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Comments: College Basketball

Hartford 80, Albany 68

West Hartford, Conn.— Freshman guard **Aaron Cook** scored a season-high 22 points off the bench to lead Hartford to an 80-68 America East Conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at Chase Family Arena.

Albany (5-13, AE 1-6) led 21-18 midway through the first half, when **Antione Johnson** nailed a three-point field goal. Hartford (10-8, AE 5-2) responded with 12 unanswered points. Cook, a 6-foot-one guard tallied six in that stretch. He was fouled on a fastbreak lay up, and his three-point play gave his team the lead for good. He later canned a three-pointer from the top of the arc to finish off that run.

The Great Danes, who have lost seven straight road games, would close within 39-36 with 2:21 left in the period, when **Rhasheed Peterson** hit a three-pointer. Peterson scored all 14 of his points before halftime. But the Hawks regrouped with the final six points of the stanza, as Cook hit another long-range jumper in that spurt.

Albany was still within striking distance at 47-41 early in the second half. **Levi Levine**, who had 14 points and eight rebounds, scored in the lane. The Hawks, who shot 51 percent from the field, would end that threat with eight straight points. **Pierre Johnson**, who had 17 points and eight rebounds, scored on a foul shot for a 55-41 lead with 13:14 remaining. His team had a working margin of 10 points the rest of the way.

"We let them get into a comfort zone at home," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose team shot 38.3 percent from the floor. "In the first half, they had too many uncontested baskets and jumpers. Our bench play was disappointing, and we had no energy. We couldn't seem to make a run at them in the second half."

Albany's **Jamar Wilson** led his team with 22 points, six assists and five rebounds. Johnson was the fourth Albany player in double figures with 11. **Jerell Parker** had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Hawks, who have won six of their last eight games.

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Albany 70, Hartford 63

Albany, N.Y. – **Jess McGinlay** scored a game-high 23 points as Albany defeated America East Conference-foe Hartford, 70-62, on Wednesday night at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The win is the second straight league victory for the Great Danes, who finished 0-16 in the America East last season.

Albany (8-9, AE 2-4), was tied with Hartford at 61 apiece with 4:23, but **Danielle Hutcheson**, who recorded her eighth double-double of the season with 16 points and 10 rebounds, gave the Great Danes the lead for good at 3:26 when she hit a turn around jumper in the paint. The basket sparked a 9-2 run that closed out the game.

After a Great Danes timeout, Hutcheson put back her own miss to give UAlbany a 65-61 lead with 1:28 to go in the game. The Hawks' Erika Messam missed a short jumper which **Sarah Sweetland** rebounded and passed to McGinlay who was then fouled. McGinlay, who set the school record tonight with 126 career three-pointers, calmly sank a pair of free throws to increase the advantage to 67-61 with 1:07 left.

Hartford (4-13, AE 2-4), who lost to Albany for the first time in school history, tried several long three-pointers to cut into the lead, but all were off the mark, as the Hawks were held without a field goal for the last six minutes and 10 seconds of the contest. The team's only points scored in that stretch were on free throws by **Bridget Murray** and **Liz Stitch**, who finished with a team-high 12 points.

"Our team is coming together at the right time," stated Albany head coach **Trina Patterson**, whose team doubled last season's win total tonight. "We experienced some growing pains early on, but now I hope we are heading in the right direction. I want this team to be playing its best basketball in February. The two league wins let us know we have a future in this conference and we all have a hunger for accomplishment."

The game, which featured 10 lead changes and 14 ties, saw no team lead by more than eight, as UAlbany was ahead 32-24 with 2:23 remaining before intermission. That lead was created thanks in part to a 14-4 run, featuring six points from McGinlay, who was 5-of-7 from behind the arc, and four from Hutcheson. Hartford battled back, as Albany entered halftime with a 34-30 lead.

Albany's **Kathryn Hemlock** added 10 points for the Great Danes, who shot 62.5 percent in the first half and 52.8 percent for the game. **Danielle Wexler** and **Dorcas Miller** each added 11 points in a losing effort for the Hawks.

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DANIELLE HUTCHESON NAMED AMERICA EAST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Danielle Hutcheson** has been selected as the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in women's basketball, as announced today by the conference office. She shared the award with Northeastern's Melissa Kowalski.

Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 sophomore from Phoenix, Ariz., recorded her seventh double-double of the season with 16 points and 10 rebounds in a 75-62 conference victory over Binghamton on Jan. 22. She also added five steals and three blocked shots, as the Great Danes picked up their first-ever America East win. Albany snapped a 20-game loss streak in the league and five-game skid overall.

Hutcheson ranks seventh among the America East leaders in scoring at 13.8 points per game, plus is third in both rebounding (9.8 pg) and blocks (1.4 pg).

JAMAR WILSON CHOSEN AMERICA EAST CO-ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jamar Wilson** has been chosen as the America East Conference Co-Rookie of the Week in men's basketball, as announced today by the conference office. Wilson, who has won the weekly award four times this season, shared the honor with Northeastern's Jose Juan Barea.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 freshman from Bronx, N.Y., averaged 19.0 points in two games last week. He scored 20 points, including six in the third overtime, in last Saturday's 85-84 victory over Dartmouth. Wilson, who has a 12-game, double-figure scoring streak, made the winning free throws with 27.9 seconds remaining.

Wilson is third among the conference scoring leaders with a 17.1 average, plus is eighth in assists (3.2 pg).

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MORRIS QUALIFIES FOR IC4As IN TWO EVENTS AT TERRIER INVITATIONAL

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Aggrey Morris** anchored the 4x400-meter relay to a first-place finish with an IC4A-qualifying time to highlight his team's performance at Boston University's Terrier Invitational at the BU Track and Tennis Center.

Morris teamed with **Stephen Evans**, **Joel Vazquez** and **Jesse Bennett** to post a winning time of 3:18.69, nearly one second better than second-place Fordham. Morris also qualified for the IC4A championships in March by sprinting 48.82 seconds to finish third in the 400-meter dash.

Sophomore **Kristof Molnar** was third in the 800-meter run with a school-record time of 1:50.33. Molnar, who also qualified for the IC4A meet, finished behind Pennsylvania's Sam Burley (1:48.16) and Dan Caulfield, of Ireland (1:50.20), in the invitational race.

