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RODRIGRUEZ LEADS ALBANY OVER BINGHAMTON

Vestal, N.Y. – Sophomore **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** continued her stellar play as of late with a match-high 22 kills to lead Albany over Binghamton, 3-1, on Friday evening in America East Conference volleyball action at East Gymnasium. The victory gives the Great Danes the sweep of the season series, as they defeated the Bearcats, 3-0, on Oct. 18.

Albany (21-7, AE 6-3), whose sixth conference win is its most since joining the league in 2001, took the first two games, 30-26 and 30-27 before Binghamton captured the third 30-21. The Great Danes avoided their fourth straight five-game match when they took the fourth set, 30-28. Freshman **Shelby Goldman** and sophomore **Ashlee Reed** had 14 and 13 kills, respectively, while junior setter had a double-double with 22 assists and 10 digs.

Binghamton (14-11, AE 4-5) had three players with double-digit kills, as **Michele Heck** had 13, **Anne Crocus** added 12 and **Morgan Jimerson** contributed 10. **Nicole Savin** had a match-high 18 digs, while **Ashley Meffert** dished out 35 assists.

The Great Danes wrap up a five-match road swing on Saturday evening when they travel to UMBC for a 7:00 p.m. start.

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Albany (21-7, AE 6-3) defeated Binghamton (14-11, AE 4-5) 30-26, 30-27, 21-30, 30-28

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STEPHEN STEWART NAMED ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany head basketball coach Will Brown announced today the hiring of Stephen Stewart as an assistant coach. Stewart was previously an assistant at Coppin State College in Maryland.

Since 2001, Stewart has been a full-time member of head coach Ron Mitchell's staff at Coppin State. He handled recruiting, scouting reports, team practices and served as a liaison for fund-raising events and community activities. Stewart also was an interim assistant coach and admissions counselor at his alma mater in the 1998-99 academic year.

Stewart was a two-time Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference player of the year at Coppin State in 1994 and 1995. He averaged 14.9 points and 5.9 rebounds as a senior, when the Eagles won the MEAC regular-season title and upset St. Joseph's in the NIT Tournament. During his career, Coppin State captured three MEAC regular-season crowns, won 47 of 48 conference games, and earned two NCAA tournament berths. He totaled 18.2 points and 5.9 rebounds per game as a junior, and was the MEAC Tournament's most outstanding player in 1993.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Stewart ranks among the school's all-time leaders in scoring (4th), rebounding (6th) and assists (8th). He was a first-team Black College All-American on two occasions. Following school, Stewart played professionally in The Netherlands, Madrid, Spain and Australia.

Stewart, 31, received a B.A. in liberal arts from Coppin State. His two brothers, Larry and Lynard, both played college basketball on the NCAA Division I level. Larry was also a standout player at Coppin State from 1987-91, while Lynard played forward for Temple from 1994-98.

TWO UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS TO HAVE SURGERY

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany head basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today that **Danielle Hutcheson** and **Teryn O'Bannon** are scheduled to undergo surgical procedures in the next few days.

Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 junior, will have laparoscopic surgery to repair a blockage near her left kidney. Dr. Michael Moran will perform the procedure at St. Peter's Hospital on Monday, Nov. 3. Hutcheson's rehabilitation period will be determined following surgery. She averaged 13.9 points and 9.4 rebounds last year, and was named second-team All-America East Conference.

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O'Bannon, 6-foot senior, will have arthroscopic surgery on Friday, Oct. 31 to correct a meniscus tear in her left knee. Dr. Max Alley, of the Capital Region Orthopaedic Group, will handle the procedure. O'Bannon, who averaged 1.6 points and 1.3 rebounds in 26 games off the bench last season, is expected to be out for a minimum of two weeks.

WOMEN'S SOCCER DEFEATED BY MAINE, 6-0, IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Orono, Maine – Senior midfielder **Katie Hodge** scored twice in leading Maine to a 6-0 victory over Albany on Thursday, Oct. 30 in America East Conference women's soccer action at Alumni Field. The Great Danes fall to 1-17-1 overall and 0-8-0 in conference play, while the Black Bears improve to 11-3-1 on the season and 5-2-1 in the America East.

Hodge tallied her eighth and ninth goal of the season 26 seconds apart in the second period to give the Black Bears a 4-0 lead. Senior forward **Annie Hamel** picked up a goal and two assists, as Maine held a 28-2 advantage in shots.

Junior goalkeeper **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) recorded nine saves, while sophomore goalie **Tanya Adorno** made one save to notch her eighth shutout of the season for the Black Bears.

The Great Danes close out their 2003 season on Sunday, Nov. as they host America East Conference-foe Hartford. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

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Alumni Field (Orono, Maine)

Maine (11-3-1, AE 5-2-1)	2	4	-	6
Albany (1-17-1, AE 0-8-0)	0	0	-	0

Maine – Scoring: Katie Hodge 2-0, Annie Hamel 1-2, Kate Crawford 1-1, Jessica Wojcik 1-0, Heather Hathorn 1-0, Natalie Berry 0-1, Emily Stevens 0-1; Goalkeeper: Tanya Adorno (90:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

Albany – Scoring: none; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 9 saves, 6 GA).

NEW HAMPSHIRE EDGES UALBANY, 1-0, IN MEN'S SOCCER ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Senior midfielder **Nicholas Mello** netted the game-winner to give New Hampshire a 1-0 win over UAlbany in America East Conference men's soccer action at Varsity Field on Thursday afternoon. The loss coupled with Vermont's tie against Binghamton earlier in the day eliminates the Great Danes from postseason contention.

Ross Fishbain's cross was headed in by Mello past a diving **Bouna Coundoul**, who had three saves for UAlbany, to put the Wildcats on the board in the 39th minute.

New Hampshire (8-8-0, AE 3-5-0) freshman goalkeeper **Brian Levey** turned aside five shots to collect his first shutout of the season.

Albany (5-9-2, AE 2-5-1) returns to action this Sat., Nov. 1 when they travel to Northeastern to take on the Huskies in an America East match. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

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

New Hampshire- Nicholas Mello 1-0, Ross Fishbain 0-1; Goalkeeper: Brian Levey (90:00, 5 saves, 0 GA).

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 3 saves, 1 GA).

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LISA BURLINE SCORES GAME-WINNER IN 1-0 A-EAST VICTORY OVER VERMONT

Troy, N.Y. - Senior forward **Lisa Burline** converted a **Tina Bryson** pass with 10:29 remaining to seal Albany's 1-0 victory against America East Conference-foe Vermont on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Harkness Field. The Great Danes improve to 7-11 overall and 2-3 in conference play, while the Catamounts fall to 2-17 on the season and 1-5 in the America East.

Bryson, a sophomore forward, set up the goal on a horizontal pass in front of the goal and Burline shot the ball into the left corner for her seventh goal of the season. The Great Danes held a 19-11 shot advantage against the Catamounts, who nearly tied the contest with under two minutes remaining with forwards **Whitney Gage** and **Merrie-Beth Maynard** each having scoring opportunities in the stretch

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) recorded seven saves for her first shutout of the season, while sophomore goalie **Ariel Eber** collected nine saves for Vermont.

Albany concludes its regular season on Saturday, Nov. 1. The Great Danes will face America East Conference-rival Maine at 11 a.m.

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Harkness Field (Troy, N.Y.)

Albany (7-11, AE 2-3) 0 1 - 1

Vermont (2-17, AE 1-5) 0 0 - 0

Albany - Scoring: Lisa Burline 1-0, Tina Bryson 0-1; Goalkeeper: Marisa Maze (70:00, 7 saves, 0 GA).

Vermont - Scoring: none; Goalkeeper: Ariel Eber (70:00, 9 saves, 1 GA).

UALBANY TO HOST AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Albany, N.Y. -- The 2003 America East Conference Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships will be held at University at Albany's campus course on Saturday, November 1. UAlbany, which joined the league in 2001, will host for the first time a conference championship event.

Teams from all 10 conference members will compete in both the 5,000-meter women's race at 12 noon and the 8,000-meter men's race, scheduled for 1:00 p.m. New Hampshire, the defending men's champion, returns three top-five finishers from a year ago and are looking to capture its fifth title. On the women's side, Boston U., which has won seven conference

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championships in-a-row, returns four runners from last year's championship team. **Jochen Dieckfoss**, a senior on the BU men's team, is trying to become the second runner to win the individual title four straight years.

UAlbany's men's team finished first in a 25-team field that featured four America East squads, including New Hampshire, at the 37th Albany Invitational. The Albany women placed fourth in their race behind New Hampshire and Binghamton.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM HAS WIN STREAK SNAPPED AT FIVE AGAINST NORTHEASTERN

Boston, Mass. - Northeastern's **Rebecca Holland** had 15 kills, one of four players in double figures, as the Huskies held off Albany, 3-2, in America East Conference volleyball action on Tuesday night at Solomon Court. Although Northeastern (19-7, AE 7-1) swept the season series, the victory was much different from the team's three-game in the first conference match of the season on Oct. 7.

The Huskies, who have won 13 of their last 14 contests, took the first two games, 30-28 and 30-26, before Albany rallied to even the match by scores of 30-23 and 30-27. In the fifth and final game, the Huskies built a big lead and held on for a 15-10 victory. **Larissa Adomat**, **Briana Furch** and **Shannon Brooker** had 15, 12 and 11 kills, respectively, while **Kristin Ursillo** added 48 assists.

Albany (20-7, AE 5-3), which saw its win streak snapped at five, was led by **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez**, who for the second time in three matches notched a career-best 32 kills. Freshman **Shelby Goldman** had a season-high 29 kills on 51 attacks for a hitting percentage of .490. Freshman setter **Blair Buchanan** was one off her career high with 50 assists and added 11 digs for her seventh double-double of the season.

The Great Danes wrap up their string of five consecutive road matches this weekend when they take on Binghamton on Friday, Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. and UMBC on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

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Northeastern (19-7, AE 7-1) defeated Albany (20-7, AE 5-3) 30-28, 30-26, 23-30, 27-30, 15-10

UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER MATCH VERSUS NEW HAMPSHIRE POSTPONED

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany men's soccer match versus New Hampshire originally scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today has been postponed because of poor field conditions due to heavy rains. The game will be played on Thursday, Oct. 30 at Varsity Field. Game time is 2:00 p.m.

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GARY JONES NAMED ECAC CO-DIVISION I-AA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) has been selected as the ECAC Co-Division I-AA Offensive Player of the Week in football, as announced today by the conference office. Jones, who was chosen the Northeast Conference offensive player of the week, on Monday, shared the ECAC's weekly award with Iona's Billy Brieden.

Jones established a new NEC single-game rushing mark in Albany's 40-7 win over Stony Brook on Oct. 25. The senior tailback carried the ball 27 times for 242 yards and three touchdowns (two rushing, one receiving), eclipsing the previous mark of 222 yards set by Central Connecticut State's Stan House on November 2, 1996.

Jones became the first UAlbany runner to reach the 200-yard mark since David Soldini had 209 against Norwich in 1984, plus raced to the second highest single-game rushing total in school history. He set school career records for rushing touchdowns (33) and touchdowns scored (34) in a career, and tied Greg Garrett's all-time scoring standard with 204 points. Jones is 14th among the NCAA Division I-AA rushing leaders at 122.3 yards per game.

Albany (5-3, NEC 4-1) travels to NEC-rival Wagner (4-4, NEC 1-3) on Saturday, Nov. 1. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. **Bob Ford** will be trying to become the fourth active Division I-AA head coach to reach the 200-career win mark. He has a 199-140-1 record.

UALBANY'S RODRIGUEZ CHOSEN ECAC VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. - University at Albany volleyball player **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** was named the ECAC Division I Volleyball Player of the Week, as announced today by the conference office. Rodriguez, a sophomore outside hitter, was selected America East Conference co-player of the week on Monday.

Rodriguez had the best weekend of her career with 61 kills (6.10 per game), 31 digs and eight service aces in two thrilling five-game league road wins over Hartford and Stony Brook. She notched a career-best 32 kills, four off the school record, and added 17 digs versus Hartford. Rodriguez led the squad with 29 kills, as Albany won its fifth match in-a-row the next day against Stony Brook. The Great Danes, who are 20-6 overall, have reached the 20-win plateau for the first time since 1997.

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GARY JONES NAMED NORTHEAST CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) has been chosen as the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week in football, as announced today by the conference office. Jones received the award for the third time this season.

Jones established a new NEC single-game rushing mark with a spectacular performance in Albany's 40-7 win over Stony Brook on Oct. 25. The senior tailback carried the ball 27 times for 242 yards and three touchdowns (two rushing, one receiving), eclipsing the previous mark of 222 yards set by Central Connecticut State's Stan House on November 2, 1996.

Jones became the first UAlbany runner to reach the 200-yard mark since 1984, plus raced to the second highest single-game rushing total in school history. He sped into the end zone with a 48-yard run on Albany's second play from scrimmage and gave the Great Danes a 20-0 lead on the first possession of the second half with a 38-yard touchdown scamper. Jones also reached paydirt on a 37-yard screen pass in the fourth quarter.

With his performance, Jones established school career records for rushing touchdowns (33) and touchdowns scored (34) in a career, and tied Greg Garrett's all-time scoring standard with 204 points. He is 14th among the Division I-AA rushing leaders at 122.3 yards per game.

UALBANY MOVES UP ONE SPOT IN BOTH MID-MAJOR FOOTBALL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 40-7 victory over Stony Brook before a homecoming crowd of 5,340, the University at Albany moved up one spot in both the Football Gazette and The Sports Network mid-major national football rankings. UAlbany is No. 5 in the Football Gazette poll, and listed No. 7 by The Sports Network.

