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WOMEN – Vermont 77, Albany 55

Burlington, Vt. – Sophomore forward **Aaron Yantzi** led all scorers with 19 and **Libby Smith** added 16 points and 12 rebounds, as Vermont cruised to a 77-55 America East Conference victory over Albany on Thursday evening at Patrick Gymnasium.

Vermont (19-7, AE 13-2) capitalized on a 28-9 run midway through the first half en route to its 11th consecutive win. **Katie McNamara**, a 6-foot-1 freshman who came off the bench, totaled 11 of her 13 points before the break. She gave her squad a 35-13 lead by converting a driving layup with 6:23 remaining.

Albany (4-22, AE 0-15) managed just two field goals over the opening 15 minutes. Meanwhile, the Catamounts shot 55.6 percent, on 20-of-36 shooting, in building a 49-25 halftime advantage. Smith, who had 12 points and eight rebounds in the first half, was one of three Vermont players in double figures by the intermission.

In the final stanza, Vermont increased its lead to 59-30 on a pair of free throws by Yantzi with 14:41 to play. The Catamounts have already clinched the America East's regular-season title and will be the No. 1 seed for next week's postseason tournament.

"Libby Smith is one great player," said Albany coach Mari Warner, whose team nearly pulled off an upset in the first meeting before losing 69-65 on Feb. 9. "She leads this team emotionally, and she can score in multiple ways. We gave up too many points in transition in the first half. They do a good job of finding the mismatches and open shooters."

Smith, a 5-foot-9 senior who was making her final home appearance, registered her first double-double of the season. Albany's **Jess McGinlay** and **Becky Ayers** each scored 12 points. Freshman center **Danielle Hutcheson** added 10 points and nine rebounds. The Great Danes play their final game on Saturday against Northeastern at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

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BASEBALL

Winston-Salem, N.C. – Third baseman **Jamie D'Antona** singled, doubled and drove in four runs to lead 11th-ranked Wake Forest to a 9-1 victory over Albany on Thursday afternoon at Hooks Stadium.

D'Antona, last year's national freshman of the year, gave Wake Forest (9-1) a 4-0 lead in the fourth inning, when he cleared the bases with a double into the left-field gap. **Stephen Ghutzman** had put his team on top in the first with a run-scoring single through the left side.

Starting pitcher **Tim Morley**, who was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates last summer, blanked Albany (1-4) through six innings to improve his record to 2-0. The freshman left-hander allowed four hits and struck out six. The Great Danes broke through in the eighth, when **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) singled up the middle to score **Eddie Scott**.

The Demon Deacons, the defending Atlantic Coast Conference champions, put the game away with five runs in the bottom of the inning. Second baseman **Nick Blue**, who scored three times, keyed the uprising with a two-run single.

Shortstop **Joe Lamb** and Scott each singled twice for the Great Danes, who play at James Madison on Friday at 2:30 p.m.

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Wake Forest (9-1)	100	300	05x	-	9	8	2

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KARIM OUATTARA WILL NOT PLAY IN AMERICA EAST TOURNAMENT

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's basketball player **Karim Ouattara** will miss the America East Conference Tournament, as announced today by Director of Athletics Lee McElroy. Ouattara will be withheld from post-season competition due to the pending NCAA inquiry concerning his amateur status.

Ouattara, a senior from Paris, France, did not play in UAlbany's final three games of the season against Boston University, Hartford and Stony Brook. The NCAA forwarded a ruling on his status on Friday, Feb. 22 with regard to competition. The decision stated that Ouattara violated amateurism legislation when, as a member of a French club team in the late 1990s, he played in a league that promotes itself as a professional league.

"The NCAA inquiry is still pending, so we are taking the action of holding him from competition until there is a conclusion," McElroy said. "We will continue to work with the NCAA to study the situation."

Ouattara, a 6-foot-7, 224-pound center/forward, averaged 3.1 points and 4.0 rebounds in 24 appearances this season.

MEN'S LACROSSE PICKED FIFTH IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE POLL

Boston, Mass. – The America East Conference announced its preseason men's lacrosse poll, and the University at Albany has been chosen to finish fifth in the six-team conference. Stony Brook, who captured five first-place votes, was voted by the coaches to win the title.

The Great Danes open their 14-game schedule against Butler on Friday, March 1 in Springfield, Ohio. National powers Johns Hopkins (No. 3) and Massachusetts (No. 12) are among this year's opponents.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Head coach **Scott Marr**, a former Maryland assistant, is in his second year. The team's top-five scorers return, including senior attackman **Jim Lindsay**, who averaged 4.63 points and 2.88 assists per game. Lindsay has 30 goals and 48 assists in two seasons with the program. Sophomore **Michael Solazzo** (16 goals, 7 assists) and senior midfielder **Sal Massa** (13 goals, 10 assists) each contributed 23 points apiece.

Alan Beach, a junior who shared 2001 team MVP honors with Lindsay, made 11 starts in UAlbany midfield last year, and led the team with 34 ground balls. He added three goals and one assist. **Luke Smith**, **Chris Zaffiro** and **Emil Bove** are all proven defensemen. Smith, a 6-foot-3, 215-pound junior, led that group with 24 ground balls.

Albany's freshman class is impressive. Attackman **Luke Daquino**, a high school All-America selection, totaled 61 goals and 54 assists last spring. **Kevin Rae**, an All-Section I performer, will battle for the starting goalkeeper position. **Lee Busino**, a 6-foot-2, 210-pound defensive midfielder, will likely be the primary face-off man.

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America East Conference Preseason Men's Lacrosse Poll

1. Stony Brook (5), 35, 2. Hartford 25, 3. Quinnipiac (1), 23, 4. Vermont 20, 5. Albany 17, 6. Binghamton 6. () – first-place votes

BASEBALL

Greensboro, N.C. – UAlbany's baseball game with UNC-Greensboro, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 4:00 p.m., was cancelled due to the weather. No make-up date is planned. Temperatures hovered in the low 30's with winds gusting at 25 to 35 miles per hour. In the first game of the series on Tuesday evening, the Spartans posted a 10-9 victory in 10 innings. Albany meets 16th-ranked Wake Forest, in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

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BASEBALL

Greensboro, N.C. – Junior second baseman **Jason Sarvis** hit a walk-off home run in the 10th inning lifting UNC-Greensboro to a 10-9 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday afternoon at UNCG Stadium.

Sarvis led off the bottom half of the extra-inning frame with a blast over the right-field fence off a one-two pitch by Albany reliever **Nick Borgia**. Greensboro right-hander **Scooter Michael** earned the victory after blanking the Great Danes on two hits over 3 2/3 innings. He totaled seven strikeouts during that span.

After trailing 4-0 in the first inning, Albany (1-3) recaptured a 5-4 lead in the second. **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) belted a two-run home run to left center field. **Eddie Scott** followed Crudo with a solo blast to left.

UNC-Greensboro (6-2) added another four-run frame in the fifth. **Kirk Strebin's** homer ensued after a **Nick Lockhart** pinch-hit, two-run single that gave the Spartans a 9-7 advantage. The Great Danes tied the score at 9 apiece two innings later as **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) and **Joe Lamb** tallied run-scoring singles. Albany plays at UNC-Greensboro again on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

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Albany (1-3)	051	010	200	0	-	9	12	3
UNC-Greensboro (6-2)	400	041	000	1	-	10	8	5

Jeff Mazzola, Mike Muller (4), Nick Borgia (6) and Fred Estes.

Aaron Horne, Michael Gullede (2), Chris Cloninger (2), Jay Metzger (5), Scooter Michael (7) and Jesse Martin.

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UALBANY WOMEN'S LACROSSE PICKED FOURTH IN CONFERENCE POLL

Boston, Mass. – The America East Conference announced its preseason women's lacrosse poll on Tuesday, and Boston University has been chosen to win the conference title. The coaches picked the University at Albany to finish fourth. The Great Danes open their schedule this Saturday against non-league opponent Drexel on the road.

First-year head coach **Dennis Short** comes to UAlbany following six years as an Ohio State assistant. The Buckeyes posted a combined 43-41 record during his tenure.

Albany returns four of its top six scorers from last season. Junior midfielder **Maria Ferrucci** was the team's top scorer with 45 points (42 goals, 3 assists). She ranked 19th nationally among the Division I leaders at 2.80 goals per game, and has recorded two of the school's top-five single-season goals scored marks in her first two seasons. Ferrucci is fourth all-time in goals (89) and ranks fifth in total points (97).

Junior attack **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) was second on the team in scoring with 44 points, including 21 goals and a team-high 23 assists. She finished tenth nationally in assists with a 1.53 average. Esposito stands second on the school's career charts in that category with 42. **Alexis DiDomenico**, a sophomore attack, was third on the team with 23 goals.

Albany is captained by **Liz Adamo**, one of three senior defenders on the squad who have combined for 75 starts during their three-year tenure with the program. Seniors **Erin Finnigan** and **Allison Beagle** (Saratoga Springs) join her in the backfield.

Several newcomers are expected to contribute immediately, including freshman goalkeeper **Francine Beltempo**. A Section I all-star, Beltempo led Suffern High School to a Class A sectional championship and a spot in the state title game in 2000. First-year attack **Jenn Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville H.S.) tallied more than 85 points to earn high school All-America honors. She led the Tartans to the 2000 Section II, Class B championship.

