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UALBANY ROLLS OVER ST. PETER'S, 21-1, IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

Jersey City, N.J. – **Steve Wyland** went 4-of-5 with four runs scored and **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) hit a grand slam in the fifth inning to lead UAlbany to a 21-1 non-conference win over St. Peter's at Joseph J. Jaroschak Field. The Great Danes extended their winning streak to four straight.

The Great Danes (6-5) had a hit in every inning but the eighth, before the game was called on account of darkness. UAlbany began the game with a five-run first inning, while starting pitcher **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) held the Peacocks scoreless until the fourth.

Middle reliever **Roman Dubiel** got the win for the Great Danes, throwing 2.1 innings with two strikeouts and no runs scored.

First baseman **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) went 3-for-5 with three RBI, while shortstop **Joe Lamb** added two runs and an RBI in a 3-of-5 performance. Vallone was 2-for-3 at the plate, with a team-high four RBI. **Derek DeGrazio** added a home run in the top of the third.

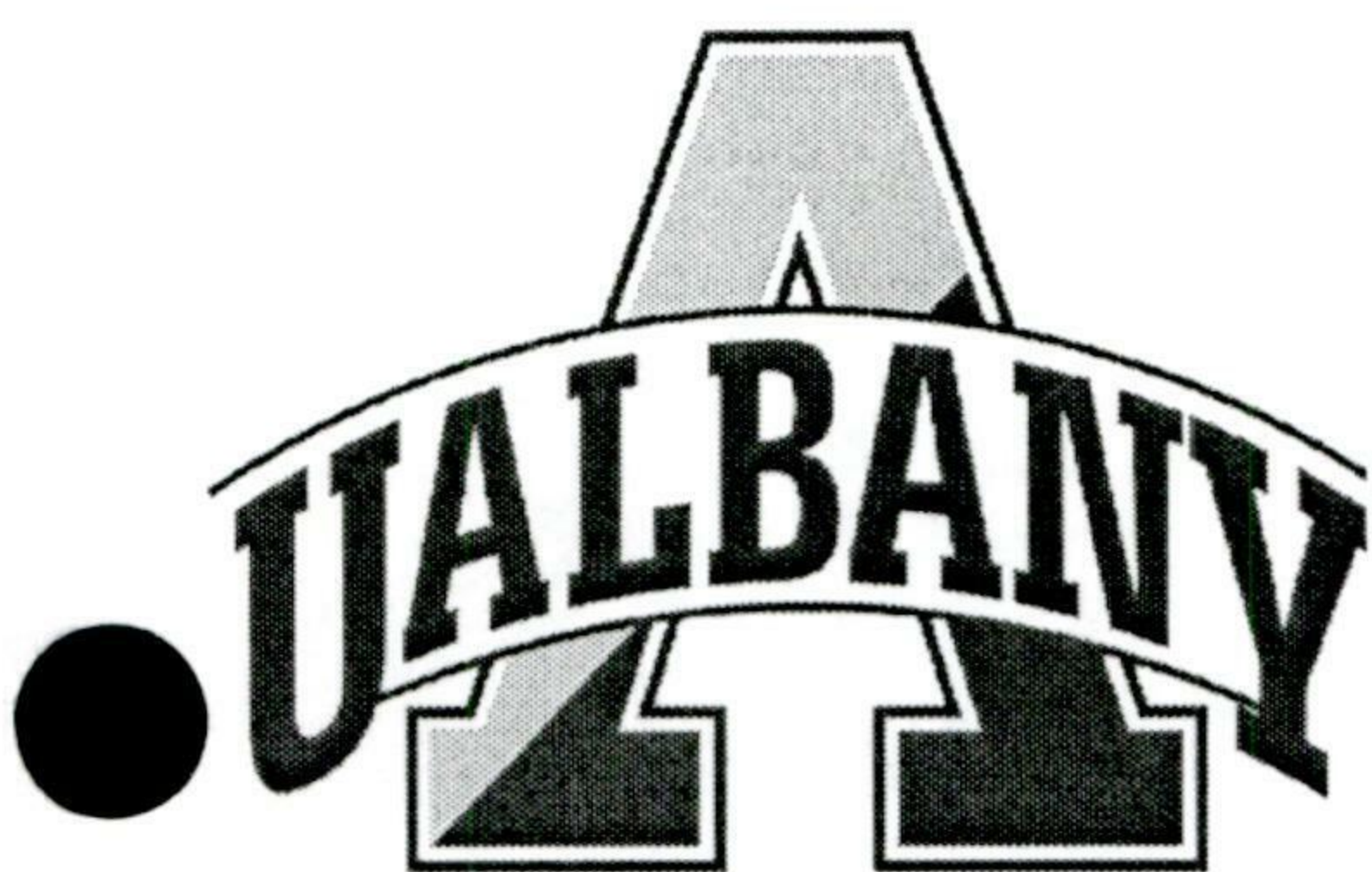
Santo Maertz scored the only run for St. Peter's (1-14). **Dennis Alexander** recorded the RBI on the run. **Chris Innis** fell to 1-3 for the Peacocks, taking the loss on the mound.

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UAlbany (6-5)	512	153	40	-	21	19	2
St. Peter's (1-14)	000	100	00	-	1	9	6

Nick Murphy, Roman Dubiel (3), Casey Walsh (6), Giorgio Fuda (7) and Fred Estes and Sean Doyle

Chris Innis, Dylan Chesley (5), Jose Pinto (6), Kevin Kallert (7) and Frank Salvano and Kris Brus



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ART TOLLIVER AND WILL LUCA NAMED UALBANY FOOTBALL ASSISTANTS Head Coach Bob Ford Announces Coaching Staff Reorganization

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany head coach Bob Ford announced today the hiring of **Art Tolliver** and **Will Luca** as assistant football coaches. Tolliver, a full-time staff member, will work with the defensive line, while Luca will coach the tight ends. In addition, UAlbany has promoted **Peter Rossomando** to offensive coordinator after four seasons as offensive line coach. **Ryan Roeder** and **David Parks** have been added to the staff as graduate assistants.

Ford, who begins his 33rd varsity season in the fall after starting the program at the club level in 1970, will still have **Mike Simpson** on his staff as defensive coordinator. **Jeff Hafley** (defensive backs), **Don Mion** (inside linebackers), Tolliver and Parks (outside linebackers) will work on that side of the ball. UAlbany's offensive staff will include **Ryan McCarthy** (quarterbacks), **Nick LaFontaine** (offensive line), Luca and Roeder (running backs).

Tolliver, 45, has been the defensive coordinator since 2001 at Erie Community College in Buffalo, N.Y., where he also handled special teams and linebackers. The Kats participated in the Red River Bowl during that period. He also was the head coach at Salt Fleet High School in Stoney Creek, Ontario for two years and offensive line coach at Barton High School in Hamilton, Ontario from 1998-2000.

A native of New Orleans, La., Tolliver played nose guard and was captain at Nicholls State University, where he has been enshrined into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. He went on to play for the New Orleans Saints from 1981-83, and had a long career with Edmonton, Hamilton and Montreal in the Canadian Football League. Tolliver has a bachelor's degree in religious education and counseling from California State Christian University. He received an associate's degree in criminal justice from Nicholls State. Tolliver was a member of the U.S. National Judo Team from 1978-95, and earned a spot on the 1984 and 1992 U.S. Olympic Teams.

Luca, 25, was previously the offensive line coach at Moravian College for two years. The Greyhounds finished with a 7-4 record in 2004 and played in the ECAC Southeast Championship. Luca got his start in coaching as a volunteer assistant in the spring of 2003 at his alma mater Kutztown University. He was voted first-team All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and second-team All-Northeast Region in 2001. Luca, who hails from Saddle River, N.J., has a B.A. in liberal arts and sciences in history with a minor in psychology.

Roeder and Parks, a pair of former UAlbany football captains, each moved into the college coaching ranks last year. Roeder, an All-Northeast Conference quarterback, led UAlbany to the 2002 NEC and ECAC Division I-AA championships by passing for 1,366 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior. He worked on the Holy Cross staff in the fall of 2004. Parks, who coached at St. John Fisher last fall, was a first-team All-NEC defensive tackle as a senior, when the Great Danes shared their second consecutive conference title. He was voted to the CoSIDA Academic All-America national first team.

MORE – STUDENT-ATHLETE DAY

UALBANY STUDENT-ATHLETES TO APPEAR AT BETHLEHEM AREA YMCA

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Director of Athletics **Lee McElroy** and approximately 25 UAlbany student-athletes, including members of the men's and women's basketball teams, will appear at the Bethlehem Area YMCA on Saturday, April 2 as part of National Student-Athlete Day and Healthy Kids Day. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bethlehem YMCA is located at 900 Delaware Avenue in Delmar, N.Y.

McElroy, who is in his fifth year providing leadership for UAlbany's NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics program for men and women, and the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee are both supporting this event.

Healthy Kids Day is a nationally celebrated YMCA program aimed at helping children understand and develop healthy habits. The YMCA is dedicated to helping children achieve healthy lifestyles so that they may grow into strong adults.

Some of the activities planned for the day include health and wellness information booths, sports demonstrations, as well as physical fun and games for the entire family.

National Student-Athlete Day, celebrated annually on April 6 since 1987, recognizes outstanding student-athletes who have achieved excellence in academics and athletics while having made significant contributions to the community.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the school's football schedule for 2005. The Great Danes, who finished third in the Northeast Conference standings last year, will play seven games against conference opponents. The non-league schedule features three Atlantic 10 Conference programs, including Maine, Massachusetts and Hofstra, plus Fordham from the Patriot League.

The Great Danes, who had the 11th toughest schedule among NCAA Division I-AA programs last year, will open at home for just the second time since 1999, when Hofstra travels to University Field on Saturday, September 10. Kickoff is 6:00 p.m. UAlbany and the Pride, who are coached by veteran Joe Gardi, will meet for the third time in the last six years. Hofstra linebacker Gian Villante (129 tackles), an Associated Press All-American, and all-conference receiver Devale Ellis (74 receptions, 13 touchdowns) lead the list of returning players.

UAlbany will be on the road against its other non-conference foes. Massachusetts (Sept. 17) features first-team All-American and Atlantic 10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year Shannon James. The UMass defensive back totaled 75 tackles and eight interceptions last year. Maine (Oct. 1) will host the Great Danes for the first time since 1977. The Black Bears, an upset winner over Mississippi State last fall, return quarterback Ron Whitcomb, who passed for 2,318 yards and 22 touchdowns as a sophomore. UAlbany concludes its 2005 schedule on Nov. 19 at Fordham. Rams running back Jonte Coven was the 2004 Patriot League Rookie of the Year.

Stony Brook will be the opponent for Homecoming and Family Weekend on Oct. 8. NEC-rivals Sacred Heart (Oct. 15) and Robert Morris (Nov. 5) will also visit University Field. All three home games will start at 4:00 p.m.

Twelve starters are back from last year's UAlbany squad, including eight on defense and four on offense. Football Gazette first-team Mid-Major All-America and All-NEC linebacker Colin Disch heads the group of returnees. Disch set the school's freshman single-season record and ranked eighth nationally with 131 tackles in 2004. Bob Ford, who is fourth among active I-AA head coaches with 205 career victories, will begin his 33rd varsity campaign in the fall.

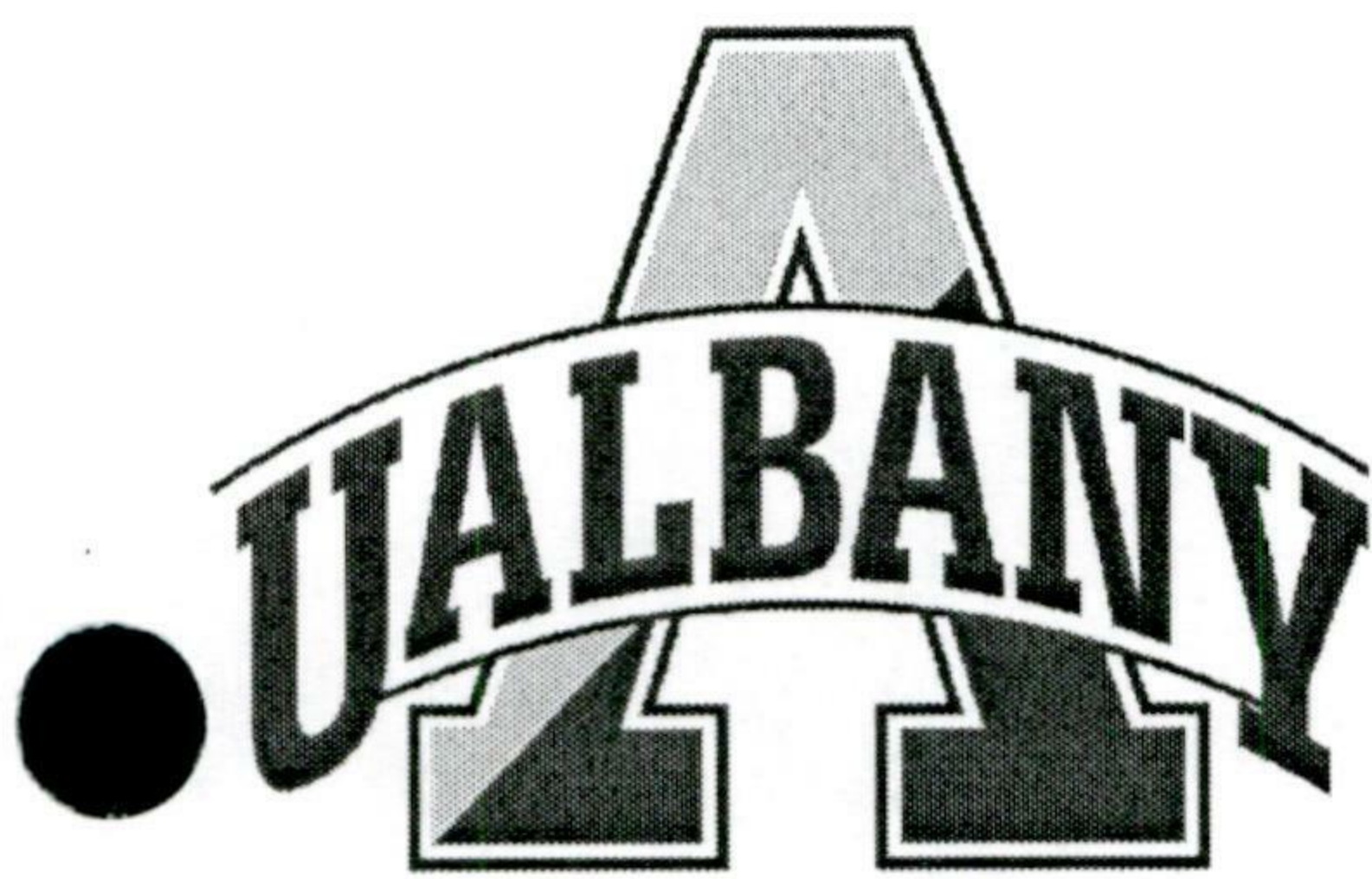
2005 University at Albany Football Schedule

September -- 10 (Sat.), Hofstra, 6:00; 17 (Sat.), at Massachusetts, 6:00; 24 (Sat.), at Central Connecticut State*, 5:00.

October -- 1 (Sat.), at Maine, TBA; 8 (Sat.), Stony Brook* (HC), 4:00; 15 (Sat.), Sacred Heart*, 4:00; 22 (Sat.) at St. Francis, Pa.*, 1:00; 29 (Sat.), at Wagner*, 1:00.

November -- 5 (Sat.), Robert Morris*, 4:00; 12 (Sat.), at Monmouth*, 1:00; 19 (Sat.), at Fordham, 1:00.

*Northeast Conference Opponent (HC) - Homecoming/Family Weeknd All Times Eastern



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MARIST'S FOUR SINGLES WINS LEAD TO 5-2 VICTORY OVER UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – **Yana Tikhonko** and **Inge LeGrange** registered singles and doubles victories in helping to lead Marist to a 5-2 victory over UAlbany in non-conference action on Tuesday in the UAlbany Bubble.

Tikhonko and LeGrange picked up wins at No. 1 and No. 3 singles for the Red Foxes, who won four of the singles matches. UAlbany's **Amanda Hall** posted a 6-3, 7-6 decision over Erin Godly at the fourth singles position. **Kim Westcott** added a 6-2, 6-2 victory for the Great Danes (5-8).

In doubles, **Courtney Michels** and **Aimee Kern** paired for an 8-6 showing at the top spot. The Red Foxes captured matches two and three to secure the doubles point.

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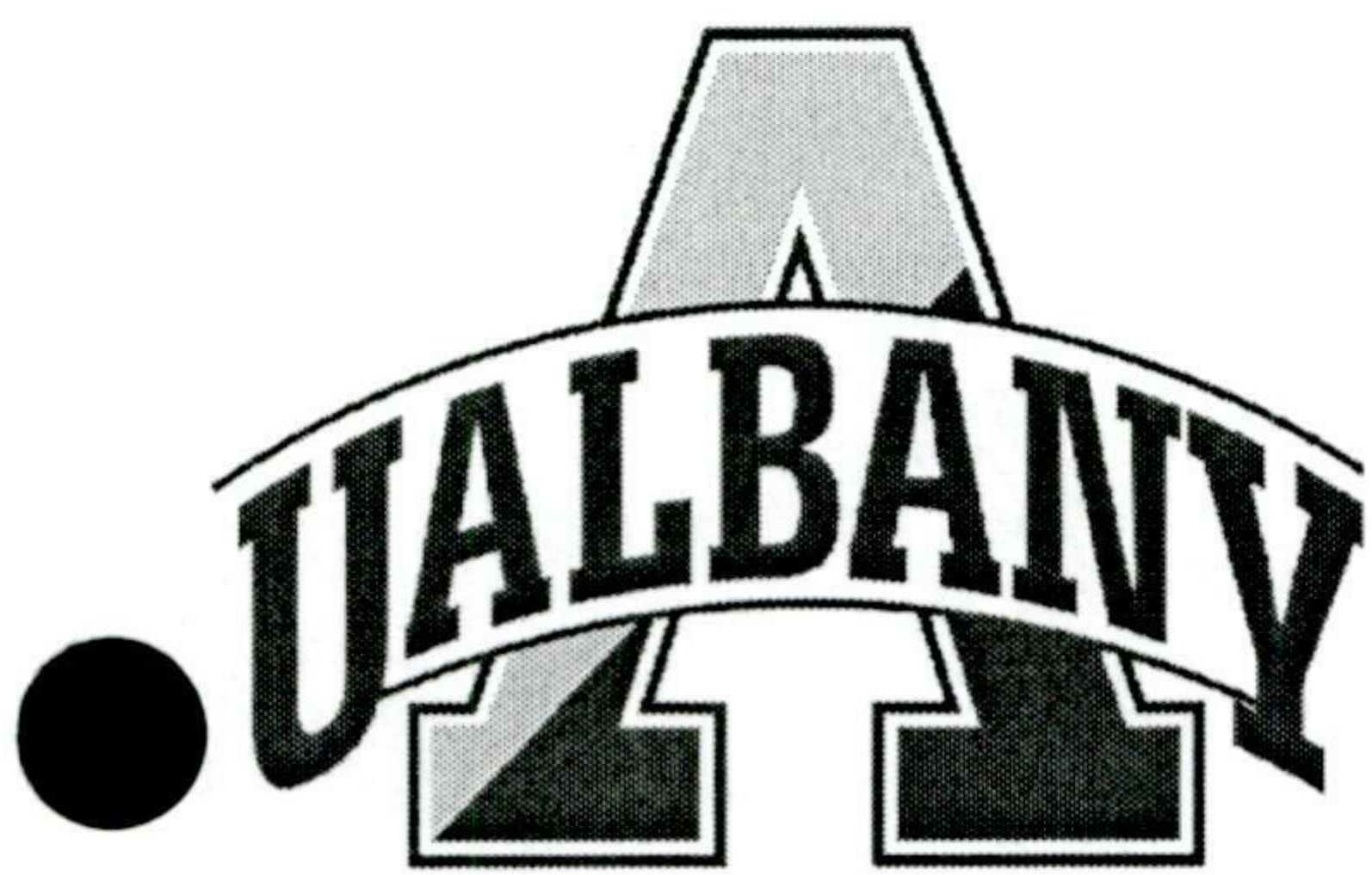
Marist 5, UAlbany 2

Singles:

1. Yana Tikhonko (MC) def. Courtney Michels, 6-3, 6-2.
2. Diana Perachio (MC) def. Christina Suarez, 6-1, 6-1.
3. Inge LeGrange (MC) def. Aimee Kern, 6-2, 6-2.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Erin Godly, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Megan Gureck, 6-2, 6-2.
6. Courtney McGeever (MC) def. Kyle Steller, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles:

1. Michels/Kern (UA) def. Perachio/Godly, 8-6.
2. Tikhonko/LeGrange (MC) def. Hall/Westcott, 8-6.
3. McGeever/Amy Albert (MC) def. Suarez/Steller, 8-4.



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THOMSON HAS THREE GOALS IN UALBANY'S 9-7 WIN OVER NO. 19 DARTMOUTH

Troy, N.Y. – **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) scored three goals and added two assists, as UAlbany upended 19th-ranked Dartmouth, 9-7, in a non-league contest on Tuesday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

UAlbany (4-2) reversed a 2-1 deficit in the second quarter with four consecutive goals over a two-minute-and-five second span. **Frank Resetarits** scored back-to-back 41 seconds apart to give his team the lead. He found the net off a rebound for a 3-2 advantage after his first shot was turned away by Big Green goalkeeper **Andrew Goldstein**.

Chris Martocchia converted in a man-advantage situation with 53 seconds left before halftime. **Luke Daquino** then scored from the top of the crease off Thomson's feed 12 seconds later after **Jordan Levine** won the faceoff to complete the outburst.

Dartmouth (3-2) closed within one goal on two occasions in the third quarter, including 6-5 with 4:27 left in the period. **Brad Heritage** curled in the middle of the field and blasted a shot from the right side off **Ben Grinnell's** pass. The Great Danes then pushed out to a three-goal lead. Thomson made a diving shot following a scramble for a loose ball in front of the cage.

Bakary Janneh connected on a drive from the right with 11:29 left in the fourth quarter.

The Big Green, who defeated No. 4 Maryland in their last outing one week ago, would make another run at the lead. Junior attacker **Jamie Coffin**, who led all scorers with five goals, tallied his 15th of the season midway through the stanza. **Ryan Danehy** closed the gap to 8-7 on an extra-man goal, a low 15-yard shot, with 1:59 to play.

The Great Danes, who knocked off their second top-20 team this season after edging Massachusetts on March 15, decided the outcome when Thomson scored his 15th goal of the year off Levine's crossing pass 24 seconds later. Daquino started the play by forcing a turnover at midfield with a stick-check.

"That's as good a win as we have had here," UAlbany coach Scott Marr said. "This team is starting to find its way. We didn't start well and were not running in the first part of the game, but we found a way to work through it. Our conference (America East) has had some big wins this season, and we are gaining respect."

UAlbany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made 15 saves, including eight in the final period. Martocchia and Resetarits each finished with a pair of goals. Dartmouth's Goldstein stopped nine shots.

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#19 Dartmouth (3-2)	1	1	3	2	-	7
UAlbany (4-2)	0	5	2	2	-	9

Dartmouth – Scoring: Jamie Coffin 5-0, Brad Heritage 1-0, Ryan Danehy 1-0, Ben Grinnell 0-2, Nick Bonacci 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Andrew Goldstein (60:00, 9 saves, 9 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Merrick Thomson 3-2, Chris Martocchia 2-0, Frank Resetarits 2-0, Luke Daquino 1-0, Bakary Janneh 1-0, Brendan Russell 0-1, Jordan Levine 0-1, Jim Stankard 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 15 saves, 7 GA).

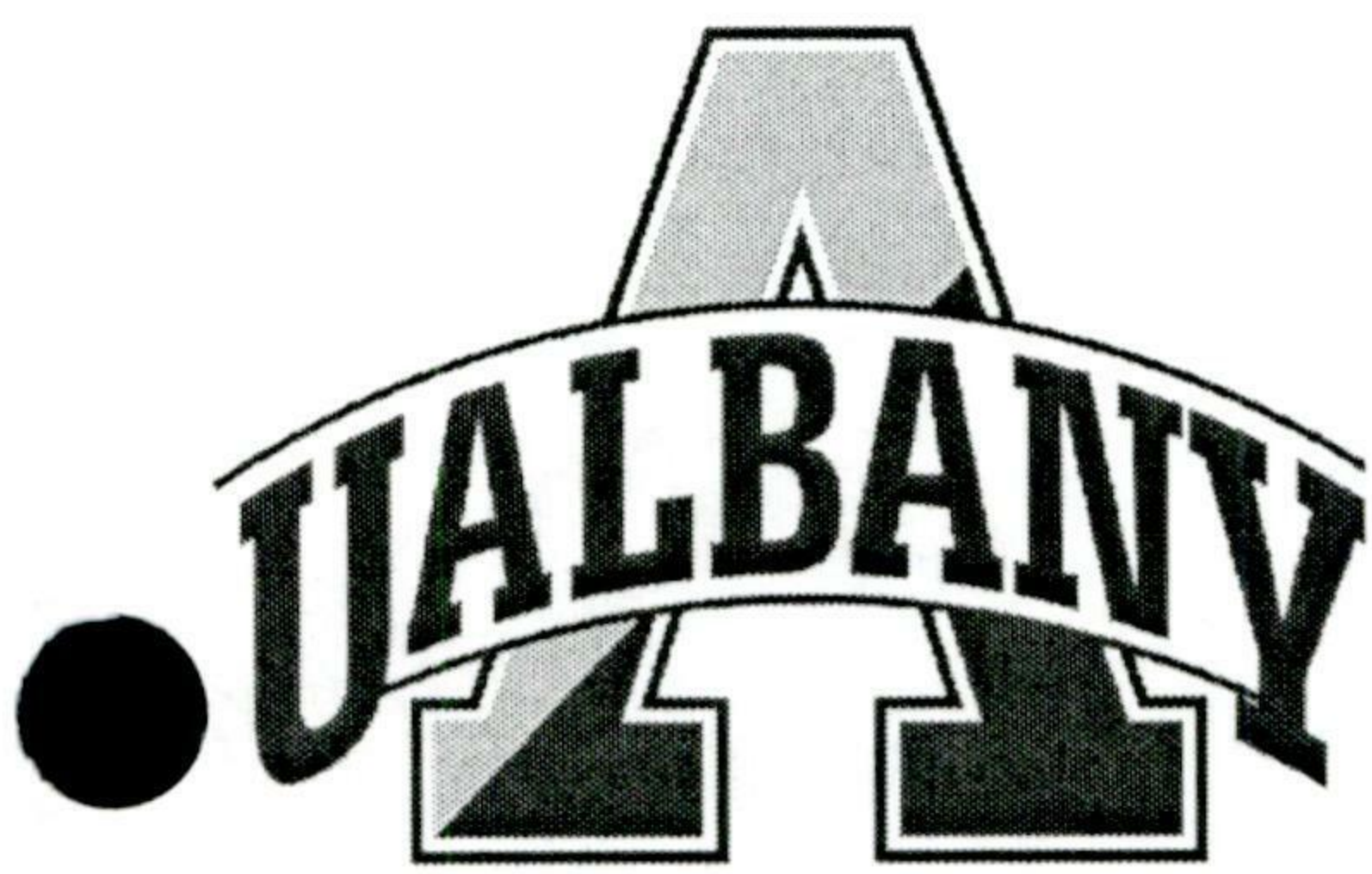
MORE – TRACK

GERED BURNS GARNERS AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE WEEKLY TRACK HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Gered Burns (Guilderland) has been named America East Conference Track Performer of the Week, as announced by the conference office on Tuesday, March 29.

Burns earned his first weekly award of the outdoor season after winning the 1,500-meter run at North Carolina State's Raleigh Relays on March 26. He was victorious in the field of 35, which included runners from Duke, Virginia and Georgia State. Burns ran a personal-best time of 3:52.16, just missing the IC4A qualifying time of 3:52.00.

Burns and the UAlbany track and field team will be back in action this weekend at the University of South Florida Invitational in Tampa, Fla.



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LUKE DAQUINO NAMED AMERICA EAST MEN'S LACROSSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Luke Daquino** has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. He received the conference's weekly award for the second time in his career.

Daquino, a senior attacker from Farmingville, N.Y., set the school's single-game assists record with eight, a record that had stood for nearly 15 years, in last Saturday's 25-9 victory over Hartford to begin the America East schedule. He also had three goals for a career-high 11 points. The UAlbany co-captain had five points in the first quarter in staking his team to a 9-0 lead.

Daquino, who is second in the conference in scoring at 4.80 points per game, has nine goals and 15 assists this season. He moved into second on the UAlbany's career assists list (109) and has climbed to third among the all-time scorers with 188 points.

UAlbany (3-2) meets Dartmouth (3-1) on Tuesday, March 29 at Rensselaer's Harkness Field. Game time is 2:00 p.m. The Big Green are coming off a 7-6 upset of fourth-ranked Maryland one week ago.

SOFTBALL'S LARSEN AND MORIN EARN WEEKLY AMERICA EAST HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Maegan Larsen** has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in softball, as announced today by the league office.

Amanda Morin (South Glens Falls) received the conference's top pitcher award for the third consecutive week.

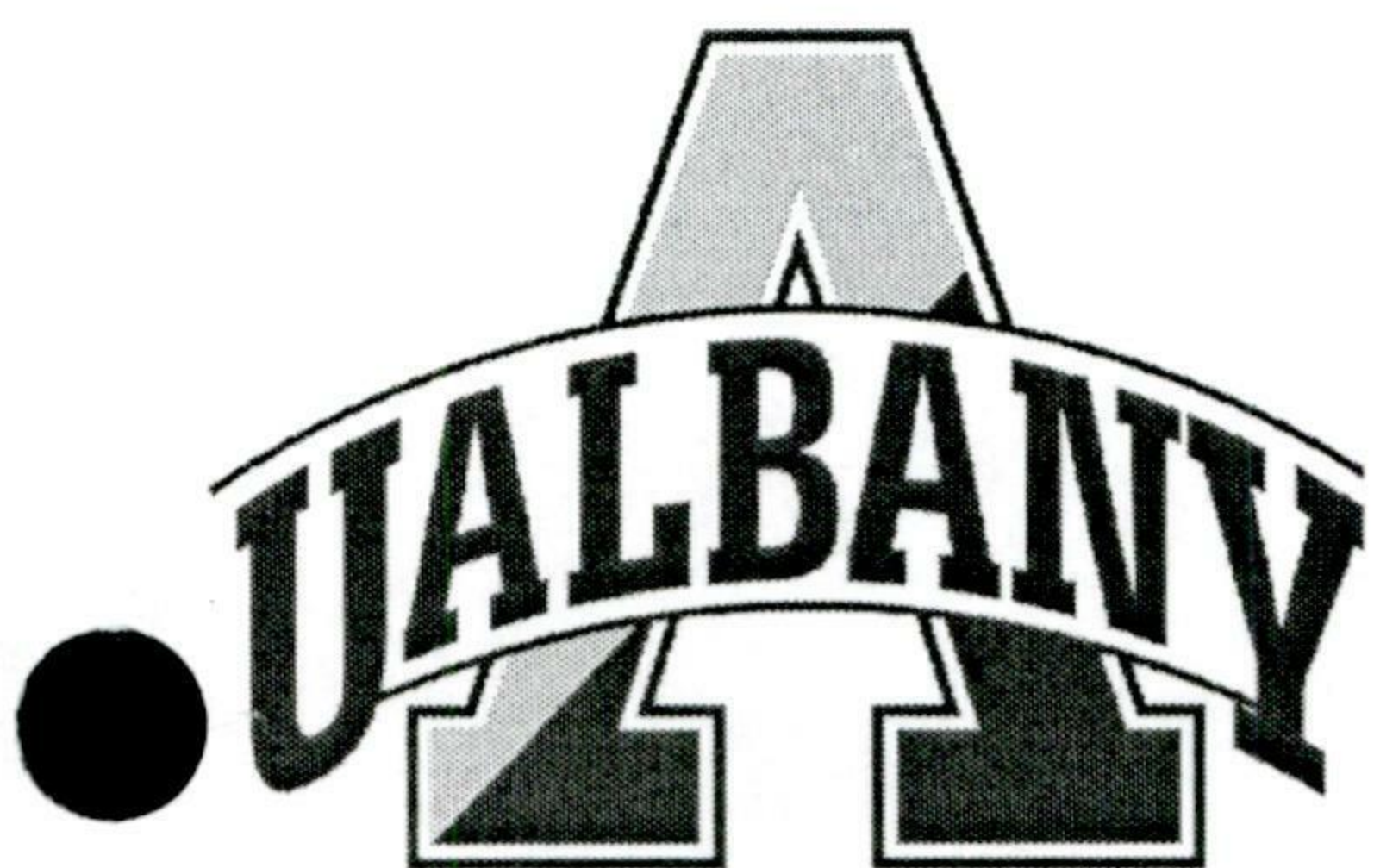
Larsen, a junior shortstop, batted .400 with a team-high nine RBI, as the Great Danes won all six contests at the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Florida. She tied a career-high with four RBI in an 8-0 victory over Niagara, including an inside-the-park home run that cleared the bases. Larsen also had the game-winning RBI in two contests against Troy and Siena.

Larsen is batting a team-leading .420 this season with 11 runs, 14 RBI and eight extra-base hits. In 16 starting assignments, she is slugging .680 in 50 plate appearances.

Morin, a junior right-hander picked up two victories in three appearances on the mound last week. She went all eight innings in a 2-1 win against Troy, her fifth complete game of the season. A native of Gansevoort, N.Y., Morin retired the final 15 batters she faced and pitched to the minimum in five of eight frames. She also won the opener in a doubleheader with Cornell by striking out three in four innings of work.