The Great Danes, who established a conference record with 453 rushing yards last week, and piled up a season-high 538 total yards, are sixth nationally in rushing at 267.4 yards per game. Albany is also ranked 16th in both scoring defense and rushing defense, plus is 20th in total defense.

Albany (5-3, NEC 4-1) travel to NEC-rival Wagner (4-4, NEC 1-3) on Saturday, Nov. 1. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. **Bob Ford** will be trying to become the fourth active Division I-AA head coach to reach the 200-career win mark. He has a 199-140-1 record.

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FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Monmouth, 2. Morehead State, 3. Duquesne, 4. Valparaiso, 5. **Albany**, 6. Dayton, 7. San Diego, 8. Sacred Heart, 9. Robert Morris, 10. Drake.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. Monmouth, 2. Duquesne, 3. Dayton, 4. Morehead State, 5. Valparaiso, 6. San Diego, 7. **Albany**, 8. Sacred Heart, 9. Robert Morris, 10. Wagner.

VOLLEYBALL'S RODRIGUEZ NAMED AMERICA EAST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. - University at Albany volleyball player **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** was named the America East Conference Baden Co-Player of the Week as announced today the conference office. She shared the weekly award with Stony Brook's Tesha Harry.

Picking up for Ashley DeNeal, who missed the weekend due to illness, Rodriguez had the best weekend of her career with 61 kills (6.10 per game), 31 digs and eight service aces in two thrilling five-game league road wins over Hartford and Stony Brook.

Against the Hawks, the sophomore outside hitter notched a career-best 32 kills, four off the school record, and added 17 digs. Rodriguez led the squad with 29 kills, as Albany won its fifth match in-a-row the next day against Stony Brook. The Ponce, Puerto Rico native has 326 career aces, which places her ninth among the NCAA Division I career leaders.

The Great Danes, who have reached the 20-win plateau for the first time since 1997, continue their five-match road swing this week. Albany takes on first-place Northeastern on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., before meeting Binghamton and UMBC on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

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NORTHEASTERN BLANKS ALBANY, 8-0, IN AMERICA EAST FIELD HOCKEY

Boston, Mass. – Junior forward **Mari Creatini** and sophomore midfielder **Jay Quinn** scored two goals each to lead Northeastern to a 8-0 victory over Albany on Sunday, Oct. 26 in America East field hockey action at Wentworth Field. The Great Danes fall to 6-11 on the season and 1-3 in America East play, while the first-place Huskies improve to 14-5 overall and 5-0 in conference play.

Senior defender **Melissa Rowell** started Northeastern's scoring attack with 15:54 remaining in the first period for a 1-0 advantage. Quinn tallied her first goal of the game with 6:36 left and senior defender **Leigh Shea** converted a **Sara Webber** pass to give the Huskies a 3-0 lead at halftime.

Creatini scored her 26th and 27th goals of the year in back-to-back fashion in the final period to push Northeastern's lead to a five-goal margin. Webber and Quinn both added goals, while freshman forward **Whitney Shean** tallied her first goal as a collegian for the Huskies.

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) recorded 17 saves in 60:11 of action, while fellow rookie **Barbara Czaplinski** made four stops in relief. Junior goalie **Diana Nelson** made one save for Northeastern, who outshot the visitors 36-3 and held a 19-0 advantage in penalty corners.

The Great Danes host America East Conference-rival Vermont on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Harkness Field. Game time is slated for 1 p.m.

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Wentworth Field (Boston, Mass.)

Northeastern (14-5, AE 5-0)	3	5	-	8
Albany (6-11, AE 1-3)	0	0	-	0

Northeastern – Scoring: Mari Creatini 2-1, Jay Quinn 2-0, Sara Webber 1-3, Leigh Shea 1-2, Melissa Rowell 1-0, Whitney Shean 1-0, Liane Dixon 0-1, Natalie Singelais 0-1; Goalkeeper: Diana Nelson (70:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

Albany – Scoring: none; Goalkeepers: Marisa Maze (60:11, 17 saves, 6 GA), Barabara Czaplinski (9:49, 4 saves, 2 GA).

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ALBANY GOES THE DISTANCE WITH STONY BROOK TO WIN ITS FIFTH STRAIGHT

Stony Brook, N.Y. – A day after notching a career-high kill total, sophomore outside hitter **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** recorded 29 kills and 14 digs to lead Albany past Stony Brook in five games in America East Conference volleyball action on Saturday afternoon at the SBU Sports Complex. Coupled with their five-game win on Friday over Hartford, the Great Danes have now won five straight and have reached the 20-win mark for the first time since 1997.

Albany (20-6, AE 5-2), the third-place team in the conference, won the first set 30-20, before Stony Brook took the next two, 30-26 and 30-25. The Great Danes evened the match at two games apiece with a 30-25 win in game four before taking the deciding set, 15-11.

Freshman outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** notched a career-best 19 kills. Sophomore middle hitter **Ashlee Reed** had her second consecutive double-double with 11 kills and matched a career high with 17 digs. Setters **Blair Buchanan** and **Jill Dombrowski** dished out 36 and 29 assists, respectively.

Stony Brook (13-11, AE 4-3) was led by **Tesha Harry's** 24 kills. **Julie Zub** contributed 51 assists and **Rachel Goldsmith** had a double-double with 10 kills and 12 digs.

The Great Danes continue their string of road games trip next weekend with contests against Binghamton on Friday and UMBC on Saturday.

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Albany (20-6, AE 5-2) defeated Stony Brook (13-11, AE 4-3) 30-20, 26-30, 25-30, 30-25, 15-11

UALBANY FALLS TO LONG ISLAND, 1-0, IN WOMEN'S SOCCER

Brooklyn, N.Y. – Sophomore **Jackie McCormick** netted the game-winner as Long Island defeated UAlbany, 1-0, in non-league action on Saturday afternoon at LIU Field.

Selima Berisha sent a touch pass to McCormick, who sent it in for her fifth goal of the season in the 56th minute. Junior **Nichole Lopez** also assisted on the score.

Blackbirds (7-7-1) goalkeeper **Stephanie Kansky** turned aside three shots to collect her sixth shutout of the season, while **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) made 10 saves for the Great Danes.

Albany (1-16-1) returns to America East Conference action when they travel to Maine on Thurs., Oct. 30. Game time is 2:00 p.m.

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Albany (1-16-1)	0	0	-	0
Long Island (7-7-1)	0	1	-	1

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 10 saves, 1 GA).

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Long Island- Jackie McCormick 1-0, Selima Berisha 0-1, Nichole Lopez 0-1;
Goalkeeper: Stephanie Kansky (90:00, 3 saves, 0 GA).

HARTFORD DEFEATS UALBANY, 2-1, IN MEN'S SOCCER ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Junior forward **Alon Lubezky** scored both Hartford goals as they defeated UAlbany, 2-1, in America East Conference play from Varsity Field on Saturday afternoon.

Lubezky received a **Tim DeLoureiro** pass in a scramble near the goal and sent it into the right side at the 2:37 mark to put the Hawks, who improved to 9-8-1 overall and 4-3-0 in conference play, on the board. Two minutes later, Albany's **Yan Gbolo** was tripped in the box, but Hartford goalkeeper **Ryan Carr**, who made seven saves on the day, blocked **Vadim Ivanyushchenko's** penalty kick.

Lubezky tallied his second goal of the day and his 13th of the season when he gathered in a **Maurizio Silvestri** pass and put it in past a diving **Bouna Coundoul**, who had five stops on the day for the Great Danes, in the 61st minute to give Hartford a 2-0 lead. UAlbany junior forward **Lucas Machado**, the team's co-leader in scoring along with Gbolo, took a **Joshua Lenoff** pass and sent it in for his seventh point of the season to cut the deficit in half at the 80:25 mark.

Albany (5-8-2, AE 2-4-1) returns to action this Wed., Oct. 29 when they host America East-rival New Hampshire at Varsity Field. Match time is 2:00 p.m.

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

Hartford- Alon Lubezky 2-0, Tim DeLoureiro 0-1, Maurizio Silvestri 0-1;
Goalkeeper: Ryan Carr (90:00, 7 saves, 1 GA).

Albany- Lucas Machado 1-0, Joshua Lenoff 0-1; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 5 saves, 2 GA).

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Albany 40, Stony Brook 7

Albany, N.Y. – Senior tailback **Gary Jones** rushed for a career-high 242 yards and two touchdowns, and scored on a 37-yard screen pass in leading Albany to a 40-7 Northeast Conference victory over Stony Brook before a homecoming crowd of 5,340 on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

Albany (5-3, NEC 4-1) scored on its second play from scrimmage, when Jones raced 48 yards over the left side on a counter play for a touchdown. The Great Danes, who were coming off a close loss to conference-leader Monmouth last week, moved ahead 13-0 early in the second quarter. Quarterback **Anthony Sciarra** threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to **Matt Crudo** in a third-and-seven situation. Sciarra, who completed 6 of 14 passes for 85 yards and a pair of TDs, was able to get off the scoring pass when Jones picked up a blitzing linebacker.

Meanwhile, Albany's defense held Stony Brook (3-4, NEC 2-3) off the scoreboard for the remainder of the half. The Great Danes allowed 254 total yards, including 104 on the ground, on the day. Starting quarterback **T.J. Moriarty** hit on just 6-of-18 through the air for 81 yards with one interception, and was sacked four times.

The Great Danes, who have won four of their last five games and took over second place in the NEC standings, put the game away in the third quarter by reaching the end zone on their opening two possessions. Jones, the first Albany rusher to reach the 200-yard mark since 1984, picked up 54 of his team's 65 yards in the first series. He scampered 38 yards for a touchdown, when he took an option pitch and sprinted down the right sideline. Albany marched 74 yards in nine plays on its next drive with fullback **Jon George** covered the final four yards for a 27-0 lead with 6:35 left.

"We took what happened last week as an insult," said Jones, whose team was held to 68 net rushing yards in the 10-7 defeat against unbeaten Monmouth. "It's hard coming off a big loss as Coach Ford has often said, but we showed we have heart and we're not going to give up on this season yet."

In the fourth quarter, the Seawolves reached the scoring column, when reserve quarterback **Paul Kelley** fired an 11-yard pass to **Josh Anderson**. The touchdown was set up by **Sean McGinty's** 42-yard completion to running back **Clinton Graham** off a faked punt on fourth down.

Albany came back on its next offensive set, when Jones hauled in Sciarra's screen pass in the middle of field and rumbled through the secondary 37 yards to the end zone. Jones, who totaled 279 all-purpose yards, established the school's all-time record for touchdowns scored with the 34th of his career on the play. Quarterback **Uli Delgado** ended the scoring on a one-yard run with 5:35 remaining.

"I thought we played well and bounced back from a tough loss," said Albany coach Bob Ford, who recorded his 199th career victory at the collegiate level. "Our offensive line gave a great effort and our defense and kicking game set up the offense with great field position. I thought (Anthony) Sciarra ran the huddle well, controlled the flow of the game, and was impressive in that opening drive of the second half."

The Great Danes, who piled up a season-high 538 total yards, set the conference's single-game rushing mark with 453 on the ground. Albany has rushed for 300-plus yards in each of its five victories this year.

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ALBANY OUTLASTS HARTFORD IN FIVE GAMES

West Hartford, Conn. – Sophomore outside hitter **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** had a career-high 32 kills, as Albany outlasted Hartford in five games in America East Conference action on Friday evening at The Sports Center. The 32 kills are four off the school record set by Alissa Gibbs in 2001 against Hartford, which was also a five-game match.

Albany (19-6, AE 4-2) lost the first game, 30-24, but rallied to take the next two (30-28 and 32-30), before Hartford forced the final game by a score of 30-27. The fifth game featured back and forth action before Rodriguez, who added 17 digs and five aces, sealed the victory with her final kill. Junior middle hitter **Susan Spierre** (Averill Park) set a career high with 18 kills, while April Fries had a career-high 23 digs. **Blair Buchanan, Ashlee Reed** and **Shelby Goldman** each added double-doubles.

Hartford (8-14, AE 0-6) was led by **Stephanie Volckers'** 23 kills, 22 digs and four aces. **Kelly McEatheron** added 19 kills and 19 digs, while **Kristi Motil** chipped in with 16 kills and 16 digs.

The Great Danes continue their road trip tomorrow with a 4 p.m. match against Stony Brook.

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Albany (19-6, AE 4-2) defeated Hartford (8-14, AE 0-6) 24-30, 30-28, 32-30, 27-30, 23-21

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UALBANY EDGED BY NORTHEASTERN, 1-0, IN WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. - Junior defender **Andi Matthews** netted the game-winner in the 74th minute as Northeastern defeated Albany, 1-0, in America East Conference action Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Matthews took a **Jess Pfeifer** pass and sent it into the right side to put the Huskies, who improve to 11-5-0 overall and 5-2-0 in conference play, on the board.

The Great Danes had three good opportunities for the equalizer in the final three minutes but could not connect. Junior forward **Sara Rickard's** shot just skimmed the left post off a breakaway with 1:50 left to play. Seconds later, sophomore midfielder **Christie Cremo** sent a shot on goal that was stopped by Northeastern goalkeeper **Annie Petrofsky** for her lone save of the match. Senior goalkeeper **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) had seven stops for the Great Danes.

Albany (1-15-1, AE 0-7-0) will travel to Long Island for a non-league match this Sat., Oct. 25. Game time is 2:30 p.m.

--agate--

Northeastern (11-5-0, AE 5-2-0)	0	1	-	1
Albany (1-15-1, AE 0-7-0)	0	0	-	0

Northeastern- Andi Matthews 1-0, Jess Pfeifer 0-1; Goalkeeper: Annie Petrofsky (90:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 7 saves, 0 GA).