America East Conference Women's Lacrosse Preseason Poll

1. Boston University (4), 24, 2. New Hampshire (1), 21, 3. Vermont, 14, 4. Albany, 9, 5. Binghamton, 7.

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UALBANY WILL PLAY FOURTEEN BASEBALL GAMES AT HERITAGE PARK

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that the baseball program will play 14 home games at Heritage Park during the 2002 season.

The Great Danes, who are competing in the America East Conference for the first time, have scheduled conference doubleheaders at Heritage Park with Hartford (April 13-14), Stony Brook (April 20-21) and Vermont (May 4-5). The Great Danes will also face non-league opponents Boston College (April 9) and Manhattan (May 7).

“Heritage Park is one of the premier ballparks in the Northeast,” said Jon Mueller, who begins his third season as Albany’s head coach. “The playing field, seating capacity and surrounding elements will benefit the athletes and spectators. This arrangement also provides our school with the ability to host the conference tournament in the future.”

Heritage Park, the home facility for the Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs, an Independent Northern League minor league baseball team, is located in Colonie, New York. The 5,000-seat stadium, with dimensions of 410 feet to center field, 325 feet on the left-field line, and 335 feet on the right-field line, opened in 1983.

BASEBALL

High Point, N.C. – Sophomore right-hander **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) tossed a one-hitter over five innings in lifting Albany to a 10-4 victory over High Point on Monday at Alumni Field.

Albany (1-2) jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second, when **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) earned a bases-loaded walk after **Jake Toms** singled and **Dan Schoonmaker** belted a double that reached the right-field fence. **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) followed with a run-scoring groundout to shortstop.

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ALBANY BASEBALL 2-2-2

The Great Danes added a run in the fourth as **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) grounded to second base in scoring Vallone. Grasso, who went 2-for-5 at the plate, also added two stolen bases and three RBI. Albany pounded out 11 hits and chased Panther starter **David White** out of the game after 3 2/3 innings. Vallone, who totaled three runs, is hitting .778 after three contests.

High Point (7-5), a member of the Big South Conference who saw its two-game winning streak snapped, plated two runs in the fourth frame on an fielding error by third baseman **Pat Delaney**. Albany would score seven times over the last four innings. Grasso and **Joe Lamb**, who had three RBI, each had two-run singles in the sixth and eighth, respectively. **Eddie Scott** added a two-run triple for the Great Danes, who play at UNC-Greensboro on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

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Albany (1-2)	020	102	023	-	10	11	3
High Point (7-5)	000	200	011	-	4	8	3

Adam Kroft, Ryan Pitt (6), Steve Emmerthal (8), Shawn Ryan (9) and Fred Estes.

David White, Clayton Gordner (4), Rusty Bodenheimer (8), Nick Zaio (9) and Jayson Hoffman.

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UALBANY SEEDED SIXTH FOR AMERICA EAST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – The America East Conference announced on Sunday the men's basketball postseason tournament bracket. The quarterfinal and semifinal rounds will be played at Northeastern University's Matthews Arena in Boston on March 2 and 3.

UALbany earned the No. 6 seed for next weekend's tournament, and will face Hartford, the third seed, on Saturday at 2:15 p.m. Albany (8-19, 5-11) and Hartford (13-17, 10-6) split their two-game set during the regular season. The Hawks posted a 62-51 victory on Feb. 8 at Chase Family Arena. The Great Danes won on their home floor, 51-48, last Friday.

The winner of the Albany-Hartford contest meets the Boston University-Northeastern winner in the first semifinal on Sunday at 12 noon. Boston U. and Vermont shared the conference's regular-season title. The Catamounts earned the No. 1 seed by sweeping the season series between the teams.

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America East Men's Basketball Championship Tournament

Saturday, March 2, at Matthews Arena, Boston, Mass.

Game 1- No. 2 Boston University vs. No. 7 Northeastern, 12 noon

Game 2- No. 3 Hartford vs. No. 6 Albany, 2:15 p.m. (approx.)

Game 3- No. 1 Vermont vs. No. 8 Stony Brook, 6 p.m.

Game 4- No. 4 New Hampshire vs. No. 5 Maine, 8:15 (approx.)

Sunday, March 3, at Matthews Arena, Boston, Mass.

Game 5- Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 12 noon

Game 6- Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, at higher remaining seed

Game 7- Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

BASEBALL

Davidson, N.C. – Left fielder **Tim Frend** belted a two-run triple in the eighth inning, as Davidson rallied for an 8-5 non-conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at Wildcat Park.

Albany (0-2) carried a 5-2 lead into the late innings. Second baseman **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn) gave his team a three-run lead by plating two runners with a single up the middle in the fourth. **Dan Schoonmaker** snapped a 2-2 deadlock in the third with a RBI single.

Davidson (5-5) closed within 5-4 in the seventh on a pair of run-scoring doubles by **James Marino** and **Billy Ryan**. The Wildcats, who have won four of their last five starts, scored four times in the eighth. Frend tripled to right center to give his club the lead. Third baseman **Michael Muniz** added a two-run double in the same frame.

Albany's **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) went 4-for-4 at the plate with two doubles and two runs scored. Grasso finished with two singles and two stolen bases. The Great Danes meet High Point, a member of the Big South Conference. on Monday at 2:30 p.m.

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Albany (0-2)	021	200	000	-	5	9	2
Davidson (5-5)	020	000	24x	-	8	9	2

Shawn Walsh, Roman Dubiel (7), Nick Borgia (7), Pat Hastings (8) and Fred Estes.

Andy Demko, Matt Dellinger (4), Andy Carter (9) and James Marino.

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MEN – Stony Brook 48, Albany 47

Albany, N.Y. – **Mike Konopka** made two free throws with no time remaining to lift Stony Brook to a 48-47 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon in the regular-season finale for both teams at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany's **Will Brand** bumped Konopka after he pumped fake a shot 30 feet from the basket following an in-bounds play. He made both attempts to complete a string of seven straight points that reversed a 47-41 deficit with 1:33 remaining.

D.J. Munir, who scored 19 points, sliced the gap to 47-46 with 45.4 seconds remaining as he buried one of his four 3-point field goals. After Albany's **Earv Opong** missed two free throws, Stony Brook (6-21, AE 5-11) set up for the last shot. Konopka misfired on a bank shot from right of the lane, and the Great Danes' **Joe Vukovic** grabbed the rebound. However, Vukovic tossed the ball up the floor into the hands of Munir, who called timeout with less than one second to play.

Albany (8-19, AE 5-11) trailed by as much as 10 points in the opening period, but closed within 28-25 at halftime. The Great Danes went ahead 34-30 with 15:39 remaining on back-to-back fastbreak layups by junior guard **Antione Johnson**, who led all scorers with 20 points.

Munir, a 6-foot-3 sophomore who had three assists and three steals, hit a driving layup to get the Seawolves within 42-41 with 5:03 left. But Brand converted a pair of free throws and Johnson canned a three-pointer from the top of the arc to build Albany's lead to six points.

Stony Brook's **Jairus McCollum** had 11 points and nine rebounds off the bench. Zone defenses by both teams forced each squad to struggle from the perimeter. The Seawolves made 35.7 percent from the field, while Albany was limited to 34.1-percent shooting.

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WOMEN – Albany 70, Stony Brook 58

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Sherry Jordan** totaled 23 points and nine rebounds in leading four players in double figures, as Stony Brook posted a 70-58 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at SBU Sports Complex. The Great Danes were eliminated from the conference's postseason tournament with the loss.

Albany (4-21, AE 0-14) held a 10-9 lead midway through the first half after **Sarah Sweetland** made a pair of free throws. Stony Brook (14-11, AE 7-7) then reeled off 16 of game's next 18 points. **Sarah Burkett**, who had 10 points and six assists, hit a three-pointer for a 26-12 lead with 4:35 left. Jordan, a preseason all-conference selection, had 15 first-half points, and gave her team a 17-point cushion on a jumper in transition right before halftime.

Albany trailed 33-18 at the intermission. The Great Danes, who went seven minutes without a field goal, made just 5-of-21 attempts and committed 19 turnovers in the period.

Stony Brook led by as much 21 points early in the final stanza, but Albany regrouped with 10 straight markers. **Danielle Hutcheson**, who recorded her eighth double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, hit a layup to slice the deficit to 45-34, but her team never got any closer. Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 center, broke the school's freshman single-season scoring record with 283 points.

"The turnovers early in the game hurt us," said Albany coach Mari Warner, whose team closed within 11 points on three occasions in the final period. "We have been tentative the last two games. The lack of intensity forced us into mistakes on the defensive end."

Freshman guard Becky Ayers had 12 points, all in the second half, while **Jess McGinlay** scored 10. **Erika Shipley**, a senior guard, scored 16 points, including three 3-pointers. **Danielle DeGiorgio** was the fourth Stony Brook player in twin figures with 11 points off the bench.

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BASEBALL

Richmond, Va. – Sophomore right-hander **Tim Stauffer** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) scattered six hits in posting his second victory of the season, as unbeaten Richmond upended Albany, 5-1, in the Great Danes' season opener on Saturday afternoon at Pitt Field.

