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Comments: College Basketball

MEN – Delaware State 70, Albany 58

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman guard **Miles Davis** scored a career-high 25 points to lead Delaware State to a 70-58 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Delaware State (13-14) reversed a 47-42 deficit midway through the second half with 11 unanswered points. **Marty Bailey**, who had 15 points, hit a jumper and a three-point field goal to begin that run. **Sergey Stephanenkov** finished off that outburst for a 53-47 lead with 8:11 remaining.

The Hornets, who finished the regular season by winning eight of their last 10 games, were still ahead, 53-49, but then took firm control with a 10-0 spurt. Davis had six points in that stretch, and canned one of his five 3-pointers for a 14-point margin with 2:43 left.

"They were running nine and 10 guys at us, and we were trying to get by with six players," said Albany coach Scott Beeten, whose team completes its schedule with a 6-22 record. "There were three or four crucial possessions where we came up dry, and that was critical in that kind of game."

Albany led 35-31 at halftime, as **Will Brand** scored all 10 of his points in the stanza. In a back-and-forth opening period, Brand put his team on top, 24-23, with a baseline jumper. Freshman guard **E.J. Gallup**, who had 18 points, followed with a three-pointer.

Andre Matthews, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, had 11 points and nine rebounds for the Hornets, who shot 58.3 percent from the field in the second half. Alex Barnhill was third Albany player in double figures with 10.

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BASEBALL

Homestead, Fla. – Second baseman **Eddie Scott** had four hits, and **Steve Checksfield** and **Michael Oliva** each drove in three runs, as Albany posted its first win of the season with a 13-7 victory over Adrian on Wednesday afternoon at Homestead Sports Complex.

Adrian (2-3) built a 4-1 lead in the fifth inning, as **Rob Heumann** keyed the atbat with a two-run single. Albany (1-3) scored five times in the bottom of the frame. **Mike Kuebler** knocked in the go-ahead run with a double, and later scored on **Michael Tecklenburg's** single.

Leading 8-6 in the eighth, the Great Danes put the game away with another five-run inning. Checksfield, who went 3-for-4 at the plate, drilled a RBI triple, while Oliva, who doubled, singled twice and scored a pair of runs, added a RBI base-hit.

Senior **Craig Straus**, who worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the seventh, earned the save in relief of starter **Mike Burke**. Adrian's **Zebb Schroeder** singled and had three RBI.

-agate-

Adrian (2-3) 000 130 201 - 7 10 3 Albany (1-3) 100 052 050 - 13 17 4

Josh Meyers, Matt Berkemeier (5), Chad Rinke (8) and Bryan Knoll, John Bourdeau (5).

Mike Burke, Mike Muller (6), Craig Straus (7) and Tommy Greene.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2

SOFTBALL

Fort Myers, Fla. – Freshman **Heather Ford** fired a two-hit shutout to lead Gannon to a 9-0 win over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Lee County Sports Complex. Earlier in the day, Clarion's **Missy Gring** blanked the Great Danes by scattering seven hits in a 4-0 victory.

Ford, a right-hander, had a perfect game through five innings, before Albany's **Stacy Kowal** led off the sixth with a single. Second base **Erin Lutz** went 3-for-4 with a double, two runs and two RBI to lead the Lady Knights, who upped their record to 8-0.

In the first game, Clarion's **Emily Sowers** and **Ashlee Fleck** each had a pair of singles. Shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls H.S.) went 3-for-3 at the plate for the Great Danes, who are 2-8 overall and end their Florida swing on Thursday. -agate-

(Game 1)

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Missy Gring and Emily Sowers.

Sarah Maida and Lynnette Bohannon.

(Game 2)

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Heather Ford and Meredith Sherman.

Kristin Couris and Stacy Kowal.

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BASEBALL

Miami, Fla. – Miguel Quintana belted his third home run of the season, and Mickey Torello added a three-run blast to lead Florida International to a 13-4 victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at University Park Stadium.

Albany (0-3) took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on Steve Checksfield's two-run homer over the left-field fence. However, the Panthers scored three times in their first at-bat, as Quintana hit a two-run shot.

Florida International (10-5) plated five runs in the third for an 8-2 lead. Torello hit his first home run this year, and Gus Alfonso had a two-run double. Starting pitcher Matthew Crandall picked up his first win by recording eight strikeouts in five innings of work.

Shortstop Mike Grasso (Bishop Maginn) had a RBI triple in the seventh for the Great Danes, who meet Adrian in Homestead on Wednesday.

-agate-

Albany (0-3)

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Florida International (10-5) 305 001 13x - 13 10

Shawn Walsh, Adam Harriman (6), Marty Pincar (7), Mike Jorgensen (8) and Tommy Greene.

Matthew Crandall, Greg Birch (6), Arthur Santos (8), Luis Gaziuta (9) and Michael New.

SOFTBALL

Miami, Fla. – **Nicole Myers** had three hits and drove in five runs to lead Florida Atlantic to a doubleheader sweep over Albany on Tuesday evening at FAU Stadium. Florida Atlantic (11-5) won the first game, 6-2, and the nightcap, 12-0.

Albany Sports 2-2-2

In the opener, Myers had two hits, including a solo home run in the first inning. **Michelle Shirah** added a pair of triples and two RBI. Senior pitcher **Chris Sutcliffe** scattered four hits in a complete-game effort. Albany (2-6) scored twice in the fifth, as first base **Debbie Hodge** knocked in one run. **Lynnette Bohannon** doubled for the Great Danes.

Right-hander **Kristie Picon** was in complete control in the second contest with an 11-strikeout performance over five innings. Myers slugged a three-run homer in the first, while **Amy Bellisari** and **Liana Pratt** each had two hits.

The Great Danes, who played three games on the day, started this morning in Fort Myers with a 6-5 come-from-behind victory over Adrian.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany (2-5) 000 020 0 - 2 4 1 Florida Atlantic (10-5) 113 010 x - 6 7 2 Sarah Maida and Lynnette Bohannon.

Chris Sutcliffe and Dian Sanchez.

(Game 2)

Albany (2-6) 000 - 0 1 4 Florida Atlantic (11-5) 417 0x - 12 11 0

Kristin Couris and Stacy Kowal.

Kristie Picon and Callie Piper, Stephanie McCarthy (3).

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SOFTBALL

Fort Myers, Fla. – Senior outfielder **Stephanie Strauss** lined a two-run double in the seventh inning, as Albany rallied for a 6-5 victory over Adrian on Tuesday morning at Lee County Sports Complex. The Great Danes, who improved to 2-4 overall, will play a doubleheader at Florida Atlantic this evening.

