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### UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS AT LEHIGH

Bethlehem, Pa. – **Jose Olivero** scored 17 points to pace four players in double figures, as Lehigh posted a 72-61 non-league victory over UAlbany on Tuesday evening at Stabler Arena.

Lehigh (3-2) scored 11 consecutive points midway through the first half to snap a 19-all tie, and never trailed after that point. Olivero put his team ahead with a jumper and junior guard **Joe Knight** had four of his 13 points in that outburst. Meanwhile, Albany (2-2) went scoreless for more than five minutes.

In the second half, the Great Danes made several runs at the lead. **Jamar Wilson**, who had 15 points and five assists, canned a three-point field goal to close the gap to 56-52 with 6:56 left. Lehigh responded with five straight points, when **Earl Nurse** hit a jumper, before Knight buried a three-point field goal from the right corner.

Albany rallied one last time, when Wilson stole an errant pass and hit a fast break layup to get his club within 63-60 with 2:02 to play. But Lehigh responded again, this time from the free throw line. Olivero and **Nick Monserez** each sank a pair of foul shots over the next 35 seconds.

"We dug ourselves a huge hole," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team made just 8-of-25 from the field in the opening period. "We shot poorly from the free throw line, and lost our composure when we didn't control our emotions. Lehigh is a solid team who shoots the ball well and plays a patient game."

**Kyle Neptune** had 11 points off the bench for the Mountain Hawks, who have won a school-record 16 consecutive games at home. UAlbany's **Lucious Jordan** led all scorers with 19 points, while **Jon Iati** added 11.

"We seemed to be too happy after the Siena win," Wilson said. "We need to get tougher and work harder in an effort to accomplish the things we want to do."





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### **MAREE JONES TABBED AMERICA EAST BASKETBALL CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's **Maree Jones** (Albany H.S.) was named the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in women's basketball as announced by the conference office on Monday, Nov. 29. Jones shares the honor with UMBC's Matea Pender.

Jones averaged 18.0 points and 3.0 rebounds in UAlbany's two games last week at the Northern Arizona Thanksgiving Tournament. The senior forward scored a team-high 15 points and set a career best when she drained 3-of-4 three-pointers in a 64-61 loss to Northern Arizona. She previously had made just three 3-point shots as a collegian. She followed that with a career-best 21 points on 9-of-12 shooting in the Great Danes' 86-65 victory over Air Force. A member of the NAU all-tournament team, Jones also chipped in four assists and five steals on the weekend.

Jones is tied for the team lead and is second in America East in scoring at 16.3 points per game, plus is second on the team in rebounding (4.7 pg) and steals (2.6 pg).

UAlbany (2-1) returns to the court on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at Fairleigh Dickinson for a 7:00 p.m. tip-off.

### **UALBANY VOLLEYBALL TO FACE YALE IN NCAA FIRST ROUND ON THURSDAY**

New Haven, Conn. – The America East Conference champion UAlbany volleyball team will face Yale, the Ivy League champion, in an NCAA Tournament first-round match on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. First- and second-round action will be held at John J. Lee Ampitheater's Whitney Gymnasium on Yale's campus.

Fourth-seeded Minnesota will take on Long Island in the other half of the bracket at 5:30 p.m. The opening-round winners will square off in the second round on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

UAlbany (27-6) won its first-ever America East regular-season and tournament titles this season. The Great Danes are led by sophomore Blair Buchanan, the 2004 America East Player of the Year, and first-team all-conference players Ashlee Reed, Shelby Goldman and Ashley Hunter.

#### **NCAA Tournament – First Round (New Haven, Conn.)**

Thursday, Dec. 2

Minnesota vs. Long Island, 5:30 p.m.

UAlbany vs. Yale, 7:30 p.m.

### **FRESHMAN BRIAN LILLIS SIDELINED FOR FOUR WEEKS WITH WRIST INJURY**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Brian Lillis, a freshman guard on the men's basketball team, will be sidelined for four weeks after breaking a bone in his left wrist in last Saturday's 66-65 loss to Wagner.