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VERMONT EDGES ALBANY, 1-0, IN MEN'S SOCCER ACTION

Burlington, Vt. – **John Antonucci** scored the game-winner in the 74th minute to give Vermont a 1-0 win over UAlbany in America East Conference play from Centennial Field on Wednesday afternoon.

Matt Chavez headed **Ethan Hutchins'** corner kick to Antonucci, who sent it in from five yards out to give his team a 1-0 lead.

Goalkeeper **David Sullivan** turned aside six shots for the Catamounts, who improve to 3-8-4 overall and 2-3-1 in conference play, while **Bouna Coundoul** made three saves for the Great Danes, who out-shot the Catamounts 26-15.

Albany (5-7-2, AE 2-3-1) returns to action this Sat., Oct. 25 when they host America East-rival Hartford at Varsity Field. Match time is 11:00 a.m.

--agate--

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

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 3 saves, 1 GA).

Vermont- John Antonucci 1-0, Ethan Hutchins 0-1, Matt Chavez 0-1; Goalkeeper: David Sullivan (90:00, 6 saves, 0 GA).

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KRISTINA MAZE NAMED AMERICA EAST FIELD HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Kristina Maze** (Glens Falls) has been chosen as America East Conference Rookie of the Week in field hockey, as announced today by the conference office. Maze received the award for the third time this season.

Maze, a freshman forward, totaled three goals and three assists in a pair of UAlbany victories last week. She scored the game-winning goal with 4:20 remaining in a 4-3 come-from-behind win over Colgate. Maze had two goals and three assists, as the Great Danes posted their first conference win in two years with a 6-5 overtime decision against UMBC on Oct. 18. Maze is third on the team in goals (7) and points (21), plus leads the squad in assists with seven.

UALBANY GREAT DANES FOOTBALL LUNCHEON SLATED FOR WEDNESDAY

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany athletic department will host the UAlbany Great Danes Football Luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at Armory Automotive Center on 64 Colvin Avenue. The second luncheon of the fall begins at 12 noon, and the event is priced at \$10.00. For more information or to RSVP, contact Peter London in UAlbany's marketing office, at 518-442-4683.

Head coach Bob Ford will speak about the 2003 season and the upcoming game with Northeast Conference-rival Stony Brook on Saturday, Oct. 25. Kickoff on Homecoming & Family Weekend is 1:00 p.m. The contest will be televised in the Capital Region on Time Warner Cable.

GREAT DANES SLIP IN THE MID-MAJOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 10-7 loss to No. 1 Monmouth, the University at Albany slipped in both Football Gazette and The Sports Network Division I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. UAlbany is sixth in the Football Gazette poll, and moved down three spots to No. 8 in The Sports Network top 10.

Albany (4-3, NEC 3-1) meets Stony Brook (3-3, NEC 2-2) on Homecoming & Family Weekend on Saturday, Oct. 25. Game time is 1:00 p.m. The Great Danes have a 20-10 record in homecoming games.

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Senior tailback **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) is 25th among the Division I-AA leaders in rushing at 105.1 yards per game. Jones has moved into a tie for fifth place on the school's career rushing list with 2,245 yards. Albany's defense is ranked nationally in rushing (20th), total defense (25th) and scoring (26th).

-agate-

FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Monmouth, 2. Morehead State, 3. Duquesne, 4. Sacred Heart, 5. Valparaiso, 6. **Albany**, 7. Dayton, 8. San Diego, 9. Robert Morris, 10. Drake.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. Monmouth, 2. Duquesne, 3. Dayton, 4. Morehead State, 5. Sacred Heart, 6. Valparaiso, 7. San Diego, 8. **Albany**, 9. Robert Morris, 10. Wagner.

NARA BROOKES SCORES THREE TIMES, AS UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY LOSES

Troy, N.Y. - Appalachian State's **Nara Brookes** scored three goals to lead the Mountaineers to a 4-1 non-conference victory over Albany in field hockey action on Monday, Oct. 20 at Rensselaer's Harkness Field. The Great Danes fall to 6-10 overall, while the Mountaineers improve to 8-6 on the season.

Appalachian State jumped out to an early 1-0 lead three minutes into the contest as sophomore defender **Carrie Johnson** scored her first goal of the season. She gathered the ball off the goalkeeper's pads and sent a shot into the right side of the net. Brookes' first goal put the Mountaineers up by two as she collected a pass from **Erica Muschamp**, maneuvered around a defender, and fired it into the bottom right corner.

Albany cut the deficit in half as sophomore forward **Tina Bryson** scored her 11th goal of the season, when her shot deflected off a defender and rolled past the goalie to make it 2-1 at halftime.

Brookes tallied her ninth and tenth goals of the season in the final period, as **Bridgette Burkhardt** and Johnson were each credited with assists on a pair of scoring plays that originated off penalty corners.

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) recorded 17 saves for the Great Danes, while sophomore goalie **Kate Ryno** stopped nine shots for the Mountaineers.

Albany returns to action on Sunday, Oct. 26 as they travel to America East Conference-rival Northeastern. Game time is 2:00 p.m.

-agate-

Harkness Field (Troy, N.Y.)

Albany (6-10)	1	0	-	1
Appalachian State (8-6)	2	2	-	4

Albany - Scoring: Tina Bryson 1-0; Goalkeeper: Marisa Maze (70:00, 17 saves, 4 GA).

Appalachian State - Scoring: Nara Brookes 3-0, Carrie Johnson 1-2, Bridgette Burkhardt 0-2, Erica Muschamp 0-1; Goalkeeper: Kate Ryno (70:00, 9 saves, 1 GA).

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BINGHAMTON DOWNS ALBANY, 3-0, IN WOMEN'S SOCCER ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward **Tracy Kasmarcik** scored two goals to lead Binghamton to a 3-0 victory over UAlbany in America East Conference play on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Kasmarcik dribbled between two Great Dane defenders and netted the ball into the left side to put her team on the board at the 7:12 mark. The Bearcats took a 2-0 lead in the 50th minute on Kasmarcik's second goal. She gathered in **Danielle White's** pass, kicked it off Albany goalkeeper **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac), and then regained possession before netting the shot.

Binghamton (8-6-1, AE 2-3-1) goalkeepers **Kristie Bowers** and **Kristy Doerner** turned aside three shots to combine on the shutout, while Van Zandt collected eight saves for the Great Danes.

Albany (1-14-1, AE 0-6-0) returns to action on Thurs., Oct. 23 when they host Northeastern in America East play. Match time is 3:00 p.m.
--agate--

Binghamton (8-6-1, AE 2-3-1)	1	2	-	3
Albany (1-14-1, AE 0-6-0)	0	0	-	0

Binghamton- Tracy Kasmarcik 2-0, Caitlin O'Shaughnessy 1-0, Danielle White 0-1, Kelly Burnham 0-1; Goalkeepers: Kristie Bowers (56:45, 2 saves, 0 GA), Kristy Doerner (33:15, 1 save, 0 GA).

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 8 saves, 3 GA).

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ALBANY WINS THIRD CONSECUTIVE A-EAST MATCH WITH THREE-GAME SWEEP

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore outside hitter **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** had 14 kills, seven digs and seven service aces to lead Albany to a three-game sweep of Binghamton in America East Conference volleyball action on Saturday evening at University Gymnasium

Albany (18-6, AE 3-2), which won its third straight match, posted its second consecutive victory over the Bearcats by scores of 30-25, 31-29 and 30-12. Freshman **Ashley DeNeal** posted her 16th double-double of the season with 13 kills and 12 digs. She also had a hitting percentage of .355. **Jill Dombrowski** and **Blair Buchanan** split the setting duties with 22 and 17 assists, respectively.

Binghamton (11-9, AE 2-3) was led by **Anne Crocus'** nine kills, while **Ashley Meffert** added 25 assists.

The Great Danes hit the road for the first time in four weeks when it travels to Hartford, Conn. on Friday, Oct. 24 to take on the Hawks at 7:00 p.m.

-agate-

Albany (18-6, AE 3-2) defeated Binghamton (11-9, AE 2-3) 30-25, 31-29, 30-12

WOMEN'S GOLF FINISHES TIED FOR SEVENTH AT RUTGERS INVITATIONAL

Piscataway, N.J. – Albany junior **Diane Onofry** finished tied for 18th on the final day of the Rutgers Women's Golf Invitational as the Great Danes tied for seventh place on Saturday, Oct. 18. Onofry, who shot an 83 the first day, fired a 78 in for second round action for a total score of 161 on the par-72, 5,847-yard Rutgers Golf Course.

Boston College's **Alison Walshe** was named the individual champion as she fired a 144 to lead her team to the invitational title. The Eagles placed five golfers in the top-15, while St. John's, Georgetown, Rutgers and Bucknell rounded out the top-five.

Sophomore **Jill Friedman** carded a 167 (84-83) to finish tied for 36th, while **Anne Lyons** and **Lauren Bruce** tied for 41st as each carded a 169. Junior **Diane Wasileski** shot a 186 to complete the Great Danes scoring.

-agate-

Final Team Standings: 1. Boston College 606, 2. St. John's 619, 3t. Georgetown 645, 3t. Rutgers 645, 5. Bucknell 648, 6. Harvard 653, 7t. Albany 666, 7t. Mount Holyoke 666, 9. Central Conn. State 668, 10. Siena 673, 11t. Lehigh 695 11t. Old Dominion 695, 13. Monmouth 699, 14. Hartford 725, 15. Hampton 731, 16. Mount St. Mary's 733.

Individual Winner: Alison Walshe, Boston College, 69-75=144.

Albany Scores: 18t. Diane Onofry 83-78=161, 36t. Jill Friedman 84-83=167, 41t. Ann Lyons 85-84=169, 41t. Lauren Bruce 86-83=169, 71. Diane Wasileski 97-89=186.

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Monmouth 10, Albany 7

West Long Branch, N.J.- Sophomore **Brendan Kennedy** threw a 15-yard scoring pass late in the second quarter, and Monmouth's defense held Albany to 165 total yards in the Hawks' 10-7 Northeast Conference victory on Saturday afternoon at Kessler Field.

Monmouth (7-0, NEC 4-0) moved into sole possession of first place in the conference standings in this battle between league unbeaten. The Hawks are off to their best start in school history with seven straight wins.

Albany (4-3, NEC 3-1) turned the ball over on its second offensive series. Quarterback **Uli Delgado's** inside screen pass went off the hands of **Joel Howarth**, and linebacker **Joe Sentipal** intercepted the tipped ball near midfield. Monmouth's drive stalled out seven plays later, and **Steve Andriola** booted a 44-yard field goal with 6:35 left in the period.

The Great Danes, who were held to 26 yards and no first downs in the opening half, missed a chance to tie the contest in the second quarter. Monmouth quarterback **Brian Boland** was sacked by defensive end **John Bolt** and linebacker **Jon Carvin** returned the fumble 60 yards to the Monmouth 28. However, **Stan Zylinski** missed a 42-yard field goal attempt.

Late in the quarter, Monmouth's **Rob Lomoriello** intercepted quarterback **Anthony Sciarra's** sideline pass at the Albany 45. The Hawks marched seven plays to the endzone, and converted two third-down situations in the scoring drive. Kennedy ran 14 yards up the middle on a quarterback draw for a first down, before hitting tight end **Pete Raspitzi** on a 15-yard crossing pattern for a 10-0 lead with 27 seconds left before halftime.

Both defenses dominated for much of the third period. However, Albany finally put together a five-play, 73-yard touchdown drive. **Gary Jones** rumbled 33 yards on a power sweep into Monmouth territory. Sciarra later threw a 36-yard scoring strike to split end **Jason Miller** on a fourth-down, post-pattern play to close the gap to 10-7 with 1:26 left.

The Great Danes, who had their three-game win streak snapped, moved across the 50-yard line twice in the fourth quarter, but both drives stalled. Sciarra's lateral pass went behind Jones on third down at the Monmouth 26 to end the final threat. The Hawks were able to run out the final three minutes and 25 seconds.

"This was a classic match-up where something was going to give or someone was going to blink," Albany coach **Bob Ford** said. "Their defense is excellent and our offense gave them two short fields for their scores. I think they have a pretty good chance of running the table and winning the championship."

Running back **Bobby Smith** led all rushers with 74 yards on 19 carries. Monmouth's offense was also held in check with 256 total yards. Albany's Jones ran for 67 yards on 16 attempts in this tight-fisted encounter.

"We didn't capitalize when our defense gave us opportunities," Albany fullback **Jon George** commented. "The defense worked hard to get us the ball, but it was a case where a high-powered offense was contained by a tough defense."

MEN

1. **Albany 64**, 2. New Hampshire 65, 3. Marist 83, 4. New York 100, 5. Syracuse 177, 6. Massachusetts 197, 7. Middlebury 223, 8. Binghamton 246, 9. St. Lawrence 288, 10. Stony Brook 311, 11. Long Island 370, 12. Cortland 391, 13. Clarkson 395, 14. Siena 418, 15. Oneonta State 424, 16. Vassar 431, 17. Hamilton 441, 18t. Northeastern 454, 18t. Hunter 454, 20. Adelphi 481, 21. St. Francis 507, 22. Saint Rose 726, 23. Potsdam 731, 24. Paul Smith's 746, 25. Broome C.C. 751.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Anthony Traux (New Hampshire), 24:57.52; 2. Dale Summerville (Stony Brook), 25:13.56; 3. **Joe Pienta (Albany) 25:16.21**, 4. **Andy Allstadt (Albany), 25:23.69**, 5. Geoff Decker (Marist), 25:35.55, 6. Brian Farrell (Stony Brook), 25:40.36, 7. Ryan Corbett (Massachusetts), 25:49.78; 8. James Olsen (New Hampshire), 25:50.49; 9. Kirk Dornton (Marist), 25:51.65; Vinnie Zarrillo (New York), 25:53.40.

