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Announcement Regarding Future of UAlbany Athletics

What: An announcement regarding the University at Albany's Department of Athletics and Recreation.

Who: Hosted by Provost Susan Herbst, officer in charge of the University at Albany

- Hon. Gerald D. Jennings, Mayor of Albany
- Lee McElroy, vice president for athletic administration and director of intercollegiate athletics, University at Albany

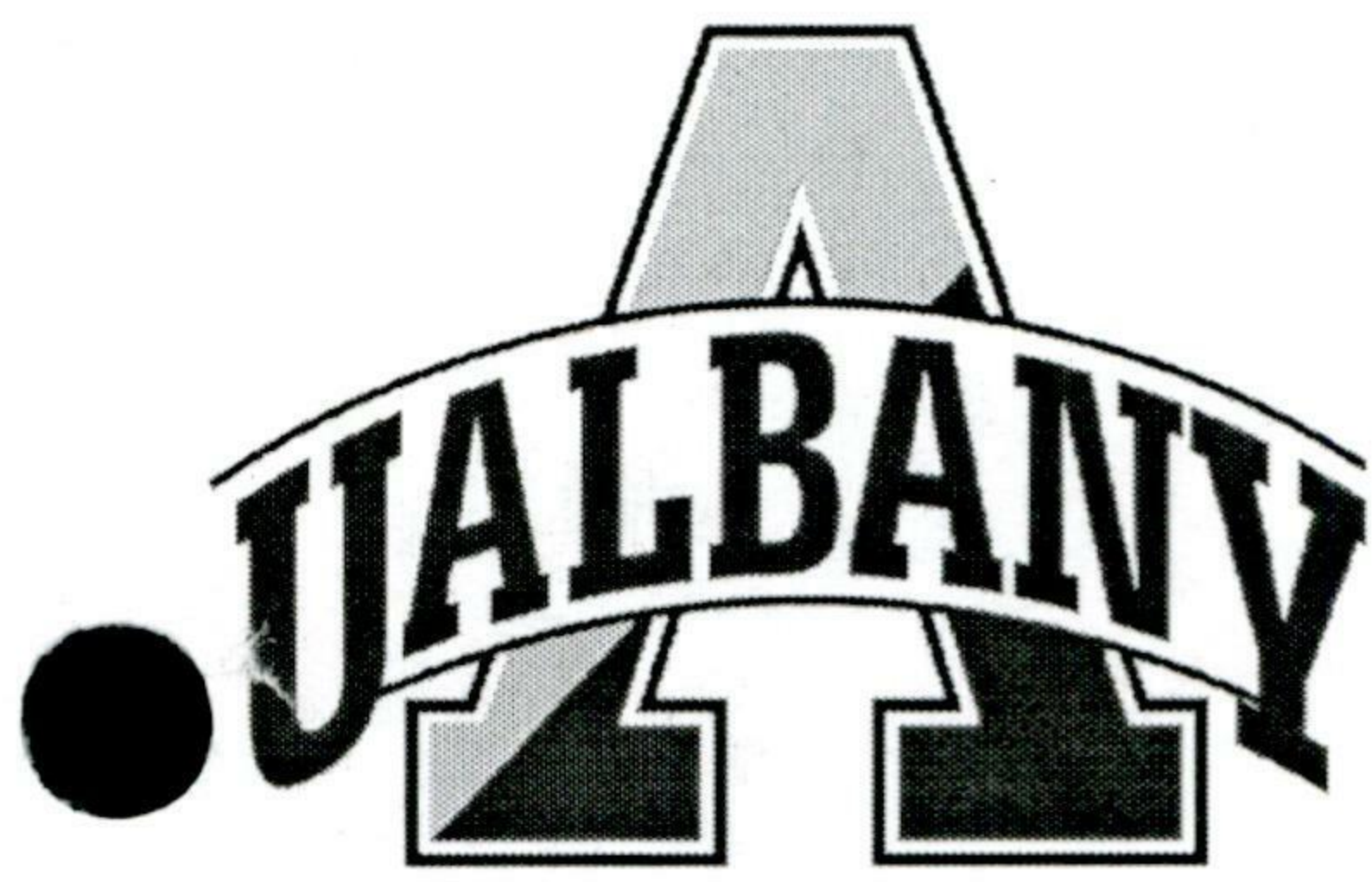
When: Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, noon - 1 p.m.

Where: Hall of Fame Room, SEFCU Arena, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY

Background: The University at Albany participates in 19 NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics programs for men and women. Since 2000, UAlbany has won 18 conference championships and made NCAA appearances in men's basketball, men's lacrosse, softball, women's volleyball and men's and women's track and field. In 2004-05, the Great Danes were awarded the Commissioner's Cup as the America East Conference's top athletic program. In 2005-2006, UAlbany's NCAA academic progress rate (APR) -- the formula NCAA member colleges and universities have adopted to improve academic success and graduation of student athletes -- was above the 90th percentile for the third consecutive year. In November 2006, the University announced a \$2.75 million commitment from SEFCU to name the Recreation and Convocation Center for a 10-year period. The facility, known as the SEFCU Arena, is the home for UAlbany's men's and women's basketball teams.

The University at Albany's broad mission of excellence in undergraduate and graduate education, research and public service engages 17,000 diverse students in 10 schools and colleges, including the Honors College. For more information about this internationally ranked institution, visit www.albany.edu. For UAlbany's extensive roster of faculty experts, visit www.albany.edu/news/experts.htm.

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UALBANY WINS FIFTH STRAIGHT IN 82-58 AMERICA EAST TRIUMPH OVER UMBC

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson had 16 of his 18 points in the opening half and UAlbany shot 54.5 percent from the field in an 82-58 America East Conference victory over UMBC on Wednesday evening at SEFCU Arena. The Great Danes, who improved to 15-7 overall and 8-2 in the conference, have won five straight and seven of their last eight.

UAlbany rolled to a 29-9 lead in the opening ten minutes by making 11 of its first 14 attempts from the floor. Brian Lillis, who had all eight of his points in the first half, ignited a run of eight unanswered with a reverse layup on the left baseline and a jump hook in the lane. The Great Danes added another outburst of 12 straight points. Jason Siggers had eight of his 14 points in that span, including two of his three 3-pointers. Jon Iati's long-range jumper from the right wing gave his team a 20-point margin.

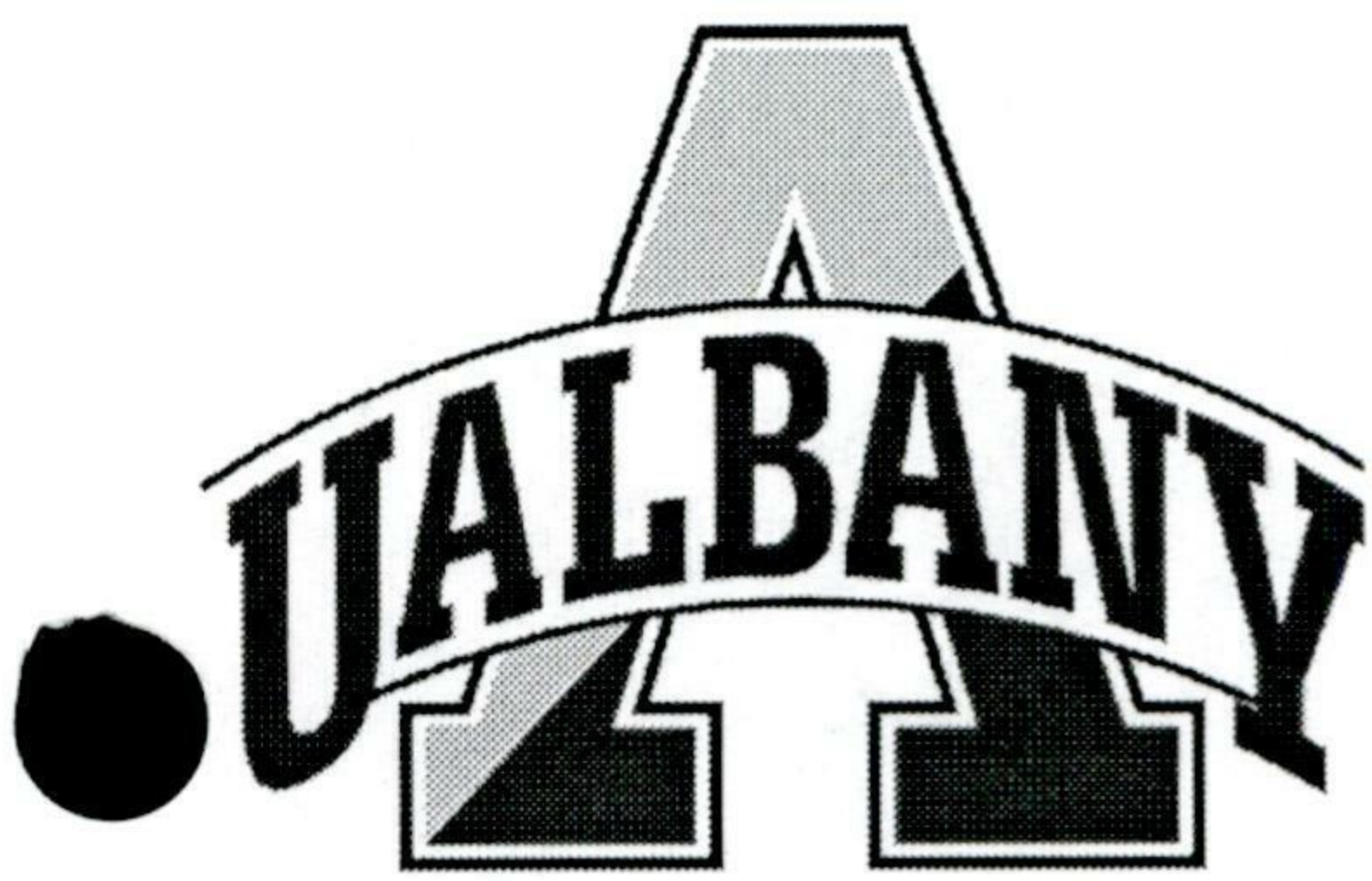
The Great Danes, who blistered the nets at 63.3 percent in the period, moved out to a 32-point advantage on a pair of free throws by Wilson, who made 7-of-13 from the field and added eight assists and seven steals. UAlbany settled for a 52-25 lead at the intermission and recorded its most points in a half this season.

UMBC (9-14, AE 5-5) was coming off a pair of last-second conference wins in its previous two outings, but the Retrievers were never in this contest. Brian Hodges, the team's top scorer, was held to 11 points on 3-of-16 from the field. His team was held to 37.3-percent shooting overall. Justin Fry and Chris Pugh each scored 10.

"We played solid defense in two close away wins last week and that has helped our confidence," said Jamar Wilson, the reigning America East player of the year who played with a sprained knee suffered in practice the day before. "Our defense has helped make it easier on our offense. We are a motivated team right now. We want to make sure we take care of business."

Brent Wilson, a 6-foot-8 junior, was the third UAlbany player in double figures with 14 points. Wilson was one of 12 players who reaching the scoring column, as his team posted its biggest win margin since Dec. 6, 2004. The Great Danes, who won for the sixth straight time in the series, took the first meeting of the year, 65-61, earlier this month.

"That may be the best twenty minutes we have played since I have been here," offered Brent Wilson, who scored in twin figures for the 12th time this season. "The coaches have been preaching defense and we played well on that end of the floor. In the second half, we were trying to maintain the lead and then get some guys in there who deserve some playing time."



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UALBANY WOMEN DROP 58-44 CONFERENCE DECISION AT NEW HAMPSHIRE

Durham, N.H. – **Danielle Clark** and **Whitney Edwards** each had 14 points as New Hampshire defeated UAlbany, 58-44, in an America East Conference women's basketball game at Lundholm Gymnasium on Wednesday evening.

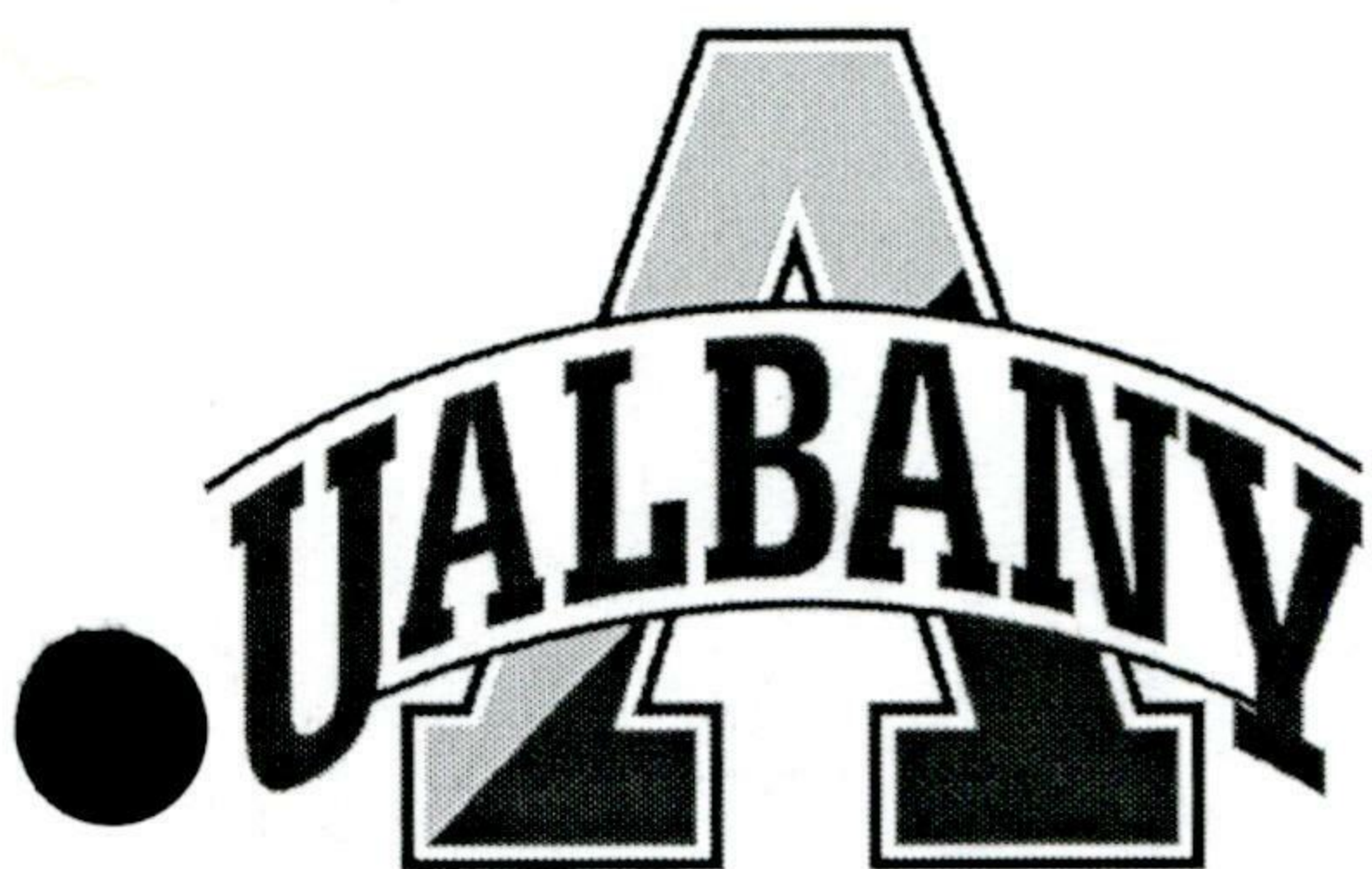
The two teams exchanged three-pointers to open the second half, but New Hampshire scored seven unanswered points to get ahead, 36-18, with 15:41 remaining. The Wildcats would lead by as many as 17, 44-27, after a three from Amy Simpson at 11:11. UAlbany (7-14, AE 3-5) narrowed the deficit to 10, 47-37, after a free throw by **Kristin Higy** with 5:33 remaining, but could come no closer. The Great Danes made four treys in the period, two from **Charity Iromuanya** and two from **Amanda Ward**.

New Hampshire (7-13, AE 2-6) held a 25-15 lead at the half on the strength of nine points from Danielle Flowers. After the Wildcats built a 7-2 lead to start the contest, UAlbany tied the game at 11-11 at 12:20 on a layup by Gia Sanders. New Hampshire would then go on a 12-2 run over the next eight minutes to lead by 10, 23-13, with 4:22 remaining in the half. The Great Danes struggled from the floor, shooting just 23.1 percent in the half and 27.1 percent overall on the evening. However, UAlbany outrebounded the Wildcats, 48-39.

"It was a combination of poor shooting and 21 turnovers. You just aren't going to win a game like that," said assistant coach Melissia Patterson, who is running the team while head coach Trina Patterson is away after giving birth to her third son. "We did produce 20 offensive rebounds, which was a positive, and we held their best player to below her average."

Higy had her fourth double-double of the season, scoring 13 points and adding 10 rebounds. Ward also had 13 points for UAlbany, the seventh time in the last eight games in which she has scored in double-figures. Iromuanya was the Great Danes' other scorer in double-figures, netting 10 points.

The UAlbany women return to action on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 5:15 for a game against Binghamton in the opener of the Big Purple Growl.



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UALBANY'S BIG PURPLE GROWL CELEBRATES ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Albany, N.Y. – The 10th annual Big Purple Growl and Ferocious Feast is set for Saturday, Feb. 3 on the University at Albany campus. The University's Winter Homecoming features a men's and women's basketball doubleheader at SEFCU Arena with America East Conference opponent Binghamton University. The women's game begins at 5:15 p.m., while the men follow at 8:00 p.m.

For ticket information, contact the UAlbany Athletic Ticket Office, at 518-442-4683. The Big Purple Growl is on its way to becoming a sold-out event for the second consecutive year. There are currently 150 reserved seats available for general sale. The BPG doubleheader has averaged 3,445 fans in the previous nine events.

Big Purple Growl T-shirts, courtesy of Verizon Wireless, will be distributed to the first 1,000 fans at the doubleheader. Students will participate in the CDTA Shot for Tuition, with the winner receiving an award that is equivalent to one semester's in-state tuition. Residential Life will sponsor a housing lottery for five lucky UAlbany students. UAlbany's pep band, dance team and cheerleaders will also perform.

The Ferocious Feast will be held in University Gymnasium, adjacent to SEFCU Arena, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Feast is completely sold out. The menu includes three selections, barbecue ribs, chicken tenders and a variety of wraps. The Puppy Pound for younger children highlights a list of activities. The Amazing Mr. Twisty and face painting are also part of the celebration. The Earth Tones, the school's men's a capella group, will provide musical entertainment.

The Big Purple Growl men's game will be televised on the America East TV Network. Time Warner Cable (TW3) is airing the broadcast in the Capital Region. Rodger Wyland, sports director at WNYT-TV, and Tom Herrion will handle the play-by-play coverage.

UALBANY VOLLEYBALL ANNOUNCES SEASON-ENDING AWARDS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head volleyball coach Kelly Sheffield recently announced the team's season awards at the Great Danes' postseason banquet held at The Pearl Restaurant.

The 2006 most valuable player award was given to senior co-captains Blair Buchanan and Ashley DeNeal. Buchanan earned her third straight America East Conference Player and Setter of the Year awards, leading the Great Danes to the conference championship and an NCAA berth for the second time in three years. DeNeal was named the most outstanding player of the A-East Championship, which was hosted by UAlbany for the third consecutive season.

Sophomore Kamisha Kellam was named the team's most improved player, finishing fourth on the squad with 2.25 kills per game and averaging a team-high 1.35 blocks. DeNeal was also honored with the "Bring It!" award for the third year in a row. The honor is given to a player who shows the best attitude and work ethic in practice and on the court.

DeNeal and Buchanan, along with fellow seniors Shelby Goldman and Kristin Fiorillo, were each presented with a framed jersey to commemorate their four years of commitment to the program.

Goldman, who was an America East first team all-conference honoree, led the team with 4.23 kills per game, and finished her career as the all-time kills leader with 1,671. DeNeal was named to the all-conference first team for the second straight season, finishing as UAlbany's career digs leader with 1,903. Buchanan, who became the first player in NCAA Division I history to earn her conference's player and setter of the year awards three consecutive times, is first on the Great Danes' career assists chart with 5,049.

