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UALBANY'S KAYLA BEST & TEE LADOUCEUR HONORED BY AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE

Cambridge, Mass. – University at Albany's Kayla Best (Guilderland H.S.) has been chosen America East Conference Player of the Week in women's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. Freshman Tee Ladouceur (Bethlehem Central H.S.) was selected America East Rookie of the Week for the second time this season.

Best had 10 goals and one assist in two victories last week. She recorded career-highs in goals (6) and points (7) as her team rallied for a 17-12 league triumph at UMBC on March 26. Best, who sealed the outcome with back-to-back free-position shots in the final six minutes, became the first Great Dane to score six goals in a game since April 22, 2005. Best also scored four times and added a career-best five ground balls in Sunday's 16-11 non-league victory against Longwood. Best, who has 26 goals and four assists this year, extended her scoring streak to 23 consecutive games.

Ladouceur, a first-team All-American on the high school level, also combined for 10 goals and one assist in last week's two games. She had five of her career-high six goals in the second-half rally against UMBC. She netted a pair of unassisted goals that tied the contest at 12 apiece and scored her sixth, one off the program's single-game freshman record, for a 14-12 lead. Ladouceur, who has a team-leading 29 goals this season, scored four times versus Longwood. She posted career-highs in draw controls (5) and caused turnovers (3) in that non-league win.

UAlbany (7-3) is off to its best since 1998 when the program competed at the NCAA Division II level. The Great Danes host Syracuse, ranked No. 5 in both national polls, on April 2 at 4:00 p.m.

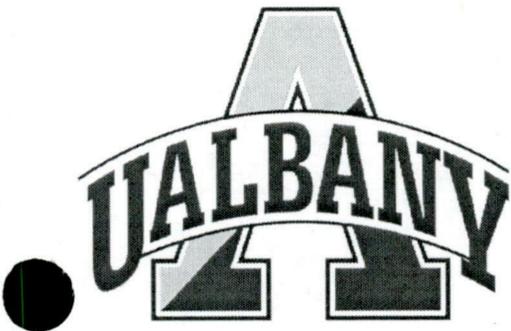
UALBANY'S LEAH MCINTOSH NAMED AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Cambridge, Mass. – UAlbany sophomore Leah McIntosh was named the America East Conference Softball Pitcher of the Week, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. It is the third honor of the season for McIntosh.

McIntosh went 3-0 in three complete-game appearances last week. She led the Great Danes to wins over Kennesaw State, Siena and conference opponent Binghamton. McIntosh recorded her first career no-hitter in a 1-0 shutout win over Kennesaw State, tying a career-high with 12 strikeouts. She threw the first seven-inning, no-hit shutout by a UAlbany hurler since May 6, 2006.

McIntosh, who finished with 29 strikeouts for the week, also fanned nine batters in a 2-1 win over Siena and struck out eight in an 11-3 five-inning victory over Binghamton in the first conference game of the season.

McIntosh, a native of Whitby, Ontario, is 7-3 on the season with a 1.90 ERA and 87 strikeouts in 62.2 innings of work.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL DEFEATS BINGHAMTON, 11-3, IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

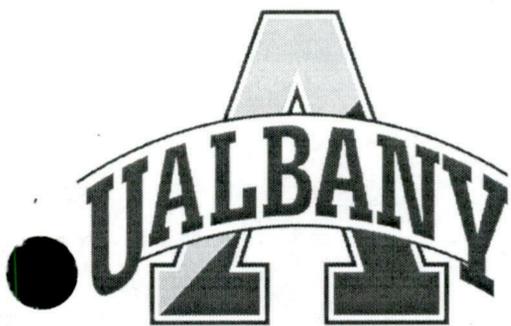
Albany, N.Y. – Leanne Tillman smashed a lead-off home run over the center field fence in a seven-run fourth inning that led UAlbany to an 11-3 win in five frames in America East Conference softball action on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field. The second game of the league doubleheader was called after nine innings due to darkness with the score tied at 3-3. The remainder of that game, along with the third contest of the series, will take place on Monday at 12 p.m.

Binghamton (3-16, AE 0-1) took a 2-0 lead in the first inning, as Emily Phillips knocked in two runs on a single to second base. Sandy Meadows, who led off with a single, and Sara Eppolito, who reached on an error, scored on the play.

UAlbany (10-9, AE 1-0) responded with two runs in both the second and third innings. Gina Mason recorded an RBI double to center field to score Meagan Butsch for the Great Danes' first run. Kat Smith knocked a single to left later in the inning to send Mason home. In the bottom of the third, Butsch knocked in Michelle Connors and Bailey Van Deest to give UAlbany a 4-2 advantage.

The Great Danes compiled eight hits to score their seven runs in the bottom half of the fourth inning. After four consecutive singles, Connors and Van Deest recorded back-to-back doubles to give UAlbany a 9-2 lead. Connors drove in Maisonet, while Van Deest sent Connors and Kothe across home plate. Smith also recorded an RBI in the frame, driving in Bill, who came in to run for Van Deest.

Sophomore Leah McIntosh earned the win in the circle for the Great Danes, striking out eight batters in five innings. Patty Egan took the loss for Binghamton, fanning two in 3.1 innings of work.



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UALBANY TENNIS SWEEPS SACRED HEART, 7-0, FOR 15TH WIN OF SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – Senior Aimee Kern won in straight sets at first singles and teamed for a doubles victory to lead UAlbany to a 7-0 sweep of Sacred Heart on Sunday, March 30 at the Bubble.

Kern topped Julianne Kasinow at No. 1 singles by scores of 6-3 and 6-0 for her 12th singles win of the season. She later teamed with freshman Susan Ma at first doubles to defeat Darcy Demers and Nicole Betz, 8-2. Ma was victorious in three sets at No. 2 singles over Demers, registering scores of 6-0, 2-6 and 10-7.

At third singles, junior Kim Weltman beat Betz in straight sets, 6-0 and 6-2. The tandem of Weltman and Charlotte Tatler won at No. 3 doubles by a score of 8-1 over Mandy Finkelstein and Britany Price. Tatler won her match at fourth singles over Elizabeth Harrington by a score of 6-1 in each set.

Freshman Laine Mackey defeated Jessica Schnell, 6-3, 6-1, at No. 5 singles, while senior Amanda Hall beat Ashley Amalfe at sixth singles, 6-0 and 6-4. The duo teamed for an 8-5 win at second doubles over Amalfe and Kasinow.

UAlbany (15-2) returns to action on Saturday, April 5 at Stony Brook at 1:00 p.m.

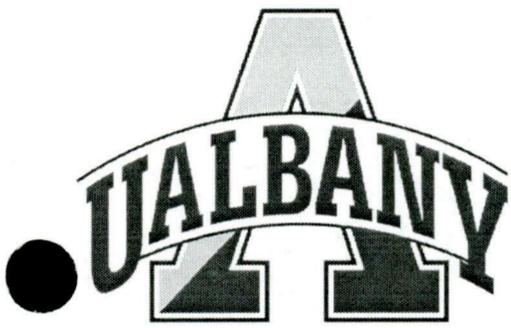
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Singles

1. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Julianne Kasinow (SHU) 6-3, 6-0
2. Susan Ma (UA) def. Darcy Demers (SHU) 6-0, 2-6, 10-7
3. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Nicole Betz (SHU) 6-0, 6-2
4. Charlotte Tatler (UA) def. Elizabeth Harrington (SHU) 6-1, 6-1
5. Laine Mackey (UA) def. Jessica Schnell (SHU) 6-3, 6-1
6. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Ashley Amalfe (SHU) 6-0, 6-4

Doubles

1. Kern/Ma (UA) def. Demers/Betz (SHU) 8-2
2. Mackey/Hall (UA) def. Kasinow/Amalfe (SHU) 8-5
3. Weltman/Tatler (UA) def. Mandy Finkelstein/Britany Price (SHU) 8-1



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UALBANY RECORDS SEVENTH WIN IN 16-11 NON-LEAGUE TRIUMPH OVER LONGWOOD

Albany, N.Y. – Kayla Best (Guilderland) and Tee Ladouceur (Bethlehem Central) each had four goals in leading UAlbany to a 16-11 non-league victory over Longwood on Sunday afternoon at John Fallon Field. The Great Danes, who improved to 7-3 overall, have won five of their last six games.

UAlbany led 9-6 at halftime, but then ran off four unanswered during the opening 10 minutes of the final period. Ladouceur converted a free-position attempt to begin that stretch. Freshman Nikki Branchini (Guilderland), who had a career-high three goals, later drove around a defender in the middle of the zone. Brittany Scott sent a free-position shot into the lower left corner, before Ladouceur drove to the cage and switched to her right hand for a seven-goal cushion with 20:07 to play. The freshman midfielder had a team-leading 29 goals.

Longwood (4-9) held a 2-1 advantage early in the first half after Liz Sellmayer cut to the top of the crease to finish off Christine Comeau's feed. The Great Danes answered by scoring four consecutive times over the next five minutes. Jodi Battaglia drew her team even with a free-position goal and then set up Best on a right-to-left crossing pass with 23:11 left in the stanza. Scott, a senior midfielder, completed a fastbreak, before Ladouceur was credited with a goal after a Lancer defender misplayed a loose ball into her own net.

UAlbany was still on top, 8-4, after Jane Bush scored from the top of the crease, but the Lancers cut that lead in half with a pair of unassisted goals. Sellmayer netted her second of the game when she rotated inside two defenders from left of the cage. Carlie Nethken then found the net on a rebound after UAlbany goalkeeper Katie Neer stopped Sellmayer's initial shot. The Great Danes took a three-goal margin to the break when Best, a sophomore midfielder, scored in transition by spinning to her left shoulder with 2:43 remaining.

"We made good adjustments against their defense and caused some turnovers by riding well," said UAlbany coach Lindsey Hart, whose team is off to its best start since the 1998 campaign will host fifth-ranked Syracuse on Wednesday. "We didn't execute the way we wanted for the full sixty minutes. We got away from a disciplined style at times and didn't finish every play."

Sophomore midfielder Paige Farmer totaled three goals and one assist for the Lancers, who are in their second season at the NCAA Division I level. Goalkeeper Eliza Coughter made 10 saves. UAlbany's Neer and Emily Miller combined stop 13 shots in the cage.

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Longwood (4-9)	6	5	-	11
UAlbany (7-3)	9	7	-	16

Longwood – Scoring: Page Farmer 3-1, Liz Sellmayer 2-0, Amanda Berezney 1-0, Carlie Nethken 1-0, Britt Fraquharson 1-0, Lauren Barnaba 1-0, Kesley Dean 1-0, Karli Brentlinger 1-0, Christine Comeau 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Eliza Coughter (60:00, 10 saves, 16 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Kayla Best 4-0, Tee Ladouceur 4-0, Nikki Branchini 3-0, Brittany Scott 2-0, Jodi Battaglia 1-1, Jane Bush 1-0, Taylor Frink 1-0, Stacey Brown 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Katie Neer (47:38, 9 saves, 7 GA), Emily Miller (12:22, 4 saves, 4 GA).



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TOWSON RALLIES FOR SWEEP OF UALBANY IN NON-CONFERENCE BASEBALL DOUBLEHEADER

Towson, Md. – Kevin Collins tripled with two outs in the sixth inning to give Towson a sweep of a baseball doubleheader over UAlbany on Saturday, March 29 at Schuerholz Park. The Tigers took the first game, 8-7, and claimed the nightcap, 4-2.

In game one, Towson took a 1-0 lead in the opening inning. After reaching base on a fielder's choice with two outs and stealing second, Brian Conley scored on a single up the middle by Matt Collins.

The Great Danes evened the score at one in the top of the second and went up 4-1 in the third with three runs on four hits. Mike Konstanty opened the second with a single through the left side. Following a hit batsman and a sacrifice bunt by junior third baseman Zac Halloran, Konstanty crossed the plate on a groundout by junior center fielder Gary Pitcheralle. Sophomore second baseman Ralph Rizzo and senior Tom Zink lined consecutive doubles down the left field line to lead off the third inning. After a groundout, sophomore left fielder Brendan Rowland singled through the left side to knock in Zink and later came around to score on a base hit by Konstanty.

Towson (11-14) answered back with three runs in each of the third and fourth innings. Nick Natoli led off the third with a homer over the left-field fence. Following two outs, Matt Collins drove a homer to left to pull the Tigers within one. Steve Rice drew a bases-loaded walk to plate Steve Yarsinsky and tie the game. Gary Helmick gave Towson the lead in the fourth inning with a sacrifice fly to right field to drive in Natoli, who led off the frame by reaching third on a single and two-base error. The Tigers went up 7-4 on a pair of unearned runs as Matt Collins reached on a throwing error that allowed Conley to score and came around on a groundout by Yarsinsky.

UAlbany (4-19-1) got to within 7-5 in the sixth as Pitcheralle singled to right to score Pete Eichner. The Tigers produced the eventual game-winning run an inning later as Austin Harclerode doubled in Yarsinsky from second.

After a strikeout and groundout to start the ninth inning, junior shortstop Sean Donovan reached on a fielding error to keep the inning alive. Rowland followed by drilling a full-count pitch over the fence in left. Konstanty followed with a walk, but reliever Nate Curd nailed down the game with a groundout. Rowland went 4-for-9 in the doubleheader to extend his consecutive games hit streak to 11.

Junior Cory Warrings took the loss for the Great Danes, allowing seven runs (five earned) on nine hits over four innings, striking out three. Chris Ott yielded one run on two hits in 2.1 innings and Marco Rivera pitched the final 1.2 innings without giving up a run. Duane Herr recorded the win in relief of starter Jon Dupski, allowing just an unearned run on five hits in five innings. Curd pitched the ninth, allowing Rowland's homer, for his first save.

In the nightcap, Towson scored an unearned run in the first inning. Natoli led off the frame with a single through the left side, stole second, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on a sacrifice fly to right center by Conley.

The game remained 1-0 until the top of the sixth inning. Konstanty opened the inning with a single to left field. Junior designated hitter Ryan Gugel followed by giving the Great Danes a 2-1 lead by blasting a shot to left field for his third homer of the season. Towson rallied for three runs with two outs in the home half of the inning. Matt Collins drew a pinch-hit walk to start the uprising. Aaron Gabrielian knotted the score at two apiece by doubling down the right field line to plate Collins. UAlbany then intentionally walked Yarsinsky to set up a force at any base. Kevin Collins followed with a triple to center to knock in Yarsinsky and pinch runner Terry Gallo.

Hunter Moffatt suffered the loss for the Great Danes, giving up three runs on two hits in two-thirds of an inning. Freshman Dave Kubiak went five innings, allowing just the unearned run in the first inning. Josh Squatrito got the win, allowing two runs on a pair of hits in two innings. Spencer Patton struck out three over five scoreless innings.

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Game 1

UAlbany	013	001	002	-	7	11	2
Towson	103	300	10X	-	8	12	2

UAlbany: Cory Warrings (L, 0-4), Chris Ott (5), Marco Rivera (7) and Ryan Gugel, Tom Zink (3).
 Towson: Jon Dupski, Duane Herr (4, W, 2-1), Nate Curd (9, S, 1) and Jason Stifler.

Game 2

UAlbany (4-19-1)	000	002	0	-	2	5	1
Towson (11-14)	100	003	X	-	4	7	0

UAlbany: Dave Kubiak, Hunter Moffatt (6, L, 0-1), Jeff Kaier (6) and Tom Zink.
 Towson: Spencer Patton, Josh Squatrito (6, W, 2-3) and Brian Conley, Jason Stifler (7)

DANIEL AVERY WINS 110-METER HIGH HURDLES AT RALEIGH RELAYS

Raleigh, N.C. – UAlbany freshman Daniel Avery won the 110-meter high hurdles to lead the Great Danes on the second day of the Raleigh Relays at Paul Derr Track Stadium on Saturday, March 29.

Avery, who advanced to the finals with a time of 14.50 seconds in Friday's preliminary heats, crossed the finish line in an IC4A-qualifying 14.31 seconds. Freshman Wilfredo de Jesus Elias recorded a toss of 166-feet, 2-inches to place ninth in the hammer throw.

In women's action, junior Laura Cummings placed seventh in the finals of the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 10:57.79. In section 2 of the 3,000-meter steeplechase, freshman Kristine Mun finished third in 11:21.96 and senior Danielle Trimpop came in fifth in 11:26.14.

UAlbany returns to action on Friday, April 4 at the Duke Invitational in Durham, N.C. and the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla.

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Men's Results

110 Meter High Hurdles: 1. Daniel Avery 14.31 (IC4A). **Hammer Throw:** 9. Wilfredo de Jesus Elias 166-2. **Triple Jump:** 17. Dong Ning Hu 42-5.25.

Women's Results

3,000 Meter Steeplechase (Section 1): 7. Laura Cummings 10:57.79. **3,000 Meter Steeplechase (Section 2):** 3. Kristine Mun 11:21.96, 5. Danielle Trimpop 11:26.14. **Javelin Throw:** 22. Isabella Katsarelis 91-6.



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UALBANY BEGINS AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PLAY WITH 8-2 WIN OVER BINGHAMTON

Albany, N.Y. – Corey Small had two goals and two assists in leading UAlbany to an 8-2 victory over Binghamton in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Saturday afternoon at John Fallon Field. The temperature at face-off was below 30 degrees while a stiff northwest wind blew across the field.

UAlbany (2-5, AE 1-0) led 2-1 midway through the second quarter, but rattled off three goals in a two-minute-and-16-second span. Steve Ammann converted a bounce shot off a drive from the left side to start that run. After goalkeeper Brett Queener cleared the ball following one of his six saves, Small finished off John Alpizar's crossing pass to complete a perfectly executed fastbreak. Mark Cometti drilled an underhanded shot from the left side after being set up by Small for a four-goal lead with 3:26 left in the period.

The teams exchanged man-up goals early in the third quarter. UAlbany's Nate Sullivan sent a blast into the top right corner. The Bearcats' Steven Carlson rifled a shot into the net off a pass from behind the cage by teammate Stephen Smith. The Great Danes put the contest away with a pair of unassisted goals. Freshman midfielder Kyle Crotty scored his second of the game by driving from the right point past a defender. Small tallied his 14th of the season when he scooped up a ground ball in the middle of the zone, moved to his left, and netted a behind-the-head shot past Binghamton goalkeeper Larry Kline.

"It's always important to win your first conference game," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team was coming off an eight-day layoff since defeating 11th-ranked Princeton. "We were sloppy offensively and didn't execute. I was disappointed we didn't put more points on the board. Binghamton's goalkeeper made some good saves. They play a controlled style and we were patient on defense and forced them into turnovers."

The Great Danes held the visitors to the lowest goal total by a conference opponent since April 6, 2002. Binghamton (2-4, AE 0-1) had just 17 shots on the cage and was forced into 26 miscues. UAlbany held a 2-0 lead after the opening period on goals by Brian Grodotske and Crotty. Binghamton's Drew Wichmann cut that deficit in half when he cut to the top of the crease to finish off Chris Mulheron's feed shortly after a UAlbany offside penalty had expired.

Kline, who is third among the national leaders in save percentage, stopped eight shots for the Bearcats, who posted a 9-8 win on their home field in last year's matchup between these teams. UAlbany has won 27 of their 34 regular-season game against America East opponents.

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

Binghamton – Scoring: Drew Wichmann 1-0, Steven Carlson 1-0, Chris Mulheron 0-1, Stephen Smith 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Larry Kline (60:00, 9 saves, 8 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Corey Small 2-2, Kyle Crotty 2-0, Mark Cometti 1-0, Nate Sullivan 1-0, Brian Grodotske 1-0, Steve Ammann 1-0, John Alpizar 0-1, Jordan Levine 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (55:29, 6 saves, 2 GA), Dan McKeon (4:31, 1 save, 0 GA).



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LUKE SCHOEN PLACES SECOND IN THE POLE VAULT AT RALEIGH RELAYS

Raleigh, N.C. – UAlbany sophomore Luke Schoen finished second in the pole vault to lead the Great Danes at the Raleigh Relays on Friday, March 28 at Paul Derr Track Stadium.

Schoen cleared the bar at 15-feet, 11-inches to place second and qualify for the IC4A meet later this season. Senior David Parker tied for seventh in the event by clearing 14-feet, 5.25-inches.

In the 110-meter high hurdles, freshman Daniel Avery turned in an IC4A-qualifying performance of 14.50 seconds to advance to Saturday's finals. Junior Brian Yurkewecz (Fonda-Fultonville) completed the 5,000-meter run in 15:10.83 to place fourth in his section.

In the women's competition, sophomore Laine Sefick recorded a time of 19:49.39 for 12th place in the third section of the 5,000-meter run. Freshman Kadine Johnson had a toss of 41-feet, 1-inch to place 19th in the shot put.

The Great Danes resume competition at the Raleigh Relays on Saturday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m.

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Men's Results

110 Meter High Hurdles: 12. Daniel Avery 14.50 (IC4A), 25. Anthony Assent 15.61, 32. David Parker 16.48.
5,000 Meter Run (Section 3): 4. Brian Yurkewecz 15:10.83. **5000 Meter Run (Section 4):** Hilbert DNF. **Pole Vault:** 2. Luke Schoen 15-11 (IC4A), T7. David Parker 14-5.25, Michael Dempsey NH. **Long Jump:** 25. Dong Ning Hu 18-3.75.

Women's Results

100 Meter Dash: 67. Sarah Lapierre 13.32, 80. Jessica Antoniadis 13.88. **5,000 Meter Run:** 12. Laine Sefick 19:43.39. **Shot Put:** 19. Kadine Johnson 41-1. **Discus:** Kadine Johnson Foul.



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TOWSON RALLIES FOR 9-3 WIN OVER UALBANY TO OPEN THREE-GAME BASEBALL SERIES

Towson, Md. – UAlbany senior first baseman Mike Konstanty homered twice, but Towson rallied for a 9-3 victory over the Great Danes in the opening game of a three-game non-conference baseball series on Friday, March 28 at Schuerholz Park.

After playing four scoreless innings, UAlbany (4-17-1) broke through with a run in the top of the fifth inning. Sophomore left fielder Brendan Rowland (Colonie) led off the frame with a double off the fence in left field. Following a strikeout and a hit batsman, sophomore Pete Eichner singled to right field on a hit-and-run to drive in Rowland. Konstanty put the Great Danes up 2-0 in the sixth with a two-out homer to left.

Towson (9-14) answered back in the bottom of the inning with three runs on six hits. Matt Collins started the scoring by plating Nick Natoli with the Tigers' third single of the inning. Following a base hit by Greg Furmanek to right field to load the bases, Steve Yarsinsky and Jason Stifler delivered consecutive RBI singles to give Towson a 3-2 lead and knock UAlbany starter Casey Walsh out of the game. Junior Sean Gregory inherited three base runners, but induced an infield pop up and a strike out to prevent further damage.

The game remained 3-2 until the Tigers scored six times in the bottom of the eighth inning. Yarsinsky blasted his first career homer to lead off the frame. Following a strikeout and a ground out, Natoli, Steve Rice and Terry Gallo recorded consecutive singles to load the bases. Brian Conley put the game out of reach with a shot to left center for his third career grand slam. Collins followed with a solo homer to left to close out the scoring for the Tigers.

Konstanty homered to left field and Rowland singled through the left side to start the ninth inning, but Zach Umberger retired the next three batters in order to end the game.

Walsh suffered his fifth loss of the season, yielding three runs on nine hits over 5.1 innings. Wes Shifflett picked up the win in relief of starter Drew Permison, allowing one run on three hits in two innings. Permison pitched the first five innings, striking out four, while allowing one run on three hits. Umberger registered his first save by tossing the final two innings, giving up a run on a pair of hits.

Rowland recorded three hits in the contest to extend his consecutive games hitting streak to a team-high nine games.

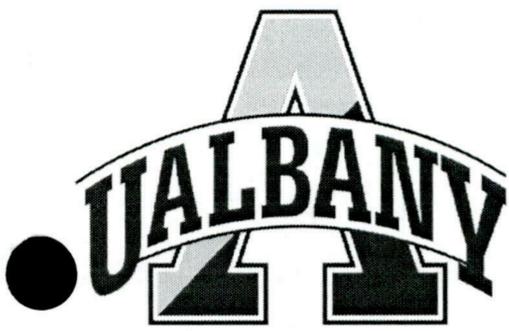
The Great Danes and the Tigers close out their three-game series with a doubleheader starting at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29.

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UAlbany (4-17-1)	000	011	001	-	3	8	0
Towson (9-14)	000	003	06X	-	9	16	0

UAlbany: Casey Walsh (L, 0-5), Sean Gregory (5) and Ryan Gugel.

Towson: Drew Permison, Wes Shifflett (6), Zach Umberger (8) and Jason Stifler.



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DEFENDING NEC CHAMPION UALBANY BEGINS SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE ON MARCH 30

Albany, N.Y. – Head coach Bob Ford and the University at Albany football team will begin defense of their 2007 Northeast Conference championship when spring practice begins on Sunday, March 30. The Great Danes will conduct 15 NCAA-allowed spring workouts and will use both Alumni Turf Field (artificial) and Mara-Tisch Field (natural) as practice sites. The scheduled dates are: March 30 and 31 and April, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25 and 26.

2008 Spring Preview

UAlbany won its third Northeast Conference title in 2007 by becoming the fifth team in league history to go undefeated in conference play. The Great Danes will have to work even harder to repeat with a challenging non-league schedule and the addition of Duquesne as an NEC member.

Head coach **Bob Ford** has 48 letterwinners, including 12 starters, returning from a squad that finished with an 8-4 record. Spring practice will once again give the coaching staff an opportunity to work on all three phases of the game and evaluate personnel.

"On defense, we have to improve in the red zone," offers Ford, who has a 225-162-1 career record in 39 varsity seasons at the collegiate level. "It's a matter of tightening things up and being more aggressive in our approach. These practices will also allow us to identify the pass rushers and swing people on the defensive line."

Ford continues, "Certain elements of our run offense need to be established, and we have to become consistent in the three-step pass game. We want to review our punt returners and long snappers on special teams."

OFFENSE: Tailback **David McCarty** (LaSalle Institute) leads an offensive unit that ranked 20th nationally in rushing at nearly 209 yards per game. McCarty, who was named to the Sports Network All-America squad, ran for 1,503 yards, the third-highest single-season total in team history. McCarty grinded out eight 100-yard efforts, including a career-best 247 yards in a championship-clinching win against Central Connecticut State. **Justin Gannon** and **Colin Simmons**, a pair of juniors, rushed for 250-plus yards last season.

Quarterback **Vinny Esposito**, like McCarthy, made the most of his first season as a starter. He recorded the second-best single-season passing total in school annals with 1,810 yards. He threw 12 scoring passes and accounted for 1,946 yards in total offense. **Frank Blasinsky**, **Dan Di Lella** and **Mike Tracy** will also get plenty of work during spring drills.

The Great Danes can build around three all-conference offensive linemen, but will have to replace both starting guards. **Raphael Nguti** (6-6, 330) earned first-team All-NEC recognition at right tackle. Center **Kevin Richards** (6-2, 280, Shenendehowa) and left tackle **Justin Tougas** (6-6, 308, Queensbury) were named to the all-league second team.

UAlbany's starting receivers were seniors, but the rotation allowed for several players to be involved one year ago. **Daniel Bocanegra**, a converted quarterback, hauled in 26 passes for 316 yards. **Tim Bush** (Saratoga Springs) had 17 receptions for 225 yards and two TDs. In addition, the Great Danes have two tight ends in **Dan Archer** (7 catches) and **Marcus Miles** (10 catches) who have the ability to both block and become factors in the passing attack.

DEFENSE: The Great Danes featured a talented senior class on the defensive line. The unit helped the defense rank 17th in points allowed among the NCAA leaders. In fact, all three starters were members of the all-conference first or second teams.

The good news centers around defensive tackle **Tom Pandolf** (6-0, 260), a first-team All-NEC standout. Pandolf had his most productive campaign with 37 tackles and 3.0 sacks. Sophomore **Trevor Anderson** (6-2, 265, Cobleskill-Richmondville) also emerged as the season progressed and finished with 28 tackles, including seven for a loss. **Mike Kelly** and **Tony Sparano**, who had 10 tackles apiece, rotated at the defensive end positions.