Among the other top UAlbany finishers were **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna), who took second in the 55-hurdles (7.71) and **Sam Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville), who was fourth in the 1,000 (4:18.17). **Naron Stewart** (6-feet, 7-inches) and **Jonathan Jones** (20-feet, 3-inches) were fourth in the high jump and long jump, respectively.

AUBIN & COVERT EACH POST VICTORIES AT TERRIER CLASSIC

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs) and **Theresa Covert** recorded individual victories at Boston University's Terrier Classic, a two-day meet held at the BU Track and Tennis Center.

Aubin, a junior, won the triple jump for the third straight weekend. She posted a mark of 38-feet, 1.50-inches to narrowly defeat Yale's Dionna Thomas (38-0). Covert, a Temple transfer, won the 55-meter high hurdles with a time of 7.95 seconds, and more than a tenth of a second better than Seton Hall's Lynnsey Dailey. Covert also placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18-4.25.

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MEN – Albany 85, Dartmouth 84 (3OT)

Albany, N.Y. – **Antione Johnson** scored a season-high 25 points and **Jamar Wilson** made the go-ahead free throws in the third overtime to lead Albany to an 85-84 non-conference victory over Dartmouth on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Johnson, who scored 11 of his total in the extra periods, canned a 19-foot jumper for an 83-81 lead with 1:38 remaining. Dartmouth (4-11) went back in front on its next possession, when **Steve Callahan**, who had 12 points, buried a three-point field goal.

Wilson, a freshman who had 20 points and five assists, was then fouled on a drive in the lane. He sank both free throws for an 85-84 advantage with 27.9 seconds to play. The Big Green worked for the last shot, but **Calvin Arnold**, a 6-foot-9 freshman who had 10 points off the bench, failed to get off a 16-foot jumper before the buzzer.

Dartmouth rallied from 13 down in the opening period, to draw even midway through the second half. **Charles Harris**, who tallied a career-high 32 points on 10-of-18 shooting, would later force overtime, as he sank a pair of foul shots with two seconds left in regulation to tie the contest at 58 apiece.

Harris, a 6-foot-5 senior who also was a perfect 10-of-10 from the line, would also be the key figure in sending the game to a second and third overtime session. His 14-foot jumper drew his club even at 63-all to end the first extra period. In the second overtime, Albany (5-12) built a 71-65 cushion after Wilson scored on the left baseline. However, the Big Green came storming back to tie game at 75-75, when Harris nailed a 22-foot, three-point shot from right of circle with seven seconds remaining.

"I think we showed that we are hungry and want to be successful," Albany coach Will Brown commented. "They're a tough team to play against, especially the way they spread the floor. We also struggled offensively early in the second half and missed some free throws. But still we persevered and stuck together to the end."

The Great Danes, who shot 50 percent in the overtime periods, ended a three-game losing streak. **Rhasheed Peterson** (16 points, 13 rebounds) and **Levi Levine** (11 points, 10 rebounds) recorded double-doubles before each player fouled out in extra time. **Earv Opong** was the fifth Albany player in double figures with 12.

"This was big in terms of getting the win," said Johnson, who added six rebounds and five assists. "We needed something to build off of as we get back into league play."

David Gardner and **Greg Friel** had 12 and 10 points, respectively, for the Big Green, who suffered their sixth straight defeat.

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Albany 75, Binghamton 62

Albany, N.Y. – **Sarah Sweetland** scored 20 points and made four free throws at the end to seal the contest as Albany picked up its first-ever America East Conference win by defeating Binghamton, 75-62, on Wednesday night at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Albany (7-9, AE 1-4) had lost 20-straight league games dating back to last year before the victory this evening.

“Although we have only lost four conference games this year, it seems like it has been 50 with all the past history,” stated Albany coach **Trina Patterson**, whose team is now 5-2 at home. “This is a big release for the team and now we can move forward and look for more wins in this league.”

The Great Danes, who also ended a five-game losing skid, led 21-19 with 9:37 remaining in the first half before breaking the contest open with a 20-5 run to close out the half. **Jess McGinlay**, who scored 16 points on 5-of-9 shooting, made one of her two 3-pointers to start the spurt. Sweetland, who went 6-of-9 from the floor, hit back-to-back long-range jumpers to give Albany a 31-20 lead with 4:54 left before intermission.

Danielle Hutcheson, who recorded her seventh double-double of the year with 16 points and 11 rebounds, closed the run by sinking a pair of free throws, as Albany went into halftime with a 41-24 advantage. The Great Danes shot 64 percent on 16-of-25 from the floor in the opening stanza.

Binghamton (6-8, AE 2-2), which shot 29.2 percent in the first half, cut the 61-46 deficit down to six with 52 seconds remaining, as the Bearcats outscored Albany 14-5 during a seven-minute stretch. **Jennifer Blues**, who finished with a team-high 14 points before fouling out, tallied six buckets, both on three-pointers, during the spurt.

Albany, which shot a season-high 56.2 percent, answered with a 9-2 run to close out the game. All nine points during that stretch came at the free throw line.

“I thought we had great team play tonight. Dani (Hutcheson) keeps on getting better and better and Kathryn (Hemlock), Sarah (Sweetland) and Jess (McGinlay) all had the outside game going tonight,” added Patterson. “Jess had a steady game despite playing with a hurt knee. She has a pro playing mentality.”

Rachel Laws and **Leala Wegwerth** each added 12 points for Binghamton, who had won three of their last four contests.

“It’s good to finally get the win, but I am more happy with the fact that we had great team chemistry tonight,” said McGinlay. “We played together as a team tonight and that’s what we need to do in order to keep winning.”

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Comments: College Sports (Track, America East Fall Academic Honor Roll)

KRISTOF MOLNAR NAMED ECAC DIVISION I TRACK ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Kristof Molnar** has been selected as the ECAC Division I Track Athlete of the Week, as announced today by the conference office.

Molnar, a sophomore from Gyor, Hungary, won the 800-meter run with a time of 1:55.36 at the Great Dane Classic on January 19 at the New York City Armory. The defending America East Conference champion was two seconds faster than his nearest competitor. He also ran the third leg on the winning 4x800-meter relay that was clocked in 7:52.91. UAlbany finished second behind Northeastern by 6.5 points in the 10-team meet.

