinson**, sophomore right side hitter **Ashley Adams** and junior outside hitter **Victoria Monasterolo** each had 10 kills apiece. Freshman setter **Leslie Clark**, who had a match-high 44 assists against the Great Danes, was named the tournament's most valuable player. Asberry and Monasterolo joined her on the all-tournament squad.

UAlbany (4-6) will return to action next Friday and Saturday at the Yale Classic. The Great Danes will face Central Connecticut on Friday at 5 p.m. before facing Rhode Island at 11 a.m. and the host Bulldogs at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

## HALL SCORES, BUT UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER FALLS AT JAMES MADISON, 5-1

Harrisonburg, Va. – Junior forward **Lasse Kokko** scored two goals as James Madison defeated UAlbany, 5-1, in a non-conference men's soccer game on Saturday afternoon.

After a scoreless first half, senior defenseman **Mike Tuddenham** put home the game's first goal, a chip from just inside the box, at 49:09. One minute and 27 seconds later, Kokko made it 2-0 on a rebound goal. After Kokko's second score in the 61st minute, Great Danes' senior defenseman **Stephan Hall** tallied his first goal of the season at 70:00, with the assists going to senior forward **Yan Gbolo** and sophomore midfielder **Don Johnson**. UAlbany (1-4-2) couldn't make it any closer, though, as the Dukes scored two more at the 82- and 85-minute marks.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Steward Ceus** made five saves, but picked up the loss for the Great Danes. Gbolo and sophomore forward **Gaby Seguin-Gauthier** had shots for UAlbany. Sophomore defenseman **Ekou Etuk** and sophomore midfielder **Nick Zimmerman** had two assists each for James Madison (5-1-0).

The Great Danes return to action on Wednesday with a home game against Siena at 4 p.m., before starting their America East Conference schedule at Hartford on Saturday, September 23.

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James Madison 5, UAlbany 1

UAlbany (1-4-2)	0	1	1
James Madison (5-1-0)	0	5	5

UAlbany – Scoring: Stephan Hall 1-0, Yan Gbolo 0-1, Don Johnson (0-1). Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 5 GA, 6 saves).

James Madison – Scoring: Lasse Kokko 2-0, Kurt Morsink 1-1, Ekom Etuk 0-2, Nick Zimmerman 0-2, Mark Totten 1-0, Mike Tuddenham 1-0, Tristan Murray 0-1, Tomiwa Ogunsola 0-1, Brian Young 0-1. Goalkeeper: Kevin Trapp (90:00, 1 GA, 0 saves).

Shots: UAlbany 3, James Madison 20; Corner Kicks: UAlbany 1, James Madison 7.

## **UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS COMPETES AT EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

West Point, N.Y. – Kim Weltman made it to the semifinals of the consolation bracket as the UAlbany tennis team participated in the second of three days at the 2006 Eastern Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Championships, hosted by Army.

Weltman, who was defeated in the round of 16 on Friday, received a first-round bye and defeated Ashley Rissolo of Providence in the quarterfinals 8-5. She then lost to Paola Rodolfi of Stony Brook, 6-1; 6-4.

Among the other competitors for UAlbany, Aimee Kern and Kim Westcott, who won in opening-round doubles on Friday, dropped an 8-2 decision to Maude Lecluyse and Michele Spiess of Massachusetts. Amanda Hall fell in the first round of the consolation bracket against Erica Federgreen of Stony Brook, while Christina Suarez lost to Army's Sarah Giles-Madden 6-3; 6-0 in the quarterfinals of her bracket.

UAlbany next competes at the Binghamton Invitational on September 30 and October 1.  
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2006 Eastern Women's Intercollegiate Championships

Quarterfinals - Singles

#2 – Sarah Giles-Madden (ARMY) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 6-3, 6-0

Round of 16 – Singles Consolation

#1 – Kim Weltman (UA) advanced, bye

#3 – Frederica Evergreen (SB) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 8-6

Quarterfinals – Singles Consolation

#1 – Weltman (UA) def. Ashley Rissolo (PROV), 8-5

Semifinals – Singles Consolation

#1 – Paola Rodolfi (SB) def. Weltman (UA), 6-1, 6-4

Quarterfinals – Doubles

Maude Lecluyse/Michele Spiess (MASS) def. Aimee Kern/Kim Westcott (UA), 8-2



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## GREAT DANES VICTORIOUS ON FIRST DAY OF UALBANY VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC

Albany, N.Y. – Junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** recorded a match-high 20 kills to lead three UAlbany players in double-digits as the Great Danes defeated Syracuse 3-1 on the first day of the UAlbany Volleyball Classic Friday evening in University Gymnasium. The Great Danes won by scores of 30-20, 30-26, 23-30, 30-21.

Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** added 15 kills for UAlbany while sophomore middle hitter **Kamisha Kellam** tied a career-high with 13 kills and set a new career-best with seven block assists. Senior defensive specialist **Kristin Fiorillo** led the Great Danes defensively with 13 digs while freshman setter **Samantha Jacobson** added a career-best seven block assists.

UAlbany recorded 11 total blocks in the match and tallied a .354 hitting percentage, while Syracuse only managed a .208 percentage.

Sophomore outside hitter **Emily Kaier** paced the Orange with 17 kills while junior outside hitter **Cheryl Cobbina** notched a double-double with 14 kills and 11 digs. Junior defensive specialist **Joscie Kaup** had a match-high 17 digs.

UAlbany (3-5) will face Temple (5-6) tomorrow at 12 p.m. and conclude the tournament with a 7 p.m. match against Middle Tennessee State (7-4), who defeated Temple 3-0 earlier on Friday. Syracuse (3-11) will play Middle Tennessee at 10 a.m. and will face off against Temple at 5 p.m.

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UAlbany (3-5) def. Syracuse (3-11), 30-20, 30-26, 23-30, 30-21

## SIMPSON'S GOAL AND ASSIST HELP UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY TO 3-2 VICTORY

Newark, Del. – Junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** scored her ninth goal of the season and added an assist as UAlbany defeated Delaware, 3-2, in a non-conference field hockey game on Friday evening.

The Great Danes drew first blood at 18:33 of the first half on sophomore midfielder **Vanessa Walter's** tip-in off of a hard shot from the left side, and doubled their lead less than three minutes later when Simpson put one home on a penalty corner shot. After Delaware made it 2-1 at 24:08, junior forward **Kristen Holder** extended UAlbany's lead at 42:19 with a tip-in off of a shot from beyond the circle. The Fightin' Blue Hens came within one goal after a score with less than ten minutes remaining, but it was as close as they would get as the Great Danes held on for the win.

Sophomore goaltender **Ashley Ross** was stellar in net for UAlbany (5-2), giving up two goals on seven shots, while sophomore midfielder **Arlette Westdorp** added two assists for the Great Danes. Nikki Rhoades made five saves for Delaware (2-5), who received votes in last week's STX/NFHCA Division I National Coaches Poll.

UAlbany continues their road trip with a game at Rutgers on Sunday at 12:00 p.m.

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UAlbany 3, Delaware 2

UAlbany (5-2)	2	1	3
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Delaware (2-5)	1	1	2
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UAlbany-Scoring: Michelle Simpson 1-1, Arlette Westdorp 0-2, Kristen Holder 1-0, Vanessa Walter 1-0, Jess Lindsey 0-1; Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 2 GA, 5 saves).

Delaware-Scoring: Casey Howard 2-0, Alexis Esbitt 0-1; Goalkeeper: Nikki Rhoades (70:00, 3 GA, 5 saves).

### UALBANY TENNIS PLAYERS ADVANCE AT EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE'S

West Point, N.Y. – Juniors **Christina Saurez**, **Aimee Kern** and **Kim Westcott** all advanced to the quarterfinal round of the 2006 Eastern Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Championships. The first rounds of the tournament took place on Friday at Army's Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Saurez, who earned a bye in the round of 32 for second singles, defeated Loyola's **Stephanie Dunn**, 7-6 (3); 6-2 to advance. Saurez will face **Sarah Giles-Madden** of Army in the quarterfinals on Saturday.

Kern and Westcott, UAlbany's top doubles team, defeated **Caitlin Crowley** and **Victoria Vasile** of Stony Brook, 8-4, to advance. They will take on **Maude Lecluyse** and **Michelle Speiss** of Massachusetts on Saturday.

**Amanda Hall** and **Kim Weltman** also competed for the Great Danes at the tournament. Hall fell 6-1; 6-3 to **Jessica DeCarlos** of Fairleigh Dickinson. Weltman posted a 6-4, 7-6 (4) win over Loyola's **Caitlin Day** before falling to **Masha Pozer** of Massachusetts in the second round of first singles.

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### 2006 Eastern Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Championships

Round of 32 – Singles

#1 – Kim Weltman (UA) def. Caitlyn Day (LOY), 6-4, 7-6 (4)

#2 – Christina Saurez (UA) advanced, bye

#3 – Jessica DeCarlos (FDU) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 6-1, 6-3

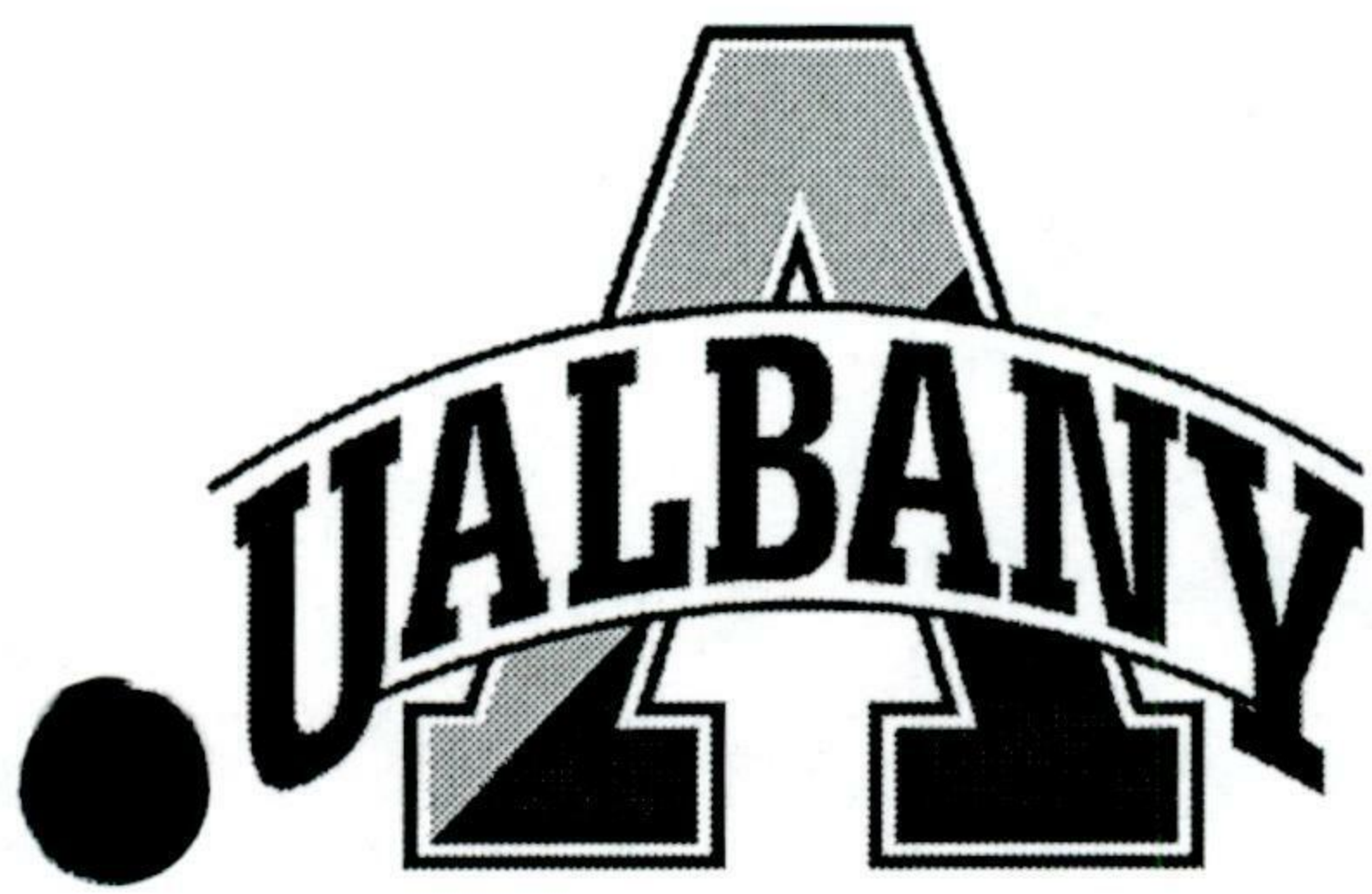
Round of 16 – Singles

#1 – Masha Pozer (UMASS) def. Weltman (UA), 6-0, 6-1

#2 – Saurez (UA) def. Stephanie Dunn (LOY), 7-6 (3), 6-2

Round of 16 – Doubles

#1 – Aimee Kern/Kim Westcott (UA) def. Caitlin Crowley/Victoria Vasile (SB), 8-4



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### CEUS GETS THIRD SHUTOUT IN FOUR GAMES AS UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER TIES

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore goaltender Steward Ceus kept the Iona offense at bay as UAlbany played to a scoreless double-overtime tie with the Gaels in a non-conference men's soccer match at Varsity Field on Wednesday afternoon.

