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Field Hockey

Easton, Pa. – **Beth Gulotta** and **Megan Monahan** each scored three goals as the 19th-ranked Lafayette Leopards defeated Albany 10-2 on Thursday evening at Metzgar Field. After dropping the first two contests of the year, Lafayette closed out its regular season with 16 straight victories.

Meredith Hahn put the Leopards on the board at 10:09 into the first half with an unassisted goal, her ninth of the season. After Monahan's first goal, Hahn scored her second of the game to give Lafayette a 3-0 lead. Gulotta then tallied a pair of goals and **Jennifer Stone** added the first of her two at 29:49.

Albany's **Amber Morris** ended the shutout 22 seconds later as she scored her fourth goal of the season off a pass from senior **Lisa Burline**. Morris would add another at 50:54 to make the score 9-2. Sophomore **Megan Akstin** made 22 saves while facing 38 shots.

The Great Danes finished the 2002 season with a 5-12 mark.

-agate-

Albany (5-11)	3	3	-	2
Lafayette (16-2)	0	0	-	10

Albany – Amber Morris 2-0, Lisa Burline 0-1, Allison Mann 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 22 saves, 10 GA).

Lafayette – Megan Monahan 3-2, Beth Gulotta 3-0, Meredith Hahn 2-0, Jennifer Stone 2-0, Stephanie Goldman 0-1, Melissa Hoh 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Casey Devlin (60:00, 3 saves, 2 GA), Virginia Foulkrod (10:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

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MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman striker **Nick Leddy** scored the game-winning goal with seven minutes and 12 seconds remaining to lead Albany to a 3-2 America East Conference victory over Northeastern on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes, who remained tied with New Hampshire for third place in the conference standings, moved one step closer to their first America East postseason tournament berth.

Northeastern (8-7-2, AE 5-2-0) took a 2-1 lead, when **Athanasios Kirkopoulos** scored his seventh goal of the season off a direct kick from outside the box at 77:18.

Albany (9-5-2, AE 4-1-2) answered with a pair of goals 27 seconds apart. **Steven Procknal**, who had two goals and one assist, left-footed a crossing pass from **Tim Roty** inside the near post to draw his team even at 81:15. Leddy then scored from point-blank range after gathering in Procknal's cross from the right side.

Trevor Serraro made eight saves for the Great Danes, who have reached the nine-win mark for the first time as a Division I program. **Tom Heimreid** scored the Huskies' first goal, his second of the year, while goalkeeper **Sergio Saccoccio** stopped seven shots. Albany completes its regular-season schedule at Hartford on Nov. 2.

-agate-

Northeastern (8-7-2, AE 5-2-0)	1	1	-	2
Albany (9-5-2, AE 4-1-2)	1	2	-	3

Northeastern – Scoring: Athanasios Kirkopoulos 1-1, Tom Heimreid 1-0;
Goalkeeper(s): Sergio Saccoccio (90:00, 7 saves, 3 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Steven Procknal 2-1, Nick Leddy 1-0, Tim Roty 0-1, Savvas Theofilou 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 8 saves, 2 GA).

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Senior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) had 14 kills and 16 digs, as Albany snapped a three-game losing streak with a 3-0 America East Conference victory over Binghamton on Tuesday evening at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who moved into fifth place in the conference standings, won by scores of 30-20, 30-26 and 30-11.

Gibbs, who registered her tenth double-double of the season, and posted a .360 hitting percentage, moved into second place on the school's career kills list with 1,285. Freshman **Alexis Bowens** added 11 kills with no errors and three block assists. She has double-figure kills in 20 of 24 matches this season.

Albany (13-11, AE 3-4) avenged a 3-2 loss to Binghamton in the first meeting this season on Oct. 8. The Bearcats, who fell to 7-16 overall and 2-5 in conference play, had rallied from a two-game deficit in that match.

Michele Heck, a sophomore outside hitter, led the visitors with 10 kills and 13 digs. Setter **Jennifer Smith** added 10 kills and 10 assists.

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Albany def. Binghamton, 30-20, 30-26, 30-11

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MEN'S BASKETBALL NAMES TRI-CAPTAINS FOR 2002-03 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Will Brown announced today that **Antione Johnson**, **Earv Opong** and **Brian Barnes** will serve as tri-captains for the 2002-03 season.

Johnson, a senior guard, led the Great Danes in scoring and was 13th among the America East Conference leaders at 11.3 points per game last year. He also shot 84.5 percent from the free throw line and averaged 3.2 rebounds. Opong, a 5-foot-5 senior, was second in steals (1.82 per game) and sixth in assists (3.43 per game) among the conference leaders. He started all 28 games at point guard. Barnes, a senior guard from Troy, N.Y. (Catholic Central H.S.), made 13 appearances off the bench last season. He earned his spot on the roster as a walk-on in 1999.

Albany opens its schedule against Siena at Pepsi Arena on Friday, Nov. 22. The Great Danes hosts the Upstate New York All-Stars in an exhibition at the Recreation and Convocation Center on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

McGINLAY & SWEETLAND WILL SERVE AS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CAPTAINS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today that **Jess McGinlay** and **Sarah Sweetland** will captain the women's basketball team in 2002-03.

McGinlay, a senior guard from Burke, Va., ranked 14th among the America East Conference scoring leaders at 11.4 points per game one year ago. She also contributed 3.9 rebounds and 2.0 assists, plus shot 38 percent from the field and 77 percent from the line. Sweetland, a junior guard from Burlington, Mass., averaged 3.4 points, 1.9 assists and 1.6 rebounds in 27 games.

Albany plays two exhibition games in preparation for the season opener against Siena on Nov. 22 at Pepsi Arena. The Great Danes take on McGill University on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 1:00 p.m. and Syracuse AAU on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Both exhibitions will be held at the Recreation and Convocation Center on campus.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

BECKY AYERS SIDELINED FOR FOUR WEEKS WITH FOOT INJURY

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Becky Ayers**, the leading scorer on last year's UAlbany women's basketball team, will be sidelined for the next four weeks with a foot injury. Ayers, who will be fitted with a cast to help correct planter fasciitis, has an inflamed tendon at the attachment that supports the arch or bottom of the foot. Her condition will be re-evaluated in late November.

Ayers was tenth among the America East Conference scoring leaders at 12.2 points per game in 2001-02. She established the school's freshman single-season scoring record with 316 points. Ayers, a native of Canandaigua, N.Y., also led the conference in three-point field goal percentage (.469) and made 46-of-98 from beyond the arc.

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RASHEED BONNER EXPECTED TO RETURN TO BASKETBALL PRACTICE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Rasheed Bonner**, who suffered a knee injury in a preseason men's basketball practice session on Oct. 15, is expected to return to the floor in the near future after receiving the results from a MRI procedure, as head coach Will Brown announced today.

Bonner, a 6-foot-8, 235-pound forward/center, has a strained patella tendon in his left knee as determined by Dr. Max Alley, of Capital Region Orthopaedic Associates. The tendon connects the kneecap to the tibia bone.

Bonner, a junior from University Heights, Ohio, is attempting a comeback this season after missing two full years and most of another with injuries. He did not play as a freshman in 1999-2000 after having successful surgery to repair a stress fracture in his lower left leg. Bonner missed the entire 2001-02 campaign with a patella tendon injury.

JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFER AQUAWASI ST. HILLAIRE WILL REDSHIRT

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany basketball coach Will Brown also announced today that **Aquawasi St. Hillaire**, a 6-foot-6, 190-pound walk-on from Brooklyn, N.Y., will redshirt in 2002-03 to concentrate on his academic studies and develop his physical strength.

St. Hillaire, who transferred from SUNY-Delhi, earned honorable mention Junior College Athletic Association All-America honors last year. He averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds in 2001-02 in leading SUNY-Delhi to the Region III championship. The Broncos capture a pair of conference and regional titles during his two years with the program.

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UALBANY'S GARY JONES NAMED NEC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk H.S.) has been named the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week in football, as announced today by the conference office. Jones, a junior tailback, earned the award for the fourth time this season.

Jones rushed 18 times for 150 yards and scored three touchdowns in last Saturday's conference victory against St. Francis, Pa. He became the first player in school history to run for 150 or more yards on four occasions in a season. Jones powered over left guard on a 3-yard touchdown run with 4:20 left in the third quarter to give his team a 28-21 lead. He added a 25-yard scoring dash off an option pitch on his team's next possession for a two-touchdown advantage.

Jones established five UAlbany single-season records in the contest, including most touchdowns (17), rushing touchdowns (16) and total points (102). He is ranked seventh nationally in rushing (122.5 yards/game), and is second in scoring (12.8 points/game) and ninth in all-purpose yards (171.0 yards/game).

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

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 49-21 victory over Northeast Conference opponent St. Francis, Pa., UAlbany advanced in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. The Great Danes climbed one spot to No. 4 in the Football Gazette rankings and moved two positions to No. 5 in The Sports Network poll.

Albany (5-3, NEC 4-1) is tied for first place in the conference standings. The Great Danes travel to NEC-rival Robert Morris on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 1:30 p.m. Albany is ranked eighth among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in rushing at 248.9 yards per game, plus is tied for 17th in scoring (32.0 points/game) and 30th in total offense (392.0 yards/game).