UALBANY PLACES 43 ATHLETES ON AMERICA EAST ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Boston, Mass. – The 2002 America East Fall Academic Honor Roll was announced today by Chris Monasch, Commissioner of the America East Conference. UAlbany placed 43 student-athletes, who earned a 3.0 grade point average or higher, on the academic list.

Student-Athletes were recognized from the six championship sports which America East sponsors in the fall, including men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, field hockey and volleyball.

Sixteen players off the UAlbany field hockey squad were honored, including two of the team's top three scorers **Allison Mann** and **Alexis Johnson**. **Alissa Gibbs**, a two-time first-team all-conference outside hitter, was among five volleyball athletes chosen.

Joe Pienta and **Andy Allstadt**, who finished sixth and eighth, respectively, at the America East cross country championships, led a group of nine UAlbany men's and women's runners. **Sara Rickard**, a second-team all-conference midfielder, was among eight women's soccer players named. Men's Soccer had five athletes selected to the academic honor roll.

America East Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll

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Men's Cross Country: Andy Allstadt*, Bryant Cherry-Woode, Tim Koch*, Joe Pienta*.

Women's Cross Country: Lindsey Bellosa*, Jenny Boscho, Erin Goddard, Theresa Juva*, Nicole Susser*.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Field Hockey: Megan Akstin, Brooke Barton, Heidi Bowen, Rhonda Corcoran*, Danielle Costello, Joanna DaLuze*, Michele De Cuffa*, Abby Frisbie*, Amber Greiner*, Michelle Guerin, Theresa Henson*, Alexis Johnson*, Allison Mann, Cheryl Varga*, Amber Wade*, Jessica Whitcomb.

Men's Soccer: Tom Lough, Anthony Matrone, Tim Roty, Caio Silva, Savvas Theofilou*.

Women's Soccer: Alena Baisden, Christie Cremo, Katie Petrarca, Sara Rickard, Jen Schroeckenthaler, Erin Stanek, Beth Spinelli*, Erika Van Zandt.

Volleyball: Jill Dombrowski, Alissa Gibbs*, Ashlee Reed*, Eileen Nicole Rodriguez, Susan Spierre*.

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Binghamton 86, Albany 59

Vestal, N.Y. – **Nick Billings** had 15 points and 12 rebounds to lead Binghamton to an 86-59 America East Conference victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at West Gymnasium.

Binghamton (9-7, AE 4-2) led 50-47 with 12:56 remaining, but then pulled away with 16 unanswered points. Sophomore **Billy Williams** came off the bench to score all of his seven points in that run, including a three-point field goal that gave his team a 10-point margin.

Charles Baker, a senior guard who scored 11 points, finished off that decisive stretch with a tip-in and a three-pointer from the top of the arc for a 66-47 lead with 6:57 left to play.

"They are the most physical team in the league," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose team shot 38.3 percent, including 2-of-18 from three-point range. "They're like an NHL team that has line shifts. They wore us down. We didn't shoot well or rebound and that's a bad combination for us."

The Bearcats, who shot 55.2 percent in the opening period, used a 13-2 run to break open a tight contest. Reserve **Joe White** scored six of his 10 points in that span, before Billings, a 7-foot center, buried a 15-foot jumper for a 41-27 lead with 2:26 left before halftime.

Albany (4-12, AE 1-5) worked their way back into the contest early in the second half behind the play of freshman forward **Levi Levine**, who had 23 points and seven rebounds. The Great Danes closed within three points on two occasions. **Jamar Wilson**, another freshman who had 18 points, hit a jumper in transition to get his club within 50-47.

Binghamton had five players in double figures. **Brandon Carter** scored 13, while conference's second leading scorer **Anthony Green** was held to 10. In addition, Albany's **Antione Johnson** scored nine points and in the process became the 25th player in school history to reach 1,000-career mark.

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ALEX ARGULEWICZ NAMED FOOTBALL GAZETTE OFF. LINEMAN OF THE YEAR

Westmont, Ill. – University at Albany's **Alex Argulewicz** has been named the Football Gazette Division I-AA Mid-Major Offensive Lineman of the Year, as announced today by the national college football publication.

Argulewicz, 6-foot-1, 295-pound left guard, is a two-time Division I-AA All-American and All-Northeast Conference selection. He made 33 consecutive starts on UAlbany's offensive line. The Great Danes finished seventh nationally in rushing at 252.3 yards per game and 26th in scoring with a 29.8 average. The ECAC and NEC champions led the conference in total offense at 371.4 yards per game.

Joining Argulewicz on the Football Gazette All-America first team were tailback **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk), offensive tackle **Geir Gudmundsen** and linebacker **Josh Bazan**. Jones was named to the Associated Press All-America squad in December. Punter **Billy Pike** and offensive tackle **Mike Laroche** (Queensbury) were second-team selections.

AUBIN QUALIFIES FOR ECAC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOL RECORD

New York, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs) captured first in the triple jump and qualified for the ECAC Indoor Championships in March, as her team captured third place at the Great Dane Classic at the New York City Armory. The Albany men were second in the team standings.

Aubin, a Rhode Island transfer, set the school mark and notched a qualifying standard with her jump of 39-feet, 1.75-inches. She also took third in the triple jump with a mark of 17-6.25. Her team finished behind Northeastern and Temple.

Theresa Covert finished first in the 55-meter high hurdles final crossing the tape in an ECAC-qualifying time of 7.95 seconds. **Zerlinda Martinez** placed second in the 1,000-meter run in 3:06.19. **Ricshara Knight** captured third in the high jump at a height of 5-1, while **Tequirra Cox** was third in the 55-meter dash clocking in at 7.42. **Patty Diedrich** and **Meghan Howell** each scored points in two events for the Great Danes.

Diedrich tied for fourth in the high jump and was fourth in the 55-hurdles. Howell placed third in the mile and seventh in the 3,000.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Northeastern edged Albany by 6.5 points for the men's title by scoring a 118.50 total. However, **Kristof Molnar** was a winner in the 800 and ran the third leg on the first-place 4x800 relay team.

Molnar, the reigning America East Conference 800 indoor champion, clocked in at 1:55.36, nearly two seconds faster than his nearest competitor. He then joined with **Gered Burns, Richard Villanueva** and **Isaiah Cherry** to propel the Great Danes to a six-second win over Lafayette in the 4x800 relay.