Lillis, a native of Urbandale, Iowa, will have surgery later this week to repair a fractured scaphoid. Dr. David Quinn, of Capital Region Orthopaedic Group, will perform a procedure that will use a pin to aid the healing process. Lillis, who had played in all three games to date, was averaging 1.3 points, 2.7 rebounds and 2.0 assists off the bench.





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## **UALBANY SET TO PLAY YALE IN FIRST ROUND OF NCAA TOURNAMENT**

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany volleyball team will travel to New Haven, Conn. to face Ivy League Champion Yale in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday, Dec. 2 or Friday, Dec. 3.

Yale (17-7, 10-4 Ivy) finished in a four-way tie for first place in the league. The Bulldogs won a two-match playoff over Harvard and Cornell to qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

Yale is led by Shannon Farrell (362 kills, 357 digs) and Jana Freeman (329 kills, 315 digs). Setter Jacqueline Becker leads the Bulldogs in assists with 1,157 and service aces with 31.

UAlbany (27-6, 13-1 AE) won its first-ever America East Championship to advance to the tournament. The Great Danes defeated Maine 3-2 in the championship game to become the first UAlbany women's team to move on to an NCAA Tournament.

If victorious, the Great Danes will move on to face the winner of the Minnesota/Long Island match in the second round.





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## SCHUMACHER LEADS UALBANY OVER AIR FORCE, 86-65, AT NAU TOURNAMENT

Flagstaff, Ariz. – Jen Schumacher scored a career-high 31 points, including a school-record 25 in the first half, to lead UAlbany past Air Force, 86-65, in the consolation round of the Northern Arizona Thanksgiving Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 27.

UAlbany (2-1) took the lead from the opening tip and relinquished it only once, less than two minutes into the game.

Schumacher netted one of her school-record eight three-point field goals with 12:53 left in the first half to put the Great Danes up by 10 before Air Force cut the lead back to six at the 9:18 mark.

The Falcons were still within nine with 3:23 left in the period, before Schumacher and Maree Jones sparked a 14-3 run to end the half.

Schumacher, who tied the fifth-best single-game scoring total in school history, came back from the intermission and nailed her eighth trey of the night off an assist from Sherri Mikus. UAlbany never looked back, leading by as many as 26 in the second stanza.

“We were able to quickly rebound from a disappointing loss. Getting beat at the buzzer can take a lot out of you,” said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team lost to Northern Arizona, 64-61, in the opening round. “Bouncing back like this showed our character.”