Albany took a 1-0 lead in the third, when **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) scored on a throwing error following **Eddie Scott's** double into the left-field gap. Richmond, off to its best start since 1995 with a 5-0 record, tied the contest in the bottom of the frame on **Vito Chiaravalloti's** RBI single.

The Spiders, who play in the Atlantic-10 Conference, went ahead in the sixth when **Bryan Pritz** doubled home **Adam Tidball**. Richmond scored three times in the eighth to take control. Tidball, a sophomore catcher, had a RBI double, while third baseman **David Reaver**, who went 3-for-4 at the plate, scored another run with an infield single.

Stauffer, a 6-foot-2, 200-pound pitcher, went all nine innings on the mound, and allowed one unearned run with four strikeouts and no walks. **Will Haskell** (Saratoga Springs) made his start for the Great Danes after transferring from Massachusetts. The 6-foot-5 left-hander gave up four hits and struck out four in 5.2 innings.

Albany (0-1) meets Davidson on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

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Albany (0-1)	001	000	000	-	1	6	1
Richmond (5-0)	001	001	03x	-	5	8	4

Will Haskell, Jeff Mazzola (6), Nick Borgia (8), Pat Hastings (8) and Fred Estes.
Tim Stauffer and Adam Tidball.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Jersey City, N.J.—UAlbany junior **Violeta Petijevic** posted wins at first singles and doubles as the Great Danes dropped a 5-2 decision to St. Peter's on Saturday afternoon in the second round of the St. Peter's Invitational.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Petijevic took a three-set decision over **Joy Rodrigues** in Flight I singles, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (7-3). She teamed with freshman **Marisa Berley** (Shenendehowa) for a win at first doubles over **Tijara Todorovic** and Rodrigues, 8-5. Petijevic raised her record to 2-0 in both singles and doubles play this spring.

On Friday night, juniors **Rachel Berenbaum** and **Leslie Harvey** each won in singles and teamed for a doubles victory to lead Long Island to an abbreviated 5-0 win over Albany.

Berenbaum defeated UAlbany freshman Marisa Berley in Flight II singles, 6-0 and 6-1. Harvey won at third singles, taking a 6-0, 6-1 decision over **Krista Babiarz**. Berenbaum and Harvey posted a 9-0 doubles victory in the second position against **Alex Berley** and Babiarz.

Petijevic led her first singles match against **Anixa Almeyda**, 6-1, and Alex Berley had a 6-2 lead at third singles versus **Natalia Herrera**. Both matches were halted after Long Island, playing its second consecutive match in the tournament, took a decisive 5-0 lead in the team scoring.

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St. Peter's 5, Albany 2

SINGLES

1. Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Joy Rodrigues (SPC), 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (7-3)
2. Tijara Todorovic (SPC) def. Marisa Berley (A), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2)
3. Krista Babiarz (A) def. Melissa Mottola (SPC), default
4. Dujkic (SPC) def. Alex Berley (A), 6-3, 6-3
5. Prescilla Davis (SPC) def. Stacy Kaminski (A), 6-4, 6-3
6. Mayenser (SPC) def. Reeba Miller (A), 6-4, 6-3

DOUBLES

1. Petijevic/M. Berley (A) def. Rodrigues/Todorovic (SPC), 8-5
2. Mottola/Dujkic (SPC) def. A. Berley/Babiarz (A), 8-2
3. Davis/Mayersen (SPC) def. Kaminski/Erin Morrison (A), 8-3

Long Island 5, Albany 0

SINGLES

1. Violeta Petijevic (A) led Anixa Almeyda (LIU), 6-1
2. Rachel Berenbaum (LIU) def. Marisa Berley (A), 6-0, 6-1
3. Leslie Harvey (LIU) def. Krista Babiarz (A), 6-0, 6-1
4. Alex Berley (A) led Natalia Herrera (LIU), 6-2
5. Veronica Apostu-Efremov (LIU) def. Stacy Kaminski (A), 6-0, 6-2
6. Annicris Garcia (LIU) def. Lisa Fund (A), 6-0, 6-1

DOUBLES

1. Lsu/Almeyda (LIU) def. Petijevic/M. Berley (A), 9-7
2. Berenbaum/Harvey (LIU) def. A. Berley/Babiarz (A), 9-0
3. Apostu-Efremou/Ellen Anolin (LIU) def. Kaminski/Reeba Miller (A), 8-2

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MEN – Albany 51, Hartford 48

Albany, N.Y. – **Antione Johnson** scored 14 points and made a three-point field goal with one second remaining, as Albany rallied for a 51-48 America East Conference victory over Hartford on Friday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Johnson, who did all of his scoring in the second half, buried a 22-foot, game-winning jumper over the out-stretched hand of guard Ryan Stys from the top of the arc. Hartford (13-16, AE 10-5) was unable to get a shot off at the end.

Albany (8-18, AE 5-10) tied the contest at 48 apiece, when Johnson canned a pair of free throws. Hartford's **Pierre Johnson**, who had eight points and seven rebounds, missed in the lane with 11 seconds remaining. **Joe Vukovic**, who had four points and 11 rebounds off the bench, grabbed the errant shot to set up the game-winning possession.

The Hawks, who had won four of their last five starts, built a 40-31 lead midway through the second half on a three-pointer by **Mantas Storpirstis**, who led his team with 12 points. Albany then tallied 12 of the game's next 16 points to get back into the contest. **Rhasheed Peterson** hit a long-range jumper during that run, before Johnson made both ends of a one-and-one opportunity to close the gap to 44-43 with 4:06 remaining.

Stys, a sophomore guard, made just one of three free throws after being fouled on a three-point attempt for a 48-46 lead three minutes later. Johnson drew his team even when he was hit from behind in the backcourt by **Junior Amous**.

"We wanted to run a high screen for Earv (Opong) or Rhasheed (Peterson)," said Albany coach Will Brown, whose team has won four straight at home. "When they came out in a 1-3-1 zone instead of man, it was up to Antione to handle the ball and possibly get into one of the gaps. This gives us a lot of confidence heading into the conference tournament."

In the first half, the game went back and forth with seven lead changes and four ties. **Earv Opong** had 14 of his 16 points in the period, and the Great Danes took a narrow 23-22 lead to the locker room.

Deon Saunders and Amous each had nine points for the Hawks, who posted a 62-51 victory over Albany in the first meeting two weeks ago. The two teams will likely be paired again when the America East Tournament begins on March 2 in Boston.

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Comments: College Basketball

WOMEN – Hartford 71, Albany 36

West Hartford, Conn.—Senior forward **Janika Lopp** scored 17 points as Hartford posted a 71-36 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday evening at the Chase Family Arena.

Albany (4-20, AE 0-13) held an early 6-3 lead after **Kathryn Hemlock** hit a foul line jumper. Hartford (12-13, AE 8-6), winners in five of its last six games, would explode for a 41-8 run over the final 17 minutes of the half. The Hawks had 10 different players reach the scoring column in the outburst.

Lopp, a preseason all-conference selection, tallied 11 first-half points as Hartford held a commanding 44-14 advantage at halftime. The Great Danes, who managed just 5-of-25 shooting in the period, totaled two field goals over a ten-minute stretch.

After trailing at the intermission, Albany could only close within 46-24 at the 17:42 mark. Hartford, who moved into a fourth-place tie with Maine in the conference standings, shot 46 percent and out-rebounded Albany, 49-31. The Great Danes tallied their lowest-scoring output of the season in losing their 13th consecutive game.

“Our team came out rattled in the first half,” said Albany coach **Mari Warner**, whose team shot a season-low 20 percent from the field. “I thought we played them even the rest of the way. If we had made some free throws in the final period, the score would have been a lot closer.”

“We should be disappointed with this loss,” said **Jess McGinlay**, who finished with seven points. “I thought we didn’t come to play. This team has three games left and we need to show some pride.”

Danielle Hutcheson was Albany’s leading scorer with nine points. **LaQuanda Brickhouse** had 10 off the bench for Hartford.

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KARIM OUATTARA WILL MISS THE REMAINDER OF THE REGULAR SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – Karim Ouattara, a starter on the University at Albany's men's basketball team, will miss the remainder of the regular season, as announced today by head coach Will Brown. Ouattara will be eligible to play in the America East Conference's postseason tournament, which begins on March 2 in Boston, Mass.

Ouattara, a senior from Paris France, was withheld from last Saturday's game against Boston University, while his amateur status was reviewed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

The NCAA forwarded a ruling on Ouattara's status to the UAlbany athletic department on Friday at 5:00 p.m. ET. The decision states that Ouattara violated amateurism legislation when, as a member of a French club team in the late 1990s, he played in a league that promotes itself as a professional league.

Ouattara, who is averaging 3.1 points and 4.0 rebounds, will not play this weekend against Hartford (Feb. 22) and Stony Brook (Feb. 24). A 6-foot-7, 224-pound center/forward, Ouattara has appeared in 24 games this season.

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Comments: Baseball & Spring Composite Schedule

University at Albany Baseball Names 2002 Team Captains

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head baseball coach Jon Mueller named **Eddie Scott** (Kingston/Kingston, N.Y.), **Shawn Walsh** (St. Francis Prep/Maspeth, N.Y.), **Mike Grasso** (Bishop Maginn/Albany, N.Y.), and **Will Haskell** (Saratoga Springs/Queensbury, N.Y.) team captains for the 2002 season.