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

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. Duquesne, 2. Dayton, 3. Morehead State, 4. Wagner, 5. **Albany**, 6. Stony Brook, 7. Iona, 8. St. Peter's, 9. Marist, 10. Davidson.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Albany, N.Y. – **Celeste Hubbard** and **Dalinda Banuelos** each scored a pair of unassisted goals to lead Boston University to a 5-0 victory over Albany in an America East Conference match on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who were playing their final home game of the season, fell to 5-11 overall and 0-5 in the conference.

Hubbard gave her team a 1-0 lead midway through the first half, when she scored off a rebound with a high shot. The junior midfielder added her 11th goal of the season, when she dribbled past the goalkeeper and found an empty cage with four minutes and 57 seconds elapsed in the second half.

Boston U. (11-7, AE 2-2) scored three more times over the next 12 minutes. Banuelos, a junior midfielder, converted a penalty stroke at 41:20, and slapped home a rebound two minutes later.

Susan Harrington and **Jodie Gardner** combined on the shutout for the Terriers, who have won eight of their last 10 starts. Albany's **Megan Akstin** totaled a career-high 23 saves.

-agate-

Boston U. (11-7, AE 2-2)	1	4	-	5
Albany (5-11, AE 0-5)	0	0	-	0

Boston U. – Scoring: Celeste Hubbard 2-0, Dalinda Banuelos 2-0, Caitlyn Cassara 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Susan Harrington (52:50, 5 saves, 0 GA), Jodie Gardner (17:10, 0 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 23 saves, 5 GA).

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MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – **Savvas Theofilou** and **Lucas Machado** each scored one goal to lead Albany to a 2-1 America East Conference victory over Stony Brook on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes moved into a tie for third place in the conference standings with the win.

Theofilou converted a shot from outside the scoring box into the left side for his third goal of the season at 30:45. Machado, a sophomore striker, gave Albany (8-5-2, AE 3-1-2) a 2-0 lead with 14 minutes and 40 seconds elapsed in the second half. He found the net after **Caio Silva's** attempt was deflected.

Stony Brook's **Anthony Barberio** sliced the deficit in half by scoring off a direct kick at 74:43. However, Albany goalkeeper **Trevor Serraro**, who returned to the lineup following an injury three weeks ago, thwarted any comeback attempt by making a season-high 11 saves. The Seawolves fall to 2-13-1 overall and 1-5-0 in the conference.
-agate-

Stony Brook (2-13-1, AE 1-5-0)	0	1	-	1
Albany (8-5-2, AE 3-1-2)	1	1	-	2

Stony Brook – Scoring: Anthony Barberio 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Matt Thibdeau (90:00, 9 saves, 2 GA).

Albany – Savvas Theofilou 1-0, Lucas Machado 1-0, Nick Leddy 0-1, Caio Silva 0-1; Goalkeeper(s); Trevor Serraro (90:00, 11 saves, 1 GA).

VOLLEYBALL

Boston, Mass. – Freshman **Larissa Adomat** tallied 17 kills and posted a .424 hitting percentage to lead Northeastern to a 3-1 victory over Albany in an America East Conference match on Saturday afternoon at Solomon Court. The Huskies, who are tied for first place in the conference standings, won by scores of 30-24, 22-30, 30-18 and 30-21.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Adomat, who had just three errors on 33 attacks, was one of four Northeastern players with double-figure kills. **Rebecca Holland** added 15 kills and 10 digs. **Erin Spangler** and **Lindsay Wagner** each turned in an 11-kill, 15-dig performance for the Huskies, who upped their record to 13-13, including 5-1 in the conference.

Freshman **Kristin Norton** totaled a career-high 23 kills and 10 digs and recorded a .310 hitting percentage for the Great Danes, who dropped to 12-11 overall and 2-4 in conference play. **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) had 20 kills, one off her season-high.

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Northeastern def. Albany, 30-24, 22-30, 30-18, 30-21

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VOLLEYBALL

Durham, N.H. – **Lauren Knight** had 17 kills and 13 digs to lead New Hampshire to a 3-2 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday evening at Lundholm Gymnasium. The Wildcats, who have won 11 of their last 13 matches, won by scores of 30-28, 30-23, 25-30, 21-30 and 15-13.

Knight, a senior outside hitter, had three kills in the fifth and deciding game.

Alyson Coler also turned in a double-double with 15 kills and 20 digs, and has reached twin figures in kills in 22 of her last 24 matches.

Albany (12-10, AE 2-3) rallied from a 2-0 deficit by winning the third and fourth games. **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) had 10 of her team-high 18 kills in that stretch, and added a season-best 21 digs. Freshman **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** narrowly missed a triple-double with 11 kills, 15 digs and nine service aces.

New Hampshire (14-10, AE 4-1) kept pace with Northeastern for the top spot in the conference standings.

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New Hampshire def. Albany, 30-28, 30-23, 25-30, 21-30, 15-13

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FIELD HOCKEY

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Rachael Hilgar** scored two second-half goals to lead Maine to a 6-2 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Hilgar snapped a 1-1 tie at 50:38, when she scored unassisted off a scramble in front of the cage. Maine (13-2, AE 2-1) would add three more goals over the next eight minutes to take control. **Karly Bundy** started that stretch with a shot into the left side. Hilgar tallied her seventh goal of the season for a 5-2 lead at 58:10.

Albany (5-10, AE 0-4) trailed 1-0 in the final period, when freshman **Tina Bryson** drew her team even off **Alexis Johnson's** crossing pass. Johnson later tallied her fourth goal of the season.

Junior goalkeeper **Jaye Lance** had four saves for the Black Bears, who extended their winning streak to four straight.

-agate-

Maine (13-2, AE 2-1)	1	5	-	6
Albany (5-10, AE 0-4)	0	2	-	2

Maine – Scoring: Rachael Hilgar 2-0, Jana Ouellette 1-1, Kim Leo 1-1, Jen Johnstone 1-0, Karly Bundy 1-0, Karyn Magno 0-1, Kristy Ferran 0-1, Tara Bedard 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jaye Lance (70:00, 4 saves, 2 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Alexis Johnson 1-1, Tina Bryson 1-0, Amber Greiner 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 14 saves, 6 GA).

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MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – **David Said** scored the game-winning goal with one minute and three seconds remaining in the second overtime to lift Vermont to a 1-0 America East Conference victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Said gathered in **Ethan Hutchins'** crossing pass, that went by the outstretched arms of Albany goalkeeper **Bouna Coundol**, and fired a shot into the open net for his second goal of the season.

Albany (7-5-2, AE 2-1-2) had an opportunity to win the match in the first overtime, but **Stephen Procknal's** header hit the crossbar. The Catamounts, who are unbeaten in six of their last seven starts, improved to 9-5-1 overall and are second in the conference standings with a 4-1-1 record.

Vermont's **Ryan Corry** made five saves to record his second shutout, while Coundol turned aside eight shots.

-agate-

Vermont (9-5-1, AE 4-1-1)	0	0	0	1	-	1
Albany (7-5-2, AE 2-1-2)	0	0	0	0	-	0

Vermont – Scoring: David Said 1-0, Ethan Hutchins 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Ryan Corry (108:57, 5 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Bouna Coundol (108:57, 8 saves, 1 GA).

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Jersey City, N.J. – **Katie Johnson** and **Ashley Jurica** (Fonda-Fultonville) each scored in the opening twelve minutes of play, and Albany went on to post a 3-0 non-conference victory over St. Peter's on Tuesday afternoon at Jaroschak Field.

Johnson, a sophomore midfielder, scored from the top of the penalty area off a crossing pass from the right by **Kristen Winneberger** with four minutes and 11 seconds elapsed in the match. Jurica tallied her fourth goal of the season, as she scored from close range on a rebound at 11:19.

Senior midfielder **Erin Stanek** gave her team a three-goal lead midway through the first half, when she reversed field and scored unassisted from 15 yards out. Goalkeepers **Beth Spinelli** and **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) each played one period and combined on the team's fourth shutout of the season.

Angelina Albruzzese made 13 saves while facing 32 shots for the Peahens, who fall to 1-12 overall and lost for the tenth straight time. Albany (4-11-1) has reached its highest victory total since 1998.

-agate-

Albany (4-11-1)	3	0	-	3
St. Peter's (1-12)	0	0	-	0

Albany – Scoring: Katie Johnson 1-0, Ashley Jurica 1-0, Erin Stanek 1-0, Kristen Winneberger 0-1, Vanessa Vukov 0-1, Sara Rickard 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (45:00, 1 saves, 0 GA), Erika Van Zandt (45:00, 3 saves, 0 GA).

St. Peter's – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Angelina Albruzzese (90:00, 13 saves, 3 GA).

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FOOTBALL'S EDDIE UNVERZAGT NAMED NEC ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Eddie Unverzagt** has been chosen as the Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week in football, as announced today by the conference office.

Unverzagt, a 6-foot-1, 240-pound fullback, rushed for a career-high 95 yards on seven carries in his team's 44-14 non-conference victory over Canisius on Oct. 19. The redshirt freshman, also caught two passes for 24 yards and accounted for 119 all-purpose yards. He set up the Great Danes' final touchdown with a dazzling 49-yard dash. Albany piled up 547 total yards, including 392 on the ground, and turned in its highest rushing total since 1992.

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

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 44-14 non-league victory over Canisius, UAlbany moved up several positions in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. The Great Danes climbed four spots to No. 5 in the Football Gazette rankings and advanced two places to No. 7 in The Sports Network poll.