It was Ceus' third shutout in his last four games. Previously, he had blanked Colgate in a scoreless tie on Sept. 1, and Canisius in UAlbany's 1-0 victory on Sept. 9.

UAlbany (1-3-2) narrowly missed on several second-half chances. Sophomore forward Brad Ray's shot hit the crossbar in the 76th minute, and a shot from sophomore midfielder Mikael McNamara went wide right with less than ten minutes remaining in regulation.

Ceus made four saves on the afternoon, while Iona sophomore keeper Nils Binstock stopped two shots. The Gaels are 2-2-2 overall.

The Great Danes travel to James Madison for a 2:00 match on Saturday before returning home to face crosstown-rival Siena at 4:00 on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

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Iona 0, UAlbany 0, 2OT

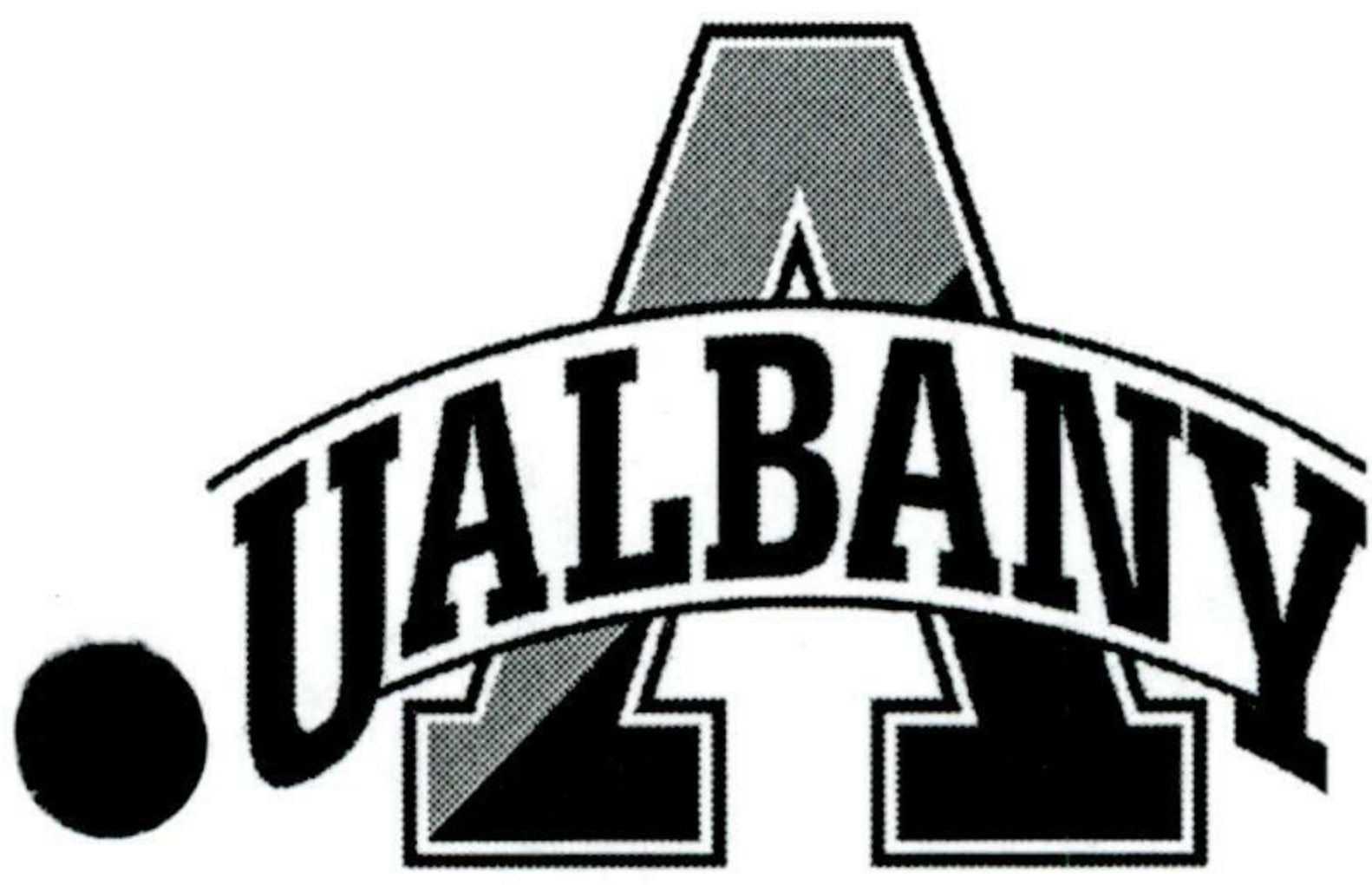
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UAlbany (1-3-2)   0      0      0      0      -      0

Iona – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Nils Binstock (110:00, 0 GA, 2 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (110:00, 0 GA, 4 saves).

Shots: Iona 10, UAlbany 10; Corner Kicks: Iona 11, UAlbany 7.



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## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TO HOST UALBANY TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany women's volleyball team will hold the sixth annual UAlbany Tournament on Sept. 15-16. Syracuse University, Temple University and Middle Tennessee State University will all be competing in the event. The Great Danes, who captured last year's America East Conference regular-season title, will be playing at home for the first time this season. University Gymnasium was recently resurfaced for the 2006 campaign.

UAlbany (2-5) is led by senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman**, who is leading the America East Conference in kills at 5.20 per game. Goldman is also fourth in the conference with a .249 hitting percentage. Senior setter **Blair Buchanan**, the reigning America East player and setter of the year, is averaging a conference-high 11.72 assists, while junior outside hitter **Ashley Crenshaw** is currently second in the conference with a .311 hitting percentage.

Junior outside hitter **Yue Liu**, who is averaging 3.97 kills and 2.88 digs, leads Temple (5-5). Senior setter **Maira Mogollon** hands out 10.26 assists per game. while junior outside hitter **Christina DeMarco** has a team-best .333 hitting percentage.

Middle Tennessee State (6-4) is paced by sophomore outside hitter **Ashley Adams**, who is averaging 3.80 kills and 0.94 blocks. Senior setter **Megan Sumrell** is averaging 11.50 assists per game and junior libero **Alicia Lemau'u** is recording a team-best 3.9.

Syracuse (3-10) is led by junior outside hitter **Cheryl Cobbina**, who is averaging 3.81 kills. Junior defensive specialist **Joscie Kaup** leads the Orange defensively with 5.36 digs per game while freshman middle blocker **Sarah Morton** is making an impact as a rookie, averaging 0.98 blocks.

UAlbany will face Syracuse on Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Great Danes play Temple at 12 noon on Saturday and will conclude the tournament with a match against Middle Tennessee at 7 p.m.

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UAlbany Tournament (University Gymnasium)

Friday, Sept. 15

Middle Tennessee vs. Temple, 5 p.m.

UAlbany vs. Syracuse, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Middle Tennessee vs. Syracuse, 10:30 a.m.

UAlbany vs. Temple, 12 p.m.

Temple vs. Syracuse, 5 p.m.

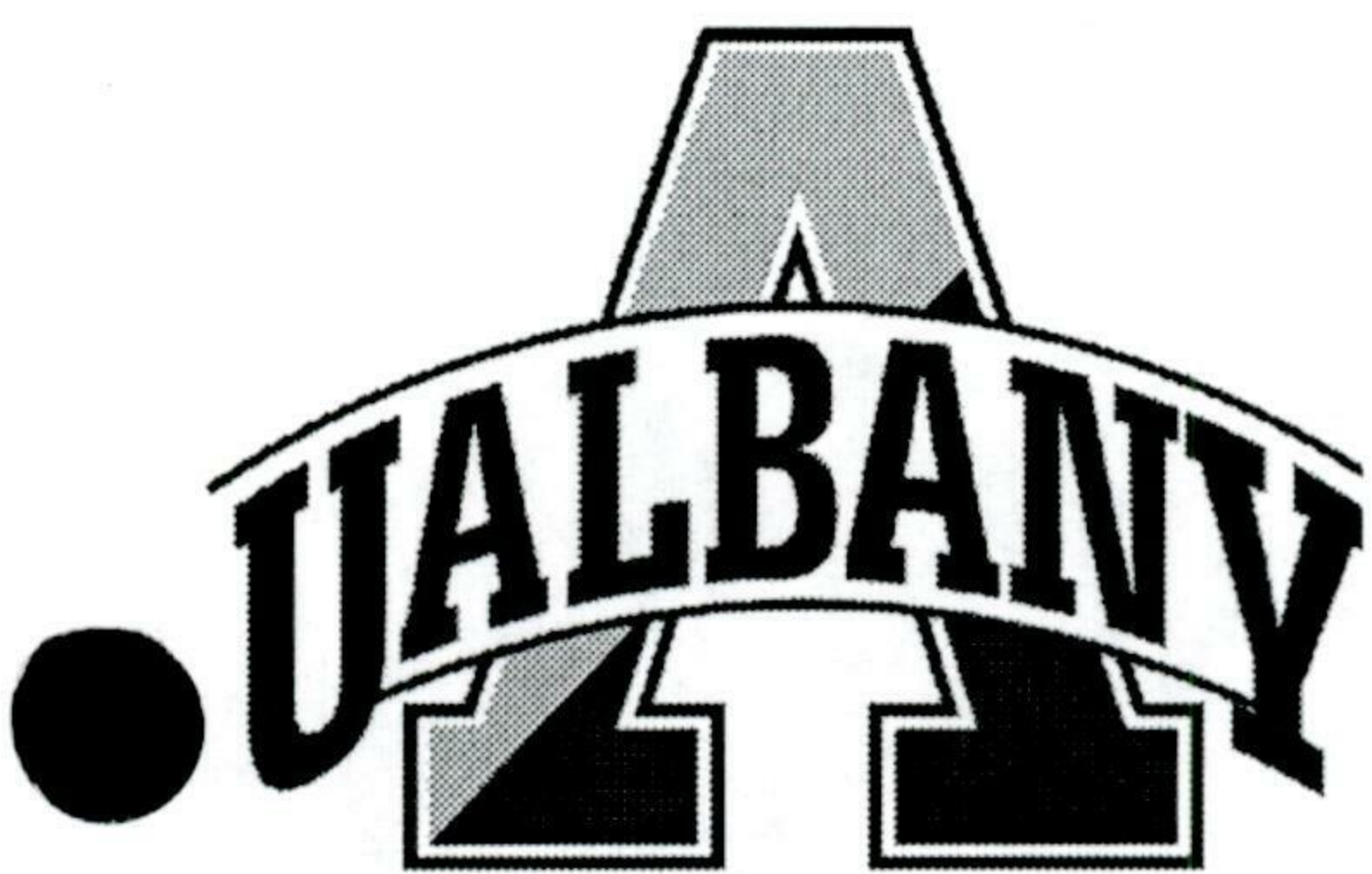
UAlbany vs. Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.