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ASHLEY LINDSAY TO MISS REMAINDER OF SEASON WITH INJURY

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany basketball forward Ashley Lindsay will miss the remainder of the 2006-07 season due to a stress fracture in the tibia of her right leg.

"Ashley is a strong contributor for us," said UAlbany assistant coach Melissia Patterson. "We are going to miss her competition in practice, where we have used her to go up against our starters and make them better."

Lindsay, a 6-foot-1 freshman from Moreno Valley, Calif., had seen action in 12 games this season, all off the bench. She scored two points on four occasions and grabbed a season-high three rebounds against Buffalo.

ORTMAN & SCHOEN NAMED AMERICA EAST TRACK & FIELD PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Jessica Ortman has been selected as the America East Conference's women's track performer of the week, while freshman Luke Schoen was named the league's men's field performer of the week, as announced by the conference office on Tuesday.

Ortman, a sophomore, won the 500-meter dash and qualified for March's ECAC meet in a time of 1:15.22 at the Boston Indoor Games, hosted by Northeastern University on Jan. 26. She was also a member of the first-place 4x400 relay team, which won the event in 3:54.22. The Great Danes finished fourth out of 13 teams at the competition. Ortman, who was previously named the women's track performer of the week on Jan. 9, has now won the 500-meters, the 800-meters (twice) and the mile at various meets this season.

Schoen finished first in the pole vault with a height of 15-feet, 5.75-inches at Boston University's Terrier Invitational on Jan. 27. It was the freshman's second victory and his second-highest vault of the season.

The Great Danes' track and field teams return to action at the Collegiate Invitational in New York City on Friday and Saturday, plus they will also compete at the Syracuse Invitational on Feb. 3.

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ESPNU BRACKETBUSTERS PAIRINGS ANNOUNCED

EVENT TO NOW FEATURE 14 GAMES WITH NCAA TOURNAMENT HOPEFULS FEBRUARY 16-17

Pairings for the fifth annual *O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBusters* – a two-day men's basketball event matching NCAA Tournament hopefuls against each other on Friday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 17 -- were announced on ESPNU's special selection show this evening at 6 p.m. ET.

This year's event will be highlighted by the addition of an additional game to the television package, bringing the total matchups to 14 (the schedule originally featured 13 *ESPNU BracketBusters* telecasts). This year's event also includes the new name *ESPNU BracketBusters*, reflecting the relationship to the college sports brand, including a 24-hour college sports network. The 28 *ESPNU BracketBusters* teams were selected from a pool of 102 schools. Last year's field included a potential of 100 teams (vying for 13 *ESPNU BracketBusters* games).

"*ESPNU BracketBusters* continues to show tremendous yearly growth, both in interest and the quality of teams in the field," said Ilan Ben-Hanan, director, ESPN programming and acquisitions. "With so many strong teams and compelling storylines, we're happy to add a 14th televised game, providing additional national exposure for potential bracket-busting teams."

ESPN2 will televise six *ESPNU BracketBusters* contests, ESPNU will televise five and ESPN360, ESPN's customized broadband service, will offer coverage of three. Game times and network assignments for the 13 matchups will be announced Monday, Feb. 5. This year's event will mark the second time games will be televised over two days. The first three years of *ESPNU BracketBusters* featured every game on a Saturday.

***ESPNU BracketBusters* event pairings:**

Winthrop at Missouri State (Friday night telecast)
Albany at Boise State (Friday night telecast)
Southern Illinois at #11 Butler
Cal State Fullerton at Wright State
Northern Iowa at #13 Nevada
Holy Cross at Hofstra
Old Dominion at Toledo
Appalachian State at Wichita State
Bradley at Virginia Commonwealth
Utah State at Oral Roberts
Austin Peay at Akron
Drexel at Creighton
Ohio at New Mexico State
Kent State at George Mason

This year's 28 *ESPNU BracketBusters* teams represent 12 conferences and:

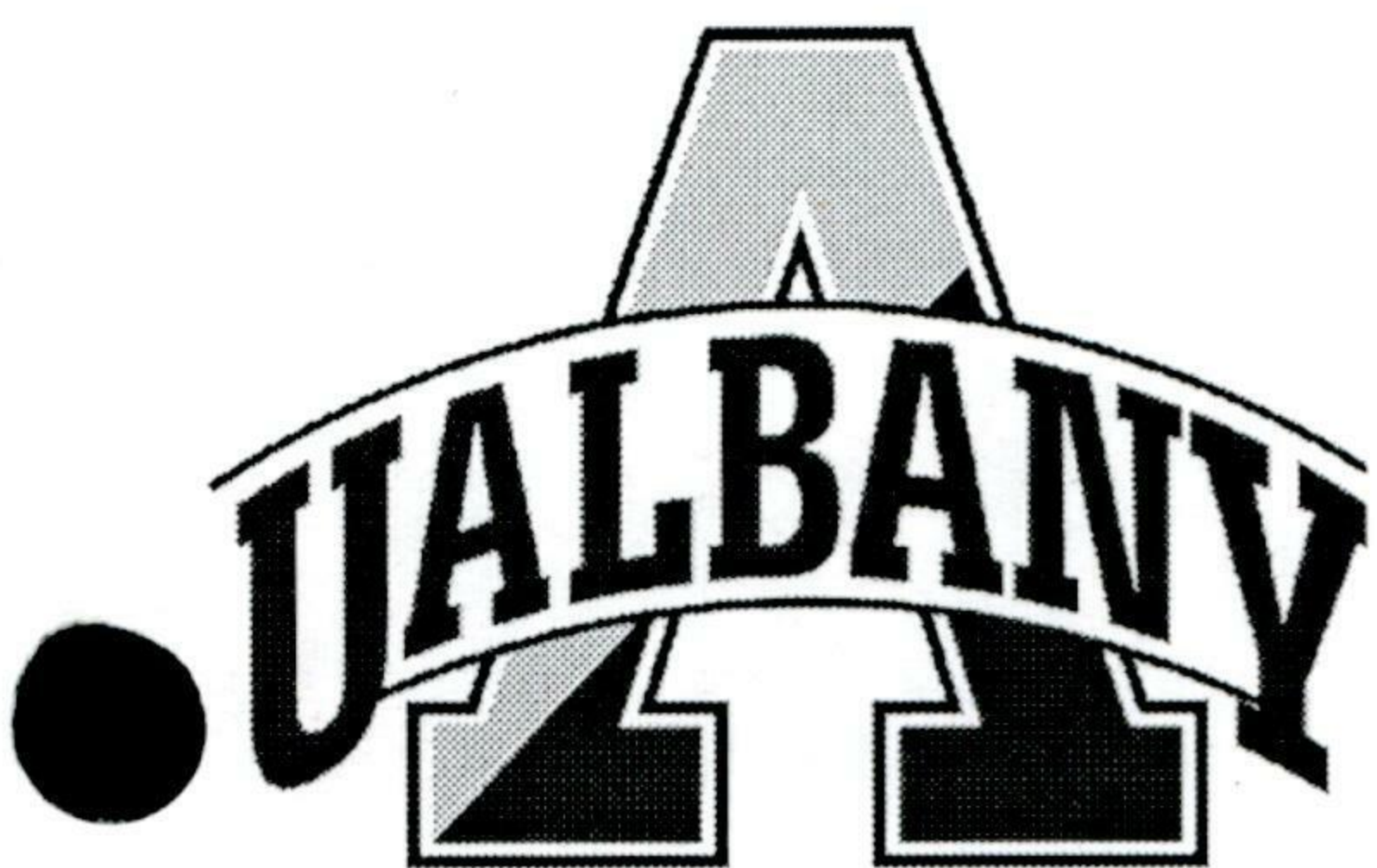
- Two ranked teams: #11 Butler and #13 Nevada.
- Twelve conference leaders (including the MAC East and West Division leaders).
- Eight in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) top 50 and 22 in the top 100.
- Eleven 2006 NCAA Tournament participants, including a Final Four (George Mason) and two Sweet Sixteen (Bradley and Wichita State) teams.
- Seventeen with 15 or more overall wins and five undefeated in conference play.

The *ESPNU BracketBusters* concept, named because of the success of teams from these conferences in NCAA Tournament play over the past years, provides participating programs with an opportunity to play top non-conference opponents approximately three weeks prior to Selection Sunday. Each conference selected their participating teams prior to the season and the matchups for the event were determined by ESPN in conjunction with the conferences.

ESPNU BracketBusters is an example of ESPN college basketball franchise programming. Others include *Rivalry Week Presented by Cisco Systems*, *Feast Week Presented by Lowe's*, *Judgment Week Presented by Cisco Systems*, *Student Spirit Week* and *Championship Week*.

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UALBANY EARNS FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN, 71-64, OVER NEW HAMPSHIRE

Durham, N.H. -- **Jamar Wilson** scored 23 points as UAlbany held off New Hampshire, 71-64, in America East Conference play on Sunday afternoon on Lundholm Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who have won four straight and six of their last seven, improved to 14-7 overall and 7-2 in the league.

New Hampshire (8-14, AE 4-5) trailed 48-35 with 12:07 remaining. But the Wildcats rallied behind **Tyrece Gibbs**, who tallied 17 of his 21 points in the second half. Gibbs, a 6'4" sophomore, drilled three consecutive 3-pointers that closed the gap to 64-62 with 2:22 left.

UAlbany still led 66-64 in the final minute, when Wilson, who made 7-of-13 from the field and grabbed seven rebounds, hit a spinning turnaround on a drive into the lane. After **Brent Wilson** took a charge on **Jermaine Anderson's** move to the basket, the Great Danes sealed the road win at the foul line.

Jon Iati and **Jason Siggers** had 13 and 12, respectively, for the Great Danes, who shot a season-best 54.8 percent from the field. **Brian Lillis** was the fourth player in double figures with 10. UNH's **Blagoj Janev** had 11 of his 18 points in the first half, while Anderson finished with 12.

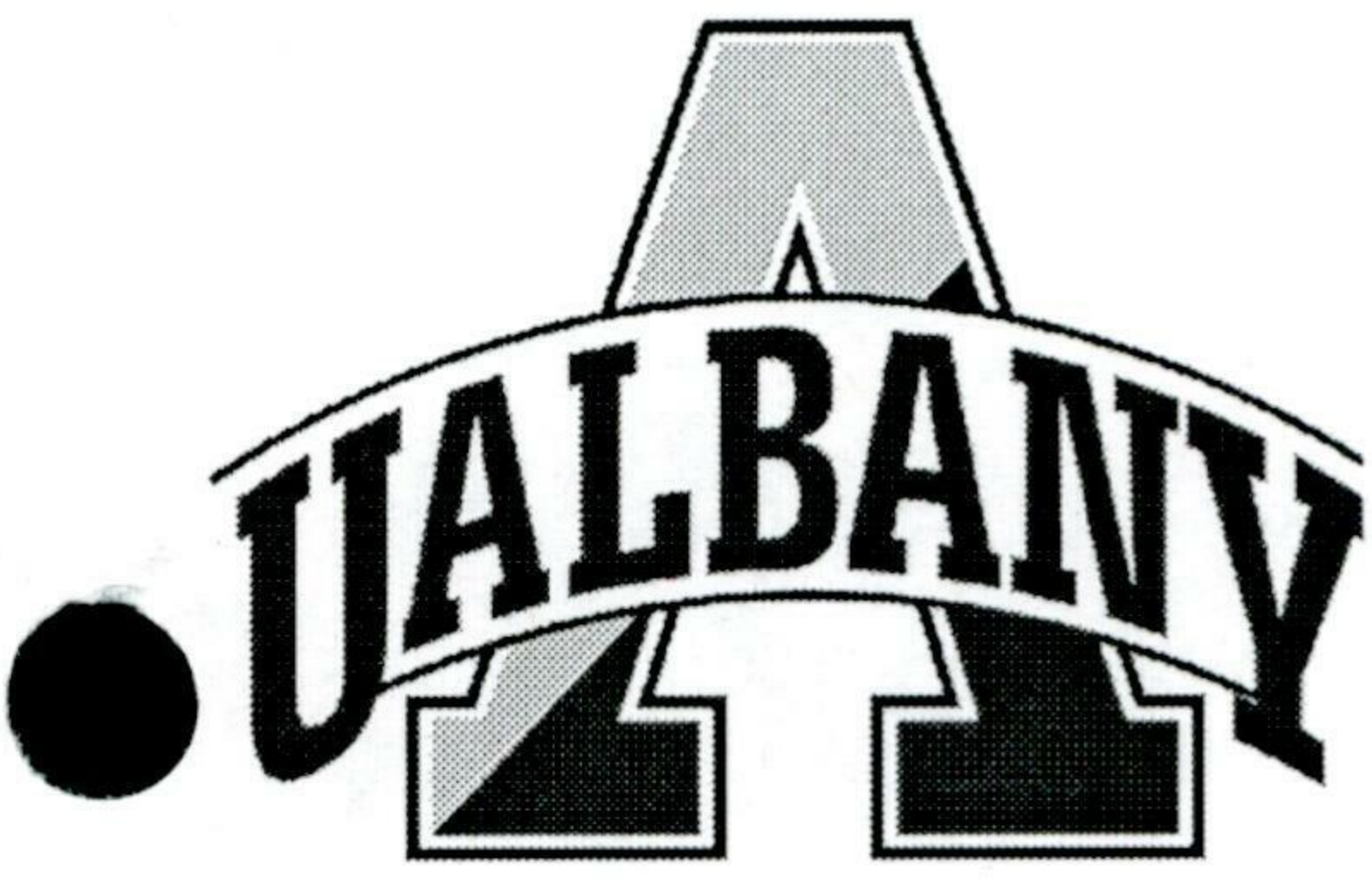
"It's about matchups in our conference. New Hampshire spaces the floor and shoots the three-pointer well, plus (Blagoj) Janev is matchup nightmare for us," UAlbany coach **Will Brown** said, whose team now awaits Monday's BracketBusters announcement at 6 p.m. Eastern. "You have to find a way to win on the road. Fortunately, we have kids who do not get unglued at crunch time."

UAlbany led 21-19 with five minutes remaining in the opening period, but then ran off 11 consecutive points. Jamar Wilson and Iati combined for that entire offensive production. Iati buried a three-point field goal from the left side, before Wilson connected on a jumper from the right of the lane to build the Great Danes' biggest lead of the half.

New Hampshire trailed by as much as 11 points on three occasions in the opening ten minutes. But Janev, an all-conference forward who scored 11 in the stanza, sparked a run of nine unanswered. Jermaine Anderson's 3-pointer from the right wing sliced the deficit to a single basket with 5:14 left before the break.

Jamar Wilson added, "The coaches designed a play for a back-door cut or a hand-off, but I was able to get into the lane and make the shot. You can learn how to win and can learn how to lose. It becomes a habit. We have the confidence to make a play or make a key stop."

The Great Danes return home to face UMBC on Wednesday, Jan. 31.



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POLE VAULT VICTORY HIGHLIGHTS UALBANY'S AFTERNOON AT TERRIER INVITATIONAL

Boston, Mass. – Freshman **Luke Schoen** won the pole vault with a distance of 15-feet, 5.75-inches, as the UAlbany men's track and field team participated at the Terrier Invitational, hosted by Boston University, on Saturday, Jan. 27. No team scores were recorded at the meet.

Sophomore **Pat Weider** came in third in the 200-meters with a personal-best time of 21.58 seconds, qualifying for the IC4A meet in March. Freshman **John Moore** also qualified for the IC4As by running the 800-meters in 1:50.85, fourth-best at the meet. Junior **Ricardo Estremera** was the team's third IC4A honoree, running the 1000-meters in 2:28.86, good for fourth place.

In field events, junior **Felipe Reyes** finished second in the long jump with a leap of 22-feet, 7.75-inches, while freshman **Valeta Graham** and junior **Anthony Basile** also registered top-ten finishes. Junior **Renauld Buck** came in eighth in the shot put with a throw of 48-feet, 7.25-inches.

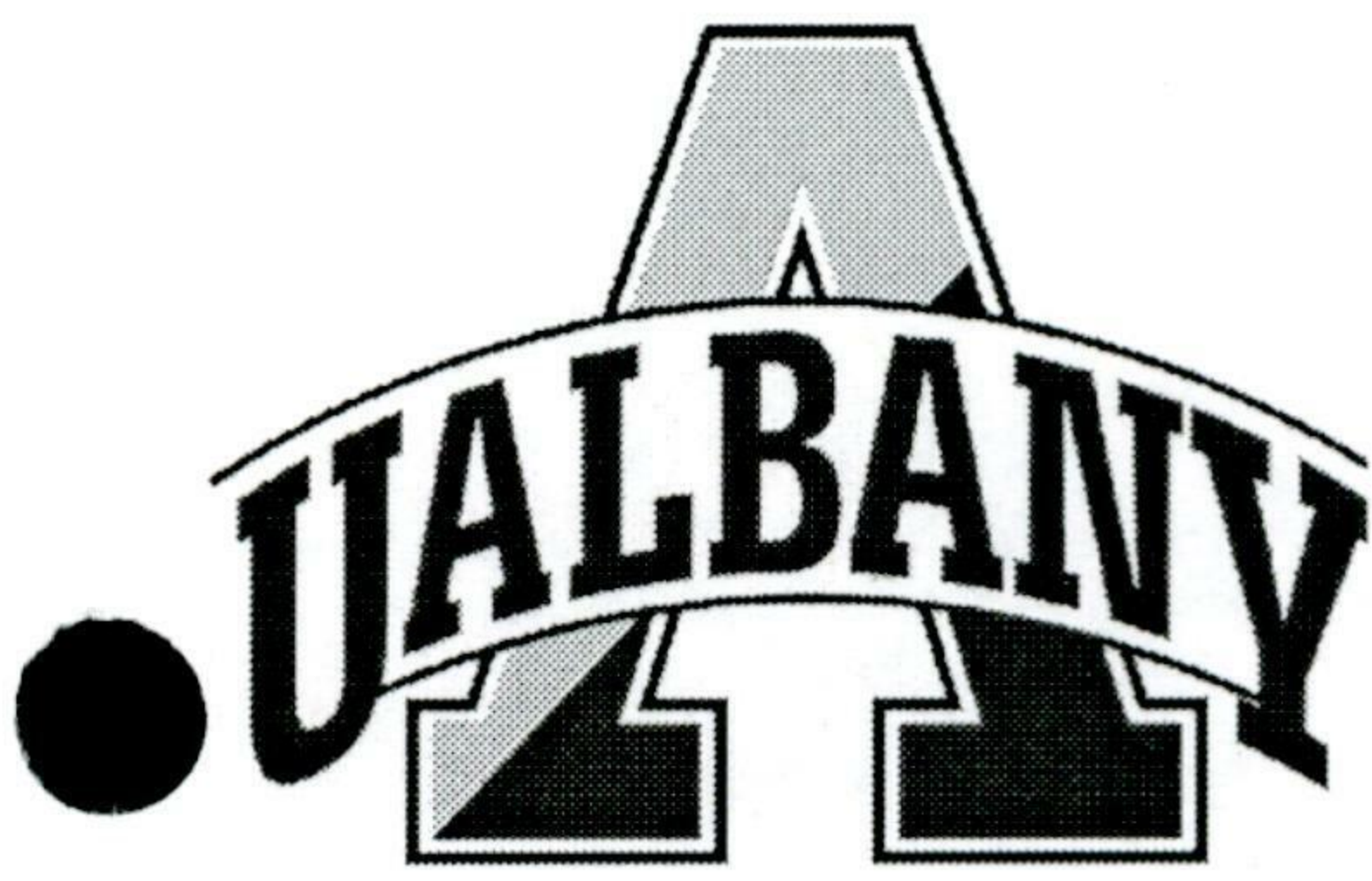
The Great Danes return to action at the Collegiate Invitational in New York City on Feb. 2-3.

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TERRIER INVITATIONAL

Men's Results

55-meter dash: Clement Campbell (Executive), 6.27, 55-meter hurdles: Colin Aina (Executive) 7.30, 200-meters: Clement Campbell (Executive), 20.92, 400-meters: Bryan Steele (Nike), 46.59, 500-meters: Tyrone Ross (Unattached), 1:04.04, Mike: David Proctor, Boston University, 3:59.14, 800-meters: Langat Jackson (Unattached), 1:48.13, 1000-meters: Tim Bayley (Iona), 2:22.29, 3000-meters: Martin Fagan (Providence) 7:55.06, 5000-meters: Jake Gallagher (Yale), 14:23.20, 4x400: Delaware State 3:14.53, High Jump: Mark Dillon (Toronto) 6-11.75, **Pole Vault: Luke Schoen (UAlbany) 15-5.75**, Long Jump: Troy Dennis (Unattached) 22-9.75, Triple Jump: Randy McKnight (Dartmouth) 46-10, Shot Put: John Langhauser (Yale) 55-11.75, Weight Throw: Michael Bernardo (Rhode Island) 60-4.75.