Dale Hopkinson finished first in the long jump with a leap of 22-3.75. He also placed fifth in the 55-hurdles in a time of 7.78. **Sam Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville) was also a double-event scorer as he finished second in the mile (4:21.28) and third in the 1,000 (2:36.12). **Kamar Elliott**, a cornerback on the ECAC and NEC champion football squad, went 46-3.25 in the triple jump to nab second place. UAlbany's distance medley relay team of **Rob Caracciolo, Wagner Samaniego, Andy Allstadt** and **Cherry** were victorious in a time of 10:20.30.

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Great Dane Classic (New York City Armory)

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WOMEN – 1. Northeastern 152, 2. Temple 117, 3. Albany 107, 4. New Hampshire 73, 5. Monmouth 59, 6. Maryland-Baltimore County 46, 7. Binghamton 36, 8. Lafayette 32, 9. Virginia Military Institute 21, 10. Southern Connecticut State 18.

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Stony Brook 92, Albany 87 (2OT)

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Cori Spencer** scored five of his 20 points to begin the second overtime in leading Stony Brook to a 92-87 America East Conference victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at The Sports Complex.

Spencer, a 6-foot-7, 245-pound center, broke a 76-all tie when he was fouled on a follow shot in the lane. His free throw completed the three-point play. Spencer, who added 10 assists and seven rebounds, then scored on a short turnaround for an 81-76 advantage.

Stony Brook (6-9, AE 1-4) pushed out to an 86-78 lead with 1:47 left. But Albany (4-11, AE 1-4) closed within 90-87 and had a chance to draw even, but **Rhasheed Peterson** missed a three-pointer with 15 seconds left. **Hendrik Feist** sank a pair of foul shots to seal the verdict, and end the Seawolves six-game losing streak.

In the second half, the Great Danes rallied from a nine-point deficit to pull ahead 63-58 behind the play of freshman guard **Jamar Wilson**, who tallied 24 of his career-high 30 points after the intermission. **Jairus McCollum** would later tie the contest at 65 apiece with 19.6 seconds remaining on a 10-foot turnaround.

In the first overtime, Stony Brook went ahead in a see saw period on a basket by McCullom, who had six of his 20 points in that five-minute session. **Mike Orfini** gave his team a 76-74 lead, before **Levi Levine** made two free throws to send the contest to a second extra period.

"We were tired in the overtime," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose team shot a season-best 52.3 percent from the field. "We had a chance to win in regulation and didn't take advantage of the situation. Obviously, we are playing undermanned and are lacking depth."

Bobby Santiago and Orfini each had 11 points for the Seawolves, who made 8-of-11 field goal attempts in the two overtimes.

Levine, a 6-foot-6 freshman, finished with 19 points and a career-best 12 rebounds. **Antione Johnson** and Peterson scored 14 and 13, respectively.

"They played well down the stretch," said Wilson, who converted 12-of-16 from the floor. "They did what they had to do to win."

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Stony Brook 74, Albany 58

Albany, N.Y. – Junior forward **Sherry Jordan** scored 31 points and added a career-high 17 rebounds as Stony Brook defeated Albany 74-58 on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Seawolves (4-11, 2-2), losers of five of their last six, snapped a two-game road losing streak with the win.

Albany (6-9, 0-4) trailed 25-24 with 5:24 remaining in the first half, but Jordan sparked a 10-4 run to close the half as she connected on a fade away three-pointer as the shot clock ran down. Jordan, a preseason all-conference pick, also connected on four free throws during that stretch to give Stony Brook a 35-28 halftime advantage.

The Seawolves continued their surge at the start of the second half tallying 12 of the first 16 points to build a 47-32 lead with 13:05 left. Sophomore center **Bojana Bogetic**, who scored a career-high 21 points, had five markers during the run which included her converting a free throw after being fouled on a lay up.

The Great Danes battled back cutting the deficit to 62-54 with 3:54 left, as **Sarah Sweetland** scored in the paint off a steal and then sank the ensuing free throw. During the 11-4 spurt, **Maree Jones** and **Danielle Hutcheson**, who recorded her team-leading sixth double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds, each added four points.

Jordan, who connected on 12-of-18 field goals, scored six of the game's next eight points on two jump shots and a fast break lay up off a steal, as Stony Brook closed the game on a 12-4 run.

"We were coming back from a long break and it seemed to have taken its toll on us today," stated **Trina Patterson**. "Sherry Jordan is an outstanding player. She played like an All-American today and when she is playing like that they (Stony Brook) are hard to beat. I was glad to see Danielle (Hutcheson) have a nice game after being held scoreless in the first half. She is still learning how to persevere. We need to increase our perimeter scoring when teams go into a zone against us."

Jess McGinlay added 15 points, as UAlbany returned home from a four-game road swing. The Great Danes will be back in action on Wed., Jan. 22, when they take on Binghamton at 7:00 at the RACC.

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Vermont 61, Albany 48

Burlington, Vt. – Sophomore forward **Katie McNamara** scored 12 of her 18 points in the first half as Vermont defeated Albany, 61-48, on Wednesday night at Patrick Gym in front of 1,210 fans. The Catamounts, the preseason pick to win the America East Conference, improved to 10-3 overall and 2-1 in conference play.

Vermont, which had a 31-23 halftime lead, built a 10-point advantage after **Morgan Hall** hit a jumper to start the second half. But UAlbany answered with a 7-0 run to cut the deficit to 33-30 with 18:01 remaining. **Chris Gray**, who was making her first start of the year, scored five of her season-high 11 points during that spurt.

The Catamounts then went on a 16-4 run to break the contest open and led 49-34 with 9:51 left. McNamara and **Dawn Cressman**, who added 17 points and 12 rebounds, each scored four points in that stretch as seven different Catamounts tallied markers during the critical run.

Albany's **Alicia Learn** scored at 6:49 to cut the lead to 51-40, but UVM scored nine of the game's next 11 points to build its biggest lead. Cressman, who had 11 points in the second half, was again the catalyst tallying five points for the Catamounts.

Gray, whose point total was one off her career high, held Hall, who was averaging 35.5 points in conference play, to just four on 2-of-12 shooting. However, the Great Danes fell to 6-8 overall and 0-3 in the league.

