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## UALBANY FALLS TO STONY BROOK, 67-61, IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – Senior forward Jessica Smith recorded a double-double with 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead Stony Brook to a 67-61 win over UAlbany in America East Conference action on Wednesday evening at the SEFCU Arena.

It was a back and forth game in the second half, as the game was tied seven times. The biggest lead of the first half of the stanza was held by Stony Brook, who went ahead by five, 48-43, on a Smith layup at 10:04. Junior forward Kristin Higy would tie the game for the final time at 54-54 with 5:43 on the clock before the Seawolves embarked on a 7-2 run that would put them up 63-56 with 3:00 left.

Stony Brook (17-10, AE 13-2), which used strong free throw shooting throughout the game, went ahead by nine, 67-58, on two shots by Mykeema Ford with 38 seconds remaining. Freshman guard Charity Iromuanya, the reigning America East rookie of the week, knocked down her third 3-pointer of the game with three ticks on the clock to set the six-point deficit.

Iromuanya was named the Great Danes' A-East player of the game, tying a career-high with 17 points. Iromuanya's first trey of the game gave UAlbany the biggest advantage of the contest, as the Great Danes went up 21-11 with 8:11 to play in the first half. Stony Brook fired back, and managed to take a one-point lead, 28-27, into halftime.

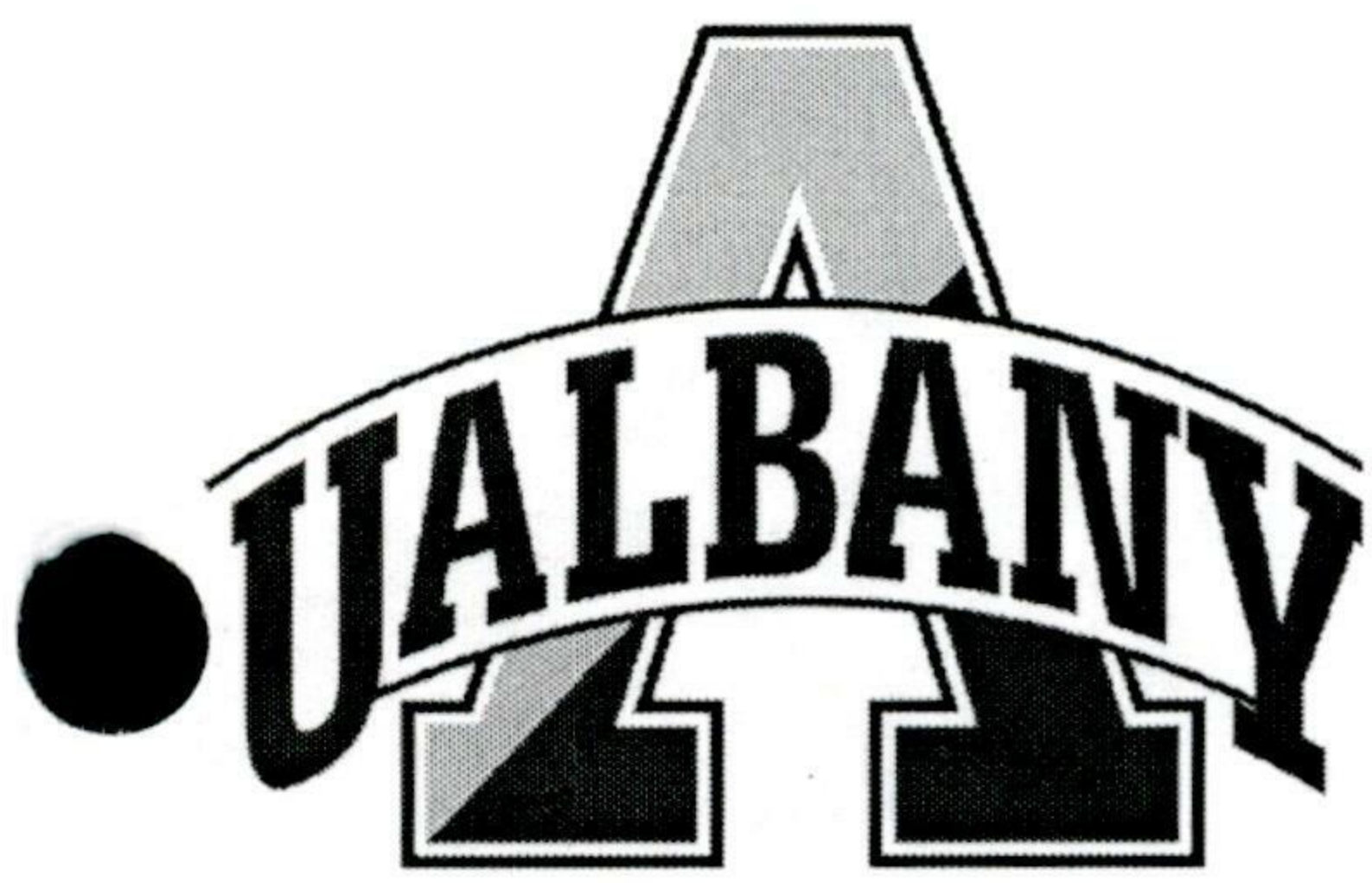
"The team is playing good basketball," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson. "We are getting strong play on the floor, and when we have play like that, our future is looking great. Last year we were not in many games, but this year, we have been in most of those tough ones."

UAlbany (8-20, AE 4-11) also received double-digit performances from juniors Kristin Higy, who netted 16, and Sherri Mikus, who added 11 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

"We have been improving all season," said senior Tanya James, who, along with fellow senior Amanda Ward, was honored in a brief ceremony prior to gametime. "We played hard against the second-place team in the conference, and that was something the whole team needed to do."

Ford contributed 16 points, including going 4-for-4 from the free throw line, while Leah Getz was the third player to score in double figures for the Seawolves, netting 13.





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**NO. 15 SYRACUSE USES FIRST-HALF RUN TO RECORD A 19-6 VICTORY OVER UALBANY**

Syracuse, N.Y. – Senior attack Jill DePetris equaled a career-high with four goals and added one assist in leading Syracuse, ranked 15th in both the IWLCA and Inside Lacrosse national polls, to a 19-6 victory over UAlbany on Wednesday evening at the Carrier Dome.

The Orange, who were coming off an 11-10 loss to sixth-ranked Dartmouth in last Saturday's season opener, used a run of eight unanswered goals to break an early 2-2 tie. Freshman Christina Dove, who had four goals and one assist, put her team ahead for good with 18:04 remaining in the period. DePetris netted consecutive goals less than two minutes apart for a 6-2 advantage. Halley Quillinan and Katie Rowan each scored twice in that stretch to give their team an eight-goal margin at halftime.

The Great Danes, who were playing their second top-20 opponent this season, still trailed 12-4 early in the final period when Brittany Scott converted a free-position shot. Syracuse (1-1) then ripped off five straight, as Quillinan, who totaled three goals and one assist, started that outburst by connecting in a free-position situation. DePetris would later add her fourth goal of the game, before Gabby Fortune scored unassisted with 12:06 to play.

Sarah Spillett, one of seven Syracuse area high school players on the UAlbany roster, tied a career-high with four goals, including two in each half. Goalkeeper Jen Daly made 13 of her 18 saves in the opening period for the Great Danes, who fell to 1-3 overall.

Syracuse's Rowan finished with three goals and one assist, while Amber Pardee-Hill stopped nine shots. The Orange, who have won all five meetings in this series, are now 57-11 all-time in their home facility.

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No. 15 Syracuse 19, UAlbany 6

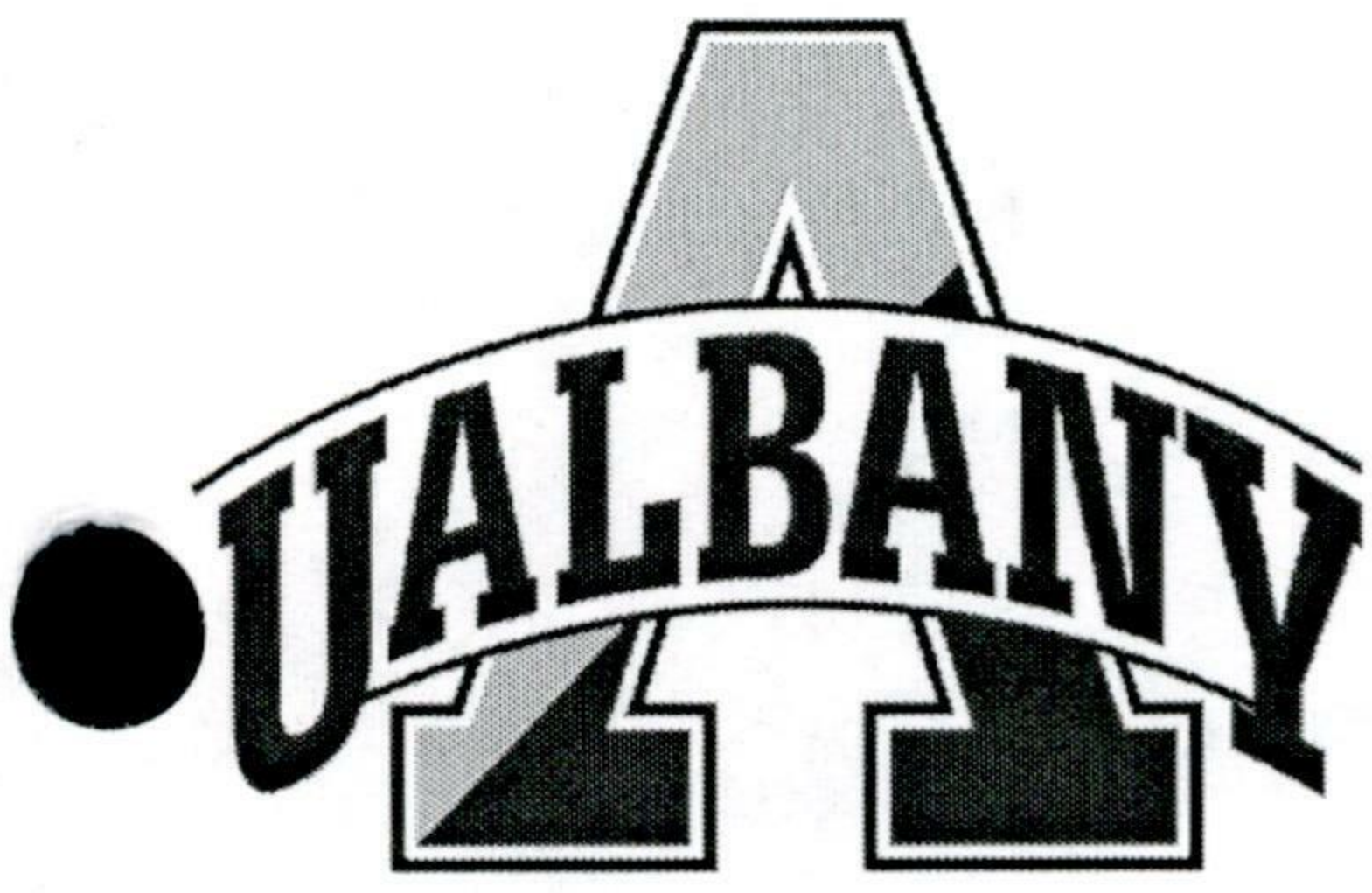
UAlbany (1-3)                    2    4    -    6

#15 Syracuse (1-1)            10   9    -    19

UAlbany – Scoring: Sarah Spillett 4-0, Brittany Scott 1-0, Jane Bush 1-0, Katelyn Primomo 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Jen Daly (60:00, 18 saves, 19 GA).

Syracuse – Scoring: Jill DePetris 4-1, Christina Dove 4-1, Halley Quillinan 3-1, Katie Rowan 3-1, Ashley Pike 2-1, Gaddy Fortune 1-1, Melissa Pearsall 1-0, Jackie DePetris 1-0, Rebecca Greenslade 0-1, Christina Gibson 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amber Pardee-Hill (60:00, 9 saves, 6 GA).





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### **UALBANY'S JAMAR WILSON NAMED TO NABC ALL-DISTRICT 2 FIRST TEAM**

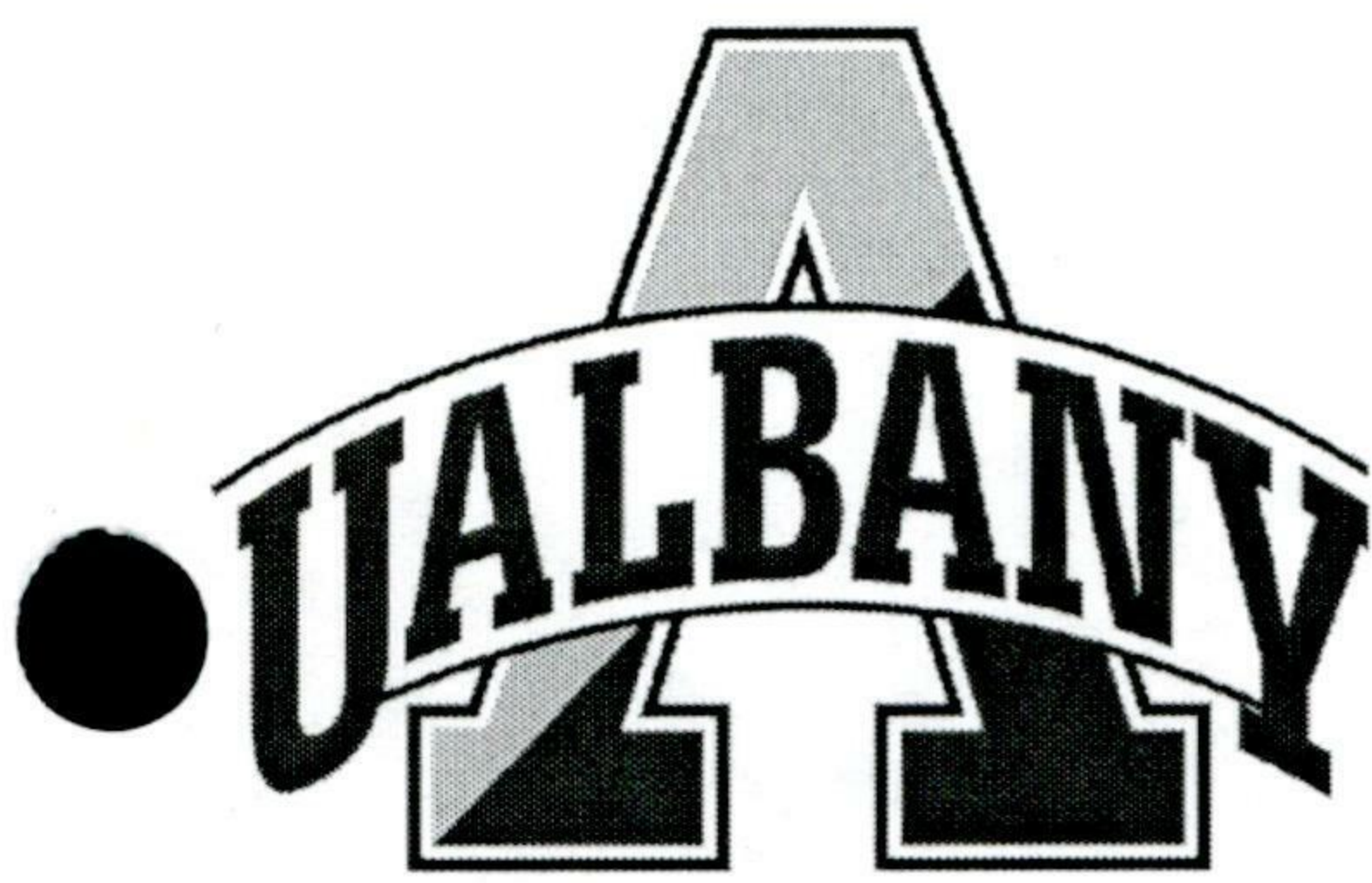
Kansas City, Mo. – University at Albany's Jamar Wilson has been chosen to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) All-District 2 squad. Wilson, a 6-foot-1 senior, was named to the first team.

Wilson ranks first in scoring (18.6 ppg), second in assists (4.9 pg) and fifth in rebounding (6.2 pg) among the America East Conference leaders. He has scored 20 or more points on 12 occasions this season, including a 29-point effort in last Sunday's regular-season finale with Boston University.

A native of the Bronx, N.Y., Wilson became the first player in school history to score 500 or more points in three different seasons last week, and currently has the fourth-best single-season total with 538. He is the school's all-time leader with 2,082 points, plus ranks seventh among the conference's career scorers.

Wilson was named to the NABC All-District 2 second team as a junior, when he led the Great Danes to an America East championship and a first-ever NCAA appearance.





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### **JAMAR WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Jamar Wilson has been selected the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's basketball, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. Wilson has won the weekly award four times this season and on eight occasions overall.

Wilson averaged 24.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.5 assists in a pair of league victories over Stony Brook (66-46) and Boston University (73-63). He shot 50 percent from the field, including 7-of-10 from three-point range, and 84.6 percent from the line.

The 6-foot-1 senior tallied 19 of his 29 points in the second half as his team rallied against Boston U, plus had six rebounds, three assists and two steals. Wilson scored 20-plus points for the 46th time in his career. He also had 19 points, six assists and four rebounds at Stony Brook on his 23rd birthday. Wilson became the first player in school history to score 500 or more points in three different seasons, and currently has the fourth-best single-season total with 538.

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### **CHARITY IROMUANYA EARNS AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK HONORS**

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Charity Iromuanya earned her first America East Conference Rookie of the Week honor after helping the Great Danes post a 75-68 win against league-rival New Hampshire, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon.

Iromuanya, a 5-foot-8 freshman, scored a career-high 17 points against the Wildcats to lead the Great Danes to their first win in the past nine games. Iromuanya added a career-best six assists, plus had five steals, four rebounds and a block in 31 minutes on the court. She went 6-of-6 from the free throw line, and shot 55.5 percent (5-of-9) from the field.

Iromuanya, who started her 10th game as a rookie against New Hampshire, is averaging 5.4 points, 2.3 rebounds, 1.6 steals and 1.2 assists. She also leads the team in free throw percentage, shooting 85.1 percent (40-47) from the line.

UAlbany (8-19, AE 4-10) will finish up the regular season this week, hosting Stony Brook for Senior Day on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and visiting Vermont on Saturday at 1 p.m.

### **UALBANY MOVES INTO NATIONAL TOP 20 IN NIKE/INSIDE LACROSSE POLL**

Baltimore, Md. – After knocking off nationally-ranked Johns Hopkins last Saturday, UAlbany has moved into the top 20 in the Nike/Inside Lacrosse Division I Media Poll. The Great Danes, who were unranked last week, are No. 12 in the latest voting. Princeton has taken over the top spot as there is a new No. 1 for the third straight week.

UAlbany was ranked as high as 11th last season in Inside Lacrosse's March 26th poll. The Great Danes finished No. 17 in the final 2005 rankings after winning their third consecutive America East Conference championship.

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#### **Nike/Inside Lacrosse Top 20 Poll**

1. Princeton, 2. Georgetown, 3. Duke, 4. Cornell, 5. Virginia, 6. Maryland, 7. Johns Hopkins, 8. Navy, 9. Syracuse, 10. North Carolina, 11. Notre Dame, 12. UAlbany, 13. Hofstra, 14. Delaware, 15. Towson, 16. Army, 17. Massachusetts, 18. Loyola, Md., 19. UMBC, 20. Denver. **MORE**



**FRANK RESETARITS NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Frank Resetarits has been chosen the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced by the league office on Monday afternoon. Resetarits scored four goals, including the game-winner with 1:44 remaining, in an 8-7 upset of nationally-ranked Johns Hopkins on Feb. 25.

Resetarits, a senior attackman from Hamburg, N.Y., scored three times in the first half as UAlbany leaped to a 5-0 lead midway through the second period. He has now scored four or more goals on 10 occasions as a collegian. He moved into a tie for fifth place on the school's career goals list with 105 and is now sixth on the all-time scoring list with 165 points. Resetarits is second among active Division I career scorers.

**KAYLA BEST CHOSEN AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Kayla Best (Guilderland H.S.) has been named the America East Conference Player of the Week in women's lacrosse, as announced by the league office on Monday afternoon. Best, a freshman midfielder, totaled seven goals in three games last week.

Best tallied a career-high four goals, including two in each half, in Sunday's 13-7 loss to Virginia Tech. She also netted a pair of goals against No. 19 Vanderbilt on Feb. 19, and added another tally in her team's 16-12 victory at Longwood. Best, who accounted for 62 goals as a scholastic senior, was named to the 2006 U.S. Lacrosse High School All-America squad.

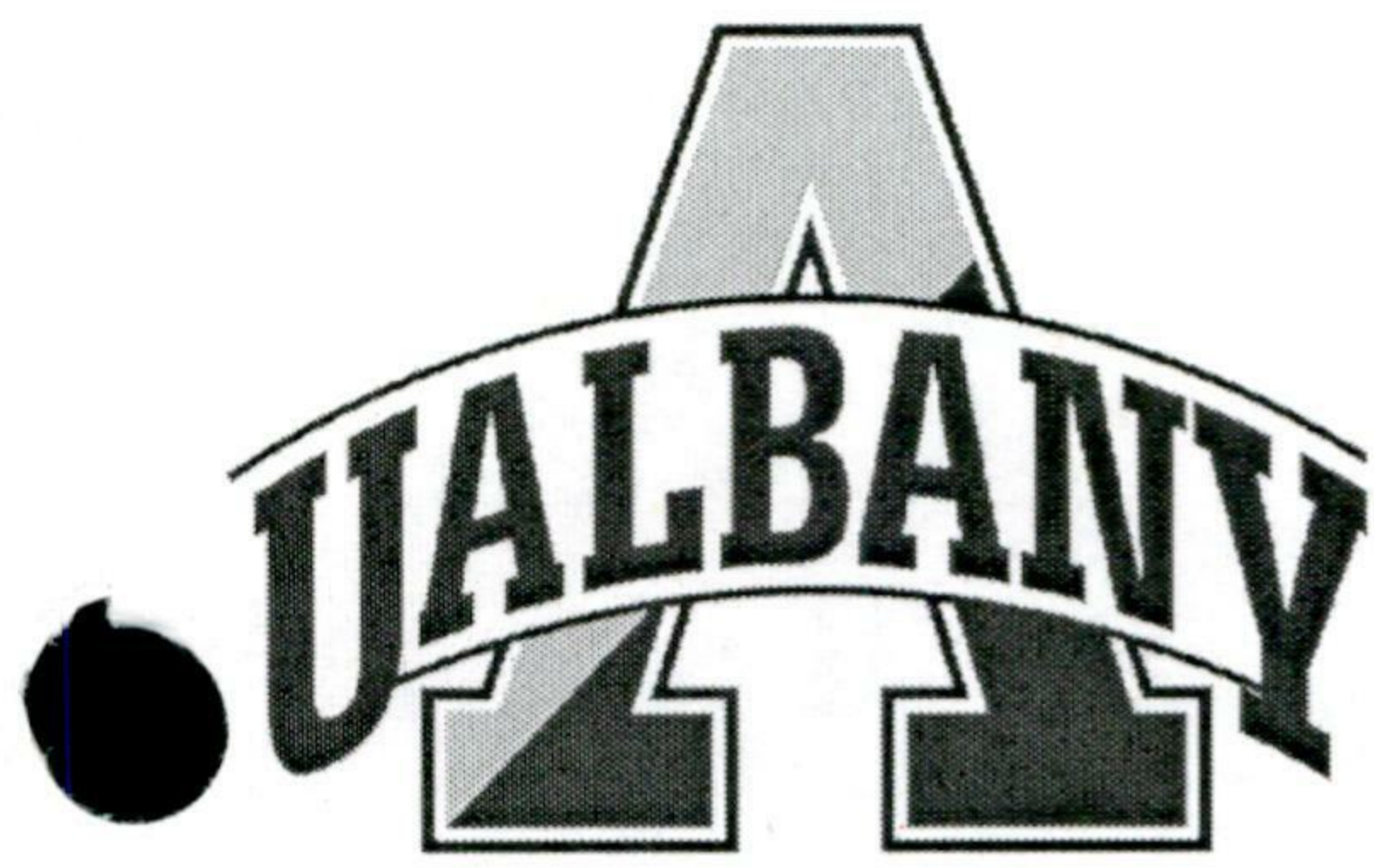
**LEAH McINTOSH EARNS AMERICA EAST PITCHER & ROOKIE OF THE WEEK HONORS**

Boston, Mass. -- UAlbany freshman right-hander Leah McIntosh was named the America East Conference Pitcher and Rookie of the Week in softball, as announced by the league office on Monday afternoon. The weekly awards were the first of the 2007 season.

McIntosh, of Whitby, Ontario, went 3-0 in her first three appearances for the Great Danes, earning wins over Stetson, Alabama State and George Mason, throwing a complete game against the Patriots. McIntosh, who has a team-best 1.32 earned run average, struck out a team-best 18 batters in 13.2 innings of work and has allowed just two earned runs. She recorded the Great Danes' lone shutout this season in the 6-0 win over George Mason. She struck out a career-high nine batters in the contest. McIntosh is holding opposing batters to a .235 average.

UAlbany (4-3) will have a week off before heading to Rock Hill, S.C. to participate in the Winthrop Tournament, starting on March 9.





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### UALBANY COMPETES AT BETHUNE-COOKMAN INVITATIONAL

Daytona Beach, Fla. – Freshman Jessica Signorelli finished 39th with a two-round score of 178 (91-87) to lead UAlbany to a 9th-place finish at the Bethune-Cookman Invitational. The tournament was played at the Indigo Lakes Resort on a 5,913-yard, par-72 course on Feb. 24-25.

Sophomore Sun Hwa Kim finished 42nd with a combined score of 182 (93-89) while junior Maggie Taylert shot rounds of 98 and 95 to finish with a two-day score of 193, good enough for 48th-place. Sophomore Tracey Berns was tied for 53rd with a total score of 204 (104-100). UAlbany placed 9th in the team finishing with a two-round score of 757 (386-371).

The Great Danes are back in action on Monday, April 16 as they compete at the Hartford Invitational.

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Bethune-Cookman Invitational

TEAM:

1. Daytona Beach CC 303-314-617, 2. Bethune-Cookman 317-310-627, 3. Wofford College 322-321-643, t4. Stetson 315-332-647, Charleston Southern 325-322-647, 6. Jacksonville 331-317-648, 7. Siena College 336-334-670, 8. South Carolina St. 373-351-724, 9. UAlbany 386-371-757, 10. Hampton University 393-394-787, Citadel 398-402-800.

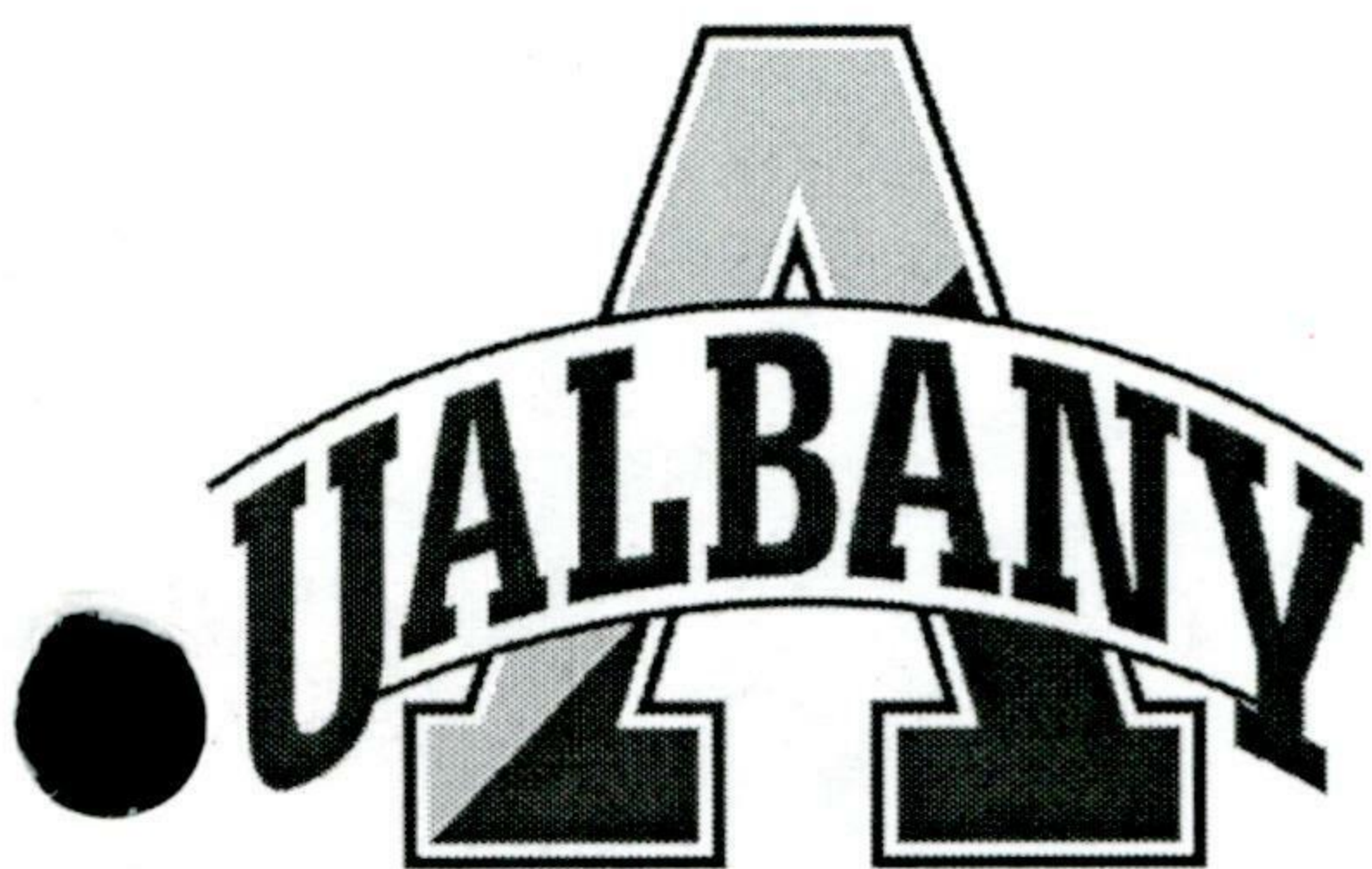
INDIVIDUAL:

1. Rachel Edwards (DayBch CC) 74-77-151, t2. Fern Grimshaw (BCC) 76-76-152, Olivia Higgins (Charles. So) 76-76-152, 4. Ashley Kozlowski (Stetson) 73-81-154, 5. Matilda Creime (BCC) 81-74-155, 6. Jessica Schnebly (DayBch CC) 77-79-156, t7. Erin Wells (Wofford), Laura Parris (Wofford) 77-80-157, Victoria Harris (DayBch CC) 76-81-157.

UALBANY SCORES:

39. Jessica Signorelli 91-87-178, 42. Sun Hwa Kim 93-89-182, 48. Maggie Taylert 98-95-193, t53. Tracey Berns 104-100-204.





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**McBREARTY LEADS VIRGINIA TECH TO 13-7 LACROSSE VICTORY OVER UALBANY**

Blacksburg, Va. – Kady McBrearty scored a career-high three goals to lead Virginia Tech to a 13-7 victory over UAlbany in the Hokies' home opener on Sunday afternoon at Virginia Tech Lacrosse Stadium. The game was delayed two hours and 45 minutes due to the weather.