## ESTREMER EARNs SECOND AMERICA EAST RUNNER OF THE WEEK HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Ricardo Estremera** earned his second consecutive America East Conference Runner of the Week honors as announced by the conference office on Tuesday.

Estremera, a junior, posted a sixth-place finish at the Fordham Cross Country Invitational with a time of 26:18. His finish helped the UAlbany men's squad to a fifth-place showing out of 19 teams at the event.

Estremera and the UAlbany cross country men's and women's teams will be back in action on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Murray Keatinge Invitational hosted by the University of Maine.



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### ROSADA'S GOAL NOT ENOUGH AS UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER FALLS

Worcester, Mass. – Sophomore midfielder **Casey Boland** tallied two goals and an assist as Holy Cross defeated UAlbany, 5-1, in a non-conference women's soccer game.

Boland's first goal came 1:15 into the game off of a crossing pass by freshman forward **Shelby Stand**. Freshman midfielder **Paige Harrison** then doubled the Crusaders' lead 18:20 in, burying it into the top left corner of the net, with the assist going to Boland. The score became 3-0 after Boland scored her second goal of the evening at 27:22, off of a rebound from a shot by junior defender **Meighan Kelly**.

The Great Danes got on the board at 37:05 when freshman midfielder **Jaclyn Rosada** put home her second score of the season, unassisted from 25 yards out. UAlbany (1-6-1) couldn't get any closer, though, as Holy Cross (1-4-1) added two second-half goals at 51:30 and 72:17 by Stand and senior midfielder **Kristen Locke**.

Freshman goaltender **Maria Liguori** and senior keeper **Ashley Nuessle** split time in net for UAlbany, combining for seven saves. Junior defender **Rachel Boles** and sophomore forward **Diana Barrera** had three shots apiece.

The Great Danes host NJIT at 1 p.m. on Sunday before traveling to Navy on Friday, Sept. 22, for a 7 p.m. match.

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Holy Cross 5, UAlbany 1

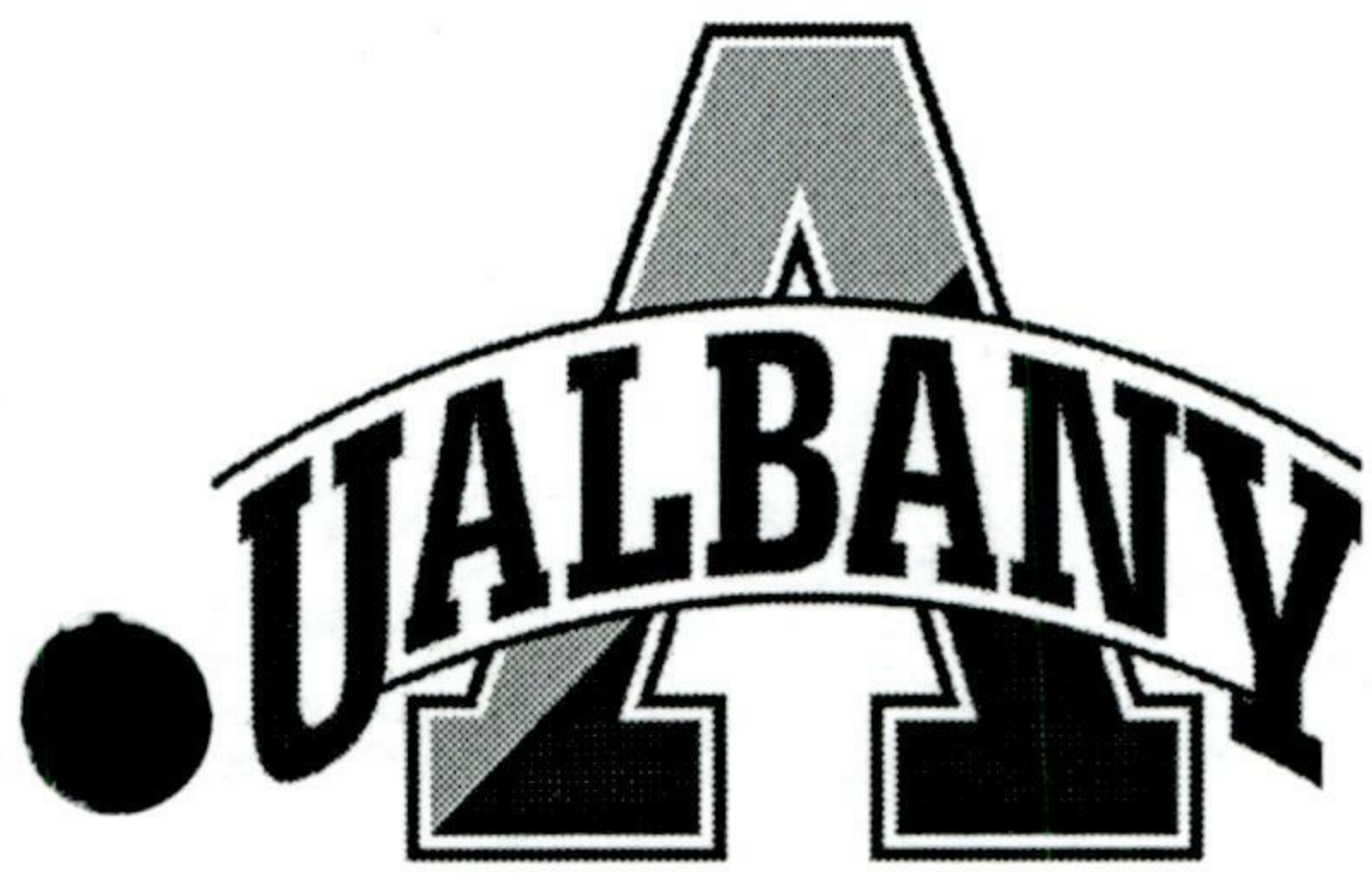
UAlbany (1-6-1)            1     0   - 1

Holy Cross (1-4-1)       3     2   - 5

UAlbany – Scoring: Jaclyn Rosada 1-0. Goalkeepers: Maria Liguori (31:13, 3 GA, 1 save), Ashley Nuessle (58:47, 2 GA, 6 saves).

Massachusetts – Scoring: Casey Boland 2-1, Kristen Locke 1-1, Shelby Stand 1-1, Paige Harrison 1-0, Meighan Kelly 0-1, Megan Metzger 0-1. Goalkeeper: Jessica Pietrowicz (90:00, 1 GA, 3 saves).

Shots: UAlbany 12, Massachusetts 18; Corner Kicks: UAlbany 1, Massachusetts 5.



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### FOOTBALL'S FRANK BLASINSKY NAMED NEC ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. -- University at Albany's Frank Blasinsky has been named the Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week in football as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon.

Blasinsky, a freshman quarterback from North Royalton, Ohio, completed 9 of 16 passes for 108 yards and one touchdown after being inserted into the lineup on the final series of the first half against Fordham on Sept. 9.

Blasinsky, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound signal-caller, became the first true freshman to throw a touchdown pass, a 34-yarder in the fourth quarter, since Nov. 11, 1994. He is also the first freshman quarterback to play in a game since Marcus Rotondi in 1998.

### UALBANY DROPS IN FOOTBALL GAZETTE & THE SPORTS NETWORK POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – After losing to Fordham last Saturday, UAlbany dropped three spots in both the Football Gazette and Sports Network mid-major polls. The Great Danes are currently ranked fourth and fifth, respectively.

UAlbany travels to Delaware, who is No. 11 nationally in the Division I-AA rankings, on Saturday, Sept. 16. Kickoff is 7:05 p.m. The Blue Hens, who won the 2003 national championship and 2004 Atlantic 10 Conference title, opened with a 30-7 victory over West Chester last weekend.

Bob Ford, who celebrated his 69th birthday today (Sept. 11), has put his team up against seven squads ranked in the top 25 since the UAlbany program moved to the I-AA level in 1999. The Great Danes met No. 24 Hofstra and No. 25 Massachusetts to begin the 2005 campaign.

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FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Central Conn. State, 2. San Diego, 3. Monmouth, 4. **Albany**, 5. Duquesne, 6. Dayton, 7. Marist, 8. Morehead State, 9. Stony Brook, 10. Wagner.

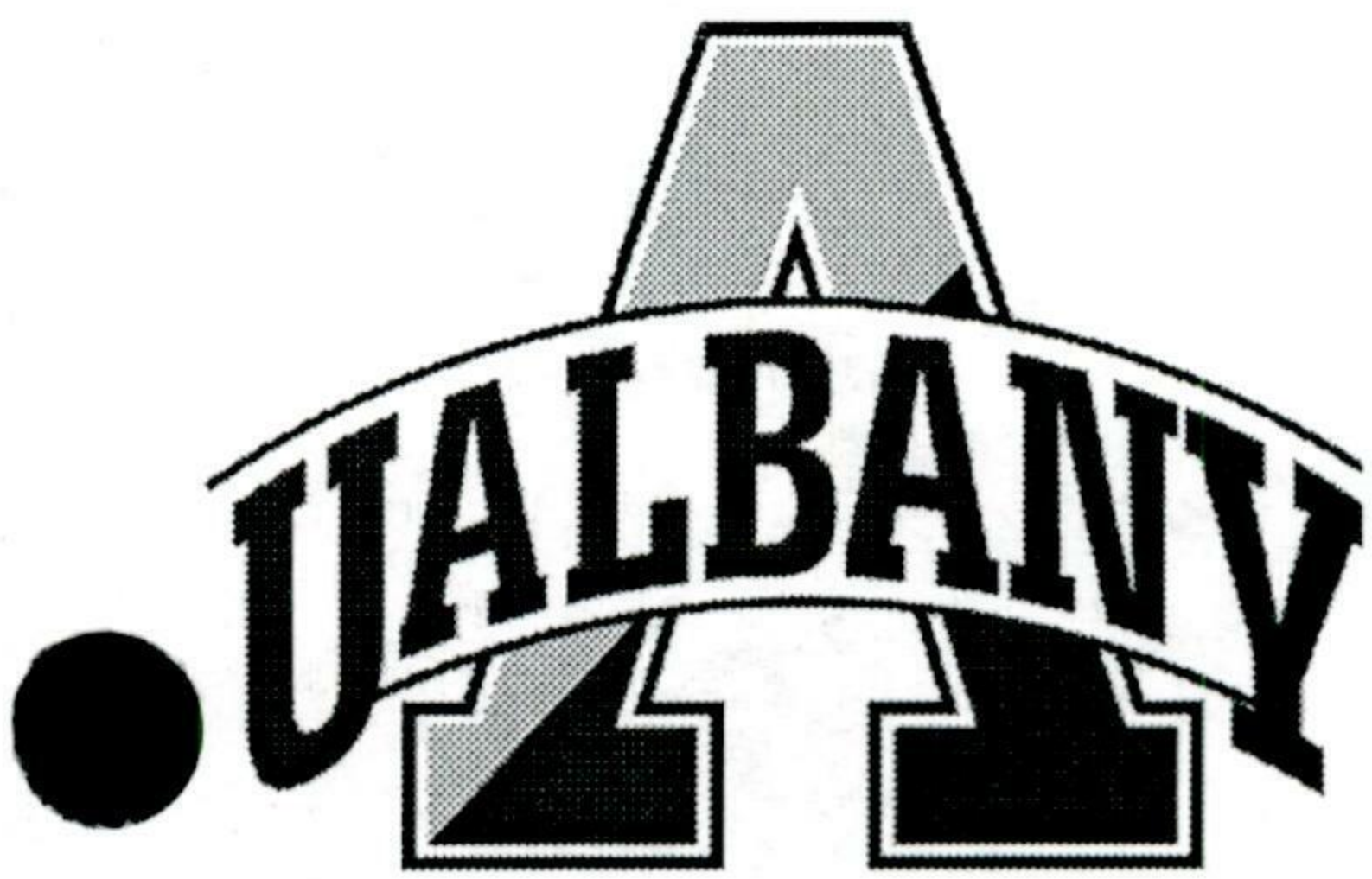
THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. San Diego, 2. Central Conn. State, 3. Dayton, 4. Monmouth, 5. **Albany**, 6. Duquesne, 7. Drake, 8. Wagner, 9. Marist, 10. St. Francis, Pa.