Adrian (1-2) used a three-run sixth inning to take a 5-4 lead. **Angie Benefield**, who scored three runs, had an RBI single, before the Bulldogs tallied twice on a throwing error. Stauss hit her game-winning double into the left-field gap with two outs in the seventh. Albany reliever **Kristin Couris** sent the side down in order to post her second victory over the season.

Shortstop Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls H.S.) went 3-for-4 at the plate with one run scored, while Liz Wieboldt added a pair of singles for the Great Danes. Adrian's Jill Schuster and Laurie Aplin combined for five of their team's nine hits.

-agate-

Albany (2-4) 102 100 2 - 6 10 2 Adrian (1-2) 001 013 0 - 5 9 2

Amy Hawk, Kristin Couris (6) and Lynnette Bohannon.

Michelle Marshall and Kathy Beckwith.

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BASEBALL

Homestead, Fla. – First baseman **Tony Cruz** drove in a pair of runs to lead Mercyhurst to a 9-2 victory over Albany on Monday evening at Homestead Sports Complex.

Cruz had a RBI single in the first inning, and drove in another run with a fielder's choice in the second to stake Mercyhurst (3-4) to a 3-0 lead. Albany (0-2) closed the gap to 3-2 in the second on **Jeff Rossiter's** RBI triple and a run-scoring single by **Tommy Greene**.

The Lakers tallied twice in the fifth, when **Rico Santana** tripled and scored, and Ben Wiand added a RBI double. Santana's RBI single highlighted a four-run ninth. Pitcher **John Sechler** allowed one earned run and struck out nine in eight innings on the mound.

Center fielder **Michael Oliva** went 4-for-4 at the plate with a double for the Great Danes, who play at Florida International on Tuesday night.
-agate-

Mercyhurst (3-4) 120 020 004 - 9 7 1 Albany (0-2) 020 000 000 - 2 11 6

John Sechler, Ryan Bogert (9), and Nick Scharrs.

Adam Kroft, Craig Straus (7), Mike Muller (9), Bryant Alvarado (9) and Tommy Greene.

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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Fort Myers, Fla. – **Brandi Srda** doubled, singled twice, and scored a pair of runs to lead Saginaw Valley State to a 9-4 victory over Albany on Monday afternoon at Lee County Sports Complex.

Saginaw Valley State (3-3) built a commanding 6-1 lead with a four-run fourth inning. Srda and **Tiffany Martin** had RBI singles in that frame. **Whitney Babcock** added two singles for the Lady Cardinals, who posted a 34-20-1 record last year.

Albany (1-4) was led by freshman **Liz Wieboldt**, who totaled three hits, including one double. **Nikki Carella** had two base-hits, while shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls H.S.) doubled and scored two runs. The Great Danes play three games on Tuesday, including a doubleheader at Florida Atlantic. -agate-

Saginaw Valley State (3-3)

020 403 0 - 9 11 1 100 201 0 - 4 10 4

Albany (1-4)

Courtney Pintek and Kelly Martin.

Sarah Maida and Lynnette Bohannon.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fargo, N.D. – University at Albany's **Liz Tucker** has been voted to the Verizon University Division District I Academic All-America Women's Basketball Team. Tucker, a second-team selection, has a 3.55 cumulative grade point average in psychology.

Tucker, a 5-foot-10 senior, led the Great Danes in scoring (13.0 ppg), rebounding (6.4 pg), assists (3.1 pg) and steals (1.9 pg) this season. She finished her career ranked third on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,188 points.

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KATHY COYNER, University of Massachusetts, Senior, Guard

3.31 in Biochemistry

Team record 11-14...Started all 25 games...36.4 minutes per game...FG% .322, FT% .832, 3FG% .312 (39 of 125)...

Averaging 12.3 points, 9.8 rebounds, 4.2 assists, 3.8 turnovers, 2.0 steals, 0.04 blocks...leads the team in FT% and assists... ranks second in scoring...listed at 10th in Atlantic 10 in FT%...scored her 1,000 career point on Feb. 28, becoming the 12th player in school history to reach the milestone, currently with 1,065...led the team in scoring eight times this season including a career-high 25 on Dec. 8...Has 19 double figure games this season, 58 for her career... seven-time Athletic Director's Honor Roll member...Dean's List...Belpre, Ohio.

THERESE KELLEY, U.S. Military Academy, Senior, Forward

3.256 in Spanish & Chinese

Team record 16-9...Started all 25 games...28.9 minutes per game...FG% .441, FT% .806, 3FG% .276 (8 of 29)... Averaging 13.8 points, 7 rebounds, 1.6 assists, 2.7 tumovers, 0.8 steals, 0.8 blocks...Sbth Army player to reach 1,000 points (1,150, No. 5) /500 rebounds (562, No. 9)...two-time Patriot League pick (2nd team in 1999, 1st in 2000)...Ranks among the league leaders in blocks (1st), FT% (3rd), scoring (6th), rebounding (7th) and FG%. (14th)...MVP of Army Tip-Off Tourney... Preseason all-league 1st team...two-time league player of the week...66 career games in double figures with 10 double-doubles...scored 20-plus points five times this year, nine times in career...Mahtomedi, Minn.

COLLEEN KLOPP, Quinnipiac University, Senjor, Guard

3.57 in Biglogy

Team record 13-12...Started 24 of 25 games...32.6 minutes per game...FG% .427, FT% .789, 3FG% .393 (33 of 84)...

Averaging 13.4 points, 2.4 rebounds, 2.0 assists, 2.1 turnovers, 0.7 steals, 0.3 blocks...team's leading scorer for three years...also tops in FT% and 3FG%...two-time All-Northeast Conference 2nd team pick...ranks 6th on QU career scoring list with 1,250 points... school's all-time 3-point leader (105)...named the 1999-2000 NEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year... holds QU season free throw pct. record (.852 in 1998-99)...has scored in double figures in 21 of 25 games...with a win, QU clinches first winning season since 1991-92...Southington, Conn.

