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DEVON SWITZER NAMED A-EAST FIELD HOCKEY CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Devon Switzer** has been named the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in field hockey, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. Switzer shares the honor with Boston University's Pam Spuehler.

Switzer, a senior midfielder, notched the game-winning goal in UAlbany's regular-season finale against Vermont on Oct. 29 to propel the Great Danes into their first-ever America East playoff appearance. The tally came almost 27 minutes after UAlbany rallied to tie the score at one apiece. It was Switzer's first career goal, coming in what would have been her last game as a Great Dane.

UAlbany (9-8) received the third seed in the America East Conference Championship and will face second-seed Maine in the semifinals on Friday at 2:30 p.m. The championship is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5 at 3:00 p.m.

DENEAL AND BUCHANAN GARNER AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Ashley DeNeal** has been chosen the America East Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced by the conference office on Monday. Junior setter **Blair Buchanan** earned the conference's setter of the week award for the sixth time this season.

DeNeal, who became the first libero to win the award this year, averaged 7.67 digs per game in two matches last week. She tallied 29 digs in a 3-0 sweep at UMBC for her eighth 20-plus dig performance this season. In a three-game win at Stony Brook, DeNeal added 17 digs and set a career-high with seven assists. DeNeal's 5.40 digs per game average is tops in the America East.

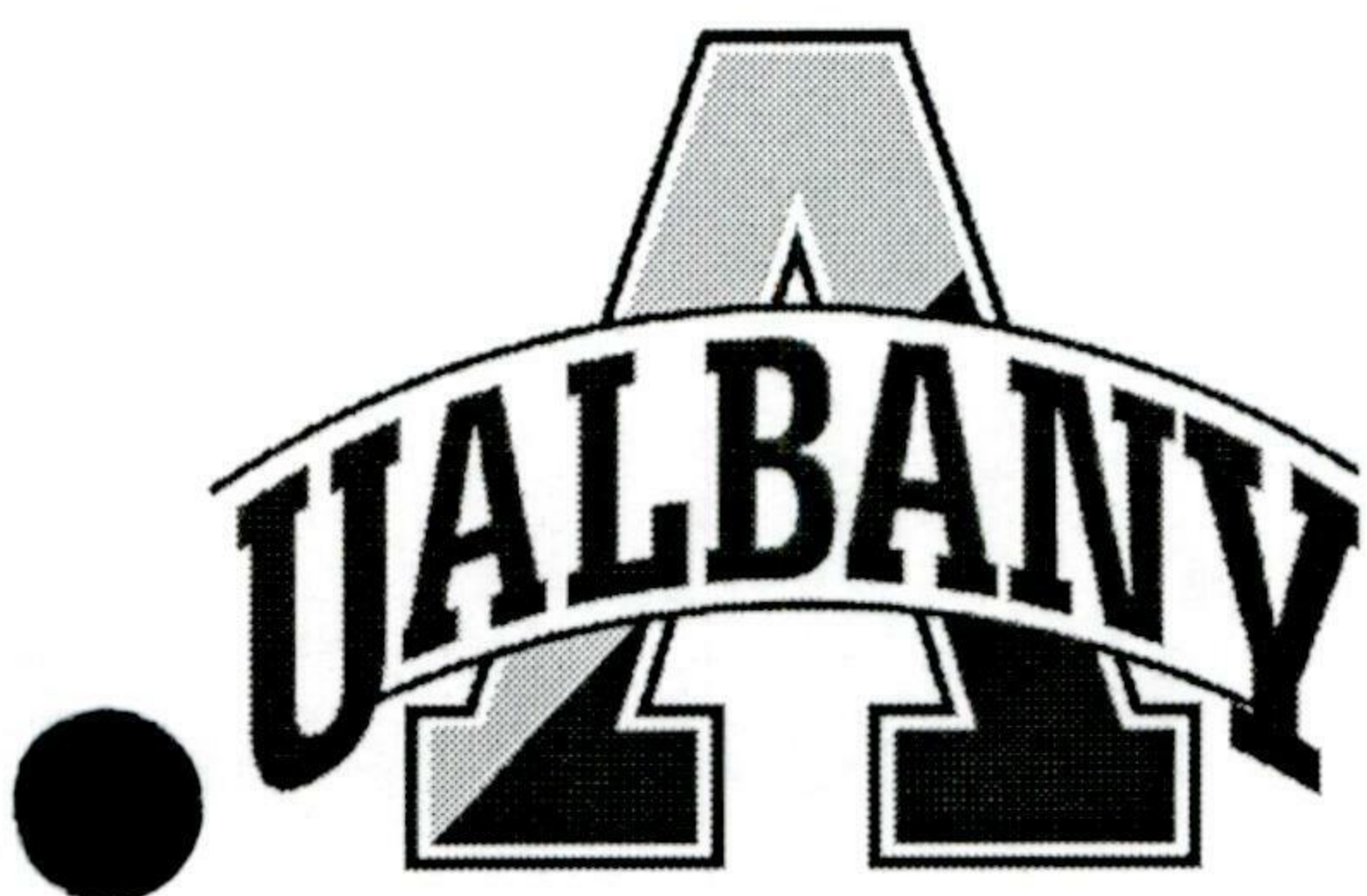
Buchanan averaged 13.00 assists, 2.50 kills and 2.33 digs per game to go along with a team-high .560 hitting percentage. She became the program's all-time assists leader with 3,322, surpassing the previous mark of 3,260 set by Lisa Greiner from 1995-98. Buchanan tallied 40 assists and tied her career-high with eight kills at UMBC. She added 38 assists, seven kills and seven digs against Stony Brook. Buchanan leads the conference in assists per game (12.14) and hitting percentage (.324).

FRIDAY'S BASKETBALL EXHIBITION ON FOX SPORTS RADIO AM 980

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany will meet McGill University, from Montreal, Quebec, in a men's college basketball exhibition on Friday, Nov. 4 at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m. Fans can listen to the contest on Fox Sports Radio AM 980 (WOFX). Rodger Wyland and Greg Tobben will provide the play-by-play coverage. The Great Danes begin their 2005-06 campaign on Nov. 9-10 in Gainesville, Fla. at the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer.

UALBANY FOOTBALL AMONG DIVISION I-AA'S TOP DEFENSIVE UNITS

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany (3-5, NEC 3-2) posted its third straight victory with a 38-10 Northeast Conference win against Wagner on Oct. 29. The Great Danes, who moved into a tie for second in the conference standings, held the Seahawks to a season-low scoring total and minus-3 yards rushing. UAlbany is ranked among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in rushing defense (18th), scoring defense (23rd) and total defense (32nd). The Great Danes are allowing 10.8 points and 69.6 rushing yards against five NEC opponents this season.



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY EARNS THIRD SEED FOR AMERICA EAST TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – Boston University has earned the top seed and will host the America East Conference Women's Field Hockey Championship at MIT's Jack Barry Field on Nov. 4-5. UAlbany, which is making its first appearance in the tournament, received the third seed after winning five straight to finish the regular season.

The Great Danes (9-8, AE 3-2) will face second-seed Maine (12-6, AE 4-1) in the semifinals on Friday at 2:30 p.m. Vermont (5-11, AE 2-3) received the fourth seed and will take on host Boston U. (13-5, AE 4-1) on Friday at 12:00 p.m. The championship game will be played on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Senior **Tina Bryson** leads UAlbany with nine goals and four assists for 22 points and is second among America East's top scorers. Sophomore **Kristen Holder** has tallied eight goals, including two game-winning scores. Freshman **Arlette Westdorp** has registered a team-high 14 assists to go along with three goals for 20 points. Freshman goalkeeper **Ashley Ross** has a 2.17 goals against average and a .644 save percentage in 17 games.

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2005 America East Conference Field Hockey Championship

Jack Barry Field (Cambridge, Mass.)

Friday, November 4 - Semifinals

Game 1: No. 4 Vermont (5-11, AE 2-3) vs. No. 1 Boston U. (13-5, AE 4-1), 12:00 p.m.

Game 2: No. 3 UAlbany (9-8, AE 3-2) vs. No. 2 Maine (12-6, AE 4-1), 2:30 p.m.

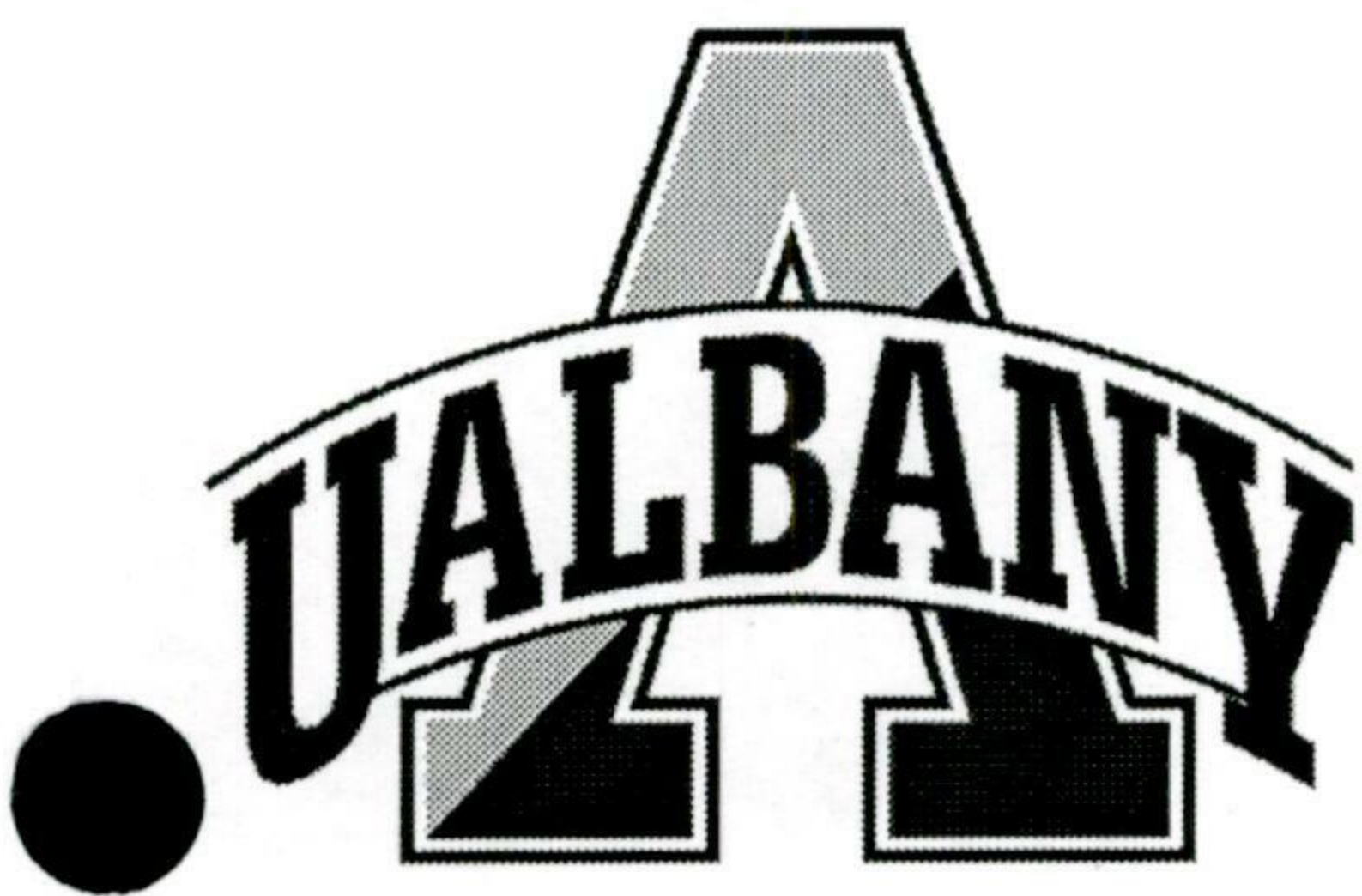
Saturday, November 5 - Championship

Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 3:00 p.m.

UALBANY VOLLEYBALL MATCH AGAINST SYRACUSE ON TIME WARNER CABLE

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany's volleyball match against Syracuse University will be broadcast live on Time Warner Cable on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. Greg Tobben will serve as the play-by-play broadcaster. It is the first-ever telecast for the Albany volleyball program.

UAlbany (22-3) welcome Big East Conference-rival Syracuse (21-7) to University Gymnasium for the non-conference match. The Great Danes captured the last meeting between the two programs, 3-2, on Sept. 28, 2004 at Manley Fieldhouse. UAlbany has won 19 of its last 20 home matches.



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GOLDMAN'S 15 KILLS SPUR UALBANY VOLLEYBALL PAST STONY BROOK

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Shelby Goldman** delivered a match-high 15 kills, as UAlbany defeated Stony Brook, 3-0, in an America East Conference volleyball match on Saturday afternoon. The Great Danes won by scores of 30-23, 30-21 and 30-20.

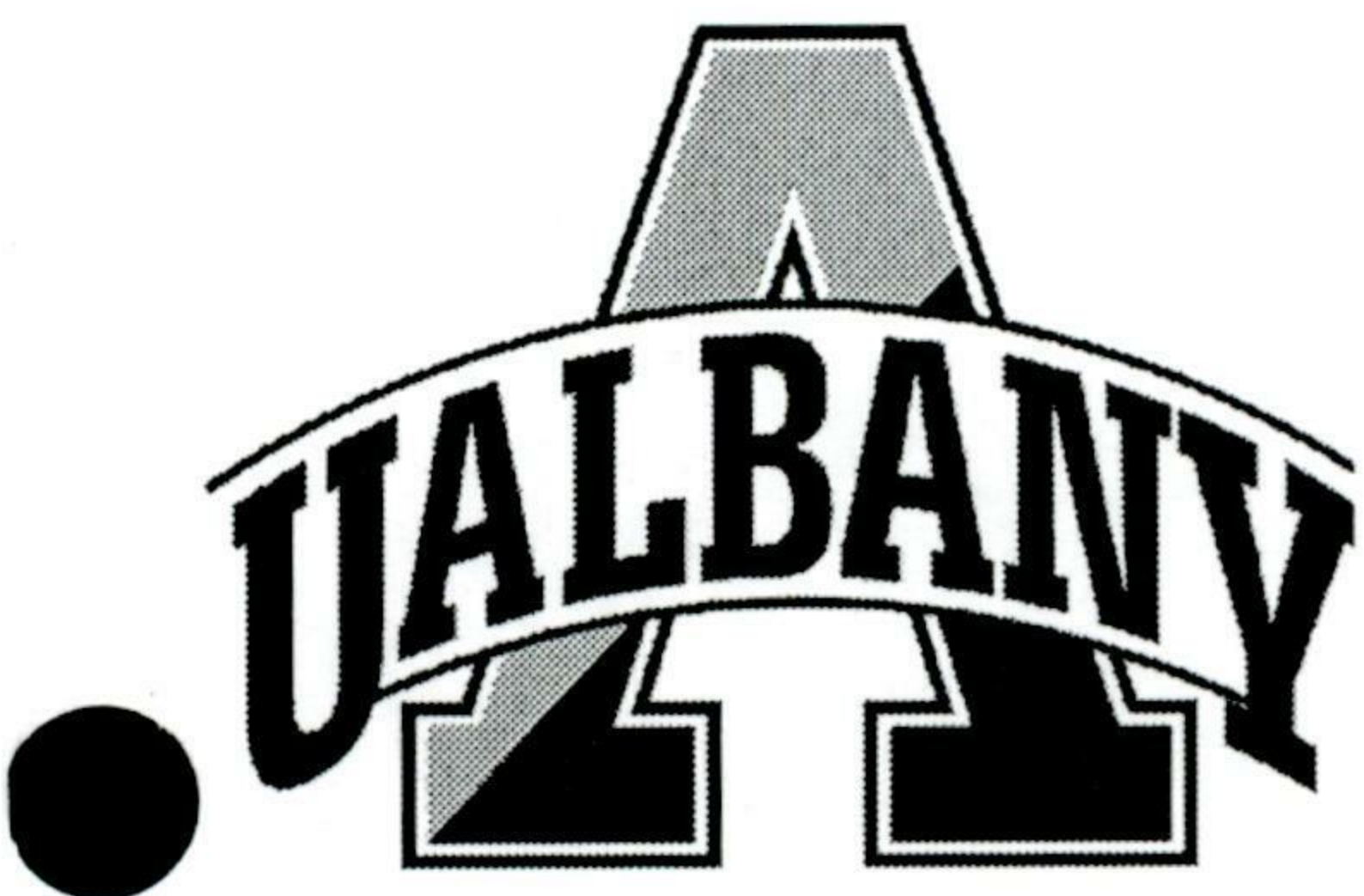
Ashley Crenshaw tallied nine kills and five blocks for the Great Danes, who have won 23 of their last 25 matches against conference opponents. **Blair Buchanan** chipped in with 38 assists, seven kills and seven digs.

UAlbany (22-3, AE 8-1) hit .256 for the match, while holding Stony Brook to .081. The Great Danes also registered nine team blocks compared to four for the Seawolves (9-15, AE 3-5).

Morgan Sweany, who leads the America East with a 4.45 kills per game average, tallied just 11 kills on 35 attempts. **Kate Ruskowski** added 30 assists and seven digs, while **Claire Lindner** finished with 13 digs.

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UAlbany (22-3, AE 8-1) def. Stony Brook (9-15, AE 3-5) 3-23, 30-21 and 30-20.



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OMAR JOHNSON SPURS UALBANY FOOTBALL TO 38-10 WIN OVER WAGNER

Staten Island, N.Y. – Sophomore tailback **Omar Johnson** rushed for a career-high 121 yards and three touchdowns, as UAlbany pounded out a 38-10 Northeast Conference victory over Wagner on Saturday afternoon at Wagner College Stadium.

UAlbany (3-5, NEC 3-2) reached the end zone on its second possession. Starting tailback **Marcus Allen** scored on a 17-yard run with an option pitch. Allen, who did the bulk of the work on the five-play march, finished with 97 yards on 15 carries.

Following a short punt, the Great Danes went 29 yards in six plays for a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter. Johnson, a 6-foot, 225-pound runner, went 14 yards on a quick hitter the first time he touched the ball. He then bulled his way over right guard on a 4-yard scoring run.

Wagner (5-4, NEC 2-3) looked to get back into the contest just before halftime, but a 10-play sequence stalled out and the Seahawks settled for a 22-yard field goal. Senior quarterback **John Sciarra**, who connected on 29-of-49 passes for 234 yards, threw five completions in that span.

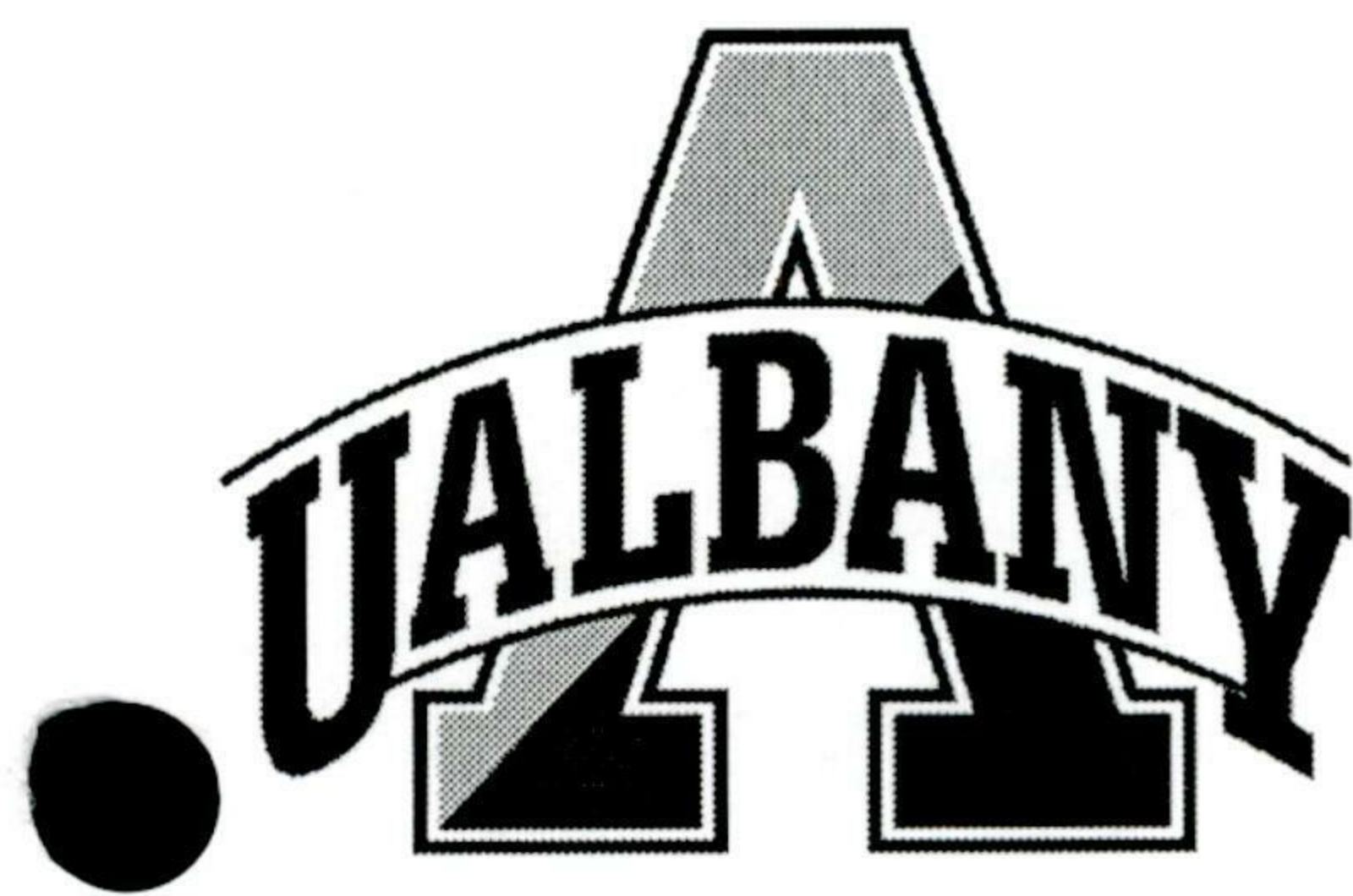
The Great Danes, who rushed for a season-best 288 yards, took control with a dominant third quarter and an offense that controlled nearly 12 minutes of the period. A squib kick to begin the second half went off a Wagner player's leg and **Dave Nicomini** recovered the loose ball at the Seahawks 47. UAlbany would later attempt a 35-yard field goal, but a roughing-the-kicker penalty kept the drive alive. Johnson later reached paydirt on a one-yard blast.

Johnson, who became the first UAlbany player to run for three touchdowns in a game in nearly one year, then became a key figure in a 13-play, 90-yard march that gave his team a 28-3 lead. His second-effort run of 24 yards moved the ball inside the Wagner 10. He followed with a nine-yard touchdown run over left guard.

"When you run the football, you can do so many other things," said UAlbany coach Bob Ford, whose squad will present the game ball to the New York Giants in memory of the organization's patriarch Wellington Mara. "The offensive line has come of age and matured the last two weeks. Our defense put a lot of pressure on (John) Sciarra and forced him to throw sooner than he wanted."

The Great Danes, who posted their third straight win, added **Rob Wood's** 32-yard field goal and **Eric Neugebauer's** 39-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Sciarra tossed a two-yard scoring pass to wide receiver **Chris Turner**.

"We are playing for our season," said Johnson, whose defensive teammates held Wagner to a minus-three yards on the ground. "If we keep winning, we have a shot at the conference championship. It was just a team victory all the way."



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UALBANY MEN FIFTH, WOMEN SIXTH AT AMERICA EAST X-C CHAMPIONSHIP

Vestal, N.Y. – Sophomore **Ricardo Estremera** finished second in helping the UAlbany men's cross country team to a fifth-place showing at the America East Cross Country Championship at Binghamton's campus course on Saturday afternoon. Freshman **Jenna Ortman** was the top women's finisher at 17th, as the Great Danes placed sixth in the team standings.

Maine's **Kirby Davis** claimed the men's individual title with a winning time of 25:38.0 on the 8,000-meter course, while UMBC edged New Hampshire for the team championship. In the women's race, **Leonora Joy** of Stony Brook finished first in 18:04.7 on the 5,000-meter path. Boston University finished a top the women's team standings.

Estremera, who earned all-America East honors, posted a time of 25:59.0, which was 21 seconds off the winning pace. It is the highest finish of Estremera's collegiate career.

Robbie Freeman garnered all-conference accolades for the second straight year, placing seventh in 26:08.3. **Bryant Cherry-Woode** (27:05.2) and **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) (27:05.7) placed 24th and 25th for the Great Danes.

For the UAlbany women, Ortman covered the course in 19:24.4. **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) also finished in the top 20 at 19th with a time of 19:27.6. **Jessica Ortman** placed 28th with a time of 20:04.4.

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2005 America East Cross Country Championship (Vestal, N.Y.)

MEN'S TEAM RESULTS

1. UMBC 52; 2. New Hampshire 62; 3. Maine 71; 4. Boston U. 91; **5. UAlbany 103**; 6. Vermont 165; 7. Stony Brook 180; 8. Binghamton 194; 9. Hartford 280.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Kirby Davis (Maine) 25:38.0; **2. Ricardo Estremera (UAlbany) 23:59.0**; 3. Shaun Krawitz (Stony Brook) 26:00.5; 4. Izudin Mehmedovic (UMBC) 26:03.3; 5. Matthew Russell (New Hampshire) 26:05.5; 6. Joshua Trevino (Maine) 26:07.2; **7. Robbie Freeman (UAlbany) 26:08.3**; 8. JJ Wetzel (UMBC) 26:12.3; 9. Pat Hoye (Boston U.) 26:21.3; 10. Robert Edgerton (New Hampshire) 26:22.2.

TOP UALBANY FINISHERS

24. Bryant Cherry-Woode 27:05.2; 25. Gered Burns 27:05.7; 49. Chris Jimenez 28:12.3; 71. Jimmy Henn 30:11.0; 72. Ryan Gaedje 30:22.7; 74. Eric Zorrilla 30:50.3; 78. Joe Belokopitsky 31:02.9.

WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS

1. Boston U. 40; 2. Stony Brook 56; 3. New Hampshire 89; 4. Binghamton 103; 5. Vermont 137; **6. UAlbany 142**; 7. Maine 153; 8. UMBC 192; 9. Hartford 264.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Leonora Joy (Stony Brook) 18:04.7; 2. Marisa Ryan (Boston U.) 18:29.0; 3. Katie Radzik (Binghamton) 18:38.6; 4. Abbey Sadowski (Boston U.) 18:42.7; 5. Catherine Parker (New Hampshire) 18:45.1; 6. Dana Hastie (Stony Brook) 18:49.4; 7. Stacy Kramer (Binghamton)

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18:51.2; 8. Christine Laakso (Boston U.) 18:55.4; 9. Sarah Herbert (Stony Brook) 18:58.0; 10. Heather Jovanelli (Maine) 19:03.3.

TOP UALBANY FINISHERS

17. Jenna Ortman 19:24.4; 19. Alyssa Lotmore 19:27.6; 28. Jessica Ortman 20:04.4; 35. Danielle Trimpop 20:27.2; 50. Jessica Chichester 21:13.9; 62. Jennifer Russell 21:51.0; 64. Jenny Boshco 22:24.5; 67. Natasha Torres 22:30.8; 72. Colleen Murray 24:41.3.

MEN'S SOCCER EDGED BY VERMONT, 2-1, IN A-EAST CONFERENCE MATCH

Albany, N.Y. – Junior **Corey Bronner** scored his second goal of the game with 14:24 remaining in regulation to break a 1-1 tie as 25th-ranked Vermont downed UAlbany, 2-1, in an America East Conference men's soccer match on Saturday afternoon at Centennial Field. The Catamounts improved to 11-5-2 overall and 4-3-1 in the America East, while the Great Danes dropped to 5-8-3 overall and 2-4-1 in conference play.

Bronner's first tally came off a free kick from 10 yards out 5:03 into the contest. Junior captain **Stephan Hall** tied the game with his team-leading fifth goal of the season at the 70:27 mark. Bronner helped Vermont regain the lead just 5:09 later as he put in a free kick from freshman **Jordan Crasilneck**.

Vermont's freshman goalkeeper **Tom Critz** had two saves for his 11th win of the season, while freshman **Steward Ceus** had three saves in net for the Great Danes. Bronner is fourth on Vermont with seven points this season. Hall is among America East Conference leaders with 16 points on five goals and six assists.

The Great Danes return to action on Wednesday when they host Maine in their final regular-season match of year at 2 p.m.

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#25 Vermont 2, UAlbany 1 (Centennial Field-Burlington, Vt.)

Vermont (11-5-1, 4-3-1 AE)	1	1	2
UAlbany (5-8-3, 2-4-1 AE)	0	1	1

Vermont- Scoring: Corey Bronner 2-0, Jordan Crasilneck 0-1; Goalkeeper: Tom Critz (90:00, 1 GA, 2 saves)

UAlbany- Scoring: Stephan Hall 1-0; Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 2 GA, 3 saves)

Shots: Vermont 10, UAlbany 9; Corner Kicks: UAlbany 3, Vermont 2

UALBANY ADVANCES TO A-EAST CHAMPIONSHIP WITH WIN OVER VERMONT

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany senior **Devon Switzer** found the back of the net on an assist from senior **Tina Bryson** to give the Great Danes the 2-1 win over Vermont on Saturday afternoon at Alumni Turf Field. It was the America East regular season finale for both teams. With the win, UAlbany clinches the program's first berth in the America East Conference postseason tournament.