The Hokies, who began their schedule with losses to No. 9 Virginia and Richmond, snapped a 2-2 deadlock with seven unanswered goals over the final 13 minutes of the first half. Lindsay Pieper, a 46-goal scorer last year, started that run off a feed from McBrearty. Pieper finished with three goals and one assist. Britt Faulkner followed with consecutive goals by converting a free-position shot and scoring unassisted. Faith Richards' unassisted goal with 20 seconds left before the intermission capped that sequence.

UAlbany (1-2) closed within 10-5 in the opening seven minutes of the final period. Sarah Spillett and Kate Fontana netted back-to-back free-position opportunities to close the gap. But the Great Danes, who were coming off a 16-12 victory at Longwood on Thursday, could never get any closer. Jackie Gray, who scored twice, ended that rally by scoring unassisted with 14:02 to play.

Freshman Kayla Best (Guilderland H.S.) scored a career-high four goals, including two in each half, for the Great Danes, who will meet 15th-ranked Syracuse in the Carrier Dome on Wednesday. Goalkeeper Jen Daly made six saves. Sophomore goalkeeper Kari Morrison turned aside 15 shots for the Hokies, who compete in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Virginia Tech improved to 1-2 overall.

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Virginia Tech 13, UAlbany 7

UAlbany (1-2)                    2     5     -     7

Virginia Tech (1-2)           9     4     -     13

UAlbany – Scoring – Kayla Best 4-0, Kate Fontana 2-0, Sarah Spillett 1-0, Rory Redmond 0-1, Stacey Brown 0-1; Goalkeeper(s) – Jen Daly (60:00, 13 GA, 6 saves).

Virginia Tech – Scoring – Kady McBrearty 3-1, Lindsay Pieper 3-1, Faith Richards 2-0, Jackie Gray 2-0, Britt Faulkner 2-0, Jenna Reich 1-0, Rachel Culp 0-1; Goalkeeper(s) – Kari Morrison (60:00, 7 GA, 15 saves).





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### UALBANY SOFTBALL RECORDS A 13-3 VICTORY OVER BOSTON U. AT UCF TOURNAMENT

Orlando, Fla. – Every UAlbany player scored at least one run, and all but one recorded a hit as UAlbany posted a 13-run fifth inning to defeat Boston U., 13-3, on the final day of play at the Central Florida Tournament on Sunday morning.

Boston U. took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning on RBI singles by Shayne Lotito and Brandi Shields. The Terriers tacked on another run in the fourth, as Molly Gallagher started off the inning with a triple to right center and was driven home by a double by Chiya Louie.

UAlbany's bats came alive in the fifth inning, as the Great Danes scored 13 runs on 10 hits. Junior leftfielder Amber Maisonet finished with three RBI on two hits with two runs scored, while senior third baseman Kelly Ogden and junior first baseman Leanne Tillman each drove in two runs and scored one. The Great Danes saw three pitchers in the inning, as starter Megan Currier was replaced by senior Brittany Detwiler after walking the first two batters. Detwiler allowed eight runs to score before Rachel Moeller took over for Boston U. (3-2).

Junior right-hander Laura Gremillion earned her first win of the season, going four innings on the mound for UAlbany (4-3).

The Great Danes will return to action on March 9, as they participate in the Winthrop Tournament in Rock Hill, S.C.

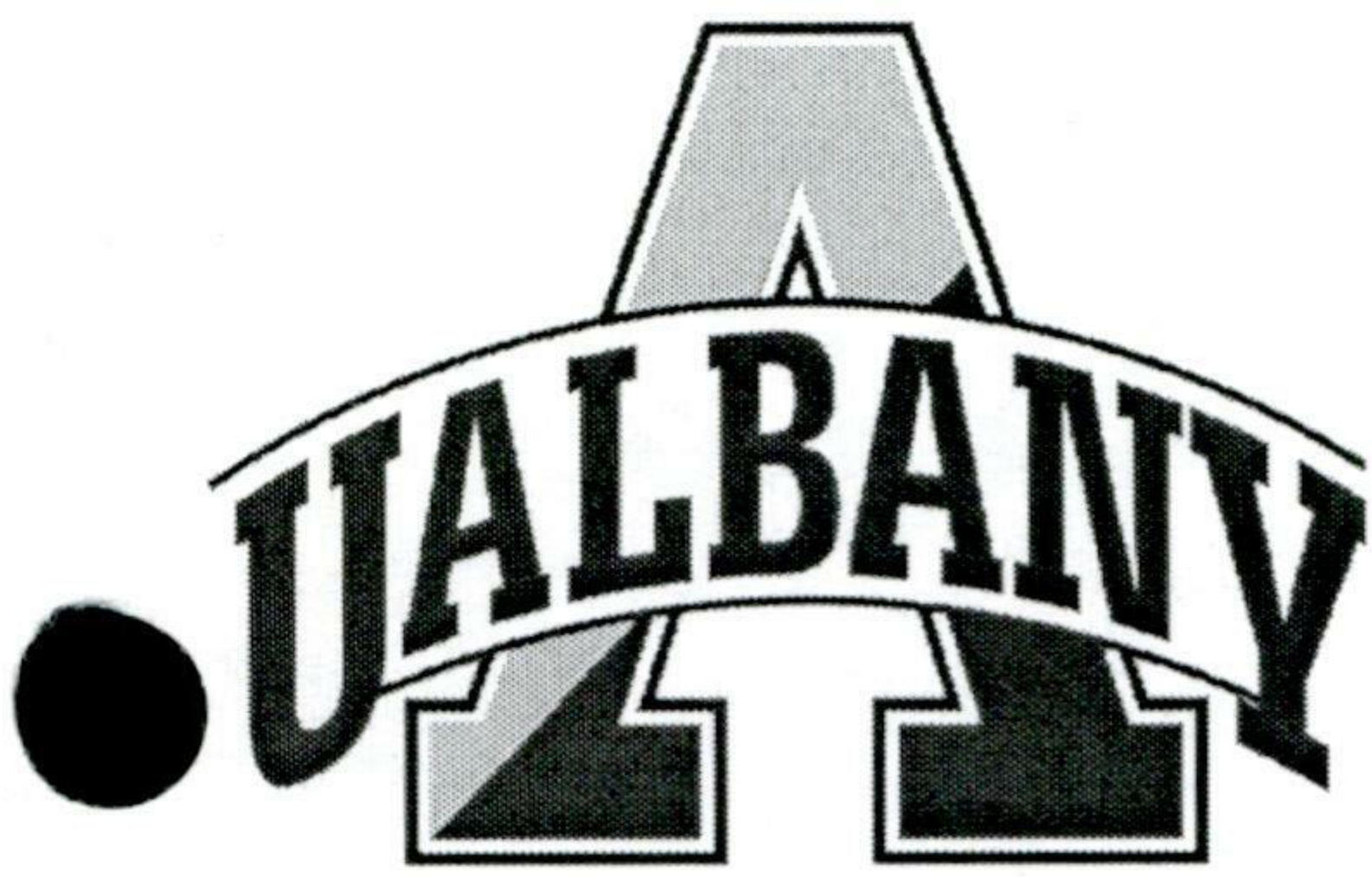
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UAlbany (4-3)	000	0(13)	-	13	10	0
Boston U. (3-2)	020	10	-	3	11	2

UAlbany: Laura Gremillion, Marissa Powell (5) and Kat Smith

Boston U.: Megan Currier, Brittany Detwiler (5), Rachel Moeller (5) and Christy Leath





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## UALBANY RECORDS 20TH WIN IN 73-63 AMERICA EAST VICTORY OVER BOSTON U.

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson had 19 of his 29 points in the second half as UAlbany ended the regular season with a 73-63 America East Conference victory over Boston University on Sunday afternoon at SEFCU Arena.

Boston U. (11-17, AE 8-8) trailed 46-36 with 16:50 remaining, but wiped out that deficit with 11 unanswered. Freshman guard Tyler Morris had eight of his 18 points in that span, including a turnaround on the right baseline that put his team ahead. The Terriers, who dropped a two-point decision in the first meeting of the season between these clubs, moved out to a 52-48 margin when Carlos Strong drained a three-point field goal from the right wing.

UAlbany (20-9, AE 13-3) regrouped with nine consecutive points in taking the lead back. Wilson connected on one of his four 3-pointers, before coming up with a steal and finding Jon Iati for another three-point field goal that put their team ahead. Iati, a 5'9" junior who had 12 points off the bench, then sank another long-range jumper from the left corner for a 57-52 advantage.

The Great Danes, who reached the 20-win mark in back-to-back seasons for the first time in 17 years, still led 61-55 with 6:55 to play. But UAlbany pulled away with nine of the game's next 10 points. Iati made his fourth 3-pointer from the top of arc to ignite that run. Jason Siggers, who had 13 points on 6-of-10 shooting, later hit a slam dunk off Brian Lillis' outlet pass, and Wilson converted a left-handed drive in the lane for a 70-56 cushion.

"I know we wanted to go out with a bang," said Siggers, whose team won 20 games in the regular season for the first time since upgrading to the NCAA Division I level in 1999-2000. "We had some things we wanted to accomplish as seniors. We are a confident team and have some momentum going into the conference tournament."

Corey Lowe, one of three freshman starters in the Terrier lineup, was the only other player in double figures with 14 points. Scott Brittain, a 6'9" forward, added nine points and eight rebounds. Wilson, who was one of three UAlbany seniors honored in a pre-game ceremony, made 9-of-17 from the field and added six rebounds and three assists. The 6-foot-1 guard scored 20-plus points for the 46th time in his career in what was likely his last home appearance.

"It's nice that people appreciate what you have done, I had a million of emotions racing through me," explained Wilson about the ceremony prior to the game. "But the best thing is getting the win. We have to make the best of what we have each time out (as seniors). As the coaches have been saying to us, we have to impose our will on the opponent."

In the first half, UAlbany pushed out to a 32-24 lead with 2:08 left before halftime as Wilson made a pair of free throws. But Morris, who made 6-of-13 from the floor, connected on consecutive three-pointers to close the gap to a single basket. Siggers would give the Great Danes a 36-32 halftime lead when he beat the buzzer on a turnaround from left of the lane.





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### UALBANY SOFTBALL SPLITS AGAINST VILLANOVA AND GEORGE MASON

Orlando, Fla. – Sophomore shortstop Meagan Butsch had two hits, including a home run, with two runs scored and two RBI to lead UAlbany to a 6-0 win over George Mason on the second day of play at the Central Florida Tournament on Saturday afternoon. The Great Danes split play on the second day of the tournament, falling to Villanova, 4-0, earlier in the day.

Against the Patriots, the game remained scoreless until the bottom of the fourth inning, as UAlbany recorded four runs to take the lead. After senior third baseman Kelly Ogden opened up the inning with a single, Butsch recorded a homer to give the Great Danes the 2-0 advantage. Catcher Leanne Tillman and rightfielder Bailey Van Deest recorded consecutive singles before Laura Gremillion reached on a walk to load the bases. An error by George Mason third baseman Kat Winter allowed Tillman and Van Deest to score to close out the inning.

UAlbany added two more runs in the fifth, with Butsch and pinch-runner Shane Pais crossed the plate in the frame. Freshman right-hander Leah McIntosh went the distance on the mound for the Great Danes, fanning nine Patriot batters, and improving to 3-0 on the season. Becky Anderson and Paige Krystofinski combined for the effort on the mound for George Mason (0-3), striking out just one UAlbany hitter.

Villanova (3-0) held the Great Danes scoreless in the second game of the day, as strong pitching by the Wildcats Nicci Ward stifled the UAlbany batters. Ward went six innings for Villanova, fanning six and allowing just five hits.

The teams remained knotted at 0-0 until the fifth inning, when the Wildcats scored three runs, led by a double by first baseman Eryn Teague. Teague's double, coupled with a UAlbany error, scored the three runs for Villanova. The Wildcats added an insurance run in the sixth to set the final 4-0 decision. UAlbany's Casey Halloran saw five innings on the mound, fanning three. Freshman right-hander Marissa Powell closed out the game for the Great Danes, striking out two in one inning of action.

UAlbany (3-3) will finish up play at the UCF Tournament on Sunday, facing off against Boston U. at 9 a.m.

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#### Game One

UAlbany	000	000	0	-	0	5	1
Villanova (3-0)	000	031	x	-	4	6	1

UAlbany: Casey Halloran, Marissa Powell (7) and Kat Smith

Villanova: Nicci Ward, Kat Walsh and Cassie Koenig

#### Game Two

George Mason (0-3)	000	000	0	-	0	6	3
UAlbany (3-3)	000	420	x	-	6	6	0

UAlbany: Leah McIntosh and Leanne Tillman

George Mason: Becky Anderson, Paige Krystofinski and Lesley Hassan

### UALBANY BASEBALL DROPS BOTH ENDS OF A DOUBLEHEADER AT LIBERTY

Lynchburg, Va. – Despite home runs by Steve Sayre and Chris Wood, UAlbany could not overcome a five-run inning by Liberty, falling to the Flames, 7-5, in the nightcap of a non-conference doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Worthington Stadium. The Great Danes also dropped the early game by a score of 5-1.

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After Liberty's five-run second inning, UAlbany attempted to spark a comeback in the fourth, as Tom Hill doubled and advanced to third on a fly ball to centerfield. Hill scored on a wild pitch before Wood hit the Great Danes' first home run of the game to left center. UAlbany added another run in the fourth before Sayre knocked his homer in the seventh. The Great Danes loaded the bases in the top of the ninth, but centerfielder Dave West hit into a fielder's choice to end the game.

In the first of the two games, Liberty's Dustin Umberger went seven scoreless innings for the Flames, striking out four. Tyler Light relieved Umberger in the eighth, allowing the Great Danes' only run of the game, as he walked the first two batters faced. UAlbany designated hitter Tom Hill followed with a single to centerfield, scoring third baseman Pete Eichner. Ryan Page finished out the inning and sat three down in the ninth to earn the save for Liberty.

Liberty (6-3) scored all five runs in the third and fourth innings, led by hits by Kenneth Negron. Negron, who doubled in the third to lead off the inning, finished with three hits, two RBI and one run scored.

Chris Ott took the loss for UAlbany (0-5), going 3.2 innings on the mound. He was relieved by Sean Gregory in the fourth. Gregory struck out three and allowed three hits in just over four innings of work.

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Game One

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Liberty	002	300	00x	-	5	11	0

UAlbany: Matthew Herrick, Sean Gregory (4) and Chris Wood

Liberty: Dustin Umberger, Tyler Light (8), Ryan Page (8) and Errol Hollinger

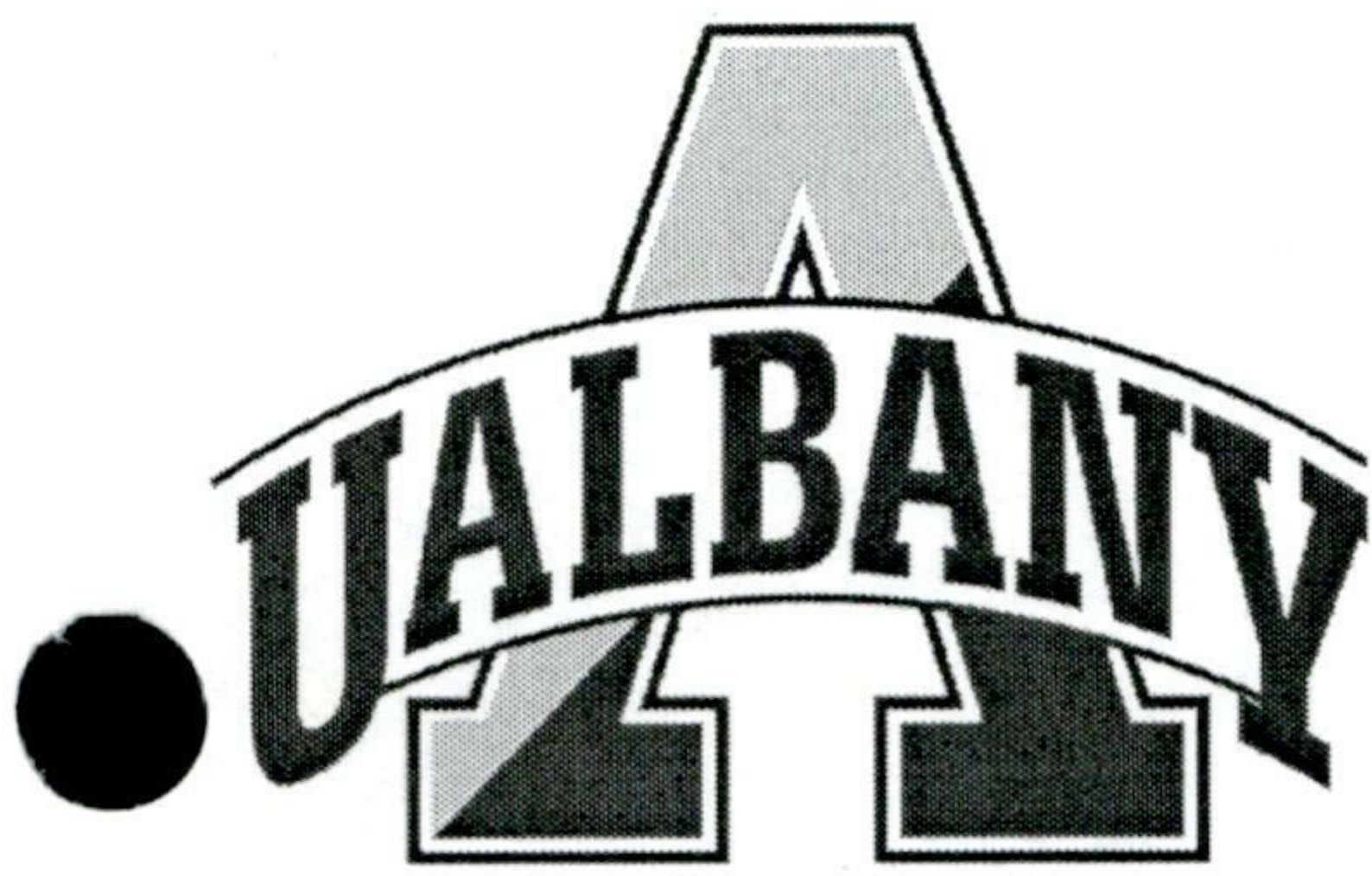
Game Two

UAlbany (0-5)	010	210	100	-	5	10	3
Liberty (6-3)	050	010	01x	-	7	6	1

UAlbany: Cory Warrings, Jeff Kaier (3), Alexander Beaulieu (8) and Tom Hill

Liberty: David Stokes, Tim John (6), Ryan Page (9) and Nate Thompson





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**UALBANY UPENDS NATIONALLY-RANKED JOHNS HOPKINS, 8-7, IN SEASON OPENER**

Baltimore, Md. – Frank Resetarits scored four goals, including the game-winner with one minute and 44 seconds remaining, as UAlbany upset nationally-ranked Johns Hopkins, 8-7, in the season opener for both teams on Saturday afternoon at Homewood Field. The Blue Jays were ranked No. 6 in the USILA coaches' preseason poll and No. 1 in the current Nike/Inside Lacrosse media poll.

In a game of runs, UAlbany (1-0) jumped out to a 5-0 lead midway through the second quarter. Resetarits, who led the nation in scoring one year ago, connected on a low bounce shot to give his team a two-goal advantage after the opening period. Matthew Green netted a hard shot, off an isolation play, over the head of goalkeeper Jesse Schwartzman with 9:03 left in the second stanza, before Resetarits rifled a 15-yarder inside the left post 48 seconds later for a five-goal margin.

Johns Hopkins (1-0) would get back into the contest by halftime. Kevin Huntley and Jake Byrne tallied unassisted goals 34 seconds apart. Michael Kimmel, a freshman midfielder, then found the net with one second left before the intermission to close the gap to 5-3. Kimmel went inside the right post off a long pass from behind by Steven Boyle following a restart.

The Blue Jays, who had won 44 of their last 47 home games entering the contest, kept UAlbany off the scoreboard for all of the third quarter and a good portion of the final period with a sticky defense. Meanwhile, the offense put together a string of four unanswered goals. Mark Bryan, who was coming across the face of the cage, scored off a pass from Kimmel to draw his team even at five apiece. Boyle, another freshman, picked up a loose ball and hit the cage from the top of the crease for the go-ahead goal with 38 seconds left in the quarter, before Michael Donegar gave his club a 7-5 lead early in the final stanza.

The Great Danes, who went scoreless for more than 33 minutes, then netted goals 31 seconds apart to tie the contest. Steve Ammann drove around the cage and converted a spin move from the right side. John Alpizar then netted a bounce shot from the top of the crease after moving in from the left. The sophomore would later set up the winning play with another drive that found Resetarits wide open at the top of the crease. The Blue Jays, who captured the 2005 national title and reached the NCAA quarterfinals last year, had two opportunities to get the equalizer. Huntley's blast went wide to the left with eight seconds left, before UAlbany goalkeeper Brett Queener stuffed Boyle in the closing moments.

"John (Alpizar) dodged hard, Merrick (Thomson) set a pick for me, and I caught it and went low," explained Resetarits about the winning goal. "This is my greatest experience in sports. Everyone in this locker room has a smile from ear to ear. It shows that we can beat anyone if we put our minds to it."

UAlbany's Queener, who also was used as an attacker in extra-man situations, finished with four saves. Ammann and Alpizar each had one goal and one assist. Resetarits, a preseason honorable mention All-American, scored four or more goals for the tenth time as a collegian.

"That's pretty big to beat one of the best programs in the history of the game, on their field, and on national television," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, an attackman on Johns Hopkins' 1987 national championship team. "It shows the character of our kids and that no one stopped playing. They made some adjustments on defense and we got tentative in those middle periods. We went to some different sets in the final part of the game. Alpizar made a heckuva play to get underneath the defender on that tying goal and the momentum shifted back."

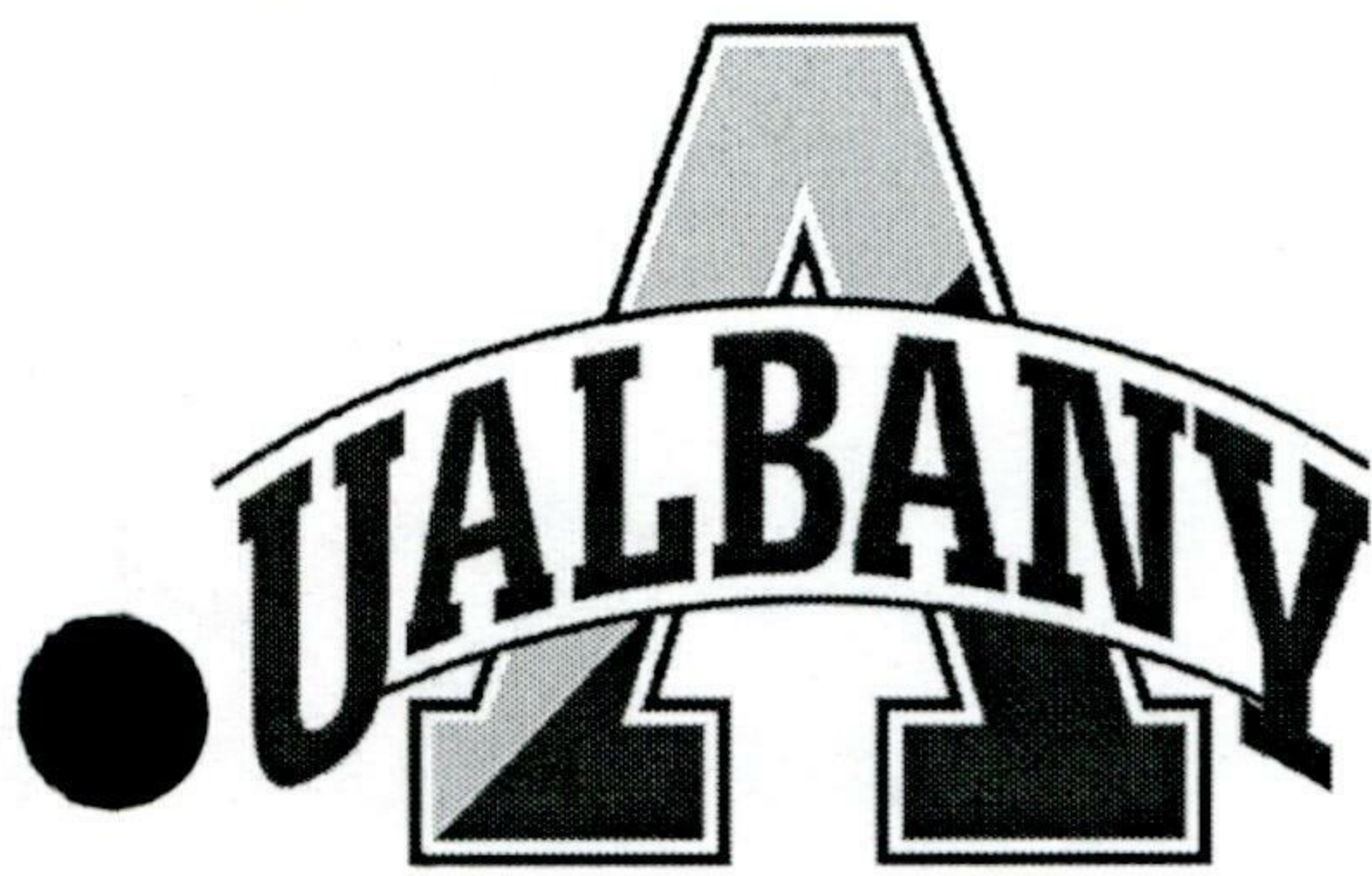
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UAlbany (1-0)	2	3	0	3	-	8
#6 Johns Hopkins (0-1)	0	3	3	1	-	7

UAlbany: Scoring – Frank Resetarits 4-0, John Alpizar 1-1, Steve Ammann 1-1, Merrick Thomson 1-0, Matthew Green 1-0, Mike Ammann 0-1, Derek Dale 0-1, Corey Small 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Brett Queener (50:39, 4 saves, 7 GA), Dan McKeon (9:21, 2 saves, 0 GA).

Johns Hopkins: Scoring – Steven Boyle 1-1, Michael Kimmel 1-1, Kevin Huntley 1-0, Jake Byrne 1-0, Michael Donegar 1-0, Mark Bryan 1-0, Drew Dabrowski 1-0, Tom Duerr 0-1, Goalkeeper(s): Jesse Schwartzman (60:00, 4 saves, 8 GA).





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## **JESSICA ORTMAN & KAMILAH McSHINE WIN EVENTS AT NYU FASTRACK INVITATIONAL**

New York, N.Y. – University at Albany's Jessica Ortman and Kamilah McShine each won events to highlight their team's performance at the 2007 NYU Fastrack Invitational on Friday evening at the New Balance Armory Track and Field Center.

Ortman, a sophomore, took first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:09.77 and was more than three seconds ahead of a 31-runner field. Ortman, who was the track performer of the meet at last weekend's America East Conference championship, won her fourth 800m competition of the season. She was a first-place finisher at Arkansas' Tyson Invitational, New York's Gotham Cup and the Yale Season Opener.

McShine, the current America East 55-meter hurdles champion, sprinted 8.87 seconds to edge Delaware's Alexi Capsouras by six-hundredths of a second in the 60-hurdles. Brenna Militello placed third in the high jump with a leap of 5-feet, 3-inches. Ritshell Verdier threw 48-feet, 1.75-inches to finish fourth in the weight throw and 42-11.75 to place fifth in the shot put.

In the men's competition, Valeté Graham qualified for next weekend's IC4A championship with a season-best leap of 23-feet, 2.75-inches to take third in the long jump. Luke Schoen finished second in the pole vault as he cleared the bar at 14-feet, 9.25-inches. Renauld Buck was fifth in the shot put with a throw of 50-feet, 4.75-inches, his best mark of the season. Jean Juste, the America East 55-hurdles titleholder, was fourth in the 60-meter hurdles in 8.21 seconds.





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### UALBANY SOFTBALL SPLITS GAMES ON FIRST DAY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA TOURNAMENT

Orlando, Fla. – Junior leftfielder Amber Maisonet drove a triple to right center and scored the first run of the game in the opening frame to lead UAlbany to a 3-2 win over Alabama State on the first day of the Central Florida Tournament on Friday, Feb. 23 at the UCF Softball Complex.

Senior Kelly Ogden hit a ground-out back to the pitcher, which allowed Maisonet to cross home plate in the first inning. The Great Danes added another run in the third, as freshman second baseman Michelle Connors, who opened the frame with a single, was driven in by catcher Kat Smith.

Alabama State (4-4) sparked a comeback in the fourth, tying the game at 2-2 as leftfielder April O'Neal advanced two bases on consecutive wild pitches by the Great Danes' Marissa Powell. Hornet first baseman Whitney Valentine then drove a home run over the fence to bring in the two runs.

The game remained knotted until the bottom of the seventh, before junior pinch hitter Leanne Tillman, who singled up the middle to get on base, reached home on an error. Freshman right-hander Leah McIntosh earned her second win of the season, pitching the final two hitless innings, fanning three.

In the second game of the day, Allison Kime allowed just one hit, while striking out eight Great Dane hitters, to lead Central Florida (8-5) to a 1-0 win.

UAlbany (2-2) leftfielder Amber Maisonet opened the game with that lone hit as she reached on a bunt single. Maisonet was left stranded as she would be the last UAlbany player Kime allowed to reach base in the contest, sitting down the next 21, including eight by strikeout to record her third shutout of the season.

UAlbany's Casey Halloran, who allowed one unearned run in the first, gave up a single to third baseman Cici Alvarez in the sixth, as neither pitcher issued walk in the contest.

UAlbany will continue play at the UCF Tournament on Saturday, facing Villanova at 9 a.m. and George Mason at 11 a.m.