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MIKUS' 17 POINTS NOT ENOUGH AS UALBANY FALLS AT STONY BROOK, 82-73

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Jessica Smith** scored 24 points to lead Stony Brook to an 82-73 victory over UAlbany in an America East Conference women's basketball game on Saturday afternoon at Pritchard Gymnasium.

With the two teams trading leads throughout the first ten minutes of the second period, junior forward **Gia Sanders** made a jumper with 10:08 remaining to give the Great Danes an 58-57 lead. It was the last advantage UAlbany would have, however, as the Seawolves then went on an 11-2 run and would maintain the lead for the rest of the game. Junior guard **Sherri Mikus** made two free throws with 2:44 remaining to cut Stony Brook's lead to five, but the Great Danes could come no closer.

In the first half, UAlbany (7-13, AE 3-4) went into the break up 45-38 after shooting 60.7 percent from the floor. The Great Danes got out to a 17-7 lead at the 14:56 mark on two free throws by Iromuanya, but Stony Brook (10-9, AE 6-1) went on a 14-0 run over the next four minutes to get ahead, 21-17. UAlbany retook the lead at 6:30, 28-27, on a jump shot from Sanders, and then outscored the Seawolves 17-12 for the rest of the half.

"We did a good job shooting and at times we played very good defense," said UAlbany coach Melissia Patterson, who took over head coaching duties in the absence of Trina Patterson, who is out on maternity leave. "We had a great contribution off the bench. A few more defensive stops and we would have been in a very different position at the end."

Mikus led the Great Danes with 17 points, while senior guard **Amanda Ward** had her first double-double of the season with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Sanders' 14 points were a season-high. For Stony Brook, senior guard **Mykeema Ford** added 21 points, while Smith led the squad with 12 rebounds. UAlbany shot 52 percent on the afternoon to Stony Brook's 42 percent.

The Great Danes continue their America East schedule with a game on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at New Hampshire at 7 p.m.



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UALBANY WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD FINISHES FOURTH AT BOSTON INDOOR GAMES

Boston, Mass. – Senior **Alyssa Lotmore**'s victory in the mile run and senior **Sarah Charles**' second consecutive victory in the triple jump highlighted the UAlbany women's track and field team's performance at the Boston Indoor Games at the Reggie Lewis Center on Friday evening. The Great Danes finished fourth in the 11-team meet, hosted by Northeastern University.

Lotmore was one of two individual winners in the track events for UAlbany, registering a time of 5:04.47. Sophomore **Jessica Ortman** won the 500-meters, qualifying for March's ECAC meet in a time of 1:15.22. Senior **Adanna Andrews** finished third in the 500-meters in 1:15.74, also qualifying for the ECACs. The women's 4x400 team also earned its third victory of the indoor season, with sophomore **Jenn Garrant**, Adanna Andrews, Ortman and senior **Anisha Andrews** clocking in at 3:54.22.

In field events, Charles won the triple jump with an ECAC-qualifying leap of 39-feet, 1-meter. She also registered a personal best in the 55-meter dash, coming in seventh in 7.32 seconds. Junior **Corinna Hengen** set a school record with a pole vault of 11-feet, tying for eighth place, while freshman **Ashley Lewis** had a personal best in the shot put with a third-place throw of 42-feet, 4.75-inches.

The Great Danes' men's squad competes at the Terrier Invitational on Saturday, January 27, while both teams return to action at the Collegiate Invitational in New York City on Feb. 2-3.

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Boston Indoor Games

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

55-meter dash: Jan Carlson (Vermont), 7:20, 55-meter hurdles: Aquila Williams-Judge (Northeastern) 8.17, 200-meters: Shanae Henry (Northeastern) 24.85, 400-meters: Caitlin Bailey (Boston College) 56.45, **500-meters: Jessica Ortman (UAlbany) 1:15.22, Mile: Alyssa Lotmore (UAlbany) 5:04.47**, 800-meters: Gretchen Andrus (Boston College) 2:13.66, 1000-meters: Jessica Driscoll (Boston College) 2:50.57, 3000-meters: Kristen Coon (Boston College) 9:52.66, 4x400: UAlbany "A" (Jenn Garrant, Adanna Andrews, Jessica Ortman, Anisha Andrews) 3:54.22, DMR: Boston College (Jessica Driscoll, Mary Heitkamp, Jennifer Heyde, Laurel Burdick) 11:57.24, High Jump: Courtney Lacroix (South Florida) 5-5.75, Pole Vault: Olivia Kalinowska (Northeastern) 12-0, Long Jump: Celeste Holder (Northeastern) 18-3.75, **Triple Jump: Sarah Charles (UAlbany) 39-1**, Shot Put: Zara Northover (Northeastern) 51-2.25, Weight Throw: Zara Northover (Northeastern) 53-5.

TEAM SCORES

1. Boston College 133, 2. Northeastern 118, 3. South Florida 92.5, **4. UAlbany 90.5**, 5. Williams 66, 6. New Hampshire 49.5, 7. Vermont 34, 8. Holy Cross 19.5, 9. Roberts Wesleyan 19, 10. Massachusetts-Amherst 14, 11. Central Connecticut 10, 12. Hartford 8, 13. Stonehill 6.



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UALBANY EDGES BOSTON UNIVERSITY, 52-50, IN AMERICA EAST MATCHUP

Boston, Mass. – **Brian Lillis** made the go-ahead basket with two minutes and four seconds remaining in leading UAlbany to a 52-50 America East Conference victory over Boston University on Wednesday evening at Case Gymnasium.

Boston U. (7-12, AE 4-3) led 50-44 with 5:01 remaining after freshman **Carlos Strong** made a pair of free throws. But UAlbany (13-7, AE 6-2) fueled the comeback with a strong defensive effort. **Jason Siggers**, who had 10 points and five assists, hit a jumper in the lane to close the gap to 50-49. **Jamar Wilson** then sped the length of the court in transition to set up Lillis' fastbreak layup.

In the frantic last seconds, Strong missed a three-pointer from the top of the arc and **Brent Wilson** came up with the rebound. Wilson, a 6-foot-8 junior who had 13 points and six boards, split two free throws with 4.4 seconds to play. Boston U.'s **Brian Macon** missed a running three-point attempt from right of the key at the buzzer.

The Terriers, who had won four of their previous five outings, wiped out a 30-23 deficit early in the second half with 11 straight points. **Tyler Morris**, a redshirt freshman who had 17 of his 21 points after the break, ignited that run. Morris later nailed one of his three 3-pointers for a 44-36 lead.

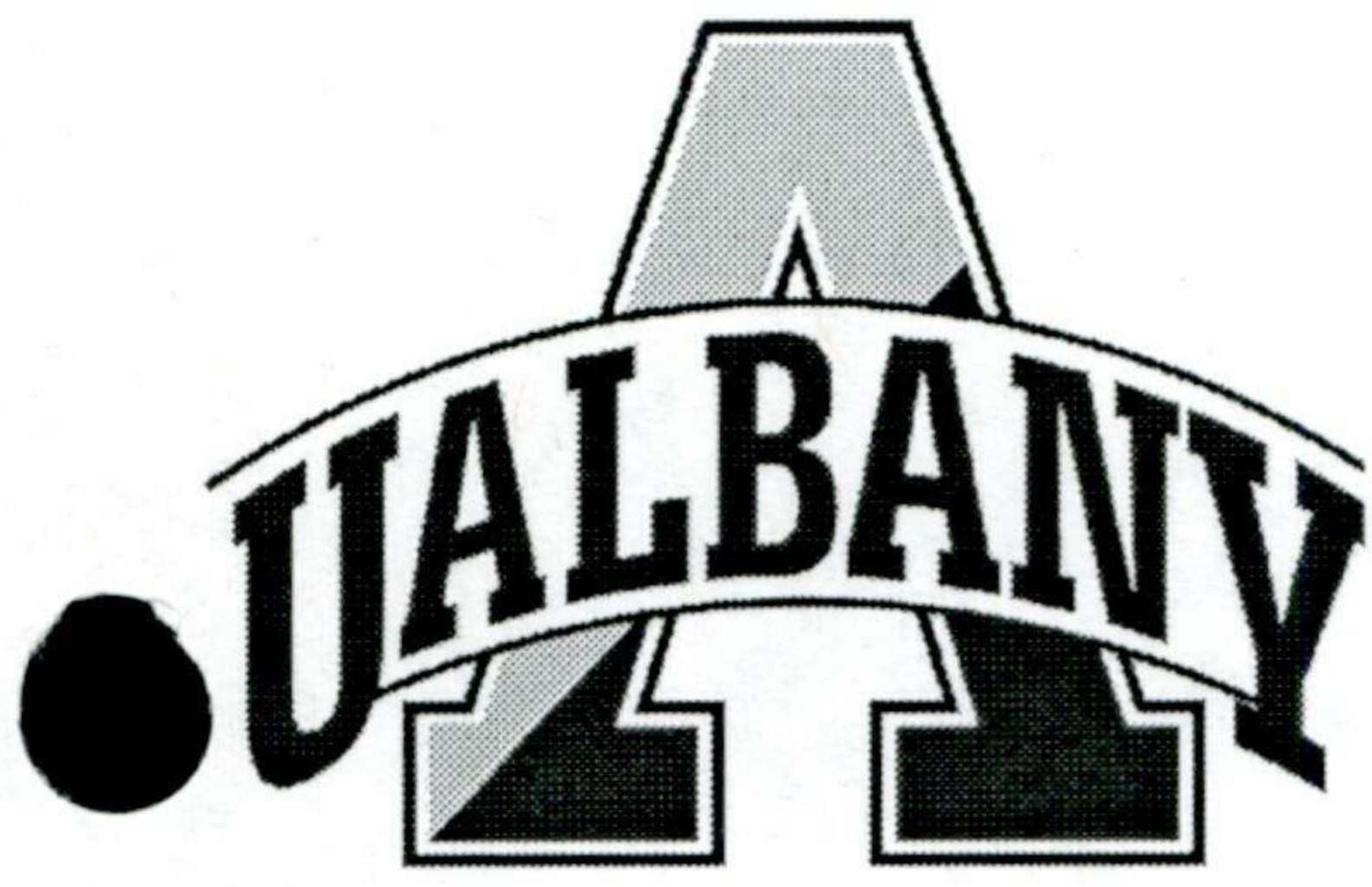
Jamar Wilson had 11 points and seven rebounds for the Great Danes, who have moved firmly into second place in the conference standings by winning five of their last six games. BU's Strong finished with 11 points, while **Omari Peterkin** posted his fourth double-double of the season with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

"You have to win on the road to compete for a conference championship. We played ten great minutes of basketball, the last five in the first half and the final five minutes," UAlbany head coach **Will Brown** said. "Boston U. is stingy on defense and their young kids are real good."

UAlbany led 26-21 at halftime after overcoming a seven-point deficit in the period. Strong gave the Terriers a 20-13 cushion when he drilled a baseline jumper. The Great Danes then held Boston U. scoreless for nearly seven minutes while running off 13 unanswered. Siggers converted a layup after a steal to put his team in front. **Jon Iati's** three-point field goal following an offensive rebound ended that run.

Jamar Wilson added, "We executed at the end. This team realizes that we are good but that hurts us at times. We just need to stay focused. (Tyler) Morris hit open shots and got into a rhythm. (Jason) Siggers did what he had to do to slow him down as a defender."

The Great Danes return to action on Sunday, Jan. 28 with a game at New Hampshire.



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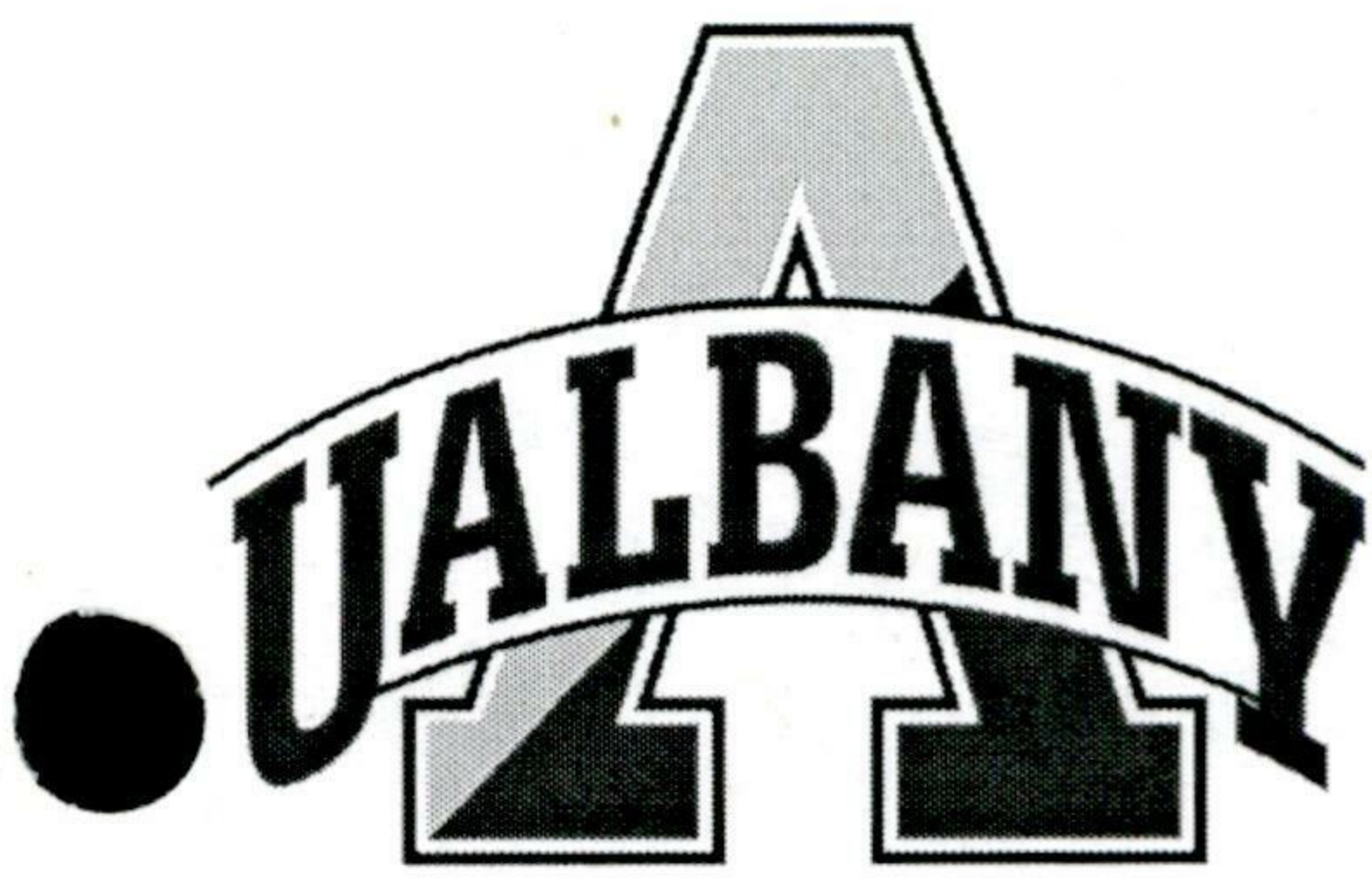
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WILLS SELECTED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE MEN'S FIELD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany sophomore Freddie Wills was named the America East Conference's Men's Field Athlete of the Week by the conference office on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

At the Great Dane Classic on Friday, Jan. 19, Wills tied for first place with teammate Felipe Reyes in the long jump. Both had leaps of 23-feet, 5.5-inches, qualifying them for the IC4A meet. In addition, Wills' triple jump of 47-feet, 1-inch was good for second place in the event and also qualified him for the IC4A's, while his high jump of 6-feet, 5-inches was best among UAlbany competitors and sixth-best overall.

The Great Danes' men's team finished second out of 22 teams at the meet, which was hosted by UAlbany and held at the Armory in New York City. The men's team returns to action at the Boston Indoor Games on Friday, starting at 4 p.m., and at the Terrier Invitational on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.



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UALBANY RECORDS 80-67 AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE WIN OVER HARTFORD

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson scored 22 points and UAlbany tied a season-high with 12 three-point field goals in an 80-67 America East Conference victory over Hartford on Sunday afternoon at SEFCU Arena.

UAlbany (12-7, AE 5-2) jumped out to a 17-6 lead in the opening eight minutes by making 5 of 8 three-point attempts against the Hawks' zone defense. Wilson, who had 13 first-half points, canned three long-range jumpers in that outburst. Hartford (9-10, AE 3-4) closed the gap to 17-15 behind the play of Bo Taylor, a 6-foot-5 senior who made 10 of 17 from the floor en route to a career-high 28 point performance.

The Great Danes, who won for the sixth straight time in this series, then pulled away with 18 of the game's next 21 points. Brent Wilson, who had 14 of his 18 points in the opening period, made one of his four 3-pointers to push the lead back to double figures. Jon Iati, who scored 16 off the bench, drilled another three-pointer from the left wing. Jamar Wilson then made a conventional three-point play when he was fouled on a fastbreak layup for a 35-18 advantage with 2:26 left in the period.

The Hawks, who have been the surprise team in the conference this season under first-year coach Dan Leibovitz, a former Temple assistant, sliced a 17-point halftime deficit to 39-27 early in the second half. Taylor hit a slam dunk off a back-door play and Jaret Rosenberg nailed a three-pointer. However, UAlbany responded with a 12-4 run. Iati, who made 4-of-6 from the three-point arc, nailed on two long-range shots in that span. He connected from the left wing in transition for a 51-31 margin with 14:19 remaining.

"We were well rested, the two days off (from practice) did wonders for everyone," said Brent Wilson, whose team had not played since last Monday after going through a four-game-in-seven-day stretch. "I felt rejuvenated, especially my legs and back. We moved the ball well against their zone. At times we stand and watch, but when everyone gets involved we are a much better team."

The Great Danes, who won for the fourth time in their last five outings, extended that lead to as much as 24 points with less than five minutes to play. Jamar Wilson, who added eight rebounds and six steals to his scoring total, split a pair of free throws for a 76-52 cushion. Freshman Joe Zeglinski was the only other Hartford player in double figures with 14 points.

"This was the most consistent that we have played this season," offered Iati, a 5-foot-9 junior who put together consecutive double-figure scoring games for the first time this year, plus had five rebounds and three assists. "We had some real good stretches. We knew we would get some open three's against their zone and it came down to making shots."



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HARTFORD UPENDS UALBANY, 60-42, IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Danielle Hood scored 17 points and Hartford used a suffocating defense to upend UAlbany, 60-42, in America East Conference play on Saturday afternoon at SEFCU Arena.

Hartford (11-7, AE 4-1) held the Great Danes to 12-percent shooting in the opening half, on 3-of-25 attempts, en route to a 27-8 lead at the intermission. The Hawks, who have won four of their last five outings, broke an early tie with eight consecutive points. Lisa Etienne, who had seven points and six rebounds, hit a three-point field goal in that run.

Hood, a 6-foot-1 junior who also grabbed seven rebounds and made 8-of-15 from the floor, pushed the margin to double figures by scoring in the lane after her team broke full-court pressure. The lead swelled to 23-6 when Danielle Matulis converted an offensive rebound.