Switzer's game-winning tally, the first points of her career, came at the 53:44 mark in her final regular season game. Vermont (5-11, AE 2-3) had started the scoring action 6:38 into the game, when **Kelly McClintock** scored on a pass from **Danielle Collins**. UAlbany (9-8, AE 3-2) tied the score 1-1 when freshman **Michele Polizois** converted a penalty corner with assists from **Arlette Westdorp** and **Meg Rinier**.

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Westdorp's assist was her 14th of the season. She entered the week with 13 assists, tied for fifth in the nation. Bryson and Westdorp each have 14 career assists, tied for fifth in school history.

UAlbany, which rides a five-game win streak into its first Division I playoff appearance, captured the ECAC Division II Championship in 1997, during its last postseason run.

"It's exciting," said Bryson, one of three captains on this year's squad. "This could have been my last game, and I'm glad the team stuck together and fought hard for the win."

Maine and Boston U. face off on Sunday in their regular season finale. The winner will earn the top seed and be the host for the America East Championships. The conference tournament is scheduled for Nov. 4 and 5.

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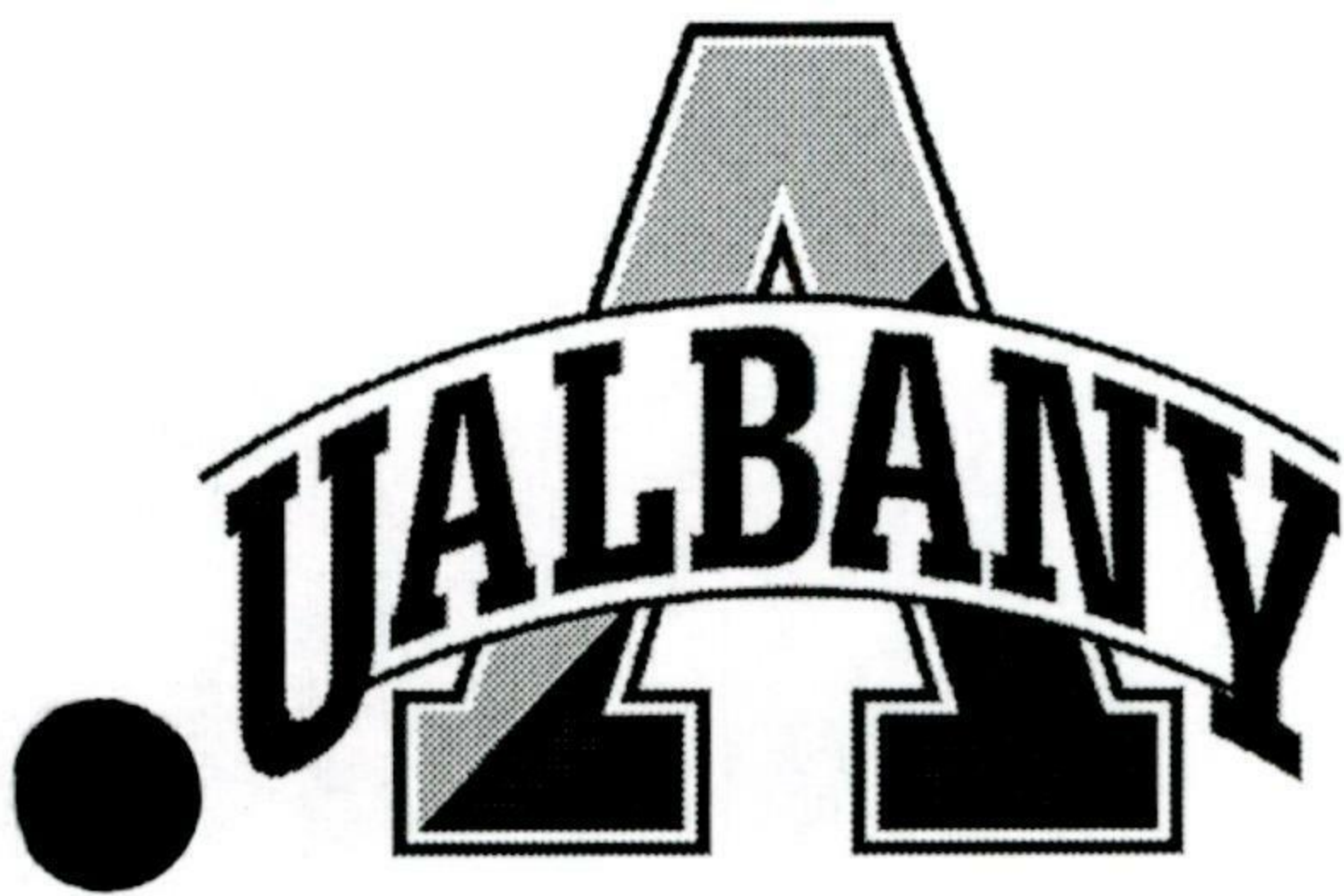
UAlbany 2, Vermont 1 (Alumni Turf Field)

Vermont (5-11, AE 2-3)	1	0	- 1
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UAlbany (9-8, AE 3-2)	1	1	- 2
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Vermont—Scoring: Kelly McClintock 1-0, Danielle Collins 0-1; Goalkeeper: Ariel Eber (70:00, 2 GA, 3 saves)

UAlbany—Scoring: Michele Polizois 1-0, Devon Switzer 1-0, Tina Bryson 0-1, Meg Rinier 0-1, Arlette Westdorp 0-1; Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 1 GA, 0 saves)



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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS, BUCHANAN BECOMES ALL-TIME ASSIST LEADER

Baltimore, Md. – Junior setter **Blair Buchanan** tallied 40 assists and tied her career-high with eight kills in leading UAlbany to a 3-0 defeat of UMBC in America East Conference volleyball action on Friday night. Buchanan became the program's career assists leader with 3,284.

"I knew I was close to the record going into the game," said Buchanan, who passed Lisa Greiner's record of 3,260 set from 1995-98. "It's a great accomplishment for me, but I couldn't have done it without my teammates. The defensive specialists do a good job passing the ball, and the hitters are great at putting the ball away."

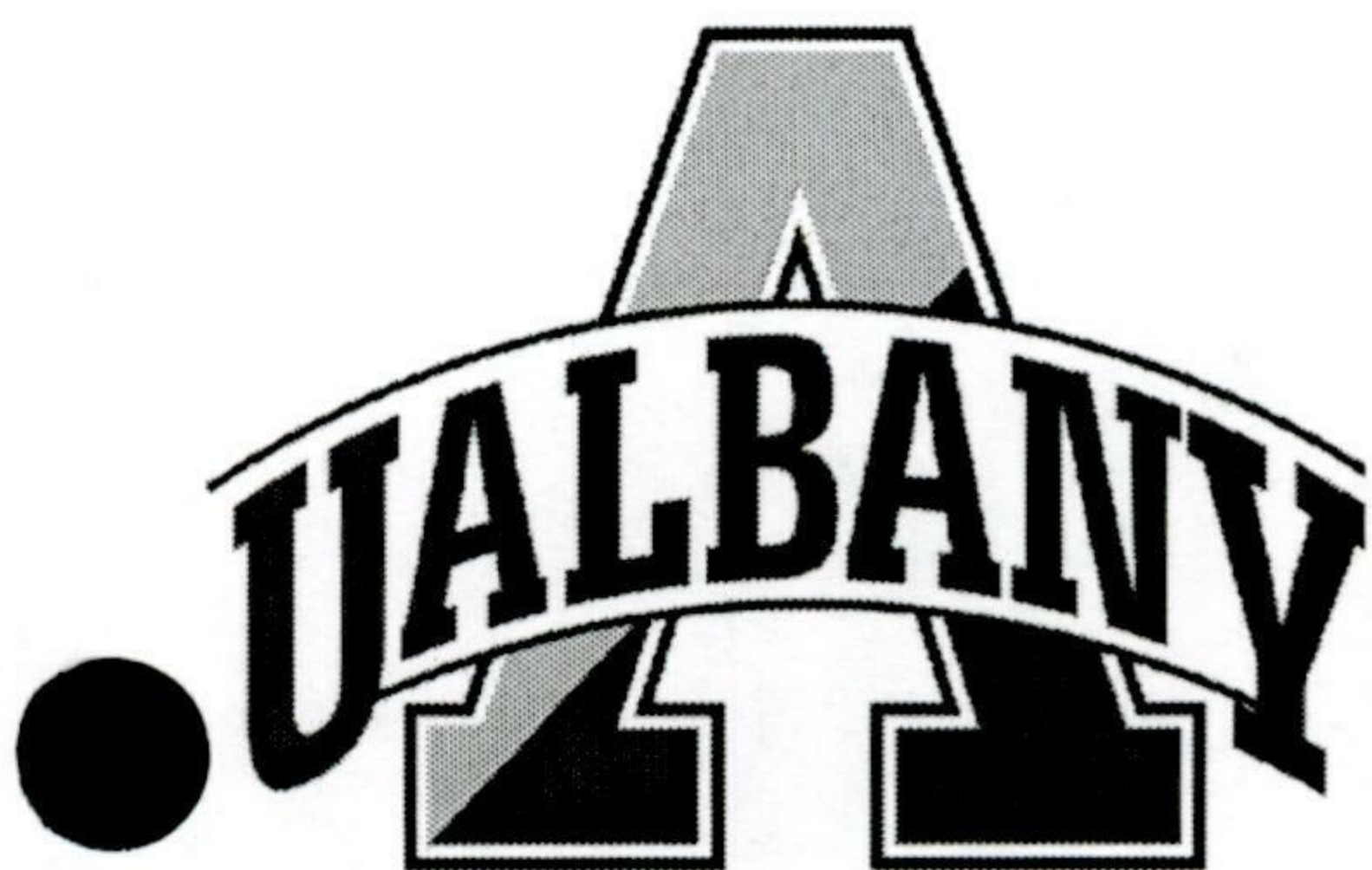
Shelby Goldman and **Ashley Crenshaw** tallied 15 and 10 kills to lead UAlbany (21-3, AE 7-1), which has won 15 of its last 16 matches. **Ashley DeNeal** finished with 29 digs for her eighth 20-plus dig performance this season.

Eileen Nicole Rodriguez notched 11 digs, while freshman middle hitter **Kamisha Kellam** added a career-high six kills.

Sarah Ball paced UMBC (10-15, AE 3-5) with nine kills and a team-high 17 digs. **Megan Gross** chipped in with 22 assists and 14 digs.

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UAlbany (21-3, AE 7-1) def. UMBC (10-15, AE 3-5), 30-23, 30-23 and 30-19.



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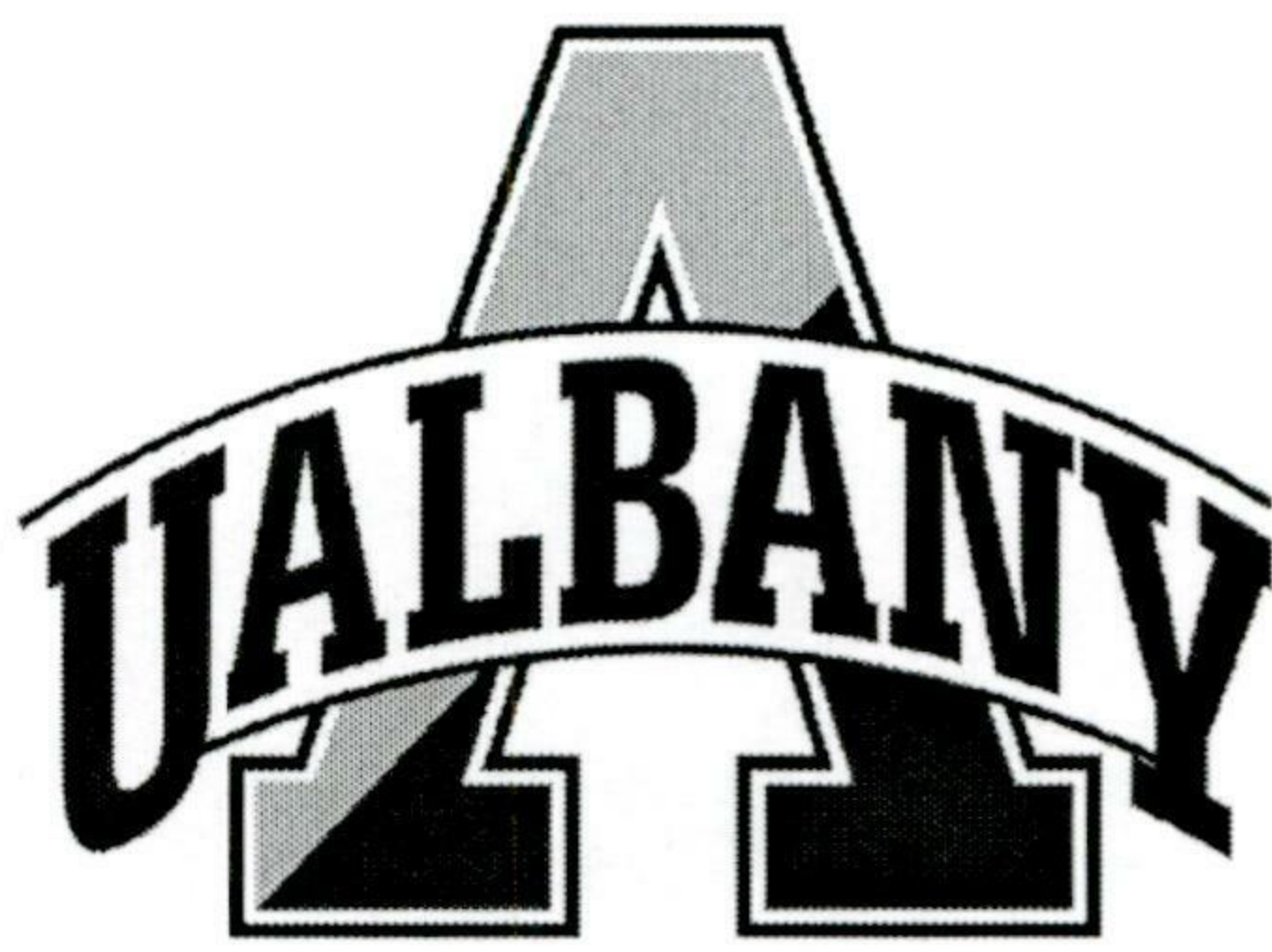
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UALBANY'S OGBUAWA EARNS WOMEN'S SOCCER ALL-AMERICA EAST HONORS

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany sophomore forward **Uju Ogbuawa** has been named to the 2005 All-America East honorable mention squad, as announced by the conference office at the annual awards banquet on Thursday night. This is the second straight season Ogbuawa has earned all-conference accolades after earning all-rookie honors in 2004.

Ogbuawa, who started 18 of 19 matches this season, led the Great Danes with seven points on three goals and one assist. She is the program's active career leader with 20 points, which ranks 11th on UAlbany's all-time list. A native of Fort Washington, Md., Ogbuawa is 12th in career goals with eight.



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UALBANY CROSS COUNTRY TO COMPETE AT AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany men's and women's cross country teams will compete at the America East Conference Championships on Saturday, Oct. 29. This year's championships will be held at Binghamton University's campus course, the first time the Bearcats will host the conference meet.

The women compete at 11:00 a.m. on a 5,000-meter course. UAlbany will look to **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn), who has been the top finisher for the Great Danes in each of their five races this season, to lead the women's squad. Lotmore has won two of the five meets this season, the Monmouth Kickoff Classic on Sept. 3, and most recently the George Mason Invitational on Oct. 1. Freshmen **Jenna Ortman** and **Jessica Ortman**, twin sisters who have been among the team's top runners throughout the fall, should also be competitive in the field.

The men will compete on an 8,000-meter course at 12 noon. UAlbany's **Robbie Freeman**, who finished sixth overall last year with a time of 24:39, is the squad's leading runner this season. Freeman has been the men's top finisher in four of their five races this season and is coming off a seventh-place showing at the UAlbany Invitational on Oct. 15. **Ricardo Estremera** has also turned in solid performances throughout the season, and he'll be in the hunt for his fourth top-10 finish of 2005.

UAlbany is vying for its first-ever team championship since joining the America East Conference in 2001. The conference has sponsored a men's cross country championship since 1988, while the first women's championship was held in 1989.



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UALBANY ANNOUNCES SOCCER COACH KALEKENI BANDA'S RESIGNATION

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy today announced the resignation of head women's soccer coach Kalekeni Banda.

Banda, the second full-time head coach in the program's history, went 4-54-1 in three seasons at UAlbany. The Great Danes were 1-18 overall and 0-8 in America East Conference play in the recently completed 2005 season.

Banda was appointed to the position on March 19, 2003, becoming the second coach in UAlbany's Division I history. He coached two All-America East selections, including the program's first all-rookie team honoree. Banda also led UAlbany to its first-ever win against crosstown-rival Siena, the program's lone victory this fall.

McElroy also announced that assistant coach Mary-Frances Monroe is taking over the position on an interim basis. Monroe, who just finished her first season on the UAlbany staff, spent 2004 as an assistant coach at Wellesley College before traveling overseas to play professionally. She was a four-time All-American at Connecticut and UCLA from 1998-2001.



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UALBANY'S ASHLEY ROSS TABBED ROOKIE OF THE WEEK BY AMERICA EAST

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany goalkeeper **Ashley Ross** has been named the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in field hockey, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. Ross tallied a career-high 11 saves in UAlbany's first-ever victory over a nationally-ranked team. The Great Danes upended No. 18 Boston U., 2-1, on Oct. 22.

Ross held the Terriers to their lowest goal output in America East play this season, allowing only one goal in their first conference loss since Oct. 24, 2003. She has a 2.24 goals against average with a .650 save percentage in 16 starting assignments this season.

The freshman netminder has eight wins and 67 saves on the season. UAlbany (8-8) will put its four-game winning streak on the line against Colgate on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 5:00 p.m.

HUNTER AND BUCHANAN EARN AMERICA EAST WEEKLY VOLLEYBALL HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany senior outside hitter **Ashley Hunter** has been recognized as the America East Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced by the conference office on Monday. Junior setter **Blair Buchanan** has been honored as the conference's setter of the week.

Hunter averaged 4.67 kills per game in three UAlbany victories last week, including a 5.33 kills per game average in two conference matches. Hunter, who earned her second conference award of the season, hit .348 on the week and added 1.00 digs and 4.83 points per game. She ranks fourth among conference leaders in kills per game (3.85) and also stands among the league's best in hitting percentage (.299) and points per game (4.19).

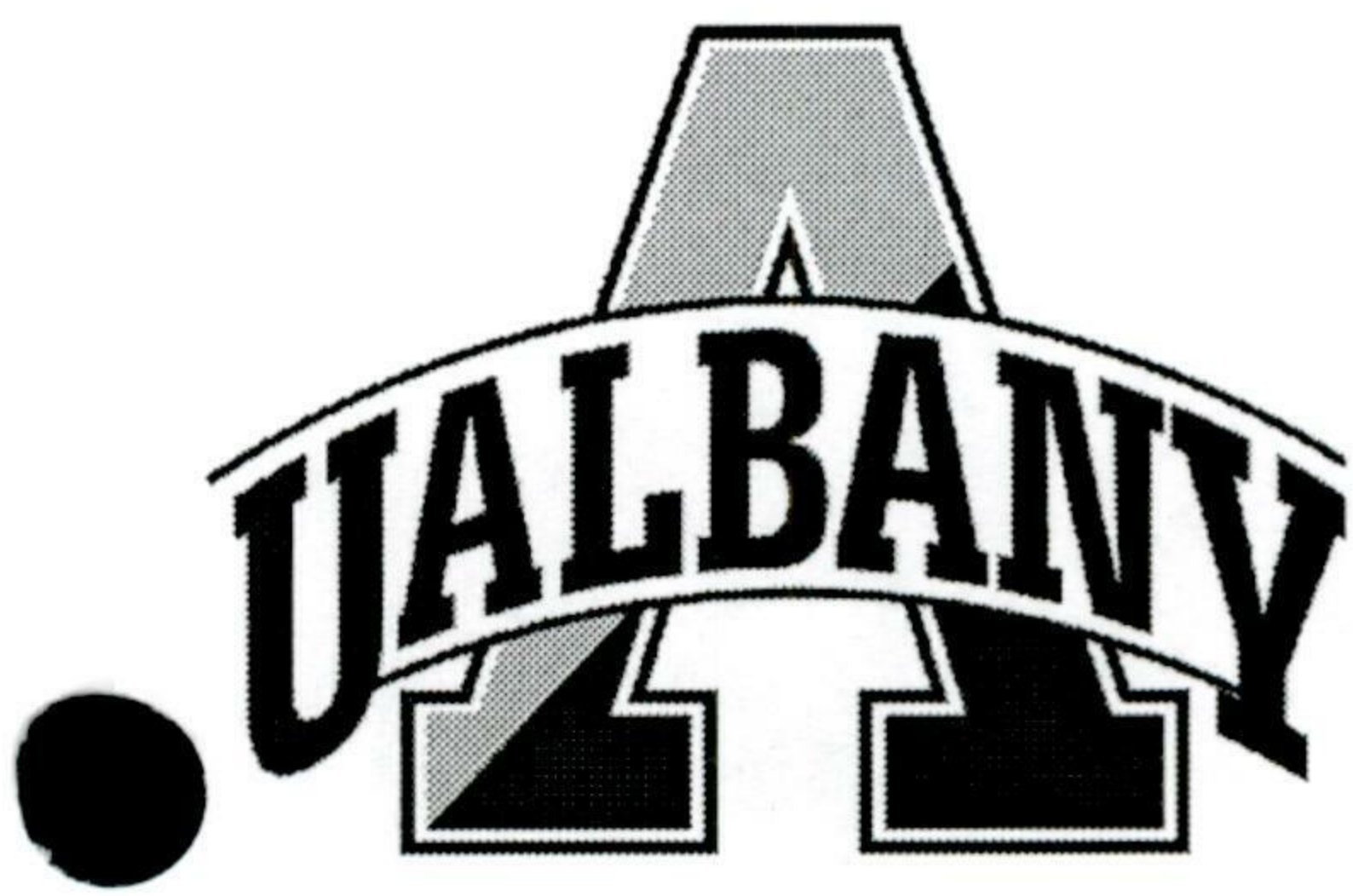
Buchanan, who has won or shared the setter award five times this year, averaged 11.33 assists and 2.44 digs last week. She recorded her seventh double-double with 32 assists and 12 digs against Maine. Buchanan, who needs 17 assists to become the school's all-time leader, is first in the conference in assists with 12.08 per game and also sits fifth with a .301 hitting percentage.

UAlbany defeated Connecticut, 3-0, and then picked up three-game sweeps over America East-rivals Maine and Binghamton. The Great Danes, who have won 14 of their last 15 matches, moved into a tie for first place in the conference standings.

COLIN DISCH AND BRIAN BECKER AMONG DIVISION I-AA TACKLES LEADERS

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany's **Colin Disch** and **Brian Becker** (Saratoga Springs) are among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in tackles per game following last Saturday's 25-16 victory over St. Francis, Pa. in Northeast Conference play.

Disch, a sophomore inside linebacker, and Becker, a senior inside linebacker, have made 74 and 70 tackles, respectively, through seven games this season. The Great Danes, who held St. Francis to a season-low scoring total, are ranked 34th nationally in scoring defense (21.6 ppg) and 37th in rushing defense (130.4 pg).



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UALBANY WOMEN'S GOLF FINISHES EIGHTH AT ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Falmouth, Mass. – **Ali Bode** earned medalist honors with a two-day total of 161 to lead Harvard to the ECAC Women's Golf Championship at Ballymead Country Club on Sunday afternoon. UAlbany finished eighth with a team score of 759.

Freshman **Amanda McPhee** tied for 15th at the event, carding a first-round 85 and a 93 in second-round action for a final score of 178. **Maggie Taylert** finished tied for 27th overall with a pair of 93's. **Sun-Hwa Kim** shot of a second-round 95 to go along with a 103 from Saturday for 39th place.

Tracey Berns (102-98-200) and **Samantha Williams** (103-102-205) finished 42nd and 51st, respectively for the Great Danes.

-agate-

ECAC Championships (Ballymead Country Club - Falmouth, Mass.)

TEAM

1. Harvard 321-329 -- 650, 2. Hartford 348-357 – 705, 3. Long Island University 345-363 –708, 4. Boston U. 359-351 – 710, 5. Lehigh 349-376 – 725, 6. Central Conn. State 372-356 -- 728, 7. Fairfield 377-360 -- 737, 8. **UAlbany 383-376 -- 759**, 9. Sacred Heart 386-376 – 762, 10. Hofstra 384-390 – 774.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Ali Bode (Harvard) 79-82 -- 161, T2. Jessica Hazlett (Harvard) 82-80 – 162, T2. Natalie Desjardins (Long Island Univ.) 83-79 –162, T4. Emily Balmert (Harvard) 80-84 –164, T4. Jen Cronan (Harvard) 81-83 –164, 6. Allison Hamilton (Boston U.) 88-78 – 166, 7. Juliana Carillo (Hartford) 87-81 – 168, T8. Courtney Richardson (Fairfield) 88-84 –172, T8. Jacquie Rooney (Harvard) 81-91 –172, 10. Jennifer Guido (Hartford) 82-92 —174.

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T15. Amanda McPhee 85-93 --178, T27. Maggie Taylert 93-93 --186, T39. Sun-Hwa Kim 103-95 – 198, T42. Tracey Berns 102-98 – 200, T51. Samantha Williams 103-102 – 205.



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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS, MOVES INTO TIE FOR AMERICA EAST LEAD

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashlee Reed** drilled 16 kills and **Ashley Hunter** added 12 as UAlbany swept Binghamton, 3-0, in America East Conference volleyball action on Sunday afternoon at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who avenged a four-game loss to the Bearcats two weeks ago, posted scores of 30-19, 30-26 and 30-15.

UAlbany (20-3, AE 6-1) moved into a tie for first place in the conference standings with Binghamton (14-10, AE 6-1). Both teams have a two-game lead in the loss column. The regular-season champion will host the conference's post-season tournament on Nov. 18-20.

Reed connected on 16-of-27 attacks for a match-high .481 hitting percentage to go along with eight digs. **Shelby Goldman** chipped in with nine kills for the Great Danes, who have won 14 of their last 15 matches.

UAlbany's **Ashley DeNeal** led all players with 19 digs, while **Blair Buchanan** finished with 35 assists, six kills and six digs.

Katie Brody paced Binghamton with 16 kills and nine digs. **Ashley Meffert** chipped in with 30 assists, five digs and two blocks.

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UAlbany (20-3, AE 6-1) def. Binghamton (14-10, AE 6-1) 30-19, 30-26 and 30-15.

UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER EDGED BY NEW HAMPSHIRE IN SEASON FINALE

Durham, N.H. – Sophomore **Adriana Gonzalez-Medina** scored with 5:29 remaining in the match to break a 1-1 tie as New Hampshire downed UAlbany 2-1 in the America East regular-season finale for both teams on Sunday afternoon. New Hampshire (8-7-2, 3-3-2 AE) will be seeded fifth in the America East Conference Tournament and plays fourth-seeded Vermont in the first round on Friday. The Great Danes finish their season 1-18 overall and 0-8 in America East play.

Freshman **Michelle Sheehan** got the Wildcats on the board first, as she took a pass from freshman **Sarah Hourihan** and beat UAlbany goalkeeper **Ashley Neussle**. Senior **Nicole Hercules** evened the score with her second goal of the season on a breakaway at the 70:21 mark. UNH took advantage of a corner kick late in the match as senior **Julie Wernig** found Gonzalez-Medina with a cross for the game-winning score.

Neussle had six saves for UAlbany, while UNH junior goalkeeper **Julie Randall** had three saves. Hercules concludes her Great Dane career with 15 points on five goals and five assists. She finishes tied for fifth on the program's all-time assist list.

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New Hampshire 2, UAlbany 1 (Durham, N.H.)