Morin, who has a 6-0 record with a 0.00 earned run average in 41.0 innings pitched this spring, set two UAlbany Division I records. She posted a streak of 30.1 scoreless innings, the longest by a Great Dane pitcher since 1995, and has a current stretch of 41 straight innings with no earned runs allowed.

UAlbany (10-6) opens America East play with a three-game series against Hartford on April 2-3.



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ELLIOTT, GERASIMOVA QUALIFY FOR IC4A & ECAC AT RALEIGH RELAYS

Raleigh, N.C. – Senior **Kamar Elliott** placed fourth in the triple jump with an IC4A-qualifying mark of 47-feet, 4.5 inches at the Raleigh Relays on Saturday afternoon at North Carolina State's Paul Derr Track and Field Stadium. Junior **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) captured the 1500-meter run, posting a time of 3:52.16. Athletes from 73 schools competed in the two-day meet.

Burns crossed the line 18 seconds ahead of the next finisher, Delaware's **Brad Dodson**. Burns' teammate **Ricardo Estremera** placed 30th in the same event.

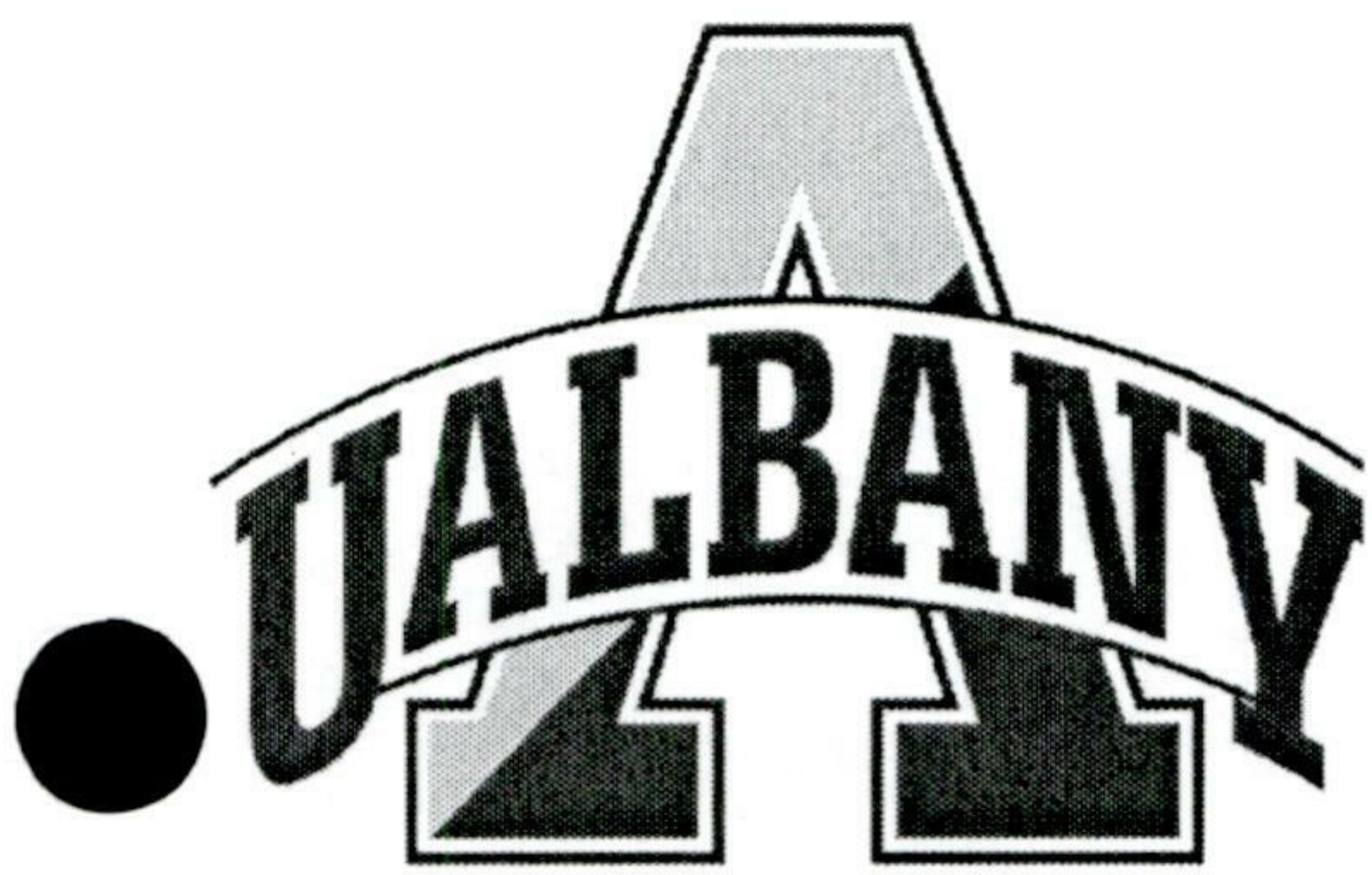
Freshman **Arina Gerasimova** qualified for the ECAC championships in the women's triple jump with a distance of 37-5.75, finishing 13th overall. **Patty Diedrich** placed 10th in the 100-meter hurdles with a mark of 14.59 seconds. **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) earned a 15th-place finish in the women's 1500-run, turning in a time of 4:39.38.

JONATHAN JONES CAPTURES LONG JUMP AT ARMY'S DICK SHEA OPEN

West Point, N.Y. – **Jonathan Jones** won the men's long jump with an IC4A-qualifying distance of 23-feet, 2 inches, pacing the UAlbany track and field teams at Army's Dick Shea Open on Saturday afternoon at West Point's Shea Stadium.

The UAlbany men's 4x100 relay team of **Andres Vives** (Shenendehowa), **Shamere Boland**, **Drew Harrison** and **Anthony Basile** finished second with a time of 42.94 seconds. Boland also fared well individually, coming in second in the 100-meter dash with a mark of 11.39.

In the women's competition, **Joy Williams** registered a mark of 41-7.25 in the shot put to take second place. **Sarah Charles** placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 36-7, while **Adanna Andrews** raced to a third-place showing in the 400-dash in 59.66. **Valerie Maignan** came in third in the heptathlon, tallying 2,698 points.



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**UALBANY LACROSSE OPENS AMERICA EAST SCHEDULE WITH 25-9 VICTORY
Great Danes Set School's Division I Single-Game Scoring Record**

Troy, N.Y. – **Chris Martocchia** netted a career-high five goals, and **Frank Resetarits** and **Merrick Thomson** each scored four times, as UAlbany won its fourth consecutive America East Conference opener with a 25-9 victory over Hartford on Saturday evening at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

UAlbany (3-2, AE 1-0) rattled off nine unanswered goals to start the game. Martocchia scored twice in the opening five minutes by hitting the lower left corner off a drive and then finding the net from the left side on an inside roll. **Luke Daquino**, who totaled three goals and set the school's single-game record with eight assists, scored twice and set up three others in the opening period. Thomson's fastbreak goal completed the outburst with 1:12 left in the stanza.

The Great Danes, who were coming off an 8-4 non-league loss to Drexel in their last outing six days ago, rolled to a commanding 15-2 halftime lead. Martocchia tallied back-to-back goals 13 seconds apart in the second quarter. He rifled a shot inside the right post in a man-advantage situation and then finished off Daquino's pass ahead off the following faceoff.

"We made some changes to our offense," said Daquino, who broke a UAlbany assist record that had been shared by two players for nearly 15 years. "We worked the ball better and had more movement. This was a conference game, so we knew we had to step up and start playing like a champion."

UAlbany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made 13 saves in three quarters of play between the pipes, while sophomore attacker **Eric Wolf** added three goals and two assists. The Great Danes, who have captured the last two America East championships, established a team single-game scoring mark at the Division I level. UAlbany previously tallied 24 goals against Wagner on April 30, 2000.

Junior midfielder **Matt Holman** led Hartford (1-4, AE 0-1) with three goals, while **Ryan Curran** had one goals and three assists.

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Hartford (1-4, AE 0-1)	0	2	2	5	-	9
UAlbany (3-2, AE 1-0)	9	6	4	6	-	25

Hartford – Scoring: Matt Holman 3-0, Ryan Curran 1-3, Andrew Rohmer 1-1, Brandon Herbst 1-1, Shaun Kiviat 1-0, Will Volet 1-0, Brian Tilley 1-0, Tim Chisholm 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Franklin Pargh (49:10, 12 saves, 23 GA), Justin Ramstine (7:08, 0 saves, 2 GA), Alex Finkelman (3:42, 0 saves, 0 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Chris Martocchia 5-1, Frank Resetarits 4-2, Merrick Thomson 4-1, Luke Daquino 3-8, Eric Wolf 3-2, Jordan Levine 2-0, Brendan Russell 2-0, Steve Ammann 1-1, Patrick McSweeney 1-0, Derek Dale 0-1, Kevin Rae 0-1, Jim Stankard 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (45:00, 13 saves, 4 GA), Paul Guzzone (6:54, 1 saves, 4 GA), A.J. Babnik (8:06, 3 saves, 1 GA).

MORE – BASEBALL

UAlbany Sports 2-2-2

UALBANY COMPLETES SERIES SWEEP WITH 5-4 WIN OVER APPALACHIAN STATE

Boone, N.C. – **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) belted a two-run homer and reliever **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) earned his second save in as many days, as UAlbany completed a series sweep with a 5-4 victory over Appalachian State on Saturday afternoon at Red Lackey Field.

UAlbany (5-5) built a 4-1 lead in the sixth inning, when **Justin Meagher** started a two-out rally with a single. Vallone, a senior center fielder, then slammed a 3-2 pitch over the left-field fence, his ninth career home run.

Appalachian State (7-18) chipped away at the lead in the eighth, as **Brad Peisel** drilled a two-run double into the left-field gap. Peisel's tenth two-bagger of the season chased middle reliever **Alexander Beaulieu** from the game after just one-third of an inning. Ryan then worked out of the jam by forcing a ground out and striking out freshman pinch-hitter **Jordan Ivey** to end the threat.

The Great Danes, who won the opening two games in this series by scores of 5-3 and 9-7, pushed across an important insurance run in the ninth. Catcher **Fred Estes** doubled off the wall, and later scored on a two-out RBI single by **Rashad Barksdale**, who had five hits and scored four runs in the series.

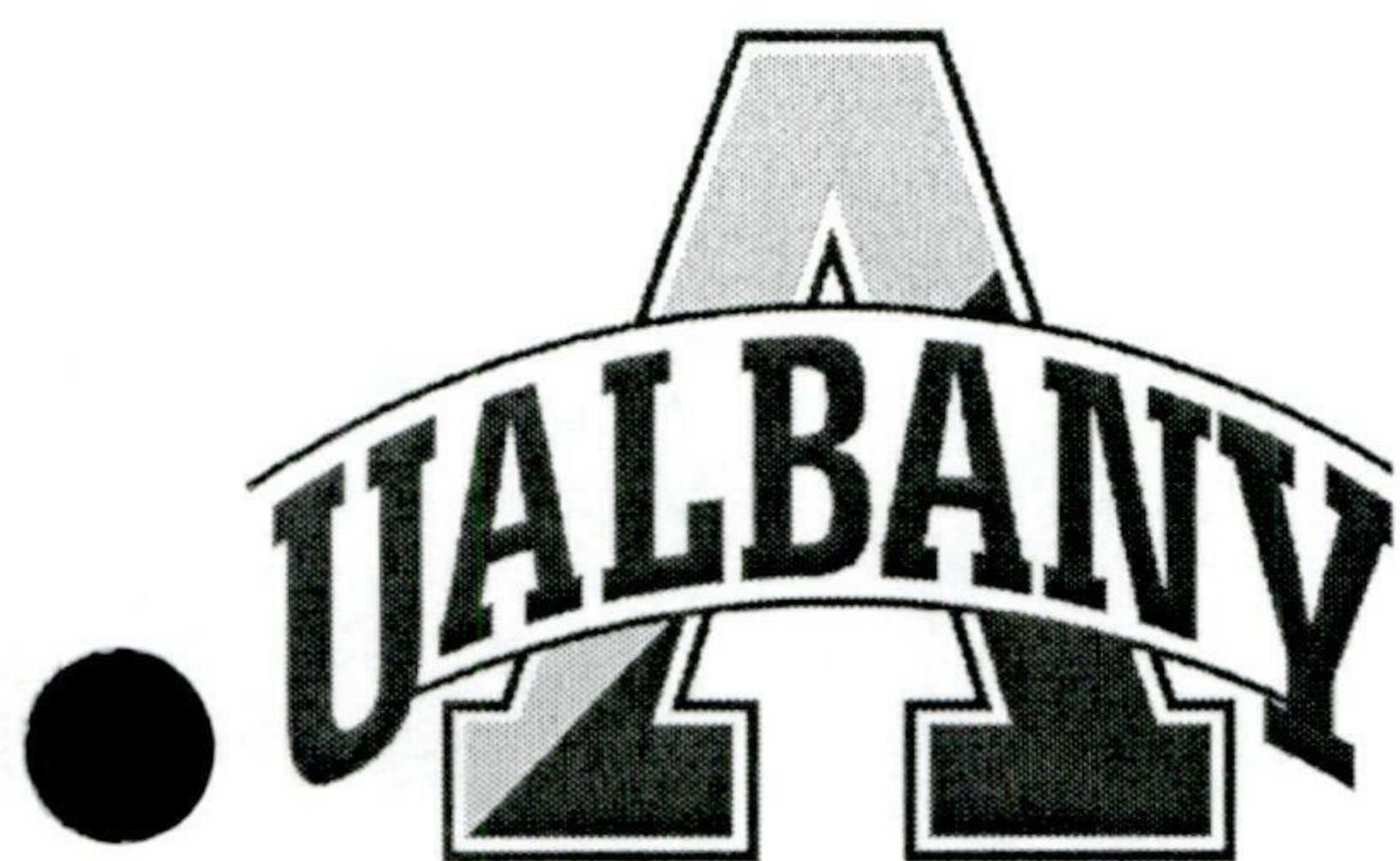
Ryan, who faced six batters in collecting his third save this spring, gave up **Kevin Butler's** solo home run to straightaway center with one out in the ninth. But the right-hander ended the threat when he struck out **Luis Arce** with a breaking ball and got Joey Robinson to fly out to center field to end the contest.

UAlbany's Vallone finished 2-for-3 at the plate with a double, two runs and two RBI, while starting pitcher **Ethan Vaiana** picked up his second win by allowing three hits and recording three strikeouts in seven innings on the mound. ASU's Butler totaled three hits, including a double, with a pair of RBI.

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UAlbany (5-5)	011	002	001	-	5	11	0
Appalachian State (7-18)	000	010	021	-	4	6	1

Ethan Vaiana (7), Alexander Beaulieu (8), Shawn Ryan (8) and Fred Estes.
Scott Clark, Taylor Craig (8) and Kevin Butler.



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BECKY BOUDWIN'S FOUR GOALS LEADS LA SALLE PAST UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Philadelphia, Pa. – **Becky Boudwin** and **Emily Bonczek** each tallied four goals in leading La Salle to a 13-6 win over UAlbany on Saturday afternoon at McCarthy Stadium.

La Salle (5-3), who won its fourth straight game, held a 7-5 halftime advantage before erupting for six goals in the second stanza to blow the contest open. The Explorers registered four markers to start the half and claim a 11-5 lead. Bonczek, a two-time Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week selection this season, and **Kat Prokop** combined for three free-position goals. **Boudwin** capped the spurt with an unassisted tally.

UAlbany's **Kate Fontana**, who notched her sixth consecutive multi-goal game, scored on a free-position attempt to bring the Great Danes (1-9) within 11-6 with 12:52 remaining. Prokop and Boudwin answered with two scores to preserve the victory.

In the first half, the squads stood at a 3-3 tie with 10:20 left in the period. **Domenica LoRe**, **Nikki Donohue** and Fontana posted goals for UAlbany. Prokop fueled La Salle in that stretch with one goal and one assist. The teams continued to trade goals, keeping the game knotted at 5-5 before La Salle found the net twice in the final minute to take the halftime lead.

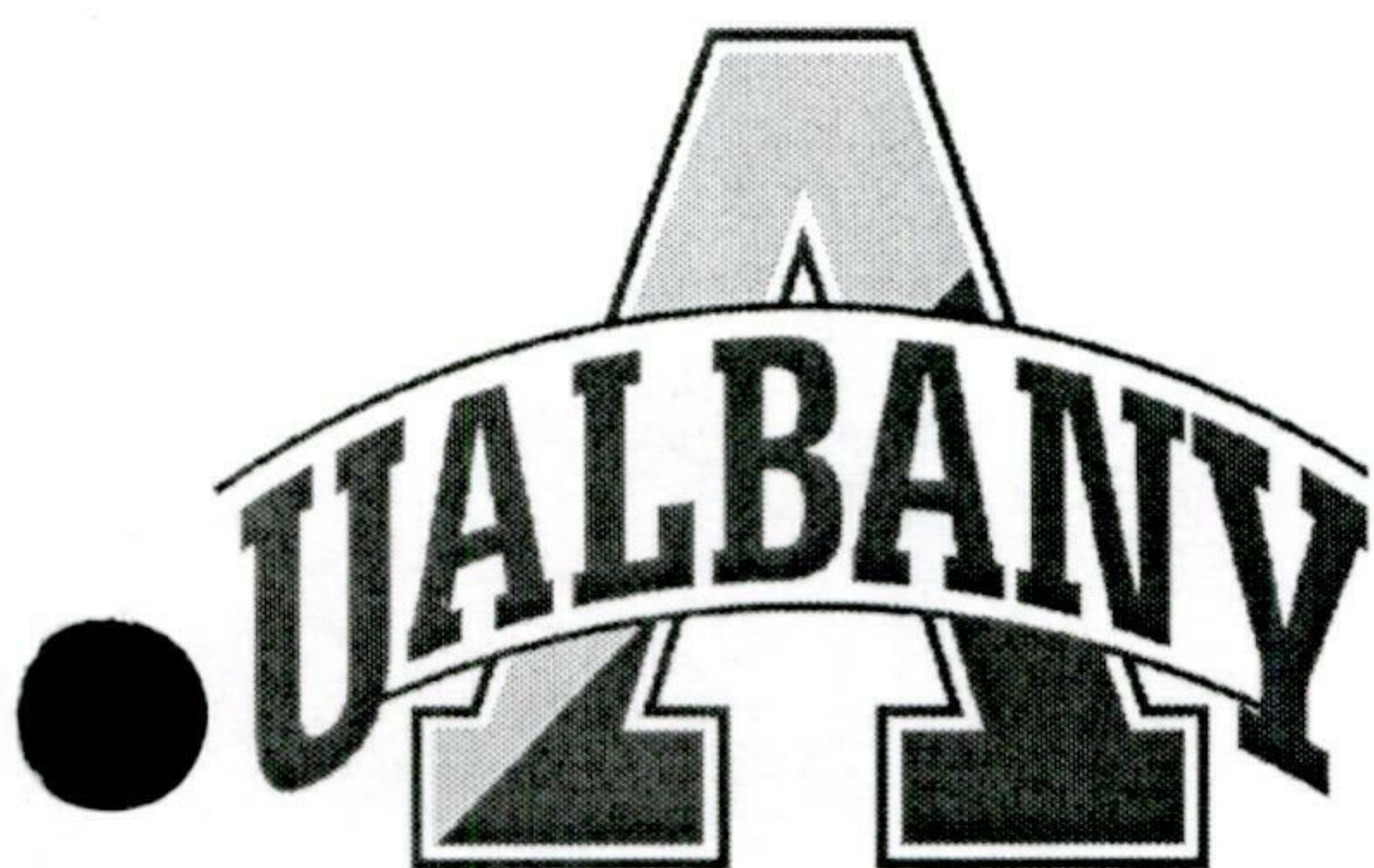
Jen Daly faced 26 shots, making nine saves for UAlbany. **Brittany Friedrich** and **Chantelle McCormick** split time in goal for La Salle, making seven and two saves, respectively. Friedrich allowed five goals, while McCormick gave up one score.

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UAlbany (1-9)	5	1	-	6
La Salle (5-3)	7	6	-	13

UAlbany: Scoring – Kate Fontana (3-0), Nikki Donohue (1-1), Krissy Rajczak (1-0), Domenica LoRe (1-0), Brittany Scott (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 9 saves, 13 GA).

La Salle: Scoring – Emily Bonczek (4-0), Becky Boudwin (4-0), Kat Prokop (3-1), Kristen Davis (2-0), Tiffany Grossi (0-2). Goalkeepers: Brittany Friedrich (30:00, 7 saves, 5 GA); Chantelle McCormick (30:00, 2 saves, 1 GA).



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PATTY DIEDRICH QUALIFIES FOR 100M HURDLES FINALS AT RALEIGH RELAYS

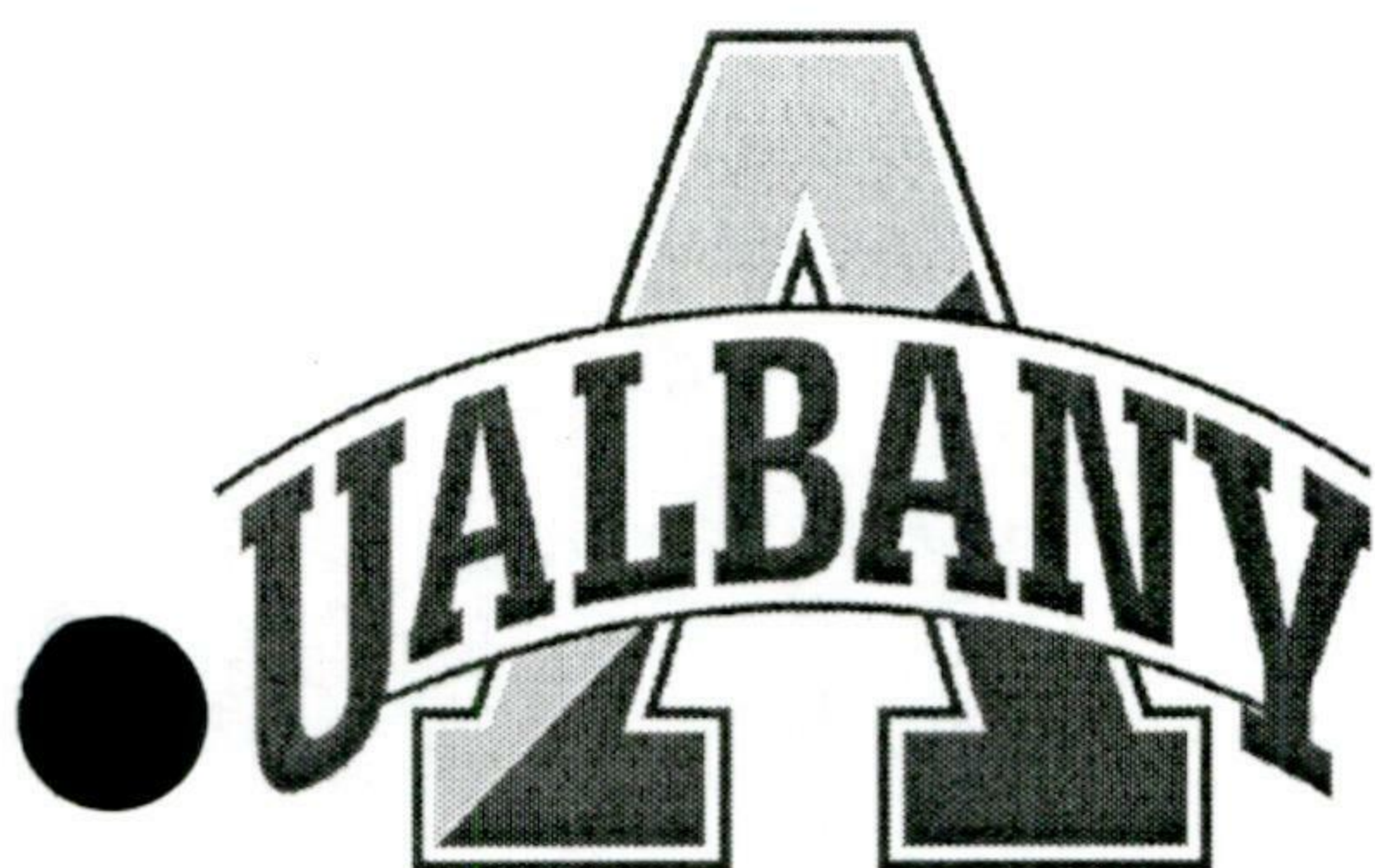
Raleigh, N.C. – University at Albany's **Patty Diedrich** qualified for the women's 100-meter hurdles finals at the Raleigh Relays on Friday afternoon at North Carolina State's Paul Derr Track & Field Stadium. Athletes from 73 schools are competing in the two-day meet.

Diedrich, one of 18 qualifiers for Saturday's finals, sprinted 14.58 seconds in the preliminary round, the 13th fastest time of the day. She was the runner-up in this event at last year's America East Conference championships.

Andy Allstadt finished 35th among 84 runners in the men's 5,000-meter event with a personal-best time of 14:43.27. **Stephan Evans** placed 24th in the 400-meter dash, as he was clocked in 49.54.

Tequirra Cox competed in two women's sprint races on the first day. Cox was timed in 12.45 seconds to take 24th in the 100-meter dash, plus finished 28th in the 400-dash with a showing of 59.24.

Alyssa Lotmore (Bishop Maginn) and **Kamar Elliott** will be among UAlbany's competitors on the second day. Lotmore runs in the 1,500-meter run, while Elliott, a defensive back on the football team, is entered in the men's triple jump.



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UALBANY COMES BACK IN LATE INNINGS FOR 9-7 WIN OVER APPALACHIAN STATE

Boone, N.C. – **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and reliever **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) recorded his second save of season, as UAlbany held on for a 9-7 victory over Appalachian State on Friday afternoon at Red Lackey Field. The two teams were playing the second of a three-game series.

Appalachian State (7-17) upped its lead to 6-4 in the sixth inning, as **Joey Robinson** tripled and later scored on **T.J. Spivey's** groundout. UAlbany (4-5) went back in front with a three-run seventh. **Derek DeGrazio's** infield single brought home the first run, before ASU shortstop **Brad Peisel's** error led to the second. The Great Danes' **Leo Corvino** (Columbia) would later deliver a sacrifice fly that gave his team a 7-6 advantage.

The Mountaineers drew even at seven apiece in their half of the seventh, when **Luis Arce** drilled a RBI single to left field. UAlbany came back with a pair in the eighth to break the tie, as Vallone lined a two-run single up the middle past a diving second baseman with two outs.

After two walks to start the eighth, Ryan, a senior closer, came on to get the Great Danes out of a bases-loaded jam. He struck out both **Jimmy Mathias** and **Travis Hunnicutt** on pair of 3-2 counts to end the inning. Ryan, who recorded a career-high five strikeouts in posting his 18th career save, mowed down the side in order in the ninth.

Reliever **Giorgio Fuda** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) picked up his first collegiate win on the mound. **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) went 3-for-3 at the plate with a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Lead-off hitter **Rashad Barksdale** totaled two hits, two runs and two walks and drove in one run.

The Great Danes, who came from behind for a 5-3 victory yesterday, will go for the series sweep on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

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UAlbany (4-5)	003	010	320	-	9	12	2
Appalachian State (7-17)	000	501	100	-	7	10	4

Jeff Mazzola, Casey Walsh (4), Giorgio Fuda (6), Shawn Ryan (8) and Tom Hill.

Jonathan Reeder, Brian Caudill (6), Josh Fish (8) and Kevin Butler.

UALBANY SOFTBALL SWEEPS DOUBLEHEADER FROM CORNELL IN FLORIDA

Kissimmee, Fla. -- **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) and **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls) combined to pitch a pair of shutouts, as UAlbany swept a doubleheader from defending Ivy League champion Cornell on Friday afternoon at the Osceola County Softball Complex. The Great Danes won both games by an identical 8-0 score. UAlbany extended its winning streak to seven straight after winning all six contests at the Rebel Spring Games.

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Morin started the first game, pitching the first four innings, striking out two and allowing one hit to improve to 6-0 on the mound. Halloran tossed the fifth inning, striking out one. In the nightcap, Halloran hurled the first three innings, fanning two for her fourth straight victory. Morin pitched the final two innings of the second game. Cornell's **Jenn Meunier** was the losing hurler in opener, while **Whitney Smith** took the loss in the second game for the Big Red, who dropped to 12-9 overall.

UAlbany (10-6) took the lead for good in the first game on a two-run double by **Ashley Rios** in the top of the first. In the fifth inning, left fielder **Amber Maisonet** cleared the bases with a triple that gave her club an 8-0 lead. Maisonet drove in four runs in the contest and was one of three UAlbany players to record two hits.

In the nightcap, third base **Kelly Ogden** put the Great Danes ahead on a single in the bottom of the first. Shortstop **Maegan Larsen** drove in her ninth run in the last six games on a RBI single in the second. Second base **Katrina Dunning** scored Ogden on a triple in the fourth, while Rios capped off the three-run inning with a RBI triple. Ogden and Rios each drove in two runs.

The Great Danes open their home and America East Conference schedule next Saturday against Hartford on Saturday, April 2. First pitch is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

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Game 1

	1	2	3	4	5	-	R	H	E
UAlbany (9-6)	2	2	1	0	3	-	8	11	1
Cornell (12-8)	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	1

(game ended due to 8-run rule)

UAlbany -- Amanda Morin (W, 6-0), Casey Halloran (5) and Ali Meacham, Katie Trott (5).

Cornell -- Jenn Meunier (L, 6-2), Jen Lesczinski (4) and Sarah Ruben and Lauren Battaglia (5).

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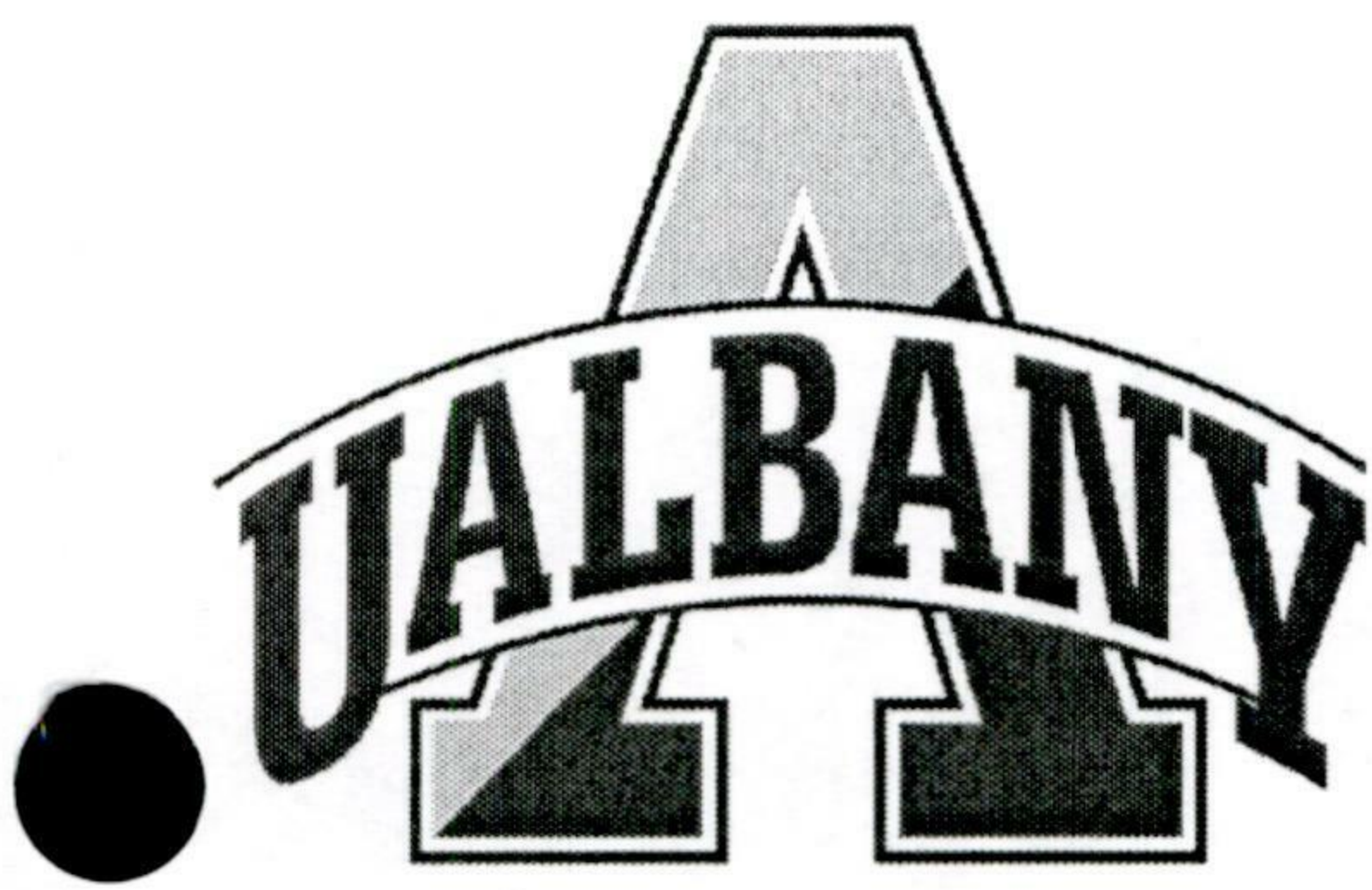
Game 2

	1	2	3	4	5	-	R	H	E
Cornell (12-9)	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	2
UAlbany (10-6)	2	1	2	3	x	-	8	9	0

(game ended due to 8-run rule)

Cornell -- Whitney Smith (L, 4-5), Jenn Meunier (3), Jen Lesczinski (4) and Lauren Battaglia.

UAlbany -- Casey Halloran (W, 4-4), Amanda Morin (4) and Ali Meacham, Katie Trott (5).



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ROLLINS COLLEGE DEFEATS UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS, 6-1

Winter Park, Fla. – **Tasi Purcell** and **Marnie Mahler** posted victories at the top two singles positions to help push Rollins College to a 6-1 win over UAlbany in non-conference action on Thursday, March 24.