### SIMPSON AND LINDSEY SWEEP WEEKLY AMERICA EAST FIELD HOCKEY AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Michelle Simpson has been chosen America East Conference Player of the Week in field hockey, while freshman defender Jess Lindsey was tabbed America East Rookie of the Week. The awards were announced by the conference on Monday afternoon.

Simpson scored five goals and added an assist in two games last week. In UAlbany's 6-0 shutout of crosstown-rival Siena on Sept. 6, she scored two unassisted tallies and recorded an assist on a penalty corner goal. In a non-conference tilt against Saint Francis, Pa. two days later, Simpson notched her second hat trick of the season, scoring three straight goals for the Great Danes, who recorded their second consecutive shutout. Simpson now has a team-best eight goals and five assists for 21 total points and leads the conference in goals and points.

Lindsey, who has started all six games this season, is tied for third on the team with eight points after recording five assists and one goal last week. Lindsey assisted on two goals during the Great Danes' 6-0 win over Siena, before recording her first collegiate goal to go along with three assists against St. Francis, Pa. Lindsey is ranked second in the conference in assists.



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### UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER DROPS 1-0 OVERTIME DECISION

Amherst, Mass. – Senior defender **Nadia Villarroel** scored one minute and 35 seconds into the first overtime period as Massachusetts edged UAlbany, 1-0, in a non-conference women's soccer match on Sunday afternoon.

UMass (4-1-0) won the third meeting in this series, but it was much closer than the previous two contests. UAlbany (1-5-1) was defeated by six-plus goals in both 1999 and 2000, when the program was in its Division I infancy.

Freshman goaltender **Maria Liguori** made a career-high 10 saves in the loss for the Great Danes, who played Siena to a scoreless tie last Friday. Junior midfielder **Scovia Oraro** had two of the Great Danes' five shots. Villarroel, who had the game-winner, led UMass with four shots. Junior forward **Britt Canfield** and freshman forward **Sydney Stoll** assisted on the deciding goal.

The Great Danes play at Holy Cross on Tuesday before hosting NJIT on Sunday, Sept. 17 in a Governor's Cup match.

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Massachusetts 1, UAlbany 0, OT

UAlbany (1-5-1)            0     0     0   - 0

Massachusetts (4-1-0)   0     0     1   - 1

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Maria Liguori (91:35, 1 GA, 10 saves).

Massachusetts – Scoring: Nadia Villarroel 1-0, Britt Canfield 0-1, Sydney Stoll 0-1.

Goalkeeper: Kristin Walker (91:35, 0 GA, 3 saves).

Shots: UAlbany 5, Massachusetts 15; Corner Kicks: UAlbany 2, Massachusetts 7.

## College Football -- September 9, 2006

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### Fordham 9, Albany 7

Albany, N.Y. – Tailback James Prydatko rushed 33 times for 148 yards and one touchdown, as Fordham ended an eight-game road losing streak with a 9-7 non-league victory over Albany on Saturday evening in the Great Danes' home opener at University Field.

Fordham (1-1) picked off Albany starting quarterback Daniel Bocanegra three times in the opening half to build a 9-0 lead at the intermission. Free safety Earl Hudnell's interception at the Great Danes' 23 led to the first score. Prydatko, a 6-foot, 219-pound senior, then lugged the ball on all five plays in the short march. His drove through the middle on a 2-yard run for a 6-0 lead with 24 seconds left in first quarter. The extra-point attempt failed.

A snafu on special teams led to Clukey's 26-yard field goal with 10:10 left in the second period. Dave Casale took a direct snap on a fourth-and-two play at the Albany 21, but Ryan Kleve and Jeb Bent wrapped him up for a three-yard loss. Prydatko carried the ball on runs of three and seven yards to set up the field goal attempt.

The Rams, who held the home team to 71 net rushing yards, came up with two more interceptions in the half. Cornerback Ray Loney grabbed Bocanegra's attempt over the middle midway through the quarter. Marcus Taylor, who had a team-high nine tackles, rolled back in coverage to snare another pass on Albany's next possession.

"We shot ourselves in the foot on several occasions and when you do that it's hard to beat anyone," said UAlbany coach Bob Ford, whose team was coming off a surprising 17-16 victory at Lehigh last week. "We needed to be focused and we were not in the first half."

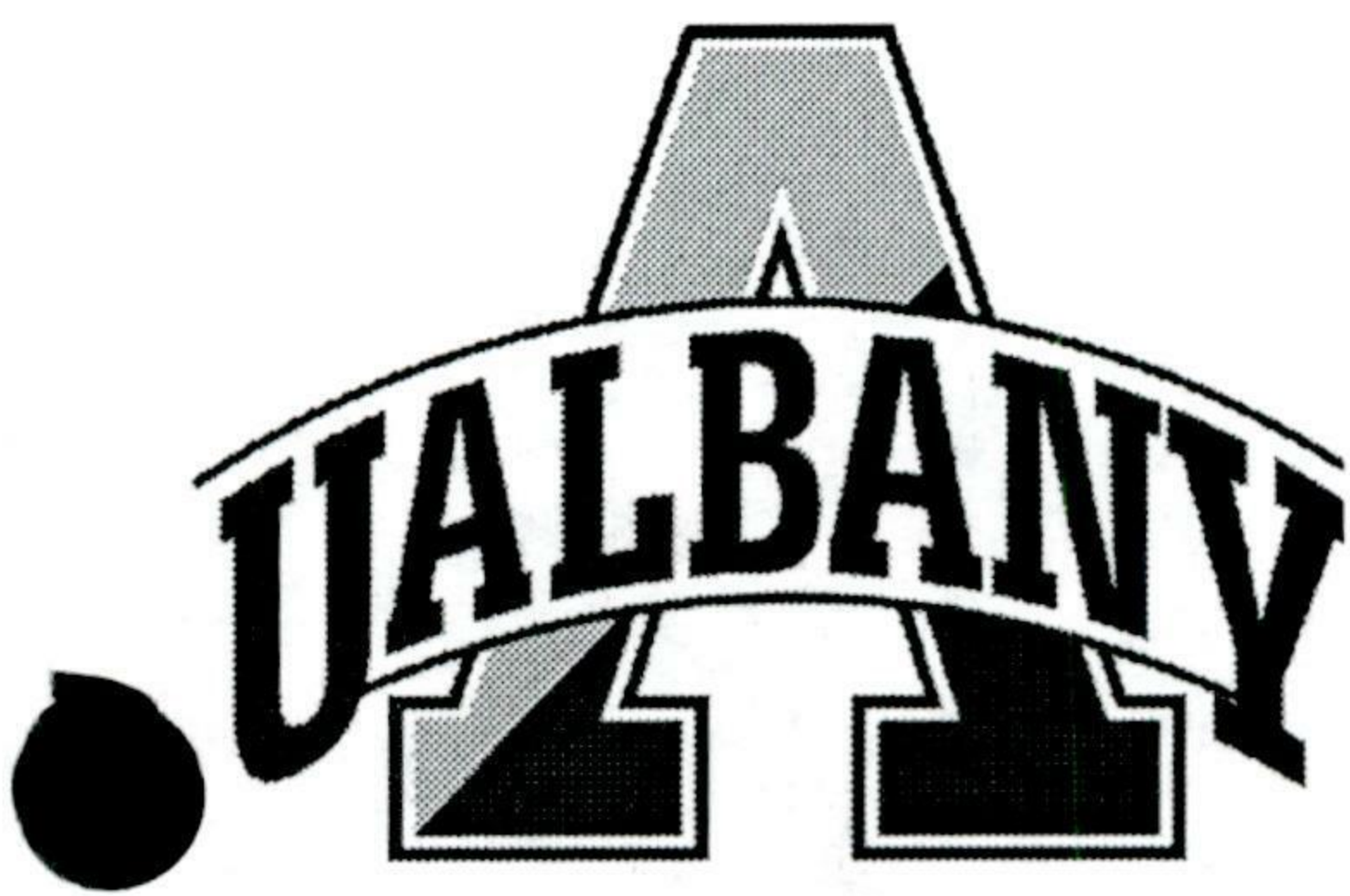
Frank Blasinsky, a true freshman, took over the Albany offense at quarterback in the second half and ignited a seven-play, 60-yard drive that closed the gap to 9-7 early in the final quarter. He found his fullback Dan Beigel in the flat for a seven yards and tossed another nine-yard completion. Blasinsky then connected with flanker Mike Wall on a 34-yard post pattern his team's lone touchdown.

But Fordham was able to come up with two key plays to keep the lead. The defense stopped the Great Danes near midfield when Blasinsky overthrew Gabe Gallucci on a fourth-down play. Prydatko, a second-team all-league selection last year when he rushed for more than 1,000 yards, then bulled his way through the middle on a third-and-one to help run out the clock in the final two minutes.

"We won a close game on the road and that's a good step for our program," offered Fordham coach Tom Masella, who is in his first year with the Rams after guiding Central Connecticut State to back-to-back conference championships. "Our philosophy is always to take away the run and make people throw the ball to beat us. We made some plays in that first quarter."

Fordham quarterback Derric Daniels completed his running back by completing 11 of 19 passes for 97 yards. Blasinsky finished 9-of-16 through the air for 108 yards.

"We knew these guys would prepare well for this game," said Albany defensive end Andre Coleman, whose team posted a 41-0 victory against Fordham in last year's season finale. "I sensed some cockiness this week. We had a big win in terms of the program (referring to the Lehigh victory), but it was not a big win by the score."



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## JENNA ORTMAN FINISHES FIRST AT FORDHAM INVITATIONAL

Bronx, N.Y. – Sophomore **Jenna Ortman** finished first in a time of 18:52.64 to lead the UAlbany women's cross country team to a fourth-place finish out of 18 teams at the Fordham Invitational on Saturday. Senior **Ricardo Estremera** was sixth overall as the men's team finished fifth out of 19 teams.

Sophomore **Jessica Ortman** placed third in a time of 19:07 for the women, while junior **Danielle Trimpop**, junior **Jenna Chichester** and freshman **Laine Sefick** also finished in the top 50.

Freshman **John Moore** was the second UAlbany finisher on the men's side, crossing the line 24th in a time of 27:20. Junior **Joe Choiniere** registered a time of 28.01, good for 46<sup>th</sup> place.

The Great Dane cross country squads will be back in action next weekend as they travel back to Fordham to compete in the Ram Invitational.

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Fordham Invitational

### MEN

1. Navy 36, 2. Pennsylvania 46, 3. Quinnipiac 110, 4. East Stroudsburg 149, **5. UAlbany 161**, 6. Rider 209, 7. Rutgers 234, 8. Temple 259, 9. Harvard 261, 10. NYIT 293, 11. St. Francis (Pa.) 302, 12. Fordham 312, 13. Fairleigh Dickinson 351, 14. Monmouth 358, 15. St. Francis (N.Y.) 419, 16. Seton Hall 427, 17. Fairfield 457, 18. Stony Brook 479, 19. Pace 564.

### INDIVIDUAL

1. S. Chelanga (Fairleigh Dickinson) 25:13:63, 2. J. Ciccarelli (Pennsylvania) 25:55, 3. J. Olsen (Navy) 26:00, 4. J. Kress (Navy) 26:03, 5. I. Foley (Pennsylvania) 26:12, **6. Ricardo Estremera (UAlbany) 26:18**, 7. M. Niemi (Navy) 26:20, 8. B. Goldberg (Pennsylvania) 26:26, 9. R. McEwen (Pennsylvania) 26:33, 10. J. Grant (Navy) 26:35.