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At inside linebacker, UAlbany's all-time tackles leader is now a professional in Germany. **Justin Brancaccio** (6-0, 220) moved into the starting lineup and tied for second on the team with 63 tackles, including 6.5 for losses, last season. **Mark Peretore**, a fifth-year senior, has also been a starter during his career. He had 47 tackles in 2007. **Chris Simpson** (14 tackles) will also see playing time.

Emerson Kinsey (6-1, 215) worked at one of the outside linebacker spots, where he totaled 29 tackles, 3.5 sacks and recovered two fumbles. **Dave Nicomini** (6-3, 230) can float between the linebacker and safety positions. He was second on the squad with 63 tackles. A solid performer, Nicomini had six or more hits vs. six opponents.

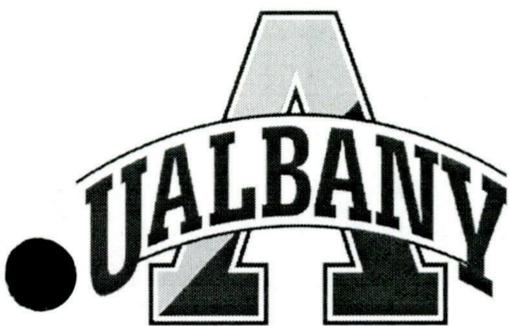
UAlbany's secondary returns intact. **Dave Casale** (Troy) had 56 tackles and two interceptions in his first year at free safety. Cornerbacks **Jean Juste** (34 tackles, 4 PBU) and **L.B. McCloskey** (38 tackles, 3 INTs, Gloversville) were sound in their new roles. Safety **Dave West** and cornerback **Ross Bertrand** (31 tackles, 3 PBU) showed great improvement. West, a second-team All-NEC selection, had 60 tackles, five pass deflections and two interceptions.

KICKING GAME: Punter **Chris Lynch** set the program's single-season record by averaging 40.5 yards per attempt. Lynch and **Herb Glass** are candidates for the place-kicking duties.

UAlbany Football Spring Practice Schedule

(subject to change)

March 30	(Sun.)	4:00-6:00 p.m.
March 31	(Mon.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 2	(Wed.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 4	(Fri.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 5	(Sat.)	9:30-11:30 a.m.
April 7	(Mon.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 9	(Wed.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 11	(Fri.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 14	(Mon.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 16	(Wed.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 18	(Fri.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 21	(Mon.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 23	(Wed.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 25	(Fri.)	3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 26	(Sat.)	9:30-11:30 a.m.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL COMPLETES DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP OF CROSSTOWN-RIVAL SIENA

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore pitcher Leah McIntosh struck out nine Siena batters in game one, while Marissa Powell and Brittany Rose (Schenectady) combined in the circle for a victory in the nightcap to lead UAlbany softball to a softball doubleheader sweep of the Saints at Albany Field on Thursday afternoon. The Great Danes won the first game by a score of 2-1 and held off a late rally to take game two, 3-2.

Siena (6-14) struck first in the early game, breaking a scoreless tie that lasted until the sixth inning. Catcher Andrea Piela led off the top of the inning with a triple to right field, and scored on an RBI single by Jennifer Granato two batters later.

UAlbany (9-9) answered in the bottom of the frame, as senior left fielder Amber Maisonet led off with a bunt single and advanced to second on the throw. Center fielder Nicole Kothe followed with a walk, and the baserunners advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Michelle Connors (Shenendehowa). Bailey Van Deest hit a ground out to second that allowed Maisonet to score and tie the game. Right fielder Meagan Butsch put the Great Danes ahead with a triple to right centerfield, scoring Kothe. Siena pitcher Jamie Piela induced a pop-up by Gina Mason to end the inning.

The Saints attempted to rally in the top half of the seventh, loading the bases on two singles and a batter that was hit by a pitch. Renee Clavette pinch-hit for Siena, and McIntosh struck her out swinging to get out of the jam and seal the win in her eighth complete-game performance.

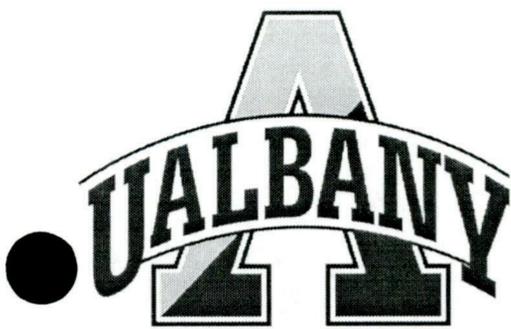
UAlbany got on the scoreboard early in the nightcap, scoring single runs in each of the first two innings. Maisonet drew a lead-off walk and stole second, advancing to third on a wild pitch and scoring on a groundout by Connors. In the second frame, the Great Danes loaded the bases, led by Butsch with a single to left. Gina Mason was walked by Siena's Lauren Shaheen and catcher Kat Smith was hit by a pitch. Freshman shortstop Andrianna Walraven grounded out to second base, giving Butsch enough time to cross home for a two-run lead.

Siena cut the deficit in half in the top of the fifth frame, as pinch runner Stacie Sueda scored on an error by the first baseman. UAlbany added another run in the bottom half of the inning, as Connors drove an RBI single into left centerfield to score Walraven, who led off the inning with a walk.

The Saints loaded the bases in the top of the sixth against Rose, who entered the game for Powell to start the inning, and walked her first two batters faced. Jamie Piela recorded a bunt single to make the bags full with no outs. UAlbany recorded the first out, gunning down Jenny McNulty at home, but Lauren Weingart reached on a fielder's choice to keep the bases loaded for Siena. Granato, who induced a walk from Rose earlier in the inning, scored on a fielder's choice, as Piela was out at third. Stacey Landini tapped a ground ball back to Rose to end the inning.

Rose sealed the win for UAlbany in the top of the seventh, fanning three of four batters faced to earn her first career save. Powell and Rose each finished with three strikeouts while allowing just one hit apiece.

The Great Danes will return to action on Saturday, hosting Binghamton in their first America East Conference action of the season. The doubleheader will start at 12 p.m.



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BEST AND LADOUCEUR EACH SCORE SIX GOALS AS UALBANY RALLIES FOR AMERICA EAST WIN

Catonsville, Md. – Kayla Best (Guilderland) and Tee Ladouceur (Bethlehem Central) each scored a career-high six goals as UAlbany rallied for a 17-12 victory over UMBC in America East Conference women’s lacrosse play on Wednesday evening at UMBC Stadium.

UMBC (2-8, AE 1-3) built an 11-7 advantage early in the second half with three unanswered. Amanda Pappas, a freshman midfielder who had three goals and one assist, started that run, before Erika Braerman netted a free-position opportunity. Senior attack Megan Keelan then converted a feed from Ali Levendusky.

UAlbany (6-3, AE 1-1) still trailed 12-10 midway through the period, but Ladouceur and Best accounted for five of the game’s next seven goals. Ladouceur, a freshman attacker, drew her team with 9:37 remaining on a pair of unassisted goals. After Jodi Battaglia won the subsequent draw control, Christine Grueniger put the Great Danes ahead 43 seconds later with her 14th of the season.

Ladouceur, whose goal total was one off the school’s single-game freshman record, netted her sixth goal of the game for a 14-12 lead. Best, a sophomore midfielder who extended her scoring streak to 22 consecutive games, found the cage with back-to-back free-position goals one minute and 16 seconds apart to seal the outcome. Best, who also had an assist, recorded a career-best seven points.

UMBC reversed a 4-3 deficit in the opening half by scoring four consecutive times. Maggie Chizmar put her team in front with 13:20 left in the period after teammate Ashley Lancer forced a turnover. Freshman Megan Linkous and Abbey Swift, who each had two first-half goals, scored unassisted to complete the outburst. The Retrievers, who had 24 of their 35 shots before the break, took an 8-6 lead to the intermission.

Battaglia finished with two goals for the Great Danes, who won for the first time in four trips to UMBC’s facility. Goalkeeper Katie Neer made eight saves. Levendusky, one of the conference’s top scorers, had two goals and one assist for UMBC, a program that has dropped six straight.

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UAlbany (6-3, AE 1-1)	6	11	-	17
UMBC (2-8, AE 1-3)	8	4	-	12

UAlbany – Scoring: Kayla Best 6-1, Tee Ladouceur 6-1, Jodi Battaglia 2-0, Jane Bush 1-1, Christine Grueniger 1-1, Rory Redmond 1-0, Brittany Scott 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Katie Neer (60:00, 8 saves, 12 GA).

UMBC – Scoring: Amanda Pappas 3-1, Ali Levendusky 2-1, Abbey Swift 2-0, Megan Linkous 2-0, Megan Keelan 1-2, Maggie Chizmar 1-1, Erika Braerman 1-0, Kelly Burgoyne 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kate Quick (49:45, 4 saves, 12 GA), Susie Sweeney (10:15, 0 saves, 5 GA).

UNC GREENSBORO DOWNS UALBANY, 12-4, IN NON-CONFERENCE BASEBALL ACTION

Greensboro, N.C. – Ricky Orton hit two home runs and drove in four to lead UNC Greensboro to a 12-4 victory over UAlbany in non-conference baseball action on Wednesday, March 26 at UNCG Baseball Stadium.

UAlbany (4-16-1) got on the board first with a pair of runs in the second inning. Junior catcher Ryan Gugel reached on an error to lead off the inning and scored on a double to center by freshman designated hitter Jamie Liebowitz. Following a sacrifice bunt, freshman second baseman Ryan Breier knocked in Liebowitz with a double to center in his first career at-bat.

UNC Greensboro (17-5) cut into the lead in the third inning on a solo homer to right center by Orton. The Spartans took control of the game with 11 runs between the fourth and seventh innings. They exploded for five runs on five hits in the fourth inning. Ray Quinones got the scoring started with a single to center to plate Corey Overholtzer. Tim Carrier followed with a two-run double to right center. Orton capped the inning with a two-run single to center to give UNCG a 6-2 lead.

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UAlbany was able to get one run back in the top of the fifth on an RBI single through the left side by senior first baseman Mike Konstanty. However, UNC Greensboro answered back with three runs in the fifth, a run in the sixth and a pair in the seventh. Quinones lined a two-out double down the right field line to bring in Pedro Lean. The Spartans tallied each of their final two runs of the fifth on wild pitches. Orton gave UNCG a 10-2 lead in the sixth with a lead-off blast to center. The Spartans recorded their final two runs of the contest on a sacrifice fly by Matt Gaski and a passed ball that scored Ed Jayjack.

The Great Danes scratched across one run in the ninth inning to deliver the final score. Junior shortstop Sean Donovan scored from second base as Konstanty reached on an error.

Junior Dave Noble registered his second loss of the season in the contest, yielding six runs on 11 hits in 3.2 innings. Blake Hassebrock picked up the win for the Spartans, allowing just one run on three hits over three innings.

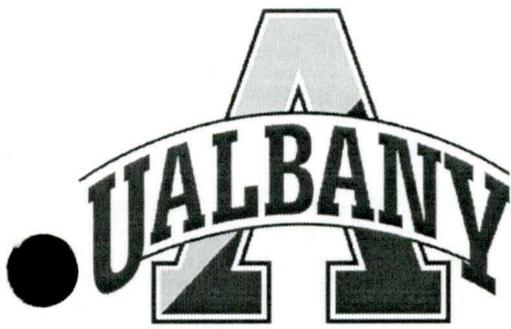
UAlbany returns to action on Friday, March 28 at Towson at 2:30 p.m. in the first game of a three-game series.

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UAlbany (4-16-1)	020	010	001	-	4	9	2
UNC Greensboro (17-5)	001	531	20X	-	12	16	4

UAlbany: Dave Noble (L, 1-2), Nate Novak (4), Chris Ott (5), Marco Rivera (7), Hunter Moffatt (7) and Ryan Gugel.

UNC Greensboro: Alex Shelton, Blake Hassebrock (5, W, 1-0), Kory Judd (8), James White (9) and Adam Deleo.



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UALBANY MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD PICKED FIRST IN PRESEASON COACH'S POLL, WOMEN GARNER THIRD PLACE

Cambridge, Mass. – The University at Albany men's outdoor track and field team has been selected to finish first, while the women's team was chosen to place third, according to the preseason poll of the head coaches conducted by the America East Conference.

The Great Danes were selected to win their fourth consecutive men's conference championship by receiving seven first place votes (coaches were not permitted to vote for their own teams), totaling 63 points. New Hampshire, which earned the remaining two first place votes, tallied 55 points for second place, while Binghamton followed closely behind with 53 points. UMBC came in fourth with 43 points and Boston U. recorded 36 points to round out the top-five. Stony Brook was tabbed sixth with 29 points, followed by Maine (20), Vermont (17) and Hartford (8) to complete the nine-team poll.

In the women's poll, Boston U. was selected as the preseason choice to finish the season first and follow up its indoor championship. The Terriers received six first place votes to garner 62 points. New Hampshire was tabbed first on the final three ballots and received 59 points for second place. UAlbany, the defending outdoor champions, placed third with 50 points. UMBC was picked fourth with 40 points and Stony Brook registered 33 points to round out the top-five preseason picks. Binghamton finished sixth with 31 points, followed by Maine (22), Vermont (19) and Hartford (8).

The UAlbany men, who have combined to win the last six indoor and outdoor conference championships, will be led this season by captains Renauld Buck, Drew Harrison and Michael McCadney. The Great Danes won nine events at last season's conference championship en route to a meet record 268 points and their third consecutive outdoor championship and fourth in the past five years. UAlbany returns 2007 champions Joe Greene (400-meter dash, 400-meter hurdles and 4x400-meter relay), Ricardo Estremera (3,000-meter steeplechase), Freddie Wills (triple jump), Gabriel Lopez (long jump), Pat Weider (200-meter dash, 4x100-meter relay and 4x400-meter relay), Raphael Jean-Baptiste (4x100-meter relay) and Dieuseul Joseph (4x100-meter relay).

The Great Danes' women's team will be led by captains Jenn Gurrant, Brenna Militello and Ashley Vives. UAlbany won four events to edge out New Hampshire by six points for its second consecutive title at last season's conference meet. Militello, a senior, and Gurrant, a junior, return to defend their 2007 championships in the high jump and long jump, respectively.

The 2008 America East Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships will be held May 3-4 at the University of Maine.

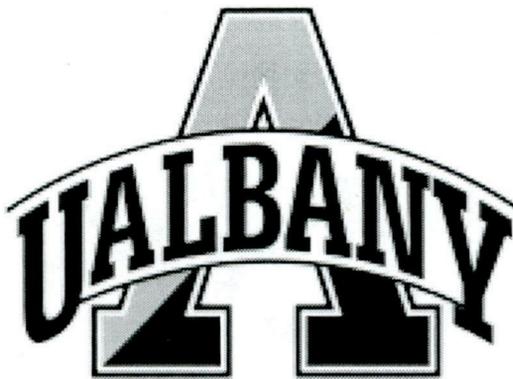
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Men's (first place votes in parenthesis)

1. UAlbany (7) 63, 2. New Hampshire (2) 55, 3. Binghamton 53, 4. UMBC 43, 5. Boston U. 36, 6. Stony Brook 29, 7. Maine 20, 8. Vermont 17, 9. Hartford 8.

Women's (first place votes in parenthesis)

1. Boston U. (6) 62, 2. New Hampshire (3) 59, 3. UAlbany 50, 4. UMBC 40, 5. Stony Brook 33, 6. Binghamton 31, 7. Maine 22, 8. Vermont 19, 9. Hartford 8.



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JOHN ALLEN AND ERIC EVANS SELECTED AS UALBANY ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES Juan Torres Named Operations Director as Bob Ford Reorganizes Staff

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany head coach Bob Ford announced today the hiring of John Allen and Eric Evans as assistant football coaches and Juan Torres as director of operations. Allen will coach the receivers and Evans will work with the tight ends. In addition, UAlbany has promoted Ryan McCarthy to offensive coordinator after serving as quarterbacks coach the previous three seasons. Mike Morita takes over as offensive line coach after working with the tight ends and tackles last year.

Ford, the winningest active coach at the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision level with 225 career victories, begins his 36th varsity campaign in the fall. Ford has 48 lettermen, including 12 starters, returning off last year's Northeast Conference championship team. The Great Danes won their third NEC title since joining the conference in 1999.

Allen previously was the head coach of NFL Europe's Berlin Thunder until the National Football League ceased league operations in June 2007. He had been the offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach for the Amsterdam Admirals from 2004-07. The Admirals won the 2005 World Bowl championship when they led NFL Europe in scoring and total offense. Allen has also served as a coaching intern with the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers, Oakland Raiders, Cleveland Browns and San Diego Chargers.

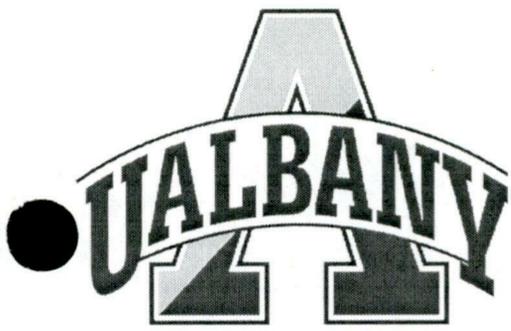
On the collegiate level, Allen was the wide receivers coach at Bucknell University in 2002. He worked with the FCS program's punt return team and recruited the state of Pennsylvania, including the Philadelphia area. Allen was the offensive coordinator from 2000-02 and receivers coach from 1996-00 at Lock Haven University, a Division II program in Pennsylvania. He coached six all-conference players and one ECAC all-star as well as handled special teams and recruiting. In addition, Allen was an assistant at the 2005 East-West Shrine Game in San Francisco, Calif.

A native of Chester, Va., Allen was a senior captain and four-year letterman at James Madison University, where he earned an undergraduate degree in office systems management. Allen played on JMU teams that advanced to the NCAA FCS quarterfinals in 1991 and 1994.

Evans comes to the UAlbany program from Northwestern University where he was a graduate assistant the last two years. He assisted with the quarterbacks, wide receivers and tight ends and helped build the Big Ten Conference's top passing offense at 307.9 yards per game. Evans also coordinated the scout defense and special teams and handled offensive quality control.

Previous to Northwestern, Evans was a graduate assistant coach at the University of Dayton from 2004-05. He coached the tight ends and tackles and helped develop the program's first All-America tight end since 1999. In addition, Evans was responsible for the punt return and field goal units on special teams and recruited in Illinois, Wisconsin and northern states. As an undergraduate at DePauw University in Indiana, Evans spent four years as a student assistant. He received his B.A. in kinesiology with a minor in history. A native of St. Charles, Ill., Evans earned a master's degree in exercise science from Dayton in 2006 and has completed some coursework on another master's in liberal studies.

Torres, who previously worked with the UAlbany football program from 2001-06 in video operations, joins the staff in the role of director of operations. He will handle administrative duties, travel and coordinate video operations. Torres, who had been employed by the Starbucks Corporation, earned a B.A. in Spanish from the University at Albany in 2006.



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UALBANY BASEBALL FALLS TO UNC GREENSBORO, 9-7, IN SERIES OPENER

Greensboro, N.C. – Greg Feltes homered twice to lead UNC Greensboro to a 9-7 victory over the UAlbany baseball team in non-conference action on Tuesday, March 25 at UNCG Baseball Stadium.

Feltes gave the Spartans a one run lead in the first inning by blasting a two-out, 0-2 pitch over the left field fence. UAlbany responded by scoring twice in the top of the second frame. After junior catcher Ryan Gugel was hit by a pitch, freshman designated hitter Jamie Liebowitz launched a two-run shot to left.

UNC Greensboro (16-5) scored twice in the third and four times in the fourth to take control of the contest. With the bases loaded and two out in the third, catcher Sean Snell doubled down the left field line to plate Tim Carrier and Matt Gaski. The Spartans expanded their lead to 7-2 in the fourth on a two-run homer by Gaski and a solo shot by Feltes.

UAlbany (4-15-1) narrowed the gap to 7-6 with a run in the fifth and three in the sixth. The Great Danes loaded the bases in the fifth on singles by sophomores Ralph Rizzo and Brendan Rowland, sandwiched around a walk by junior Gary Pitcherelle. James White entered the game for the Spartans and was able to work out of the jam by inducing a run-scoring double play and ending the inning with a strikeout. Junior Sean Donovan singled and classmate Zac Halloran walked to lead off the sixth frame. Gugel followed by delivering a two-run double to right center to bring the Great Danes within 7-5. After an out and a single by Rizzo, Gugel crossed the plate on a wild pitch.

The Spartans pushed their lead back to two in the bottom of the frame on a homer to right field by Ricky Orton. In the eighth, Feltes added an insurance run by walking, stealing second, moving to third on a wild pitch and scoring on a second wild pitch.

Seniors Tom Zink and Mike Konstanty singled and doubled, respectively, to start the ninth inning. Zink cut the Great Danes' deficit to two as he scored on a wild pitch, but Rob Gilliam recorded three straight strikeouts to close out the game.

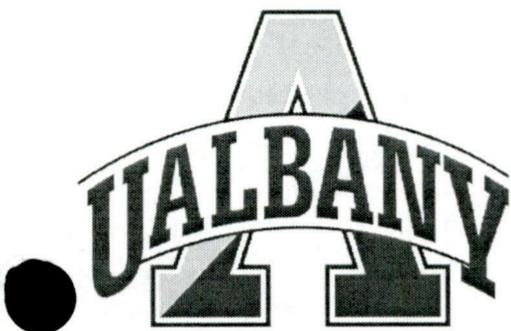
Junior Josh Willimott picked up his first loss of the season, pitching 3.2 innings and allowing seven runs on eight hits. Junior Matthew Herrick allowed one run over 1.2 innings of work. Junior Sean Gregory struck out four, while yielding a run in 2.2 innings, ending a streak of 14 innings, over six appearances, without allowing a run. Warren Slack recorded the win for UNCG, striking out two and allowing a run on two hits in an inning. Gilliam picked up the save for the Spartans, striking out three.

The Great Danes and the Spartans wrap-up their two-game series on Wednesday, March 26 with first pitch at 6:00 p.m.
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UAlbany: Josh Willimott (L, 2-1), Matthew Herrick (4), Sean Gregory (6) and Ryan Gugel.

UNC Greensboro: Matt Bjorkstrom, Warren Slack (4, W, 1-1), James White (5), Clay Gibson (6), Blake Hassebrock (6), Wes McCall (7), Rob Gilliam (9, S, 2) and Sean Snell, Adam Deleo (8).



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UALBANY SOFTBALL USES NO-HIT SHUTOUT TO GAIN DOUBLEHEADER SPLIT

Kennesaw, Ga. – Leah McIntosh tied a career-high with 12 strikeouts in earning her first career no-hitter to lead UAlbany to a 1-0 win over Kennesaw State in the nightcap of a non-conference softball doubleheader at Bailey Park on Tuesday afternoon. The Owls took game one by a score of 3-0 to earn the split.

McIntosh, a sophomore right-hander, recorded her third shutout and seventh complete-game effort of the season. She allowed just two walks in the game, while improving her record to 5-3 in the circle. McIntosh threw the first seven-inning, no-hit shutout by a UAlbany hurler since May 6, 2006.

UAlbany came out on top of a pitcher's dual, as the game was scoreless until the top of the seventh inning. The Great Danes got two runners on base by virtue of a fielder's choice and a single by third baseman Meagan Butsch. With two outs, Andrianna Walraven singled to right field, scoring pinch runner Tara Dalton. Kennesaw State's Angela Lopez struck out Kat Smith to end the inning. The Owls were unable to produce in the bottom of the frame, and McIntosh recorded her 12th strikeout of the day to end the contest. Lopez finished with nine strikeouts and allowed five hits.

Defensive player Jessica Cross and first baseman Corri Connally each recorded two hits and one RBI to lead Kennesaw State in the early game. The Owls scored their first run in the bottom of the opening frame, as Connally knocked a single to right field to send Amanda Malcom, who recorded a single earlier in the inning, across home plate.

Kennesaw State (23-9) tacked on another run in the fifth. Left fielder Jordan Hackett was hit by a pitch to reach base, and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Malcom. Cross drove a two-out double into left centerfield to score Hackett, before UAlbany pitcher Marissa Powell induced Connally's flyout to end the inning.

The Owls added an insurance run in their half of the sixth on an RBI single up the middle by third baseman Hollie Huffman. Kennesaw State's Brittany Matthews earned the shutout win with seven strikeouts, improving to 15-3 on the season.

Powell tossed a complete game, fanning two opposing batters. Freshman first baseman Gina Mason recorded two hits for the Great Danes, while second baseman Michelle Connors (Shenendehowa) and Walraven each had singles.

UAlbany (7-9) will host crosstown-rival Siena in the Great Danes' home opener on Thursday at Albany Field. The first pitch of the doubleheader will be thrown at 2:30 p.m.

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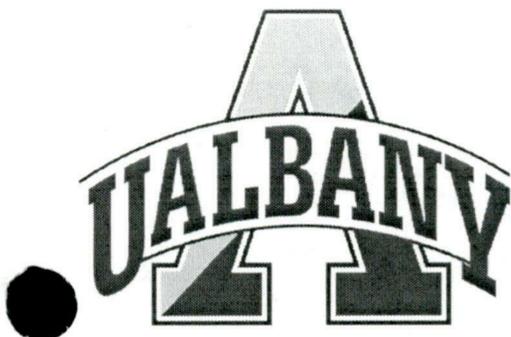
UAlbany: Marissa Powell and Kat Smith.

Kennesaw State: Brittany Matthews and Jenna Closner.

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Kennesaw State (23-9)	000	000	0	-	0	0	0

UAlbany: Leah McIntosh and Kat Smith.

Kennesaw State: Angela Lopez and Jenna Closner.



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UALBANY NAMES MJ ENGSTROM INTERIM HEAD WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that MJ Engstrom has been appointed interim head women's volleyball coach. Engstrom, who has previously been a head coach at the collegiate level, was elevated from her role as a UAlbany assistant. Kelly Sheffield, a two-time America East Conference Coach of the Year, left the position to become the head coach at the University of Dayton.

"We are very appreciative of Kelly Sheffield's contributions in building the UAlbany volleyball program to a championship level," McElroy said. "His team performed at a high level on the court, in the classroom, and as members of the community. MJ Engstrom will do an excellent job as interim coach. She understands our program and has the support of the student-athletes and administration."

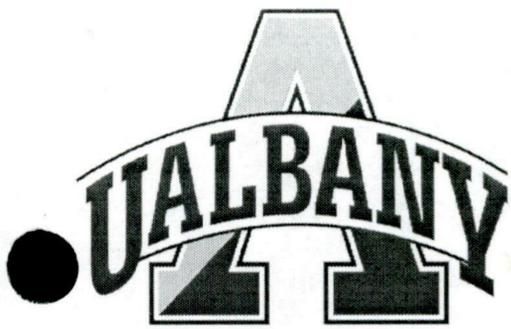
Engstrom completed her third season as the top assistant last fall. She helped guide UAlbany to its third conference championship in the last four seasons and produced the program's first NCAA Tournament victory. UAlbany finished 24-10 overall and reached the NCAA's second round for the first time in team history. Engstrom, who has served as recruiting coordinator for the last three seasons, has been instrumental in the Great Danes' success by bringing in one of the top classes one year ago.

Freshman Amanda Cowdrey was named the 2007 America East rookie of the year and earned all-conference second-team accolades. She was also joined on the all-rookie squad by classmates Brooke Stanley and Tawny Dahmes, who hails from Engstrom's home state of Minnesota.

Engstrom came to UAlbany after five seasons as the head coach of Nicholls State University in Louisiana. She led the Colonials to the 2003 Southland Conference Tournament championship and the first NCAA Tournament berth in program history. Engstrom also spent two years at the helm of the Villanova volleyball program, guiding the Wildcats to their first NCAA appearance in 1997. The tournament berth was the first at-large bid for a Big East Conference program.

Along with her head coaching experience, Engstrom served as an assistant coach at the University of Washington from 1998-99 and the University of North Dakota from 1990-93. She has also worked with the USA Men's and Women's National Volleyball teams and has run her own volleyball camp in conjunction with Coastal Virginia's volleyball club since 1997.

Engstrom, a native of St. Paul, Minn., is on the editorial board for the International Journal for Volleyball Research and is a member of the USA Volleyball Sports Medicine and Performance Commission. She was a student-athlete at the University of Minnesota and graduated with an undergraduate degree in psychology.