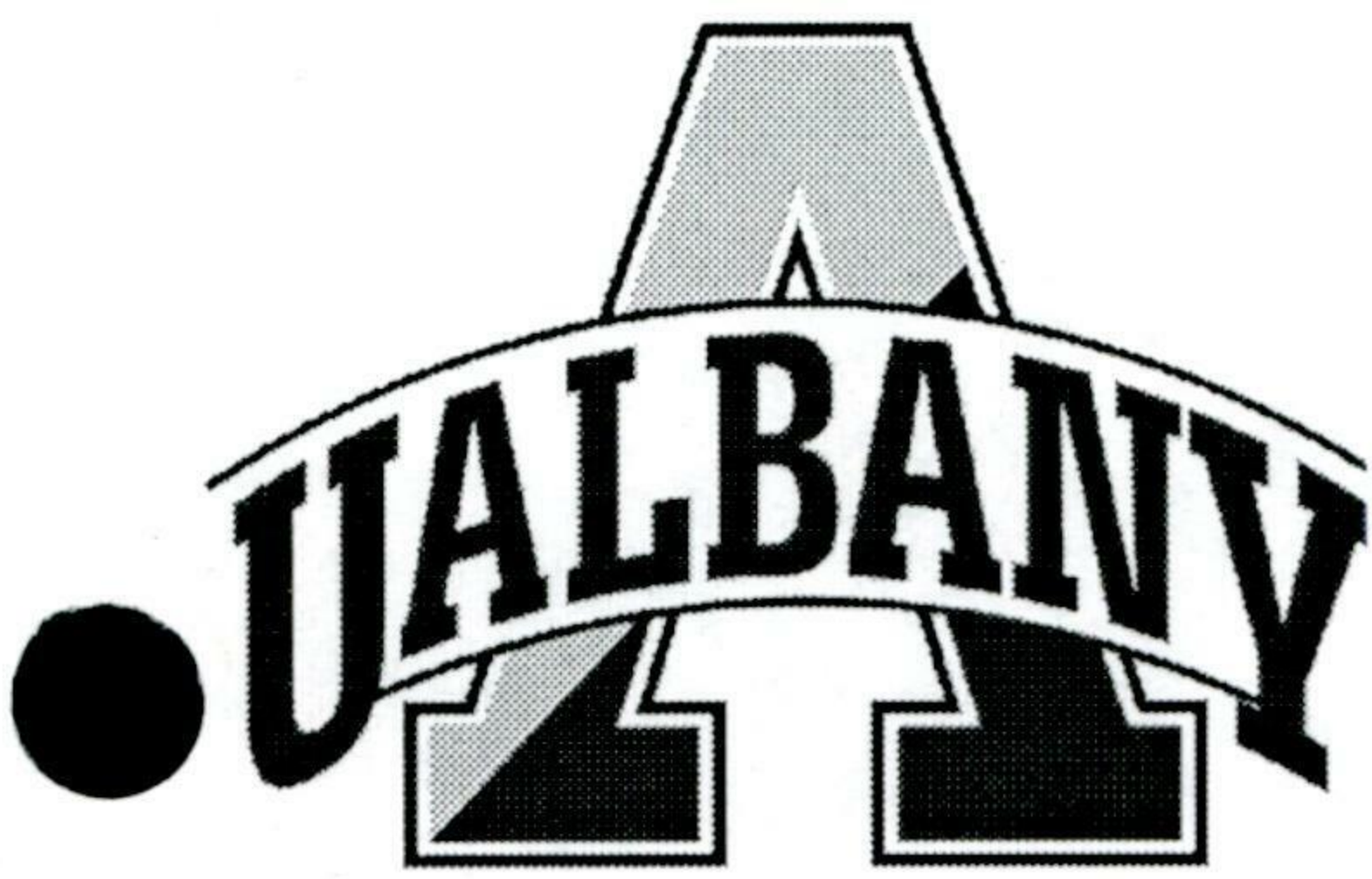
UAlbany (7-12, AE 3-3) trailed by more than 20 points early in the final period, before slicing the deficit to 43-28 after freshman Charity Iromuanya hit a drive after hauling in an offensive rebound. Iromuanya tied a career-high with 10 points, all in the second half, and added six steals and three rebounds.

But the Hawks, who are defending back-to-back America East championships, took the air out of any comeback attempt. MaryLynne Schaefer came up with a four-point play, when she was fouled while draining a three-pointer from the right wing. Katie Kelley's jumper in the lane increased the lead to 51-31 with 6:38 left.

"We came out with intensity on defense and were very prepared," said Hartford coach Jennifer Rizzotti, who has guided her program to three conference titles and three NCAA berths in her previous seven seasons at the helm. "When you go on the road, you have to play with an intensity that separates you from the rest of the teams."

Diana Delva, a 6'2" freshman, had 10 points, six rebounds and three blocks off the bench for the Hawks, who have won four straight in this series. Gia Sanders had nine points and six rebounds for the Great Danes, who shot 25 percent for the game after coming off a win over league-leader Vermont three days ago. Kristin Higby totaled six points and nine rebounds.

"They make you work on offense," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose squad was attempting to win consecutive games for the second time this season. "The gaps close quickly and they block lanes. Our players didn't respond to that. In the first half, we were intimidated by the name on their jerseys."



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UALBANY TRACK & FIELD SETS SEVERAL MEET RECORDS AT GREAT DANE CLASSIC

New York, N.Y. – Sophomore **Jessica Ortman** set a UAlbany indoor record in the 800-meters as the UAlbany men's and women's track and field teams hosted the Great Dane Classic at the New York Armory on Friday, January 19. 28 men's teams and 26 women's teams participated in the meet.

Ortman ran the 800-meters in 2:09.08, eclipsing her own school indoor record of 2:09.76, set at last year's New Balance Collegiate Invitational. She also broke the Great Dane Classic record of 2:11.23, set by Ortman last year. Ortman has won the 800-meters in all three meets in which she has participated this season.

The women's distance medley relay team also set a meet record in 11:49.75, with Ortman, senior **Adanna Andrews**, sophomore **Melissa Lee** and senior **Alyssa Lotmore** participating in the event. In field events, junior **Brenna Militello** tied a school record with a pole vault of 5 feet, 5 inches. Senior **Sarah Charles** set a UAlbany record in the triple jump with a leap of 40 feet, 3.5 inches.

On the men's side, senior **Junior Burnett** set a school record in the 55-meters in 6.34 seconds, breaking Alix Rodriques' record of 6.38 set in 2001. Sophomore **Joe Greene** won the 400-meters and tied a meet record in 47.63 seconds, while sophomore **Pat Weider** won the 200-meters in 21.61 seconds. A Great Dane Classic mark was also set by the first-place UAlbany distance medley relay team, as freshman **John Moore**, sophomore **Jared Jupin**, freshman **Nick Lemp** and junior **Ricardo Estremera** clocked in at 10:12.97. Sophomore **Freddie Wills** and junior **Felipe Reyes** tied a meet record, both registering long jumps of 23 feet, 5.5 inches.

The UAlbany women finished third in the event, behind Connecticut and 2006 meet champion Northeastern.

Next week, the Great Danes' men's team participates at the Terrier Classic in Boston on Friday, Jan. 26 and Sat. Jan. 27, while the women travel to the Boston Indoor Games on Friday, Jan. 26.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY SOFTBALL ANNOUNCES 2007 SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the school's softball schedule for 2007. The Great Danes, who went 36-13-1 last season to claim their second straight America East Conference Championship, will play 22 league contests and 25 non-conference games this season.

UAlbany starts the season with a doubleheader at Stetson (Feb. 21) before competing in four early-season tournaments. The Great Danes will face Central Florida, George Mason and Alabama State at the UCF Tournament (Feb. 23-25) and play Elon, North Carolina-Wilmington, North Carolina A&T and Campbell at the Winthrop Tournament (March 9-11). The Great Danes will make their second straight appearance at the Bash at the Beach Tournament in Wilmington, Del., from March 16-18 and then will compete against Lehigh and Iona at Lehigh's Equinox Tournament on March 24-25.

UAlbany plays its first home contest against crosstown-rival Siena in a doubleheader on March 28 and will then embark on the first conference weekend, facing off against Boston U. on March 31 and April 1. The Great Danes will host conference foe UMBC in a three-game series on April 6-7 and will also have home contests against Hartford (April 21-22), Vermont (April 25) and Stony Brook (May 5-6). UAlbany travels to conference opponents Binghamton (April 14-15) and Maine (April 28-29). The 2007 America East tournament will take place May 10-12 at the highest seed.

Head coach Chris Cannata, a three-time America East coach of the year selection, guided UAlbany to its second-consecutive NCAA Tournament in 2006. Cannata has coached numerous all-conference players, including returning A-East pitcher of the year Casey Halloran. Six other Great Danes were named to the all-conference team last season, including sophomore Meagan Butcsh, who started 36 games and hit .237 as a rookie and junior Amber Maisonet, an all-conference first team selection who hit .333 with 25 stolen bases a year ago. The team welcomes eight freshmen to the squad this season, as Cannata is looking to replace six players who graduated last spring, including three-time all-conference first-team honoree Katrina Dunning and all-conference catcher Ali Meacham.

2007 UAlbany Softball Schedule

February – 21 (Wed.), at Stetson (DH), 4 p.m.; 23 (Fri.), vs. Boston U./Central Florida+, 12/4 p.m.; 24 (Sat.), vs. George Mason/Alabama State+, 10 a.m./2 p.m.

March – 9 (Fri.), vs. Elon/UNC-Wilmington++, 12/6 p.m.; 10 (Sat.) vs. North Carolina A&T/Campbell++, 12/4 p.m.; 16 (Fri.), vs. Sacred Heart/Norfolk^, 11 a.m./3 p.m.; 17 (Sat.), vs. Marist/Monmouth^, 9 a.m./3 p.m.; 24 (Sat.), vs. Iona/Lehigh#, 12/2 p.m.; 15 (Sun.), vs. Iona/Lehigh#, 10 a.m./12 p.m.; 28 (Tue.), **Siena (DH)**, 2 p.m.; 31 (Sat.), at Boston U.* (DH), 1 p.m.

April – 1 (Sun.), at Boston U.*, 12 p.m.; 3 (Tue.), at Marist, 2 p.m.; 6 (Fri.), **UMBC*(DH)**, 2 p.m.; 7 (Sat.), **UMBC***, 12 p.m.; 11 (Wed.), at Vermont* (DH), 2 p.m.; 14 (Sat.), at Binghamton* (DH), 1 p.m.; 15 (Sun.), at Binghamton*, 12 p.m.; 17 (Tue.), **Manhattan (DH)**, 3 p.m.; 21 (Sat.), **Hartford* (DH)**, 1 p.m.; 22 (Sun.) **Hartford***, 12 p.m.; 25 (Wed.) **Vermont* (DH)**, 2 p.m.; 28 (Sat.) at Maine* (DH), 12 p.m.; 29 (Sun.), at Maine*, 11 a.m.

May – 1 (Tues.), at Siena (DH), 3 p.m.; 5 (Sat.), **Stony Brook* (DH)**, 1 p.m.; 6 (Sun.) **Stony Brook***, 12 p.m.; 10-12 (Thu.-Sat.), at America East Tournament**, TBA.

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UALBANY TO HOST FIFTH ANNUAL GREAT DANE CLASSIC

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany's track and field program will host the fifth annual Great Dane Classic on Friday, Jan. 19 at the New York City Armory. The meet begins at 1:45 p.m.

This year's meet features 28 men's teams and 27 women's teams, including last year's men's and women's champions Rutgers and Northeastern, respectively. The field also includes America East members Binghamton, Maine and Stony Brook.

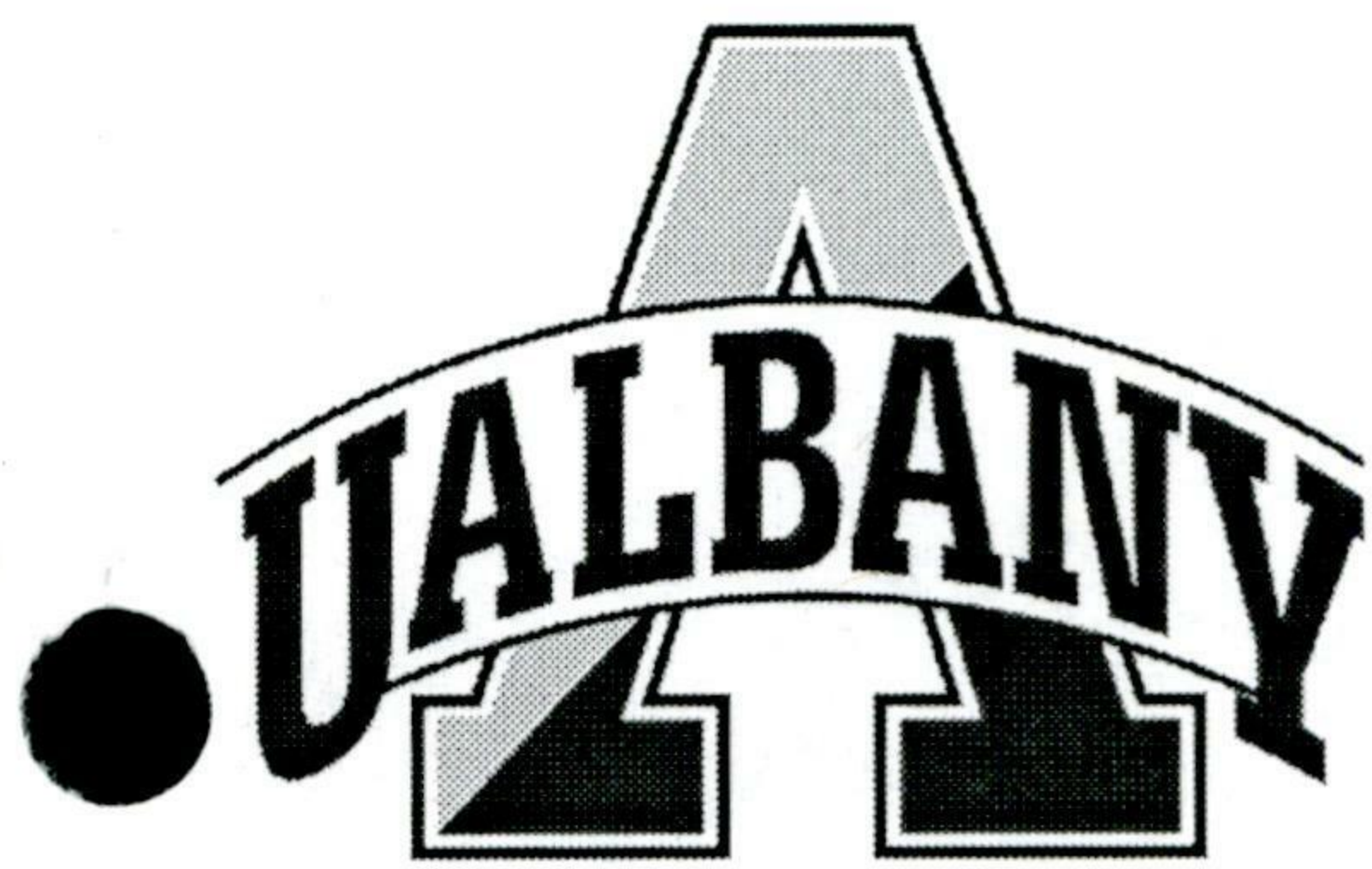
On the women's side, senior Alyssa Lotmore, who won last season's 3,000-meters, and sophomore Jessica Ortman, the 800-meters winner, both return for the Great Danes. Ortman, the school's record-holder in the 800m, has already won the event at two meets this season. Lotmore and Ortman were also members of last season's first-place distance medley relay team. The field events are highlighted by junior Brenna Militello, who has been UAlbany's top high jump finisher at each of the team's meets and won the event at Army's Carleton Crowell Open on Jan. 13.

Sophomore Joe Greene, who won the 400-meter dash at last year's Great Dane Classic, returns for the UAlbany men's squad. Senior Junior Burnett, who set the school's 60-meter record at last week's Gotham Cup, and sophomore Pat Weider, the winner of the 400-meters at the Army meet, are also among the team's runners. Junior Felipe Reyes, who qualified for the IC4A meet with a long jump of 23 feet, four inches at last week's meet, is among UAlbany's top participants in the field events.

Fifth Annual Great Dane Classic Schedule of Events (Championship Portion)

- 1:45 - Weight Throw
- 1:45 - 5,000m
- 3:00 - Other Field Events
- 3:25 - DMR
- 4:45 - 500m
- 5:25 - 1,000m
- 7:00 - Mile
- 7:15 - 55m Hurdles Final
- 7:25 - 400m
- 7:35 - 55m Dash Final
- 7:45 - 800m
- 7:55 - 200m
- 8:05 - 3,000m
- 8:30 - 4x400m Relay

All events start with the women's competition and are followed by the men, except for the 55-meter hurdles.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY BASEBALL ANNOUNCES 2007 SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the school's baseball schedule for 2007. The Great Danes, who went 20-32 last year, will play 24 America East Conference contests and 32 non-conference games this season.

UAlbany, which plays 22 road contests to start the year, begins its schedule on a five-game southern trip, with single games at Duke (Feb. 20) and Virginia Tech (Feb. 21) and a three-game set at Liberty (Feb. 23-25). The Great Danes then play three-game weekend series at Towson (March 3-4), New York Tech (March 10-11), Delaware State (March 16-18), Western Kentucky (March 23-25) and Fairleigh Dickinson (March 30-April 1), along with a midweek game at St. John's on Mar. 14.

UAlbany's first home game takes place on April 4 against Manhattan at 3 p.m. at Varsity Field. The squad then starts its America East slate with a four-game home series against Binghamton (April 6-8). UAlbany also hosts Maine (April 27-29) and UMBC (May 11-13) on its conference schedule. Other home games include a three-game homestand against New York Tech (April 13-15) and single games against St. John's (April 25), Marist (May 1) and Le Moyne (May 15). Two teams visiting Varsity Field, Maine and Manhattan, participated in the NCAA Regionals last season. St. John's was chosen to finish first in the Big East Conference this year by the league's coaches. The Red Storm represent UAlbany's first-ever home game against a Big East team.

Head coach Jon Mueller, who is eight wins away from breaking the school's all-time career victories record, led the team to its fifth consecutive season of 20 or more wins in 2006. The Great Danes bring back America East first team all-star catcher Tom Hill, who was second in the conference with a .372 average and tied for first with 11 home runs. Shortstop Steve Wyland and third baseman Sean Donovan, a pair of second-team all-stars, will also return, as will closer Alexander Beaulieu, who earned five saves last season.

"We will be preparing for our America East season with another competitive schedule," Mueller said. "This year's spring trip will be highlighted by games against two Atlantic Coast Conference schools. Our schedule will also see strong opponents from the Big South and Sun Belt Conferences."

2007 UAlbany Baseball Schedule

February – 20 (Tue.), at Duke, 3 p.m.; 21 (Wed.), at Virginia Tech, 3 p.m.; 23 (Fri.), at Liberty, 2 p.m.; 24 (Sat), at Liberty, 1 p.m.; 25 (Sun), at Liberty, 1 p.m.

March – 3 (Sat.), at Towson (DH), 12 p.m.; 4 (Sun.) at Towson, 1 p.m.; 10 (Sat.), at NYIT (DH), 12 p.m.; 11 (Sun.), at NYIT, 1 p.m.; 14 (Wed.), at St. John's, 3 p.m.; 16 (Fri.), at Delaware State, 2 p.m.; 17 (Sat.), at Delaware State, 12 p.m.; 18 (Sun.), at Delaware State, 1 p.m.; 23 (Fri.), at Western Kentucky, 6 p.m.; 24 (Sat.), at Western Kentucky, 3 p.m.; 25 (Sun.), at Western Kentucky, 1 p.m.; 30 (Fri.), at FDU, 3 p.m.; 31 (Sat.) at FDU (DH), 12 p.m.

April – 1 (Sun.), at FDU, 1 p.m.; 4 (Wed.), **Manhattan**, 3 p.m.; 6 (Fri.), **Binghamton***, 3 p.m.; 7 (Sat.), **Binghamton*** (DH), 12 p.m.; 8 (Sun.), **Binghamton** (DH), 1 p.m.; 11 (Wed.), at Marist, 3 p.m.; 13 (Fri.), **NYIT**, 3 p.m.; 14 (Sat.), **NYIT**, 12 p.m.; 15 (Sun.), **NYIT**, 1 p.m.; 17 (Tue.), at Le Moyne, 3 p.m.; 20 (Fri.) at Stony Brook*, 3 p.m.; 21 (Sat.) at Stony Brook* (DH), 12 p.m.; 22 (Sun.) at Stony Brook*, 1 p.m.; 25 (Wed.), **St. John's**, 3 p.m.; 27 (Fri.), **Maine***, 3 p.m.; 28 (Sat.), **Maine*** (DH), 12 p.m.; 29 (Sun.), **Maine***, 1 p.m.

