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Comments: **College Sports** (W. Lacrosse, Softball)

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman midfielder **Maria Ferrucci** set a single-game scoring record with six goals and three assists to lead Albany to a 20-4 victory over Siena on Friday at Varsity Field.

Albany (3-2) held a 3-2 lead midway through the first half, before Ferrucci scored three consecutive times. **Jess Spadafora**, who had four goals, converted a spinning shot from in front of the cage to give her club an 8-2 advantage with 6:18 left in the period.

The Great Danes, who led 9-3 at halftime, opened the final stanza with seven unanswered goals. Ferrucci, whose nine points was one more than the previous school mark held by Debbie August (1996) and **Dawn DiMicco** (1998), scored twice and assisted on two other goals in that stretch.

DiMicco, a junior midfielder, tied another Albany single-game standard with six assists, while freshman goalkeeper **Michelle Romanofski** (Guilderland H.S.) had seven saves in her first start. **Cynthia Gutierrez** had two goals and two assists for Siena (0-4).

Siena (0-4)	3	1	-	4
Albany (3-2)	9	11	-	20

Siena – Scoring: Cynthia Gutierrez 2-2, Sarah Estes 1-1, Diana Bernstein 1-0;
Goalkeeper: Katie Clough (60:00, 20 saves, 20 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 6-3, Jess Spadafora 4-0, Laura Walls 2-1, Andrea Esposito 2-0, Amanda Heller 2-0, Theresa Masse 1-0, Colleen Maresca 1-0, Megan Kelly 1-0, Alexis Esposito 1-0, Dawn DiMicco 0-6; Goalkeeper: Michelle Romanofski (60:00, 7 saves, 4 GA).

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2

(baseball – continued)

The Great Danes jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the nightcap, as Checksfield hit his sixth homer of the season, a two-run blast in the third inning. First baseman **Jeff Rossiter**, who had an RBI double, **Mike Kuebler**, and **Rob Ryan** (Shenendehowa H.S.) each had two hits. **Mark Zacharczyk** improved his record to 3-1, allowing four runs on seven hits.

Stony Brook (13-5) had won five of its previous six starts, and was led by catcher **Craig Ansman**, who finished 4-for-7 with two home runs on the day.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	911	020	0	-	13	10	0
Stony Brook	040	100	2	-	7	11	5

Scott Tower and Rob Ryan

Michael Kinney, Nick Poltrack (1), Chris Balliro (5) and Craig Ansman.

(Game 2)

Albany (6-8-1)	032	110	0	-	7	11	1
Stony Brook (13-5)	010	012	0	-	4	7	2

Mark Zacharczyk and Rob Ryan

Kevin Willi, Eric Lomot (4) and Craig Ansman.

(Women's Tennis)

West Point, N.Y. – **Brooke Rubin** won at first single and first doubles to lead Providence to an 8-1 victory over Albany on Saturday at Army's Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Rubin defeated Samantha Kramer in straight sets at No. 1 singles, and teamed with Alison Carton for a pro-set triumph in doubles play. Albany's **Jennifer Hahn** (Bethlehem Central H.S.) and **Emily Gonzales** posted an 8-6 pro-set win at third doubles. Providence is 15-2, while Albany stands at 10-8.

-agate-

Providence 8, Albany 1

Singles: Brooke Rubin (P) def. Samantha Kramer (A), 6-2, 6-0; Alison Carton (P) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 6-3, 6-2; Jessie LeMasters (P) def. Erinn Langford (A), 6-0, 6-1; Gina Vlasek (P) def. Jennifer Hahn (A), 6-1, 6-0; Lindsey Gillooly (P) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-1, 6-2; Courtney Malloy (P) def. Emily Gonzales (A), 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles: Rubin-Carton (P) def. Kramer-Petijevic (A), 8-3; Kate Lafayette-Gillooly (P), 8-6; Hahn-Gonzalez (A) def. Alison Gill-Maloy (P), 8-6.

Records: Albany 10-8, Providence 15-2.

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(Track & Field)

Raleigh, N.C. – University at Albany's **Luis Soto** finished 10th in the men's long jump at the Adidas Raleigh Relays on Friday at North Carolina State's Paul H. Derr Track. More than 2,000 athletes representing 100 teams are competing in this two-day meet.

Soto went 23-feet, 4-inches in his first outdoor competition of the year. Jamorya Funderburk, of UNA-Sports Capital, won the event with a leap of 25-04, while UNC-Charlotte's Rephel Martin was second in 25-02.50.

Ronald Edmundson, who is entered in Saturday's triple jump, placed sixth in his 100-meter dash heat with a time of 11.37 seconds.

Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Women's Softball)

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore **Sarah Maida** fired a one-hitter in the opener and shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls H.S.) drove in the winning run in both games to lead Albany to a doubleheader sweep over Stony Brook on Friday at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the first game, 2-1, and the nightcap, 3-2.

Maida allowed just a third-inning single by **Lauren Ruane** and an unearned run in the fourth, as she improved to 6-3 this season. Terry broke a 1-1 deadlock in the fifth with an infield single that brought home lead-off hitter **Kara Faraone**.

In the second game, Albany (13-4) trailed 2-0, but rallied with a three-run frame. Terry, who is hitting .312 this season, lined a two-run double into the left-field gap to put her team ahead. Senior pitcher **Jessica Hansen**, who upped her record to 6-1, scattered six hits to post her 40th career victory.

Second base **Corrine Vish** had three hits in the twinbill for Stony Brook, who fell to 1-13 overall.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Stony Brook	000	010	0	-	1	1	2
Albany	100	010	x	-	2	5	4

Stephanie Poetzsch and Christie McMurray.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Stony Brook	100	010	0	-	2	6	0
Albany	000	030	x	-	3	4	1

Cassie Rupp and Kate Deck.

Jessica Hansen and Stacy Kowal.

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(Softball)

Stony Brook, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Jessica Hansen** has been selected as the Division I Independent Pitcher of the Week in women's softball (March 20-26). Hansen, a senior from Westtown, N.Y., allowed only six hits and struck out six batters in a 3-2 win over Bucknell on March 26.

She has a 5-1 record this season with a 1.50 earned run average and 36 strikeouts. The Bucknell win also marked Hansen's 39th career victory. Albany is off to an 11-4 start in its first season as a NCAA Division I member and is home against Stony Brook on Friday at 2:30.

(Baseball)

Syracuse, N.Y. – Albany's contest at Le Moyne was postponed due to poor field conditions. The game has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 10.

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SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany football program begins spring practice on Sunday, April 2. The first workout is slated for 9:00 a.m. The 15-session schedule continues through Saturday, May 6, when the Great Danes hold an intrasquad scrimmage at University Field.

Head coach **Bob Ford** has 35 letterwinners returning, including five starters on offense and four on defense, from a team which posted a 7-2 record in its inaugural NCAA Division I-AA campaign, and finished second in the Northeast Conference. Albany was 17th nationally in scoring offense at 37.0 points per game.

“We have three primary objectives this spring,” said Ford, who has a 165-102 record in 27 seasons with the Albany program. “We need to find a quarterback, identify who will be in the rotation on both the offensive and defensive lines, and take a look at the younger players in the secondary.”