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#### Game One

UAlbany	101	000	1	-	3	6	0
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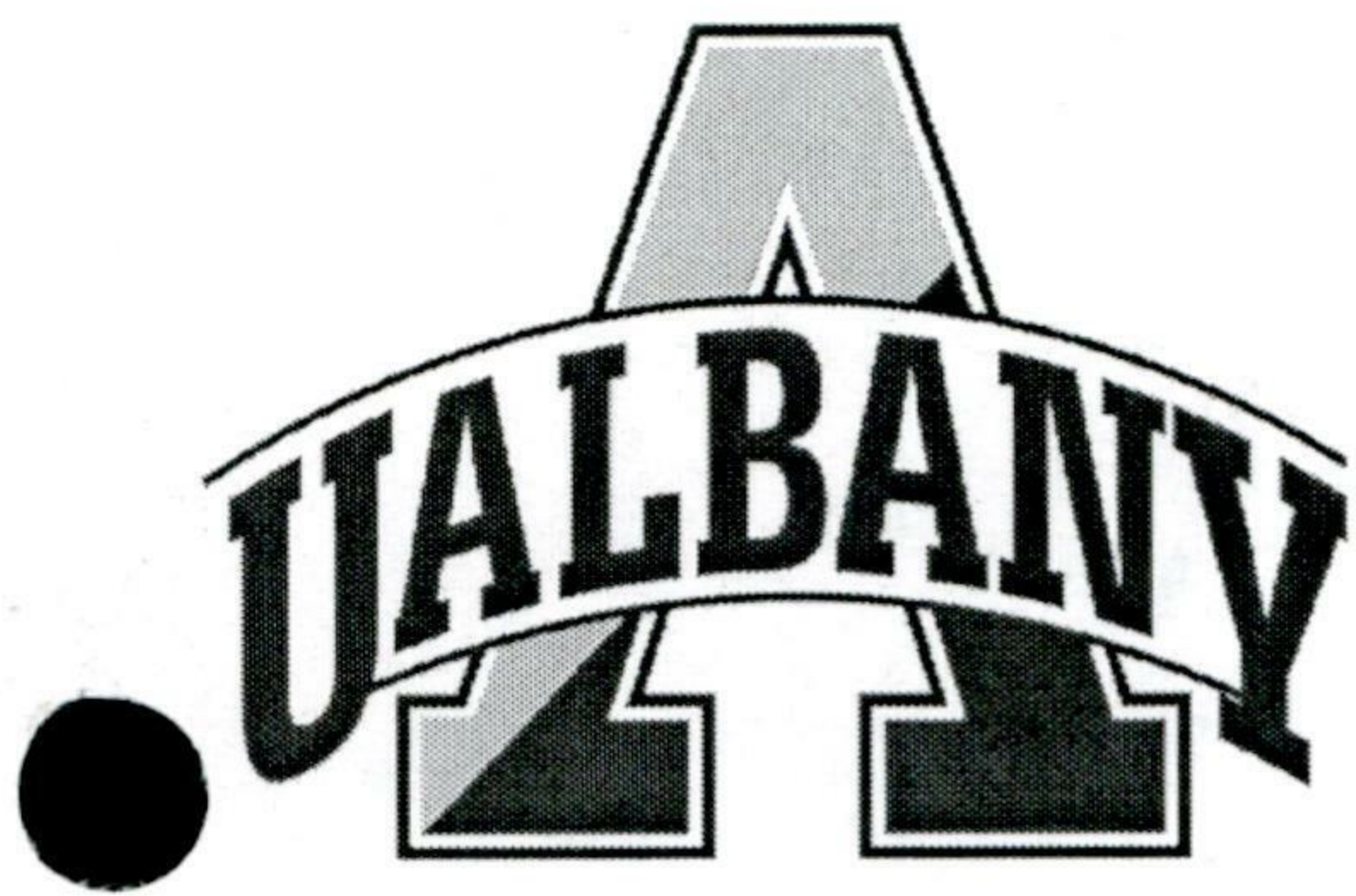
Albany: Marissa Powell, Lean McIntosh (6) and Kat Smith.  
Alabama State: Destinee Sanchez and Pamela Curry.

#### Game Two

UAlbany (1-1)	000	000	0	-	0	1	1
UCF (8-5)	100	000	x	-	1	2	0

UAlbany: Casey Halloran and Kat Smith  
UCF: Allison Kime and Lindsay Dean.





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**UALBANY DROPS 9-2 DECISION TO LIBERTY IN NON-CONFERENCE BASEBALL ACTION**

Lynchburg, Va. – Tommy Bussey knocked an RBI triple down the right field line to start off a five-run fourth inning in leading Liberty to a 9-2 win over UAlbany in non-conference baseball action on Thursday afternoon at Worthington Stadium.

UAlbany (0-3) took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning, as second baseman Al Barbato kicked off the game for the Great Danes with a double to right field. Right fielder Leo Corvino reached first after being hit by a pitch, while catcher Tom Hill took base on an error, which scored Barbato. UAlbany loaded the bases when shortstop Sean Donovan was hit by a pitch by Liberty's Michael Solbach. Solbach struck out the next UAlbany batter, but walked left fielder Tom Zink to bring in the second run of the inning for the Great Danes.

Those would be the only two runs UAlbany would score, however, as the Flames would put together a four-run third and a five-run fourth to overhaul the Great Danes' early lead.

Starter Casey Walsh struck out four batters across three innings for UAlbany, earning his first loss of the season. Barbato, Zink and centerfielder Dave West each had one hit for the Great Danes.

Bussey finished with two hits, two runs scored and one RBI for Liberty (4-3). Designated hitter Tim Nanry also drove in two runs for the Flames, while Solbach went six innings on the mound, fanning six.

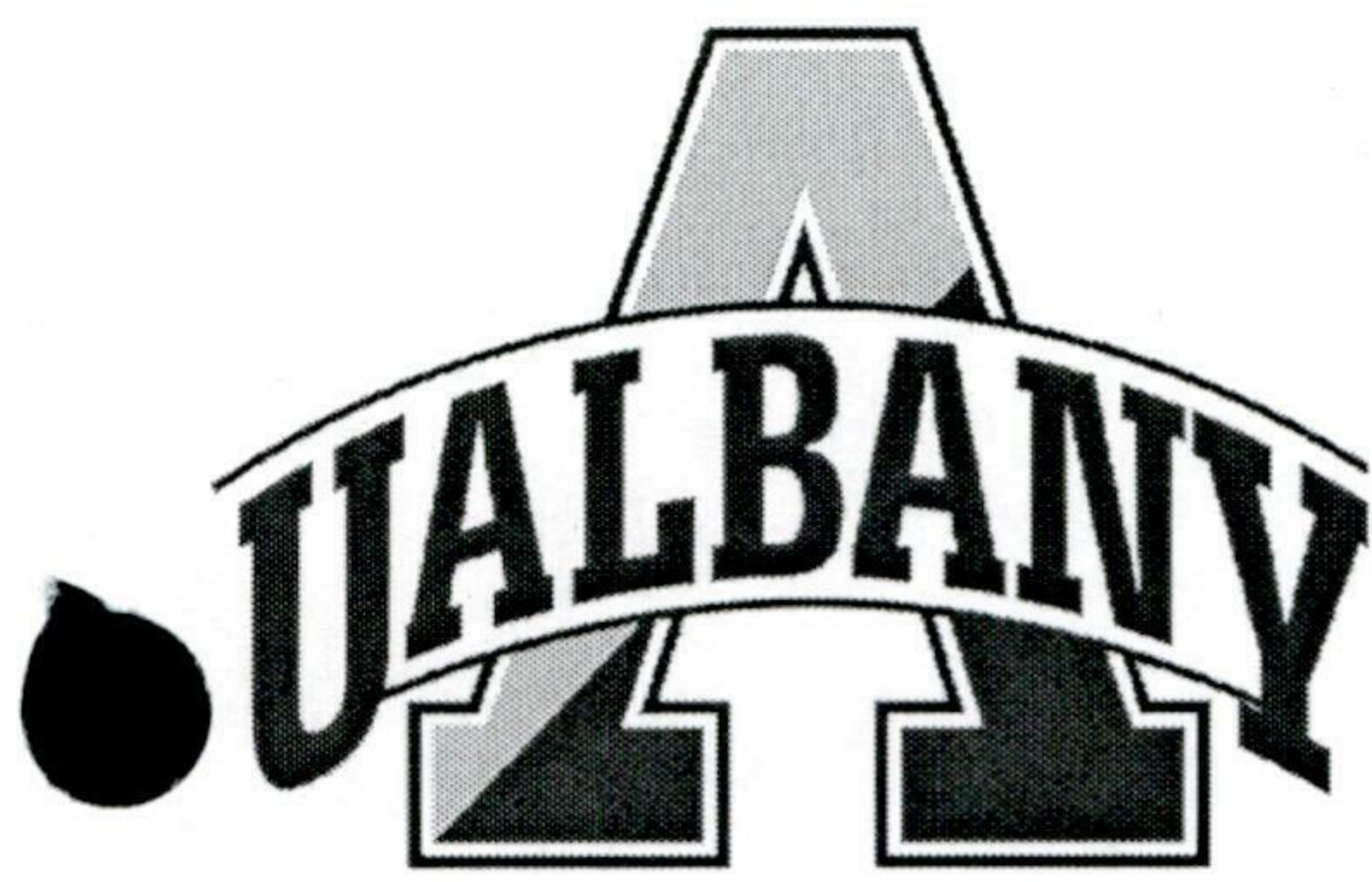
UAlbany and Liberty will face off again on Saturday, starting the first game of a doubleheader at 11 a.m.

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UAlbany (0-3)	200	000	000	-	2	3	4
Liberty (4-3)	004	500	00x	-	9	10	3

UAlbany: Casey Walsh, Matthew Herrick (4), Hans Zlomek (7), Eric Solomon (8) and Tom Hill, Sean Doyle.  
Liberty: Michael Solbach, Andrew Wilson (7), Chase Vaden (9) and Errol Hollinger, Nate Thompson.





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### UALBANY POSTS NINTH ROAD WIN OVER AMERICA EAST RIVAL STONY BROOK, 66-46

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson scored 19 points and Jason Siggers added 15 in leading UAlbany to a 66-46 America East Conference victory over Stony Brook on Thursday evening at SBU Arena.

The Great Danes, who set the program's Division I record with its ninth road win of the season, improved to 19-9 overall and 12-3 in the conference. Stony Brook fell to 9-18 and 4-11.

The Great Danes, who have won four straight in this series, moved out to a 48-22 lead early in the final when Jon Iati drilled a 3-pointer. UAlbany was never really threatened from that point forward as they held the Seawolves to 36.2-percent shooting, including 1-of-9 from the three-point arc.

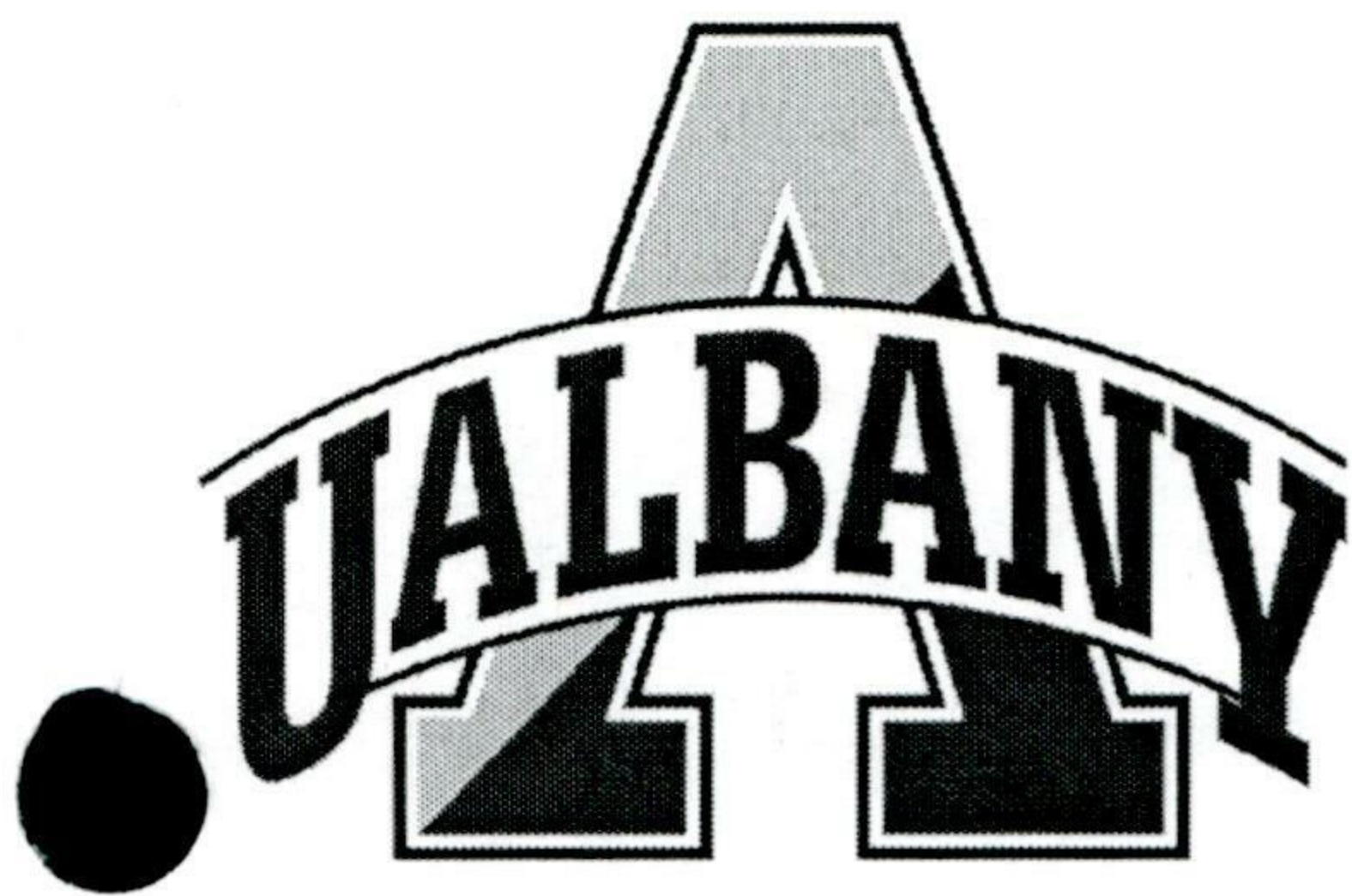
UAlbany led 37-17 at halftime, its second largest lead at the break this season, by shooting 52 percent. The Great Danes leaped to a 15-4 lead in the opening five-plus minutes. Jamar Wilson had eight points in that stretch. Jason Siggers, who had 10 first-half points, later buried a three-point field goal for a 24-10 advantage. Brian Lillis' rainbow 3-pointer pushed the margin to 20 points.

"It was a good way to get back on track and at same time gain some momentum," said UAlbany head coach Will Brown. "I thought we played solid defense the last eight minutes of the first half. We used a little zone to give them something different to look at. We are learning as we go with that defense."

Mitchell Beauford led SBU with 20 points and was the lone player in double figures. UAlbany's Brian Lillis added 11 points and seven rebounds, and has scored in twin figures in five of his last eight starts. Wilson, who along with Siggers and David Bauman will be honored this Sunday in a senior ceremony at SEFCU Arena, made 6-of-13 from the field with six assists and four rebounds.

"We hit open shots and did a good job of finding the open people," said Jamar Wilson. "We showed them some things on defense that we haven't done in the past. We wanted their younger players to try and beat us. I just want to make the best of every game as I get closer to not wearing a college uniform again."





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## UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE CLAIMS FIRST WIN OF SEASON, 16-12, OVER LONGWOOD

Farmville, Va. – Junior midfielder Brittany Scott scored a career-high four goals to lead UAlbany to its first victory of the season, a 16-12 win over Longwood on Thursday afternoon at the Athletics Complex.

UAlbany (1-1) rattled off four goals to start the game, as sophomore midfielder Julie Bush found the back of the net less than a minute into the contest. Scott added her first tally of the day at 27:25, followed by goals by Erin Fitzmartin and Jane Bush.

Longwood (0-2) cut the deficit in half on back-to-back goals by sophomores Britt Farquharson and Liz Sellmayer. The Great Danes would add goals by Sarah Spillet and Rory Redmond midway through the half before closing out the stanza with three straight. Scott scored two goals within thirty seconds of each other under the two minute mark while Spillet added her second of the day with 25 seconds left on the clock to give UAlbany a 9-5 advantage at the half.

Longwood's Shannon Strain slipped the ball past Great Dane goalkeeper Jen Daly at 29:34 of the second half but UAlbany responded with consecutive goals by Julie Bush and Kate Fontana. The Great Danes would score five more times in the game before Longwood sparked a comeback.

With 5:07 remaining, the Lancers' Michelle Owen took an assist from Kathleen Barry to score the first of four goals in the closing minutes. Farquharson netted an unassisted goal with 2:25 left, which would prove to be as close as Longwood would get.

Daly saw the majority of time in the net for UAlbany, making six saves. Sophomore Katie Neer played the final 5:53 of the game, making one save for the Great Danes. Junior Jennifer Holliday and freshman Eliza Coughter combined for 17 stops for Longwood.

The Great Danes continue play on their southern swing on Sunday, Feb. 25 at Virginia Tech, starting at 1 p.m.

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UAlbany 16, Longwood 12

UAlbany – Scoring – Brittany Scott 4-0, Kate Fontana 3-0, Julie Bush 2-2, Sarah Spillet 2-1, Jane Bush 1-2, Erin Fitzmartin 1-0, Rory Redmond 1-0, Katelyn Primomo 1-0, Kayla Best 1-0, Stacey Brown 0-1; Goalkeeper(s) – Jen Daly (54:07, 12 GA, 5 saves), Katie Neer (5:53, 4 GA, 1 save).

Longwood – Scoring – Cathleen Strain 2-1, Liz Sellmayer 2-0, Britt Farquharson 2-0, Kathleen Barry 1-1, Dee Warehime 1-0, Michelle Owen 1-0, Shannon Strain 1-0, Page Farmer 1-0, Joyce Haines 1-0; Goalkeeper(s) – Jennifer Holliday (30:00, 9 GA, 11 saves), Eliza Coughter (30:00, 7 GA, 6 saves).





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## UALBANY ENDS SKID WITH 75-68 WIN OVER NEW HAMPSHIRE

Albany, N.Y. – Junior forward Kristin Higy scored a career-high 21 points and freshman guard Charity Iromuanya netted a career-best 17 to lead UAlbany to a 75-68 win over America East Conference rival New Hampshire, breaking the Great Danes' eight-game skid on Wednesday evening at the SEFCU Arena.

UAlbany (8-19, AE 4-10), which held a 29-28 halftime lead, took the lead for good late in the second half, going on a 10-0 run sparked by back-to-back three-pointers from junior forward Gia Sanders and Iromuanya.

With the game separated by two points at 60-58, the two combined for the first basket at 3:14, with Iromuanya dishing off to Sanders on the left side. Less than a minute later, they reversed the handoff, and gave the Great Danes an eight point lead, 66-58. Iromuanya, who also recorded one block, five steals and a career-high six assists, then drained two free throws to put UAlbany up, 68-58.

Higy helped the Great Danes achieve their highest shooting percentage of the season, hitting 81.8 (9-11) from the floor. UAlbany, which shot 58.8 percent as a team, went 16-of-24 (66.7 percent) in the second half. Higy also recorded a team-high seven rebounds to go along with three steals and an assist.

"We took the opportunity to break the streak," said Higy, who netted double-digit points for the 13th time this season. "We knew we needed to step up and win this game."

Sanders and freshman guard Britney McGee also reached double figures, scoring 11 and 10 points, respectively. Sanders, who shot 5-of-9 from the floor, also recorded five boards, two assists and a pair of steals.

"This was our best offensive showing of the season," said head coach Trina Patterson, who was coaching her third game after returning from giving birth to her third son. "The best part is, we did it against a zone defense, which has been a problem for us all season. This gives us confidence going into this last stretch because now we know that we can score against any defense."

New Hampshire (8-17, AE 3-10) was led by senior forward Danielle Clark, who recorded her fourth double-double of the season with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman guard Amy Simpson scored a team-high 14 points, while senior guard Whitney Edwards recorded 13 points and eight assists.

## GREAT DANES SOFTBALL SPLITS SEASON-OPENING DOUBLEHEADER AT STETSON

DeLand, Fla. – After getting shut out by Stetson in the first game of a doubleheader, 5-0, the UAlbany softball team used two home runs from third baseman **Kelly Ogden** to register a 6-2 victory in the nightcap, in college softball action at the Stetson Softball Field.

The Great Danes could only muster two singles by right fielder **Michelle Pechacek** in the opener, as the offense was largely shut down by Hatters starter **Erica Demers**, who threw a complete game and struck out three hitters for her third victory of the season. Stetson scored four runs on two hits in the second inning, and added another in the fifth on first baseman **Andrea Migliori's** solo home run. Starter **Casey Halloran** took the loss for UAlbany, allowing three earned runs on three hits in three innings of work.

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In the second game, the Great Danes (1-1) scored one in the first on catcher **Kat Smith's** RBI double. The Hatters responded with two in the bottom half of the frame before UAlbany took the lead for good in the third inning on Ogden's two-run blast. After adding one in the sixth on an RBI double from right fielder **Bailey Van Deest**, the Great Danes put the game out of reach with Ogden's second two-run home run of the game in the seventh.

**Leah McIntosh** had a solid outing to earn the victory for UAlbany, limiting Stetson (5-2) to two runs on six hits in 4 2/3 innings of work, striking out six. Halloran added 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief, fanning three.

UAlbany returns to action on Friday, Feb. 23, with games against Alabama State and Central Florida at the UCF Tournament in Orlando, Fla.

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Game One

UAlbany (0-1)	000	000	0	-	0	2	2
Stetson (5-1)	040	010	x	-	5	6	1

UAlbany: Casey Halloran, Laura Gremillion (4).

Stetson: Erica Demers

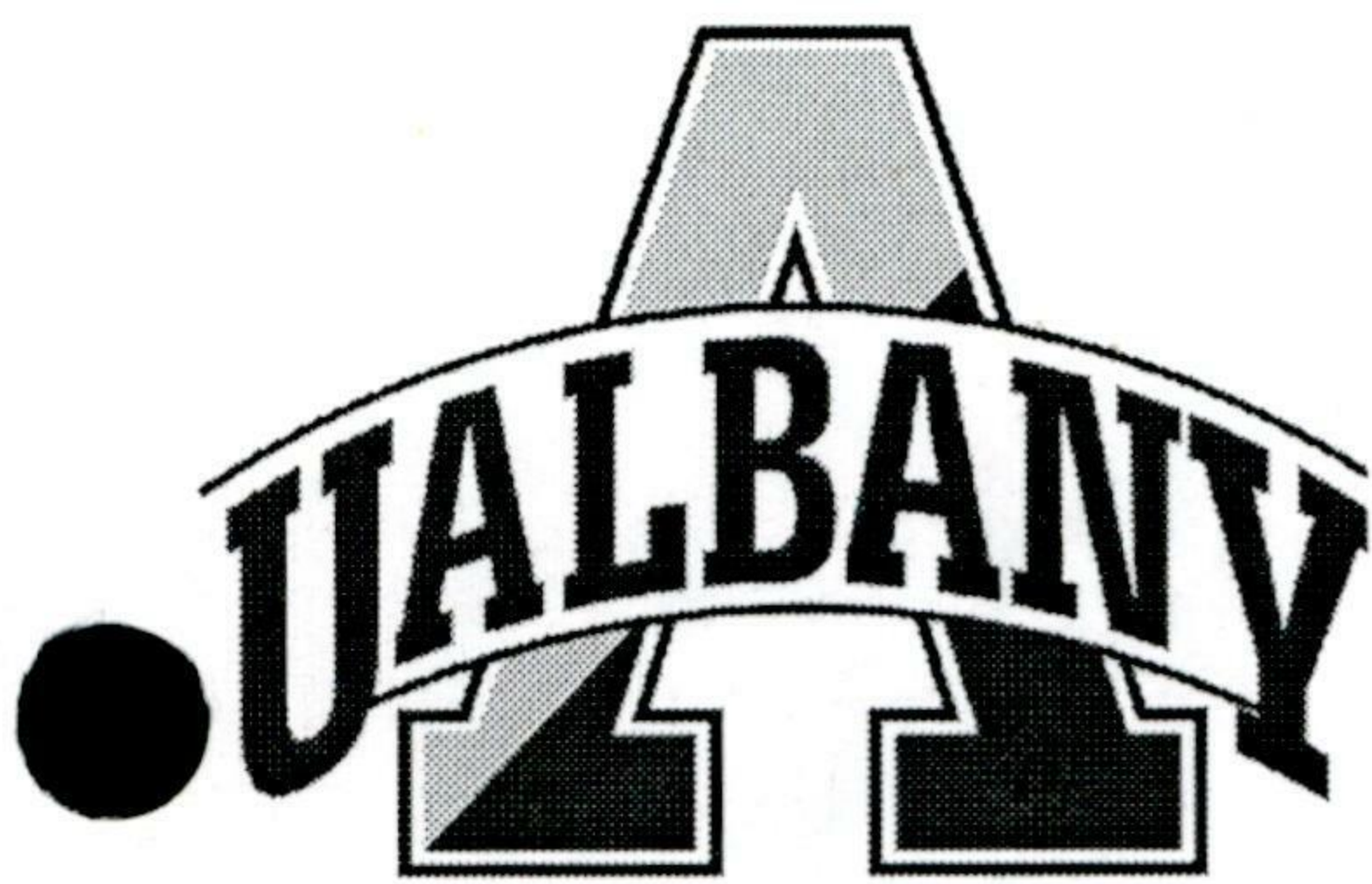
Game Two

UAlbany (1-1)	102	001	2	-	6	10	0
Stetson (5-2)	200	000	0	-	2	7	0

UAlbany: Leah McIntosh, Casey Halloran (5).

Stetson: Heather Colding, Erica Demers (7).





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### UALBANY FALLS TO VIRGINIA TECH, 8-2, IN SECOND GAME OF SOUTHERN SWING

Blacksburg, Va. – Virginia Tech center fielder **Nate Parks** was 2-for-3 with two RBI and three runs scored as the Hokies defeated UAlbany, 8-2, in a non-conference baseball game on Wednesday afternoon at English Field.

Virginia Tech (3-2) drew first blood with designated hitter **Jose Cueto**'s solo home run to center field in the second. The Great Danes (0-2) responded with two runs in the third, one on a sacrifice fly by catcher **Tom Hill** and the other on an RBI single from shortstop **Sean Donovan**, bringing home right fielder **Leo Corvino** (Columbia).

The Hokies came back with two in the bottom half of the frame on RBI singles by Parks and third baseman **Bryan Thomas**, and added another three in the fifth on first baseman **Sean O'Brien**'s two-out, bases-clearing double. Virginia Tech then sealed the victory with single insurance runs in the sixth and eighth innings.

Third baseman **Steve Wyland** went 2-for-4 for the Great Danes, while Donovan, Hill, second baseman **Al Barbato** and center fielder **Dave West** also had base hits for UAlbany. Parks, Cueto and second baseman **Matt Hacker** each had two hits for the Hokies. **Adam Redd** picked up the victory for Virginia Tech, giving up no runs on two hits in three innings of relief work. The loss went to **Marco Rivera**, who started for UAlbany and pitched four innings, giving up three runs on five hits and striking out one.

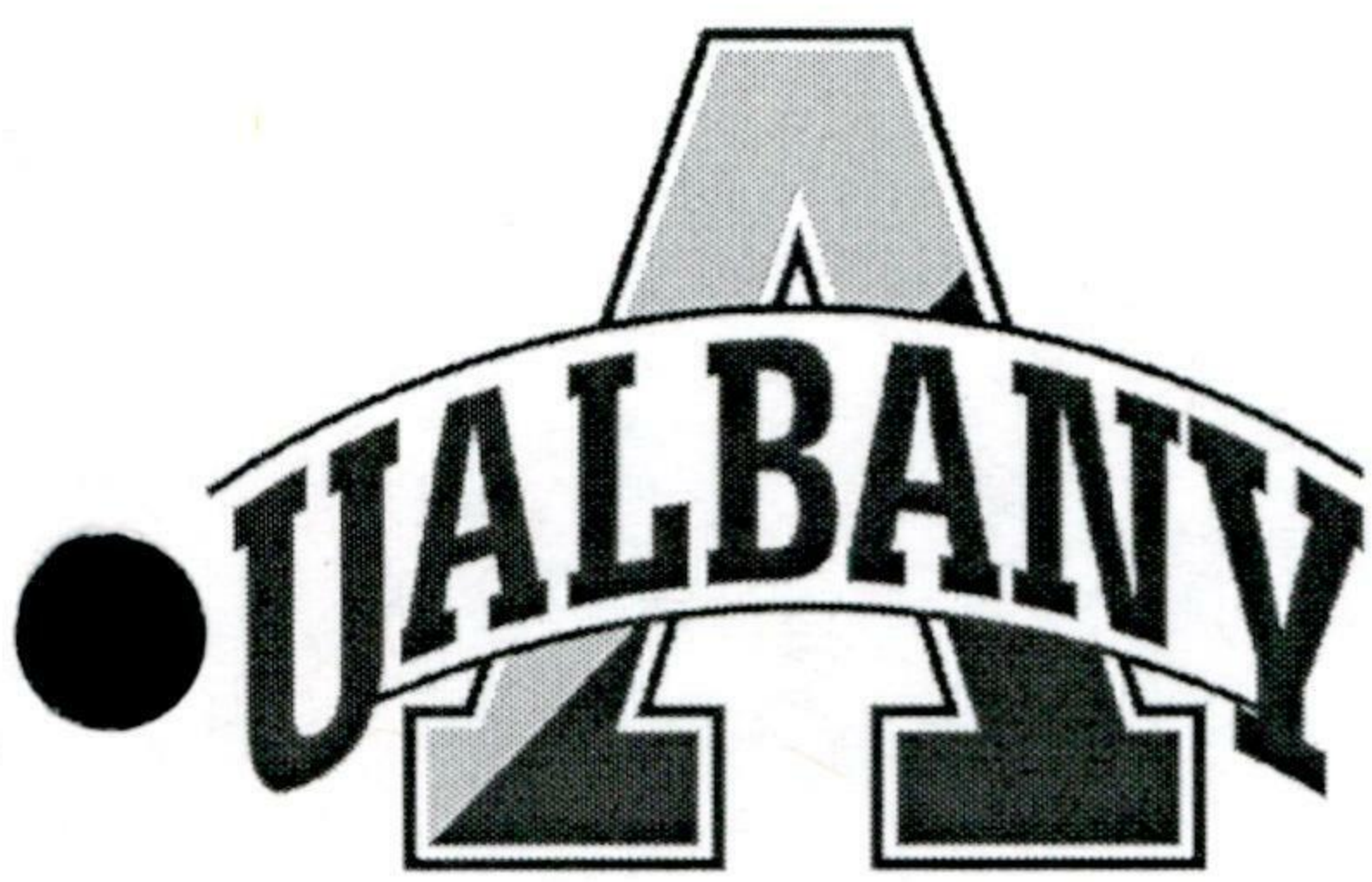
The Great Danes play next at Liberty on Friday at 2 p.m. in the first game of a three-game set.

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UAlbany (0-2)	002	000	000	-	2	6	1
Virginia Tech (3-2)	012	031	01x	-	8	11	1

UAlbany: Marco Rivera, Josh Willimott (5), Eric Solomon (7) and Hans Zlomek, Alexander Beaulieu (8).

Duke: Rob Whitley, Adam Redd (4), Rhett Ballard (7), Randy Buffington (9).





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## UALBANY TENNIS UPENDED BY CHARLESTON SOUTHERN, FALLS TO 2-5 ON THE SEASON

Charleston, S.C. – Charleston Southern's Meryam Tazi won at No.1 singles and teamed with Amanda Jaeger in No. 1 doubles to lead Buccaneer to a 6-0 win over the Great Danes in a non-league match on Tuesday afternoon at the CSU Tennis Courts.

Lina Benkirane defeated UAlbany's Kim Weltman, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, at No. 2 singles, while Zineb Hilali topped Christina Suarez, 6-0, 6-1, at No. 3 singles. Jaeger swept Amanda Hall, 6-0, 6-0, at No. 4 singles, while Amanda Swindall defeated Kim Westcott, 6-0, 6-1, at No. 5 singles.

The Buccaneers' duo of Hilali and Benkirane handed Weltman and Hall an 8-2, pro-set decision in second doubles.

The Great Danes return to action when they play host to Fairfield on Sunday, Mar. 4 at the UAlbany Bubble at 2 p.m.