MARI McCLURE, University at Buffalo, Senior, Guard

3.59 in Psychology

Team record 17-7...Started all 24 games...35.3 minutes per game...FG% .408, FT% .874, 3FG% .379 (22 of 58)... Averaging 15.3 points, 4 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 2.3 turnovers, 1.5 steals, 0.2 blocks...10th all-time in scoring (1,071)...MAC East Player & Scholar Athlete of the Week (11-20-00)... scored career-high 35 points vs. No. 22 North Carolina...had 28 points, including career-high 13 free throws vs. Marshall...ranks 1st in MAC in FT%, 5th in scoring and assist/TO ratio, 8th in FG%, 13th in assists....No. 20 in NCAA FT%...has 367 points in 24 games compared to 265 in 29 games last year... plays 35.5 minutes per game despite chronic arthritis in both knees...UB Scholar Athlete... Rochester Hills, Mich.

SABRINA VALLERY, Mariet College, Senior, Forward

3.859 in Peychology

Team record 6-19...Started 24 of 25 games...28.1 minutes per game...FG% .535, FT% .817, 3FG% .000 (0 of 0)...
Averaging 9.7 points, 4.9 rebounds, 1.0 assists, 2.6 turnovers, 0.3 steals, 0.1 blocks...three-time tri-captain... named to the NEC All-Newcomer team during her rookie campaign in 1997...three-time All-MAAC Academic member...Red Foxes third leading rebounder and scorer...became the seventh women's basketball player in Marist history to surpass 1,000 career points, currently No. 7 with 1,101...all-time leader in free throws made and FT%, and No. 3 in free throws attempted...South Solon, Ohio.

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BASEBALL

Coral Gables, Fla. – **Kevin Howard** had three hits and drove in four runs to lead fourth-ranked Miami, Fla. to a 14-0 victory over Albany in the Great Danes' season opener on Sunday afternoon at Mark Light Stadium.

Howard, a sophomore third baseman, belted a two-run homer off the right field light pole in the second inning, and knocked in two more runs with a triple in the seventh. Starting pitcher **Tom Farmer** improved to 3-0 on the season, as he scattered four hits, struck out six and walked none in five innings on the mound.

Second baseman **Matt Dryer** added a two-run double in the fifth when Miami (12-3) moved out to a 7-0 lead. He added a RBI triple in the Hurricanes' sevenrun seventh inning.

Albany's **Steve Checksfield** singled and doubled in four plate appearances. The Great Danes, who will play Mercyhurst on Monday evening in Homestead, are in Florida through March 3.

-agate-

Albany (0-1) 000 000 - 0 6 4 Miami, Fla. (12-3) 131 020 70x - 14 11 0

Adam Castoldi, Mike Burke (4), Ryan Pitt (6), Mike Jorgensen (7) and Tommy Greene.

Tom Farmer, Jeff Reboin (6), Alex Prendes (6), Vince Vasquez (7), George Huguet (8), Luke DeBold (9) and Danny Matienzo, Greg Lovelady (6).

SOFTBALL

Orlando, Fla. – Junior second base **Kyna Boyer** scored on a fielding error with one out in the seventh inning, as Nicholls State rallied for a 5-4 victory over Albany on Sunday at the Disney Diamond Classic. In the first game, Bethune Cookman also came from behind to post a 10-6 win over the Great Danes.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

Albany (1-3) built a 4-2 lead in the nightcap's sixth inning, as **Liz Wieboldt** scored on **Chelsey LaRue's** groundball. Wieboldt, **Lynnette Bohannan** and **Stacy Kowal** each had a pair of singles to lead their team's 12-hit attack. Nicholls State rallied with a two-run seventh, as **Jennifer Ortego** and Boyer scored the tying and game-winning runs on fielding errors.

Bethune Cookman regrouped from a 6-0 deficit in the first game. Catcher **Krista Schile**, who had three hits and scored twice, lined a RBI single in her team's six-run sixth. **Cyndra Poe** added a two-run homer in the fourth. LaRue totaled three singles and two RBI for the Great Danes, who move south to Fort Myers for the next part of their 11-game Florida trip.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Bethune Cookman 000 406 0 - 10 15 2 Albany 330 000 0 - 6 6 2

Miranda Mayse, Jessica Cabato and Anna Cindric, Krista Schile (3).

Sarah Maida, Kristin Couris (6), Amy Hawk (7) and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Albany 100 201 0 - 4 12 2 Nicholls State 100 011 2 - 5 13 2

(one out when winning run scored)

Kristin Couris, Sarah Maida (5) and Lynnette Bohannon.

Christina Hanson and Lynette Kokemor.

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Comments: College Basketball

MEN - Bucknell 76, Albany 67

Albany, N.Y. – **Bryan Bailey** scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half, as Bucknell posted a 76-67 come-from-behind victory over Albany on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Bucknell (13-14) trailed by as much as eight points in the final period, and were still down 54-48 with 9:14 remaining. However, the Bison ripped off 12 consecutive points to take the lead. Bailey, a 6-foot-2 junior, scored 10 in that stretch, and put his team on top with a steal and a layup. He completed that decisive run with a pair of free throws for a 60-54 advantage.

Albany (6-21) closed within 66-64 on a turnaround baseline jumper by **Sam Hopes** with 1:28 remaining. The Bison, who won their third straight, converted 10 of 12 free throws in the final moments to stay ahead. **Brian Werner**, who had 17 points and 12 rebounds, sank four free throws in that span.

"We were fresh from the minutes we got from our bench," said Bucknell coach Pat Flannery, whose team made 25 of 34 free throws overall. "Bailey can break you down one-on-one, but he can't do that for 40 minutes."

The Great Danes used a 10-3 run in the final period to build a 52-44 lead. Sophomore guard **Antione Johnson** led that charge with a game-high 21 points. The two teams battled to a 34-34 halftime deadlock.

"They hit some big shots and made their free throws," commented Albany coach Scott Beeten. "We didn't take the game over when we had the chance, and were not able to show enough inside presence throughout the game."

Bucknell's **Boakai Lalugba** and **Jake Ramage** had 16 and 15 points, respectively. Freshman **E.J. Gallup** scored 15 for the Great Danes, while **Alex Barnhill** added 10 points and 11 rebounds.

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Comments: College Basketball

WOMEN -- Bucknell 80, Albany 64

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore guard **Molly Creamer** scored 16 of her 23 points in the second half, as Bucknell rallied for an 80-64 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Bucknell (20-7) trailed 46-43 midway through the second half, but then reeled off 14 unanswered points to take control. Creamer, the Patriot League's top scorer, broke a 46-46 tie with a jumper and layup off steals on consecutive possessions. She ended the run with a three-point field goal for a 57-46 advantage with 6:31 remaining.

The Bison, who shot 63.2 percent from the field after halftime, stayed comfortably ahead the rest of the way, and won for the eighth time in their last 10 starts. Freshman **Desire Almind** had 14 of her 19 points in the second half, and her team canned 32 of 38 free throws.