Eric Williams and Michael Oliva combined for 1,995 passing yards and 22 touchdown throws in a two-quarterback system last year, but both players were seniors. **Ryan Roeder**, **Marcus Rotondi** (Shenendehowa H.S.) and **Ryan Diamond** will get an opportunity to show their skills during the spring.

All-NEC split end **Chris Phillis** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) led the Great Danes with 33 receptions for 635 yards and six touchdowns, and was also the team’s top punt returner. **Ben Kelcey**, who rushed for 278 yards and two TDs, and caught 10 passes for 124 yards and two scores, was a nine-game starter at fullback. Left tackle **J.T. Herfurth**, an all-conference choice, anchors the UA offensive line.

Albany loses seven starters on defense, including **Mike Grever**, the Football Gazette Linebacker of the Year and NEC Defensive Player of the Year. Fortunately, the Great Danes can still build around two All-NEC defensive backs in free safety **Samson Brown** and cornerback **Jelani Dandles** (Bishop Maginn H.S.). Brown made 62 tackles as a red-shirt freshman, while Dandles had 32 tackles and two interceptions. **Davon Jones** (Albany H.S.), who had 20 tackles last year, is expected to start at defensive end.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. – **Meghan McCarthy** scored the go-ahead goal with one minute and 28 seconds remaining, as Marist rallied in the second half for a 12-10 victory over Albany on Wednesday at Albany Field.

Trailing 10-8 with less than eight minutes left, Marist (1-4) drew even on a pair of goals off free-position shots by **Molly Hanley** and **Pamela Brown**. McCarthy later scored the game-winner on a pass from behind the cage by **Meghan Prendergast**. McCarthy added her third goal of the afternoon with 43 seconds to play for insurance.

Albany (2-2) built an 8-2 lead with 7:26 remaining in the first half, as freshman **Maria Ferrucci** scored twice in that stretch. However, Brown, who led all scorers with four goals and two assists, directed the Red Foxes' comeback. Brown's unassisted goal brought her team within, 9-8, with 10:12 left in the contest.

Marist goalkeeper **Christy Uellendahl** had 13 saves, while Hanley, a freshman midfielder, contributed two goals and one assist. Albany's **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) had one goal and two assists.

-agate-

Marist (1-4)	4	8	-	12
Albany (2-2)	9	1	-	10

Marist – Scoring: Pamela Brown 4-2, Meghan McCarthy 3-0, Molly Hanley 2-1, Jamine Aponte 1-0, Jennifer McKeefrey 1-0, Alison Occhione 1-0, Meghan Prendergast 0-1; Goalkeeper: Christy Uellendahl (60:00, 13 saves, 10 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 2-0, Jess Spadafora 1-2, Andrea Esposito 1-2, Dawn DiMicco 1-1, Theresa Masse 1-0, Megan Kelly 1-0, Laura Walls 1-0, Amanda Heller 1-0, Alexis Esposito 1-0; Goalkeepers: Kim Martini (41:04, 7 saves, 5 GA), Michelle Romanofski (18:56, 5 saves, 7 GA).

(Baseball)

Syracuse, N.Y. – Albany's contest at Le Moyne was postponed due to rain. The game has been rescheduled for Thursday (March 30) at 3:00 p.m.

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(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore second base **Audrey White** doubled and scored in the sixth inning of the nightcap, as Albany split a doubleheader with Bucknell on Sunday in the Great Danes' home opener at Albany Field. Albany won the second game, 3-2, but lost the opener, 5-3 in 10 innings.

In the second contest, Bucknell (7-8) reversed a 2-0 deficit in the sixth with a RBI double by **Kristina Tan** and **Kelly Dugan's** run-scoring single. White led off the bottom of the inning with a double to left field, and came across with the winning run on **Stacy Kowal's** groundout. Albany's **Jessica Hansen** improved to 5-1 on the mound by allowing six hits and recording six strikeouts.

In the first game, Albany (11-4) drew even at three apiece in the fifth on a RBI single by **Kara Faraone**, who went 4-for-8 at the plate with two runs on the day. The Bison broke the deadlock in extra innings with a two-run tenth. **Charity Ford** and **Stephanie Morgan** each delivered RBI singles.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Bucknell	000	120	000	2	-	5	11	4
Albany	000	210	000	0	-	3	7	3

Lauren Potente and Kristina Tan.

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Bucknell (7-8)	000	002	0	-	2	6	1
Albany (11-4)	002	001	x	-	3	5	0

Brandi Porter and Kathleen Zeevalk.

Jessica Hansen and Stacy Kowal.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. – **Samantha Kramer** won in straight set at first singles to lead Albany to a 9-0 victory over Canisius on Sunday at University Courts. The Great Danes improved to 10-7 overall.

Kramer breezed through Kim Tasca, 6-0 and 6-0, in singles, and then partnered with Violeta Petijevic for an 8-2 pro-set triumph at first doubles. **Erinn Langford** (Bishop Maginn) and **Jennifer Hahn** (Bethlehem Central) also posted victories at third and fourth singles, respectively.

-agate-

Albany 9, Canisius 0

Singles: Samantha Kramer (A) def. Kim Tasca (C), 6-0, 6-0; Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Audrey Nguyen (C), 6-1, 6-4; Erinn Langford (A) def. Anne Nguyen (C), 6-1, 6-2; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Kristen Harris (C), 6-3, 6-2; Marissa Tuchband (A) def. Beth Kocianski (C), 6-1, 6-1; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) won by forfeit.

Doubles: Kramer-Petijevic (A) def. Tasca-Ad. Nguyen (C), 8-2; Langford-Strolovitz (A) def. An. Nguyen-Harris (C), 8-2; Hahn-Gonzales (A) won by forfeit.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. – **Steve Checksfield** had four hits, drove in four runs and scored three times to lead Albany to a doubleheader sweep over C.W. Post on Saturday at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the Division I twinbill, 10-2 and 4-1.

In the opener, Albany (4-8-1) reversed a 1-0 deficit with a six-run third inning. Checksfield cleared the bases with a triple to centerfield, before **Mike Kuebler** hit a two-run homer down the left-field line. Left-hander **Adam Harriman** scattered eight hits on the mound to pick up his first victory this season.

The Great Danes posted their third straight win with a four-run fifth innning in the nightcap. Checksfield, who raised his batting average to .377, broke a 1-1 tie with an RBI single, and later scored on a throwing error by catcher **Storm Kirschenbaum**.

Senior hurler **Jason Trufant** allowed five hits and struck out five en route to his 14th career victory. **Tony Sudano** had three hits in the first game for C.W. Post (2-12).

-agate-

(Game 1)

C.W. Post	001	010	0	-	2	8	0
Albany	006	022	x	-	10	10	2

Tim Kienath, David Rivera (2), Chris Cooper (5), Kelvin Pamias (6) and Storm Kirschenbaum.

Adam Harriman and Rob Ryan.

(Game 2)

C.W. Post (2-12)	010	000	0	-	1	5	3
Albany (4-8-1)	000	040	x	-	4	10	0

David Alt and Storm Kirschenbaum.

Jason Trufant and Rob Ryan.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Men's Lacrosse)

Hamilton, N.Y. – **Parker Gibson** scored four goals and **Matthew Cihon** added three goals and one assist to lead Colgate to a 16-4 victory over Albany on Saturday at Tyler's Field.

Gibson scored twice in the first quarter, as Colgate (1-5) leaped to a 6-0 lead at the start. Cihon, a junior midfielder, tallied his first goal of the afternoon midway through the second period in leading the Red Raiders to a 8-1 halftime advantage.