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### **Charleston Southern 6, UAlbany 0**

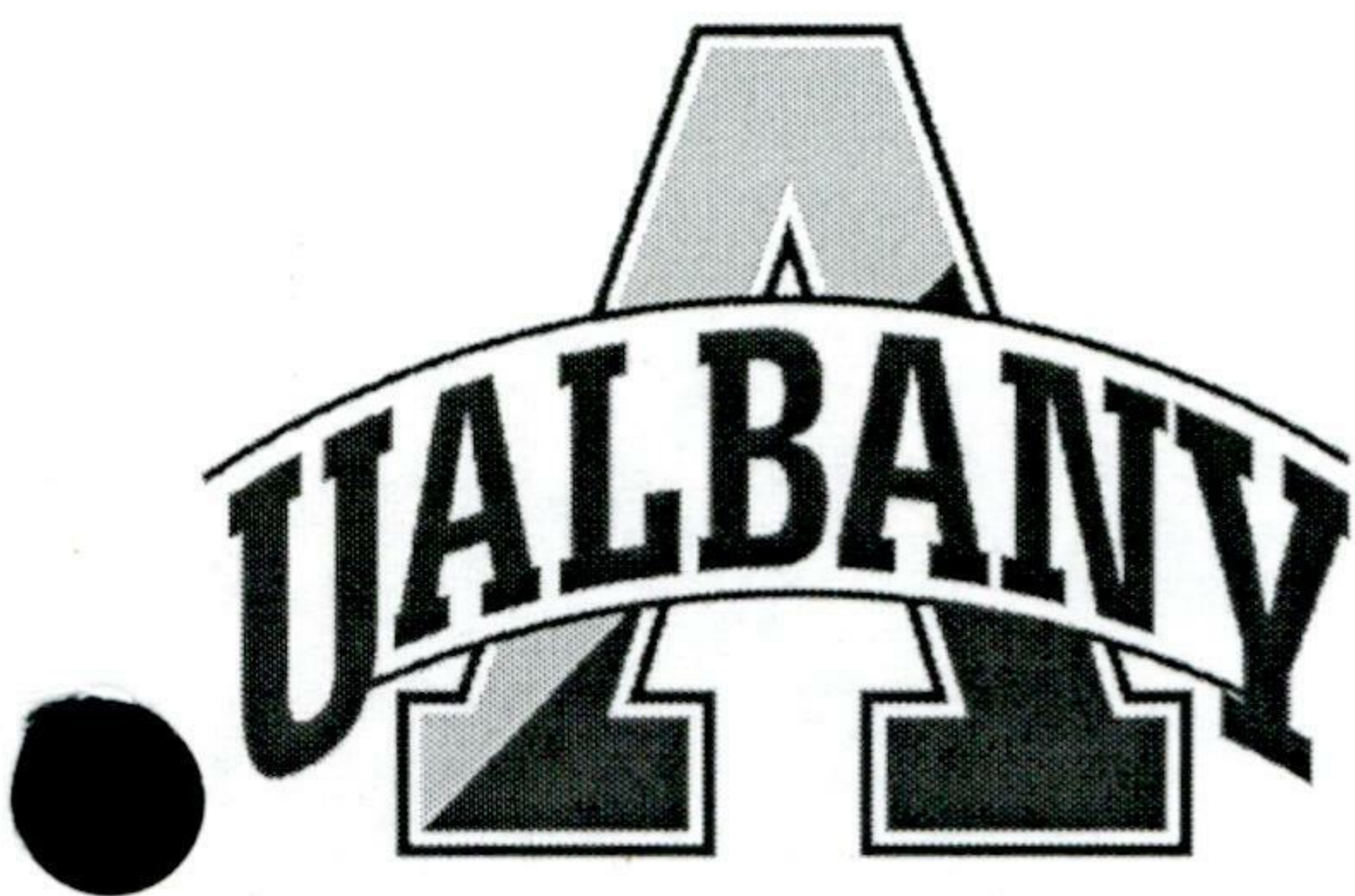
#### **Singles**

1. Meryam Tazi (CSU) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-4, 6-2.
2. Lina Benkirane (CSU) def. Kim Weltman (UA), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
3. Zineb Hilali (CSU) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 6-0, 6-1.
4. Patricia Jaeger (CSU) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 6-0, 6-0.
5. Amanda Swindall (CSU) def. Kim Westcott (UA), 6-0, 6-1.

#### **Doubles**

1. Tazi/Jaeger (CSU) def. Kern/Suarez (UA), 8-4
2. Hilali/Benkirane (CSU) def. Weltman/Hall (UA), 8-2





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**UALBANY BASEBALL DROPS SEASON-OPENER TO DUKE, 7-1**

Durham, N.C. – Duke posted a four-run sixth inning behind home runs by rightfielder Jimmy Gallagher and Nate Freiman to defeat UAlbany, 7-1, in the Great Danes' season opener on Tuesday afternoon at Jack Coombs Field.

Both teams went scoreless through the first three innings before Duke got on the scoreboard on an RBI single by Matt Williams in the bottom of the fourth that scored Gallagher.

UAlbany (0-1) recorded four hits on the day, with senior catcher Chris Wood scoring the only run for the Great Danes. Shortstop Sean Donovan, leftfielder Mike Konstanty and centerfielder Dave West all knocked a hit in the game. West's single in the seventh scored Wood.

Duke (7-0) was led by two hits apiece from Gallagher and catcher Matt Williams, who also drove in one run. The Blue Devils, who have scored double-digit runs in all but two games this season, had a strong outing on the mound from freshman right-hander Alexander Hassan. Hassan went five innings for Duke, striking out four and allowing just one hit.

Senior right-hander John Naples (Catholic Central) started the game on the hill for the Great Danes, going five innings, striking out three and allowing four earned runs. Southpaw Cory Warrings came in on middle relief, fanning two Duke batters in his one inning.

The Great Danes will continue their southern swing on Wednesday, as they visit Virginia Tech at 3 p.m.

Aggregate-

UAlbany (0-1)	000	000	100	-	1	4	1
Duke (7-0)	000	104	20x	-	7	8	1

UAlbany: John Naples, Matthew Herrick (6), Cory Warrings (7), Jeff Kaier (8) and Chris Wood and Tom Zink.

Duke: Alexander Hassan, Michael Seander (6), Jonathan Anderson (8) and Matt Williams.





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## UALBANY HAS 61 STUDENT-ATHLETES ON A-EAST FALL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Boston, Mass. – Arlette Westdorp was named the America East Conference Scholar-Athlete for field hockey, while Stephan Hall earned the top award in men's soccer for the second consecutive year, as UAlbany placed 61 student-athletes on the league's fall academic honor roll, announced by the conference office on Tuesday.

More than 594 student-athletes across the conference posted a grade point average of 3.0 or better in the fall of 2006. The Great Danes also had 34 representatives among the 305 who were named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll, acknowledging a GPA of 3.5 or better.

Hall earned his second scholar-athlete award from the conference after achieving a 3.98 GPA while pursuing his master's degree in information technologies. He was selected to the national CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine All-Academic First Team in 2005 and 2006, plus is a three-time All-District I selection. On the soccer field, Hall started all 74 matches in his career and was a team captain as a junior and a senior.

Westdorp, a sophomore economics major, has also been a member of the A-East All-Academic Team and the UAlbany Athletic Director's Honor Roll. After leading the nation with 1.12 assists per game, Westdorp, who helped lead a defense which was ranked tenth in the country, was named the America East's defensive player of the year. She became the program's all-time assists leader, recording 33 assists in her two seasons with the UAlbany program.

Hall joined 14 other members of the men's soccer team, which had the most representatives for UAlbany. Men's soccer also had 11 members on the Commissioner's Honor Roll, to lead the athletic program overall. Women's soccer followed with 14 student-athletes on the honor roll while volleyball had 10. Field hockey had nine representatives, while men's cross country had eight and women's cross country had five. All five student-athletes on the women's cross country team also earned Commissioner's Honor Roll accolades.

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### 2006 America East Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll

#### Men's Cross Country

Geoffrey Phelan, Joe Belokopitsky, Sean Gelinis, Mitchel Troise, Chris Jiminez\*, Jon Hilbert\*, Joseph Chioniere\*, Thomas Feeney\*

#### Women's Cross Country

Natasha Torres\*, Laine Sefick\*, Jenna Ortman\*, Jessica Ortman\*, Alyssa Lotmore\*

#### Men's Soccer

Brian Gordon, Brent Long, Joseph Hogan, Mike Dineen, Brad Ray\*, Kenneth Ibe\*, Alex Kuritzky\*, Don Johnson\*, George Apostolidis\*, Ivan Klyauzov\*, Mikael McNamara\*, Pieter Naeff\*, Steward Ceus\*, Stephan Hall\*, Erik DiLorenzo\*

#### Women's Soccer

Sarah Morrell, Danielle Ethier, Rachel Boles, Ashley Nuessle, Jaclyn Schaaf, Jamie Dougherty, Elana Maccou, Meghan Garrity, Diana Barrera, Alicia Gibson, Alexandra Kitrilakis, Jessica Campbell\*, Ugu Ogbuawa\*, Kaylin Connolly\*

#### Field Hockey

Megan Rinier, Jessica Woodall, Devon Switzer, Danielle Conklin, Barb Czaplinski\*, Ashley Ross\*, Vanessa Walter\*, Arlette Westdorp\*, Jaime Flagg\*

#### Volleyball

Mari Serkowski, Blair Buchanan, Natasha Marquis, Samantha Jacobson, Bev Hazell\*, Laura Livergood\*, Shelby Goldman\*, Kristin Fiorillo\*, Hillary White\*, Ashley DeNeal\*

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## COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON TOPS UALBANY IN NON-LEAGUE MATCH

Charleston, S.C. – Freshman **Julia Howard** won both No. 3 singles and second doubles as the UAlbany women's tennis team fell to College of Charleston, 6-1, at the Patriots Point Tennis Center on Monday afternoon.

Howard defeated junior **Christina Suarez**, 6-4, 6-0, in No. 3 singles and paired with junior **Amanda Becker** to beat **Kim Weltman** and **Kim Westcott**, 8-2, in No. 2 doubles.

UAlbany sophomore Weltman remains undefeated with a three-set victory against **Holly Dowse**, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 7-6 (10-5).

The Great Danes (2-4) finish their two-game road trip with a match at Charleston Southern University (2-0) on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m.

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### College of Charleston 6, UAlbany 1

#### Singles

1. Chelsea Albertz (C) def. Aimee Kern (A), 6-2, 6-2.
2. Kim Weltman (A) def. Holly Dowse (C), 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 7-6 (10:5).
3. Julia Howard (C) def. Christina Suarez (A), 6-4, 6-0.
4. Amber Dyer (C) def. Amanda Hall (A), 6-3, 6-1.
5. Jennifer Hancock (C) def. Kim Westcott (A), 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (10-6).
6. College of Charleston by default

#### Doubles

1. Anna Lee Evans/Dowse (C) def. Kern/Suarez (A), 8-3.
2. Amanda Becker/Howard (C) def. Weltman/Westcott (A), 8-2.
3. College of Charleston by default





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**NATIONALLY-RANKED VANDERBILT UPENDS UALBANY IN LACROSSE OPENER**

Nashville, Tenn. – Margie Curran and Cara Giordano scored four goals apiece to lead Vanderbilt, the nation’s 19th-ranked women’s lacrosse team, to an 18-5 victory over UAlbany in the season opener for both teams on Monday afternoon at Vanderbilt Lacrosse Complex.

The Commodores, who are ranked by the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA), scored six times in the opening eight minutes of play. Curran, who entered the contest with more than 100 career points, scored back-to-back goals nine seconds apart to ignite that early run. Giordano, a sophomore midfielder, then found the net from the top of the crease before later converting a pair of free-position opportunities.

Anastasia Adam, a freshman, and Kendall Thrift each had a pair of first-half goals in staking Vanderbilt to a 13-1 halftime advantage. Thrift, a senior attack, finished with three goals and one assist. The Commodores, who compete in the American Lacrosse Conference, meet top-ranked Northwestern in their next outing on Feb. 25.

The Great Danes’ Kayla Best (Guilderland H.S.) scored twice early in the final period. A 2006 U.S. Lacrosse high school All-American, Best was playing in her first game as a collegian. Sarah Spillett, Julie Bush and Christine Grueniger added unassisted goals. Senior goalkeeper Jen Daly, the school’s all-time saves leader, stopped nine shots.

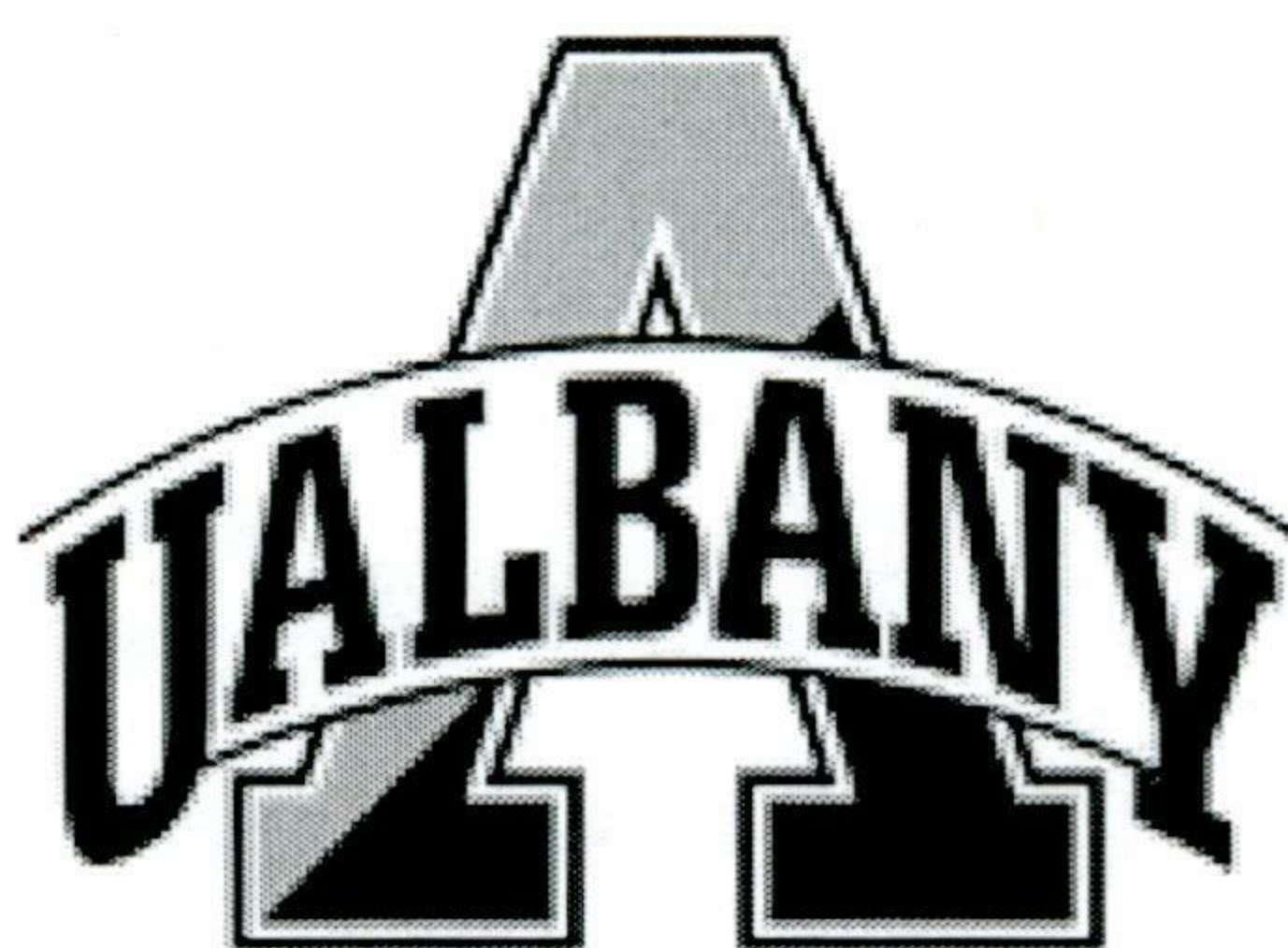
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UAlbany (0-1)	1	4	-	5
#19 Vanderbilt (1-0)	13	5	-	18

UAlbany – Scoring -- Kayla Best 2-0, Sarah Spillett 1-0, Julie Bush 1-0, Christine Grueniger 1-0; Goalkeeper(s) – Jen Daly (60:00, 18 GA, 9 saves).

Vanderbilt – Scoring – Margie Curran 4-1, Cara Giordano 4-0, Kendal Thrift 3-1, Anastasia Adam 2-1, Sarah Downing 1-1, Nicole Pugno 1-0, Carter Foote 1-0, Ali Lemons 1-0, Laura Keenan 1-0, Jennifer Tapscott 0-1, Allie Frank 0-1; Goalkeeper(s) – Brooke Shinaberry (46:07, 4 GA, 5 saves), Rachel Woolford (13:53, 1 GA, 1 save).





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## UALBANY FOOTBALL RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM 18 STUDENT-ATHLETES

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today that 18 student-athletes have signed commitments to play for the Great Danes in the 2007-08 academic year. UAlbany finished with a 7-4 record and tied for second place in the Northeast Conference standings last season.

The 2007 signing class is comprised of eight players from the state of New York, plus three from Florida, three from Pennsylvania, two from New Jersey and one each from Texas and Maryland. The breakdown by position includes three quarterbacks, four offensive linemen, two wide receivers, two running backs, three defensive linemen, one linebacker and three defensive backs.

"We were able to sign three excellent defensive linemen and two cover cornerbacks," said Ford, who is second among active Division I-AA coaches with 217 career victories. "Those two areas were needs for a defense that is coming off a pretty good year. Terrell Dobbins has a chance to be a great tailback with his size, balance and vision. I like that fact that we attracted two big wide receivers and three quarterbacks, plus we added depth to our offensive line."

The Great Danes landed three all-state players from New York, including defensive tackle **Zach Gallo**, wide receiver **Luke Weaver** and defensive end **Kyle Hussey**. Gallo, a Class A first-team selection by the New York State Sportswriters Association, earned All-Long Island honors twice. A three-time All-Suffolk County choice, Gallo totaled 54 tackles and six sacks as a senior. Weaver was named to the Class AA third team and was a consensus first-team All-Area wide receiver. He had 29 receptions for 581 yards and eight touchdowns, plus totaled 50 tackles and five interceptions as a defensive back. Hussey, a 6-foot-3, 275-pound defensive end, made the Class AA all-state fourth team. He recorded 73 tackles, six sacks and three pass deflections and was chosen first-team All-Area by the *Albany Times Union* and *Schenectady Daily Gazette*.

UAlbany extended its reach into the state of Pennsylvania. Tailback **Terrell Dobbins** was named to the Associated Press and *Pennsylvania Football News* Class AAA all-state first team after rushing for 1,343 yards and 16 touchdowns. Dobbins also had 15 receptions out of the backfield. **Wil Moushey**, a 6-foot-4, 250-pound defensive end, was tabbed by *Pennsylvania Football News* to its honorable mention all-state team. Moushey, a member of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Fabulous 22 North squad, accounted for 67 tackles and three sacks. Offensive lineman **Keith Peifer** (6-6, 265) led his team to the school's first-ever district title and an appearance in the PIAA Eastern final.

The Great Danes picked up three players from Florida and two from New Jersey. **Daniel Avery** and **Dwann Ivey**, a pair of defensive backs from Miramar Everglades High, earned honorable mention All-Broward County recognition. Avery will also compete as a hurdler on UAlbany's track and field team. **John Lullen** (6-2, 185) provides the offense with another big target at wide receiver. He had 30 receptions and was the top scorer on his high school's basketball squad. **Dan Di Lella**, a two-time all-area quarterback who passed for 1,500-plus yards as a junior and senior, and linebacker **Marc Wargo** played on the scholastic level in the Garden State. Di Lella is the tallest signal-caller in the UAlbany football program's history at 6-foot-5 and 215 pounds.

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## UAlbany Football 2-2-2

UAlbany signed five other players from the state of New York, including second-team all-area quarterback and Glens Falls High standout **Denny Wilhelm**, who threw for 1,259 yards and 14 touchdowns. **Mike Tracy** led Sayville High to a Nassau County championship as a second-team All-Long Island quarterback. **Jeff Benway**, a starting quarterback who passed for six touchdowns and ran for three more at Queensbury High, will move to free safety at the collegiate level. **Kyle O'Keefe** (6-3, 280) and **Chaz Mitchell** (6-4, 235) bolster the UAlbany offensive line at the center/guard and tackle positions, respectively.

**Andy Sparano**, the son of Dallas Cowboys' assistant head coach Tony Sparano, will play offensive guard for the Great Danes. He was named to the District 5-5A squad by the *Dallas Morning News* and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. His brother, Tony, is a sophomore defensive end on the UAlbany team. In addition, **Mohamed Yansane**, an honorable mention All-Montgomery County cornerback, had four interceptions as a high school senior.

### 2007 University at Albany Football Commitments

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Daniel Avery	CB	5-9	165	Cooper City, Fla. (Miramar Everglades)
Jeff Benway	FS	5-11	175	Queensbury, N.Y. (Queensbury)
Dan Di Lella	QB	6-5	215	Neshanic Station, N.J. (Somerville)
Terrell Dobbins	TB	5-10	205	Bethlehem, Pa. (Bethlehem Catholic)
Zach Gallo	DT	6-0	245	Sayville, N.Y. (Sayville)
Kyle Hussey	DE	6-3	275	Albany, N.Y. (Guilderland)
Dwann Ivey	TB	5-9	170	Miramar, Fla. (Miramar Everglades)
John Lullen	WR	6-2	185	Wesley Chapel, Fla. (Tampa Gaither)
Chaz Mitchell	OT	6-4	235	Rochester, N.Y. (East)
Wil Moushey	DE	6-4	250	Glenshaw, Pa. (Shaler)
Kyle O'Keefe	C/OG	6-3	280	Wappingers Falls, N.Y. (Roy C. Ketcham)
Keith Peifer	C/OG	6-6	265	Lewisberry, Pa. (Red Land)
Andy Sparano	OG	6-0	240	Colleyville, Texas (Grapevine)
Mike Tracy	QB	6-2	190	East Meadow, N.Y. (East Meadow)
Marc Wargo	ILB	6-2	210	Hightstown, N.J. (Hightstown)
Luke Weaver	WR	6-4	185	Loudonville, N.Y. (Christian Brothers Academy)
Denny Wilhelm	QB	6-4	205	Glens Falls, N.Y. (Glens Falls)
Mohamed Yansane	CB	5-10	165	Potomac, Md. (Winston Churchill)





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## UALBANY MEN WIN FOURTH AMERICA EAST TRACK & FIELD CROWN IN PAST FIVE YEARS

Boston, Mass. – Junior **David Parker** (Niskayuna) set a school record in the heptathlon, finishing first in the event, as the UAlbany men's track and field team won the America East Conference Indoor Track & Field Championship for the fourth time in the past five years on Saturday. The Great Danes tallied 203.5 points in the meet, breaking the previous meet record of 202 points, set by Northeastern in 1991. The two-day meet was held at Boston University's Track & Tennis Center.

Parker, who tallied 4,914 points and qualified for March's IC4A meet, won the heptathlon's 55-meter hurdles in 8.16 seconds and the pole vault with a height of 15-feet, 2.75-inches, and tied for first in the high jump with a leap of 6-feet, 4.75-inches. The previous school record in the heptathlon was held by **Fred Frese**, who registered 4,849 points in 2004.

The Great Danes earned three other victories in track events, with sophomore **Pat Weider** winning the 200-meters in 21.57 seconds and sophomore **Jean Juste** taking the 55-meter hurdles in 7.52 seconds. In addition, Weider was a member of the first-place 4x400-relay team, which also consisted of sophomore **Andrew Overbaugh**, freshman **Nick Lemp** and senior **Junior Burnett**. The relay registered a time of 3:16.99.

Burnett finished second in two individual events, clocking in at 6.42 seconds in the 55-meters and at 21.63 seconds in the 200-meters. Elsewhere, freshman **John Moore** (Fonda-Fultonville) finished second in the 800-meters in 1:50.83, his best time as a collegian, while Lemp came in third in the 500-meters in 1:05.40. Another school record was set by the 4x800 relay team, as **Jared Jupin** (Shaker), **Ricardo Estremera**, **Joe Belokopitsky** (Shaker) and Moore placed second in 7:38.73.

In field events, sophomore **Mike McCadney** won the triple jump with a leap of 49-feet, 1.75-inches. Sophomore **Freddie Wills**, who won Friday's long jump, finished second in the high jump with a distance of 6-feet, 7.5-inches, and came in third in the triple jump with a leap of 46-feet, 7.25-inches. Wills, who totaled 27 points, also had a sixth-place finish in the hurdles. Junior **Renauld Buck** placed second in the shot put with a throw of 50-feet even.

"I told our team that it was a privilege to coach them and that they have continued a winning tradition," said UAlbany coach **Roberto Vives**, a member of the America East coaching staff of the year. "It was a team effort all the way, especially to score that many points in both the long jump and triple jump. David Parker has become a bonafide multi-event athlete after competing in the heptathlon for the first time just two weeks ago. Freddie Wills had an exceptional meet by scoring in four different events."

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### AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS

1. **UAlbany 203.5**, 2. New Hampshire 128.5, 3. Boston U. 114, 4. Binghamton 92, 5. Maine 79, 6. UMBC 74, 7. Stony Brook 64, 8. Vermont 23, 9. Hartford 1.

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## ORTMAN GARNERS A-EAST TRACK HONORS AS UALBANY WOMEN FINISH SECOND

Boston, Mass. – Sophomore **Jessica Ortman**, who won the 1,000-meters and the mile run and was a member of the record-setting 4x800 relay team, was named the Most Outstanding Track Performer at the America East Conference Indoor Track & Field Championship. The Great Danes finished second with 155 points, 23 behind first-place Boston University. It was the third second-place finish for the indoor team in the past four years.

Ortman was the first-ever UAlbany women's athlete to earn most outstanding performer honors at the America East indoor meet. Her time of 2:50.74 in the 1,000-meters shattered her own mark of 2:50.90, set at the 2006 Terrier Classic. She also registered a time of 4:54.76 in the mile. The 4x800 relay team, made up of **Adanna Andrews, Anisha Andrews, Helene Abiola** and Ortman, set both an America East championship and UAlbany record with a time of 9:02.66. The previous conference record was 9:06.11, set by New Hampshire in 2003, while the previous school record of 9:08.42 was set in 2001. The time was also a NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

After winning the 5,000-meters on Friday, senior **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) followed with a first-place finish in the 3,000 with a season-best time of 9:51.40. Sophomore **Kamilah McShine** also won her second event of the meet, taking the 55-meter hurdles in 8.16 seconds. She was victorious in the pentathlon the previous day. In other track events, Adanna Andrews came in second in the 500-meters in 1:14.53, breaking her own school record of 1:14.54, set at last year's America East indoor meet, while Anisha Andrews finished third in the 400-meters in 57.15 seconds.

Junior **Brenna Militello**'s record-breaking victory in the high jump was a highlight of the field events. Militello's leap of 5-feet, 7.25-inches, surpassed the school mark of 5-feet, 5-inches, set by **Janna Johnston** in 1998 and by Militello earlier this season. Senior **Sarah Charles** broke her own UAlbany record in the triple jump with a leap of 40-feet, 4-inches, good for second place. Sophomore **Jenn Gurrant** placed third with a triple jump of 39-feet, 8-inches and fourth in the long jump with a distance of 17-feet, 9.75-inches.

"We had hoped for more, but I am not sure we could have done anything else," said Ortman about her team's second-place finish in the team standings. "The field went out slow in the 1,000, but I felt comfortable enough to go for it (the lead) in the last 200 meters and was able to execute. I wanted to help my teammates win a championship in the 4x800 (relay). When I got the baton on the final leg we had closed the gap to six seconds, I gradually worked my way up to the front."

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### AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### WOMEN'S RESULTS

1. Boston University 178, 2. **UAlbany 155**, 3. New Hampshire 112, 4. Binghamton 88, 5. Vermont 79, 6. UMBC 69, 7. Maine 59, 8. Stony Brook 32, 9. Hartford 8.





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## HARTFORD HOLDS OFF UALBANY, 60-54, IN A-EAST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ACTION

West Hartford, Conn. – Danielle Hood and Diana Delva each scored 16 points as Hartford held off UAlbany, 60-54, in America East Conference play on Saturday afternoon at Chase Arena. The Hawks, who extended their winning streak to nine straight, stayed in first place in the conference standings.

Hartford (18-7, AE 11-1) used a 14-2 run to break a 13-13 tie with 6:17 left in the opening period. Hood, a 6-foot-1 junior who grabbed seven rebounds, ignited that stretch with a layup and later buried a jumper in lane. Delva, who had 10 first-half points, made six free throws and a basket in the lane. The Hawks, who have won nine of 10 games at home this season, settled for a 27-15 halftime advantage.

UAlbany (7-19, AE 3-10) trailed by as much as 15 points early in the final period before cutting into that margin. Devran Tanacan, a 6'4" sophomore, converted a three-point play when she was fouled on a follow shot in the lane. Sherri Mikus, a junior guard who led her team with 14 points, hit a pair of free throws to close the gap to 41-36 with 8:10 remaining.