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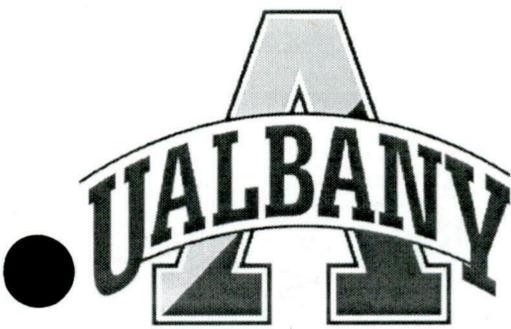
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COREY SMALL NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE LACROSSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Cambridge, Mass. – University at Albany's Corey Small has been chosen as the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse as announced today by the conference office. Small is the first Great Dane to be recognized this season.

Small, a junior attack from St. Catharines, Ontario, had four goals, including two in each half, in last Friday's 10-2 upset win over Princeton, ranked No. 11 in both national polls entering the contest. He broke a 1-1 tie with his first goal of the game and then staked his team to a 4-1 halftime lead with an underhanded blast. Small scored off a rebound in the third quarter and finished off a fastbreak in the final period.

Small, whose goal output was one off his career-high, has netted three or more goals on eight occasions as a collegian. He currently leads the team in scoring with 12 goals and two assists and is seventh among the America East leaders at 2.33 points per game.



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COASTAL CAROLINA COMPLETES THREE-GAME SWEEP OF UALBANY WITH 17-4 VICTORY

Conway, S.C. – Dock Doyle homered twice and drove in five runs to power No. 18 Coastal Carolina to a 17-4 victory over UAlbany on Sunday, March 23 in the final game of a weekend series at Watson Stadium.

Coastal Carolina (18-4) scored in each of the first four innings of the game to jump out to a 14-1 lead. Doyle accounted for both runs in the first inning by driving in Adam Rice with a single up the middle and later coming around on a fielding error.

UAlbany (4-14-1) cut the deficit to 2-1 in the top of the second. Senior Mike Konstanty led off the frame with a single. After advancing to third on a single by junior Sean Donovan and a wild pitch, Konstanty scored as senior Tom Zink hit into a double play.

The Chanticleers responded with three runs in the second, five in the third and four in the fourth. David Sappelt keyed the second inning with a two-run double down the left field line and later tallied a run on a sacrifice by David Anderson. Following back-to-back walks to start the third inning, Sappelt blasted a three-run homer to right field to give Coastal Carolina an 8-1 lead. After a strikeout, Doyle and Anderson connected for consecutive home runs around a UAlbany pitching change. In the fourth frame, Doyle gave the Chanticleers a 14-1 advantage with a three-run blast.

Coastal Carolina registered its final three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning on a wild pitch, a balk and a run-scoring single by Cody Wheeler. The Great Danes plated three runs of their own with two outs in the top of the ninth inning. Freshman Jamie Liebowitz drove in classmate Nate Touissant with a single to right field. Following a single by freshman Jim Gaudet, junior center fielder Dave West knocked in Liebowitz with a single through the left side. Junior designated hitter Ryan drove in the final run of the contest with a single to center to bring in Gaudet.

Junior Nate Novak recorded his fourth loss of the season, allowing nine runs on seven hits in two and one-third innings. Dan Lombardozzi picked up his first win of the season for the Chanticleers, striking out six over five innings, while allowing just one run on two hits.

West and Konstanty each connected for two hits for the Great Danes. Doyle and Sappelt had identical lines for the Chanticleers, with each recording three hits, five RBI and three runs scored.

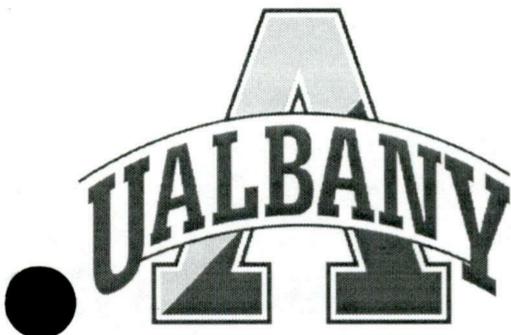
UAlbany returns to action in Greensboro, N.C. on Tuesday, March 25 against UNC Greensboro at 6:00 p.m.

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UAlbany (4-14-1)	010	000	003	-	4	9	2
Coastal Carolina (18-4)	235	400	30X	-	17	16	1

UAlbany: Nate Novak (L, 0-4), Jeff Kaier (3), Chris Ott (4), Dave Kubiak (7), Hunter Moffatt (7) and Tom Zink, Brendan Rowland (4).

Coastal Carolina: Dan Lombardozzi (W, 1-0), Jeremiah Meiners (6), Nick McCully (7), Matt Rein (8), Pete Andrelczyk (9) and Jose Iglesias, Evan Noell (5).



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UALBANY SOFTBALL DROPS 4-0 DECISION TO KENT STATE AT GEORGIA SPRING FLING

Athens, Ga. – Jessica Toocheck slammed a two-run homer to right field to complete a four-run fifth inning for Kent State, leading the Golden Flashes to a 4-0 win over UAlbany on the final day of the Georgia Spring Fling at the UGA Softball Stadium.

The game was knotted at 0-0 through four and a half innings before Kent State broke the scoring drought in the bottom of the fifth frame. Defensive player Chelsey Jones led off the Golden Flashes by drawing a walk, and was replaced on the base path by pinch runner Heather Duhon. Leah Archual recorded a sacrifice bunt to advance Duhon to second. Following a single by Holly Finchum and a pop-out by Kim Hamilton, Jessica Carmichael broke the scoreless tie by knocking a double into center field, scoring Duhon and Finchum.

In the next at bat, Toocheck drove the ball over the right field fence to complete Kent State's scoring rally. Relief pitcher Brittany Rose (Schenectady) entered the game and gave up a single to her first batter faced, but struck out Corey Houk to end the inning.

UAlbany's Michelle Connors (Shenendehowa) and Megan Butsch both recorded hits in the fourth inning, but the Great Danes were unable to capitalize on the scoring opportunity. Rose tossed the final 1.1 innings for UAlbany, fanning three. She replaced sophomore right-hander Leah McIntosh, who fell to 4-3 on the season after allowing all four runs, despite striking out five opposing batters.

Gabrielle Burns went the distance in the circle for Kent State (15-6), fanning four UAlbany batters and allowing just two walks.

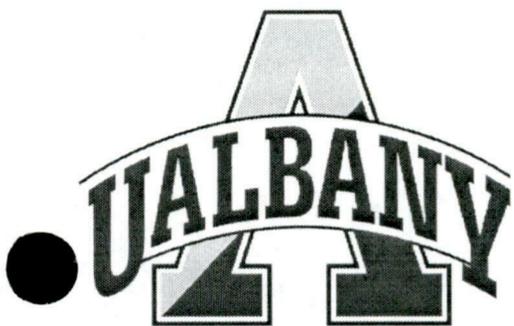
UAlbany (6-8) will return to action on Tuesday, March 25, with a doubleheader at Kennesaw State starting at 2 p.m.

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UAlbany (6-8)	000	000	0	-	0	2	0
Kent State (15-6)	000	040	x	-	4	6	0

UAlbany: Leah McIntosh, Brittany Rose (5) and Kat Smith.

Kent State: Gabrielle Burns and Amy Hair.



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**JEAN-BAPTISTE, BARNES, JENKINS AND JOSEPH WIN 4x100 RELAY,
GERASIMOVA CLAIMS TRIPLE JUMP AT HURRICANE INVITATIONAL**

Coral Gables, Fla. – The quartet of Raphael Jean Baptiste, Jeffery Barnes, Torshiro Jenkins and Dieuseul Joseph won the 4x100-meter relay and senior Arina Gerasimova won the triple jump to lead the UAlbany track and field team at the Hurricane Invitational on Saturday, March 22 at Cobb Stadium.

In the opening running event of the day, the 4x100-meter relay team sprinted to an IC4A-qualifying time of 41.84 seconds to place first. The team of Daniel Avery, Jean Juste, Kyle Nadler and Michael McCadney placed third in the event with a time of 42.95 seconds. In the 4x400-meter relay, Andrew Overbaugh, Joe Belokopitsky, Jenkins and Barnes placed fourth in a time of 3:23.22, while Alan Nimblette, McCadney, Drew Harrison and Tyler Fogarty finished sixth in 3:27.55.

Fogarty (Shenendehowa) finished third in the 800-meter run in a time of 1:55.98, while Belokopitsky crossed the finish line in 1:59.20 to take seventh. Juste qualified for the IC4A competition in the 110-meter hurdles with a seventh-place time of 14.81 seconds. In the long jump, sophomore Valette Graham placed fifth with a leap of 22-feet, 3-inches.

In the women's competition, Gerasimova recorded a leap of 40-feet, 5-inches to win the triple jump. Sophomore Zuliana Fontanez placed sixth in the 800-meter run in 2:16.11. The team of Jenn Garrant, Christen Griffin, Kamilah McShine and Ashley Vives finished the 4x100-meter relay in eighth place in 48.44 seconds. In the 4x400-meter relay, Garrant, Fontanez, Vives and Melissa Lee came in eighth in 3:58.48.

UAlbany returns to the track on Friday, March 28 at the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, N.C. at 10:00 a.m.

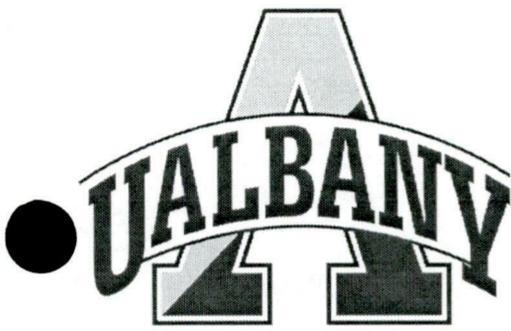
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Men's Events

100 Meter Dash: 7. Dieuseul Joseph 10.95, 13. Raphael Jean Baptiste 11.10. **110 Meter High Hurdles:** 7. Jean Juste 14.81 (IC4A), 9. Nick Assini 15.18, 11. Garrett Askew 15.25, 16. Mohamed Kanu 15.92. **200 Meter Dash:** 10. Drew Harrison 22.21, 14. Torshiro Jenkins 22.34, 22. Jean Juste 22.95, 26. Garrett Askew 23.42. **400 Meter Hurdles:** 8. Andrew Overbaugh 57.75, 10. Nick Assini 59.24, 11. Alan Nimblette 59.81, 12. Mohamed Kanu 1:01.04. **800 Meter Run:** 3. Tyler Fogarty 1:55.98, 7. Joe Belokopitsky 1:59.20, 11. Jared Jupin 2:00.31. **1,500 Meter Run:** 9. Tyler Fogarty 4:07.97, 12. Joe Belokopitsky 4:13.01. **4 x 100 Meter Relay:** 1. Raphael Jean Baptiste, Jeffery Barnes, Torshiro Jenkins, Dieuseul Joseph 41.84 (IC4A), 3. Daniel Avery, Jean Juste, Kyle Nadler, Michael McCadney 42.95. **4 x 400 Meter Relay:** 4. Andrew Overbaugh, Joe Belokopitsky, Torshiro Jenkins, Jeffery Barnes 3:23.22, 6. Alan Nimblette, Michael McCadney, Drew Harrison, Tyler Fogarty 3:27.55. **Long Jump:** 5. Valette Graham 22-3, 11. Kevin O'Riley 21-2, 12. Kyle Nadler 21-1.50, 14. David Parker 20-11.25.

Women's Events

100 Meter High Hurdles: 14. Kamilah McShine 14.54, 16. Christen Griffin 14.78, 23. Valerie Maignan 15.85. **200 Meter Dash:** 21. Ashley Vives 25.66, 33. Christen Griffin 26.57. **400 Meter Dash:** 18. Melissa Lee 58.52, 27. Corrine Porter-Stepney 59.46, 32. Octavia Clarkson 1:00.21, 33. Laura Bolognino 1:01.21. **400 Meter Hurdles:** 18. Rebecca Kelly 1:08.78. **800 Meter Run:** 6. Zuliana Fontanez 2:16.11. **4x100 Meter Relay:** 8. Jenn Garrant, Christen Griffin, Kamilah McShine, Ashley Vives 48.44. **4x400 Meter Relay:** 8. Jenn Garrant, Zuliana Fontanez, Ashley Vives, Melissa Lee 3:58.48, 14. Corrine Porter-Stepney, Octavia Clarkson, Laura Bolognino, Rebecca Kelly 4:12.27. **Long Jump:** 8. Valerie Maignan 17-4.75, Tiffany Sprenkels FOUL. **Triple Jump:** 1. Arina Gerasimova 40-5, 8. Sandy Antenor 37-1.25.



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DEFENDING AMERICA EAST CHAMPION BOSTON UNIVERSITY OVERPOWERS UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – Molly Collins scored four goals, all in the first half, and had one assist in leading No. 15 Boston University to a 15-2 victory over UAlbany in the Great Danes' America East Conference opener on Saturday afternoon at John Fallon Field.

Collins, a senior midfielder, scored the contest's opening goal on a shot from left of the cage and later converted a free-position opportunity for a 3-0 lead with 18:42 remaining in the first half. Collins staked her team to a 7-0 halftime lead with back-to-back goals. She sent a blast high into the net after cutting in front of the crease and then added her fourth of the game after gathering in Erica Baumgartner's pass from over top of the cage.

Sarah Dalton, who also totaled four goals and one assist, went to work in the final half. The All-America midfielder scored three times in the period, including consecutive goals for a 12-1 advantage with 24:20 to play. Xan Weitzel, who handed out four assists, fed Dalton on cut to the crease for her 21st of the season.

Boston U. (6-2, AE 2-0) limited the Great Danes to 13 shots, while goalkeeper Rachel Klein made 10 saves. Steph Walker had three goals and one assist and Traci Landy scored twice. The Terriers, who are also ranked 16th nationally by Inside Lacrosse, are favored to win the America East title and make their fourth consecutive NCAA appearance.

Kayla Best and Jane Bush tallied second-half goals for UAlbany (5-3, AE 0-1). The Great Danes, who had matched their best start as a Division I program, have dropped all nine meetings in this series, including a pair of postseason contests.

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#15 Boston U. (6-2, AE 2-0)	7	8	-	15
UAlbany (5-3, AE 0-1)	0	2	-	2

Boston U. – Scoring: Sara Dalton 4-1, Molly Collins 4-1, Steph Walker 3-1, Traci Landy 2-0, Mandy Rogers 1-0, Alyssa Kovach 1-0, Xan Weitzel 0-4, Erica Baumgartner 0-3, Lauren Morton 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Rachel Klein (60:00, 10 saves, 2 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Kayla Best 1-0, Jane Bush 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Katie Neer (33:47, 6 saves, 10 GA), Emily Miller (26:13, 3 saves, 5 GA).

UALBANY SOFTBALL SWEPT BY KENT STATE AND GEORGIA ON SECOND DAY OF SPRING FLING

Athens, Ga. – Gabrielle Burns struck out four without allowing a hit in the final two innings to lead Kent State to its second victory over UAlbany in as many days at the Georgia Spring Fling, defeating the Great Danes 4-2 at the UGA Softball Stadium. UAlbany also dropped a 4-0 decision to the host Bulldogs later in the afternoon.

Kent State (14-5) jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning. Outfielder Lauren Brocklehurst scored the first run of the game on a fielder's choice by Jessica Carmichael. First baseman Jamie Fitzpatrick, who reached on a walk, scored the second run for the Golden Flashes on an RBI single to center by catcher Amy Hair.

Kent State doubled its advantage in the top of the fifth frame. UAlbany's Bailey Van Deest connected with first baseman Leanne Tillman to turn a double play to start the inning. But an outfield fielding error helped to score Jessica Toocheck who walked following the twin-killing. Fitzpatrick, who reached base on the miscue, crossed home on an RBI double by Carmichael to give the Golden Flashes the 4-0 advantage.

UAlbany cut the deficit back to two runs in the bottom of the inning, as shortstop Andrianna Walraven led off with a walk. Senior left fielder Amber Maisonet cracked her first home run of the season in the next at bat, sending the two-run shot over the right field fence.

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The Great Danes would get runners on base in the sixth, but Burns recorded two strikeouts to start the seventh and induced a fly out from Michelle Connors to end the game.

Sarah McCloud and Kate Gaskill combined in the circle for Georgia's shutout win in the second game. McCloud, who pitched 5.1 innings and struck out three, earned her seventh win of the season. Gaskill fanned three to claim her third save for the Bulldogs.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fourth inning, as Georgia base runners advanced on consecutive wild pitches by UAlbany's Leah McIntosh. Designated player Jennie Auger tripled to right field to score Taylor Schlopy and Katie Backer to give the Bulldogs the advantage.

Georgia (28-8) added two more runs in the next frame, as third baseman Alisa Goler knocked a two-RBI single into left field. UAlbany (6-7) had a chance to score in the bottom of the fifth, as Maisonet advanced to third on a single by Nicole Kothe. Gaskill struck out her first batter faced, and fanned the final batter of the inning to get the Bulldogs out of the jam.

The Great Danes had another scoring opportunity in the top of the final inning, as Walraven and catcher Kat Smith recorded back-to-back singles. Walraven was caught trying to advance on a throw, and Gaskill struck out Kristine Bill to seal the Georgia victory.

McIntosh dropped to 4-2 on the season in her sixth complete-game performance. She struck out four and issued two walks. The Great Danes will wrap tournament play on Sunday, taking on Kent State at 12 p.m. -agate-

Kent State (14-5)	200	020	0	-	4	6	0
UAlbany	000	020	0	-	2	5	1

Kent State: Kylie Reynolds, Gabrielle Burns (6) and Amy Hair.

UAlbany: Marissa Powell, Brittany Rose (6) and Kat Smith.

UAlbany (6-7)	000	000	0	-	0	5	1
Georgia (28-8)	000	220	x	-	4	5	1

UAlbany: Leah McIntosh and Kat Smith.

Georgia: Sarah McCloud, Kate Gaskill (6) and Melissa Wood.

COASTAL CAROLINA POUNDS OUT 22 HITS IN 18-4 VICTORY OVER UALBANY

Conway, S.C. – Scott Woodward registered three hits and scored four runs to lead No. 18 Coastal Carolina to an 18-4 win over UAlbany in the middle contest of a three-game non-conference baseball weekend set at Watson Stadium on Saturday, March 22.

Coastal Carolina (17-4) got on the board with four runs in the top of the second inning. With two outs, Rico Noel doubled down the left field line to drive in a pair of runs. David Sappelt followed with a double to right field to plate Noel and David Anderson pushed across Sappelt two batters later with a single. Jose Iglesias tallied a run in the fifth for the Chanticleers as he was driven home on a sacrifice fly by Derek Martin.

UAlbany (4-13-1) answered back with a pair of runs in the fourth and a single run in the fifth. Junior catcher Ryan Gugel led off the fourth with a double and came around to score on senior designated hitter Mike Konstanty's double to center. After a single by junior shortstop Sean Donovan, Konstanty scored on a double play. In the fifth, junior centerfielder Dave West singled with two outs and scored on Gugel's double to right field. The Great Danes loaded the bases, but relief pitcher Joey Haug induced an inning-ending groundout to end the rally.

The Chanticleers scored 13 runs over the next three innings to put the game out of reach. They tallied four runs in the fifth, a pair in the sixth and seven in the seventh frame. Adam Rice drove in two runs in the fifth with a single up the middle to give Coastal Carolina a 9-3 lead. Iglesias highlighted the sixth with a solo home run to center field.

UAlbany scored its final run of the game on a groundout by Donovan to drive in sophomore Brendan Rowland. Coastal Carolina closed out the scoring with seven runs in the seventh frame. Dustin King capped the frame with a double to right center to knock in two runs and closed out the game's scoring by crossing the plate on a fielding error.

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Junior southpaw Cory Warrings took the loss for the Great Danes, yielding five runs on 10 hits over three innings. Haug registered his second win of the season by striking out two over 1.3 scoreless innings.

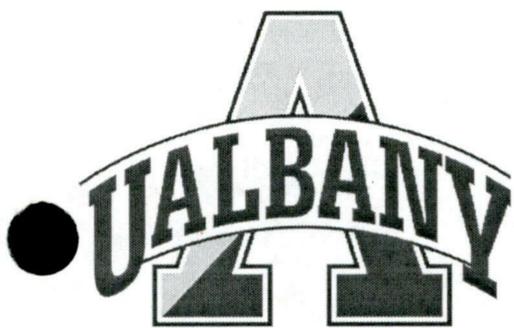
Gugel and Rowland each registered two hits and a run in the contest for the Great Danes. UAlbany and Coastal Carolina play the final game of the series on Sunday, March 22 at 1 p.m.

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UAlbany (4-13-1)	000	210	100	-	4	9	2
Coastal Carolina (17-4)	041	042	70X	-	18	22	0

UAlbany: Cory Warrings (L, 0-3), Dave Kubiak (4), Matthew Herrick (5), Marco Rivera (6), Hunter Moffatt (7) and Ryan Gugel.

Coastal Carolina: Austin Fleet, Joey Haug (5, W, 2-0), Jeff Richard (7), Paul Rodriguez (9) and Jose Iglesias, Evan Noell (8).



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UALBANY BASEBALL FALLS 5-1 IN SERIES OPENER AT COASTAL CAROLINA

Conway, S.C. – Bobby Gagg struck out seven over seven innings to lead No. 18 Coastal Carolina to a 5-1 win over UAlbany in the opening game of a non-conference baseball series on Friday, March 21 at Watson Stadium.

David Sappelt, the Big South Player of the Year last season, led off the bottom of the first inning by belting the first pitch he saw for a home run to left field. The Chanticleers tacked on an unearned run in the second as Scott Woodward scored on a throwing error.

Coastal Carolina (16-4) took a 4-0 lead in the fourth as Tommy Baldrige walked to lead off the frame and Woodward followed two batters later with a homer to right field. The Chanticleers closed out their scoring in the sixth as David Anderson led off with a double and later scored on a passed ball.

UAlbany (4-12-1) scored its lone run in the top of the eighth inning. Sophomore right fielder Brendan Rowland connected on a one-out single and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Following a groundout that moved him to third, Rowland scored as junior designated hitter Ryan Gugel reached base on an error by the first baseman.

Senior righty Casey Walsh was tagged with his fourth loss of the season for the Great Danes, striking out three in six and two-thirds innings pitched, while yielding five runs (four earned) on five hits. Junior Chris Ott pitched a scoreless final one and one-third innings. Gagg, the 2007 Big South Pitcher of the Year, improved to 3-1 on the season by striking out seven in seven scoreless innings, allowing just five hits. Nick McCully earned his third save by striking out the only two batters he faced.

The Great Danes and the Chanticleers resume their series on Saturday, March 22 at 2 p.m.

UAlbany (4-12-1)	000	000	010	-	1	6	1
Coastal Carolina (16-4)	110	201	00X	-	5	6	3

UAlbany: Casey Walsh (L, 0-4), Chris Ott (7) and Tom Zink.

Coastal Carolina: Bobby Gagg (W, 3-1), Jeremiah Meiners (8), Dan Lombardozzi (9), Nick McCully (9) and Dock Doyle, Evan Noell (8).

RENAULD BUCK PLACES FOURTH IN SHOT PUT AT HURRICANE INVITATIONAL

Coral Gables, Fla. – Senior Renauld Buck finished fourth in the shot put to lead the UAlbany track and field team at Miami's Hurricane Invitational at Cobb Stadium on Friday, March 21.

Buck, a senior, registered a throw of 48-feet, 0.50-inches to finish in fourth place in the event. Junior Will Anger placed ninth in the event with a distance of 42-feet, 8-inches. In the high jump, senior David Parker and sophomore Anthony Collica tied for 10th place by clearing the bar at 6-feet, 3.50-inches.

Day Two of the invitational begins on Saturday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m.

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Men's Results

Shot Put: 4. Renauld Buck 48-0.50, 9. Will Anger 42-8. **High Jump:** T10. David Parker 6-3.50, T10. Anthony Collica 6-3.50.

Women's Results

High Jump: Brenna Militello NH.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL DROPS TWO ON FIRST DAY OF GEORGIA SPRING FLING

Athens, Ga. – Centerfielder Kim Hamilton knocked an RBI double in the bottom of the fifth inning to lead Kent State to a 3-2 win over UAlbany in the first game of the Georgia Spring Fling at the UGA Softball Stadium on Friday afternoon. The Great Danes also dropped an 11-3 decision in six innings to the host Bulldogs in their second game of the day.

UAlbany took a 2-0 lead against the Golden Flashes to start the game, as senior Amber Maisonet led off the game with a double. Maisonet scored on a groundout by Michelle Connors (Shenendehowa), while Nicole Kothe crossed home on a fielder's choice to give the Great Danes the advantage. Kent State tied the game in the bottom of the third as Hamilton drove a two-run homer to center field. Hamilton's double in the fifth broke the tie, sending Amiee Bassett across home.

Gabrielle Burns and Kylie Reynolds combined in the circle to claim the win for Kent State (13-5). Burns went six innings, allowing just two hits while striking out eight. Reynolds earned her second save of the season in relief. McIntosh posted a complete-game effort for UAlbany, scattering four hits for the Great Danes and fanning eight opposing batters.

After falling behind 8-0 in the fourth inning against Georgia, UAlbany recorded one run in the fifth and two in the top of the sixth to stay in the game. The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first frame behind a two-run homer by catcher Melissa Wood. Taylor Schlopy recorded a triple later in the inning to score shortstop Megan Wiggins.

Wiggins recorded a two-RBI double in the third inning to kick off the Bulldogs' scoring in the frame. Schlopy followed with a three-run homer with the next at-bat to give Georgia the eight-run advantage. The Great Danes needed to score in the fifth inning to avoid the eight-run rule, and did with an RBI double by Connors that scored Kothe.

UAlbany (6-5) scored two more runs in the top of the sixth, as senior Leanne Tillman drove a home run over the left field fence, scoring Andrianna Walraven, who reached on a fielder's choice.

Georgia (27-8) ended the game in the bottom of the inning, scoring three runs. Alisa Goler recorded a double to score Victoria Sanders, and Wood knocked a two-run single into left to set the final score.

Kate Gaskill earned the win for the Bulldogs, going four innings in the circle and striking out nine. Marissa Powell tossed three innings for UAlbany, falling to 1-4 on the season. Freshman Brittany Rose (Schenectady) threw two innings in relief.

The Great Danes will continue play at the Georgia Spring Fling on Saturday, taking on Kent State at 12 p.m. and the Bulldogs at 2 p.m.

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UAlbany	200	000	0	-	2	2	0
Kent State (13-5)	002	010	x	-	3	4	1

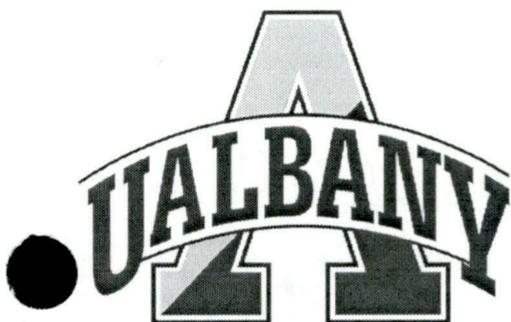
UAlbany: Leah McIntosh and Kat Smith.

Kent State: Gabrielle Burns, Kylie Reynolds (7) and Amy Hair.

UAlbany (6-5)	000	012	-	3	6	0
Georgia (27-8)	305	003	-	11	13	1

UAlbany: Marissa Powell, Brittany Rose (4) and Kat Smith.

Georgia: Kate Gaskill, Christie Hamilton (5), Norie Glazebrook (6) and Melissa Wood.



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COREY SMALL SCORES FOUR GOALS IN UALBANY'S 10-2 WIN OVER NO. 11 PRINCETON

Albany, N.Y. – Corey Small scored four goals, including two in each half, as UAlbany picked up its first win of the season with a 10-2 upset of 11th-ranked Princeton on Friday afternoon at John Fallon Field.

UAlbany (1-5) ended a stretch of four consecutive one-goal losses by limiting Princeton to 10 of its 28 shots through the opening three quarters in a game played in freezing temperatures and wind gusts in excess of 30 miles per hour. Senior goalkeeper Brett Queener made 10 saves, including six in the final period, as the Great Danes held an opponent to its lowest goal total in nearly five years.