Colgate's **Danny Grady** added one goal and three assists. **Mike Shelli** and **Mike Arnone** combined on 28 saves for the Great Danes, who fell to 0-3 this season.

-agate-

Albany (0-3)	0	1	2	1	-	4
Colgate (1-5)	6	2	6	2	-	16

Albany – Scoring: Jim Lindsay 1-0, Jeremy Smith 1-0, Sal Massa 1-0, Jon Smith 1-0, Adam Gelman 0-1, Dan Small 0-1, Sean McConaghy 0-1, Andrew Poplinger 0-1. Goalkeepers: Mike Shelli (29:00, 18 saves, 7 GA); Mike Arnone (31:00, 10 saves, 9 GA).

Colgate – Scoring: Parker Gibson 4-0, Matthew Cihon 3-1, Trevor O'Reilly 2-0, Danny Grady 1-3, Jordan Angell 1-0, Obie Bate 1-0, Ian Franke 1-0, John Frekko 1-0, Steve Grzelka 1-0, Brendan Sandel 1-0. Goalkeepers: Paul Abrahamzadeh (36:00, 8 saves, 2GA), Chris Hettler (24:00, 5 saves, 2GA).

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman midfielder **Maria Ferrucci** tied a season-high with four goals and **Jess Spadafora** added three goals and three assists to lead Albany past Central Connecticut State, 17-8, on Saturday at Varsity Field.

Albany (2-1) jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the opening 10 minutes, as Ferrucci and Spadafora each scored twice. Junior midfielder **Dawn DiMicco**, who had one goal and three assists, did all of her scoring in that outburst. Ferrucci later found the net on a rebound off the goalkeeper's initial save with four seconds remaining in the period for a 10-1 halftime advantage.

Sarah Creek led Central Connecticut State (0-3) with three goals, while **Sue Barraza** scored twice. Goalkeeper **Marcy Quackenbush** recorded a season-best 19 saves.

Freshman attack **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) handed out three assists for the Great Danes, who had eleven players in the scoring column.

-agate-

Central Connecticut State (0-3)	1	7	-	8
Albany (2-1)	10	7	-	17

Central Conn. State – Scoring: Sarah Creek 3-0, Sue Barraza 2-0, Patricia Manley 1-0, Jodi Czajkowski 1-0, Samantha Valder 1-0. Goalkeeper: Marcy Quackenbush (60:00, 19 saves, 17GA).

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

Albany – Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 4-0, Jess Spadafora 3-3, Laura Walls 2-1, Amanda Heller 2-0, Dawn DiMicco 1-3, Alexis Esposito 1-0, Erin Pemrick 1-0, Megan Kelly 1-0, Colleen Maresca 1-0, Kristin McCarthy 1-0, Andrea Esposito 0-3.
Goalkeepers: Kim Martini (30:00, 3 saves, 1GA), Michelle Romanofski (30:00, 5 saves, 7GA).

(Women's Tennis)

Albany, N.Y. – **Erinn Langford** (Bishop Maginn H.S.) posted victories at third singles and second doubles to lead Albany to a 9-0 victory over Marist on Saturday at University Courts.

Langford defeated Kristy Salloum, 6-3 and 6-3, in singles play, and teamed with Ilissa Strolovitz for an 8-6 pro-set win in doubles. Albany improved to 9-7 overall.
-agate-

Albany 9, Marist 0

Singles: Samantha Kramer (A) def. Kara Bliss (M), 6-1, 6-1; Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Nicole Johns (M), 6-0, 6-1; Erinn Langford (A) def. Kristy Salloum (M), 6-3, 6-3; Jennifer Hahn (A) def. Claudine Habib (M), 6-1, 6-1; Ilissa Strolovitz (A) def. Laura Roy (M), 6-0, 6-1; Emily Gonzales (A) def. Allison Kaiser (M), 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: Kramer-Petijevic (A) def. Bliss-Salloum (M), 8-1; Langford-Strolovitz (A) def. Johns-Habib (M), 8-6; Hahn-Gonzales (A) def. Roy-Kaiser (M), 8-1.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Rob Ryan** (Shenendehowa H.S.) blasted a three-run home run, capping off a six-run sixth inning as Albany defeated Canisius 9-1 Friday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (2-8-1) trailed 1-0 midway through the game, but responded in the sixth with six runs on four hits. **Mike Steinberg** led off the inning with a solo home run, the first of his career. After a **Jim Lovett** (Colonie H.S.) triple, **Steve Checksfield** belted a two-run double to give Albany a 3-1 lead. Ryan then stepped to the plate three batters later and hit his homer to right center field.

Canisius (2-9) had a chance to get back into the game, but stranded the bases loaded in the seventh inning.

Eddie Scott and **Michael Tecklenberg** each added home runs for the Great Danes. Tecklenberg, who hit his first career home run in only his seventh career at bat, connected on a two-run shot in the eighth. Albany starter **Mark Zacharczyk** pitched a complete game, allowing one run on eight hits with seven strikeouts.

-agate-

Canisius (2-9)	000	010	000	--	1	8	1
Albany (2-8-1)	000	006	12x	--	9	9	1

Brian Degnan, Eric Posa (8) and Jason Lupiensi
Mark Zacharczyk and Rob Ryan.

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Albany 3, Rhode Island 3

Kingston, R.I. – **Jim Lovett's** RBI single in the top of the eighth inning tied the game at three as Albany and Rhode Island played to a ten-inning tie that was called due to darkness Thursday at Bill Beck Field.

The game was called due to darkness with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning. Rhode Island had two runners on base and trailed 4-3. However, because the game was called, it reverts back to the score after the ninth inning.

Albany jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning as **Mike Steinberg** and **Eddie Scott** hit RBI singles. The Rams took their first lead of the game in the sixth on **Mike LaBarbera's** RBI sacrifice fly.

Scott Tower only allowed two earned runs in eight innings on the mound for Albany. **Mike Grasso**, a transfer from Rhode Island, recorded two singles.

-agate-

Albany (1-8-1)	020	000	010	0	--	3	8	1
Rhode Island (10-8-1)	010	011	000		--	3	9	2

Scott Tower, Craig Straus (9) and Rob Ryan

Joe August, Rudy Bulgar (8) and Mike Schiappa.

CENTER FIELDER MICHAEL OLIVA OUT FOR THE SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – Senior center fielder **Michael Oliva** will miss the remainder of the season with a facial injury as head baseball coach Jon Mueller announced today. Oliva was struck by a fastball in last Sunday's nightcap of a doubleheader at New York Tech. He suffered fractures to the orbital area and cheekbone.

Oliva, a .351 career hitter, was a starter in all nine games this spring, and had a .353 batting average with nine runs, nine RBI, three stolen bases and four doubles. In addition, he shared the starting quarterback duties in leading Albany to a 7-2 record in its inaugural Division I-AA football campaign last fall.

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(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. – **Laura Walls** and **Jess Spadafora** each scored in overtime, as Albany rallied for a 17-15 victory over Holy Cross in the Great Danes' home opener on Tuesday afternoon at Albany Field.

Holy Cross (1-4) broke a 12-12 deadlock with three consecutive goals. **Carrie Phelan** scored back-to-back goals to break the tie, before **Ginny Halloran** gave her club a 15-12 lead with 7:44 remaining.