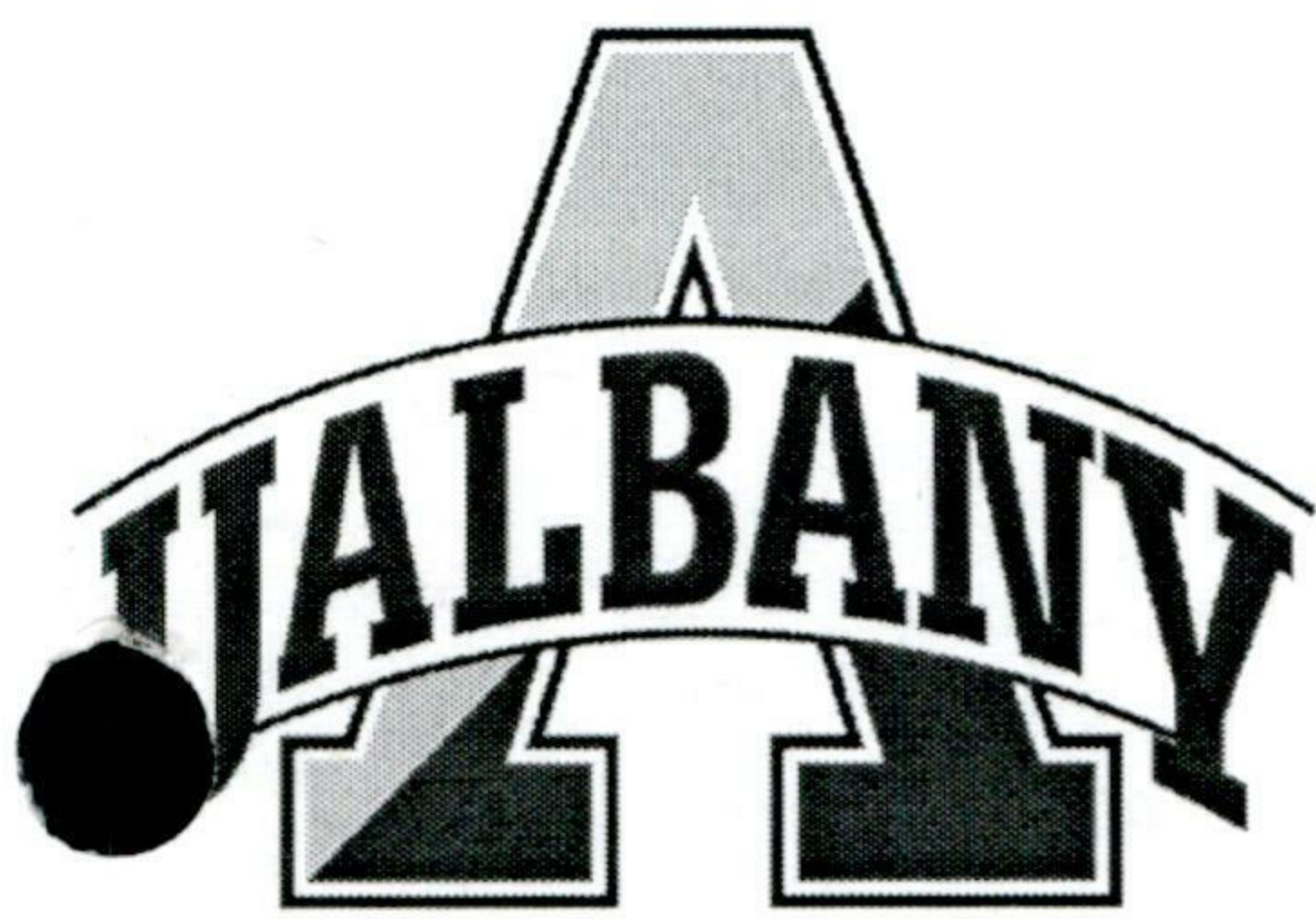
Katie Kelley, who totaled 10 points and eight rebounds, pushed Hartford's lead back to double figures two minutes later with a basket. But the Great Danes, who shot 57.7 percent in the final period, would not go away. Amanda Ward's bank shot in transition got her club within 51-45, but the Hawks' Lisa Etienne drilled a three-point field goal with 1:40 left to thwart any comeback. Etienne, who was the fourth Hartford player in double figures with 11, made three fouls shots in the stretch to keep her team in front.

"In the second half we played aggressive and confident," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose squad made just 5-of-25 field goal attempts in the first half. "Our defense was good, but our offense was not there in the first twenty minutes. We need to have five players on the same page that are noticed for forty minutes. When that happens we will string some wins together."

Freshman Britney McGee had 12 points for the Great Danes, who suffered their eighth consecutive setback. Kristin Higy and Charity Iromuanya had nine and eight points, respectively. Iromuanya, a freshman, did all of her scoring in the second half, and added four rebounds, two assists and two steals.

"We let them get away from us in that last five minutes of the first half," offered Mikus, who scored in double figures for the tenth time this season. "We missed open shots and we got away from our defensive game plan of keeping their post players from dominating on the inside."





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## **BOISE STATE EDGES UALBANY, 83-82, IN ESPNU BRACKETBUSTERS SHOOTOUT**

Boise, Idaho -- Anthony Thomas scored 16 points and made the go-ahead three-point field goal with 32 seconds remaining to lift Boise State past UAlbany, 83-82, in the fifth annual O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBusters on Friday evening at Taco Bell Arena.

UAlbany (18-9) took an 82-80 lead when Jamar Wilson made a conventional three-point play when he was fouled on a drive from the free throw line. Wilson, a 6-foot-1 senior, finished with 22 points and five assists. Thomas answered back on his team's next possession when he drilled a long-range jumper from the top of arc off a screen. The Great Danes had several chances to regain the lead in the final moments. Brian Lillis missed a bank shot from the left side off a dribble drive with two seconds left and Brian Connelly failed to convert the follow shot as the horn sounded.

In a game that featured 33 lead changes and six ties, UAlbany snapped a 76-all tie when Brent Wilson canned a 3-pointer from the right side. Wilson, a 6-foot-8 junior, ended up with 16 points and seven rebounds. The Broncos, who have won 12 of 13 games at home this season, went back ahead, 80-79, as Seth Robinson, who scored 11 off the bench, hit a baseline jumper and Eric Lane converted a fastbreak layup after a steal.

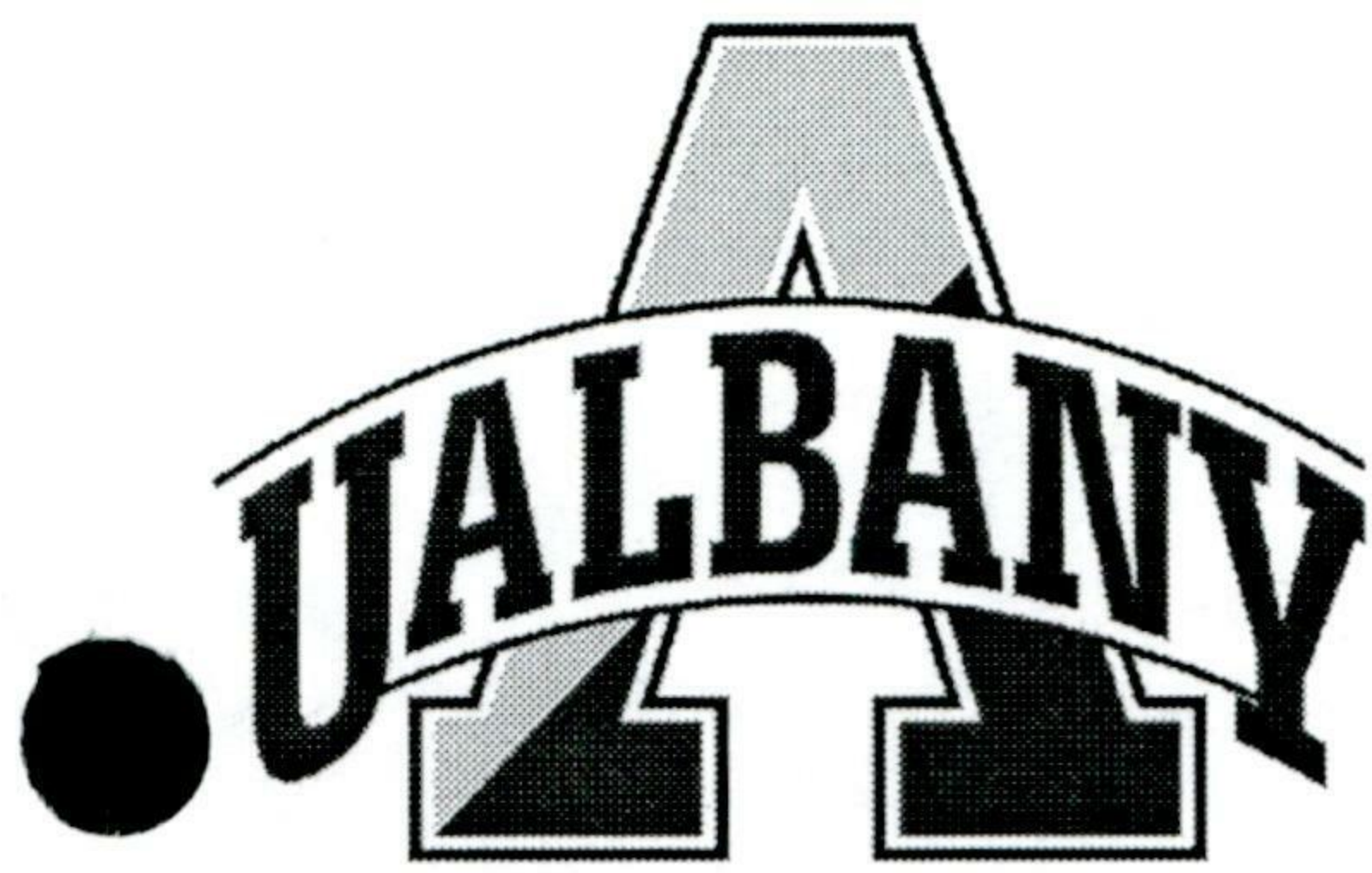
"The two teams battled each other the whole game, so there really was no loser in this one," said Brent Wilson, whose squad had won 10 of its last 12 entering the contest. "Both teams are talented offensively. When you are unfamiliar with your opponent, both their style of play and personnel, it's going to be difficult to hold each other down defensively."

Boise State (15-10) reversed a 21-13 deficit in the first half with a 13-4 run. Reggie Larry, a 6'6" junior who led his team with 22 points, and Thomas led that comeback, before Seth Robinson put his team ahead on a three-pointer following a turnover. In a period where the lead switched hands 13 times, BSU's Tyler Tiedeman broke a 37-37 deadlock with a long-range shot. Thomas, who made 6-of-9 from the floor, would later launch a 40-footer that beat the buzzer and gave the Broncos a 43-39 lead at the intermission.

"Both teams made plays down the stretch, they just made one more than we did," explained UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose club endured a travel schedule that included a bus trip to Washington, D.C. and two separate 2,500-mile airplane rides to Boise due to a snowstorm that battered the east coast two days earlier. "It was a high-level game where both teams executed and didn't panic in the situation. We had every opportunity to make excuses going into this game, but I am proud of this team because they played with a purpose and were focused throughout."

Jason Siggers and Lillis each had 12 points for the Great Danes, who were playing a nationally-televised BracketBusters game for the second straight year. BSU's Eric Lane had 16 points, including four 3-pointers. Coby Karl, the son of Denver Nuggets' head coach George Karl, was held to five points. However, the Broncos, who have won four straight and seven of their last nine outings, overcame their top scorer's off night by shooting 56.9 percent from the field and making 11-of-22 from three-point range.





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**UALBANY MEN FIRST, WOMEN THIRD AFTER FIRST DAY OF A-EAST CHAMPIONSHIP**

Boston, Mass. – Sophomore **Kamilah McShine**'s school record-breaking victory in the pentathlon highlighted the first day of competition for the UAlbany men's and women's track and field teams on Friday at the America East Conference Indoor Championships, held at Boston University's Track & Tennis Center. The conference meet concludes on Saturday with finals in 27 events.

With five events completed, the men's squad finished the opening day in first place with 50.5 points. UAlbany athletes took the top four spots in the long jump, led by sophomore **Freddie Wills**, who won the event with a leap of 23-feet, 6-inches, and junior **Felipe Reyes** (Christian Brothers Academy), whose jump of 23-feet, 3.5-inches, was good for second place.

The distance medley relay squad, consisting of freshman **John Moore** (Fonda-Fultonville), sophomore **Joe Greene**, sophomore **Joe Belokopitsky** (Shaker) and junior **Ricardo Estremera**, came in third place in a time of 9:55.62, breaking a 15-year-old school record of 9:57.66. Junior **David Parker** (Niskayuna) finished fourth with a pole vault of 14-feet, 9-inches, and is the first-day leader in the heptathlon with four of the seven events completed. Sophomore **Jean Juste** came in first place in the 55-meter hurdle preliminaries in 7.58 seconds, while Greene finished first in the 400-meter preliminaries in 47.68 seconds.

The UAlbany women ended the opening day third overall with 47 points, 11 behind first-place Boston U. McShine finished first in three of the five events in the pentathlon, registering a school-record 3,594 points and qualifying for March's ECAC meet. She is also a favorite to win the 55-meter hurdles after finishing first in today's preliminaries in a career-best time of 8.14 seconds. She qualified for the ECACs in that event as well.

After a third-place finish last season, senior **Alyssa Lotmore** (Albany, N.Y./Bishop Maginn) won the 5000-meters in a time of 16:59.82, nearly 24 seconds faster than the second-place finisher. Sophomore **Jenn Gurrant** finished fourth in the long jump with a leap of 17-feet, 9.75-inches. Senior **Adanna Andrews** had the best time in the 500-meter preliminaries in 1:15.77.

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**AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS****WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS**

1. Boston U. 58, 2. New Hampshire 48, **3. UAlbany 47**, 4. Binghamton 28, 5. Vermont 15, T6. UMBC 13, T6. Maine 13, 8. Stony Brook 8, 9. Hartford 4.

**MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS**

**1. UAlbany 50.5**, 2. Binghamton 40, 3. New Hampshire 34.5, 4. Stony Brook 24, 5. UMBC 16, 6. Boston U. 15, 7. Maine 14, 8. Vermont 1, 9. Hartford 0.

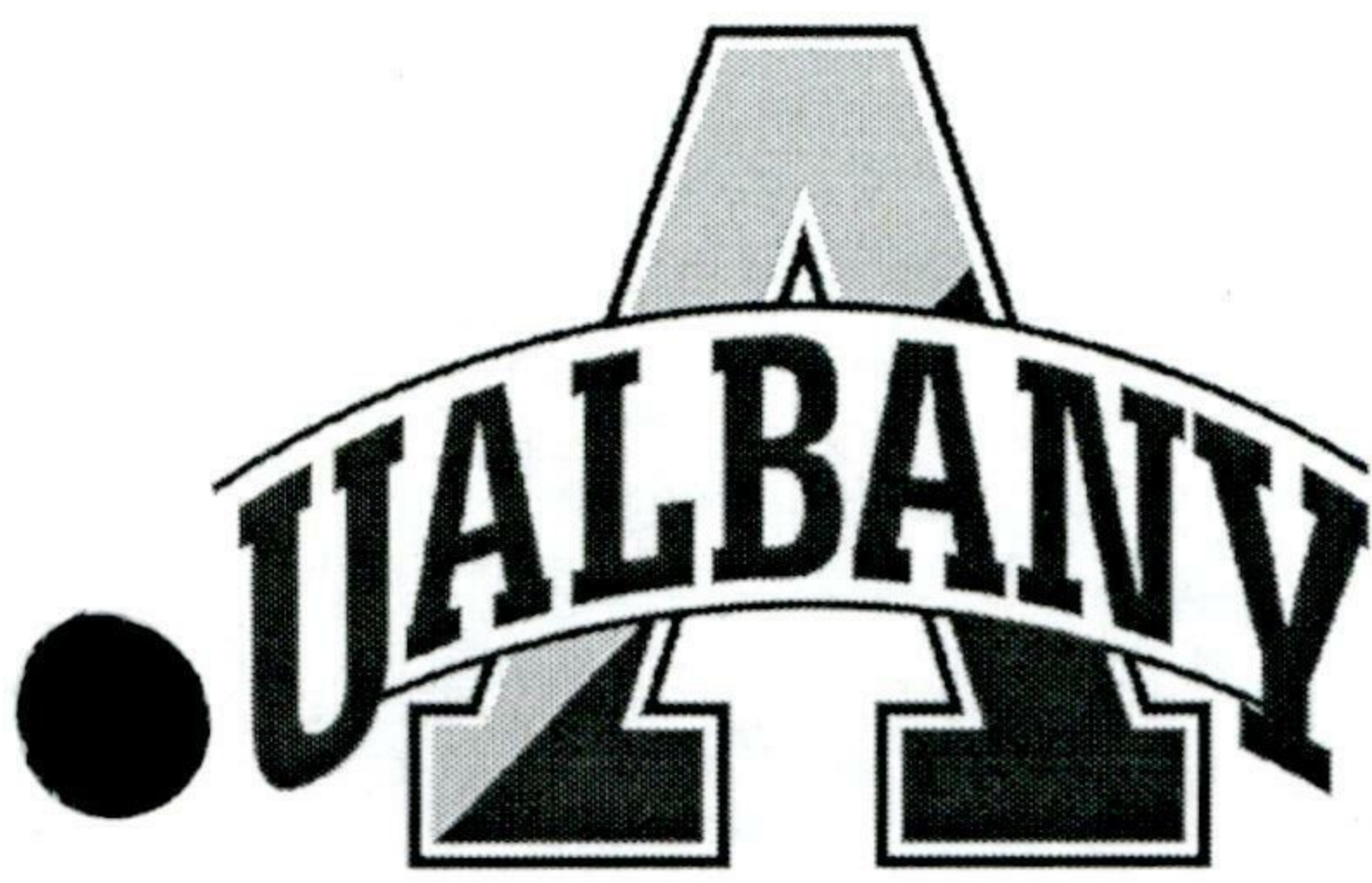
**WOMEN'S RESULTS**

5000 meters: **Alyssa Lotmore (UAlbany)**, 16:59.82, Pole Vault: Fiona Romeri (Boston U.), 11-3.75, Weight Throw: Ashley Fauntleroy (UMBC) 51-7, Pentathlon: **Kamilah McShine (UAlbany)**, 3594 points.

**MEN'S RESULTS**

5000 meters: Jordan Horwitz (New Hampshire), 14:24.14, Distance Medley Relay: Boston U. (David Proctor, David Polgar, Pat Hoye, Nick Goodman) 9:54.59, Long Jump: **Freddie Wills (UAlbany)**, 23-6, Pole Vault: Rory Quiller (Binghamton) 17-4.5, Weight Throw: Jeffrey Kaste (New Hampshire) 57-4.





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### UALBANY TIED FOR FIRST IN AMERICA EAST MEN'S LACROSSE PRESEASON POLL

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany, winners of three of the last four league crowns, and defending conference champion UMBC have each received a total of 32 points to share the top spot in the America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Preseason Coaches' Poll. The Great Danes earned three first-place votes, while the Retrievers garnered two.

The Great Danes, who open their schedule on Saturday, Feb. 24 against sixth-ranked Johns Hopkins on ESPNU, return all but one starter from last year's 8-7 squad that made its fifth consecutive appearance in the America East tournament championship final. UAlbany has five scorers returning with 20-plus points from an offense that was ranked third nationally at 11.73 goals per game. **Frank Resetarits** and **Merrick Thomson**, a pair of three-time all-conference selections, lead that group. Resetarits, the nation's leading scorer, totaled 45 goals and 19 assists. Thomson, who is first among active NCAA scorers with 175 career points, had 31 goals and 11 assists.

Head coach **Scott Marr**, who is in his seventh season, also returns first-team all-conference goalkeeper **Brett Queener**. The senior netminder led the league in saves per game (12.13) and posted a .547 save percentage. **Craig McDonald**, a second-team All-America East defenseman, was third on the team in ground balls (38). All-Conference performers **Jordan Levine** (first team) and **Matthew Green** (second team) are active in the midfield. Levine, who was eighth among the Division I leaders with 88 ground balls, had 14 goals and 13 assists.

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#### 2007 America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Poll

T1. Albany (3), 32, T1. UMBC (2), 32; 3. Stony Brook 22; 4. Binghamton (1), 21; 5. Vermont 12; 6. Hartford 7.  
( ) – first-place votes

### UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM CHOSEN FIFTH IN AMERICA EAST COACHES' POLL

Boston, Mass. – In a preseason poll of America East Conference head coaches, the UAlbany women's lacrosse team was picked to finish fifth among seven lacrosse-playing schools. New Hampshire was chosen to win the league, while Boston University was voted second.

The Great Danes finished 8-8 overall last season, including a 2-4 conference record. The eight wins tied the program's Division I record. Leading the list of returnees this season are senior midfielders **Kate Fontana** and **Katelyn Primomo** and goalkeeper **Jen Daly**, a first-team All-America East selection. Fontana recorded 34 goals and 10 assists, and was ranked first nationally in ground balls (4.94 pg) and second in caused turnovers (3.13 pg). She enters her final season ranked fifth on the school's all-time scoring list with 146 points (118 goals, 28 assists). Daly is the school's career saves leader with 545, after posting a 9.39 goals against average and a .530 save percentage one year ago. Primomo, a 16-game starter, had 24 ground balls and 16 caused turnovers for a defensive unit that allowed 9.5 goals per game.

Second-year head coach **Lindsey Hart** will rely on All-America East second-team attacker **Sarah Spillett**, a senior who led the Great Danes in scoring with 45 points (24 goals, 21 assists). Her assist total matched the fourth-best single-season mark in the program's history. Sophomore midfielder **Julie Bush**, an America East all-rookie honoree in 2006, added 25 goals and 16 assists. Other key veterans include senior midfielder **Krissy Rajczak** (29 goals, 13 assist) and junior midfielder **Brittany Scott** (9 goals, 5 assists).

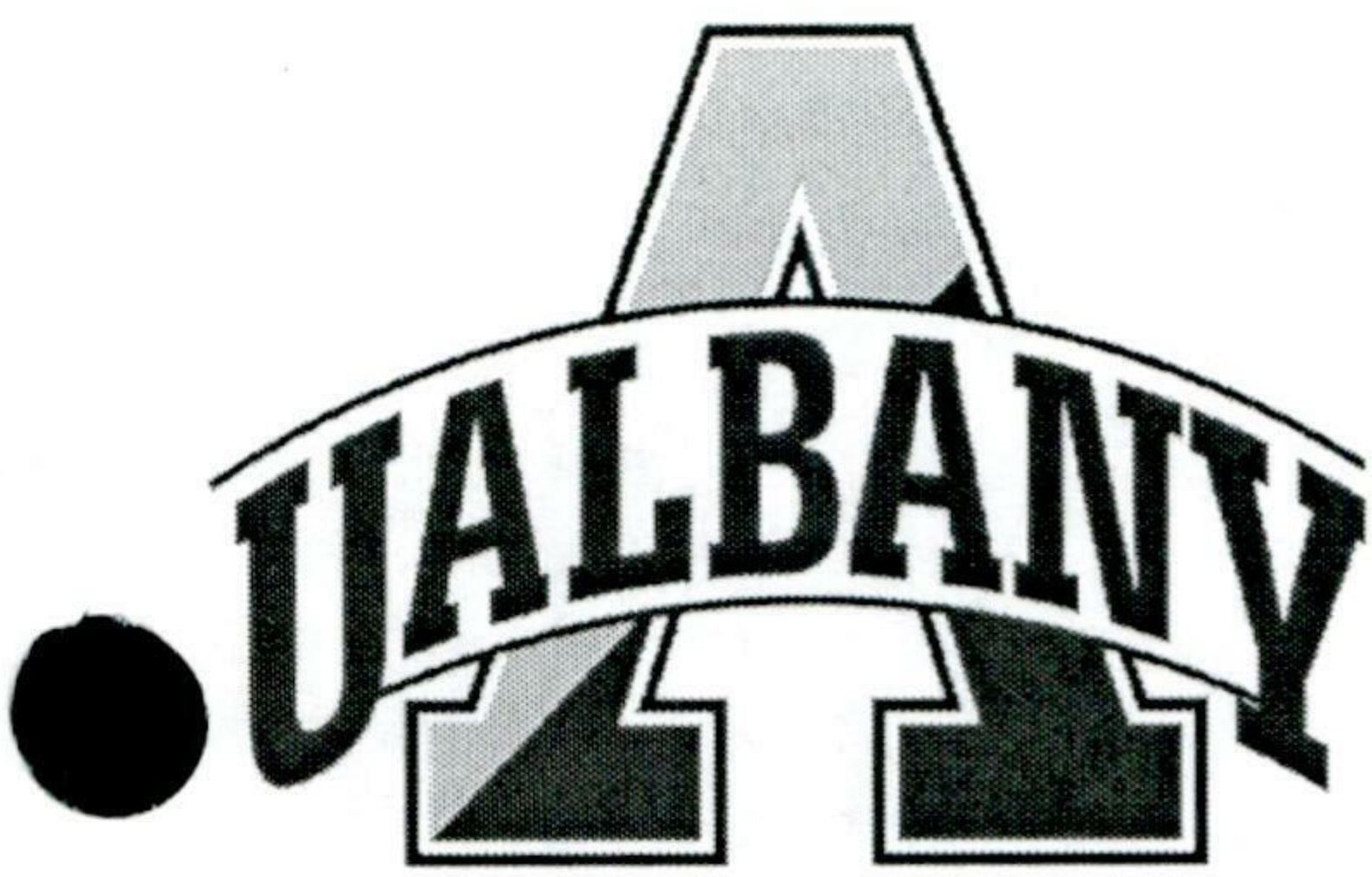
The Great Danes open their season on Monday, Feb. 19 against 19th-ranked Vanderbilt. UAlbany will play its first home contest of the season on March 12 against crosstown-rival Siena.

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#### 2007 America East Conference Women's Lacrosse Poll

1. New Hampshire (4), 46; 2. Boston U. (3), 43; 3. UMBC 37; 4. Stony Brook 25; 5. Albany 21; 6. Vermont 15; 7. Binghamton 9.  
( ) – first-place votes





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## UALBANY COMPETES AT AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany men's and women's track and field teams will compete at the America East Conference Indoor Championships on Feb. 16-17 at Boston University's Track and Tennis Center. The UAlbany men have won three of the last four conference indoor titles, while the women seek their first crown after finishing second one year ago.

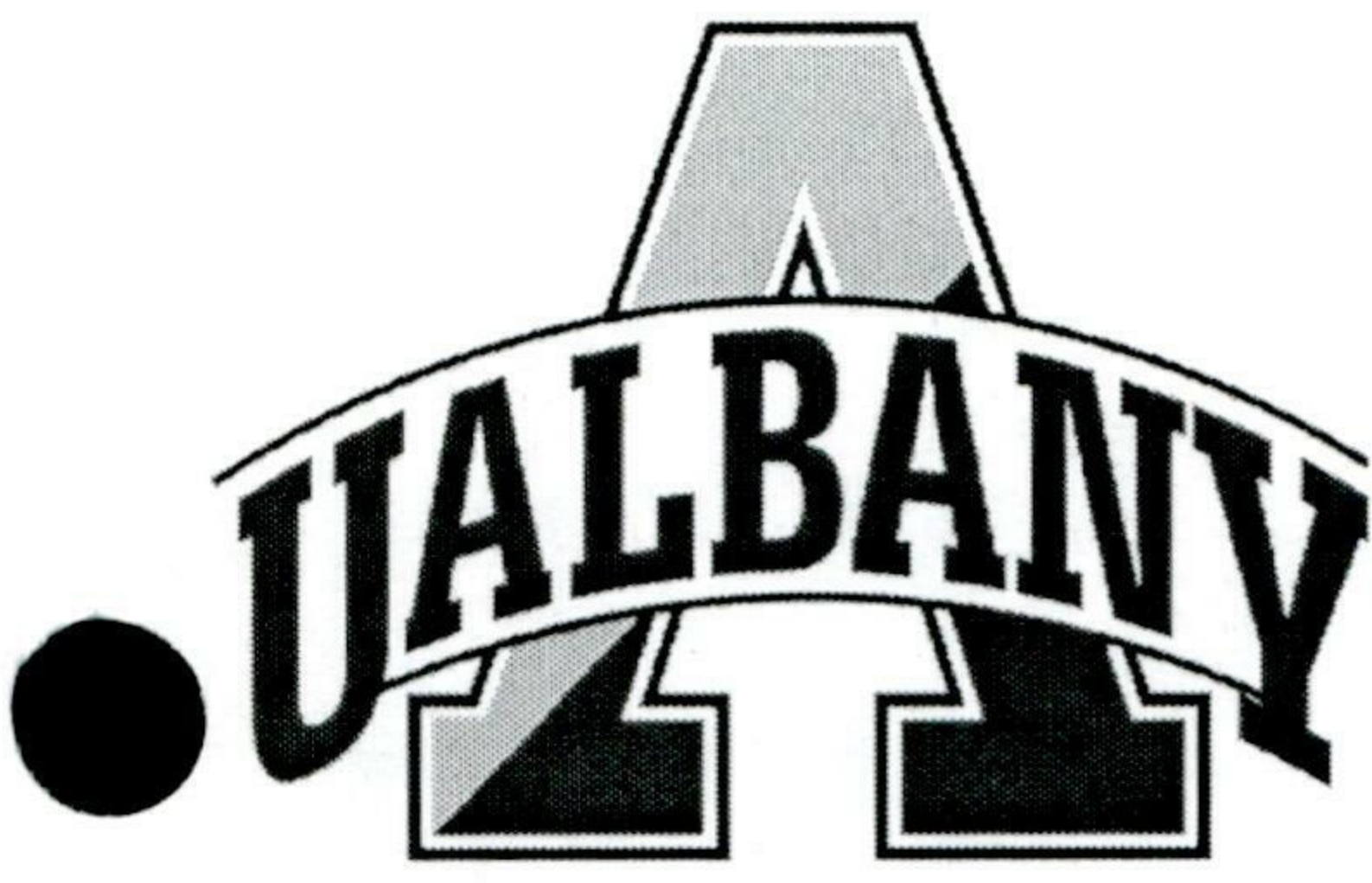
Sophomore **Pat Weider** looks to repeat as the men's 200-meter champion after setting a school record with a time 21.47 seconds at last weekend's Tyson Invitational in Arkansas. **Joe Greene**, who was second in the 400m dash last year, owns the best time among conference competitors this season after sprinting 47.60 seconds. **Freddie Wills**, third in the high jump at the 2006 championship, and **Mike McCadney**, who set a school record in the triple jump with a mark of 49-feet, 10.25-inches, are also in the hunt for titles.

**John Moore** (Fonda-Fultonville), **Felipe Reyes** (Christian Brothers Academy) and **David Parker** (Niskayuna) enter the America East meet with the top performances in their respective events this winter. Moore ran 1:50.85 in the 800-meter run at Boston U.'s Terrier Invitational, while Reyes has leaped 23-feet, 8.25-inches in the long jump. Parker posted a first-place finish in the heptathlon at the Syracuse Invitational with 4,833 points.

In the women's championship, the Great Danes have placed second in the team standings in two of the last three years. **Jessica Ortman**, who won the 800-meter run at Arkansas' Tyson Invitational, owns the top times in the mile and 1,000m events this season. She also broke the school's mile run record last week with a time of 4:52.35. **Kamilah McShine** will be defending her A-East 55-meter hurdles crown, plus has the No. 1 performance in the pentathlon after scoring 3,261 points at the Syracuse Invitational.

In addition, **Adanna Andrews** won last year's America East 500-meter dash, while her twin sister **Anisha** was second in the 400m. **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) finished third in the 5,000m at the 2006 championship and currently has the best time among conference athletes this season after running 16:57.77 at the New Balance Collegiate Invitational on Feb. 2-3.





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## BOSTON U. RALLIES IN FINAL EIGHT MINUTES TO UPEND UALBANY IN A-EAST PLAY

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman Aly Hinton scored 20 points and Kasey Devine added 14 off the bench as Boston University rallied for a 64-53 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Wednesday evening at SEFCU Arena.

Boston U. (13-12, AE 5-7) trailed 49-44 with 8:18 remaining, but then scored 11 of the game's next 13 points to take control. Hinton, a 6-foot-1 freshman, made a conventional three-point play when she was fouled on a basket in the lane, before tying the contest at 49 apiece on a baseline jumper. Hinton, who made 7-of-12 from the field and grabbed eight rebounds, would later put her team ahead for good, 53-51, on a pair of free throws.

The Terriers, who have won 11 of 13 meetings in this series, still led 55-53 with three minutes left, but pulled away by scoring the contest's final nine points. Katie Meinhardt drilled a three-point field goal from the top of the arc to ignite that stretch. Devine, a 6'3" junior who had 12 second-half points, followed with a pair of foul shots before Hinton delivered in the lane.