The Great Danes, who were edged by No. 14 Drexel just six days ago at home, snapped a 1-1 tie late in the first quarter when Small and freshman Kyle Crotty connected 28 seconds apart. Small scored from the right side off a pass from Steve Ammann after the Tigers were whistled for an offside call. Queener's save of a Mark Kovler shot led to Crotty's goal in transition. Small gave his club a 4-1 halftime lead midway through the second quarter when he fired an underhanded blast from the middle of the zone after freshman Brian Caufield drove from the left corner.

Small, whose goal count was one off his career-high, and Levine stretched the lead with goals in the final four minutes of the third quarter. Princeton goalkeeper Alex Hewitt stopped Brian Grodotske's initial shot, but Small recovered the rebound and found the back of the net. Levine carried the ball from the right side, hesitated, and then spun back to his right shoulder for his fifth goal of the season with 2:44 left in the stanza.

The Great Danes, who were hosting their highest-ranked opponent since last year's NCAA first-round game with Loyola, scored four unanswered in the final stanza. Chris Schongar, a long-stick midfielder, helped clear the ball in transition to the scoring area, where Small finished off Caufield's crossing pass. Caufield upped his team's lead to 8-1 with 11:31 to play after a blocked shot in the defensive half led to a fastbreak opportunity. Ammann, a senior midfielder who a career-best scoring total with two goals and two assists, scored his second of the game five minutes later.

"It feels good because we beat a quality opponent," said Queener, who made double figures saves for the 20th time in his career. "We played our best sixty minutes this year. We communicated, new their offensive sets, and played with discipline."

Mark Kovler, an All-America midfielder, scored both goals for the Tigers, who were coming off an 11-6 victory over Hofstra and were held to their lowest goal output since the 1989 campaign. Hewitt finished with eight saves. UAlbany's Caufield had one goal and two assists.

"We needed a win," offered UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team was playing its fifth national top-15 opponent this season. "That's a program with six national titles and a Hall of Fame coach. Brett Queener was great in goal, but we also played solid position defense. We limited our mental mistakes and played with discipline."

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#11 Princeton (2-3)	1	0	0	1	-	2
UAlbany (1-5)	3	1	2	4	-	10

Princeton – Scoring: Mark Kovler 2-0, Scott MacKenzie 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Alex Hewitt (60:00, 8 saves, 10 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Corey Small 4-0, Steve Ammann 2-2, Brian Caufield 1-2, Jordan Levine 1-1, Kyle Crotty 1-1, Mark Cometti 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (55:18, 10 saves, 1 GA), Dan McKeon (4:42, 1 save, 1 GA).



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MIKE KONSTANTY HOMERS TWICE AS UALBANY BASEBALL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER AT HOFSTRA

Hempstead, N.Y. – Senior Mike Konstanty homered twice, including the game-winner in the opening contest, to lead the UAlbany baseball team to a split of a doubleheader with Hofstra on Tuesday, March 18 at University Field. The Great Danes took game one 5-3 in seven innings, but dropped the nine inning second game, 4-1.

In game one, the Pride took a 2-0 lead through three innings. Nick Panzarella singled in the first inning to right field to drive in lead-off batter Tom Legregni from second base. Hofstra tacked on a second run in the third inning on a run-scoring groundout by Matt Prokopowicz.

UAlbany cut the deficit in half with a run in the top of the fourth. With two outs, freshman second baseman Jamie Liebowitz doubled down the left field line to score junior shortstop Sean Donovan from second base. The Pride got the run back in the bottom of the fifth on a single to right field by Prokopowicz to score Legregni.

The Great Danes narrowed the gap to 3-2 in the top of the sixth and took the lead with three runs in the seventh. Donovan led off the sixth with his first homer of the season to pull within one. In the seventh, sophomore right fielder Brendan Rowland led off the frame with a double down the left field line. Following a fly out, Rowland moved to third on a passed ball and scored the tying run on a wild pitch as junior center fielder Dave West walked. Konstanty followed with a two-run shot to center field, his third homer of the season.

Junior Sean Gregory pitched two scoreless innings in relief, striking out two, for his first win of the season. Junior Josh Willimott recorded six strikeouts over the first innings, yielding three runs on eight hits. Drew Luedtke took the loss for the Pride, allowing two runs on two hits in an inning of work. Scott A'Hara struck out four over the opening four innings, allowing just an unearned run, while Brody Fontaine allowed two runs (one earned) in two innings.

Donovan finished the game with three hits and two runs scored.

In the nightcap, Hofstra tallied single runs in each of the first two innings. After consecutive walks and a double play to start the game, Elliot Hagburg singled through the left side to bring in Roberto Muniz from third. In the second, Felix Adamkiewicz singled to center to plate Adam Perlo, who led off the frame with a double.

Konstanty cut the Hofstra lead in half with a homer to right field in the third inning, but that was the only scoring Hofstra starter Bobby Neelon would allow.

The Pride added runs in each of the fourth and eighth innings to deliver the final score. Anthony Sarno led off the fourth by being hit by a pitch. After advancing to third on back-to-back groundouts, he scored on a wild pitch. In the eighth, Hagburg knocked in Legregni with a double to center.

Neelon pitched a complete game, striking out 13, while yielding just one run on five hits. Junior southpaw Dave Noble took the loss for the Great Danes, yielding three runs on three hits and recording two strikeouts in four innings pitched. Junior Jeff Kaier pitched the final four innings, giving up a run on six hits and registering a pair of strikeouts.

UAlbany returns to action on Friday, March 21 in Conway, S.C. for the start of a three-game weekend set with nationally-ranked Coastal Carolina. First pitch is slated for 6 p.m.

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UAlbany (4-10-1)	000	101	3	-	5	8	1
Hofstra (4-12)	101	010	0	-	3	9	1

UAlbany: Josh Willimott, Sean Gregory (6, W 1-1) and Tom Zink.

Hofstra: Scott A'Hara, Brody Fontaine (5), Drew Luedtke (7, L 0-1) and Tom Caltabiano.

UAlbany (4-11-1)	001	000	000	-	1	5	0
Hofstra (5-12)	110	100	01X	-	4	9	1

UAlbany: Dave Noble (L, 1-1), Jeff Kaier and Ryan Gugel.

Hofstra: Bobby Neelon (W, 1-0) and Elliot Hagburg.



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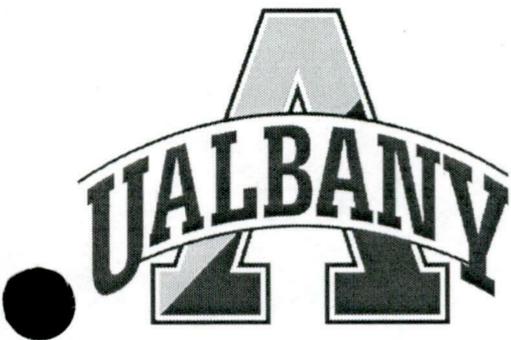
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McINTOSH NAMED AMERICA EAST PITCHER OF THE WEEK FOR SECOND TIME

Cambridge, Mass. – Sophomore right-hander Leah McIntosh was named the America East Conference Softball Pitcher of the Week after leading UAlbany to a 3-1 record at the Winthrop/adidas Invitational in Rock Hill S.C. last weekend. It is her second weekly award of the season.

The sophomore earned all-tournament honors at the Winthrop/adidas Invitational after fanning 10 against Fairfield, and then another 10 against Ohio. Both performances were complete games, including eight innings against Ohio.

The Great Danes will return to action on Friday, March 21 at the Georgia Spring Fling.



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McINTOSH TOSSES COMPLETE GAME TO LEAD UALBANY OVER OHIO, 2-1, IN EIGHT INNINGS

Rock Hill, S.C. – Sophomore right-hander Leah McIntosh tossed a complete game to lead UAlbany to a 2-1 win over Ohio in eight innings on the final day of the Winthrop/adidas Invitational on Sunday, March 16.

UAlbany (6-3) tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the third inning. Sophomore Nicole Kothe knocked a single to reach base, and advanced to second and third on consecutive passed balls by Ohio catcher Jordan Paden. Bailey Van Deest drove Kothe in with a single of her own to knot the score.

The game remained tied until the bottom of the eighth inning, when Gina Mason, who started the frame on second base due to the international tie-break rule, was driven home on a sacrifice fly by senior Leanne Tillman.

McIntosh earned all-tournament team accolades for her performance over the weekend. The Great Danes will return to action on Friday, March 21 at the Georgia Spring Fling.

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Ohio	010	000	00	-	1	5	1
UAlbany (6-3)	001	000	01	-	2	10	2

Ohio: Emily Wethington and Jordan Paden

UAlbany: Leah McIntosh and Kat Smith



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BEST'S LATE GOAL LEADS UALBANY PAST ST. BONAVENTURE, 11-10, AT JOHN FALLON FIELD

Albany, N.Y. – Kayla Best scored the game-winning goal with three minutes and 51 seconds remaining to lift UAlbany past St. Bonaventure, 11-10, in non-conference women's lacrosse play on Sunday afternoon at John Fallon Field. The game moved to the Capital Region due to poor field conditions in western New York.

UAlbany (5-2) tied the contest at 10 apiece when Christine Grueniger faked a shot from the left and went low around a defender with 5:23 left. Best, who had two goals and one assist, put her team ahead as she drove into the middle and sent a blast inside the left post. St. Bonaventure (1-3) had an opportunity to draw even with 12 seconds on the clock, but goalkeeper Katie Neer stopped Brenna Houghton's shot from right of the crease at point-blank range.

"I tried to hold my position and stay patient," explained Neer when describing Houghton's last-second shot. "I knew that they would be driving (to the net) in the last 20 seconds. My team has come through for me when I didn't play as well, so I certainly wanted to pull through for them. This is both thrilling and intense and I didn't want to lose."

The Bonnies rallied from an 8-6 halftime deficit with three goals during a four-minute span of the final period. Houghton scored her second goal of the game off a rebound, before Stephanie Jordan got the equalizer 28 seconds later with a bounce shot from right of the crease. Kimberly Ross, a first-team All-Atlantic 10 Conference midfielder, then drove to the cage after a restart to give her team the lead with 13:02 remaining.

Freshman Tee Ladouceur tallied her third goal to the game at nine-all when she moved from left to right and fired a shot inside the right post. The Great Danes appeared to go ahead with 6:32 to play when Jane Bush converted a feed from Rory Redmond, but the goal was disallowed due to an illegal stick. The Bonnies took advantage by scoring 23 seconds later when junior midfielder Keri Vito connected from the right side off a pass from Catie Greene.

In the opening period, UAlbany led by as much as three on two separate occasions, including 7-4 after freshman Jodi Battaglia netted a pair of unassisted goals. But St. Bonaventure's Ashley Fischer converted a free-position shot and Houghton found the cage following a turnover. UAlbany's Bush scored in transition with less than three minutes left in the half to stake her team to a two-goal lead at the intermission.

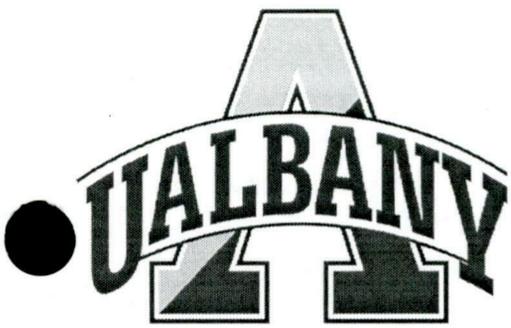
Neer, a first-year starter in the cage, finished with a career-high 18 saves, including several key stops when her team went scoreless for 18-plus minutes to begin the final stanza. St. Bonaventure's Vito had two goals and one assist, while goalkeeper Eboni Preston turned aside 11 shots.

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St. Bonaventure (1-3)	6	4	-	10
UAlbany (5-2)	8	3	-	11

St. Bonaventure – Scoring: Keri Vito 2-1, Brenna Houghton 2-0, Kimberly Ross 2-0, Christine Hanley 2-0, Ashley Fischer 1-0, Stephanie Jordan 1-0, Patty Nessle 0-1, Molly Hastrich 0-1, Catie Greene 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Eboni Preston (60:00, 11 saves, 11 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Tee Ladouceur 3-0, Kayla Best 2-1, Jodi Battaglia 2-0, Jane Bush 1-1, Christine Grueniger 1-0, Stacey Brown 1-0, Nikki Branchini 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Katie Neer (60:00, 18 saves, 10 GA).



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REGULAR-SEASON CHAMPION HARTFORD UPENDS UALBANY IN AMERICA EAST SEMIFINALS

West Hartford, Conn. – Danielle Hood totaled 18 points and nine rebounds in leading Hartford to a 60-40 victory over UAlbany in the America East Conference Tournament's semifinal round on Saturday evening at Chase Arena. The Hawks, the regular-season champion and top seed, moved on to the championship game for the fourth consecutive year. The conference tournament champion receives an automatic NCAA berth.

Hartford (26-5) used a stifling defense that limited its opponent to just 24-percent shooting on 6-of-24 attempts after halftime. The Hawks led 38-33, but then held UAlbany (13-18) scoreless for the next five minutes. During that period, Diana Delva, a 6-foot-2 sophomore, scored in transition and MaryLynne Schaefer converted a back cut off a high-low exchange from Hood.

The Hawks, who have captured three America East titles since 2002, still led 47-38 with 9:03 remaining, but once again kept the UAlbany offense in check as the Great Danes were kept off the scoreboard for nearly seven minutes. Hartford ran off 11 unanswered during that span in running their winning streak to eight straight. Erica Beverly, who missed most of last season with an injury, had nine of her 15 points in that stretch. She finished off a fastbreak layup following Lisa Etienne's steal and later scored a pair of offensive-rebound baskets in providing her club with a 20-point margin. Etienne, a junior guard, accounted for 10 points, a career-high nine assists and four steals.

"The intensity of their defense definitely got us rattled," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team was held to a season-low point total and 30 percent from the field. "We had good team play at times, but not for the full forty minutes. I am proud of this team and their effort. Hartford has very talented and athletic post players. They just started to pound us in the second half."

The Great Danes, who rallied to beat Binghamton, 64-57, in Friday's quarterfinals, led 15-10 after sophomore guard Britney McGee (9 points) canned a three-point field goal from the top of the arc midway through the opening period. UAlbany used a couple of conventional three-point plays to grab the lead. TaNika Thrower's steal led to Janea Aiken being fouled on a fastbreak layup. Freshman guard Amira Ford put her team in front when Hartford's Courtney Gomez was called for a blocking foul on a layup in transition.

The Hawks, who are receiving votes for the Associated Press Top 25 Poll, ran off nine straight markers to go back ahead. Etienne nailed a 3-pointer from right of the key, before Hood sank an 18-foot jumper. After UAlbany's Gia Sanders made a steal and three-point play to close the gap to 19-18, Hartford scored seven straight points. Etienne drilled a three-point shot from the right corner. Delva then connected on a lob over the top of the defense and scored after grabbing an offensive rebound for a 26-18 advantage.

Sanders, a 6-foot senior, had 11 of her 13 points in the opening half. Aiken, a freshman guard, scored in double figures for the second straight game with 12. The Great Danes, who had won nine of 12 entering the contest, were making their second-ever appearance in an America East semifinal.

"We lost because of the things we didn't do, not just because of what Hartford did to us," explained Sanders, who added seven rebounds and three steals in her final game as a collegian. "They played a great game and really pressured us with their defense. They would be in a zone and then switch to man-to-man and throw us off."



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CONNORS & KOTHE POWER UALBANY PAST NORTH CAROLINA A&T AT WINTHROP INVITATIONAL

Rock Hill, S.C. – Sophomore Nicole Kothe tripled and homered to lead UAlbany to a 4-3 win over North Carolina A&T on the second day of the Winthrop/adidas Invitational on Saturday, March 15.

After three scoreless innings, North Carolina A&T (11-5-1) got on the board with three runs in the top of the fourth. With one out, Jessie Larson singled and Tangala Conover walked. Second baseman Lillian Bullock followed with a three-run homer to get the Lady Aggies in the scoring column.

UAlbany (5-3) responded with a pair of runs in each of the next two innings. Kothe led off the fourth inning with a triple. Sophomore second baseman Michelle Connors followed by blasting a 2-2 pitch for a home run to cut the Great Danes' deficit to one. In the fifth inning, UAlbany rallied with two outs. Senior left fielder Amber Maisonet singled and stole second. Kothe then homered to give UAlbany the lead.

Sophomore Marissa Powell picked up the win for the Great Danes by pitching the final 3.2 innings, without allowing a run on two hits and recording two strikeouts. Freshman Brittney Rose tossed the first 3.1 innings, allowing three runs on five hits, with three strikeouts. Zapora Gatson took the loss for UNC A&T, striking out one over two innings.

Kothe, Connors and Maisonet each recorded two hits in the contest for UAlbany. The Great Danes close out competition at the Winthrop/adidas Invitational against Ohio at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

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UNC A&T (11-5-1)	000	300	0	-	3	7	0
UAlbany (5-3)	000	220	X	-	4	8	1

UNC A&T: Jennifer Luper, Zapora Gatson (5) and Jessie Larson, Britney Hodges (4).

UAlbany: Brittney Rose, Marissa Powell (4, W, 1-3) and Kat Smith.

UALBANY TENNIS WINS FIFTH STRAIGHT MATCH WITH 4-3 VICTORY OVER HOFSTRA

Albany, N.Y. – Junior Charlotte Tatler won her singles match in straight sets and picked up a win at third doubles to lead UAlbany to a 4-3 non-conference women's tennis win over Hofstra on Saturday, March 15 at the Bubble.

Tatler took both sets with Stacey Kent by scores of 6-2 and 6-2 at No. 4 singles for her sixth consecutive singles win. Tatler teamed with junior Kim Weltman at No. 3 doubles for an 8-2 pro-set triumph over Stacey Kent and Morganne Dowling. Weltman recorded her fifth straight singles win with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 victory over Zoe Taylor at the third slot.

Freshman Laine Mackey picked up the Great Danes' third singles win at the No. 5 position, defeating Valerie McDonald, 6-0, 6-1. The duo of Mackey and Amanda Hall won for their fifth straight match by topping McDonald and Samantha Sharifi, 8-0. Hall fell to Downing at sixth singles, 3-6, 6-4, 11-9.

Hofstra picked up singles wins at the first and second positions. At No. 1 singles, Christie Gattelaro beat Aimee Kern, 6-2, 6-3, while Lauren Clifton defeated Susan Ma at second singles. Kern and Ma combined to beat Gattelaro and Clifton, 8-7 (11-9), at first doubles.

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Singles

1. Christie Gattelaro (HU) def. Aimee Kern (UA) 6-2, 6-3
2. Lauren Clifton (HU) def. Susan Ma (UA) 6-4, 6-3
3. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Zoe Taylor (HU) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3
4. Charlotte Tatler (UA) def. Stacey Kent (HU) 6-2, 6-2
5. Laine Mackey (UA) def. Valerie McDonald (HU) 6-0, 6-1
6. Morganne Downing (HU) def. Amanda Hall (UA) 3-6, 6-4, 11-9

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Doubles

1. Kern/Ma (UA) def. Gattelaro/Clifton (HU) 8-7 (11-9)
2. Mackey/Hall (UA) def. McDonald/Samantha Sharifi (HU) 8-0
3. Weltman/Tatler (UA) def. Kent/Downing (HU) 8-2

NEW YORK TECH SWEEPS UALBANY IN BASEBALL DOUBLEHEADER

Old Westbury, N.Y. – Christian Dienna went 4-for-7 with three RBI to lead New York Tech to a doubleheader sweep of seven inning contests over the UAlbany baseball team on Saturday, March 15 at President's Field. The Bears took game one 11-4 and rallied for a 9-8 victory in game two.

In game one, NYIT jumped out to an 11-0 lead after three innings. Effrey Valdez tallied the first run with a two-out solo home run in the first inning. The Bears blew the game open in the second inning with nine runs. Julian Richards plated Brian Smith with a single to open the scoring. Following a run-scoring balk, Bob Garland walked and Denten Neill reached on an error to load the bases with no outs. Jerry Smith walked and Valdez was hit by a pitch to force in a pair of runs. Following a strikeout, Mike LaLuna plated Neill and Jerry Smith with a single to knock UAlbany starter Nate Novak out of the game. Brian Smith and Tom Leonick greeted relief pitcher Jeff Kaier with their second hits of the inning to close out the scoring. NYIT tallied its final run of the game with an RBI single in the third by Dienna to score Neill from second.

UAlbany cut into the deficit with three unearned runs in the top of the fifth inning. Junior center fielder Dave West recorded a one-out single and scored when junior shortstop Sean Donovan reached on an error. Following a groundout, junior designated hitter Ryan Gugel plated Donovan and senior Mike Konstanty with a double.

The Great Danes closed out the game's scoring with a single run in the top of the seventh inning. After consecutive errors to load the bases with one out, Pete Eichner registered a sacrifice fly to center field to drive in senior catcher Tom Zink.

Novak suffered his third loss of the season, allowing nine runs (eight earned) on six hits over just an inning and one-third. Kaier allowed two runs on four hits in one and two-third innings on the mound. Senior Marco Rivera and junior Chris Ott combined for three strikeouts and just one hit over the final three innings.

In the nightcap, the Great Danes plated four runs in the opening inning. Sophomore second baseman Brendan Rowland led off the inning with a double. Two batters later, West reached on an error to load the bases. Konstanty knocked in Rowland with a fielder's choice. After West was thrown out trying to steal third, Zink singled and Donovan walked to re-load the bases. Freshman designated hitter Jamie Liebowitz plated Konstanty with a single and was followed up by a Gugel two-run single to cap the frame.

NYIT (4-3) responded with three runs in the bottom of the inning. Brian Smith knocked in Neill with a single to start the inning. Jerry Smith plated his twin brother with a fielder's choice and Joe Lucente followed with a run-scoring single.

UAlbany (3-10-1) got one run back in the second inning on a one-out solo homer by junior left fielder Gary Pitcherelle. The Bears took a 6-5 lead with three runs in the bottom of the frame. George Carroll scored the first run on an error by Rowland. Following a strikeout, Dienna recorded a two-run single to give the Bears the edge.

The Great Danes retook the lead in the fifth inning on a pair of unearned runs. With the bases loaded, Gugel reached on a throwing error by the first baseman to allow Zink and Konstanty to score. The lead was short-lived as NYIT went ahead for good in the bottom of the inning on a three-run blast by Lucente.

Gugel got the Great Danes within one in the seventh inning with a single to plate Zink, but Preston Wasmund induced a game-ending groundout.

Junior Cory Warrings took the loss for UAlbany, striking out five over five innings, but yielding nine runs (three earned) on six hits. Wasmund earned the win in relief for the Bears, striking out three over two and one-third innings, allowing just an unearned run. Andrew Guarrasi allowed seven runs (two earned) over the first four and two-third innings for NYIT, registering five strikeouts.

Zink and Gugel each recorded three hits for the Great Danes, with Zink scoring three times and Gugel driving in three runs.

UAlbany returns to action on Tuesday, March 18 for a 1:30 doubleheader at Hofstra.

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UAlbany (3-9-1)	000	030	1	-	4	3	2
New York Tech (3-3)	191	000	X	-	11	11	5

UAlbany: Nate Novak (L, 0-3), Jeff Kaier (2), Marco Rivera (4), Chris Ott (6) and Tom Zink.

New York Tech: Frank Ryan (W, 1-0), Chris Colleran (6), Bobby Tesseyman (6), Jon Costa (7) and Tom Leonick, George Carroll (6), John Grilli (7).

UAlbany (3-10-1)	410	020	1	-	8	10	5
New York Tech (4-3)	330	030	X	-	9	6	2

UAlbany: Cory Warrings (L, 0-2), Sean Gregory (6) and Ryan Gugel.

New York Tech: Andrew Guarrasi, Preston Wasmund (5, W, 1-0) and George Carroll.

CORRIN CONROY SHOOTS 81 IN FINAL ROUND OF GAINESVILLE SHOOTOUT III

Gainesville, Fla. – Freshman Corrin Conroy shot a final-round 81 to lead the UAlbany women’s golf team on the final day of the University of Florida’s Gainesville Shootout III on Saturday, March 15. The three-day tournament was held at the par-70 Mark Bostick Golf Course. The Great Danes finished in 15th place with a three-round total of 1,031. The University of Illinois fired a 301 on the final day to claim the team competition with a total of 916 strokes.

Conroy, who was in a tie for 74th after the first two days, finished tied for 73rd at 256 with her team-best round of 81 on the final day. Sophomore Amanda McPhee had the top total score for the Great Danes with a 252 to finish 66th overall. McPhee closed out the invitational with an 84. Sophomore Jessica Signorelli tied Conroy for 73rd by closing with an 88.

Senior Maggie Taylert carded an 86 in the third round to finish in 82nd place with a total score of 276. Junior Sun Hwa Kim recorded a 94 to finish at 275, good for 81st place. Senior Becky Lukac rounded out the competitors for the Great Danes, finishing 83rd at 299.

Alex Rankin of Wofford shot a 77 in the last round to win the individual competition with a three-day score of 217. The Great Danes return to action on April 14-15 at the Hartford Invitational.

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Team Scores

1. Illinois 309-306-301 – 916, 2. Texas State 301-313-304 – 918, 3. Michigan 309-302-309 – 920, 4. Illinois State 308-309-307 – 924, 5. Texas A&M-CC 308-315-310 – 933, 6. Louisiana-Monroe 313-314-308 – 935, 7. Wofford 316-306-319 – 941, 8. Nevada 314-323-306 – 943, T9. Iowa 321-310-319 – 950, T9. West Florida 311-322-317 – 950, T9. Southern Mississippi 322-315-313 – 950, 12. Troy 326-318-314 – 958, 13. Appalachian State 320-323-321 – 964, 14. Texas-Pan American 315-329-330 – 974, 15. UAlbany 350-342-339 – 1,031.

Individual Scores

1. Alex Rankin (Wofford) 72-68-77 – 217, 2. Ashley Olynick (Texas A&M-CC) 73-78-69 – 220, 3. Raquel Hopton (Illinois) 75-70-76 – 221, 4. Angela Drane (Louisiana-Monroe) 77-74-72 – 223, 5. Lindsay Davis (Michigan) 70-79-75 – 224.

UAlbany Scores

66. Amanda McPhee 82-86-84 – 252, T73. Jessica Signorelli 87-81-88 – 256, T73. Corrin Conroy 86-89-81 – 256, 81. Sun Hwa Kim 95-86-94 – 275, 82. Maggie Taylert 97-93-86 – 276, 83. Becky Lukac 101-97-101 – 299.



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NO. 14 DREXEL EDGES UALBANY, 7-6, IN GREAT DANES' HOME OPENER AT JOHN FALLON FIELD

Albany, N.Y. – Ron Garling scored the go-ahead goal with 6:42 remaining in leading nationally-ranked Drexel to a 7-6 victory over UAlbany in the Great Danes' home opener on Saturday afternoon at John Fallon Field. The Dragons, who are No. 14 in both the USILA and Nike/Inside Lacrosse national polls, posted their sixth consecutive win.

Garling, a junior attacker, snapped a 5-5 deadlock in the final period with his fourth goal of the season. He took a crossing pass from Joe Wojciechowski and sent a blast from the left side inside the far post. Drexel (6-1) upped its lead to 7-5 with 2:18 to play when senior attack Andrew Chapman tallied his third goal of the game by using a high-to-low shooting motion from the right.

UAlbany (0-5) closed the gap when Mike Ammann placed a shot to the right of Drexel goalkeeper Bruce Bickford with 9.7 seconds on the clock. Following a timeout, the Great Danes won the face-off but Brian Caufield could not get off an attempt at the cage when he mishandled Jordan Levine's pass from the midfield.

The Great Danes, who dropped their fourth straight one-goal decision, reversed a 3-2 deficit in the second quarter to take a halftime lead. Steve Ammann, who had two goals and one assist, connected on a drive from the left when his shot went off the goalkeeper's stick. Caufield, a freshman, put his team ahead with 27.6 seconds left in the quarter by finishing off a fastbreak that originated on a save by Brett Queener in the defensive half of the field.