Albany (1-1) scored twice in the final two minutes to force an extra period. **Amanda Heller** found the net on a free-position shot, and then Spadafora tallied from the right side on a crossing pass from **Dawn DiMicco** with 50 seconds to play.

Walls, who had four goals put the Great Danes ahead with one minute and 15 seconds elapsed into overtime off a free-position play. Spadafora scored her fourth goal of the day for insurance.

The Crusaders' **Jen Amendola** led all scorers with six goals, while **Beth Woelfel** added three goals and one assist. Albany goalkeeper **Kim Martini** made 20 saves, including five in the overtime session, and midfielder **Maria Ferrucci** had a career-high four goals.

-agate-

Holy Cross (1-4)	7	8	0	-	15
Albany (1-1)	8	7	2	-	17

Holy Cross – Scoring: Jen Amendola 6-0, Beth Woelfel 3-1, Ginny Halloran 2-0, Carrie Phelan 2-0, Carrie Doyle 1-0, Ursula Pawlowski 1-0, Erin Rowse 0-6, Susan MacWilliams 0-1. Goalkeepers: Erin Hartigan (38:31, 9 saves, 11 GA), Kellaigh Malangone (27:29, 6 saves, 6 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Jess Spadafora 4-1, Maria Ferrucci 4-0, Laura Walls 4-0, Dawn DiMicco 2-3, Theresa Masse 2-0, Amanda Heller 1-0, Andrea Esposito 0-2. Goalkeeper: Kim Martini (66:00, 20 saves, 15 GA).

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Comments: College Sports

(Baseball)

Old Westbury, N.Y. – Sophomore infielder **Tom Merkle** totaled five hits, four runs and five RBI to lead New York Tech to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over visiting Albany on Sunday afternoon at Presidents Field. The Bears won the Division I twinbill, 6-3 and 14-7.

New York Tech (2-3) snapped a 2-2 tie in the second game with a six-run third inning. **Bryan Goelz** lined a RBI triple in the frame. Merkle singled, doubled and drove in two runs, while **Mike Rick** slugged a home run and scored three times to pace the Bears' 17-hit attack. Albany's **Chris Robilotti** (Colonie Central H.S.) had three singles, while catcher **Rob Ryan** (Shenendehowa) belted a two-run homer.

In the first game, New York Tech took a 4-0 lead in the first inning, as Merkle had a RBI double and Rick added a two-run single. **Steve Checksfield** homered in each game, including his fourth of the year, for Albany (1-8).

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(Game 1)

Albany	002	100	0	-	3	4	1
New York Tech	400	200	x	-	6	11	2

Jason Trufant and Rob Ryan.

Rich Roth, Brandon Kurz (6) and Steve Zydowsky.

(Game 2)

Albany (1-8)	110	110	3	-	7	12	1
New York Tech (2-3)	116	501	x	-	14	17	3

Adam Harriman, Adam Castoldi (3), David Schrepper (4) and Rob Ryan.

Ben Peterson, Rob Bosworth (7) and Vincent Galea.

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Comments: College Sports (Track, M. Lacrosse, Baseball)

(Track & Field)

Columbia, S.C. – University at Albany’s **Ronald Edmundson** and **Luis Soto** won the men’s long jump and triple jump, respectively, at South Carolina’s Weems Baskin Sprint Classic on Saturday.

Edmundson, competing in his first outdoor meet this season, went 47-feet, 5.75-inches to edge Corey Simpson for the triple jump title. Simpson was second with a leap of 47-3.75. Soto posted a mark of 23-6 en route to a first-place finish in the long jump.

Albany assistant track coach **Geoffrey York**, a Troy High School graduate, won the 110-meter high hurdles in 13.88 seconds.

(M. Lacrosse)

Springfield, Mass. – Senior midfielder **Tracey Kelusky** had three goals and one assist to lead unbeaten Hartford to a 14-11 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Springfield College’s Benedum Field. The Hawks improved to 3-0 this season, while Albany is 0-2.

Kelusky, who did all of his scoring in opening two quarters, staked the Hawks to an 11-7 halftime advantage. **Brian LaMastro**, who had two goals and two assists, and **Damian Cliffe** each scored twice in the first half.

Sean McConaghy (Columbia H.S.) tied a career-high with four goals and added two assists for the Great Danes. McConaghy, a senior midfielder, has 57 career goals. **Sal Massa** scored three times to go with one assist, while goalkeepers **Mike Shelli** (Shenendehowa H.S.) and **Mike Arnone** combined to stop 19 shots.

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Hartford 14, Albany 11

Albany (0-2)	3	4	0	4	-	11
Hartford (3-0)	6	5	1	2	-	14

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Albany – Sean McConaghy 4-2, Sal Massa 3-1, Dan Small 2-1, Bobby Gabriel 1-0, Jon Smith 1-0, Matt Duball 0-3, Sean Donnellan 0-1, Andrew Poplinger 0-1; Saves: Mike Shelli 10, Mike Arnone 9.

Hartford – Tracey Kelusky 3-1, Brian LaMastro 2-2, Darius Barber 2-0, Nick Defino 2-0, Damian Cliffe 2-0, Frank Branca 1-2, Rio Roman 1-1, Frank Fenimore 1-0, Keith Larit 0-1; Saves: Rorke Greene 7, Paul Caracci 12.

(Baseball)

Old Westbury, N.Y. – Albany's doubleheader with New York Tech was postponed due to poor field conditions. The two teams will play a twinbill on Sunday at 12 noon.

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Comments: Men's Lacrosse

Troy, N.Y. – **Connor Price** and **Schuyler Minert** each had three goals and one assist to lead Dartmouth past Albany, 15-10, in the Great Danes' season opener on Wednesday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

Dartmouth (2-0) scored seven consecutive goals to break open a tight contest. The Big Green led 6-5 late in the second quarter, but found the net twice in the final 17 seconds of the period. **Scott Roslyn** converted a crossing pass from **Chris O'Hara**, before Minert hit the top corner after gaining a loose ball off the artificial grass surface.

Price and **Georges Dyer** each scored twice, as Dartmouth tallied five times in the opening six minutes of the third quarter. Price's unassisted goal completed the run, and staked his team to a commanding 13-5 advantage.

Albany's **Sean McConaghy** (Columbia H.S.) and **Matt Duball** each scored three goals, while **Dan Small** added two goals and two assists. Goalkeeper **Mike Shelli** (Shenendehowa H.S.) made 16 saves. O'Hara finished with one goal and three assists for the Big Green, who opened their schedule with a 10-7 win over Colgate on March 4. Albany is competing at the NCAA Division I level for the first time.

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Dartmouth (2-0)	2	6	6	1	-	15
Albany (0-1)	3	2	1	4	-	10

Dartmouth – Connor Price 3-1, Schuyler Minert 3-1, Georges Dyer 2-0, Chris O'Hara 1-3, Casey Burlage 1-1, Ryan Beible 1-0, Alex Grishman 1-0, Scott Roslyn 1-0, Jeremy Desor 1-0, Jake Dwyer 1-0, Gregg Edell 0-1; Saves – Mike Gault 7, Patrick McLammer 2, Scott Macarthur 0.

Albany – Matt Duball 3-0, Sean McConaghy 3-0, Dan Small 2-2, Jon Smith 2-0, Andrew Poplinger 0-1, Mike Shannon 0-1, Sal Massa 0-1; Saves – Mike Shelli 16.