Albany (4-3) is ranked eighth among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in rushing at 248.1 yards per game, plus is 22nd in total offense (405.9 yards/game) and 31st in scoring (29.6 ppg). Junior tailback **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) is second in the nation in scoring (12.0 ppg), seventh in rushing (118.6 ypg) and 10th in all-purpose yards (168.5 ypg). Punter **Billy Pike** is 10th with a 43.3 average. The Great Danes host Northeast Conference opponent St. Francis, Pa. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 1:00 p.m.

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THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. Duquesne, 2. Dayton, 3. Morehead State, 4. St. Peter's, 5. Wagner, 6. Marist, 7. Albany, 8. Drake, 9. Austin Peay, 10. Stony Brook.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

FALL UALBANY ATHLETES HONORED BY AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** has been named as the America East Conference/Baden Co-Rookie of the Week in women's volleyball, as announced today by the conference office. In addition, **Michele De Cuffa** earned America East Rookie of the Week honors in women's field hockey.

Rodriguez, a freshman outside hitter from Ponce, Puerto Rico, averaged 2.6 kills, 2.8 service aces and 2.2 digs in 10 games played last week, as Albany (12-9, AE 2-2) won two of three matches. She totaled 12 kills, seven aces and 11 digs against Stony Brook. Rodriguez also had double-figure service aces in victories over Hartford and Iona. She leads the nation in aces per game with a 2.00 average, and recorded 10 or more service aces in six matches this season.

De Cuffa, a freshman goalkeeper, recorded a shutout in her first start as a collegian, as she made seven saves in a 4-0 non-league victory over Colgate. In her second start, De Cuffa totaled 18 saves while facing 29 shots in a 3-0 loss to Cornell. The Big Red had beaten No. 14 Virginia the previous day.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

West Hartford, Conn. – Senior midfielder **Katharina Lindner** scored a pair of goals as Hartford ran its winning streak to seven straight with a 3-0 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Al-Marzook Field.

Hartford (10-4, AE 4-0) grabbed a 1-0 lead with seven minutes and 10 seconds elapsed in the match, as Lindner sent a penalty kick into the lower left corner. The Hawks, who have not lost since a 2-0 defeat against Dartmouth on Sept. 25, are tied for first place in the conference standings.

Hartford struck twice within a 53-second span in the second half to put the contest away. **Cindy Walsh** placed a shot into the far top corner for her sixth goal of the season at 63:01. Lindner, a native of Germany, followed with a header off a cross from the left side.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** made 11 saves for the Great Danes, who fell to 3-11-1 overall and 1-4-0 in conference play. Hartford's **Heather Hinton** recorded her fifth shutout of the season.

-agate-

Albany (3-11-1, AE 1-4-0)	0	0	-	0
Hartford (10-4, AE 4-0)	1	2	-	3

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 11 saves, 3 GA).

Hartford – Scoring: Katharina Lindner 2-0, Cindy Walsh 1-0, Jeanette Akerlund 0-1, Malin Engman 0-1, Tini Lyng 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Heather Hinton (90:00, 0 saves, 0 GA).

FIELD HOCKEY

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. – **Karleigh Burns** scored on a penalty stroke late in first half, and Cornell went on to post a 3-0 non-conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Skidmore College's Outdoor Athletic Complex.

Burns, a junior midfielder, placed a penalty stroke into the lower right corner with three minutes and 54 seconds remaining in the opening period to break up a scoreless deadlock.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Cornell (9-5) added two second-half goals. **Laura Barndt** sent a shot into the right side that deflected off an Albany defender at 43:08. **Carissa Mirasol**, the hero in Saturday's 2-1 double-overtime victory over 14th-ranked Virginia, added her third goal of the season six minutes later.

Freshman **Michele De Cuffa** had a career-high 18 saves for the Great Danes, who dropped to 5-9 overall. The Big Red's **Kaitlin Tierney** stopped two shots to register her second shutout of the year.

-agate-

Cornell (9-5)	1	2	-	3
Albany (5-9)	0	0	-	0

Cornell – Scoring: Karleigh Burns 1-0, Laura Barndt 1-0, Carissa Mirasol 1-0, Kimmy Gardner 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kaitlin Tierney (70:00, 2 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Michele De Cuffa (67:07, 18 saves, 3 GA), Megan Akstin (2:53, 1 save, 0 GA).

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Albany 44, Canisius 14

Albany, N.Y. – Junior tailback **Gary Jones** rushed for 101 yards and two touchdowns, all in the first half, as Albany rolled to a 44-14 non-conference victory over Canisius on Saturday afternoon before a homecoming crowd of 3,919 at University Field.

Albany (4-3) reached the end zone on its opening five possessions en route to a 37-0 lead with just under six minutes left in the first half. Senior quarterback **Ryan Roeder**, who completed 9 of 12 passes for 119 yards, fired a 10-yard touchdown pass to **Matt Crudo** to open the scoring with 9:55 remaining in the first quarter.

The Great Danes, who piled up 547 total yards, including a season-best 392 on the ground, manufactured two long touchdown drives to build a 21-0 advantage early in the second period. Jones completed an eight-play march with a 4-yard run over right tackle, before Roeder raced around right end on an 8-yard option run.

Jones, who toppled the 100-yard mark for the fourth time this season despite not playing in the second half, scored from five yards out on a sprint-draw play with 9:15 left in the second stanza. The rushing touchdown was his second of the game and 13th of the season.

Albany increased its lead to 30-0, when Canisius quarterback **Dennis Wellman** delivered a bad pitch near his goal line on an option play, and the ball rolled out of the end zone for a safety. Roeder ended the run of 37 consecutive points, when he threw a 15-yard scoring pass to split end **Nicholas Bazan**.

"It was nice to have that winning feeling again," said Roeder, whose team lost in double overtime at Drake the previous Saturday. "We didn't have any mental mistakes and we were on all cylinders. Our offensive line did a great job, and that's where it all starts. We know we can do better than what we have done to this point in the season."

Canisius (2-5) put a pair of touchdowns on the scoreboard in the third quarter. Wellman, a freshman who connected on 11-of-24 through the air for 145 yards, hit wideout **Bryan Butterworth** with an 11-yard TD strike. He later fired a 67-yard scoring pass to **James Bialasik**. In between, Albany reserve quarterback **Anthony Sciarra** scored on a 3-yard run.

The Great Danes, who had their best day on the ground since moving up to the Division I-AA level in 1999, had two other runners with 90 or more yards. **Eddie Unverzagt**, a redshirt freshman fullback, rumbled seven times for 95, while tailback **Miciah Yehudah** had 13 carries for 91.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Albany, N.Y. – Syracuse's **John Biotok** and Middlebury's **Michela Adrian** won the men's and women's races, respectively, at the 36th annual Albany Cross Country Invitational on Saturday at UAlbany's campus course. Marist captured the men's team competition, while defending NCAA Division III national champion Middlebury dominated the women's event.

Bitok covered the 8,000-meter course in 25:05.79, and was nearly 36 seconds ahead of UAlbany's **Andy Allstadt** (25:41.29) in the 219-runner field. **Joe Pienta** (Ichabod Crane) finished third in 25:48.02 for the Great Danes, who tied for third in the team standings with Lehigh. Marist edged runner-up Colgate by one point for the team title, as **Jason Grady** was the Red Foxes' top finisher in fifth place.

Adrian was less than one second ahead of teammate **Jessica Manzer** in the women's 5,000-meter race. She posted a winning time of 18:09.12. Albany was second in the 19-team event, as **Meghan Howell** placed in ninth in 18:58.93. **Trista Neinast** and **Zerlinda Martinez** were 20th and 21st, respectively. **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) finished 23rd in 19:25.35.

-agate-

MEN – 1. Marist 82, 2. Colgate 83, T3. Albany 94, T3. Lehigh 94, 5. Massachusetts 103, 6. New York U. 113, 7. Syracuse 195, 8. Cortland 205, 9. Middlebury 232, 10. Fairfield 300, 11. Northeastern 335, 12. Clarkson 370, 13. Hamilton 401, 14. Adelphi 410, 15. Siena 412, 16. C.W. Post 425, 17. St. Francis, N.Y. 584, 18. Queensborough C.C. 586, 19. Molloy 597, 20. Broome C.C. 614, 21. Long Island 642, 22. St. Rose 657.

Individual – 1. John Biotok (Syracuse), 25:05.79, 2. Andy Allstadt (Albany), 25:41.29, 3. Joe Pienta (Albany), 25:48.02, 4. Louis Di Nuzzo (Colgate), 25:52.98, 5. Jason Grady (Marist), 25:54.37.

Other UAlbany Finishers: 20. Rob Caracciolo, 26:35.94, 22. Robbie Freeman, 26:43.94, 48. Chris Pierson, 27:24.51.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

WOMEN – 1. Middlebury 18, 2. Albany 103, 3. Syracuse 132, 4. Lehigh 134, 5. Northeastern 162, 6. Cortland 207, 7. Hamilton 223, 8. Adelphi 224, 9. Siena 231, 10. Marist 233, 11. Massachusetts 263, 12. Colgate 293, 13. Fairfield 322, 14. Clarkson 385, 15. C.W. Post 438, 16. St. Rose 515, 17. Long Island 543, 18. Molloy 549, 19. St. Francis, N.Y. 558.

Individual – 1. Michela Adrian (Middlebury), 18:09.12, 2. Jessica Manzer (Middlebury), 18:09.88, 3. Aleccia Boland (Syracuse), 18:10.16, 4. Sarah Logan (Middlebury), 18:23.12, 5. Molly Yesiewski (Middlebury), 18:28.09.