May – 1 (Tues.) **Marist**, 3 p.m.; 4 (Fri.) at Hartford*, 3 p.m.; 5 (Sat.) at Hartford* (DH), 12 p.m.; 6 (Sun.) at Hartford*, 1 p.m.; 8 (Tue.) at Manhattan, 3 p.m.; 11 (Fri.) **UMBC***, 3 p.m.; 12 (Sat.) **UMBC*** (DH), 12 p.m.; 13 (Sun.) **UMBC***, 1 p.m.; 15 (Tue.) **LeMoyne**, 3 p.m.; 18 (Fri.) at Vermont*, 3 p.m.; 19 (Sat.) at Vermont* (DH), 12 p.m.; 20 (Sun.) at Vermont*, TBA, 24-26 (Thu.-Sat.), at America East Tournament**, TBA.

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UALBANY KNOCKS OFF LEAGUE-LEADER VERMONT, 62-59, IN AMERICA EAST PLAY

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman guard Britney McGee scored 14 points and made the go-ahead three-point field goal with 23 seconds remaining to lift UAlbany to a 62-59 upset of league-leader Vermont in America East Conference play on Wednesday afternoon at SEFCU Arena.

Vermont (13-4, AE 3-1) trailed by as much as 10 points midway through the final period, but then rallied behind freshman Courtnay Pilypaitis, who had 13 of her career-high 24 points after halftime. Andrea Cihal, a 6-foot-4 sophomore, made two free throws to start a run of seven unanswered that put her team in front, 59-55, with 2:27 left. Pilypaitis, who made 10-of-22 from the field and grabbed seven rebounds, gave the Catamounts the lead with a jump hook off the glass and later followed with a 3-pointer from the right wing.

The Great Danes' Kirsten Peterson, who had six points and tied a career-high with 11 rebounds, converted in the lane off a feed from a driving McGee to slice the lead in half. After Pilypaitis missed a jumper, McGee drilled a 21-footer from the right side to give UAlbany (7-11, AE 3-2) a 60-59 advantage.

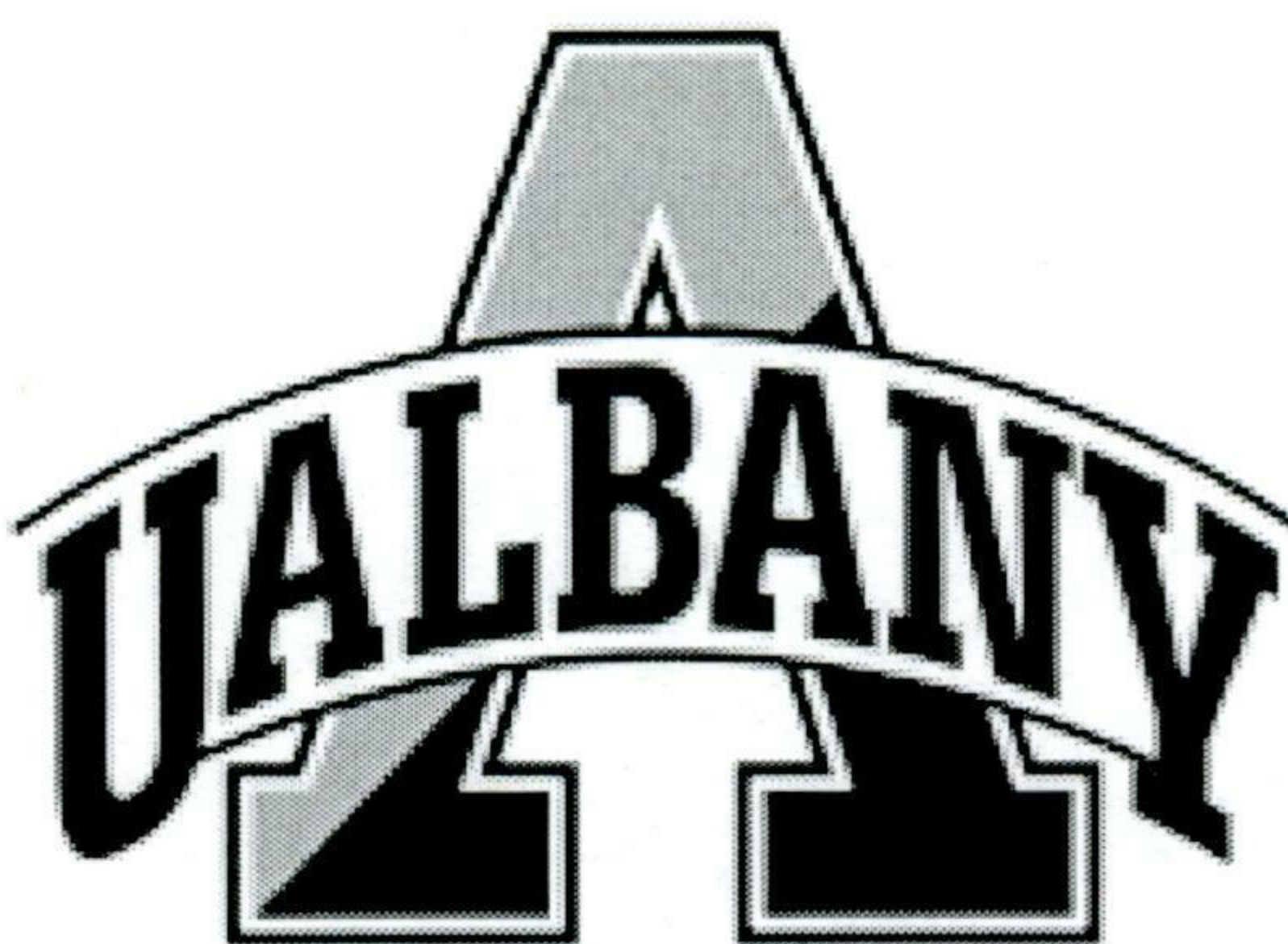
The Catamounts, who had their five-game winning streak halted, had two opportunities to regain the lead in the final moments. Peterson blocked Pilypaitis' jumper on the right baseline, and later UAlbany's Kristin Higy came up with a steal off an in-bounds play. McGee, who had 12 second-half points, sealed the outcome on pair of free throws with 5.7 seconds remaining.

"I felt it in the second half," offered McGee, who scored in double figures for the ninth time this season. "It was designed for a back-door cut, but it wasn't there. Sherri (Mikus) just drove the ball into the middle and kicked it out to me. We just made some key shots when we needed to."

The Great Danes, who had lost nine of the previous 10 meetings in this series, led 29-28 at the intermission, as the opening half featured eight lead changes and two ties. UAlbany led 40-37 in the final stanza, but then tallied 10 of the game's next 13 points. McGee canned two 3-pointers in that run, before Amanda Ward, who had 16 points on 6-of-9 shooting, sank two foul shots for a 50-40 margin with 10:51 to play.

"We wanted to do three things – not give up the three-point shot, keep them off the offensive glass, and protect the ball," UAlbany coach Trina Patterson said. "We were able to do two of the three to get the win. Despite the turnovers, we had character because we dwelled on the positive and focused on the next play. We made mental mistakes, but then showed mental toughness. This will give us confidence."

Brittney Cross added 13 points for the Catamounts, who were held to 32.9 percent from the field on 24-of-73 attempts. Higy was the third UAlbany player in double figures with 12. Gia Sanders added five points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots for the Great Danes, who committed a season-29 turnovers but shot 50 percent in the final period.



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UALBANY ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULE FOR 2007 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the school's women's lacrosse schedule for the 2007 season. The Great Danes, who are coming off an 8-8 campaign, tied their highest win total as a Division I program last season.

Lindsey Hart, a two-time regional All-America standout at Ohio University, is in her second season as head coach. Her squad will play six games against America East Conference opponents, including defending champion Boston University. The non-league schedule features Syracuse, who finished No. 18 in the final IWLCA national poll, Massachusetts, Vanderbilt and Virginia Tech.

UALbany begins its eighth season at the NCAA Division I level on Monday, Feb. 19 against Vanderbilt, who competes in the American Lacrosse Conference. The Great Danes will also travel to the state of the Virginia to face Longwood (Feb. 22) and Virginia Tech (Feb. 25). UAlbany meets nationally-ranked Syracuse in the Carrier Dome on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. Other non-conference opponents are Siena, St. Bonaventure, Le Moyne, Niagara and Colgate.

The Great Danes, who finished fifth in the America East standings one year ago, may have their best team since joining the Division I ranks with four all-conference players and last season's top five scorers returning. Senior midfielder Kate Fontana, who was named to the all-league team for the third consecutive time, had 34 goals and 10 assists. She led the nation in ground balls (4.94 pg) and caused turnovers (3.13 pg). Fontana ranks fifth on the school's all-time scoring list with 146 points.

Sarah Spillett, a second-team all-conference attacker, led the team in scoring with 24 goals and 21 assists. Krissy Rajczak (29 goals, 13 assists) and Julie Bush (25 goals, 16 assists) were among four players who produced 40-plus points. Goalkeeper Jen Daly and defender Katelyn Primomo each received first-team all-conference recognition. Daly had a 9.72 goal against average with a .531 save percentage. Primomo, a 16-game starter, added 24 ground balls and 16 caused turnovers.

2007 University at Women's Lacrosse Schedule

February - 19 (Mon.), at Vanderbilt, 4:00; 22 (Thu.), at Longwood, 4:00; 25 (Sun.), at Virginia Tech, 1:00; 28 (Wed.), at Syracuse, 7:00.

March - 10 (Sat.), at Massachusetts, 2:00; 12 (Mon.), **Siena**, 4:00; 16 (Fri.), **St. Bonaventure**, 3:00; 21 (Wed.), **Le Moyne**, 7:00; 25 (Sun.), at Niagara, 1:00; 31 (Sat.), at Binghamton*, 3:00.

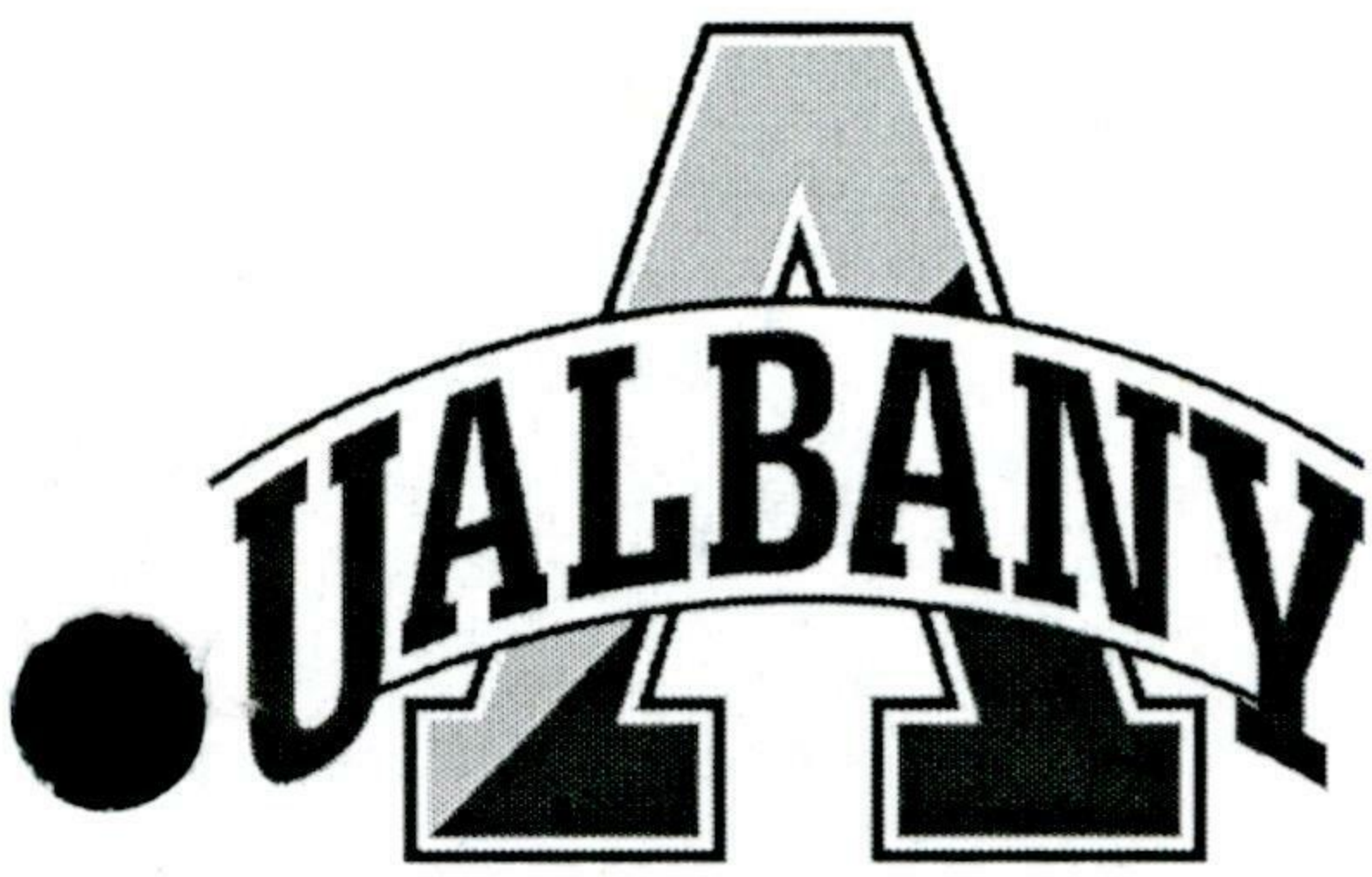
April - 3 (Tue.), at Colgate, 7:00; 7 (Sat.), **New Hampshire***, 4:00; 11 (Wed.), at Boston U.*, 4:00; 14 (Sat.), **Vermont***, 1:00; 21 (Sat.), at Stony Brook*, 4:00, 28 (Sat.), **UMBC***, 12:00

May - 4 (Fri.), at America East Conference Tournament+; 6 (Sun.), at America East Conference Tournament+.

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UALBANY HOLDS OFF STONY BROOK, 66-61, IN AMERICA EAST PLAY

Albany, N.Y. – Jon Iati had 20 points off the bench and Jason Siggers added 15 in leading UAlbany to a 66-61 America East Conference victory over Stony Brook on Monday evening at SEFCU Arena.

UAlbany (11-7, AE 4-2) went on a 14-5 run to open the second half in building a 38-28 advantage. Jimmie Covington, a 6-foot-7 sophomore who earned America East player of the game recognition, scored seven of his career-high 11 points in that outburst. He hit a jump hook and a pair of free throws to get things moving. Covington added a three-point play when he was fouled on a left-handed turnaround in the lane.

Stony Brook (6-11, AE 1-4) would close the gap to 38-34, when Solomon Bamiro, who had 12 points, converted a fastbreak layup and Mitchell Beauford sank two foul shots. But the Great Danes responded with 14 of the game's next 18 points. Jamar Wilson made six consecutive free throws to ignite the run. Siggers, who made 6-of-11 from the field, finished off a fastbreak after stealing an in-bounds pass, before Iati connected on the right baseline for a 52-38 lead midway through the period.

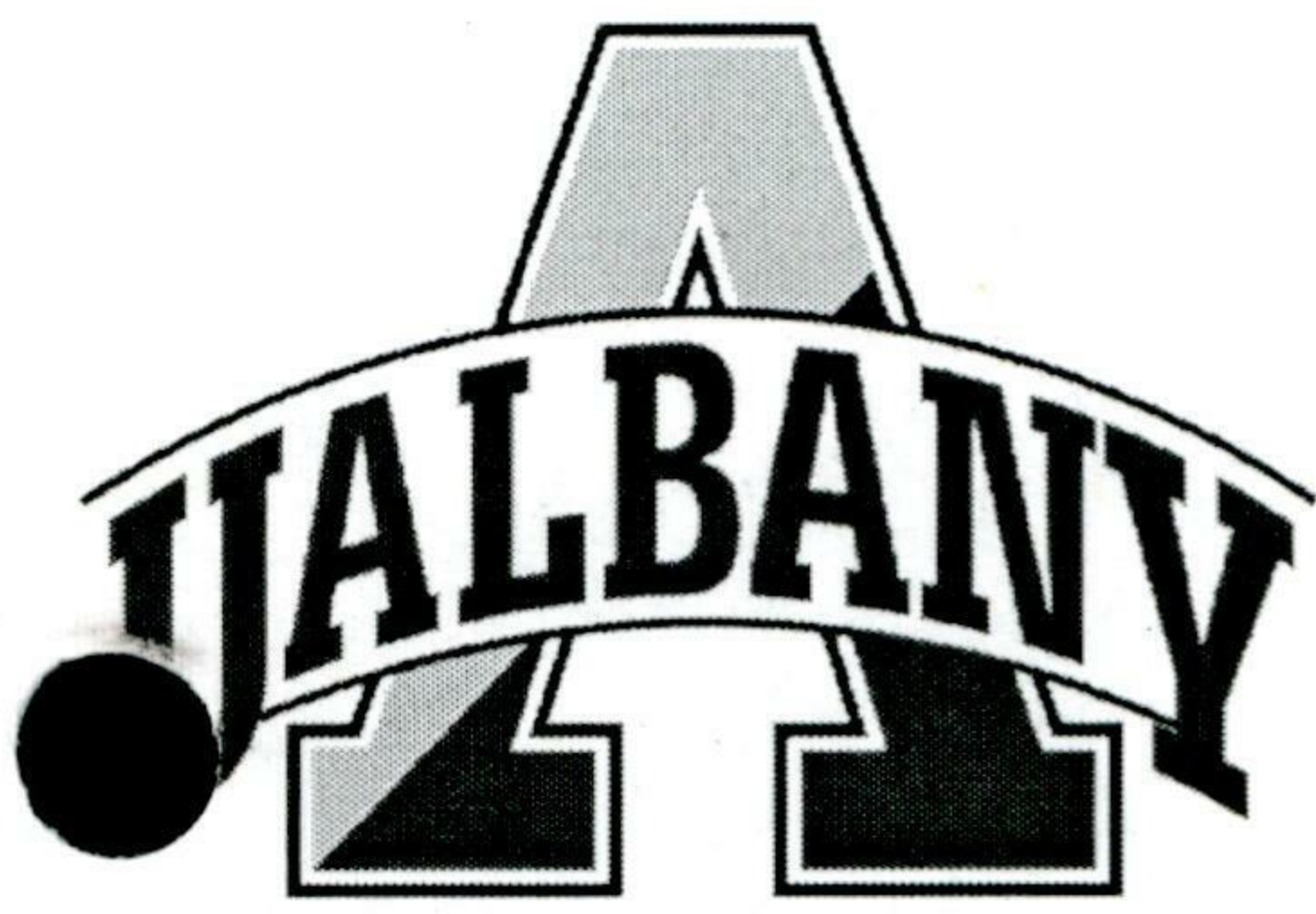
The Seawolves would claw their way back into the contest over the next seven minutes behind the play of Ricky Lucas, a George Washington transfer who had 13 of his 17 points after halftime, and was the A-East player of the game. Lucas twice canned two free throws to slice the deficit to four, including 61-57 with 1:49 remaining. However, UAlbany tallied its final five points from the charity stripe to hold off the charge.

The Great Danes, who playing for the fourth time in the last seven days, led 24-23 at the break in an opening half that featured seven lead changes and one tie. Iati, who had 15 first-half points, canned three 3-point field goals in the stanza. His free throw with 4.9 seconds to play put his team ahead.

"We were a tired basketball team tonight," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team has won 12 of its last 13 games at home. "There are some guys who have logged a lot of minutes for us. When we got up by 14 (points), I think we went into cruise control and looked fatigued. Stony Brook plays extremely hard and has a very quick team. Despite playing a poor first half, we still defended."

Beauford, a 5'11" junior, finished with 15 points and five rebounds for the Seawolves, who have lost five of their last six games. Wilson, who had his six-game, double-figure scoring streak halted, had eight points, all from the line. The Great Danes held the visitors to 39.7-percent shooting.

"We were flat, tired or whatever you want to call it," offered Iati, who made 6-of-9 from the field and 5-of-6 from the line. "It's my job to bring some energy off the bench and do whatever I can to help. It's been a tough schedule, but it has been for a lot of teams in our league. We just need to get some rest over the next couple of days."



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UALBANY'S JAMAR WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Jamar Wilson has been selected as America East Conference Player of the Week as announced on Monday afternoon by the conference office. Wilson earned the weekly award for the third time this season and seventh time in his career.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 senior, averaged 24.0 points, 7.3 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 2.0 steals in three games last week. He recorded his third double-double of the season with 19 points and 10 rebounds in a 65-61 triumph at UMBC on Jan. 9. He made the go-ahead free throws with 31.2 seconds remaining. Wilson had 31 points, the third-highest scoring total of his career, in an 82-73 win over Maine on Jan. 11. He made consecutive 3-point field goals with 7:43 left to put his team ahead for good.