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Comments: College Sports (baseball, women's lacrosse)

(Baseball)

Philadelphia, Pa. – Albany's game against Drexel that was scheduled for Saturday, March 11 has been cancelled due to inclement weather.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Towson, Md. – **Kat Brady** scored a career-high six goals and added three assists to lead Towson to a 21-3 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Minnegan Stadium. Albany was participating in its inaugural game at the NCAA Division I level.

Towson (1-2) built an early 3-0 lead, before **Alexis Esposito** (Niskayuna H.S.) put Albany (0-1) on the scoreboard with just over 20 minutes left in the opening half. The Tigers responded with the game's next four goals, and led 12-2 at halftime. Brady scored five of her six goals in the first half.

Portia Gotwalt added four goals and two assists for the Tigers, who used a 7-0 run to close the game. **Courtney Benner** tied a Towson single-game record with six assists, to go along with two goals. Albany's **Dawn DiMicco** and **Maria Ferrucci** each scored one goal, while goalkeepers **Kim Martini** and **Michelle Romanofski** (Guilderland H.S.) made 14 and two saves, respectively, in the loss.

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Albany (0-1)	2	1	-	3
Towson (1-2)	12	9	-	21

Albany – Alexis Esposito 1-0, Dawn DiMicco 1-0, Maria Ferrucci 1-0; Saves: Kim Martini 14, Michelle Romanofski 2.

Towson – Kat Brady 6-3, Portia Gotwalt 4-2, Jennifer Sturm 3-0, Melissa Garner 2-2, Courtney Benner 2-6, Kathryn Bean 2-0, Cheryl Back 1-0, Kristyn Krastel 1-1, Merri Adamicki 0-1; Saves: Jacquie Sica 7.

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Comments: College Sports (baseball, softball)

(Baseball)

Charlotte, N.C. – **Mike Kuebler's** RBI sacrifice fly with two outs scored the go-ahead run, as Albany crossed the plate five times in the final inning and posted a 7-6 victory over UNC-Charlotte Friday at Phillips Field. Albany improved its record to 1-6, while recording its first victory at the NCAA Division I level and avenging a 10-1 loss to Charlotte last season.

Charlotte (12-4) jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the third inning, but Albany starter **Mark Zacharczyk** than held the 49ers hitless for four 2/3 innings to earn the comeback win. Charlotte threatened in the ninth as **Eric Shanks** had a one out triple, but Albany reliever **Jason Trufant** was brought in and retired two batters to earn the save.

Steve Checksfield, who had a two-run double to tie the game, led Albany with three hits. Shanks finished the game with a triple and three doubles for Charlotte, who is ranked in the top 50 among NCAA Division I schools.

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Albany (1-6)	100	000	015	-	7	7	0
UNC-Charlotte (12-4)	411	000	000	-	6	10	2

Mark Zacharczyk, Jason Trufant (9) and Rob Ryan

Brion Treadway, Matt Johnson (8), John Maine (9), John McKay (9) and Alex Derhak.

(Softball)

Fort Myers, Fla. – Sophomore **Sarah Maida** improved her pitching record to 5-2, as Albany split a pair of games in Florida on Friday. The Great Danes lost to St. Joseph's, 8-7, and defeated St. Louis, 2-1, at Lee Sports Complex.

Against St. Joseph's, Albany took a 7-5 advantage on a two-run single by **Stacy Kowal** in the top of the fifth inning. Kowal went 2-for-3 with a home run, three RBI, and

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a run scored. St. Joseph's battled back with three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning behind a RBI single by **Desiree McGhie** and a game winning two-run single by **Kristin Nau**.

In the second game, Maida struck out four and allowed six hits to help Albany improve its record to 10-3. **Kara Faraone**, who was 1-for-3 with a run scored and two stolen bases, gave the Great Danes 1-0 lead in the first inning when she stole home base. **Stephanie Strauss** scored after a wild pitch by St. Louis' **Kristen Rossi** in the bottom of the second to put Albany in front 2-0. Strauss also had a double for the Danes in the victory.

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(Game 1)

Albany (9-3)	014	020	0	-	7	7	3
St. Joseph's, Pa.	212	030	x	-	8	11	3

Jessica Hansen, Sarah Maida (5) and Stacy Kowal
Kristen Doris, Brandie Adams (6) and Desiree McGhie

(Game 2)

St. Louis	001	000	0	-	1	6	0
Albany (10-3)	110	000	x	-	2	5	0

Kristen Rossi and Katie Duffin
Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal

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Comments: College Sports (baseball, softball)

(Baseball)

Greensboro, N.C. – **Kyle Tasco** and **Chris Mittendorf** each had a three-run homer as Greensboro defeated Albany 22-11 Thursday afternoon at UNCG Baseball Stadium.

Greensboro (11-5) jumped out to an 11-1 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning highlighted by Mittendorf's three-run blast. Albany (0-6) fought back scoring eight runs over the next two innings to cut the lead to 12-9. **Steve Checksfield**, who had five RBI, hit a three-run home run in a five-run sixth inning. The Spartans pulled away with an eight-run seventh inning to clinch the win.

Mike Kuebler had two RBI, while **Jim Lovett** and **Mike Grasso** added doubles for Albany.

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Albany (0-6)	010	035	011	-	11	14	5
UNC-Greensboro (11-5)	520	411	81x	-	22	14	0

Scott Tower, Craig Straus (6), Adam Castoldi (7) and Rob Ryan.

Aaron Horne, Chris Cloninger (5), Taft Cable (6), David Thigpen (8), Will Miller (9), and Jesse Martin and Mike Krekorian (7).

(Softball)

Cape Coral, Fla. – Sophomore **Sarah Maida** pitched a four-hitter with seven strikeouts in the second game of a double-header, as Albany posted two come-from-behind victories over Holy Cross Thursday at Cape Coral Sports Complex. Albany captured the first contest, 6-1, and won the second game, 3-2.

In the early game, **Shelley Richard** put the Crusaders in front 1-0 with a RBI single in the second inning, but Albany responded with a six-run seventh inning. **April Kuryluk** (Albany H.S.) had a RBI single to tie the game and **Stacy Kowal** scored the go-ahead run on a fielder's choice RBI by **Debbie Hodge**. **Stephanie Strauss** had two

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singles, a RBI, and a run scored. **Jessica Hansen** was the winning pitcher and had two strikeouts.

In game two, sophomore **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls H.S.) belted a two-run single to tie the game at two, before scoring the winning run on a sacrifice fly by **Audrey White**. Terry batted 3-for-3 with a triple, two RBI, two stolen bases, and a run scored. **Kara Faraone** had two singles and a run scored for Albany (9-2).

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(Game 1)

Albany (8-2)	000	000	6	-	6	9	0
Holy Cross	010	000	0	-	1	9	3

Jessica Hansen and Stacy Kowal
Megan Manner and Briana Crane

(Game 2)

Albany (9-2)	000	003	0	-	3	9	4
Holy Cross	000	200	0	-	2	4	0

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal
Kait Hannan and Briana Crane

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Comments: College Sports (baseball, softball)

(Softball)

Stony Brook, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Sarah Maida** has been selected as the Independent Pitcher of the Week in women's softball (Feb. 28-Mar. 5). Maida, a sophomore from Newburgh, N.Y., threw two shutouts in her first starts for the Great Danes.