Scott, a senior center fielder, owns a career .324 batting average with 49 RBI and 37 stolen bases. He has started 92 games during his career, playing at second base one year ago. Scott led the New York State Baseball Conference in stolen bases (22) last season.

Walsh, a senior pitcher, begins his fourth season with the Great Danes and has made 18 career starts. He owns 36 strikeouts in 78.1 innings pitched and will be part of this year's starting rotation.

Grasso, a junior who will make the transition from shortstop to second base this spring, ranked 13th nationally in triples per game in 2001. He has a career .262 batting average with 47 RBI. Grasso led the Great Danes in triples (6) and tied for the team lead in runs scored (42).

Haskell, a transfer from the University of Massachusetts, is a 6-foot-5 junior pitcher. Haskell earned a spot in the starting rotation during preseason drills.

Albany travels to the University of Richmond for its season opener on Saturday, February 23. The Great Danes then voyage to North Carolina where they face 12th-ranked Wake Forest, UNC-Greensboro, Davidson, and High Point before returning to Virginia to meet James Madison. The squad will finish its trip with a two-game weekend series at Drexel on March 2-3.

UAlbany enters its inaugural season in the America East Conference. The Great Danes' home opener is April 2 versus Canisius. Conference play begins at Northeastern on April 6.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ADDS FOUR TO ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT STAFF

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of **William Schut** as assistant athletics director for compliance and student services, **John Svec** and **Brian Vanderlofske** as men's lacrosse assistant coaches, and **Catherine Leahy** as assistant women's lacrosse coach.

Schut, who spent the previous three years as coordinator for academic compliance at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, will administer UAlbany's NCAA compliance and rules education program. As an assistant athletics director, he also oversees the academic student services and sports medicine areas.

Schut, 33, managed Nevada-Las Vegas' compliance assistance software, coordinated the national letter of intent program and student-athlete admissions, and was a liaison to UNLV's offices of admissions, registrar and student financial services. He first came to the school as an assistant director for academic services in May 1997, and moved to the role of compliance assistant one year later.

A native of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., Schut earned a B.S. in recreation from UNLV, and is expected to receive his master's degree in education this August.

Svec, 22, joins Scott Marr's lacrosse staff as an assistant coach. He played at Loyola College in Maryland from 1997-2001, where he was a four-year letterman. Svec, a 6-foot-4, 220-pound defenseman, played on the team's man-down unit as a junior and senior. The Greyhounds posted a 10-4 record and reached the NCAA Tournament's quarterfinal round last year.

Svec, who hails from Arnold, Md., earned his B.A. in elementary education. He worked last summer as a technology representative for deBeer Lacrosse, and was responsible for introducing new equipment to campers in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Vanderlofske, a two-time UAlbany captain, earned three varsity letters as a member of the lacrosse program from 1998-2000. A long-stick defenseman, he started all 36 games as a collegian, and totaled five goals and four assists and 116 ground balls during his career. He was named team MVP as a junior. A native of Stony Brook, N.Y., Vanderlofske, 24, received an undergraduate degree in history and psychology.

Leahy will serve as the women's lacrosse program's recruiting coordinator, and will be in charge of fundraising and camps. As an assistant on first-year head coach Dennis Short's staff, Leahy will work with the team's defenders.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, she started three years on Ohio University's defense following the program's elevation to varsity status in 1999. Leahy, a team captain for two seasons, also played for the school's club lacrosse team for two years. She participated in the 2001 U.S. Lacrosse Women's Division National Tournament.

Leahy, 24, earned her bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from Ohio University in 2000. She graduated with a master's degree in athletic administration the following year. In addition, she served as a student assistant in Ohio U.'s athletic department, working with the directors of compliance, development and external affairs.

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Comments: College Sports (Indoor Track)

Boston, Mass.—**Dustin Wilson** won two events in the 55-meter high hurdles and 200-meter dash to lead the University at Albany to a second-place finish in the men's standings at the America East Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships on Saturday at the Boston Armory.

Northeastern won its third consecutive conference crown with 142 points. UAlbany scored 127, and was followed by Boston U. with 79.

Wilson, a sophomore who's also a tailback on the Albany football team, ran a season-best 7.65 seconds in the high hurdles, and came from behind in the 200 to edge Northeastern's **Andy Alsup**. Wilson sprinted 22.25 seconds and outleaned Alsup at the finish line.

The Great Danes had four other individual champions. **Alix Rodriques** won the 55-meter dash with IC4A-qualifying and season-best 6.43 seconds. Freshman **Kristof Molnar** captured the 800 in 1:52.65. **Naron Stewart** won the high jump (6-09.75), while **Rob Harrison** (Shaker) took the triple jump (44-07.25). **Szabolcs Molnar** was second in the 1,000, but set a school record with a time of 2:26.94.

"I am excited, because I can't ask for any more from this team," Albany coach **Roberto Vives** said. "They performed as a team despite being predominantly sophomores and freshmen. We established today that we are the future of this conference."

Albany was eighth in the women's competition. **Dinnah Decatus** was third in the 800, and broke her own school standard with a time of 2:15.97. **Cherice' Vanderhall** broke another record in the 20-pound weight throw, and was fourth with a mark of 48-06.75.

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America East Conference Championships

Team Scores

Men- 1. Northeastern 142, 2. Albany 127, 3. Boston U. 79, 4. New Hampshire 68, 5. Maine 58, 6. Stony Brook 38, 7. Binghamton 26, 8. Vermont 16, 9. Hartford 4.

Women- 1. Boston U. 139, 2. Northeastern 111.50, 3. Binghamton 62, 4. New Hampshire 60, 5. Maine 57, 6. Vermont 48, 7. Stony Brook 45, 8. Albany 35.50.

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Comments: College Sports (Women's Tennis)

Guilderland, N.Y.—University at Albany's **Violeta Petijevic** recorded wins in both singles and doubles play as the Great Danes dropped a 4-3 dual-match decision to Fairfield at the Tri-City Racquet Club on Saturday afternoon.

Petijevic, a junior playing in her first match of the spring season, defeated Fairfield's **Kelly DiMario** at No. 1 singles by scores of 7-5 and 7-5. She teamed with freshman **Marisa Berley** (Shenendehowa) at first doubles to post an 8-6 win against the tandem of DiMario and **Krissy Fitzpatrick**.

Sophomore **Alex Berley** (Shenendehowa) teamed with freshman **Krista Babiarz** to take an 8-5 decision at second doubles. The win secured the doubles point for Albany in the team competition.

Freshman **Stacy Kaminski** (Ichabod Crane) won her singles match in the fourth position. She defeated **Kristy Golden** 6-2, 7-6 (7-5). Babiarz dropped a three-set affair at third singles, losing to **Erin Reeves** 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (10-8).

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Fairfield 4, Albany 3

Singles-

1. Violeta Petijevic (A) def. Kelly DiMario (F), 7-5, 7-5
2. Krissy Fitzpatrick (F) def. Marisa Berley (A), 7-5, 6-2
3. Erin Reeves (F) def. Krista Babiarz (A), 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (10-8)
4. Stacy Kaminski (A) def. Kristy Golden (F), 6-2, 7-6 (7-5)
5. Alyssa Haddad (F) def. Lisa Fund (A), 6-1, 6-0
6. Andrea Surianu (F) def. Reeba Miller (A), 6-1, 6-4

Doubles-

1. Petijevic-M. Berley (A) def. DiMario-Fitzpatrick (F), 8-6
2. Alex Berley-Babiarz (A) def. Reeves-Golden (F), 8-5
3. Haddad-Annie Mallowney (F) def. Fund-Miller (A), 8-2

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Comments: College Basketball

Boston University 68, Albany 56

Boston, Mass.—Freshman guard **Chaz Carr** had 18 points in leading Boston University to a 68-56 America East Conference victory over Albany on Saturday at Case Gymnasium.

Boston U. (17-9, AE 11-3) raced to a 17-5 lead to open the contest. Carr had seven points in that outburst. The Terriers, who have won 10 of their last 12 games, stretched their margin to 15 points when **Jason Grochowalski** scored on a follow-shot in the lane.

Albany (7-18, AE 4-10) trailed by ten at halftime, but closed within 33-29 on **Antione Johnson's** jumper. **Rhasheed Peterson**, who led all scorers with a career-high 26 points, canned one of his six 3-point field goals in that run.

The Terriers, who used a zone press defense throughout the afternoon to force 16 Albany turnovers, still led 46-41 with 9:08 remaining, but then reeled off eight-straight points to take control. **Billy Collins**, a 6-foot-7 junior who had nine points and nine rebounds, ignited that decisive run with a 3-pointer from the left side. **Kevin Fitzgerald** would later hit a fast-break layup for a 54-41 lead.

"We turned the ball over and couldn't put the ball in the hole in the first half," Albany coach **Will Brown** said. "I've said before Boston U. is the favorite to win the conference tournament. They can play at a fast or slow tempo and can win at home or on the road."