OTHER UALBANY SCORES

14. Sam Gonzalez 26:00.11, 20. Chris Pierson 26:10.15, 23. Robert Caracciolo 26:13.01.

WOMEN

1. Middlebury 42, 2. New Hampshire 76, 3. Binghamton 101, 4. **Albany 105**, 5. Stony Brook 138, 6. Syracuse 173, 7. Siena 208, 8. Marist 213, 9. Umass 216, 10. Northeastern 219, 11. St. Lawrence 229, 12. Cortland 346, 13. Oneonta St. 414, 14. Hamilton College 421, 15. Clarkson 466, 16. St. Francis (N.Y.) 494, 17. Hunter College 506, 18. Adelphi 556, 19. Long Island 575, 20. Cazenovia 623.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Jacquelin Nunez (Stony Brook), 17:35.54; 2. Lesley Read (New Hampshire), 17:49.46; 3. Jessica Manzer (Middlebury), 18:04.89, 4. Caitlin Hayes (New Hampshire), 18:12.50; 6. Laura Hixson (Stony Brook), 18:15.44; 7. **Alyssa Lotmore (Albany), 18:15.86**; 8. Erica Angell (Binghamton), 18:17.07; 9. Erin Archard (Middlebury), 18:18.22; 10. Christine Ramsey (Syracuse), 18:18.89.

OTHER UALBANY SCORES

17. Meghan Howell 18:33.12, 18. Nicole Susser 18:37.73, 28. Theresa Juva 18:55.97, 36. Jessica Oehlke 19:05.14.

ALEXIS JOHNSON SCORES GAME-WINNER IN OT FOR 5-4 WIN OVER UMBC

Albany, N.Y. – Junior forward **Alexis Johnson** scored the game-winning goal with time expired in the first overtime period to give Albany its first America East Conference victory this season against UMBC, 6-5, on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Albany Field. The win marks Albany's first conference win since Oct. 5, 2001, when they defeated then member Delaware.

Johnson converted the game-winner off a direct pass from junior **Danielle Costello** on a penalty corner as the Great Danes had three straight penalty corners with time expired. Freshman forward **Kristina Maze** (Glens Falls) sent the game into overtime with her seventh goal of the season with 5:18 remaining in the second period in a contest that featured three ties and two lead changes.

The Great Danes (6-9, AE 1-2) had multiple scorers with Johnson scoring three times, Maze tallying two goals and three assists, and sophomore **Tina Bryson** adding a goal and assist. Senior **Lisa Burline** recorded her tenth career assist in her last home game at Albany Field.

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ALBANY MEN CAPTURE 37TH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany's **Joe Pienta** (Ichabod Crane) finished third to lead his team to the 37th annual Albany Cross Country Invitational title on Saturday afternoon on the campus of the University at Albany. New Hampshire's **Anthony Traux** took home the men's individual title, while **Jacquelin Nunez** of Stony Brook garnered the same honor for the women's race. Middlebury College repeated as the women's champion.

Pienta came in at 25:16 and was immediately followed by teammate **Andy Allstadt**, who finished the 8,000-meter course in 25:23. Fellow Great Danes **Sam Gonzalez** and **Chris Pierson** joined them in the top 20 out of 244 runners, with times of 26:00 and 26:10, respectively.

UAlbany, which won the team title for the second time in three years, had a final total of 64 points and were followed closely by New Hampshire, who finished with 65. Marist, New York University, and Syracuse rounded out the top five.

"We wanted to go out in the first mile and work together. We didn't want to be too aggressive at the start and we were able to start pushing it after the third mile," said Pienta of his team's effort. "We found out a lot about what we can do at this course and how we'll be in two weeks for the America East Championships."

In the women's 5,000-meter race, the UAlbany women finished in fourth place led by freshman **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn), who came in with a season-best time of 18:15, placed seventh out of 210 runners.

Meghan Howell clocked in at 18:33 and **Nicole Susser** at 18:37 to join Lotmore in the top 20 for the Great Danes, who will host the men's and women's America East Cross Country Championships on Sat., Nov. 1. This is the first time the University has hosted an America East Championship event.

Middlebury scored 42 points, while New Hampshire finished 34 points behind in second place. Binghamton edged UAlbany by four points to take third, while Stony Brook placed fifth.

"This is a good start going into the America East Championships. The team is feeling good and happy," said Lotmore about the upcoming conference meet. "I like the course and we are familiar with it from practicing on it so much."

--agate-- **37th Albany Invitational**

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The Retrievers (1-10, AE 0-3) were led by freshman forward **Catelyn Smith**, who scored two goals, while junior midfielder **Leslie Chilcote** tallied a goal and assist. Forwards **Jennifer Rowe** and **Julie Moore** each added a goal for UMBC.

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) made seven stops before being replaced by **Barbara Czaplinski**, who collected 11 saves for her first collegiate victory. Junior goalie **Meghan Polek** recorded 16 saves for the Retrievers.

Albany hosts Appalachian State on Monday, Oct. 20 in a non-conference game. The Great Danes will face off with the Mountaineers at 1 p.m. at Harkness Field in Troy, N.Y.

-agate-

Albany Field (Albany, N.Y.)

Albany (6-9, AE 1-2)	3	2	1	-	6
UMBC (1-10, AE 0-3)	2	3	0	-	5

Albany – Scoring: Alexis Johnson 3-0, Kristina Maze 2-3, Tina Bryson 1-1, Lisa Burline 0-1, Danielle Costello 0-1; Goalkeepers: Marisa Maze (38:23, 7 saves, 4 GA), Barbara Czaplinski (46:37, 11 saves, 1 GA).

UMBC – Scoring: Catelyn Smith 2-0, Leslie Chilcote 1-1, Jennifer Rowe 1-0, Julie Moore 1-0; Goalkeeper: Meghan Polek (85:00, 16 saves, 6 GA).

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RODRIGUEZ SERVES ALBANY TO THREE-GAME WIN OVER UMBC

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore outside hitter **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez** matched her career high with 14 service aces as Albany swept UMBC, 3-0, in an America East Conference match on Friday evening at University Gymnasium. The 14 aces are one off the NCAA record for a three-game match.

Albany (17-6, AE 2-2) won the first game 30-11, but fell behind in game two before one of Rodriguez's eight kills cut the deficit to 17-13 before stepping to the line to serve. The sophomore from Ponce, Puerto Rico recorded eight aces, including five in-a-row, on 11 serves to give the Great Danes a 23-18 lead. UAlbany would close out that game 30-20 and took game three, 30-18, as Rodriguez, who now has 305 aces in her career, added six more aces. **Ashley DeNeal** added 13 kills, while **Blair Buchanan** and **Jill Dombrowski** had 11 assists apiece.

UMBC (13-9, AE 2-2), who is in its first year in the America East, was led by **Jocelyn Teoh's** eight kills, while **Christine Skala** had 11 digs.

Albany closes out its homestand tomorrow with a 7 p.m match against Binghamton.

-agate-

Albany (17-6, AE 2-2) defeated UMBC (13-9, AE 2-2) 30-11, 30-20, 30-18

ONOFRY FIRES AN 83 TO LEAD UALBANY IN DAY ONE OF INVITE

Piscataway, N.J. – UAlbany junior **Diane Onofry** shot an 83 to lead her team in day one of the Rutgers Women's Golf Invitational from the par-72, 5,847-yard Rutgers Golf Course on Friday. Albany matched its lowest score of the year with a 338, and sits in eighth place among the field of 16.

Onofry is tied for 30th heading into the second round of competition, while teammate **Jill Friedman** is one stroke back and tied for 34th. **Ann Lyons** fired an 85 and **Lauren Bruce** carded an 86 for the Great Danes. **Diane Wasileski** completed the Albany scoring with a 97.

Day two of the invitational will get underway Saturday morning.

--agate--

Team Standings: 1. Boston College 297, 2. St. John's 310, 3t. Rutgers 323, 3t. Harvard 323, 5. Georgetown 326, 6. Bucknell 329, 7. Mount Holyoke 331, **8. Albany 338**, 9t. Central Connecticut State 339, 9t. Siena 339, 11. Lehigh 345, 12. Old Dominion 351, 13. Hartford 354, 14. Monmouth 356, 15. Mount St. Mary's 357, 16. Hampton 369.

Individual Leader: Alison Walshe, Boston College 69.

Albany Scores: 30t. Diane Onofry 83, 34t. Jill Friedman 84, 42t. Ann Lyons 85, 46t. Lauren Bruce 86, 76t. Diane Wasileski 97.

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BOSTON U. DOWNS UALBANY 4-0 IN WOMEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y.- Sophomore defender **Susan Marschall** had a goal and an assist to lead Boston U. over UAlbany, 4-0, in America East Conference action Thurs., afternoon at Varsity Field.

Marschall chipped in **Emily Dionne's** pass over Great Dane goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** in the 25th minute putting the Terriers, who are 7-4-4 overall and 3-0-1 in conference play, on the board. At the 33:54 mark the sophomore sent a short cross to **Melissa Shulman**, who netted it into the right side to give her team a 2-0 lead.

Boston U. goalkeepers **Jessica Clinton** and **Rebekah Conway** combined on the shutout, while Spinelli collected ten saves for the Great Danes.

Albany (1-13-1, AE 0-5-0) returns to action on Sun., Oct. 19 when they host Binghamton in America East play at Varsity Field. Match time is 1:00 p.m.

--agate--

Boston U. (7-4-4, AE 3-0-1)	2	2	-	4
Albany (1-13-1, AE 0-5-0)	0	0	-	0

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Beth Spinelli (90:00, 10 saves, 4 GA).

Boston U.- Susan Marschall 1-1, Melissa Shulman 1-0, Meghann Cook 1-0, Rebecca Beyer 1-0, Emily Dionne 0-1, Ashley Chassar 0-1, Jena Harb 0-1;
Goalkeepers: Jessica Clinton (75:35, 1 save, 0 GA), Rebekah Conway (14:25, 0 saves, 0 GA).

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TIME WARNER CABLE WILL AIR UALBANY HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME Stony Brook Contest Will Be Televised Live in the Capital Region on Oct. 25

Albany, N.Y. – Time Warner Cable will present a live broadcast of the University at Albany's football game with Stony Brook at University Field on Saturday, Oct. 25 as part of Homecoming and Family Weekend on campus. UAlbany kicks off against its Northeast Conference-rival at 1:00 p.m.

Time Warner Cable, which serves more than 320,000 customers in the Capital Region, will air the NEC football matchup on Channel 2 in Albany, Troy and Clifton Park, Channel 11 in Pittsfield, Mass., and Channel 14 in all other markets, including Schenectady, Bethlehem, Saratoga Springs, Glens Falls, Amsterdam, Gloversville and Rensselaer.

UAlbany's radio broadcast team of Rodger Wyland and Doug Mortman will provide the play-by-play coverage, while Capital News 9 Sports Director Damian Andrew will be the sideline reporter. Greg Bobbit will produce the broadcast for Time Warner Cable.

Time Warner Cable's Albany Division operates one of the most sophisticated cable systems in the nation and is home to New York's first two-way digital network. The system provides high-speed online access for residential customers, schools and businesses; digital cable with 240 cable channels, including on-demand services, interactive programming guides and popular, award-winning, locally-produced programming.

UAlbany's homecoming festivities include an appearance by the Mohanasen High School Marching Band.

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UALBANY TO HOST 37TH ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL ON SATURDAY

Albany, N.Y. - The University at Albany will host the 37th annual Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 18. The men's race, which will be run on a 8,000-meter course through campus, will start at 12:00 p.m., while the women's 5,000-meter race begins at 1:00 p.m.

This year's event will feature a combined 45 teams in the two races, including five America East Conference schools. Marist and Middlebury, the 2002 champions in the men's and women's races respectively, both return to defend their crowns. Siena and St. Rose are also in the field. **John Bitok**, a senior at Syracuse and winner of last year's race, is also back to try and become the first back-to-back individual champion.

The 37th Albany Invitational serves as the precursor to the 2003 America East Conference Cross Country Championships on Nov. 1. UAlbany will host an America East championship for the first time.

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TINA BRYSON SCORES CAREER-HIGH TWO GOALS IN WIN OVER COLGATE, 4-3

Hamilton, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Tina Bryson** scored a career-high two goals to lead the Albany field hockey team over non-conference opponent Colgate, 4-3, on Wednesday night at Tyler's Field. With the win, the Great Danes improve to 5-9 overall, while the Raiders fall to 5-6 on the season.

Colgate's **Nancy Miller** opened the scoring with 13:34 remaining in the first period on an **Ashley Schneider** pass to take a 1-0 advantage. Junior forward **Alexis Johnson** tallied her tenth goal of the year five minutes later as **Lisa Burline** was credited with an assist to even the score at one. Junior midfielder **Kath Shelley** gave the Raiders a 2-1 lead before intermission as she collected the ball off a rebound and slipped it past the goalie for her eighth goal of the season.

Bryson scored her first goal of the game as **Shelley Gebhardt** assisted on the play to make it 2-2. Colgate capitalized on a scramble in front of the net as Schneider knocked the loose ball into the right corner to take a 3-2 lead with 11 minutes left in the contest. The Great Danes rallied with under eight remaining as Bryson tallied her second goal to tie the game at three. Freshman forward **Kristina Maze** (Glens Falls) scored the game-winning goal with 4:20 left on a **Cheryl Varga** pass to seal the victory.

Freshman goalie **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) recorded seven saves, while fellow rookie **Jacque DeMarco** made 13 stops for the Raiders, who were outshot 23-13 in the contest.

Albany hosts America East member UMBC on senior day, Saturday, Oct. 18 at Albany field. The Great Danes will face the Retrievers at 1 p.m.
-agate-

Tyler's Field (Hamilton, N.Y.)