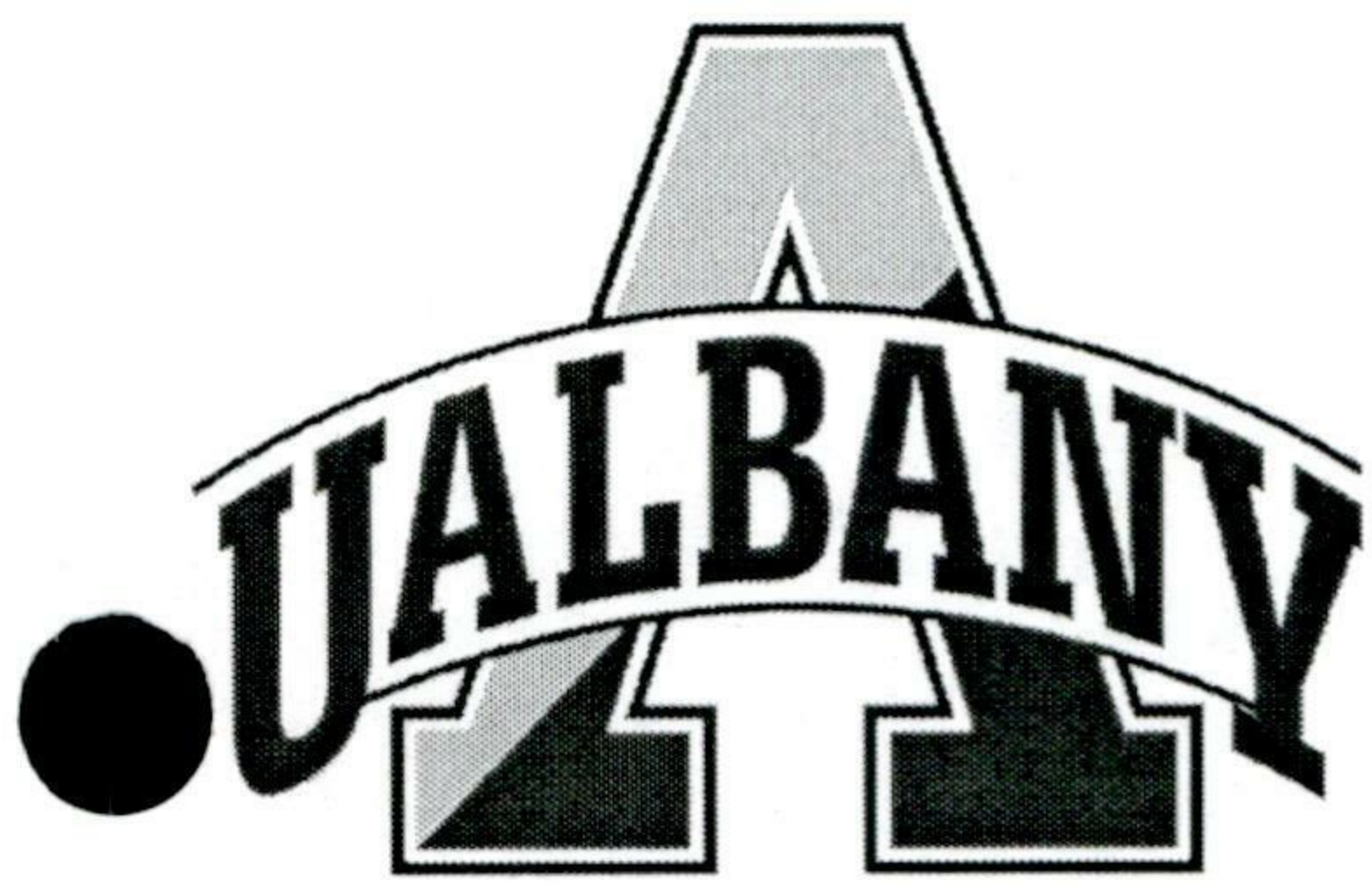
UAlbany (7-18, AE 3-9) built a 29-18 lead in the first half behind the play of junior forward Kristin Higy, who recorded her third career double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds. The Great Danes, who settled for a 29-24 halftime lead, would push out to another 11-point lead with 14:46 remaining. Sherri Mikus, who had 19 points, nailed a 14-foot jumper and sank two foul shots for a 41-30 cushion.

"The press slowed us down and we rushed some shots," explained Mikus, who canned 7-of-14 from the floor. "We were giving up too many easy shots at the other end. We were better executing against the zone defense which we have been struggling with all season. We need to put it all together."

Gia Sanders added eight points and eight rebounds for the Great Danes, who suffered their seventh consecutive loss. The Terriers, who have won three of their last four, shot 52.2 percent from the field in the final period on 12-of-23 attempts.

"I am disappointed that we didn't get the win," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, who returned to bench for the first time since giving birth to her third child on Jan. 29. "In the second half, their press slowed us down and the tempo changed. We didn't rebound and they took over in the post. Our emotional level needs to pick up and our entire team needs to contribute more."





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## DEFENDING A-EAST SOFTBALL CHAMPION UALBANY PICKED SECOND IN COACHES' POLL

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany, the defending America East Conference Champion, was picked to finish second in the league, according to a vote of the conference's head coaches. Boston U. earned five first-place votes to earn the top spot in the poll, as released by the conference office on Wednesday.

The Great Danes, who finished 36-13-1 overall last season, posted a 14-6 conference record en route to earning their second-straight conference title and NCAA Tournament berth. The team graduated four all-conference players last spring, but returns America East pitcher of the year **Casey Halloran**, who boasted a 1.51 ERA and a school-record 252 strikeouts.

Junior left fielder **Amber Maisonet**, the conference's rookie of the year in 2005 and an all-conference first-team member last season, also returns to the diamond. Maisonet batted .333 with 53 hits and 25 stolen bases. Senior infielder **Kelly Ogden**, who finished with 43 hits, including a team-high 12 doubles, is working her way up several career records charts. Ogden is already the career record leader in RBI (112) and home runs (16) and is fourth in career hits (145) and runs scored (95). She also stands third on the career doubles chart (29).

Sophomore outfielder **Meagan Butsch**, who started 46 games for UAlbany primarily in right field last season, hit .243 in her freshman campaign en route to earning all-rookie honors. She tallied 22 hits, five doubles and one triple to go along with her 11 RBI last season.

UAlbany is led by head coach **Chris Cannata**, who is entering her 13th season as the winningest head coach in the history of the UAlbany softball program. She has earned 342 career victories with the Great Danes and has coached over 20 all-conference players in her tenure.

The Great Danes begin their 2007 campaign with a doubleheader on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Stetson. The team will kick off play at home against crosstown-rival Siena on Tuesday, March 23 with a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m.

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### 2007 America East Conference Softball Poll

1. Boston U (5) 58, **2. UAlbany (2) 53**, 3. Maine 46, 4. UMBC (1) 41, 5. Stony Brook 40, 6. Hartford 22, 7. Vermont 15, 8. Binghamton 13.  
(First place votes in parenthesis)

## UALBANY BASEBALL CHOSEN TO FINISH FOURTH IN AMERICA EAST COACHES' POLL

Boston, Mass. – In a preseason poll of America East Conference coaches, the UAlbany baseball team was picked to finish fourth among the seven baseball-playing schools, as announced by the conference office on Wednesday. Maine, the two-time defending conference champion, was unanimously selected to finish first. Binghamton was chosen second, followed by Vermont. Stony Brook, Hartford and UMBC were picked fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively.

The Great Danes finished 20-30 last season, the fifth consecutive campaign with 20 or more victories for UAlbany. The squad also reached the conference's postseason tournament for the second time in the past three years.

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The team returns 19 letterwinners from last season, including first-team all-America East catcher **Tom Hill**, who was second in the conference with a .372 average in 2006. Hill was recently selected to this season's Wallace Watch list for the national player of the year. Also returning are senior third baseman **Steve Wyland** and sophomore shortstop **Sean Donovan**, both of whom were named to the conference's second team.

On the mound, second-team all-conference righthander **Sean Gregory**, who went 2-0 with a 3.06 ERA in 14 appearances last season, along with junior transfer **David Noble** and junior **Casey Walsh**, will lead the starting rotation. Senior **Alexander Beaulieu**, who led the America East with five saves last season, will be the team's stopper out of the bullpen.

UAlbany is led by head coach **Jon Mueller**, who is entering his eighth season with the team. His 151 career victories are second all-time among the program's coaches, six behind Hall-of-Famer Bob Burlingame, who won 157 games from 1960-79.

The Great Danes start their 2007 campaign with a game at Duke on Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. The team's first home game is on Wednesday, Apr. 4 against Manhattan at 3:30 p.m.

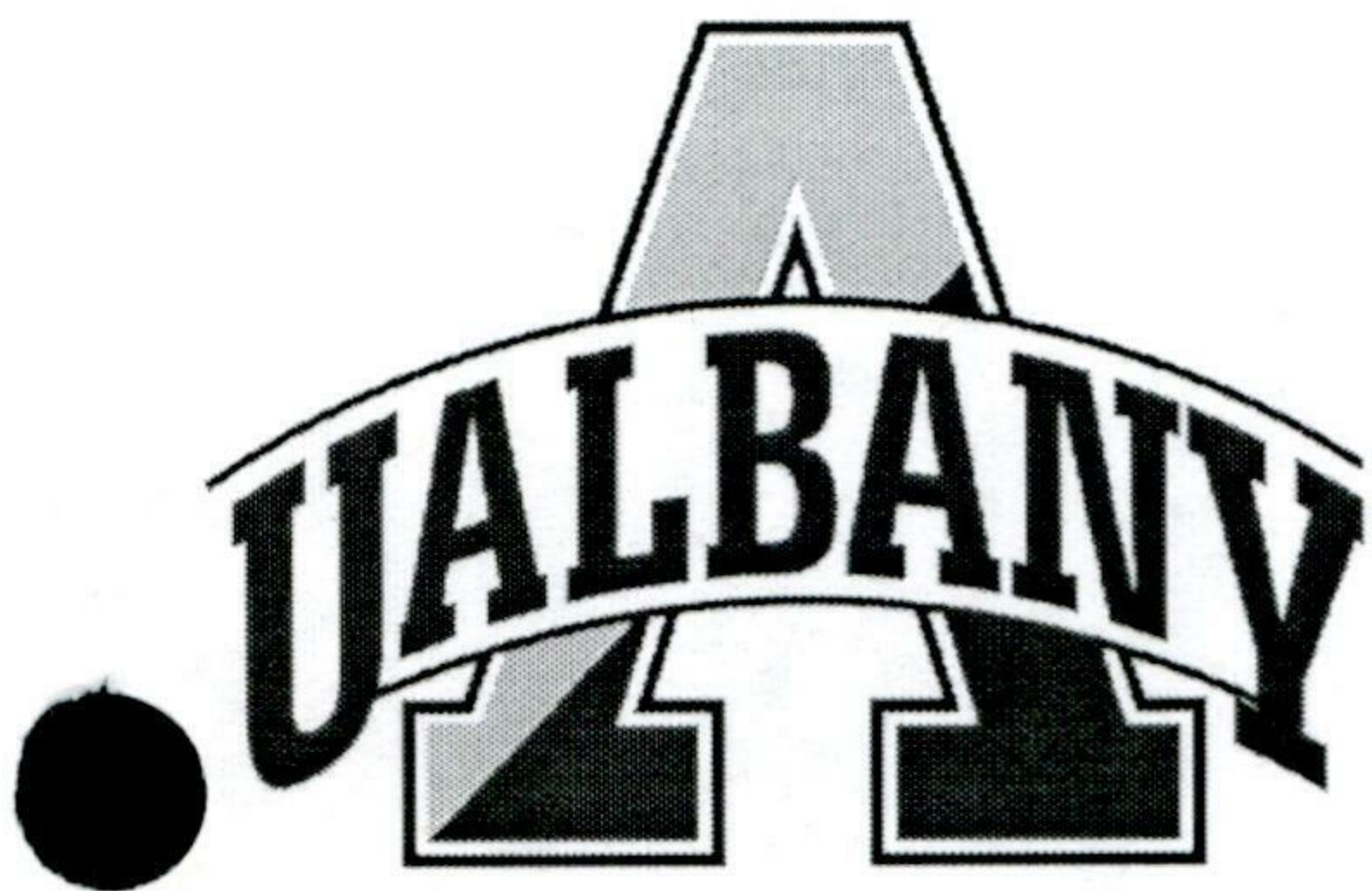
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#### **2007 America East Conference Baseball Poll**

1. Maine (7) 49, 2. Binghamton 39, 3. Vermont 30, **4. UAlbany 26**, 5. Stony Brook 25, 6. Hartford 14, 7. UMBC 13.

(First-place votes in parenthesis)





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## ORTMAN & GARRANT WIN AMERICA EAST WEEKLY TRACK & FIELD AWARDS

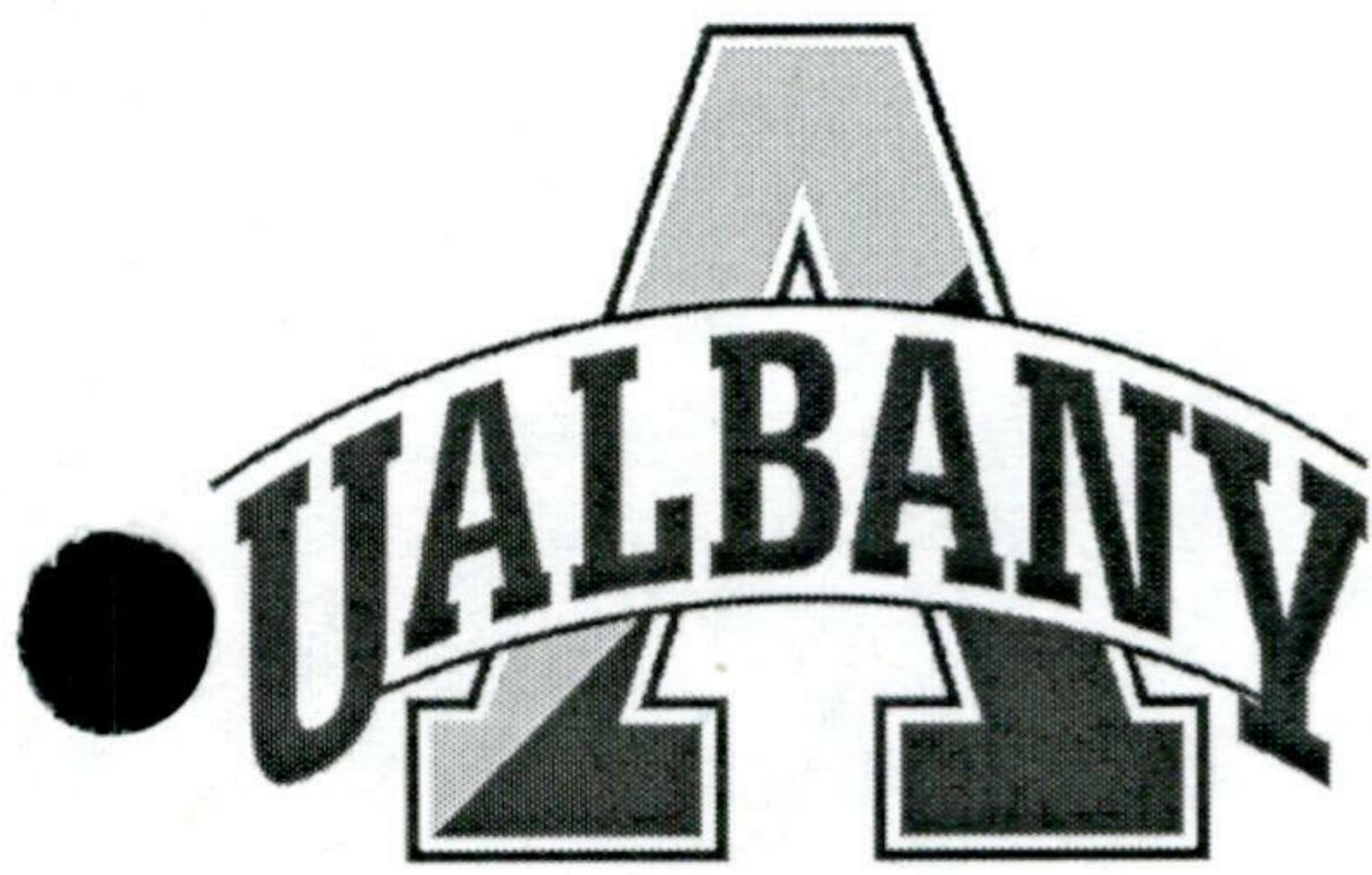
Boston, Mass. - University at Albany's Jessica Ortman has been selected the America East Conference's women's track performer of the week, while sophomore Jenn Garrant was named the women's field performer of the week, as announced by the conference office on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Ortman, a sophomore, set a school record as she finished fourth in the championship division mile run at Arkansas' Tyson Invitational. She posted an ECAC-qualifying time of 4:52.35 to break Alyssa Lotmore's previous UAlbany standard of 4:53.29 set in 2004. Ortman also won the 800-meter run to highlight her team's performance on the second day of the meet as she finished first in the championship division with a time of 2:08.12. She became second UAlbany athlete to win an event at the Tyson Invitational defeating athletes from Baylor, Florida and Georgia. A native of Williamsville, N.Y., Ortman was named the women's track performer of the week for the third time this season.

In a triangular with Syracuse and Binghamton on Feb. 9, Garrant qualified for the ECAC championships in March by winning the triple jump with a leap of 40-feet, 0.75-inches. Garrant was just three-quarters of an inch off the school record mark. She also ran the third leg on the first-place 4x400-meter relay that hit the tape in 3:55.11.

The Great Danes' track and field teams return to action at the America East Championship in Boston, Mass. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16, and 17.





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## UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS DEFEATS ST. BONAVENTURE, 5-2

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore Kim Weltman posted victories at No. 2 singles and at No. 2 doubles in leading UAlbany to a 5-2 win over St. Bonaventure in a non-league match on Sunday afternoon at the UAlbany Bubble.

Aimee Kern, Kim Weltman, Christina Suarez and Kim Westcott were each straight-set winners in singles for the Great Danes, who improved to 2-3 on the season. Weltman teamed with Westcott for an 8-4 victory at second doubles. Amanda Hall and Priya Patel added an 8-2 win at third doubles to secure a point.

Anna Martorell and Vanessa Close registered the singles wins for the Bonnies.

The Great Danes are back in action on Saturday, Feb. 17 when they host Holy Cross for a non-league matchup.

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### **UAlbany 5, St. Bonaventure 2**

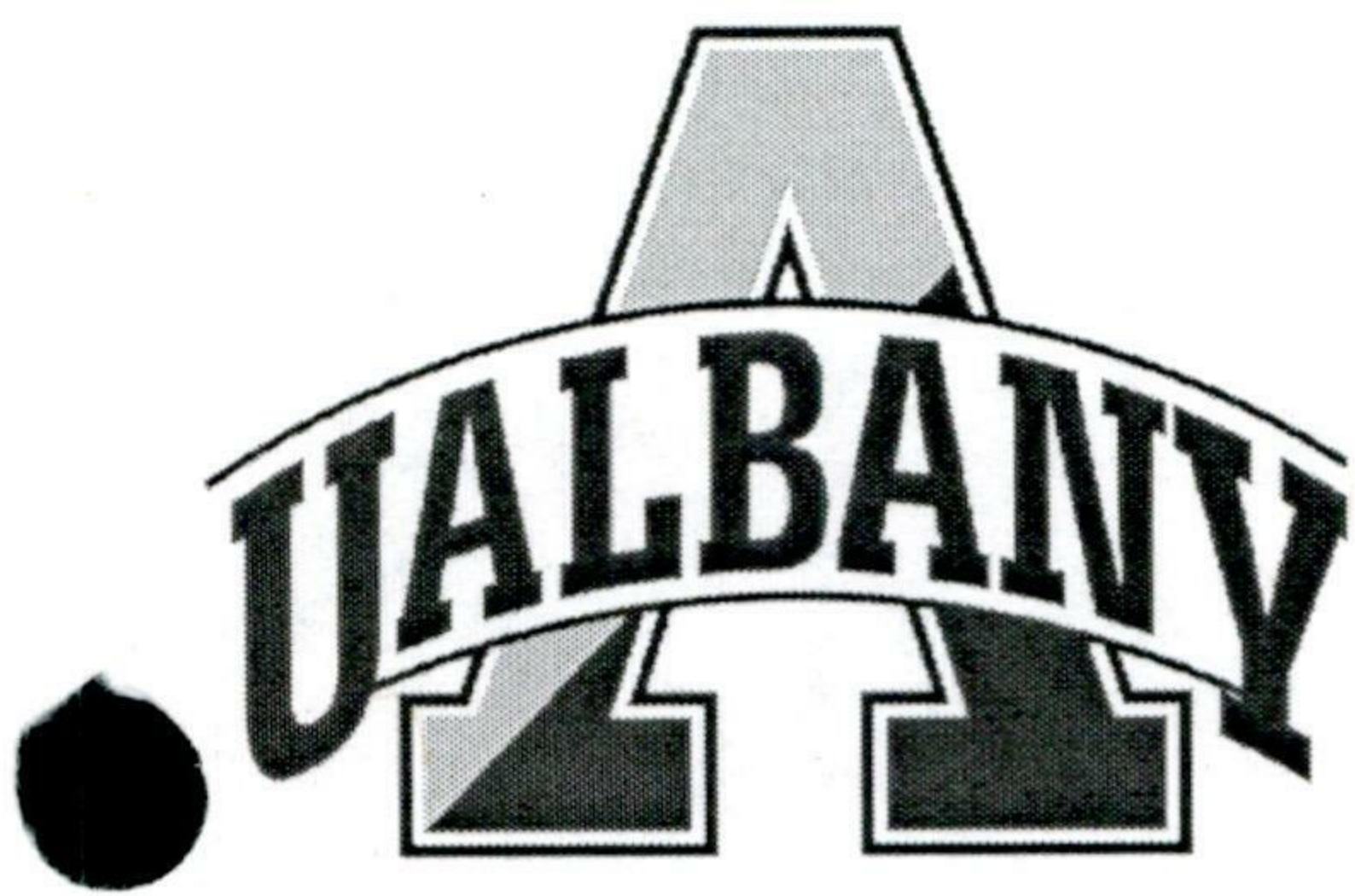
#### **Singles**

1. Aimee Kern (A) def. Anna Perevenzetseva (B), 6-3, 7-5.
2. Kim Weltman (A) def. Yolande Callaghan (B), 6-4, 6-2.
3. Christina Suarez (A) def. Stephanie Fosnight (B), 6-3, 6-4.
4. Anna Martorell (B) def. Amanda Hall (A), 6-0, 7-5.
5. Kim Westcott (A) def. Eileen Horgan (B), 6-1, 6-0.
6. Vanessa Close (B) def. Priya Patel (A), 6-0, 6-4.

#### **Doubles**

1. Callaghan/Perevenzetseva (B) def. Kern/Suarez (A), 9-8.
2. Weltman/Westcott (A) def. Fosnight/Martorell (B), 8-2.
3. Hall/Patel (A) def. Close/Horgan (B), 8-2.





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## BRITTNIE HUGHES SCORES 14 POINTS IN UMBC'S 66-41 A-EAST WIN AGAINST UALBANY

Baltimore, Md. – Senior guard Brittnie Hughes scored 14 points to pace three players in double figures as UMBC snapped a four-game losing streak in a 66-41 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Saturday evening at Retriever Activities Center.

UMBC (11-13, AE 4-7) jumped out a 17-6 lead in the opening 10 minutes of play. Amanda Robinson, a 6-foot-3 junior, had five of her 11 points in that span. Morgan Hatten and Carlee Cassidy each canned a three-pointer to help push the lead to double digits.

The Retrievers, who held the visitors to 25.5-percent shooting on 12 of 47 attempts, moved out to a 32-15 advantage with 2:15 remaining in the period. Hughes, who had 12 first-half points, made a conventional three-point play when she was fouled on a jumper in the lane.

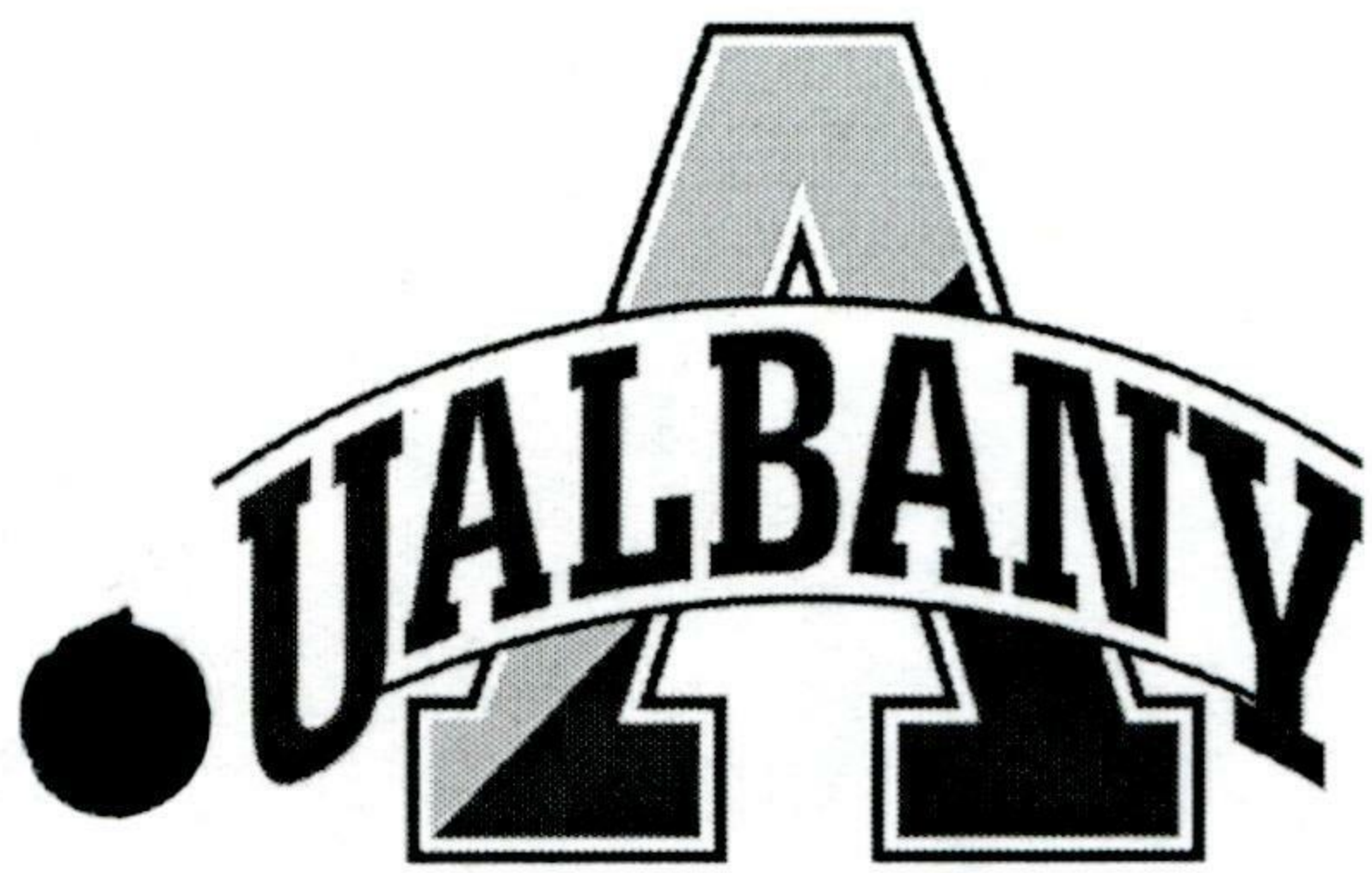
UAlbany (7-17, AE 3-8) trailed 34-22 at halftime, but then fell behind by as much as 20 points early in the second half. The Great Danes, who have dropped six consecutive outings, missed their first seven field goal attempts in the final period and committed six of their 27 turnovers in the opening seven minutes of the stanza.

"We always seem to get ourselves into a hole that we can't get out of because we don't come out hard enough," offered UAlbany forward Kristin Higy, whose squad won the first meeting this season between the teams, a 70-51 decision on Jan. 10. "We need to get over the fear we have of teams playing zone (defense) against us. We need to work hard in practice and find that will to win that we don't have right now."

UMBC's Sharri Rohde, her team's leading scorer, added 11 points and seven rebounds. Freshman guard Britney McGee had 11 points, her 11th time in double figures, for the Great Danes, who suffered their worst loss in conference play this season. Gia Sanders scored 10, while Higy totaled nine points and six rebounds.

"We didn't start hard enough and we didn't show that we had the passion to win," said Sanders, who added six rebounds, two assists, two steals and two blocks off the bench. "We have a great defense, but we have to prove that on the court. We need to show that we can win and leave everything on the floor."





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## JESSICA ORTMAN WINS 800-METER RUN AT ARKANSAS' TYSON INVITATIONAL

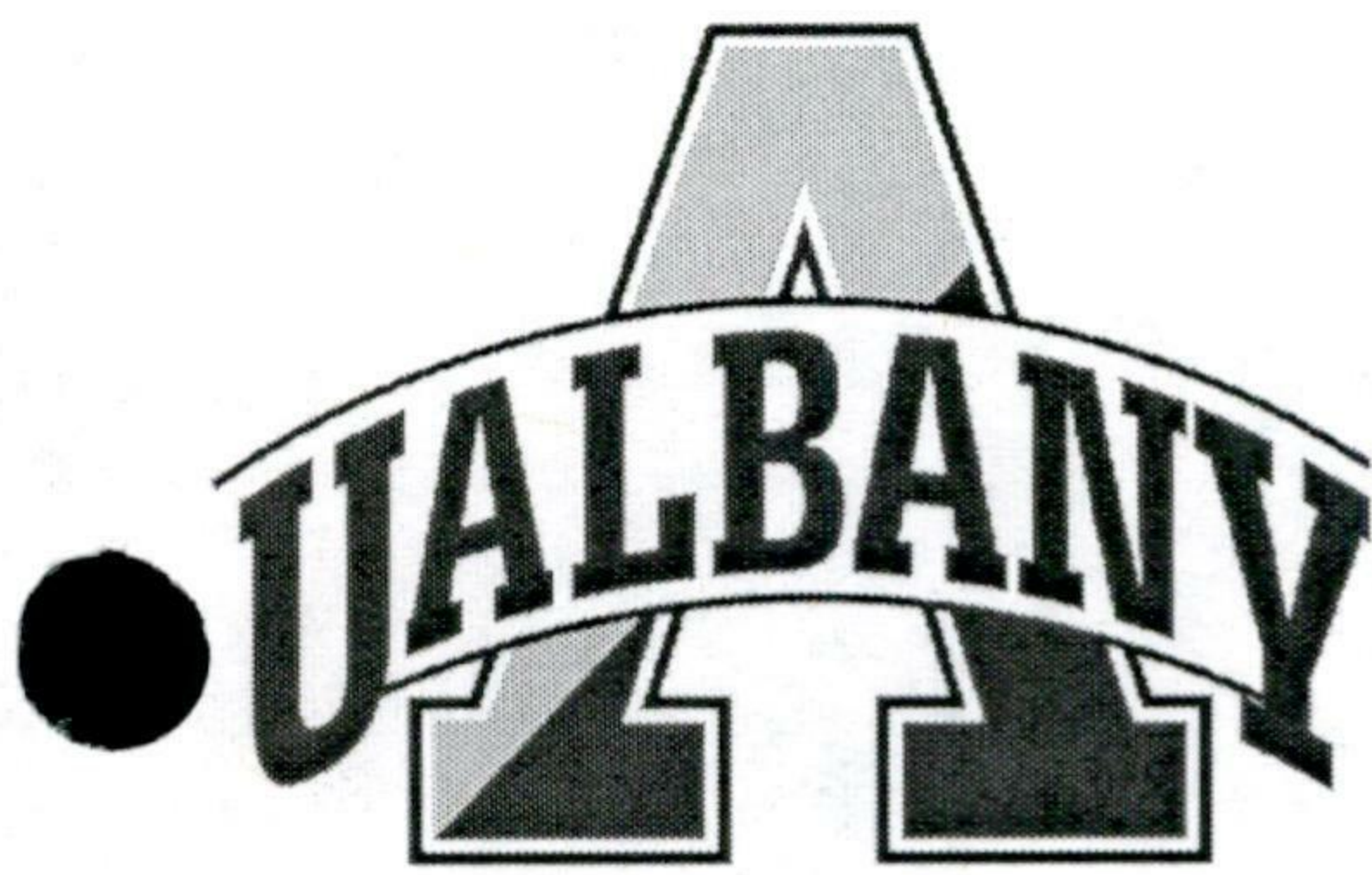
Fayetteville, Ark. – University at Albany's Jessica Ortman won the 800-meter run in the women's championship division to highlight her team's performance on the second day of competition at the 2007 Tyson Invitational on Saturday afternoon at the University of Arkansas' Randal Tyson Track Complex.