Rashad Bell had 13 points for the Terriers, who kept solid their second-place standing in the conference. **Will Brand** had 10 points for the Great Danes, who dropped their fourth straight on the road.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Boston U. 80, Albany 61

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Katie Terhune** totaled 14 of her 21 points in the first half and added 11 rebounds as Boston U. shot 55 percent in earning an 80-61 America East Conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Boston U. (15-9, AE 8-5), winners in seven of its last nine, used an 11-2 spurt early in the second stanza and extended its lead to 45-31 on pull-up jumper at the 16:52 mark by **Larissa Parr**, who finished with 19 points, two shy of a career-high. Parr had 14 of her markers in the final period. The Terriers, who shot 65.5 percent in the half, would increase the margin to 59-39 seven minutes later as **Annie Tomasini** drained a three-pointer on the top right side of the arc. Albany (4-19, AE 0-12), who tied the program's single-season record for consecutive losses with 12, trailed by as many as 26 points late in the contest.

In the first half, the Terriers jumped out to a 19-10 advantage as Terhune, the league's leading scorer, converted an old fashioned three-point play as she was fouled in the lane. The Great Danes fought back and would tally 12 of the game's next 14 points, recapturing a 22-21 lead on a pair of **Maree Jones'** free throws and 7:34 to play. Terhune, who also secured 10 rebounds by the intermission and finished with her fourth career double-double, scored the final four points of the stanza and gave the Terriers a 34-29 halftime cushion.

"I thought this was our poorest defensive performance of the season," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**, whose squad remained winless in conference play. "We can't afford to give up 80 points on our home court. Boston U. was able to do the little things against us – penetrate, score in transition, rebound and dominate in the paint."

Danielle Hutcheson and **Becky Ayers** tallied 14 points apiece for the Great Danes. Hutcheson, who added nine rebounds, set the school single-season freshman rebounding mark (187). **Dia Dufault** had 12 of her season-high 14 points off the bench for Boston U., who moved into sole possession of third place in the America East Conference standings.

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KARIM OUATTARA WILL NOT PLAY AGAINST BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Albany, N.Y.—University at Albany's **Karim Ouattara**, a starter on the men's basketball team, will not play against Boston University on Saturday, Feb. 16, as his amateur status is being reviewed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Ouattara, a senior from Paris, France, will be withheld from competition during the process. The NCAA inquired about Ouattara's status based on its national review of international student-athletes.

"The University is working closely with the NCAA," Director of Athletics Dr. Lee McElroy said. "We have spoken with Karim and he understands that his eligibility review is part of increasing concerns across the nation about international student-athletes. We expect to bring closure to this matter soon."

Ouattara, at 6-foot-7 and 224 pounds, has played in all 24 games for the Great Danes this season and is averaging 3.1 points and 4.0 rebounds. He has been a starter in the UAlbany lineup in 14 of the last 15 games.

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WOMEN – Maine 59, Albany 53

Albany, N.Y. – **Heather Ernest** had 13 points and 11 rebounds, as Maine won its third straight with a 59-53 America East Conference victory over Albany on Thursday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Maine (14-9, AE 7-5) reversed a 44-40 deficit with nine unanswered points. **Missy Traversi** canned a three-point field goal from the left corner to give her team the lead for good. **Eva Moldre** scored on a follow shot, before **Kim Corbitt** hit a jumper in transition to finish off the run.

The Black Bears, who recorded a 30-point win in the first meeting between the teams on Jan. 12, increased their lead to 53-46 on a pair of free throws by **Monica Peterson**, who finished with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Albany (4-18, AE 0-11) would close within one basket twice in the final three minutes. **Marie Connors** made two foul shots to get her club within 55-53 with 1:28 left. Following a shot-clock violation, the Great Danes had a chance to go in front, but Connors' three-point attempt rattled out. Corbitt and Traversi each canned two free throws in the stretch to keep Maine ahead.

"We knocked down our free throws and that was the game right there," said Maine coach Sharon Versyp, whose team made 20 of 22 from the charity stripe. "Albany is much better than their record. They play great defense and are tough to shoot against."

In the first half, the Black Bears tallied six straight markers to take a 26-21 lead. Albany would draw even at the intermission, as **Jess McGinlay** buried a 3-pointer and **Chris Gray** hit two free throws.

"It's the little things, plus missed free throws and layups," Albany coach Mari Warner said. "We're a much better team that we were one month ago, but we need to put it all together to get that win."

McGinlay, who made 4 of 7 from three-point range, led all scorers with 16 points, while freshman guard **Becky Ayers** added 11. Ernest, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, added four assists and four steals for the Black Bears, who moved into a tie for third place in the conference standings.

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UALBANY WILL COMPETE FOR FIRST TIME AT AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Albany, N.Y. – The America East Conference Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships will be held on Saturday, February 16 at the Boston Armory on the Boston University campus. The University at Albany will compete for the first time in the championship meet.

Field events begin at 9:00 a.m. with the men's long jump, while track events are scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. Northeastern has won two consecutive America East men's championships, while Vermont captured last year's women's title.

UALbany's **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) is entered in both the men's 3,000- and 5,000-meter events. Rodriguez has already qualified for the IC4A championships in the 5,000, when he ran 14:35.50 at the Terrier Classic in January.

Freshman **Kristof Molnar**, who established a school record with a time of 1:52.62 in the 800-meter run this season, will compete in the 800 and anchor the 4x800-meter relay. His brother, **Szabolcs Molnar**, is also a relay member, and is slated to run in the 1,000.

Dustin Wilson, who qualified for the IC4A meet with a personal-best 22.17 seconds in the 200-meter dash at last weekend's Collegiate Invitational, will compete in the 55-meter high hurdles and 200. **Naron Stewart** and **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) are a pair of IC4A qualifiers in the high jump, while **Alix Rodriques** will be one of the favorites in the 55-meter dash.

In the women's championship, **Tammy Freeman** and **Dinnah Decatus** will lead the 4x800 relay, a squad that posted a season-best time of 9:25.41 in finishing second at the Terrier Classic. Decatus is also entered in the 800, a race where she set a school record of 2:16.27 at the State University Centers Meet this winter. Freeman, a senior captain, will be one of the top competitors in the 500-meter event.

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Comments: College Basketball

Northeastern 79, Albany 59

Boston, Mass.—Sophomore forward **Jesse Dunn** had 22 points to pace four players in double-figures, as Northeastern posted a 79-59 America East Conference victory over Albany on Tuesday at Solomon Court.

The Huskies, who had lost seven of their previous eight games, including three one-point decisions, moved into a tie for seventh place with Albany in the conference standings.

Northeastern (6-18, 4-9) reversed a 22-21 deficit with nine unanswered points to end the first half. **Jermaine Hancock**, who had 10 points, gave his team the lead with a three-point field goal from the left corner. **Ricky Cranford**, a 6-foot-5 senior playing in his final home game, scored in the lane and hit two free throws in that stretch.

The Huskies, who shot 51-percent from the field, made six of their first seven three-point attempts in the second half to break the game open. Dunn, who scored 20-plus for the third time in his last four starts, canned three long-range jumpers in that span. His fourth 3-pointer of the game gave his club a 52-39 advantage with 12:17 remaining.

“Northeastern shot lights out from the perimeter against our zone,” Albany coach **Will Brown** said. “They forced us to go man-to-man the last eight to ten minutes. Dunn has a nice release and gets the ball off quick. For us, it’s a case of the road blues. We have to be a half-court team and slow down the tempo.”

Albany (7-17, 4-9) trailed 16-11 in the opening period but then ran off seven straight to go ahead. **Joe Vukovic**, who had a season-high 14 points and added eight rebounds off the bench, put his team ahead. However, the Great Danes could manage just 9 of 29 shooting in the stanza, and fell behind at the intermission.

Albany’s **Will Brand** led all scorers with 23 points. Cranford finished with 14 points, while teammate **Tim West** added 10 points and seven rebounds.

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WOMEN – Hartford 74, Albany 68

Albany, N.Y. – **Kenitra Johnson** had 19 points and 10 rebounds as Hartford posted its third straight win with a 74-68 come-from-behind victory over Albany in an America East Conference game on Monday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Hartford (10-12, AE 6-5) reversed a 39-35 halftime deficit with 14 consecutive points to open the final stanza. **Janeka Lopp**, who had nine of her 12 points in the second half, hit a layup after a steal and buried a three-point field goal from left of the circle to give her team the lead for good.

Johnson, a 6-foot-3 senior, followed with two baskets in the outburst, before **Dorcus Miller** converted a three-point play as she was fouled on a driving shot for a 48-39 advantage. Meanwhile, Albany (4-17, AE 0-10) committed five turnovers in the opening four minutes of the period to aid the visitors' decisive run.

The Great Danes, who were held to 5-of-17 shooting after the intermission, would later close within 54-50 on a pair of free throws by **Kathryn Hemlock**, who finished with 14 points. However, Hartford came back with six straight points, as Lopp made two foul shots and connected on a back-door layup.

"They out-rebounded us and we can't afford to give up those kind of points," said Albany coach Mari Warner, whose team lost the battle on the boards, 39-28. "Hartford played an aggressive defense in the second half. We were not aggressive the ball, and had trouble making entry passes."