The Dragons, whose lone loss came in the opener against Virginia, regained the lead with a pair of goals 23 seconds apart in the third stanza. Colin Ambler, who scored twice, cut to the top of the crease to convert a feed from Jon Van Houten in an extra-man situation. After winning the face-off, Kevin Dart bounced a low shot into the left corner for a 5-4 advantage. UAlbany midfielder Kyle Crotty tied the contest with 5:41 left in the stanza on an extra-man goal.

"We had opportunities but that's the way it has been going to this point," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team hit the crossbar after winning the opening face-off in the first quarter. "We have lost to five very good teams. Even though we could be sharper, I can't fault our effort. Our movement on offense has not translated from the practice field to the game."

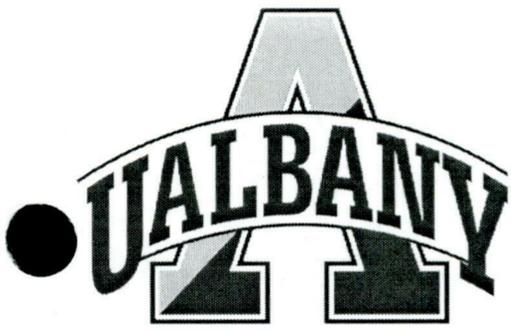
Drexel goalkeeper Bruce Bickford made eight of his nine saves in the opening half, while Queener stopped seven shots. Caufield finished with one goal and two assists for the Great Danes, who had won their home debut in each of the previous six seasons.

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#14 Drexel (6-1)	1	2	2	2	-	7
Albany (0-5)	1	3	1	1	-	6

Drexel – Scoring: Andrew Chapman 3-0, Colin Ambler 2-0, Kevin Dart 1-0, Ron Garling 1-0, Joe Wojciechowski 0-2, Brian Neary 0-1, Chris O'Connor 0-1, Jon Van Houten 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Bruce Bickford (60:00, 9 saves, 6 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Steve Ammann 2-1, Brian Caufield 1-2, Corey Small 1-0, Kyle Crotty 1-0, Mike Ammann 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (57:40, 7 saves, 7 GA), Dan McKeon (2:20, 1 save, 0 GA).



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UALBANY RALLIES IN SECOND HALF IN A-EAST QUARTERFINAL WIN OVER BINGHAMTON

West Hartford, Conn. – Charity Iromuanya recorded his first career double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, as UAlbany rallied in the second half for a 64-57 victory over Binghamton in the America East Conference Championship's quarterfinal round on Friday evening at the University of Hartford's Chase Arena. The Great Danes will meet top-seed and regular-season champion Hartford in the semifinals on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

UAlbany (13-17) trailed by nine at the intermission and erased that hole with 12 consecutive points to begin the second half. Iromuanya ignited that run with a baseline drive, a steal that led to a fastbreak layup and two free throws. Freshman guard Janea Aiken, who led her team with 14 points, hit a driving layup and sank a pair of three throws for a 37-36 lead.

Binghamton's Laura Sario, who had 16 points and seven rebounds, later drew her team even at 39 apiece with a three-point field goal from the left corner. But the Great Danes answered with 11 of the game's next 12 points. Iromuanya, who added four steals and two assists to her career-high rebound total, made a three-pointer from the left wing to put her team ahead for good. Gia Sanders then scored in the lane off a baseline feed from Kristin Higy. Sanders, a 6-foot senior who had 10 points, later made a foul-line jumper and converted in the lane for a 50-40 lead midway through the period.

The Bearcats, the tournament's fifth seed who lost both regular-season meetings to UAlbany, would eventually close the gap to three on two occasions, including 56-53 with 3:27 left when Brianna Thompson, a 6'1" senior, made a turnaround bank shot. UAlbany's Britney McGee answered that surge when she hit a 15-foot jumper and finished off a fastbreak on consecutive possessions. Despite missing the front end of three one-and-one free throw opportunities in the final minute, the Great Danes hung on to advance to the semifinal round for the first time since 2004.

"I am so proud of the heart of this team," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose squad has reached the America East semifinals for just the second time since joining the conference in 2001-02. "There was no rhyme or reason to how we won the game. We were on another level intensity-wise. We didn't want to go home. If we can keep the intensity this high or higher, we can be very dangerous this weekend."

Binghamton (11-19) wiped out a nine-point deficit in the opening half with 12 unanswered. Erica Carter drilled three consecutive 3-point shots, including a long-range jumper from the right wing, to tie the contest at 25 apiece. Sario, who had 10 first-half points, then nailed a three-pointer from the left wing to put her team ahead. The Bearcats, who closed the period on a monster 20-2 run, held the tournament's fourth seed without a field goal over the final six minutes of the stanza. Sario used the glass to can a pair of shots from left of the lane before making one of two free throws for a 36-27 lead at the break. UAlbany held a nine-point cushion twice in the first stanza despite shooting just 28.6 percent. Higy and TaNika Thrower made back-to-tack 3-pointers for a 25-16 advantage.

"We know that if we lose one we're done," said Iromuanya, a sophomore guard who did all of her scoring after halftime and helped her team force 27 turnovers. "We have a great bunch of seniors that push us. Defense wins games. Everyone committed (to that) in the first five minutes of the second half ... stay on your man and help each other out."

The Bearcats' Laine Kurpniece, a first-team all-conference center, had 14 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, while Carter had 12 of her 14 points in the opening half. McGee finished with 11 points for the Great Danes, who have won nine of their last 12 outings.



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UALBANY SOFTBALL SPLITS ON FIRST DAY OF WINTHROP/ADIDAS INVITATIONAL

Rock Hill, S.C. – Michelle Connors (Shenendehowa) belted a two-run homer in the bottom of the seven inning to lead UAlbany to a 5-3 win over Fairfield in their first game of the Winthrop/adidas Invitational on Friday, March 14. The Great Danes lost their second game of the day, 3-2, to UNC Wilmington.

In the first game, Fairfield opened the scoring with a solo home run by catcher Erin Frank in the second inning. The Great Danes tied the contest in the fourth on a run by Amber Maisonet. The senior outfielder reached base on a walk, stole second, advanced to third on a groundout and was driven in as Michelle Connors grounded into a fielder's choice.

Fairfield (3-11) took a 2-1 lead with in the top of the fourth inning. Lingo singled and came around to score on a double by Frank. UAlbany tallied single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to take a 3-2 lead. Maisonet singled in the fifth and later scored on a single by Connors. In the sixth, sophomore Bailey Van Deest doubled and came across on senior Leanne Tillman's double.

Frank tied the game in the top of the seventh as she scored on a single by Breanne Morschauser. With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Connors won the game with a walk-off two-run blast, which plated Nicole Kothe, who had reached on a single.

McIntosh struck out 10 in tossing a complete-game five-hitter. Fairfield's Sarah Minice struck out four over seven innings.

In their afternoon, UAlbany (4-3) scored in the first and third for a 2-0 lead. Kothe walked, advanced to third on a single by junior Meagan Butsch and later scored on a double steal. In the third, Maisonet doubled, stole third and crossed the plate on Kothe's sacrifice fly.

UNC Wilmington (8-9-1) tied the score with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Following consecutive singles by Morgan Walters and Carley Hughes, Rachel Sawyer doubled to plate both runners. Freshman Allison Lanouette won the game in the bottom of the seventh for the Seahawks with a lead-off home run.

Marissa Powell went the distance in the circle for the Great Danes, allowing three runs on eight hits, while striking out two. Brittney Lehrschall picked up the win for UNC Wilmington by throwing a complete game and striking out five.

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Fairfield (3-11)	010	100	1	-	3	5	3
UAlbany (4-2)	001	011	2	-	5	9	1

(two outs when winning run scored)

Fairfield: Sarah Minice and Erin Frank.
UAlbany: Leah McIntosh and Kat Smith.

UAlbany (4-3)	101	000	0	-	2	7	0
UNC Wilmington (8-9-1)	000	002	1	-	3	8	2

(no outs when winning run scored)

UAlbany: Marissa Powell and Leanne Tillman, Kat Smith (6).
UNC Wilmington: Brittney Lehrschall and Lindsay Styons.

UALBANY BASEBALL FALLS AT ST. JOHN'S, 9-2, IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

Queens, N.Y. – Designated hitter Paul Karmas went 2-for-3 with two runs batted in and scored a pair of runs to lead St. John's to a 9-2 win over UAlbany in non-conference baseball action on Friday, March 14 at Jack Kaiser Stadium.

St. John's (10-4), who is receiving votes in the latest NCBWA and USA Today/ESPN Coaches' polls, jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Following a single by Daniel Benedetti and a walk to Karmas, third baseman Greg Hopkins doubled to drive in the two runners.

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The Red Storm blew the game open with six unearned runs in the fourth inning. Shortstop Jeff Grantham and first baseman Gil Zayas reached base to lead off the inning on an error and a single, respectively. Following a sacrifice bunt which moved both runners up a base, second baseman Gino Matias plated Grantham with a groundout. Center fielder Brian Kemp followed to knock in Zayas with a single. Kemp scored from first as Benedetti reached third on a pair of infield errors. Karmas knocked in Benedetti with a double two batters later. St. John's scored the last two runs of the inning as Karmas and Chris Anninos crossed on a Hopkins' single and subsequent error.

UAlbany (3-8-1) cut into the lead with a run in the sixth inning. Freshman second baseman Jamie Liebowitz was hit by a pitch to lead off the frame. After advancing to second on a groundout, he stole third. Center fielder Dave West drove in Liebowitz with a single two hitters later. The Red Storm got the run back in their next at-bat. Benedetti doubled with one out and eventually scored on a single by Karmas.

The Great Danes pushed across the final run of the game in the top of the ninth. Senior first baseman Mike Konstanty and junior shortstop Sean Donovan drew consecutive walks to lead off the inning. Senior catcher Tom Zink followed with a single to load the bases. Following a strikeout, junior designated hitter Ryan Gugel singled to score Konstanty.

Senior right hander Casey Walsh dropped to 0-3 on the season after allowing nine runs, including three earned, on nine hits over 5.2 innings. Junior Matthew Herrick kept the home team scoreless over 1.3 innings and freshman Hunter Moffatt took care of the eighth. Senior George Brown earned his third win of the season by striking out 10 over six innings, allowing just one run on three hits. Sophomore Miguel Valcarcel earned his first save, allowing one run on five hits over the final three innings.

West, Zink and junior third baseman Zac Halloran each recorded two hits in the contest. UAlbany returns to the diamond with a pair of seven inning games at New York Tech on Saturday, March 15. First pitch is slated for 12 p.m.

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UAlbany (3-8-1): Casey Walsh (L, 0-3), Matthew Herrick (6), Hunter Moffatt (8) and Tom Zink.
 St. John's (10-4): George Brown (3-0), Miguel Valcarcel (7, S, 1) and Daniel Benedetti.

UALBANY TENNIS SWEEPS ST. PETER'S FOR 13TH WIN OF SEASON

Jersey City, N.J. – Senior Aimee Kern swept her match at first singles and was victorious at first doubles to lead UAlbany to a 7-0 win over St. Peter's in non-league play on Friday, March 14 at the Yanitelli Center.

Kern registered a 6-1, 6-3 victory at No. 1 singles over Vanessa Pangikas to even her record at 11-11 on the year. At No. 1 doubles, Kern teamed with freshman Susan Ma to post an 8-3 victory over Pangikas and Kyrsten Chen. Ma defeated Chen in three sets (3-6, 6-4, 10-4 pro-set) at No. 2 singles for her 14th dual match win of the season. Juniors Kim Weltman and Charlotte Tatler swept their singles matches, 6-0, 6-0, at third and fourth singles, respectively. The duo teamed to defeat Kristen Realista and Alleyna Alleyne, 8-3, at third doubles.

At No. 5 singles, freshman Laine Mackey topped Kristy Bonner in straight sets, 6-0 and 6-1. Senior Amanda Hall defeated Realista at sixth singles by scores of 6-0 and 6-2. The tandem of Mackey and Hall defeated Meredith Earley and Bonner 8-1.

UAlbany (13-2) returns to the courts on Saturday, March 15 to host Hofstra at 1 p.m.

1. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Vanessa Pangikas (SPC) 6-1, 6-3
2. Susan Ma (UA) def. Kyrsten Chen (SPC) 3-6, 6-4, 10-4
3. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Laurie Souksavath (SPC) 6-0, 6-0
4. Charlotte Tatler (UA) def. Meredith Earley (SPC) 6-0, 6-0
5. Laine Mackey (UA) def. Kristy Bonner (SPC) 6-0, 6-1
6. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Kristen Realista (SPC) 6-0, 6-2

1. Kern/Ma (UA) def. Pangikas/Chen (SPC) 8-3
2. Mackey/Hall (UA) def. Earley/Bonner (SPC) 8-1
3. Weltman/Tatler (UA) def. Realista/Alleyna Alleyne (SPC) 8-3

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JESSICA SIGNORELLI CARDS 81 AT SECOND DAY OF GAINESVILLE SHOOTOUT III

Gainesville, Fla. – Sophomore Jessica Signorelli fired a second-round 81 to pace the UAlbany women's golf team at the University of Florida's Gainesville Shootout III on Friday, March 14. The three-day tournament is being held at the par-70 Mark Bostick Golf Course. The Great Danes are in 15th place with a two-round total of 692.

Signorelli, who was tied for 71st following an 87 in the opening round, moved into a tie for 64th at 168 with her second-day score. She is tied with teammate Amanda McPhee, a sophomore who shot an 86 in the second round after recording an 82 on the first day. Following a round of 86 in the in the first round, freshman Corrin Conroy registered an 89 to drop into a tie for 74th at 175.

Junior Sun Hwa Kim improved her score from day one by nine strokes to move up to 80th with a two-day total of 181. Seniors Maggie Taylert and Becky Lukac each cut four strokes off their rounds from the first day, with 36-hole totals of 190 and 198, respectively.

The final round tees off with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 15.

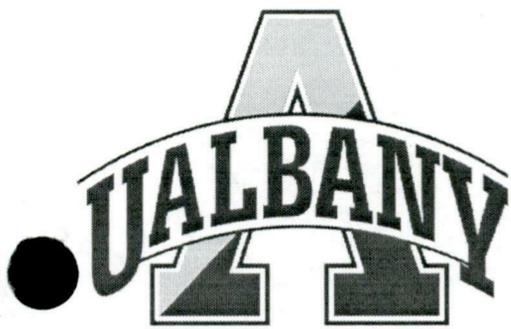
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Team Scores

1. Michigan 309-302 – 611, 2. Texas State 301-313 – 614, 3. Illinois 309-306 – 615, 4. Illinois State 308-309 – 617, 5. Wofford 316-306 – 622, 6. Texas A&M-CC 308-315 – 623, 7. Louisiana-Monroe 313-314 – 627, 8. Iowa 321-310 – 631, 9. West Florida 311-322 – 633, T10. Nevada 314-323 – 637, T10. Southern Mississippi 322-315 – 637, 12. Appalachian State 320-323 – 643, T13. Troy 326-318 – 644, T13. Texas-Pan American 315-329 - 644, 15. UAlbany 350-342 – 692.

UAlbany Scores

T64. Amanda McPhee 82-86 – 168, T64. Jessica Signorelli 87-81 – 168, T74. Corrin Conroy 86-89 – 175, 80. Sun Hwa Kim 95-86 – 181, 82. Maggie Taylert 97-93 – 190, 83. Becky Lukac 101-97 – 198.



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AMANDA MCPHEE SHOOTS OPENING ROUND 82 AT GAINESVILLE SHOOTOUT III

Gainesville, Fla. – Sophomore Amanda McPhee shot an opening round 82 to lead the UAlbany women's golf team on the first day of the University of Florida's Gainesville Shootout III at the par-70 Mark Bostick Golf Course on Thursday, March 13. The Great Danes are in 15th place with a score of 350 following the first of three days of competition.

McPhee is in a tie for 56th after recording a 42 on the front nine and closing with a 40 on the back nine. Freshman Corrin Conroy is tied for 69th after carding an 86, including a team-best 39 on the back nine.

Sophomore Jessica Signorelli shot an opening round 87 to finish in a tie for 71st.

Junior Sun Hwa Kim shot a 97, senior Maggie Taylert registered a 97 and senior Becky Lukac recorded a 101 to round out the Great Danes' competitors.

Texas State University is in first place in the team competition with a score of 301. Florida's Nicole Schachner and Michigan's Lindsay Davis each shot opening day rounds of even-par 70 to lead the individual competition.

The second round kicks off at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, March 13.

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Team Scores

1. Texas State 301, 2. Texas A&M-CC 308, T2. Illinois State 308, 4. Michigan 309, T4. Illinois 309, 6. West Florida 311, 7. Louisiana-Monroe 313, 8. Nevada 314, 9. Texas-Pan American 315, 10. Wofford 316, 11. Appalachian State 320, 12. Iowa 321, 13. Southern Mississippi 322, 14. Troy 326, 15. UAlbany 350.

UAlbany Scores

T56. Amanda McPhee 42-40 – 82, T69. Corrin Conroy 47-39 – 86, T71. Jessica Signorelli 46-41 – 87, 81. Sun Hwa Kim 45-50 – 95, 82. Maggie Taylert 49-48 – 97, 83. Becky Lukac 51-50 – 101.



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UALBANY'S TRINA PATTERSON NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR Gia Sanders & Kristin Higy Named to All-Conference Basketball Team

Springfield, Mass. – University at Albany head coach Trina Patterson has been named the 2008 America East Conference Coach of the Year, as announced by the league office at the annual postseason tournament banquet held on Thursday morning at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Senior forwards Gia Sanders and Kristin Higy, along with freshman guard Janea Aiken, also earned all-conference accolades.

Patterson earned her first coach of the year award after guiding UAlbany to a 10-6 record in conference play, the most wins in league competition for the Great Danes since joining the America East in 2001-02. After posting a 2-11 record in non-conference play, UAlbany started off regular-season league competition with two wins for the first time in program history. Patterson, who changed her team's style of play to include an up-tempo, speedy offense and a tenacious pressure defense, led the Great Danes to five straight conference triumphs, including the program's first-ever triumph at Maine. UAlbany also posted wins at UMBC, Stony Brook and Binghamton and registered five league home victories.

"Coach Patterson is very deserving of this award," UAlbany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy said. "Her staff and student-athletes have faced adversity and obstacles, including a tough non-conference schedule and several close defeats. But her dedication and commitment as a coach helped meet these challenges and allowed the program to set a conference record for wins and gain the highest seed ever for the championship tournament."

Sanders, a 6-foot native of Bowie, Md., made her first appearance on the all-conference unit as a second-team selection. She repeated as a member of the all-defensive team in a unanimous vote. Sanders is the first player since Danielle Hutcheson in 2003-04 to be named to an all-conference team. Despite missing two games with an injury during conference play, Sanders averaged 9.0 points per game and led the team in rebounding, averaging 6.9 rebounds per contest. Sanders, who became the program's all-time blocks leader this season, also led the team with 1.92 steals and 1.52 blocks per game. Sanders, who has 150 career blocks, also stands seventh on UAlbany's career rebounds chart with 616. She earned the first player of the week honor of her career on Feb. 11. Sanders also earned a spot on the all-academic team after achieving a 3.19 cumulative grade point average in sociology.

Higy, who hails from Akron, Ohio, earned all-conference third-team recognition after leading the Great Danes for the majority of the season, averaging 10.9 points per game. Higy, who is in her second season with UAlbany after transferring from George Mason, also averaged 5.3 rebounds and led the team by shooting 43.4 percent from the floor. Higy also led the conference in three-point percentage, hitting 38.4% of her shots from beyond the arc.

Aiken earned all-rookie team honors after averaging 8.0 points per game this season. Aiken, a 5-foot-9 guard from St. Albans, N.Y., started the first two games of the season before becoming a key contributor off the bench. Aiken recently made a return to the starting lineup, and scored 17 points in the Great Danes' road win Binghamton. She recorded a 40.7-percent shooting percentage and grabbed 1.8 rebounds per contest. Aiken, who becomes the first Great Dane to earn all-rookie team honors, was named the conference's rookie of the week on Feb. 11.

UAlbany (12-17, AE 10-6) will play fifth-seeded Binghamton (11-18, AE 9-7) in the quarterfinal round of the America East Conference Championship on Friday, March 14 at 8:00 p.m.

2008 America East All-Conference Teams

First Team -- Laine Kurpniece, Sr., F, Binghamton; Danielle Hood, Sr., F, Hartford; Erica Beverly, So., F, Hartford; Carlee Cassidy, So., G, UMBC; Courtney Pilypaitis, So., G, Vermont.

Second Team -- Diana Delva, So., F/C, Hartford; Gia Sanders, Sr., F, UAlbany; Jesyka Burks-Wiley, Jr., F, Boston U.; Amy Rosenkrantz, Jr., G, Vermont; May Kotsopolous, So., G, Vermont.

Third Team -- Laura Sario, Sr., G, Binghamton; Kristin Drabyn, Sr., G, UMBC; Dana Ferraro, Sr., F, Stony Brook; Kristin Higy, Sr., F, UAlbany; Christine Kinneary, Jr., G, Boston U.

All-Rookie -- Janea Aiken, Fr., G, UAlbany; Tanna Ross, Fr., G, Maine; Meghan Collabella, Fr., F/C, UMBC; Denise Beliveau, Fr., F, New Hampshire; Kirsten Jeter, Fr., G, Stony Brook.

All-Defensive -- Gia Sanders, Sr., F, UAlbany; Erica Beverly, So., F, Hartford; Dana Ferraro, Sr., F, Stony Brook; Amarachi Umez-Eronini, Jr., G, Boston U.; May Kotsopolous, So., G, Vermont

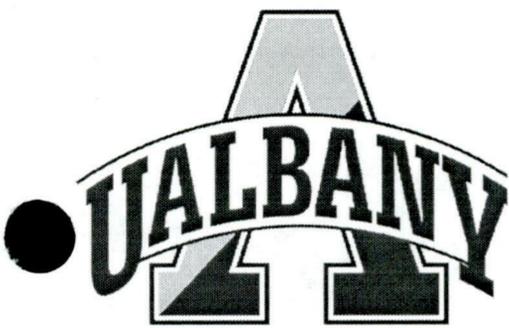
All-Academic -- Erica Beverly, Hartford, 3.21; Carlee Cassidy, UMBC, 3.09; May Kotsopolous, Vermont, 3.54; Amy Rosenkrantz, Vermont, 3.38; Gia Sanders, UAlbany, 3.19

Player of the Year: Courtney Pilypaitis, So., G, Vermont

Defensive Player of the Year: May Kotsopolous, So., G, Vermont

Rookie of the Year: Denise Beliveau, Fr., F, New Hampshire

Coach of the Year: Trina Patterson, UAlbany



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MIKE KONSTANTY RECORDS FIVE HITS AS UALBANY BASEBALL TIES MANHATTAN, 10-10, IN GAME CALLED DUE TO DARKNESS

Riverdale, N.Y. – Senior first baseman Mike Konstanty had five hits and the game-tying RBI to lead UAlbany to a 10-10 tie with Manhattan on Wednesday, March 12 at Van Cortlandt Park. Following the completion of the ninth inning, the game was called due to darkness.

UAlbany (3-7-1) scored in each of the first three innings to jump out to a 5-0 lead. Sophomore right fielder Brendan Rowland and junior left fielder Gary Pitcheralle opened the contest with consecutive singles. Following a groundout, Konstanty drove in Rowland with a single. In the second frame, Rowland walked with the bases loaded to force in junior third baseman Zac Halloran. The Great Danes added three runs in the third to increase their lead to five. Konstanty led off the inning and later scored on a passed ball. With two outs, freshman designated hitter Jamie Liebowitz singled to drive in the first two runs of his career.

Manhattan (3-7-1), selected to finish second in the MAAC after falling in the championship game last season, answered back with four runs in the bottom of the fourth. Following a lead-off walk, Chad Salem connected on a two-run homer to left. Two batters later, Austin Sheffield drilled a solo shot to left to cut the Jaspers' deficit to two. After a single and a strike out, Luis Llerena doubled to left to plate Ruben Perez from second.

The Great Danes retook a five run lead with four runs in the fifth inning. Junior catcher Ryan Gugel started the scoring with a double to knock in Halloran. After advancing to third on an error, Gugel crossed the plate on a single by pinch-hitter Jim Gaudet. Liebowitz followed with his first career home run to give UAlbany a 9-4 advantage.

The Jaspers scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth to go ahead 10-9. Mark Onorati singled with one out to drive in the first two runs. Two batters later, Salem walked with the bases loaded to force in Eric Nieto. After Onorati scored on a passed ball, Sheffield gave the Jaspers the lead with a single to plate Salem and Dom Lombardi.

After a scoreless seventh and eighth innings, UAlbany tied the contest in the top of the ninth. Pitcheralle and junior center fielder Dave West started the rally with back-to-back two-out walks. Konstanty followed with a single to left center to bring in Pitcheralle. A strike out with the bases loaded ended the inning.

Junior Sean Gregory got Eric Nieto to fly out and struck out Onorati with runners on first and second to end the game.

Freshman southpaw Dave Kubiak pitched the first four innings for the Great Danes, striking out one, while yielding four runs on six hits. Junior Chris Ott struck out two over one and one-third innings, allowing four runs on two hits. Freshman Hunter Moffatt struck out one in two-thirds of an inning, yielding two runs. Gregory pitched the final three innings, giving up three hits while striking out one.

Konstanty's five hits marked a career high and are the most by a UAlbany player since Steve Wyland recorded five against Delaware State on March 18, 2007. Rowland, Pitcheralle and Liebowitz each registered two hits. Gugel, who drew three walks in the contest, and Halloran each scored a pair of runs.

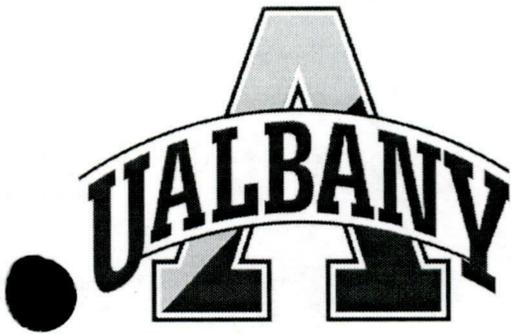
The Great Danes return to action on Friday, March 14 in Queens, N.Y. against St. John's at 3 p.m.

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UAlbany (3-7-1): Dave Kubiak, Chris Ott (5), Hunter Moffatt (6), Sean Gregory (7) and Ryan Gugel.

Manhattan (3-7-1): Zac Goyer, Mike Gazzola (3), Brian Pendergast (5), Mike Tibbetts (7), Dan Forman (8) and Jose Behar.



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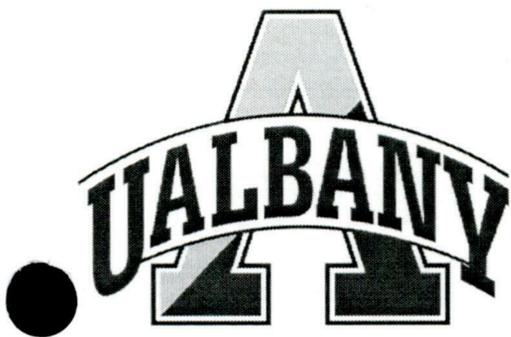
EIGHT UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY PLAYERS NAMED TO ZAG/NFHCA NATIONAL ACADEMIC SQUAD

Albany, N.Y. – All-conference honorees Ashley Ross and Anouk Vandenburg highlight a group of eight UAlbany field hockey players who were named to the ZAG/NFHCA Division I National Academic Squad, as announced by the organization on Wednesday afternoon.

Ross, who was named an all-conference first-team member for the second time, earned Northeast second team accolades after compiling five shutouts and a 1.14 goals against average, putting her sixth in the country. Vandenberg was named to the all-conference first team and all-rookie squad after finishing the season ranked first in the conference and seventh in the nation with 13 assists.

Freshmen Carrie Brown, Suzy Clephane, Sam Daly, Sarah Deane and Joanna Irey, along with junior Vanessa Walter also earned spots on the 2007 squad. The National Academic Squad program recognizes those collegiate student-athletes who have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 through the first semester of the 2007-08 academic year.

UAlbany finished the 2007 season at 15-5 overall after falling to conference champion Boston University in the America East Championship on Nov. 4. The Great Danes finished No. 19 in the final NFHCA national rankings.