### WOMEN

1. Pennsylvania 37, 2. St. Francis (Pa.) 61, 3. Quinnipiac 65, **4. UAlbany 112**, 5. Harvard 159, 6. Monmouth 182, 7. Rider 216, 8. East Stroudsburg 228, 9. Seton Hall 266, 10. Georgia College 316, 11. Fordham 332, 12. Fairfield 366, 13. St. Francis (N.Y.) 394, 14. Felician 402, 15. Temple 407, 16. Pace 441, 17. St. Bonaventure 454, 18. Fairleigh Dickinson 556.

### INDIVIDUAL

**1. Jenna Ortman (UAlbany) 18:52:64**, 2. T. Gibson (St. Francis, Pa.) 19:04, **3. Jessica Ortman (UAlbany) 19:07**, 4. C. Kim (Pennsylvania) 19:16, 5. S. Kim (Pennsylvania) 19:17, 6. L. Brogan (Pennsylvania) 19:18, 7. E. Jacobs (St. Francis, Pa.) 19:19, 8. A. Hoffman (St. Francis, Pa.) 19:24, 9. L. Pieret (Quinnipiac) 19:29, 10. C. Xu (Pennsylvania) 19:31.





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### BIMONT'S LATE GOAL GIVES UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER FIRST WIN OF SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward **Timba Bimont**'s goal with less than five minutes remaining gave the UAlbany men's soccer team a 1-0 victory over Canisius in a non-conference match on Saturday afternoon. The win was the Great Danes' first of the season.

UAlbany had the majority of the chances in the game, outshooting the Golden Griffins 19-8. Senior defenseman **Stephan Hall**, who had the assist on Bimont's goal, led UAlbany with five shots, one of which hit the crossbar midway through the second half. Sophomore goaltender **Steward Ceus** made five saves for the Great Danes, while senior keeper **Pat Owcarz** stopped five shots for Canisius (1-2-0).

UAlbany (1-3-1) looks to continue their winning streak with a home game against Iona at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, before traveling to James Madison for a 2 p.m. contest on Saturday, September 16.

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UAlbany 1, Canisius 0

Canisius (1-2-0)    0    0    0

UAlbany (1-3-1)    0    1    0

Canisius – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Pat Owcarz (90:00, 1 GA, 5 saves).

UAlbany – Scoring: Timba Bimont 1-0, Stephan Hall 0-1. Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 0 GA, 5 saves).

Shots: Canisius 8, UAlbany 19; Corner Kicks: Canisius 4, UAlbany 9.



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### BACK OF THE NET ELUSIVE FOR UALBANY AND SIENA WOMEN'S SOCCER

Clifton Park, N.Y. -- Freshman goaltender **Maria Liguori** registered a shutout as the UAlbany and crosstown-rival Siena women's soccer teams battled to a 0-0 overtime tie on Friday night in a non-conference women's soccer game at Clifton Park, N.Y.

Liguori made six saves on the evening to improve her record to 0-1-1 on the season. Freshman midfielder **Jaclyn Rosada** led the Great Danes with four shots, while junior midfielder **Amy Loughridge** had five shots for Siena (1-2-2). Senior **Carey Winkler** played all game in net for Siena; her record is now 0-1-2.

UAlbany (1-4-1) travels to Massachusetts for a 3:30 contest on Sunday, and continues their road swing at Holy Cross on Tuesday evening at 7:00.

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UAlbany 0, Siena 0, 2OT

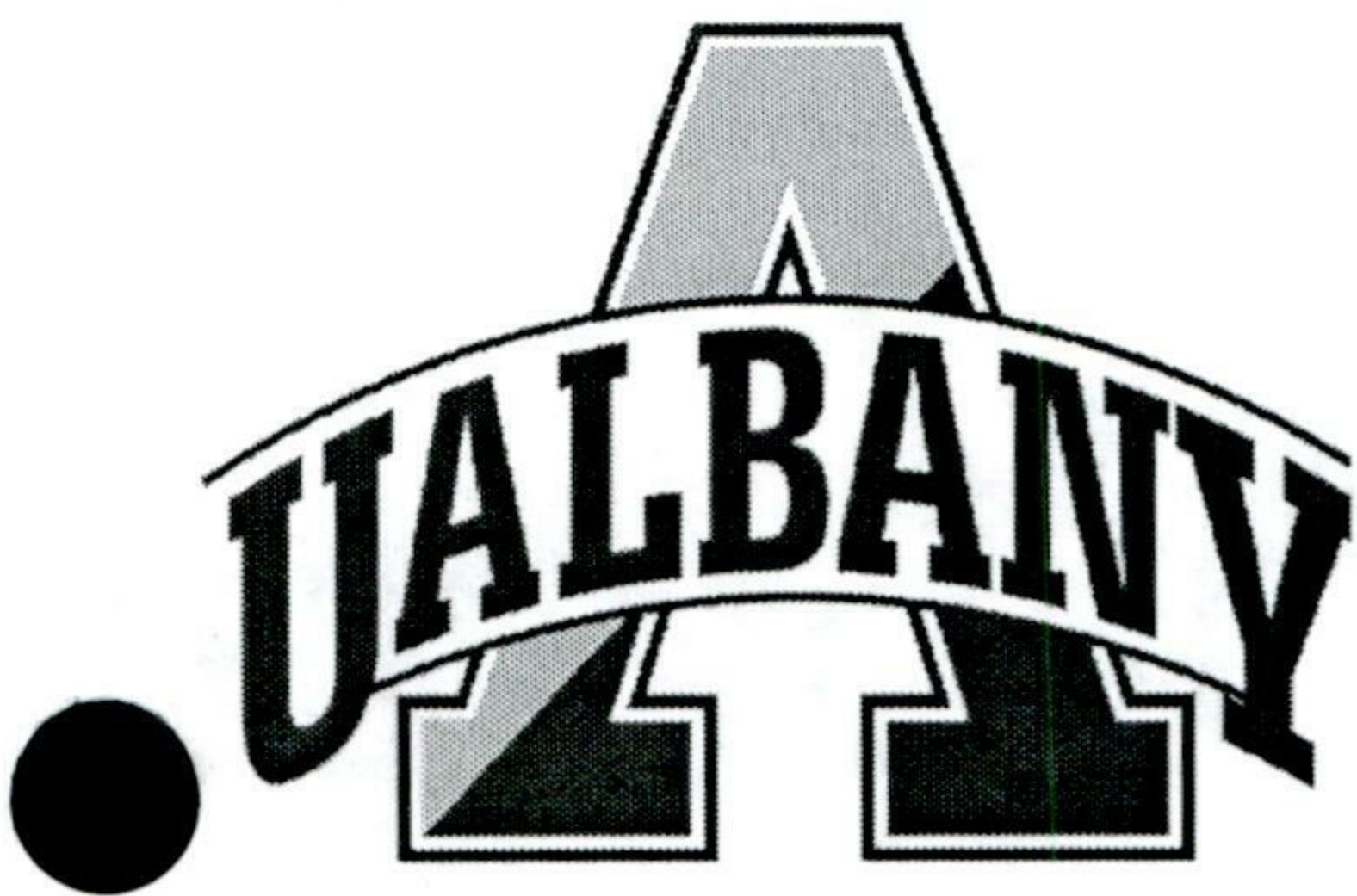
UAlbany (1-4-1)    0    0    0    0    0

Siena (1-2-2)    0    0    0    0    0

UAlbany – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Maria Liguori (110:00, 0 GA, 6 saves)

Siena – Scoring: None. Goalkeeper: Carey Winkler (110:00, 0 GA, 0 saves)

Shots: UAlbany 8, Siena 25. Corner kicks: UAlbany 4, Siena 4.



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### UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY SHUTS OUT SAINT FRANCIS (PA), 8-0

Albany, N.Y. – Junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** recorded her second hat trick of the season, scoring three goals to lead the UAlbany field hockey team to an 8-0 win over non-conference opponent Saint Francis (Pa.) on Friday evening at Alumni Turf Field.

Freshman defender **Jess Lindsey** scored her first collegiate goal to start off the game for the Great Danes, slipping the ball past Saint Francis goalkeeper **Erin Reifsteck** with 28:54 remaining in the period. Sophomore midfielder **Michelle Polizois** added the first of her two tallies a minute later off a penalty corner.

Simpson, who recorded all three of her goals in a three-minute span, began her scoring rally with 15:32 showing on the scoreboard off an assist from sophomore midfielder **Vanessa Walter**. She netted an unassisted goal at 14:08 and another at 12:49 for the Great Danes, who won for the second time in three days.

Freshman midfielder **Teska Koch** converted a penalty corner at the 7:15 mark to end the scoring in the first half.

Polizois scored her second of the night with 22:25 on the clock in the second half off a corner. Sophomore midfielder **Jessica Woodall** recorded her first goal of the season off a Koch assist with 16:51 left to play to give the Great Danes their final advantage.

Senior goalkeeper **Barb Czaplinski** played all the way for UAlbany (4-2), recording her first shutout of the season. Reifsteck made 13 saves in the cage for Saint Francis (0-4).

The Great Danes will be back in action on Sept. 15 as they start a four-game road trip at Delaware at 7 p.m.

### MARYLAND SWEEPS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL IN THREE STRAIGHT

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Despite a match-high 18 kills from senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman**, UAlbany fell to Maryland, 3-0, Friday afternoon at Stony Brook's Holiday Inn Express Invitational. The Terrapins won in three straight by scores of 30-25, 30-17, 31-29.

Goldman was the only player in double-digit kills for the Great Danes. Senior defensive specialist **Ashley DeNeal** had a team-best 11 digs while senior setter **Blair Buchanan** managed 29 assists.

Maryland was led by **Jade Brown**, who produced 15 kills and 10 digs for the Terrapins (4-1). **Mary Beth Brown** added 11 kills to go along with four service aces and three block assists.

UAlbany (2-5) will return to action next weekend, hosting the UAlbany Tournament on Sept. 15 and 16 in University Gymnasium. Syracuse, Middle Tennessee and Temple will also participate in the tournament.



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## UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY SHUTS OUT CROSSTOWN-RIVAL SIENA, 6-0

Albany, N.Y. – Junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** and sophomore midfielder **Michelle Polizois** each recorded two goals to lead UAlbany to a 6-0 win over crosstown-rival Siena this evening at Alumni Turf Field.