"Chris Gray and Sarah Sweetland each did a tremendous job stopping Morgan Hall tonight," stated head coach Trina Patterson, whose team was outrebounded 45-27. "Overall, we did a good job defensively. We didn't rebound or shoot well and that is what really hurt us. If we had done better in both of those categories it would have been a tighter game."

Jess McGinlay scored just seven points for the second straight game, while **Danielle Hutcheson** managed nine points to go along with 10 rebounds. **Lani Boardman** was the other Vermont player in double figures as she tallied 12 points.

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MEN – Vermont 63, Albany 53

Albany, N.Y. – **Taylor Coppentrath** scored 16 of his 27 points in the second half to lead Vermont to a 63-53 America East Conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Vermont (10-7, AE 4-1) went on a 12-3 run to open the second half. Coppentrath, the conference's leading scorer, broke a 25-all halftime tie when he converted in the lane on his team's first possession of the period. He finished off that stretch with back-to-back three-point field goals for a 37-28 lead with 15:31 remaining.

The Catamounts, who have won seven of their last eight contests, pushed out to a 47-34 advantage as Coppentrath hit a reverse layup on the right baseline. The 6-foot-9 sophomore, who scored 20-plus points for the eighth time this season, made 8-of-17 from the field, and added four rebounds and four assists.

Albany (4-10, AE 1-3) would later slice the deficit in half behind the play of freshman **Jamar Wilson**, who had all 12 of his points after the intermission. Senior guard **Antione Johnson** then buried a three-pointer from the right wing to get his club within 55-49 with 2:18 left.

However, Vermont made eight of 10 free throws down the stretch to keep their lead safe. **German Njila**, who had five points and nine rebounds, and Coppentrath each sank three fouls shots in the final minutes.

"We struggled all night long," said Albany coach Will Brown, whose team was coming off its conference win of the year last Saturday against New Hampshire. "Johnson and Wilson never got into a rhythm on offense. We had to work for everything we got, and they were able to get easy baskets. Finally, we gave (Taylor) Coppentrath too many open looks, and he made us pay the price."

The Great Danes, who were held to 36.2-percent shooting, their worst performance at home this season, rallied from a seven down in the first half. **Earv Opong** hit a three-pointer from the top of circle with 31 seconds remaining in the period, as his team drew even at the break.

Matt Sheftic, a 6-foot-8, 260-pound junior, had 16 points and a career-high 12 rebounds for the Catamounts, who dominated the boards by a 43-22 margin. **David Hehn** was the third Vermont player in double figures with 10. Johnson led the Great Danes with 15 points, while freshman **Levi Levine** added 14 points, five rebounds and four steals.

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UALBANY'S WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jamar Wilson** has been chosen as America East Conference Co-Rookie of the Week in men's basketball, as announced today by the conference office. He shared the award with New Hampshire's Shejdie Childs.

Wilson, who earned the weekly award for the third time this season, averaged 16.5 points, 4.0 assists, 3.0 steals and 2.5 rebounds in two games. He also shot 55 percent from the field and 90 percent from the line.

The 6-foot-1 freshman had 16 points and a career-high six assists in a 61-58 victory over New Hampshire last Saturday, and totaled 17 points and a career-best five steals against league-leader Boston University on Jan. 8.

Wilson, who is fourth among the conference leaders in scoring at 16.2 points per game, had an eight-game, double-figure scoring streak heading into Wednesday's game with Vermont at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m.

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WOMEN – New Hampshire 68, Albany 64

Durham, N.H. – **Aubrey Danen** scored a season-high 23 points and made a key jumper in the final minute, as New Hampshire held off Albany for a 68-64 America East Conference victory on Sunday afternoon at Lundholm Gymnasium.

Albany (6-7, AE 0-2) nearly overcame a 17-point first-half deficit to pull within 64-62 with 1:36 remaining when senior guard **Jess McGinlay** hit a pair of free throws. Following a defensive stop, the Great Danes had a chance to draw even, but **Kathryn Hemlock** missed a driving layup.

New Hampshire (6-7, AE 1-1) regrouped on its next possession when Danen, a 6-foot-1 senior who had 15 second-half points, hit a short jumper from right of the lane with 35 seconds to play. **Marren Matthias**, who had 18 points and 10 rebounds, her seventh double-double of the season, then split two foul shots for a 67-62 advantage. Albany's **Maree Jones**, who grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds, hit a follow shot in the lane with 8.2 seconds left, but her team could not get any closer.

"They came out on fire and we were flat," said Albany coach Trina Patterson, whose team suffered its third straight loss. "We were successful when we looked for transition baskets. We either got fouled or made layups. The bench did a phenomenal job. Alicia Learn, Teryn O'Bannon and Sharon Majors played solid post defense in the second half."

The Wildcats, who had dropped four of their previous five starts, jumped out to a 24-7 lead by making nine of their opening 10 shots from the floor. Matthias, a 6-foot-3 senior, had nine of her 12 first-half points in that stretch, while Danen, who added 10 rebounds, added seven markers.

New Hampshire led 38-28 at halftime, and extended that margin to as much as 13 points early in the final period. The Wildcats still led 62-53 with 3:44 remaining, when Albany tallied nine of the game's next 11 points. **Sarah Sweetland**, who had five of her 13 points in that span, keyed the spurt with a three-point field goal from the left wing.

Hemlock finished with 17 points, five rebounds and four assists for the Great Danes, who are in the midst of four consecutive road games. **Lindsay Adams** was the third UNH player in double figures with 12 points.

McGinlay, one of the top scorers in the conference with a 17.2 average heading into the contest, scored seven points, all in the second half, and was just 1-of-10 from the field. **Alicia Learn** had a career-high eight points and four rebounds off the bench, as starting center **Danielle Hutcheson** played just 16 minutes before fouling out.

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AUBIN SETS UALBANY TRIPLE JUMP RECORD AT ARMY INDOOR MEET

West Point, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) set a school record in winning the women's triple jump at Army's Carlton Crowell Open on Saturday afternoon at Gillis Field House.

Aubin, a junior who also was second in the long jump with a mark of 17-5.25, won the triple jump with a leap of 38-feet, 0.75-inches. She eclipsed Bonnie Boyette's 10-year-old school standard of 37-7.75. Freshman **Ricshara Knight** turned in a pair of third-place finishes in the high jump (5-1.75) and 55-meter high hurdles, as she hit the tape in 9.17 seconds.