She fired a no-hitter in a 1-0 win over Dowling, and posted a season-high nine strikeouts. Maida also recorded a three-hit shutout in another 1-0 victory against Findlay. Albany is currently playing a 13-game slate to open the schedule in the Fort Myers, Fla. area.

(Baseball)

Davidson, N.C. – **James Marino** had five RBI and **Tim Frend** added three hits and four RBI in leading Davidson to a 22-7 victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Wildcat Park.

Albany (0-5) jumped out to 2-0 lead in the first inning on a **Mike Kuebler** RBI double and a **Steve Lizza** sacrifice fly. Davidson (12-8) responded with 14 runs over the next three innings.

The Great Danes posted a five-run seventh inning highlighted by **Michael Oliva's** two-run double. Oliva finished with three hits, while Lizza added two RBI. Davidson starter **Mark Wells** earned the victory allowing only two runs and four hits over five innings.

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Albany (0-5)	200	000	500	-	7	10	4
Davidson (12-8)	806	005	30x	-	22	18	2

Shawn Walsh, David Schrepper (1), Mike Jorgensen (5), Edwin Calderon (7), Michael Tecklenburg (8) and Rob Ryan, Steve Lizza (6).

Mark Wells, Derrik Wolpert (6), Nate Ramirez (9) and James Marino.

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(Softball)

Cape Coral, Fla. – Senior pitcher **Jessica Hansen** earned her third victory of the season, as Albany split a pair of games in Florida on Wednesday. The Great Danes defeated Salem-Teikyo, 6-1, and lost to St. Joseph's, Pa., 10-5, at Cape Coral Sports Complex.

Hansen, who posted her 37th career win, pitched a one-hitter and struck out six to lead the Great Danes over Salem-Teikyo in the early game. **Erika Gee** and **Audrey White** each went 2-for-3 for the winners. Gee had a double, two RBI, and two runs scored, while White had a double and one run scored.

In the second game, Albany (7-2) led 5-4 after the third inning, but St. Joseph's battled back with six unanswered runs over the next two innings. Albany's **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls H.S.) went 3-for-4 with a triple and RBI, and **Stephanie Strauss** added two hits and two RBI in the loss. Great Dane pitcher **Sarah Maida** suffered her first loss of the season to fall to 3-1.

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(Game 1)

Salem-Teikyo	000	001	0	-	1	1	1
Albany (7-1)	040	200	x	-	6	8	2

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Jessica Hansen and Stacy Kowal, Celine Adams

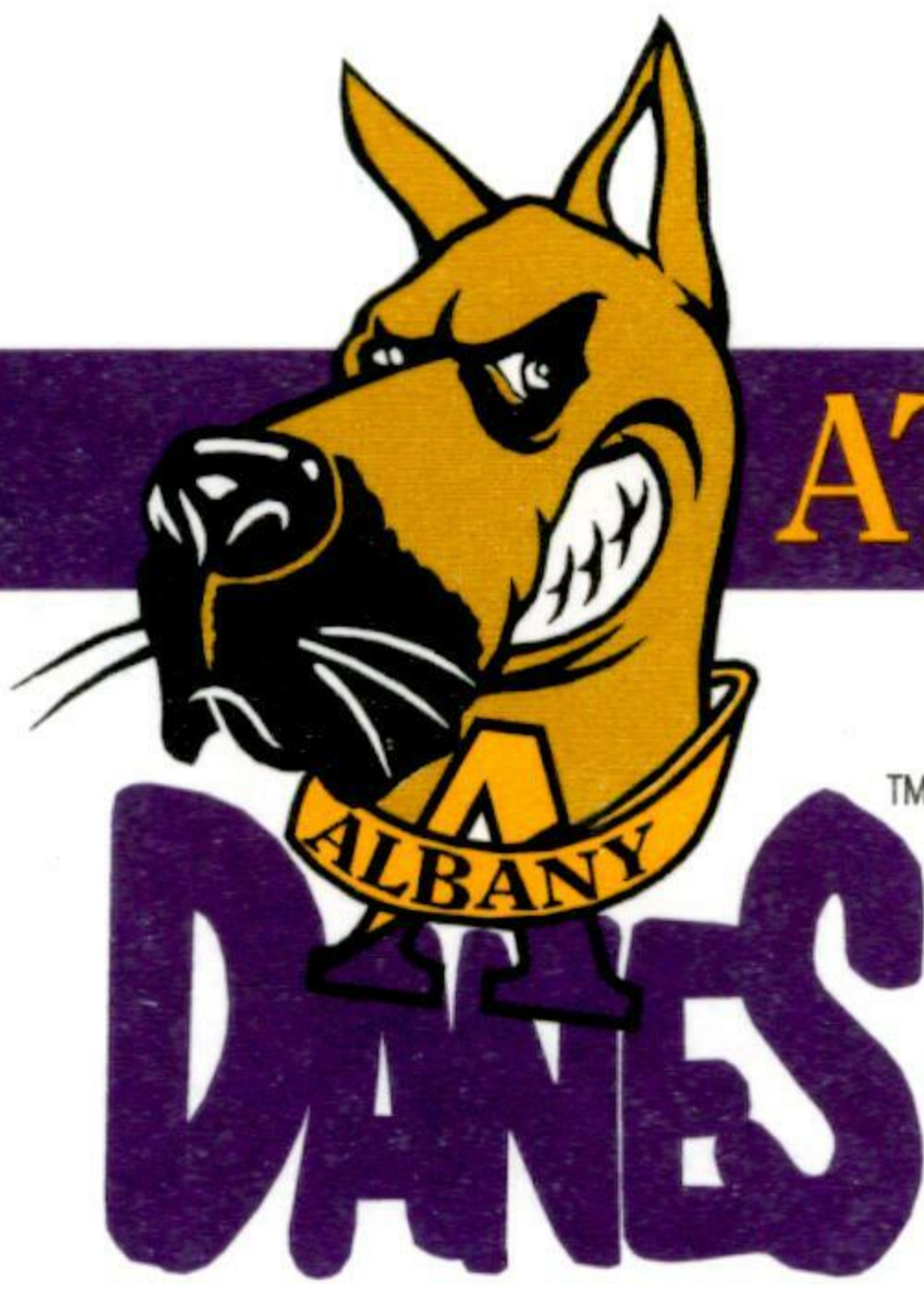
(Game 2)

Albany (7-2)	302	000	-	5	9	1
St. Joseph's, Pa.	400	15x	-	10	12	1

(game was called in the sixth inning)

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal

Brandie Adams and Teresa Andreani



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES JOANNA TOMASINO WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany Interim Director of Athletics Gail Cummings-Danson announced today the hiring of **Joanna Tomasino** as head women's soccer coach. Tomasino, the eighth coach in the program's history, will move into a position that was recently elevated to full-time status.

Tomasino was previously the head coach at Indiana University of Pennsylvania for three years. She led the NCAA Division II program to a 9-8-1 record in 1999, including a 6-3-1 mark in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. Four IUP players were named to the all-conference team, while one earned All-Northeast Region recognition by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

From 1992-97, Tomasino was an assistant soccer coach at SUNY-Brockport. The Golden Eagles posted 53 victories during five seasons with the program, and captured the 1995 New York State championship with a school-record 16-4-2 record.