The Tars, who are ranked seventh in the Division II rankings, captured five singles matches and swept the doubles play to win their fourth straight match.

UAlbany freshman **Amanda Hall** battled to a three-set decision, beating **Silvia Frandji**, 5-7, 6-3, 10-5 at No. 4 singles. The Great Danes (5-7) return home to face Marist on Tuesday, March 29.

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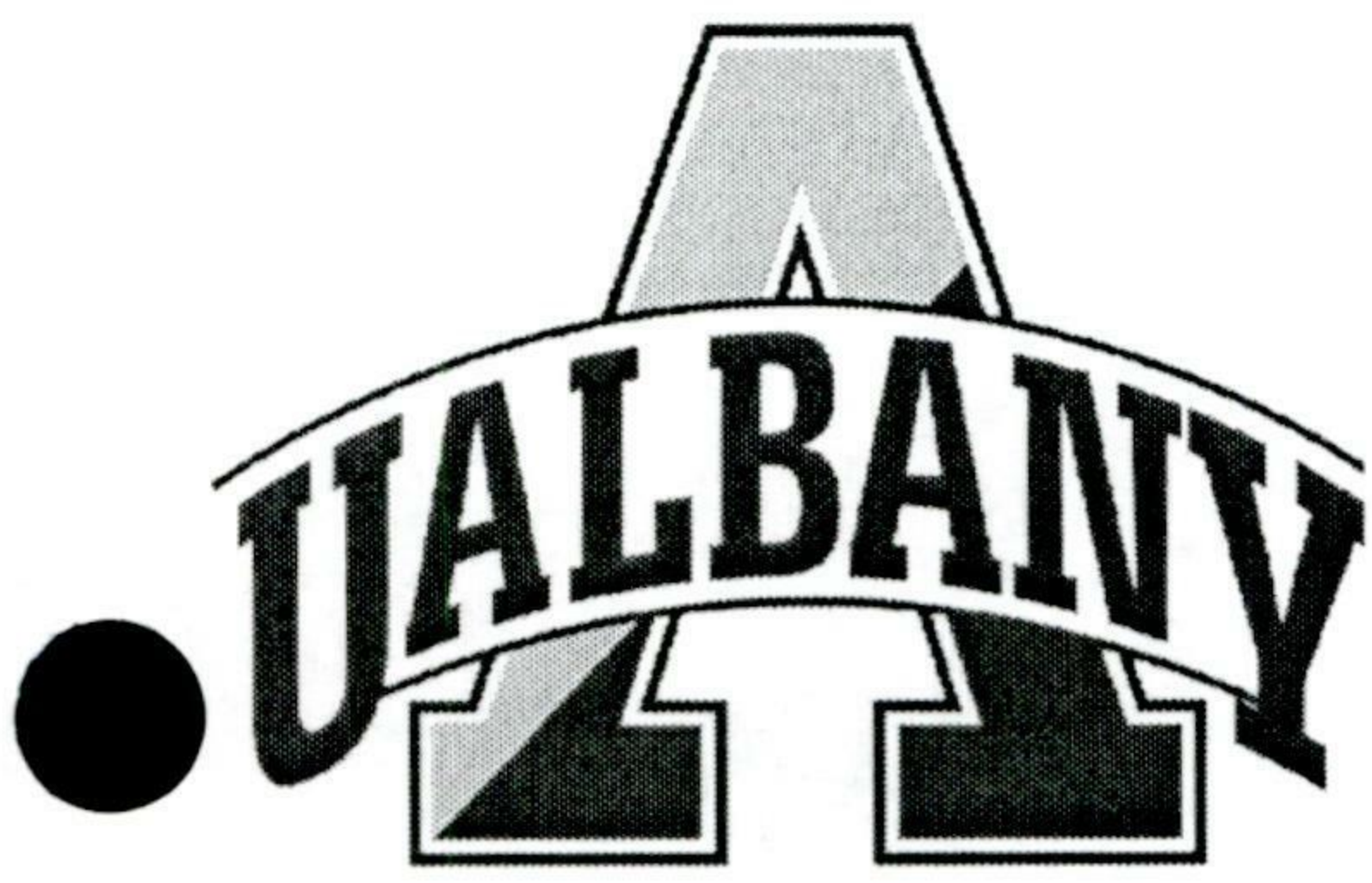
Rollins 6, UAlbany 1

Singles:

1. Tasi Purcell (RC) def. Courtney Michels, 6-1, 6-1.
2. Marnie Mahler (RC) def. Christina Suarez, 6-2, 6-1.
3. Soni Bernal (RC) def. Aimee Kern, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Silvia Frandji, 5-7, 6-3, 10-5.
5. Kat Hamlin (RC) def. Kim Westcott, 6-2, 6-2.
6. Katie Parent (RC) def. Kyle Steller, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles:

1. Purcell/Mahler (RC) def. Michels/Kern, 8-1.
2. Bernal/Frandji (RC) def. Hall/Westcott, 8-4.
3. Tricia Gehret/Hamlin (RC) def. Steller/Suarez, 8-0.



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UALBANY BASEBALL RALLIES IN NINTH INNING AT APPALACHIAN STATE, 5-3

Boone, N.C. – **Steve Wyland's** run-scoring single highlighted a ninth-inning rally, as UAlbany came from behind for a 5-3 victory over Appalachian State on Thursday afternoon at Red Lackey Field. The two teams were playing the first of a three-game series.

UAlbany (3-5) trailed 3-2 with two outs in the ninth, but ASU infielder **Joey Robinson** misplayed **Tony Vallone's** (Greenwich Central) pop fly behind first base while battling the sunlight. The second baseman's error allowed pinch-runner **Craig Farley** to come all the way around from the first base with the tying run, as he beat the throw to the plate. Wyland followed with a RBI single to left field that scored Vallone from second. **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) completed the uprising by driving in another run on a double off the left-field wall, his third consecutive two-bagger in the contest.

Freshman **Alexander Beaulieu**, who picked up his first collegiate win on the mound with 3.1 innings of effective relief, worked out of a jam in the ninth to end the game by forcing pinch-hitter **Jimmy Mathias** to ground out with two runners aboard. Beaulieu, a right-hander from Levis, Quebec, allowed one hit with three strikeouts and one walk in his fifth appearance out of the bullpen this season.

Appalachian State (7-16) took a 1-0 lead in the fourth, when **Travis Hunnicutt** tripled and came across on catcher **Kevin Butler's** sacrifice fly. The Great Danes drew even in the fifth, when **Rich Northrup's** (Shenendehowa) RBI ground out scored **Rashad Barksdale**.

The Mountaineers, who entered the contest with a three-game winning streak, went ahead 3-1 in the sixth, as Butler delivered a two-run single up the middle. Beaulieu came on in that same inning in relief of starter **Kyle Thomas**, and with one pitch got left fielder **Julian Brown** to fly out with the bases loaded. UAlbany's Northrup singled to center field in the seventh to slice that deficit in half.

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UAlbany (3-5)	000	010	103	-	5	8	0
Appalachian State (7-16)	000	102	000	-	3	8	3

Kyle Thomas, Alexander Beaulieu (6) and Tom Hill.

Chad Antley, Josh Fish (8) and Kevin Butler.

UALBANY SOFTBALL WINS PAIR OF EXTRA-INNING GAMES IN FLORIDA

Kissimmee, Fla. -- Second base **Katrina Dunning** hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth inning as UAlbany defeated Iona, 3-2, at the Rebel Spring Games. In the second game, the Great Danes downed Siena, 9-6, in nine innings at the Osceola County Softball Complex.

Dunning's sacrifice fly scored left fielder **Amber Maisonet**. She started the inning on second base per the international tiebreaker rule and reached third base on a fielder's choice. An intentional walk loaded the bases setting up the game-winning run for UAlbany (8-6). The Great Danes rallied from a 2-0 deficit, scoring a run in each the fifth and sixth frames.

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Maisonet plated shortstop **Maegan Larsen** on a RBI infield single in the fifth and designated player **Erika Enocksen** tied the game in the sixth on a run-scoring groundout.

Pitcher **Casey Halloran** (Columbia H.S.) pitched her third complete game of the season, striking out five. **Becky Riccitelli** took the loss for Iona (7-5) in relief. **Alison Higgs** pitched four shutout innings for the Gaels.

Against crosstown-rival Siena (5-7), the Great Danes scored three runs in the top of the ninth inning to break a 6-6 tie. Larsen had the deciding hit on a triple to right field, driving in right fielder **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville) and center fielder **Leslie Busch** to give UAlbany an 8-6 lead. Halloran pitched the final two innings to pick up her second victory of the day. **Jannelle Iaquinto** took the loss for the Saints in relief, who forced extra innings on a two-out, two-run home run by **Adrian St. Cin** in the bottom of the seventh.

UAlbany meets Cornell in a doubleheader at the Rebel Spring Games on Friday, beginning at 10:40 a.m.

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Rebel Spring Games

Osceola County Softball Complex -- Kissimmee, Fla.

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	-	R	H	E
Iona (7-5)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	6	1
UAlbany (7-6)	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	-	3	5	3

(one out when winning run was scored)

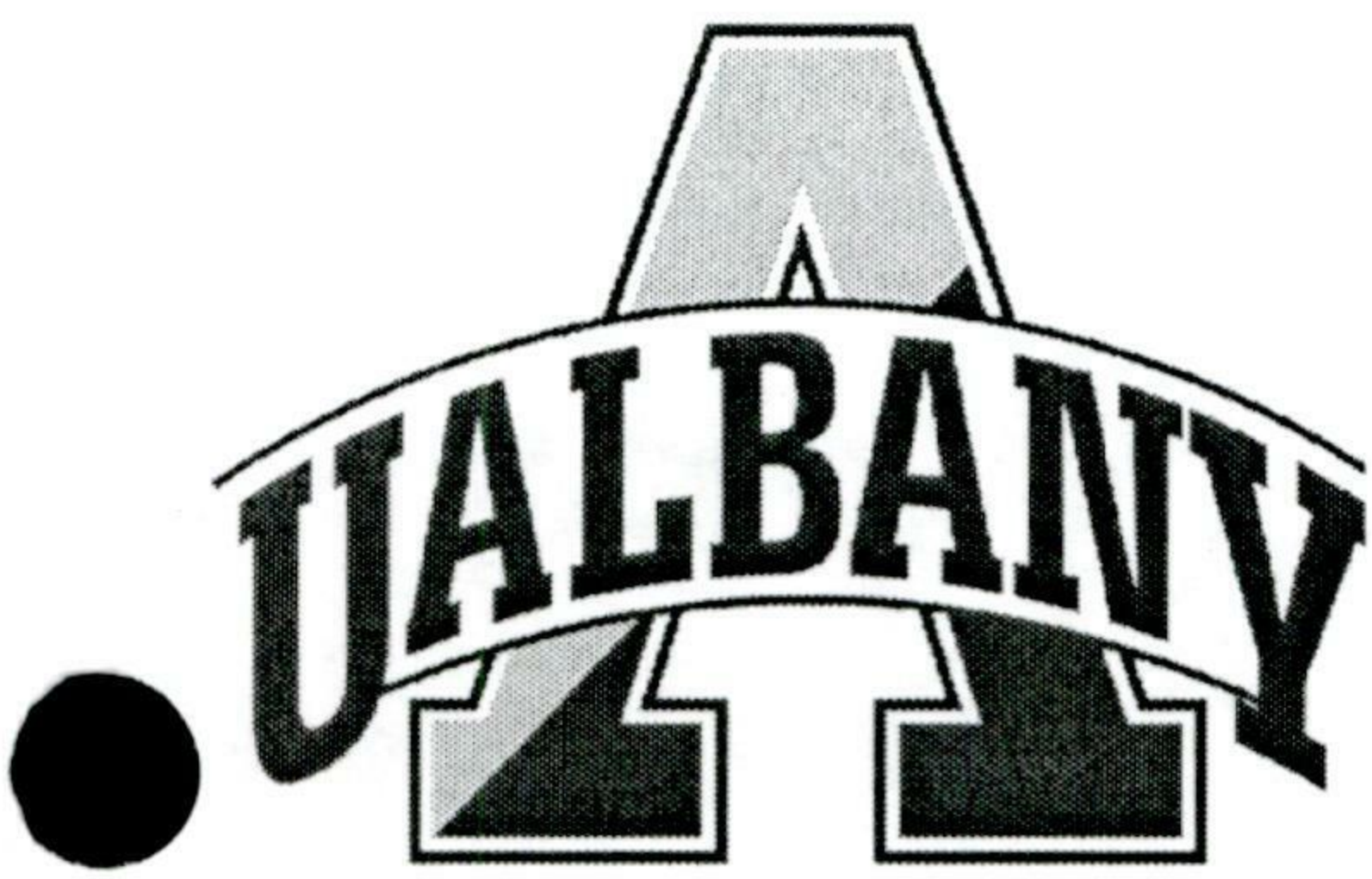
UAlbany -- Casey Halloran (W, 2-4) and Ali Meacham.

Iona -- Alison Higgs, Becky Riccitelli (5) (L, 3-1) and Laura Stott.

Game 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UAlbany (8-6)	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	-	9	11	1
Siena (5-7)	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	-	6	9	0

UAlbany -- Lauren Perk, Carisa Marcucci (6), Danielle Buyea (7), Casey Halloran (8) (W, 3-4) and Katie Trott, Ali Meacham (8).

Siena -- Tisha Salamino, Jannelle Iaquinto (5) (L) and Colleen Price.



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UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY ANNOUNCES SEVEN COMMITMENTS FOR 2005

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany field hockey coach Phil Sykes announced that seven student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes during the 2005 season.

“We are extremely excited about the athletes who have committed for next season,” said Sykes, whose team finished 7-11 and one game shy of qualifying for the America East Conference tournament. “The recruits from Pennsylvania come from one of the best overall field hockey areas and they play in a competitive league. Ashley (Ross) is very athletic and will also provide a huge boost in goal for us.”

Four of the seven recruits hail from Lancaster County in Pennsylvania, a national field hockey hotbed. **Kasey Weaver**, **Ashley Ross** and **Meagan Rinier** were teammates at Conestoga Valley High School, where seven members of the squad received scholarships to play at the Division I level. The trio helped the Buckskins capture the 2003 Lancaster-Lebanon League championship. **Vanessa Walter** played at neighboring Cedar Crest High School in Lebanon.

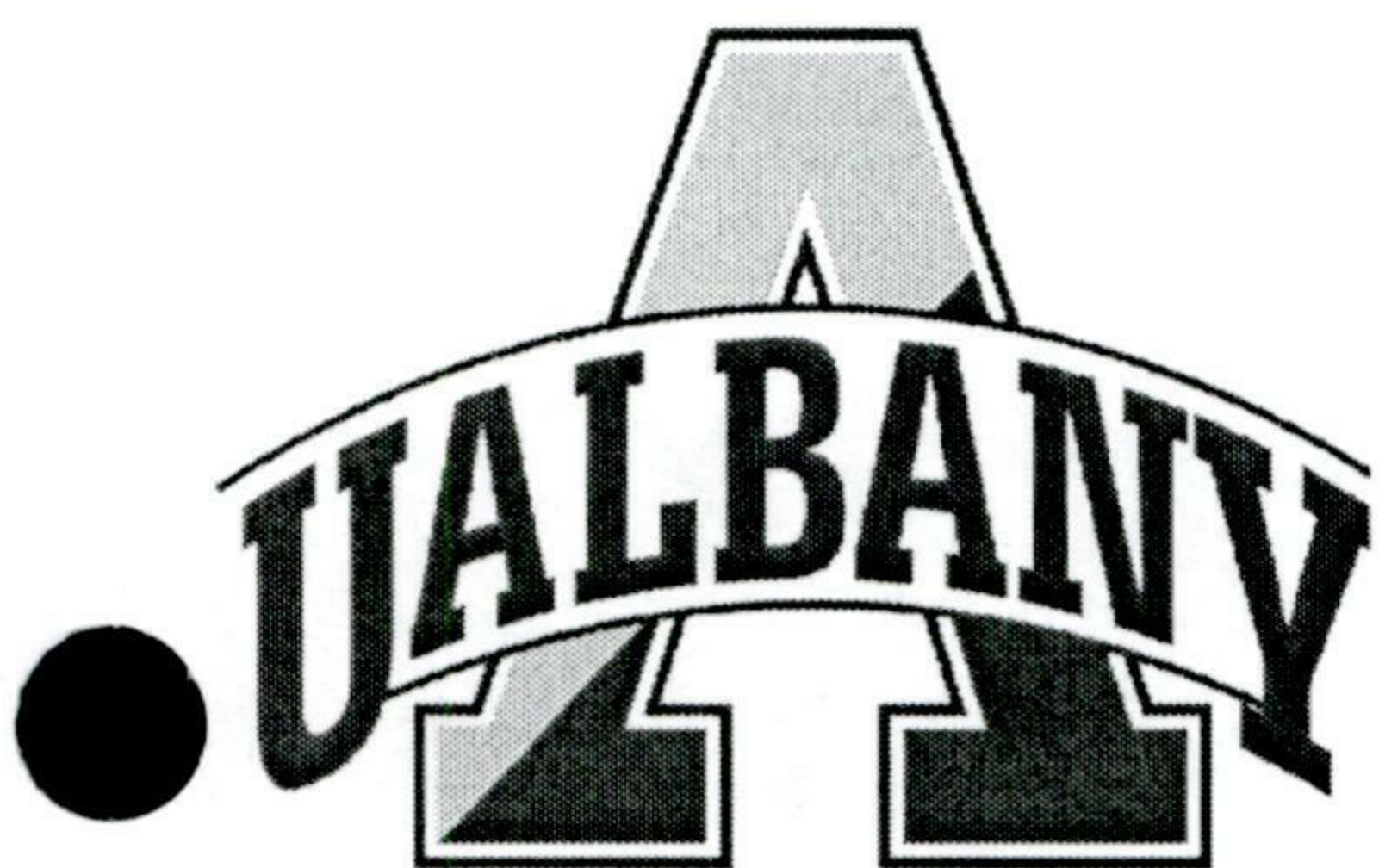
Weaver, an all-state midfielder, was named a first-team Lancaster-Lebanon all-star and was an All-America nominee. She participated in the U.S. Field Hockey Association Futures Elite program for two years. Weaver also starred on the lacrosse team, twice capturing South Division Lancaster all-star honors.

Ross, a two-time all-state selection at goalkeeper, played in the 2003 Junior Olympics and Futures National Tournament. Ross was tabbed the defensive most valuable player of the Lancaster-Lebanon league as a senior and the Gatorade Player of the Year as a junior. Rinier, who will also join the UAlbany women’s lacrosse team, was recognized as an honorable mention all-star and the team’s defensive player of the year. Rinier received a gold medal with the lacrosse team in the Keystone State Games last summer.

Walter, a three-time Lancaster-Lebanon League all-star at midfield, helped Cedar Crest advance to the district and state playoffs for the first time in 25 years. Walter participated in the National Hockey Festival in 2004, playing for pool winner Team Blitz. **Michele Polizois**, a center midfielder, received All-New Jersey Group 2 second-team recognition. Polizois, a team captain, was named to the All-Shore and All-Monmouth County first teams.

Letitia Mazzaferro, a Section I Honorable Mention Elite midfielder, also earned Onondaga High School League first-team honors as a junior and senior. Mazzaferro participated in the Futures program for four years. **Jessica Woodall**, a four-year starter at forward, is a two-time All-Section I honoree. Woodall tallied 10 goals, six assists and two defensive saves in her senior season.

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown (High School)
Letitia Mazzaferro	Mid.	5-4	Ava, N.Y. (Rome Free Academy)
Michele Polizois	Mid.	5-6	Oceanport, N.J. (Shore Regional)
Meagan Rinier	Def.	5-4	Lititz, Pa. (Conestoga Valley)
Ashley Ross	Glk.	5-2	Lancaster, Pa. (Conestoga Valley)
Vanessa Walter	Mid.	5-2	Lebanon, Pa. (Cedar Crest)
Kasey Weaver	Mid.	5-5	Ronks, Pa. (Conestoga Valley)
Jessica Woodall	Fwd./Mid.	5-6	Carmel, N.Y. (Carmel)



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UALBANY SOFTBALL DOWNS IONA IN EIGHT INNINGS

Kissimmee, Fla. -- Second Baseman **Katrina Dunning** hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth inning as UAlbany defeated Iona, 3-2, on Wednesday at the Rebel Spring Games. In the second game, the Great Danes downed Siena, 9-6, in nine innings at the Osceola County Softball Complex.

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Rebel Spring Games

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Game 1

Iona (7-5) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 - R H E

UAlbany (7-6) 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 - 3 5 3

(one out when winning run was scored)

UAlbany -- Casey Halloran (W, 2-4) and Ali Meacham.

Iona -- Alison Higgs, Becky Riccitelli (5) (L, 3-1) and Laura Stott.

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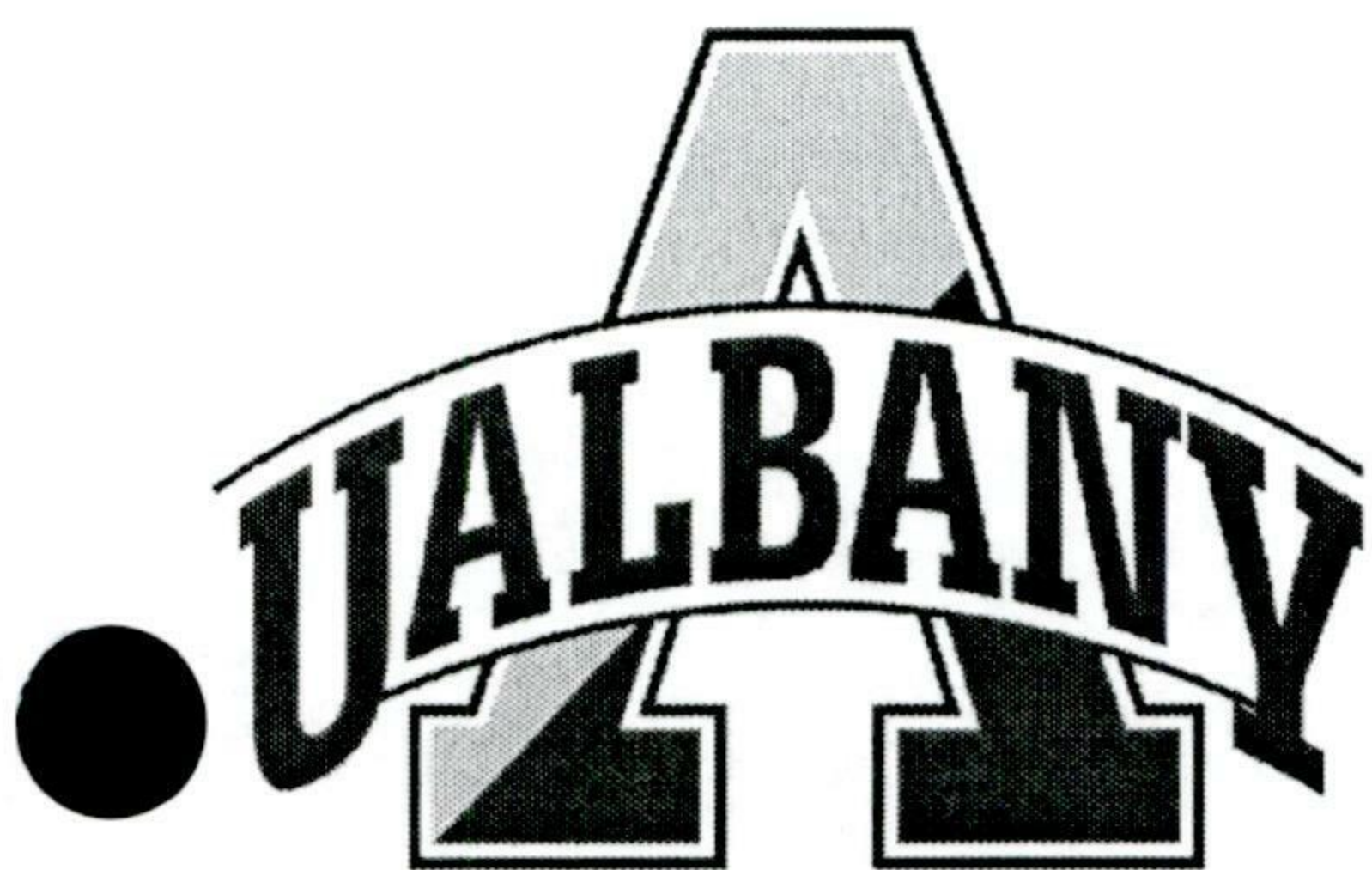
Game 2

UAlbany (8-6) 3 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 3 - 9 11 2

Siena (5-7) 0 0 0 0 1 0 4 1 0 - 6 10 2

UAlbany -- Lauren Perk, Carisa Marcucci (6), Danielle Buyea (7), Casey Halloran (8) (W, 3-4) and Katie Trott, Ali Meacham (8).

Siena -- Tisha Salamino, Jannelle Iaquinto (5) (L) and Colleen Price.



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UNC-GREENSBORO WINS SUSPENDED GAME; SECOND CONTEST WASHED OUT

Greensboro, N.C. – Right-hander **Patrick Currin** threw four innings of scoreless relief to earn his second save of the season, as UNC-Greensboro defeated UAlbany, 4-1, on Wednesday afternoon in the completion of Tuesday's suspended game. The second contest was postponed, with the Great Danes batting in the second inning, due to heavy rain and a tornado warning.

Currin scattered three hits and struck out three in his ninth appearance on the mound this season. He worked out of a jam in the ninth, when he got pinch-hitter **Justin Meagher** to hit into a game-ending double play with two runners aboard.

UNC-Greensboro (14-6) took a 2-0 lead in the first on **Jake Linney's** RBI single and a wild pitch that scored **Justin Crist**. UAlbany's **Rich Northrup** (Shenendehowa) stroked a run-scoring single in the second that plated **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central), who reached on a one-out walk. The game was suspended after five innings due to rain.

The Spartans, who won their third straight, added insurance runs in the middle innings. In the sixth, **David Adams** doubled and came across on catcher **Sean Snell's** sacrifice fly. **Chris Mason** singled in the seventh, stole second and then scored in a double-steal situation with teammate **Jay Maule**.

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(Completion of Tuesday's Suspended Game)

UAlbany (2-5)	010	000	000	-	1	5	2
UNC-Greensboro (14-6)	200	001	10x	-	4	6	0

Mark Suchowiecki, Shawn Ryan (6) and Tom Hill.

Clay Gibson, Patrick Currin (6) and Sean Snell.

STETSON DOWNS UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS, 5-2, IN FLORIDA

DeLand, Fla. – Stetson claimed victories in the top four singles matches en route to a 5-2 win over UAlbany in non-conference action on Wednesday afternoon.

The Hatters' **Jackie Bohannon** and **Milica Milovanovic** posted straight-set decisions at the top two singles positions for Stetson. UAlbany's **Amanda Hall** and **Kyle Steller** won their singles matches at No. 5 and 6, respectively. Hall defeated **Danielle Mollman** in a three-set marathon, 6-2, 3-6, 11-9. Steller won in straight sets over **Catrin Bateld**, 6-2, 6-4.

The Great Danes' Steller and **Christina Suarez** teamed for an 8-4 pro-set triumph at No. 3 doubles for the Great Danes. UAlbany (5-6) concludes its spring break trip with a match at Rollins on Thursday.

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Stetson 5, UAlbany 2

Singles:

1. Jackie Bohannon (SU) def. Courtney Michels, 6-0, 6-2.
2. Milica Milovanovic (SU) def. Christina Suarez, 6-0, 6-1.
3. Maja Miladinovic (SU) def. Aimee Kern, 6-4, 6-0.

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4. Anna Leonenko (SU) def. Amanda Hall, 6-0, 6-4.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Danielle Mollman, 6-2, 3-6, 11-9.
6. Kyle Steller (UA) def. Catrin Balted, 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles:

1. Miladinovic/Milovanovic (SU) def. Michels/Kern, 8-6.
2. Bohannon/Leonenko (SU) def. Hall/Westcott, 8-6.
3. Suarez/Steller (UA) def. Bateld/Mollman, 8-4.

LATE GOAL LIFTS MONMOUTH PAST UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE, 13-12

West Long Branch, N.J. – **Erica Evangelisiti** netted the game-winner with 15 seconds remaining, as Monmouth rallied in the final three minutes for a 13-12 victory over UAlbany in non-conference action on Wednesday afternoon.

UAlbany's **Kate Fontana** scored her second goal of the game off a **Domenica LoRe** assist to break to give her team a 12-11 advantage with 5:24 to play. **Jeanette Scott** tied the score with an unassisted tally nearly three minutes later, before Evangelisiti completed the comeback.

UAlbany (1-8) owned a 7-6 halftime advantage as three different Great Danes netted multiple scores. **Sarah Spillett**, who finished with three goals on the day, along with **Nikki Donohue** and Fontana fueled the UAlbany offense.

After Monmouth's **Carolyn Raveia** knotted the score at seven apiece early in the second half, the Great Danes rattled off three consecutive tallies. Donohue, who registered a team-high four goals and added three assists, scored back-to-back 12 seconds apart. Spillett handed UAlbany a 10-7 advantage with 10:12 remaining. Monmouth (2-3) then went on the offensive with three goals over the next two minutes to draw even. Raveia notched the second of her four goals, while Evangelisiti and **Katie Degen** also found the net.

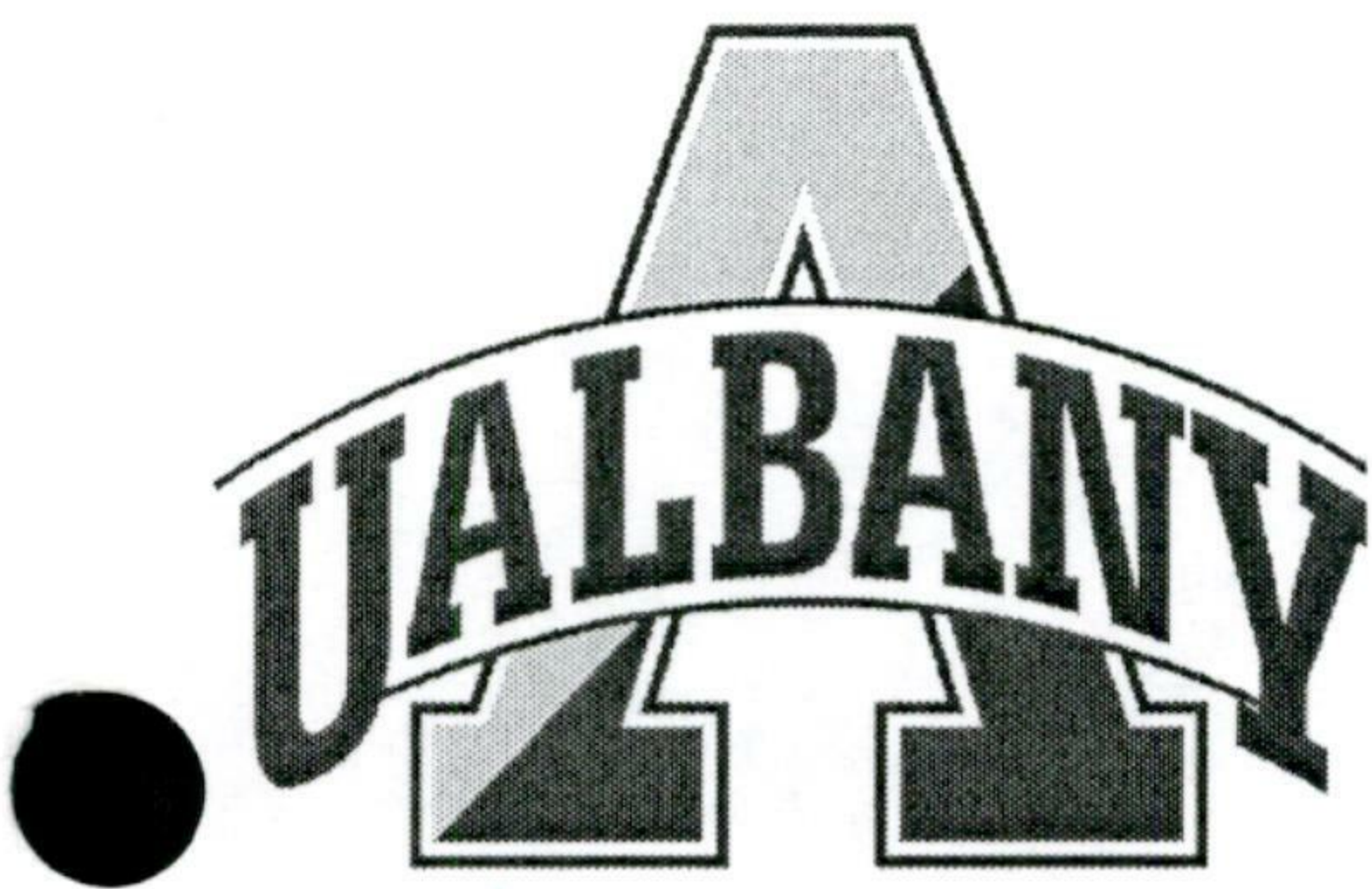
Jen Daly finished with eight saves in goal for Great Danes, while her counterpart **Jess Chapman** made five stops.

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UAlbany (1-8)	7	5	-	12
Monmouth (2-3)	6	7	-	13

UAlbany: Scoring – Nikki Donohue (4-3), Sarah Spillett (3-1), Kate Fontana (2-1), Krissy Rajczak (2-0), Caitlin Navor (1-0), Domenica LoRe (0-2). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 8 saves, 12 GA).

Monmouth: Scoring – Carolyn Raveia (4-1), Jeanette Stott (3-0), Katie Degen (2-1), Erica Evangelisiti (2-1), Megan Nutter (2-0), Colleen Murphy (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jess Chapman (60:00, 5 saves, 13 GA).