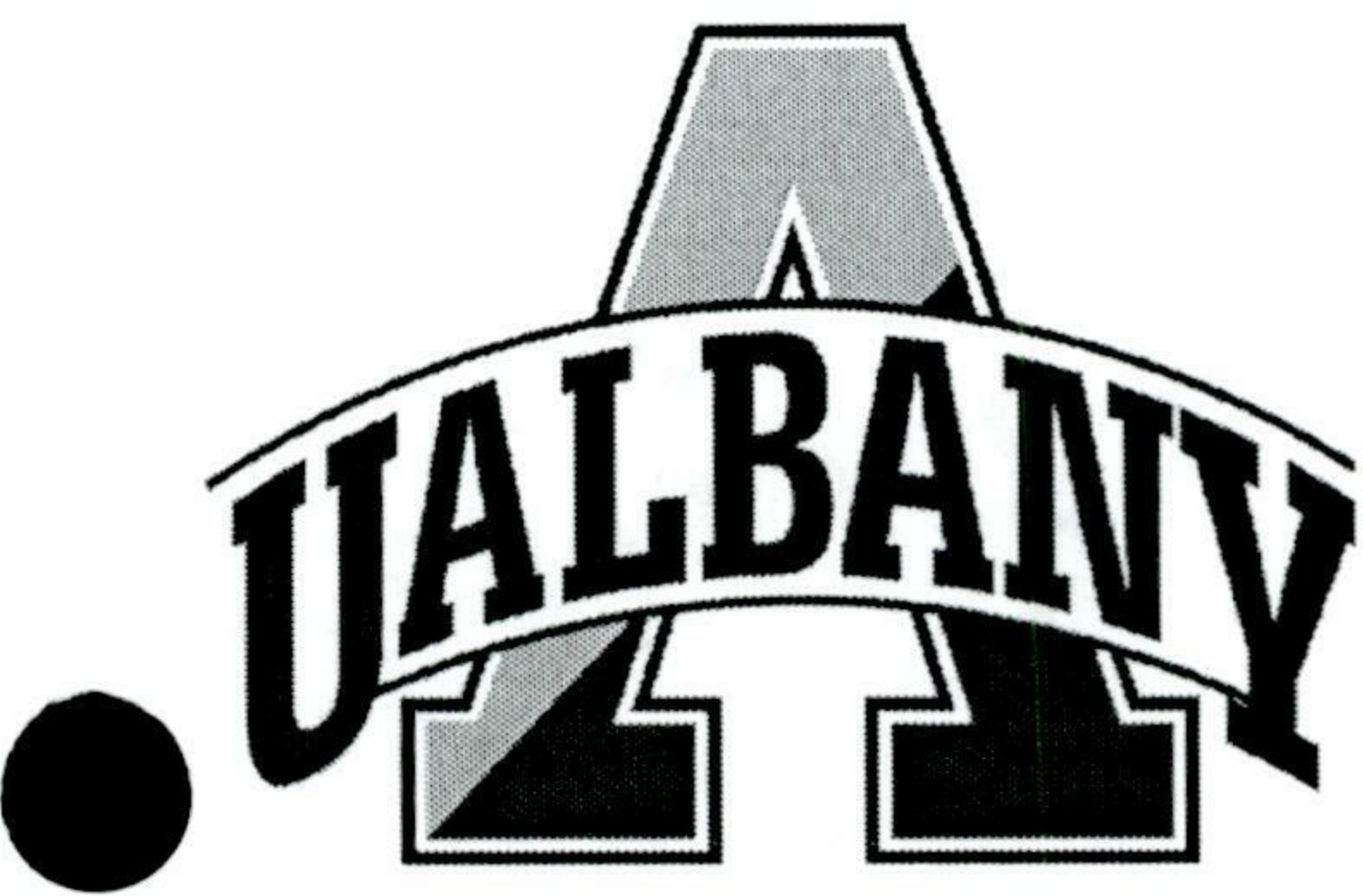
Simpson started off the scoring in the first half with 11:58 left on the clock, as she dribbled from the left side and crossed in front of the goal, shooting the ball past Saints goalkeeper **Jennifer Tesak** for the unassisted tally. Polizois followed with her first goal at 5:17 of the first half on a penalty corner. Freshman defender **Jess Lindsey** and sophomore midfielder **Arlette Westdorp** assisted on the score.

Junior forward **Kristen Holder** closed out first half scoring a minute later as the Great Danes converted a penalty corner to give them a 3-0 lead heading into halftime. Simpson assisted on the goal.

Sophomore midfielder **Vanessa Walter** scored her first goal of the season to start of the second half for UAlbany. In a scramble in front of the cage, Walter poked the ball past Siena's **Renee Clavette** for the goal. Simpson added her second tally of the day at 26:34 before Polizois closed out the game with three minutes remaining on a penalty corner goal.

Sophomore **Ashley Ross** made two saves in the cage for UAlbany (3-2) to earn her second shutout of the season. Tesak and Clavette split time in the cage for Siena (0-2), with each making six saves.

The Great Danes return to the field on Friday to host St. Francis (Pa.) at 5:30 p.m.



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## **TRINA PATTERSON COMPLETES BASKETBALL STAFF WITH THREE HIRINGS Glenn Senecal & Jolene Johnston Appointed As Assistant Coaches**

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany head women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today the hiring of Glenn Senecal and Jolene Johnston (Shenendehowa) as assistant coaches and Christine Roth as director of operations to complete her staff for the 2006-07 season. Melissia Patterson was previously appointed as the program's top assistant.

Senecal joins the UAlbany staff after a three-year stint as the head women's basketball coach at Mitchell College in New London, Conn. While at Mitchell, Senecal coached the Pequots to a Region 21 regular-season championship and regional tournament runner-up finish in 2003-04. His squad also finished as the Association of Division III Independents Northeast runner-up last season. Prior to his position at Mitchell, Senecal was an assistant coach at Boston University for the 2002-03 season. That season the Terriers won the America East Conference Championship and made an NCAA Tournament appearance for the first time.

Senecal, 49, is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, and has also held coaching positions at Bryant, Holy Cross, Assumption and Nichols. He graduated from Nichols with a B.S. in business administration in 1980.

A four-year letterwinner and captain at Siena College, Johnston averaged 13.7 points, 6.2 rebounds and 1.7 steals as a senior. She was voted to the 2003-04 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference first team and was named MAAC Defensive Player of the Year.

Johnston, 24, spent time after graduation playing professionally for the Ponce Leonas in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and T71 in Dudelange, Luxembourg. She has also coached at several local summer camps and was the co-head coach at Scotia-Glenville High School in 2004-05. A native of Clifton Park, N.Y., Johnston earned a B.A. in sociology from Siena in 2004.

Roth was a two-year student-athlete at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. She finished fourth in the Atlantic 10 Conference in three-point percentage and three-point field goals per game in the 2004-05 campaign. Prior to her time with the Hawks, Roth was a Western New York Athletic Conference honorable mention pick at Genesee Community College, where she averaged 9.9 points and 2.1 assists.

Roth, 23, received an associate's degree in criminal justice from Genesee C.C. and later earned her B.A. in the same discipline from Saint Joseph's in 2006. She is currently pursuing her master's degree from UAlbany in liberal arts studies.

## **ESTREMERA TAKES HOME WEEKLY AMERICA EAST CROSS COUNTRY HONORS**

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany junior **Ricardo Estremera** was named the America East Conference Men's Cross Country Performer of the Week, as announced by the conference office. He finished first at the Monmouth University Cross Country Kickoff last Saturday. It was the first week of awards for the 2006 season.

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The San Juan, Puerto Rico, native registered a time of 19:03, more than 16.5 seconds faster than the second-place finisher. Estremera, who earned All-America East honors last season, also helped lead the Great Danes men to a first-place finish at the six-team race.

UAlbany returns to action on Saturday at the Fordham Invitational, held at Van Cortlandt Park in Bronx, N.Y.



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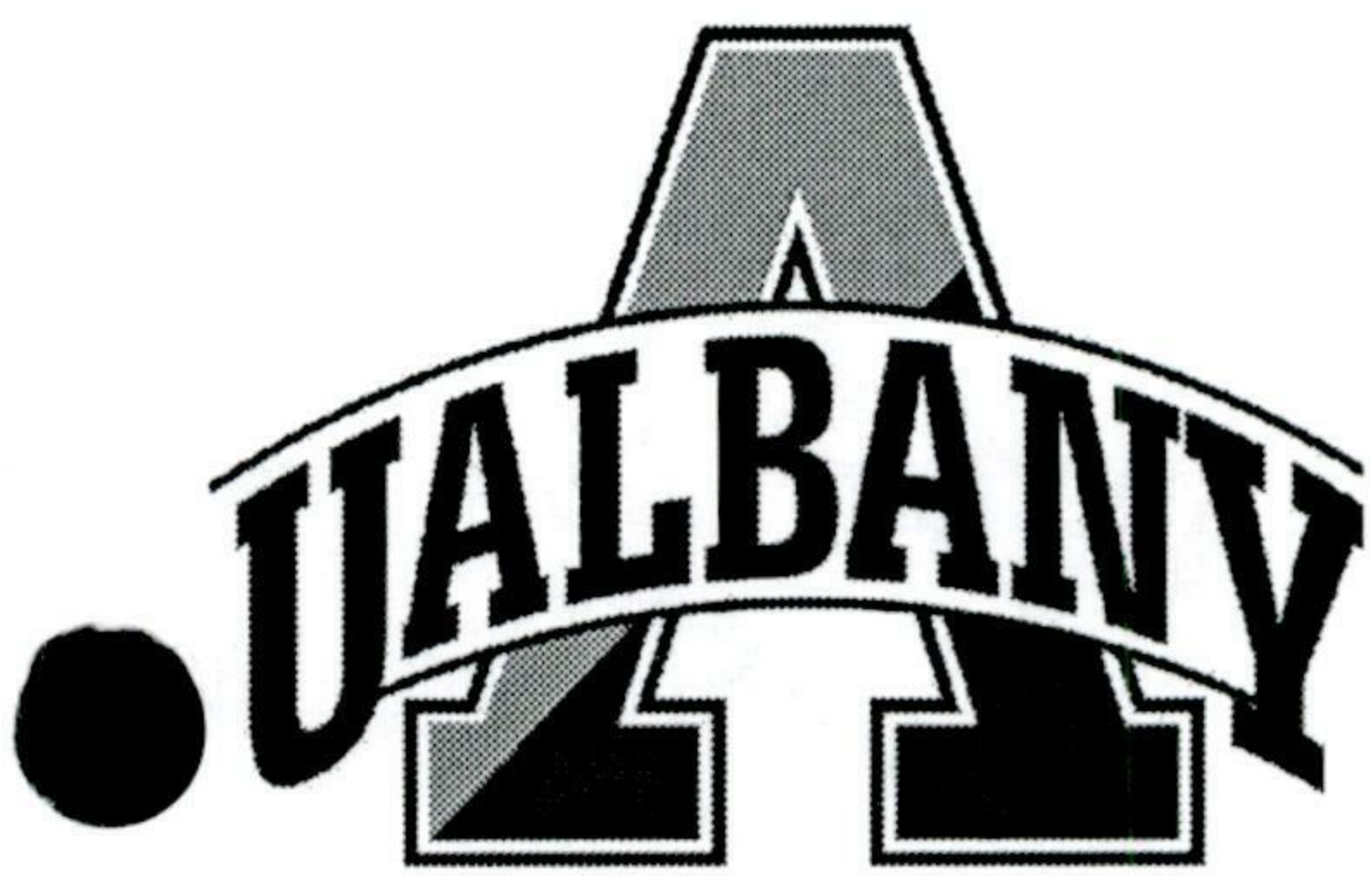
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### TESKA KOCH NAMED AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Teska Koch** was named the America East Conference Rookie of the Week on Tuesday afternoon as announced by the conference office. It was the first week of awards for the 2006 season.

Koch, who has started all four games in her rookie campaign, is tied for second on the team with five points on two goals and an assist. She recorded her first career goal in the Great Danes' 2-0 win over Kent State and added her second, along with her first assist, in an 8-2 win over Colgate.

UAlbany (2-2) will be back in action on Wednesday, taking on crosstown-rival Siena at 7 p.m. at Alumni Turf Field.



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### **UALBANY'S JASON FRALICKER NAMED SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's Jason Fralicker has been chosen as the Northeast Conference Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's surprising 17-16 victory over perennial Patriot League power Lehigh. Fralicker, a junior placekicker, tied a school record with three field goals, all in the first half, in the rain, wind and mud of Goodman Stadium in Bethlehem, Pa.

Fralicker converted field goals of 37, 34 and 38 yards against Lehigh, a program that went 8-3 last year and finished among Division I-AA's top 25 in the rankings. He equaled a record that was set by Scott Reagan against Cortland on Oct. 19, 1985. His 34-yarder gave UAlbany an 8-7 lead in the second quarter. He booted the longest field goal by a Great Danes' kicker since Sept. 28, 2002 as he connected from 38 yards with 1:22 left before halftime for an 11-7 advantage.

Fralicker, who was making his first appearance in a UAlbany uniform since transferring Erie Community College, added a 39-yard punt and one solo tackle on special teams.

### **QUARTERBACK BRETT HALL RULED INELIGIBLE FOR ENTIRE 2006 SEASON**

Albany, N.Y. – Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that Brett Hall, a member of the University at Albany football team, has been found in violation of NCAA eligibility rules and has been declared ineligible for the entire 2006 season.