The first half produced eight lead changes and five ties. **Jess McGinlay**, who led her team with 18 points, converted a conventional three-point play and then drilled a 3-pointer to give her team the lead at 33-28. The Great Danes, who shot 50 percent from the field in the period, took a four-point margin to the locker room.

Albany's **Becky Ayers**, a freshman guard, had 17 points, while teammate **Cara Caffell**, a 6-foot-3 center, added 10 points and seven rebounds. Miller was the third Hartford player in double figures with 11.

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MEN – Albany 61, Vermont 45

Albany, N.Y. – **Antione Johnson** equaled a season-high with 23 points in leading Albany to a 61-45 America East Conference victory over Vermont on Sunday at the Recreation and Convocation Center on Big Purple Growl Weekend.

The Great Danes, who knocked off the conference's first-place team, avenged a 28-point loss in the first meeting this season on Dec. 31. Vermont (17-6, AE 10-2) had won 15 of its last 17 games entering the contest.

Albany (7-16, AE 4-8) led 39-34 in the second half, but then ran off 16 of the game's next 20 points to pull away. Johnson, who scored 17 of his total in the final period, ignited that decisive run with a three-point field goal and an 18-foot jumper from the top of the key.

Karim Ouattara, who did not start due to a sore back, added all six of his points in that stretch, including two baskets in the lane off drives from junior point guard **Earv Opong**. Johnson, a 6-foot-1 junior, canned a 14-foot jumper for a 55-38 advantage with 5:38 remaining.

The Catamounts, who were held to their lowest point total of the season, struggled from the field throughout the afternoon. Vermont shot 30.5 percent from the field, including 4-of-28 from the three-point arc.

"They have three great players and we wanted the other people to beat us," said Albany coach Will Brown, whose team won for the fourth time in its last six starts. "We needed to make them stand on the perimeter and limit (T.J.) Sorrentine's touches."

In the first half, Albany's **Will Brand** scored in the lane to give his team the lead for good at 17-15. The Great Danes, who led by as much as six points in the stanza, settled for a 29-24 halftime lead as Opong buried a baseline jumper with three seconds left. Opong, a 5-foot-7 junior, finished with 11 points, and posted career-highs with seven rebounds and seven assists.

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"They are a good team that can go to both the NCAA or NIT tournaments," said Johnson, who scored 20-plus for the seventh time in his career in front of 2,712 fans, the largest home crowd of the season. "That's the best win we've had here, but we have some big games coming up and the America East tournament."

Vermont's **Trevor Gaines** led his club with 18 points and 13 rebounds, his tenth double-double in conference play this season. Sorrentine, the conference's leading-scorer at 19.4 per game, was held to nine points. Albany turned in its best shooting performance in more than two years at 57.1 percent, and made 27 of 47 from the floor.

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(Track & Field)

New York, N.Y.— **Aggrey Morris** led the University at Albany's men's 4x400-meter relay team to a fifth-place finish in the university division section at the second annual Collegiate Invitational on Saturday afternoon at the New York City Armory Track & Field Center.

The Great Danes qualified for the IC4A championships in March with a time of 2:30.82, as Morris, a sophomore, ran 49.2 seconds on the leadoff leg. **Ike Cherry, Rich Villanueva** and **Noel Campbell** were the relay's other members.

Dustin Wilson sprinted a personal-best 8.29 in the championship section of the 60-meter high hurdles to finish fourth overall. His performance was the second-fastest time in school history. Wilson advanced to the championship with a time of 8.42 in the preliminary round.

Freshman **Kristof Molnar** took first in his section of the 800-meter run. He was clocked in 1:52.66, just fourth-hundredths of a second off of his school-record time. His brother, **Szabolcs Molnar**, also placed first in his section of the 800. Szabolcs was timed in 1:56.44.

In the women's competition, **Diane Matthews** ran a personal-best 2:18.87 to take the top spot in her section of the university division 800-meter run. **Dinnah Decatus** went 2:17.80 in her section of the event. **Meghan Howell** ran her best one-mile time as a collegian, finishing the event in 5:16.1.

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WOMEN – Vermont 69, Albany 65

Albany, N.Y. – **Libby Smith** had 16 points and scored the go-ahead basket with 3:45 remaining, as Vermont rallied for a 69-65 America East Conference victory over Albany on Saturday at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Smith, a senior guard who had 12 second-half points, buried a 19-foot jumper to break a 59-59 tie, before **Morgan Hall** canned a three-point field goal from the left corner. Vermont (14-7, AE 8-2) increased its margin to 68-61 when Hall made two free throws with 1:29 to play.

Albany (4-16, AE 0-9) closed within 68-65 when **Danielle Hutcheson** hit a follow shot and **Kathryn Hemlock** canned a jumper. Following a steal, the Great Danes were unable to convert on the offensive end, and UVM's **Dawn Cressman** split a pair of foul shots with five seconds left to seal the outcome.

The Catamounts shot 71.4 percent from the field in the second half on 15-of-21 attempts to reverse a 36-26 halftime deficit. Smith gave her team its first lead in the period, at 45-44, when she made a reverse layup.

Vermont, who holds down second place in the America East standings, built its advantage to 53-47, as **Katie McNamara** converted a three-point play when she was fouled while scoring on the right baseline. However, the Great Danes regrouped with six straight points. Hutcheson, who had 16 points and 12 rebounds, drew her team even with a put-back basket in the lane.

"I thought we played a complete game," Albany coach Mari Warner said. "They attacked us right from the start in the second half, but we fought back and made it a great finish. I thought we had a couple of good looks on that last possession."

Aaron Yantzi scored 14, while Hall and McNamara added 11 points apiece for the Catamounts, who posted their sixth straight victory. Albany's **Becky Ayers** and Hemlock had 14 and 10 points, respectively.

"I am not upset because we gave it our all," said Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 freshman who recorded her seventh double-double of the season. "We're happy with the effort, but not the result."

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Hartford 62, Albany 51

West Hartford, Conn.—**Mantas Storpirstis** had 15 points and **Ryan Stys** added 14, as Hartford held off Albany, 62-51, on Friday evening in an America East Conference game at Chase Family Arena.

Hartford (11-14, AE 8-4) raced to a 9-0 lead at the start by holding the visitors scoreless over the opening five-plus minutes. Storpirstis, who has 12 first-half points, canned one of his four three-point field goals in that span.

The Hawks, who won for the seventh time in their last nine starts, would build its margin to 19 points in the period. Hartford settled for a 34-20 halftime lead by limiting Albany (6-16, AE 3-8) to 35-percent shooting and 13 turnovers with a combination of full-court pressure and half-court traps.

In the second half, the Great Danes rallied behind the play of junior guard **Earv Opong**, who had 12 of his game-high 21 points in the stanza. The Great Danes sliced the deficit to five points on two occasions, including 50-45 with 4:10 remaining on a pair of free throws by **Antione Johnson**. However, Storpirstis drilled a 3-pointer from the left corner on his team's next possession and the Hawks stayed ahead in the stretch.

"We put ourselves in a position to win," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose top two scorers **Will Brand** and Johnson combined for 3-of-18 shooting. "It's tough when your leading scorers struggle on the same night. We kept fighting, but we also did a good job of beating ourselves."

Deon Saunders added 11 points and eight rebounds for Hartford, who remained in third place in the conference standings. Opong, who made five of nine three-point shots, added four rebounds, two assists and four steals to his scoring total.

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(Track & Field)

New York, N.Y.— University at Albany sophomore **Dustin Wilson** posted an IC4A-qualifying time in the 200-meter dash and advanced to the finals of the 60-meter high hurdles at the 2nd Annual Armory Collegiate Invitational on Friday evening at New York City's Armory Track & Field Center.

Wilson sprinted to a personal-best time of 22.16 seconds in the 200-meter dash, the second-fastest time in school history. He finished third in his section and qualified for the IC4A championships in March. Wilson advanced to tomorrow's championship in the 60-meter high hurdles as he finished second in his section with a time of 8.41 seconds.

Albany native **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) finished 12th in the university section of the 3,000-meter run. The senior finished in 8:30.3 seconds, while teammate **Andy Allstadt** hit the tape in a personal-best time of 8:37.73.

Also in the men's competition, **Naron Stewart** took first in the university division high jump, clearing a height of 6-feet, 9-inches. **Aggrey Morris** finished just nine hundredths of a second off the IC4A-qualifying standard in the 400-meter dash. He was second in his section with a time of 49.24.

On the women's side, **Rebecca Habernig** posted one of the best performances in school history in the high jump. The freshman cleared 5-feet, 3-inches.

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FIFTH ANNUAL BIG PURPLE GROWL SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 9-10

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany's fifth annual Big Purple Growl is scheduled for this weekend, Saturday, Feb. 9 and Sunday, Feb. 10. The women's basketball team faces Vermont on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. In the America East TV Game of the Week, the UAlbany men also meet Vermont on Sunday at 12 noon.

The University's winter homecoming also features Sunday's Ferocious Flapjack Feast in the Recreation and Convocation Center's Hall of Fame Room from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The menu includes flapjacks, bacon and eggs and Belgian Waffles.