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KAYLA BEST SCORES FOUR TIMES IN UALBANY LACROSSE'S 12-9 WIN AGAINST COLGATE

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore Kayla Best (Guilderland) tied a career-high with four goals, including three in the first half, in leading UAlbany to a 12-9 non-conference victory over Colgate on Tuesday evening at John Fallon Field.

UAlbany (4-2) reversed an early 1-0 deficit with five consecutive goals over a four-plus minute span. Freshman Tee Ladouceur (Bethlehem Central), who scored twice and had one assist, put her team ahead by cutting to the top of the crease and placing Jane Bush's pass from behind into the net. Best tallied back-to-back goals 15 seconds apart. The all-conference midfielder sent a blast inside the left post while driving in the middle of the zone. After Ladouceur won the following draw control, Best went to the cage and sent a low shot past Colgate goalkeeper Sara Drexler. Jodi Battaglia capped that outburst by converting a free-position attempt.

Colgate (2-5) would later close to within 6-4 with 5:01 left in the opening half. Sophomore Brie Moran, who had three goals, including her 16th of the season, sent a free-position opportunity into the lower left corner. Colleen Bubnack then worked her way in from the right side and fired a low shot into the cage. Bubnack, a freshman midfielder, added three assists.

The Great Danes, who had dropped five of the previous six meetings in this regional series, netted a pair of goals before halftime. Battaglia scored on a give-and-go from Bush from in front of the crease. Best gave her team an 8-4 cushion at the intermission by depositing a free-position shot into the left side with 2.7 seconds remaining.

The Raiders, who were coming off an 11-8 win over Patriot League opponent Holy Cross last Saturday, never got closer than three in the second half. Jess Van der Muelen recorded the second of her two goals with 3:03 to play. But Battaglia, a freshman midfielder, scored her third goal nearly two minutes later when she stripped Drexler trying to clear the ball and found an empty net.

"It wasn't pretty, but we won," stated UAlbany coach Lindsey Hart, whose team matched its best six-game record at the Division I level. "Our defensive made some good stops, and we won draw controls and pushed the fastbreak. (Jodi) Battaglia played well on both ends of the field."

UAlbany's Christine Grueniger had two goals, including her 12th of the year, while Bush posted a career-best assist total. Goalkeeper Katie Neer made eight saves.

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Colgate (2-5)	4	5	-	9
UAlbany (4-2)	8	4	-	12

Colgate – Scoring: Brie Moran 3-0, Jess Van der Muelen 2-0, Colleen Bubnack 1-3, Ashley Didio 1-0, Lindsay Pittard 1-0, Meghan Lawler 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Sara Drexler (60:00, 3 saves, 12 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Kayla Best 4-0, Jodi Battaglia 3-0, Tee Ladouceur 2-1, Christine Grueniger 2-0, Nikki Branchini 1-0, Jane Bush 0-3; Goalkeeper(s): Katie Neer (60:00, 8 saves, 9 GA).

UALBANY TENNIS BREAKS PROGRAM RECORD WITH 12TH WIN

Hamilton, N.Y. – The UAlbany tennis team recorded a 5-2 win over Colgate in non-conference action Tuesday afternoon, giving the Great Danes a 12-2 record for the season and breaking the program record for single season wins. UAlbany had won 11 matches on two occasions, most recently in 1999-00, before moving to the Division I level.

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UAlbany was led by freshman Laine Mackey, whose 7-6 (9-7), 6-3 win over Erin Fenn at No. 5 singles solidified the match win for the Great Danes. Mackey also combined with Amanda Hall for an 8-2 win over Cameron Williams and Stephanie Bender at second doubles. Freshman Susan Ma claimed a 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Samantha Inacker at No. 2 singles, while Kim Weltman posted a 6-0, 6-4 victory against the Raiders' Isabel Riemer at the third singles position. Charlotte Tatler and Amanda Hall also posted singles wins for the Great Danes, defeating Cameron Williams (6-4, 6-2) and Jackie Stimmel (2-6, 6-3, 6-2), respectively.

Colgate received a singles win from Elise Derosé, who defeated Aimee Kern, 6-1, 6-2, at the No. 1 singles position. Derosé and Inacker defeated Kern and Ma at top doubles, 8-5, while Riemer and Fenn posted an 8-5 victory over Weltman and Tatler at No. 3 doubles.

UAlbany will return to action on Sunday, March 30, hosting Sacred Heart.

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Singles

Elise Derosé (CU) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-1, 6-2

Susan Ma (UA) def. Samantha Inacker (CU), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4

Kim Weltman (UA) def. Isabel Riemer (CU), 6-0, 6-4

Charlotte Tatler (UA) def. Cameron Williams (CU), 6-4, 6-2

Laine Mackey (UA) def. Erin Fenn (CU), 7-6 (9-7), 6-3

Amanda Hall (UA) def. Jackie Stimmel (CU), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

Derosé/Inacker (CU) def. Kern/Ma (UA), 8-5

Mackey/Hall (UA) def. Williams/Stephanie Bender (CU), 8-2

Riemer/Fenn (CU) def. Weltman/Tatler (UA), 8-5



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MASSACHUSETTS HOLDS OFF UALBANY, 9-8, IN MEN'S LACROSSE ACTION AT GARBER FIELD

Amherst, Mass. – Junior attack Tim Balise had three goals and one assist as Massachusetts held off UAlbany, 9-8, in non-league play on Tuesday afternoon at Garber Field. The two lacrosse teams battled to a one-goal decision for the fifth consecutive year.

UMass (2-2) controlled the action for most of the way by winning 14 of 20 face-offs. The Minutemen, who led 5-3 at halftime, opened up a four-goal lead in the third period. Senior defenseman Brian Danvers scored her first career goal with the long pole after a defensive double-team led to a turnover by UAlbany's Jordan Levine. Balise gave his team a 7-3 advantage by driving from the left corner and placing a shot over goalkeeper Brett Queener's shoulder with 7:41 left in the quarter.

The Minutemen, who have made 17 NCAA appearances in their history and reached the national championship game in 2006, kept its four-goal cushion midway through the final stanza when Fred Federico connected on a blast in an extra-man situation.

UAlbany (0-4) rallied in the late stages by scoring three times in a one-minute-and-12 second span. Derek Dale scored back-to-back goals, the first after Queener caused a turnover and the second after Levine won the subsequent face-off. The Great Danes, who lost in triple-overtime to nationally-ranked Delaware three days ago, closed the gap to 9-8 with 1:12 remaining. Corey Small converted after UMass' Kevin Wright was stripped of the ball by defender Mark Kelly as his team doubled the ball.

The Great Danes had two chances to draw even in the final minute but could get the equalizer. After winning the draw following Small's goal, Dale threw a pass that resulted in a turnover. Mike Ammann, a senior midfielder, then intercepted UMass' clearing attempt, but his twin brother Steve sent a shot high over the net with 21 seconds on the clock.

Doc Schneider, an All-ECAC goalkeeper, made 16 saves for the Minutemen, who avenged last year's 10-9 overtime loss at John Fallon Field. Freshman Zach Rogers added one goal and two assists. UAlbany's Levine totaled two goals and two assists as his team has opened the season with four consecutive losses for the first time as a Division I program.

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UAlbany (0-4)	2	1	1	4	-	8
Massachusetts (2-2)	3	2	2	2	-	9

UAlbany – Scoring: Jordan Levine 2-2, Derek Dale 2-0, John Alpizar 1-1, Corey Small 1-0, Brian Grodotske 1-0, Steve Ammann 1-0, Mike Ammann 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (53:01, 10 saves, 7 GA), Dan McKeon (6:59, 3 saves, 2 GA).

Massachusetts – Scoring: Tim Balise 3-1, Zach Rogers 1-2, Evan Blum 1-0, Brian Danvers 1-0, Bobby Hayes 1-0, Paul Manesis 1-0, Fred Federico 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Doc Schneider (60:00, 16 saves, 8 GA).



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UALBANY'S TEE LADOUCEUR NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Cambridge, Mass. – University at Albany's Tee Ladouceur (Bethlehem Central) has been chosen as America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office.

Ladouceur, a freshman attack/midfielder from Slingerlands, N.Y., totaled 10 goals, one assist, nine ground balls and six caused turnovers in three games. UAlbany (3-2) defeated Siena and Le Moyne and lost to unbeaten Harvard last week. She leads the team in scoring with 14 goals and two assists this season.

Ladouceur had three goals, all in the second half, in a come-from-behind win versus Le Moyne, the defending Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champion. She tallied a career-high four goals against Harvard. Ladouceur, a first-team high school All-American and the Capital Region's offensive player of the year in 2007, added three goals and one assist against Siena, plus picked up a career-best five ground balls.



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UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SEEDED FOURTH FOR AMERICA EAST TOURNAMENT

Cambridge, Mass. – Hartford has earned the top seed in the America East Conference Tournament after winning the regular-season title for the third straight season. The Hawks, who finished 23-5 overall and 13-2 in the conference, will host the 2008 tournament, presented by Friendship Cottage Cheese, at Chase Arena in West Hartford, Conn.

The America East championship tournament will begin with a first-round match-up between eighth seeded Maine (7-22, AE 4-12) and ninth seeded Stony Brook (7-22, AE 2-14) on Thursday, March 13. Quarterfinal games will take place on Friday, March 14, with semifinal action starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 15. The 2008 championship will be played on Sunday at 5 p.m. The America East champion receives an automatic NCAA berth.

UAlbany (12-17, AE 10-6) is the fourth seed and will meet No. 5 Binghamton (11-8, AE 9-7) in the second quarterfinal game of Friday's evening session. The game will start 30 minutes after the completion of the contest between Hartford and the winner of the Maine/Stony Brook match-up, which begins at 6 p.m. The Great Danes, who have earned their highest seeding in the conference tournament since joining the America East in 2001, took both games from Binghamton during the regular-season series.

Senior forwards Kristin Higy and Gia Sanders have paced the Great Danes this season. Higy leads the team offensively, averaging 10.9 points per game while leading the conference in three-point shooting percentage (.384). Sanders, UAlbany's career blocks leader, is chipping in with 9.0 points per game and is also grabbing a team-high 6.9 rebounds per contest. Sanders also is first on the team with 1.92 steals and 1.52 blocks per game.

Binghamton won three of its final four games before losing the regular-season finale to UAlbany on March 5. The Bearcats are led by seniors Laine Kurpniece and Laura Sario, who average 12.4 and 10.3 points per game, respectively. Kurpniece, a preseason all-conference selection, also grabs a team-high 5.3 rebounds per game.

2008 America East Conference Women's Basketball Championship

(University of Hartford's Chase Arena at the Reich Family Pavilion, West Hartford, Conn.)

Thursday, March 13

Game 1 - #8 Maine (7-22, 4-12) vs. #9 Stony Brook (7-22, 2-14), 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 14

Game 2 - #7 New Hampshire (7-21, 4-12) vs. #2 Vermont (22-7, 13-3), 12 noon

Game 3 - #6 UMBC (9-19, 5-10) vs. #3 Boston U. (18-11, 11-5), 2:00 p.m.*

Game 4 - Game 1 winner vs. #1 Hartford (23-5, 13-2), 6:00 p.m.

Game 5 - #5 Binghamton (11-18, 9-7) vs. #4 UAlbany (12-17, 10-6), 8:00 p.m.*

Saturday, March 15

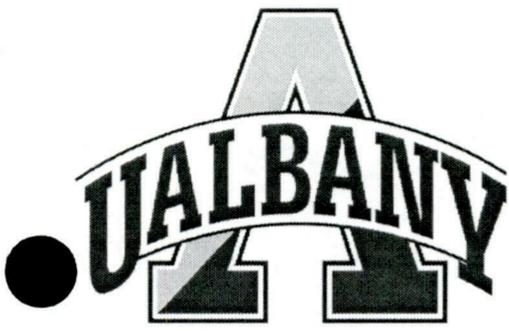
Game 6 – Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5 p.m. (AE-TV/NESN)

Game 7 – Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 7 p.m. (AE-TV/NESN)

Sunday, March 16

Game 8 – America East Conference Championship, 5 p.m. (AE-TV/CSN)

*Second game of each session will start 30 minutes following the conclusion of the prior contest



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UALBANY BASEBALL EARNS SPLIT OF DOUBLEHEADER AT FURMAN

Greenville, S.C. – Junior Josh Willimott struck out three over five innings and junior Dave Noble pitched four scoreless innings to lead UAlbany to a 6-3 win over Furman to earn the split of a doubleheader on Sunday, March 8 at Furman Stadium. The Paladins took the first game of the afternoon 5-2.

UAlbany (3-7) jumped on the board with two runs in the first inning. Junior left fielder Gary Pitcheralle and junior center fielder Dave West registered consecutive singles with one out. In trying to pick West off first base, Furman's Chris Newell through the ball away, allowing Pitcheralle to score from second and West to move to third. Following an out, junior shortstop Sean Donovan singled through the right side to bring in West.

Furman (7-3) knotted the score at two with a pair of runs in the bottom of the second. With two outs, centerfielder Joey Rodgers connected on a two-run homer to left that also brought in Justin Holloway, who led off the frame with an infield single.

The Great Danes retook the lead in the fourth on senior first baseman Mike Konstanty's second solo home run of the day. The Paladins answered back with a run of their own in the bottom half of the inning. Right fielder Campbell Lewis plated Holloway from second on a single up the middle.

UAlbany took the lead for good in the fifth inning. West recorded a two-out single to center to drive in freshman second baseman Kyle Crean, who reached base on a one-out double down the left field line. The Great Danes added two insurance runs in the seventh inning to close out the contest's scoring. Senior catcher Tom Zink led off with a double down the left field line. Following a sacrifice bunt by Crean, sophomore right fielder Brendan Rowland singled to left field to bring in Zink. Two batters later, West doubled to left center to drive in Pitcheralle, who had reached base on a fielder's choice and then stole second.

Willimott (2-0) picked up the win by striking out three over five innings, while yielding three runs (two earned) on five hits. Noble struck out four over four scoreless frames, allowing just three hits, to pick up his first save of the season. Newell took the loss for the Paladins, allowing four runs (three earned) on seven hits over five innings.

At the plate for the Great Danes, West drove in two runs on three hits and scored once, while Pitcheralle crossed the plate for two runs.

In the opener, Furman took an early lead by getting on the board in the first inning. With two outs and two runners on base via walks, left fielder Jay Jackson, the winning pitcher in the first game of the series on Saturday, singled up the middle to plate shortstop Connor Lind from second base.

The Paladins added three runs in the third inning off the bat of Jackson. Following consecutive singles by Bobby Hubbard and Ryan Lee to lead off the inning, Jackson blasted a three-run homer over the fence in left center.

UAlbany cut into the lead with a run in the top half of the sixth inning. With one out, senior first baseman Mike Konstanty homered to right field to narrow the gap to 4-1. The Paladins increased their lead back to four with a run in the bottom of the sixth. Lewis led off the inning with a double to center and moved to third on a fly out. Rodgers drove in Lewis with a single to right field for Furman's final run of the contest.

In the top of the eighth inning, the Great Danes loaded the bases, but could only score once. Pitcheralle led off the inning with a single through the left side and moved to third on a fielding error and a walk. Donovan followed with a bases-loaded single to left field to score Pitcheralle. Relief pitcher Nick Karow ended the rally with three consecutive outs.

Junior southpaw Cory Warrings (0-2) took the loss for the Great Danes, yielding five runs on eight hits over six innings, while striking out one. Senior Casey Walsh pitched two scoreless innings with one strikeout. Mason Smith recorded his second win of the season, striking out three, while giving up just one run on five hits in five and one-third innings of work. Karow picked up his second save.

UAlbany returns to the field for a mid-week contest at Manhattan on Wednesday, March 12 at 3:30 p.m.

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UAlbany (2-7)	000	001	010	-	2	8	4
Furman (7-2)	103	001	00X	-	5	9	3

UAlbany (2-7): Cory Warrings (L, 0-2), Casey Walsh (7) and Ryan Gugel.

Furman (7-2): Mason Smith (W, 2-0), Barry Benton (6), Ian Parry (7) Nick Karow (8, S, 2) and Matt Hemingway.

UAlbany (3-7)	200	110	200	-	6	10	1
Furman (7-3)	020	100	000	-	3	8	1

UAlbany (3-7): Josh Willimott (W, 2-0), Dave Noble (6, S, 1) and Tom Zink.

Furman (7-3): Chris Newell (L, 0-1), Justin Holloway (6), Spencer Hale (7), Barry Benton (7), Nick Karow (9) and Matt Hemingway.



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UALBANY MEN FINISH SIXTH AT IC4A CHAMPIONSHIP; WOMEN PLACE 23RD AT ECAC MEET

Boston, Mass. – Junior Jean Juste finished second in the 55-meter hurdles to lead UAlbany to a sixth-place finish at the IC4A Indoor Track & Field Championship on Sunday, March 9 at Boston University's Track & Tennis Center. The Great Danes totaled 31 points at the two-day meet, while Georgetown captured the team title. The UAlbany women finished 23rd out of 53 teams at the ECAC Championship, held at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Juste, who placed fifth in the 55-meter hurdles at the 2007 IC4A meet, sprinted a personal-best time of 7.41 seconds to capture the silver. Juste, who is a starting defensive back on the UAlbany football team, advanced to the finals with a time of 7.47 seconds in the semifinals. Freshman Daniel Avery finished fourth in the event with a time of 7.44 seconds. Avery turned in the fastest time of his career and this season by a Great Dane in the semifinal round by crossing the finish line in 7.39 seconds. In the 55-meter dash, senior Dieuseul Joseph placed fifth, a repeat of his performance at the 2007 IC4A meet, in a career-best time of 6.38 seconds. Joseph recorded the same time in the event's semifinals.

Senior David Parker (Niskayuna), the current America East Conference champion, finished second in the heptathlon with 5,246 points. Parker placed third at last season's IC4A competition. Junior Freddie Wills registered an eighth-place performance with 5,032 points.

At the ECAC competition, junior Laura Cummings placed fifth in the 1,000-meter run in a season-best 2:51.92. In the triple jump, a pair of Great Danes scored points. Junior Jenn Garrant was fourth with a leap of 40-feet, 11.75-inches and senior Arina Gerasimova came in fifth with a distance of 40-feet.

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Men's IC4A Results**Team Scores**

1. Georgetown 86, 2. Liberty 67, 3. Delaware State 45, 4. Manhattan 38, 5. Pittsburgh 32, **6. UAlbany 31**, 7. Seton Hall 29, 8. Yale 28.50, 9. Rutgers 28, 10. Iona 23.

UAlbany Individual Results

55M Dash: 5. Dieuseul Joseph 6.38 (6.38). **55M Hurdles:** 2. Jean Juste 7.411, 4. Daniel Avery 7.44. **200M Dash:** 9. Torshiro Jenkins 22.18. **Heptathlon:** 2. David Parker 5,246, 8. Freddie Wills 5,032. **Triple Jump:** Mike McCadney FOUL.

Women's ECAC Results**Team Scores**

1. Connecticut 60.50, 2. Seton Hall 49, 3. Syracuse 47, 4. Boston College 40, 5. George Mason 36, 6. William & Mary 31, T7. Providence 27, T7. Cornell 27, T7. Duke 27, 10. Harvard 26, **23. UAlbany 13**.

UAlbany Individual Results

1000 Meter Run: 5. Laura Cummings 2:51.92. **Triple Jump:** 4. Jenn Garrant 40-11.75, 5. Arina Gerasimova 40-0, 11. Tiffany Sprenkels 38-7.50, 17. Sandy Antenor 37-11.50.



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UALBANY RALLIES IN SECOND HALF FOR 10-7 NON-LEAGUE VICTORY OVER LE MOYNE

Albany, N.Y. – Stacey Brown and Christine Grueniger each had three goals and one assist as UAlbany rallied in the final period for a 10-7 non-league win over Le Moyne on Sunday afternoon at John Fallon Field.

Le Moyne (2-3) constructed a 7-2 halftime advantage behind the play of Whitney Vecchio and Kylie Rosette, who combined for five goals in the opening thirty minutes. Vecchio, an All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference attacker, gave her team a 5-2 lead with 11:07 remaining before the intermission when she came from behind to catch Lisa McCarthy's feed and score from the left side. Rebekah Elmer and Vecchio later found the net one minute and 15 seconds apart in building a five-goal margin. Elmer and Vecchio each converted free-position opportunities.

In the second half, Grueniger tallied back-to-back goals to begin her team's run of eight unanswered. The sophomore attack scored from the top of crease off Brown's pass from the left and then hit an empty net in a free-position situation. Freshman Tee Ladouceur (Bethlehem Central), who did all of her scoring in the final stanza with three goals, tied the contest at seven apiece with 10:44 remaining. She converted a drive by switching to her left hand and shooting across her body.

Kayla Best (Guilderland) gave UAlbany (3-2) its first lead one minute and eight seconds later when she hauled in Grueniger's right-to-left crossing pass and netted her ninth goal of the season. Ladouceur gave the Great Danes a 9-7 cushion when she cut to the top of left crease to deposit Jane Bush's pass from behind the cage. Brown, who posted career-highs in goals and points, added an insurance tally with 4:36 to play.

"We were very flat and tentative and played not to make a mistake in the first half," said UAlbany coach Lindsey Hart, who saw both teams battle 20-plus mile-per-hour winds and a temperature that hovered in the low 30's. "We were able to dominate the draw, make shorter passes and shoot better in the second half. Le Moyne played with a lot of heart and we needed to raise our level."

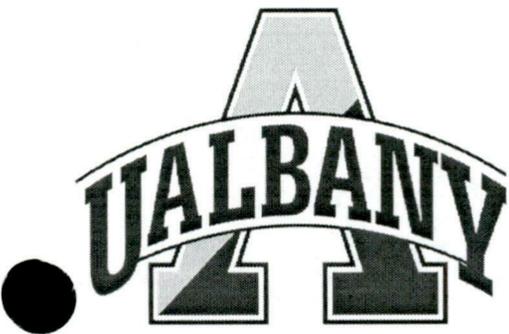
Rosette, a senior attack, finished with two goals and one assist for the Dolphins, who won last year's MAAC title and earned an NCAA berth. Goalkeeper Samantha Falcone made 11 saves. UAlbany's Katie Neer stopped eight shots, including six in the final stanza.

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Le Moyne (2-3)	7	0	-	7
UAlbany (3-2)	2	8	-	10

Le Moyne – Scoring: Whitney Vecchio 3-1, Kylie Rosette 2-1, Lisa McCarthy 1-1, Rebekah Elmer 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Samantha Falcone (60:00, 11 saves, 10 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Stacey Brown 3-1, Christine Grueniger 3-1, Tee Ladouceur 3-0, Kayla Best 1-1, Jane Bush 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Katie Neer (60:00, 8 saves, 7 GA).



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BOSTON U. RECORDS OVERTIME WIN OVER UALBANY IN AMERICA EAST QUARTERFINAL

Vestal, N.Y. – Carlos Strong had 17 points off the bench and John Holland added 16 in leading Boston University to a 68-64 victory over UAlbany in the quarterfinal round of the America East Conference on Saturday evening at Binghamton University's Events Center. The Terriers, who have won nine of their last 11 contests, will meet No. 2 seed Hartford in the semifinals.

Boston U. (14-16) led 52-47 with 3:10 left in the regulation when Strong beat the shot clock with a three-point field goal from right of the key. UAlbany (15-15) sliced the deficit to 54-53 on two free throws by Brian Lillis, a 6-foot-5 senior who led all scorers with 24 points. After BU's Corey Lowe split a pair of foul shots, the Great Danes' Jon Iati tied the contest at 56 apiece on a 3-pointer from the top of the arc with 9.9 seconds to play. The Terriers failed to get off a shot in the closing seconds.

In the extra period, Boston U. took a quick 60-56 advantage when Lowe tipped in his own miss and converted a driving bank shot. The Great Danes, who won both regular-season meetings between the teams, later got within 66-64 on Lillis' two foul shots. But Tyler Morris and Holland each made one of two from the line in the final 13 seconds to preserve the lead.

"I'm extremely proud of the toughness that our kids showed in this game," said BU coach Dennis Wolff, whose squad was eliminated by UAlbany in last year's semifinal round. "That team has been extremely tough, and we have not been able to match that in the recent games with them."

UAlbany used a 10-3 run to take a 19-10 lead midway through the first half. Iati, who 16 points, canned a three-point field goal from the left corner off an in-bounds pass to complete that stretch. The Great Danes moved out to a 29-19 margin when Lillis converted a baseline drive and made a pair of free throws. However, the Terriers, the tournament's sixth seed, turned up their defensive effort holding the third seed without a field goal over the final seven-plus minutes of the period. Meanwhile, Strong, who had 12 first half points, drilled two three-pointers during that span. His long-range shot from the left corner beat the buzzer to end the half and close the gap to 30-29.

"I really thought the winner of this game could win this whole thing," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team went without a field goal for an 11-minute stretch in the second half. "When I first got the job at Albany, Boston University was the program and that's what we tried to copy, so if we have to lose I guess BU's the program to lose to. They were physical and took us out of our sets. They crawled into us and we missed some free throws at critical times."

The Terriers, who held their opponent to 31.9-percent shooting, ran off 10 unanswered to erase UAlbany's 34-29 lead early in the final period. Holland, the league's top rookie who grabbed eight rebounds, made a three-pointer to put his team ahead. Lowe, who totaled 11 points and seven rebounds, hit a layup off an in-bounds play to finish off the run. The Great Danes rallied to tie the contest at 42 apiece when Iati nailed one of his four 3-pointers with 11:10 remaining.

UAlbany's Brian Connelly had nine points and four rebounds, but missed two free throws after making a steal in the backcourt that would have tied the game at 64-all with 40 seconds left in overtime. Brent Wilson, one of three seniors playing in his final game, added eight points and fouled out with 2:16 left in regulation.

"We gave everything we had," said Iati, who has seen the UAlbany program rise to win conference titles after from a five-win campaign during his freshman year. "You want to end your career in the NCAAs, but there was no storybook ending. I am proud of all the things we have done here and the two championships."



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FURMAN DOWNS UALBANY BASEBALL, 12-1, IN FIRST GAME OF WEEKEND SERIES

Greenville, S.C. – Jay Jackson struck out nine over six innings to lead Furman to a 12-1 win over UAlbany in non-conference baseball action on Saturday, March 8 at Furman Stadium.

Furman (6-2) scored runs in each of the first five innings to jump out to a 9-0 lead. Marcus Rose led off the first with a double to center field and scored two batters later on a wild pitch. The Paladins tallied two runs in the bottom of the second inning. Shortstop Connor Lind and third baseman Bobby Hubbard drew consecutive bases-loaded walks to each plate an unearned run.

Furman knocked UAlbany right-hander Nate Novak out of the game with three runs in the bottom of the third inning. Catcher Matt Hemingway singled to left field to score Justin Holloway and Campbell Lewis. Following a hit batter and a walk, Hemingway scored from third on a groundout by Lind. First baseman Ryan Lee led off the fourth inning with a double to left and scored on a wild pitch following a groundout to make the score 7-0.

In the fifth inning, the Paladins tacked on two runs. Joey Rodgers started the inning with a double down the left field line. Following a fielding error that put Rose on base, Lind drove in Rodgers with a single to left. Rose scored from third on a groundout by pinch-hitter Ron Fondu.

UAlbany (2-6) cut into Furman's lead with a run in the top of the sixth inning. Sophomore right fielder Brendan Rowland led off the inning with a single to the shortstop. After a hit batter, junior centerfielder Dave West singled through the left side to knock in Rowland.

Furman closed out the game's scoring with three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Rose walked to lead off the inning. After a strikeout, Hubbard and Lee registered consecutive singles to plate pinch-runner Cameron Allmendinger. Following another strikeout, Hubbard scored on a wild pitch and Lee crossed the plate on a single by pinch-hitter Aaron Thompkins.