Hall, a 6-foot-4, 218-pound senior, was expected to challenge for the starting quarterback position this fall. He played in nine games last season after transferring from Lackawanna College in Pennsylvania. Hall completed 75 of 152 passes for 739 yards and three touchdowns.

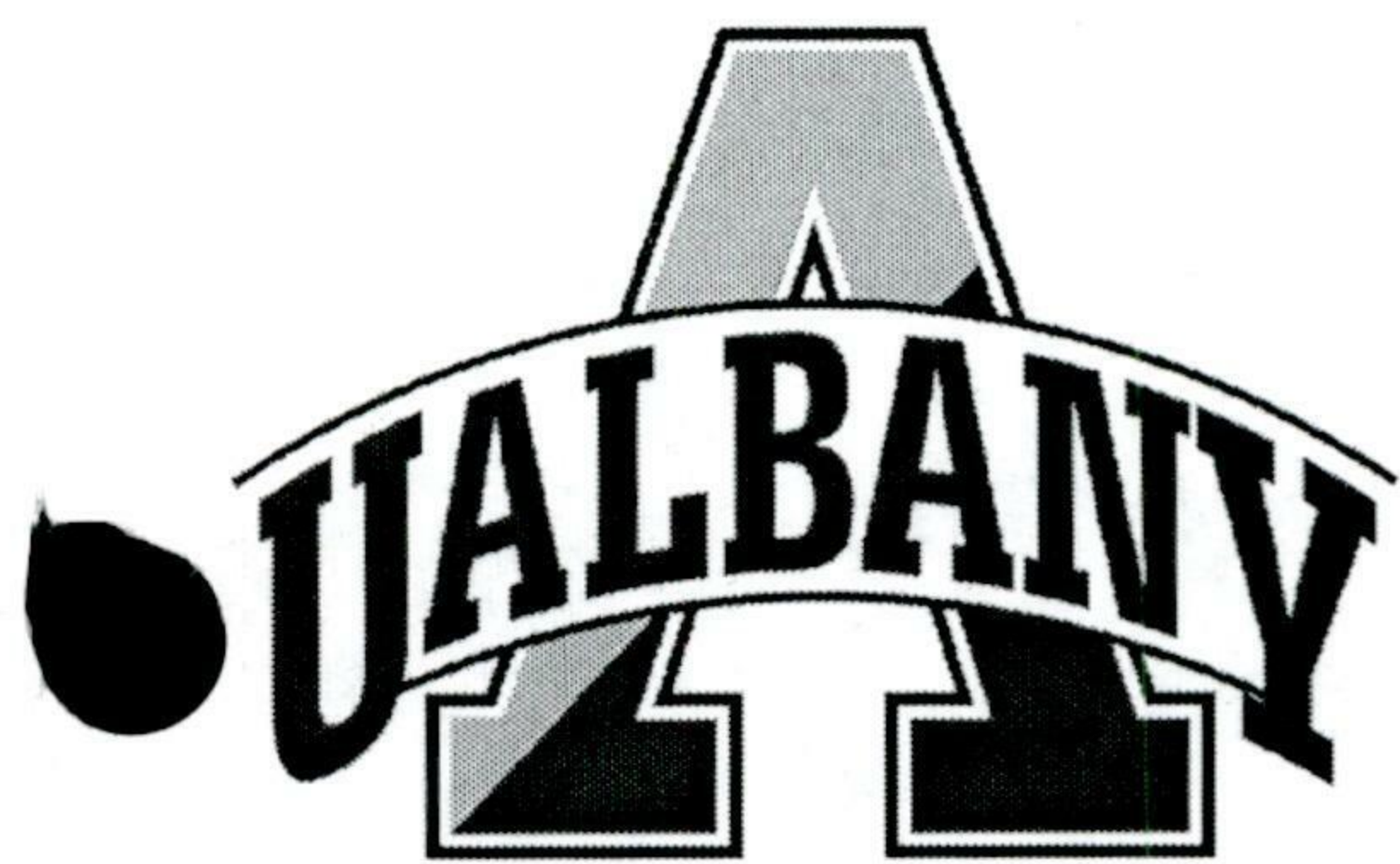
### **BLAIR BUCHANAN NAMED AMERICA EAST SETTER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Blair Buchanan was named the America East Conference Setter of the Week on Tuesday afternoon as announced by the conference office. It was the first week of awards for the 2006 season.

Buchanan, the 2005 America East player and setter of the year, averaged 12.00 assists per game over the first two weeks of the season. She has recorded 40-plus assists in every match but one, including a 50-assist performance in the Great Danes' 3-1 win over Seton Hall at the Hofstra Tournament. She tallied her first double-double of the season with 49 assists and 10 digs versus Bradley and followed that up with a 47-assist, 13-dig performance in a 3-0 victory over Fairfield.

UAlbany (2-4) will be back in action on Friday, taking on Maryland at 3:30 pm at Stony Brook. The Great Danes will debut at home on September 15 and 16 when they host the UAlbany Tournament in University Gymnasium.





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### UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO MANHATTAN, 4-0

Albany, N.Y. – Manhattan freshman midfielder **Alexandra Konneker** scored the first two goals of the game and her college career as the Jaspers shut out UAlbany, 4-0, in a non-conference women's soccer match on Monday at Varsity Field.

Konneker tallied her first goal at 31:15 of the first half on a left-side shot past Great Danes senior goaltender **Ashley Neussle**, assisted by freshman midfielder **Courtney McMahon**. Less than two minutes into the second half, Konneker doubled Manhattan's lead off of a crossing pass from freshman defender **Amanda Fischer** and a pass in the goal box by freshman forward **Amanda McCormick**.

The Jaspers' leading scorer coming into the game, senior midfielder **Katie Kuntz**, put home Manhattan's third goal at 61:53 off of a rebound, with the assist going to McCormick. Freshman midfielder **Kimarie Balisterri** then made the score 4-0 with less than four minutes remaining, dribbling through the right side after receiving a pass from junior forward **Rachel Pannullo**.

Junior forward **Uju Ogbuawa** had two of UAlbany's four shots.

Freshman goaltender **Caitlin Trupiano** and junior goaltender **Alicia DeFino** combined on the shutout; the Jaspers (3-0-0) have yet to allow a goal this season. **Ashley Neussle** was tagged with the loss, giving up three of Manhattan's four goals.

UAlbany (1-4-0) plays Siena in a game in Clifton Park on Friday at 7 p.m. before traveling to Massachusetts on Sunday for a 3:30 match.

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Manhattan 4, UAlbany 0 (Albany, N.Y.)			
Manhattan (3-0-0)	1	3	4
UAlbany (1-4-0)	0	0	0

Manhattan – Scoring: Alexandra Konneker 2-0, Kimarie Balistierre 1-0, Kathleen Kuntz 1-0, Amanda McCormick 0-2, Courtney McMahon 0-1, Amanda Fischer 0-1, Rachel Pannullo 0-1; Goalkeepers: Caitlin Trupiano (45:00, 0 GA, 0 saves), Alicia DeFino (45:00, 0 GA, 1 save)  
UAlbany – Scoring: None; Goalkeepers: Ashley Neussle (65:32, 3 GA, 4 saves), Maria Liguori (24:28, 1 GA, 2 saves)  
Shots: Manhattan 17, Albany 4; Corner Kicks: Manhattan 5, UAlbany 1

### MEN'S SOCCER BLANKED BY SYRACUSE IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

Syracuse, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Pete Rowley** scored the only goal Syracuse would need to defeat UAlbany, 2-0, at the SU Soccer Stadium on Monday afternoon.

At the 30:38 mark, Rowley converted a pass from senior midfielder **Richard Asante** from eight yards out, slipping the shot past Great Dane goalkeeper **Steward Ceus** into the upper left corner of the net.

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Sophomore midfielder **Kyle Hall** doubled the score for the Orange just over a minute into the second half with the assist going to freshman defender **Pete Hill**.

Sophomore forwards **Gaby Seguin-Gauthier** and **Tufi Long**, along with freshman midfielder **Mikael McNamara** each had a shot for UAlbany. Ceus, who played all 90:00 in the net for the Great Danes, made nine saves.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Robert Cavicchia** stopped three shots for Syracuse (3-0-0), which won its third straight match after defeating Niagara and Loyola to start the season.

UAlbany (0-3-1) returns to action on Saturday, Sept. 9 when they host non-conference opponent Canisius at 3 p.m. at Varsity Field.

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Syracuse 2, UAlbany 0 (Syracuse, N.Y.)

UAlbany (0-3-1)	0	0	0
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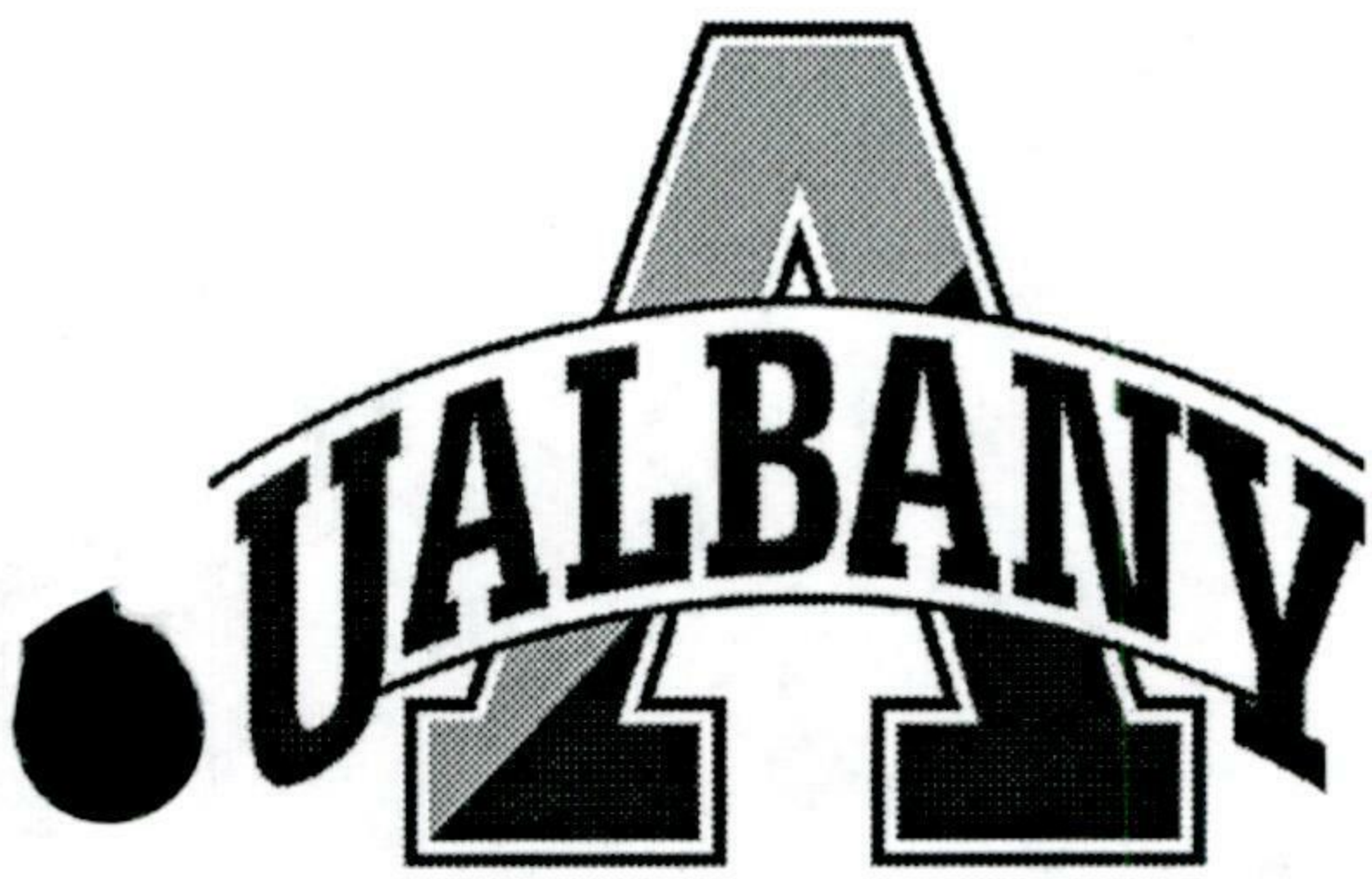
Syracuse (3-0-0)	1	1	2
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UAlbany – Scoring: None; Goalkeepers: Steward Ceus (90:00, 2 GA, 9 saves).