In addition, there will be carnival-like games, free entertainment for children in the Puppy Pound on the court level and give-aways, including T-shirts on both days. Some of the contests include a shoot for tuition, a \$250.00 cash prize for best spirit, and a raffle for an autographed jersey signed by the New York Giants' Jason Sehorn.

A Big Purple Growl and Ferocious Flapjack Feast package includes admission to the breakfast and the men's basketball game. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$11 for children (ages 7-12), and free for children (ages 6 & under). Basketball-only ticket prices for each day are \$8.00 for chairbacks and \$6.00 for bleacher seats. Contact the UAlbany Athletic Ticket Office at 518-442-DANE (3263) and select option "2".

The Albany-Vermont men's game is the America East TV Game of the Week, and can be seen locally on the Empire Sports Network. The Catamounts are currently in first place in the America East standings.

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WOMEN – Binghamton 63, Albany 54

Vestal, N.Y. – **Sarah Cartmill** had 17 points and seven rebounds, as Binghamton extended its home winning streak to 15 straight with a 63-54 America East Conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at West Gymnasium.

Binghamton (17-4, AE 8-2) led 12-10 midway through the first half, but then scored 10 of the game's next 12 markers. **Leala Wegworth**, a 6-foot sophomore, scored six of her 10 points in that stretch. She hit back-to-back baskets and added a pair of free throws for a 24-14 advantage.

The Bearcats, who defeated Albany, 60-54, just six days ago at the Recreation and Convocation Center, held an eight-point halftime cushion. Cartmill, the conference's second-leading scorer, then helped her team stretch its advantage at the start of the final period. Cartmill, a senior center, converted consecutive baskets for a 34-19 lead with 15:45 remaining.

Binghamton, the conference's top defensive club, held the visitors to two field goals in the opening eight minutes of the final stanza. The Bearcats built their margin to as much as 55-29 in the second half, before Albany (4-15, AE 0-8) made a late run. Freshman guard **Becky Ayers** had 11 of her 15 points in an outburst that closed the Great Danes within seven in the final minute.

"Their guards crowded the paint because they knew our inside play is the key," said Ayers, whose team was held to 32-percent shooting in the first half. "We need to get over any fears we have. There is nothing to be afraid of. We just need to pick it up and get it done."

"There's no question our players need to have more confidence in their abilities," Albany coach Mari Warner said. "The full-court press we used in the second half helped us make that run, and that's a positive."

Nicole Dypolt was the third player in double figures with 12 points for the Bearcats, who have won eight of their last nine to stay in first place in the America East standings. Albany's **Danielle Hutcheson**, a 6-foot-4 freshman, had 11 points and nine rebounds.

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Binghamton 75, Albany 56

Vestal, N.Y.—**Andrew Hannan** and **Jeffrey St. Fort** each had 19 points as Binghamton snapped a four-game losing streak with a 75-56 America East Conference victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at West Gymnasium.

Binghamton (8-15, AE 5-7) used an 18-4 run to breakaway in the first half. Hannan ignited the outburst with back-to-back three-point field goals. **Anthony Green** added seven of his eleven points in that spurt.

The Bearcats, who shot 52.2 percent from the field, led by as much as 17 points in the opening period before settling for a 35-23 margin at the intermission.

Albany (6-15, AE 3-7) closed within seven points on two occasions in the second half. **Rhasheed Peterson**, who had a team-high 15 points off the bench, canned a 3-pointer from the top of the arc to get his club within 48-41.

However, the Bearcats responded with nine unanswered points to pull away for good. St. Fort, a 6-foot-6 forward who became the 16th 1,000-point scorer in school history, capped that stretch when he converted a three-point play as he was fouled on a slam dunk in transition.

“They played extremely hard and took the game away from us,” said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose team shot 33.9 percent from the floor. “They were physical and made us work for every shot. We just didn’t respond and we were unable to do the things that we’ve done the last three games.”

Junior guard **Antione Johnson** had 13 points for the Great Danes, who saw their three-game win streak come to an end. Binghamton’s **Mike Wright** was his team’s fourth player in double figures with 13.

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UALBANY'S CHRIS WYATT NAMED AMERICA EAST CO-ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Chris Wyatt** has been chosen as the America East Conference's Spalding Co-Rookie of the Week, as announced today by the conference office. Wyatt, a freshman from Horsham, Pa., shared the weekly award with Vermont's Taylor Coppenrath.

Wyatt, a 6-foot-6 forward, averaged 13.5 points, 8.5 rebounds and 2.0 steals in two America East victories last week. He posted season-highs in points (16) and rebounds (9) in last Saturday's 65-54 victory at Stony Brook, as the Great Danes won on the road in conference play for the first time. Wyatt turned in an 11-point, 8-rebound performance in a 74-57 win over New Hampshire on Jan. 30.

Wyatt is averaging 7.0 points and 3.7 rebounds in nine games since entering the Great Danes' starting lineup. Albany (6-14, AE 3-6) has a three-game winning streak for the first time in two years, and has moved up to seventh place in the conference standings.

SUNDAY'S ALBANY-VERMONT GAME ON AMERICA EAST TV NETWORK

Boston, Mass. – The America East TV Network will produce the UAlbany-Vermont men's basketball game on Sunday, Feb. 10. The contest will air live at 12 noon on Empire Sports Network (Albany), Adelphia Channel (statewide in Vermont) and the ABC affiliate in Bangor, Maine. It is also part of the ESPN Full Court package.

New England Sports Network (NESN) will show the game on a tape-delay basis on Sunday evening at 7:00. Mike Corey handles the play-by-play. Rob Kennedy adds color commentary.

The television broadcast will be the first at the UAlbany's Recreation and Convocation Center. The 5,000-seat arena opened on Dec. 2, 1992.

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WOMEN – Stony Brook 55, Albany 46

Albany, N.Y. – **Danielle DeGiorgio** had 17 points and **Sherry Jordan** added 16 in leading Stony Brook to a 55-46 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Stony Brook (12-7, AE 5-3) led 47-43 with 4:11 remaining, when Jordan converted a three-point play as she was fouled on an 8-foot jumper in the lane. Jordan, who had 11 second-half points, would make a steal on Albany's next possession. **Erika Shipley**, who scored 10, later hit a fastbreak layup for a 52-43 advantage.

In the opening period, the Seawolves, who have won nine of their last 12 contests, ran off nine straight points to break an early tie. DeGiorgio, a 6-foot sophomore, tallied seven markers in that spurt. Her follow shot in the lane gave Stony Brook a 14-5 lead.

Albany (4-14, AE 0-7) would close within 20-19, when **Danielle Hutcheson** put back a missed shot. Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 center, recorded her sixth double-double of the season with 11 points and 15 rebounds.

DeGiorgio, who grabbed eight rebounds, helped Stony Brook score nine of the period's final 13 points to take a 29-23 lead at the intermission. She canned a left baseline jumper to start the run, and finished the stretch with a follow shot at the buzzer. The Seawolves, who held their opponent to 31-percent shooting and forced 25 turnovers, led by as much as nine points in the final stanza.

"(Sherry) Jordan is an awesome player," said Albany guard Chris Gray, who had seven points, four rebounds and two steals off the bench. "They didn't show any fatigue in the stretch. They knew they could win. I am mad right now; I want to win. We get too excited or nervous and worry about mistakes. We need to keep our heads in the game."

Junior guard **Jess McGinlay** had 11 points for the Great Danes, whose losing streak was extended to seven straight games. Stony Brook's Jordan added seven rebounds and six steals to her scoring total.

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UALBANY MEN SECOND AT COLGATE'S CLASS OF '32 INVITATIONAL

Hamilton, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Dustin Wilson** won the 55-meter high hurdles and placed fourth in the 200-meter dash to lead his team to a second-place at Colgate University's Class of '32 Invitational on Saturday at Charles H. Sanford Field House.

The Great Danes, who scored 102 points, finished second in the men's standings behind Buffalo (158) in the 11-team competition. Lehigh was third with 87.5 points, and was followed by Binghamton (86.5) and Colgate (73).

Wilson, a sophomore tailback on the UAlbany football team, sprinted 7.75 seconds to win the 55-hurdles, and was fourth in the 200-dash in 23.05. **Shaun Empie** (Scotia-Glenville) cleared 14-feet, 6.75-inches to capture the pole vault event, while **Joe Pienta** (Ichabod Crane) was first in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:41.74.

Paul Roche (Niskayuna) placed second in the high jump with a leap of 6-feet, 9-inches, and qualified for the IC4A championships in March. **Rob Harrison** (Shaker) was second in the triple jump (46-0).

In the women's meet, UAlbany's **Zerlinda Martinez** raced to a second-place finish in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 3:09.21. **Kristen O'Brien** tied for fifth in the pole vault (9-4.25), while **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) was sixth in the 3,000 (11:09.75).

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Albany 65, Stony Brook 54

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Antione Johnson** and **Chris Wyatt** each had 16 points, as Albany won its third straight with a 65-54 America East Conference victory over Stony Brook on Saturday at the SBU Sports Complex.

Albany (6-14, AE 3-6) reversed a 39-38 deficit with ten unanswered points. The Great Danes, who held their opponent scoreless for more than eight minutes, took the lead for good on Wyatt's jumper with 10:42 remaining. Wyatt, a 6-foot-6 freshman, scored a season-high total and added a season-best nine rebounds. **Will Brand** had two baskets in that decisive outburst, and **Karim Ouattara** hit a slam dunk for a 48-39 lead with 5:08 to play.