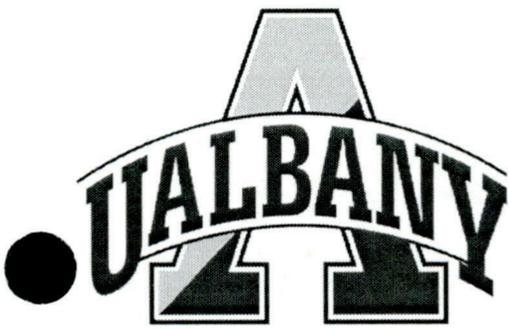
Novak dropped his second decision of the season, striking out three over two and one-third innings, allowing six runs (four earned) on three hits. Marco Rivera yielded three runs (two earned) in one and two-thirds innings of relief. Matthew Herrick struck out two batters in two hitless frames and Hunter Moffatt closed out the game for UAlbany, striking out four and allowing three runs in two innings. Jackson improved to 2-0 on the season for Furman, striking out nine, while yielding just one run on five hits over six innings. J.P. Goldsberry pitched two hitless innings and Blaine Hart pitched a hitless ninth.

The Great Danes and the Paladins resume their three-game series with a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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Furman (6-2)	123	120	30X	-	12	10	0

UAlbany (2-6): Nate Novak (L, 0-2), Marco Rivera (3), Matthew Herrick (5), Hunter Moffatt (7) and Tom Zink.
Furman (6-2): Jay Jackson (W, 2-0), J.P. Goldsberry (7), Blaine Hart (9) and Matt Hemingway, Kevin Smith (9).



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Craig Lane / 518-442-3359**DAVID PARKER IN THIRD PLACE AFTER FIRST DAY OF IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS; LAURA CUMMINGS
ADVANCES AT ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's David Parker is in third place through four events in the heptathlon to lead the Great Danes on the first day at the IC4A Indoor Track & Field Championships on Saturday, March 8 at the Boston U. Track and Tennis Center in Boston, Mass. Through four events, the Great Danes are in 14th place with five points. In the women's ECAC competition at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass., junior Laura Cummings qualified for the finals in the 1,000-meter run.

Parker, a senior, has 2,879 points for third place, while junior Freddie Wills is tied for fifth with 2,837 points, through the heptathlon's first four events. Parker's best showing came in the high jump, in which he placed first by clearing the bar at 6-feet, 6.75-inches. Wills had his top performance in the 55-meter dash, finishing fifth in 6.74 seconds.

A pair of Great Danes qualified for the semi-finals in the 55-meter hurdles. Junior Jean Juste, the America East Conference champion, placed fifth in the trials with a time of 7.48 seconds, while freshman Daniel Avery finished seventh with a time of 7.48 seconds. Senior Dieuseul Joseph, who won the 55-meter dash at the America East Championships, advanced to the 55-meter dash semi-finals with time of 6.47 seconds. Freshman Torshiro Jenkins turned in a season-best time of 22.03 seconds in the 200-meter dash to advance to the finals.

In the long jump, Valette Graham placed fourth with a leap of 23-feet, 5.5-inches to score UAlbany's five points of the day, while Kyle Nadler finished tenth with a distance of 22-feet, 3-inches. Sophomore Luke Schoen turned in a ninth-place finish in the pole vault at 16-feet, 0.75-inches and freshman Michael Dempsey placed 10th at 15-feet, 9-inches. Freshman Wilfredo de Jesus Elias registered a distance of 57-feet, 4.75-inches in the weight throw. The quartet of Alan Nimblette, Joe Belokopitsky, Jared Jupin and Tyler Fogarty ran a season-best 7:44.18 in the 4x800-meter relay.

At the ECAC meet, Cummings turned in a season-best performance of 2:53.32 to place eighth in the 1,000-meter run and advance to the finals. Sophomore Zuliana Fontanez recorded her best time of the season in the 500-meter dash, finishing in 1:15.51. Junior Kamilah McShine registered the best time of the season by a Great Dane in the 60-meter hurdles, crossing the finish line in 8.91 seconds.

The men's IC4A meet resumes on Sunday at 10 a.m., while day two of the ECAC meet starts at 11 a.m.

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Men's IC4A Results

Heptathlon: 3. David Parker 2,879, T5. Freddie Wills 2,837. **55M Dash:** 11. Dieuseul Joseph 6.47. **55M Hurdles:** 5. Jean Juste 7.48, 7. Daniel Avery 7.48. **200M Dash:** 10. Torshiro Jenkins 22.03, Jeffery Barnes FS. **4x800M Relay:** 13. Alan Nimblette, Joe Belokopitsky, Jared Jupin, Tyler Fogarty 7:44.18. **4x400M Relay:** 13. Andrew Overbaugh, Torshiro Jenkins, Drew Harrison, Jeffery Barnes 3:18.26. **Long Jump:** 4. Valette Graham 23-5.50, 10. Kyle Nadler 22-3. **Pole Vault:** 9. Luke Schoen 16-0.75, 10. Mike Dempsey 15-9. **Weight Throw:** 11. Wilfredo de Jesus Elias 57-4.75.

Women's ECAC Results

60 Meter Hurdles: 20. Kamilah McShine 8.91. **500 Meter Dash:** 17. Zuliana Fontanez 1:15.51. **High Jump:** 15. Brenna Militello 5-5. **1000 Meter Run:** 8. Laura Cummings 2:53.32. **4 x 400 Meter Relay:** 19. Melissa Lee, Zuliana Fontanez, Ashley Vives, Octavia Clarkson 3:54.46.



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MARTIN CAHILL'S GOAL LEADS DELAWARE TO TRIPLE-OVERTIME WIN OVER UALBANY

Newark, Del. – Martin Cahill scored the game-winning goal with two minutes and 12 seconds remaining in the third overtime to lead ninth-ranked Delaware to an 8-7 victory over UAlbany on Saturday afternoon in the rain and wind at Rullo Stadium.

Delaware goalkeeper Tom Scherr, who had 18 saves, stopped Mike Ammann's shot in the third extra period. Following a successful clear to the midfield line, Cahill scored his 11th goal of the season by converting a bounce shot to finish off the transitional play. UAlbany (0-3) had eight of its 41 shots in the three overtimes, but could not get one past Scherr.

Delaware (5-0) led by two goals on three occasions during regulation. After a scoreless third quarter, UAlbany's Derek Dale tied the contest at six apiece on a possession that started following a Blue Hen turnover. Delaware's J.J. Moran regained the lead with 6:01 to play off a pass from Curtis Dickson, who led all scorers with four goals and one assist.

Brian Grodotzke, who had been injured for the most of the previous two seasons and was making his first appearance of the year, tallied his third goal of the game with 3:20 left in the final period. Each team had a scoring opportunity in the last minute of the quarter. Moran's blast sailed wide with 41 seconds remaining, before UAlbany's Jordan Levine had his shot blocked at the end.

Dickson, a sophomore, netted his 16th of the season for a 6-4 lead in the second quarter after defenseman Sean Kostkowski caused a turnover near midfield. Grodotzke, who had a career-high scoring total, closed the gap to one by halftime.

Corey Small had three goals and one assist for the Great Danes, who were playing their third consecutive top-10 opponent. Goalkeeper Brett Queener made nine saves. Vincent Giordano had two goals and assisted on another, all in the first quarter, for the Blue Hens, who are enjoying their national highest ranking since 1999. The Blue Hens reached the NCAA Final Four and posted a 13-6 record last season.

#16 UAlbany (0-3)	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	-	7
#9 Delaware (5-0)	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	-	8

UAlbany – Scoring: Corey Small 3-1, Brian Grodotzke 3-0, Derek Dale 1-1, Mike Ammann 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (66:32, 9 saves, 7 GA), Dan McKeon (3:16, 0 saves, 1 GA).

Delaware – Scoring: Curtis Dickson 4-1, Vincent Giordano 2-1, J.J. Moran 1-0, Martin Cahill 1-0, Drew Turner 0-1, Cam Howard 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Tom Scherr (69:48, 18 saves, 7 GA).

UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS IN OVERTIME, 76-67, IN REGULAR-SEASON FINALE AT BOSTON U.

Boston, Mass. – Boston U.'s Cheri Raffo scored 15 points, including a three-pointer with 19 seconds remaining in regulation, to lead the Terriers to a 76-67 America East Conference women's basketball overtime victory over UAlbany in the final game of the regular season for both teams on Saturday, March 8 at Case Gym. The Great Danes finished in fourth place in the conference standings, while the Terriers captured third place, entering next weekend's postseason tournament.

UAlbany (12-17, AE 10-6) traded baskets with the Terriers throughout the first half, which featured 10 ties and four lead changes. After Boston U.'s Aly Hinton tied the game for the final time of the half at 24, the Great Danes went on a 12-2 run to jump out to a 10-point advantage. Guard TaNika Thrower scored six points in the streak, while senior Gia Sanders tallied four. Boston U. converted four free throws to deliver the 36-30 halftime score.

Boston U. (18-11, AE 11-5) scored 11 of the second half's first 15 points to take a 41-40 lead with 15:54 remaining. Christine Kinneary converted on a jump shot to give the Terriers the advantage. The two teams traded baskets over the next five minutes, with UAlbany's Amira Ford tying the game at 49 with a lay-up off a feed from senior Sherri Mikus.

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The Terriers went on an 11-6 run over the next minutes to open up their largest lead of the half. Amarac Umez-Eronini scored five points in the streak, capped by a lay-up with 6:55 remaining.

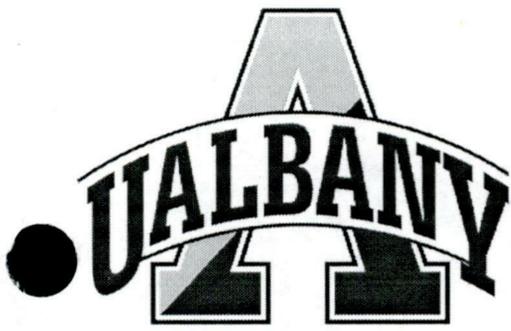
UAlbany responded with a 12-0 run to take a 67-60 lead with 2:17 remaining in the stanza. Sanders converted a basket in the paint to ignite the run and sophomore Charity Iromuanya tallied consecutive lay-ups to give the Great Danes the lead. Thrower scored twice around a Sanders basket to cap the rally.

Following a 30-second timeout, Kinneary made a jumper to cut the UAlbany lead to five. Hinton narrowed the deficit to three with a pair of free throws at the 1:35 mark. After a UAlbany turnover with 50 seconds left, Raffo hit the game-tying three-pointer on an assist from Kinneary. Iromuanya misfired on a jumper with a four seconds remaining to force the extra session.

In the overtime period, the Terriers used seven foul shots and a put-back by Hinton off a missed free throw to seal the game. Kasey Devine converted her first free throw attempt of the period with 4:40 remaining for the only point the Terriers would need.

"We let one slip away," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, whose team finished the regular season with the most conference wins in the program's history. "We had the opportunity to spoil Boston's undefeated home record. We played with heart, but we didn't make smart plays down the stretch. We had some uncharacteristic plays by our upperclassmen. Our mindset needs to move forward for the tournament."

Iromuanya scored a game-high 19 points to lead three Great Danes in double-figures. Sanders scored 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, while Thrower added 14 points off the bench. Raffo was one of five Terriers in double-digits. Hinton and Umez-Eronini added 12, with Devine and Kinneary each registering 11. Umez-Eronini and Devine both pulled down 10 rebounds.



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UALBANY TENNIS DEFEATS MARIST, 6-1, IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – The UAlbany tennis team defeated Marist 6-1 in non-conference action on Friday, March 7 at The Bubble to improve to 11-2 on the season. The Great Danes won five of six singles matches in straight sets.

Freshman Susan Ma, the reigning America East Conference performer of the week, won her eighth straight match with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Erin Godly at No. 2 singles. Marist's Christine Ong topped Aimee Kern topped 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) at first singles. At No. 3 singles, junior Kim Weltman won in straight sets over Cassie Strange by the scores of 6-1 and 6-2. Freshman Charlotte Tatler picked up her 10th singles win of the spring season with a 6-2, 6-1 at fourth singles against Alexa Strange. Laine Mackey topped Emily Zampello 6-0 in the first set and 6-1 in second set at No. 5 singles, while senior Amanda Hall won at No. 6 singles, 6-1, 6-0, over Retta Byron.

In doubles play, Mackey and Hall were victorious over Ong and Cassie Strange, 8-5, at the No. 2 spot. At third doubles, Weltman teamed with Caitlin Crowley to defeat Zampello and Natalie Fouche 8-0. Godly and Alexa Strange registered an 8-5 win at first doubles over the UAlbany tandem of Kern and Ma.

UAlbany (11-2) returns to the courts on Tuesday, March 11 at Colgate at 3 p.m.

Singles

1. Christine Ong (MC) def. Aimee Kern (UA) 6-4, 7-6 (7-5)
2. Susan Ma (UA) def. Erin Godly (MC) 6-2, 6-3
3. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Cassie Strange (MC) 6-1, 6-2
4. Charlotte Tatler (UA) def. Alexa Strange (MC) 6-2, 6-1
5. Laine Mackey (UA) def. Emily Zampello (MC) 6-0, 6-1
6. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Retta Byron 6-1, 6-0

Doubles

1. Godly/A. Strange (MC) def. Kern/Ma (UA) 8-5
2. Mackey/Hall (UA) def. Ong/C. Strange (MC) 8-5
3. Caitlin Crowley/Weltman def. Zampello/Natalie Fouche 8-0



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UALBANY'S BRIAN LILLIS AND TIM AMBROSE EARN AMERICA EAST BASKETBALL HONORS

Vestal, N.Y. – University at Albany's Brian Lillis has been named to the 2008 America East Men's Basketball All-Conference Team, as announced on Friday morning at the conference's annual awards brunch, held at Binghamton University's Events Center. Lillis was selected to the first team and made his second consecutive appearance on the all-defensive unit. Tim Ambrose earned a spot on the America East All-Rookie Team.

Lillis, a 6-foot-5 senior from Urbandale, Iowa, became the third UAlbany player to receive first-team all-conference honors. He joins Jamar Wilson (2006, 2007) and Jason Siggers (2007) in that category. Lillis, one of 10 players at the Division I level to lead his team in points, rebounds and assists, was voted America East Fans' Choice Player of the Year earlier in the week. He leads the Great Danes in scoring (15.8 ppg), rebounding (6.1 pg), assists (3.5 pg), steals (1.7 pg) and blocks (0.7 pg). Lillis scored 20-plus points on five occasions, including a career-high 29 against Vermont. He added five double-doubles and turned in a 27-point, 12-rebound effort in the first meeting with Boston University.

Ambrose, a redshirt freshman from Brentwood, N.Y., is the fifth Great Dane to be chosen to the America East all-rookie squad. Other UAlbany all-rookie selections were Jamar Wilson (2002), Levi Levine (2002), Jon Iati (2004) and Brent Wilson (2005). Ambrose averaged 7.5 points and 2.9 rebounds in 13.8 minutes per game off the bench. He scored in double figures eight times, including a 24-point performance against nationally-ranked Duke.

In addition, Brian Connelly and Lillis were named to the America East All-Academic Team. Lillis, who has a 3.23 cumulative grade point average in business administration, made the squad for the second year in a row. Connelly, a junior who averages 10.1 points and 5.4 rebounds, has a 3.08 GPA in business administration.

UAlbany (15-14) is the third seed in this weekend's conference postseason tournament. The Great Danes, who tied for second place in the America East regular-season standings, won 10 or more conference games for the third consecutive season.

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2008 America East Men's Basketball All-Conference Teams

First Team – Marqus Blakely (Vermont), Jay Greene (UMBC), Brian Lillis (Albany), Darryl Proctor (UMBC), Joe Zeglinski (Hartford).

Second Team – Ray Barbosa (UMBC), Mike Gordon (Binghamton), Brian Hodges (UMBC), Corey Lowe (Boston U.), Mike Trimboli (Vermont).

Third Team – Tyrece Gibbs (New Hampshire), John Holland (Boston U.), Cavell Johnson (UMBC), Mark Socoby (Maine), Lazar Trifunovic (Binghamton).

All-Defensive – Marqus Blakely (Vermont), Mike Gordon (Binghamton), John Holland (Boston U.), Brian Lillis (Albany), Michael Turner (Hartford).

All-Rookie – Alvin Abreu (New Hampshire), Tim Ambrose (Albany), Tyrone Conley (New Hampshire), John Holland (Boston U.), Morgan Sabia (Hartford).

All-Academic – Junior Bernal (Maine), Brian Connelly (Albany), Brian Lillis (Albany), Ricky Lucas (Stony Brook), Jaret Von Rosenberg (Hartford).

Player of the Year: Marqus Blakely (Vermont)

Rookie of the Year: John Holland (Boston U.)

Defensive Player of the Year: Marqus Blakely (Vermont)

Coach of the Year: Randy Monroe (UMBC)



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UALBANY'S BRIAN LILLIS NAMED AMERICA EAST FANS' CHOICE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

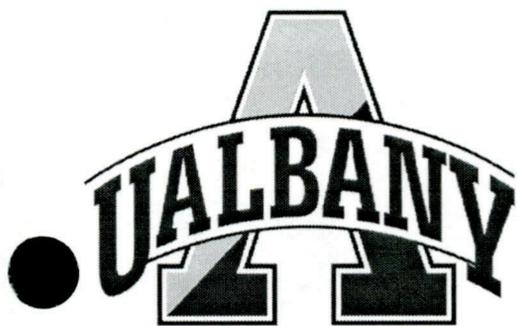
Cambridge, Mass. – University at Albany's Brian Lillis has been selected as the 2008 America East Conference Fans' Choice Player of the Year, as announced today by the conference office. For the second year in a row, fans of America East basketball voted for the award. Vermont's Marqus Blakely and UMBC's Jay Greene were the other finalists.

Lillis, a 6-foot-5 senior from Urbandale, Iowa, leads the Great Danes in scoring (15.8 ppg), rebounding (6.1 pg), assists (3.5 pg), steals (1.7 pg) and blocked shots (0.7 pg). He is one of 10 players at the Division I level to lead his team in points, rebounds and assists. Lillis, who ranks among the league leaders in six statistical categories, has scored 20-plus points five times and recorded five double-doubles.

"This award shows the respect that people have for Brian Lillis as a student-athlete," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team tied for second place in the conference's regular-season standings. "He is one of the most popular players we have had here. He is the MVP of our conference because he means so much to our team. Brian should be proud of this award."

The Fans' Choice award included voting in the preliminary round and finals, with those votes added together to determine the winner. Vermont's Mike Trimboli won the inaugural award in 2006-07.

The America East Conference will announced its all-conference basketball awards on Friday at the league's annual postseason banquet, to be held at Binghamton University's Events Center.



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JANEA AIKEN LEADS UALBANY TO KEY AMERICA EAST ROAD WIN AT BINGHAMTON

Vestal, N.Y. – Freshman guard Janea Aiken scored 17 points to lead UAlbany to a 63-49 win over Binghamton in a key America East Conference women's basketball matchup at the Events Center on Wednesday, March 5. With the win, UAlbany remains tied with Boston U., who was victorious over UMBC on Wednesday night, for third place in the America East.

After back-and-forth play through the first five and a half minutes, UAlbany scored four consecutive points to open a three point lead. Senior Sherri Mikus converted a jump shot and sophomore Britney McGee recorded a lay-up to give the Great Danes an 11-8 lead. Following the under four minute media timeout, in which the game was tied, UAlbany scored seven of the half's final 12 points to take a 24-22 lead into intermission. Guard TaNika Thrower ignited the run with a three-pointer and capped the stretch with a pair of free throws with 11 seconds left in the half.

UAlbany (12-16, AE 10-5) scored 14 of the first 18 points in the second half to jump out to a 38-26 advantage. Aiken connected on consecutive lay-ups and Thrower scored six straight, capped by a fastbreak lay-up, to key the streak. Following a conventional three-point play by Binghamton's Laine Kurpniece to cut the lead to single-digits for the final time, the Great Danes scored 11 of the next 13 points to open up an 18 point lead. Aiken hit a jump shot and a three-pointer in the stretch.

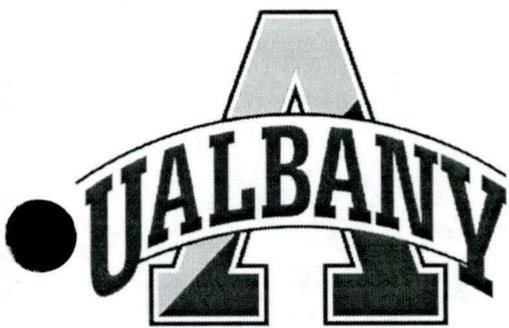
Binghamton (11-17, AE 9-6) narrowed the deficit to 14 on a lay-up and a pair of free throws by Kurpniece with just under eight minutes remaining, but could not get any closer. UAlbany responded with a three-pointer by senior Kristin Higgy and a lay-up by classmate Gia Sanders to extend the lead to a game-high 19 points.

The Bearcats were able to score 12 of the game's last 19 points to deliver the final score. Juta Jahilo, who recorded six points and a game-high seven rebounds in the contest, scored four points in the run for Binghamton.

"We use our conditioning as our strength," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, whose team can claim the third seed in the conference tournament with a win against Boston U. "We're smaller, but we play with a lot of heart. We aren't looking ahead to the tournament right now, we are still focused on Boston U. on Saturday."

Aiken was joined in double-figures by Sanders, who scored 14 points and Thrower, who tallied 11 points. Sanders registered a team-high five rebounds, McGee dished out a game-high six assists and recorded three of the Great Danes' 10 steals. Kurpniece was the only Bearcat in double-digits, scoring 15 points.

UAlbany returns to action on Saturday, March 8 at Boston U. at 1 p.m. The winner of the match-up will be the third seed in the conference tournament, while the loser will be seeded fourth.



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HARVARD RALLIES IN SECOND HALF TO DEFEAT UALBANY, 16-10, IN WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Cambridge, Mass. – Natalie Curtis had three of her four goals in the second half as unbeaten Harvard rallied for a 16-10 victory over UAlbany in a non-league women's lacrosse matchup on Wednesday afternoon at Jordan Field.

UAlbany (2-2) broke a 4-4 tie over the final five minutes of the opening period with a pair of goals to take a halftime lead. Brittany Scott, a senior midfielder, recorded an unassisted tally before Christine Grueniger, who scored three times, converted a free-position opportunity with 35 seconds remaining.

Harvard (3-0) reversed that deficit at the intermission with six unanswered. Kaitlin Martin, a second-team All-Ivy League attacker, put her team ahead, 7-6, with a free-position shot, before Sarah Bancroft found the net eight seconds later. Martin, who had three goals, and Caroline Simmons, who scored twice and assisted on another, finished off that decisive run.

The Crimson, who have won their opening three games for the first time since 2000 and are receiving votes for the Nike/Inside Lacrosse national top-20 poll, still led 10-7 midway through the period. But Curtis, a senior midfielder, found the net three times in a six-plus minute span to help her team pull away. Her final two goals came 45 seconds apart.

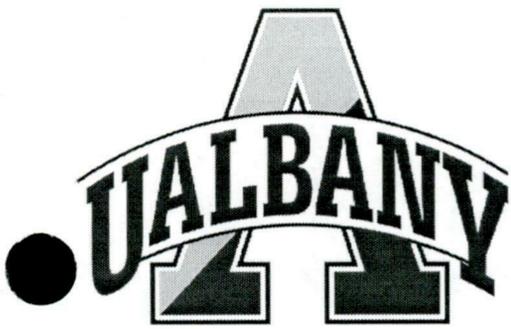
Freshman Tee Ladouceur (Bethlehem Central) had a career-high four goals for the Great Danes, who were coming off a pair of wins over Marist and Siena. Goalkeeper Katie Neer had nine saves, one off her career-best. Harvard's Sara Flood led all scorers with two goals and three assists, while Bancroft added three goals.

Aggregate-

Albany (2-2)	6	4	-	10
Harvard (3-0)	4	12	-	16

UAlbany – Scoring: Tee Ladouceur 4-0, Christine Grueniger 3-0, Brittany Scott 1-0, Kayla Best 1-0, Jodi Battaglia 1-0, Jane Bush 0-1, Nikki Branchini 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Katie Neer (60:00, 9 saves, 16 GA).

Harvard – Scoring: Natalie Curtis 4-0, Kaitlin Martin 3-0, Sarah Bancroft 3-0, Sara Flood 2-3, Caroline Simmons 2-1, Jess Halpern 1-2, Lauren Bobzin 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kathryn Tylander (30:00, 4 saves, 6 GA), Katherine Martino (30:00, 7 saves, 4 GA).



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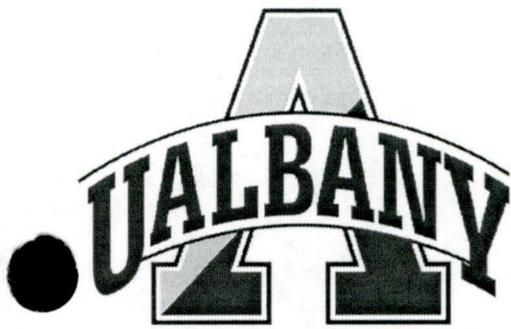
SIX INDOOR TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES NAMED TO AMERICA EAST ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Cambridge, Mass. – Six members of the University at Albany men’s and women’s indoor track and field teams have been named to the America East Conference All-Academic Team, as announced by the conference office on Wednesday, March 5. The recognition is based on both athletic and academic achievements. The all-academic team has been selected based on the student-athlete’s academic and athletic accomplishments. For consideration, student-athletes are required to have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 entering the season and be a top-three finisher at the conference championship meet.

The women’s team placed five members on the all-academic team, while one member of the men’s team earned a spot. Junior Laura Cummings, an English major with a 3.75 GPA, placed third at the conference championships in the 1,000-meter run in 2:55.56. Junior Candice Mann, who carries a 3.73 GPA as a criminal justice major, finished third in the shot put with a toss of 43-feet, 4.25-inches. Zuliana Fontanez, a sophomore accounting major and business administration minor with a 3.49 GPA, placed second in the 500-meter dash in 1:15.85 and was a member of the second place 4x400-meter relay team. Junior Jenn Gurrant, who holds a 3.28 GPA while majoring in communication with a minor in business administration, placed third in the long jump with a distance of 18-feet, 1-inch and triple jump with a leap of 41-feet, 9.25-inches, which set the school record at the time. Brenna Militello, a senior mathematics major with a 3.11 GPA, came in third in the high jump by clearing the bar at 5-feet, 4-inches.

Sophomore Anthony Collica, an undeclared major with a 3.25 GPA, finished third in the high jump by clearing the bar at 6-feet, 6-inches.

The Great Danes will compete at the IC4A and ECAC Championships on March 8-9 in Boston, Mass.



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UALBANY'S SUSAN MA NAMED AMERICA EAST TENNIS PERFORMER OF THE WEEK

Cambridge, Mass. – University at Albany's Susan Ma has been named the America East Conference Tennis Performer of the Week, as announced today by the conference office.

Ma, a freshman from Parkville, Mo., has posted a 9-1 record in singles play and a 7-2 doubles record to start the spring season, playing all of her singles matches at the No. 2 position. Her only loss of the spring came in a 6-7 (4-7), 2-6 loss in a dual match versus Massachusetts. Ma recorded one of two singles victories for UAlbany against Georgetown, coming away with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 win, and posted a 7-5, 3-6, 10-7 win in conference play against UMBC. Ma has teamed up with Aimee Kern in the spring for doubles play, recording key victories in the No. 1 doubles spot against Providence (8-5), Georgetown (8-1) and George Mason (8-2).



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2008 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the school's football schedule for 2008. The Great Danes, who will play a 12-game regular-season schedule for the first time in team history, faces its toughest group of opponents at the Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level. The non-league schedule features four teams who made NCAA appearances last year, including national runner-up Delaware and quarterfinalist Massachusetts. In addition, UAlbany meets seven Northeast Conference opponents, including first-year member Duquesne.

The Great Danes begin away from home for the eighth time in the last 10 years when they travel to Massachusetts on Saturday, Aug. 30. The Minutemen, who shared the Colonial Athletic Association crown, posted a 10-3 record and reached the NCAA quarterfinals in 2007. Massachusetts played for the national title the previous season. UAlbany entertains Fordham in the home opener at University Field on Sept. 6. Kickoff is 6:00 p.m. The Rams, who had an 8-4 record, won last year's Patriot League championship en route to an automatic NCAA berth.