Top UAlbany Finishers: 9. Meghan Howell, 18:58.93, 20. Trista Neinast, 19:18.56, 21. Zerlinda Martinez, 19:20.95, 23. Nicole Susser, 19:25.35, 30. Erin Goddard, 19:33.87.

MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – **Federico Bianchi** scored late in the first half, and Boston University and Albany battled to a 1-1 double-overtime tie in an America East Conference match on Saturday at Nickerson Field.

Bianchi lifted a rebound over the head of Albany goalkeeper **Bouna Coundol** at 41:46 after **Michael Feely's** shot bounced off a Great Dane defender in the box. Albany (7-4-2, AE 2-0-2) had taken a 1-0 lead at 14:45, when **Caio Silva** scored his first goal of the season on a 30-foot shot into the left corner of the net. Boston U. (7-3-3, AE 2-0-1) had misplayed a ball out of their defensive zone, before Silva gained control.

Albany's **Vadim Ivanyushchenko** nearly gave the Great Danes the win with five minutes left in the second overtime when he drove a shot from outside the box. However, goalkeeper **Matt Smith**, who made five saves, was able to thwart the attempt. The Terriers also had chances in the second extra period, but lifted several shots over the crossbar.

-agate-

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

Albany – Scoring: Caio Silva 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Bouna Coundol (110:00, 8 saves, 1 GA).

Boston U. – Scoring: Federico Bianchi 1-0, Michael Feeley 0-1, Andrew Dorman 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Matt Smith (110:00, 5 saves, 1 GA).

WOMEN'S GOLF

Piscataway, N.J. – St. John's **Jacylyn Sanders** fired a second-round 76 to win medalist honors and Georgetown captured the team title at the Rutgers Invitational on Saturday at Rutgers Golf Course. UAlbany finished in 10th place in the 17-team field.

Sanders, who fired a five-over-par 77 in the first round on Friday, overcame a two-shot deficit to beat first-day leader **Jeannine Mondesando**, of Rutgers, by three strokes. **Christy Larrimore**, who finished in a tie for third with a 36-hole score of 159 (81-78) led Georgetown to narrow one-shot victory over Boston College in the team standings.

UAlbany's **Jill Friedman** shot a final-round 81 over the par-72, 5,847 course. She tied for 23th place with a two-day score of 167. Sophomore **Diane Onofry** tied for 30th by shooting 86 and 84 in her two rounds. **Katie Wachtl** finished in a tie for 49th with an 85 in the second round for a total of 175. The Great Danes improved two positions during the final round by lowering their team score by 12 strokes from the previous day.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

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Rutgers Invitational

Team: 1. Georgetown 659, 2. Boston College 660, 3. St. John's 661, 4. Rutgers 663, 5. Long Island 665, 6. Pennsylvania 673, 7. Siena 679, 8. Wagner 683, 9. Hartford 689, 10. Albany 692, 11. Central Connecticut State 695, 12. Monmouth 699, 13. Boston U. 708, 14. Hampton 717, 15. Lehigh 721, 16. Mount Holyoke 722, 17. Mount St. Mary's 791.

Individual: 1. Jacylyn Sanders (St. John's) 77-76—153, 2. Jeannine Mondesando (Rutgers) 75-81—156, T3. Christy Larrimore (Georgetown) 81-78—159, T3. Veronica Lopes (Long Island) 79-80—159, T5. Candice Garcia (Hartford) 83-78—161, T5. Bidgette Palin (Siena) 80-81—161, T5. Jillian Blanchard (Siena) 80-81—161.

Top Albany Finishers: T23. Jill Friedman 86-81—167, T30. Diane Onofry 86-84—170, T49. Katie Wachtl 90-85—175, T58. Anne Lyons 90-90—180, 81. Lauren Bruce 106-95—201.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Albany, N.Y. — Sophomore outside hitter **Valerie Maloy** had 28 kills and **LaToya Byerly** added 20 to lead Stony Brook to a 3-1 America East victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at University Gymnasium. The Seawolves won by scores of 32-30, 31-29, 29-31 and 32-30.

Freshman **Alexis Bowens** led Albany (12-9, AE 2-2) with 23 kills. **Alissa Gibbs**, a senior outside hitter, posted her eighth double-double of the season with an 18-kill, 12-dig effort. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** added 12 kills, 11 digs and seven service aces, while sophomore setter **Jill Dombrowski** tied a career-high with 62 assists.

Maloy also recorded a double-double with 14 digs added to her match-high kill total. Byerly, a senior, had a .442 hitting percentage and made just one error in 43 total attacks for the Seawolves, who improved to 17-9 overall and 3-2 in the conference play.

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Stony Brook def. Albany, 32-30, 31-29, 29-31, 32-30.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Alexis Bowens** had 15 kills and **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) added 13 to lead Albany to its third straight win with a 3-0 America East Conference victory over Hartford on Friday evening at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes won by scores of 30-25, 30-9 and 30-19.

Gibbs, a senior outside hitter who posted a .522 hitting percentage with one error in 23 total attacks, has reached double-figure kills in 33 of her last 35 matches.

Freshman **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** totaled seven kills, 10 service aces and six digs for Albany (12-8, AE 2-1). The Great Danes meet Stony Brook on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. on Homecoming Weekend.

Hartford (11-10, AE 1-3) has now dropped four consecutive matches. **Stephanie Volckers**, a sophomore outside hitter, led the Hawks with 13 kills and six digs.

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Albany def. Hartford, 30-25, 30-9, 30-19

WOMEN'S GOLF

Piscataway, N.J. – Rutgers' **Jeannine Mondesando** fired a three-over-par 75 to take a two-shot lead after the opening round of the Rutgers Invitational on Friday afternoon. The Scarlet Knights had a first-day total of 328 and lead St. John's by three strokes. UAlbany is in 12th place among 17 teams with an 18-hole score of 352.

Sophomores **Diane Onofry** and **Jill Friedman** each shot an 86 at Rutgers Golf Course, a par-72, 5,847-yard design. **Anne Lyons** and **Katie Wachtl** were tied for 54th with a pair of 90s. The two-day tournament continues on Saturday, with the first tee times scheduled for 8:00 a.m.

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Rutgers Invitational (First Round)

Team: 1. Rutgers 328, 2. St. John's 331, 3. Georgetown 333, 4. Pennsylvania, Boston College, Long Island 334, 7. Siena 340, 8. Wagner 343, 9. Boston U. 347, 10. Hartford 348, 11. Central Connecticut State 349, 12. Albany 352, 13. Monmouth 356, 14. Mount Holyoke 361, 15. Lehigh 364, 16. Hampton 368, 17. Mount St. Mary's 408.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Individual: 1. Jeannine Mondesando (Rutgers), 38-37—75, 2. Jaclyn Sanders (St. John's), 39-38—77, 3. Christen Thomson (St. John's), 42-36—78, Nicole Saad (Hartford), 39-39—78, Kara Solem (Mount Holyoke), 38-40—78.

Top UAlbany Finishers: T35. Jill Friedman, 43-43—86, T35. Diane Onofry, 44-42—86, T54. Anne Lyons, 45-45—90, T54. Katie Wachtl, 48-42—90, T83. Lauren Bruce, 54-52—106.

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WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

Albany, N.Y. – **Alexis Johnson** and **Lisa Burline** each scored first-half goals to lead Albany to a 4-0 non-conference victory over Colgate on Wednesday afternoon in driving rain and windy conditions at Albany Field.

Albany (5-8) took a 1-0 lead, when Johnson, a sophomore, drove a shot from just inside the arc into the left side of the cage at 23:32 in the opening period. Burline tallied her sixth goal of the season and 19th of her career off a penalty corner with six seconds left before halftime.

Freshman goalkeeper **Michelle De Cuffa**, who was making her first start, stopped five shots to record the shutout. **Allison Mann** added her fifth goal of the year off a rebound in front midway through the final period, while **Amber Morris** closed out the scoring at 68:19.

Senior goaltender **Sara Corcoran** made 13 saves for Colgate, who falls to 4-8 overall. The Great Danes have won four of their last six contests.

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Colgate (4-8)	0	0	-	0
Albany (5-8)	2	2	-	4

Colgate – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Sara Corcoran (70:00, 13 saves, 4 GA).

Albany – Alexis Johnson 1-0, Lisa Burline 1-0, Allison Mann 1-0, Amber Morris 1-0, Heidi Bowen 0-1, Rhonda Corcoran 0-1, Amber Greiner 0-1, Michelle Guerin 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Michelle De Cuffa (70:00, 5 saves, 0 GA).

CROSS COUNTRY HOSTS 36th ALBANY INVITATIONAL ON SATURDAY

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany will host the 36th annual Albany Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, October 19 on Homecoming and Family Weekend. The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 9:30 a.m., while the men's 8,000-meter event is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. The campus course's start-finish line is on UAlbany's Western Avenue Practice Fields.

Twenty schools are entered in the men's and women's competition. Albany, Siena and St. Rose are among the local teams competing, while Massachusetts, Lehigh, Colgate, Fairfield and Marist are also in the field. UAlbany is the defending champion in both the men's and women's event.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Andy Allstadt, who won this year's George Washington Invitational, is the top runner for the UAlbany men, while **Joe Pienta** (Ichabod Crane) and **Sam Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville) have consistently placed among the team's top-five. Sophomore **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) finished 26th among 164 runners at the George Washington Invitational, and won last week's Binghamton dual-meet.