UNH (8-7-2, 3-3-2 AE) 1 1 2

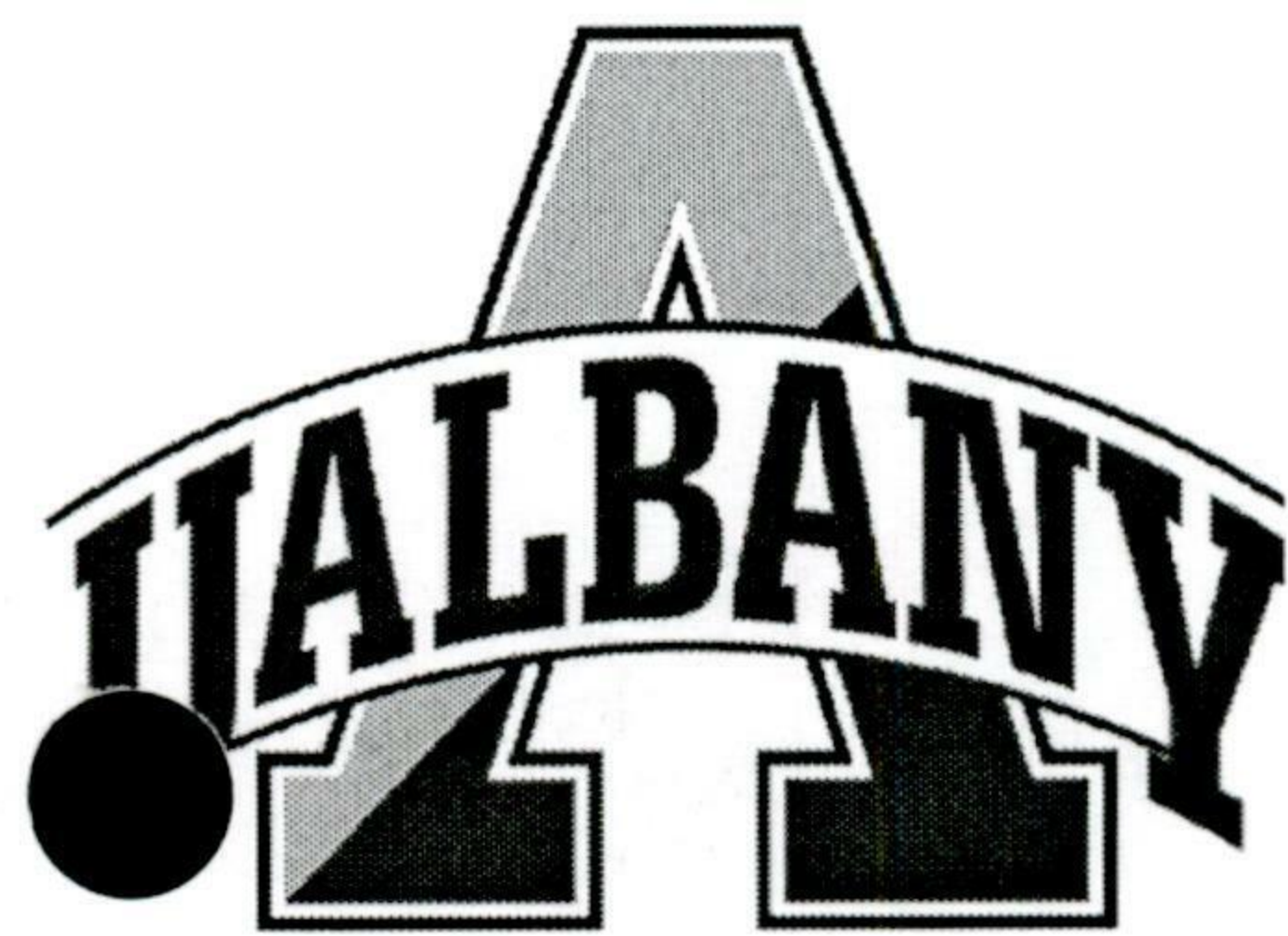
UAlbany (1-18, 0-8 AE) 0 1 1

UNH- Scoring: Adriana Gonzalez-Medina 1-0, Michelle Sheehan 1-0, Sara Hourihan 0-1,

Julie Wernig 0-1; Goalkeeper: Julie Randall (90:00, 1 GA, 3 saves)

UAlbany- Scoring: Nicole Hercules 1-0; Goalkeeper: Ashley Neussle (90:00, 2 GA, 6 saves)

Shots: UNH 18, UAlbany 7; Corner Kicks: UNH 4, UAlbany 2



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY TAKES DOWN #18 BOSTON UNIVERSITY IN A-EAST ACTION

Cambridge, Mass. – UAlbany forward **Kristen Holder** scored the game-winning goal to push UAlbany past #18 Boston University, 2-1, in conference action on Saturday afternoon at Jack Barry Field. The Terriers were previously undefeated in the America East this season.

Boston U. (11-5, AE 3-1) battled back from a 1-0 deficit at the 48:43 mark on a goal by junior forward **Ashley Parker**. Holder notched what proved to be the game-winning tally for UAlbany (8-8, AE 2-2) less than seven minutes later at the 55:10 mark. She was assisted by freshman **Arlette Westdorp** on the play.

The Great Danes jumped out to an early 1-0 lead at the 19:42 mark when freshman **Michele Polizois** scored on a penalty corner with assists from Westdorp and **Meg Rinier**. Westdorp's two goals on the day brings her total to 13, which ties her for sixth all-time in school history.

UAlbany freshman goalie **Ashley Ross** tallied 11 saves while playing the entire game between the pipes. She now has 67 saves on the season and improved her save percentage to .650.

The Terriers went undefeated in the America East last season en route to the conference title. They had not lost a league game since falling to Northeastern in 1-0 overtime loss on Oct. 24, 2003.

The Great Danes, who have won four straight games, return to action in a non-conference contest at Colgate on Oct. 25 at 5:00.

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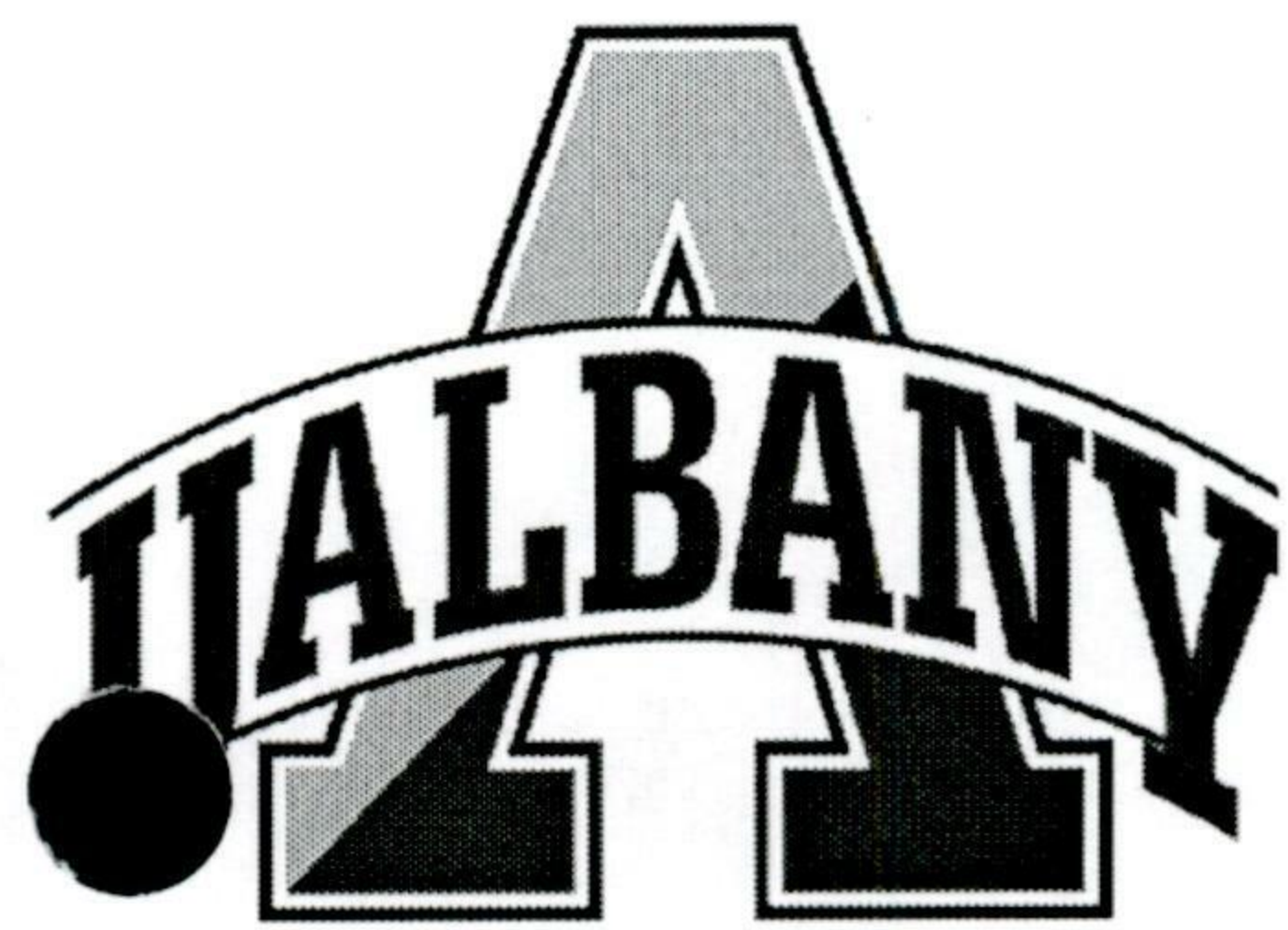
UAlbany 2, Boston U. 1 (Cambridge, Mass.)

UAlbany (8-8, AE 2-2) 1 1 - 2

Boston U. (13-5, AE 3-1) 0 1 - 1

UAlbany—Scoring: Kristen Holder 1-0, Michele Polizois 1-0, Arlette Westdorp 0-2, Meg Rinier 0-1; Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 11 saves, 1 GA)

Boston U.—Scoring: Ashley Parker 1-0, Sarah Hudak 0-1; Goalkeeper: Erin Prediger (70:00, 2 GA, 5 saves)



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UALBANY WOMEN'S GOLF EIGHTH AFTER FIRST ROUND OF ECAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Falmouth, Mass. – Freshman **Amanda McPhee** fired a first-round 85 at the ECAC Championships held at Ballymead Country Club on Saturday. UAlbany currently sits in eighth place out of 10 teams with a team total of 383.

Harvard University leads the competition with a 321 team score, and the Crimson's **Ali Bode** shot a seven-over-par 79 for the best round of the day.

McPhee is in a tie for 11th place after one round on the 5,852-yard course. **Maggie Taylert** registered a 93 to tie for 25th place, while **Tracey Berns** finished with a 102. **Sun-Hwa Kim** and **Samantha Williams** each recorded a 103 on the day.

The two-day event will conclude on Sunday at 9 a.m.

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ECAC Championships (Ballymead Country Club – Falmouth, Mass.)

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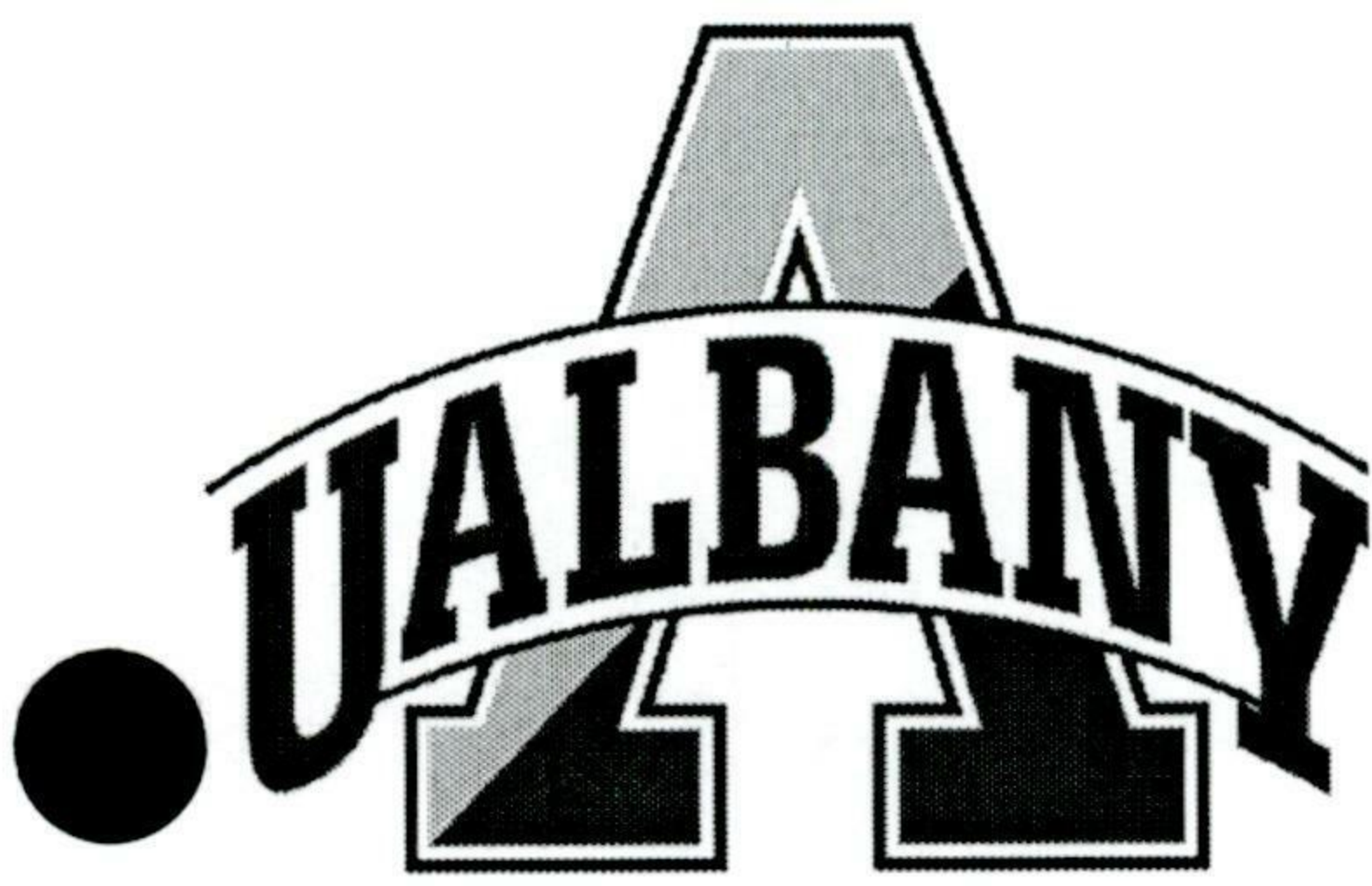
1. Harvard 321, 2. Long Island University 345, 3. Hartford 348, 4. Lehigh 349, 5. Boston U. 359, 6. Central Conn. State 372, 7. Fairfield 377, **8. UAlbany 383**, 9. Hofstra 384, 10. Sacred Heart 386

INDIVIDUAL

1. Ali Bode (Harvard) 79, 2. Emily Balmert (Harvard) 80, T3. Jen Cronan (Harvard) 81, T3. Jacquie Rooney (Harvard) 81, T5. Jessica Hazlett (Harvard) 82, T5. Rochelle Brown (Long Island Univ.) 82, T5. Jennifer Guido (Hartford) 82, T5. Juliana Carillo (Hartford) 82, 9. Natalie Desjardins (Long Island Univ.) 83, 10. Yvonne Kukora (Lehigh) 84

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T11. Amanda McPhee 85, T25. Maggie Taylert 93, T43. Tracey Berns 102, T46. Sun-Hwa Kim 103, T46. Samantha Williams 103



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OMAR JOHNSON HAS TWO SCORES IN UALBANY'S 25-16 WIN OVER ST. FRANCIS, PA.

Loretto, Pa. – Marcus Allen rushed for a career-high 122 yards and Omar Johnson ran for a pair of touchdowns in leading UAlbany to a 25-16 Northeast Conference victory over St. Francis, Pa. on Saturday afternoon in the first game played at brand-new DeGol Field.

St. Francis, Pa. (1-5, NEC 2-2) closed to within 18-16 midway through the third quarter when quarterback Anthony Doria found Mike Caputo on a post pattern for a 24-yard touchdown reception. The Red Flash tried a two-point conversion, but running back Todd Harris was hit at the line by UAlbany's Michael Dungey and Daniel Barnes.

UAlbany (2-5, NEC 2-2) then took control with a seven-play, 60-yard drive. Quarterback Brett Hall hit tight end Wayne Carrabus with a 15-yard completion and later ran 29 yards on an option play to key the sequence. Johnson would cap the march on a four-run over left guard with 3:22 remaining.

"We've been struggling on offense, so it was nice to see a sustained drive with the game on the line," said UAlbany coach Bob Ford, who's team rushed for a season-high 298 yards. "Our defense forced some turnovers and made some key stops to give us a chance."

UAlbany jumped out to a 12-0 lead in the opening period that formula. The Great Danes, who ended a four-game road losing streak, scored on their second possession with a 43-yard drive that featured six straight running plays. Johnson, who ran 11 times for a season-high 56 yards, reached the end zone on a 3-yard blast. Following linebacker Colin Disch's interception UAlbany put together another six play march that ended in fullback Dan Beigel's 1-yard run over right guard.

"I thought we came together as an offense," said Johnson, a 6-foot, 230-pound tailback who had carried the ball just four times this season prior to the game. "I knew I was going to be used in short yardage, but on that first run the offensive linemen were just moving their line. Everyone contributed and wanted it for each other."

Doria, the NEC's second all-time leading passer with more than 5,800 yards, used his arm to get his team back into the contest with a 10-point second quarter that narrowed the gap to 12-10 at halftime.

A 15-play 72-yard drive that was kept alive by two UAlbany penalties resulting in Nick SanDoval's 1-yard touchdown run. Doria, who completed 29-54 attempts for 293 yards, later connected on 4 of 6 passes to set up Adam Sciulli's 35-yard field goal on the last play of the half.

In the third quarter, the team's traded turnovers before UAlbany put together a short scoring drive. Hall, who completed 5 of 10 passes for 65 yards and added 35 more on the ground,

scrambled 12 yards for a first down. Flanker Mike Wall then ran a reverse around left end 26 yards to paydirt for an 18-10 lead.

Caputo, who had double-figure receptions for the third straight game, finished with 10 catches for 108 yards. Harris had 18 carries for 88 yards for the Red Flash, who hosted league wins over Robert Morris and Central Connecticut State earlier this month.

MEN'S SOCCER EARNS TIE AGAINST A-EAST RIVAL BINGHAMTON

Vestal, N.Y. – Sophomore Mike Dineen scored his first career goal 12:49 into the second half to tie the score at one as the Great Danes tied Binghamton, 1-1 in double-overtime, in an America East Conference match on Saturday afternoon in Vestal, N.Y. UAlbany improved to 5-7-3 overall and 2-3-1 in the America East, while Binghamton moved to 10-4-2 overall and 3-2-1 in conference play.

Sophomore Matthew Narode scored Binghamton's lone goal 26:37 into the contest to give a Bearcats an early 1-0 halftime advantage. Dineen took a cross from Hall in the early stages of the second half and found the back of the net to even the score. UAlbany freshman goalkeeper Steward Ceus and Binghamton keeper Ryan Bertoli each had four saves apiece.

Hall, who is among America East leaders with six assists, leads UAlbany with 14 points. Dineen a 6-foot-5 back has points in consecutive game as he had an assist against Hartford on Oct. 19.

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UAlbany 1, Binghamton 1 2OT (Vestal, N.Y.)

Binghamton (10-4-1, 3-2 AE)	1	0	0	0	1
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UAlbany (5-7-2, 2-3 AE)	0	1	0	0	1
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UAlbany- Scoring: Mike Dineen 1-0, Stephan Hall 0-1; Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (110:00, 1 GA, 4 saves)

Binghamton- Scoring: Matt Narode 1-0 ; Goalkeeper: Ryan Bertoni (110:00, 1 GA, 4 saves)

Shots: Binghamton 16, UAlbany 9; Corner Kicks: UAlbany 3, Binghamton 3



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HUNTER NOTCHES 20 KILLS AS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS MAINE, 3-0

Orono, Maine – **Ashley Hunter** tallied 20 kills in leading UAlbany to a 3-0 sweep of Maine in America East Conference volleyball action on Friday night at Memorial Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who have won 21 of their last 23 matches against league opponents, posted scores of 30-28, 30-27 and 30-26.

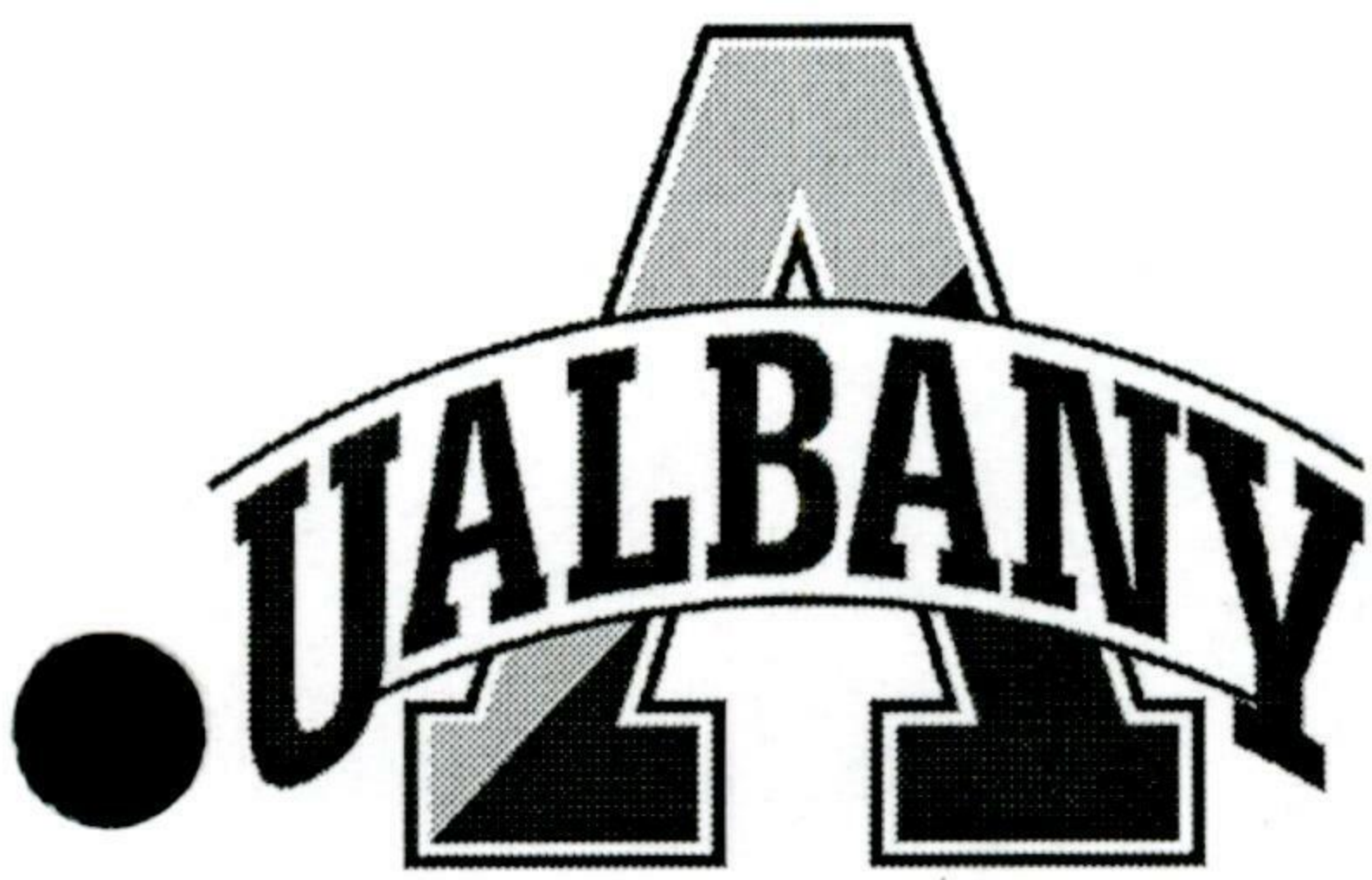
Hunter, who recorded 20-plus kills for the fourth time this season, finished with a team-high .417 hitting percentage. **Shelby Goldman** notched 14 kills on 30 attempts for the Great Danes (19-3, AE 5-1).

Ashley DeNeal sparked the defensive effort with a match-high 24 digs, while **Blair Buchanan** registered her seventh double-double of the season with 32 assists and 12 digs. **Ashlee Reed** recorded six kills and nine digs, including the 1,000th dig of her career.

Shannan Fotter, who ranks among the America East kills leaders, paced Maine (6-11, AE 3-3) with 15 kills. **Leah Guidinger** added 12 kills, while **Kaili Jordan** added 11 kills and nine digs. Setter **Shelly Seipp** notched a double-double with 38 assists and 10 digs.

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UAlbany (19-3, AE 5-1) def. Maine (6-11, AE 3-3), 30-28, 30-27 and 30-26.



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CHARLES MOSLEY NAMED UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS HEAD COACH

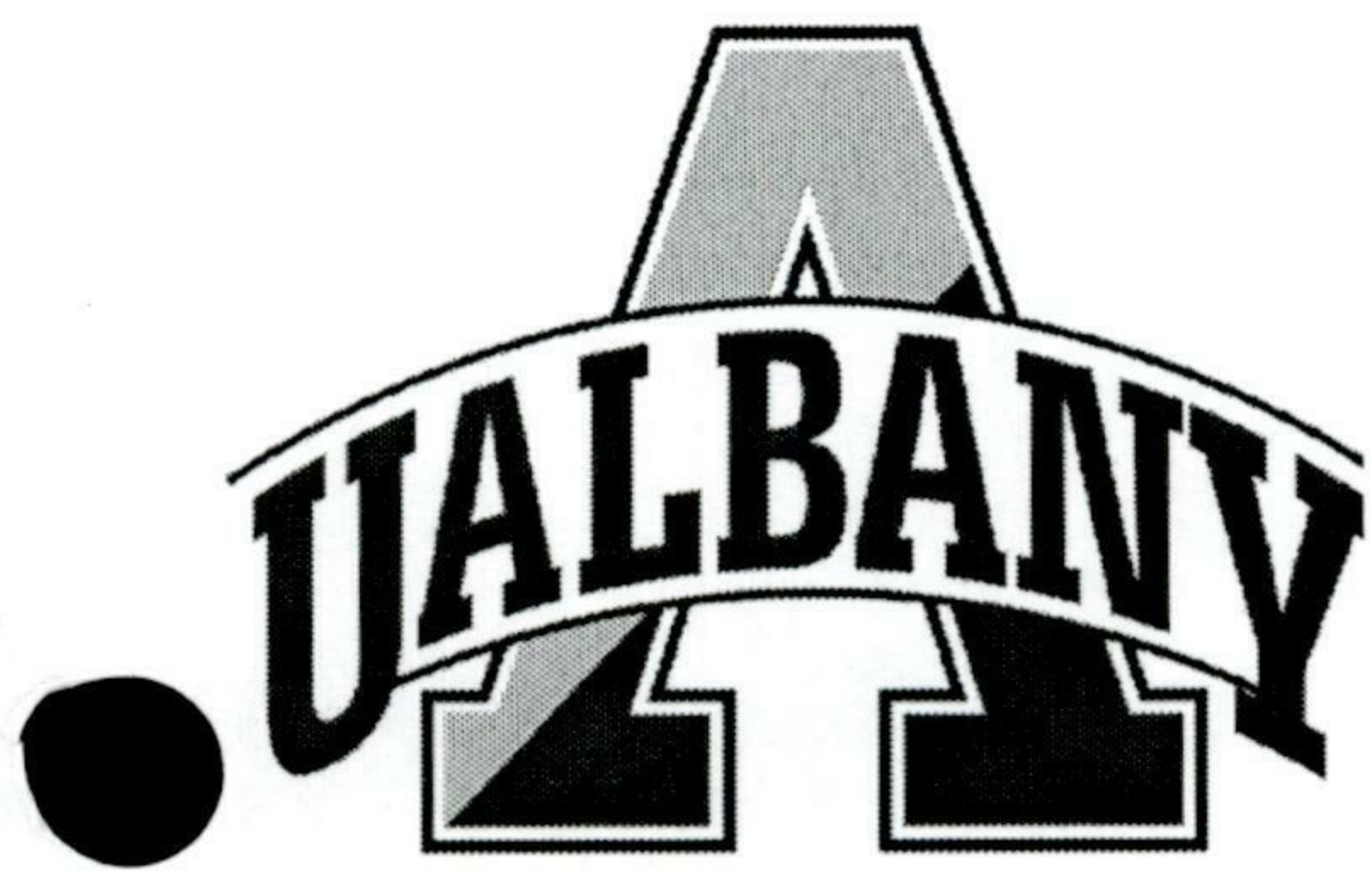
Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced on Thursday afternoon the hiring of **Charles Mosley** as the head women's tennis coach.

Mosley spent two years as the head coach of the men's and women's tennis teams at Xavier University in Louisiana, where he led both NAIA Division I programs to their first-ever regional tournament berths. The Musketeers, who compete in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference, climbed as high as 14th in the national rankings.

Mosley has also worked with the tennis programs at Tulane, Nicholls State and Cleveland State. As a volunteer assistant coach at Tulane, he helped lead the women's team to its first Conference USA Championship. Mosley served as head coach at Nicholls State, where three athletes were named to the Southland Conference All-Academic Team. While at Cleveland State, Mosley's squad captured the President's Award for the highest team grade-point average.

In addition to his collegiate experience, Mosley has been an instructor at the NCAA Yes Clinic which was held at the University of Texas-Arlington. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Mosley also has coached and presented seminars at the Australian National Coaches Association.

Mosley, who received his umpire certification from the United States Tennis Association, graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from Johnson C. Smith University, in Charlotte N.C.



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WOMEN'S SOCCER TURNED BACK BY STONY BROOK IN A-EAST MATCH

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Sophomore **Tiffany Fasullo** scored a goal and added an assist as Stony Brook downed UAlbany, 2-0, in an America East Conference match on Thursday night at LaValle Stadium. The Seawolves improved to 4-12-1 overall and 1-6 in the America East, while the Great Danes fell to 1-17 overall and 0-7 in conference play.

Senior **Danielle Lewis** broke a scoreless tie 18:07 into the second half off a pass from Fasulo. Fasulo provided an insurance goal 7:35 later for her team-leading fourth tally of the season.

Junior goalkeeper **Andrea Dunn** had a season-high 11 saves for the Great Danes. She is among America East Conference leaders with 6.1 saves per game. Stony Brook outshot UAlbany 24-5 in earning its first conference win of the season.