Tomasino, 29, has also been an assistant with the Pennsylvania West Olympic Development Program for both the girls' under-14 and under-19 squads, and coached the Pittsford Mustangs club team in the Monroe County Premier League.

A native of Pittsford, N.Y., Tomasino received her B.A. in English with a minor in psychology from the University of Rochester. She captained the Yellow Jackets to the 1991 NCAA Division III national championship final. A four-year starter, Tomasino earned NSCAA All-Northeast Region honors and was a two-time all-conference selection.

Tomasino has played on the professional level the past four years with the United Soccer Leagues' Rochester Ravens, who compete in the W-1 Division.

Albany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program for men and women has upgraded to the NCAA Division I level in 1999-2000. Women's soccer has been sponsored as a varsity sport since 1979.



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(Women's Soccer)

Joanna Tomasino named women's soccer coach (see attached release).

(Baseball)

Greensboro, N.C. – Senior outfielder **Jeff Smith** belted a three-run homer in the eighth inning to lead UNC-Greensboro to its fifth straight win with a 10-5 victory over visiting Albany on Tuesday at UNCG Baseball Stadium.

UNC-Greensboro (10-5) led 5-3 in the eighth, when Smith homered over the left-field fence. **Jeremy Purcell** followed with a solo blast, his sixth of the season.

The Spartans hit four home runs on the afternoon, as **Mike Krekorian** and **Kyle Tasco** each smacked two-run shots in the fourth and fifth, respectively.

Albany's **Michael Oliva** had two hits, including a home run, and scored twice, while **Steve Checksfield** singled three times and added one RBI. The Great Danes, who fall to 0-4, are at Davidson on Wednesday.

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Albany (0-4)	100	001	102	-	5	8	2
UNC-Greensboro (10-5)	100	220	05x	-	10	12	2

Adam Harriman, Neil Hagin (8) and Rob Ryan.

Ryan Gordon, David Thigpen (7), Chris Cloninger (7), Taft Cable (8), Ted Toler (9) and Mike Krekorian.

(Softball)

Fort Myers, Fla. – Sophomore pitcher **Sarah Maida** won for the third time this season, as Albany split a pair of games in Florida on Tuesday. The Great Danes defeated Saint Anselm, 6-1, and lost to Monmouth, 3-1, at Lee County Sports Complex.

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Maida struck out five and walked none, as she scattered five hits in the first game. The Great Danes reversed a 1-0 deficit with a five-run fourth inning.

Stephanie Strauss, who had two hits and three RBI, keyed the frame with a two-run single.

In the second contest, Albany (6-1) took a 1-0 lead, when shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls H.S.) tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly by **Audrey White**. Monmouth (8-0) went in front with two runs in the third on **Chrissy Didieo's** RBI single and **Sandy Morris'** sacrifice fly. Pitcher **Scarlett Reuter** allowed just two hits and posted six strikeouts.

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(Game 1)

Albany (6-0)	000	501	0	-	6	8	1
Saint Anselm (5-1)	100	000	0	-	1	5	2

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

Andrea Messina and Kouri Ferris.

(Game 2)

Albany (6-1)	001	000	0	-	1	2	1
Monmouth (8-0)	002	010	x	-	3	6	1

Jessica Hansen and Stacy Kowal.

Scarlett Reuter and Sandy Morris, Chrissy Didieo (5).

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Comments: College Basketball

CETNAR AND HAGGARTY NAMED TO ALL-INDEPENDENT TEAM

Edinburg, Texas – University at Albany's **Todd Cetnar** and **Matthew Haggarty** have been selected to the Division I All-Independent Team in men's basketball as announced today by the association's office. Cetnar was named to the first team, while Haggarty earned second-team recognition.

Cetnar, a 6-foot senior guard from Amsterdam, N.Y., led the Great Danes in scoring (16.1 ppg), assists (4.2 pg), steals (2.1 pg) and free throw percentage (.820). He scored in double figures on 22 occasions, including eight games with 20-plus points.

He finished his career ranked ninth on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,345 points, and was fifth in assists (367), second in steals (188) and third in three-point field goals (215).

Haggarty, a 6-foot-3 senior from Wayland, Mass., averaged 13.7 points and 3.1 rebounds, and was among the top-10 NCAA Division I leaders in 3-point field goals made (3.36 pg). He established UA's single-season record for 3-pointers made (94), and also broke the career mark with 256.

Haggarty, who shot 43 percent from 3-point range this year, scored in twin figures 21 times, including a season-best 23 points against both Rutgers and Delaware State. He is 16th on Albany's career scoring chart with 1,096 points, and set the school standard for games played (110) in his final contest at Colgate on Feb. 29. Albany finished with an 11-17 record in its first Division I season.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's **Michael Hicks** was named the Independent Player of the Year. Defensive Player of the Year went to **John Braxton**, of Texas-Pan American, while TAMU-Corpus Christi's **Ronnie Arrow** was voted the top coach.

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Comments: College Sports (Track, Baseball, Softball)

(Indoor Track)

Cambridge, Mass. – University at Albany's **Ronald Edmundson** eclipsed his own school record in the triple jump to finish eighth at the 79th annual Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America (IC4A) indoor track and field championships on Sunday at Harvard University's Gordon Track & Tennis Facility.

Edmundson, who went 49-feet, 4.50-inches, set the school's standard for the third time this season. He previously jumped 48-09 at the USAT&F New England championships on February 18.

Luis Soto placed third in the IC4A long jump on Saturday, when he shattered another UA record with a leap of 23-11.75.

(Baseball)

Wilmington, N.C. – Right-hander **Jack Temple** recorded 10 strikeouts in the opener to lead UNC-Wilmington to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over Albany on Sunday at Brooks Field. The Seahawks won the first game, 9-5, and the second, 7-1.

Temple allowed two runs and six hits over seven innings to even his record at 1-1 this season. UNC-Wilmington (10-4) jumped out a 6-0 lead in the third, as **David McPherson** drove across three runs with a pair of singles. Senior center fielder **Michael Oliva** had a three-run double for the Great Danes.

In the nightcap, the Seahawks scored seven times in the second. **Chip Grawey** belted a two-run homer over the left field fence, and infielder **David Ange** added a two-run single. **Steve Checksfield** smacked a solo home run, the 23rd of his career, for Albany (0-3).

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(Game 1)

Albany (0-2)	000	200	003	-	5	10	3
UNC-Wilmington (9-4)	231	000	12x	-	9	10	2

Mark Zacharczyk, Craig Straus (7) and Rob Ryan.

Jack Temple, Chris Coughlin (8), Eric Johnson (9) and Daniel Marsh.

(Game 2)

Albany (0-3)	000	100	0	-	1	3	3
UNC-Wilmington (10-4)	070	000	x	-	7	6	1

Jason Trufant, Edwin Calderon (6) and Rob Ryan.

Matt McDonnell, Brad Overton (4), Kevin Millard (6), Matt Carter (7) and Chip Grawey.

(Softball)

Cape Coral, Fla. – Freshman **Sarah Maida** fired a no-hit shutout in the first game, and senior **Jessica Hansen** pitched four strong innings in the second contest to lead Albany to a pair of victories in Florida on Sunday. The Great Danes, who improved to 5-0 this season, defeated Dowling, 1-0, and Mount St. Clare, 9-1, at Cape Coral Sports Complex.