In the men's meet, **Shamere Boland**, a freshman from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., was a winner in the 55-meter dash. Boland was timed in 6.70, and was three-hundredths of a second better than Army's Mikel Resnick.

Aaron Kimball (Fonda-Fultonville) posted a mark of 44-4.25 to place second in the shot put, while **Galen Gomes** (Shaker) was the runner-up in the triple jump (44-6.75). Sophomore **Dale Hopkinson** took second in the 55-meter high hurdles (7.88) and fifth in the long jump (21-2.75).

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MEN – Albany 61, New Hampshire 58

Albany, N.Y. – **Antione Johnson** scored a season-high 22 points and **Chris Wyatt** made two critical free throws with 5.3 seconds remaining to lead Albany to a 61-58 America East Conference victory over New Hampshire on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

New Hampshire (2-11, AE 1-3) took a 56-52 lead with 3:05 remaining, as **Ioannis Karalis** put his team in front with a pair of free throws and **Marcus Bullock** hit a three-point field goal from the right corner.

Albany (4-9, AE 1-2) rallied with seven consecutive points. Johnson, a 6-foot-1 senior, did all the damage in that stretch. He started the run with a three-pointer from the top of the circle, gave his club the lead with two free throws, and then converted a driving layup with 53 seconds to play.

The Wildcats, who ended a five-game losing streak with a surprising 10-point victory over Maine three days ago, closed within 59-58, when Karalis, who had 11 points, connected on a left-handed layup in the lane off **Griffin Walker's** pass from the foul line.

Following an Albany turnover with 31.9 seconds left, New Hampshire worked for the final shot. However, Wyatt picked off Bullock's skip pass to the left sideline. The 6-foot-6 sophomore, after being immediately fouled with 5.3 seconds remaining, calmly sank two free throws. The Wildcats' **Jeff Senulis** missed a desperation three-pointer from the right wing at the end.

"I saw the fade screen, just stepped up to help, and got the steal," explained Wyatt, who has become his team's sixth man after missing nearly four games as a starter in December with a severely sprained ankle. "We put ourselves in a position to win, and I was glad I could help the team."

"It wasn't supposed to be a skip pass," New Hampshire coach Phil Rowe said. "But with pressure guys forget their roles. We didn't have quality possessions at the end, and Johnson made some big-time shots."

The teams played to a 30-30 halftime deadlock in a contest that was tight throughout with 13 lead changes and 10 ties. The Great Danes grabbed a 49-47 lead on pair of foul shots by freshman **Jamar Wilson**, who had 16 points, six assists and five rebounds. New Hampshire drew even at 51 apiece on a driving layup by **Shejdie Childs**, a freshman guard who had 12 points and seven assists.

"Their pressure bothered us," said Albany coach Will Brown, whose team faced a trapping, full-court defense for most of the second half. "We're using a six-man rotation and some of our guys were exhausted. (Antione) Johnson is someone we rely upon at crunch time, and he didn't disappoint us."

The Wildcats' Senulis, who missed his last start with a back injury, had a team-high 15 points on 6-of-11 shooting. Wyatt finished with six points and a season-high seven rebounds in 26 minutes off the bench.

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WOMEN – Boston University 87, Albany 68

Boston, Mass. – Junior guard **Katie Terhune** scored 27 points, one off her season-high, to pace four players in double figures, as Boston University defeated Albany, 87-68, in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Thursday evening at Case Gymnasium.

With the game tied at 31 apiece, **Marisa Moseley** hit a pair of free throws to spark 9-2 run that ended the first half. Terhune, who made 9 of 15 from the field, later nailed a three-point field goal, before Moseley followed **Rachel Werner's** missed free throw in the lane.

Albany (6-6, AE 0-1) trailed 40-33 at halftime, but **Jess McGinlay**, who scored a season-high 28 points to go with six rebounds and three assists, was fouled a three-point attempt. McGinlay sank all three foul shots to get her team with a single basket.

However, Boston U. (4-8, AE 1-0) countered with a 22-9 run over the next 10 minutes. Terhune and Moseley, a 6-foot-2 junior, combined for 13 points in that span. **Amparo Lopez's** jumper ended that decisive spurt and handed her team a 62-47 lead. Moseley finished with 15 points and nine rebounds for the Terriers, who converted 33 of 46 attempts from the free throw line.

McGinlay, who made 5 of 9 three-point attempts, hit a long-range jumper with 7:11 remaining to get her team within 10 points. But the Terriers, who played top-15 squads Stanford and Vanderbilt in a tough non-league schedule, finished off the visitors with 16 of the game's next 21 points. Terhune, the conference's third-leading scorer with a 17.3 average entering the contest, again keyed that run with seven points.

"Jess McGinlay played a great game tonight," stated Albany coach Trina Patterson, whose team had won three of its previous four contests. "She understands the level of play that is needed to compete in the conference. We need to pick up our intensity as a team, and we were not able to do that in this game."

Albany's **Kathryn Hemlock** finished with 10 points, while **Danielle Hutcheson**, one of three starters to be disqualified on fouls, was held below double figures for the first time this year. The 6-foot-4 center finished with six points and seven rebounds. **Katie Meinhardt** and **Larissa Parr** each scored 11 for the Terriers, who shot 61.9 percent from the field in the second half on 13-of-21 attempts.

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MEN – Boston University 66, Albany 63

Albany, N.Y. – **Rashad Bell** tied a career-high with 21 points, and scored the go-ahead basket with 2:38 remaining in leading Boston University to a 66-63 America East Conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

In a contest that featured 12 ties and seven lead changes, Albany (3-9, 0-2) took a 59-57 lead when **Rhasheed Peterson** hit a baseline jumper with 3:28 to play. However, Boston U. (7-6, 2-0) drew even on its next possession as Bell, who was a perfect 13-of-13 from the foul line, buried a pair of free throws.

Following an Albany turnover, Bell was fouled as he scored in the lane off a feed from teammate **Matt Turner**. Bell, a 6-foot-8 sophomore who also grabbed eight rebounds, completed the three-point play with a free throw for a 62-59 advantage.