The Great Danes wrap up their season on Sunday when they travel to New Hampshire for a 1 p.m. conference match.

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Stony Brook 2, UAlbany 1 (LaValle Stadium – Stony Brook, N.Y.)

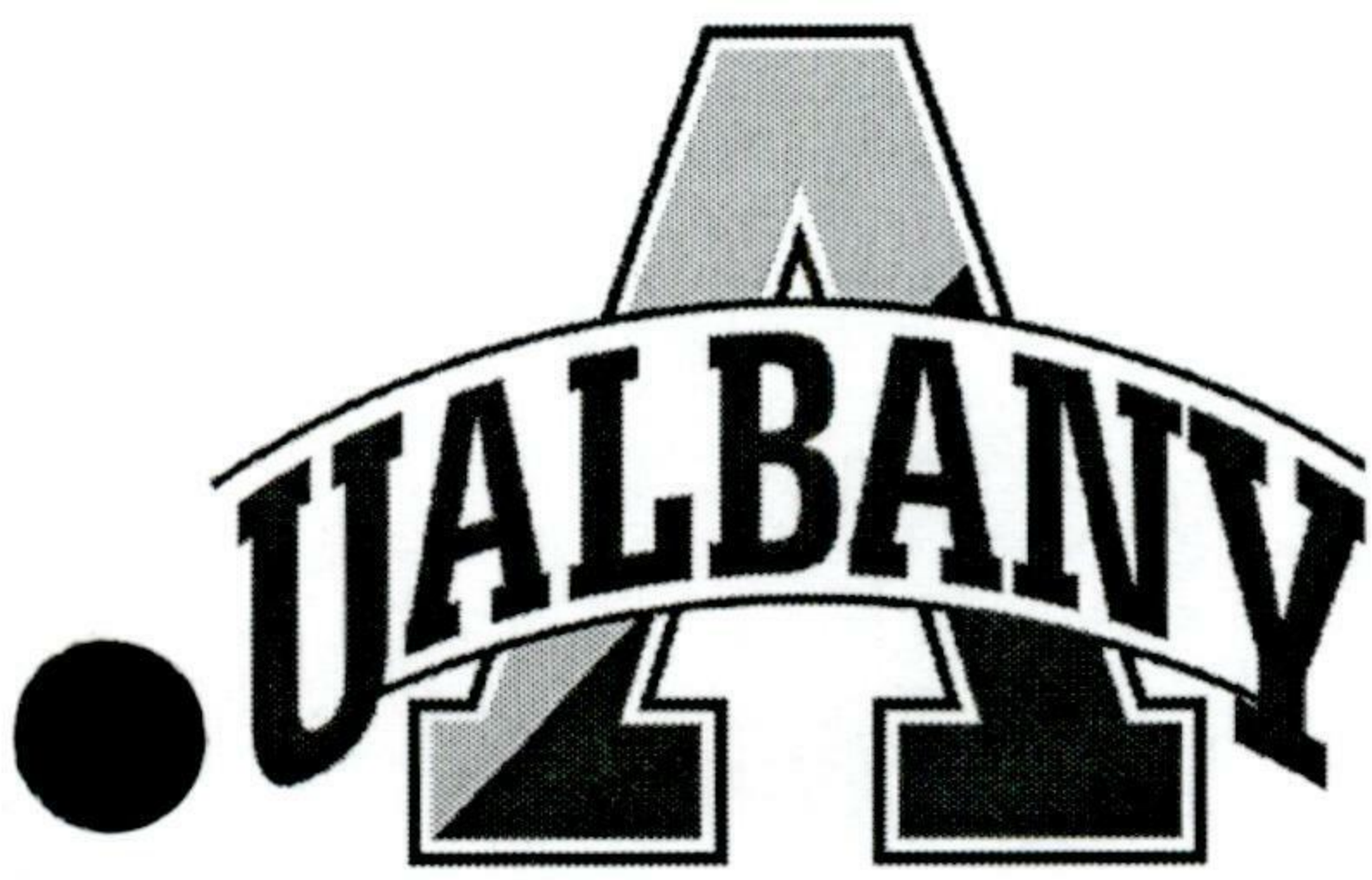
Stony Brook (4-12-1, 1-6- AE)	0	2	2
UAlbany (1-17, 0-7 AE)	0	0	0

Stony Brook- Scoring: Tiffany Fasullo 1-1, Danielle Lewis 1-0, Kristen Mishrell 0-1;

Goalkeeper: Cindy Bennett (90:00, 0 GA, 0 saves)

UAlbany- Scoring: None; Goalkeeper: Andrea Dunn (90:00, 2 GA, 11 saves)

Shots: Stony Brook 24, UAlbany 5; Corner Kicks: Stony Brook 7, UAlbany 1



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RAY'S GAME-WINNING GOAL LIFTS MEN'S SOCCER OVER HARTFORD

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Brad Ray** scored the game-winning goal with 12:04 remaining in the contest as UAlbany downed Hartford, 2-1, in an America East Conference match on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes improved to 5-7-2 overall and 2-3 in the America East, while Hartford dropped to 5-7-2 overall and 2-3-1 in conference play.

UAlbany controlled the ball for much of the first half, out-shooting Hartford 8-1, but the Hawks got on the board first on a goal from junior **Gorkem Katglu** at the 28:26 mark. UAlbany tied the score 17:14 into the second half when junior **Yan Gbolo** crossed the ball from the left and sophomore **Mike Dineen** shot rebounded directly to freshman **Don Johnson**, who knocked it home for his first career goal. Junior captain **Stephan Hall** found a sprinting Ray with a through-ball, who scored for the game-winning tally

Freshman goalkeeper **Steward Ceus** had two saves for the Great Danes, who outshot the Hawks 18-5. Hartford senior **Ryan Carr** had seven saves in net. Ray's goal was his second game-winning score of the year. He tied Hall for second on the team with four goals. His 11 points ranks second behind Hall's 13.

The Great Danes return to action Saturday when they travel to America East-rival Binghamton for a 2 p.m. match.

-agate-

UAlbany 2, Hartford 1 (Varsity Field - Albany, N.Y.)

UAlbany (5-7-2, 2-3-0 AE) 0 2 2

Hartford (5-7-2, 2-3-1 AE) 1 0 1

UAlbany- Scoring: Don Johnson 1-0, Brad Ray 1-0, Mike Dineen 0-1, Yan Gbolo 0-1, Stephan Hall 0-1; Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 1 GA, 2 saves)

Hartford- Scoring: Gorkem Katoglu 1-0; Goalkeeper (90:00, Ryan Carr, 2 GA, 7 saves)

Shots: UAlbany 18, Hartford 7; Corner Kicks: UAlbany 7, Hartford 4



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HUNTER SPARKS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL TO SWEEP OF CONNECTICUT

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashley Hunter** tallied 10 kills in helping UAlbany to a 3-0 sweep of Big East Conference-rival Connecticut in non-conference women's volleyball action on Tuesday night at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who have won 12 of their last 13 matches, recorded scores of 30-26, 30-18 and 30-21.

UAlbany (18-3) had seven different players register a kill in the match. **Ashlee Reed** tallied nine kills and eight digs, while **Shelby Goldman** added nine kills. **Blair Buchanan** recorded 35 assists, six kills and four digs. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** finished with six service aces and eight digs.

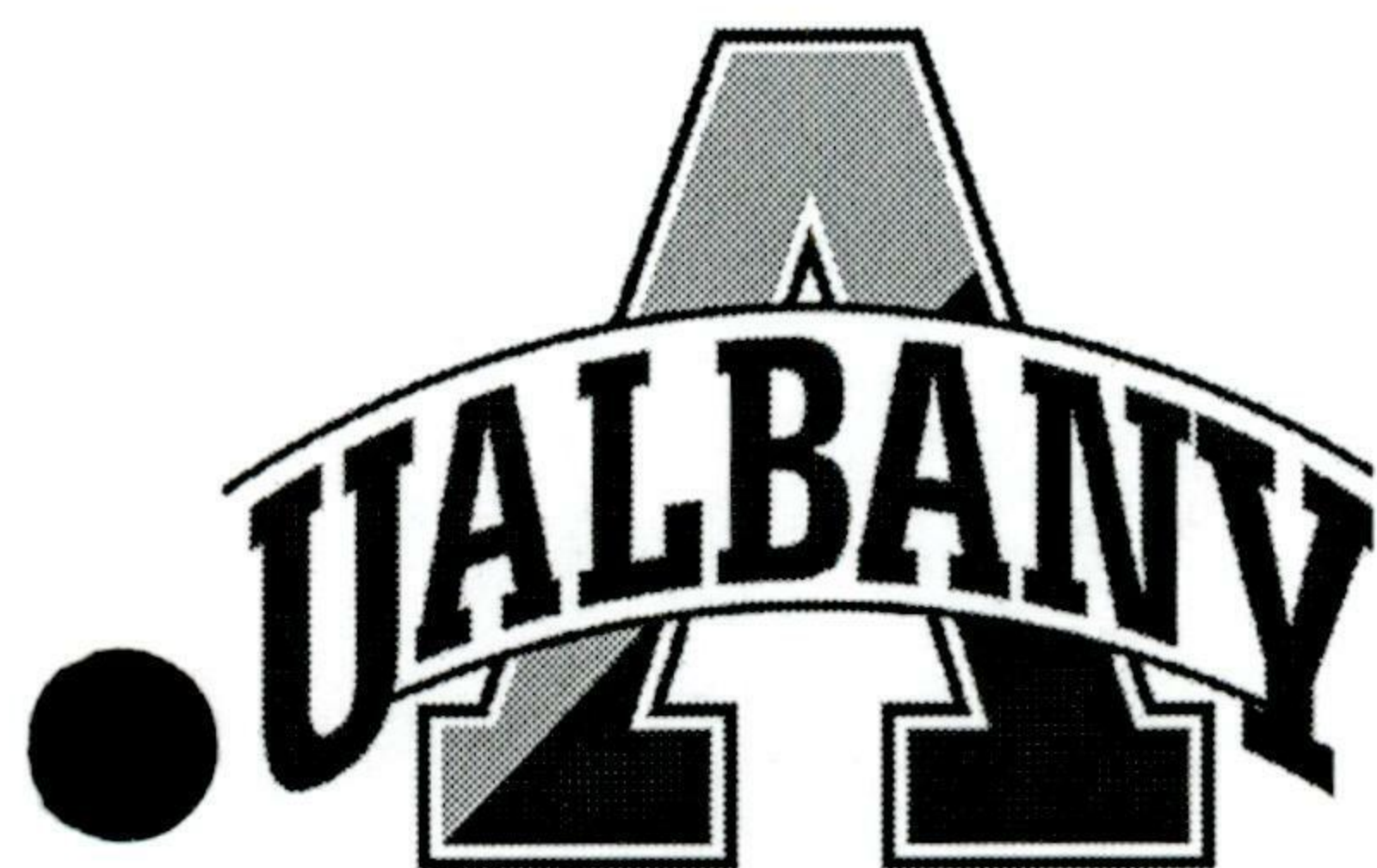
The Great Danes, who rank 17th in the nation in hitting percentage, hit .337 for the match, while holding UConn to .097. UAlbany also tallied eight blocks and 10 service aces on the night.

Brittany Stewart and **Megan Crawley** each finished with nine kills for UConn (10-10). Libero **Julie Pickard** managed a team-high eight digs, while **Jenny Neelands** added 28 assists and four kills.

The Great Danes resume America East Conference play on Friday at Maine at 4 p.m. before hosting Binghamton on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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UAlbany (18-3) def. Connecticut (10-10), 30-26, 30-18 and 30-21.



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UALBANY'S BRIAN BECKER NAMED NEC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Brian Becker** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) has been selected as the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Week in football, as announced today by the conference office. He was honored for his performance in last Saturday's 21-7 victory over Sacred Heart.

Becker, a senior inside linebacker from Gansevoort, N.Y., made 11 tackles and helped set up a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns that broke a 7-7 tie midway through the period. With Sacred Heart driving at the Albany 42-yard line, Becker forced a fumble that led to Brett Hall's 13-yard touchdown pass with 6:43 remaining. He then intercepted a pass near midfield and returned the ball 40 yards to the Sacred Heart 5-yard line that led to an insurance touchdown. UAlbany's defense held the conference's top rusher, Ed Pricolo, to 83 yards on 26 carries.

Becker, who recorded double-figure tackles for the third time this season, is tied for 30th among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders with 60 tackles through six games. He also topped the 200-career mark in last week's contest, and is now 15th on the school's all-time tackles list with 210.

BUCHANAN & GOLDMAN EARN AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL WEEKLY AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Shelby Goldman** has been named the America East Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced today by the conference office. **Blair Buchanan** was tabbed the conference's setter of the week for the fourth time this season. The Great Danes (17-3, AE 4-1) defeated conference rivals Hartford, 3-0, and UMBC, 3-1, last week.

Goldman, who became the eighth player in the program's history to reach 1,000 career kills, smacked a team-high 13 against Hartford. The junior outside hitter then delivered a match-high 21 kills on 26 attempts for a season-high .556 hitting percentage in the win over UMBC. Goldman, who extended her double-figure kills streak to seven matches, ranks second in the conference with 4.00 kills per game and second with a .318 hitting percentage.

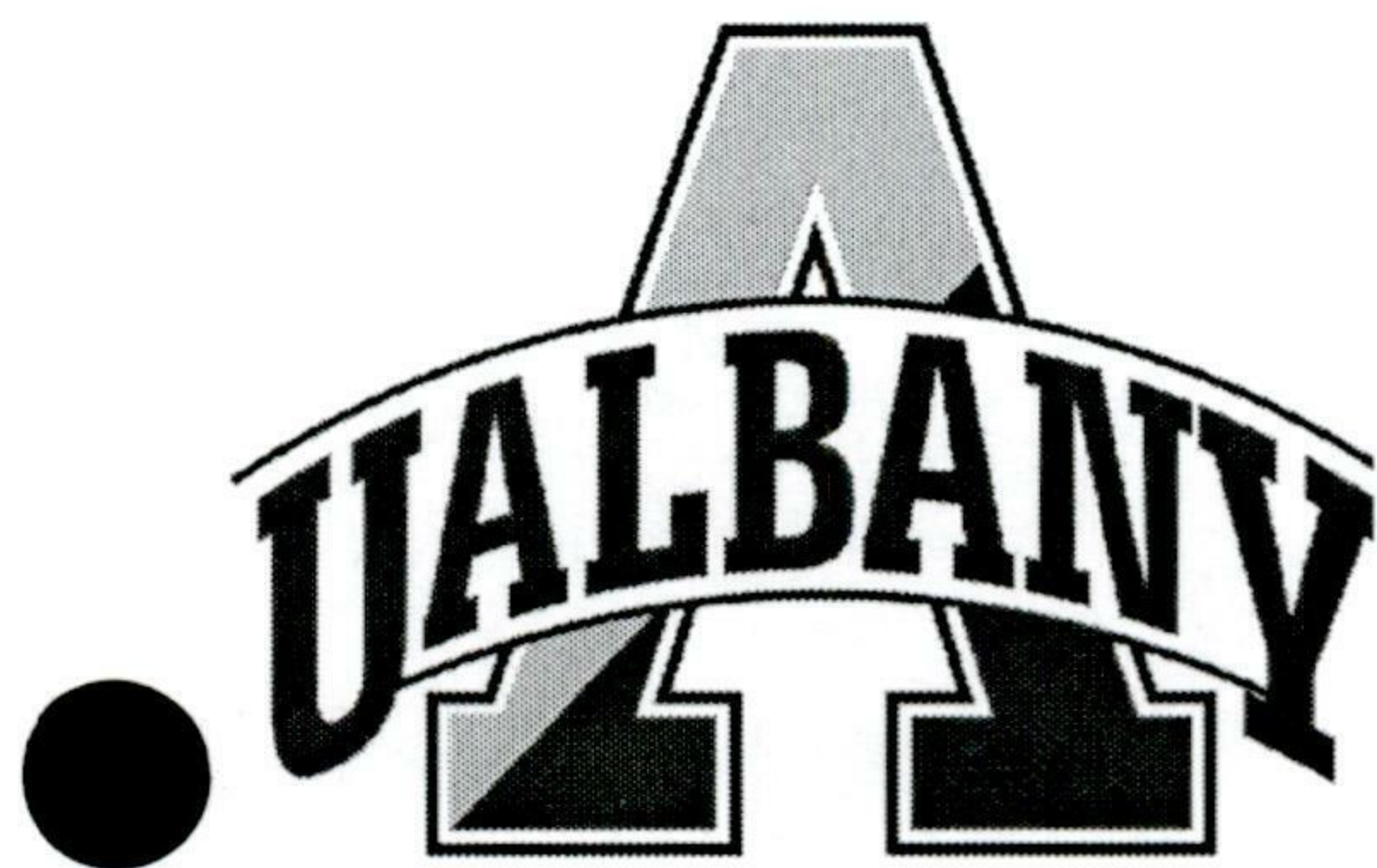
Buchanan averaged 12.29 assists per game in both matches last week. The junior setter tallied 52 assists and 11 digs against UMBC for her sixth double-double this season. She has reached 50-plus assists six times this year. For the season, Buchanan leads the conference with 12.18 assists per game.

TINA BRYSON TABBED AMERICA EAST FIELD HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany forward **Tina Bryson** has been named the America East Conference Player of the Week in women's field hockey, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. Bryson notched four goals in three games for the Great Danes last week, including the game-winning tally in overtime against Syracuse.

Bryson scored with six minutes and 15 seconds remaining against UMBC to give the Great Danes a season-high five goals in the game, as well as help the team to its first America East Conference win of the season. The senior forward scored a pair of first-half goals against Holy Cross for the eighth multiple-goal game of her career in a 4-3 win.

Bryson, who leads the conference with nine goals and three assists for 21 points, now has 32 goals and 77 points, which both rank fourth on the UAlbany career charts.



BRYSON, WEAVER EACH SCORE TWICE TO LEAD UALBANY PAST HOLY CROSS

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Tina Bryson** and freshman **Kasey Weaver** each tallied two goals to give UAlbany a 4-3 non-conference win over Holy Cross in field hockey action on Sunday afternoon at Alumni Turf Field.

Weaver snapped a 3-3 deadlock with her second game-winning goal in as many days. Her fifth goal of the season came on a penalty corner at the 57:07 mark with assists from **Meg Rinier** and **Arlette Westdorp**, who had a total of three on the day.

UAlbany (7-8) started the scoring action when Bryson smacked a pass from **Kristen Holder** past Holy Cross goalie **Sony Kuhn** 21:18 into the game. Bryson added another goal less than nine minutes later on an assist from Westdorp to give the Great Danes a 2-0 lead that stood through halftime.

Weaver opened final period when she converted a penalty corner with assists from freshmen Westdorp and Rinier. However, Holy Cross (7-8) would not go quietly, as the Crusaders scored three unanswered goals in a span of seven minutes and 11 seconds. Junior **Tara Welch** started things off with an assist from tri-captain **Jenna Cook** at the 45:00 mark. **Laura Cohen** then scored on an assist from junior **Susie Whelan** before Welch followed 50 seconds later as she pushed another goal past UAlbany goalie **Ashley Ross** to help her team draw even.

Ross, a freshman, notched three saves while playing the entire game between the pipes for the Great Danes, who have won three straight.

With her performance against the Crusaders, Bryson moved into fourth place on UAlbany's all-time goals list, with 32. She also tallied her 77th career point, also good for fourth in school history.

The Great Danes return to action on Saturday, Oct. 22 when they travel to Boston U. for an America East Conference game at 1:00 p.m.

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UAlbany 4, Holy Cross 3 (Alumni Turf Field)

Holy Cross (7-8) 0 3 - 3

UAlbany (7-8) 2 2 - 4

Holy Cross – Scoring: Tara Welch 2-0, Laura Cohen 1-0, Jenna Cook 0-1, Eli Skovron 0-1, Susie Whelan 0-1; Goalkeepers: Sony Kuhn (53:39, 4 GA, 4 saves); Erin Singleton (16:21, 0 GA, 1 save)

UAlbany – Scoring: Tina Bryson 2-0, Kasey Weaver 2-0, Arlette Westdorp 0-3, Meg Rinier 0-2, Kristen Holder 0-1; Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 3 GA, 3 saves)

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WOMEN'S SOCCER UPENDED BY CORNELL, 2-1, IN OVERTIME

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Kara Ishikawa** scored twice, including the game-winning tally 2:28 into overtime, as Cornell downed UAlbany 2-1 in overtime in a non-conference match on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. Cornell improved to 7-5 on the season, while UAlbany dropped to 1-16.

UAlbany sophomore forward **Uju Ogbuawa** started the scoring at the 5:03 mark of the first half off a through-pass from sophomore **Alicia Gibson**. Ishiwaka took a pass from senior **Shannon Fraser** and found the back of the net, evening the score 11:06 into the second half. Fraser found Ishikawa again, 2:28 into overtime, for the game-winning score.

Ishikawa is among Ivy League leaders with 17 points and seven goals this season. Ogbuawa tied junior **Jamie Dougherty** for the team lead in goals with three. Gibson is tied for third with senior **Nicole Hercules** in points with four.

The Great Danes travel to Stony Brook on Thursday for a 7 p.m. America East match.

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Cornell 2, UAlbany 1 OT (Varsity Field, Albany, N.Y.)

Cornell (7-5)	0	1	1	2
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UAlbany (1-16)	1	0	0	1
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Cornell- Scoring: Kara Ishakawa 2-0, Shannon Fraser 0-2; Goalkeeper: Taylor Hendren (92:28, 1 GA, 2 saves)

UAlbany- Scoring: Uju Ogbuawa 1-0, Alicia Gibson 0-1; Goalkeepers: Andrea Dunn (45:00, 0 GA, 5 saves), Ashley Neussle (47:28, 2 GA, 5 saves)

Shots: Cornell 29, UAlbany 12; Corner Kicks: Cornell 7, UAlbany 2



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MEN'S SOCCER EDGED BY STONY BROOK, 2-1, IN AMERICA EAST MATCH

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Michael Palacio** scored a goal and added an assist as Stony Brook defeated UAlbany, 2-1, in an America East Conference match on Saturday night at LaValle Stadium. The Seawolves improved to 8-2-3 overall and stayed unbeaten in conference play at 3-0-1. The Great Danes fell to 4-7-2 overall and 1-3 in the America East.

Sophomore **Matt Avellino** tallied Stony Brook's first goal 0:46 into the second half on a shot from 20 yards out. Palacio scored the game-winning tally 19:41 into the second half on a header from midfielder **Douglas Navarvaez**. UAlbany sophomore **Eric Zekiroski** made the score 2-1 on his first career goal at the 74:50 mark. Freshman **Brad Ray** had the assist

Ray is second on the Great Danes with three assists this season. He is among America East freshman leaders with nine points on three goals and three assists. Stony Brook junior goalkeeper **EJ Xikis** had four saves, while **Alex Kuritzky** had two saves in net for the Great Danes.

UAlbany hosts Hartford on Wednesday in an America East match at 2 p.m.

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Stony Brook 2, UAlbany 1 (LaValle Stadium- Stony Brook, N.Y.)

Stony Brook (8-2-3, 3-0-1 AE) 0 2 2

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

Stony Brook- Scoring: Michael Palacio 1-1, Matt Avellino 1-0, Douglas Narvaez 0-1 Goalkeeper: EJ Xikis (90:00, 1 GA, 4 saves)

UAlbany- Scoring: Eric Zekiroski 1-0, Brad Ray 0-1 Goalkeeper: Alex Kuritzky (90:00, 2 GA, 2 saves)

Shots: UAlbany 12, Stony Brook 10; Corner Kicks: Stony Brook 5, UAlbany 3



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GOLDMAN & REED POWER UALBANY VOLLEYBALL PAST UMBC, 3-1

Albany, N.Y. – **Shelby Goldman** smacked 21 kills and **Ashlee Reed** recorded her second double-double this season as UAlbany defeated UMBC, 3-1, in America East Conference volleyball action on Saturday night at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes registered scores of 30-22, 30-22, 22-30 and 30-25.

UAlbany (17-3, AE 4-1) trailed 25-22 in the deciding game, but **Ashley Green** recorded two key kills and UMBC had an attack error as the Great Danes tied the score at 25-25. Goldman added three kills and **Ashley Hunter** had a service ace to make the score 29-25. Another attack error by UMBC provided the match point.

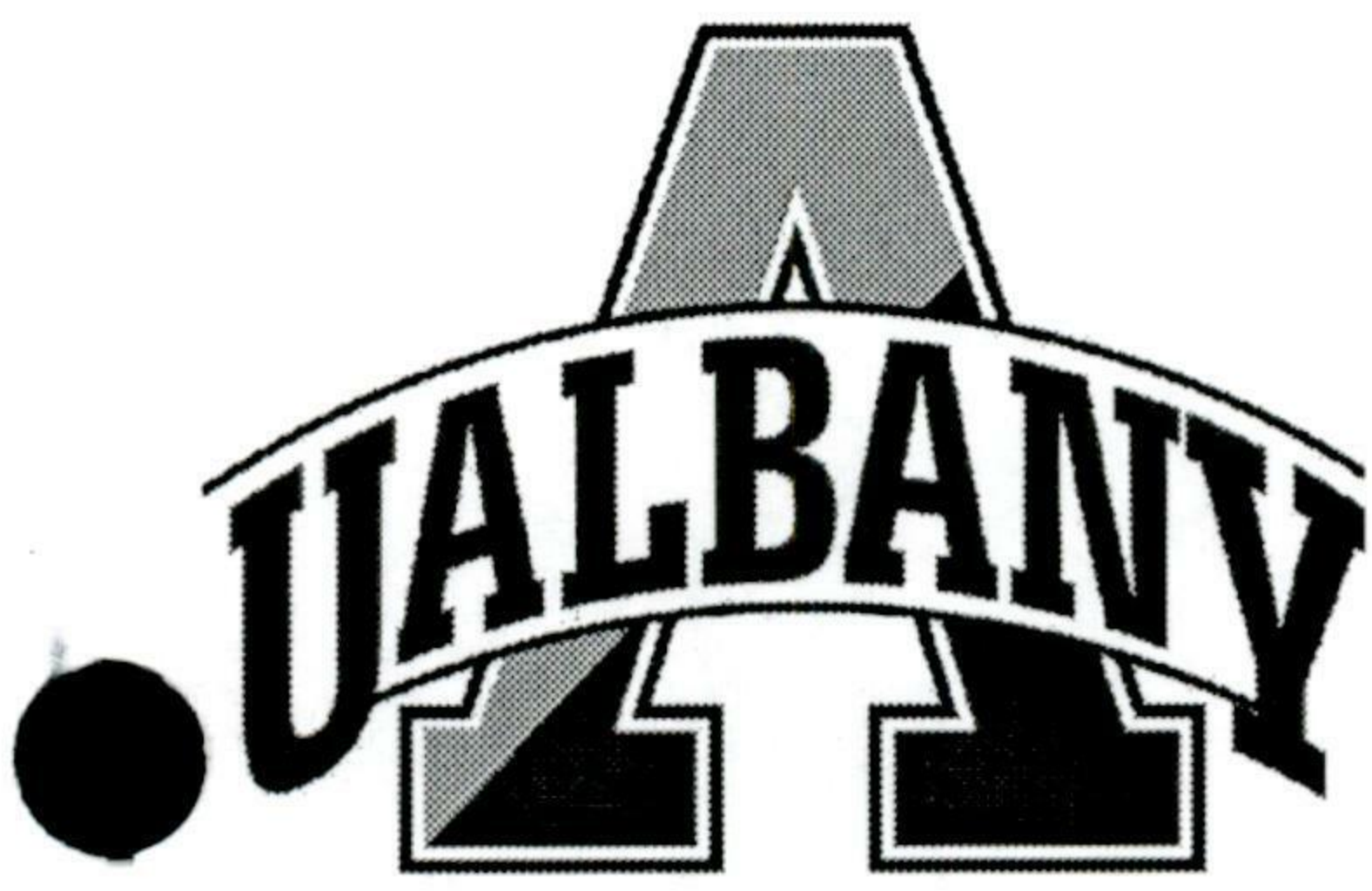
Goldman drilled 21 kills of 36 attempts for a season-high .556 hitting percentage. Reed finished with 10 kills and 16 digs, while Hunter tallied 13 kills and two solo blocks.

Setter **Blair Buchanan** registered her sixth double-double this season with 52 assists and 11 digs to go along with five kills. **Ashley DeNeal** led four Great Danes in double-figure digs with 25, while **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** added 10 digs.

Sarah Ball, who entered the match averaging more than four kills per game, was held to 11 kills and 15 digs in leading UMBC (10-12, AE 3-3). Libero **Christine Skala** finished with 18 digs, while setter **Megan Gross** tallied 35 assists.

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UAlbany (17-3, AE 4-1) def. UMBC (10-12, AE 3-3), 30-22, 30-22, 22-30, 30-25.



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College Football – Albany 21, Sacred Heart 7

Albany, N.Y. – Quarterback Brett Hall threw a 13-yard touchdown pass and Kenny Williams scored on a 10-yard run in the fourth quarter, as Albany won for the first time this year in a 21-7 Northeast Conference victory over Sacred Heart on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

Sacred Heart (1-5, AE 0-3) reversed a 7-0 deficit on the first play of the final period when quarterback Tyler Arciaga connected with Corey Bundy on a 37-yard touchdown strike. Arciaga, a 6-foot-3 senior, finished 24-of-42 through the air for 255 yards.