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BETHUNE-COOKMAN DEFEATS UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS, 5-2

Daytona Beach, Fla. – **Olga Ruislova** and **Tina Strussova** captured singles and doubles matches in leading Bethune-Cookman to a 5-2 victory over UAlbany in non-conference action on Tuesday afternoon.

Bethune-Cookman claimed four singles matches and earned the doubles point with decisions at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles. UAlbany's **Kim Westcott** battled to a three-set victory over **Shaunda Gaiter** at fifth singles. **Kyle Steller** added a straight-set win at sixth singles for the Great Danes (5-5).

Christina Suarez paired with Steller for UAlbany's lone doubles win, 8-1, over Gaiter and **Sheliza Bhola** at third doubles. UAlbany continues its spring break trip with a match at Stetson on Wednesday.

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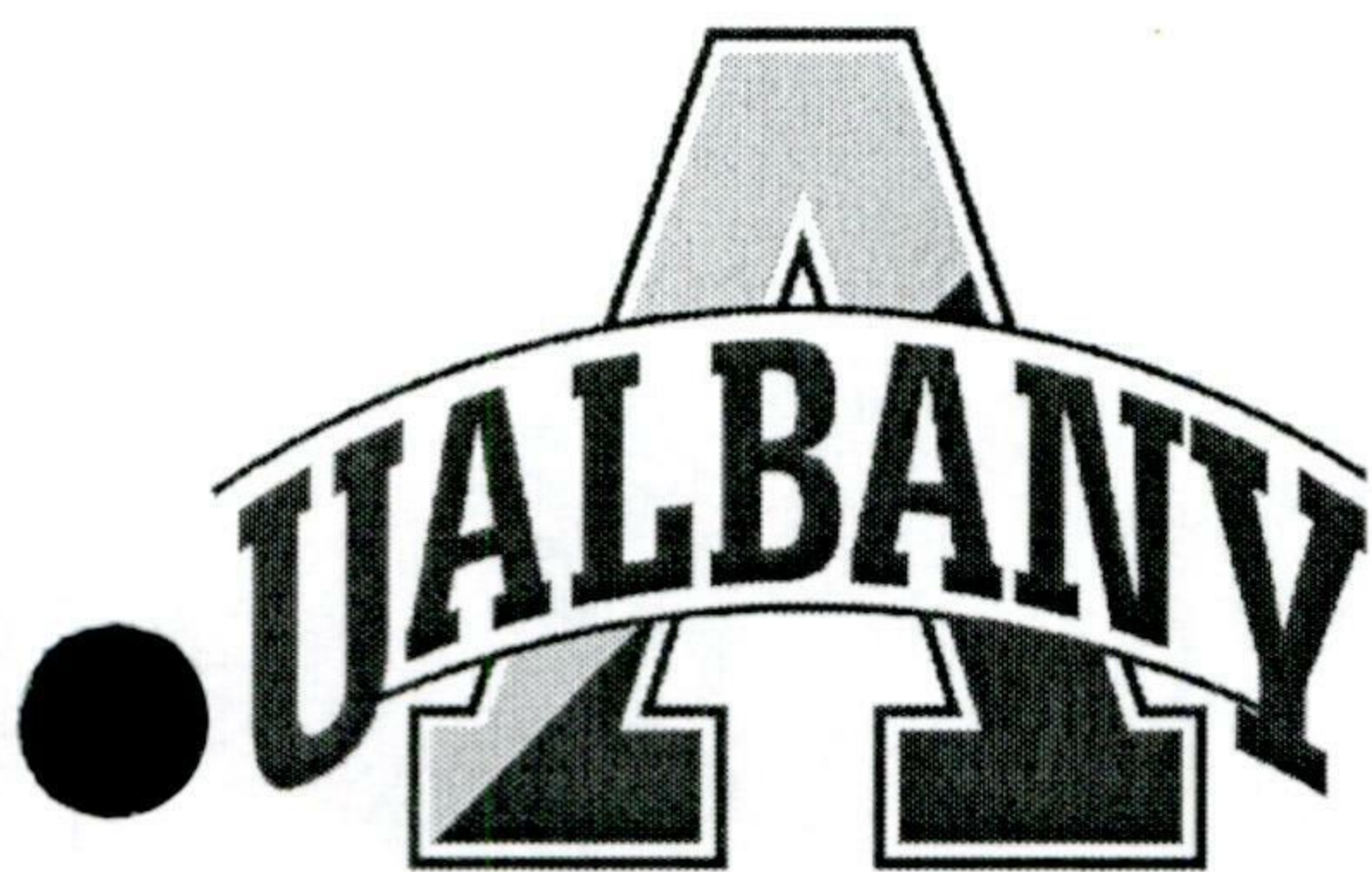
Bethune-Cookman 5, UAlbany 2

Singles:

1. Olga Ruislova (BC) def. Courtney Michels, 6-0, 6-0.
2. Lucia Polakova (BC) def. Christina Suarez, 6-2, 6-0.
3. Tina Strussova (BC) def. Aimee Kern, 6-1, 6-2.
4. Valerie Kendrick (BC) def. Amanda Hall, 7-5, 6-1.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Shaunda Gaiter, 3-6, 6-4, 10-5.
6. Kyle Steller (UA) def. Sheliza Bhola, 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles:

1. Ruislova/Strussova (BC) def. Michels/Kern, 8-4.
2. Kendrick/Polakova (BC) def. Hall/Westcott, 8-4.
3. Suarez/Steller (UA) def. Gaiter/Bhola, 8-1.



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LARSEN'S SIX RBI LIFT UALBANY SOFTBALL TO TWO VICTORIES IN FLORIDA

Kissimmee, Fla. -- Shortstop **Maegan Larsen's** RBI single to right-field with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning lifted UAlbany (6-6) to a 2-1 victory over Troy on Tuesday at the Rebel Spring Games. In the first game, the Great Danes shut out Niagara, 8-0, in six innings at the Orange County Softball Complex.

Larsen, who plated a combined six runs in the two games, drove in center fielder **Leslie Busch**, who got on with a two-out walk and then stole second base. Troy (23-14) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third on a single by **Jenny Boyd**. **Denise Vera** came across with the run after reaching on an error. The unearned run ended pitcher **Amanda Morin's** streak of 30 1/3 scoreless innings. The Great Danes tied it in the bottom in the third on a RBI groundout by Larsen that scored **Megan Childs**.

Morin improved to 5-0 on the season, as she retired the last 15 hitters she faced and allowed two hits. **Jocelyn McCallum** took the loss for the Trojans, pitching the final 2 2/3 innings in relief after replacing **Kacie Flinn**, who went the first five innings.

Against Niagara, Larsen hit her first round-tripper of the season, a three-run inside-the-park home run to right-center field to give UAlbany a 4-0 lead in the second inning. Third baseman **Kelly Ogden** highlighted a three-run fourth as she smoked a two-run triple to left field to give the Great Danes a 7-0 lead. Larsen capped off the scoring with a RBI single in the sixth.

Casey Halloran (Columbia H.S.) picked up her first victory of the season as she pitched four innings and retired the final eight hitters she faced. **Lauren Perk** pitched two perfect innings for the Great Danes, fanning the last five. The two combined to allow only one hit in the game and retired the final 14 hitters. **Tiffany McCrory** took the loss for the Purple Eagles, who fall to 5-4 on the season.

UAlbany meet two more opponents at the Rebel Spring Games on Wednesday. The Great Danes play Iona at 2:20 p.m. and crosstown-rival Siena at 6:00 p.m.

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Rebel Spring Games

Orange County Softball Complex -- Kissimmee, Fla.

Game 1	1 2 3 4 5 6	- R H E
UAlbany (5-6)	0 4 0 3 0 1	- 8 11 0
Niagara (5-4)	0 0 0 0 0 0	- 0 1 2

UAlbany -- Casey Halloran (W, 1-4), Lauren Perk (5) and Ali Meacham, Katie Trott (5).

Niagara -- Tiffany McCrory (L, 1-1) and Nicole Sum.

Rebel Spring Games

Orange County Softball Complex -- Kissimmee, Fla.

Game 2	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	- R H E
Troy (23-14)	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0	- 1 2 2
UAlbany (6-6)	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1	- 2 3 3

(two outs when winning run was scored)

Troy -- Kacie Flinn, Jocelyn McCallum (6) (L, 9-5) and Tamra Howren.

UAlbany -- Amanda Morin (W, 5-0) and Ali Meacham.



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HOLY CROSS DEFEATS UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE, 13-8

Worcester, Mass. – **Patricia Sutton** and **Amy Archambault** each scored three goals in leading Holy Cross to a 13-8 victory over UAlbany on Monday afternoon at the Hart Astro turf.

Holy Cross (4-4), who has won four of its last five games, scored six of the contest's first seven goals to take a commanding 6-1 lead. **Nikki Bolduc** sent a feed from **Jacque Hastings** into the net before Sutton tallied an unassisted goal, giving the Crusaders a 2-0 lead. UAlbany's **Kate Fontana**, who registered a team-high three goals, put her team on the board at 21:56 of the period, cutting the deficit in half. Holy Cross then erupted for four straight markers, building the cushion to 6-1 at 10:27.

UAlbany (1-7) battled back with three unanswered, making the score 6-4 with less than two minutes left in the opening half. **Sarah Spillett** assisted on goals by **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) and **Katie DeJoseph** (Scotia-Glenville), who notched her first collegiate goal. **Caitlin Navor**, who recorded her first point of the season, scored unassisted. Holy Cross's **Eileen Hartigan** capitalized on a free-position attempt, giving the Crusaders a 7-4 halftime lead.

Less than a minute into the second half, Sutton converted a free-position chance for her second of the game, putting the Crusaders ahead 8-4. UAlbany's **Kim Reny**, who finished with two scores for her second straight multi-goal game, and Fontana helped the Great Danes pull within 8-6 with 20:35 remaining. Sutton and Archambault struck back-to-back to rebuild the four-goal lead and stop the Great Dane rally.

Megan Orr made 12 saves for Holy Cross, while **Jen Daly** stopped 10 shots for the Great Danes. UAlbany won the shot battle, 32-27, and only committed six turnovers.

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UAlbany (1-7)	4	4	-	8
Holy Cross (4-4)	7	6	-	13

UAlbany – Scoring: Kate Fontana (3-0), Kim Reny (2-0), Krissy Rajczak (1-0), Caitlin Navor (1-0), Katie DeJoseph (1-0), Sarah Spillett (0-3). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 12 saves, 13 GA).

Holy Cross – Scoring: Patricia Sutton (3-1), Amy Archambault (3-0), Carolyn Smirti (2-1), Nikki Bolduc (1-1), Cashel Scanlon (1-0), Kristine Corkum (1-0), Cara O'Sullivan (1-0), Eileen Hartigan (1-0), Jacque Hastings (0-1), Kelly Winslow (0-1). Goalkeeper: Megan Orr (60:00, 10 saves, 8 GA).



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KEVIN RAE NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Kevin Rae** has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. Rae, a senior goalkeeper, earned the award for the fourth time in his career.

Rae made a career-high 24 saves, including 11 in the third quarter, in last Tuesday's 10-9 victory over ninth-ranked Massachusetts. He recorded double-figure saves for the 37th time as a collegian, as his team defeated a national top-10 team for the first time in the program's history. Rae also stopped nine shots in Sunday's loss to Drexel.

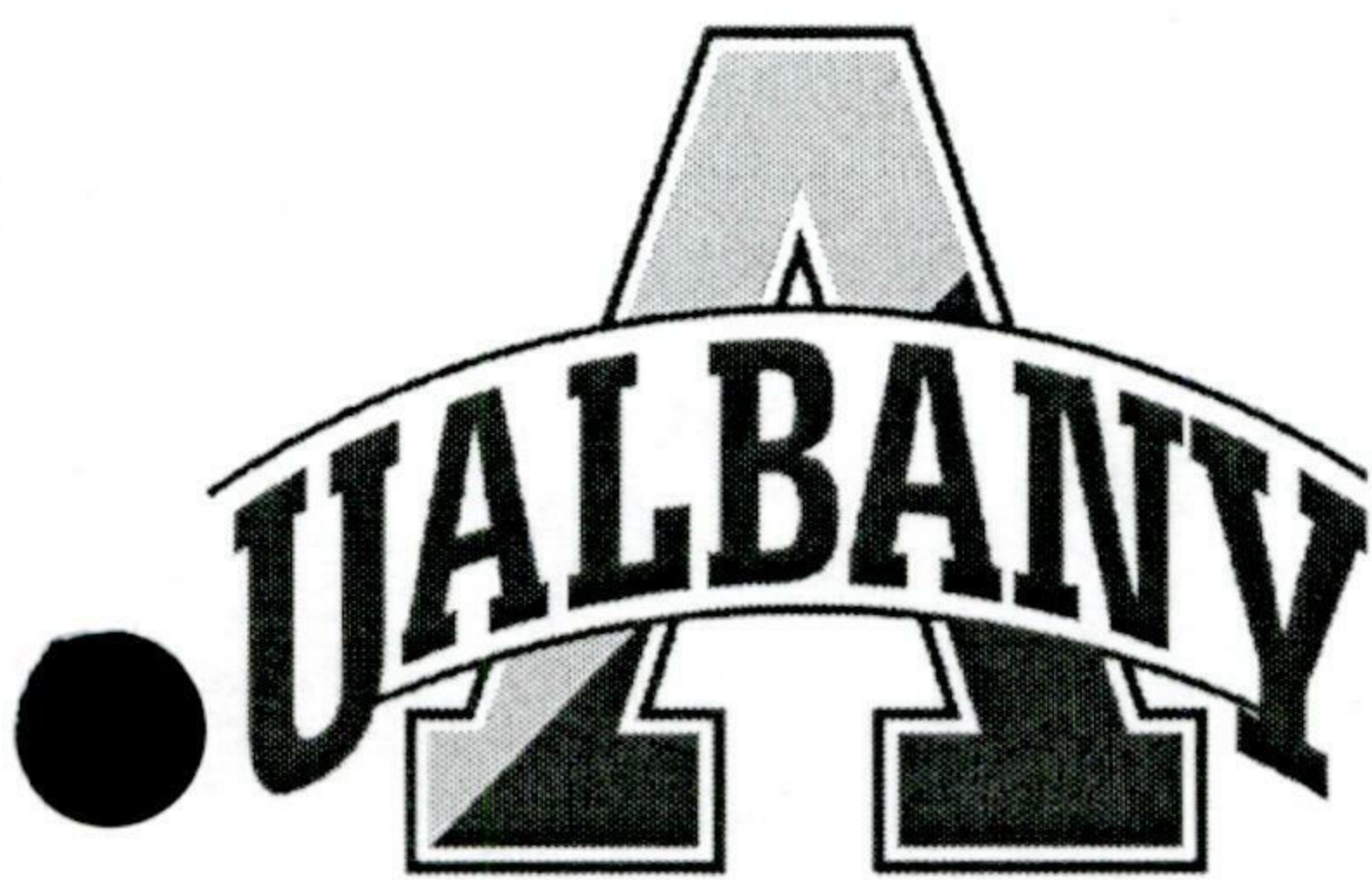
Rae, who has 674 career saves, needs 41 to break Al Cornfield's all-time record. He has a 10.60 goals against average and a .573 save percentage in four starts this season.

AMANDA MORIN NAMED AMERICA EAST PLAYER & PITCHER PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls H.S.) has been chosen as both the America East Conference Player and Pitcher of the Week in softball, as announced today by the league office. She received the conference honor for the second straight week.

Morin extended her scoreless innings streak to 28 consecutive with a pair of shutouts against Delaware and St. Joseph's at the Mizuno Bash at the Beach in Georgetown, Del. Her scoreless streak is the longest in the UAlbany program's history since 1995, when Melinda Cook-Carpenter kept the opposition off the scoreboard in 40 straight innings.

Morin fired her third one-hitter of the season in a 2-0 victory over Delaware on March 18. She struck out 10 batters before her no-hit bid was broken up in the seventh with a two-out single. The junior right-hander scattered three hits to go with eight strikeouts and one walk in a 6-0 win against St. Joseph's on March 20, her fourth consecutive shutout.



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MATT MUSCI LEADS DREXEL TO 8-4 WIN OVER UALBANY MEN'S LACROSSE

Yorktown Heights, N.Y. – **Matt Musci** had two goals and one assist, as Drexel won its sixth straight with an 8-4 non-league victory over UAlbany on Sunday afternoon at Yorktown High School's Murphy Field.

Drexel (6-1) jumped out to a 4-0 lead early in the second quarter. **Sean Moloney** and **Brian Neary** scored two minutes and 19 seconds apart in the opening period, before Musci added a man-advantage goal. **Jesse Rumble** converted Musci's crossing pass with 13:57 left before halftime.

UAlbany (2-2) closed within 5-2 by the intermission, as **Chris Martocchia** rifled a shot from the right side high into the net. The Great Danes appeared to have some momentum to start the third quarter, but failed to capitalize on an extra-man opportunity.

The Dragons, who avenged a pair of one-goal losses the last two years in this series, then pulled away. Musci, a junior midfielder, scored his ninth of the season off **Jeff Pfeffer's** feed from behind the cage. **Chris O'Connor** tallied the first of his two goals for a 7-2 lead with 2:36 remaining in the third period.

Goalkeeper **Bryan Maggio** had 10 of his 16 saves in the second half for the Dragons, who held UAlbany scoreless in six man-advantage situations.

"In college lacrosse today, you have to be ready to play every game," said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team was coming off an upset win over nationally-ranked Massachusetts. "They controlled the ball and took away our running game. We didn't execute on offense, especially on the extra man, where we are not moving the ball quickly and getting in the lanes."

UAlbany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**, who had a career-high 24 saves in his last start, stopped nine shots in the cage. **Frank Resetarits** had one goal and one assist, as his team won the shot battle, 36-29.

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UAlbany (2-2)	0	2	0	2	-	4
Drexel (6-1)	3	2	2	1	-	8

UAlbany – Scoring: Frank Resetarits (1-1), Chris Martocchia (1-0), Brendan Russell (1-0), Merrick Thomson (1-0). Goalkeeper: Kevin Rae (60:00, 9 saves, 8 GA).

Drexel – Scoring: Matt Musci (2-1), Chris O'Connor (2-0), Brian Neary (1-1), Sean Moloney (1-0), Jesse Rumble (1-0), Lee Schaknowski (1-0), Jeff Pfeffer (0-1), Greg Dougherty (0-1), Pat Simpson (0-1). Goalkeeper: Bryan Maggio (60:00, 16 saves, 4 GA).



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MORIN PITCHES FOURTH SHUTOUT AS UALBANY DOWNS ST. JOSEPH'S, 6-0

Georgetown, Del. -- UAlbany pitcher **Amanda Morin** tossed a three-hitter for her fourth shutout of the season as the Great Danes shut out St. Joseph's, 6-0, on the final day of the Mizuno Bash at the Beach Tournament. UAlbany concludes the tournament with a 2-3 record.

Morin pitched her fourth complete game of the season, striking out eight. Following a leadoff single by the Hawks in the bottom of the first, Morin retired seven straight batters. She improves to 4-0 on the season and has not allowed a run in 28 innings of work. **Lauren Hughes** took the loss for St. Joseph's (3-9), as she allowed all six runs in four innings.

UAlbany (4-6) plated four runs in the second inning to take the lead for good. Designated player **Erika Enocksen** gave the Great Danes a 2-0 lead on a single down the right-field line. Centerfielder **Leslie Busch** capped off the scoring with a two-run double to left center field.

The Great Danes added two more runs in the fourth frame on RBI singles by catcher **Ali Meacham** and shortstop **Maegan Larsen**.

UAlbany travels to Kissimmee, Fla. for the Rebel State Games on Tuesday. The Great Danes play Niagara at 8:50 am and Troy at 12:30 pm.

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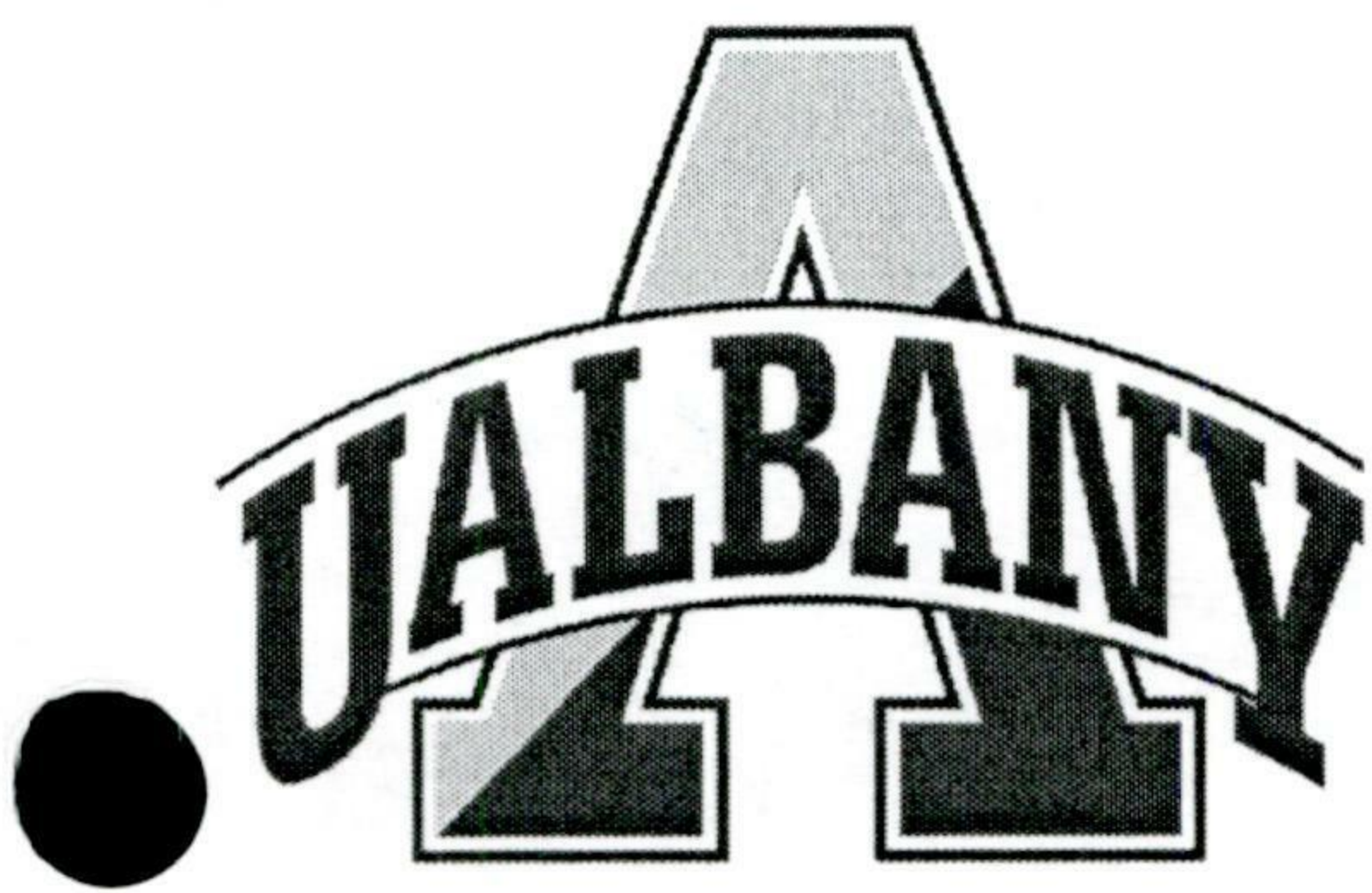
Mizuno Bash at the Beach – Third Day

Sports at the Beach Field -- Georgetown, Del.

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	R	H	E
UAlbany (4-6)	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	-	6	6	1
St. Joseph's (3-9)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	2

UAlbany -- Amanda Morin (W, 4-0) and Ali Meacham, Katie Trott (5).

St. Joseph's -- Lauren Hughes (L), Lauren Cognigni (5) and Lynn Ann Ravert.



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VALLONE AND WYLAND HELP UALBANY BASEBALL TO SPLIT WITH TEMPLE

Ambler, Pa. – **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) smacked a two-run single and **Steve Wyland** added a two-run double in leading UAlbany to an 8-7 victory over Temple in the nightcap of a doubleheader at Ambler Field on Saturday afternoon. Temple claimed a 5-4 come-from-behind win in the opener.

Temple (6-8) put three runs on the board in the first inning against UAlbany starting pitcher **Jeff Mazzola**. **Justin Cooper** walked to lead off the inning and **Jason Connor** followed with a single, putting runners at first and second. **Mike Weckenman** lined a double to right field, scoring Cooper. **Dan Brady** followed with a two-run single to right.

UAlbany (2-4) countered with five runs on four hits in the top of the second. **Derek DeGrazio** singled up the middle and **Tom Hill** walked to start the rally. **Rich Northrup** (Shenendehowa H.S.) and **Joe Lamb** hit back-to-back RBI singles before Vallone's two-run base-hit capped the outburst.

The Great Danes tacked on three runs in the top of the third, stretching the score to 8-3. Wyland's two-run double keyed the inning, while Lamb singled and later scored on a groundout.

Temple scored one run in the fifth and added three in the sixth to trim the deficit to 8-6. **Alexander Beaulieu** worked a scoreless seventh inning to earn the save for the Great Danes.

In the first game, the Owls scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh to earn the win. **Gene Burpoe** hit an RBI single and then Connor belted a three-run walk-off home run over the center-field wall.

Steve Sayre (Columbia H.S.) and **Rashad Barksdale** each hit two-run home runs for the Great Danes.

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Game One

UAlbany (1-4)	220	000	0	-	4	5	1
Temple (6-7)	000	010	4	-	5	7	0

Kyle Thomas, Shawn Ryan (7).

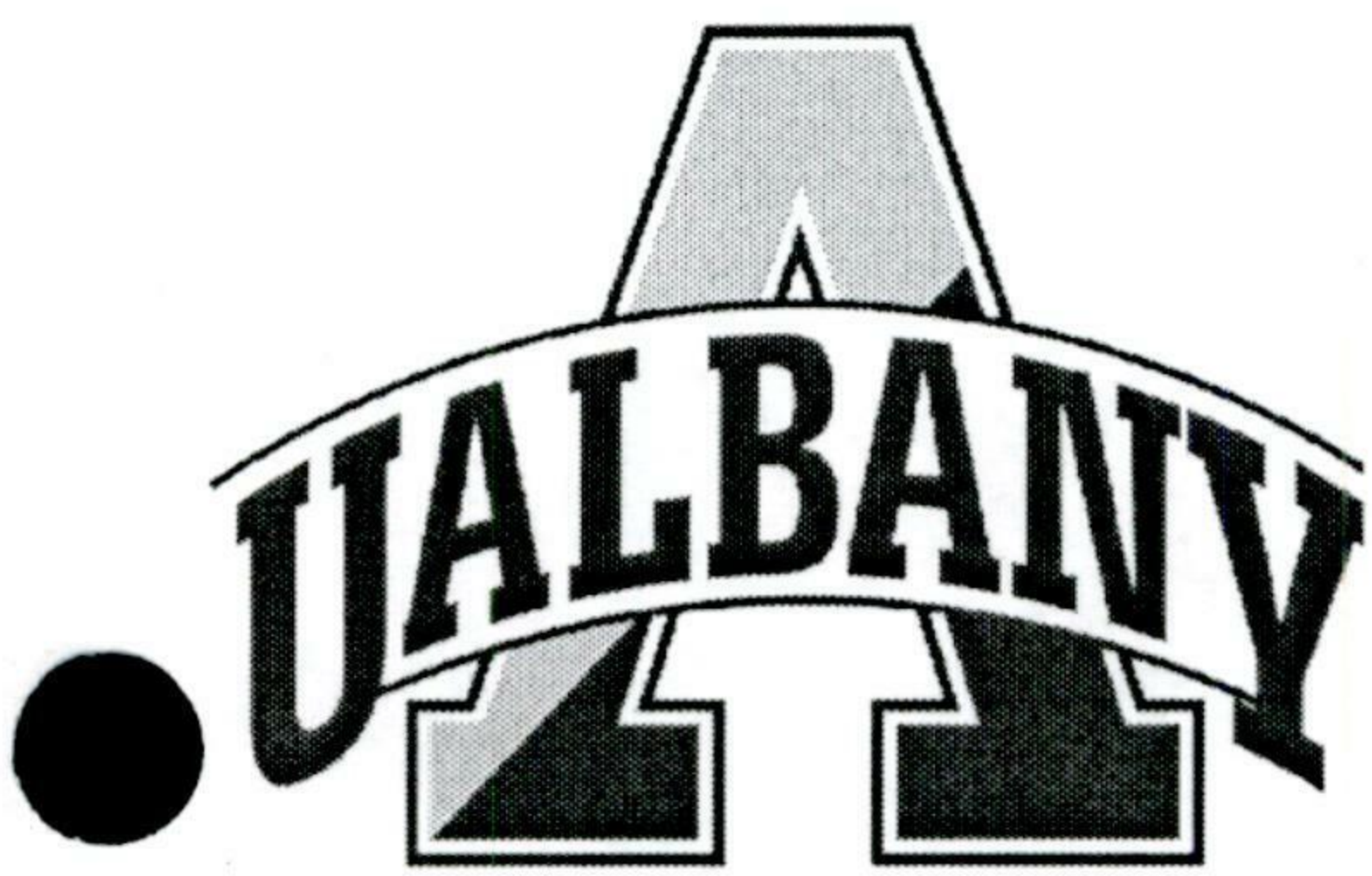
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Game Two

UAlbany (2-4)	053	000	0	-	8	8	2
Temple (6-8)	300	013	0	-	7	9	3

Jeff Mazzola, Casey Walsh (6), Giorgio Fuda (6), Roman Dubiel (6), Alexander Beaulieu (7).

Chris McCafferty, Steve Develin (2), Chris Hamilton (6), Mike Weckenman (7), Eric Fritz (7).



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UALBANY SOFTBALL DROPS GAMES TO PROVIDENCE AND LEHIGH IN DELAWARE

Georgetown, Del. -- **Mary Wieder** drove in **Lauren Haney** to break a scoreless tie in the top of the seventh inning and Lehigh added two more runs to hold off UAlbany, 3-1, on Saturday afternoon in the second game of the day at the Mizuno Bash at the Beach. In the opening contest, Providence scored four runs in the bottom of the first to down the Great Danes, 6-2.

Wieder singled deep in the hole at second base and Haney beat a throw to the plate by UAlbany's **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville H.S.) to give the Mountain Hawks a 1-0 lead. **Julie Sterrett** then hit a two-run home run to center field to give Lehigh (13-3) a 3-0 lead. The Great Danes scored their only run in the bottom of the frame as **Katrina Dunning** drove in **Ashley Rios**, who led off the inning with a triple, on a single to center field. With two runners on and two outs, **Ali Meacham** hit a fly ball to the warning track in left field, where it was caught to end the game.

Lehigh's **Emily Ling** went the distance, allowing only three hits and striking out four. **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) pitched a complete game for the Great Danes, allowing only four hits and fanned five. Each pitcher allowed just one hit through the first six innings.

In the first game, Providence's (13-4) **Sam Pittman** snapped a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the first with a single to center field, plating two and capping a four-run frame. **Nicole Bartholomew** pitched a complete game for the Friars, striking out seven and scattering three hits. **Danielle Buyea** took the loss for UAlbany, allowing five runs in two-plus innings. **Carisa Marcucci** allowed only one run and one hit in four innings of relief. **Kelly Ogden** drove in both of the Great Danes runs in the top of the first on a two-run blast to left field, her first home run of the season.

UAlbany (3-6) will play on Sunday in the elimination round at the Mizuno Bash at the Beach against an opponent to be determined.

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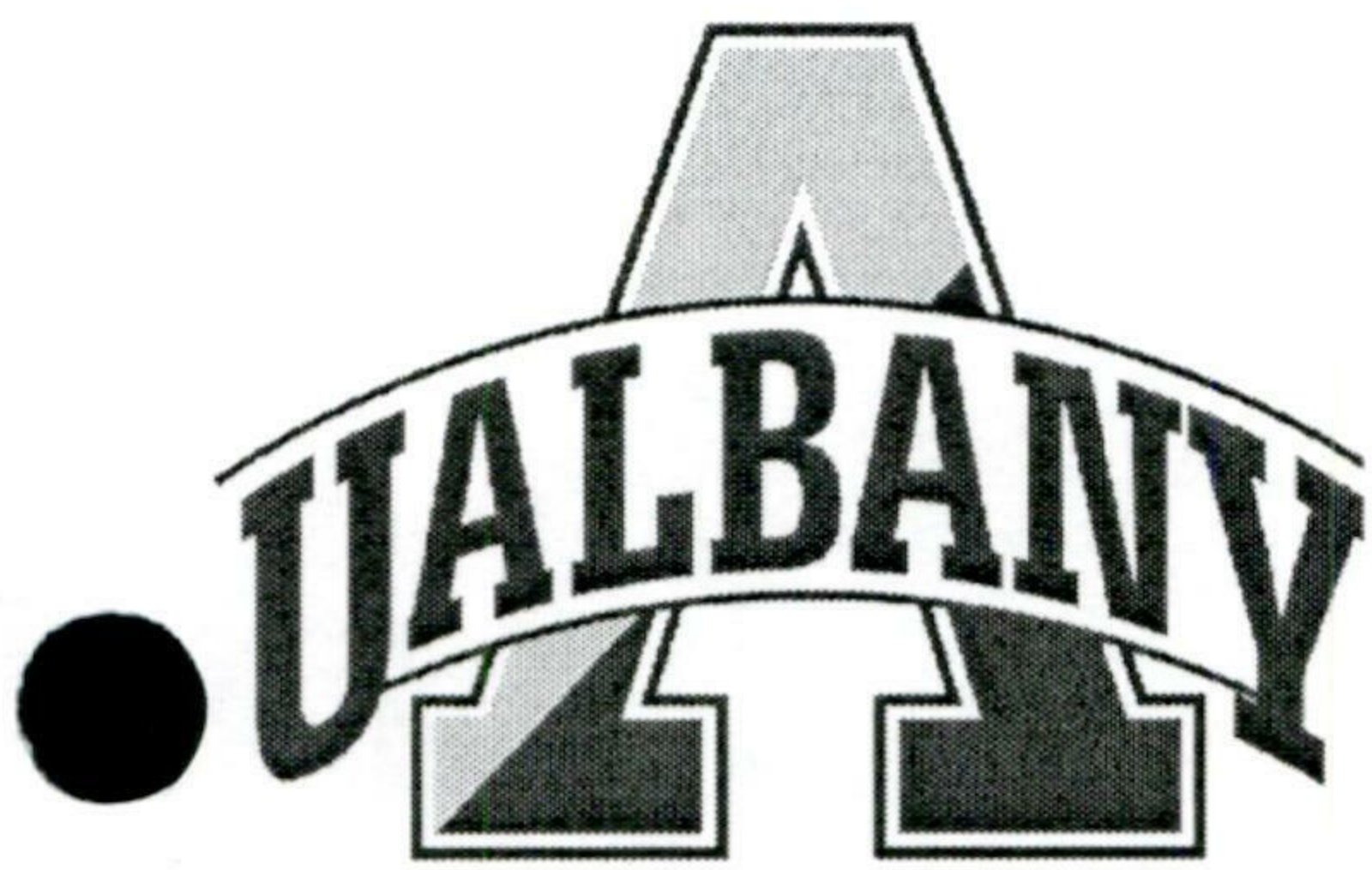
Mizuno Bash at the Beach – Second Day
Sports at the Beach Field -- Georgetown, Del.