Maida picked up her second win in three days by recording nine strikeouts and two walks against Dowling. **Stacy Kowal** tripled to left field to score freshman **April Kuryluk** (Albany H.S.) with the game's lone run in the fifth inning.

Hansen struck out three and allowed no runs over four innings to earn her 36th career victory versus Mount St. Clare, a NAIA school located in Clinton, Iowa. The Great Danes plated seven runs in the second, as **Audrey White** and **Stephanie Strauss** each delivered RBI singles.

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(Game 1)

Albany (4-0)	000	010	0	-	1	6	1
Dowling (1-1)	000	000	0	-	0	0	1

Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

Tara Solan and Holly Wagoner.

(Game 2)

Mount St. Clare (0-2)	000	01	-	1	3	5
Albany (5-0)	070	02	-	9	6	0

(game halted by 8-run rule)

Tiffany Bowden and Melissa Folsom.

Jessica Hansen, Amy Hawk (5) and Stacy Kowal, Celine Adams (3).

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(Baseball)

Wilmington, N.C. -- Sophomore third baseman **David McPherson** singled in the winning run with the bases loaded in the ninth inning to lift UNC-Wilmington to a 4-3 victory over Albany in the Great Danes' season opener on Saturday afternoon at Brooks Field.

Albany (0-1) rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the ninth. **Michael Oliva** led off the frame with a double and later scored on a passed ball, before **Steve Lizza** drew his club even with a two-out, two-run single down the third base line.

UNC-Wilmington (8-4) came back in its last at-bat, as **Dave McKenna** walked to open the inning. He would come across with the game-winner on McPherson's single through the left side with one out.

Albany catcher **Rob Ryan** (Shenendehowa H.S.) went 3-for-3 at the plate, while starting pitcher **Scott Tower** scattered five hits and recorded six strikeouts in seven innings of work. The loss spoiled the debut of head coach **Jon Mueller**, a Stillwater H.S. product and a standout with the Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs. The Great Danes and UNC-Wilmington will play a doubleheader on Sunday.

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Albany (0-1) 000 000 003 - 3 8 1

UNC-Wilmington (8-4) 011 010 001 - 4 7 2

(one out when winning run scored)

Scott Tower, Adam Castoldi (8), Neil Hagin (9) and Rob Ryan.

Jake Mullis, Charlie Weatherby (9) and Daniel Marsh.

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(Indoor Track)

Cambridge, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Luis Soto** set a school record in the long jump to finish third at the 79th annual IC4A indoor track and field championships on Saturday at Harvard University's Gordon Track & Tennis Facility.

Soto's third-place effort was the highest finish by a Great Dane athlete in an IC4A meet. His mark of 23-feet, 11.75-inches shattered the previous record held by Anthony Davenport, who went 23-09 in 1995. **Ronald Edmundson** will compete in the triple jump on Sunday.

At the ECAC Division I women's championships, **Andrea Viger** (Granville Central H.S.) was 15th in the 5,000-meter run in 17:44.97.

(Softball)

Fort Myers, Fla. -- Sophomore infielder **Audrey White** drove in the winning run in the first game and scored a pair of runs in the second contest, as Albany won twice in Florida on Saturday. The Great Danes defeated Findlay, 1-0, and Notre Dame (Ohio), 5-0, at Lee Sports Complex.

Against Findlay, White's groundout to the shortstop scored **Kara Faraone** and broke a scoreless deadlock in the sixth inning. Faraone reached on an error, and moved to third on a double by shortstop **Valerie Terry** (South Glens Falls H.S.). Freshman hurler **Sarah Maida** struck out three and walked three.

In the second game, Albany (3-0) used six walks by Notre Dame starter **Susan Saalfield** to post a 5-0 lead after three innings. White scored twice and added a stolen bases in that stretch. Pitcher **Amy Hawk** fired a two-hit shutout, the first of her career, by recording five strikeouts.

The Great Danes opened the season on Friday evening with a 4-0 victory over Capital in Cape Coral, Fla. **Jessica Hansen** scattered four hits and struck out four en route to her 35th career win on the mound.

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(Game 1)

Findlay (1-1)	000	000	0	-	0	3	1
Albany (2-0)	000	001	x	-	1	4	0

Stacey Sharp and Michelle Bradley. Sarah Maida and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Notre Dame, Ohio (0-2)	000	000	0	-	0	2	1
Albany (3-0)	302	000	x	-	5	1	0

Susan Saalfield, Lauren Pelberger (3) and Ali Brian.

Amy Hawk and Amy Kowal, Celine Adams.

(Friday Night)

Capital (6-5)	000	000	0	-	0	4	1
Albany (1-0)	010	141	x	-	4	12	1

Kim Martino and Angie Jamison. Jessica Hansen and Stacy Kowal.

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(Women's Tennis)

Hamilton, N.Y. – Freshman **Lorraine Coulter** rallied for a three-set win at second singles to Colgate past Albany, 9-0, on Friday evening at Charles H. Sanford Field House. Coulter came from behind to defeat **Violeta Petijevic**, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2) and 6-0, and teamed with **Jenny Buntman** for a 9-7 pro-set victory at first doubles.
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Colgate 9, Albany 0

Singles: Jenny Buntman (C) def. Samantha Kramer (A), 6-3, 6-3; Lorraine Coulter (C) def. Violeta Petijevic (A), 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-0; Cyan Brakhage (C) def. Erinn Langford (A), 7-5, 6-0; Kelli Provenzano (C) def. Jennifer Hahn (A), 6-1, 6-1; Meredith Bumpass (C) def. Ilissa Strolovitz (A), 6-1, 6-0; Crystal Hetem (C) def. Marissa Tuchband (A), 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles: Buntman-Coulter (C) def. Kramer-Petijevic (A), 9-7; Brakhage-Meghan Journey (C) def. Strolovitz-Langford (A), 8-2; Bumpass-Laura Simmons (C) def. Emily Gonzales-Shayna Smith (A), 8-2.

Records: Albany (8-7), Colgate (4-3).

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Buchanan and Tucker Named To All-Independent Hoop Teams

Stony Brook, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Megan Buchanan** and **Liz Tucker** have been selected to the 1999-2000 All-Independent Team as announced today by the association's office. Buchanan secured first-team honors and received the second-most votes while Tucker earned a spot on the second team. Both athletes led Albany to a 12-15 record in its inaugural season at the NCAA Division I level.

Buchanan, a 5-foot-11 senior forward from Arkport, N.Y., finished the season averaging 15.0 points, 4.3 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 1.4 steals. With 1,093 career points, she sits third on the school's all-time list. She became Albany's all-time three-point leader (124) in Albany's 64-63 victory at Bucknell on Feb. 23. As her team's leading scorer, Buchanan scored in double figures in 22 of 27 games.

Tucker, a 5-foot-10 junior guard from Plaistow, N.H., averaged 12.7 points, 7.4 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 2.3 steals. She led the team in rebounds (199), assists (102) and steals (63). After three seasons, Tucker is fourth on the school's all-time free throws list (215), eighth in both assists (261) and rebounds (529) and ninth in scoring (837). She was named Independent Player of the Week twice this season.

Stony Brook freshman **Julie Szabo** was named Independent Player of the Year while Belmont's **Tony Cross** earned Coach of the Year honors. **Kristin Rogers** of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi secured the Rookie of the Year award.