The Great Danes, who won for the first time on the road in conference play, extended its lead to 53-41 when **Earv Opong** drove into the lane and dished off to Brand for a layup. Stony Brook (3-18, AE 2-8) never got closer than seven points in the stretch, as Albany made 12 of 14 free throws in the final two minutes.

In the first half, the Seawolves shot 52 percent from the field en route to a 32-31 halftime advantage. **D.J. Munir**, who had 21 of his game-high 28 points in the opening period, made a jumper at the buzzer to send his club to the locker room with a lead. Munir, a sophomore guard, added six rebounds, four assists and two steals.

"We didn't play that well, but we put ourselves in a position to win," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose team owns its longest winning streak since the 1999-2000 season. "We made plays down the stretch and stayed aggressive. Our seniors want to leave on a positive note. We are learning to create our own energy and making progress on the floor."

Brand finished with 14 points, while **Joe Vukovic** added five points and a career-high 13 rebounds off the bench. Stony Brook's **Mike Orfini** was the only other player on his team in double figures with 12. The Seawolves, who have lost six of their last seven outings, swept the season series between both schools last year.

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(Track & Field)

New York, N.Y.— **Aggrey Morris** anchored the University at Albany's men's 4x400-meter relay to a second-place finish out of six teams at the 95th running of the Verizon Millrose Games on Friday evening at Madison Square Garden. The Great Danes were fourth in the women's 4x400 event and finished seventh in the men's 4x800 relay.

UAlbany was timed in 3:30.13 in the men's 4x400 race, finishing 1.26 seconds behind winner Montclair State. Morris finished with a split of 50.9 seconds, and was joined on the relay by **Noel Campbell, Ike Cherry** and **Rich Villanueva**.

Long Island took the women's 4x400 title in 3:58.22, just two hundredths of a second better than Wheaton. The Great Danes were timed in 4:06.41 to take third place, as Monmouth edged Albany at the finish.

In the men's 4x800 event, UAlbany finished seventh with a time of 8:02.75. The Syracuse Chargers Track Club took the title, followed closely by the New York Athletic Club.

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Men's 4x400 Relay

1. Montclair State, 3:28.87, 2. Albany (Noel Campbell, Ike Cherry, Rich Villanueva, Aggrey Morris), 3:30.13, 3. Shore Athletic Club, 3:31.30, 4. Franklin and Marshall, 3:35.38, 5. Wagner, 3:36.50, 6. Long Island, 3:38.32.

Women's 4x400 Relay

1. Long Island, 3:58.22, 2. Wheaton 3:58.24, 3. Monmouth, 4:06.14, 4. Albany (Tammy Freeman, Erin Goddard, Diane Matthews, Dinnah Decatus), 4:06.41, 5. St. John's, 4:07.75, Maryland-Baltimore County—DNS.

Men's 4x800 Relay

1. Syracuse Chargers Track Club, 7:42.80, 2. New York Athletic Club, 7:43.52, 3. Duke 7:44.60, 4. East Carolina, 7:53.03, 5. Life 7:55.05, 6. St. John's 7:57.54, 7. Albany (Ed Fotiades, Szabolcs Molnar, Adam Rice, Kristof Molnar) 8:02.75, Seton Hall—DNS.

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Albany, N.Y.—Sophomore **Lindsay Suffredini** won at both third singles and first doubles to lead Colgate to a 7-0 non-conference win over Albany on Friday afternoon. The Great Danes' spring season-opener was held at the Schenectady Racquet Club.

UAlbany's tandem of **Alex Berley** (Shenendehowa) and **Krista Babiarz** dropped their match at first doubles, 8-5, to Suffredini and **Emily Wenink**. The Great Danes' second-doubles team of **Marisa Berley** (Shenendehowa) and **Stacy Kaminski** also fell by an 8-5 margin.

Marisa Berley, a freshman, played at No. 1 singles for the first time. She dropped a 6-0, 6-1 decision to **Marissa Alikpala**. Alex Berley fell to **Lauren Erikson** at second singles, 6-1 and 6-1.

The Great Danes will host Fairfield on Feb. 16 at 1:00 p.m.

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Colgate 7, Albany 0

Singles

1. Marissa Alikpala (Colgate) def. Marisa Berley (Albany) 6-0, 6-1
2. Lauren Erikson (Colgate) def. Alex Berley (Albany) 6-1, 6-1
3. Lindsay Suffredini (Colgate) def. Krista Babiarz (Albany) 6-2, 6-0
4. Jamie Maldow (Colgate) def. Stacy Kaminski (Albany) 6-1, 6-0
5. Lindsey Sine (Colgate) def. Lisa Fund (Albany) 6-0, 6-0
6. Jessica Fede (Colgate) def. Reeba Miller (Albany) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1. Emily Wenink-Suffredini (Colgate) def. A. Berley-Babiarz (Albany) 8-5
2. Erikson-Sine (Colgate) def. M. Berley-Kaminski (Albany) 8-5
3. Fede-Maldow (Colgate) def. Fund-Miller (Albany) 8-1

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO FIRST-PLACE BINGHAMTON'S SECOND-HALF RALLY

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard Kate Townley scored 14 of her career-high 20 points in the second half, as Binghamton rallied for a 60-54 America East Conference victory over Albany on Thursday, Jan. 31 at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Binghamton (15-4, AE 6-2) snapped a 45-45 tie with seven unanswered points. Nicole Dypolt split a pair of free throws to give her team the lead for good with 7:37 remaining. Brooke Kelly and Townley followed with consecutive fastbreak layups. Kristin Hibler, a 6-foot-2 freshman, completed the decisive run when she scored in the lane.

Townley, who added seven rebounds, four steals and three assists, canned five of six free throws in the final minute of play to keep her team ahead. The Bearcats, who shot 54.5 percent from the field in the second half, held on to first place in the conference standings.

Albany (4-13, AE 0-6) built a 28-21 halftime advantage, as freshman guard Becky Ayers tallied 10 of her 18 points in the period. The Great Danes, who saw their losing streak extended to six straight games, would lead by as much as nine points early in the final half.

The Bearcats, who have won six of their last seven starts, regrouped with a 10-1 run. Kelly, a senior forward who had seven points and seven rebounds, drilled a three-point field goal from the top of the arc to tie the contest at 34 apiece with 15:15 to play. Binghamton eventually pushed out to a 43-38 lead, but the Great Danes would later draw even on Danielle Hutcheson's follow shot and Sarah Sweetland's jumper in transition.

"We knew it would be a tough game on the inside, and that they would try to negate our post play," said Ayers, who has scored in double figures in eight of her last nine outings. "We need to continue to play with confidence, and have a belief in what we are trying to accomplish."

Binghamton's Leala Wegwerth had 12 points, while leading-scorer Sarah Cartmill added 10 points and seven rebounds. Junior guard Jess McGinlay was the only other Albany player in twin figures with 12.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LOSES ON ROAD TO NORTHEASTERN IN CONFERENCE PLAY

Boston, Mass. – Melissa Kowalski scored all 19 of her points in the first half, as Northeastern ended a six-game losing streak in conference play with a 63-54 America East victory over Albany on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Solomon Court.

Albany (4-12, AE 0-5) led 19-9 midway through the opening period after Jess McGinlay, who scored 10, made a three-point field goal. Danielle Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 freshman, had eight of her 16 points in that

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16	Fri.	at Bucknell	<u>64-45, L</u>
21	Wed.	Cornell	<u>64-62, L</u>
27	Tue.	at Siena (Pepsi Arena)	<u>76-59, L</u>
30	Fri.	Navy	<u>69-55, L</u>
December			
5	Wed.	at Army	<u>65-63, W</u> (OT)
8	Sat.	Sacred Heart	<u>55-52, W</u>
11	Tue.	at Yale	<u>80-61, L</u>
15	Sat.	Colgate	<u>77-66, L</u>
22	Sat.	St. Francis, N.Y.	<u>66-63, L</u>
28	Fri.	at Towson	<u>66-60, W</u>
January			
2	Wed.	at Lafayette	<u>74-62, W</u>
6	Sun.	at New Hampshire*	<u>72-56, L</u>
12	Sat.	at Maine*	<u>88-58, L</u>
19	Sat.	New Hampshire*	<u>50-42, L</u>
24	Thur.	at Boston U.*	<u>77-71, L</u> (OT)
26	Sat.	at Northeastern*	<u>63-54, L</u>
31	Thur.	Binghamton*	<u>60-54, L</u>
February			
3	Sun.	Stony Brook* (WCDB)	1:00
6	Wed.	at Binghamton* (WCDB)	7:00
9	Sat.	Vermont* (WCDB)	1:00
11	Mon.	Hartford* (WCDB)	7:00
14	Thur.	Maine* (WCDB)	7:00
16	Sat.	Boston U.* (WCDB)	1:00
22	Fri.	at Hartford* (WCDB)	7:00
24	Sun.	at Stony Brook* (WCDB)	1:00
28	Thur.	at Vermont* (WCDB)	7:00
March			
2	Sat.	Northeastern* (WCDB)	1:00