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	R	H	E
UAlbany (3-5)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	3	0
Providence (13-4)	4	0	1	0	0	1	x	-	6	9	0

UAlbany -- Danielle Buyea (L, 0-1), Carisa Marcucci (3) and Ali Meacham, Katie Trott (5).
Providence -- Nicole Bartholomew (W) and Elena Romero.

Game 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	R	H	E
Lehigh (13-3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	-	3	4	1
UAlbany (3-6)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1	3	4

Lehigh -- Emily Ling (W) and Mary Wieder.
UAlbany -- Casey Halloran (L, 0-4) and Ali Meacham.



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MORIN TOSSES THIRD ONE-HITTER OF THE SEASON IN UALBANY VICTORY

Georgetown, Del. -- UAlbany pitcher **Amanda Morin** (South Glens Falls H.S.) tossed her third one-hitter of the season as the Great Danes downed Delaware, 2-0, on Friday morning in the first game at the Mizuno Bash at the Beach Tournament. In the second contest, Delaware State defeated UAlbany, 6-3, in the afternoon.

Morin had her no-hitter broken up in the top of the seventh inning on a pinch-hit single by **Heather Wrenn**. She struck out 10 in the contest and has not allowed a run in her 21 innings of work this season. Blue Hen pitcher **Jenn Joseph** allowed only six hits and striking out three in going the distance for Delaware.

The Great Danes scored the only runs of the game in the bottom of the third. Shortstop **Maegan Larsen** plated outfielder **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville), who led off the inning with a walk, and third baseman **Kelly Ogden** drove in outfielder **Leslie Busch** on sacrifice flies.

In game two, Delaware State scored three runs in the seventh inning. **Nicole Demers** singled to right field with the bases loaded for the game-winning hit and the Hornets added two runs on a Great Danes error. **Jessica Murray** went six innings to pick up the victory, while **Casey Halloran** (Columbia) took the loss in relief for UAlbany. **Janice Savage** pitched the seventh for the save.

UAlbany will take on Providence at 10 a.m. and Lehigh at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the second day of the tournament.

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Mizuno Bash at the Beach – First Day

Sports at the Beach Field -- Georgetown, Del.

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 -	R	H	E
Delaware (7-9)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 -	0	1	0
UAlbany (3-3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 -	2	6	3

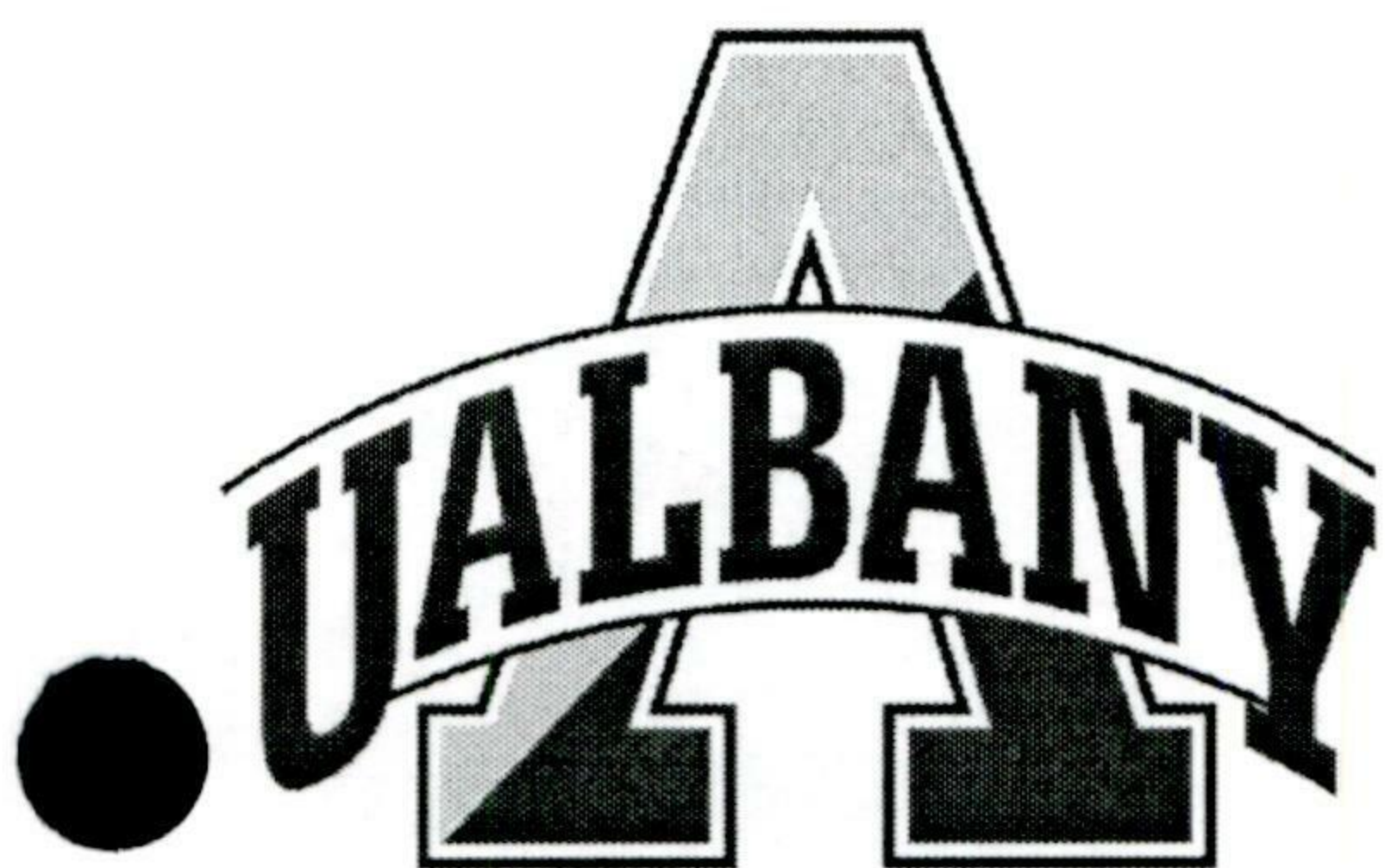
Delaware -- Jenn Joseph (L, 1-6) and Natalie Savona.

UAlbany -- Amanda Morin (W, 3-0) and Ali Meacham.

Game 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 -	R	H	E
Delaware State (5-4)	0	2	0	0	1	0	3 -	6	6	1
UAlbany (3-4)	2	0	0	0	1	0	0 -	3	6	1

Delaware State -- Jessica Murray (W), Janice Savage (7) (Save) and Marissa Merrill.

UAlbany -- Lauren Perk, Casey Halloran (3) (L, 0-3) and Katie Trott, Ali Meacham (5).



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JAKUBOWSKI'S TWO-RUN DOUBLE HANDS ST. JOSEPH'S 4-2 WIN OVER UALBANY

Norristown, Pa. – Freshman **Jeremy Jakubowski's** two-run double in the eighth inning led St. Joseph's to a 4-2 non-league victory over UAlbany on Friday afternoon at Elmwood Park's Latshaw/McCarthy Field. The Hawks ended a three-game skid.

UAlbany (1-3) scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings to take a 2-1 lead. **Leo Corvino** (Columbia) doubled home **Steve Sayre** (Columbia) to draw his team even. In the fifth, catcher **Tom Hill** lined a two-bagger to left and later reached the plate on **Joe Lamb's** sacrifice fly to right field.

St. Joseph's (3-13) tied the contest in the seventh, when Jakubowski reached on a bunt single and moved to third on **Jereme Scott's** single. **Adriano Petruz** grounded out to second to push Jakubowski across.

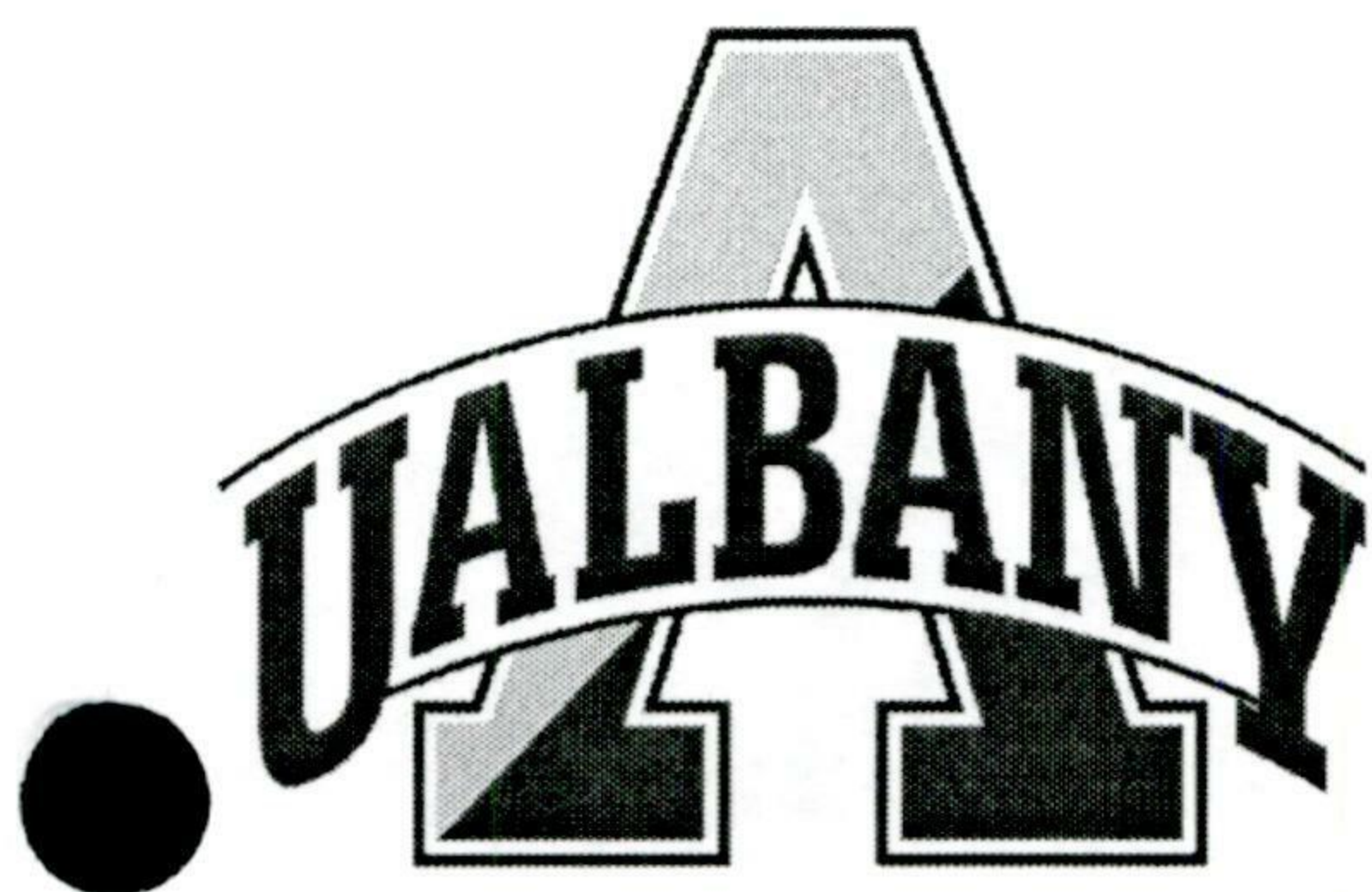
In the eighth, **Matt Godusky** singled off UAlbany reliever **Alexander Beaulieu's** foot and **Greg Mason** was hit by a pitch. Jakubowski later delivered his game-winning double, the first extra-base hit of his career, down the left-field line. Petruz, a right-handed closer, sent UAlbany down in order in the ninth to record his second save of the season.

Ethan Vaiana started and pitched into the seventh inning for the Great Danes, who were playing for the first time in 12 days due to a series of postponed games. Vaiana struck out seven and walked two. The Great Danes face Temple at 12 noon on Saturday during their weekend stay in the Philadelphia area.

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UAlbany (1-3)	000	110	000	-	2	6	1
St. Joseph's (3-13)	010	000	12x	-	4	7	1

Ethan Vaiana, Giorgio Fuda (7), Alexander Beaulieu (7), Shawn Ryan (8) and Tom Hill. Jason Hessler, Jeff Williams (8), Adriano Petruz (9) and Greg Mason.



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KATIE HURLEY LEADS ST. BONAVENTURE PAST UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Schenectady, N.Y. – **Katie Hurley** scored five goals and added two assists as St. Bonaventure defeated UAlbany, 17-10, in non-conference action on Friday afternoon at Union College's Turf at the Inn.

UAlbany (1-6) trailed 11-7 early in the second half before striking twice to trim the deficit in half. **Kate Fontana**, who led the Great Danes with three goals, sneaked a low shot past St. Bonaventure goalkeeper **Eileen Gagnon** on a free-position opportunity. Less than a minute later, **Nikki Donohue** threw a pass from the right side to **Brittany Scott** who scored from the top of the crease with 21:25 remaining.

St. Bonaventure (4-0) responded with five unanswered goals to pull away for good. Hurley started the spurt with her fifth tally of the game on a fastbreak. **Nicole Motondo** then beat UAlbany keeper **Jen Daly** up high for her second goal of the game. **Sarah Dressler** added two goals in the run, including a free-position conversion.

In the first half, UAlbany held a 4-3 advantage with 11:15 left in the stanza. The Great Danes' **Kim Reny** and **Sarah Spillett** each scored on spin moves to the goal in helping build the early lead. The Bonnies tallied six of the contest's next seven goals to open up a 9-5 cushion at halftime. Kelly Chevez, who had three first-half goals, found the net twice in that span.

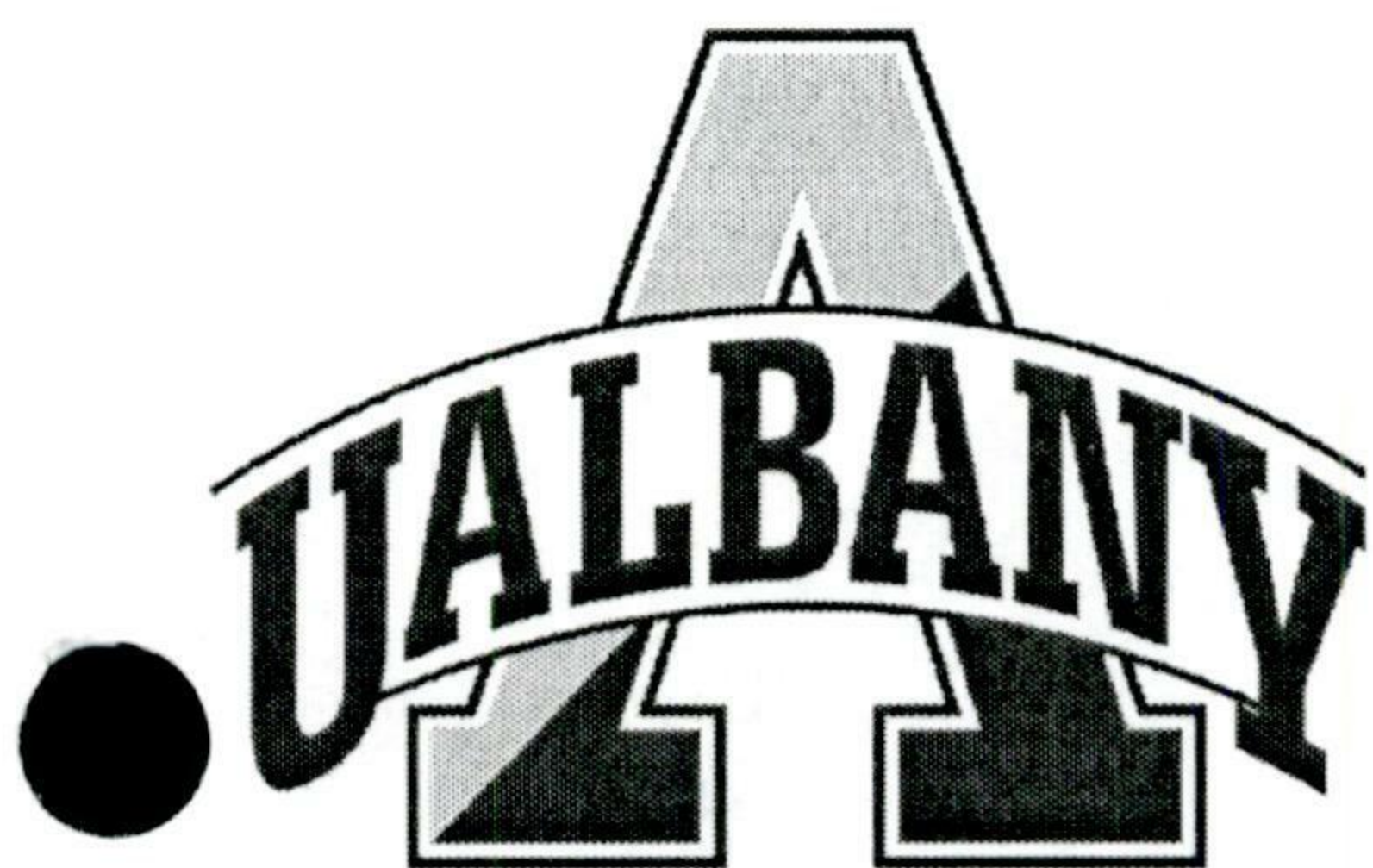
Daly finished with seven saves for UAlbany, while Gagnon stopped 13 shots for the Bonnies.

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St. Bonaventure (4-0)	9	8	-	17
UAlbany (1-6)	5	5	-	10

St. Bonaventure – Scoring: Katie Hurley (5-2), Kelly Chevez (3-1), Sarah Dressler (2-1), Nicole Motondo (2-1), Kimberly Ross (1-1), Megan Murphy (1-1), Courtney Gibbons (1-0), Alexis Spallone (1-0), Robin Mason (1-0), Stephanie Jordan (0-2). Goalkeeper: Eileen Gagnon (60:00, 13 saves, 10 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Kim Reny (3-0), Kate Fontana (3-0), Krissy Rajczak (2-0), Sarah Spillett (1-1), Brittany Scott (1-1), Nikki Donohue (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 7 saves, 17 GA).



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JAN BROWN NAMED ASSISTANT ATHLETICS DIRECTOR FOR COMPLIANCE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Jan Brown as assistant athletics director for compliance and student services. She will administer the NCAA compliance and rules education program with regard to UAlbany's 19 intercollegiate varsity teams for men and women.

Brown served as the NCAA's Director of Division II and Governance Liaison to the Executive Committee and as Assistant Chief of Staff for Division II for nearly six years prior to her present appointment. In that position, she provided counsel, advice and leadership to the main governing entities of Division II intercollegiate athletics, the NCAA President and other NCAA staff regarding current Division II issues and policies. Brown was also on-site staff liaison for the 2001 Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship and three national outdoor track and field competitions.

From 1994-99, Brown worked for the NCAA as an enforcement representative. She investigated allegations of violations of NCAA legislation committed by member institutions and presented findings to the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

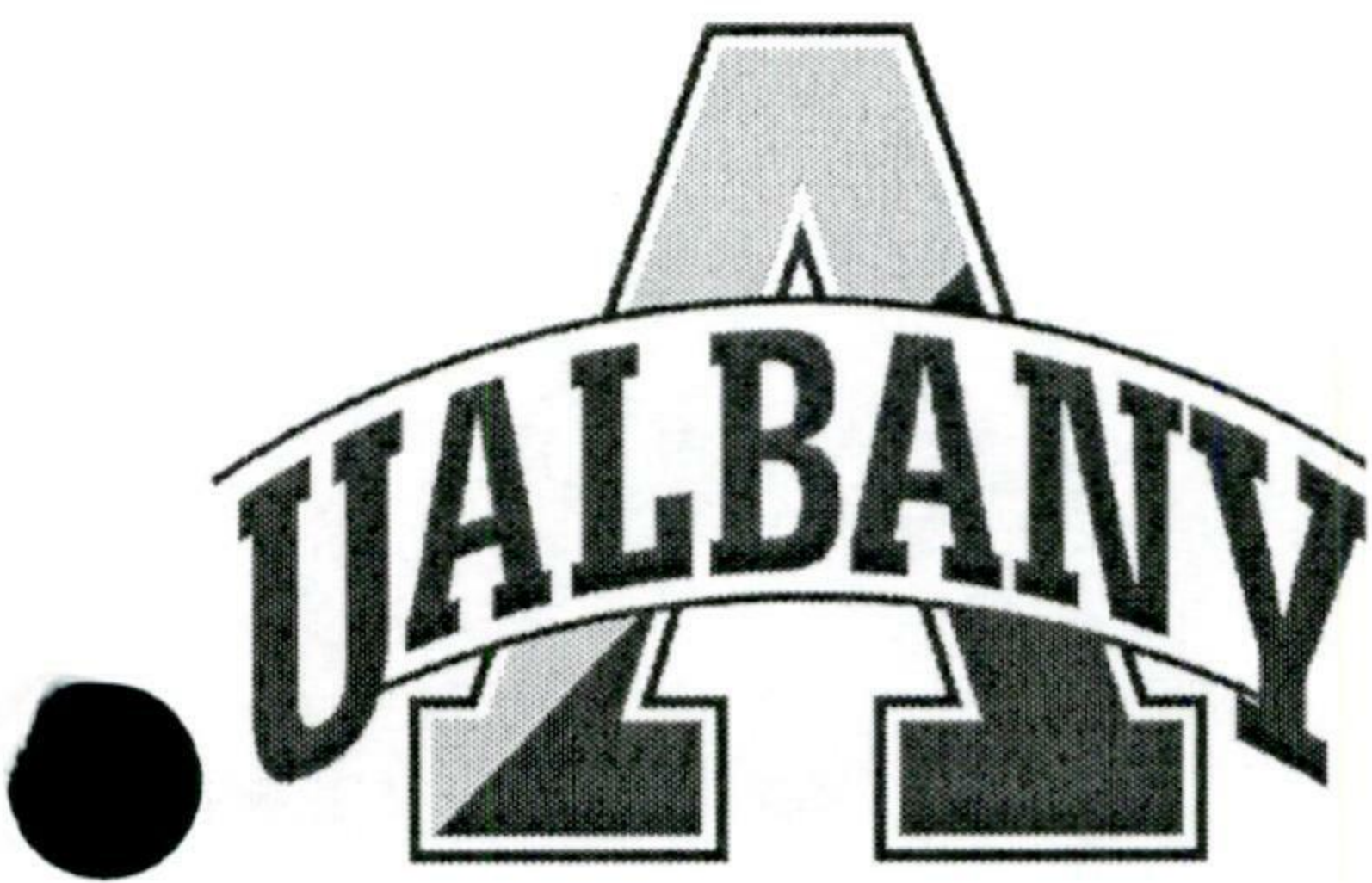
A native of Niskayuna, N.Y., Brown has coordinated and planned NCAA Title IX Seminars and NCAA Leadership Conferences. In addition, she has presented information at NCAA Regional Compliance Seminars with regard to athletics governance issues, membership requirements, convention proposals and student-athlete issues. She was a panelist at the 2004 National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA) HERS Institute and has been a presenter at several NACWAA Fall Forums.

Brown, 41, received both a B.A. in economics and a M.A. in urban and environmental policy from Tufts University in Massachusetts, where she competed in both track and field and soccer. She went on to earn a Juris Doctorate degree from the College of William & Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law in 1992. Brown is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and has worked in two law firms in the areas of environmental law, employment discrimination and family law.

BOB FORD RECEIVES NYS ASSOCIATION'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. – University at Albany's Bob Ford received the New York State Athletic Administrators Association's Distinguished Service Award at the group's annual conference awards luncheon on Thursday at the Prime Hotel and Conference Center. He was honored for his more than 35 years of dedication and outstanding professional contributions to the student-athlete.

Ford, the architect of the UAlbany football program, has a 196-126 record in 32 varsity seasons as head coach. Under his direction, the Great Danes have moved from the club level in 1970 to its present Division I-AA status. Ford, who has a 205-148-1 career record in 36 seasons at the collegiate level, is fourth among active I-AA head coaches in career victories. UAlbany captured both the Northeast Conference and ECAC championships in 2002, and shared the NEC crown in 2003.



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FRESHMEN LEAD UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS PAST SACRED HEART, 4-3

Milford, Conn. – Freshmen **Amanda Hall** and **Kim Westcott** won singles and doubles matches, helping UAlbany defeat Sacred Heart, 4-3, in non-conference action on Wednesday, March 16.

Hall and Westcott teamed for an 8-6 victory over **Jessica Schnell** and **Darcy Shoop** at No. 2 doubles. The duo improved to 9-0 on the spring. Hall then defeated **Lissa Von Brecht**, 6-1, 6-1 at fourth singles. Westcott downed Schnell, 6-0, 6-1 at fifth singles.

UAlbany's Aimee Kern also finished a double-winner. Kern paired with **Courtney Michels** for an 8-6 showing at No. 1 doubles before winning No. 3 singles in straight sets.

Christina Suarez and **Kyle Steller** rounded out the doubles action for UAlbany (5-4) with an 8-4 decision.

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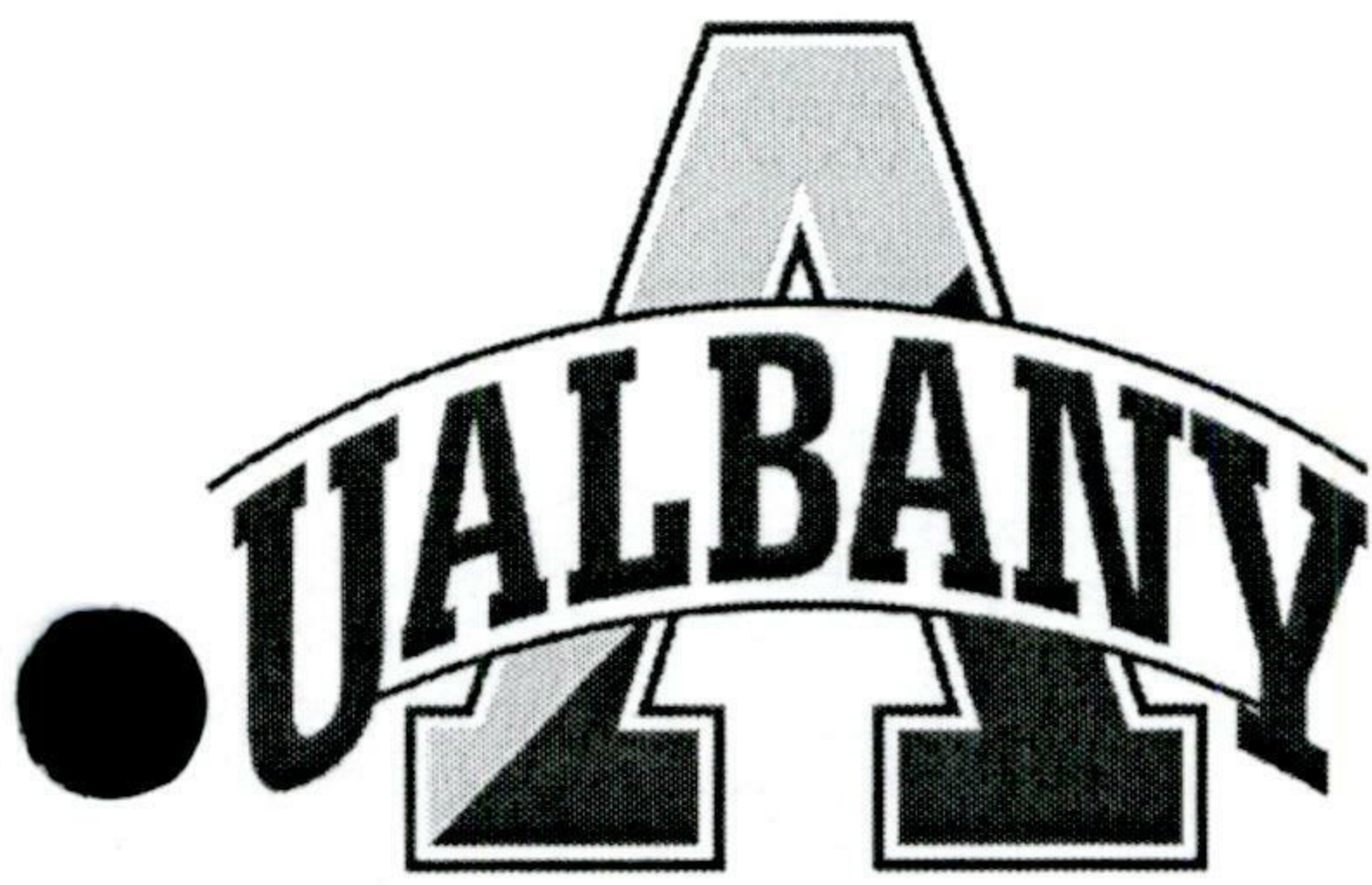
UAlbany 4, Sacred Heart 3

Singles:

1. Lauren Galatie (SH) def. Courtney Michels, 6-1, 6-1.
2. Pam Pillo (SH) def. Christina Suarez, 6-1, 6-4.
3. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Darcy Shoop, 6-1, 6-0.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Lissa Von Brecht, 6-1, 6-1.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Jessica Schnell, 6-0, 6-1.
6. Katelyn Kittredge (SH) def. Kyle Steller, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles:

1. Kern/Michels (UA) def. Galatie/Pillo, 8-6.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) def. Schnell/Shoop, 8-6.
3. Suarez/Steller (UA) def. Kittredge/Von Brecht, 8-4.



UALBANY HOLDS OFF 9TH-RANKED MASSACHUSETTS, 10-9, AT HARKNESS FIELD

Troy, N.Y. – Senior goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made a career-high 24 saves, including 11 in the third quarter, as UAlbany held off previously unbeaten Massachusetts, 10-9, on Tuesday afternoon at Rensselaer’s Harkness Field.

UAlbany (2-1) snapped an early 2-2 tie with three consecutive goals over the last five minutes of the first quarter. **Brendan Russell** fired a shot underneath the crossbar, before **Frank Resetarits** and **Jordan Levine** scored 14 seconds apart. Levine completed the run when he took a feed from **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy), who forced a turnover in the defensive zone.

The Great Danes still led 6-4 in the second quarter, but Thomson found the net twice before halftime. He finished off a fastbreak from **Luke Daquino**, and then rifled in a low backhanded shot with one second left in the period for a four-goal lead at the intermission.

Massachusetts (3-1), tied for ninth in the latest USILA national rankings and No. 10 in the Inside Lacrosse Poll, chipped away at the lead in the third stanza. **Jeff Zywicki** tallied his second goal of the day on a play that originated off a failed clear. Leading-scorer **Sean Morris**, who had four goals and two assists, then sliced the deficit to 8-6 with a man-advantage. The Minutemen, who ripped off 22 of their 51 shots in the quarter, could have done even more damage if not for Rae’s stellar performance.

In the fourth period, Daquino, who scored three times and added two assists, twice gave UAlbany a three-goal margin. He hit the right corner in transition for a 10-7 lead with 2:31 remaining after a UMass attacker was stripped of the ball in the offensive half of the field.

The Minutemen, who have made NCAA appearances in two of the last three seasons, would score twice in the final minutes. **Brian Jacovina** netted an unassisted goal, before setting up Morris on an inside curl with 54 seconds left. After UAlbany’s **Lee Busino** (Niskayuna) took possession of the final faceoff, the visitors never got off another shot attempt.

“That was quite a turnaround from the other day,” said UAlbany coach Scott Marr, whose team suffered an 18-9 setback at Delaware last Saturday. “Our mind set was not right, and we had to do some soul searching. Kevin (Rae) is capable of that type of performance, and his teammates just fed off of his play.”

Thomson, a sophomore attacker, totaled two goals and two assists, while Resetarits scored twice for the Great Danes, who defeated a national top-10 team for the first time in the program’s history. Goalkeeper **Bill Schell** made eight saves in the UMass cage.