"You just don't win when you're outscored at the line like that," said Albany coach Mari Warner. "We gave up offensive rebounds, and that leads to putting teams on the foul line."

Albany (5-22) led 25-24 in the opening half behind the play of senior **Liz Tucker**, who was making her final home appearance. Tucker finished with 18 points and six rebounds. However, Bucknell regrouped with seven straight points. Creamer put her team on top with a 3-pointer, and the Bison led 31-27 at halftime.

Kate Franks was the third Bucknell player in double figures with 10 points. Freshman guard Kathryn Hemlock had 16 points for the Great Danes.

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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Orlando, Fla. – Lynette Bohannon belted a two-run homer in the sixth inning to lead Albany past Bethune Cookman, 4-2, on Saturday at the Disney Diamond Classic. In the second game, Nicholls State posted a 9-2 victory over the Great Danes.

Albany (1-1) rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the fourth inning, when freshman **Liz** Wieboldt lined a RBI single and later scored on a wild pitch. Bohannon's two-out blast over the rightfield fence put the Great Danes ahead in the sixth. Freshman right-hander Kristin Couris struck out three and walked two.

In the nightcap, Nicholls State (6-6) used a four-run third inning to grab a commanding 6-0 lead. Shortstop Jill Chabert, who also singled, hit a two-run homer to highlight the outburst. Weiboldt singled twice and scored a pair of runs for the Great Danes, who play both Bethune Cookman and Nicholls State again on Sunday at the Disney Sports Complex.

-agate-

(Game 1) 020 000 0 - 2 4 4 000 202 x - 4 Bethune Cookman (8-8)

Albany (1-0)

Miranda Mayse and Sabrina Harrison.

Kristin Couris and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Nicholls State (6-6) 024 002 1 - 9 000 1 - 2 Albany (1-1) 001

Duffi Matherne and Lynette Kokemor.

Sarah Maida, Amy Hawk (4) and Stacy Kowal, Lynnette Bohannon (5).

Albany Spring Sports 2-2-2

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Colgate 7, Albany 0

Singles: Lauren Erikson (CU) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-2, 6-0; Jen Buntman (CU) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-1, 6-0; Nicole Scattolini (CU) def. Lori Barsel (A), 6-3, 6-3; Lorraine Coulter (CU) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-1, 6-1; Lindsey Suffredini (CU) def. Kristen Harris (A), 6-0, 6-0; Jessica Fede (CU) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles: Buntman-Coulter (CU) def. Petijevic-Langford (A), 8-4; Lisa Ongseng-Erikson (CU) def. Barsel-Strolovitz (A), 8-2; Emily Wenink-Suffredini (CU) def. Sonia Lindell-Barsel (A), 8-2.

Records: Colgate (3-4), Albany (3-7).

Quinnipiac 7, Albany 0

Singles: Stephanie Petrycki (Q) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-3, 6-2; Cristin Arahovites (Q) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-0, 6-0; Kim Piazza (Q) def. Lori Barsel (A), 6-1, 6-0; Danielle Rautenberg (Q) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-0, 6-1; Michelle Nagle (Q) def. Kristen Harris (A), 6-1, 6-3; Heather Rahm (Q) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: Petrycki-Arahovites (Q) def. Petijevic-Langford (A), 8-4; Piazza-Rautenberg (Q) def. Strolovitz-Barsel (A), 8-3; April Sonon-Rahm (Q) def. Harris-Berley (A), 8-3.

Records: Quinnipiac (4-0), Albany (3-8).

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY'S DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS ADDS TO STAFF All Four Hirings Have Ties to the Capital Region

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Dr. Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of **Mark Lavenia** as assistant baseball coach, **Stacy Simpson** as assistant softball coach, **Cathy Probst** as athletics administrative assistant, and **Kimberly Doyle** as assistant athletic trainer.

Lavenia, who pitched in the Northern League with both the Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs and the Quebec City Capitales, has played on the minor league professional level since 1993. He served as the pitching coach at Columbia-Greene Community College last year. A first-team All-Section II pitcher for Shaker High School, Lavenia was a member of two NAIA World Series teams at the University of South Carolina-Aiken. Lavenia, 28, was drafted by the Chicago Cubs, and also played in the Atlanta Braves' organization.

Simpson, a graduate of Shenendehowa High School, will serve on head softball coach Chris Cannata's staff. She was a three-year starter as an outfielder for American International College in Springfield, Mass. The Yellow Jackets averaged 32 wins per season during her career, and reached the NCAA Division II World Series in 1997. Simpson, 22, earned her B.S. in criminal justice and sociology last spring.

Probst, 42, will serve as an administrative assistant to the director of athletics. She previously was the office manager at Creative Communication of America, where she handled bookkeeping, inventory and administrative support. Probst, who hails from Watervliet, N.Y., spent nearly five years in the department of athletics at The Sages Colleges. In her position as administrative secretary, she coordinated master scheduling of facilities for athletics, club sports, intramurals and campus-wide events.

Doyle moves into her assistant athletic trainer role after working with the UAlbany field hockey and women's basketball programs as an intern. She was an athletic trainer at Terre Haute North Vigo High School during the 1998-99 academic year, and served as the head student trainer at the State University of New York at Brockport. Doyle, 26, is board certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, and has received certification in CPR, safety and advanced first aid by the American Red Cross. She has a master's degree in athletic training from Indiana State University, and earned a B.S. in physical education from Brockport. A native of Troy, N.Y., Doyle received her associate of arts from Hudson Valley Community College.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2001 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

ALBANY, N.Y. – Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the University at Albany's 2001 football schedule. The Great Danes will play an eight-game Northeast Conference slate, and meet non-conference opponents, Towson, Canisius, and Florida Atlantic.

The Great Danes begin their 29th season on Saturday, September 1 with Patriot League member Towson at University Field. This is the second meeting with the Maryland-based school, but the first since 1978. The Tigers have recorded back-to-back 7-4 campaigns over the last two seasons.

Albany concludes its 11-game schedule at Florida Atlantic on Nov. 17. The season finale will be played in Pro Player Stadium, the facility used by the NFL's Miami Dolphins and the FedEx Orange Bowl. Howard Schnellenberger, who led Miami (Fla.) to the 1983 national title, and has also coached at Louisville and Oklahoma, is the head coach of the first-year Division I-AA program. The Great Danes will travel to Canisius, of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, on Oct. 6.