In addition, Wilson became the school's all-time leading scorer with a 22-point performance in last Saturday's Vermont loss. Wilson, who added six rebounds, five assists and four steals, eclipsed a record that was held by Gary Holway for nearly 48 years. Holway scored 1,851 points from 1955-59. Wilson now has 1,861 career points. He netted 20-plus points for the 40th time as a collegian.

Wilson leads America East in scoring at 18.6 points per game, plus is third in both rebounding (6.4 pg) and assists (5.1 pg).

UAlbany (10-7, AE 3-2) meets Stony Brook in an America East Conference contest this evening at SEFCU Arena. Tip-off is 7:07 p.m. The game will be televised in the Capital Region on Time Warner Cable (TW3).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CELEBRATES NCAA COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION DAY

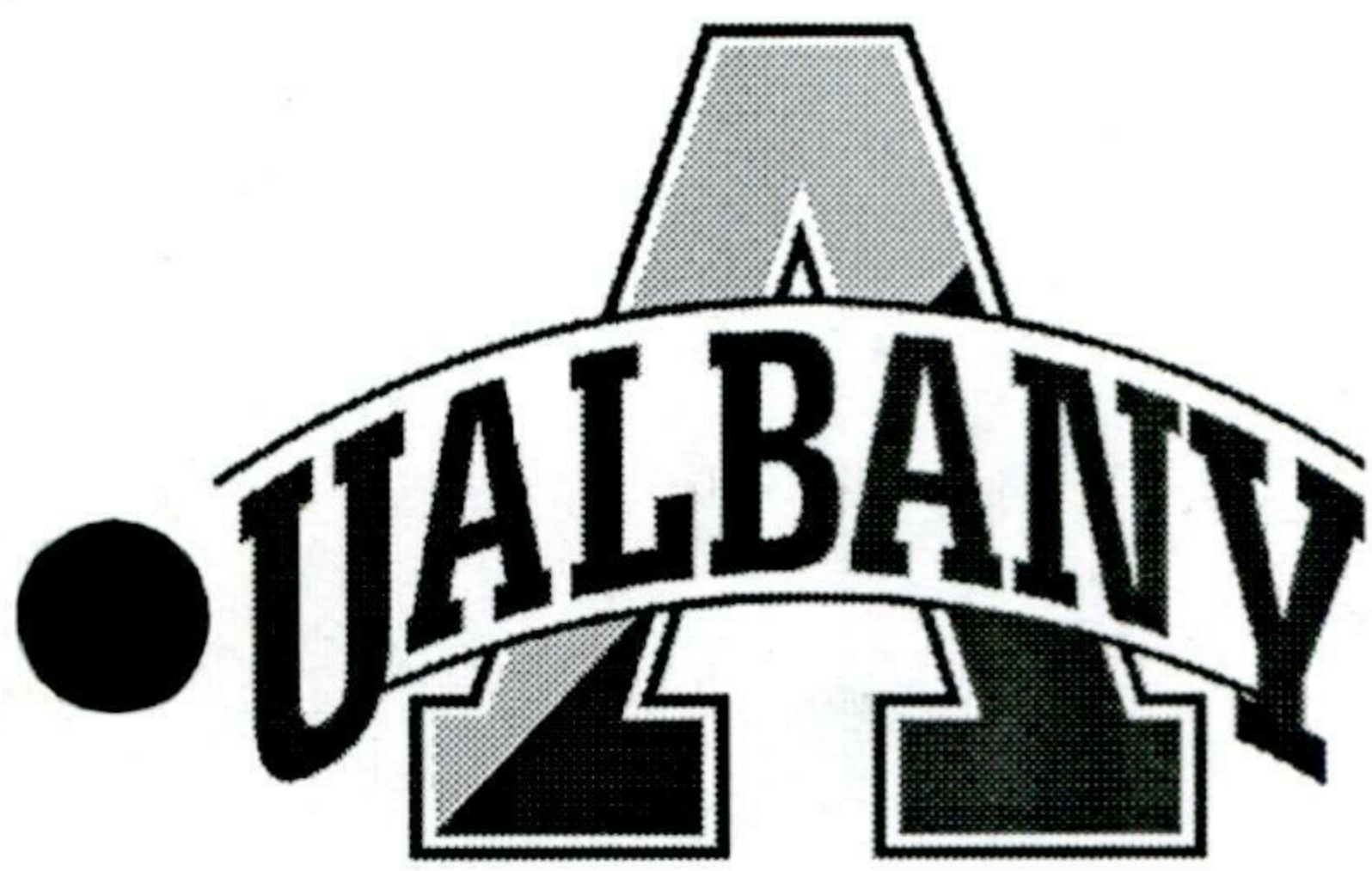
Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany women's basketball team will welcome 11 local elementary schools to the NCAA's Commitment to Education Day on Wednesday, Jan. 17. The day will coincide with the Great Danes' America East Conference matchup against Vermont, which begins at 12 noon at SEFCU Arena.

Students will be able to participate in various activities throughout the day. They will start by going on a guided tour of UAlbany's athletic facilities, led by members of the Great Dane coaching staff. Students will also take part in various educational sessions, covering nutrition, math, language arts and social studies.

Several other UAlbany teams will take part in the day, including the men's basketball team, which will put on a skill exhibition, and the baseball team, which will run a fast pitch clock for the students to participate.

All students will receive t-shirts, meet Damien the Dane, and participate in an autograph session with UAlbany student-athletes.

Participating area schools include Doane Stuart School, Brighter Choice, Eagle Point Elementary, Red Mill School, Montessori Magnet Academy, Lynnwood Elementary, Sheridan Preparatory Academy, School #19, Woodlawn Elementary, Hamilton Elementary, and Van Corlear Elementary.



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UALBANY FALLS TO BOSTON UNIVERSITY, 72-64, IN AMERICA EAST MATCHUP

Boston, Mass. – Senior **Katie Meinhardt** led Boston University with 17 points as the Terriers defeated UAlbany, 72-64, in an America East Conference women's basketball game on Sunday afternoon at Case Gym.

BU (9-8, 1-3 AE) built an early 15-5 lead after Meinhardt's layup at 13:57. UAlbany (6-11, 2-2 AE) then came back to take its only lead of the first half, 21-20, on a jumper by junior **Sherri Mikus** that completed a 10-0 Great Danes' run seven minutes later. The Terriers outscored UAlbany 16-4 to end the half, taking a 36-25 lead into the locker room behind 11 points from senior **Erica Kovach**. Meinhardt scored seven of BU's final nine points of the half, including 5-of-6 from the free throw line.

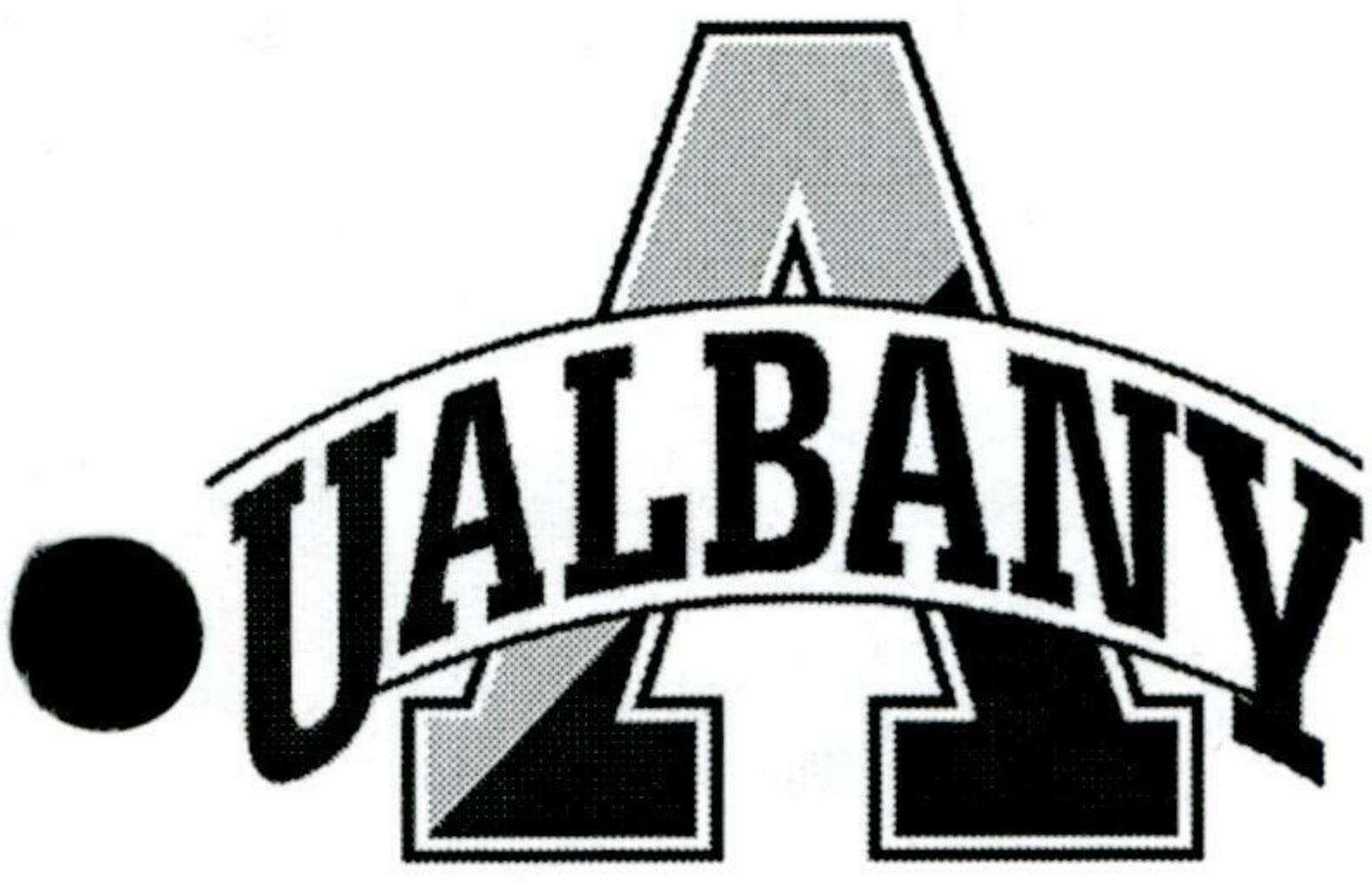
In the second half, the Terriers built their lead to as many as 15 points (50-35) after Kovach's layup with 11:28 left. The Great Danes rallied late, cutting the deficit to four on freshman **Britney McGee**'s three-pointer with 28 seconds remaining, but BU made several free throws to seal the victory.

Four Great Danes scored in double figures. McGee tallied 15, including three 3-pointers, while Mikus, senior **Amanda Ward** and junior **Kristin Higy** had 14, 12 and 10 points, respectively. It was the ninth time in the last ten games in which Ward has scored in double digits. The game also marked senior **Tanya James**' 100th career appearance in a Great Danes' uniform.

UAlbany shot 42 percent (25-for-59) as a team and outrebounded BU 40-36. The Terriers nailed nine three-pointers, three each from Kovach, who had 16 points, and junior **Cheri Raffo**, who tallied 15.

"We played well and shot well in the second half, but we lost our composure on some calls. We also gave up too many three-point shots," UAlbany head coach **Trina Patterson** said. "We'll bounce back and be fine for the next game."

The Great Danes return to action on Wednesday, Jan. 17, hosting Vermont at 12 p.m.



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UALBANY FALLS TO VERMONT, 75-66, IN AMERICA EAST FIRST-PLACE SHOWDOWN

Burlington, Vt. - **Colin McIntosh** scored 14 of his 19 points in the second half as Vermont recorded its seventh consecutive victory with a 75-66 America East Conference win over UAlbany on Saturday afternoon before a capacity crowd of 3,266 at Patrick Gymnasium.

Vermont (12-5, AE 4-0) snapped a 41-all tie when freshman **Joe Trapani** canned a three-point field goal from the left wing. The Catamounts, who are in sole possession of first place in the conference standings, still led 57-54 with 7:43 remaining. But **Chris Holm**, a 6-foot-11 center who had 12 points and 11 rebounds, hit a jumper in the circle, and McIntosh later converted in the lane off a lob pass for an eight-point lead two minutes later.

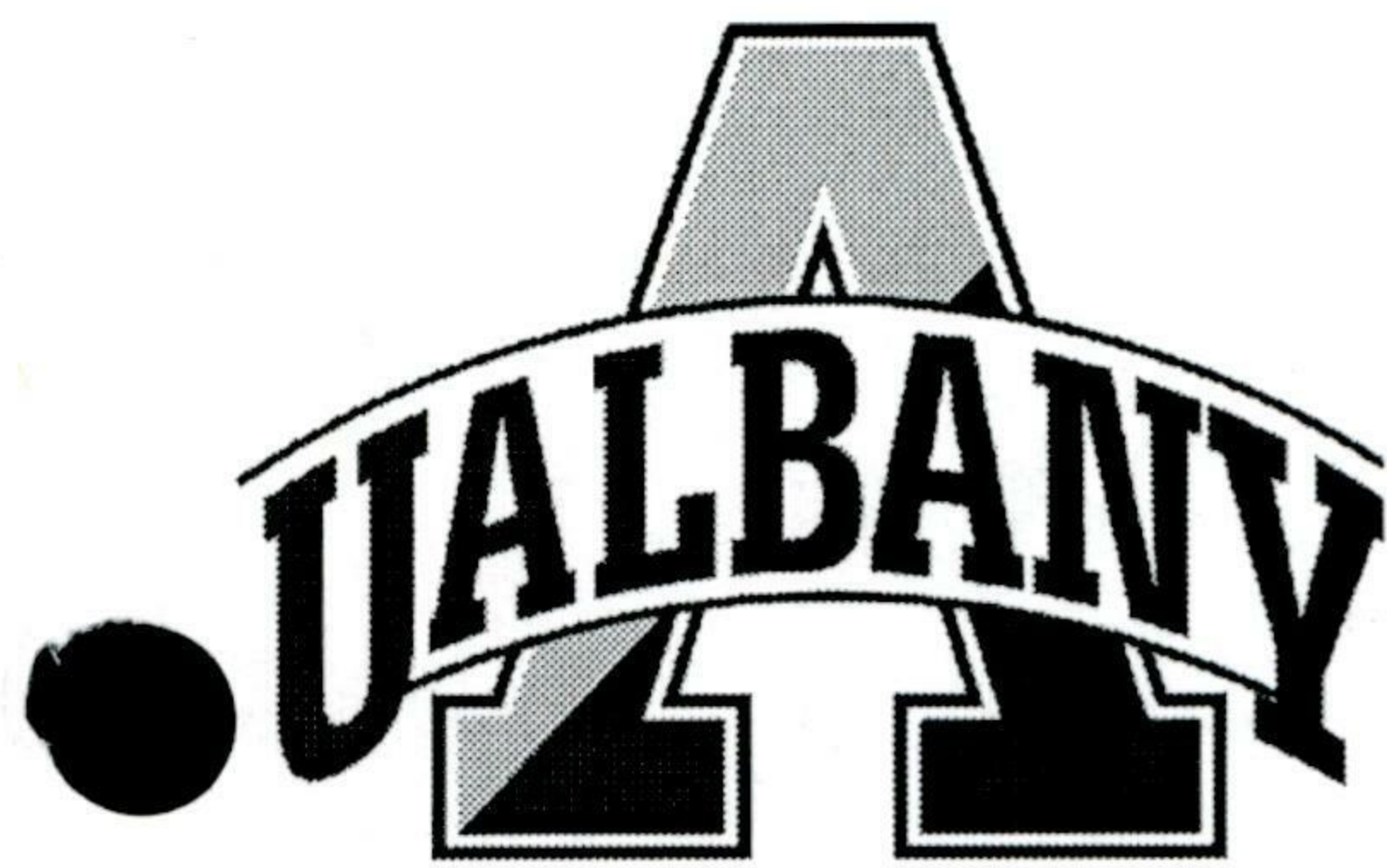
UAlbany (10-7, AE 3-2) could never mount a charge after that point despite a career-high 34-point performance by **Jason Siggers**, who made 14-of-24 from field, and scored 22 by halftime. The Catamounts, who shot 57.4 percent from the field, defeated the visitors for the ninth consecutive time in Burlington since the series began in 1925.

UAlbany's **Jamar Wilson** had 22 points and became the school's all-time leading scorer in the process. His driving one-hander in the lane with 18:55 remaining in the second half eclipsed **Gary Holway's** standard, which had stood since 1959. Wilson now has 1,861 points as a collegian. Vermont's **Mike Trimboli** added 15 points and five assists. Trapani finished with nine points and seven rebounds.

"In the second half we had plenty of opportunities (to win the game), but we didn't take advantage of those situations," UAlbany coach **Will Brown** said. "I thought we made bad decisions in transition and did a poor job of executing the overall offense. There was too much individual play on that end of the floor."

UAlbany led 37-35 at halftime as both teams shot better than 50 percent in the opening stanza. In a half of runs, The Catamounts ran off seven unanswered to take a 25-20 advantage. The Great Danes regrouped with an 11-4 outburst, and went ahead, 31-29, on Wilson's three-pointer. **Keith Cieplicki** regained the lead for UVM with a long-range jumper, but **Brett Gifford** followed with a reverse layup and Wilson converted a drive.

Wilson added, "We kept it close but we just didn't get it done. They are in first place right now and showed they are the team to beat. But our job is to win games the rest of the way and not worry about what other teams are doing."



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BURNETT SETS UALBANY 60-METER RECORD AT NEW YORK'S GOTHAM CUP

New York City – UAlbany senior **Junior Burnett** set the school indoor record in the 60-meter dash in a time of 6.81 seconds as the Great Danes' track teams participated at the Gotham Cup on Friday, January 12, hosted by New York University. No team scores were recorded at the event.

Burnett, whose run also qualified him for the IC4A meet in March, broke the previous record of 6.86 seconds, set by **Alix Rodrigues** in 2001 and Burnett at the Yale Season Opener in December. The 4x400 relay team, which included Burnett and sophomores **Pat Weider**, **Joe Belokopitsky** and **Joe Greene**, won its race in an IC4A-qualifying time of 3:12.82. Greene also finished second in the 400-meters in a time of 48.73, making him eligible for the IC4As. Freshman **John Moore** ran the 800-meters in 1:55.03 in his first meet as a collegian. In field events, junior **Felipe Reyes** came in fourth in the long jump with a leap of 23 feet, four inches, also sending him to the IC4A meet. Junior **Renauld Buck** had a personal best with a weight throw of 45 feet, ¼ inch.

On the women's side, sophomore **Jessica Ortman** won the 800-meters in a time of 2:09.83, seven hundredths of a second off her own school record. Senior teammate **Adanna Andrews** came in third in the race in 2:15.91. The 4x400 relay team, consisting of sophomore **Jenn Gurrant**, Adanna Andrews, Ortman, and senior **Anisha Andrews**, qualified for March's ECAC meet in a time of 3:52.21, good for third place. Senior **Alyssa Lotmore** finished seventh in the 3,000-meters in 9:53.01, also qualifying her for the ECACs. Sophomore **Ritshell Verdier's** sixth-place shot put throw of 43 feet, 2 ½ inches, highlighted the field events, while junior **Brenna Militello** tied for seventh in the high jump with a leap of five feet, three inches.

The two teams return to action on Friday, Jan. 19 at the UAlbany Great Dane Classic at the New York City Armory.

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New York Gotham Cup**WOMEN****INDIVIDUAL WINNERS**

60-meter dash: Shameka Marshall (Unattached), 7.57, 60-meter hurdles: Monique Morgan (Villanova), 8:36, 400-meters: Tanesha Wisdom (Maryland-Eastern Shore), 55.78, 500-meters: Romona Modeste (Morgan State), 1:13.05, Mile: Delil DiCrescenzo (Unattached), 4:52.70, **800-meters: Jessica Ortman (UAlbany), 2:09.83**, 1000-meters: Frances Koons (Villanova), 2:45.70, 3000-meters: Aziza Ayilu (Westchester TC), 9:17.59, 5000-meters: Mia Swenson (Princeton), 16:53.44, 4x400-meter relay: Morgan State (Tendai Hill, Quawnecia Johnson, Romona Modeste, Kathryne Carter), 3:48.95, 4x800-meter relay: Villanova (Frances Koons, Ellen Dougherty, Theresa Rush, Akillah Vargas), 8:58.49, Distance Medley Relay: Princeton (Christy Johnson, Maria Fasolina, Liz Costello, Alexa Glencer), 11:55.48, High Jump: Becky Christensen (Harvard), 5-8.75, Pole Vault: Jessica Kloss (Princeton), 11-9.75, Long Jump: Shameka Marshall (Unattached), 21-1.25, Triple Jump: Tilita Lutterloh (Unattached), 42-0, Shot Put: Rachel Young (Delaware), 45-6.5.