The Pioneers were looking for the go-ahead score on their next possession, when Albany linebacker Brian Becker forced tailback Ed Pricolo to fumble at the Great Danes' 42-yard line and free safety Eric Neugebauer fell on the loose ball.

Albany (1-5, AE 1-2) then marched 58 yards in nine plays to take a 14-7 lead. Marcus Allen, a junior tailback, ripped off a 16-yard run and Hall threw a 14-yard completion on consecutive plays in reaching the Sacred Heart 17. Hall then found flanker Mike Wall on a slant pattern in a third-and-six situation in the end zone for a touchdown with 6:43 remaining.

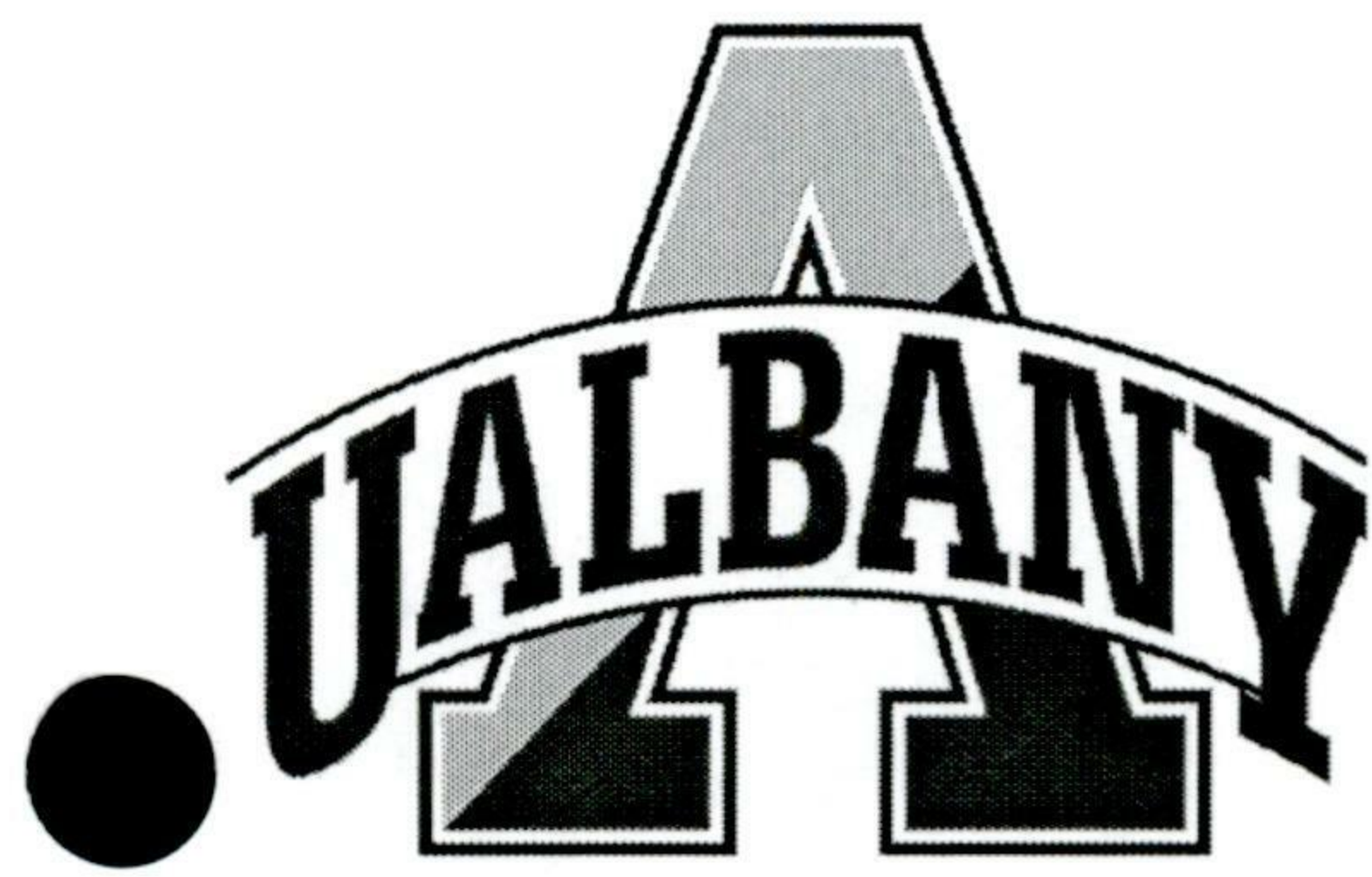
Becker, a senior inside linebacker, helped seal the outcome when he picked off an Arciaga pass near midfield and rumbled 40 yards to the Sacred Heart 5-yard line. Later Williams would run around left end and cut back to the goal line on a 10-yard touchdown run.

"They were trying to pound the ball and we put a pretty good lick on him (Pricolo)" said Becker, who added 11 tackles to his heroics while playing on a defense that has allowed just 27 points in conference play this season. "Our objective is to give the offense a short field any time we can. We have a confident and veteran group. I've played with most of these guys for three or four years."

Hall, a junior, completed 8 of 16 passes for 101 yards, while Allen led all rushers with 16 carries for 98 yards. The Great Danes' special teams scored the first touchdown of the game. Sacred Heart's Jon Wilson mishandled a 43-yard punt at his five-yard line, and Albany cornerback Kamar Elliott recovered the ball in the end zone with 7:52 left in the period.

"Both teams looked like a couple of sumo wrestlers belly-bumping out there," said UAlbany coach Bob Ford, whose team ended a seven-game losing streak dating back to last season, the longest in the program's history. "This was a critical game for us; we needed to dig ourselves out of a hole. Our defense was solid again, and the offense gained some confidence."

Pricolo, one of the nation's top rushers, ran 26 times for 89 yards. Bryan Butterworth caught seven passes for 71 yards, and Bundy added five receptions for 75.



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NEW HAMPSHIRE SWEEPS 39TH ANNUAL UALBANY CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

Albany, N.Y. – **Jodie Schoppmann** of SUNY-Potsdam and **Max Feldman** of Connecticut won individual championships at the 39th Annual UAlbany Cross Country Invitational on Saturday afternoon. New Hampshire's men's and women's squads won the team titles. More than 600 athletes represented 31 schools at the event.

Schoppmann covered the 5,000-meter course in 16:47.9 to win the Bobbi Palm Women's Championship Race. New Hampshire's **Catherine Parker** finished fourth in 17:46.0, as the Wildcats won their second consecutive women's championship. UAlbany's **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) placed sixth with a time of 18:04.1, helping the Great Danes to an eighth-place team finish.

"This is the course I train on every day," said Lotmore, who earned her fourth top-ten finish this season. "Everyone out there had the same conditions. I had my shoes taped before the race so they wouldn't fall off since there was a lot of mud on the course. I just focused on the people ahead of me to see what path they were running and if they slipped."

In the 8,000-meter R.K. Munsey Men's Championship Race, Feldman established a course record of 24:46.0. **Matt Russell** finished fifth with a time of 24:59.4 to lead New Hampshire's title efforts. **Robbie Freeman** paced UAlbany with a seventh-place finish, completing the race in 25:06.7, as the Great Danes placed eighth in the team standings.

"The course was really muddy," said Freeman, who recorded his second straight top-ten finish at this event. "It was a lot better that it had stopped raining. But, a few people fell on the course, since the footing was really tough. The muddiness makes for a slower race."

UAlbany's **Jenna Ortman** placed ninth with a showing of 18:13.6, while **Ricardo Estremera** finished 10th in the men's race, with a time of 25:14.5.

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Bobbi Palm Women's Championship Race

TEAM RESULTS

1. New Hampshire 76; 2. Middlebury 113; 3. College of New Jersey 121; 4. Quinnipiac 150; 5. Northeastern 172; 6. Binghamton 193; 7. Colgate 216; **8. UAlbany 238**; 9. Marist 240; 10. MIT 262; 11. St. Lawrence 263; 12. Springfield 335; 13. Hamilton 371; 14. Cortland 374; 15. Siena 422; 16. Clarkson 463; 17. Lehman 486; 18. St. Francis (N.Y.) 491; 19. Saint Rose 559; 20. Potsdam 575; 21. New Paltz 589; 22. RPI 641; 23. Long Island 655.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Jodie Schoppmann (Potsdam) 16:47.9; 2. Amy Ruston (Lehman) 17:16.0; 3. Katie Radzik (Binghamton) 17:29.1; 4. Catherine Parker (New Hampshire) 17:46.0;

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5. Meg Young (Springfield) 17:54.8; **6. Alyssa Lotmore (UAlbany) 18:04.1**; 7. Emily Mareb (New Hampshire) 18:08.3; 8. Alexandra Krieg (Middlebury) 18:09.6; **9. Jenna Ortman (UAlbany) 18:13.6**; 10. Makely Lyon (Middlebury) 18:15.5.

OTHER UALBANY FINISHERS

45. Jessica Ortman 19:07.9; 94. Danielle Trimpop 20:04.1; 100. Natasha Torres 20:13.8; 104. Jessica Chichester 20:20.2; 114. Alex Brown 20:39.2; 122. Jenn Russell 20:52.1; 135. Jennifer Boshco 21:09.1; 169. Colleen Murray 23:13.1;

R.K. Munsey Men's Championship Race

TEAM RESULTS

1. New Hampshire 99; 2. NYU 128; 3. Quinnipiac 135; 4. College of New Jersey 142; 5. Marist 157; 6. Middlebury 207; 7. MIT 210; **8. UAlbany 267**; 9. Connecticut 270; 10. Connecticut College 280; 11. St. Lawrence 295; 12. Cortland 327; 13. RPI 366; 14. Binghamton 387; 15. Northeastern 399; 16. Vassar 432; 17. Siena 435; 18. Long Island 438; 19. Springfield 462; 20. Hamilton 485; 21. Saint Rose 580; 22. Clarkson 654; 23. Potsdam 740; 24. St. Francis (N.Y.) 744; 25. Paul Smith's 785; 26. New Paltz 816; 27. Lehman 847.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Max Feldman (Connecticut) 24:46.0; 2. Girma Segni (Marist) 24:48.3; 3. Fred Joslyn (Cortland) 24:48.5; 4. Will Melofchik (Connecticut) 24:54.6; 5. Matt Russell (New Hampshire) 24:59.4; 6. Hany Abdallah (NYU) 25:02.6; **7. Robbie Freeman (UAlbany) 25:06.7**; 8. David Raucci (Marist) 25:08.9; 9. James Butcher (Middlebury) 25:10.3; **10. Ricardo Estremera (UAlbany) 25:14.5**.

OTHER UALBANY FINISHERS

28. Bryant Cherry-Woode 25:47.1; 106. Chris Jimenez 27:04.0; 134. Gered Burns 27:41.4; 171. James Henn 29:41.4; 172. Eric Zorrilla 29:51.6; 174. Joe Belokopitsky 30:10.2.

Men's Purple Race

TEAM RESULTS

1. New Hampshire 24; 2. College of New Jersey 51; 3. Quinnipiac 75; 4. Marist 100; 5. NYU 127; 6. MIT 173; 7. Delhi 206; 8. RPI 215; 9. Vassar 270; 10. Springfield 275; 11. Middlebury 296; 12. Connecticut College 314; 13. Siena 357.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Dave dos Santos (College of New Jersey) 25:51.0; 2. Ben Jenkins (New Hampshire) 25:52.7; 3. Peter Hewins (New Hampshire) 25:57.7.

Women's Gold Race

TEAM RESULTS

1. Middlebury 19; 2. MIT 61; 3. Quinnipiac 78; 4. Marist 81; 5. Hamilton 163; 6. Siena 169; 7. Springfield 177.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Allison Brown (Middlebury) 19:30.7; 2. Vicky Hsu (MIT) 19:35.2; 3. Kate Hirschboeck (Middlebury) 19:38.9.

UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY PICKS UP FIRST A-EAST CONFERENCE WIN

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Meg Rinier** tallied a goal and an assist to lead UAlbany to a 5-3 win over America East Conference opponent UMBC on Saturday afternoon at Alumni Turf Field.

Rinier started the scoring action for UAlbany (6-8, AE 1-2) when she tapped in a pass from freshman **Vanessa Walter** at the 12:20 mark. UMBC (2-10, AE 0-3) answered back with 2:47 left in the first period, when junior **Julie Moore** recorded a tally on an assist from **Amanda Heinz**.

The Great Danes responded quickly after halftime, when Rinier's penalty corner set up a goal by **Michele Polizois** 2:08 into the second period. The Retrievers tied the score at two apiece on a **Kristi Troster** goal at the 43:38 mark, but UAlbany forward **Kristen Holder** drove the ball past the UMBC goalie to give the Great Danes the 3-2 lead.

Kasey Weaver tacked on what proved to be the game-winning goal for UAlbany at the 52:35 mark, when she scored on a rebound of a shot by Holder. Troster scored again on a pass from Heinz for UMBC, cutting the deficit to 4-3. UAlbany senior **Tina Bryson** added an unassisted insurance goal at the 63:45 mark.

Seven of UAlbany's 10 starters on the field contributed to the five goals. Senior defender **Devon Switzer** also notched a defensive save for the Great Danes.

Rinier's goal to open the scoring action was her first as a collegian. She also has two assists on the season.

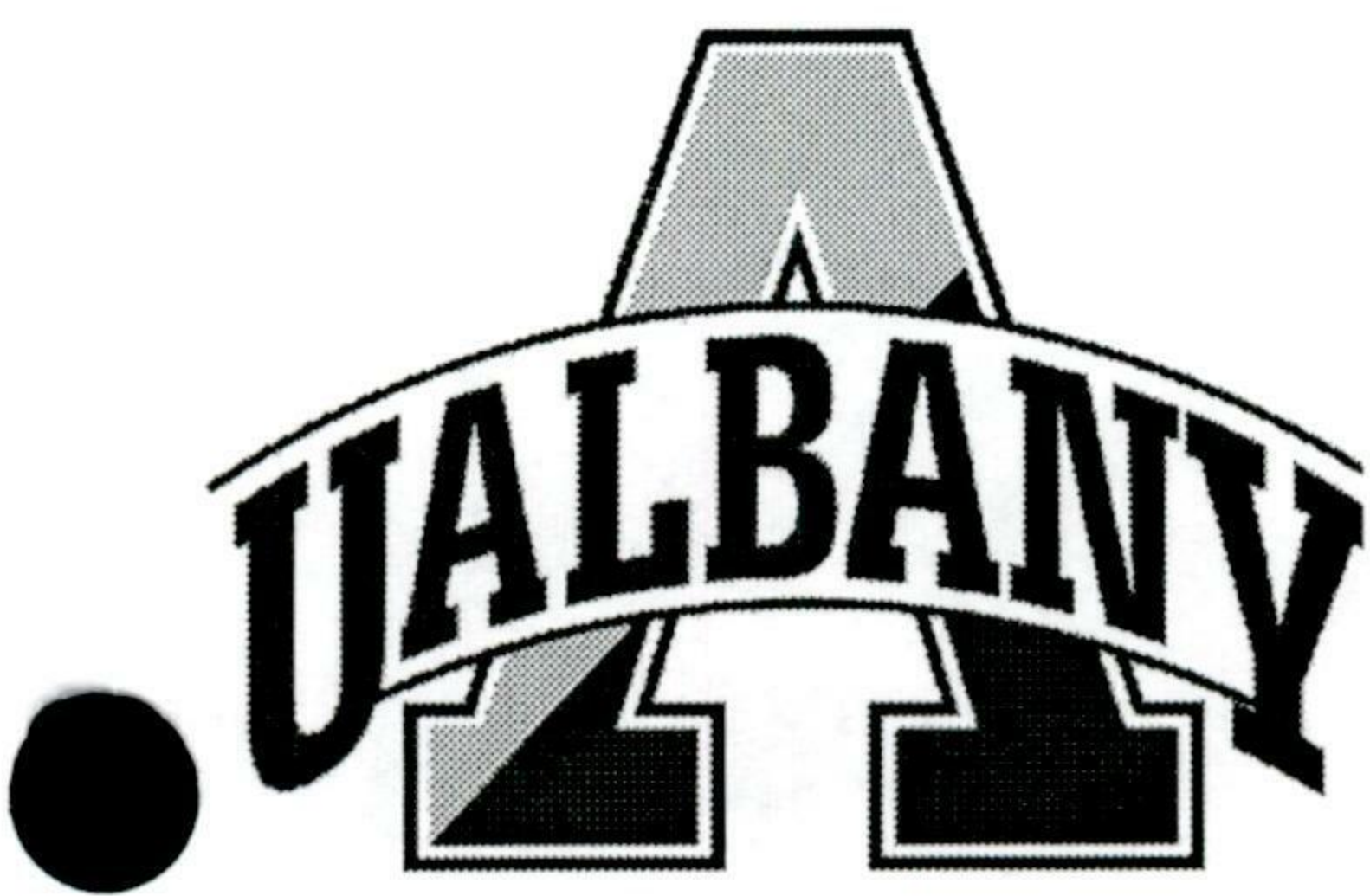
The Great Danes return to action on Sunday at 1 p.m. when they host Holy Cross at Alumni Turf Field.

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UMBC (2-10, AE 0-3)	1	2	3
UAlbany (6-8, AE 1-2)	1	4	5

UMBC – Scoring: Kristi Troster 2-0, Julie Moore 1-0, Amanda Heinz 0-2; Goalkeeper: Ashley Benitez (70:00, 5 GA, 4 saves)

UAlbany – Scoring: Meg Rinier 1-1, Tina Bryson 1-0, Kristen Holder 1-0, Michele Polizois 1-0, Kasey Weaver 1-0, Vanessa Walter 0-1, Arlette Westdorp 0-1; Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 3 GA, 0 saves)



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GOLDMAN RECORDS 1,000TH CAREER KILL AS UALBANY DOWNS HARTFORD

Albany, N.Y. – Junior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** belted a match-high 13 kills, including the 1,000th of her career, as UAlbany defeated Hartford, 3-0, in America East Conference volleyball action on Friday night at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who have won 17 of their last 18 home matches, posted scores of 30-17, 30-21 and 30-17.

UAlbany (16-3, AE 3-1) trailed 8-7 in the opening game before **Ashlee Reed** served 12 consecutive points to give the Great Danes a commanding 19-8 advantage. Six different Great Danes notched kills in the first game.

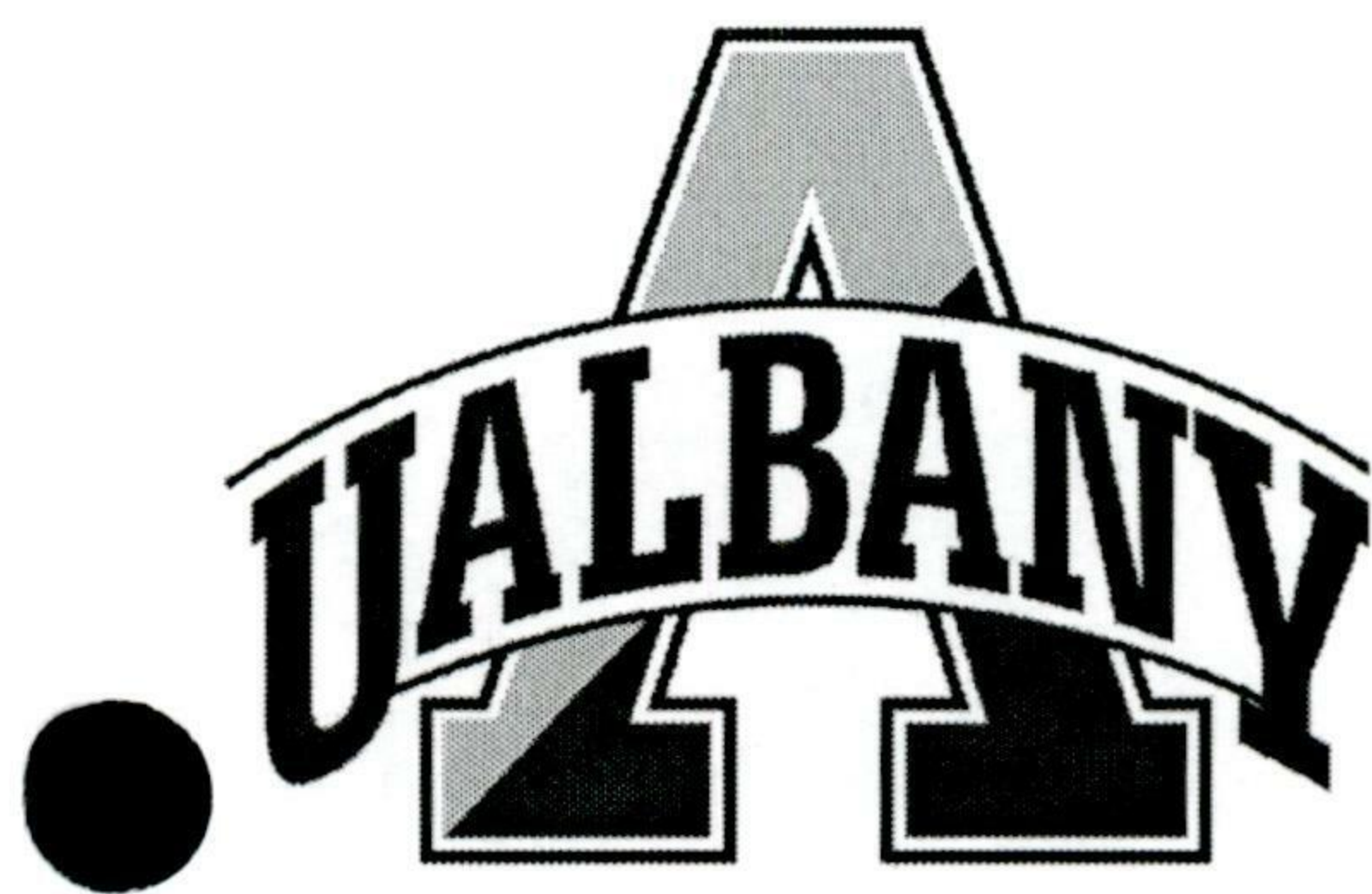
Goldman caught fire in the second game, registering six of her 13 kills in that stretch. She became the eighth player in the program's history to record 1,000 career kills.

Reed added seven kills and seven digs, while freshman **Kamisha Kellam** tied her career-high with five kills. **Blair Buchanan** tallied 34 assists, six digs and four kills, while **Ashley DeNeal** managed a match-high 15 digs.

Hartford (8-12, AE 0-4) was led by **Jennifer Monroy** and **Mary Francis Feldman** who each finished with eight kills. **Lauren Flores** paced the Hawks with seven digs.

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UAlbany (16-3, AE 3-1) def. Hartford (8-12, AE 0-4), 3-17, 30-21, 30-17.



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UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO MAINE, 6-1, IN A-EAST MATCH

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore midfielder **Marie-Andree Canuel** had three goals and added one assist as Maine defeated UAlbany, 6-1, in an America East Conference match on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Black Bears (9-4-1, 4-0-1 AE) moved into a tie for first place in the America East standings with Boston U., while the Great Danes fell to 1-15 overall and 0-6 in the conference.

Canuel, the 2004 America East rookie of the year, got Maine on the board early, taking a pass from senior **Maureen McHugh** and finding the back of the net 5:54 into the contest. Senior **Heather Hathorn** scored her fifth goal of the season at the 27:19 mark off a pass from senior **Erin Corey**. Canuel gave the Black Bears a 3-0 edge heading into halftime, slicing through defenders and firing from 25 yards out with 13:15 remaining in the first half.

UAlbany senior captain **Nicole Hercules** tallied her first goal of the season off a pass from sophomore **Uju Ogbuawa** 7:17 into the second half. Maine responded with three unanswered goals from Corey, Canuel and senior **Elise Tebbetts**. Senior goalkeeper **Tanya Adorno** had two saves for Maine, while junior **Andrea Dunn** had 10 saves in net UAlbany.

Canuel is among America East leaders with 21 points on nine goals and three assists. Corey is second on the team with 17 points on six goals and five assists. For the Great Danes, Hercules is third on the team with four points on a goal and two assists.

The Great Danes host Cornell in their final home match of the season on Sunday at 2 p.m. It will be the final home contest for senior captains Hercules and **Jessica Insana**.

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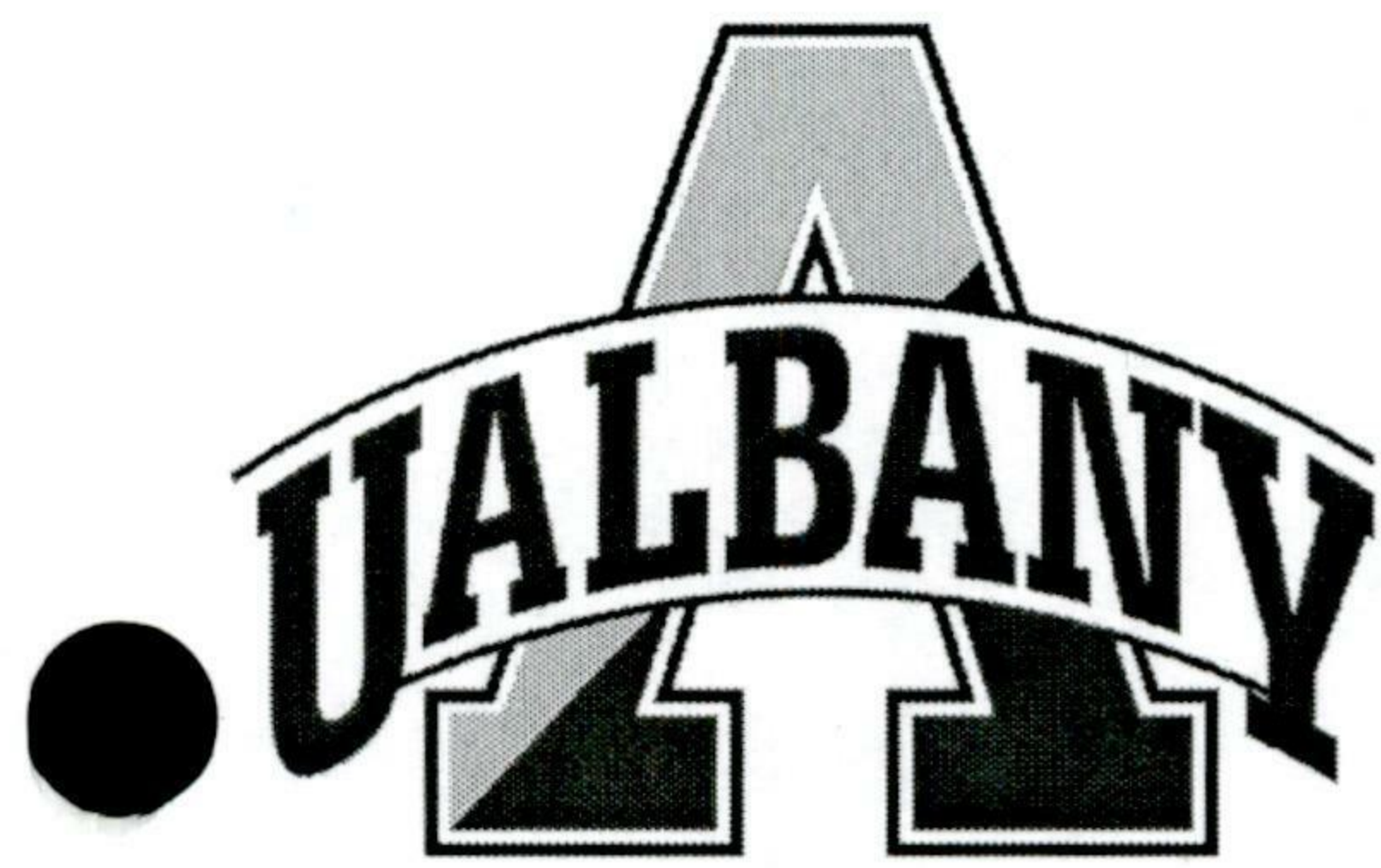
Maine 6, UAlbany 1 – Varsity Field (Albany, N.Y.)

Maine (9-4-1, 4-0-1 AE)	3	3	6
UAlbany (1-15, 0-6 AE)	0	1	1

Maine – Scoring: Marie-Andree Canuel 3-1, Erin Corey 1-1, Heather Hathorn 1-0, Elise Tebbetts 1-0, Christine LaBelle 0-1, Maureen McHugh 0-1, Brittany Saisselin 0-1; Goalkeeper Tanya Adorno (90:00, 1 GA, 2 saves)

UAlbany - Scoring: Nicole Hercules 1-0, Uju Ogbuawa 0-1; Goalkeepers: Andrea Dunn (85:43, 6 GA, 10 saves), Liz Hanley (4:17, 0 GA, 0 saves)

Shots: Maine 21, UAlbany 5; Corner Kicks: 9, UAlbany 4



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UALBANY WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY EDGES SYRACUSE IN OVERTIME, 2-1

Albany, N.Y. – Forward **Tina Bryson** found the back of the net 44 seconds into overtime to give UAlbany a 2-1 non-league win over Syracuse on Wednesday afternoon in the rain at brand-new Alumni Turf Field. The facility, which features a Sportexe Hockey Turf Elite surface, opened this week.