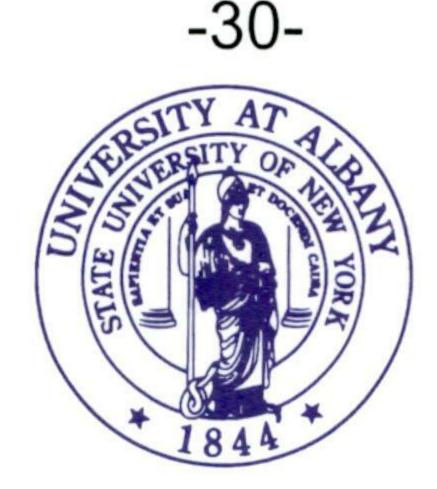
In addition to the opener against Towson, the home schedule features defending NEC champion Robert Morris on Nov. 10. The Colonials posted a perfect 10-0 record en route to the conference title in 2000. Sacred Heart, the NEC runner-up with a 10-1 mark, will be the opponent for Homecoming and Family Weekend on Oct. 20. Hall of Fame Day is set for Sept. 29 versus Stony Brook.

Albany finished 5-6 overall last fall, and was fourth in the NEC standings with a 5-3 record. Head coach Bob Ford has nine starters back on defense, including first-team all-conference linebacker Josh Bazan. Tailback Brian Manigault, who broke the school's single-season rushing record, and Chris Phillis, the team's top receiver, lead a group of eight returning starters on offense.

2001 Albany Football Schedule

Sept.	1	(Sat.)	Towson	1:00
Sept.	8	(Sat.)	St. John's*	1:00
Sept.	15	(Sat.)	at Central Connecticut State*	TBA
Sept.	22	(Sat.)	at Wagner*	1:00
Sept.	29	(Sat.)	Stony Brook* (HOF)	1:00
Oct.	6	(Sat.)	at Canisius	TBA
Oct.	13	(Sat.)	Open	
Oct.	20	(Sat.)	Sacred Heart* (HC)	1:00
Oct.	27	(Sat.)	at St. Francis, Pa.*	TBA
Nov.	3	(Sat.)	at Monmouth*	TBA
Nov.	10	(Sat.)	Robert Morris*	1:00
Nov.	17	(Sat.)	at Florida Atlantic	TBA

*Northeast Conference Opponent (HOF) – Hall of Fame Day (HC) – Homecoming/Family Weekend



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Comments: College Basketball (Men & Women)

MEN – Albany 81, Lehigh 74 (OT)

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Antione Johnson** scored 14 of his career-high 33 points in overtime to lead Albany past Lehigh, 81-74, on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Johnson, who netted his team's opening 13 points of the extra period, hit a 19-foot jumper and converted a three-point play when he was fouled on a slam dunk in transition to give Albany (6-20) the lead for good at 66-61.

Will Brand, who had 11 points, made all six of his free throws in the final 32 seconds, as the Great Danes ended a three-game losing streak.

Lehigh (12-13) rallied from a six-point deficit in regulation. Sophomore **Matt Logie**, who had 14 of his 24 points in the second half, connected on back-to-back three-point field goals to draw his club even at 61 apiece. The Mountain Hawks, who had won four of their previous six games, missed two potential game-winning shots in last 10 seconds.

"The kids deserved to win," Albany coach Scott Beeten. "They did the little things that are important when the margin of error is small. Antione's play was special. The experience he has gained this year has made him so much better."

The Great Danes, who trailed by as much as 10 points in the first half, rallied to take its first lead with 17:04 left in regulation. Freshman **E.J. Gallup**, who scored 13, buried a 3-pointer for a 36-33 advantage. Lehigh's **Scott Taylor**, who had 14 of his 17 points after halftime, later regained the lead, at 44-43, when he made a turnaround shot in the lane.

Sam Hopes, one of five Albany players in double figures with 10 points, put his team back on top, 47-46, with a jumper in the lane. The Great Danes, who forced Lehigh into a season-high 36 turnovers, would eventually push out to a 61-55 margin on another three-pointer by Gallup.

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Albany Basketball 2-2-2

"We have been frivolous and careless all year long," commented Lehigh coach Sal Mentesana. "It caught up with us today. Albany worked, scrapped, and outhustled us."

WOMEN - Stony Brook 56, Albany 54

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Junior center **Jill George** totaled 17 points and eight rebounds, as Stony Brook posted a 56-54 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at USB Sports Complex.

Stony Brook (16-10) avenged a 24-point loss to Albany (5-21) earlier this season on Jan. 13. The Seawolves, who are 13-1 at home this season, used an 8-2 run early in the second half to grab a 45-39 lead. **Theresa LoParrino**, who had 16 points, hit a three-pointer to end that spurt.

The Great Danes, who had won the last four meetings between these programs, pulled within 45-44 on a 3-point shot by **Marie Connors**, who had 11 points and matched a career-best with 12 rebounds.

However, Stony Brook pulled away again, and LoParrino's jumper gave her club a 52-46 cushion with 3:01 remaining. Albany sliced the deficit to one basket three times in the stretch. **Cara Caffell** split a pair of free throws to close the gap to 54-52 with 17 seconds left. But LoParrino sank two foul shots on her team's next possession, and her club was able to run out the clock over the final six seconds.

"The difference was that we could not make any easy layups or free throws," said Albany coach Mari Warner, whose team dropped its seventh straight. "We had our chance to win, but Stony Brook was better this time around."

Albany's Liz Tucker led all scorers with 18 points, while freshman guard **Kathryn Hemlock** added 12. The opening period featured seven lead changes and five ties, as Stony Brook led 28-27 at halftime.

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Comments: College Tennis

Results from Saturday's dual matches at West Point, N.Y.

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Army 7, Albany 0

Singles: Cheryl Hamilton (A) def. Violeta Petijevic (UA), 6-1, 6-3; Annie Collier (A) def. Erinn Langford (UA), 6-0, 6-0; Ali Rohr (A) def. Lori Barsel (UA), 6-1, 6-0; Melissa Sentelle (A) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (UA), 6-1, 6-1; Lauren Leftin (A) def. Kristen Harris (UA), 6-0, 6-1; Jaclyn Ott (A) def. Alexandra Berley (UA), 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles: Hamilton-Collier (A) def. Petijevic-Langford (UA), 8-2; Melanie Bundoc-Rohr (A) def. Barsel-Strolovitz (UA), 8-2; Sara Matthews-Sentelle (A) def. Sonia Lindell-Harris, 8-0.