UALBANY FOOTBALL PLAYER SUSPENDED FOR SATURDAY'S GAME

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today that outside linebacker **Will Boone** will not play in Saturday's non-conference game with Canisius. Boone, a redshirt freshman from Staten Island, N.Y., will serve a suspension for a team rules violation.

Boone, who worked his way into the starting lineup early this season, has 16 tackles, including 10 unassisted, one interception and two pass break-ups in five games played.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

New Rochelle, N.Y. – **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) recorded her seventh double-double of the season with a match-high 18 kills and 12 digs to lead Albany to a 3-0 non-conference victory over Iona on Tuesday evening at the Mulcahy Center. The Great Danes, who improved to 11-8 overall, won by scores of 30-27, 30-22 and 30-27.

Freshman **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** added seven kills, 11 service aces and five digs. Rodriguez, the nation's leader in service aces at 1.96 per game, reached double-figures in that category for the fifth time this season. Gibbs, a senior outside hitter who posted a .450 hitting percentage with no errors in 40 total attacks, has recorded double-digit kills in 32 of her last 34 matches.

Outside hitter **Kathy Kunath** had 14 kills and 11 digs for Iona, who fell to 14-7 and lost at home for the first time this season. **Emily Mansur**, a sophomore from Brazil, turned in an 11-kill, 15-dig effort.

Albany returns to America East Conference play on Friday, Oct. 18th against Hartford. Match time at University Gymnasium is 7:00 p.m.

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UALBANY'S GARY JONES PICKS UP TWO MORE WEEKLY FOOTBALL AWARDS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk H.S.) has received the ECAC Division I-AA and Football Gazette I-AA National Mid-Major offensive player of the week awards for his performance in last Saturday's 49-42 double-overtime loss at Drake. Jones earned the Northeast Conference's weekly award on Monday.

Jones, a junior tailback, scored a career-high four touchdowns (three rushing, one receiving) against Drake. He rushed 24 times for 191 yards, the ninth best single-game mark in school history, and had touchdown runs of two, 24 and 49 yards. Jones also caught two passes for 91 yards, one a 46-yard screen pass that he took to the end zone. He scored three times in the fourth quarter, as he team rallied from a 27-14 deficit.

Jones, who accounted for 259 of his 282 total yards in the second half, is among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in several offensive categories. He is ranked fifth in rushing at 121.5 yards per game, third in scoring (12.0 ppg) and tenth in all-purpose yards (177.0 ypg). Jones has 12 touchdowns, and is four from breaking Brian Manigault's single-season record.

Albany (3-3) hosts Canisius (2-4) on Homecoming & Family Weekend this Saturday at University Field. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m.

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FOOTBALL'S GARY JONES NAMED NEC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk H.S.) has been named the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week in football, as announced today by the conference office. Jones has received the NEC's weekly award on three occasions this season.

Jones, a junior tailback, scored a career-high four touchdowns (three rushing, one receiving) in last Saturday's 49-42 double-overtime loss at Drake. He rushed 24 times for 191 yards, the ninth best single-game mark in school history, and had touchdown runs of two, 24 and 49 yards. Jones also caught two passes for 91 yards, one a 46-yard screen pass that he took to the end zone. He scored three times in the fourth quarter, as he team rallied from a 27-14 deficit.

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ALBANY RANKED NINTH IN BOTH NATIONAL MID-MAJOR FOOTBALL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Despite last Saturday's 49-42 double-overtime loss to Drake, UAlbany is still ranked in the top 10 in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. The Great Danes, who are 16th nationally in rushing at 224.2 yards per game and lead the Northeast Conference in total offense (383.0 ypg), dropped three spots to ninth in The Sports Network rankings and remain ninth in the Football Gazette poll.

Albany (3-3) faces non-league opponent Canisius (2-4) on Saturday, Oct. 19 at University Field. Kickoff on Homecoming and Family Weekend is 1:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Duquesne, 2. Dayton, 3. Morehead State, 4. Marist, 5. Sacred Heart, 6. Drake, 7. Wagner, 8. St. Peter's, 9. **Albany**, 10. Central Connecticut State.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Durham, N.H. – **Tyler Jackson** scored the game-tying goal early in the second half, as New Hampshire and Albany played to a 1-1 double-overtime tie in an America East Conference match on Sunday afternoon at Lewis Fields.

Albany (7-4-1, AE 2-0-1) took a 1-0 lead, when **Steven Procknal** scored his third goal of the season at 51:36. Procknal placed an eight-yard shot into the net off a series of passes from **Ousmane Toure** and **Ashtian Holmes**.

New Hampshire (7-3-2, AE 1-1-2) tied the contest nearly two minutes later, as Jackson hooked a direct kick around the left post. The Wildcats held a 15-12 shot advantage, but neither team could put together a dangerous attack in the two overtime periods.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Bouna Coundol** had five saves for the Great Danes, who are in second place in the conference standings behind league-leader Vermont. New Hampshire's **Mike Vignola** stopped three shots.

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Albany (7-4-1, AE 2-0-1)	0	1	0	0	-	1
New Hampshire (7-3-2, AE 1-1-2)	0	1	0	0	-	1

Albany – Scoring: Steven Procknal 1-0, Ousmane Toure 0-1, Ashtian Holmes 0-1;
Goalkeeper(s): Bouna Coundol (110:00, 5 saves, 1 GA).

New Hampshire – Scoring: Tyler Jackson 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Mike Vignola (110:00, 3 saves, 1 GA).

FIELD HOCKEY

Durham, N.H. – **Lizzy Duffy** and **Heidi Anderson** each scored three goals to lead New Hampshire to a 13-1 victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Memorial Field. The win improves the Wildcats record to 9-4 overall and 2-0 in America East Conference play.

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Samantha Carr put UNH on the board first with a goal three minutes and 13 seconds into the game. Anderson tallied her first goal of the game 33 seconds later, before Duffy scored back-to-back goals for a 4-0 advantage early in the period.

Albany goalkeeper **Michele De Cuffa**, who replaced starter **Megan Akstin**, was greeted with four more goals as New Hampshire entered the half with an insurmountable 8-0 lead. In the second half, **Jen Stamp** scored and Duffy followed that up with her third of the game. Anderson recorded her hat trick with her third goal at 59:29.

Albany (4-8, AE 0-3) ended the shutout with a **Lisa Burline** unassisted goal at 64:33. The goal is Burline's fifth of the season and 18th in her career, tying her with **Lauren Byrne** for fourth on the school's career scoring list.

The Great Danes return home on Wednesday for a non-conference match against Colgate.

-agate-

Albany (4-8, AE 0-3)	0	1	-	1
New Hampshire (9-4, AE 2-0)	8	5	-	13

Albany – Scoring: Lisa Burline 1-0; Goalkeepers: Megan Akstin (11:19, 3 saves, 4 GA), Michele De Cuffa (58:21, 13 saves, 9 GA)

New Hampshire – Scoring: Heidi Anderson 3-0, Lizzy Duffy 3-0, Marcie Boyer 2-0, Katie White 2-0, Jen Stamp 1-1, Kristen Weldon 1-1, Samantha Carr 1-0; Goalkeepers: Christine Buckley (28:44, 1 save, 0 GA), Julie Munson (41:16, 4 saves, 1 GA).

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CROSS COUNTRY

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Nicole Susser** and junior **Joe Pienta** each won their respective races as the Albany Great Danes defeated Binghamton on Saturday afternoon. The women's team won its 5K trek around campus 18-44, while the men scored 21 points to the Bearcats 34.

Susser crossed the finish line in a course-record 19:18 and 10 seconds later watched as teammate **Meghan Howell** captured second place. Binghamton's **Stacy Kramer** placed third, but then Albany took home the next four slots. **Trista Neinast** finished fourth in 19:44, **Theresa Java** was three seconds behind her and **Erin Goddard's** time of 19:48 placed her sixth, giving the Great Danes a total of 18 points.

On the men's side, Pienta's time of 26:15, a course record, was two seconds better than teammate **Andy Allstadt's** clocking of 26:17. **Robbie Freeman** placed fourth in 26:51, while **Rob Caracciolo** recorded a fifth-place time of 26:56. **Bryant Cherry-Woode** rounded out the team scoring for Albany finishing in ninth place at 27:20.

Next Saturday, Oct. 19, Albany will host the 36th Annual Albany Invitational beginning at 9:30.

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WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS (UAlbany Campus Course/Albany, N.Y.)

1. University at Albany 18
2. Binghamton 44

Women's Individual Champion: Nicole Susser, Albany, 19:18.

Other Albany Scorers: 2. Meghan Howell, 19:28; 4. Trista Neinast, 19:44; 5. Theresa Java, 19:47; 6. Erin Goddard, 19:48.

MEN'S TEAM RESULTS (UAlbany Campus Course/Albany, N.Y.)

1. University at Albany 21
2. Binghamton 34

Men's Individual Champion: Joe Pienta, Albany, 26:15.

Other Albany Scorers: 2. Andy Allstadt, 26:17; 4. Robbie Freeman, 26:51; 5. Rob Caracciolo, 26:56; 9. Bryant Cherry-Woode, 27:20.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Loudonville, N.Y. – Siena's #3 doubles team of **Rali Hristova** and **Meghan Slenkamp** defeated Albany's **Krista Babiarz** and **Reeba Miller** 8-6 to win the doubles point for the Saints en route to a 7-0 victory for Siena (5-1) on Saturday.