Syracuse (7-7) broke a scoreless tie 2:25 into the second half when junior forward **Ashley Fry** tallied her team-leading ninth goal of the season. It took the Great Danes more than 30 minutes to respond, as sophomore **Kristen Holder** tapped the ball past Orange goalie **Heather Hess**. UAlbany freshman **Arlette Westdorp** tallied her seventh assist of the season on Holder's goal with 5:14 remaining.

It took Bryson less than a minute to notch her first game-winning goal of the season when she pivoted and sent a shot past the goalkeeper's left hand. Bryson, a senior captain who leads the Great Danes in points, has scored six times this season.

Freshman goalie **Ashley Ross** tallied three saves in her 70 minutes and 44 seconds between the pipes, while Hess made six saves for Syracuse.

UAlbany (5-8) halted its five-game losing streak with the win, plus have now split six overtime contests this fall.

The Great Danes continue their homestand at Alumni Turf Field this weekend with America East-rival UMBC on Saturday, Oct. 15 and non-conference opponent Holy Cross on Sunday, Oct. 16. Both games begin at 1:00 p.m.

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UAlbany 2, Syracuse 1 (OT) – Alumni Turf Field

Syracuse (7-7)	0	1	0	1
UAlbany (5-8)	0	1	1	2

UAlbany – Scoring: Tina Bryson 1-0, Kristen Holder 1-0, Arlette Westdorp 0-1; Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:44, 1 GA, 3 saves)

Syracuse – Scoring: Ashley Fry 1-0; Goalkeeper: Heather Hess (70:44, 2 GA, 6 saves)



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UALBANY TO HOST 39TH ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany will host its 39th Annual Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 15. The R. K. Munsey Men's Championship Race, which will be contested over an 8,000-meter course through campus, begins at 12 noon. The Bobbi Palma Women's Championship Race, a 5,000-meter event, is slated for 12:45 p.m.

This year's meet features 31 men's teams and 27 women's squads, including America East Conference members New Hampshire and Binghamton. New Hampshire, which won the women's team competition at last year's UAlbany Invitational, returns to defend its title. The UAlbany men will attempt to win their second championship in the last three years. Syracuse finished on top in the standings in 2004.

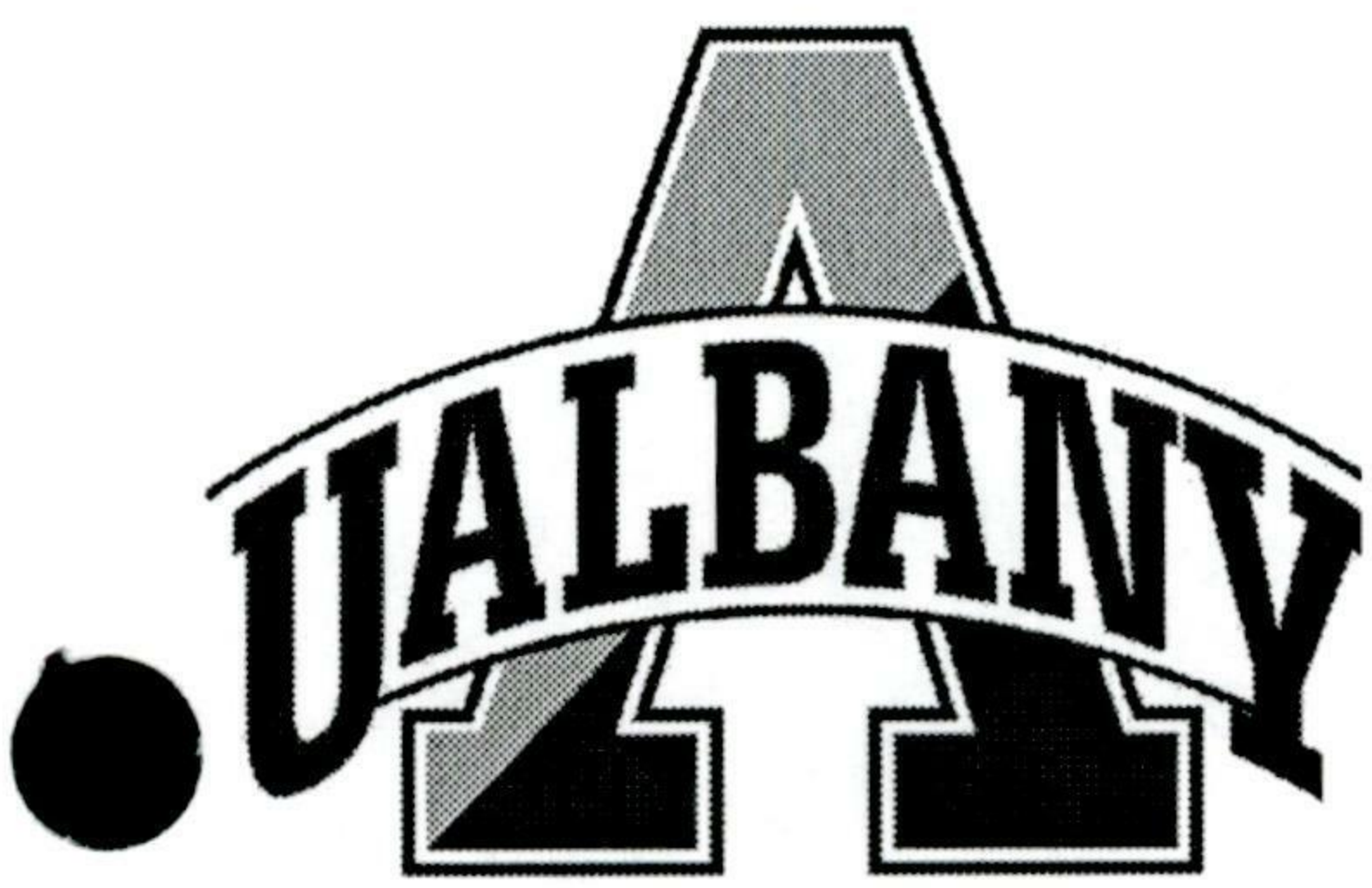
Binghamton's **Erica Angell** returns to defend her UAlbany Invitational women's title. New Hampshire's **Anthony Truax** became the first to repeat as men's champion when he captured the title in both 2003 and 2004.

The UAlbany women feature **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn), who has registered the squad's top performance in every meet this season, including a first-place finish at the George Mason Invitational on Oct. 1. Freshmen standouts **Jenna Ortman** and **Jessica Ortman** look to join Lotmore at the front of the pack.

Senior **Robbie Freeman**, the 2004 IC4A champion, paves the way for the men after placing fifth at last month's George Mason Invitational. Sophomores **Ricardo Estremera**, who has two top-10 performances for the Great Danes this season, and **Ryan Gaedje** (Shenendehowa) are among the other returning veterans.

39th Annual UAlbany Invitational Schedule of Events (Campus Course)

11:15 a.m. -	Men's Purple 8K Race
12:00 p.m. -	R. K. Munsey Men's Championship Race (8,000 meters)
12:45 p.m. -	Bobbi Palma Women's Championship Race (5,000 meters)
1:15 p.m. -	Women's Gold 5K Race



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UALBANY NAMES MEN'S BASKETBALL CAPTAINS FOR 2005-06 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that **Lucious Jordan, Levi Levine** and **Jamar Wilson** will serve as captains for the 2005-06 season.

"This is an experienced group of players who deserve the right to represent this program on and off the floor," said Brown, whose team showed an eight-win improvement from the previous year with a 13-15 record last season. "Each captain is a vocal leader, but they also lead by example."

Jordan, a 6-foot-2 guard from Albany, N.Y., is a captain for the second straight year. He made the most of his first UAlbany season after transferring from Loyola (Md.). Jordan earned second-team All-America East Conference recognition and was among the league's top-10 scorers at 14.8 points per game. The senior's leadership and physical presence was also important on the defensive end of the floor.

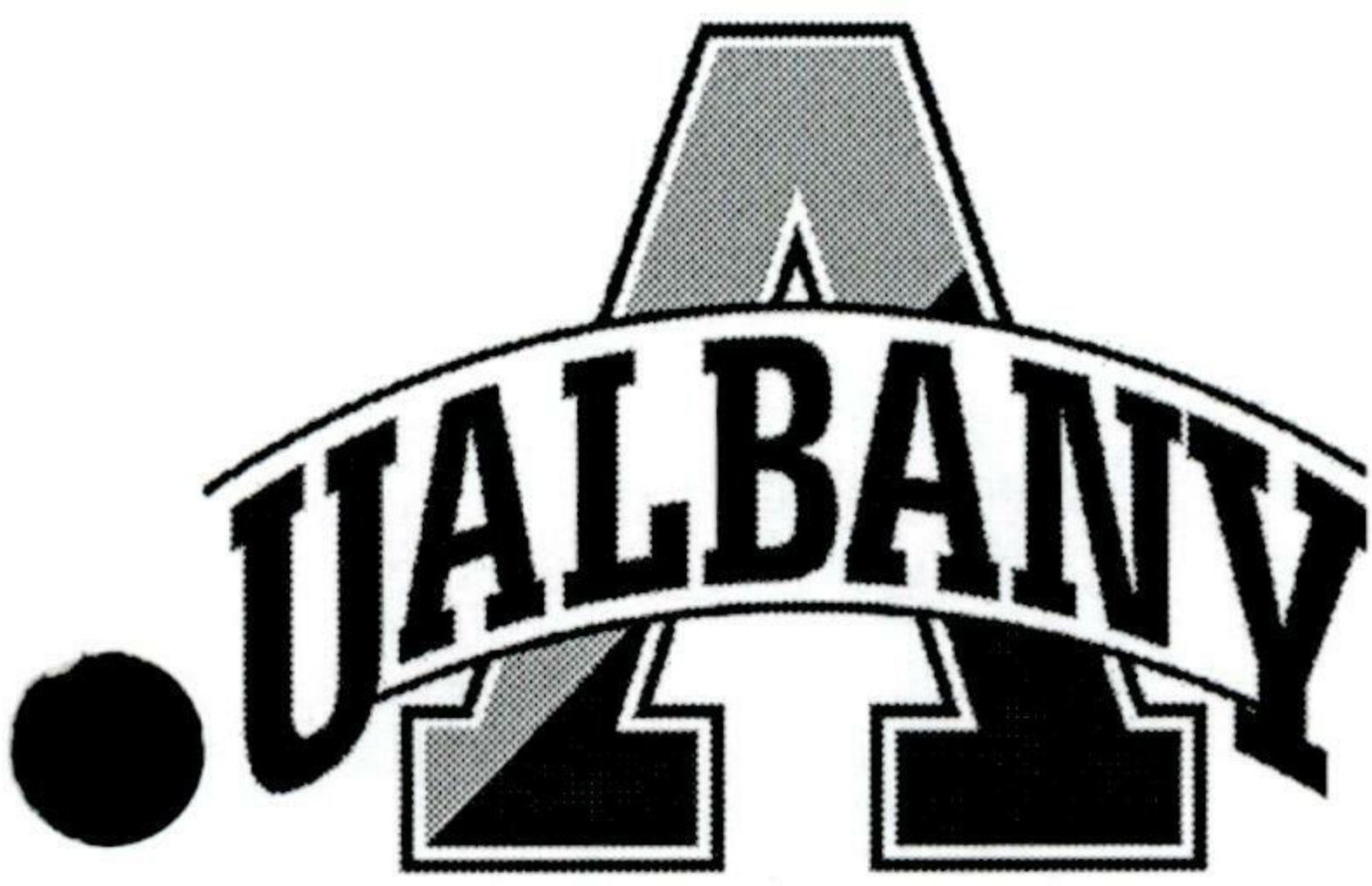
Levine, a multi-faceted player with an inside and outside game, has been a consistent force as a three-year starter. A 6-foot-6, 220-pound senior, Levine averaged 10.4 points and 6.0 rebounds last year. He also became the 26th player in school history to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 junior, can score in transition or knife through a defense in a halfcourt situation. He ranked fourth among the America East leaders in scoring (16.9 ppg) and assists (4.2 pg) en route to earning second-team all-conference honors. In 2002-03, Wilson was voted the America East Conference Rookie of the Year.

PURPLE-GOLD SCRIMMAGE PRIOR TO SATURDAY'S HOME FOOTBALL GAME

Albany, N.Y. – Fans can get their first look at the University at Albany men's basketball team on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the annual Purple-Gold Scrimmage. The event will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) prior to the home football game with Sacred Heart. The 14-player roster will be split up into two squads. The teams will play two shortened halves.

UAlbany coach **Will Brown**, who will be available for a question-and-answer session with fans following the scrimmage in the RACC Hall of Fame Room, prepares for his fourth full season. Four starters return, including two all-conference players, from a squad that was greatly improved in 2004-05. UAlbany's marked upgrade included eight more wins than the previous campaign, a best-ever America East Conference record with a 9-9 mark, and a fourth-place finish in the league standings.



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UALBANY OPENS ALUMNI TURF FIELD AS WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY'S NEW HOME UAlbany Students Will Also Use Multi-Purpose Recreational Field

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the completion for game competition of Alumni Turf Field, which will serve as the home venue for the women's field hockey team as well as provide a multi-use recreational facility for all university students.

Groundbreaking took place for Alumni Turf Field and the adjacent John Fallon Field, the future home for the UAlbany lacrosse men's and women's teams, in May 2005. Alumni Turf Field's surface is Sportex Hockey Turf Elite, a knitted nylon system that is made up of soft fibers that allows for improved playability, player comfort and ease of maintenance and dependability.

UAlbany will host its final five home field hockey games this season at Alumni Turf Field, including this week's play against Syracuse (Oct. 12, 4:00 p.m.), UMBC (Oct. 15, 1:00 p.m. and Holy Cross (Oct. 16, 1:00 p.m.).

The Great Danes have spent much of the past two seasons playing their home contests at local colleges in the Capital Region that have synthetic turf fields.

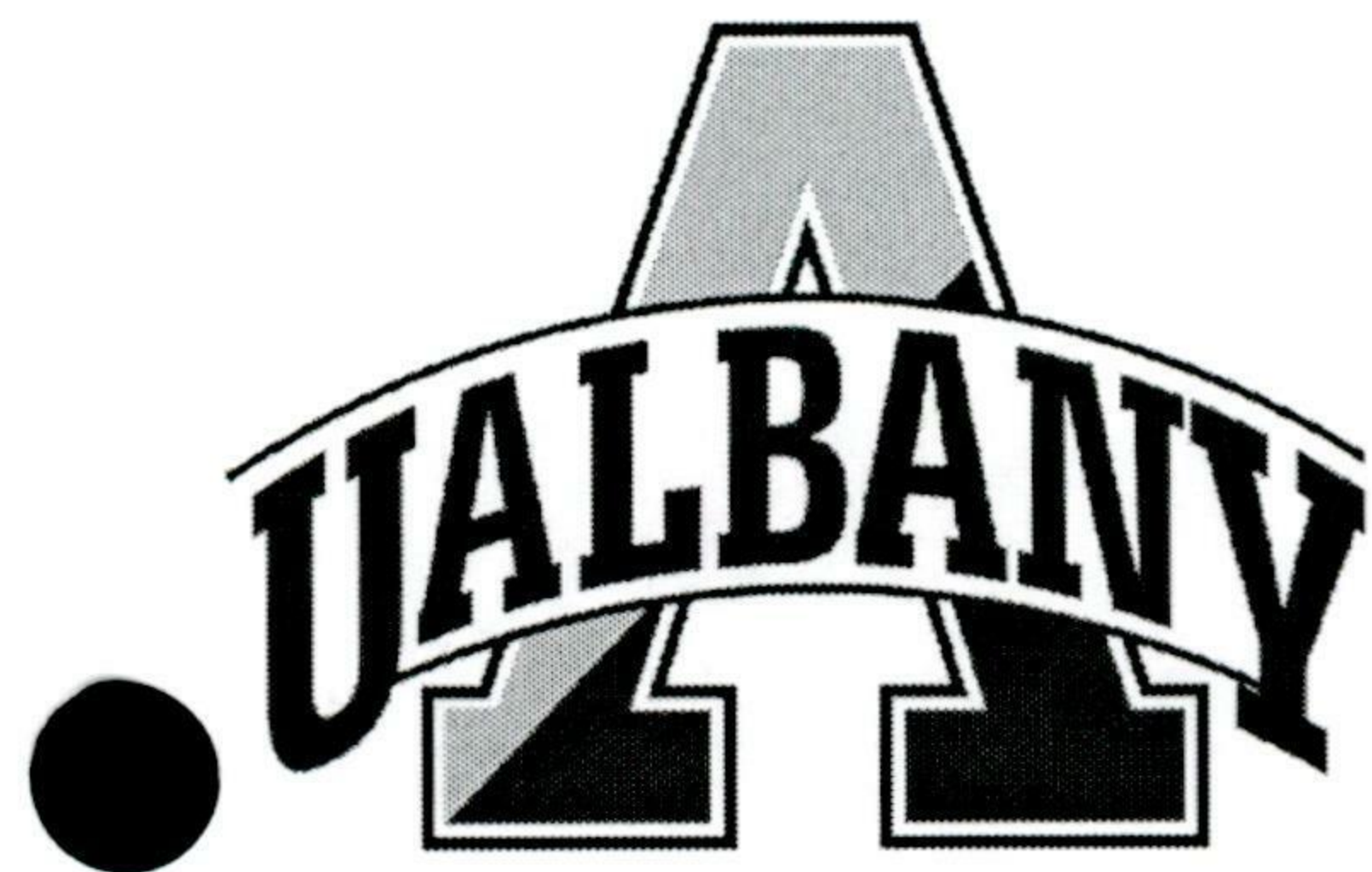
"The new field will definitely help, because we've practiced on turf but have been placed at the (scheduling) mercy of other schools," UAlbany tri-captain and forward Tina Bryson said. "It will improve our playing because now we'll be able to practice whenever we want and with more convenience."

Field hockey head coach Phil Sykes believes that the new field will also help in the team's recruiting efforts. "The field is unique because it doesn't need soccer or lacrosse lines. By doing this, recruiting quality players is easier because they see that we're taking the sport seriously."

In addition to boosting recruiting and building the team's level of play by providing a nearby venue for practices, Alumni Turf Field will also allow more fans to access the games. For the last two seasons, "our home games have been mostly family, and we miss the home field advantage because fans haven't been able to get there," Bryson observed.

"The biggest thing," Sykes added, "is to establish a home field advantage. We hope that faculty, students, athletes and coaches will come out and support the team and make it a tough place to play for our opponents."

The construction of two all-weather athletic fields, Alumni Turf Field and John Fallon Field, is part of a master plan to improve the University's athletics facilities over the next decade.



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BINGHAMTON HANDS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL 3-1 AMERICA EAST DEFEAT

Vestal, N.Y. – **Katie Brody** recorded a double-double with 19 kills and 12 digs to lead Binghamton to a 3-1 victory over UAlbany in a battle of the America East Conference's unbeaten teams on Sunday afternoon at West Gym. The Bearcats (12-9, AE 4-0) join Maine as the only two undefeated programs in the conference. Binghamton registered scores of 30-26, 23-30, 32-30 and 31-29.

Megan Hoag added 17 kills, seven digs and five blocks, while **Jacki Kane** hit double-figures with 13 kills and a match-high six blocks. The Bearcats tallied 12 total team blocks in the match. Setter **Ashley Meffert** notched a double-double with 55 assists and 12 digs.

UAlbany's junior setter **Blair Buchanan** registered a season-high 66 assists and became the second player in the program's history to reach the 3,000-assist plateau. Buchanan added 12 digs for her fifth double-double of the year.

UAlbany (15-3, AE 2-1), who had its unbeaten streak snapped at nine matches, was led by **Shelby Goldman** who tied her season-high with 22 kills. **Ashlee Reed** added 18 kills and eight digs, while **Ashley Crenshaw** rounded out the Great Danes in double digits with 12 kills and four blocks. **Ashley DeNeal** finished with a team-high 22 digs.

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Binghamton (12-9, AE 4-0) def. UAlbany (15-3, AE 2-1), 30-26, 23-30, 32-30, 31-29.

MEN'S SOCCER EDGED BY BOSTON UNIVERSITY, 1-0, IN A-EAST MATCH

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore back **Derek Puerta** scored off an attempted clear following a corner kick with 5:13 remaining in the first half as Boston University edged UAlbany, 1-0, in an America East Conference match on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Terriers improved to 4-6-1 overall and 1-1-1 in conference play, while the Great Danes fell to 4-6-2 and 1-2-0.

Junior **Zach Kirby** headed the corner kick into the six-yard box. After being knocked around by UAlbany defenders, the ball came to Puerta and he found the back of the net. The goal was his first of the season. Junior goalkeeper **Zach Riffett** had five saves for Boston U. to record his first shutout of the season. Freshman goalkeeper **Steward Ceus** had six saves for UAlbany.

The Great Danes return to action on Saturday, Oct. 15 against Stony Brook at Varsity Field at 1 p.m.

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Boston U. 1, UAlbany 0 (Albany, N.Y.)

Boston U. (4-6-1, 1-1-1 AE) 1 0 1

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

Boston U. – Scoring: Derek Puerta 1-0; Goalkeeper: Zach Riffett (90:00, 0 GA, 5 saves)

UAlbany - Scoring: None; Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 1 GA, 6 saves)

Shots: Boston U. 16, UAlbany 14; Corner Kicks: Boston U. 6, UAlbany 2

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UMBC SHUTS OUT UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER, 4-0, IN AMERICA EAST PLAY

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Jessica Young** and junior forward **Amanda DiCarlo** each scored twice as UMBC defeated UAlbany, 4-0, on Sunday afternoon in America East Conference play at UMBC Stadium. The Retrievers improved to 9-4 and 3-1 in league play, while the Great Danes dropped to 1-14 and 0-5.

Young gave UMBC an early 1-0 lead, by knocking in a rebound off the post, 2:03 into the game. The score stood until Young added her second tally of the game, 5:04 into the second half, off a corner kick from sophomore **Amy Morrison**. DiCarlo added to the Retrievers' lead at the 65:14 mark, converting a pass from junior midfielder **Andrea Perkinson** to give UMBC a 3-0 advantage. DiCarlo added her second tally of the game at 74:50.

Young and DiCarlo each established career highs with their 12th and ninth goals, respectively. Freshman goalkeeper **Catie Bukowski** had one save for the Retrievers to record her third straight shutout. UAlbany goalkeepers **Andrea Dunn** and **Ashley Neussle** split the match in net, making five and two saves, respectively.

The Great Danes (1-14, 0-5 AE) host Maine on Thursday in an America East match at 3 p.m.

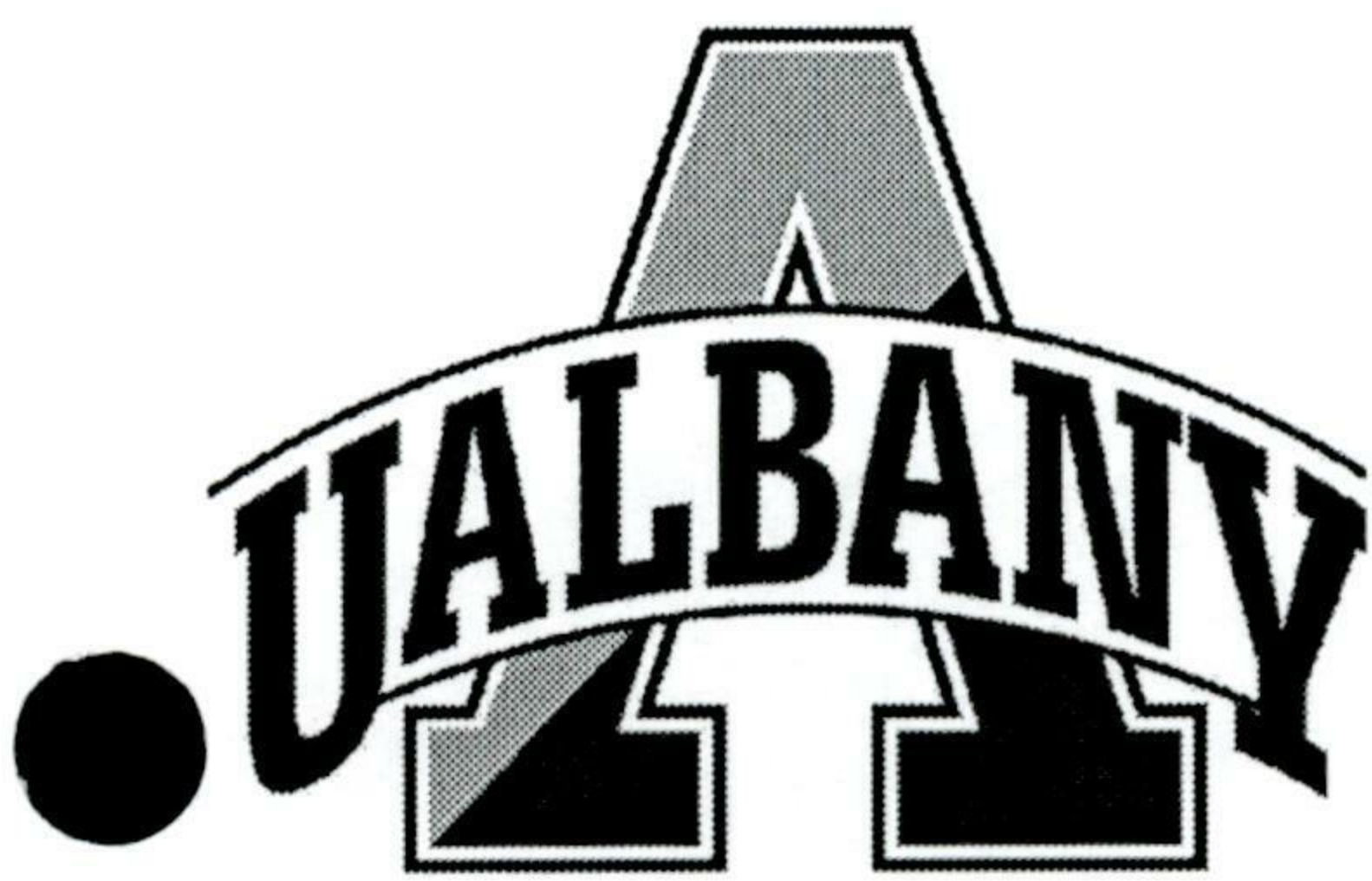
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UMBC 4, UAlbany 0	(Baltimore, Md.)		
UMBC (9-4, 3-1 AE)	1	3	4
UAlbany (1-14, 0-5 AE)	0	0	0

UMBC – Scoring: Amanda DiCarlo 2-0, Jessica Young 2-0, Amy Morrison 0-1, Andrea Perkinson 0-1
Catie Bukowski (90:00, 0 GA, 1 save);

UAlbany - Scoring: None; Goalkeepers: Andrea Dunn (55:40, 2 GA, 5 saves), Ashley Neussle (34:20, 2 GA, 2 saves)

Shots: UMBC 21, UAlbany 2; Corner Kicks: UMBC 6, UAlbany 0



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College Football – Stony Brook 7, Albany 3

Albany, N.Y. – Free safety **Chris Alceus** scored on a 16-yard fumble return midway through the third quarter to lead Stony Brook to a 7-3 Northeast Conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at rain-soaked University Field.

Stony Brook (2-3, NEC 1-1) missed its second field goal of the game, when **Matt Weeks** booted a 24-yarder wide right with 8:37 remaining in the third period. But the Seawolves' defense responded when outside linebacker **Richie Richards** stripped Albany tailback **Marcus Allen** on a second-and-five running play. Alceus then picked up the loose ball and rumbled 16 yards to the end zone to erase a 3-0 deficit.

Albany (0-5, NEC 0-2) had two opportunities in the final period, as the field continued to deteriorate in an all-day rainstorm. Quarterback **Brett Hall** drove his team to the Stony Brook 12-yard line, before **Kenny Williams** was drilled for a five-yard loss by safety **Francis Rivera** on third down. Hall's fourth-and-11 pass attempt, intended for split end **Irani DeAraujo**, then fell complete.

Another Albany possession that reached the Stony Brook 25-yard line with less than one minute to play was snuffed out. Cornerback **Kameron Sterling** and linebacker **Mike Mounter** broke up consecutive passes by Hall to end the threat on downs with 25 seconds remaining on the clock.