George Washington 7, Albany 0

Singles: Tracy Wei (GW) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-0, 6-0; Nazli Gencsoy (GW) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-0, 6-0; Katarina Stastney (GW) def. Lori Barsel (A), 6-1, 6-0; Samantha Fisher (GW) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-2, 6-4; Jennifer Sunshine (GW) def. Kristen Harris (A), 6-0, 6-1; Lisa Borromeo (GW) def. Sonia Lindell (A), 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles: Susie Coggin-Stastney (GW) def. Petijevic-Langford (A), 8-4; Wei-Gencsoy (GW) def. Strolovitz-Barsel (A), 8-1; Sunshine-Borromeo (GW) def. Alexandra Berley-Harris (A), 8-4.

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Comments: College Basketball

WOMEN – Daemen 62, Albany 55

Amherst, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Adrienne Welka** totaled 23 points and 12 rebounds to lead Daemen to a 62-55 victory over Albany on Thursday evening at DC Athletic Center.

Albany (5-20) took a 49-48 lead, when **Marie Connors** hit a layup with 4:33 remaining. But Daemen (16-12) stormed back with 14 of the game's final 20 points. Welka buried a 6-foot jumper in the lane to give her club the lead for good. Junior guard **Crystal DeRosa** scored six of her 10 points in that outburst.

The Warriors, who shot 53.1 percent from the field in the final period, overcame a 13-point deficit in the first half. Albany used a string of nine unanswered markers to build a 28-15 advantage with 5:12 to play. Senior **Liz Tucker**, who had nine rebounds and four assists, netted seven of her 12 points in that run.

Daemen, a NAIA Division II program who has won six of its last seven contests, closed within 29-25 at halftime. The Warriors went ahead early in the second half, 33-32, on Welka's turnaround jumper. The game featured six lead changes and five ties over the next 12 minutes.

"This is one of the most disappointing losses of my career," said Tucker, whose team suffered its sixth straight defeat. "Daemen hurt us on the boards and were able to beat us with penetration. When they made their runs at us, we seemed to panic. Now we have one day to bounce back for our rival Stony Brook on Saturday."

Monica Mihalics and Adrienne Dykeman had 11 points apiece for the Warriors. Albany's Cara Caffell, a 6-foot-2 center, scored a season-high 12 to go with eight rebounds. Chris Gray and Dawn DiMicco had 11 and 10 points, respectively.

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Comments: College Basketball

MEN – Lafayette 78, Albany 65

Albany, N.Y. – **Brian Burke** scored 13 points off the bench and paced four players in double figures, as Lafayette posted a 78-65 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Lafayette (10-13) snapped a 46-46 tie midway through the second half with 10 of the game's next 11 points. Burke hit a jumper on the right baseline to put his team on top. **Rob Worthington**, a 6-foot-6 junior, added four of his 11 points in that decisive run, and his free throw gave the Leopards a 56-47 advantage.

Albany (5-20) was still within striking distance at 63-57 with 6:16 remaining, but **Mike Farrell** and Burke each sank a pair of foul shots to push the lead back to double digits.

The Leopards, who have won three straight, and shot 50.9 percent from the field, used nine consecutive points late in the opening period to break a 27-all deadlock. Lafayette increased its lead to 42-31 early in the final stanza, but the Great Danes rallied with 12 unanswered points. Freshman **E.J. Gallup**, who led all scorers with 19, hit a slam dunk to give his club a 43-42 edge.

"Our match-up zone was effective tonight," said Lafayette coach Fran O'Hanlon, who has led the Leopards to back-to-back NCAA Tournaments berths. "We gave them some problems when we extended our defense. We got into trouble when we rushing things."

Albany's **Will Brand** had 16 points and eight rebounds, while **Joe Vukovic** tossed in a season-high 12. Senior guard **Tyson Whitfield** was the fourth Leopard in twin figures with 10.

"We ran out of gas and they had too many players for us," said Albany coach Scott Beeten. "They brought a lot of size off their bench, and that tends to wear you down as the game progresses."

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Comments: College Basketball

MEN – Colgate 66, Albany 58

Albany, N.Y. – **Pat Campolieta** had 18 points and nine rebounds, as Colgate posted a 66-58 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Colgate (12-11) reversed a 40-39 deficit with eight of the game's next 10 points to take the lead for good. Sophomore guard **Dave Hardy** scored five of his 10 points in that stretch, and put his team on top with a three-point field goal. **Howard Blue**, a freshman who had 15 points and six rebounds, converted a three-point play, when he was fouled on a follow shot for a 47-42 advantage.

The Red Raiders, who have won five of their last seven contests, pushed out to a 53-46 lead on a pair of free throws by Blue. Albany (5-19) cut the margin to three points on three occasions in the stretch, including 61-58 with 58 seconds left on a **Sam Hopes'** jumper. Colgate kept in front at the end by canning five of six free-throw opportunities.

"We played well on one end of the floor and not so good on the other," said Albany coach Scott Beeten, whose top two scorers E.J. Gallup and Will Brand were held in check. "Our key guys struggled and we didn't seem to have any pop in our legs. They took advantage of our lack of depth with their bench."

Mark Linebaugh came off the bench to score 13 points for the Red Raiders, who made 22 of 27 free throws on the night. Campolieta had 12 first-half points, as Colgate led 27-26 at the break. **Alex Barnhill** and **Antione Johnson** paced four Albany players in double figures with 12 points apiece.

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Comments: College Sports

TRACK & FIELD

New York City, N.Y. – Freshman **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) won the 1,000-meter run with a school-record effort and **Alix Rodriques** broke school marks in two events to highlight the University at Albany's performance at the Fordham/St. John's Invitational in the New York City Armory. The Great Danes were second among 15 teams in both the men's and women's standings.

Walton shattered a UAlbany standard in the 1,000 with a time of 2:54.99, and qualified for the ECAC championships in March. She broke a mark set by Erica Viger, who went 3:02.07 in this same meet last year.

Jessica Burger (Granville Central) and **Nierria Jones** also picked up first-place finishes. Burger ran the 500-meter dash in 1:17.10, while Jones leaped 36-02.25 in the triple jump. **Seidah Abu-Bakir** took first in the 55-high hurdles (8.60), and was fourth in the high jump.

In the men's competition, Rodriquez was second in both the 55- and 200-meter dashes to St. Joseph's James Scott. However, Rodriquez qualified for the IC4A championships next month in both events. His times of 6.38 seconds in the 55-dash and 22.11 in the 200 erased UAlbany records. **Adam Rice** set another UA mark with an IC4A-qualifying time of 2:28.94 in the 1,000.