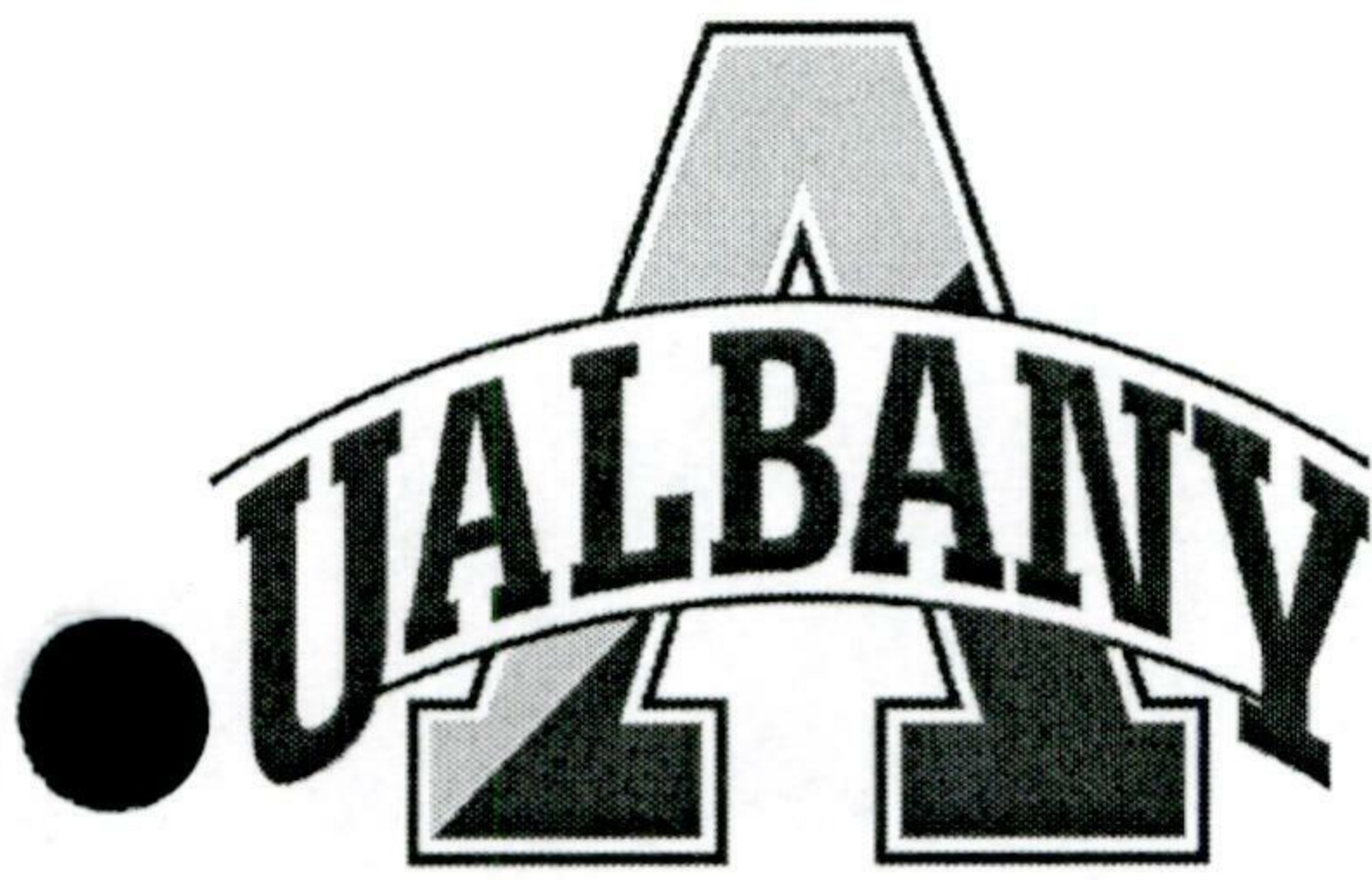
“Our defense stayed tight, and we concentrated on playing off the ball and staying on their hands,” commented Rae, whose previous career-best was 20 saves against Quinnipiac as a freshman. “This could be a crossroads win for our season. We were much more focused and played with emotion.”

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Massachusetts (3-1)	2	2	2	3	-	9
UAlbany (2-1)	5	3	0	2	-	10

Massachusetts – Sean Morris 4-2, Jeff Zywicki 2-0, Brian Jacovina 1-2, Chris Doyle 1-0, Gene Tundo 1-0, Jamie Yaman 0-1, Brett Garber 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Bill Schell (60:00, 8 saves, 10 GA).

UAlbany – Luke Daquino 3-2, Merrick Thomson 2-2, Frank Resetarits 2-0, Brendan Russell 1-1, Chris Martocchia 1-1, Jordan Levine 1-0, Derek Dale 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 24 saves, 9 GA).



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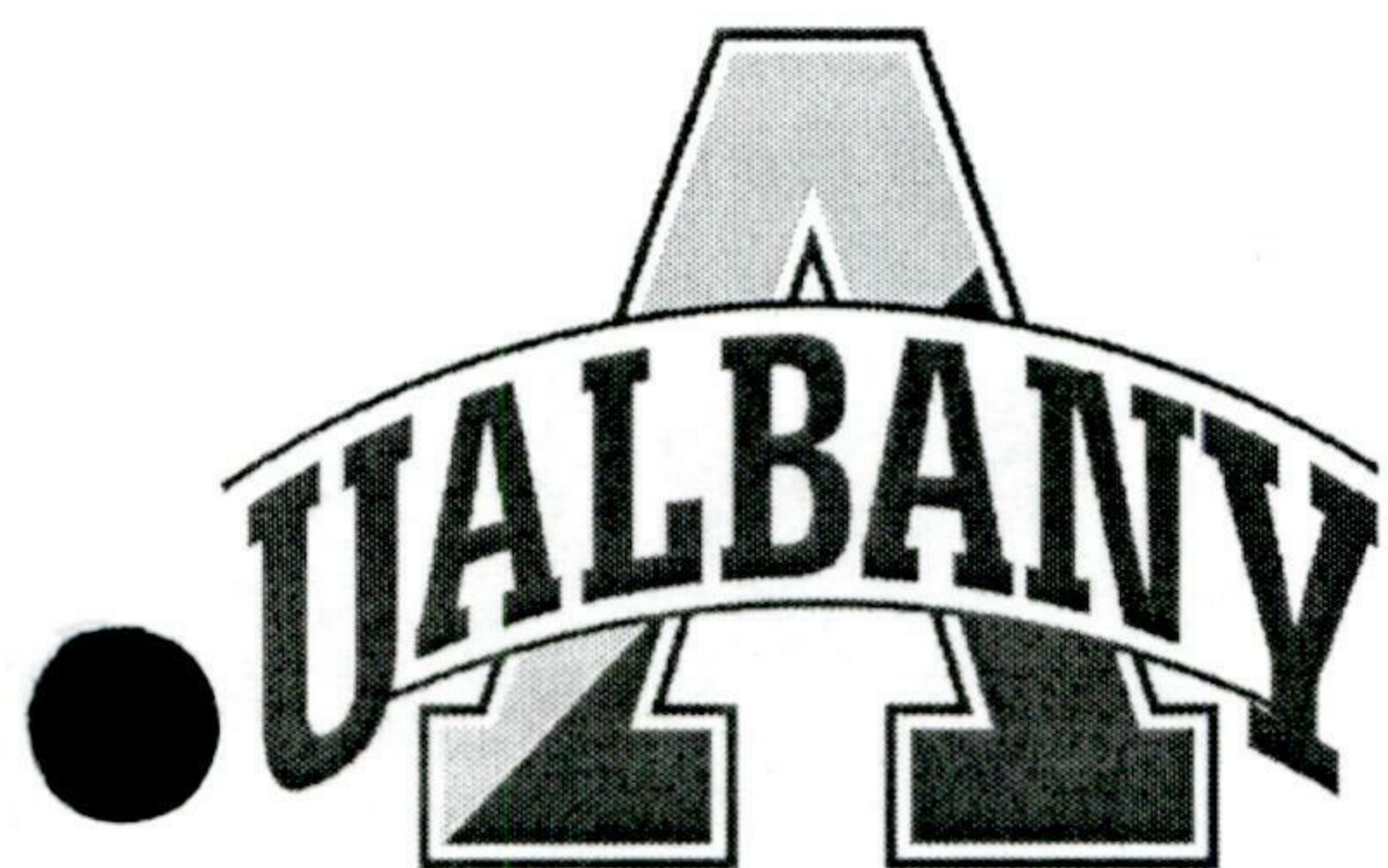
AMANDA MORIN NAMED AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. - University at Albany's **Amanda Morin** (Gansevoort, N.Y. / South Glens Falls) has been chosen the America East Conference Pitcher of the Week in softball, as announced today by the league office.

Morin, a transfer from Florida Atlantic, tossed two one-hitters at the UTEP Tournament in El Paso, Texas. In an 8-0 victory over Northern Colorado on Feb. 25, the hurler retired the first eight batters and was three outs away from a no-hitter in her Great Danes' debut. Against UTEP, the junior right-hander pitched to the minimum in four of seven innings and struck out 10 in a 3-0 win. She retired 13 consecutive hitters during the contest.

Morin is 2-0 on the season with a 0.00 ERA, tossing two shutouts. In 14 innings, she has fanned 18 hitters and is holding opponents to an .044 batting average (2-for-45).

UAlbany (2-3) travels to the Mizuno Bash at the Beach from Mar. 18-20 in Georgetown, Delaware. The Great Danes will play Delaware, Delaware State, Providence and Lehigh at the tournament. Following the trip to Delaware, UAlbany will play at the Rebel State Games in Kissimmee, Florida from Mar. 22-25 against Iona, Niagara, Siena, Troy and Cornell.



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CONNERTY'S SIX GOALS LEAD UMASS PAST UALBANY, 19-10

Amherst, Mass. – **Kerri Connerty** scored six goals and added two assists to help Massachusetts defeat UAlbany, 19-10, in non-conference action on Sunday, March 13 at Garber Field.

UMass (2-2) jetted out to a 6-1 lead 10 minutes into the game. **Ashleigh Szawlowski** scored all three of her goals in the opening moments, while Connerty added two of her six tallies.

UAlbany (1-5) notched three of the game's next four scores to close the gap to 7-4 midway through the first period. **Katie DeJoseph** (Scotia-Glenville H.S.) fed **Krissy Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville H.S.) for her fifth goal of the season before **Kate Fontana** registered an unassisted tally. After Connerty's third of the game, **Sarah Spillett** sent a pass from **Nikki Donohue** into the back of the net.

The Minutewomen held a 9-5 advantage that they stretched to a 14-6 cushion with 15:34 remaining in the game. **Jackie Nesbitt** scored twice in the spurt.

UAlbany made a final attempt at a comeback as Rajczak and **Domenica LoRe** scored 16 seconds apart. Then **Kim Reny's** second goal of the game brought the Great Danes within 14-9, the closest they would come.

UAlbany's **Jen Daly** faced 46 shots, making a season-high 18 saves, while **Lauren McCarthy** stopped 12 shots for UMass. Spillett and Fontana each finished with two goals and one assist for the Great Danes.

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UAlbany	5	5	-	10
UMass	9	10	-	19

UAlbany – Scoring: Krissy Rajczak (2-0), Nikki Donohue (0-1), Sarah Spillett (2-1), Katelyn Primomo (1-0), Kate Fontana (2-1), Kim Reny (2-0), Domenica LoRe (1-0), Katie DeJoseph (0-1), Jackie Davren (0-1). Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 18 saves, 19 GA).

UMass – Scoring: Ashleigh Szawlowski (3-0), Shelley Boyle (2-1), Kathleen Typadis (4-2), Kerri Connerty (6-2), Samantha Sepulveda (1-0), Jackie Nesbitt (2-1), Melynda Zwick (1-1). Goalkeeper: Lauren McCarthy (60:00, 12 saves, 10 GA).



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DELAWARE UPENDS UALBANY, 18-9, IN MEN'S LACROSSE ACTION

Newark, Del. – **Dave Powers** and **Joe Trentzsch** scored five goals apiece, as Delaware dominated UAlbany, 18-9, in a non-league contest on Saturday afternoon at Rullo Stadium. The game was originally scheduled for Rensselaer's Harkness Field, but moved due to poor weather in the Capital Region.

Delaware (4-2) used a six-goal third period to take control. Sophomore midfielder **Alex Smith**, who won 22 of 25 faceoffs, took the opening two draws of the second half, as the Blue Hens scored a pair of goals 25 seconds apart.

Jordan Hall, who had two goals and two assists, ignited a run of five unanswered goals off Smith's first face-off win. Powers, a senior midfielder, then found the net three straight times, including a man-up goal and another following a turnover. Trentzsch handed his squad a commanding 13-4 lead with 7:51 left in the stanza.

UAlbany (1-1) trailed 5-3 midway through the second quarter, but the Blue Hens, who are coming off a 10-6 campaign in 2004 and are receiving votes in this week's USILA national top-20 poll, followed with two goals in a 36-second span. **Cam Howard**, an All-Colonial Athletic Association midfielder, set up both scores. Trentzsch finished off Howard's pass with 5:33 left in the period, before **Dan Deckelbaum** tallied on his team's next possession.

Senior attacker **Luke Daquino** had two goals and three assists for the Great Danes, who face 13th-ranked Massachusetts in Troy, N.Y. on Tuesday. **Brendan Russell** added a pair of goals, while **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) totaled one goal and two assists.

"They played their best game to date," UAlbany coach Scott Marr offered. "(Chris) Collins made three or four saves at point-blank range when we had a chance to get back into the contest. I was disappointed in our energy. We could not gain any momentum with our inability to win faceoffs."

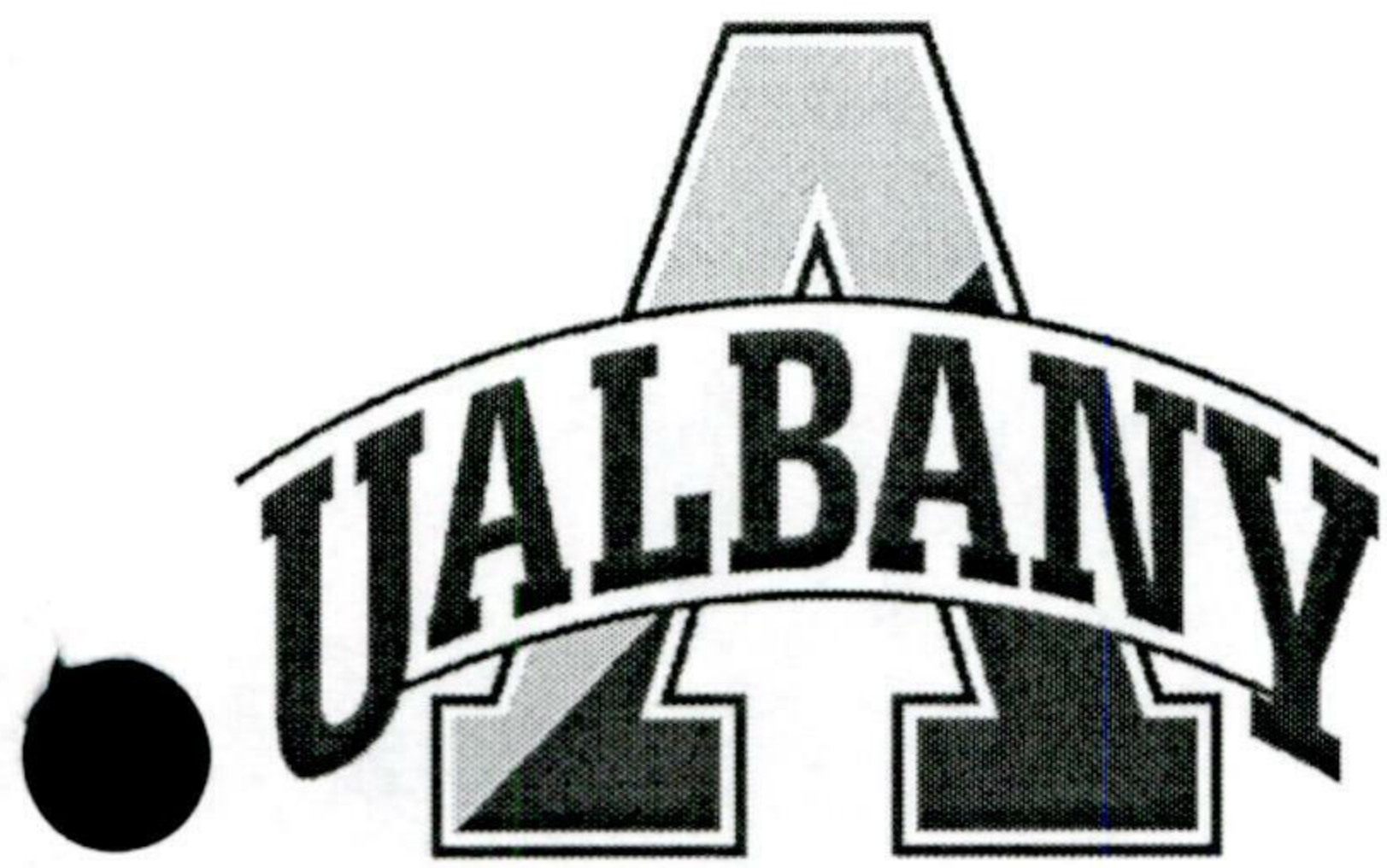
Delaware's Collins finished with 10 saves, while Howard matched a career-high with five assists to go with one goal. UAlbany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** stopped 14 shots.

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UAlbany (1-1)	1	3	1	4	-	9
Delaware (4-2)	3	5	6	4	-	18

UAlbany – Luke Daquino 2-3, Brendan Russell 2-0, Merrick Thomson 1-2, Frank Resetarits 1-0, Derek Dale 1-0, Mike Ammann 1-0, Jordan Levine 1-0, Chris Martocchia 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (52:00, 14 saves, 16 GA), A.J. Babnik (8:00, 0 saves, 2 GA).

Delaware – Dave Powers 5-0, Joe Trentzsch 5-0, Jordan Hall 2-2, Dan Deckelbaum 2-1, Bobby West 1-2, Cam Howard 1-5, Micardo Celicourt 1-0, Dan Hechtkopf 1-0, John Carrozza 0-2, Kent Lucas 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Chris Collins (54:59, 10 saves, 7 GA), Warner Ball (5:01; 1 save, 2 GA).



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FORDHAM HANDS UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS 5-2 LOSS

Albany, N.Y. – **Ellenoira Featherston** and **Christina Papa** were both double-winners as Fordham defeated UAlbany, 5-2, in non-conference action on Friday, March 11 at the UAlbany Bubble. The Rams captured four singles matches and two of three doubles matchups.

Featerston defeated **Courtney Michels**, 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1 singles, while Papa edged **Christina Suarez**, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2. Featherston and Papa posted an 8-5 victory at No. 1 doubles over **Aimee Kern** and Michels.

UAlbany's **Amanda Hall** and **Kim Westcott** registered wins at fourth and fifth singles. The duo also teamed for a 9-7 showing at No. 2 doubles, remaining unbeaten in eight matches this spring.

The Great Danes (4-4) return to action on Wednesday, March 16 at Sacred Heart.

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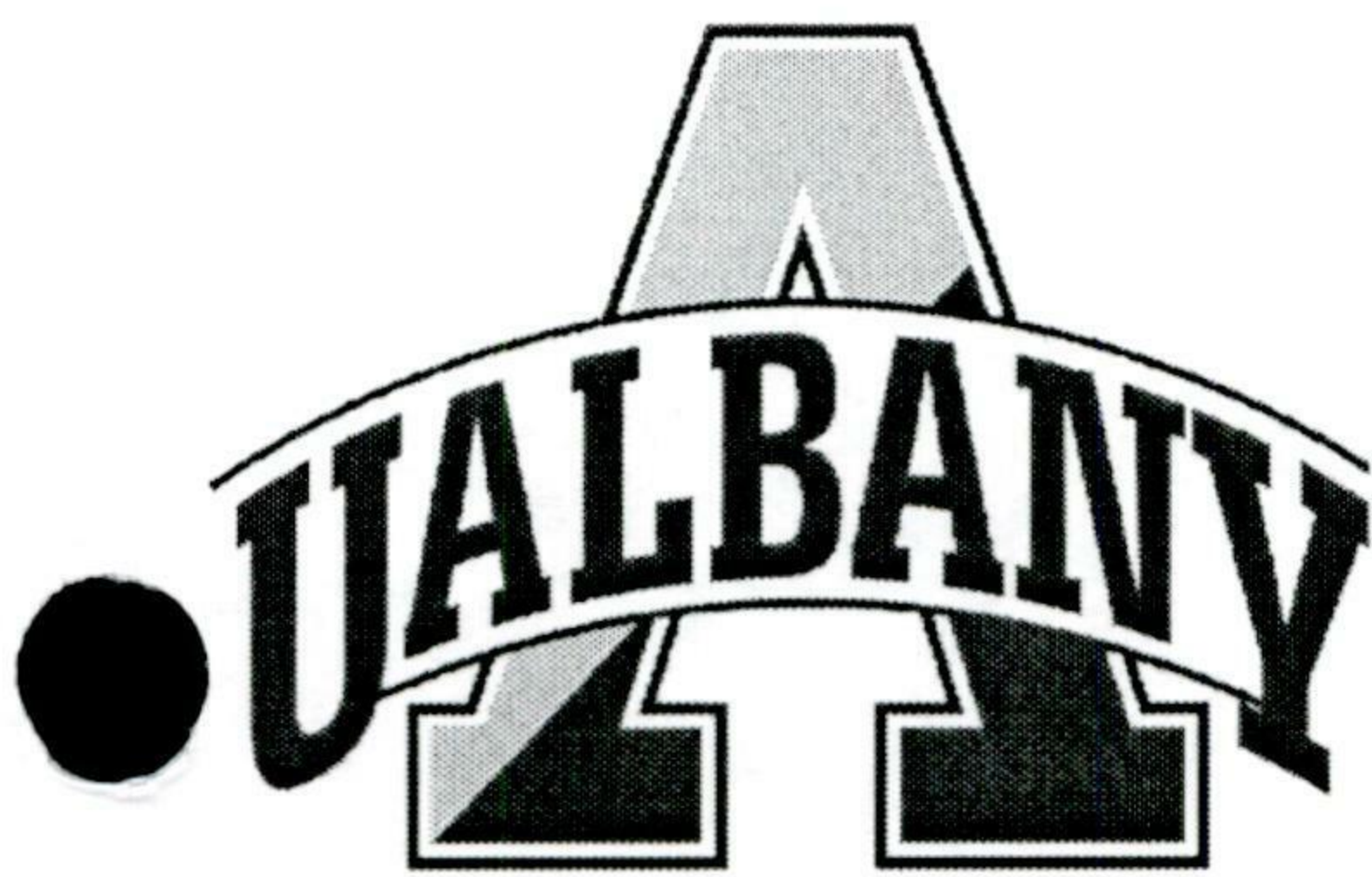
Fordham 5, UAlbany 2

Singles:

1. Ellenoira Featherston (FU) def. Courtney Michels, 6-1, 6-2.
2. Christina Papa (FU) def. Christina Suarez, 6-3, 6-2.
3. Doina Sandor (FU) def. Aimee Kern, 6-0, 6-1.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Danielle Springer, 6-1, 6-1.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Lisa Vulin, 6-0, 6-4.
6. Elizabeth Murray (FU) def. Kyle Steller, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Doubles:

1. Papa/Featherston (FU) def. Michels/Kern, 8-5.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) def. Springer/Sandor, 9-7.
3. Vulin/Murray (FU) def. Suarez/Steller, 9-7.



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NEW HAMPSHIRE STOPS UALBANY, 68-48, IN AMERICA EAST QUARTERFINALS

West Hartford, Conn. – **Danielle Clark** scored 17 points and **Kate Dillon** added a career-high 14 to lead New Hampshire to a 68-48 victory over UAlbany in the quarterfinal round of the America East Conference Tournament on Thursday evening at the University of Hartford's Chase Arena at Reich Family Pavilion.

New Hampshire (15-13) advances to face Hartford, the No. 2 seed, in Friday's second semifinal. Boston University, who knocked off the tournament's top seed and conference regular-season champion Maine, 63-51, earlier in the day, and Vermont are paired in the other semifinal.

UAlbany (14-14) went ahead 19-17 when **Jen Schumacher** buried a three-point field goal. The contest featured seven lead changes and two ties over the opening 13 minutes. But the Wildcats tallied 20 of the game's next 24 points to take control.

Clark, a 6-foot sophomore, ignited the run with six straight points. She gave her team the lead for good with a steal and layup and followed by scoring in the middle of UAlbany's zone defense. **Kelley Haines** canned a three-pointer from the right wing for a 26-19 advantage.

New Hampshire, the tournament's third seed, held the Great Danes without a field goal for the rest of the period en route to a 37-23 halftime advantage. Sophomore guard **Whitney Edwards** had seven of her 14 points in the final four minutes of the stanza. Edwards made one of her six steals and hit a layup that pushed the lead to double figures.

In the second half, the Great Danes trimmed the deficit to 44-36 with 11:43 remaining, when **Danielle Hutcheson** followed Alicia Learn's missed jumper in the lane. But UNH pulled away with a 10-2 spurt. Dillon, who had eight markers in that outburst, led off the run with a baseline jumper and basket in the lane.

"We had too many turnovers, especially in the first half," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team committed 24 miscues handling the ball and shot 39.1 percent from the field. "Their pressure hurt us. They smothered (Danielle) Hutcheson in the paint, and answered our runs with big shots. As a team, we did not play like it was our last game."

Lindsay Adams, a third-team all-conference forward, was the fourth UNH player in double digits with 11 points, as the Wildcats moved on to the semifinal round for the first time in two years. Schumacher led the Great Danes with 15 points, while Learn scored 11. Schumacher made three 3-pointers to set the America East single-season record with 80.

"I didn't perform the way I wanted," commented Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 senior who was held well below her season average with five points and 10 rebounds. "I didn't get the ball where I wanted it. I don't care if I score, but I know it's my job. Tonight that was taken away from me."



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WOMEN'S LACROSSE FALLS TO NO. 10 DARTMOUTH IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

Hanover, N.H. – **Casey Hazel** led three Dartmouth players with three goals apiece, as the 10th-ranked Big Green defeated UAlbany, 17-3, in non-conference women's lacrosse action on Thursday, March 10 at Scully-Fahey Field.

Kristen Barry and Hazel both scored in the first minute of play to start Dartmouth's dominance. Hazel added two more tallies in the opening half, helping the Big Green build an eight-goal lead. UAlbany (1-4) got on the board on a free-position goal by **Kate Fontana** with 4:14 remaining. Dartmouth's **Whitney Douthett** scored the second of her two tallies with seven seconds left to give the Big Green a 9-1 advantage at the half.

The Great Danes' **Courtney Hill** started the second stanza by scoring on a free-position shot with less than one minute elapsed. Dartmouth (2-0) then rattled off seven unanswered goals, including two by **Katieanne Christian**, who, along with Hazel and Barry, recorded hat tricks for the Big Green.

UAlbany's **Kim Reny** netted her team's final goal of the day off a free-position situation at the 7:54 mark, before Dartmouth's **Jen Pittman** closed out the scoring five minutes later off an assist from **Annie Leibovitz**.

Goalkeepers **Devon Wills** and **Kelly Roy** combined to make six saves for the Big Green. **Jen Daly** stopped 12 shots for the Great Danes, who faced their third consecutive national top-20 team.

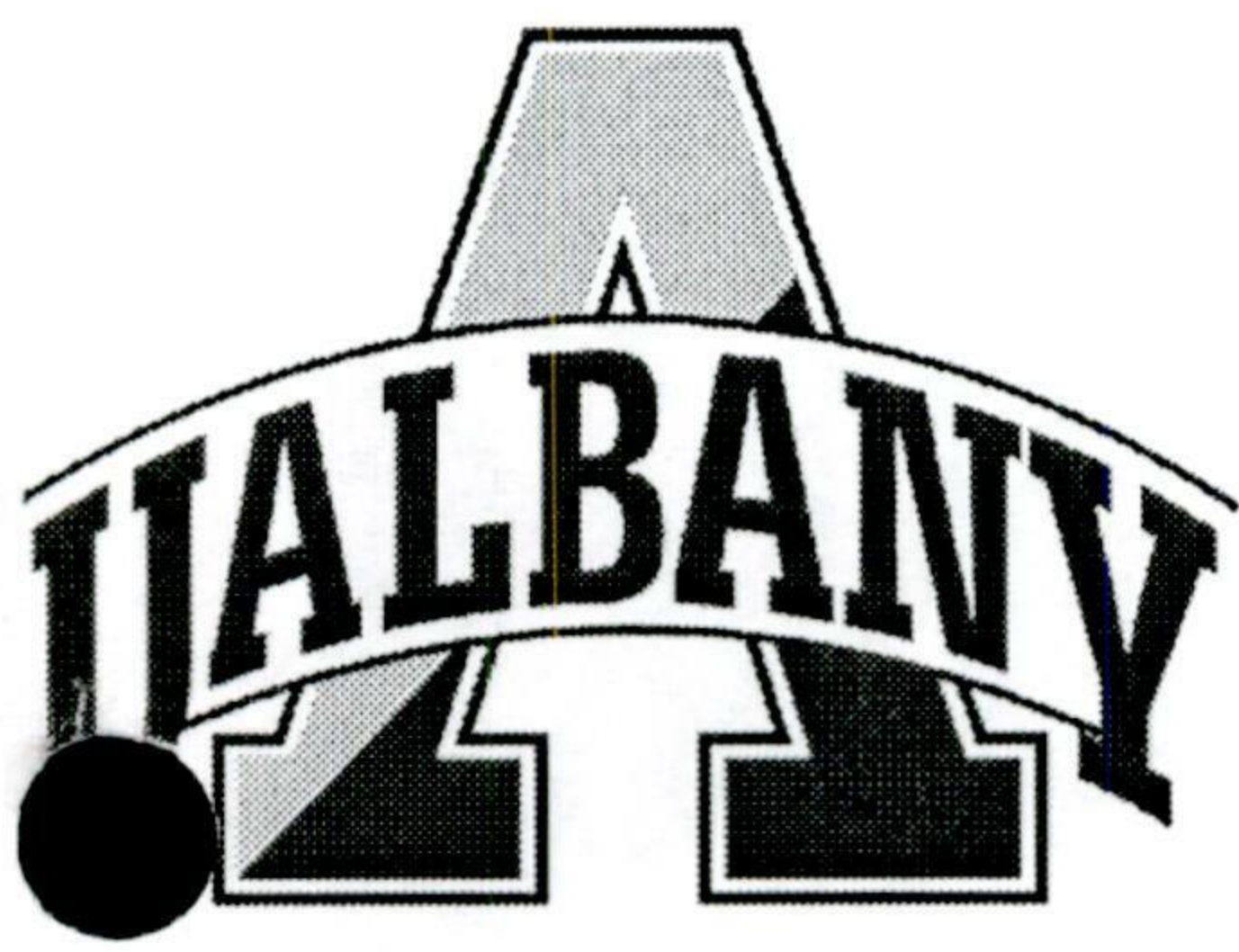
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Dartmouth (2-0)	9	8	-	17
UAlbany (1-4)	1	2	-	3

Dartmouth – Scoring: Katieanne Christian (3-2), Casey Hazel (3-1), Kristen Barry (3-0), Annie Leibovitz (2-1), Whitney Douthett (2-1), Jen Pittman (1-1), Kristen Zimmer (1-0), Leah Skypeck (1-0), Sarah Szefi (1-0), Erin Osborn (0-2), Margo Duke (0-1); Goalkeeper: Devon Wills (40:00, 4 saves, 2 GA), Kelly Roy (20:00, 2 saves, 1 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Kim Reny (1-0), Kate Fontana (1-0), Courtney Hill (1-0); Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 12 saves, 17 GA).

MEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULE CHANGE: Due to the weather forecast and possible poor field conditions, UAlbany's men's lacrosse game with Delaware on Saturday, March 12, originally scheduled for Rensselaer's Harkness Field, has been moved to Delaware's Rullo Stadium. Game time is 1:00 p.m. in Newark, Del.



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UALBANY WOMEN'S GOLF FOURTH AT FAIRFIELD SPRING INVITATIONAL

Myrtle Beach, S.C. – UAlbany's **Anne Lyons** shot rounds of 85 and 87 to lead the UAlbany women's golf team to a fourth-place finish at the Fairfield Spring Invitational, held at Heather Glen Golf Links and Possum Trot Golf Club.

Lyons final round of 87 gave her a two-day total of 172 to finish seventh in the individual standings. **Veronica Lopes** of Long Island was the individual champion, finishing with a 36-hole score of 159 (76-83).

Jill Friedman was second for the Great Danes, shooting 88 at Heather Glen, followed by an 85 at Possum Trot for a total score of 173. **Diane Onofry** had a two-round total of 178 (92-86), followed by **Maggie Taylert** (91-90—181) and **Lauren Bruce** (95-88—183).

Long Island won the team championship with a score of 663 (332-331). Charleston Southern was second (350-344—694) with the host team Fairfield in third (351-348—699). Bellarmine (Ky.) was fifth in the team standings with a two-day score of 769.

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Fairfield Invitational

(Heather Glen Golf Links & Possum Trot Golf Club – Myrtle Beach, S.C.)