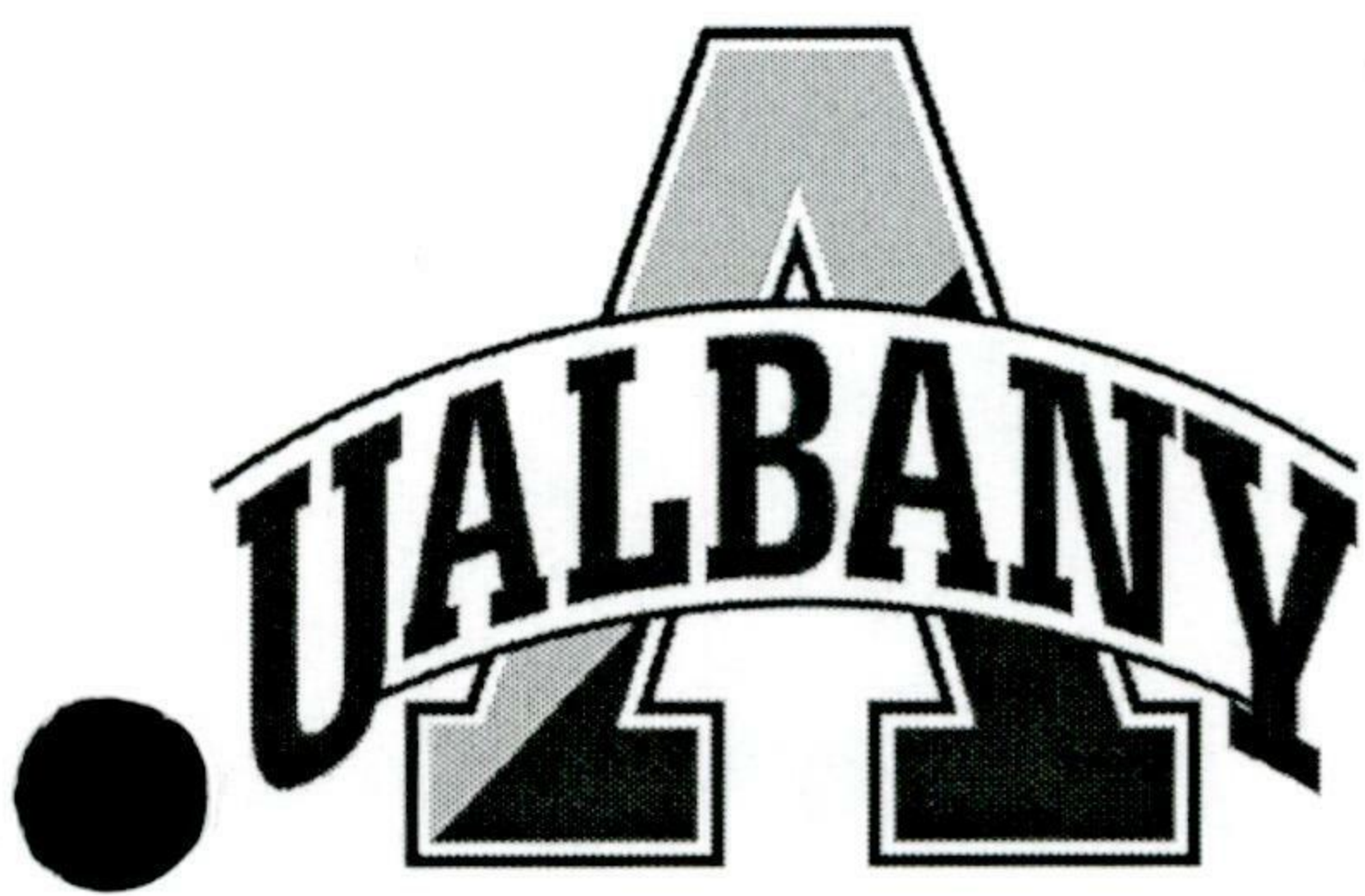
"We had enough opportunities on offense," said UAlbany coach Bob Ford, whose program has won 22 of its previous 32 homecoming games. "We have let two conference wins slip through our hands. Our defense played well the vast majority of the game, but we had so many non-productive plays with the fumbles."

The Great Danes, who had trouble holding on to the football by losing three of nine fumbles in the conditions, broke up the scoreless deadlock with a nine-play, 32-yard drive in the second quarter. Allen, who rushed 14 times for 49 yards, was the workhorse in a sequence that resulted in **Rob Wood's** 25-yard field goal.

The Seawolves, who last won in Albany in 1995 and ended a four-game skid on this field, did not commit a turnover in the contest. **Rod Williams** carried 22 times for 51 yards on the ground. Quarterback **Josh Dudash** completed 7 of 14 passes for 85 yards.

"The turnovers were a real factor in the game," commented Stony Brook coach Sam Kornhauser, whose team also forced nine fumbles in its last victory here. "Our defense played their hearts out. It would have been nice to score on offense or special teams, but we will take the win."

Both Albany quarterbacks struggled, as Hall connected on just 5 of 12 attempts for 23 yards and Bocanegra misfired on all three of his attempts. The Great Danes, who own a seven-game losing streak dating back to last season, are off to their worst start in the program's history.



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WOMEN'S GOLF FINISHES EIGHTH AT BLUE DEVIL INVITATIONAL

New Britain, Conn. – UAlbany finished eighth out of nine teams with a one-day team total of 353 at the Central Connecticut State Women's Golf Invitational at Stanley Golf Club. Round two of competition, slated for Saturday, was cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

Brown University won the competition with a 317 team score, as **Eleanor Thomas** carded a 77. Laval's **Gabrielle Dugre** captured the individual title with a four-over-par 76.

UAlbany freshman **Amanda McPhee** fired an 80 to record the fifth-lowest round on the 5,811-yard, par-72 course. **Sun-Hwa Kim** and **Samantha Williams** each finished with an 89 for the Great Danes. **Maggie Taylert** shot a 95 and **Tracey Berns** rounded out the UAlbany scoring with a 104.

The Great Danes return to action on Oct. 14 when they compete in the first round of the two-day Rutgers Invitational.

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Central Connecticut State Invitational
(Stanley Golf Club - New Britain, Conn.)

TEAM

1. Brown 317, 2. Hartford 331, 3. CCSU 333, 4. Boston U. 338, 5. Fairfield 348, 6. Sacred Heart 349, 7. Mount Holyoke 352, 8. UAlbany 353, 9. Laval 361.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Gabrielle Dugre (Laval) 76, T2. Eleanor Thomas (Brown) 77, T2. Kara Solem (Mount Holyoke) 77, 4. Juliana Carrillo (Hartford) 79, T5. Amanda McPhee (UAlbany) 80, T5. Tiffany Wade (Brown) 80, T5. Karen Freed (Brown) 80, T5. Blythe Crane (Brown) 80, T9. Leah Steinmiller (CCSU) 81, T9. Britta Jepsen (CCSU) 81, T9. Allison Hamilton (Boston U.) 81.

UALBANY SCORES

T29. Sun-Hwa Kim 89, T29. Samantha Williams, 89, 36. Maggie Taylert 95, 42. Tracy Berns 104.



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY FALLS TO A-EAST OPPONENT NEW HAMPSHIRE IN OT

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Katie White** found the back of the net in overtime to give New Hampshire the 2-1 win over UAlbany in America East Conference field hockey action on Saturday afternoon.

The teams went into halftime scoreless, but **Brittany Jacobs** scored on a penalty stroke 11:03 into the second period to give New Hampshire (5-8, AE 1-1) the 1-0 lead. UAlbany freshman midfielder **Arlette Westdorp** answered back 2:17 later, when she scored on an assist by **Tina Bryson** to tie the game at one apiece.

UAlbany (4-8, AE 0-2) was unable to capitalize on several looks in the circle, and White scored the game-winning goal on an assist from **Emily Colton** 4:36 into the extra period. Sophomore goalie **Margaux Shute** had six saves for the Wildcats in her 74:36 between the pipes.

Westdorp's goal was her third of the season, and Bryson tallied her third assist on the year. Bryson and Westdorp are the team points leaders with 13 and 12, respectively.

The Great Danes return to action when they host Syracuse in a non-conference game on Oct. 12 at 4 p.m.



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GOLDMAN POWERS UALBANY VOLLEYBALL PAST NEW HAMPSHIRE IN A-E PLAY

Portsmouth, N.H. – **Shelby Goldman** tallied a match-high 12 kills to lead UAlbany past New Hampshire, 3-0, in America East Conference volleyball action at Lundholm Gymnasium on Friday night. The Great Danes extended their unbeaten streak to nine matches.

Ashley Hunter added nine kills for the Great Danes (15-2, AE 2-0), while **Ashley Crenshaw** tallied eight kills and tied her career-high with five blocks. **Ashley DeNeal** registered 18 digs, while **Blair Buchanan** added 32 assists.

UAlbany, which is ranked among the nation's leaders in hitting percentage, finished with a .341 hitting percentage in the match, compared to .019 for New Hampshire.

Erin Walker, who entered the week in the top 10 in the America East in kills per game, paced the Wildcats (3-14, AE 0-2) with nine kills and one block. **Caitlin Dowd** added eight kills and a team-high eight digs.

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UAlbany (15-2, AE 2-0) def. New Hampshire (3-15, AE 0-3), 30-19, 30-18, 30-19.

UALBANY WOMEN'S GOLF STANDS EIGHTH AFTER FIRST ROUND OF CCSU INVITE

New Britain, Conn. – Freshman Amanda McPhee fired an opening-round 80 on the first day of the Central Connecticut State Women's Golf Invitational at Stanley Golf Club on Friday afternoon. UAlbany finished the round eighth out of nine teams with a team total of 353.

Brown University sits atop the leaderboard with a 317 score, as Eleanor Thomas carded a 77. Laval's Gabrielle Dugre registered the best round of the day with a 76.

McPhee recorded the fifth-lowest round of the day on the 5,811-yard, par-72 course. Sun-Watta Kim and Samantha Williams each finished with an 89 for the Great Danes. Maggie Taylert shot a 95 and Tracy Berns rounded out the UAlbany golfers with a 104.

The two-day event will conclude on Saturday at 9 a.m.

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Central Connecticut State Invitational
(Stanley Golf Club – New Britain, Conn.)

TEAM

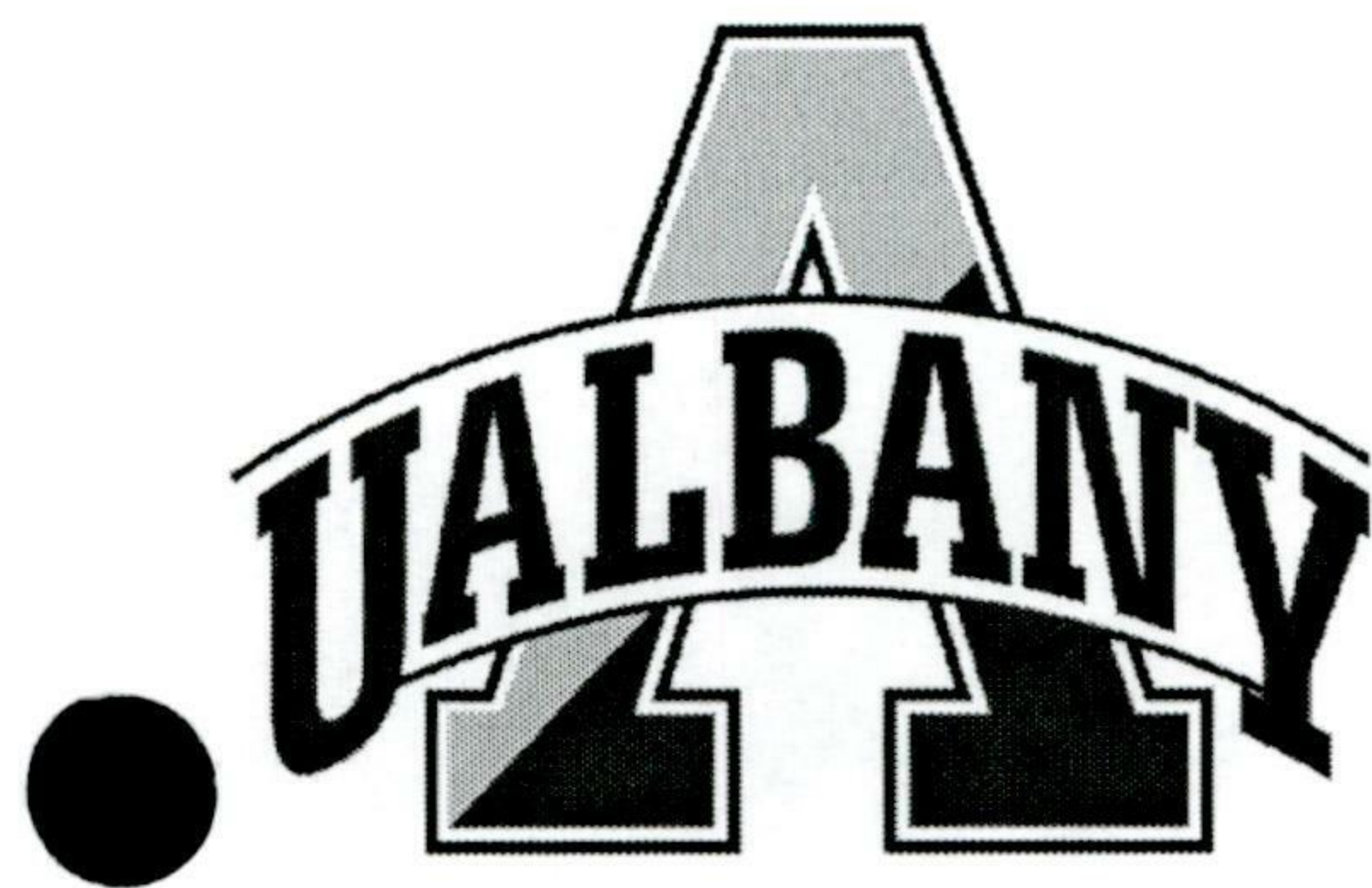
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WOMEN'S SOCCER SHUT DOWN BY BOSTON U., 3-0, IN A-EAST MATCH

Albany, N.Y. – Junior **Meghann Cook** scored two goals to power Boston University past UAlbany, 3-0, in an America East Conference match on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Terriers improved to 3-0-1 in America East play, while the Great Danes fell to 0-4.

Cook scored her team-leading sixth goal of the season off a pass from junior **Erica Lee** at the 16:11 mark to get Boston U. out to an early 1-0 lead. Senior captain **Susan Marschall** made the score 2-0 when she converted off a corner kick from freshman **Mara Osher** with 4:44 remaining in the first half. Cook then added her second tally of the game off a cross from junior **Paula Moniz** at the 60:00 mark to push the lead to 3-0.

Junior goalkeepers **Ashley Neussle** and **Andrea Dunn** had three and four saves, respectively, for UAlbany. Cook, who was named America East player of the week for the week ending Sept. 11, is among America East leaders with 18 points on seven goals and four assists this season. The Terriers (7-4-3, 3-0-1 AE) have won 50 of their last 64 America East matches.

The Great Danes (1-13, 0-4 AE) return to action on Sunday when they travel to UMBC for a 1 p.m. America East match.

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Boston U. 3, UAlbany 0 (Albany, N.Y.)

Boston U. (7-4-3, 3-0-1 AE) 2 1 3

UAlbany (1-13-0, 0-4-0 AE) 0 0 0

Boston U.- Scoring: Meghann Cook 2-0, Susan Marschall 1-0, Erica Lee 0-1, Paula Moniz 0-1, Mara Osher 0-1; Goalkeeper: Christina Reuter (90:00, 0 GA, 1 save)

UAlbany- Scoring: None; Goalkeepers: Ashley Neussle (45:00, 2 GA, 3 saves), Andrea Dunn (45:00, 1 GA, 4 saves)

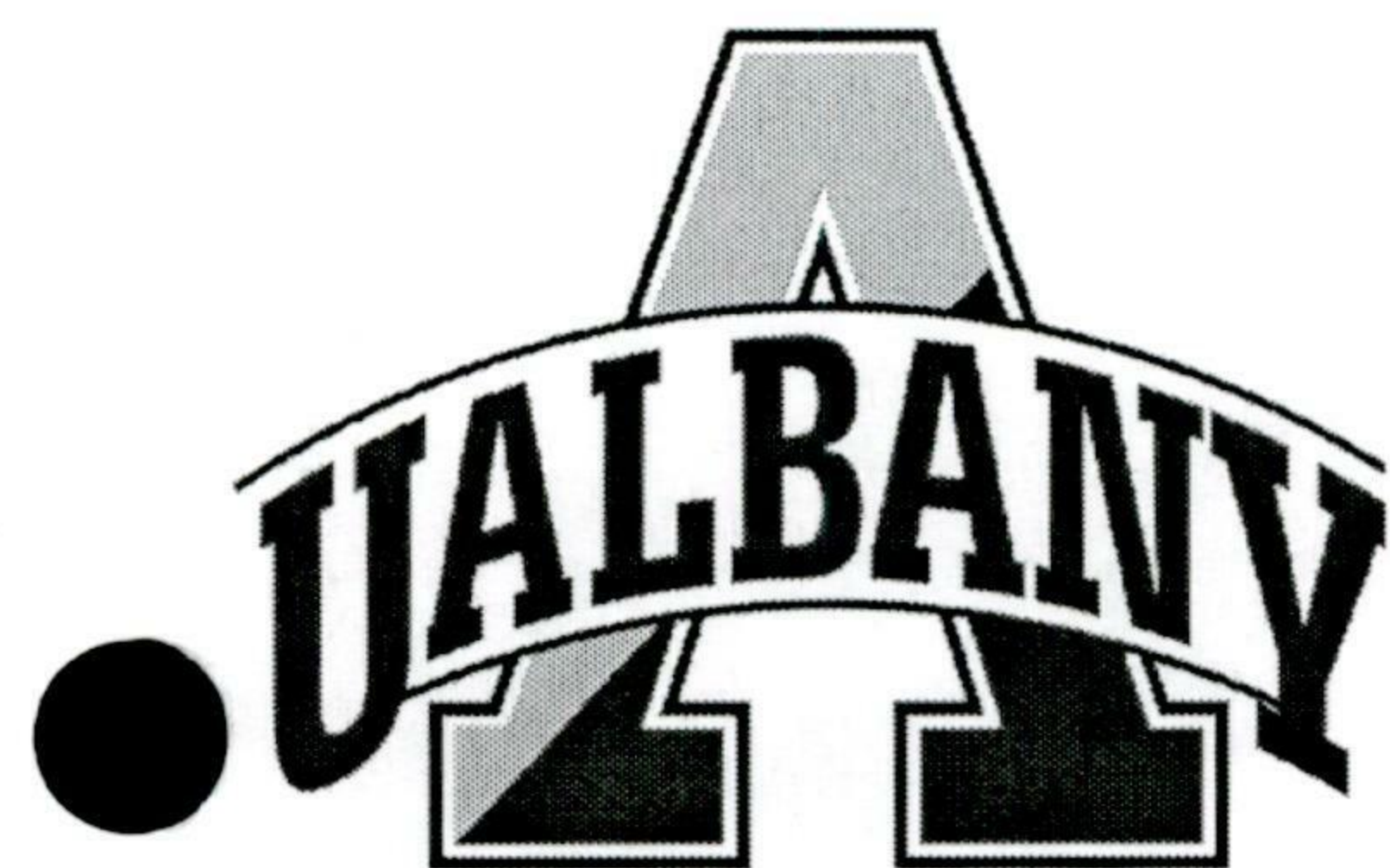
Shots: Boston U. 25, UAlbany 5; Corner Kicks: Boston U. 11, UAlbany 1

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BUCHANAN MOVES TO SECOND IN ALL-TIME ASSISTS AS UALBANY DOWNS SIENA

Loudonville, N.Y. - Senior Ashlee Reed smacked 16 kills and broke the 1,000-kill career mark to lead the Great Danes to a sweep over crosstown-rival Siena on Oct. 4 at the Alumni Recreation Center.

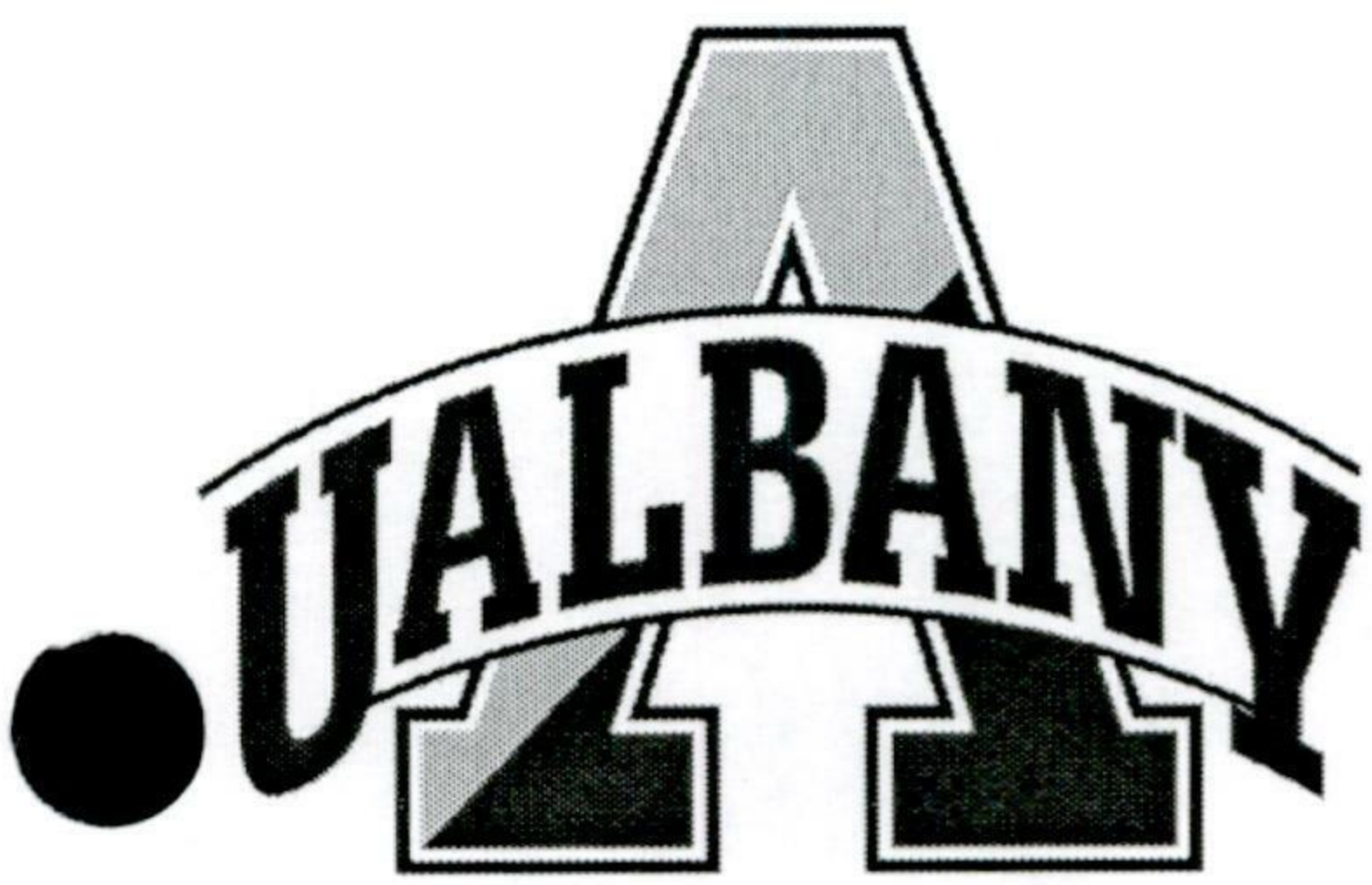
Blair Buchanan registered 36 assists and took over second place on the school's all-time assists list to help UAlbany (14-2, AE 1-0) to the 3-0 win. Ashley Hunter and Shelby Goldman also tallied double-figure kills for the Great Danes, with 12 and 10, respectively. Eileen Nicole Rodriguez, who leads the America East in service aces, notched four, while junior libero Ashley DeNeal recorded three, along with 13 digs.

The Great Danes combined for a .379 hitting percentage in the non-conference match. Head Coach Kelly Sheffield said afterwards, "I thought that the team definitely came ready to play tonight. To hit .379 in the match is pretty impressive."

Reed now has 1,002 career kills. Sheffield noted that "a thousand kills is a great accomplishment. Ashlee has meant so much to the progression of this program that it's nice to see her able to celebrate a milestone number." Buchanan, a junior, has been named the America East Conference Setter of the Week three times this season and now has 2,958 career assists.

Siena (10-8) was led by Christie Gustafson, who tallied 11 kills, and April London, who notched 28 assists in the match.

The Great Danes return to conference action when they travel to New Hampshire on Oct. 7 for a 7:00 start.



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UALBANY WOMEN'S GOLF FALLS TO CROSSTOWN-RIVAL SIENA IN DUAL MATCH

Rexford, N.Y. – Sophomore **Melissa Agostinelli** shot an eight-over-par 80 to lead Siena to a victory over UAlbany in women's golf on Tuesday afternoon at the 3,600-yard course at the Edison Golf Club. Siena finished with a team score of 336, 14 strokes ahead of UAlbany's 350.

Freshman **Amanda McPhee** was only one stroke behind Agostinelli, leading the Great Danes with a nine-over 81. **Maggie Taylert** finished second for UAlbany with an 84. **Sun Hwa Kim** and **Samantha Williams** shot a 92 and 93, respectively, while freshman **Tracey Berns** recorded a 96 to round out the team's performance.

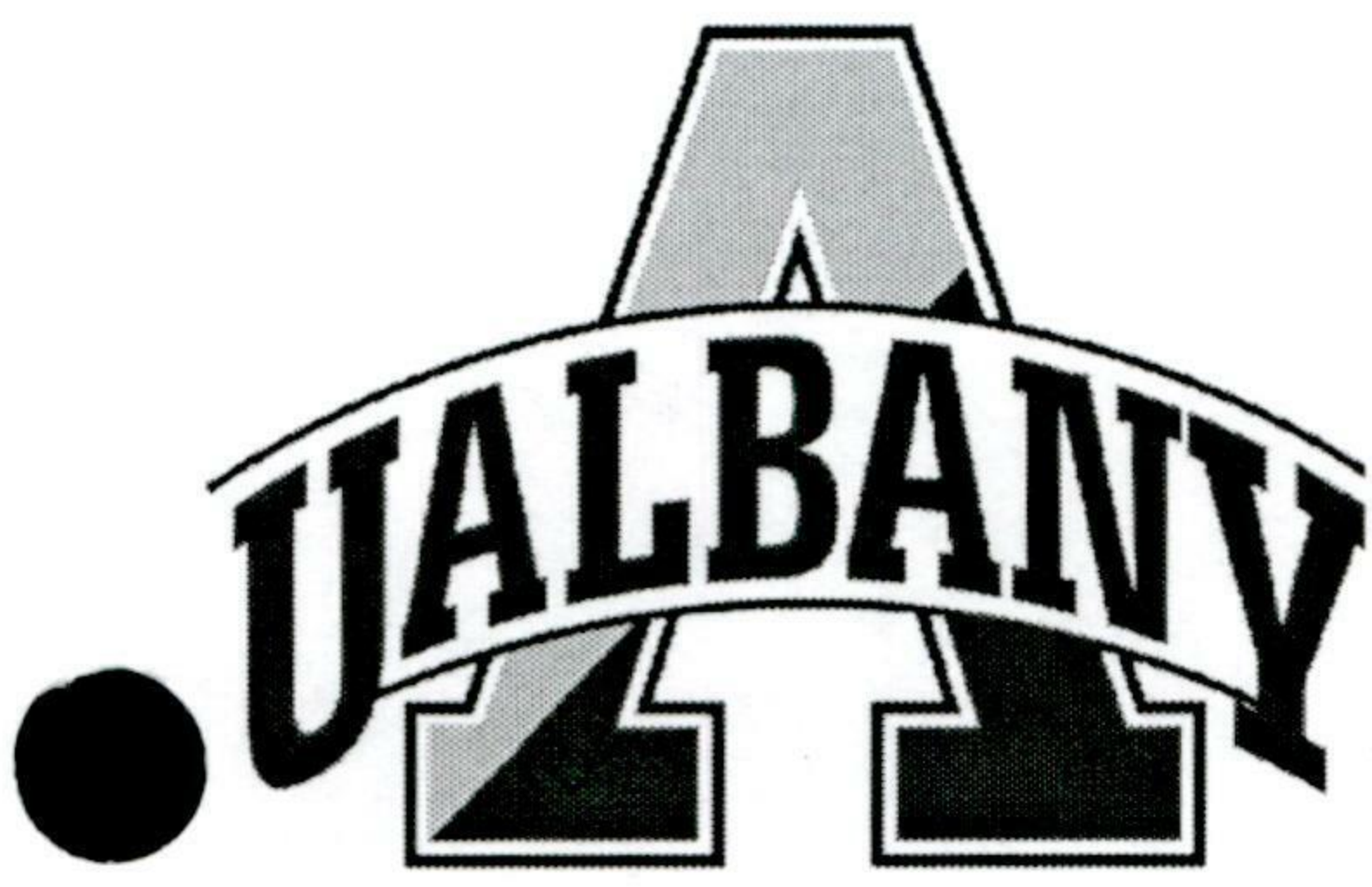
The Great Danes return to action when they travel to Central Connecticut State to compete in the Blue Devil Invitational on Oct. 7-8.

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Siena 336, UAlbany 350 (Edison Golf Club, Rexford, N.Y.)

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Amanda McPhee 81, Maggie Taylert 84, Sun Hwa Kim 92, Samantha Williams 93, Tracey Berns 96



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WOMEN'S TENNIS COMPLETES COMPETITION AT BINGHAMTON INVITATIONAL

Binghamton, N.Y. – Freshman **Lisa Klarmann**, senior **Courtney Michels** and freshman **Kim Weltman** each won matches singles and doubles play on the second day of competition at the Binghamton Women's Tennis Invitational on Sunday.

Klarmann and Michels teamed up for a win at first doubles against **Zeynep Altinay** and **Lya Kushnirovich** of Binghamton, while Weltman and partner **Aimee Kern** beat **Nicole Scarangella** and **Gayarthri Balasundar** at third doubles. Klarmann and Weltman each had straight-set singles wins against Manhattan, while Michels defeated **Lyndsay Keller** in three sets. Senior **Amanda Hall** and sophomore **Kim Westcott** also posted straight-set singles wins for the Great Danes against the Jaspers.

Klarmann improved to 6-1 in singles action this fall, while she and Michels moved to 6-1 in doubles play on the season. Weltman and Kern are a perfect 6-0 in doubles action this season.