Syracuse – Scoring: Kyle Hall 1-0, Pete Rowley 1-0, Richard Asante 0-1, Pete Hill 0-1;

Goalkeepers: Robert Cavicchia (90:00, 0 GA, 3 saves).

Shots: UAlbany 8, Syracuse 21; Corner Kicks: UAlbany 2; Syracuse 3.



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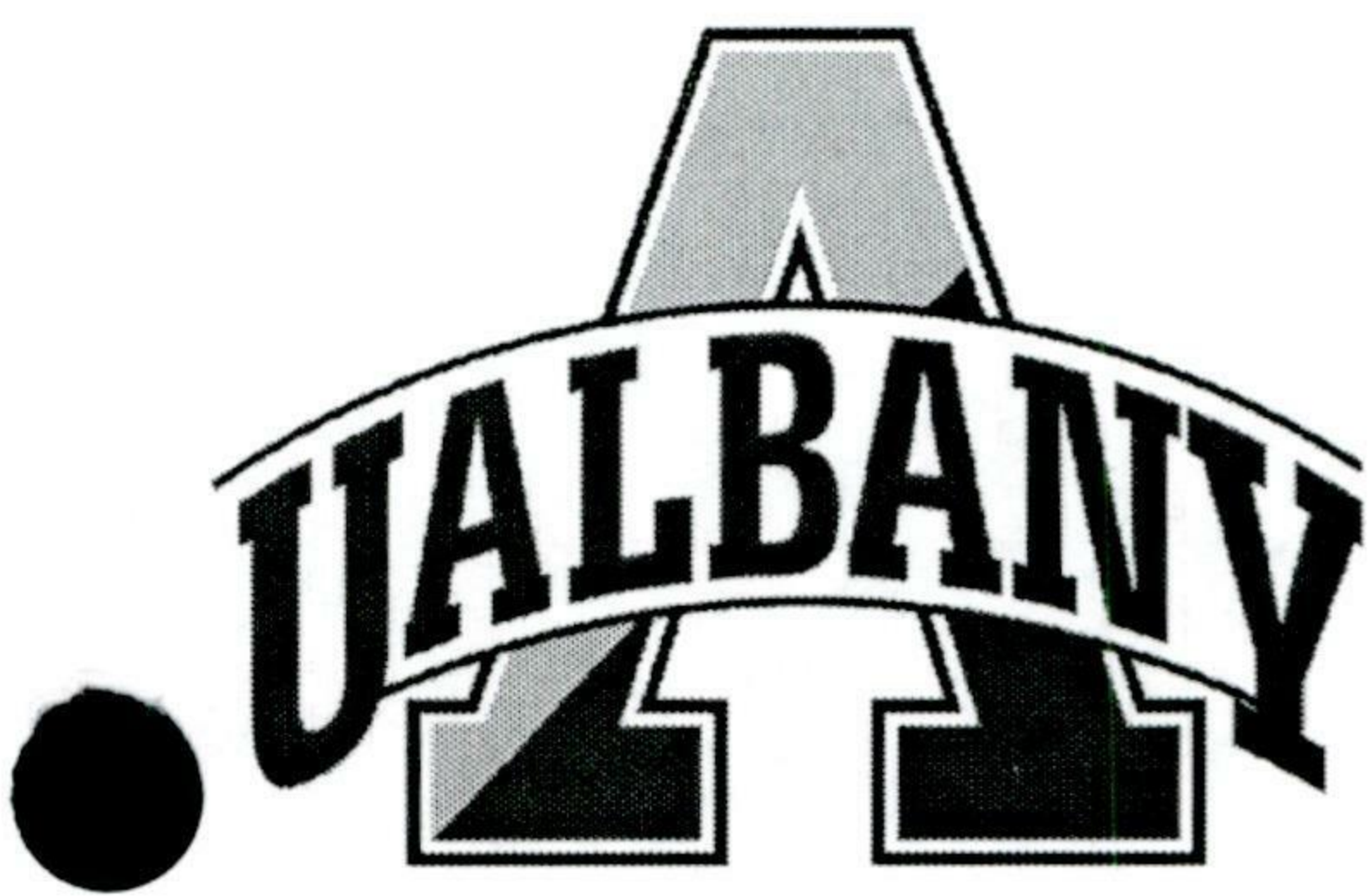
## UALBANY FOOTBALL MOVES UP IN NATIONAL DIVISION I-AA MID-MAJOR POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – With a surprising 17-16 victory over perennial Patriot League power Lehigh, UAlbany moved up in both the *Football Gazette* and The Sports Network Division I-AA mid-major polls on Monday, Sept. 4. The Great Danes are ranked No. 1 by *Football Gazette* for the first time since Oct. 12, 2003. UAlbany also climbed two spots to second in The Sports Network rankings.

“I am thrilled that someone would pick us that high; it’s a nice place to be,” said UAlbany coach Bob Ford, whose team won its season opener for the first time since 2001. “But now we need to hold on to that spot for an extended period of time. We did some very positive things last Saturday, but we made enough mistakes that we need a good week of practice to get ready for Fordham.”

Omar Johnson’s 1-yard touchdown run with 14:55 remaining provided the winning points against Lehigh, a program that has won at least eight games in every season since 1998. The Mountain Hawks, who have made five NCAA playoff appearances in that period, threatened on their last two possessions. UAlbany’s Eric Neugebauer ended the first drive with a sack and forced fumble, while Jason Leo missed a 48-yard field goal attempt with 16 seconds to play.

UAlbany will play its home opener on Saturday, September 9 against Fordham at University Field. Kickoff is 6:00 p.m. ET.



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## UALBANY FOOTBALL HOLDS ON FOR SEASON-OPENING WIN OVER LEHIGH

Bethlehem, Pa. - **Omar Johnson** scored on a 1-yard run early in the fourth quarter and UAlbany held on for a 17-16 upset over Lehigh on Saturday afternoon in the rain and wind at Goodman Stadium.

A high snap over Lehigh punter **Jason Leo's** head set up what proved to be the winning points. As Leo tried to corral the ball, UAlbany's **Dieuseul Joseph** pushed him away and teammate **Justin Brancaccio** recovered at the one-yard line. Johnson later powered over left guard for a 17-13 lead with 14:55 remaining.

The Mountain Hawks, who went 8-3 last year and had not lost an opener since 1997, regrouped with a 12-play drive that resulted in Leo's 28-yard field goal. **Matt McGowan**, who rushed 16 times for 72 yards, keyed the drive.

"I loved our kids' fighting spirit," said UAlbany head coach **Bob Ford**, whose team dropped a 44-14 decision on this field in 2004. "The defense stepped up when they had to, we made three field goals on special teams and the offense got a first down when they absolutely needed to have one. Lehigh is an established program, so that's a good win."

Lehigh threatened on its last two possessions but came up empty both times. On third-and-eight from the UAlbany 23, quarterback **Sedale Threatt** fumbled under heavy pressure that forced his team to punt. Leo later missed a 48-yard field goal with 16 seconds left.

"We knew that with the conditions that special teams would be greatly affected," explained junior linebacker **Dan Barnes**, whose squad last opened with a win in 2001. "Their quarterback was slowed down by the field conditions in that they were not able to run boot passes. He wasn't able to roll out and get out of the pocket."

With Tropical Storm Ernesto in full effect, the game started with a bang. The Great Danes scored on a safety created by a high punt snap, before Lehigh took a 7-2 lead on **Micah Greene's** 52-yard fumble return.

UAlbany came back with first-half field goals by **Jason Fralicker**. His 34-yarder gave his team an 8-7 lead with 4:22 left in the second quarter. Following **Rashad Barksdale's** 38-yard punt return, Fralicker tied the school's single-game record. He connected on a 38-yard kick that just made the crossbar.

Threatt, who completed 14 of 26 passes for 140 yards, then directed his team on a go-ahead drive for a 13-11 halftime advantage. He hooked up with split end **Lee Thomas** three times, including a 19-yard touchdown pass in the middle of the end zone with 19 seconds to play in the quarter.

"We've talked a lot about playing up with regard to our schedule," said captain **Ryan Chrobak**, a senior who has played against the likes of Northeastern and Hofstra in previous season openers. "Today we proved we are just as capable, we are just as good as these teams. This means a great deal to the seniors."



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## UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER ENDS 17-MATCH LOSING STREAK WITH 1-0 WIN

Dover, Del. – Freshman **Jaclyn Rosada** scored the game's lone goal in the opening half as UAlbany ended a 17-match losing streak with a 1-0 non-league victory over Delaware State on Friday afternoon at Schutte Park. The Great Danes, who last reached the win column on Sept. 5, 2005 against crosstown-rival Siena, handed head coach **Mary-Frances Monroe** her first win at the collegiate level.

Rosada scored off a rebound at 32:29 in the first half after Delaware State goalkeeper **Casey Murphy** stopped **Uju Ogbuawa's** initial shot. Murphy finished with eight saves for the Hornets, who are 1-2 overall.

UAlbany (1-3) was led by senior goalkeeper **Ashley Neussle**, who stopped a career-high nine shots. The Great Danes struggled through a 1-18 campaign one year ago. Monroe, a former All-America standout at UCLA and Connecticut, was elevated from her assistant's position following the season.

## SHELBY GOLDMAN LEADS UALBANY OVER FAIRFIELD FOR FIRST WIN

Hempstead, N.Y. – Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** had a match-high 20 kills while senior setter **Blair Buchanan** and senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** each recorded double-doubles to lead the UAlbany volleyball team to a 3-0 win over Fairfield on Friday afternoon. On the first day of play in the Hofstra/Asics Invitational, the Great Danes claimed three straight games with scores of 30-26, 30-27, 30-26.

DeNeal's double-double was of the kill-dig variety, tallying 10 kills and 13 digs. Buchanan notched a match-high 47 assists and added 13 digs, along with six kills. Senior libero **Kristin Fiorillo** recorded a match-high 23 digs. UAlbany (1-3) began the year with three losses at Purdue's tournament.

Junior middle hitter **Lindsey Lee** led Fairfield (2-2) with a double-double of her own, recording 14 kills and a team-high 22 digs. Junior outside hitter **Jazmin Pa'akaula** added 10 kills for the Stags.

The Great Danes return to action tomorrow, taking on Seton Hall at 9:30 a.m. and closing out the tournament against the host Pride at 5:30 p.m.

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**UALBANY AND COLGATE BATTLE TO SCORELESS DRAW IN MEN'S SOCCER**

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore goaltender **Steward Ceus** tallied seven saves as UAlbany and Colgate finished in a 0-0 double-overtime tie in a non-conference men's soccer game at Varsity Field on Friday, Sept. 1.

The Raiders had most of the game's offensive opportunities, outshooting the Great Danes 17-6. Colgate hit the goal post twice in the second half, once by senior forward **Devin Deane** and later by senior midfielder **Charlie Lambropolous**.

Sophomore defenseman **Kevin Tooney** and junior forward **Eric Anton** led the Raiders with four shots each, while freshman defenseman **Brian Gordon**, senior forward **Yan Gbolo** and sophomore forward **Tufi Long** had two shots apiece for UAlbany (0-2-1).

It was the third consecutive shutout for the Raiders (2-0-1), as goalkeeper **David Cappuccio** made four saves.

The Great Danes travel to Syracuse on Monday for a 1 p.m. contest before returning home on Saturday for a 3 p.m. game against Canisius. Colgate travels to Quinnipiac on Sunday for a 2:30 p.m. match.