Albany (5-9)	1	3	-	4
Colgate (5-6)	2	1	-	3

Albany – Scoring: Tina Bryson 2-0, Alexis Johnson 1-0, Kristina Maze 1-0, Lisa Burline 0-1, Shelley Gebhardt 0-1, Amber Greiner 0-1, Cheryl Varga 0-1; Goalkeeper: Marisa Maze (70:00, 7 saves, 3 GA).

Colgate – Scoring: Nancy Miller 1-1, Ashley Schneider 1-1, Kath Shelley 1-0; Goalkeeper: Jacque DeMarco (70:00, 13 saves, 4 GA).

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UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO BOSTON U. IN DOUBLE-OVERTIME, 1-0

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore midfielder **Sedrick Chin** scored the game-winner with 7:45 left in the second overtime to give Boston U. a 1-0 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Chin, who is the reigning conference player of the week, took an **Andrew Dorman** pass and put it past Albany goalkeeper **Bouna Coundoul** for his team-leading sixth goal of the season.

Sophomore **Chad Comroe** collected five saves to earn his sixth shutout of the season for Boston U., who improve to 8-5-1 on the season and remain undefeated in conference play at 3-0-1. Coundoul turned aside three shots for the Great Danes.

Albany (5-6-2, AE 2-2-1) returns to action when they travel to Vermont on Wed., Oct. 22 to battle the Catamounts in an America East match. Game time is 2:00 p.m. --agate--

Boston U. (8-5-1, AE 3-0-1)	0	0	0	1	-	1
Albany (5-6-2, AE 2-2-1)	0	0	0	0	-	0

Boston U.- Sedrick Chin 1-0, Andrew Dorman 0-1; Goalkeeper: Chad Comroe (102:15, 5 saves, 0 GA).

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (102:15, 3 saves, 1 GA).

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UALBANY BASKETBALL GAMES ARE PART OF AMERICA EAST TV PACKAGE WNYT-TV (NewsChannel 13) Will Televis Men's Games on Jan. 25 & Feb. 1

Albany, N.Y. – The America East Conference has announced its basketball television schedule for the 2003-04 season, and the University at Albany's men's and women's programs will appear a combined four times as part of that package.

The UAlbany men will play at Boston University, the 2003 America East regular-season champion and NIT participant, on Sunday, Feb. 1. The broadcast begins at 12 noon on Super Bowl XXXVIII Sunday. The Great Danes also appear on the schedule at Hartford on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 12 noon. The Hawks, who finished third in the conference standings last year, are coming off a 16-13 campaign. WNYT-TV (NBC 13) will air both games live in the Capital Region market.

"WNYT NewsChannel 13 is pleased to present two UAlbany men's basketball games this season," WNYT-TV General Manager Steve Baboulis said. "We think the team is positioned to have a solid year, and we are happy to play a part in showing the Capital Region the high quality of basketball played by the Great Danes."

The UAlbany women will have two games televised as part of the America East schedule, including a home contest at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Great Danes, who have three starters returning including All-America East center Danielle Hutcheson, will host Binghamton on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m. UAlbany also has an away date at Binghamton on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

BRIAN BARNES NAMED DIRECTOR OF MEN'S BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Will Brown announced that Brian Barnes has been hired as director of basketball operations. Barnes, a native of Troy, N.Y. who attended Catholic Central High School, will handle administrative duties, videotape exchange, travel and coordinate summer basketball camps. He was a tri-captain on last year's squad, after making the team as a walk-on in 1999. Barnes, who appeared in 40 games as a collegian, was later awarded a basketball scholarship.

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

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

Jones, a senior tailback, rushed for 157 yards and three touchdowns in last Saturday's 44-21 Northeast Conference victory over St. Francis, Pa. He scored three TDs in a game for the fifth time in his career. Jones gave his team a 7-0 lead with a 2-yard blast in the first quarter, and added scoring runs of 20 and 17 yards in the second half.

Jones, who has rushed for 100 or more yards in 11 of the last 13 games, tied Pat Ryder's school record of 30 career rushing touchdowns, and moved into ninth place on the NEC's all-time rushing list with 2,178 yards. He ranks 19th nationally among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in rushing at 111.5 yards per game and is 20th in scoring (8.0 ppg).

GREAT DANES MOVE TO NO. 1 IN FOOTBALL GAZETTE MID-MAJOR POLL

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 44-21 victory over St. Francis, Pa., the University at Albany moved into the top spot in the Football Gazette I-AA Mid-Major National Football Poll. The Great Danes remain No. 5 in The Sports Network rankings.

Albany (4-2, NEC 3-0) travels to unbeaten Monmouth (6-0, NEC 3-0) in a battle for first place in the conference standings on Saturday, Oct. 18. The showdown will be televised by MSG-Metro, with Paul Dottino and Wayne Morris calling the action. Kickoff is 1:07 p.m.

The Hawks, who climbed to No. 1 in The Sports Network Poll this week, have Division I-AA's best defensive unit and the conference's top defensive player in senior linebacker Joe Sentipal (69 tackles). Monmouth is first nationally in scoring (6.8 ppg), rushing defense (62.3 yards/game) and total defense at 224.7 yards per game.

The Great Danes, who have won three straight, are eighth among the nation's leaders in rushing at 269.7 yards per game, plus are rated 31st in scoring with a 30.2 average.

-agate-
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FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. **Albany**, 2. Morehead State, 3. Duquesne, 4. San Diego, 5. Dayton, 6. Sacred Heart, 7. **Monmouth**, 8. Robert Morris, 9. Valparaiso, 10. Drake.

THE SPORTS NETWORK: 1. **Monmouth**, 2. San Diego, 3. Duquesne, 4. Dayton, 5. **Albany**, 6. Morehead State, 7. Sacred Heart, 8. Robert Morris, 9. Valparaiso, 10. Wagner.

UALBANY'S DeNEAL CHOSEN A-EAST VOLLEYBALL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Ashley DeNeal** has been chosen as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's volleyball, as the league office announced today. DeNeal, who won the award for the fourth time this season, leads the team with 264 kills and 312 digs, while ranking third with 35 service aces.

DeNeal, a 5-foot-6 outside hitter from Muncie, Ind., recorded three double-doubles last week, and now has a team-high 15 on the season. She has notched double-digit digs in nine straight matches and 20 of the 22 matches this season. The Great Danes, who matched last season's win total of 16 with a three-game sweep of Maine last Saturday, continues its homestand this weekend. Albany (16-6) has America East contests against UMBC on Oct. 17 and Binghamton on Oct. 18 at University Gymnasium. Both matches begin at 7 p.m.

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ALBANY EARNS FIRST CONFERENCE WIN WITH THREE-GAME VICTORY OVER MAINE

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** had 13 kills and 17 digs, her 15th double-double of the season, to lead Albany to a three-game sweep of America East Conference-foe Maine on Saturday evening at University Gymnasium.

Albany (16-6, AE 1-2), which matched last season's win total of 16 with the victory, won by scores of 30-16, 30-11, 30-22. Sophomore middle hitter **Ashlee Reed** added 10 kills, while senior libero **April Fries** contributed 10 digs.

Maine (9-14, AE 0-3) was led by **Leah Guidinger's** six kills and **Brooke Truong** had 11 digs. The Black Bears had a hitting percentage of -.018 in the three-game affair.

The Great Danes continue conference play on Friday, Oct. 17 against America East newcomer UMBC at University Gymnasium. Match time is set for 7:00 p.m.

-agate-

Albany (16-6, AE 1-2) defeated Maine (9-14, AE 0-3) 30-16, 30-11, 30-22

NEW HAMPSHIRE EDGES ALBANY, 2-1, IN CONFERENCE PLAY

Troy, N.Y. – Senior forward **Jen Stamp** scored the game winning-goal to lift New Hampshire over Albany, 2-1, in America East field hockey action on Saturday night at Harkness Field. The Wildcats improve to 6-8 overall and 2-0 in conference play, while the Great Danes drop to 4-9 on the season and 0-2 in the America East.

Sophomore midfielder **Katie White** (Glens Falls) scored her team-leading 10th goal off a rebound from the goalie's pads into the left corner with 31:22 remaining in the first period to give UNH a 1-0 advantage. Albany evened the game nine minutes later with junior forward **Alexis Johnson** converting a **Amber Greiner** pass in front of the goal for her ninth tally of the year. Stamp's game winner came off a penalty corner with 13:46 remaining before intermission with junior midfielder **Jenn Harrison** assisting on the play. Both teams had numerous scoring chances in the second half, but failed to convert.

Freshman goalkeeper **Barbara Czaplinski** collected 16 saves in her first start this season for Albany, while junior goalie **Christine Buckley** made nine stops in the net for New Hampshire.

The Great Danes travel to Hamilton, N.Y. to face the Raiders of Colgate on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Game time is slated for 6 p.m.

-agate-

Harkness Field (Troy, N.Y.)

Albany (4-9, AE 0-2)

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2-2-2-2-2-2

New Hampshire (6-8, AE 2-0) 2 0 - 2

Albany – Scoring: Alexis Johnson 1-0, Amber Greiner 0-1; Goalkeeper: Barbara Czaplinski (70:00, 16 saves, 2 GA).

New Hampshire – Scoring: Katie White 1-0, Jen Stamp 1-0, Jenn Harrison 0-1; Goalkeeper: Christine Buckley (70:00, 9 saves, 1 GA).

ALBANY'S ONOFRY FINISHES TIED FOR SIXTH AT CCSU INVITATIONAL

New Britain, Conn.— UAlbany junior **Diane Onofry** finished in a three-way tie for sixth after firing an 88 on Saturday afternoon at the Stanley Golf Course on day two of the Central Connecticut State Women's Golf Invitational.

The Great Danes, who shot a season-low 338 yesterday, carded a 354 to place fifth with a 692. Long Island, who had a two-day total of 675, finished eight strokes ahead of Central Connecticut State to win the team title.

Onofry shot a two-round total of 165 to finish nine strokes off the lead, as Amherst's **Kathryn Kuchefski** recorded a 156 to take home the individual title. **Jill Friedman** carded an 87 on Saturday to place 14th, while **Anne Lyons** finished tied for 20th with a 176 and **Diane Wasileski** was three shots behind in 24th.

--agate--

Team Results: 1. Long Island 675, 2. Central Connecticut State 683, 3. Fairfield 689, 4. Amherst 691, **5. Albany 692**, 6. Mount Holyoke 702, 7. Boston U. 705, 8. Hartford 734, 9. Monmouth 736, 10. Sacred Heart 797.

Individual Winner: Kathryn Kuchefski, Amherst- 75-81—156

Albany Scores: 6t. Diane Onofry 77-88—165, 14. Jill Friedman 85-87—172, 20t. Anne Lyons 88-88—176, 24t. Diane Wasileski 88-91—179, 34t. Lauren Bruce 91-94—185.

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BINGHAMTON DEFEATS UALBANY, 1-0, IN CONFERENCE BATTLE

Vestal, N.Y. - Junior forward **Stephen Bruce** netted the game-winner in the 11th minute as Binghamton defeated UAlbany, 1-0, in America East Conference play at West Gym Field on Saturday afternoon.

Bruce took a **Charles Darkwah** pass and sent it in from 25 yards out for his fourth goal of the season.

Binghamton (7-2-3, AE 1-1-1) goalkeeper **Stefan Gonet** made two saves to earn his eighth shutout of the year, while junior **Bouna Coundoul**, who had his scoreless streak snapped at 242 minutes, also turned aside two shots for the Great Danes.

Albany (5-5-2, AE 2-1-1) returns to action on Wed., Oct. 15 when they host Boston U. in an America East match. Game time is set for 3:00 p.m. at Varsity Field.

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Albany (5-5-2, AE 2-1-1)	0	0	-	0
Binghamton (7-2-3, AE 1-1-1)	1	0	-	1

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 2 saves, 1 GA).

Binghamton- Stephen Bruce 1-0, Charles Darkwah 0-1; Goalkeeper: Stefan Gonet (90:00, 2 saves, 0 GA).

College Football

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Albany 44, St. Francis 21

Loretto, Pa. - Senior tailback **Gary Jones** rushed for 157 yards and three touchdowns, as Albany won its third straight with a 44-21 Northeast Conference victory over St. Francis, Pa. on Saturday afternoon at the Pine Bowl.

Albany (4-2, NEC 3-0) raced to a 23-0 lead early in the second quarter, as both the offense and defense had a hand in the outburst. The Great Danes scored on their first possession as quarterback **Uli Delgado** hooked up with fullback **Jon George** on a 50-yard pass to begin the game. Jones scored three plays later on a 2-yard run for a 7-0 lead.

Following an Albany punt that bottled up St. Francis, Pa. (1-5, NEC 0-3) at the one-yard line, the Great Danes' **Matt Kryzak** and **Victor Camacho** tackled running back **Michael Hall** in the end zone for a safety.

The Great Danes, who have won nine of their last 10 conference games, then marched 76 yards behind the play of **Anthony Sciarra**. **Rohann Vidal** scored on an 8-yard dash through the middle for a 16-0 cushion. Outside linebacker **Jon Carvin** then picked off freshman **Anthony Doria's** pass on the right sideline and returned it 44 yards for a touchdown to finish off the scoring run.

The Red Flash got on the scoreboard with 6:22 left in the second quarter after a fumbled punt return. Freshman receiver **Luke Palko** threw a 31-yard touchdown, off a reverse, to wideout **Michael Caputo**.

The Great Danes, who rushed for 302 of their 415 total yards, used the ground attack in the third quarter to build a 37-point margin. Defensive end **John Bolt** recovered a fumble, which set up Jones' 20-yard scoring run around right end. Albany later beat a blitzing defense, when George rumbled over the left side on a 30-yard touchdown scamper.