Ortman, a sophomore who set the school record in the mile run on Friday and finished fourth, crossed the finish line in 2:08.12 and was 45-hundredth of a second better than second-place finisher Lauren Hagans, of Baylor University. Ortman established UAlbany's 800m standard (2:07.34) at the New Balance Collegiate Invitational last weekend. She became the second UAlbany athlete to win an event at the Tyson Invitational as Gered Burns captured the 800-meter run last year.

Freshman John Moore (Fonda-Fultonville) placed third in the men's 800-meter championship race with a time of 1:52.98. Michigan's Andrew Ellerton (1:49.92) was first, while Florida's Eric Alberter (1:50.71) took second. Moore was second at the 2006 New York State outdoor high school championship meet.

In other events, Pat Weider was first in his heat and 14th overall in the 200-meter dash in a school-record 21.47 seconds. Weider, who eclipsed his own UAlbany mark, also ran the lead-off leg on the 4x400 relay that finished eighth in 3:14.75. Junior Burnett, Joe Greene and Moore were the other relay members. Sarah Charles, the school record-holder in the triple jump, placed 15th with a leap of 39-feet, 4-inches. Joe Belokopitsky (Shaker) ran 1:56.18 in the men's college division 800m, a 16th-place effort.





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## UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS FALLS TO CORNELL IN NON-LEAGUE MATCH

Ithaca, N.Y. – Senior Kasia Preneta won both No. 1 singles and second doubles as the UAlbany women's tennis team fell to Cornell, 6-1, at the Reis Tennis Center on Saturday afternoon.

Preneta defeated junior Aimee Kern, 6-0, 6-0, in No. 1 singles and paired with junior Dana Cruite to beat Kim Weltman and Kim Westcott, 8-0, in No. 2 doubles.

UAlbany sophomore Weltman remains undefeated at No. 3 singles for the Great Danes (1-3), defeating sophomore Catherine Duboc, 6-2, 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (10-7).

The Great Danes are back in action on Sunday when they host St. Bonaventure for a non-league play.

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### **Cornell 6, UAlbany 1**

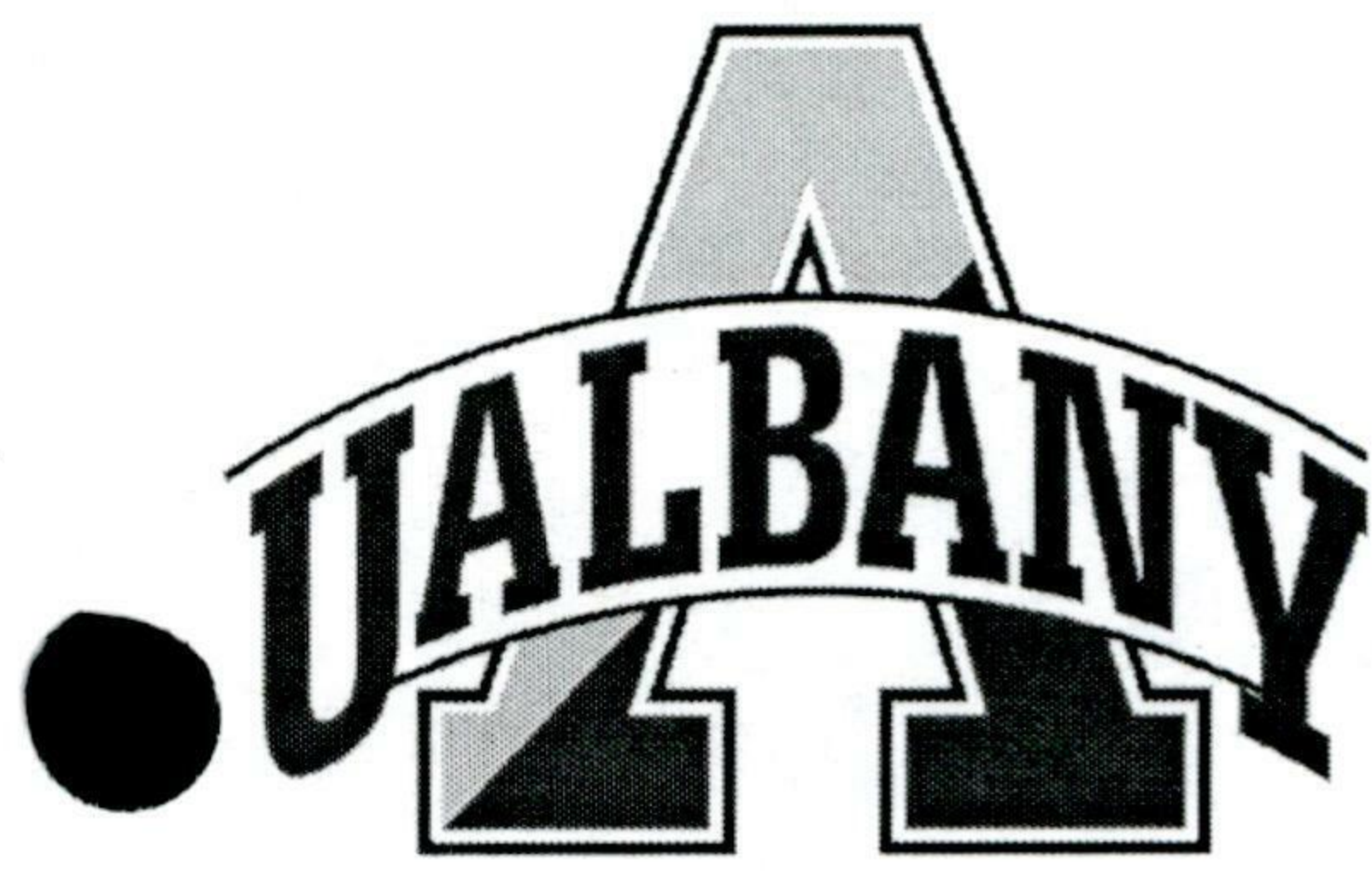
#### **Singles**

1. Kasia Preneta (C) def. Aimee Kern (U), 6-0, 6-0.
2. Nisha Suda (C) def. Christina Suarez (U), 6-0, 6-1.
3. Kim Weltman (A) def. Catherine Duboc (C), 6-2, 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (10-7).
4. Shayna Miller (C) def. Amanda Hall (U), 6-1, 6-1.
5. Ashley Ebbert (C) def. Kim Westcott (U), 7-5, 6-3.
6. Cornell by default

#### **Doubles**

1. Miller/Duboc (C) def. Kern/Suarez (U), 8-2.
2. Preneta/Cruite (C) def. Weltman/Westcott (U), 8-0.
3. Cornell by default





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## JESSICA ORTMAN SETS SCHOOL RECORD IN MILE RUN AT TYSON INVITATIONAL

Fayetteville, Ark. – University at Albany's Jessica Ortman set a school record as she finished fourth in the women's college mile run at the 2007 Tyson Invitational on Friday afternoon. The two-day track & field meet is being held at the University of Arkansas' Randal Tyson Track Complex.

Ortman posted an ECAC-qualifying time of 4:52.35 to break Alyssa Lotmore's previous standard of 4:53.29 set in 2004. Northern Arizona's Katja Rosenplaenter won the mile in 4:50.84. Caldwell Ashley of UCLA, was second in 4:51.29, while Duke's Maddie McKeever placed third in 4:61.62. Ortman, a sophomore, established UAlbany's 800-meter mark one week ago at the New Balance Collegiate Invitational in New York City.

Joe Greene ran his fastest time of the year in the 400-meter dash to finish third in his heat and 15th overall. Greene's time of 47.60 seconds qualifies him for the IC4A championships in March. Several UAlbany athletes will be in action on Saturday, including freshman John Moore (Fonda-Fultonville) in the 800-meter run.

## UALBANY MEN WIN TRIANGULAR MEET WITH SYRACUSE AND BINGHAMTON

Vestal, N.Y. – Sophomore Michael McCadney won the long jump and was one of seven individual winners in leading the UAlbany men's indoor track & field team to victory in a triangular meet with Binghamton and Syracuse on Friday evening at the Events Center. McCadney, who established a school record in the triple jump last weekend, posted an IC4A-qualifying mark of 23-feet, 6.75-inches.

Freddie Wills cleared the high jump bar at 6-feet, 7-inches and Felipe Reyes (Christian Brothers Academy) went 46-1.25 in the triple jump to win their events. Jeffery Barnes (Albany H.S.) was first in the 200-meter dash in 22.91 seconds. Other first-place finishers for UAlbany were Raphael Jean-Baptiste (55-meter dash), Alan Nimblette (400), Ricardo Estremera (3,000) and the 4x400-meter relay squad.

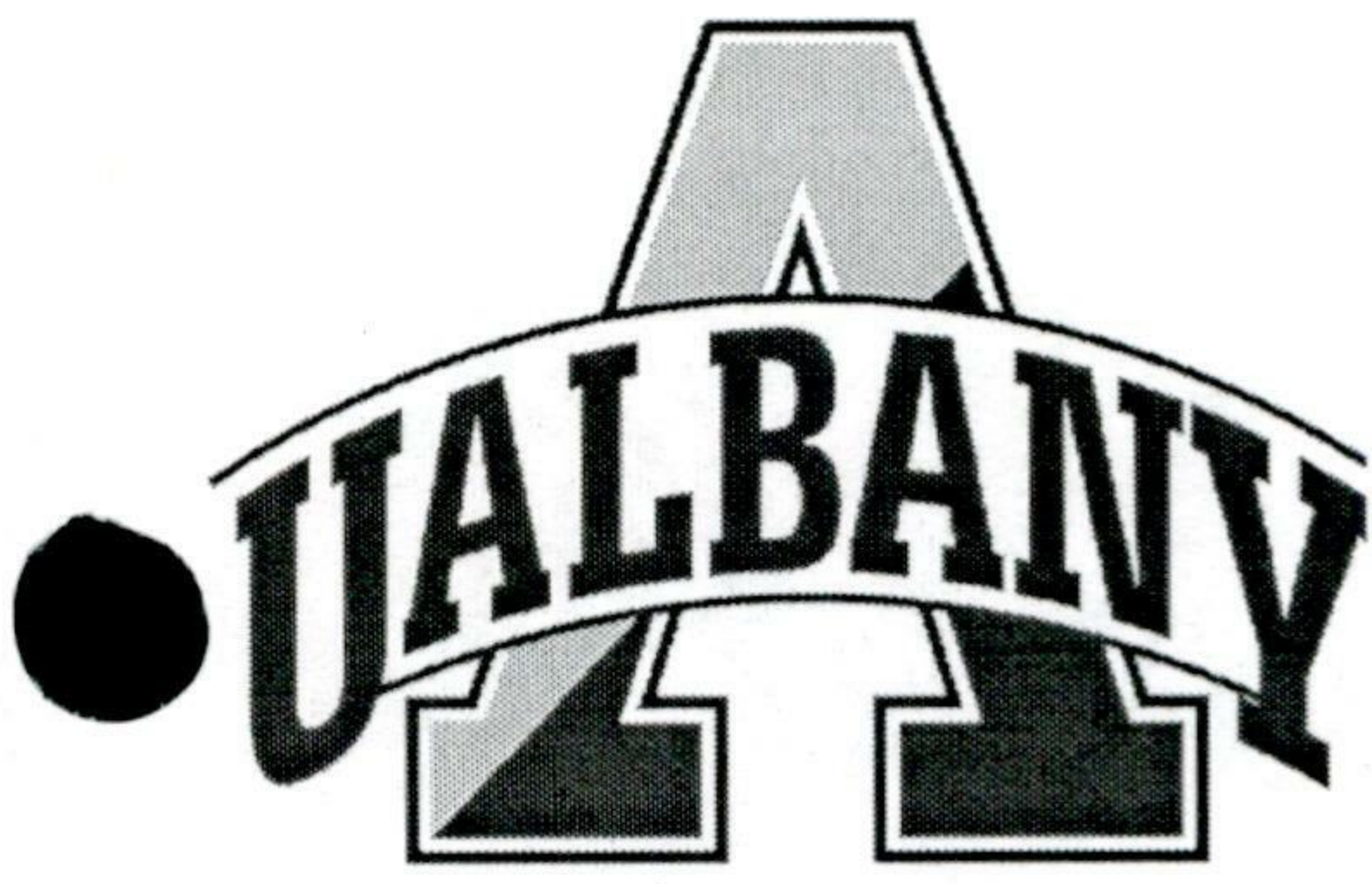
In the women's competition, sophomore Jenn Gurrant qualified for the ECAC championships in March by winning the triple jump in 40-feet, 0.75-inches. Gurrant was just three-quarters of an inch off the school mark. She also ran the third leg on the first-place 4x400-relay that hit the tape in 3:55.11. Other relay members were Anisha Andrews, Stacy Gregory (Colonie Central) and Adanna Andrews. Kamilah McShine, who leaped 18-6 in the long jump, and Helene Anbiola, who ran 2:26.63 in the 800-meters, also recorded wins.

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Men – UAlbany 137.50, Binghamton 119.50, Syracuse 79.

Women – Syracuse 124, UAlbany 117, Binghamton 105.





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## UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS EARNS FIRST WIN IN NON-LEAGUE MATCH

Albany, N.Y. – Junior Aimee Kern won in straight sets at first singles as UAlbany swept Providence, 7-0, in a non-league women's tennis action at Bubble on Friday afternoon. The Great Danes provided head coach Elissa Kinard with her first-ever win.

UAlbany won two doubles matches starting with Kern and Christina Suarez beating Ashley Rissolo and Alisson Cohen, in an 8-4 pro-set. Sophomore Kim Weltman teamed with Kimberly Westcott to beat Meghan Gilroy and Kerry Schulz, 8-2, and secure the point.

Kern won her No.1 singles match by defeating Rissolo, 6-1, 6-0. She was followed by Suarez over Gilroy at No. 2, 6-2, 6-2 and Weltman over Schulz at No. 3, 6-0, 6-1. Hall defeated Cohen in a third set tiebreaker, 6-2, 6-7, 7-6. Westcott won 6-2, 6-0 over Hawkins-Hodgson at No. 5 and Patel posted a 6-0, 6-1 win over Cusack at No. 6 to complete the Great Danes sweep.

The Great Danes are back in action on Saturday when they travel to Cornell for a non-league play.

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### UAlbany 7, Providence 0

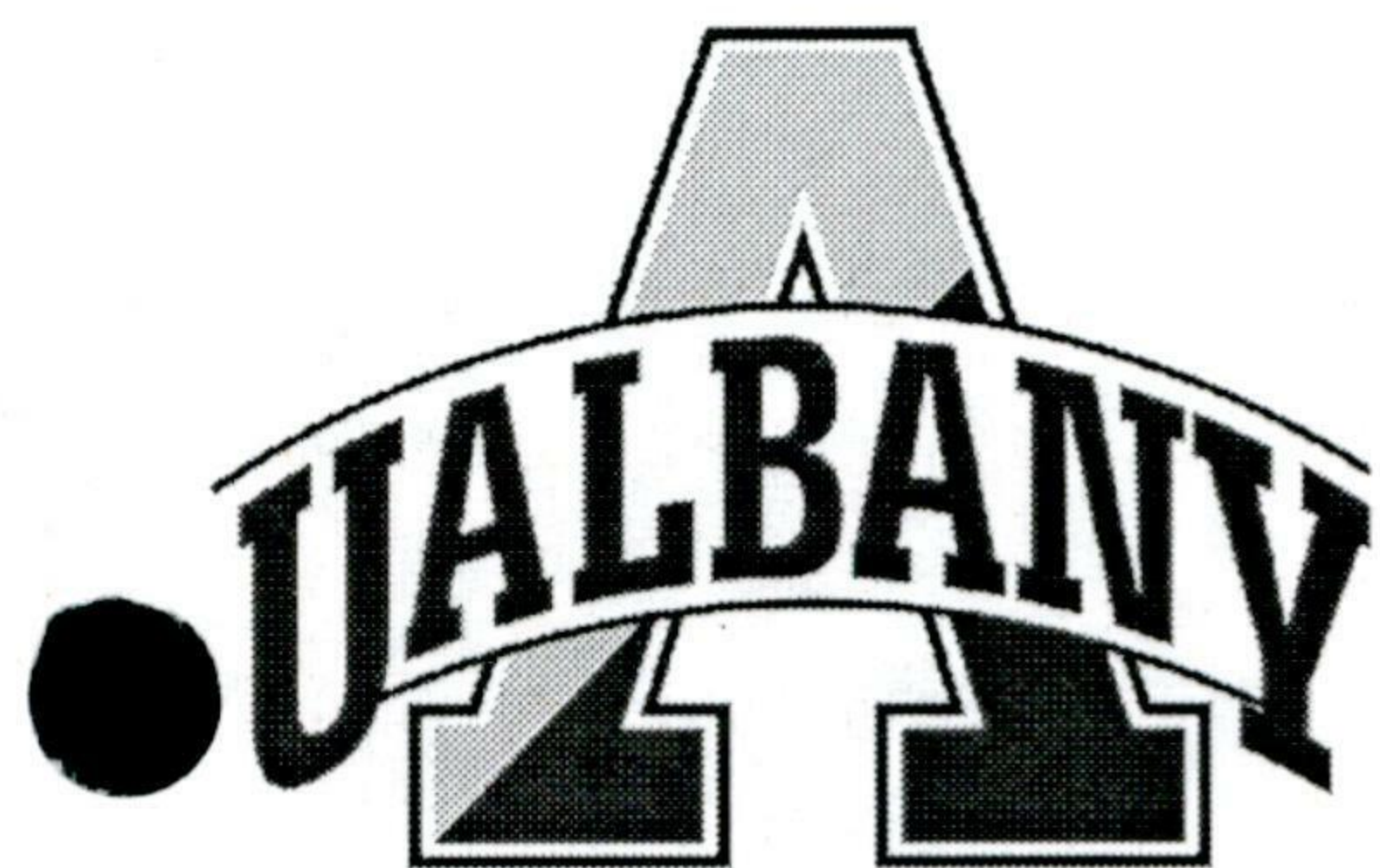
#### Singles

1. Aimee Kern (A) def. Ashley Rissolo (P), 6-1, 6-0.
2. Christina Suarez (A) def. Meghan Gilroy (P), 6-2, 6-2.
3. Kim Weltman (A) def. Kerry Schulz (P), 6-0, 6-1.
4. Amanda Hall (A) def. Alisson Cohen (P), 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (11-9).
5. Kim Westcott (A) def. Dara Hawkins-Hodgson (P), 6-2, 6-0.
6. Priya Patel (A) def. Jen Cusack (P), 6-0, 6-1.

#### Doubles

1. Kern/Suarez (A) def. Rissolo/Cohen (P), 8-4.
2. Weltman/Westcott (A) def. Gilroy/Schulz (P), 8-2.
3. Hawkins-Hodgson/Cusack (P) def. Hall/Patel (A), 8-6.





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## UALBANY DEFEATS MAINE, 71-55, FOR EIGHTH STRAIGHT VICTORY

Orono, Maine - **Jamar Wilson** scored 24 points in leading UAlbany to a 71-55 America East Conference victory over Maine on Wednesday evening at Alfond Sports Arena. The Great Danes reached the win column for eighth straight time and tied the program's Division I record for consecutive victories.

UAlbany (18-7, AE 11-2) led 49-44 with 7:38 remaining, but then broke free with 11 unanswered. Freshman center **Brett Gifford** started that outburst by scoring off an offensive rebound. **Brian Lillis**, who had 10 points and seven rebounds, followed with a baseline jumper, before Wilson converted a fastbreak layup. Lillis finished off that decisive stretch with a pair of free throws.

Maine (11-13, AE 6-6) trailed 42-30 in the second half, but then regrouped with eight straight points. **Kevin Reed**, a two-time all-conference standout who had 12 points and eight rebounds, drilled a three-pointer before **Philippe Tchekane Bofia** scored in the lane to close the gap to 42-38.

The Great Danes, who have won 10 of their last 11 outings, stalled the comeback attempt when Wilson tallied five straight markers. He made a conventional three-point play by being fouled as he split two defenders on a driving layup. **Brent Wilson** posted his second career double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. **Chris Bruff** led the Black Bears with 13 points, while **Junior Bernal** had 10.

"We did a good job defensively against the hottest team in the league. Maine is difficult to guard because they can score in many ways. We were passive for awhile on offense because they were switching," UAlbany coach **Will Brown** said. "But then we started attacking and Jamar (Wilson) became aggressive and got into the flow."

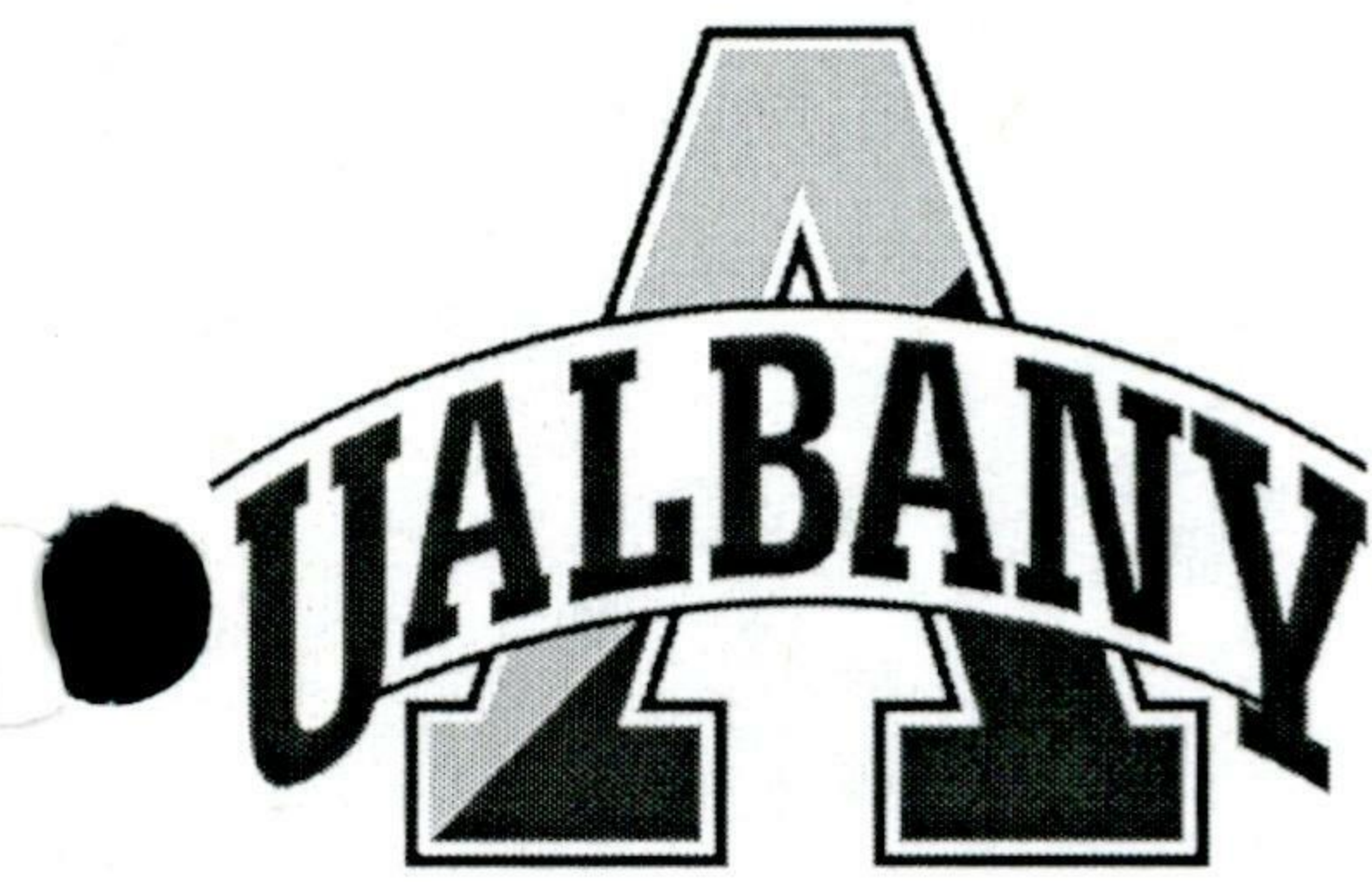
UAlbany trailed 20-18 in the opening period, but then went on an 11-2 run over the next five minutes. Jamar Wilson, who had 12 first-half points, put his team in front with a three-point field goal. Wilson added a pair of baskets, including a slam dunk in transition. Brent Wilson completed that stretch with a 12-foot bank shot. The Great Danes, who limited the home team to 33-percent shooting in the half, led 37-25 at the break.

"It is easier to score when you are playing defense. I feel more mobile and felt better now that I do not have to wear a knee brace," added Jamar Wilson, who is now averaging 21.6 points in eight career games against Maine.

Brent Wilson said, "We came out of the gate terrible. They outplayed us the first ten minutes. But then we got our legs and our energy. We have a big game coming up on Sunday (against Vermont), so we need to correct starting slow by the time we play them."

The Great Danes face Vermont on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. in a matchup of the conference's top two teams.





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## UALBANY FALLS TO MAINE, 71-63, IN AMERICA EAST MATCHUP

Orono, Maine – Senior guard **Ashley Underwood** scored a career-high 30 points to lead Maine to a 71-63 win over UAlbany in America East Conference action on Wednesday afternoon at Alfond Arena.

Maine (11-10, 5-5 AE) led 42-36 at halftime, but UAlbany (7-16, 3-7 AE) narrowed the lead to four points, 44-40, with 16:57 to play after a layup by **Kristin Higy**. It was as close as the Great Danes would get, as the Black Bears then went on a 10-2 run to build a 54-42 lead, capped off by seven consecutive points by **Bracey Barker**. The Black Bears led by eight points or more for the rest of the game.

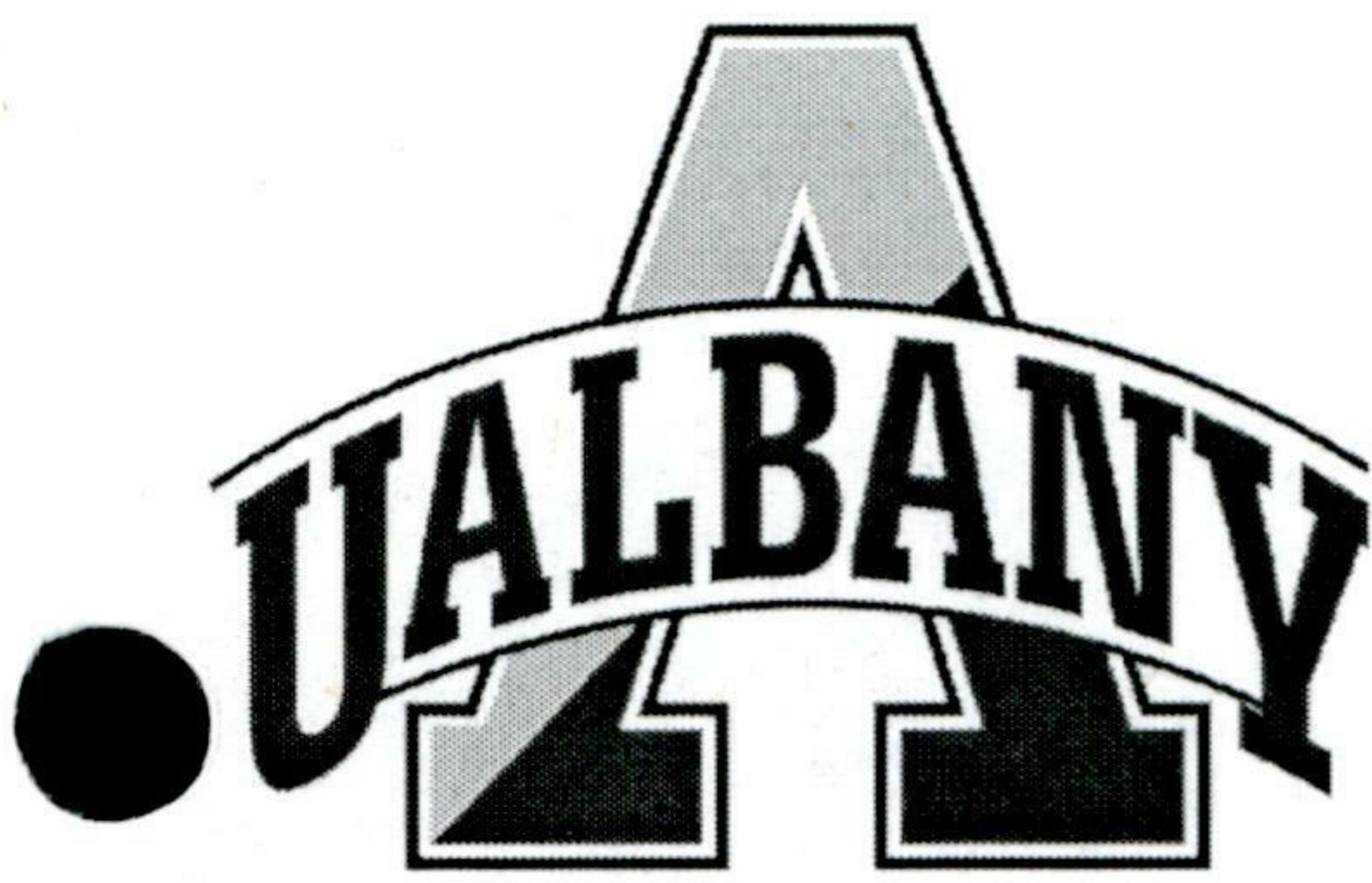
"We didn't do what we wanted to do on defense," said UAlbany assistant coach **Melissia Patterson**, who is running the team while head coach **Trina Patterson** is away after the birth of her third child. "They are very deep in the post and we are a little undersized. We did better on Underwood in the second, but she is a scorer - she's going to get points."