Three Great Danes won individual events. **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) went 8:30.72 to take first place in the 3,000. **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) and **Marlon Monroe** were victorious in the long jump and triple jump, respectively.

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Fordham/St. John's Invitational

MEN – 1. St. Joseph's, Pa. 118.50, 2. Albany 96, 3. LaSalle 74, 4. Rider 65, 5. Rutgers 64.50, 6. Lafayette 61, 7. Colgate 43, 8. Fairleigh Dickinson 31, 9. College of New Jersey 21, 10. New York Tech 20, 11. St. John's 18, 12. Iona 17, (tie) 13. Fordham and Widener 11, 15. Wagner 6.

WOMEN – 1. St. Joseph's, Pa. 120, 2. Albany 96.50, 3. LaSalle 67, 4. Lafayette 66, 5. Rider 64, 6. Colgate 50, 7. Fordham 32.50, 8. New York Tech 28, 9. Wagner 19.50, 10. College of New Jersey 16, 11. East Stroudsburg 14, 12. St. John's 10.50, 13. St. Francis, N.Y. 8, 14. Iona 7.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Olean, N.Y. – **Lori Barsel** and **Erinn Langford** (Bishop Maginn) won in straight sets at first and second singles to lead Albany to a 6-1 victory over St. Francis, Pa. on Saturday afternoon at St. Bonaventure University.

Barsel upended Mary Byrer, 6-2 and 6-1, while Langford posted a 6-2, 6-2 win over Paula Cenkner. Langford, a senior captain, also teamed with **Violeta Petijevic** for an 8-2 pro-set triumph at second doubles.

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Albany 6, St. Francis, Pa. 1

Singles: Lori Barsel (A) def. Mary Byrer (SF), 6-2, 6-1; Erinn Langford (A) def. Paula Cenkner (SF), 6-2, 6-2; Amy Croskey (SF) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-3, 6-2; Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Kimberly Dudukovich (SF), 6-1, 6-1; Kristin Harris (A) def. Angela Palma (SF), 6-4, 6-0; Sonia Lindell (A) def. Kelly DeCola (SF), 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: Langford-Petijevic (A) def. Cenkner-Dudukovich (SF), 8-1; Strolovitz-Barsel (A) def. Byrer-Croskey (SF), 8-3; Alex Berley-Harris (A) def. Kimberly Abramowski-Palma (SF), 8-1.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Olean, N.Y. – **Johanna Pesola** and **Amanda Pesono** each posted straight-set victories at first and second singles to lead St. Bonaventure to a 4-3 victory over Albany on Friday evening.

Albany's **Violeta Petijevic** rallied to win in three sets, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, at fourth singles, and teamed with **Erinn Langford** for a pro-set win at first doubles. -agate-

St. Bonaventure 4, Albany 3

Singles: Johanna Pesola (SB) def. Lori Barsel (A), 6-2, 6-1; Amanda Pesono (SB) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-3, 6-0; Michelle Kearney (SB) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-2, 6-4; Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Sarah Wilcox (SB), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; Andrea Irons (SB) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-3, 6-3; Sonia Lindell (A) won by default.

Doubles: Langford-Petijevic (A) def. Wilcox-Kearney (SB), 8-6; Pesola-Pesono (SB) def. Strolovitz-Barsel (A), 8-5; Kristin Harris-Berley (A) won by default.

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Comments: College Basketball

WOMEN – Binghamton 75, Albany 60

Albany, N.Y. – Sarah Cartmill had 20 points and nine rebounds, as Binghamton extended its winning streak to 11 straight with a 75-60 victory over Albany on Thursday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Binghamton (18-6) led 51-45 midway through the second half, but then reeled off 11 of the game's next 14 points. Bess Greenberg, who had 18 points, hit a three-point field goal from the top of circle and converted a layup following a steal to ignite that run. Leah Truncale, who totaled 16 points, five rebounds and four blocks, added a pair of baskets in that span.

Albany (5-19) closed within 66-60 with 1:34 remaining, as Liz Tucker led the comeback with 11 points, eight assists and seven rebounds. But the Bearcats, who were 30 of 36 at the foul line overall, sank nine of 12 free-throw opportunities down the stretch to protect their lead.

In the first half, Binghamton used a 9-2 run to push out to a 33-25 advantage late in period. Greenberg, the school's all-time scorer, canned back-to-back 3pointers to finish off that spurt.

"We did some foolish fouling," said Albany coach Mari Warner, whose team committed 28 turnovers. "To put them at the foul line 36 times is ridiculous. We put ourselves in a position to win, but didn't get it done at the end."

Chris Gray and Kathryn Hemlock each had 10 points for the Great Danes, who dropped their fifth straight.

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Comments: College Sports

(Men's Basketball)

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Jairus McCollum** converted a three-point play with 52 seconds remaining to help Stony Brook past Albany, 63-62, on Wednesday evening at USB Sports Complex.

Stony Brook (15-9) snapped a 52-all tie, when freshman Lee Church was fouled on a driving lay-up after his steal. Albany (5-18) came back to take a 56-55 advantage, as E.J. Gallup hit a fast break lay-up following a Sam Hopes steal.

McCollum, who had 10 of his 12 points in the final period, put his team on top for good when he was fouled on a short jumper in the lane. His foul shot handed the Seawolves a 58-56 lead. Trailing 61-56, **Antione Johnson**, who led all scorers with 22, buried a three-pointer to close the gap. McCollum calmly sank a pair of free throws with 2.8 seconds remaining to seal the outcome.

"They did a good job defending E.J. (Gallup) and Will (Brand) was in foul trouble," Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. "But, Church's steal was a key play in the game. I thought we played as well as we could possibly play, but the little things made the difference."

The Seawolves, who won their sixth straight, and have won 11 of 12 home dates this season, led by as much as 12 points in the first half. Albany used two separate runs of 10 and nine points in the second half to push out to a 43-33 lead. Stony Brook, who won the first meeting 11 days ago, 67-64, would later tally nine consecutive points to overcome that double-figure deficit.

Leon Brisport had 18 points and eight rebounds for the Seawolves. **Alex Barnhill** totaled 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Hopes was the third Great Dane in double figures with 10.

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Comments: College Sports

(Track & Field)

Hamilton, N.Y. – Freshman **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) won the women's 1,000-meter run and **Naron Stewart** qualified for the IC4A championships in the high jump to highlight UAlbany's performances at Colgate University's Class of '32 Invitational. The Great Danes were third in the men's team standings, and fourth in the women's competition.