MEN**INDIVIDUAL WINNERS**

60-meter dash: Junior Burnett (UAlbany), 6.81, 60-meter hurdles: Dudley Dorival (Unattached), 7.94, 400-meters: Dwight Mullings (Essex County TC), 48.52, 500-meters: Bryan Steele

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(Unattached), 1:02.40, Mile: Abraham Ng'eitch (Iona), 4:09.68, 800-meters: Leonel Manzano (Texas), 1:52.22, 1000-meters: Ted Towle (Westchester TC), 2:26.72, 3000-meters: Sean Quigley (La Salle), 8:04.25, 5000-meters: Frank Tinney (Princeton), 14:38.55, **4x400-meter relay: UAlbany (Pat Weider, Junior Burnett, Joe Belokopitsky, Joe Greene), 3:12.82**, 4x800-meter relay: Texas (Darren Brown, Erik Stanley, Jake Morse, Leonel Manzano), 7:43.40, Distance Medley Relay: Iona (Tim Bayley, Dan Wallace-Periac, Philip Burkart, Mohamed Khadraoui), 10:02.44, High Jump: Joel Hargett (Texas), 6-11, Pole Vault: Andrew Park (Princeton), 16-2.75, Long Jump: Marquis Allen (Unattached), 24-3.75, Triple Jump: Mark Axt (Unattached), 50-9.25, Shot Put: Tyron Benjamin (Morgan State), 55-5.75, Weight Throw: Alex Pessala (Princeton), 58-1.25.



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WILSON'S 31 POINTS HELPS UALBANY GETS PAST MAINE, 82-73, AT SEFCU ARENA

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson had 20 of his 31 points in the second half to pace four players in double figures in leading UAlbany past Maine, 82-73, in America East Conference play on Thursday evening at SEFCU Arena.

UAlbany (10-6, AE 3-1) trailed 61-54 with 12:03 remaining, but then exploded with 14 of the game's next 17 points. Jason Siggers, who had 18 points, jump-started that run with a jumper in the lane and a three-point play when he was fouled on a fastbreak layup. Wilson, a 6-foot-1 senior who made 11 of 19 from the field, later drilled back-to-back three-point field goals from left of the key to put his team ahead, 68-64, with 7:46 left.

The Great Danes, who held the visitors to 30.8-percent shooting after halftime, still had a three-point lead three minutes later. But Siggers made a pair of free throws and Wilson delivered his third 3-pointer from the left wing to push his team's margin to 73-65. UAlbany made 7-of-8 from the free throw line over the last minute to win for the fifth straight time in the series.

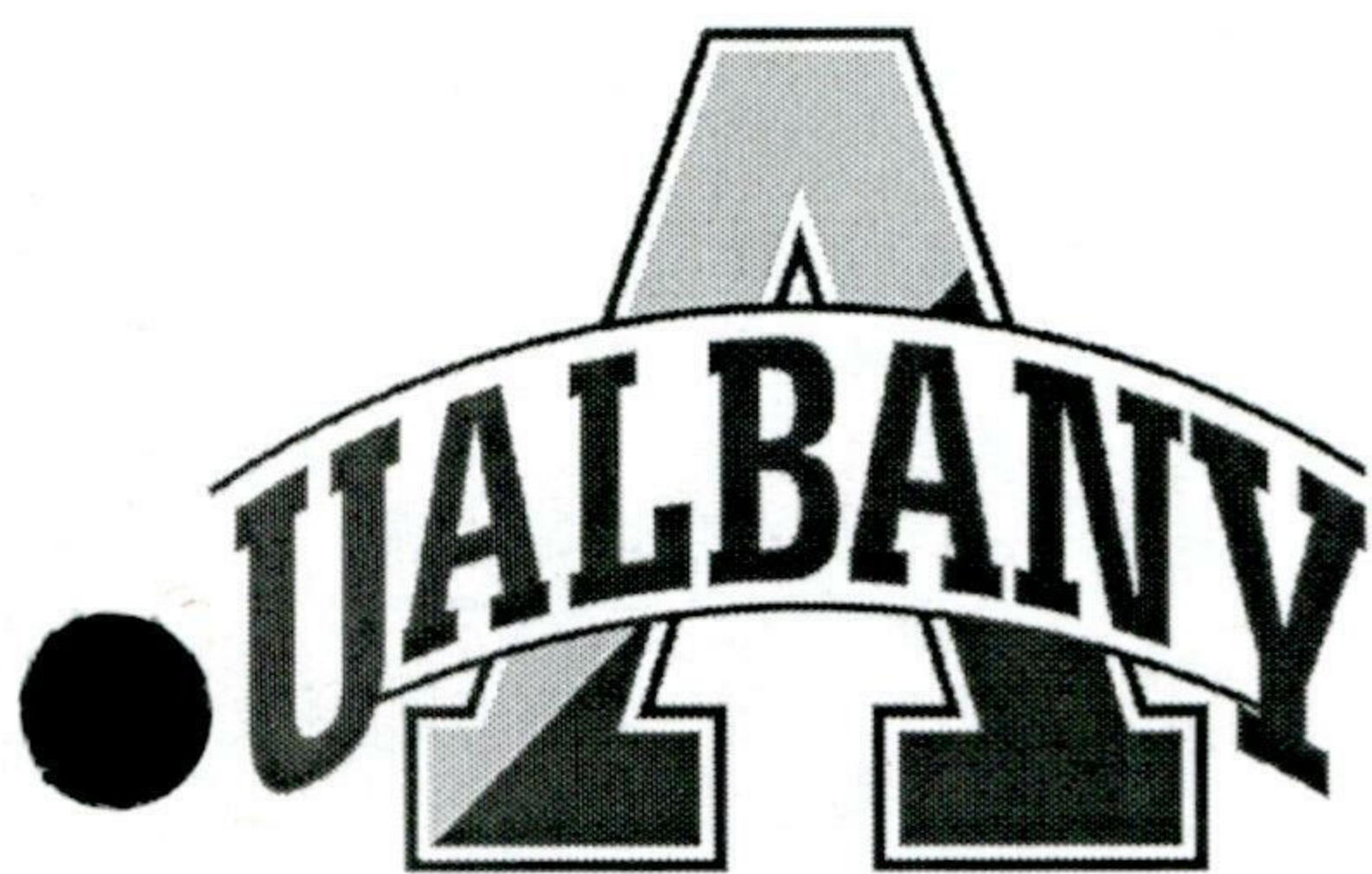
Maine (5-11, AE 0-4) roared to a 25-15 advantage midway through the opening period. Chris Bruff, a 6-foot-4 senior, had 16 of his 23 points in the half to help get his team off to a good start. Jon Sheets, who made 5-of-9 from the three-point arc, added 13 of his 19 points before the break. The Black Bears shot 53 percent in the first half, but had to settle for a 43-41 lead at the intermission.

In the second half, Maine was able to build its margin back to 52-44 in opening four minutes of the stanza. Sheets, a senior guard, canned two long-range jumpers, before freshman Mark Scooby, who had 16 points off the bench, made a 12-footer in the lane off the dribble. UAlbany would close the gap to a single basket twice prior to going on its decisive run.

"We didn't have the mental toughness to win this game early in the season," said Wilson, who is 13 points away from becoming the school's all-time scoring leader, a record that has stood for 48 years. "We were down the whole game and then climbed the hill. You can tell by the scout that they want me to shoot (from the outside). I've made a conscious effort to work on it. They were switching on defense and I was open."

Brian Lillis and Brian Connelly had 13 and 10 points, respectively, for the Great Danes, who have won 11 of their last 12 home games. Wilson, who produced the third-highest single-game total of his career, registered six rebounds, four assists and two steals. Lillis added to his second-best scoring game of the year with seven rebounds and four steals. Junior Bernal, a 6'5" freshman, was the fourth Maine player in double digits with 11 points.

"Jamar Wilson proved why he is the player of the year (in our conference)," said Maine coach Ted Woodward, whose team had its losing streak extended to six straight. "He stepped up, made shots, and put them ahead. He's a complete player and a program-changer. It was hard for us to catch up once they got the lead."



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UALBANY CRUISES TO A 70-51 VICTORY OVER UMBC IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Kristin Higy led four players in double figures as UAlbany cruised to a 70-51 victory over UMBC in America East Conference action Wednesday night at SEFCU Arena.

UAlbany (6-10, AE 2-1) jumped out to an early 11-2 lead on a jumper by senior guard Amanda Ward, forcing the Retrievers to take their first timeout just five minutes into the game. After an attempt to regroup, freshman guard Carlee Cassidy hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to six, 11-5, but the Great Danes embarked on a 5-0 run to build their lead up to 11 with just under 12 minutes left to play.

UMBC (8-8, AE 1-2) cut the lead to single digits twice before the halftime break, but back-to-back three pointers by freshman Britney McGee and Ward sent the teams to the locker room with UAlbany holding a 13-point advantage, 29-16.

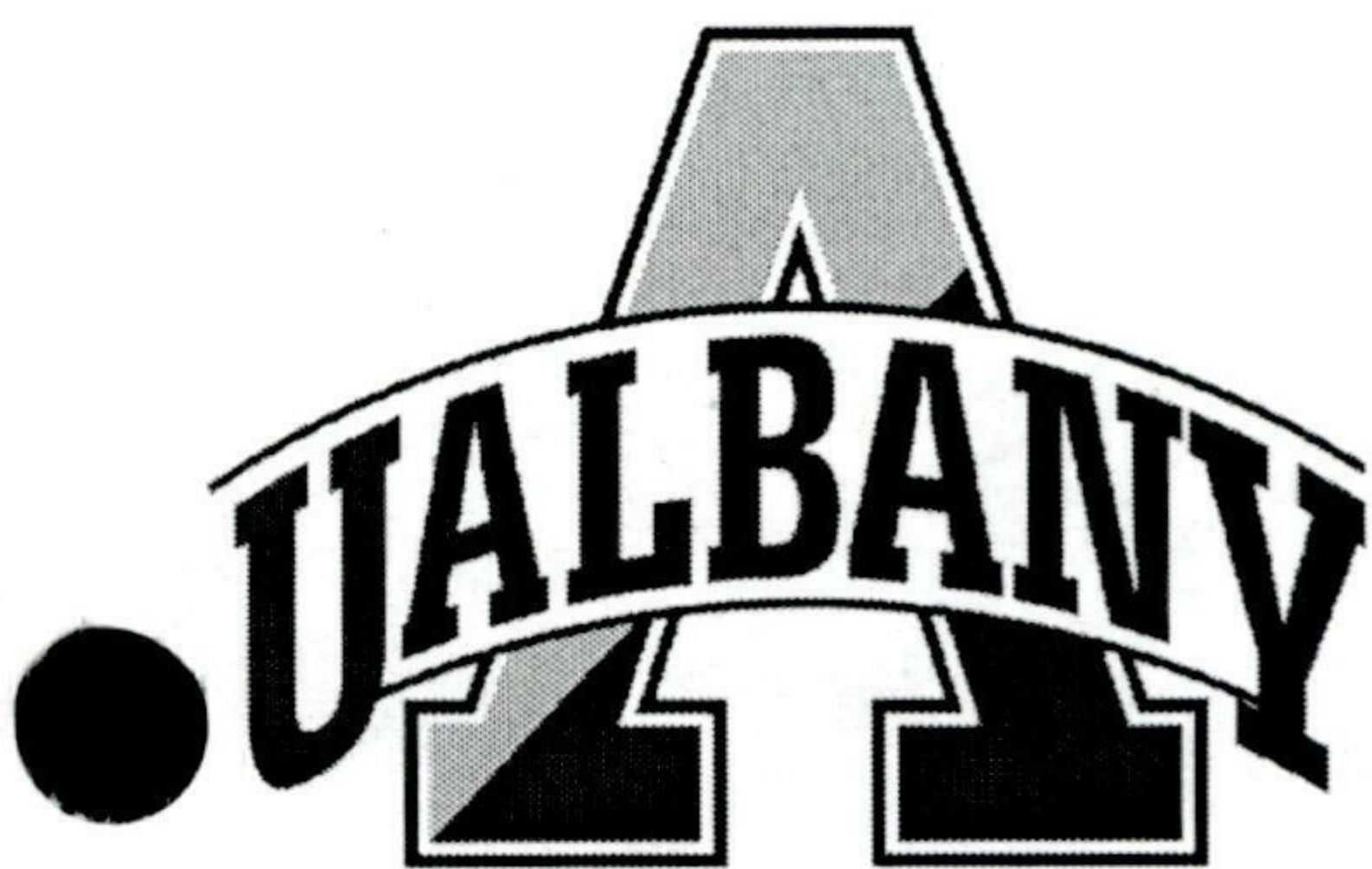
UAlbany, which shot a season-best 51.9-percent from the floor in the game, came out firing in the second half, building up a 39-23 lead five minutes into play. The teams then exchanged 3-pointers before the Great Danes posted a 10-2 run to increase their advantage to 22, 55-33, with 7:28 left to play. Freshman guard Charity Iromuanya hit her second trey of the night at 6:53 and Higy converted two of her four free throws to give UAlbany its biggest lead, 62-37, with just over five minutes on the clock.

Cassidy, who finished with six points, and junior forward Amanda Robinson attempted to spur the Retrievers into action in the closing minutes, with a 3-pointer and a conventional three-point play, but UAlbany would not give in, never allowing UMBC to get closer than 17 for the rest of the game. Sophomore guard Sarah Hayes dropped in a final jumper with 11 ticks on the clock to set the 19-point decision.

“We put two complete halves together on offense and defense,” said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, whose team outrebounded its opponent 46-23 in the game. “We have come out flat in the second half sometimes this season, but we were very prepared for this team. We said to stay within the gameplan, and we’ll be fine.”

Higy finished with a team-high 14 points for the Great Danes to go along with five rebounds, two assists and a steal. McGee, who had three, 3-pointers, and Ward, who tied a career-high with five assists, each totaled 11 points. Sanders, the America East player of the game for UAlbany, added 10 points, eight boards and had two assists, two blocks and two steals. Junior guard/forward Sherri Mikus finished with a career-high 14 rebounds, and was just short of a double-double with eight points.

Robinson led the Retrievers with a game-high 15 points while senior forward Sharri Rohde, UMBC’s America East player of the game and senior guard Brittnie Hughes added 13 and 10, respectively.



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UALBANY RALLIES FOR A 65-61 WIN OVER AMERICA EAST RIVAL UMBC

Baltimore, Md. – Jamar Wilson scored 19 points and made the go-ahead free throws with 31.2 seconds remaining as UAlbany rallied for a 65-61 America East Conference victory over UMBC on Tuesday evening at Retriever Activities Center.

UMBC (6-10, AE 2-1) ran off eight unanswered points to take a 52-45 with 9:11 to play. Brian Hodges, who had 16 of his 24 points in the second half, put his team in front with a jumper in the lane and later buried a three-point field goal from the top of the arc to complete the run.

UAlbany (9-6, AE 2-1) regrouped with nine of the game's next 11 points. Brian Connelly's conventional three-point play tied the contest at 54 apiece. Connelly was fouled as he scored on the left baseline after taking a feed from a driving Wilson.

The Great Danes, who have won five straight in this series, took a 59-56 lead on Brent Wilson's 3-pointer, but Hodges would tie the contest at 61-all with a 22-footer from the right wing. Jamar Wilson, who added 10 rebounds and five assists, then made a pair of free throws after get hacked on a drive in the lane.

"We didn't play our best basketball, but we did what we needed to do to get the win," said UAlbany head coach Will Brown, who returned to the bench after missing the previous game after a conference suspension. "We went small (lineup) during the course of the game. Jamar (Wilson) saw an opening and attacked it (on the last possession). He's been a clutch free throw shooter throughout his career."

UMBC's Jay Greene, who had 16 points, missed a three-point attempt with six seconds left and Jason Siggers hauled in one of his eight rebounds. Siggers, who had 14 points, sank both ends of the one-and-one opportunity to clinch his team's first conference road win this season.

UAlbany reversed a 15-11 deficit eight minutes into the contest with seven unanswered points. Jamar Wilson, who scored 11 in the period, made consecutive baskets to put his team ahead. The Great Danes, who connected on 14-of-28 shots before halftime, pushed out to a 27-19 lead on Siggers' fastbreak layup. The Retrievers closed with in two with 1:51 remaining, but Brent Wilson and Jamar Wilson drilled back-to-back three-point field goals.

"The fact that we lost the lead and fell behind in our last game helped us to realize what was happening," said Jamar Wilson, who posted his third double-double of the season. "When you start to get tired and push through it that will get you through adversity. To have that hunger and will in those moments makes basketball fun."



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THREE UALBANY TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES EARN AMERICA EAST WEEKLY HONORS

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany sophomores **Pat Weider** and **Jessica Ortman** were named the America East Conference Men's and Women's Track Performers of the Week, respectively, by the conference office on Tuesday, Jan. 9. In addition, junior **Brenna Militello** was named the women's field performer of the week. All three participated at Army's Carleton Crowell Open on Saturday, Jan. 6, in which the Great Danes' women finished first out of 11 teams and the men came in second out of 14. It was the second meet of the season for both teams.

Weider won the 400-meter dash in a time of 49.80 seconds. He was also a member of the first-place 4x400 relay team (3:23.60), along with freshman **Alan Nimblette**, sophomore **Andrew Overbaugh** and senior **Junior Burnett**. Weider previously qualified for this season's IC4A meet by running the 200-meters in 22:14 at the Yale Season Opener on Dec. 9.

Ortman finished first in the 1000-meters in 2:53.93, qualifying for the ECAC meet in March. In addition, she ran a leg of the 4x400 relay, which won the race in 3:54.50. Other team members were sophomore **Jenn Gurrant**, senior **Anisha Andrews** and senior **Adanna Andrews**. Ortman also qualified for the ECACs in the 800-meters at the Yale Season Opener.

Militello won the high jump at the Army meet with a career-high leap of 5 feet, 3.75 inches. She was also the highest UAlbany finisher at the Yale Season Opener with a 5 feet, 1 inch jump.

Both teams return to action on Friday at the Gotham Invitational in New York City, hosted by New York University.



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MAINE HOLDS OFF LATE-CHARGING UALBANY, 57-52, IN AMERICA EAST PLAY

Albany, N.Y. – Bracey Barker scored 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds while Ashley Underwood added 18 points to lead Maine to a 57-52 America East Conference win over late-charging UAlbany on Sunday afternoon in SEFCU Arena.

Maine (8-5, AE 2-0) had built up an 11-point lead, 46-35, midway through the second half, but UAlbany put together an 8-2 run to cut the lead to two, 48-46, with 6:53 left to play. Senior guard Amanda Ward, who started the run with a three-pointer at 10:47, and freshman guard Charity Iromuanya each converted two free throws during that stretch for the Great Danes. Senior Ashley Underwood hit one of her four three-pointers at 5:44 to get the Black Bears back up by five.

After freshman guard Britney McGee scored on a driving layup with 3:14 on the clock to pull the Great Danes within three, 53-30, UAlbany was unable to get a shot to fall. Maine used strong free throw shooting from Underwood and senior Bracey Barker to seal the win. The pair each converted two free throws in the last 30 seconds for Maine to set the five-point advantage.

"I am pleased with our defensive effort," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson, whose team set a season high with 14 steals and forced the Black Bears into 21 turnovers. "Maine shot just 33-percent in the second half, and they are a very good shooting team. If we can keep forcing turnovers like we did today, we will be in a different position at the end of the game.

Ward led the Great Danes with 15 points while junior forward Kristin Higy finished with 12 points and five rebounds. Junior forward Gia Sanders added 11 points and seven boards for UAlbany.

"We have had so much improvement from last season," said senior guard Amanda Ward, who went 3-for-4 from beyond the three-point arc. "Last season we wouldn't have gotten this close. So even though it's a tough loss, we've gotten some positives out of it.