Albany's (0-1) lone win came at number two doubles as the team of **Alex Berley** and **Courtney Michaels** defeated **Brooke Fisher** and **Vicki Dunham**, 8-6. Unfortunately, the Great Danes didn't earn a point as the Saints won two out of three in the doubles competition.

In singles action, the Saints swept all the points. At #1 singles, **Nikki Mayer** defeated **Violeta Petijevic** 7-6 (8), 2-6, 6-0, and Albany's **Marisa Berley** fell 6-3, 6-4, to **Denisa Hluchova** at number two singles. In the other flights, Hristova beat Michaels 6-2, 6-0, **Betsy Brookins** won in three sets over Berley (7-6, 2-6, 6-1), Fisher defeated Babriaz, 6-2, 6-1, and Slenkamp won 6-3, 6-3 against Miller.

The Great Danes will play again Oct 25-27 at the ITA Regionals.

-agate-

Siena 7, Albany 0

Doubles

#1 -- Nikki Mayer/Denisa Hluchova (Siena) def. Violeta Petijevic/Marisa Berley (Albany) 8-3

#2 -- Alex Berley/Courtney Michels (Albany) def. Brooke Fisher/Vicki Dunham (Siena) 8-6

#3 -- Rali Hristova/Meghan Slenkamp (Siena) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany) 8-6

Siena wins doubles point

Singles

#1 -- Mayer (Siena) def. Petijevic (Albany) 7-6 (8), 2-6, 6-0

#2 -- Hluchova (Siena) def. M. Berley (Albany) 6-3, 6-1

#3 -- Hristova (Siena) def. Michaels (Albany) 6-2, 6-0

#4 -- Brookins (Siena) def. A. Berley (Albany) 7-6 (6), 2-6, 6-1

#5 -- Fisher (Siena) def. Babairz (Albany) 6-2, 6-1

#6 -- Slenkamp (Siena) def. Miller (Albany) 6-3, 6-3

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Orono, Maine – Senior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) and freshman middle hitter **Alexis Bowens** recorded 18 and 15 kills, respectively, to propel the Great Danes to a three-game win over America East Conference opponent Maine on Friday night. The victory (30-26, 30-20, 30-14) improves Albany to 10-8 on the year and 1-1 in conference play.

Freshman **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** continued her serving brilliance by posting 14 aces, her fourth double-digit match total of the year. She now has 120 aces on the season, only four behind Christine Lee for sixth place on the all-time list. **Jill Dombrowski** once again set up her teammates recording 30 of the team's 41 assists. **April Fries** and **Ashlee Reed** controlled the backline picking up 11 digs each.

As a team, the Great Danes recorded a hitting percentage of .240, while the Blackbears (6-13, AE 0-1) managed to hit .109. Albany will take on non-conference foe Iona on Oct. 15.
-agate-

Albany (10-8, AE 1-1) defeated Maine (6-13, AE 0-1) 30-26, 30-20, 30-14

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Annapolis, Md. – Navy's **Amelia Sheveland** scored three goals and added an assist as the Middies defeated Albany, 7-2, in a non-conference match on Friday evening. Navy, the eighth-ranked team in the country, improved its record to 10-0-3 and remains one of five unbeaten squads in the country. The win also gives the Middies 19 straight contests without a loss.

Navy went into halftime with a 1-0 lead thanks to **Stacy Finley's** eighth goal of the season off a **Lindsay Adlam** pass. Sheveland quickly made it a two-goal lead as she tallied an unassisted goal two minutes and 29 seconds into the second half.

Albany's (3-10-1) **Sara Rickard** erased the two-goal deficit by scoring twice in a 47-second span. Her first goal and her third on the season came off the Great Danes' lone corner kick as Navy goalkeeper **Kim Bonafede** misplayed the ball as it sailed into the net. At 52:38, Rickard took over the team lead in goals with her second of the contest. The unassisted tally tied the score at two.

A little over four minutes later, Sheveland found the back of the net for the second time. Not to be outdone by her teammate, Finley put her second goal past Albany goalie **Beth Spinelli** and gave Navy a 4-2 lead. After a **Kara Hardebeck** score, Sheveland recorded the hat trick at 66:48 stoking Navy to a 6-2 advantage. **Nicole Waggoner** put in the final goal for the Middies at 85:32.

The Great Danes' road trip continues on Oct. 16 for a non-conference game versus St. Peter's.

-agate-

Albany (3-10-1) 0 2 - 2

Navy (10-0-3) 1 6 - 7

Albany-- Scoring: Sara Rickard 2-0; Goalkeeper: Beth Spinelli (90:00, 7 GA, 11 saves).

Iona -- Scoring: Amelia Sheveland 3-1, Stacy Finley 2-1, Kara Hardebeck 1-1, Nicole Waggoner 1-0, Lindsay Adlam 0-1, Katie Eames 0-1, Sarah Hessinger 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kim Bonafede (66:48, 2 GA, 2 saves), Marie Kissil (23:12, 0 GA, 0 saves).

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MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – **Greg Chevalier** converted a penalty kick in the second half to lead Albany to a 1-0 victory over Binghamton in an America East Conference match on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Chevalier, a senior defender, placed the penalty shot into the upper right corner at 56:05 for his sixth goal of the season. His attempt came after teammate **Ashtian Holmes** was fouled in the scoring box by Binghamton goalkeeper **Ian Wendel**.

Binghamton (4-6-1, AE 1-2) had an opportunity to tie the contest in the final minutes, but **Graham Munro's** scissors kick from the 18-yard line was corralled just below the crossbar by goaltender **Bouna Coundol** with 3:18 remaining. Coundol recorded his second shutout of the season with eight saves.

Albany (7-4, AE 2-0) has won three of its last four matches. The Great Danes, who have begun their conference schedule with a pair of victories for the second straight year, travel to America East-rival New Hampshire on Sunday, Oct. 13th.

-agate-

Binghamton (4-6-1, AE 1-2)	0	0	-	0
Albany (7-4, AE 2-0)	0	1	-	1

Binghamton – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Ian Wendel (90:00, 7 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Greg Chevalier 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Bouna Coundol (90:00, 8 saves, 0 GA).

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UALBANY BASKETBALL PRACTICE BEGINS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Albany, N.Y. – Practice sessions for the University at Albany men's and women's basketball teams begin on Saturday, October 12 in preparation for each program's second season as America East Conference members. The women will hold two workouts at the Recreation and Convocation Center, from 10:00 a.m.-12 noon and 4:00-6:00 p.m. The men are scheduled to practice from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Physical Education Building's University Gymnasium.

Head coach **Will Brown** has seven letterwinners returning on the men's team, including senior guard **Antione Johnson**, who averaged 11.3 points. **Earv Opong**, a 5-foot-5 senior, contributed 8.2 points in his first year with the program. Opong was among the conference leaders in assists (3.4 pg) and steals (1.8 pg).

UALbany plays a 16-game conference schedule that concludes with the America East postseason tournament on March 9, 10 and 15 in Boston, Mass. The Great Danes' list of non-conference opponents include NCAA participant Notre Dame (Nov. 30), Big East opponent Syracuse (Dec. 28) and crosstown-rival Siena (Nov. 22). The Fighting Irish, who are playing Albany for the first time, reached the NCAA's second round and finished with a 22-11 record.

First-year head coach **Trina Patterson** has four starters back from last year's women's squad. **Becky Ayers** (12.2 ppg) and **Danielle Hutcheson**, a 6-foot-4 center, had solid freshman campaigns. Hutcheson averaged 11.1 points and was third among the America East rebounding leaders at 8.0 per game. Senior guard **Jess McGinlay** also scored in double figures at an 11.4 clip.

UALbany begins conference play on January 9 against Boston University. The America East Tournament is March 13-15 at Chase Family Arena in Hartford, Conn. The Great Danes open the season against Siena at Pepsi Arena on Nov. 22, plus meet non-league teams Yale, Army and Navy. Albany is also entered in the Cornell Classic on Dec. 6-7.

The RACC schedule features three men's and women's home doubleheaders on November 26 (M-Bucknell, W-Yale), January 2 (M-Colgate, W-Lafayette) and February 8 (M-Maine, W-Maine). The February 8th doubleheader features Big Purple Growl, the University's Winter Homecoming.

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2002-03 Albany Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	High School/Hometown
0	Antione Johnson***	G	Sr.	6-1	180	Southfield-Lathrup/Lathrup Village, Mich.
4	Herman Banks	F	Fr.	6-9	190	W.T. White/Dallas, Texas
11	Levi Levine	F	Fr.	6-6	235	Cheshire Academy (Conn.)/New York, N.Y.
12	+Earv Opong*	G	Sr.	5-5	155	Christopher Columbus/Bronx, N.Y.
13	Jamar Wilson	G	Fr.	6-1	170	Our Savior New American School/Bronx, N.Y.
20	Janis Pipikis*	C	Jr.	6-8	235	Ventspils First Gymnasium/Ventspils, Latvia
21	Chris Wyatt*	F	So.	6-6	215	Hatboro-Horsham/Horsham, Pa.
22	Jared Knotts	F	Fr.	6-6	245	St. James School (Md.)/Colton, Calif.
24	Brian Barnes*	G	Sr.	5-10	165	Catholic Central/Troy, N.Y.
32	^Rhasheed Peterson*	G/F	Sr.	6-5	200	University City/Philadelphia, Pa.
33	Sequon Young*	G	So.	6-1	185	Schenectady/Schenectady, N.Y.
34	Rasheed Bonner	F/C	Jr.	6-8	235	Cleveland Heights/University Heights, Ohio
44	>Aquawasi St. Hillaire	F	Jr.	6-6	190	Erasmus Hall/Brooklyn, N.Y.