After a close first half that saw the game tied eight times, Maine took a six-point halftime lead behind 20 points from Underwood, who went 4-of-4 from three-point range and 6-of-6 from the free-throw line. The two teams exchanged threes late in the half, as **Britney McGee** hit two in less than a minute, sandwiched around one by Underwood. McGee's second of the stretch tied the game at 32-32 with 3:25 on the clock. The Black Bears then outscored UAlbany 10-4 to end the half.

Three Great Danes scored in double figures. Higy, UAlbany's America East player of the game, had 14 points and six rebounds. **Charity Iromuanya** added 10 points, tying her season-high, to go along with two rebounds, while McGee netted 10 points. For the Black Bears, Barker had 21 points, 11 rebounds and six assists and was named Maine's player of the game.

The Great Danes return to action on Saturday, Feb. 10, at UMBC at 7 p.m.





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## UALBANY WINS SEVENTH STRAIGHT OVER HARTFORD, 61-55

West Hartford, Conn. – Jason Siggers scored 18 points as UAlbany slowly pulled away in the second half for a 61-55 America East Conference victory over Hartford on Monday evening at Chase Arena. The Great Danes won for the seventh straight time, the second longest streak in the program's Division I history.

UAlbany (17-7, AE 10-2) led 42-40 with 5:06 remaining, but then ran off eight unanswered. Jimmie Covington started the outburst with a steal and two free throws. Brian Lillis, who had all 10 of his points in the final half, came up with another theft that led to two foul shots and added a driving layup from the top of the key. Brian Connelly stole another pass and later fed Siggers for a 50-40 advantage.

"Brian Connelly and I know we have to create energy as defensive stoppers," said Lillis. "We knew we had to play defense and execute on offense. We had to find a way to take control (of the game) and make it happen. You get it in trouble when you wait for it to happen."

Hartford (9-15, AE 3-8) would make the game a foul-shooting contest over the last one minute and thirty seconds. The Hawks, who have now lost eight in a row and had a short bench due to a conference suspension, got as close as 58-53 in the stretch on a layup by freshman Joe Zeglinski, who had 14 points. The Great Danes stayed ahead by scoring their final 11 points from the charity stripe.

"It was not a work of art. Hartford deserves all the credit," said UAlbany head coach Will Brown. "They worked the clock down and lulled us to sleep. But our team responds with its back against the wall. We think we will win close games."

UAlbany took an 18-12 lead midway through the opening period when Jon Iati buried a three-point field from the top of the arc. The Great Danes still led 24-19 with 4:40 left in the period, but then went scoreless the rest of the way. The Hawks, who employed a ball-control offense that worked the shot clock, closed the gap by halftime. Bo Taylor, a 6-foot-5 senior, netted 11 first-half points, including a basket with 37 seconds left.

Brent Wilson was the third UAlbany player in double figures with 10 points. The Great Danes, who have won nine of their last 10 games, posted the team's seventh road win of the season. Taylor had 17 points on 7-of-13 shooting for the Hawks, who went 0-for-11 from the three-point arc to end a string of 461 consecutive games in which they had made at least one long-range shot.





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**ORTMAN SETS SCHOOL RECORD IN 800-METERS AT COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL**

New York, N.Y. – Sophomore **Jessica Ortman** set a school record in the championship of the 800-meters, finishing second overall, as members of the UAlbany track and field team competed in the second and final day of the Collegiate Invitational at the New York Armory on Saturday. 106 men's teams and 104 women's squads participated in the meet. Team scores were not recorded.

Ortman's time of 2:07.34 broke her own school record of 2:09.08, set earlier this season. Her time also met the NCAA's provisional standard and qualified her for March's ECAC meet. In women's track events, senior **Sarah Charles** finished second in the college division of the triple jump with an ECAC-qualifying leap of 40-feet, 10.5-inches, also a new UAlbany mark.

On the men's side, in his first meet for the Great Danes, sophomore **Michael McCadney** shattered the school record in the triple jump with a leap of 49-feet, 10-inches, placing sixth overall in the championship division and qualifying for the IC4A meet. Senior **Junior Burnett** finished ninth overall in the 60-meter finals in 6.88 seconds, after breaking the 60-meter school record in yesterday's qualifying race with a time of 6.77 seconds. The men's 4x400 relay squad also finished tenth in the championship race.

Along with junior **Corinna Hengen's** record-setting pole vault of 11-feet, 3.75-meters yesterday, five school records were broken in the UAlbany squad's two days at the meet.

The Great Danes return to action next weekend, with athletes competing at the Binghamton tri-meet and at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

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**COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL – DAY 2****WOMEN'S RESULTS**

60 Meter Dash: Simone Facey (Texas A&M) 7.34, 60 Meter Hurdles: Jessica Ohanaja (Louisiana State) 8.14, 200 Meters: Kelly Ann Baptiste (Louisiana State) 23.37, 400 Meters: Natasha Hastings (South Carolina) 51.70, 800 Meter Championship: Georgia Closs (North Carolina) 2:07.07, Mile Championship: Brianna Felnagle (North Carolina) 4:41.47, Mile College: Liz Montgomery (Geneseo State), 4:57.62, 3000 Meter Championship: Frances Koons (Villanova) 9:01.02, 3000 Meter College: Katina Alexander (Villanova) 10:02.65, 4x200: Cabrini 1:42.44, 4x400 Championship: Ohio State 3:39.77, 4x400 College: Long Island 3:48.16, 4x800: Hampton 9:01.48, High Jump Championship: Miruna Mataoanu (Alabama) 6-0.5, Triple Jump College: Miruna Mataoanu (Alabama) 41-1, Triple Jump Championship: Yvette Lewis (Hampton) 44-3.25, Pole Vault Championship: Carly Dockendorf (Washington Elite), 13-3.5, Weight Throw: Veronica Jatsek (Ohio State) 65-4.

**MEN'S RESULTS**

60 Meter Dash: Greg Bolden (Florida State) 6.61, 60 Meter Hurdles: Mike Wray (Pittsburgh) 7.75, 200 Meters: Melville Rogers (Louisiana State) 21.15, 400 Meters: Ricardo Hastings (Florida State) 46.23, 800 Meter Championship: Michael Pachella (George Mason) 1:51.36, Mile Championship: Leonel Manzano (Texas) 3:59.08, Mile College: Michael Kerrigan (Villanova), 4:12.63, 3000 Meters Championship: Abraham Ng'eitch (Iona) 7:58.72, 3000 Meters College: Brendan Fennell (American) 8:07.01, 4x200: Virginia Commonwealth 1:28.05, 4x400 Championship: Louisiana State 3:07.54, 4x400 College: Lincoln 3:13.65, 4x800: Columbia 7:33.33, Pole Vault: Rory Quiller (Binghamton), 17-4.5, High Jump Championship: Andra Manson (Texas) 7-6.5, Triple Jump Championship: Ryan McCoy (George Mason) 51-5.5, Triple Jump College: Joseph Davis (Texas) 50-6.



## DAVID PARKER VICTORIOUS IN HEPTATHLON AT SYRACUSE INVITATIONAL

Syracuse, N.Y. – Junior **David Parker** (Niskayuna, N.Y./Niskayuna) won the heptathlon as several other members of the UAlbany men's and women's track and field teams participated at the two-day Syracuse Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

After UAlbany athletes won three events on Friday, Parker qualified for March's IC4A meet by earning 4,833 points in the heptathlon. His pole vault of 14-feet, 11-inches was a season-best, while his time of 8.21 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles was a personal-best.

In Saturday's only other event, sophomore **Kamilah McShine** had a third-place finish in the pentathlon, including a victory in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.35 seconds.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS FALLS TO DARTMOUTH, 6-1, IN SEASON-OPENING MATCH

Hanover, N.H. – Senior **Lindsay Winingham** captured her No. 1 singles match and won at first doubles as Dartmouth defeated UAlbany, 6-1, in the women's tennis squad's season opener at the Alexis Boss Tennis Center on Saturday afternoon.

Winingham defeated junior **Aimee Kern**, 6-4, 6-2, to earn her singles victory, and paired with senior **Kerry Snow** for an 8-1 victory in doubles over Kern and junior **Christina Suarez**.

Sophomore **Kim Weltman** earned a victory in No. 3 singles for the Great Danes, defeating sophomore **Jennifer Murray**, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.

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### Dartmouth 6, UAlbany 1

#### Singles:

1. Lindsay Winingham (Dart) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-4, 6-2
2. Kerry Snow (Dart) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 6-3, 6-0
3. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Jennifer Murray (Dart), 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.
4. Danielle Murray (Dart) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 6-1, 6-2
5. Julia Zak (Dart) def. Kim Westcott (UA), 6-3, 6-2
6. Natalie O'Rourke (Dart) won by default

#### Doubles:

1. Winingham/Snow (Dart) def. Kern/Suarez (UA), 8-1
2. O'Rourke/Zak (Dart) def. Weltman/Hall (UA), 8-1
3. Murray/Murray (Dart) won by default

## MASSACHUSETTS UPENDS UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS, 6-1

Amherst, Mass. – Senior **Michelle Spiess** won both No. 1 singles and first doubles as the UAlbany women's tennis team fell to Massachusetts, 6-1, at the Bay Road Tennis Club on Sunday afternoon.

Spiess defeated junior **Aimee Kern**, 6-0, 6-2, in No. 1 singles and paired with freshman **Ellen de Jong** to defeat Kern and junior **Christina Suarez**, 8-0, in doubles.

UAlbany sophomore **Kim Weltman** won in No. 3 singles for the Great Danes (0-2) for the second day in a row, defeating freshman Maude Lecluyse, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4.



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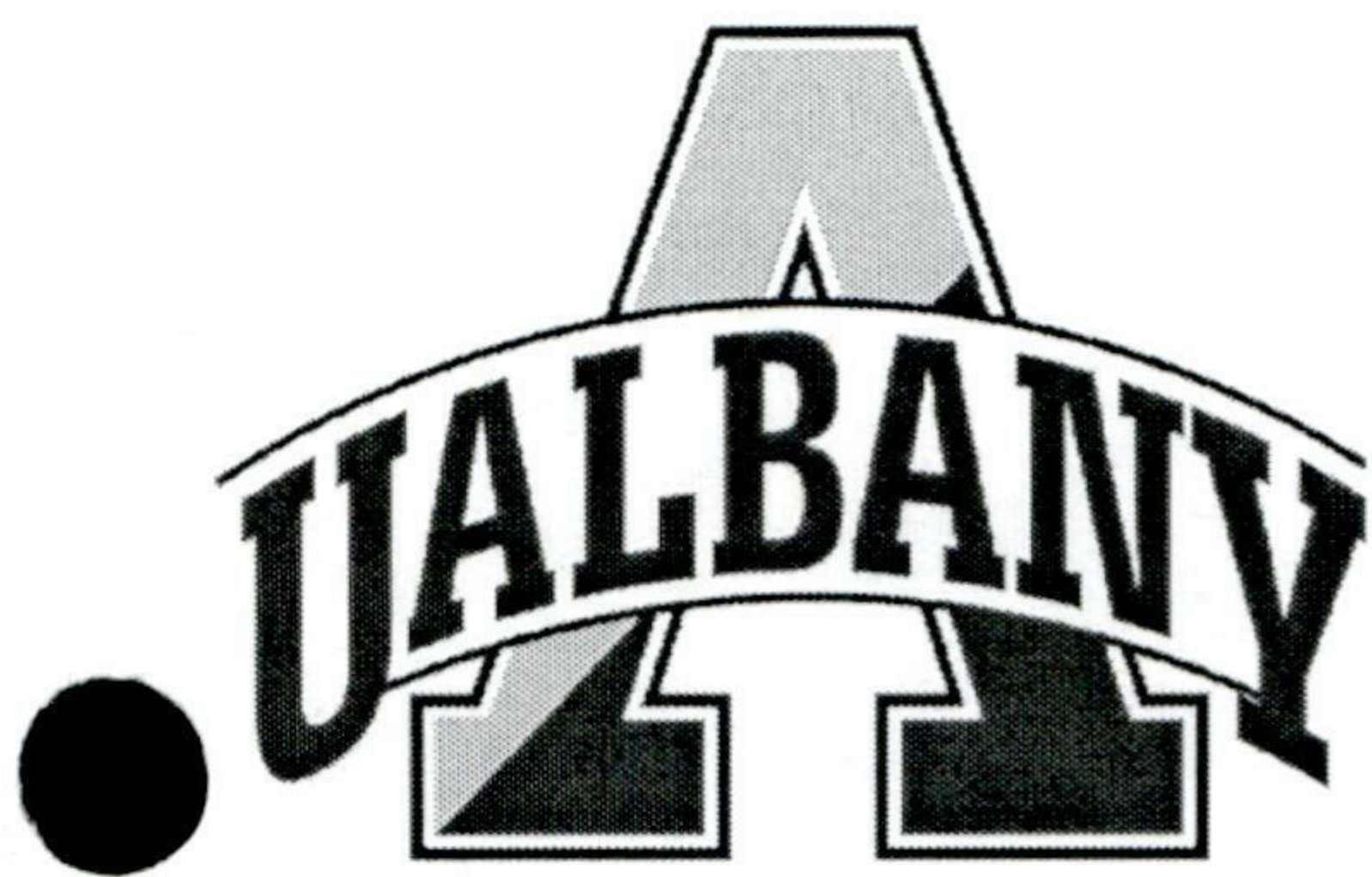
**Singles:**

1. Michelle Spiess (Mass) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-0, 6-2
2. Ellen de Jong (Mass) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 6-0, 6-2
3. Kim Weltman (UA) def. Maude Lecluyse (Mass), 7-6 (7-4), 6-4
4. Dasa Stanimirovic (Mass) def. Amanda Hall (UA), 6-3, 7-5
5. Stephanie Gimenez (Mass) def. Kim Westcott (UA), 6-3, 6-1
6. Massachusetts by default

**Doubles:**

1. Spiess/de Jong (Mass.) def. Kern/Suarez (UA), 8-0
2. Pozar/Lecluyse (Mass.) def. Weltman/Westcott (UA), 8-0
3. Massachusetts by default





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## UALBANY HOLDS OFF BINGHAMTON, 65-62, FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE WIN

Albany, N.Y. – Jamar Wilson scored 16 points to pace four players in double figures as UAlbany held off Binghamton, 65-62, in America East Conference play for its sixth straight win on Saturday evening before a capacity crowd of 4,538 at SEFCU Arena.

Binghamton (10-13, AE 3-8) took a 44-39 lead with seven consecutive points midway through the final period. Lazar Trifunovic, a 6-foot-8 freshman who had 15 of his 22 points after halftime, hit a jump hook off the dribble and a bank shot in the lane to ignite the run. Steve Proctor, who had 12 points, later converted a layup after Troy Hailey's steal to complete that stretch.

UAlbany (16-7, AE 9-2) responded with 12 of the game's next 14 points to go ahead for good. Jon Iati, who scored 14 off the bench, drew his team even at 46 apiece on a three-point field goal from the right corner. Brent Wilson finished off a fastbreak following a steal before Jamar Wilson buried a three-pointer from the top of the arc for a 51-46 advantage with 8:12 remaining.

The Great Danes, who dropped the first meeting of the season between these teams on Jan. 6, led by as much as six on three occasions over the next six minutes, but could never shake the visitors. Trifunovic, who made 8-of-17 from the field and added six rebounds and five assists, hit a jump hook on the right baseline to close the gap to 63-61 with 47 seconds left. After Brian Connelly connected in the lane from a driving Jason Siggers, Binghamton's Mike Gordon split a pair of free throws. The Bearcats would get an opportunity to tie the contest on their last possession, but Gordon's long-range jumper was off the mark with four seconds to play.

"We survived," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team was playing before the second home sellout of the season on Big Purple Growl, the university's winter homecoming. "It was a tremendous environment and they (the fans) were our sixth man. Binghamton has as much talent as anyone in this league and they give us fits. Trifunovic made some tough shots. We wanted him to beat us one-on-one and stay home on their three-point shooters."

In the opening half, UAlbany erased a 15-9 deficit with a run of 13 unanswered. Iati, who had 11 points in the period, made two of his four 3-pointers in that stretch, plus converted a drive from the left wing. The Great Danes, who shot 50 percent from the floor before the break, took a 31-26 lead to the locker room.

Brent Wilson finished with 12 points and eight rebounds for the Great Danes, who have won 15 of their last 16 at home. Jason Siggers, who has scored in double figures in 10 of his last 11 outings, was the fourth UAlbany player in twin figures with 11. Gordon, who was making his 66th consecutive start, totaled 15 points, five assists and three steals.

"These teams know each other well," Brent Wilson offered. "You know it's going to be a battle every time. It was a game of runs and we just had to hang with it and play defense. Trifunovic is an active four-man who is good off the bounce and tough to double. He is going to be a good player in this conference."





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## BINGHAMTON WOMEN DEFEAT UALBANY, 70-60, AT 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BIG PURPLE GROWL

Albany, N.Y. – Binghamton's Laine Kurpniece scored a career-high 22 points, including going 10-of-12 from the free throw line to lead the Bearcats to a 70-60 win over UAlbany at the Great Danes' 10th Annual Big Purple Growl on Saturday evening.

Binghamton (8-14, AE 4-5) used the momentum from a one-point halftime lead to take a five-point lead, 43-38, two minutes into the second half on back-to-back three pointers by Rebecka Lindgren. The Bearcats would then convert 6-of-6 free throw shots to build a nine-point lead, 49-40, at the 13:37 mark.

UAlbany (7-15, AE 3-6) would cut the lead back to five, 53-48, on a layup by Kristin Higy with just over nine minutes remaining, but it would be as close as the Great Danes would get, as Binghamton would take advantage of strong free throw shooting down the line, going 6-for-6 in the final five minutes of play.

UAlbany led by as many as nine in the first half, which was a battle of runs for both teams. The Great Danes posted a 10-2 run to open the game, followed by a 7-0 stretch by Binghamton to cut the lead to 10-9 at the 14:00 mark. UAlbany then posted a 9-3 spurt to get ahead 19-12 at 9:40. The Bearcats would not give in, however, outscoring the Great Danes 7-1 over a three minute span leading up to halftime.

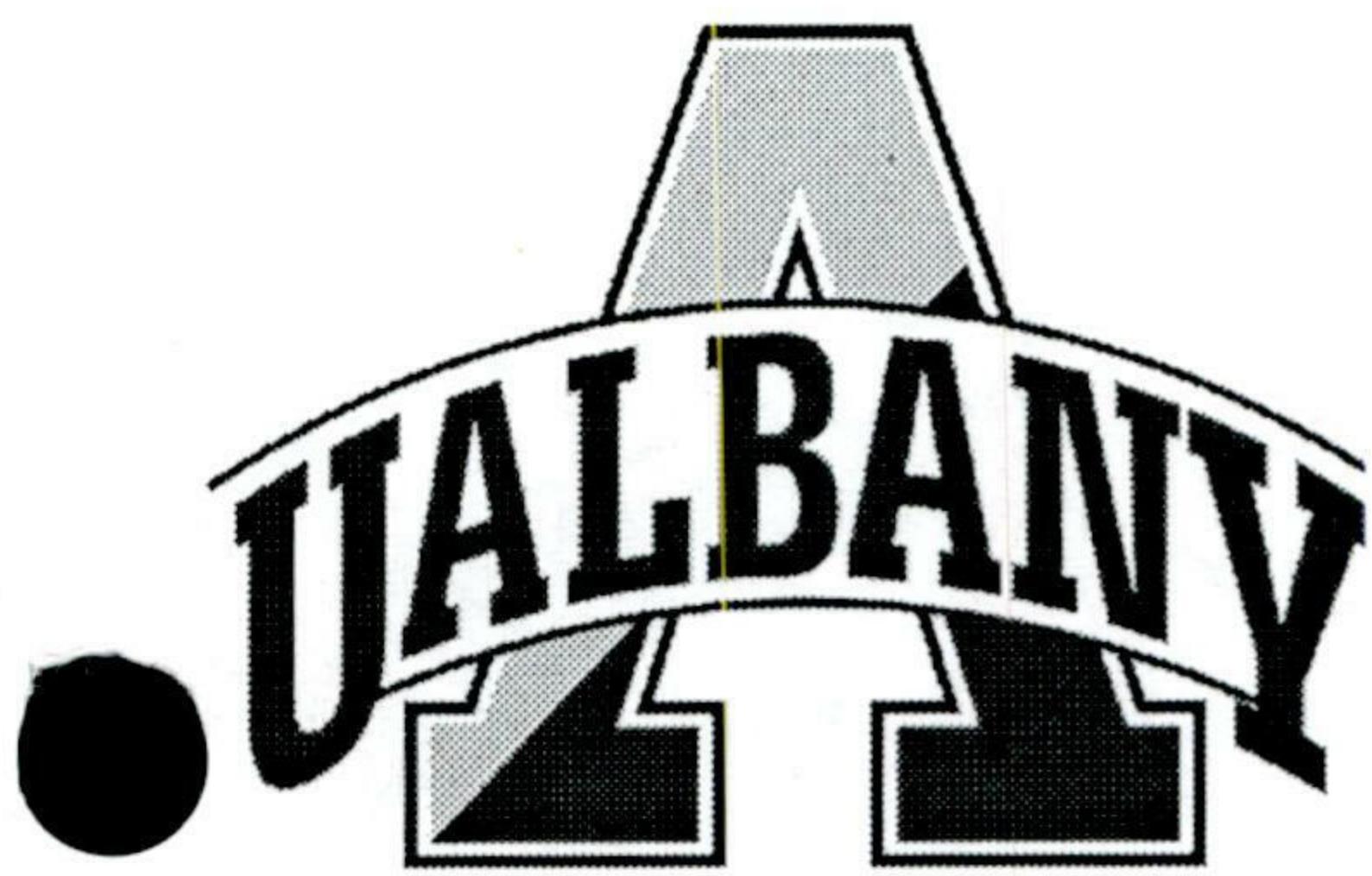
The two teams fought for the halftime lead in the closing seconds, with Juta Jahilo hitting a jumpshot with 44 seconds remaining to give Binghamton a one-point lead, 33-32. Amanda Ward reclaimed the advantage for UAlbany, converting a layup of her own with 13 seconds on the clock, but Lindgren knocked down a jumper with four ticks left to give the Bearcats a 35-34 lead going into the locker room.

"We gave up too many offensive rebounds and Binghamton got to the free throw line way too much," said UAlbany coach Melissia Patterson, whose team was outrebounded 41-34 and gave up 22 team fouls. "Kurpniece caused us problems inside, and we just didn't make the shots we needed in the second half."

Ward led the Great Danes with 16 points, while Higy recorded 13 points to go along with three rebounds, four steals and an assist. Britney McGee added nine points while Charity Iromuanya chipped in with six points, six boards, five assists and a steal.

Lindgren added 17 points for Binghamton. Laura Sario scored 14, including going 4-of-4 from the free throw line. Juta Jahilo added six points, while also grabbing a game-high nine rebounds for the Bearcats.





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## REYES WINS LONG JUMP AS UALBANY TRACK AND FIELD COMPETES IN NEW YORK

New York, N.Y. – Junior **Felipe Reyes** (Rensselaer, N.Y./Christian Brothers Academy) and sophomore **Freddie Wills** finished first and third, respectively, in the college division of the long jump as members of the UAlbany track and field team competed at the Collegiate Invitational in New York City's Armory on Friday afternoon. 106 men's teams and 104 women's squads participated in the meet.

Reyes won the long jump with a leap of 23-feet, 0.5-inches, six inches further than the nearest competitor. Wills had a jump of 22-feet, 5.75-inches. It was the second long jump victory for Reyes this season.

In men's track events, senior **Junior Burnett** finished tied for ninth in the 60-meter dash preliminaries in 6.77 seconds, qualifying for Saturday's finals. Freshman **John Moore** placed third in the college division of the 800-meter run, registering a time of 1:53.71.

On the women's side, senior **Alyssa Lotmore** (Albany, N.Y./Bishop Maginn) came in third in the 5000-meter championship in 16:57.77, her fastest time in the event this season. Senior **Anisha Andrews** finished 11th in the 500-meter dash in 1:15.58, a career-best. Junior **Brenna Militello** finished second in a jump-off in the consolation division of the high jump with a leap of 5-feet, 4.5-inches, after tying for first place.

The Great Danes finish competition at the Collegiate Invitational on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

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### COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL MEN'S RESULTS

500 Meters: Luis Luna (Kentucky) 1:02.61, 800 Meters College: Johnny Baez (South Carolina), 1:52.83, 1,000 Meters: Milos Vukovic (Manhattan) 2:26.54, 5,000 Meters College: John Compton (Wake Forest) 14:45.68, 5,000 Meters Championship: Daniel Kanyaruhuru, (Club International), 14:25.30, Distance Medley Relay College: East Stroudsburg, 10:03.51, Distance Medley Relay Championship: Arkansas 9:47.13, High Jump College: Al Winsley (Mississippi College), 6-11, Long Jump College: **Felipe Reyes (UAlbany) 23-8.25**, Long Jump Championship: Mychael Stewart (Arkansas) 25-1.25, Pole Vault College: Kevin Clark (Elizabethtown) 4.90, Shot Put: Eric Smalls (N.C. Central), 63-3.5,

### WOMEN'S RESULTS

500 Meters: Latrica Dendy (UNA), 1:13.23, 800 Meters College: Jackie Gordon (Kentucky) 2:13.22, 1,000 Meters: Theresa Rush (Villanova) 2:51.73, 5,000 Meters College: Caitlin McTague (Princeton), 17:24.15, 5,000 Meters Championship: Jolee VanLeuven (Princeton), 16:42.98, Distance Medley Relay College: Hampton 11:53.84, Distance Medley Relay Championship: North Carolina 11:04.63, High Jump College: Tiara Swanagan (Florida State), 5-6, High Jump Consolation: Suellyn Pilliner (Essex County CC), 5-4.5, Long Jump College: Ashika Charan (Texas A&M), 20-6.25, Long Jump Championship: Yvette Lewis (Hampton), 20-6.5, Pole Vault College: Tori Allen (Florida State), 12-1.5, Shot Put: Kacey Onwuchekwa (Texas A&M), 57-2.



## UALBANY EARNS VICTORIES IN THREE EVENTS AT SYRACUSE INVITATIONAL

Syracuse, N.Y. – Sophomore **Kamilah McShine**, junior **Amy Morrison** and senior **Chase Frazer** won their respective events as members of the UAlbany track and field team competed at the Syracuse Invitational, hosted by Syracuse University, on Friday evening.

McShine had a season-best time of 8.30 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles en route to winning the event. Freshman **Meghan Crowe** clocked in at 9.30 seconds, a season-best and good for fourth place. Morrison won the pole vault with a height of 9-feet, 10-inches, her first victory of the season and tying for her best leap of the year.

Frazer won the long jump with a distance of 21-feet, 9.5-inches. Junior **Anthony Basile** and freshman **Danny Hu** finished third and fourth in the event, respectively.

The Great Danes finish competition at the Syracuse Invitational on Saturday morning.

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### SYRACUSE INVITATIONAL

#### WOMEN'S RESULTS

55 Meter Hurdles: **Kamilah McShine (UAlbany)**, 8.30, 400 Meters: Lauren McClenney (Syracuse) 57.56, Mile: Kelly Pimm (Syracuse) 5:14.40, 500 Meters: Racquel Clarke (Syracuse) 1:18.13, 1000 Meters: Kaitlin O'Sullivan (Oneonta) 2:53.76, High Jump: Jennifer Kookan (Syracuse) 5-4.25, Pole Vault: **Amy Morrison (UAlbany)**, 9-10, Long Jump: Tatiana Warren (Unattached) 17-8.75,

#### MEN'S RESULTS

55 Meter Dash: Mike Carter (Erie C.C.) 6.50, 55 Meter Hurdles: Marcus Vaughn (Syracuse) 7.53, 200 Meters: Eric Theiss (Oneonta State) 22.37, 400 Meters: Thomas Dilworth (Colgate) 50.39, Mile: Kyle Heath (Syracuse) 4:15.62, 500 Meters: Mike Walden (Colgate) 1:06.58, 4x400 Relay: Colgate 3:27.03, High Jump: Jon Buice (Syracuse) 6-7.5, Pole Vault: Tyler Gutierrez (Unattached) 15-7, Long Jump: **Chase Frazer (UAlbany)** 21-9.5, Triple Jump: Westford Hamilton 46-3.5, Shot Put: Vin Krutchik (Cortland) 46-7.25



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**Athletic Director Pledges to Deliver Football Stadium for UAlbany**  
*Athletic Program Success Also Highlighted as McElroy Receives Five-Year Extension*

ALBANY, N.Y. (February 2, 2007) -- University at Albany Provost and Officer in Charge Susan Herbst announced that Lee A. McElroy, vice president for athletic administration and director of intercollegiate athletics, received a new five-year appointment running through 2011. McElroy, in his seventh year in charge of university athletics, provides leadership for UAlbany's NCAA Division I 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program for men and women.

During McElroy's tenure, UAlbany has won 18 conference championships and made NCAA appearances in men's basketball, men's lacrosse, women's volleyball, softball and men's and women's track and field. In 2004-05, the Great Danes were awarded the Commissioner's Cup as the America East Conference's top athletic program. In 2005-2006, UAlbany's NCAA academic progress rate (APR) -- the formula NCAA member colleges and universities have adopted to improve academic success and graduation of student athletes -- was above the 90th percentile for the third consecutive year.

McElroy has also worked to renew the men's and women's basketball cross-town rivalry with Siena College, led the development of a master plan to upgrade UAlbany's athletic and recreational complex, including plans to construct a new stadium for the university's Division I-AA football team. Fund-raising efforts for the University's top non-academic project, which will also benefit the Capital Region community, have been initiated.

McElroy was instrumental in securing a \$2.75 million commitment from SEFCU to name the university's Recreation and Convocation Center for a 10-year period. The facility, known as the SEFCU Arena, is the home for UAlbany's men's and women's basketball teams.

"It is with great pleasure that I extend a new five-year appointment to Lee as the University at Albany's vice president for athletic administration and director of intercollegiate athletics," said Herbst, who also serves as UAlbany's provost and executive vice president. "Dr. McElroy has been instrumental in overseeing the academic and on-field success of our students, and we are happy he will oversee the next phase of success for the UAlbany Great Danes."

"The previous seven years have been successful due to the commitment and dedication of student athletes, coaches and staff who achieved academic and athletic excellence while maintaining the highest standards of integrity and public service," said McElroy. "The future looks brighter due to the support of the faculty, the student body, alumni and the Capital Region community."

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academic support services, improved the athletic facilities complex, and provided for campus and community outreach programs.

McElroy also worked at the University of Houston from 1981 to 1988 as an assistant director of men's and women's sports and as an associate director of athletics, and for one year as the director of athletics at The University of the District of Columbia. Before joining the Houston staff, he taught in the public school systems of Santa Monica, California and Beaumont, Texas, and was a high school principal in Beaumont.

Along with his duties for the NCAA, McElroy has testified before congressional committees on issues in college athletics, such as gender equity, the welfare of the minority student-athlete, and the academic/athletic balance. McElroy serves on the boards of the National Consortium of Academics and Sports, Athletic Business magazine, and the National Minority Golf Association. He is also a fellow at the Institute of Ethics and Sportsmanship at the University of Rhode Island.

McElroy, who resides with his wife, Karen, in Slingerlands, earned his B.S. in political science and history from UCLA in 1970. He later received a M.Ed. from the University of Southern California, and an Ed.D. from the University of Houston.

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