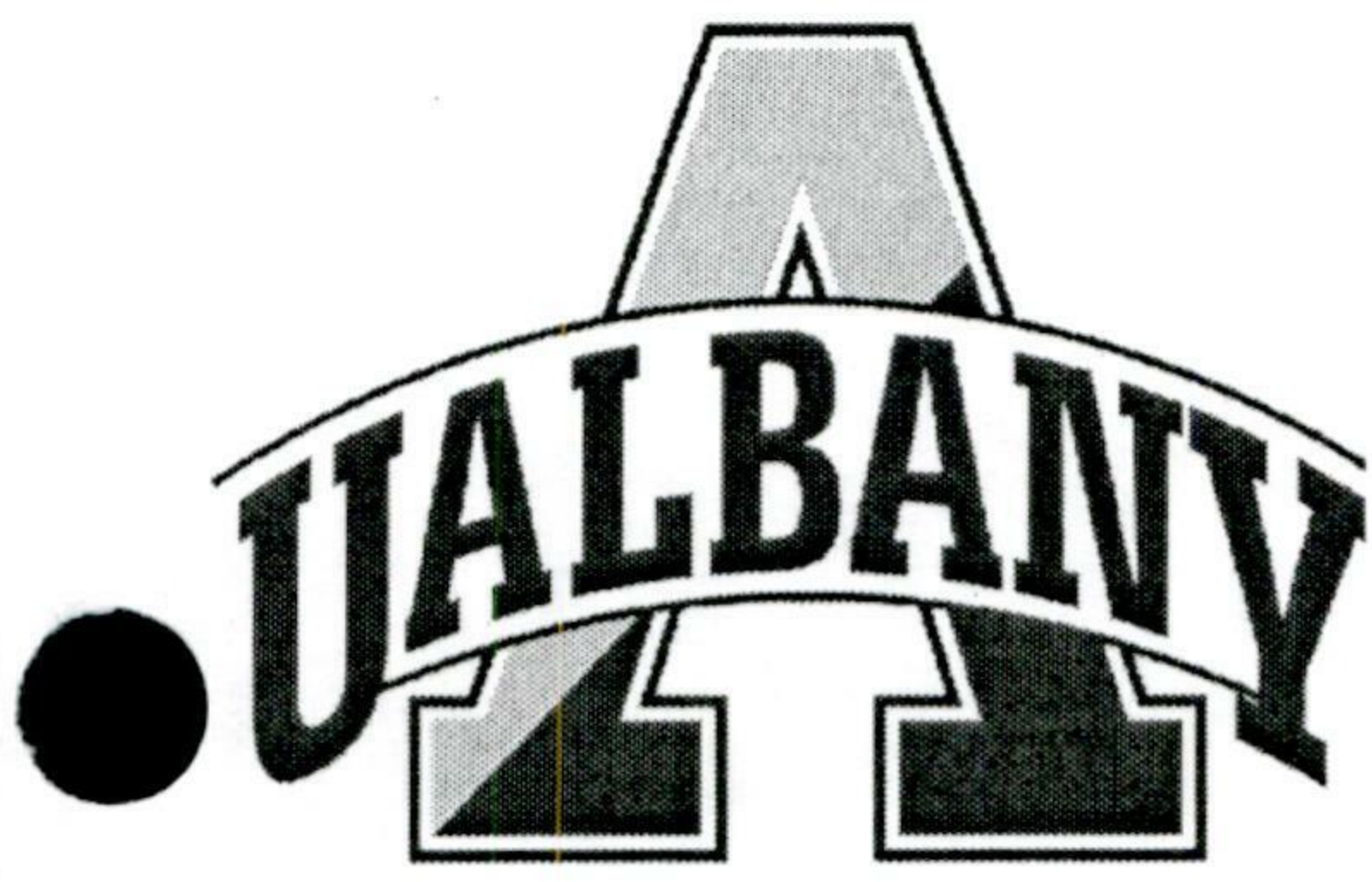
TEAM: 1. Long Island 332-331—663, 2. Charleston Southern 350-344—694, 3. Fairfield 351-348—699, **4. UAlbany 356-346—702**, 5. Bellarmine (Ky.) 769.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Veronica Lopes, Long Island, 76-83—159.

UALBANY SCORES

Anne Lyons 85-87—172, Jill Friedman 88-85—173, Diane Onofry 92-86—178, Maggie Taylert 91-90—181, Lauren Bruce 95-88—183.



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DANIELLE HUTCHESON NAMED TO ALL-AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Danielle Hutcheson** has been named to the 2005 All-America East Conference first team, as announced by the conference office on Wednesday. Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 center, earned first-team accolades for the second consecutive season.

Hutcheson, who was a unanimous preseason all-conference selection, ranks fourth among the America East scoring leaders at 15.2 points per game. The UAlbany center leads the conference in rebounding (9.9 pg) and blocked shots (1.6 pg). Hutcheson has recorded 11 double-doubles this season, including eight in her last 10 games.

Hutcheson, who became UAlbany's all-time rebounding leader this winter, is the only player in the program's history to combine for 1,000 points and 900 rebounds. The Great Danes' co-captain is presently second in career scoring with 1,391 points. Hutcheson, who has 966 rebounds as a collegian, also ranks as the third-best shot-blocker with 126 in her career.

UAlbany (14-13, AE 9-9) enters this week's America East postseason tournament as the sixth seed. The Great Danes will meet third-seeded New Hampshire in the quarterfinal round on Thursday, March 10 at 8:30 p.m. in West Hartford, Conn.

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2005 America East Women's Basketball All-Conference Teams

First Team -- Kim Corbitt (Maine), Danielle Hutcheson (UAlbany), Rachel Laws (Binghamton), Missy Traversi (Maine), Maralene Zwarich (Northeastern).

Second Team -- Lani Boardman (Vermont), Mykeema Ford (Stony Brook), Erika Messam (Hartford), Adrienne Norris (Boston U.), Jessica Smith (Stony Brook).

Third Team -- Lindsay Adams (New Hampshire), Bracey Barker (Maine), Matea Pender (UMBC), Rachael Vanderwal (Boston U.), Ikea Witt (Hartford).

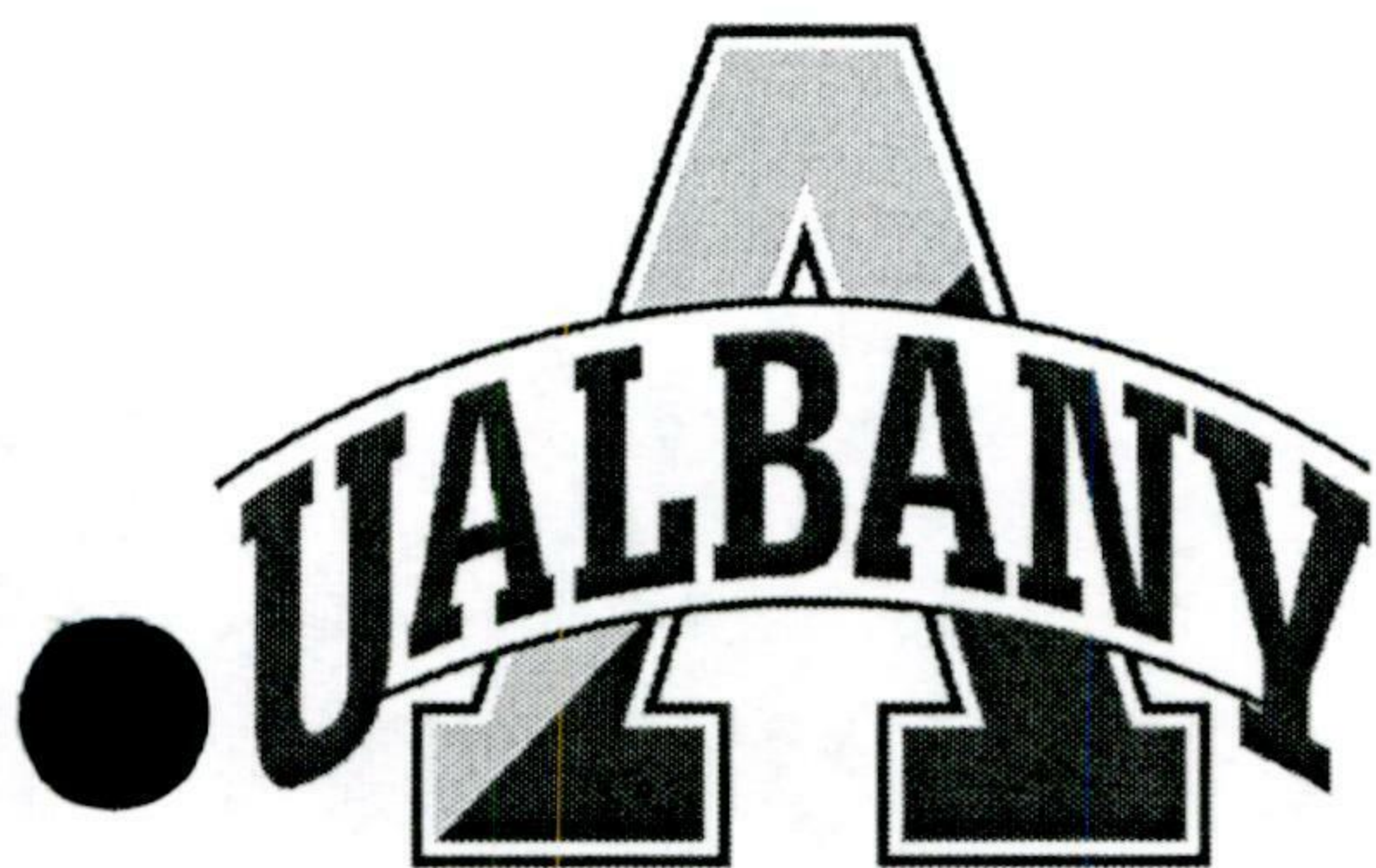
All-Rookie Team -- Alexis Castro (Vermont), Danielle Hood (Hartford), Dana Ferraro (Stony Brook), Laura Sario (Binghamton), Shaleyse Smallwood (Northeastern).

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Defensive Player of the Year – Kim Corbitt (Maine)

Rookie of the Year – Shaleyse Smallwood (Northeastern)

Coach of the Year – Sharon Versyp (Maine)



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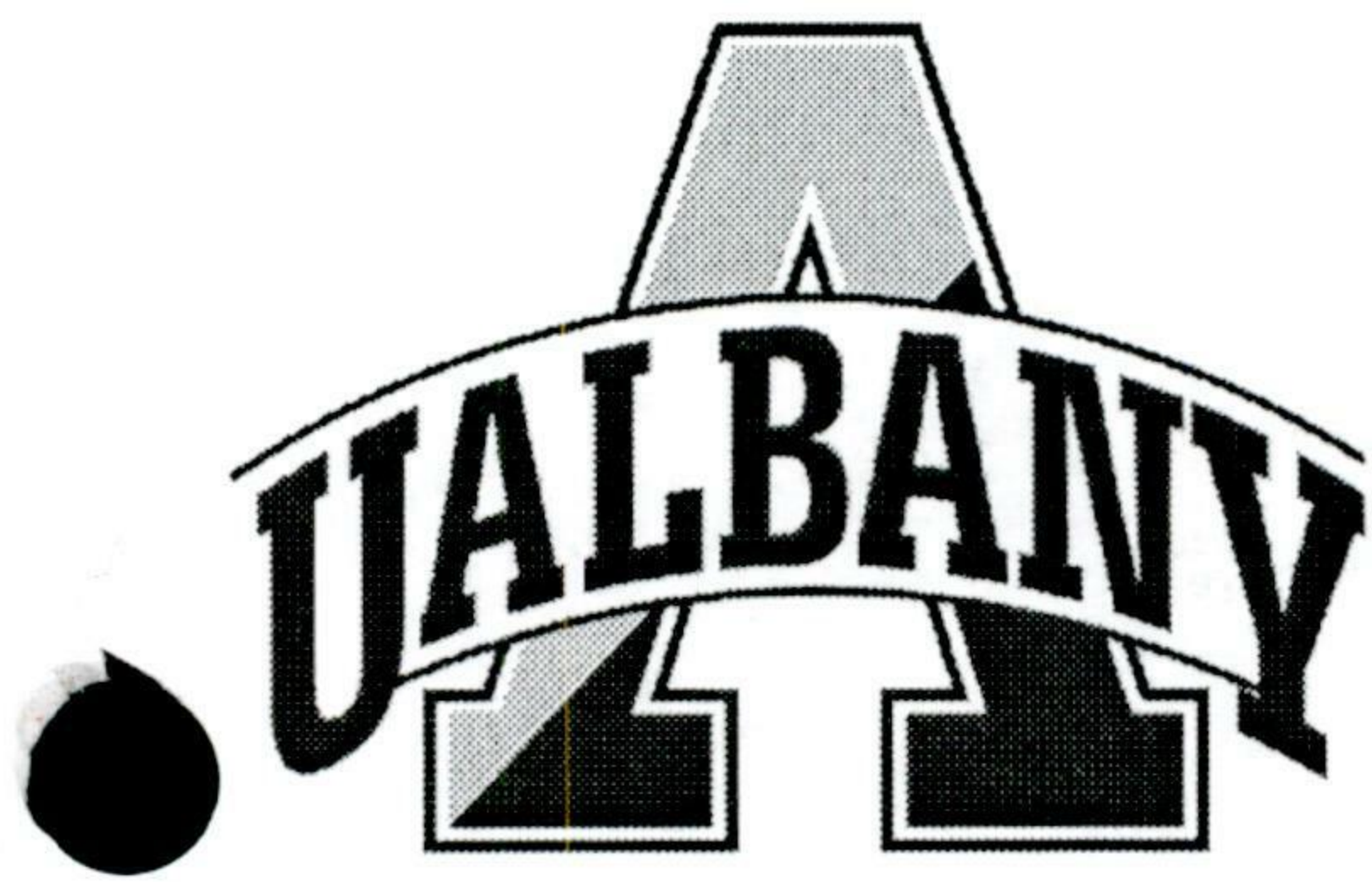
MERRICK THOMSON NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Merrick Thomson (Albany Academy) has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse. Thomson, a sophomore midfielder, totaled four goals and one assist in last Sunday's season-opening 10-8 victory over Providence.

Thomson, the 2004 America East Rookie of the Year, tallied five-plus points in a game for the sixth time in his career. He gave his team a 9-7 lead with 9:26 remaining in the fourth quarter, when he converted a pass from Luke Daquino in transition following an interception in the defensive zone.

Thomson, who established the school's freshman single-season record with 47 goals last year, ranked second in goals (2.94 pg) and 10th in scoring (3.69 ppg) among the NCAA Division I leaders.

The Great Danes, who have captured back-to-back America East Conference championships, won their season opener for the third consecutive year.



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UALBANY DEFEATS PROVIDENCE 10-8 IN SEASON-OPENING CONTEST

Amherst, Mass. – **Merrick Thomson** (Albany Academy) had four goals and one assist, as UAlbany won its season opener with a 10-8 victory over Providence on Sunday afternoon at the University of Massachusetts' Garber Field.

Providence (0-3) rallied from an 8-4 deficit with three consecutive goals to begin the fourth quarter. **Henry Pynchon** scored inside the left post on an isolation play, before **Dan Giuntini** netted his second goal of the game on a drive from the left side.

UAlbany (1-0) regrouped with a pair of goals over the next four minutes. **Luke Daquino**, who had one goal and two assists, intercepted a pass near midfield and fed Thomson in transition. **Chris Martocchia** raced around the cage and found the net from the left for a 10-7 lead with 5:24 remaining.

The Great Danes, who won their opening game for the third consecutive year, snapped a 1-1 tie in the second quarter with five unanswered goals. Freshman **Jordan Levine** won a faceoff and found Martocchia to begin the outburst. **Frank Resetarits**, a sophomore midfielder, later tallied back-to-back goals, before Daquino finished off a fastbreak that originated with goalkeeper **Kevin Rae's** save.

The Friars, who captured last year's Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title, would eventually get back into the contest in the third period. **Mark Dillon** fired in a 15-yard shot from the top to complete a three-goal run and close the gap to 6-4 with 6:09 left in the stanza.

"We knew their longpoles carry the ball, so it was just the perfect time to make a play," said Daquino, about his interception that led to a key final-period goal. "We know we have some things to work on, but nothing that can't be improved."

Rae, who led UAlbany to its second consecutive America East Conference championship last spring, finished with eight saves. Resatarits totaled three goals, the fifth time in his career he has accomplished that feat. **Andrew McMinn** stopped eight shots for the Friars, who had opened the season with a loss to national runner-up Navy and a one-goal defeat to Holy Cross.

UAlbany (1-0)	0	6	2	2	-	10
Providence (0-3)	0	2	2	4	-	8

UAlbany: Scoring – Merrick Thomson (4-1), Frank Resetarits (3-0), Chris Martocchia (2-0), Luke Daquino (1-2), Jordan Levine (0-2), Steve Ammann (0-1), Mike Ammann (0-1).
Goalkeeper: Kevin Rae (60:00, 8 saves, 8 GA).

Providence: Scoring – Henry Pynchon (2-0), Dan Giuntini (2-0), Brendan Ryan (1-2), Sean Kirwan (1-0), Mark Dillon (1-0), Jonathan Hollister (1-0), Mark Bundra (0-1).
Goalkeeper: Andrew McMinn (60:00, 8 saves, 10 GA).

UALBANY WOMEN'S TENNIS DEFEATS HARTFORD, 6-1, FOR FOURTH WIN

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany captured five singles matches en route to a 6-1 defeat of Hartford on Sunday afternoon in the UAlbany Bubble.

Christina Suarez and **Aimee Kern** notched straight-set victories at No. 2 and No. 3 singles for the Great Danes. **Amanda Hall** picked up her team-leading sixth win of the spring season with a 6-0, 6-4 decision over **Halley Werner** at No. 4. **Amanda Brown** posted a three-set win at No. 6 in her first action of the spring season.

UAlbany (4-3) swept the doubles play, with Hall and Westcott improving to 7-0 during the spring season.

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UAlbany 6, Hartford 1

Singles:

1. Ana Mora (UH) def. Courtney Michels, 7-5, 6-4.
2. Christina Suarez (UA) def. Lauren Perry, 6-4, 6-2.
3. Aimee Kern (UA) def. Raquel Casino, 6-3, 6-1.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Halley Werner, 6-0, 6-4.
5. Kim Westcott (UA) def. Amanda Lipsky, 6-1, 6-0.
6. Amanda Brown (UA) def. Risa Abraham, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles:

1. Michels/Kern (UA) def. Mora/Perry, 8-4.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) def. Werner/Lipsky, 8-1.
3. Suarez/Steller (UA) def. Casino/Abraham, 8-2.

GERED BURNS REPEATS AS IC4A CHAMPION IN 800-METER RUN

Boston, Mass. – **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) successfully defended his IC4A Championship in the 800-meter run at the 2005 championships, held at Boston University's Track and Tennis Center on Sunday, March 6.

Burns, who finished fourth in the preliminaries on Saturday, came back with a performance of 1:50.81 to become the first UAlbany track and field athlete to win back-to-back IC4A titles.

Dale Hopkinson competed in the semi-finals of the 55-meter hurdles, finishing 13th overall with a time of 7.63 seconds.

At the women's ECAC Championship meet, freshman **Arina Gerasimova** placed 11th in the triple jump, posting a distance of 38-feet, 4.75-inches.

UALBANY DROPS FINAL CONTEST OF SERIES AT NORTH CAROLINA A&T

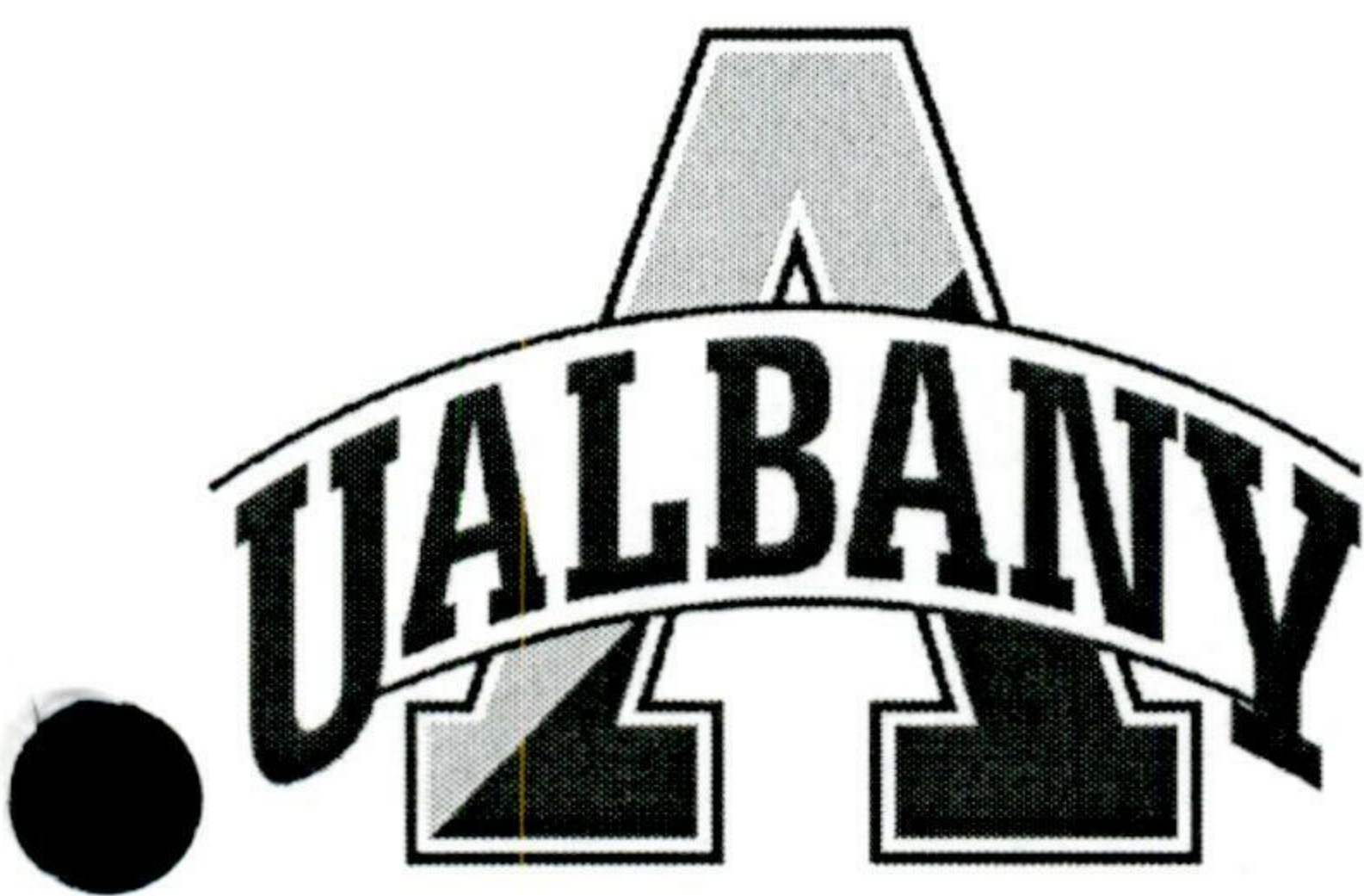
Greensboro, N.C. – **Neil Rosser** hit a walk-off double in the bottom of the ninth inning to lead North Carolina A&T to a 4-3 win over UAlbany in the final contest of a three-game series at War Memorial Stadium on Sunday, March 6.

Shelby Payne, who reached first after being hit by a pitch from Great Dane closer **Shawn Ryan**, stole second, setting the stage for Rosser's hit, which came with two outs on the board. Ryan delivered a 1-0 fastball, which Rosser drove to left center field, sending Payne to home with the winning run.

UAlbany tied the game, 3-3, in the top of the ninth. **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich) led off with a single, followed by a single by **Leo Corvino** (Columbia). Vallone scored and Corvino moved to second when Payne bobbled the ball in the outfield. Aggie pitcher **John Primus**, who pitched a complete game, had the count to 2-2 on **Steve Sayre** (Columbia), who drove the ball down the left field line, sending the tying run to the plate. Primus followed with a strikeout of **Tom Hill**.

North Carolina A&T (5-10) scored their first three runs in the top of the fourth, both on errors from the UAlbany infield.

UAlbany (1-2) will return to action on Friday, March 11 at Hofstra at 3 p.m.



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UALBANY SEEDED SIXTH IN AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – Maine captured its third-straight America East Conference regular-season title and earned the No. 1 seed for the 2005 Friendship Cottage Cheese America East Women's Basketball Championship. The Black Bears, who finished 20-8 and 16-2 in conference play, will be looking to repeat as tournament championships and earn the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The America East tournament will be played in the Chase Arena at the Reich Family Pavilion, with the first-round games beginning on Wednesday, March 9. The quarterfinals and semifinals are scheduled for March 10 and 11, with the championship slated for Saturday, March 12 at 4:00 p.m.

UAlbany (14-13, AE 9-9) is the sixth seed for the tournament and will face third-seeded New Hampshire in a quarterfinal contest on Thursday, March 10 at 8:30 p.m. The Wildcats won both meetings this season, a 53-43 decision in Durham and a 71-61 victory at the RACC.

Senior center **Danielle Hutcherson** sits among the America East scoring leaders with 15.2 points per game, and she ranks first in rebounding (9.9 pg) and blocked shots (1.6 pg). Junior guard **Jen Schumacher**, who paced all America East players with 74 three-pointers, averages 12.4 points. Senior forwards **Maree Jones** (11.5 ppg) and **Alicia Learn** (10.0 ppg) are also averaging twin figures for the Great Danes.

New Hampshire (14-13, AE 10-8) enters the tournament having won two of its last three games. **Lindsay Adams**, a 5-foot-11 senior guard, paces the Wildcat offense with 11.4 points per game, while sophomore forward **Danielle Clark** chips in 9.8 points.

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2005 Friendship Cottage Cheese America East Women's Basketball Championship

(Chase Arena at Reich Family Pavilion, Hartford, Conn.)

Wednesday, March 9

Game #1 - #8 Boston U. (12-15, 7-11) vs. #9 Stony Brook (8-19, 6-12), 6:00 p.m.

Game #2 - #7 Northeastern ((13-14, 8-10) vs. #10 UMBC (8-19, 3-15), 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 10

Game #3 - #4 Vermont (13-14, 9-9) vs. #5 Binghamton (10-17, 9-9), 12:00 p.m.

Game #4 - #1 Maine (20-8, 16-2) vs. Game 1 winner, 2:30 p.m.

Game #5 - #2 Hartford (19-8, 13-5) vs. Game 2 winner, 6:00 p.m.

Game #6 - #3 New Hampshire (14-13, 10-8) vs. #6 UAlbany (14-13, 9-9), 8:30 p.m.

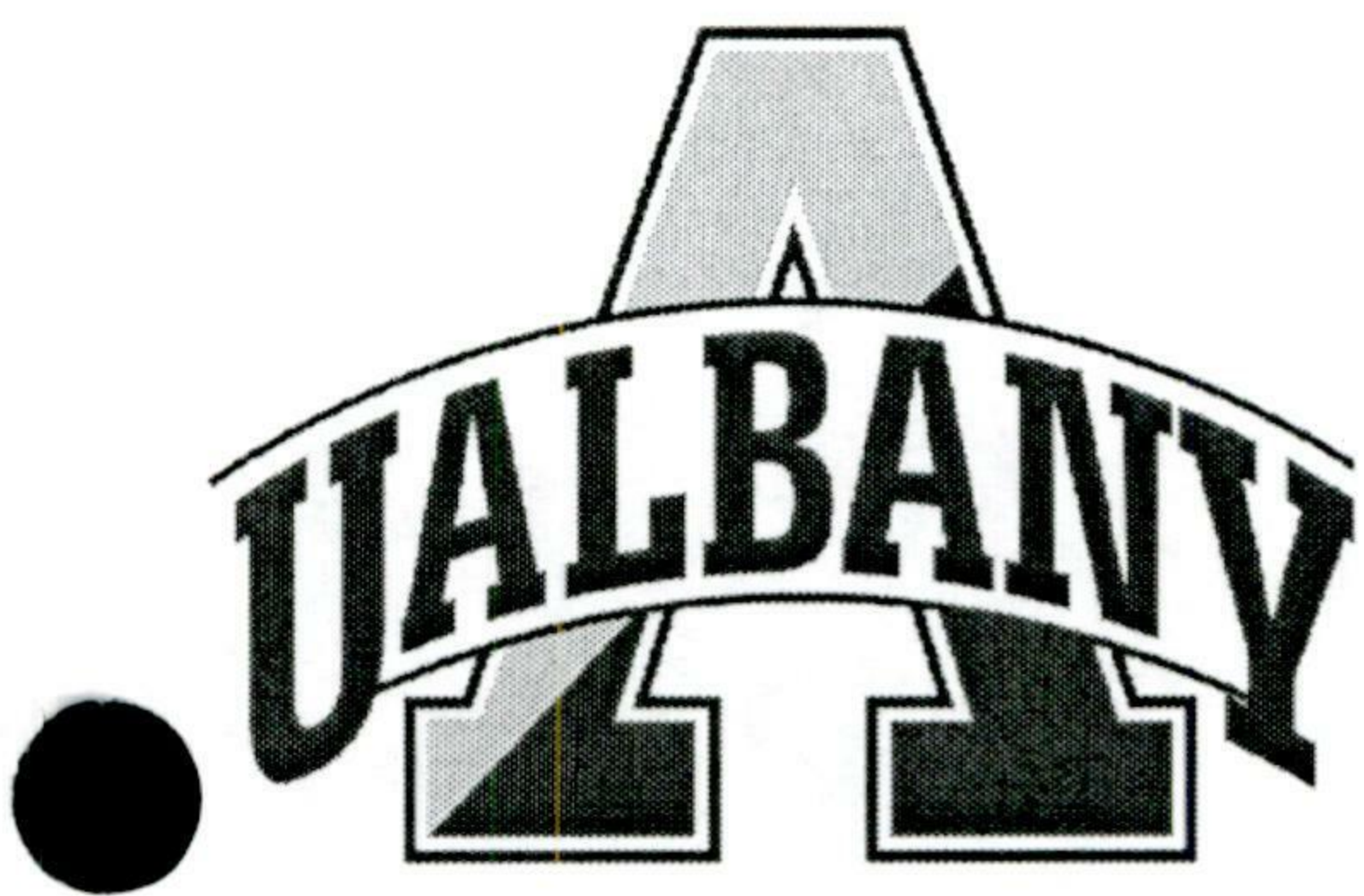
Friday, March 11

Game #7 – Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6:00 p.m.

Game #8 – Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 12 - Championship

Game #9 – Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 4:00 p.m.



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BINGHAMTON UPENDS UALBANY IN AMERICA EAST QUARTERFINAL ROUND

Vestal, N.Y. – Troy Hailey scored 19 points and Andre Heard added 18 in leading Binghamton to a 76-70 victory over UAlbany in the quarterfinal round of the America East Conference Tournament on Saturday, March 5 before 5,222 fans at Binghamton's Events Center.

Binghamton (12-16) built a 46-31 lead with 14:09 remaining, when Heard canned a three-point field goal from the left corner. The Bearcats, who won their fifth straight on home hardwood, made 10-of-26 from three-point range.

UAlbany (13-15) would still trail by as much as 12 points with less than four minutes remaining, before staging a late rally. Lucious Jordan, who had 11 of his 13 points in the second half, buried a 3-point to slice the deficit to 67-60. The Great Danes got even closer when Aquawasi St. Hillaire sank a pair of foul shots to make it a 73-70 contest with eight seconds left.

However, Binghamton stayed ahead, as Heard split a pair of free throws and UAlbany turned the ball over on its next possession. The Bearcats, who converted 26-of-40 from the line, moved on to meet top seed Vermont, a 76-61 winner over UMBC, in the semifinal round.

In the first half, Binghamton led 24-22, before reeling off eight straight points to take command. Alex Adediran, a 6-foot-8 senior who had nine points and seven rebounds, hit a layup to start the run. Hailey, who tallied 11 of his scoring total in the opening period, completed the spurt by drilling a 3-pointer from the left wing. The Bearcats led 34-26 at the intermission.

"It's always been a tough match-up for us," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team is winless in four trips to the America East postseason tournament. "We're a skilled, finesse team, and they're a grind-it-out, beat-you-up team. They really shot the ball well, especially in the first half. They made three-pointers that were open, contested and just beat the shot clock."

Sebastian Hermenier was the third Binghamton player in double figures with 13 points and seven rebounds. Brent Wilson, a 6-foot-8 freshman, had a career-high 18 points and added eight rebounds for UAlbany off the bench. Jamar Wilson added 13 points and four assists.

"I'll be honest I had a lot of trouble finding the openings," said Wilson, a sophomore guard who was just 4-of-12 from the floor. "Their team is very aggressive on defense. They just did what they needed to do to win the game. They made shots, and that's what it is all about at this level."



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NORTH CAROLINA A&T ROLLS OVER UALBANY, 14-5 IN SECOND GAME OF SERIES

Greensboro, N.C. – **Jeremy Jones** had four hits as North Carolina A&T posted a seven-run first inning en route to a 14-5 victory over UAlbany at War Memorial Stadium on Saturday, March 5 in the second of a three-game series.

Nick Murphy (Christian Brothers Academy), who faced only six batters to start the game, allowed five hits and six earned runs in his time on the mound before he was replaced by **Jeff Mazzola**. Mazzolla pitched four innings for the Great Danes, striking out five and allowing just four hits.

Jones, who went 4-for-5 with three runs and three RBI, scored in each of the first two innings for the Aggies, who plated 12 runs before UAlbany (1-1) got on the board on a three-run homer by **Justin Meagher** (Colonie).

The Great Danes were able to get another two runs scored in the seventh inning. **Derek DeGrazio** knocked an RBI single to score **Steve Wyland**, while **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich) made it home on a fielding error by the third baseman.

Giorgio Fuda (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and **Casey Walsh** combined for two shut-out innings, striking out two and three, respectively, before **C.J. Fleming** allowed two more runs in the eighth to seal the win for the Aggies.

Ian DeGiorgio got the win for North Carolina A&T (4-10), striking out two and allowing all five of the Great Danes' runs.

The two teams will meet in the rubber match of the series on Sunday at 12 p.m.

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UAlbany (1-1)	000	003	200	-	5	10	0
N.C. A&T (4-10)	722	010	02x	-	14	14	3

Nick Murphy, Jeff Mazzolla (1), Alexander Beaulieu (5), Giorgio Fuda (6), Casey Walsh (7), C.J. Fleming (8), and Fred Estes, Rashad Barksdale, Sean Doyle
Ian DeGiorgio, Clint Summers (7), Eric Neal (8) and Raul Santiago

GERED BURNS ADVANCES TO FINALS OF 800-METER RUN AT IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boston, Mass. – **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) finished fourth in the preliminary round of the 800-meter run at the IC4A Championships on Saturday, March 5 at the Boston University Track and Tennis Center.

Burns posted a time of 1:52.10, which was fast enough to qualify for the finals, set to take place at approximately 12:10 on Sunday.