Walton went 3:02.75 in the 1,000 in winning by nearly three seconds over Bucknell's Becky Marshall. She was just off Erica Viger's school record of 3:02.07. Albany's 4x400-meter relay also posted a first-place finish with a time of 4:04.00. **Seidah Abu-Bakir** was second in the 55-high hurdles and third in the high jump.

Stewart, a freshman from Jamaica, placed second in the men's high jump with an IC4A-qualifying mark of 6-feet, 9-inches. **Charles Young** won the 55-hurdles with a time of 7.82 seconds, and was three-hundredths off the meet record.

Marcus Thompson finished second in the 55-meter dash (6.53), while the 4x400 and 4x800 relays were also in the runner-up position. -agate-

Colgate's Class of '32 Invitational

MEN – 1. Bucknell 270, 2. Colgate 97, 3. Albany 79, 4. Lehigh 64, 5. Rensselaer 49, 6. Hamilton 15, 7. Marist 5.

WOMEN – 1. Bucknell 249, 2. Colgate 99, 3. Lehigh 86, 4. Albany 77, 5. Hamilton 30, 6. Marist 22, 7. Rensselaer 18.

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Comments: College Basketball

MEN - Albany 88, Army 86 (20T)

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Antione Johnson** hit a three-point field goal as time expired to lift Albany past Army, 88-86, in double overtime on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Army (6-14) took an 86-85 lead with 5.4 seconds left in the second extra period, when **Charles Woodruff** made the first of two free throws. **Sam Hopes** gathered in Woodruff's missed foul shot. Johnson, who took in Hopes' outlet, drove up the right sideline, and let go his winning shot from just outside the three-point arc.

Albany (5-17) rallied from a 69-60 deficit with 3:20 remaining in regulation. **Will Brand**, who had 18 points, scored with a spin move on the right baseline to draw his team even at 69 apiece.

In the first overtime, Woodruff, who had 18 points, scored in the lane with 27 seconds left to knot the score at 79-all. Hopes, who netted 10 of his 12 points after regulation, misfired on a 19-foot jumper at the buzzer.

The Black Knights, who shot 59 percent in the first half, used a 15-2 run to grab a 46-35 advantage. Junior guard **Chris Spatola** had 25 of his 33 points in the period. Army led 46-40 at halftime, and held as much as 12-point cushion in final stanza.

Freshman guard **E.J. Gallup** led Albany with a season-high 31 points, and set a school record with nine 3-pointers. Johnson, who played nearly the entire overtime session with four fouls, finished with 15 points. The Great Danes snapped a seven-game losing streak, their longest since 1954-55.

Army's J.P. Spatola and Dax Pearson added 14 and 13 points, respectively.

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(Women's Basketball)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward **Therese Kelley** scored 17 points in leading four players in double figures as Army defeated Albany, 63-56, on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Army (14-7), who snapped a five-game losing streak, totaled 12 of the game's first 15 points. Halaevalu Helu posted four of her 12 markers during the spurt. The Black Knights extended their lead to 24-11 with 10:22 remaining on Krista Ruschak's lay-up in the lane. Albany (5-17) responded with 12 unanswered points to slice the Army lead to one at the 6:25 mark as Marie Connors nailed back-to-back three-pointers. Connors finished with 11 points and nine rebounds. Albany tied the score at 26 on Kathryn Hemlock's three-point field goal, but Army carried a 32-29 advantage into the intermission.

In the opening of the final stanza, Army, who never trailed in the contest and shot 45.2 percent, reeled off seven consecutive points, increasing their lead to 39-29. Kelley, who also added five steals and four assists, recorded five points in the run. The Great Danes pulled within eight on **Jess McGinlay's** lay-up off an inbound play at 11:36. Helu then totaled four of her team's next six points to give the Black Knights their largest lead of the second half, 57-43, with 6:08 left. Albany recorded the game's final six points, but the effort wasn't enough.

"I give Army a lot of credit," Albany coach Mari Warner said. "Defensively, they went after the ball and got through our screens. We didn't get to the foul line enough."

Liz Tucker had 16 points, seven rebounds and a career-high six steals for Albany, who dropped its third straight and committed 18 turnovers. Katie Macfarlane and Dawn Halfaker each scored 10 apiece for Army.

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(Track & Field)

New York, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) helped his squad finish third among nine teams in the men's 4x800-meter relay at the 94th annual Millrose Games on Friday evening at Madison Square Garden. The Great Danes were second in the men's 4x400 relay and third in the women's 4x400 event.

UAlbany was timed in 8:01.99 in the 4x800, and placed behind Westchester Puma (7:57.38) and Rhode Island (7:59.08). Joining Rodriguez on the relay were **Adam Rice**, **Noel Campbell** and **Ike Cherry**.

Colgate hit the tape in 3:28.66 to edge the Great Danes in men's 4x400 race. **Aggrey Morris** anchored Albany to a time of 3:29.22. In the women's 4x400, Princeton's performance of 3:56.21 was nearly two seconds better than Wheaton College. UAlbany was third in 3:59.75, as **Jessica Burger** (Granville Central) ran the third leg.

Albany assistant track coach **Jeffrey York** (Troy H.S.) was scheduled to compete in 60-meter high hurdles at 10:35 ET.
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Men's 4x800 Relay

1. Westchester Puma, 7:57.38, 2. Rhode Island, 7:59.08, 3. Albany (Adam Rice, Noel Campbell, Jamie Rodriguez, Ike Cherry), 8:01.99, 4. Southern Connecticut State, 8:04.48, 5. Lehigh, 8:04.52, 6. Long Island, 8:06.75, 7. Holy Cross, 8:10.81, 8. Franklin & Marshall, 8:25.11, 9. Adelphi, 8:30.53.

Women's 4x400 Relay

1. Princeton, 3:56.21, 2. Wheaton, 3:58.16, 3. Albany (Tammy Freeman, Dinnah Decatus, Jessica Burger, Onieka Randall), 3:59.75, 4. Maryland-Baltimore County, 4:01.28, 5. Monmouth, 4:05.68, Lehigh – DNS, Wesleyan – DNS, Pratt Institute – DNS.

Men's 4x400 Relay

1. Colgate, 3:28.66, 2. Albany (Joe Senchyshyn, John Morris, Ed Fotiades, Aggrey Morris), 3:29.22, 3. Rhode Island, 3:29.60, 4. Monmouth, 3:29.61, Fordham – DNS.