*Letters Won

+Sullivan County Community College transfer

^Kansas City Kansas Community College transfer

>SUNY-Delhi transfer

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Will Brown (Dowling '95)

Assistant Coach: Frank Ross (American '87)

Assistant Coach: Gallagher Driscoll (St. Rose '92)

Assistant Coach: Mike Spisto (Oneonta '97)

2002-03 Albany Women's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	High School/Hometown
00	Nicole Johnson**	G	Jr.	5-11	Colonia/Avenel, N.J.
10	Chris Gray***	G	Sr.	5-6	Bethel Park/Bethel Park, Pa.
11	Becky Ayers*	G	So.	5-11	Canandaigua Academy/Canandaigua, N.Y.
12	Kathryn Hemlock**	G	Jr.	5-4	Langley/Great Falls, Va.
20	Danielle Hutcheson*	C	So.	6-4	Greenway/Phoenix, Ariz.
21	Sarah Sweetland**	G	Jr.	5-9	Burlington/Burlington, Mass.
22	Alicia Learn*	F	So.	6-1	Watkins Glen/Watkins Glen, N.Y.
23	Shauna Brew	G	So.	5-7	Maret School/Washington, D.C.
24	Jess McGinlay***	G	Sr.	5-8	Lake Braddock School/Burke, Va.
31	Jen Schumacher	G	Fr.	5-8	Whitney Point/Lisle, N.Y.
35	Teryn O'Bannon**	F	Jr.	6-0	DeLaSalle/Maple Plain, Minn.
44	Maree Jones*	F	So.	6-1	Albany/Albany, N.Y.
54	Sharon Majors	F	Fr.	6-1	Cranford/Cranford, N.J.

*Letters Won

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Trina Patterson (Virginia '87)

Assistant Coach: Melvin Smith (LaSalle '98)

Assistant Coach: James Brunelli (Clarion '96)

Assistant Coach: Val Klopfer (Wake Forest '02)

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Vestal, N.Y. – Sophomore **Jennifer Smith** had 13 kills to pace five players in double figures, as Binghamton posted a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over Albany in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Tuesday evening at East Gym. The Bearcats, who rallied after dropping the opening two games, won by scores of 18-30, 28-30, 30-25, 30-26, 15-12.

Sophomore setter **Glorimar Ortega** totaled eight kills, 46 assists and 10 digs for Binghamton (6-11, AE 1-0). **Michele Heck** had 12 kills and eight digs, while **Anne Crocus** and **Allison Beard** added 12 kills apiece.

Albany's **Alexis Bowens**, a freshman middle hitter, recorded a career-high 31 kills, the highest total by a Great Dane this season. Senior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) turned in a double-double with 10 kills and 12 digs.

Albany (9-8, AE 0-1) travels to America East-rival Maine on Friday, Oct. 11 for a 7:00 p.m. match.

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Binghamton def. Albany, 18-30, 28-30, 30-25, 30-26, 30-12

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

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 35-14 victory over Wagner, UAlbany moved up in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. The Great Danes climbed three spots to sixth in The Sports Network rankings, and pushed up to ninth in the Football Gazette poll. Albany (3-2, NEC 3-1) is tied for first place in the Northeast Conference standings with Sacred Heart. The Great Danes face non-league foe Drake (4-2) in Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday, Oct. 12. Kickoff is 2:00 p.m. Eastern at 18,000-seat Drake Stadium.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. Duquesne, 2. Dayton, 3. Morehead State, 4. Marist, 5. St. Peter's, 6. **Albany**, 7. Sacred Heart, 8. Stony Brook, 9. Robert Morris, 10. Davidson.

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Duquesne, 2. Dayton, 3. Morehead State, 4. Marist, 5. Stony Brook, 6. Sacred Heart, 7. San Diego, 8. St. Peter's, 9. **Albany**, 10. Drake.

GARY JONES AMONG DIVISION I-AA LEADERS IN THREE CATEGORIES

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk H.S.) is among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yardage. Jones, a junior tailback, rushed for 98 yards and three touchdowns and accounted for 180 all-purpose yards in last Saturday's 35-14 Northeast Conference victory over Wagner.

Jones is 11th in rushing at 107.6 yards per game, tied for 11th in scoring (9.6 points/game) and 16th in all-purpose yards (156.0 ypg). He has rushed for 538 yards and eight touchdowns in five games this season.

Billy Pike ranks 10th among the nation's top punters with a 43.9 average. The Great Danes are 19th in rushing offense at 207.4 yards per game.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – **Erin Stanek** and **Christie Cremo** each scored in the second half to lead Albany to a 2-0 America East Conference win over Stony Brook on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes ended a 14-match winless streak in conference play with the victory.

Stanek, a senior, broke a scoreless tie when she intercepted goalkeeper **Lauren Kohn's** attempted clear and sent a shot into the left side of the net at 62:51. Cremo tallied her second goal of the season for insurance with six minutes and 22 seconds remaining. The freshman midfielder scored on a 25-yard blast that glanced off the left post.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** registered her second career shutout by making 12 saves, including seven in the opening period. Kohn, a freshman, totaled three saves for Stony Brook (2-8-2, AE 0-1-1).

Albany (3-9-1, AE 1-3-0) went winless against America East opponents in its first year as a conference member with a 0-10-1 record last season. The Great Danes had opened the 2002 league schedule with three losses.

-agate-

Stony Brook (2-8-2, AE 0-1-1)	0	0	-	0
Albany (3-9-1, AE 1-3-0)	0	2	-	2

Stony Brook – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Lauren Kohn (90:00, 3 saves, 2 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Erin Stanek 1-0, Christie Cremo 1-0, Ashley Jurica 0-1;
Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 12 saves, 0 GA).

MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Senior striker **Ryan Coiner** scored two goals and assisted on another to lead San Diego, the nation's eighth-ranked team, to a 4-1 non-league win over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field.

San Diego (10-2-1) snapped a 1-1 deadlock with 16 seconds remaining in the opening period, as sophomore midfielder **Kevin Wilson** converted a header off a set play. Albany (6-4) had tied the match when **Ashtian Holmes** scored unassisted, his third goal of the season at 21:01.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

The Toreros, who rebounded from Friday's 2-1 loss at Boston University, put the contest away with two goals nearly seven minutes apart midway through the second half. Coiner placed a shot past the goalkeeper after hauling in a long pass from **Tyler Conley**. The goal was Coiner's second of the game and 11th of the season. **Noah Manning** closed out the scoring with a header following a rebound off the post at 69:30.

Senior goalkeeper **Matt Kessler** went all the way between the posts and had to make just one save. **Trevor Serraro** and **Bouna Coundol** combined to record seven saves for the Great Danes.

-agate-

San Diego (10-2-1)	2	2	-	4
Albany (6-4)	1	0	-	1

San Diego – Scoring: Ryan Coiner 2-1, Kevin Wilson 1-0, Noah Manning 1-0, Kellen Hiroto 0-1, Eric Wunderle 0-1, Tyler Conley 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Matt Kessler (90:00, 1 save, 1 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Ashtian Holmes 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (51:38, 4 saves, 2 GA), Bouna Coundol (38:22, 3 saves, 2 GA).

FIELD HOCKEY

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward **Allison Mann** scored a pair of goals, one in each half, to lead Albany to a 3-1 non-conference victory over winless St. Francis, Pa. on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field.

Albany (4-7) took a 1-0 lead with 27:20 left in the opening period, when Mann blasted a 15-yard shot into the left side of cage off a crossing pass from **Alexis Johnson**. Mann gave her team a two-goal advantage 12 minutes into the second half. She tapped in her fourth goal of the season off **Tina Bryson's** feed in transition.

St. Francis, Pa. (0-13) closed within 2-1 on **Brandy Feldman's** goal with 10:56 remaining. The Great Danes, who have won three of their last four matches, ended any comeback attempt when **Heidi Bowen** converted a penalty stroke with 9:02 to play.

Monica Nicoles had eight saves for the Red Flash, who opened the 2002 season with a 3-1 loss to Albany on their home field. **Megan Akstin** and **Michele De Cuffa** combined to stop eight shots for the Great Danes.

-agate-

St. Francis, Pa. (0-13)	0	1	-	1
Albany (4-7)	1	2	-	3

St. Francis, Pa. – Scoring: Brandy Feldman 1-0, Kathleen Deeter 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Monica Nicoles (70:00, 8 saves, 3 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Allison Mann 2-0, Heidi Bowen 0-1, Alexis Johnson 0-1, Tina Bryson 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (35:00, 7 saves, 0 GA), Michelle De Cuffa (35:00, 1 save, 1 GA).

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Albany 35, Wagner 14

Albany, N.Y. – Junior tailback **Gary Jones** rushed for three touchdowns and **Matt Crudo** accounted for two scores to lead Albany to a 35-14 Northeast Conference victory over Wagner on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

Albany (3-2, NEC 3-1) led 21-14 midway through the fourth quarter, but put the game away with a pair of short touchdown drives. Jones, who ran for 98 yards on 27 carries, scored on a 5-yard run over right tackle with 6:20 remaining. Crudo, a sophomore flanker, reached the end zone four minutes later on a 20-yard reverse.