The Great Danes, who shot 60.9 percent on 14-of-23 attempts in the second half, closed within one point on two occasions in the stretch. Freshman **Jamar Wilson**, who scored a team-high 17 points, converted a left-handed driving layup to close the gap to 64-63 with 33.3 seconds to play.

After Peterson caused a turnover that gave Albany possession, the Great Danes held for the last shot. But Wilson turned the ball over with 5.7 seconds left, when sophomore guard **Chaz Carr** tied him up as he drove into the lane. Turner made two throws, before **Earv Opong** missed a 25-foot jumper that hit off the front of the rim at the end.

"We tried to spread the floor and get penetration," said Albany coach Will Brown, about his team holding for the last shot. "We made a poor decision and just didn't make the plays we needed to in the stretch. Fatigue could have been a factor since we have to play basically six guys and they have 10 or 11 that get major minutes."

Albany led 28-25 at halftime by holding the conference's defending champions to 37.5-percent shooting in the period. Opong, a 5-foot-5 guard, nailed back-to-back three-point field goals to give his club a 24-20 lead in the seesaw affair.

"In my opinion the wrong team won tonight," said Boston U. coach Dennis Wolff, whose club made all 18 free throw attempts. "They deserved to win. Rashad Bell has his best game, both offensive and defensively, and we played with a lot more energy in the second half."

Antione Johnson had 12 of his 14 points in the final period for the Great Danes, who were coming off a 19-point loss in their league opener at Maine on Jan. 4. Opong finished with a season-high 14 points, while Peterson was the fourth Albany player in double figures with 10.

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SEQUON YOUNG DISMISSED FROM MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that **Sequon Young** has been dismissed from the squad for a failure to comply with team rules.

Young, a sophomore guard from Schenectady, N.Y., had not played in any regular-season games to this point in the season. He earned a spot on the roster as a walk-on through the fall of 2001 tryout process, and made 23 appearances as a freshman. Young, a 6-foot-1, 185-pound athlete, averaged 1.2 points off the bench.

The Great Danes face defending America East Conference champion Boston University at the Recreation and Convocation Center on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7:00 p.m.

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JAMAR WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST CO-ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jamar Wilson** has been selected as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in men's basketball, as announced today by the conference office. Wilson shared the award with Northeastern's Jose Juan Barea.

The 6-foot-1 freshman averaged 18.9 points, 3.8 assists and 3.0 rebounds in five games over the last three weeks. He also shot 48.1 percent from the field and 71.4 percent from the free throw line.

Wilson, who also earned the conference's rookie of the week award on Dec. 23, scored 29 points against Syracuse, his third 20-plus outing of the season. He carries a six-game, double-figure scoring streak into Wednesday's game with defending America East champion Boston University. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Wilson, who had a 13-point, 7-rebound effort in a 61-54 victory over Colgate on Jan. 2, ranks fourth among the conference scoring leaders at 16.1 points per game, and is seventh in assists (3.27 pg) and ninth in free throw percentage (.725).

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WOMEN – Navy 71, Albany 63

Annapolis, Md. – **Courtney Davidson** scored 17 of her game-high 24 points in the second half, as Navy put an end to Albany's three-game winning streak with a 71-63 victory on Sunday afternoon at Alumni Hall. Navy has won six straight, and is off to its best start since the 1997-98 season with a 10-3 record.

The Mids trailed 38-36 with 13:53 remaining, but then scored 12 of the game's next 18 points. **Adrienne Roseti** sparked the run with a jumper. **Maile Shimoda** and Davidson converted back-to-back fastbreak layups to extend the lead two minutes later. Davidson, a junior guard who made 10 of 11 free throws in the contest, sank three foul shots after being fouled on a 3-point attempt for 50-44 advantage with 10:20 left.

Albany (6-5) pulled within 50-47 moments later, as **Chris Gray** nailed a three-pointer from the right corner. But Navy answered with a 9-3 run to stay in front. Shimoda, who finished with 16 points, capped the spurt when she made an 18-foot jumper that beat the short clock for a 59-50 lead with 4:11 to play.

"Turnovers and missed layups were big reasons for the defeat," Albany coach **Trina Patterson** said. "Navy made some big shots when they needed it, especially Shimoda. We did get a job of neutralizing (Bryanna) Herring and Davidson, and that was one of our goals. We did not bring our "A" game today, and on the road you need that in order to win."

Albany began the game by leaping to a 12-2 lead, but Navy would later regroup with 13 of the next 15 points. **Danielle Hutcheson**, who recorded her fifth double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds, hit a layup and split a pair of free throws that handed the Great Danes a 28-25 halftime advantage. The opening period featured four lead changes and two ties.

Bryanna Herring, a 6-foot-1 junior, and Roseti each scored 11 points for the Mids, who held Albany to 39-percent shooting and forced 19 turnovers. Navy canned 21-of-24 attempts from the free throw line.

Jess McGinlay was the only other Albany player in double figures with 13 points. The Great Danes open their America East Conference schedule on Thursday, Jan. 6 at Boston University.

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Orono, Maine – **Rickey White** and **Clayton Brown** each had 21 points to lead Maine to a 90-71 victory over Albany in the Great Danes' America East Conference opener on Saturday evening at Alfond Sports Arena.

Albany (3-8, 0-1) has lost four of its last five starts. The Great Danes also allowed its largest point total in conference play.

Maine (6-8, 1-1) reversed an early 4-0 deficit with 15 of the game's next 17 points. **Eric Dobson** canned a three-point field goal, before freshman **Kevin Reed** was fouled on a fast break layup. His three-point play gave the Black Bears a 15-6 advantage.

Maine still led 29-18 with 8:27 remaining, but then reeled off 12 unanswered points. White, a 6-foot-4 senior who had 17 of his career-high total in the period, and Brown combined for nine markers in that stretch. The Black Bears shot 57.6% on 19-of-33 shooting before the break.

Justin Rowe, a 7-foot, 235-pound center, scored all 12 of his points after halftime, as Maine increased its lead to more than 30 points in the second half. Reed finished with 12 points for the Black Bears, who have won four of their last five games.

"We can't let another team play with more energy than us," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose club made just 8-of-23 from the floor in the opening period. "Maine is a good team, probably the second best team in our league next to Boston U. but we were beaten from the opening tap. We lacked energy and got nothing from our bench."