Doria, who set three school records by completing 38 of 63 through the air for 398 yards, helped slice his team's deficit in half with a pair of touchdown passes. He fired a 28-yard strike to **Maurice Sales**, before connecting with Caputo on a 34-yard post pattern to close the gap to 37-21 with 13:23 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Jones, who rushed for 150-plus for the seventh time as a collegian, ended the comeback attempt, when he ran a toss sweep around the left end 17 yards to pay dirt with 3:49 to play.

"We are a veteran team, and they are a bunch of young kids who play with a lot of heart," said Albany coach Bob Ford, whose team will meet an undefeated Monmouth squad next Saturday. "We never take a win for granted; it's hard to beat anyone. However, we are still making enough mistakes, in all phases of the game, that are going to get us beat."

Albany's quarterback tandem finished a combined 6-of-16 passing for 113 yards, plus ran 11 times for 50 more. George had eight carries for 71 yards. St. Francis' Caputo had 13 receptions for 161 yards and two touchdowns.

"Our offensive line took over in the second half, " said Jones, who tied a school mark with his 30th career rushing touchdown in the final period. "(Jon) George and (Eddie) Unverzagt made some key blocks, especially since they were stacking so many guys in the box."

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NEW HAMPSHIRE DEFEATS ALBANY IN FOUR GAMES

Albany, N.Y. – Senior outside hitter **Alyson Coler**, the 2002 America East Conference Player of the Year, had 21 kills and 13 digs, as New Hampshire defeated Albany, 3-1, in America East action on Friday evening at University Gymnasium.

New Hampshire (11-9, AE 2-0), the reigning league champions, dropped the first game, 30-28, but swept the next three, 30-26, 30-18, 30-28, to win their sixth straight over the Great Danes. **Erin Walker** added 19 kills, while **Natasha Otte** and **Erin Ludwig** had 11 and 10 kills, respectively. **Sasha Scott** contributed 21 digs.

Albany (15-6, AE 0-2), which lost back-to-back games for the first time since August 30th, was led by freshman outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal's** 17-kill and 18-dig effort. **Shelby Goldman** matched her career-high in kills with 14, while **Ashlee Reed** had a double-double with 10 kills and 11 digs. Freshman setter **Blair Buchanan** dished out a season-best 51 assists in the loss.

The Great Danes wrap up their first weekend of conference play with a 7:00 p.m. match against Maine on Saturday night at University Gymnasium.

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New Hampshire (11-9, AE 2-0) defeated Albany (15-6, AE 0-2) 28-30, 30-26, 30-18, 30-28

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ALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO NEW HAMPSHIRE, 4-0

Durham, N.H. – Sophomore forward **Jackie Wishoski** scored two goals leading New Hampshire to a 4-0 win over UAlbany in America East play Friday afternoon at Bremner Field.

Wishoski, who chipped in **Ashlee Cieslak's** service, got the Wildcats on the board 55 seconds into the match. Wishoski added her second goal of the day and her eighth of the season in the 35th minute to give her team a 3-0 halftime lead.

New Hampshire (4-6-3, AE 2-0-1) goalkeepers **Liz MacKay** and **Lynn Gugliuzza** played 45 minutes apiece to combine on the shutout, while **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) turned aside eight shots for the Great Danes.

Albany (1-12-1, AE 0-4-0) returns to action on Thurs., Oct. 16 when they host Ameica East Conference-rival Boston University. Match time is set for 3:00 p.m. at Varsity Field.

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Albany (1-12-1, AE 0-4-0)	0	0	-	0
New Hampshire (4-6-3, AE 2-0-1)	3	1	-	4

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 8 saves, 4 GA).

New Hampshire- Jackie Wishoski 2-0, Chiara Best 1-0, Shannon Oltman 1-0, Ashlee Cieslak 0-1; Goalkeepers: Liz MacKey (45:00, 0 saves, 0 GA), Lynn Gugliuzza (45:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

UALBANY'S ONOFRY IN SECOND PLACE AFTER DAY ONE OF INVITATIONAL

New Britain, Conn.- Junior **Diane Onofry** shot a career-low 5-over 77 on Friday afternoon at the Stanley Golf Course as Albany sits in second place after day one of the Central Connecticut State Women's Golf Invitational.

The Great Danes shot a season-low 338 on the par-72, 5,720-yard golf course and trail Long Island by five strokes. **Jill Friedman** is tied for 15th with an 85, while **Anne Lyons** and **Diane Wasileski** each carded an 88 and are in a five-way tie for 21st.

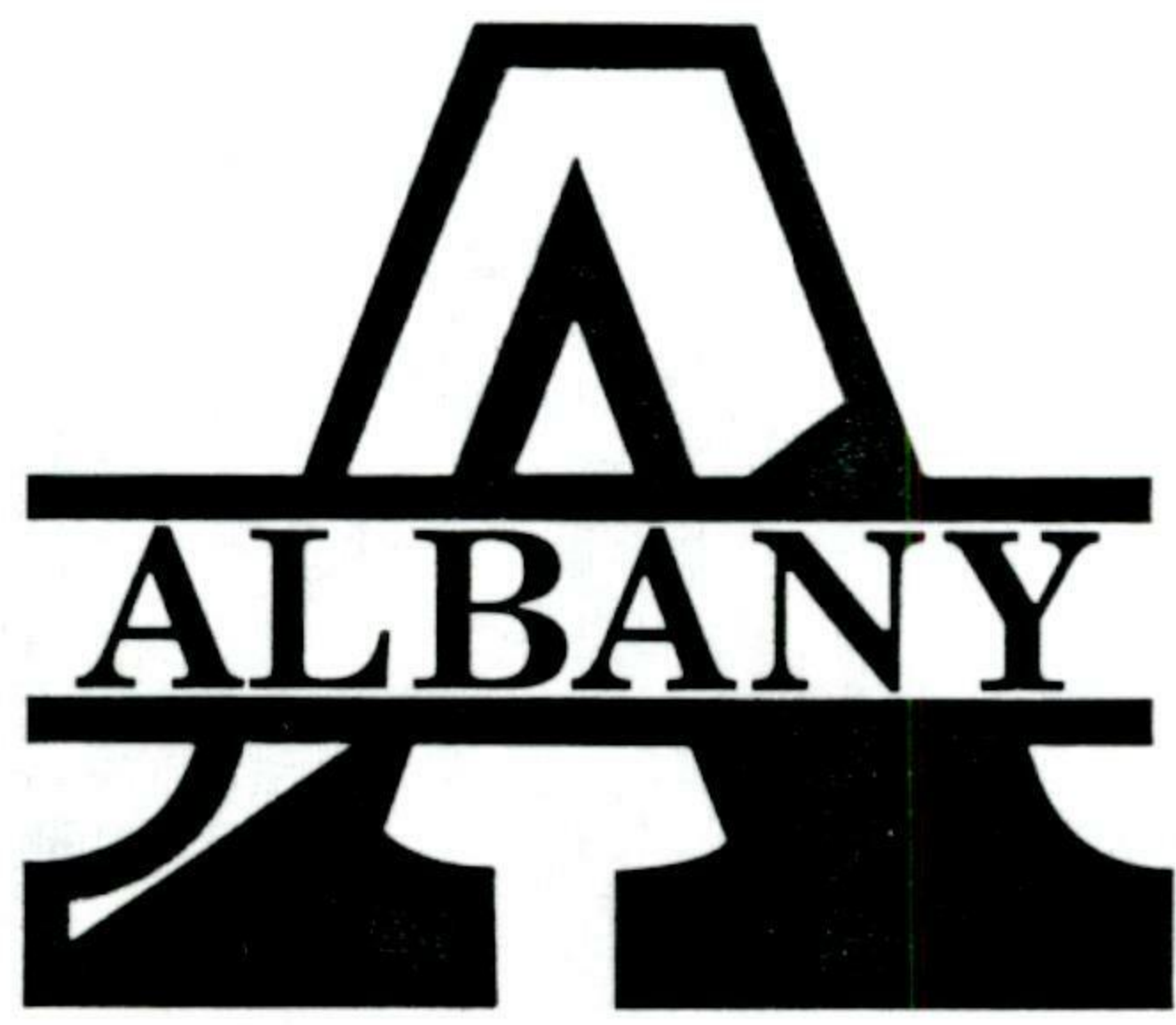
The tournament wraps up tomorrow morning with another round of 18 holes.

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Team Standings- 1. Long Island 333, **2. Albany 338**, 3. Central Connecticut State 340, 4. Amherst 342, 5. Fairfield 346, 6. Boston U. 347, 7. Mount Holyoke 348, 8. Hartford 362, 9. Monmouth 366, 10. Sacred Heart 397.

Individual Leader- Kathryn Kuchefski, Amherst- 75

Albany Scores- 2. Diane Onofry 77, 15t. Jill Friedman 85, 21t. Anne Lyons 88, 21t. Diane Wasileski 88, 30t. Lauren Bruce 91.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES MIKE GEORGE ASSISTANT ATHLETICS DIRECTOR FOR COMPLIANCE AND STUDENT SERVICES

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Mike George as assistant athletics director for compliance and student services. George will administer the school's NCAA compliance and rules education program, plus oversee athletic academic student services.

George previously worked in several capacities at Tennessee State University from 1998-2002 as interim associate athletic director for internal affairs and compliance and assistant athletic director for compliance and administration. He oversaw all components of the University's compliance and academic program, including initial and continuing eligibility, financial aid, rules education, recruiting and student-athlete orientation. He developed a compliance and recruiting manual and implemented a new monitoring system, plus handled all NCAA and Ohio Valley Conference reports.

During his tenure at Tennessee State, George also served as event manager for all home athletic contests, and coordinated facilities for practice competition. When he was elevated to associate athletics director, George ran the day-to-day operations of the school's Division I athletic department, including budgets, marketing and development, and strategic planning. He was TSU's head softball coach in 1998.

George, a native of Westerville, Ohio, worked for one year at Eastern Kentucky University in two roles as athletic compliance assistant and baseball administrative assistant. In addition, he was employed as recreation coordinator for Columbus Recreation and Parks in Ohio from 1995-97. From July 2002 to his present appointment, George was district athletic director for Bourbon County Schools in Kentucky, where he was responsible for managing facilities, scheduling, personnel, KHSAA compliance and booster activities.

George, 36, received a B.A. in physical education from Otterbein College in Ohio, and has a master's degree in sports administration from Ashland (Ohio) University.

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UALBANY BEATS STONY BROOK, 1-0, IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Junior midfielder **Cagdas Bayram** netted the game-winner in the 13th minute as UAlbany defeated Stony Brook, 1-0, in America East Conference play at University Field on Wednesday night.

Bayram pushed the ball past a Seawolves defender before taking a shot that deflected off Stony Brook (2-8-1, AE 0-2-0) goalkeeper **Dan Ferrin** back to Bayram who put it into an open net for a 1-0 lead.

Junior goalkeeper **Bouna Coundoul** made three saves to earn his fourth shutout of the season for the Great Danes, who are tied for first in the America East standings with Northeastern.

Albany (5-4-2, AE 2-0-1) returns to action on Sat., Oct. 11 when they travel to Binghamton for an America East match. Game time is set for 2:30.

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Albany (5-4-2, AE 2-0-1)	1	0	-	1
Stony Brook (2-8-1, AE 0-2-0)	0	0	-	0

Albany- Cagdas Bayram 1-0; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 3 saves, 0 GA).

Stony Brook- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Dan Ferrin (90:00, 8 saves, 1 GA).

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HOLY CROSS DEFEATS ALBANY IN WOMEN'S TENNIS

Worcester, Mass. – **Brittany Burns** defeated Albany's **Krista Babiarz** in first singles, 6-0, 6-0, to pace Holy Cross to a 7-0 victory over Albany in women's tennis team on Wednesday afternoon at the Holy Cross Tennis Courts. The Crusaders swept all six singles and three doubles matches.

The Great Danes' **Laura Talamo** highlighted Albany's efforts, as she dropped a 6-2, 6-4 decision to Holy Cross' **Maureen McKeon** at No. 6 singles. UAlbany's third doubles team of **Kerry Levis** and Talamo were topped by **Kerry Trimmer** and **Katie Owen**, 8-3.

Holy Cross' Burns teamed up with senior **Missy Crump** in number one doubles to top Albany's tandem of **Lisa Fund** and **Krista Babiarz**, 8-2.

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Holy Cross 7, Albany 0

Singles:

- #1 Brittany Burns (Holy Cross) def. #1 Krista Babiarz (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #2 Carrie Simmons (Holy Cross) def. #2 Lisa Fund (Albany), 6-0, 6-1
- #3 Melissa Levy (Holy Cross) def. #3 Kyle Seller (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
- #4 Allison Levy (Holy Cross) def. #4 Amanda Brown (Albany), 6-0, 6-4
- #5 Meredith Bacon (Holy Cross) def. #5 Kerry Levis (Albany), 6-1, 6-2
- #6 Maureen McKeon (Holy Cross) def. #6 Laura Talamo (Albany), 6-2, 6-4

Doubles:

- #1 Missy Crump/Brittany Burns (Holy Cross) def. Krista Babiarz/Lisa Fund (Albany), 8-2
- #2 Carrie Simmons/Melissa Levy (Holy Cross) def. Kyle Steller/Amanda Brown (Albany), 8-2
- #3 Kerry Trimmer/Katie Owen (Holy Cross) def. Kerry Levis/Laura Talamo (Albany), 8-3

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UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO UMBC, 3-0, IN AMERICA EAST PLAY

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman forward **Amanda DiCarlo** scored two goals to lead UMBC past UAlbany, 3-0, in America East Conference action Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

DiCarlo headed in a **Kelly Fiorani** cross in the 58th minute for her first goal of the season and a 2-0 lead. The freshman capitalized off a **Kristin English** pass at the 73:57 mark for her second goal of the day.