UAlbany is on the road against three consecutive CAA opponents in Hofstra (Sept. 13), New Hampshire (Sept. 20) and Delaware (Sept. 27). Hofstra finished 7-4 one year ago and was ranked in the FCS national top 25 for the most of the season. New Hampshire advanced to the NCAA playoffs for the fourth consecutive year. The Wildcats, who went 7-5 overall, gave top-seed Northern Iowa all it could handle in the NCAA's first round. Delaware (11-4) was awarded the Lambert Cup Trophy and was voted the ECAC Team of the Year in 2007. The Blue Hens advanced all the way to the NCAA FCS championship game for the first time in four years.

Saint Francis, Pa. will be the opponent for Homecoming and Family Weekend on Oct. 25. Kickoff is 4:00 p.m. UAlbany's Athletic Hall of Fame will also induct new members on that weekend. Central Connecticut State (Oct. 11), Monmouth (Nov. 1) and Wagner (Nov. 15) also visit University Field. All three of those home contests begin at 1:00 p.m.

Bob Ford, who is first among active FCS coaches with 225 career victories, begins his 36th varsity season with 48 letterwinners, including 10 starters, back from last year's squad. UAlbany (8-4) captured the NEC championship and earned a Gridiron Classic berth. Tailback David McCarty, a member of The Sports Network mid-major All-America squad, returns after rushing for 1,503 yards and 13 touchdowns. All-NEC offensive tackle Raphael Nguti (6-6, 330) will block in the trenches. Defensive tackle Tom Pandolf and safety Dave Nicomini, a pair of first-team all-conference selections, lead a nationally-ranked defensive unit.

2008 University at Albany Football Schedule

August -- 30 (Sat.), at Massachusetts, 6:00.

September -- 6 (Sat.), **Fordham**, 6:00; 13 (Sat.), at Hofstra, TBA; 20 (Sat.), at New Hampshire, 12:00; 27 (Sat.), at Delaware, 6:00.

October -- 4 (Sat.), at Duquesne*, 1:00, 11 (Sat.), **Central Connecticut State***, 1:00; 18 (Sat.) at Sacred Heart*, 1:00; 25 (Sat.), **St. Francis, Pa.*** (HC), 4:00.

November -- 1 (Sat.), **Monmouth***, 1:00; 8 (Sat.), at Robert Morris*, 1:00; 15 (Sat.), **Wagner***, 1:00.

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UALBANY'S NEER & BATTAGLIA WIN AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S LACROSSE AWARDS

Cambridge, Mass. – University at Albany's Katie Neer and Jodi Battaglia have been named the America East Conference Defender and Rookie of the Week, respectively, in women's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office.

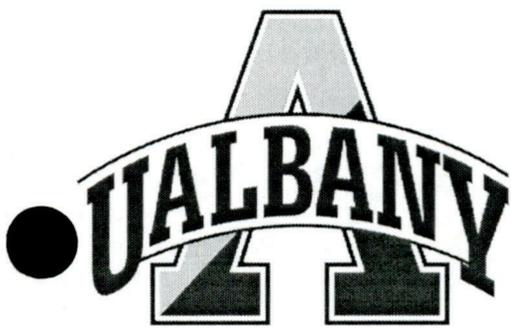
Neer, a junior goalkeeper from Baldwinsville, N.Y., recorded a career-high 10 saves in a 15-6 victory over Marist, the preseason favorite to win the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title. Neer, who added three ground balls, was making her second career start in the cage.

Battaglia, a freshman midfielder from Amherst, N.Y., totaled three goals and one assist, her first points as a collegian in the non-league win. Battaglia, a first-team U.S. Lacrosse All-America selection on the high school level, added two caused turnovers, one draw control and four ground balls.

McINTOSH NAMED AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Cambridge, Mass. – University at Albany's Leah McIntosh was named the America East Conference Softball Pitcher of the Week, as announced today by the conference office.

McIntosh, a sophomore right hander from Whitby, Ontario, went 2-0 in her first appearances of the 2008 season, tossing two complete-game shutouts for the Great Danes. McIntosh led UAlbany to an 8-0 win over Maine in five innings, striking out 10. She then fanned 11, one away from her career-high, in a 1-0 pitchers' duel victory over Stetson.



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JOSH WILLIMOTT PITCHES UALBANY PAST WOFFORD IN SERIES FINALE 6-4

Spartanburg, S.C. – Junior right hander Josh Willimott struck out four over five innings to lead UAlbany to a 6-4 win over Wofford on Sunday, March 2 in the final game of a four-game weekend series at Russell C. King Field at Switzer Stadium.

After four scoreless innings, the Great Danes posted five runs in the top of the fifth inning. Senior catcher Tom Zink plated junior shortstop Sean Donovan and junior designated hitter Ryan Gugel with a single to center to start the scoring. Following a hit batsman, sophomore right fielder Brendan Rowland, junior left fielder Gary Pitcheralle and junior center fielder Dave West connected for consecutive RBI singles to give UAlbany a 5-0 lead.

The Terriers answered right back with two runs in the bottom half of the fifth and a run in the sixth. Sophomore shortstop Michael Gilmartin, who picked up two saves in Saturday's doubleheader sweep, drove in two runs with a single to center field in the fifth. Right fielder Sterling Dye closed the gap to 5-3 with a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning.

UAlbany (2-5) pushed its lead out to 6-3 with a run in the top of the seventh inning. With two outs, senior first baseman Mike Konstanty singled to center to score freshman second baseman Kyle Crean. Wofford (6-1) narrowed its deficit to 6-4 in the bottom half of the seventh on a sacrifice fly by sophomore Neil Robinette. Junior right hander Sean Gregory ended the rally by inducing consecutive outs and pitching a scoreless last two innings.

Willimott earned his first win of the season, yielding just two runs on five hits over five innings. Junior lefty Dave Noble pitched the sixth for the Great Danes and Gregory earned the save by pitching three scoreless innings. Pete Noordsy took the loss for the Terriers, allowing five runs (three earned) on six hits over six innings.

UAlbany returns to the diamond on Friday, March 7 at 5 p.m. in Greenville, S.C. against Furman.

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UAlbany (2-5)	000	050	100	-	6	7	1
Wofford (6-1)	000	021	100	-	4	13	2

UAlbany (2-5): Josh Willimott (1-0), Dave Noble (6), Sean Gregory (7, S, 1) and Tom Zink.

Wofford (6-1): Pete Noordsy (L, 0-1), Ryan Conway (7), Reid McElveen (8) and Adam Kearney.

UALBANY SOFTBALL FALLS TO STETSON, 1-0, IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF STETSON INVATIONAL

DeLand, Fla. – Junior left fielder Amanda Bailey drove in the lone run of the game to lead Stetson to a 1-0 win over UAlbany in the championship game of the Stetson Invitational on Sunday afternoon at Patricia Wilson Field. Pitcher Amanda Bailey, who tossed a seven-inning shutout for the Hatters, scored the winning run.

Stetson (14-8) broke a scoreless tie in the fifth inning, with Lindsey on second base after she was hit by a pitch and sacrificed over. Bailey drove a hard ground ball past Albany third baseman Kristine Bill and down the left field line to record the RBI. The Great Danes would only manage to get one runner as far as second base in their final three turns at bat as Stetson claimed the victory.

UAlbany's best chance to score came in the third, as the Great Danes loaded the bases. Bill walked and then stole second, while Amber Maisonet also drew a walk from Lindsey. UAlbany completed a double steal, moving Bill to third and Maisonet to second, before Michelle Connors reached first after being hit by a pitch. Lindsey was able to get out of the jam by striking out center fielder Nicole Kothe.

Lindsey struck out eight hitters in her complete game effort, while UAlbany's Marissa Powell gave up one run on three hits and five walks in seven innings while fanning four. Kothe and Bailey Van Deest each recorded hits for the Great Danes in the game.

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UAlbany (3-2) will return to action on Friday, March 14 at the Winthrop/adidas Invitational in Rock Hill, S.C.

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Stetson (14-8)	000	010	0	-	1	3	0
UAlbany (3-2)	000	000	0	-	0	2	1

Amanda Lindsey and Blythe Golden.

Marissa Powell and Kat Smith.

UALBANY DROPS A 5-2 DECISION TO UMBC IN AMERICA EAST TENNIS ACTION

Baltimore, Md. – Susan Ma and Charlotte Tatler recorded singles wins, but UMBC came away with a 5-2 victory over UAlbany in America East Conference tennis action on Saturday evening.

Ma defeated Corneilia Carapcea, 7-5, 3-6, (10-7), at No. 2 singles, while Tatler posted a 7-5, 6-2 win over Emily Mannix for UAlbany's two wins of the day. Alice Chen claimed a 6-4, 7-5 win over Aimee Kern at No. 1 singles, and teamed up with Pascaline Cette to defeat Kern and Ma in No. 1 doubles by a score of 8-2.

Kim Weltman took Cette to the tiebreak in No. 3 singles, but Cette would come away with a 7-6 (3), 6-2 win. After claiming a 6-3 win in the first set, Amanda Hall would fall to the Retrievers Barbara Couto, 6-0, 6-4 in No. 6 singles action.

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Singles

Alice Chen (UMBC) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-4, 6-5

Susan Ma (UA) def. Corneilia Carapcea (UMBC), 7-5, 3-6, (10-7)

Pascaline Cette (UMBC) def. Kim Weltman (UA), 7-6 (3), 6-2

Charlotte Tatler (UA) def. Emily Mannix (UMBC), 7-5, 6-2

Joy Adewumi (UMBC) def. Laine Mackey (UA), 6-1, 6-2

Barbara Couto (UMBC) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 3-6, 6-0, 6-4

Doubles

Cette/Chen (UMBC) def. Kern/Ma (UA), 8-2

Carapcea/Mannix (UMBC) def. Hall/Mackey (UA), 8-4

Adewumi/Couto (UMBC) def. Weltman/Tatler (UA), 8-7

UALBANY TENNIS SWEEPS GEORGE MASON 7-0

Fairfax, Va. – The UAlbany tennis team registered four straight-set wins in singles action for a 7-0 sweep of George Mason on Sunday, March 2 at the Robinson Field tennis courts.

At first singles, Aimee Kern dropped the opening set to Lindsay Gray 6-4, but rebounded to win the final two sets 6-4 and 11-9. Freshman Susan Ma lost the first set at second singles to Stacey Berlinger 6-4, but came back to win the second and third sets, 6-2 and 10-7. The pair won their No. 1 doubles match over Gray and Berlinger, 8-2.

Junior Kim Weltman defeated Sarah Dieffenbach in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0, at third singles and freshman Charlotte Tatler topped Julia Moscato at No. 4 singles, 6-3, 6-2. The duo combined to defeat Aryn Christman and Stephanie Longueira at third doubles 8-1.

At No. 5 singles, Laine Mackey beat Christman in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0. Amanda Hall was victorious over Alicia Van Zandt at sixth singles by the scores of 6-2 and 6-1. The tandem later defeated Moscato and Van Zandt at third doubles, 8-1.

UAlbany (10-2) returns to the courts on Friday, March 7 at home against Marist.

Singles

1. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Lindsay Gray 4-6, 6-4, 11-9

2. Susan Ma (UA) def. Stacey Berlinger 4-6, 6-2, 10-7

3. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Sarah Dieffenbach 6-3, 6-0

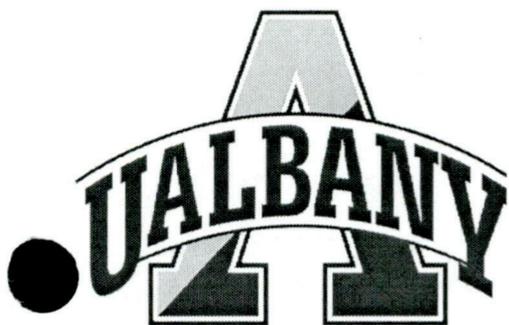
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4. Charlotte Tatler (UA) def. Julia Moscato 6-3, 6-2
 5. Laine Mackey (UA) def. Aryn Christman 6-3, 6-0
 6. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Alicia Van Zandt 6-2, 6-1
- Ex. Caitlin Crowley (UA) def. Stephanie Longueira 6-2
Ex. Melissa Coughlin (UA) def. Catherine Crisostomo 6-3

Doubles

1. Kern/Ma (UA) def. Gray/Berlinger (GMU) 8-2
 2. Mackey/Hall (UA) def. Moscato/Van Zandt 8-4
 3. Weltman/Tatler (UA) def. Christman/Longueira 8-1
- Ex. Crowley/Coughlin (UA) def. Alexandria LaCoste/Crisostomo 8-5



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UALBANY UPENDS BOSTON UNIVERSITY, 76-64, IN REGULAR-SEASON FINALE AT SEFCU ARENA

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman guard Josh Martin had 13 points off the bench to pace four players in double figures in leading UAlbany to a 76-64 America East Conference victory over Boston University in the regular-season finale for both teams on Sunday afternoon at SEFCU Arena. The Great Danes finished in a tie for second place in the conference standings heading into next weekend's postseason tournament.

Boston U. (13-16, AE 9-7) tied the contest at 48 apiece midway through the second half on John Holland's turnaround from left of the lane. UAlbany (15-14, AE 10-6) responded with 12 of the game's next 14 points to go ahead for good. Martin canned one of his three 3-point field goals from the left wing, before freshman center Al Turley scored on a spinning shot in the lane. Martin, who tied a career-high with six assists, added a three-pointer and a driving layup following an offensive rebound during the decisive run. Jon Iati gave his team a 60-50 advantage with a 16-foot jumper off a screen.

The Great Danes, who also won the first meeting of the season between these teams on Jan. 16, still led 62-54 with less than five minutes remaining, but ran off seven unanswered to seal the outcome. Brent Wilson, one of three seniors playing in his final home game, nailed a three-pointer from left of the key. Martin, who also grabbed five rebounds, fed Brett Gifford and added a pair of free throws for a 15-point cushion.

"We found a way to get it down with (Brian) Lillis on the bench," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose top scorer was plagued by foul trouble and played just 14 minutes. "Josh Martin had a great day, especially when you consider he had no turnovers. It's no secret we have not played well at home; we've been like the (New York) Giants where we only play well on the road."

The game featured seven lead changes and five ties through the opening thirty minutes. UAlbany wiped out a 16-11 deficit with 12 consecutive points. Turley, who scored a career-best 11 on 4-of-5 shooting, made a conventional three-point play when he was fouled on a high-low exchange from Wilson for a 23-16 lead. The Terriers, who had won eight of their last nine entering the contest, fought back to tie the contest at 30-all when Carlos Strong canned a 3-point shot from the top of the arc.

In the second half, UAlbany opened up a 42-37 cushion as Tim Ambrose converted a drive on the left baseline. The Terriers drew even when Holland buried a 3-pointer from the left corner off a skip pass and then tied the count again at 46 apiece on Corey Lowe's long-range jumper. Lowe, the conference's second-leading scorer, finished with 23 points and made four 3-pointers.

Strong was the only other BU player in double figures with 13 points, while Holland, a 6-foot-5 freshman, had nine points and six rebounds. Brian Connelly and Iati each had 10 points for the Great Danes, who have won four of their last five league games.

"We had two good wins at the end of the year," said Iati, a fifth-year senior who was honored in pre-game ceremony. "With Lillis in foul trouble, the bench gave us a lift and played within the rotation. The young guys were trying to get a win for the seniors."



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WOFFORD SWEEPS UALBANY BASEBALL IN DOUBLEHEADER, 5-3 AND 8-7

Spartanburg, S.C. – UAlbany sophomore right fielder Brendan Rowland was thrown out at home plate in the top of the ninth inning as Wofford swept the Great Danes in a non-conference baseball doubleheader on Saturday, March 1 at Russell C. King Field at Switzer Stadium. The Terriers took the first game 5-3 in seven innings and held on for an 8-7 victory in game two.

In game one, UAlbany (1-4) scored in the first inning for the second straight game. Junior designated hitter Ryan Gugel drew a two-out walk to get on base. After stealing second, Gugel scored on a single to left by senior first baseman Mike Konstanty.

Wofford (5-0) answered back with two runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning. Right fielder Sterling Dye led off with a single and advanced to second on an error. Two batters later, Dye scored on a single by third baseman Shane Kirkley. Following a fielder's choice, catcher Keith Munns drew a bases loaded walk to plate shortstop Michael Gilmartin.

The Terriers took a 5-1 lead with three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. With one out, centerfielder Jake Williams connected on a two-run homer to right center. Following back-to-back walks and a double steal, Kirkley recorded a sacrifice fly to center to plate Dye from third to give Wofford a four run lead. The Great Danes were able to get one run back in the top of the fifth inning. Rowland doubled to left field and scored on a single by junior centerfielder Dave West.

UAlbany closed out the scoring with a run in the top of the seventh inning. Junior third baseman Zac Halloran followed Gary Pitcheralle's leadoff double with a single to drive in the Great Danes' third run.

Junior right hander Nate Novak (0-1) went the distance on the mound for UAlbany, registering four strikeouts in six innings, while yielding five runs on five hits. Scott Summers picked up his second win of the season for the Terriers, allowing three runs on six hits over six-plus innings. Gilmartin earned his second save of the season by recording the final three outs.

In the nightcap, Wofford took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on catcher Adam Kearney's first of three home runs in the game. The Terriers added two more runs in the bottom of the third on Kearney's second homer of the contest. Wofford took a 4-0 lead in the fourth on an unearned run.

The Great Danes cut the deficit in half in the top of the sixth. West led off the inning with his second homer of the season. Following consecutive walks to Gugel and Konstanty, junior shortstop Sean Donovan moved the runners up with a sacrifice. Rowland plated Gugel from third with a sac fly to center.

UAlbany took a 6-4 lead with four runs in the top of the seventh inning. West drew a bases loaded walk to plate Halloran, who had reached on an error. Gugel followed with a sac fly to drive in pinch runner Tobi Adeyemi from third. Two batters later, Rowland knocked in West and Pitcheralle with a double. The Terriers responded in the bottom half of the inning with four runs of their own to go up 8-6. Kearney blasted his third homer of the game to lead off the inning. Wofford tallied three unearned runs, including two on a Kirkley single, to close out the inning.

In top of the ninth, Donovan and Rowland started the rally with consecutive one-out singles. Following an out, Donovan scored on a single to left by Halloran, but Emre Caglayan threw out Rowland at the plate to end the game.

Junior Jeff Kaier took the loss for the Great Danes, allowing three runs (one earned) on two hits in two-thirds of an inning. Junior righty Cory Warrings pitched the first five and two-thirds innings, yielding four runs (three earned), while striking out three. Sean Gregory pitched the final inning and two-thirds for the Great Danes. Chip Hunt pitched two scoreless innings in relief, striking out four, to pick up the win. Gilmartin registered his second save of the day,

West, Donovan, Rowland and Halloran each registered two of the Great Danes' nine hits.

UAlbany and Wofford play the final game of the four-game weekend series on Sunday, Mar. 2 at 1 p.m.

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Game One

UAlbany (1-4)	100	010	1	-	3	7	1
Wofford (5-0)	200	300	X	-	5	5	0

UAlbany (1-4): Nate Novak (L, 0-1) and Tom Zink.

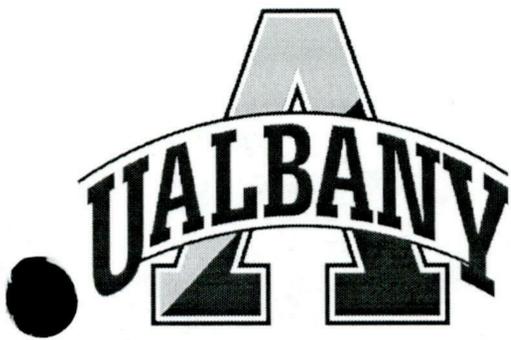
Wofford (5-0): Scott Summers (W, 2-0), Michael Gilmartin (7, S, 2) and Keith Munns.

Game Two

UAlbany (1-5)	000	002	401	-	7	9	5
Wofford (6-0)	012	100	40X	-	8	15	2

Wofford (6-0): John Cornely, Drew Sheridan (7), Chip Hunt (7, W, 1-0), Michael Gilmartin (9, S, 3) and Adam Kearney.

UAlbany (1-5): Cory Warrings, Jeff Kaier (6, L, 0-1), Sean Gregory (7) and Ryan Gugel.



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SOFTBALL WINS TWO GAMES ON SECOND DAY OF STETSON INVITATIONAL

DeLand, Fla. – Leah McIntosh recorded her second win of the season and Brittany Rose claimed her first victory as a collegian to help lead the UAlbany softball team to two wins on the second day of the Stetson Invitational at Patricia Wilson Field. The Great Danes defeated Western Michigan, 8-1, earlier in the day before posting a 1-0 victory over Stetson in the nightcap.

Rose tossed a complete game for the Great Danes against Western Michigan (5-4), fanning three and allowing just four hits. The Broncos, who defeated UAlbany in extra innings on Friday, scored their lone run of the game in the fifth inning on a home run by freshman right fielder Michelle Bendewald.

UAlbany had jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, as freshman Gina Mason drove in two runs on a double to left centerfield. The Great Danes tacked on two more runs in the third on a two-run blast by third baseman Meagan Butsch. UAlbany then had back-to-back singles in the fourth inning before Nicole Kothe drove a triple into right field to score Amber Maisonet and Kristine Bill. The Great Danes added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth, as Jessica Bergin slammed her first career homer down the left field line.

In the second game of the day, the score remained knotted at 0-0 through six innings before UAlbany could break the scoring drought in the top of the seventh. Maisonet singled to left, scoring pinch runner Tara Dalton for the lone run of the game. McIntosh won the pitchers duel, striking out 11 while allowing just two hits. Junior Erica Demers took the loss for Stetson (13-8), fanning four UAlbany batters.

UAlbany, with a 3-1 record in the tournament, will advance to the championship game, taking place no Sunday at 12 p.m.

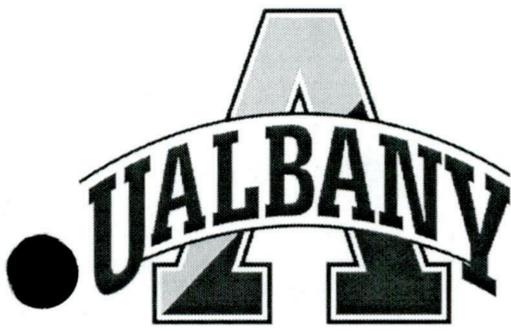
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Western Michigan (5-4)	000	010	0	-	1	4	1
UAlbany	202	301	x	-	8	8	0

Kelli Zache, Meghan Thomas (4), Molly Lange (5) and Becky Bartosz.
Brittany Rose and Kat Smith.

UAlbany (3-1)	000	000	1	-	1	3	0
Stetson (13-8)	000	000	0	-	0	2	1

Leah McIntosh and Kat Smith.
Erica Demers and Blythe Golden.



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KAYLA BEST SCORES FOUR GOALS AS UALBANY DEFEATS OVER MARIST IN HOME OPENER

Albany, N.Y. – Kayla Best had four goals and Jodi Battaglia and Tee Ladouceur (Bethlehem) scored three times in leading UAlbany to a 15-6 victory over Marist in the Great Danes' home opener on Saturday evening at John Fallon Field. The non-league game was originally scheduled to be played in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., but was moved due to poor field conditions.

Marist (0-1) took a 3-2 lead midway through the first half when Kate Noftsaker found an empty net after UAlbany goalkeeper Katie Neer dropped the ball on a clearing attempt. The Great Danes, who fell to nationally-ranked North Carolina in its 2008 debut one week ago, rattled off five unanswered over the next 10 minutes. Best, a sophomore midfielder, tied the contest on a second-chance opportunity from the right side, before Nikki Branchini (Guilderland) found the lower corner 34 seconds later to put her team ahead.

UAlbany (1-1) added three more goals in the run. Ladouceur finished off a pass from behind the cage by Jane Bush. Christine Grueniger tallied the first of her two goals when she split three defenders on a drive. Stacey Brown found the net after cutting to the top of the crease following a restart for a 7-3 advantage.

The Great Danes, who have won six of nine home openers as a Division I program, pulled away by scoring three times in a three-minute span early in the second half. Battaglia, who netted a pair in the final period, placed a shot inside the left post, before Grueniger one-timed Brown's pass from the left side. Rory Redmond provided her team with a six-goal lead when Battaglia caused a turnover in Marist's defensive end of the field.

After Marist closed within 10-6 with 15:53 remaining, Battaglia and Ladouceur ended the threat by connecting on back-to-back goals. Battaglia, an All-America selection on the high school level last year, cut to the top of crease to take in Bush's feed. Ladouceur, a freshman, fired a free-position shot through the goalkeeper's legs.

"I thought we got off to a slow start," said Best, who tied a career-high in goals and extended her scoring streak to 15 consecutive games. "We started working together and handled the ball much better. Our quickness and ability to dominate the draw controls have been strengths for us to this point."

Ali Carnabuci had one goal and one assist for the Red Foxes, who were voted to capture the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title in the coaches' preseason poll after posting a 10-6 record last season. Goalkeeper Liz Burkhard made 13 saves. UAlbany's Neer turned aside 10 shots.

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Marist (0-1)	4	2	-	6
UAlbany (1-1)	7	8	-	15

Marist – Scoring: Ali Carnabuci 1-1, Cristin Begley 1-0, Liz Falco 1-0, Stephanie Garland 1-0, Kate Noftsker 1-0, Megan White 1-0, Carolyn Sumcizk 0-1, Lindsay Diener 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Liz Burkhard (60:00, 13 saves, 15 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Kayla Best 4-0, Jodi Battaglia 3-1, Tee Ladouceur 3-1, Christine Grueniger 2-0, Rory Redmond 1-1, Stacey Brown 1-1, Nikki Branchini 1-0, Jane Bush 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Katie Neer (60:00, 10 saves, 6 GA).



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NOTRE DAME EDGES UALBANY ON LATE GOAL IN BATTLE OF TOP-15 LACROSSE TEAMS

South Bend, Ind. – Peter Christman scored the game-winning goal with 23.7 seconds remaining to lift No. 6 Notre Dame past UAlbany, 7-6, on Saturday afternoon at Loftus Sports Center. The Fighting Irish, who are also ranked 10th by Inside Lacrosse, improved to 3-0 on the season.

Notre Dame, who opened its schedule with wins over Loyola, Md. and Penn State, broke a 4-4 tie in the third quarter when Duncan Swezey converted a bounce shot in transition following a turnover in the defensive end. Swezey, a junior attack who tied a career-high with four goals, gave his team a 6-4 lead by connecting off a crossing pass from Alex Wharton early in the final period.

UAlbany (0-2) rallied to draw even on a pair of goals by Corey Small. The junior attackman finished off a play from in close on the right side after taking a Derek Dale's pass from behind the cage. Small, who had three goals, tied the contest with 50 seconds left. Steve Ammann drove to the midfield of the field before feeding Small who sent a blast into the net.

After Notre Dame won the subsequent face-off, Christman drove to the net, shot faked and then went to his backhand in beating goalkeeper Brett Queener to the left side. UAlbany's Jordan Levine had his last-second attempt deflected in an effort to send the game to an extra period.

The Fighting Irish, who have won 11 consecutive regular-season games and 15 straight at home, dominated the opening 20 minutes of action. Swezey scored twice in the first quarter before Grant Krebs gave his team a 4-0 lead with 11:37 remaining in the second quarter following a turnover. The Great Danes regrouped with four unanswered over a four-minute span. Mike Ammann sliced the deficit to one with a 10-yard shot from the right. Small drew his club even at four apiece after Queener started a fastbreak following one of his 11 saves.

Dale finished with three assists for the Great Danes, who fell to top-ranked Johns Hopkins in their season opener one week ago. Notre Dame goalkeeper Joey Kemp, last year's Great Western Lacrosse League Player of the Year and an honorable mention All-American, totaled 11 saves. The Fighting Irish are now 91-26 all-time in the Loftus Sports center, one of just six indoor Division I lacrosse facilities.

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#13 UAlbany (0-2)	0	4	0	2	-	6
#6 Notre Dame (3-0)	3	1	1	2	-	7

UAlbany – Corey Small 3-0, Mike Ammann 1-0, Kyle Brunk 1-0, Matt Johnson 1-0, Derek Dale 0-3, Tyler Endres 0-1, Steve Ammann 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (60:00, 11 saves, 7 GA).

Notre Dame – Duncan Swezey 4-0, Grant Krebs 1-1, Michael Podgajny 1-0, Peter Christman 1-0, Alex Wharton 0-1; Goalkeeper(s); Joey Kemp (60:00, 11 saves, 6 GA).