Rasheed Peterson led the Great Danes with a season-high 21 points, his seventh straight game in double figures. **Antione Johnson** had 16, while **Jamar Wilson** added 15.

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MEN – Albany 61, Colgate 54

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman forward **Levi Levine** scored 15 points as Albany snapped a three-game losing streak with a 61-54 non-conference victory over Colgate on Thursday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Colgate (4-7) trailed by a 17-point margin early in the second half, but would later rally. The Raiders, who were held to 27-percent shooting in the opening period, went on a 10-2 run that closed the gap to 45-40 with 8:36 remaining. **Dave Hardy** buried a 16-foot jumper, before **Martin Marek** hit jump hook in the lane to finish off that stretch.

Albany (3-7) pushed its advantage back to double figures, when **Antione Johnson** canned a three-point field goal from the top of the circle for a 53-42 cushion. The Raiders would then make another run at the lead. **Alvin Reed and Mark Linebaugh** made back-to-back 3-pointers to slice their team's deficit to 57-54 with 1:16 to play.

But the Great Danes, who made 7-of-12 from the field in the final ten minutes, thwarted the comeback. Johnson, a 6-foot-1 senior who had eight points, hit a jumper as he moved into the circle on his team's next possession, before **Jamar Wilson** sank two free throws with 17.9 seconds to seal the verdict.

"We haven't played with much energy at home this season," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose squad opens its America East Conference schedule on Jan. 4 at Maine. "We had a sustained effort throughout the game. The last three or four minutes they increased their defensive pressure, and playing with a lead was something that was foreign to us. I think this is good for our psyche as we enter conference play."

Albany's **Rhasheed Peterson**, who scored 13 points and grabbed six rebounds, helped get his club off to a 17-2 in the opening nine minutes. Peterson made a pair of three-pointers and converted a driving layup in that spurt. The Great Danes, who made 15 of 30 field goals in the first period, used that good start to take a 36-19 halftime lead.

Wilson ended up with 13 points and seven rebounds, while Levine added a season-best eight rebounds and four blocked shots to his scoring total. **Howard Blue** and Reed each had 10 points for Colgate, who finished the game shooting 36.2 percent on 21-of-58 attempts.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RUNS WINNING STREAK TO THREE WITH LAFAYETTE VICTORY

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior guard Kathryn Hemlock scored a career-high 25 points and tied another career mark with eight assists, as Albany defeated Lafayette, 91-73, on Thursday, Jan. 2 at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Albany (6-4) has a three-game winning streak for the first time since 1999-2000. The Great Danes' point total was also their highest in nearly four years.

The Great Danes came out of the gates firing as senior Jess McGinlay, who had 15 of her 21 points in the opening stanza, connected on back-to-back three-point field goals to open the game. The strong shooting continued throughout the period, as UAlbany made 51.3 percent of its shots, including 9-of-19 from beyond the arc.

Albany, who never trailed in the contest, was powered by an 18-6 run in the first half that stretched the lead to 42-25. Danielle Hutcheson, who had 18 points and a season-high 13 rebounds, scored eight markers in that outburst. Hemlock, who made 8 of 12 field goals en route to 22 first-half points, was also a key figure in building a 55-38 halftime cushion.

In the second half, Lafayette (1-8) chipped away at that margin, and closed within 64-52 behind the play of Colleen Fitzpatrick, who finished with a team-high 25 points and nine rebounds. Sarah Sweetland, who had all 17 of her points after the intermission, including five 3-pointers, helped repel the Leopards' charge.

"Kathryn Hemlock did an outstanding job," said Albany coach Trina Patterson, whose team set a school record with 17 three-point field goals. "She penetrated, hit the open player, made open three-point shots, and was just phenomenal. We're still a work in progress, but even though we're taking baby steps the team is playing with confidence."

Lafayette's Jennifer Bayer and Tricia Indoe each came off the bench to score 11 points. Albany travels to non-league foe Navy on Sunday, Jan. 5, before opening conference play in one week at Boston University.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MOVES OVER .500 WITH 58-39 WIN OVER TOWSON

Albany, N.Y. —Sophomore center Danielle Hutcheson matched a season-high with 20 points, one off her career high, as Albany pulled away from Towson in the second half for a 58-39 victory on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The victory puts the Great Danes (5-4) over the .500 mark for the first time since Jan. 23, 1999 when the school was a member of Division II. The win also surpasses last season's victory total as the team finished 4-23.

The Great Danes, who recorded their largest margin of victory since a 76-47 win over Green Mountain College on Dec. 5, 2000, used a 10-3 run at the end of the first half and into the start of the second half to take a 31-22 lead with 17:34 remaining. Hutcheson, who also collected a game-high nine rebounds, scored five points during that stretch, closing the run with a lay up and sinking a free throw as Kelli Talbot fouled her on her way

			
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NOVEMBER			
22	Fri.	at Siena (Pepsi Arena)	74-56, L
26	Tue.	Yale	88-76, W
DECEMBER			
1	Sun.	at Sacred Heart	69-63, L
6	Fri.	at Cornell Classic (vs. Cornell)	57-41, L
7	Sat.	at Cornell Classic (vs. Long Island)	55-52, W
12	Thu.	Army	65-49, W
15	Sun.	Wagner	74-66, L
21	Sat.	at St. Francis, N.Y.	71-67, W
28	Sat.	Towson	58-39, W
JANUARY			
2	Thu.	Lafayette	91-73, W
5	Sun.	at Navy	2:00
9	Thu.	at Boston U.*	7:00
12	Sun.	at New Hampshire*	1:00
15	Wed.	at Vermont*	7:00
18	Sat.	Stony Brook*	1:00
22	Wed.	Binghamton*	7:00
29	Wed.	Hartford*	7:00
FEBRUARY			
1	Sat.	at Northeastern*	1:00
6	Thu.	Boston U.*	7:00
8	Sat.	Maine* (Big Purple Growl)	5:00
12	Wed.	Northeastern*	7:00
15	Sat.	New Hampshire*	1:00
19	Wed.	at Binghamton*	7:00
22	Sat.	at Hartford*	2:00
26	Wed.	at Maine*	7:30
MARCH			
1	Sat.	Vermont*	1:00
5	Wed.	at Stony Brook*	7:00
13	Thu.	America East Tournament+	TBA
14	Fri.	America East Tournament+	TBA