Elizabeth Day, who took a **Carolynn Patton** pass, sent a shot off the crossbar and into the goal to put her team on the board in the 15th minute. UMBC improved to 3-5-0 overall and 1-3-0 in conference play.

Albany (1-11-1, AE 0-3-0) returns to action on Fri., Oct. 10 when they travel to New Hampshire for an America East match. Game time is set for 3:30.

--agate--

UMBC (3-5-0, AE 1-3-0)	1	2	-	3
Albany (1-11-1, AE 0-3-0)	0	0	-	0

UMBC- Amanda DiCarlo 2-0, Elizabeth Day 1-0, Carolynn Patton 0-1, Kelly Fiorani 0-1, Kristin English 0-1; Goalkeepers: Robin Babaris (79:46, 3 saves, 0 GA), Kelly Lizon (10:14, 0 saves, 0 GA).

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Beth Spinelli (90:00, 13 saves, 3 GA).

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NORTHEASTERN DEFEATS ALBANY IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE OPENER

Albany, N.Y. – Junior outside hitter **Rebecca Holland** had 11 kills and 15 digs as Northeastern defeated Albany, 3-0, on Tuesday evening at University Gymnasium in the America East Conference opener for both teams.

Northeastern (13-6, AE 1-0), which has won seven straight, defeated the Great Danes by scores of 30-22, 33-31, 30-23. **Jana Kubalova** had 10 kills for the Huskies while **Larissa Adomat** added nine. **Kristin Ursillo**, the reigning America East Setter of the Year, dished out 37 assists as NU recorded a hitting percentage of .260.

Albany (15-5, AE 0-1) was led by **Shelby Goldman**, who had a career-high 14 kills, and **Ashley DeNeal**, who recorded her 13th double-double of the season with 14 kills and 15 digs. The Great Danes were hurt by 13 service errors, 10 of which came in the second game.

UAlbany continues its homestand on Friday, Oct. 10 when they play host to New Hampshire, the 2002 America East champions. Match time is set for 7:00 p.m.

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Northeastern (13-6, AE 1-0) defeated Albany (15-5, AE 0-1) 30-22, 33-31, 30-23



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES JULIE STEINKE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES AND EDDIE SCOTT AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Julie Steinke as director of athletic academic support services and Eddie Scott as assistant director. The department's mission is to maximize the academic potential of student-athletes by providing an atmosphere that enhances learning skills, career development and personal counseling.

Steinke, previously an assistant athletic director for student services and compliance at St. Bonaventure University, will manage services that offer academic counseling and monitoring, learning and study strategies, plus tutoring and study sessions. From 1999-2003, Steinke monitored all student-athlete academic progress for degree completion and NCAA eligibility purposes. She also developed and implemented St. Bonaventure's Bona's C.A.R.E.S. program (Committed Athletes Responsibly Enhancing Society), an NCAA Life Skills comparable program.

Steinke, 29, was an academic enhancement intern during the 1998-99 academic year at Rider University, where she supervised the STEP (Student Transitional Education Program) program and served as academic counselor/advisor for the school's 20 intercollegiate teams. She also was an academic tutor and an associate instructor in the department of kinesiology for a two-year period at Indiana University.

A native of Troy, Ohio, Steinke received her B.A. in psychology with minors in English, mathematics and sociology from Saint Mary's College in Indiana, and has a master's in kinesiology with a concentration in applied sport science and sports psychology from Indiana. She presently serves as N4A Life Skills Committee Chair and has been published in *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport* on the subject of competition anxiety in collegiate softball players.

Scott, 24, was a captain on the 2002 UAlbany baseball team, and earned first-team All-America East Conference honors. He batted .339 as a senior center fielder, and added 27 RBI, nine doubles and two home runs. Scott finished his career ranked among the program's all-time leaders in stolen bases (52), total hits (154), runs (111) and doubles (24).

Scott was chosen to the Verizon Academic All-America national third-team in the spring of 2002. He received the school's Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award and an ECAC Merit Medal as the top senior male student-athlete. Scott, who served on UAlbany's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, was a four-time Spellman Award recipient with the highest GPA for an African-American in his class. A native of Kingston, N.Y., Scott graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in psychology and earned a minor in sociology.

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UALBANY FOOTBALL REMAINS AMONG TOP FIVE IN MID-MAJOR POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – Following last Saturday's 64-9 non-league victory over St. Peter's, the University at Albany remains among the top-five teams in both The Sports Network and Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid-Major national football polls. UAlbany is No. 4 in the Football Gazette rankings, and fifth in The Sports Network poll.

The Great Danes, who scored their most points in a game since 1975, set the program's Division I-AA records for points (64), points in a quarter (26) and victory margin (55) against St. Peter's.

Gary Jones (Ravena-Coyemans-Selkirk) is 26th among the NCAA Division I-AA rushing leaders at 102.4 yards per game. Jones, who had 17 carries for 137 yards and two touchdowns last week, has run for 100 or more yards in 10 of his last 12 games. Albany is ranked ninth nationally in team rushing at 262.3 yards per game.

Albany (3-2, NEC 2-0) travels to St. Francis, Pa. for a Northeast Conference game on Saturday, Oct. 11. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

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FOOTBALL GAZETTE: 1. Dayton, 2. Morehead State, 3. Duquesne, **4. Albany**, 5. San Diego, 6. Sacred Heart, 7. Monmouth, 8. Drake, 9. Wagner, 10. Robert Morris.

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LISA BURLINE SCORES TWICE IN ALBANY'S VICTORY OVER RADFORD

Davidson, N.C. – Senior forward **Lisa Burline** scored two goals in leading Albany to a 5-3 victory over non-conference opponent Radford on Sunday afternoon at Davidson's Turf Complex. The Great Danes snapped a two-game losing skid to improve to 4-8 on the season, while the Highlanders fall to 3-7 overall.

Albany jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the opening five minutes as sophomore forward **Tina Bryson** scored her seventh goal of the season off a pass from freshman forward **Kristina Maze** (Glens Falls). Maze followed two minutes later with her fourth goal on a Bryson pass.

Radford midfielder **Tiffany Church's** goal with 13 minutes left in the first period off an **Erin Lenhardt** pass cut the deficit to 2-1. Albany regained a two-goal cushion in the same half as junior **Danielle Costello** converted a **Shelley Gebhardt** pass. Radford's **Jenny Bell** scored her first goal of the season with 2:57 remaining before intermission as **Lauren Hebert** assisted on the play.

Burline recorded both of her two goals off penalty corners in the second half, as her team pulled away. She fired a shot from the top of circle into the cage with 19:24 remaining for a 4-2 lead after Alexis Johnson sent her the ball from the far right.

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) collected five saves for Albany, while senior goalie **Tina Caiazza** made 12 saves before being replaced by **Amy Dietz**, who gathered four stops for Radford.

The Great Danes return to action on Saturday, Oct. 11, hosting America East-rival New Hampshire at Harkness Field in Troy, N.Y. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m. -agate-

Turf Complex (Davidson, N.C.)

Radford (3-8)	2	1	-	3
Albany (4-8)	3	2	-	5

Radford – Scoring: Tiffany Church 1-0, Jenny Bell 1-0, Kiera Gambeski 1-0, Erin Lenhardt 0-2, Lauren Hebert 0-1; Goalkeepers: Tina Caiazza (55:04, 12 saves, 5 GA), Amy Dietz (14:56, 4 saves, 0 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Lisa Burline 2-0, Tina Bryson 1-1, Kristina Maze 1-1, Danielle Costello 1-0, Shelley Gebhardt 0-2, Alexis Johnson 0-1; Goalkeeper: Marisa Maze (70:00, 5 saves, 3 GA).

MORE

VERMONT DEFEATS UALBANY, 4-0, IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PLAY

Burlington, Vt.— **Jamie Rubin** broke a scoreless tie with just under three minutes left in the first half , and Vermont went on to post a 4-0 win over Albany at Centennial Field on Sunday afternoon.

Rubin took a feed from **Jamie Koehnlein** and beat Albany goalkeeper **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) one-on-one to put the Catamounts on the board. Senior **Katie Brennan** headed in a Koehnlein corner kick, the sophomore's second assist on the day, in the 65th minute.

Vermont (5-3-2, AE 1-1-0) goalkeepers **Katie Duffy** and **Tori Boughton** each turned aside one shot to combine on the shutout, while Van Zandt collected a season-high 17 saves for the Great Danes.

Albany (1-10-1, AE 0-2-0) returns to action on Wed., Oct. 8 when they host UMBC in America East play. Match time is 3:00 p.m.

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Albany (1-10-1, AE 0-2-0)	0	0	-	0
Vermont (5-3-2, AE 1-1-0)	1	3	-	4

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (90:00, 17 saves, 4 GA).

Vermont- Jamie Rubin 1-0, Cass Van Leeuwen 1-0, Katie Brennan 1-0, Amy Cochran 1-0, Jamie Koehnlein 0-2, Sara Jablonski 0-1, Laura Carollo 0-1; Goalkeepers: Katie Duffy (75:00, 1 save, 0 GA), Tori Boughton (15:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

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VOLLEYBALL WINS FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman setter **Blair Buchanan** dished out 23 assists to earn MVP honors as Albany defeated Iona, 3-0, on Saturday evening at University Gymnasium in the final match of the Albany Tournament. The Great Danes went 3-0 at the event, defeating Providence and Sacred Heart in its first two matches.

Marist (9-15) finished second after sweeping both its matches against Providence and Sacred Heart, while Iona (10-9) captured third. The Friars and the Pioneers both went winless in the two-day tournament.

Albany (15-4), which is now one victory from matching last season's total, completed the sweep by scores of 30-19, 30-18, 30-17 to finish the weekend without dropping a game. **Ashlee Reed** and **Shelby Goldman** each led the way with nine kills, while **Jill Dombrowski** had 13 assists, 49 in the three-match set, to earn all-tournament honors.

The Gaels were led by **Megan Dailey** and **Colleen Walker**, who had seven and six kills, respectively. **Emily Mansur** had 19 assists and seven digs and was named all-tournament.

Earlier in the day, Albany defeated Sacred Heart in three games with Reed having nine kills and nine digs. The Great Danes recorded a .341 hitting percentage, their highest of the season, against the Pioneers. Sacred Heart's **Lauren Lamb** had five kills and earned all-tournament distinction.

The Great Danes begin their America East Conference schedule on Tuesday at home against Northeastern. Match time is set for 7:00 p.m.

-agate-

Albany Tournament (University Gymnasium)

Friday, October 3

Iona defeated Sacred Heart, 30-17, 30-13, 30-14

Albany defeated Providence, 30-18, 30-21, 30-16

Iona defeated Providence, 30-24, 30-20, 30-20

Albany defeated Sacred Heart, 30-18, 30-15, 30-12

Marist defeated Providence (2-19), 30-28, 30-16, 30-22

Marist (9-15) defeated Sacred Heart (1-20), 30-28, 31-29, 30-23

Albany (15-4) defeated Iona (10-9), 30-18, 30-15, 30-12

Team Standings: 1. Albany* (3-0), 2. Marist (2-0), 3. Iona (2-1), 4. Providence* (0-3), 5. Sacred Heart (0-3) * won tiebreaker

All-Tournament Team: Blair Buchanan, Albany – MVP; Jill Dombrowski, Albany; Emily Mansur, Iona; Sally Hanson, Marist; Kerry Schulz, Providence; Lauren Lamb, Sacred Heart.

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Albany 64, St. Peter's 9

Albany, N.Y. – Senior tailback **Gary Jones** rushed for 137 yards and two touchdowns, as Albany registered its highest point total since 1975 in a 64-9 non-conference victory over St. Peter's on Saturday afternoon on Hall of Fame Day at University Field.

Albany (3-2) reversed an early 3-0 deficit by scoring on six consecutive possessions in the first half. Fullback **Eddie Unverzagt** capped a nine-play drive with a one-yard run over right guard with 4:14 left in the first quarter. Following roverback **Chris Stellato's** sack and fumble recovery, **Stan Zylinski** booted a 31-yard field goal for a 10-3 lead.

The Great Danes, who accumulated 442 total yards, including 305 on the ground, used a 26-point second quarter to break the game open. Senior fullback **Jon George** finished off an eight-play march, when he rumbled over left guard on a 10-yard run. Quarterback **Uli Delgado**, who rotated with Anthony Sciarra, then hooked up with split end **Jason Miller** on a 57-yard pass-and-run touchdown on the left sideline for a 23-3 advantage midway through the period.

Jones, who reached the 100-yard rushing mark for the 10th time in his last 12 games, found the end zone twice within a two-minute span to stake his team to a 36-3 halftime cushion. Miller, who picked up 141 all-purpose yards in his first start of season after coming back from a preseason injury, returned a punt 23 yards to St. Peter's 35. Jones scored a 6-yard run five plays later. After free safety **Lucas Kurtz** blocked a Peacock punt, Jones raced around right end on an 18-yard dash with 3:26 left in the quarter.

In the second half, the Great Danes' defense fueled the scoring spree. Sophomore linebacker **Brian Becker** picked off **Andre Harris'** pass in the right flat and sprinted up the sideline on a 55-yard interception return. Defensive end **Jermaine Lee** scored on a 20-yard fumble return in the final period, after freshman **Brent Weiss** sacked reserve quarterback **Cody Tucci**. Albany defenders allowed 225 yards, including 15 rushing, plus came up with five sacks and three turnovers.

"That was good team victory," said Albany coach **Bob Ford**, whose team rushed for more than 300 yards for the third time season. "The two quarterbacks did some positive things, and Jason Miller was excellent as both a receiver and punt returner. The defense was again solid, especially when you consider we had several key people out with injuries."