UAlbany (5-10, AE 1-1) scored the first two points of the game on two free throws by Higy, and used that opening momentum to build up a 10-point lead, 20-10, midway through the first half. Sanders hit a three-pointer at 10:39 to give the Great Danes the 10-point lead. After cutting the lead to six, 22-16, on a layup by Kris Younan, Maine embarked on a 10-5 run, which included back-to-back three pointers by Underwood, to pull within one, 25-24, with 4:28 left to play. Underwood then converted two free throws with under a minute on the clock to put Maine up, 30-29, and Bracey Barker knocked down a shot at the buzzer to give the Black Bears a 32-29 halftime advantage.



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WOMEN FINISH FIRST, MEN COME IN SECOND AT CARLETON CROWELL OPEN

West Point, N.Y. – Senior **Anisha Andrews** won the 800-meters in the women's race, while sophomore **Joe Greene** came in first in the 800-meters on the men's side, as the UAlbany women's indoor track and field team finished first and the men's team finished second at the Carleton Crowell Open, hosted by Army on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Andrews, who registered a time of 2:20.60, was one of five first-place finishers for the women on the afternoon. Sophomore **Jessica Ortman** won the 1000-meters in a time of 2:53.93, as the top three spots in the race were all held by Great Danes' runners. The 4x400-meter relay team, consisting of sophomore **Jenn Gurrant**, senior **Adanna Andrews**, Anisha Andrews and Ortman, also came in first, clocking in at 3:54.50. UAlbany women also won two field events. Junior **Brenna Militello** was the top high jumper with a leap of 1.62 meters, while junior **Corinna Hengen** won the pole vault with a mark of 3.20 meters.

The men's side saw six competitors finish in first place, including Greene, who registered a time of 2:00.20 in the 800-meter run for the victory. **Pat Weider**'s time of 49.80 seconds was good for a win in the 400-meter dash. Both of the Great Danes' relay teams also came in first. The 4x400 relay squad, consisting of Weider, freshman **Alan Nimblette**, sophomore **Andrew Overbaugh**, and senior **Junior Burnett**, finished in 3:23.60. Meanwhile, the 4x800 team of sophomore **Jared Jupin**, Greene, sophomore **Joe Belokoptisky**, and freshman **John Moore** won the 4x800 in a time of 8:00.50. In field events, sophomore **Freddie Wills** came in first in the high jump with a mark of 2.30 meters, while junior **David Parker**'s first-place pole vault was 4.64 meters. The Great Danes' team score of 156.90 was second only to Army, with 200.70 points.

The UAlbany indoor track team will return to action on Friday, Jan. 12 at the Gotham Invitational in New York City.



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BINGHAMTON HOLDS OFF UALBANY, 83-72, IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE ACTION

Vestal, N.Y. – Richard Forbes had 25 points, two off his career-high, to pace five players in double figures in leading Binghamton to an 83-72 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Saturday afternoon at the Events Center.

Binghamton (8-6, 1-1) pushed out to a double-figure lead in the opening two minutes of the second half, when Steve Proctor, who had 12 of his 18 points after halftime canned a three-point field goal from the left corner. Forbes, who made 8-of-12 from the field, hit another 3-pointer from the top of the arc, for a 49-35 advantage with 14:56 remaining.

UAlbany (8-6, AE 1-1) would rally with 16 of the game's next 21 points. Jamar Wilson, who scored 16, made three 3-pointers in that outburst. Brian Connelly, who had 10 points and six rebounds off the bench, connected on a left baseline jumper that closed the gap to 54-51.

The Bearcats, who shot nearly 58 percent from the floor, would pull away over the next three minutes. Troy Hailey would make a pair of free throws, before Lazar Trifunovic made a conventional three-point play. Trifunovic, who had 11 points, was fouled on a goaltending call and sank the foul shot for a 62-53 lead with 6:37 left.

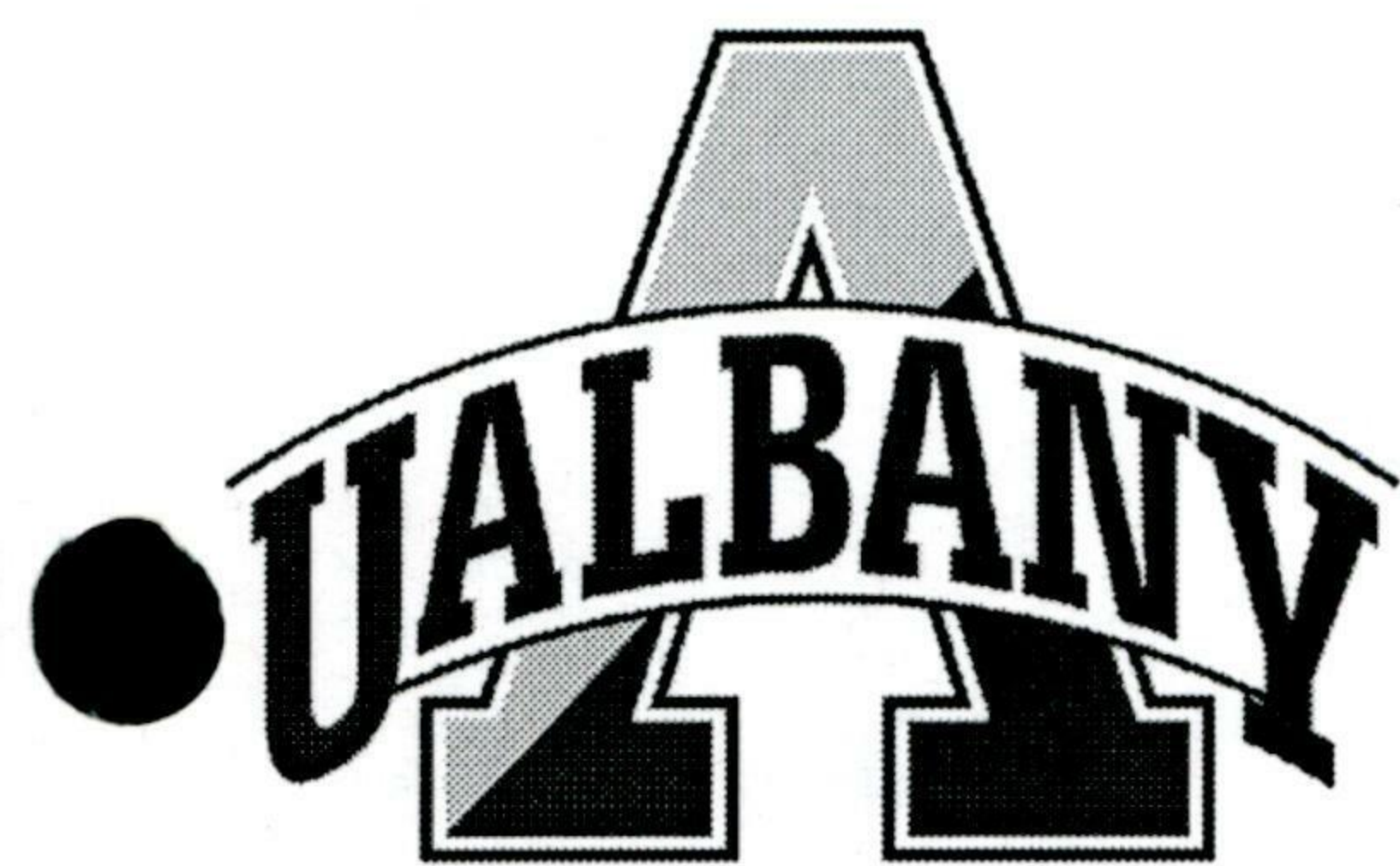
"We didn't take away what they do well. They executed and deserved to win," said associate head coach Eric Eaton, who coached the team during UAlbany head coach Will Brown's one-game suspension for violating the conference's Ethical Conduct policy. "We pride ourselves on our defense. It's defense that keeps you in the game when you are not shooting well."

Brian Lillis had 12 points and 10 rebounds, his first career double-double, for the Great Danes, who allowed their most points in conference play since Feb. 2, 2003. Brent Wilson scored 11 to extend his double-digit scoring streak to eight straight. Binghamton's Mike Gordon and Duane James had 11 and 10 points, respectively.

"We were stagnant (on defense). We were switching on a lot of their stuff and didn't talk," said Jamar Wilson. "It's tough when a team is that good on the perimeter. But we have to be on the same page and get some stops."

The Bearcats, who shot 53.8 percent before the intermission, overcame an eight-point deficit in the opening period by holding the visitors scoreless for nearly five minutes. During that stretch, Binghamton ran off 13 unanswered points to go ahead, and eventually lead 36-31 at the break. Forbes, who had nine in that run, put his team in front on a pair of free throws with 3:16 left in the period.

"Their style of play is much different. Last year they used to grind it out in the halfcourt," said Brent Wilson. "We just quit doing the little things. This stings because you have to bring everything to win on this floor."



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GREAT DANES EARN 63-59 OVERTIME VICTORY IN CONFERENCE OPENER

Vestal, N.Y. – Junior **Sherri Mikus** had 22 points and junior **Gia Sanders** added a double-double as the UAlbany women's basketball team defeated Binghamton in overtime, 63-59, in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Thursday, Jan. 4 at the Events Center.

The Great Danes fell behind early in overtime, 57-55, after a pair of made free throws by junior **Brianna Thompson**. UAlbany then reeled off six consecutive points, four from free throws and two on a layup by Sanders, to take the lead for good.

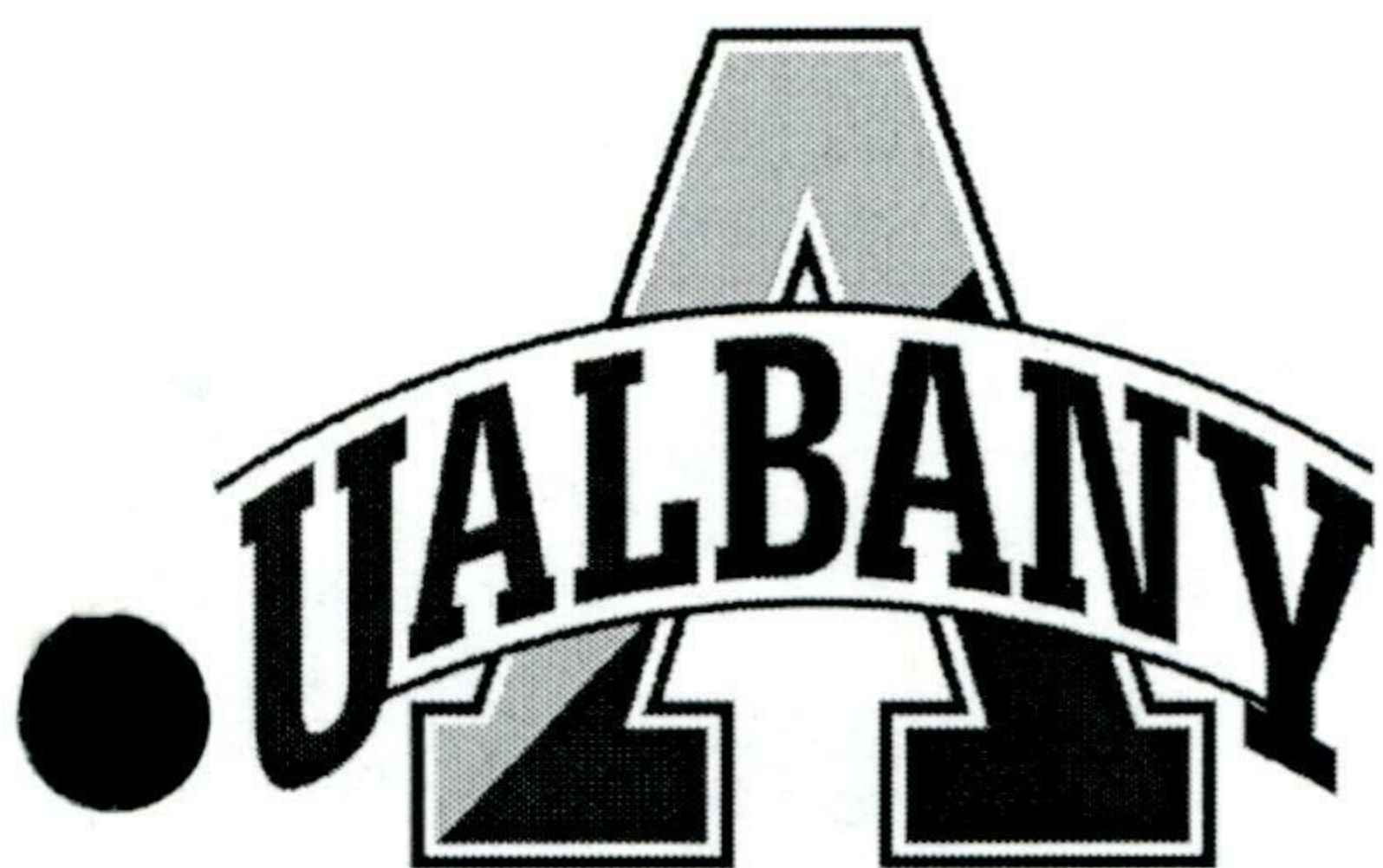
The game had been sent into overtime after junior **Kristin Higy** tied the game on a three-pointer with 2.8 seconds remaining. Binghamton held a six-point lead midway through the second half until an 11-3 UAlbany run, capped off by a jump shot from Sanders, put the Great Danes up 42-40. The game was closely contested the rest of the half; after the 12-minute mark of the second period, neither team had a lead of more than three points until UAlbany's five-point advantage with nine seconds remaining in overtime. The lead changed hands 13 times in the game.

In the first half, Mikus led the team with 13 points, including three three-pointers, as the Great Danes went into the break up one point. The teams traded threes early in the half before Mikus hit two free throws to tie the game at 12 with 11:52 on the clock. The Bearcats then went on a 7-0 run and held the lead until UAlbany freshman guard **Charity Iromuanya** hit two late jumpers to send the Great Danes into the locker room with a 29-28 lead.

Mikus' 22 points were a season-high, while her nine rebounds tied a season-best. Sanders finished the evening with 13 points, her best output of the year, and 10 rebounds. Senior **Amanda Ward** also added 14 points for UAlbany, the 10th time this season she has scored in double-figures. Binghamton (3-10, AE 0-1) was led by junior **Laura Sario**, who scored 17 points, and junior **Laine Kurpniece**, who had a double-double (11 points, 10 rebounds). It was the first victory for UAlbany in a conference opening game since the program joined the America East, as well as the first victory in a conference road opener.

Great Danes' head coach **Trina Patterson** said, "Conference play is a whole new season. We had the will to win, we remained positive on the bench and we fought it out. We had the momentum going into overtime."

UAlbany (5-9, AE 1-0) returns to action on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. for its America East home opener against Maine. The Great Danes then host UMBC on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.



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UALBANY UPENDS NEW HAMPSHIRE, 69-52, IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE OPENER

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson had 12 of his 20 points in the final period in leading UAlbany to a 69-52 victory over New Hampshire in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Wednesday evening at SEFCU Arena.

UAlbany (8-5, AE 1-0) led 44-41 midway through the second half, but then broke the contest open with 13 of the game's next 17 points. Jon Iati, who had seven points and four assists off the bench, hit a baseline jumper and then found Brian Lillis for a back-door layup to ignite that stretch. Jason Siggers, who had 16 points on 6-of-10 shooting, added a pair of baskets, before Wilson buried a three-point field goal from the top of the arc for a 57-45 advantage with 5:14 to play.

New Hampshire (3-10, AE 0-1) was still within striking distance at 58-50, when Jermaine Anderson hit a short bank shot after his steal. Anderson, a 6-foot-1 senior, finished with 18 points and made four 3-pointers. But the Great Danes, who have won six of their last seven outings, came right back when Jamar Wilson and Brent Wilson connected on back-to-back three-pointers that pushed the lead back to double digits with 2:49 remaining.

UAlbany reeled off 11 unanswered points to start the contest, as the visitors missed their opening four field goal attempts. The Great Danes, who twice lost to New Hampshire in overtime during last year's regular-season play, still led 29-20 with less than five minutes left in the stanza. However, the Wildcats went on a 9-2 run to close out the half. Blagoj Janev, a 6-foot-8 senior who had 13 points, canned a three-pointer from the left corner. Anderson followed with another long jumper that drew his team even at 31 apiece at halftime.

"The had confidence when they went to the locker room after being down early," offered UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team won last year's America East championship. "We clamped down and defended in the second half. We made our run when we went to the small lineup and that spread them out. This is an important win because you have to take care of business on your home floor in conference play."

Mike Christensen added 11 points for the Wildcats, who were held to 31.6-percent shooting after the intermission on 6-of-19 attempts. UAlbany's Brent Wilson extended his double-figure scoring streak to seven straight with 10 points. Jamar Wilson added to his scoring total with seven rebounds and five assists.

"We kept our lead and extended it in the second half," said Brent Wilson, whose team shot 57.1 percent from the field after halftime. "Our rebounding was better, from the guard positions and throughout the lineup. It's good to get contributions from our bench because you need depth to be successful."



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ST. BONAVENTURE USES SECOND-HALF SURGE TO DEFEAT UALBANY, 62-45

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman Dana Mitchell scored a career-high 23 points and Priscilla Edwards added 13 as St. Bonaventure extended its winning streak to six straight with a 62-45 non-conference victory over UAlbany on Tuesday evening at SEFCU Arena. The Bonnies have tied their longest string of wins since moving to the Division I level in 1984.

St. Bonaventure (10-5) led 28-27 at halftime, but then held UAlbany (4-9) scoreless for opening nine minutes and 26 seconds of the final period. The Great Danes, who missed their first nine field goal attempts in the half, were held to 20-percent shooting after the break.

During that decisive stretch, Mitchell had eight points in a run of 15 unanswered that provided St. Bonaventure with a commanding lead. Mitchell, a 6-foot-1 forward who made 10-of-13 from the floor, converted a fastbreak layup after her steal and then hit a baseline jumper for a 36-27 lead. She later connected on a bank shot in transition, before Andrea Doneth added a jumper and Edwards made a free throw for a 43-27 advantage.

The Bonnies, who have also won five straight on the road, increased their margin to as much as 51-31 with Doneth canned another jumper. UAlbany would slice the deficit in half behind the play of freshman guard Britney McGee, who had a career-best 18 points and made four 3-pointers. Sherri Mikus, who totaled seven points, three assists and four steals, closed the gap to 55-45 by splitting a pair of free throws. But St. Bonaventure held off that run by scoring its final seven points from the charity stripe.

“We go into scoring droughts and then we stop playing defense,” said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team begins America East Conference play on Thursday at Binghamton. “We couldn’t buy a shot and had no second chances. When you are not efficient on offense, you need to show mental toughness by getting stops.”

The contest featured six lead changes and three ties in the first half. Edwards, who added five rebounds and four assists to her scoring total, sank two foul shots for a 22-18 advantage with 3:07 left in the stanza. Mikus would put her club back in front, 27-26, on a driving layup in the lane, but Edwards connected on an 18-footer at the buzzer to regain the lead at the intermission.

“We seem to be watching the ball in the second half and they are a good rebounding team,” said junior forward Kristin Higy, who had six points and seven rebounds. “We can’t seem to put two halves together. We stop playing defense and then we were thinking too much on offense.”



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BRENT WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Brent Wilson has been chosen the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's basketball, as announced by the conference office on Tuesday afternoon. Wilson, a 6-foot-8 junior, becomes the third different UAlbany player to receive the America East's weekly award this season.

Wilson averaged 17.5 points and 8.5 rebounds as the Great Danes split a pair of games on their recent trip to Utah. He shot 66.7 percent of the field on 14-of-21 attempts, plus made 4-of-10 from three-point range.

He put together a 22-point, nine-rebound performance in UAlbany's 59-58 upset victory over Utah on Dec. 28. Wilson, who made 9-of-14 from the floor, and canned four 3-point shots, sealed the outcome with a steal and an offensive rebound following a missed free throw over the final 10 seconds. He also totaled 13 points and eight rebounds at Utah Valley State on Dec. 30, plus tied a career-high with three steals.

A native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Wilson owns a six-game, double-figure scoring streak. He is averaging 17.0 points and shooting 71.4 percent from the field (40-of-56) in that span. UAlbany (7-5) is off to its best start as a Division I program.