The Great Danes compete at the ITA Regionals Friday, Oct. 21 through Monday, Oct. 24.

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UAlbany vs. Binghamton

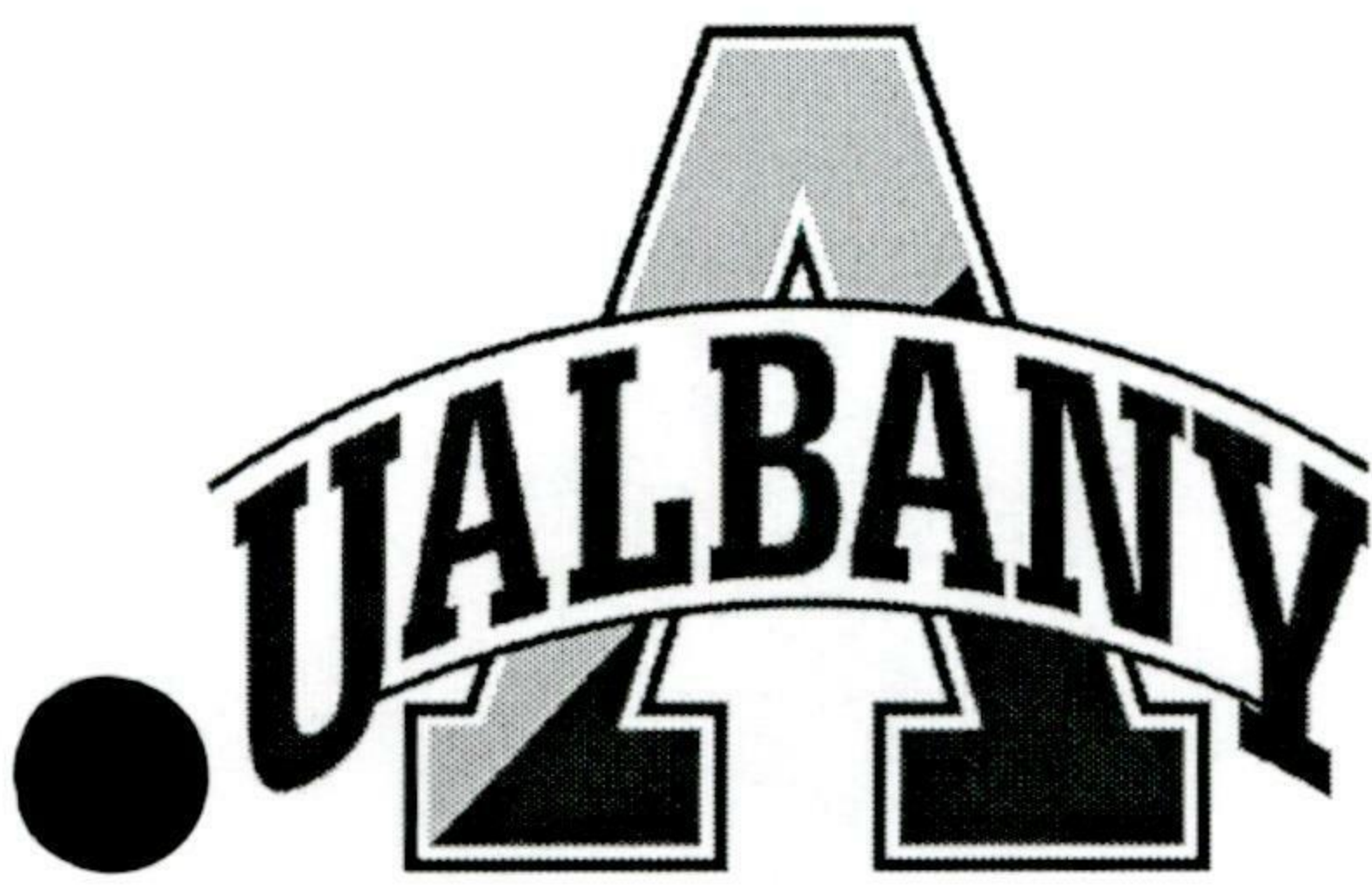
Doubles

1. Lisa Klarmann/Courtney Michels (UA) def. Zeynep Altinay/Lya Kushnirovich (B) 8-4
2. Jelena Koprivica/Jenn Naefeli (B) def. Amanda Hall/Kim Westcott (UA) 8-1
3. Aimee Kern/Kim Weltman (UA) def. Nicole Scarangella/Gayarthri Balasundar (B) 9-7

UAlbany vs. Manhattan

Singles

1. Lisa Klarmann (UA) def. Jennifer Fowler (M) 6-3, 6-3
2. Courtney Michels (UA) def. Lindsey Keller (M) 1-6, 6-3 (11-9)
3. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Casey Conklin (M) 6-1, 6-2
4. Kim Westcott (MC) def. Patrice Reiley (M) 6-3, 6-3
5. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Men Nguyen (M) 6-0, 6-0



UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY FALLS TO MAINE IN AMERICA EAST OPENER

Orono, Maine – Senior forward **Kasey Spencer** scored twice to lead Maine to a 3-2 victory over UAlbany on Sunday afternoon at Morse Field. The game was the America East conference opener for both teams.

Spencer scored a pair of goals unassisted in the last five minutes of the first period to give Maine (7-4, AE 1-0) the 2-0 lead at halftime. UAlbany (4-7, AE 0-1) cut into the halftime deficit as senior forward **Tina Bryson** scored an unassisted goal nearly eight minutes into the period. However, Black Bears senior **Shaunessy Saucier** scored what proved to be the game-winning goal on an assist from Spencer midway through the period.

Michele Polizois also recorded a tally for the Great Danes on assists from freshmen **Arlette Westdorp** and **Meg Rinier** at the 58:57 mark. However, the Black Bears were able to keep their advantage, led by goalie **Rebecca Giroux** and her two saves on the day.

Bryson's fifth goal on the season ties her for the team lead, while Westdorp increases her team-leading assist total to six. Freshman **Ashley Ross** played the entire game in goal for UAlbany, recording five saves to give her 39 total.

The Great Danes return to action on Saturday, Oct. 8 when they host New Hampshire at 1:00.
-agate-

Maine 3, UAlbany 2 (Morse Field)			
UAlbany (4-7, AE 0-1)	0	2	2
Maine (7-4, AE 1-0)	2	1	3

UAlbany – Scoring: Tina Bryson 1-0, Michele Polizois 1-0, Meg Rinier 0-1, Arlette Westdorp 0-1; Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 3 GA, 5 saves)

Maine – Scoring: Kasey Spencer 2-1, Shaunessy Saucier 1-0; Goalkeeper: Rebecca Giroux (70:00, 2 GA, 2 saves)

GREAT DANES SHUT DOWN BY BINGHAMTON, 3-0, IN A-EAST CONFERENCE PLAY

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Kelly Haslinger** scored her first career goal on a shot from 10 yards out with 1:32 remaining in the first half as Binghamton defeated UAlbany, 3-0, in an America East Conference match on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Bearcats improved to 2-1 in A-East play, while the Great Danes fell to 0-3.

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Sophomore back **Katie Kerrigan** provided an insurance goal for Binghamton off a corner kick from senior captain **Kelly Sanders**, 11:15 into the second half. Junior **Danielle White** added the Bearcats' third tally as she took a pass from sophomore **Kim Povill** and sent the ball past UAlbany goalkeeper **Andrea Dunn**. Dunn had seven saves in net, while juniors **Kristie Bowers** and **Kristy Doerner** made three combined saves for the Bearcats (6-5-2, 2-1-0 AE).

White is second on the Binghamton squad with four goals and 10 points this season, while Kerrigan is tied for third with three goals and six points. Senior **Lauren Massey** leads the team with four assists.

The Great Danes (1-12, 0-3 AE) returns to action Thursday when they host Boston University at 3 p.m. at Varsity Field.

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Binghamton 3, UAlbany 0 (Albany, N.Y.)

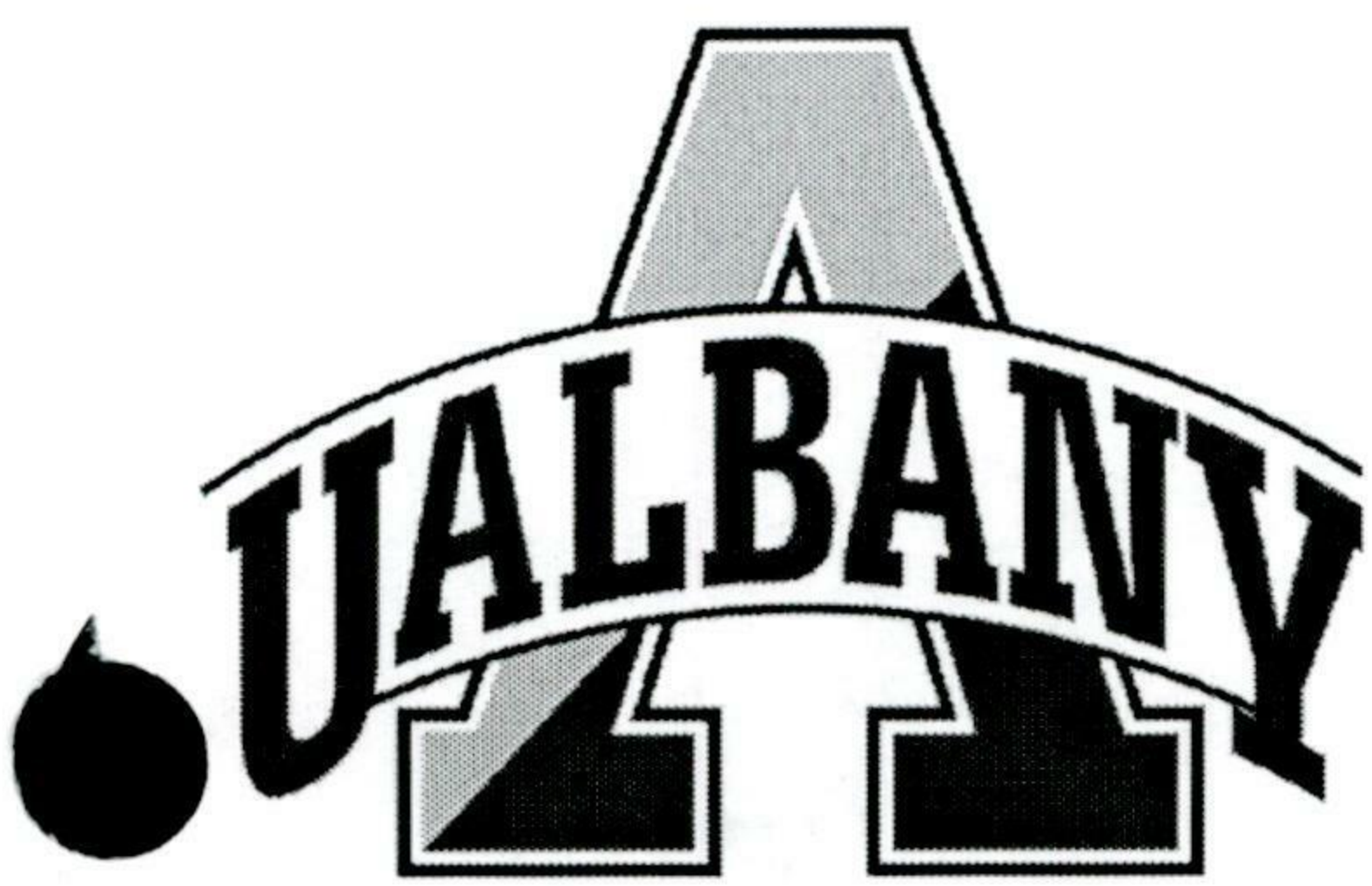
Binghamton (6-5-2, 2-1-0 AE) 1 2 3

UAlbany (1-12-0, 0-3-0 AE) 0 0 0

Binghamton- Scoring: Kelly Haslinger 1-0, Katie Kerrigan 1-0, Danielle White 1-0, Lauren Massey 0-1, Kim Povill 0-1, Kelly Sanders 0-1; Goalkeepers: Kristie Bowers (55:45, 0 GA, 2 saves), Kristy Doerner (34:15, 0 GA, 1 save)

UAlbany- Scoring: None; Goalkeeper: Andrea Dunn (90:00, 3 GA, 7 saves)

Shots: Binghamton 16, UAlbany 6; Corner Kicks: Binghamton 5, UAlbany 2



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WHITCOMB THROWS TWO TOUCHDOWN PASSES AS MAINE DEFEATS UALBANY

Portland, Maine – Quarterback **Ron Whitcomb** threw two first-quarter touchdown passes and **Arel Gordon** scored on a 57-yard punt return in leading Maine to a 31-7 non-league victory over UAlbany on Saturday evening at Fitzpatrick Stadium.

A blocked punt led to the Black Bears' first touchdown as **Anthony Hicks** broke through and set his team up at the UAlbany 20. Whitcomb then found **Kevin McMahan** in the middle of the field with an 11-yard scoring pass.

Maine (2-2) reached the end zone on its next possession for a 14-0 lead. Whitcomb, who connected on 17 of 25 attempts for 191 yards, beat the blitz with a 22-yard strike to Gordon.

The Black Bears, who were playing in Portland for the first time since 2003, added 10 more points in the second period. Tailback **Montell Owens**, who rushed 22 times for 128 yards, was a key figure in a drive that lasted more than eight minutes. **Bobby Donnelly's** 35-yard field goal capped the 16-play march. Fullback **Wellington Talkpa** scored on a one-yard blast with 19 seconds left before halftime for a 24-0 advantage. Whitcomb's third-down pass to McMahan, who had eight receptions for 86 yards, kept the drive alive.

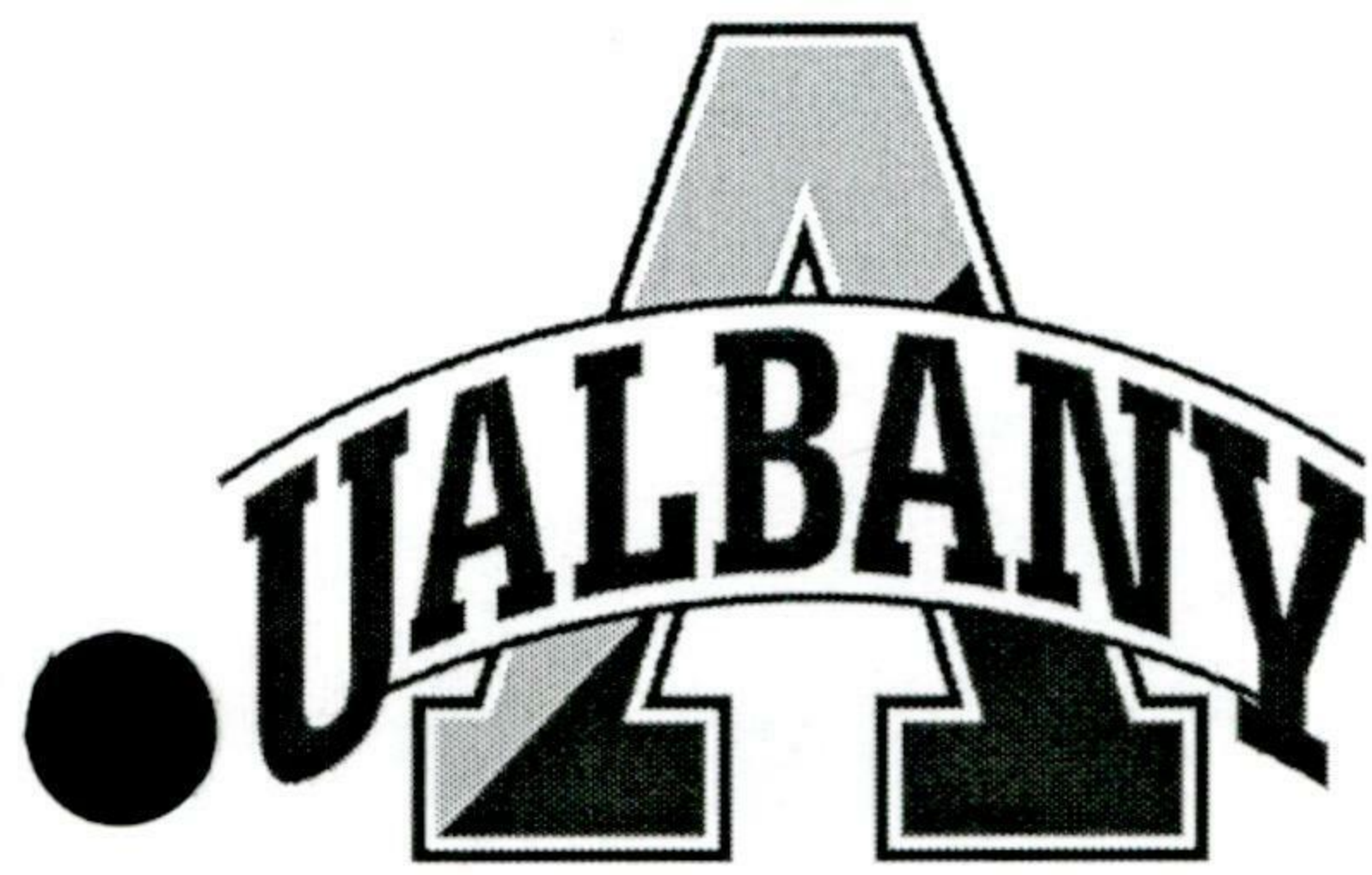
"We had a good game plan but we didn't execute," said UAlbany tailback **Kenny Williams**, whose team failed to get a first down in the opening half. "In the second half, we got something going for next week. We lack experience, but our young guys are just trying to get their feet wet."

UAlbany (0-4) showed some life in those final two periods. Reserve quarterback **Brett Hall** directed his time on a nine-play scoring drive. Hall, who completed 10 of 21 passes for 67 yards, hit flanker **Mike Wall** in a third down situation. **Marcus Allen** would then reach paydirt on a third-yard run.

"We ran into a pretty good defensive unit," commented UAlbany coach Bob Ford, whose squad gained 131 of its 158 yards after halftime. "The strength of their team is their defense, and they also have pretty good special teams with an excellent punt returner who has great speed."

Maine's Gordon set a school record with his third career punt return for a touchdown in the third quarter. He knifed his way through the right side and broke up the sideline on a 57-yard jaunt.

UAlbany's defense gave another credible effort against its third Atlantic-10 Conference opponent this season. Senior cornerback **Kamar Elliott** led the way with eight tackles, one interception, and one pass break-up.



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ALYSSA LOTMORE LEADS UALBANY CROSS COUNTRY TO 2ND-PLACE FINISH

Manassas, Va. – **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) won the women's race to lead the UAlbany women's cross country team to a second-place finish at the George Mason Invitational held at Bull Run Park in Manassas, Va. on Saturday. The men also finished second in their competition, led by senior **Robbie Freeman's** fifth-place finish. American University won both the men's and women's competitions.

Lotmore, a junior, registered a time of 14:40.82, 10 seconds better than her nearest competitor, American's **Zaia Wharton**. Freshman **Jenna Ortman** placed fourth, while sister **Jessica Ortman** took ninth to round out the top 10 for the UAlbany women. **Danielle Trimpop, Natasha Torres, Jennifer Russell**, and freshman **Jessica Chichester** all placed in the top 40 for the Great Danes.

Freeman finished with a time of 25:21.87, less than 40 seconds off the course leader, American's **Steve Hallinan**. **Ricardo Estremera** and **Bryant Cherry-Woode** placed 13th and 14th, respectively, for UAlbany. **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) and **Chris Jimenez** also finished in the top 35 for the men.

The UAlbany men's and women's cross country teams return to action on Saturday, Oct. 15 when they host the 39th Annual UAlbany Invitational.

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George Mason Invitational

MEN

1. American 17, **2. UAlbany 69**, 3. James Madison 69, 4. Longwood 122, 5. Howard 126, 6. Virginia Commonwealth 162, 7. George Mason 168, 8. Hampton 174

INDIVIDUAL

1. Steve Hallinan (American) 24:43.08, 2. Steve Magness (Unattached) 24:46.98, 3. Brendan Fennell (American) 25:12.25, 4. Kevin Tschirhart (American) 25:18.21, **5. Robbie Freeman (UAlbany) 25:21.87**, 6. Awit Yohannes (American) 25:26.26, 7. Pat Burford (American) 25:27.14, 8. Phil Turner (American) 25:32.92, 9. Rob Hofmann (American) 25:51.52, 10. Evan Kays (James Madison) 25:54.60

Other UAlbany Finishers:

13. Ricardo Estremera, 26:13.26, 14. Bryant Cherry-Woode, 26:13.64, 22. Gered Burns 27:22.63, 34. Chris Jimenez, 27:57.38

WOMEN

1. American 49, **2. UAlbany 71**, 3. Hampton 96, 4. Virginia Commonwealth 123, 5. Howard 125, 6. James Madison 135, 7. Norfolk 154, 8. Longwood 205, 9. George Mason 210

INDIVIDUAL

1. Alyssa Lotmore (UAlbany) 14:40.82, 2. Zaia Whaton (American) 14:50.97, 3. Cathline Ford (American) 14:56.13, **4. Jenna Ortman (UAlbany) 14:57.69**, 5. Jitka Vaculikova (Hampton) 14:59.40, 6. Denisha Hudson (Norfolk) 15:04.81, 7. Kristin Novara (Longwood) 15:05.19, 8. Kate Lilley (American) 15:09.47, **9. Jessica Ortman (UAlbany) 15:15.79**, 10. Krystle Medlin (Hampton) 15:17.84

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Other UAlbany Finishers

21. Danielle Trimpop, 15:39.81, 36. Natasha Torres, 16:12.26, 39. Jennifer Russell, 16:21.57, 40. Jessica Chichester, 16:25.01

UALBANY TENNIS COMPETES IN DUAL MATCH AT BINGHAMTON

Binghamton, N.Y. – Freshman **Lisa Klarmann** and senior **Courtney Michels** registered two wins at the top doubles position on the first day of dual match competition at Binghamton.

Amanda Hall and **Kim Westcott** also notched a win in doubles competition, as did the team of **Aimee Kern** and **Kim Weltman**, to help UAlbany defeat both Manhattan and Marist.

Binghamton won five of its singles matches against UAlbany, with Westcott registering the only Great Dane victory against the Bearcats. Klarmann, Michels, and Hall all had singles victories against Marist.

The UAlbany women's tennis team returns to action tomorrow with the conclusion of the dual match.

-agate-

UAlbany vs. Manhattan

Doubles

1. Klarmann/Michels (UA) def. Keeler/Conklin (MC), 8-1.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) def. Reiley/Nguyen (MC), 8-0.

UAlbany vs. Marist

Singles

1. Lisa Klarmann (UA) def. Inge LeGrange (MC), 6-3, 6-0.
2. Yana Tikhonko (MC) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-3, 6-4.
3. Courtney Michels (UA) def. Megan Gureck (MC), 6-2, 6-4.
4. Mireiva Colon (MC) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 7-5, 6-4.
5. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Emily Zampello (MC), 6-0, 6-1.
6. Erin Godly (MC) def. Kim Westcott (UA), 6-2, 7-5.

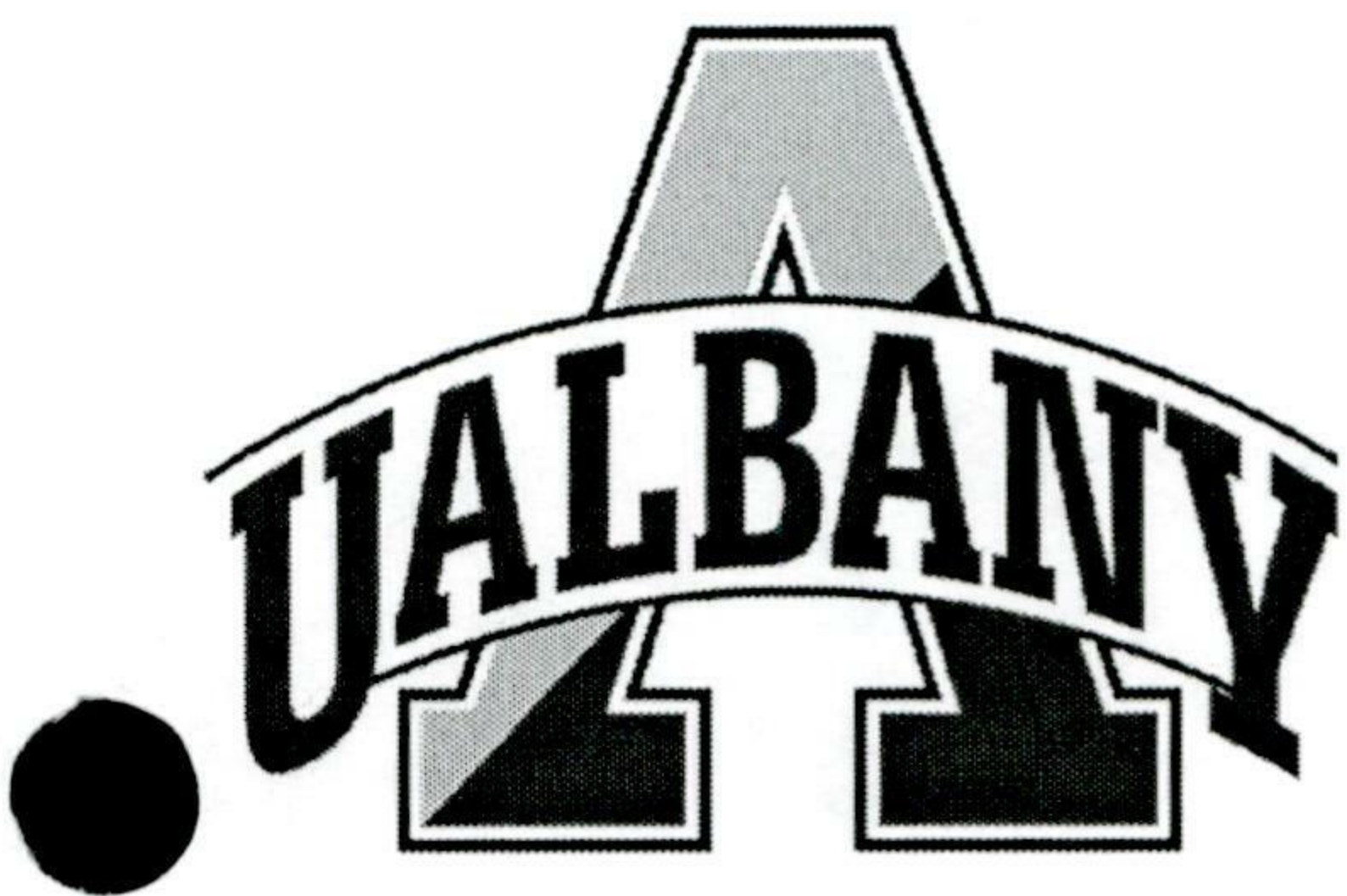
Doubles

1. Klarmann/Michels (UA) def. LeGrange/Tikhonko (MC), 8-3.
2. Godly/Gureck (MC) def. Hall/Westcott (UA), 8-5.
3. Kern/Weltman (UA) def. Zampello/Colon (MC), 8-4.

UAlbany vs. Binghamton

Singles

1. Zeynep Altinay (BU) def. Lisa Klarmann (UA), 6-4, 4-6, (8).
2. Lya Kushnirovich (BU) def. Courtney Michels (UA), 6-1, 6-2.
3. Jelena Koprivica (BU) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 6-4, 6-1.
4. Jenn Naegeli (BU) def. Kim Weltman (UA), 6-3, 6-4.
5. Nicole Scarangella (BU) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-3, 6-2.
6. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Alex Sinclair (BU), 6-3, 6-3.



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MEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO UMBC, 3-0, IN A-EAST CONFERENCE MATCH

Baltimore, Md. – Freshman **Steve Cook** made three saves for his third consecutive shutout as UMBC beat UAlbany, 3-0, on Saturday afternoon in Baltimore, Md. The Retrievers, who are unbeaten in their last five matches, have not allowed a goal in 309:37.

Freshman **Manuel Mariel** started the scoring for UMBC, on a breakaway, 11:04 into the second half. Freshman **Dan Bulls** found fellow freshman **Matt Watson** 20:35 later with a crossing pass to make the score 2-0. Junior **Andres Serafini** added additional insurance, scoring with 3:19 remaining.

Juniors **Kevin Mezzadra** and **David Fezell** each had their first assists of the season. Mezzadra and Fezell lead the Retrieves with 11 and 9 points, respectively. Freshman goalkeeper **Steward Ceus** had four saves for the Great Danes

The Great Danes (4-5-2, 1-1-0 AE) return to action Saturday when they host defending America East champion Boston University at 1 p.m.

-agate-

UAlbany 3, UMBC 0 (Baltimore, Md.)

UMBC (5-3-2, 2-0-0 A-East) 0 0 0

UAlbany (4-5-2, 1-1-0 A-East) 0 0 3

UAlbany- Scoring: None; Goalkeeper: Steward Ceus (90:00, 3 GA, 4 saves)

UMBC- Scoring: Manuel Mariel 1-0, Andres Serafini 1-0, Matt Watson 1-0, Dan Bullis 0-1, David Fezell 0-1, Kevin Mezzadra 0-1; Goalkeeper: Steve King (90:00, 0 GA, 3 saves
Shots: UAlbany 11, UMBC 11; Corner Kicks: UMBC 6, UAlbany 3