Rohann Vidal added a 4-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, while third-string tailback **David Fantell** scored on a 14-yard scamper midway through the fourth stanza. In all, the Great Danes scored more than 60 points for the first time since a 66-12 victory over Plattsburgh on Nov. 8, 1975.

"It was all there today on offense with running the football, the option and the passing game," commented Delgado, who threw for 119 yards and ran for 19 more. "Jason (Miller) brings everyone together, especially the wide receivers, with his leadership. He runs good routes and has great hands."

St. Peter's Harris completed 12 of 26 passes for 171 yards, plus the senior quarterback reached paydirt on an 8-yard draw play. **Steven Taylor**, the eighth-leading receiver in Division I-AA, hauled in seven passes for 98 yards.

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MEN'S SOCCER DEFEATS MAINE, 2-0, IN CONFERENCE MATCH

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman forward **Yan Gbolo** netted the game-winner in the 20th minute to lead Albany past Maine, 2-0, in an America East Conference match at Varsity Field on Saturday afternoon.

Savvas Theofilou headed **Peter Squeglia's** (Mohonasen) corner kick to Gbolo and he placed a shot past a diving goalkeeper in for his team-leading third goal of the season. Junior midfielder **Vadim Ivanyushchenko** capitalized on a penalty kick after **Lucas Machado** was tripped in the box midway through the second half.

Albany (4-4-2, AE 1-0-1) goalkeeper **Bouna Coundoul**, who came into the contest leading Division I in saves per game, turned aside nine shots to earn his third shutout of the season. Sophomore **Chad Mongeon** had three saves for the Black Bears, who are now 4-5-1 overall and 0-2-0 in conference play.

The Great Danes return to action on Wed., Oct. 8 when they travel to America East Conference rival Stony Brook. Match time is 7:00 p.m.

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

Maine- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Chad Mongeon (90:00, 3 saves, 2 GA).

Albany- Yan Gbolo 1-0, Vadim Ivanyushchenko 1-0, Peter Squeglia 0-1, Savvas Theofilou 0-1; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 9 saves, 0 GA).

DAVIDSON SHUTOUTS FIELD HOCKEY IN NON-LEAGUE GAME, 2-0

Davidson, N.C. – Senior midfielder **Christina Auer** scored one goal and assisted on the second to lead Davidson in a shutout victory over Albany

on Saturday afternoon at Turf Complex. The Great Danes drop to 3-8 overall, while the Wildcats improve to 7-4 on the season.

Davidson held a 1-0 advantage at halftime as Auer scored her second goal of the season off a **Tiffany Homan** pass at the 20:22 mark. Auer then assisted on junior midfielder **Liz Schoening's** team-leading sixth goal with 26:24 remaining in the second period.

Freshman goalkeeper **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) made eight saves for the Great Danes, and defenders **Amber Wade** and **Kristi Clausi** each had two defensive saves. Junior goalie **Sarah Nolan** collected 15 saves for the Wildcats, who were outshot, 19-16, in the contest.

Albany wraps up its three-game road trip on Sunday, Oct. 5 against Radford. The Great Danes will face the Highlanders at 12 p.m. in Davidson, N.C.

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Turf Complex (Davidson, N.C.)

Albany (3-8)	0	0	-	0
Davidson (7-4)	1	1	-	2

Albany – Scoring: none; Goalkeeper: Marisa Maze (70:00, 8 saves, 2 GA).

Davidson – Scoring: Christina Auer 1-1, Liz Schoening 1-0, Tiffany Homan 0-1; Goalkeeper: Sarah Nolan (70:00, 15 saves, 0 GA).

CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS IN TOP-20 AT LEHIGH'S PAUL SHORT INVITATIONAL

Bethlehem, Pa. – Junior **Andy Allstadt** placed 27th and junior **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) took 63rd in their respective races to lead Albany's men's and women's cross country teams at the 30th annual Paul Short Invitational on Saturday at Lehigh University's Goodman Campus. The men were 13th among 33 teams, while the women ended up in 16th in the 32-team field.

Allstadt completed the 8,000-meter course in 25:10.06 to lead the Great Danes. Senior **Joe Pienta** placed 67th at 25:39.58, while sophomore **Robbie Freeman** finished seven seconds behind in 73rd. Seniors **Rob Caracciolo** and **Joe Pienta** rounded out Albany's scorers with times of 26:15.24 and 26:15.76, respectively.

Susser finished the 6,000-meter course in 22:30.36 to highlight the women's performance. Senior **Meghan Howell** placed 80th with a time of 22:44.28, while freshman **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) rounded out the top-100 in 23:04.85. **Theresa Juva** and **Jessica Oehlke** completed Albany's scorers in 23:07.16 and 23:18.17, respectively.

The Great Danes will host the 37th annual Albany Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 18. The men's 8,000-meter race begins at 12 noon, while the women's 5,000-meter race follows at 1:00 p.m.

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30th ANNUAL PAUL SHORT INVITATIONAL (Bethlehem, Pa.)

Men's Team Results (33): 1. Georgetown 31, 2. Princeton 81, 3. James Madison 123, 4. Pennsylvania 148, 5. Columbia 162, 6. Army 180, 7. Wayne State 181, 8. Michigan State 189, 9. Villanova 316, 10. Lehigh 326, 11. Haverford, 380, 12. Cornell 383, **13. Albany 394**, 14. Maryland 396, 15. TCNJ 440, 16. UMBC 442, 17. Penn St. 463, 18. Buffalo 506, 19. Pittsburgh 550, 20. Millersville 553, 21. Monmouth 583, 22. Lafayette 595, 23. Ithaca 603, 24. Davidson 663, 25. CNU 705, 26. St. Joe's 800, 27. ESU 841, 28. Kutztown 846, 29. Muhlenberg 856, 30. Binghamton 880, 31. Rider 922, 32. Winthrop 934, 33. Cortland 941.

Men's Individual: 1. Steve Sundell, Columbia, 24:08.44

Albany's Top Finishers: 27. Andy Allstadt 25:10.06, 67. Joe Pienta 25:39.58, 73. Robbie Freeman 25:46.18, 113. Rob Caracciolo 26:15.24, 114. Chris Pierson 26:15.76.

Women's Team Results (32): 1. Georgetown 28, 2. West Virginia 59, 3. Tennessee 80, 4. James Madison 193, 5. Villanova 230, 6. Pennsylvania 235, 7. Cornell 241, 8. Penn State 288, 9. Maryland 290, 10. Navy 314, 11. Pittsburgh 336, 12. Army 357, 13. Wayne State 393, 14. Binghamton 414, 15. UMBC 417, **16. Albany 465**, 17. College of New Jersey 466 and Ithaca 466, 19. Buffalo 494, 20. Lehigh 528, 21. Monmouth 554, 22. Colgate 607, 23. Kutztown 649, 24. Lafayette 641, 25. Winthrop 644, 26. East Stroudsburg 659, 27. Christopher Newport 671, 28. Muhlenberg 813, 29. Millersville 819, 30. Cortland 828, 31. St. Joseph's 963, 32. Rider 986.

Women's Individual: 1. Megan Metcalfe, West Virginia, 20:38.12

Albany's Top Finishers: 63. Nicole Susser 22:30.36, 80. Meghan Howell 22:44.28, 100. Alyssa Lotmore 23:04.85, 106. Theresa Juva 23:07.16, 116. Jessica Oehlke 23:18.17.

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VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS SECOND BIG EAST OPPONENT IN AS MANY WEEKS

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Ashley DeNeal** had 11 kills and 14 digs for her 12th double-double of the season to lead Albany to a 3-0 win over Providence on Friday evening at University Gym during day one of the Albany Tournament. In the first match of the tournament Iona swept Sacred Heart in three games.

Albany (13-4) defeated its second Big East Conference school in as many weeks winning by scores of 30-18, 30-21 and 30-16. Junior setter **Jill Dombrowski**, who had 25 assists and five service aces, paired with freshman setter **Blair Buchanan** to help the Great Danes record a hitting percentage of .303, their third highest output of the season.

Providence (2-17) was led by **Katie Fleming's** eight kills, while **Ayana Cadres** chipped in with seven kills.

The Great Danes resume play tomorrow at 11 a.m. against Sacred Heart at University Gym and then wrap up the event with a 6:00 p.m. showdown with Iona.

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Albany Tournament (University Gymnasium)

Iona (9-8) defeated Sacred Heart (1-18), 30-17, 30-13, 30-14

Albany (13-4) defeated Providence (2-17), 30-18, 30-21, 30-16

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ALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER LOSES 2-OT MATCH TO STONY BROOK, 1-0

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Sophomore midfielder **Joy Gueverra** scored the game-winner with two minutes remaining in the second overtime to give Stony Brook a 1-0 win over UAlbany in the teams' America East Conference opener Thursday night at LaValle Stadium.

Victoria Feliciano's free kick was sent to the far post, then headed back across the goal by **Danielle Lewis** and put in by Gueverra for her fifth goal of the season.

Stony Brook (5-4-1, AE 1-0-0) goalkeeper **Cindy Bennett** turned aside one shot, while **Erika Van Zandt** (Tamarac) collected 11 saves for the Great Danes.

Albany (1-9-1, AE 0-1-0) returns to action when they travel to America East-foe Vermont this Sun., Oct. 5. Match time is set for 1:00 p.m.

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Albany (1-9-1, AE 0-1-0)	0	0	0	0	-	0
Stony Brook (5-4-1, AE 1-0-0)	0	0	0	1	-	1

Albany- No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Erika Van Zandt (108:00, 11 saves, 1 GA).

Stony Brook- Joy Gueverra 1-0, Danielle Lewis 0-1, Victoria Feliciano 0-1;
 Goalkeeper: Cindy Bennett (108:00, 1 save, 0 GA).

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ALBANY TIES UMBC, 2-2, IN AMERICA EAST OPENER

Baltimore, Md. – Junior midfielder **Savvas Theofilou** collected a goal and an assist as UAlbany played UMBC to a 2-2 double-overtime tie in the Great Danes America East Conference opener on Wednesday afternoon at UMBC Stadium.

Junior midfielder **Ousmane Toure** tied the game at 76:09 when his shot deflected off a Retriever defender and the right post before crossing the goal line.

Junior forward **Derek McElligott** took a **Danny Mongello** cross and sent it in from eight yards out to put the Retrievers on the board at the 20:06 mark. Theofilou netted his second goal of the season in the 32nd minute on a direct kick, which went off the goalkeeper's hands, to even the score at one.

McElligott scored his ninth goal of the season, and his 33rd career tally, in the 58th minute when UMBC (4-1-4, AE 0-0-2) defender **Marcus Gross** deflected **Mike Joseph's** corner kick away from Albany goalkeeper **Bouna Coundoul** and kicked a floater just under the crossbar.

Coundoul stopped 11 shots for the Great Danes, while **Andy Marchica** turned aside five for the Retrievers. This is the fourth tie for UMBC this season, which ties a school record that was set in 1986.

Albany (3-4-2, AE 0-0-1) will open their America East Conference home schedule when they host Maine this Sat., Oct. 4. Match time is set for 4:00 p.m.

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Albany (3-4-2, AE 0-0-1)	1	1	0	0	-	2
UMBC (4-1-4, AE 0-0-2)	1	1	0	0	-	2

Albany- Savvas Theofilou 1-1, Ousmane Toure 1-0; Goalkeeper: Bouna Coundoul (120:00, 11 saves, 2 GA).

UMBC- Derek McElligott 2-0, Danny Mongello 0-1, David Feazell 0-1, Marcus Gross 0-1, Michael Joseph 0-1; Goalkeeper: Andy Marchica (120:00, 5 saves, 2 GA).

ALBANY DROPS AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE OPENER TO BOSTON U., 9-1

Cambridge, Mass. – Senior forward **Celeste Hubbard** scored three goals and had an assist to lead Boston University to a 9-1 America East Conference victory over Albany on Wednesday at Jack Barry Field in Cambridge, Mass. The Great Danes drop to 3-7 on the season and 0-1 in conference play, while the Terriers improve to 6-3 overall and even their conference record at 1-1.

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Hubbard led three players in multiple goals, with forwards **Lindsey Domers** and **Jennifer Joyce** each scoring twice. Hubbard started Boston's offensive attack with back-to-back goals in the first period with 21:42 and 15:43, respectively, remaining. Sophomore forward **Caitlyn Cassara** tallied her first goal of the season and Domers scored on a breakaway up the middle to give Boston U. a 4-0 lead.

Junior midfielder **Amber Greiner** scored Albany's lone goal off a penalty corner with 4:26 left before intermission for her second tally of the year. **Tina Bryson** and **Rhonda Corcoran** assisted on the goal to make it 4-1.

Freshmen goalkeepers **Marisa Maze** (Glens Falls) and **Barbara Czaplinski** collected 11 and 12 saves, respectively, for the Great Danes. Freshman goalie **Erin Prediger** made three saves before being replaced by junior **Jodie Gardner**, who had one stop.

Albany returns to action on Saturday, Oct. 1 in a non-conference road game against Davidson. The Great Danes will face the Wildcats at 11 a.m.

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Jack Barry Field (Cambridge, Mass.)

Albany (3-7, AE 0-1)	1	0	-	1
Boston U. (6-3, AE 1-1)	4	5	-	9

Albany – Scoring: Amber Greiner 1-0, Tina Bryson 0-1, Rhonda Corcoran 0-1; Goalkeepers: Marisa Maze (43:42, 11 saves, 5 GA), Barbara Czaplinski (26:18, 12 saves, 4 GA).

Boston U. – Scoring: Celeste Hubbard 3-1, Lindsey Domers 2-0, Jennifer Joyce 2-0, Whitney Peabody 1-1, Caitlyn Cassara 1-0, Kara Rossi 0-1; Goalkeepers: Erin Prediger (56:29, 3 saves, 1 GA), Jodie Gardner (13:31, 1 save, 0 GA).