In the first quarter, the Great Danes took a 7-0 lead, when quarterback **Ryan Roeder** scrambled from the pocket and fired a 33-yard touchdown pass to Crudo. Wagner (3-2, NEC 1-1) used an 80-yard scoring march to draw even with 4:54 left in the period. **Chris Davis**, who rushed for 53 yards on 16 attempts, reached paydirt on a 1-yard run over the left side.

Albany had excellent field position in the opening quarter due to 20-mile-per-hour winds and took possession on its next drive at the Wagner 42. Jones capped off the march when he broke three tackles on a 9-yard scoring run that gave his team the lead for good at 14-7.

The Great Danes, who rushed for 167 of their 250 net yards in the second half, went up 21-7 with 9:30 left in the third quarter. Jones completed a six-play drive with a 4-yard touchdown run. Fullback **Jon George**, who carried 12 times for 89 yards, keyed that sequence with a twisting 27-yard run into Wagner territory.

The Seahawks took advantage of an Albany special teams miscue. **Stan Zylinski's** 26-yard quick kick, on a third-and-16 play, was returned by **Truesun Thomas** to the Great Danes' 28. Davis later bounced around right end to score on a 1-yard run and his team was within a touchdown with 5:07 remaining in the third stanza.

"The wind was a major factor," said Albany coach **Bob Ford**, who recorded his 180th career victory at the school. "We were able to use a short field in the first and fourth quarter, and our offense began to control the ball as game went along. The team responded well coming off last week's tough loss."

Roeder completed 12 of 19 passes for 107 yards and one touchdown for the Great Danes, who moved into a tie for first place with Sacred Heart in the conference standings. Crudo finished with three receptions for 44 yards. Wagner's **David Bateman** and **Chris Spina**, who alternated at quarterback, combined on 12-of-29 passing for 152 yards. The Seahawks managed just 204 total yards, including 52 on the ground.

"We were not very good," said Wagner coach **Walt Hameline**. "We had too many penalties and dropped balls. They did what they had to do, but I have questions about our mental toughness out there today."

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman outside hitter **Kristen Conway** totaled 17 kills and 12 digs to lead Syracuse to a 3-1 non-conference victory over Albany on Friday evening at University Gymnasium. The Orangewomen won by scores of 28-30, 30-24, 30-24 and 30-23.

Jessica Logan added 11 kills, while teammate **Rachel Crooks** totaled 10 kills, five digs and four service aces. Syracuse, a Big East Conference member, had dropped five of six matches entering the contest.

Senior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) recorded a team-high 14 kills for the Great Danes. Gibbs is third on the school's all-time kills chart with 1,056.

Freshman **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** posted her first career double-double with 13 kills and 10 digs. She also had seven service aces and leads the nation in that category. **Kristin Norton**, a 5-foot-11 freshman, had a career-best 13 kills to go with 10 digs.

Albany (9-7) begins America East Conference play against Binghamton on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

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Syracuse def. Albany, 28-30, 30-24, 30-24, 30-23.

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Field Hockey

Albany, N.Y. – Northeastern’s **Mari Creatini** scored off a **Sara Webber** pass three minutes and 30 seconds into the first half and the Huskies went on to post a 6-0 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Albany Field. Northeastern, the nation’s 11th-ranked team, improved its record to 8-2 overall and 1-0 in conference play.

Albany (3-7, AE 0-2) was able to keep Huskies’ leading scorers **Liane Dixon** and **Fior Arrindell** off the scoreboard, but Webber found the back of the net twice to go along with two assists. The junior forward tallied two first-half goals to stake her team to a 3-0 halftime lead.

Jay Quinn increased that lead as she took a cross from Creatini and put it into the left side of the net at 44:03. **Maureen Connelly’s** shot on UAlbany goalie **Megan Akstin** skidded past her for the fifth goal. Northeastern’s final tally was scored with 58 seconds remaining as **Sarah Broderick** recorded her fifth goal of the season.

Akstin stopped nine shots, including two saves on two penalty-stroke opportunities in the second half. **Emily Roy** and **Diana Nelson** combined on the shutout in the Northeastern cage. The Great Danes meet non-conference opponent St. Francis, Pa. on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

-agate-

Northeastern (8-2, AE 1-0)	3	3	-	6
Albany (3-7, AE 0-2)	0	0	-	0

Northeastern – Sara Webber 2-2, Mari Creatini 1-2, Sarah Broderick 1-0, Maureen Connelly 1-0, Jay Quinn 1-0, Fior Arrindell 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Emily Roy (50:27, 0 saves, 0 GA), Diana Nelson (19:33, 0 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (50:27, 9 saves, 5 GA), Michelle De Cuffa (19:33, 4 saves, 1 GA).

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Men's Soccer

Orono, Maine – **Vadim Ivanyushchenko** scored the game's lone goal late in the first half to give Albany a 1-0 win over Maine in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Wednesday afternoon at Alumni Field. The Great Danes, who have won five of their last six matches, improved to 6-3 overall and 1-0 in conference play.

Ivanyushchenko, a sophomore midfielder, tallied his second goal of the season off a pass from **Savvas Theofilou** with one minute and 34 seconds remaining in the opening period.

Goalkeeper **Bouna Coundol** made four saves to pick up his second win of the year, as well as the team's first shutout of the season. Maine's **Josh Sjostrom** totaled four saves for the Black Bears, who fall to 1-5-2 and 0-1. Maine won the battle of shots on goal with a 16-13 advantage.

Albany will host San Diego, the nation's eighth-ranked team, this Sun., Oct. 6 at Varsity Field. Match time is 12 noon.

-agate-

Albany 1, Maine 0

Maine -- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Josh Sjostrom (90:00, 4 saves, 1 GA)

Albany -- Vadim Ivanyushchenko 1-0, Savvas Theofilou 0-1; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundol (90:00, 4 saves, 1 GA)

Women's Soccer

Binghamton, N.Y. -- **Tracy Kasmarcik** scored three goals and assisted on another to power Binghamton a 7-0 victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at West Gym Field in the Bearcats' America East Conference opener. Binghamton (7-2-1, AE 1-0) extended its winning streak to five straight matches.

Caitlin O'Shaughnessy scored the first of her two goals with 10 minutes and 38 seconds gone in the contest off a Kasmarcik cross. Kasmarcik, a junior forward, then went on to score three of the team's next four goals. **Rosey Mustafa** also added two goals to the winning cause.

Kasmarcik netted her third goal of the game and 10th of the season, when she fired in a shot from the left side at 59:23 for a 5-0 lead. She leads the America East in scoring with 25 points.

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Albany goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** made 10 saves while facing 31 shots in garnering the loss. The Great Danes, who are now 2-9-1 and 0-3, play host to Sacred Heart on Sun., Oct. 6 at Varsity Field. Kickoff is 2:30 p.m.

-agate-

Binghamton 7, Albany 0

Binghamton -- Tracy Kasmarcik 3-1, Caitlin O'Shaughnessy 2-0, Rosey Mustafa 2-0, Amanda Norman 0-3, Tatian Mathelier 0-1, Deli Plourde 0-1, Lauren Massey 0-1, Irene Morales 0-1; Goalkeeper: Lauren Cherry (90:00, 2 saves, 0 GA)

Albany -- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Beth Spinelli (90:00, 10 saves, 7 GA)

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Albany, N.Y. – **Alexis Bowens** had 14 kills and **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) added 12 to lead Albany to a 3-0 non-league victory over winless Sacred Heart on Tuesday evening at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who upped their record to 9-6, won by scores of 30-11, 30-19 and 30-28.

With the score tied at 28 apiece in the final game, Bowens fired off a kill inside the left sideline before Gibbs recorded a service ace off the hand of Sacred Heart's **Lauren Lamb** to close out the match. Gibbs, a senior outside hitter who totaled four aces and five digs, has now reached double-figure kills in 28 of her last 30 contests.

Freshman **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** had eight kills, six digs and a career-high 11 service aces. She is tops among the NCAA Division I leaders in that category. Lamb had seven kills, while **Tara Riddle** added six for the Pioneers, who fall to 0-14 on the season.

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Albany def. Sacred Heart, 30-11, 30-19, 30-28

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FIELD HOCKEY

Albany, N.Y. – **Tina Bryson** and **Alexis Johnson** each scored in the second half to lead Albany to a 3-1 non-conference victory over Siena on Tuesday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who won back-to-back games for the first time this year, improved to 3-6 overall.

Bryson, a freshman forward, snapped a 1-1 deadlock with four minutes and 40 seconds elapsed in the final period. She chipped a shot from the left side over the goalkeeper's head and into the top right corner. Johnson, who also had an assist, gave her team a two-goal advantage with 4:00 remaining, when she redirected **Amber Greiner's** blast from the top of the circle.

Siena (2-6) had tied the contest with 13:51 left in first half, when **Ashley Smaldon** advanced up the left side and found a streaking **Erin Mead** in front of the cage. **Lisa Burline** gave the Great Danes an early lead with her fourth goal of the season.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Kristen Heyde** had six saves for the Saints, who have dropped four straight. Albany's **Megan Akstin** turned aside 10 shots.

-agate-

Siena (2-6)	1	0	-	1
Albany (3-6)	1	2	-	3

Siena – Scoring: Erin Mead 1-0, Ashley Smaldon 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kristen Heyde (70:00, 6 saves, 3 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Alexis Johnson 1-1, Lisa Burline 1-0, Tina Bryson 1-0, Amber Greiner 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Akstin (70:00, 10 saves, 1 GA).