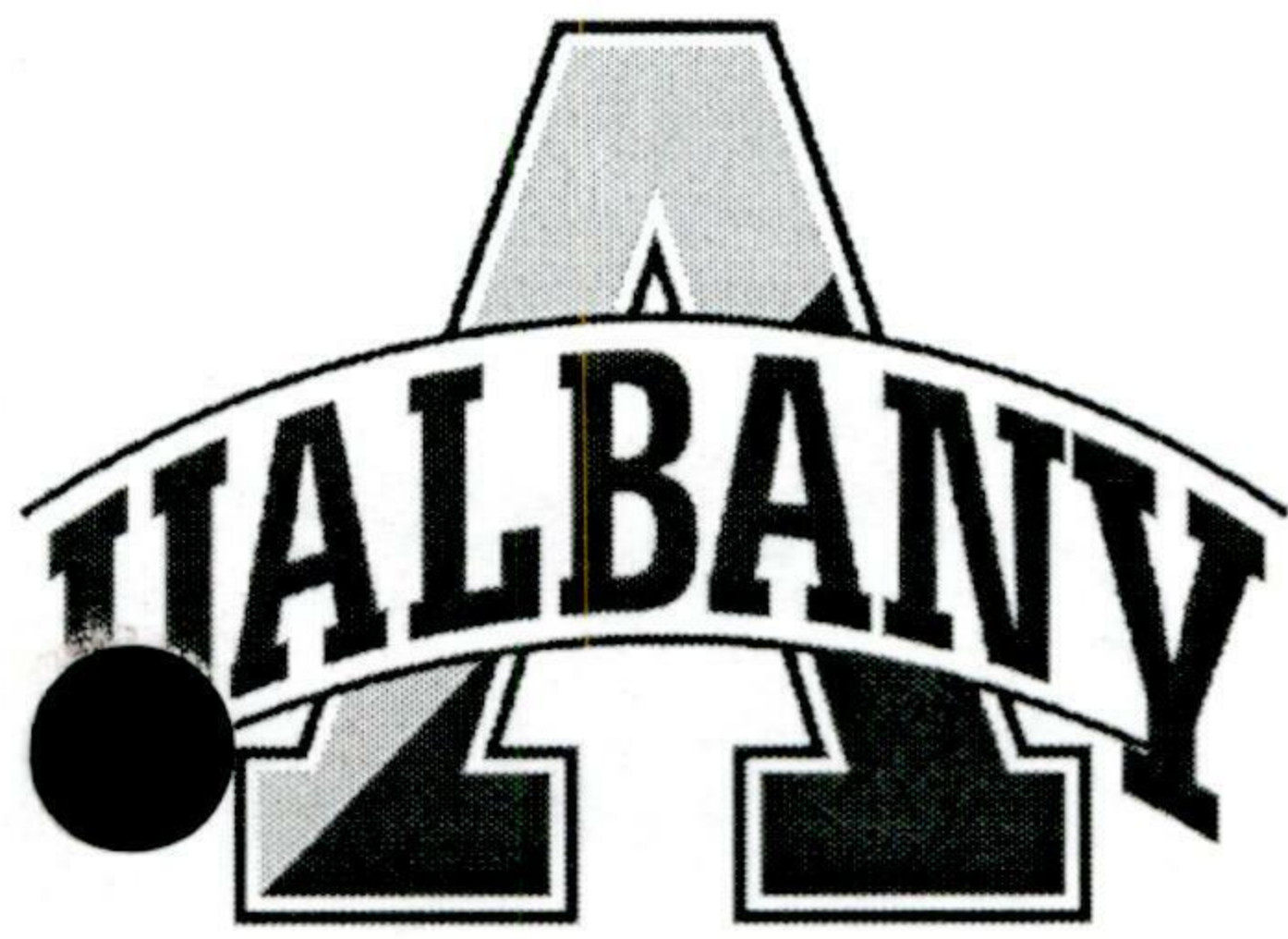
Also qualifying for the finals was **Dale Hopkinson**, who finished 13th in the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 7.66 seconds. **Jonathan Jones** placed fifth overall in the long jump with a distance of 22-feet, 10.5-inches.

Several other Great Danes also competed at the event. **Stephen Evans** and **Tim O'Riley** both competed in the 500-meter dash, finishing 19th and 20th, respectively. Senior **Andy Allstadt**, in his final IC4A competition, placed 21st in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:28.00. **Eric Opuana**, UAlbany's school record holder, recorded a distance of 56-feet, 3-inches in the weight throw to help represent the Great Danes in the field events. **David Parker** competed in the heptathlon, finishing with 2,057 points on the first day of competition.

Three members of the UAlbany women's track and field team competed on the first day of the ECAC Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center on the campus of Northeastern University.

Tequirra Cox finished 17th in the 200-meter dash, posting a time of 25.13 seconds. **Patty Diedrich** was 18th in the 60-meter hurdles (8.94) while **Joy Williams** placed 20th in the shot put with a distance of 41-feet, 3-inches.

The ECAC meet will conclude on Sunday with UAlbany athletes competing in the 3,000-meter run and the 4x800-meter relay.



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HARTFORD DOWNS UALBANY, 50-42, WILL BE SEEDED SIXTH IN THE TOURNAMENT

West Hartford, Conn. – Freshman **Danielle Hood** scored 14 points to lead Hartford to a 50-42 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Saturday afternoon at Chase Arena.

After trailing 22-14 at halftime, UAlbany (14-13, AE 9-9) scored the first nine points of the second period. **Jen Schumacher** netted a three-pointer and made two free throws after a technical foul on Hartford's **Ikea Witt**. **Maree Jones** (Albany) added a jumper and gave the Great Danes their first lead on a hook shot at 14:53.

Hartford (19-8, AE 13-5) reversed the score with a 9-1 run and jumped back out in front 31-24. **Danielle Wexler** drained a three-pointer and **Liz Stich** notched consecutive buckets for the Hawks, who set a program-record with 19 wins. The Great Danes climbed back to 31-28 on back to back jumpers by **Danielle Hutcheson**, who recorded her 11th double-double of the season with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Hood countered with four straight markers as the Hawks rebuilt a 37-31 cushion. **Tanika Thrower** and **Alicia Learn** netted jump shots to bring the Great Danes within 39-35. Hartford's **Jenna Gale** delivered a three-pointer from the top of the key making the score 42-35 with 4:19 to go. The Hawks made 6-of-6 free throws in the final minute.

Schumacher finished with 10 points for the Great Danes, who shot 30 percent from the floor (16-of-53).

UAlbany committed 17 turnovers and made 7-of-19 free throws. Hartford, meanwhile, shot 34 percent (17-of-49) and connected on 14-of-17 foul shots. Stich finished with seven points and 12 rebounds for the Hawks.

"I do think the story (of the game) is missed free throws," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson. "As poorly as we shot, we could have still won." Patterson added with the close of the regular season, "This is part three of our season, the postseason."

The loss makes the Great Danes the number six seed for next week's conference tournament. Final pairings for the conference tournament will be announced by the America East office on Sunday.

UALBANY FALLS TO NO. 18 TOWSON, 12-6, IN WOMEN'S LACROSSE ACTION

Schenectady, N.Y. – **Shannon Witzel** tallied four goals while teammate **Becky Trumbo** recorded five assists to lead No. 18 Towson to a 12-6 victory over UAlbany on Saturday, March 5 at the Turf at the Inn at Union College.

Witzel scored the first goal of the game just 30 seconds into play on an assist from **Beverly Burns**. UAlbany's **Kate Fontana** responded, scoring her first of two tallies at 27:08. The Tigers then rattled off four straight before Fontana could find the back of the net again for the Great Danes, slipping the ball past Towson goalkeeper **Mandy Corry** off a **Kristen Mathias** assist.

Sarah Spillett, who assisted on Fontana's first goal, scored one of her own at 10:21 to pull UAlbany within 5-3 before Towson closed the half with three straight goals. **Amy Middleton** hit the final shot of the first half with just one second remaining on the clock.

Witzel started the second half much like the first, capitalizing on a Trumbo pass just a minute into the period. **Krissy Rajczak** and **Courtney Hill** both hit free position shots within a minute of each other to attempt a Great Dane comeback, but two more Witzel goals sealed the deal for the Tigers (2-0).

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Towson outshot UAlbany 32-18 and held a 38-31 advantage in groundballs.

Mandy Corry finished with six saves for the Tigers, while **Jen Daly** stopped a season-high 14 shots for UAlbany (1-3).

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Towson (2-0)	8	4	-	12
UAlbany (1-3)	3	3	-	6

Towson – Scoring: Shannon Witzel (4-0), Erin Cayea (3-0), Amy Middleton (2-1), Becky Trumbo (1-5), Martha Dwyer (1-0), Katie Mollot (1-0), Beverly Burns (0-1); Goalkeeper: Mandy Corry (60:00, 6 saves, 6 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Sarah Spillett (2-1), Kate Fontana (2-0), Courtney Hill (1-0), Krissy Rajczak (1-0), Kristen Mathias (0-1), Nikki Donohue (0-1), Stacey Brown (0-1); Goalkeeper: Jen Daly (60:00, 14 saves, 12 GA).

NEW HAMPSHIRE DOWNS UALBANY IN WOMEN'S TENNIS, 5-2

Albany, N.Y. – **Megan Breen** swept the first singles match to lead New Hampshire in a 5-2 victory over UAlbany (3-3) on Friday, Mar. 4 in the UAlbany Bubble. The Wildcats won four of five singles matches.

Breen won against **Courtney Michels**, 6-0 and 6-1. New Hampshire's **Jenn Kafferly** and **Jessica Porter** won the second and third singles, respectively, in three sets each. Kafferly topped **Christina Suarez**, while Porter downed **Aimee Kern**. **Amanda Hall** picked up the Great Danes' lone victory over **Lensey Dixon**, 6-4, 6-4.

On the doubles side, Breen and Katterly defeated Michels and Kern, 8-5, in first doubles. UAlbany won in second doubles as Hall and **Kim Westcott** were victorious over **Tiffany Heineman** and Porter, 8-2.

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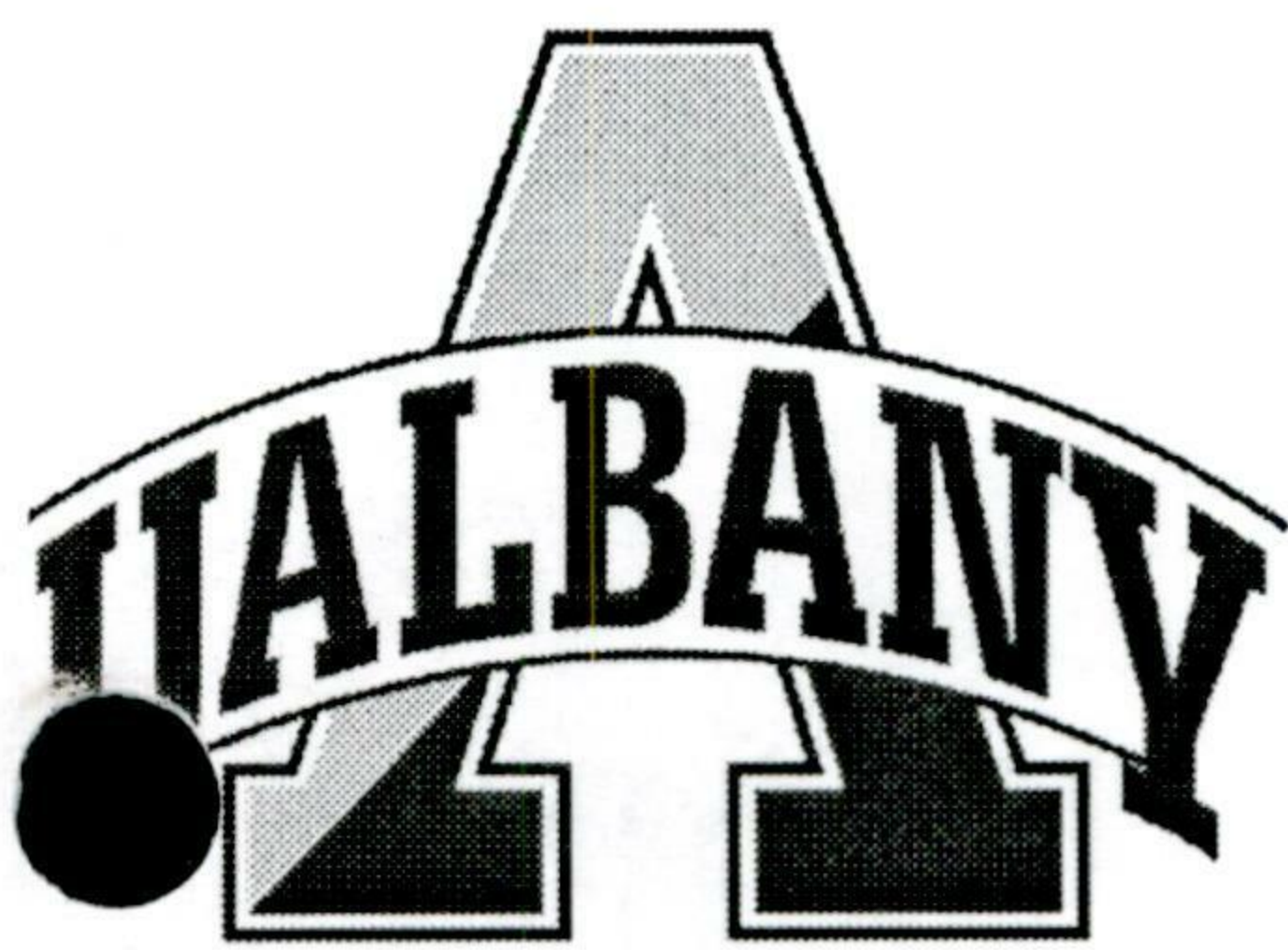
New Hampshire 5, UAlbany 2

Singles:

1. Megan Breen (UNH) def. Courtney Michels (UA), 6-0, 6-1
2. Jenn Kafferly (UNH) def. Christina Suarez (UA), 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3.
3. Jessica Porter (UNH) def. Aimee Kern (UA), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
4. Amanda Hall (UA) def. Lensey Dixon (UNH), 6-4, 6-4.
5. Tiffany Heineman (UNH) def. Kim Westcott (UA), 7-6 (1), 6-2.
6. Surpernant (UNH) def. Kyle Steller (UA), 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles:

1. Breen/Katterly (UNH) def. Kern/Suarez (UA), 8-5.
2. Hall/Westcott (UA) def. Heineman/Porter (UNH), 8-2.
3. Suarez/Steller (UA) def. Dixon/Surpernant (UNH), 8-4.



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UALBANY HOLDS OFF NORTH CAROLINA A&T FOR FIRST WIN OF SEASON

Greensboro, N.C. – **Justin Meagher** (Colonie) recorded three hits, including the go-ahead double in the fifth inning, to lead the UAlbany baseball team to a 7-6 win over North Carolina A&T on Friday afternoon at War Memorial Stadium in the Great Danes season opener.

The win marks the second straight season UAlbany has opened play with a victory. In 2004, UAlbany defeated Evansville, 9-8, in the opener.

Rich Northrup (Shenendehowa) hit a solo home run to right center field early in the third inning before **Derek DeGrazio** knocked a base hit up the middle to send **Leo Corvino** in to score. N.C. A&T (3-10) took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the third, but UAlbany powered back with a three-run fifth inning, on hits by DeGrazio and Meagher, to regain the lead.

The Great Danes tacked on another run in the sixth before the Aggies attempted a comeback, posting two runs in the seventh to make it a 6-5 game. An insurance run in the top of the ninth closed out scoring for UAlbany while N.C. A&T could only muster one in the final inning against Great Dane closer **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater), who earned his first save.

Starting pitcher **Ethan Vaiana** went six innings for the Great Danes, striking out four and allowing just three earned runs. **Mark Suchowiecki** threw one inning of relief for UAlbany, while **Roman Dubiel** also saw action on the mound.

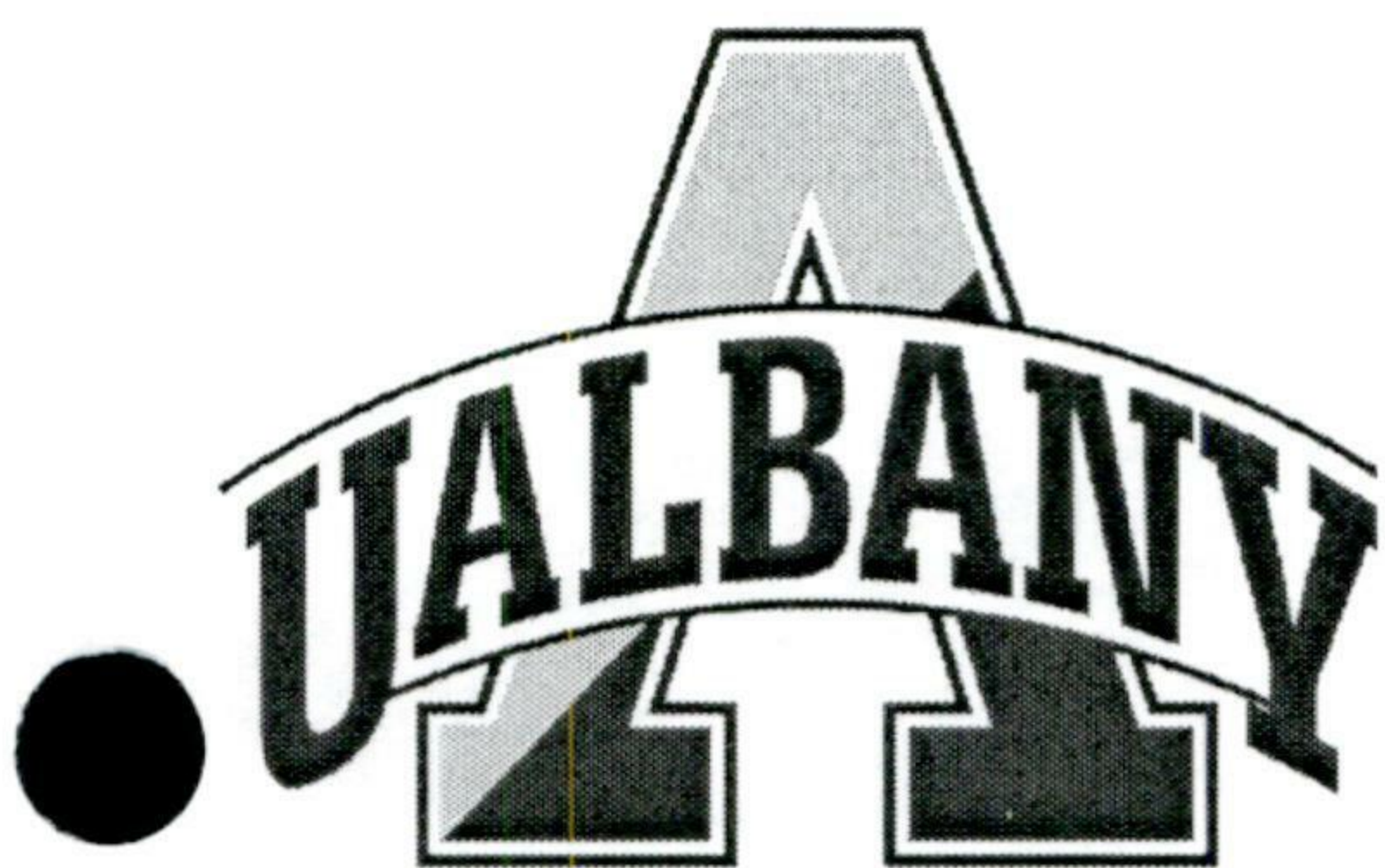
Michael Hauff got the loss for the Aggies, who left 11 men on base and committed three errors.

UAlbany (1-0) will return to action on Saturday, facing off against the Aggies at 12 p.m.

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UAlbany (1-0)	002	031	001	-	7	12	0
N.C. A&T (3-10)	003	000	201	-	6	12	3

Ethan Vaiana, Mark Suchowiecki (7), Roman Dubiel (8), Shawn Ryan (8) and Tom Hill
Michael Hauff, Clint Summers (9), Eric Neal (9) and Neil Rosser



WILSON & JORDAN ON ALL-AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TEAM Freshman Brent Wilson Voted to America East All-Rookie Squad

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jamar Wilson** and **Lucious Jordan** have been voted to 2005 America East All-Conference Men's Basketball Team, as announced today by the league office. Wilson and Jordan were both second-team all-conference selections.

Wilson, who earned All-America East recognition for the second time in his career, is fourth among the conference leaders in scoring (17.0 ppg) and assists (4.2 pg). He has a 27-game, double-figure scoring streak, and has netted 20-plus points on eight occasions this season. The 6-foot-1 sophomore adds 3.1 rebounds and 1.3 steals per game. Wilson, the 2003 America East Rookie of the Year, returned to the floor this year after missing most of last season with a fractured right patella. He needs 36 points to become the 27th player in school history to reach the 1,000-career mark.

Jordan, a Loyola, Md. transfer, is eighth among the America East scoring leaders at 14.8 points per game. He scored in double figures in 23 of 27 games this season, including a career-high 30 against Sacred Heart. Jordan, a 6'2" junior who has 1,135 points as a collegian, also averaged 5.0 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.5 steals.

Freshman **Brent Wilson** was named to the America East All-Rookie Team, as he averaged 6.6 points and 4.1 rebounds in 27 games played. Wilson's selection places a UAlbany player on the all-rookie squad for the third straight year. He reached double figures four times, including a career-high 16 points against UMBC on Feb. 19.

UAlbany (13-14, AE 9-9) earned the No. 4 seed for this weekend's America East Conference Tournament. The Great Danes will face Binghamton, the fifth seed, in the quarter-final round on Saturday, March 5 at Binghamton's Events Center. Tip-off is 12 noon.

2004-05 America East Men's Basketball All-Conference Teams

First Team – Jose Juan Barea (Northeastern), Rashad Bell (Boston U.), Chaz Carr (Boston U.), Taylor Coppenrath (Vermont), T.J. Sorrentine (Vermont).

Second Team – Andre Heard (Binghamton), **Lucious Jordan (UAlbany)**, Kevin Reed (Maine), Ben Sturgill (New Hampshire), **Jamar Wilson (UAlbany)**.

Third Team – Marcus Barnes (Northeastern), Etienne Brower (Boston U.), Joe Campbell (Maine), Aaron Cook (Hartford), Shawn James (Northeastern).

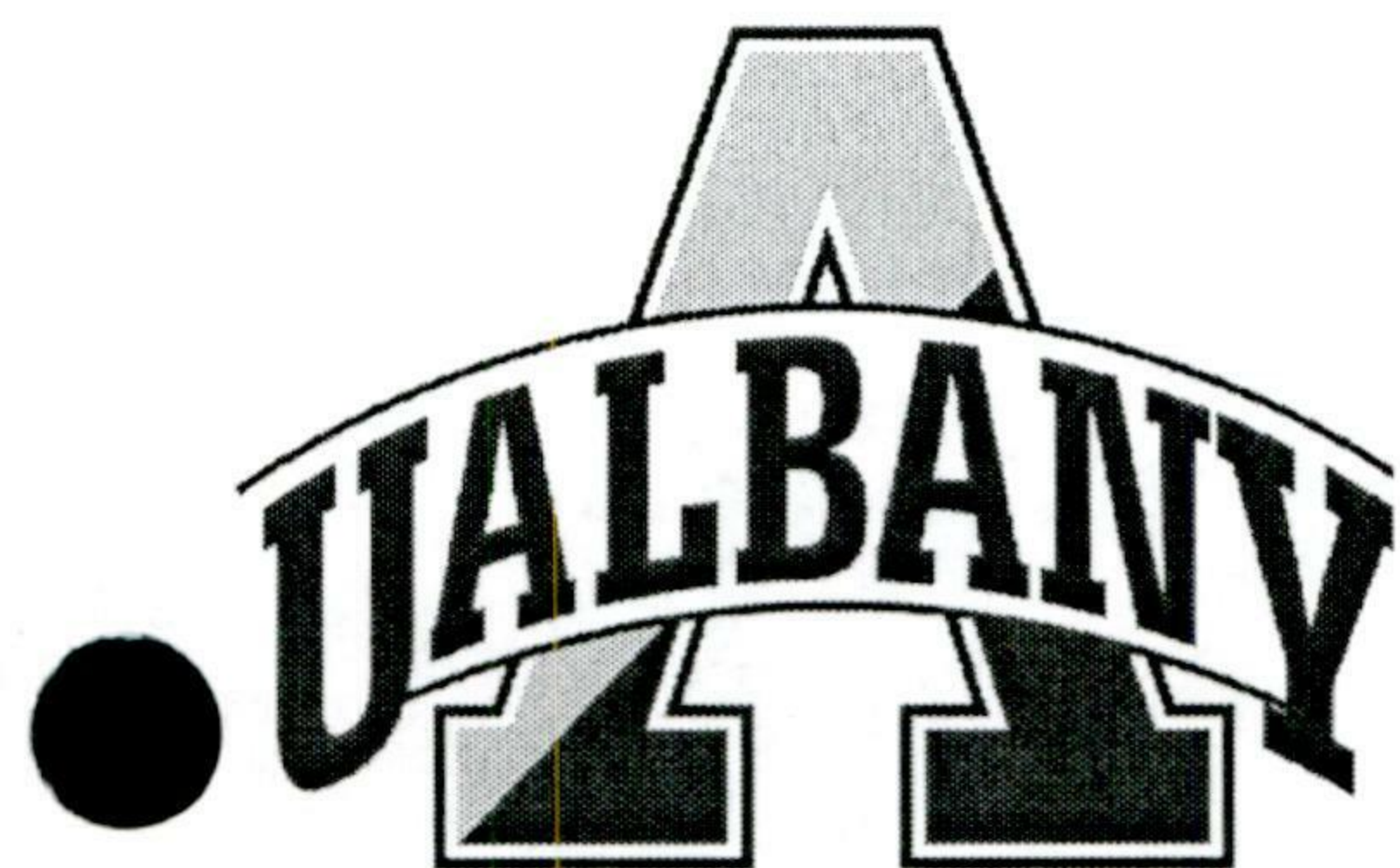
All-Rookie Team – Mike Christensen (New Hampshire), Josh Duell (Vermont), Antwan Hardy (Stony Brook), Shawn James (Northeastern), **Brent Wilson (UAlbany)**.

Kevin Roberson Player of the Year: Taylor Coppenrath, Vermont

Defensive Player of the Year: Shawn James, Northeastern

Rookie of the Year: Shawn James, Northeastern

Coach of the Year: Ron Everhart, Northeastern



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HUTCHESON'S SEASON-HIGH 22 POINTS LEADS UALBANY TO THIRD STRAIGHT WIN

Boston, Mass. – **Danielle Hutcheson** scored a season-high 22 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in leading UAlbany to its third straight win with a 70-57 America East Conference victory over Boston University on Wednesday evening at Case Gymnasium.

UAlbany (14-12, AE 9-8) built a 34-20 halftime lead, as **Maree Jones** did all of her scoring in the period with 11 points. **Alicia Learn** had 10 of her 14 points in the first half. Boston U. (11-15, AE 6-10) was held to 20-percent shooting in the stanza on 6-of-30 from the field.

The Terriers still trailed by as much as 14 points early in the final period before making a run at the lead. **Larissa Parr** and **Cheri Raffo** connected on back-to-back three-point field goals that cut the deficit to 46-41 with 11:16 remaining.

Boston U., who made 5-of-10 from three-point range in the second half, got even closer four minutes later. **Adrienne Norris**, who had 15 points and 11 rebounds, was fouled as she converted an offensive rebound. The 6-foot-1 senior made the free throw to finish off the three-point play.

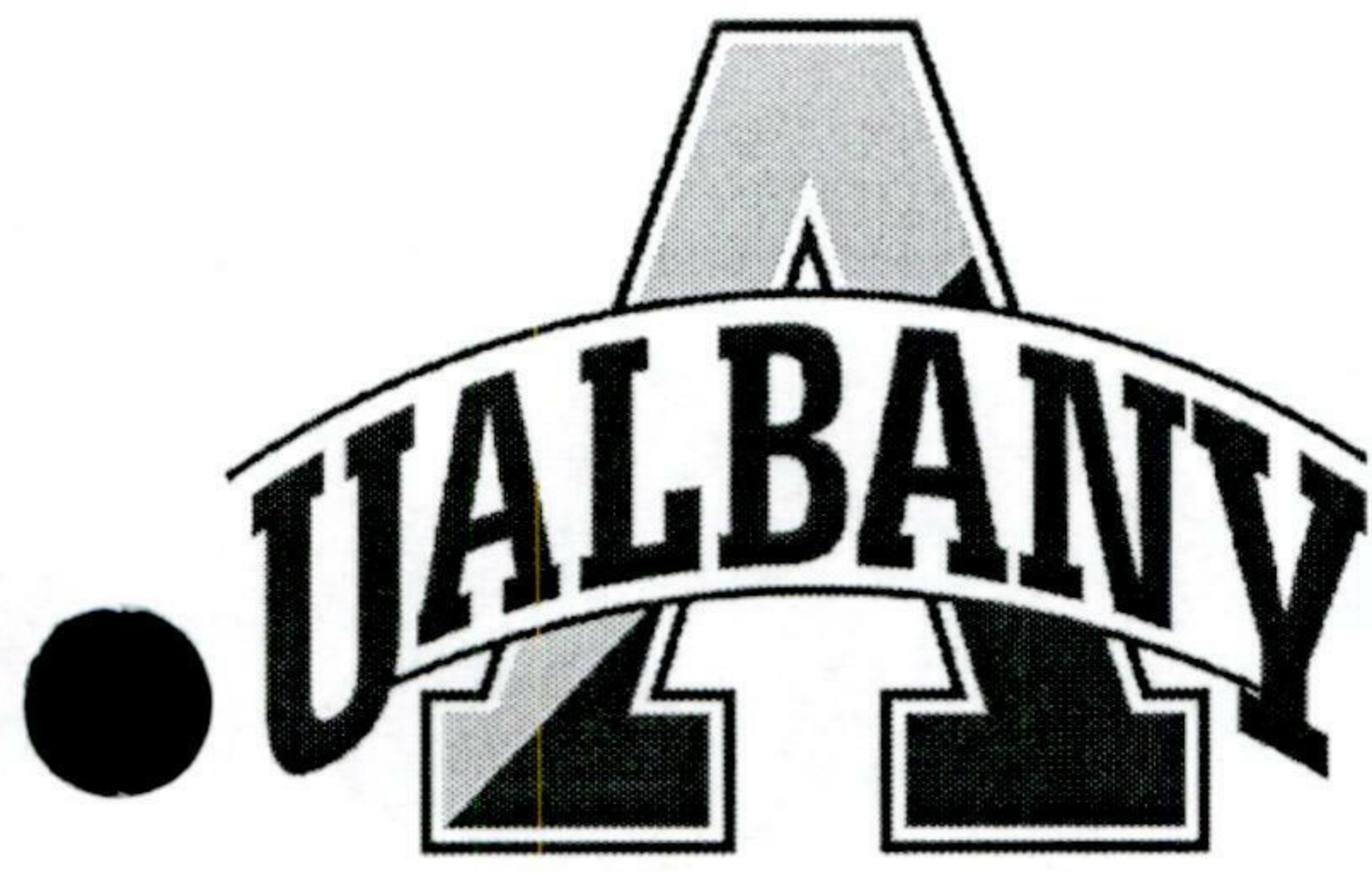
The Great Danes still led 55-52, but then pulled away with 13 of the game's next 15 points. Hutcheson, who has recorded seven double-doubles in her last nine starts, scored seven in that stretch, including five consecutive markers. She made a pair of turnaround shots to ignite the outburst, and later canned a baseline jumper to push the lead back to double digits at 64-54.

"Our seniors made some big plays when it counted," offered UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team moved into a tie for fourth place in the conference standings and earned a first-round bye in next week's America East Conference postseason tournament. "I've said before that Danielle (Hutcheson) is the most dominant player in the conference. Boston U. made a great run. We told our players to stay close to their shooters and make them put it on the floor."

Jen Schumacher was the fourth UAlbany player in double figures with 11 of her 17 points after halftime. Schumacher, who was 3-of-8 from long distance, established the school's single-season record with 72 three-pointers.

Boston U.'s **Rachael Vanderwal** and **Katie Meinhardt** scored 14 points apiece. The Terriers, who shot 27.9 percent overall from the floor, has their losing streak extended to five straight.

"They are a very physical team," said Hutcheson, whose team achieved the program's highest single-season win total since 1997-98 in sweeping the regular-season series with Boston U. "But we have confidence in ourselves. When they got close, everyone stepped it up, especially on defense."



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UALBANY MEN'S LACROSSE NAMES CAPTAINS FOR 2005 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's lacrosse coach Scott Marr announced today that **Luke Daquino, Patrick McSweeney, Kevin Rae** and **Chris Kivlen** will serve as team captains for the 2005 season.

Daquino, a senior attacker, is a captain for the second straight year. He recently made the Tewaaron Award Foundation's Preseason Players to Watch list. The Tewaaron Trophy is annually given to the nation's top collegiate lacrosse player. Daquino, a first-team All-America East performer, has scored 50-plus points in three consecutive seasons, including 20 goals and 32 assists in 2004.

McSweeney and Rae, a pair of second-team all-conference selections, led UAlbany to a second straight America East championship and NCAA tournament berth last spring. Rae, a senior goalkeeper, posted a .578 save percentage, and was named the America East championship MVP. McSweeney, a 6-foot-1, 240-pound defenseman, has started 25 of 26 games played over the last two seasons.

Kivlen was a starter on defense for the first time last season as a junior. The Great Danes allowed 10.38 goals per game and stopped 77 of 94 man-down opportunities.

UAlbany begins its 2005 schedule on Sunday, March 6 against Providence, the 2004 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champion, at 1:00 p.m. The season opener's site has been shifted to the University of Massachusetts' Garber Field.