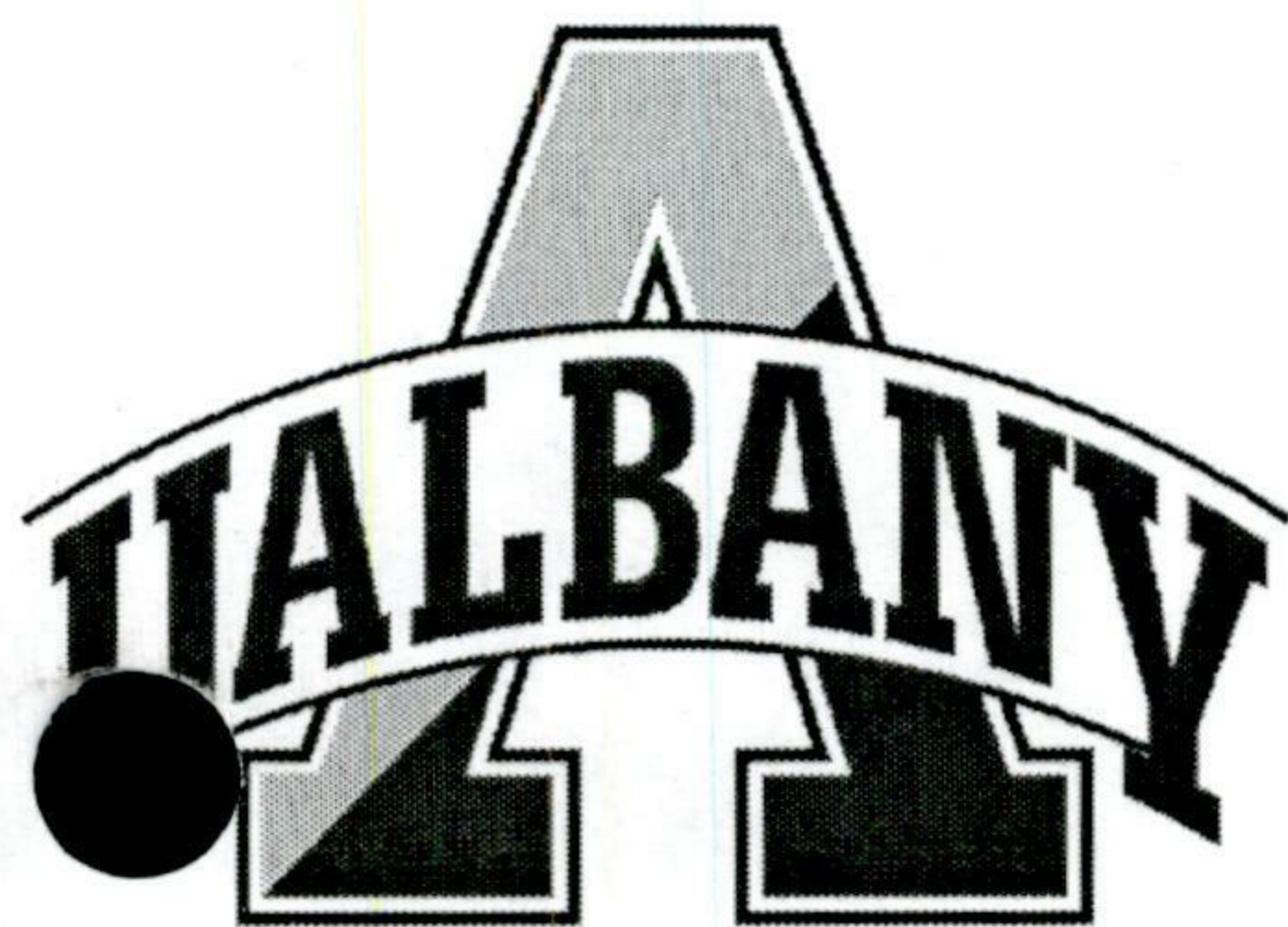
Schumacher, who went 8-of-10 from behind the 3-point arc as well as going 5-of-5 from the charity stripe, shattered the single-game three-point standard. Jess McGinlay (2003) and Megan Buchanan (2000) shared the previous mark with seven in a game.

“Most of the shots, there was nothing between me and the basket,” Schumacher said. “My teammates found me when I was wide open. We were really revved up from last night so it was good to show how good we really are.”

Jones, who was named to the all-tournament team, recorded a career-high 21 points against the Falcons. The senior forward added five rebounds and four assists. Danielle Hucheson recorded 14 points and was one rebound shy of her first double-double of the season with nine.

Air Force (1-3) was led by Pamela Findlay with 15 points. Alicia Steele recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Falcons.





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***WAGNER EDGES UALBANY 66-65 IN THE CLOSING SECONDS***

Staten Island, N.Y. – Freshman guard Mark Porter hit a driving layup with one second remaining, as Wagner rallied for a 66-65 victory over UAlbany on Saturday afternoon in the Seahawks' home opener at Spiro Sports Center.

Wagner (1-2) trailed 57-44 midway through the second half, but wiped out that deficit with 14 consecutive points. Sean Munson, who had 21 points and 16 rebounds, scored on a followed shot in the lane to put his team ahead with 4:06 left.

UAlbany (2-1) later regained the lead at 65-64, when Lucious Jordan drilled a three-point field goal from the left wing. Each team turned the ball over in the last 10 seconds, before UAlbany's Jon Iati missed the front end of a one-and-one free throw opportunity with 8.3 seconds left to play.

Porter, who had eight points, six rebounds and four assists, then drove from mid-court for the winning basket.

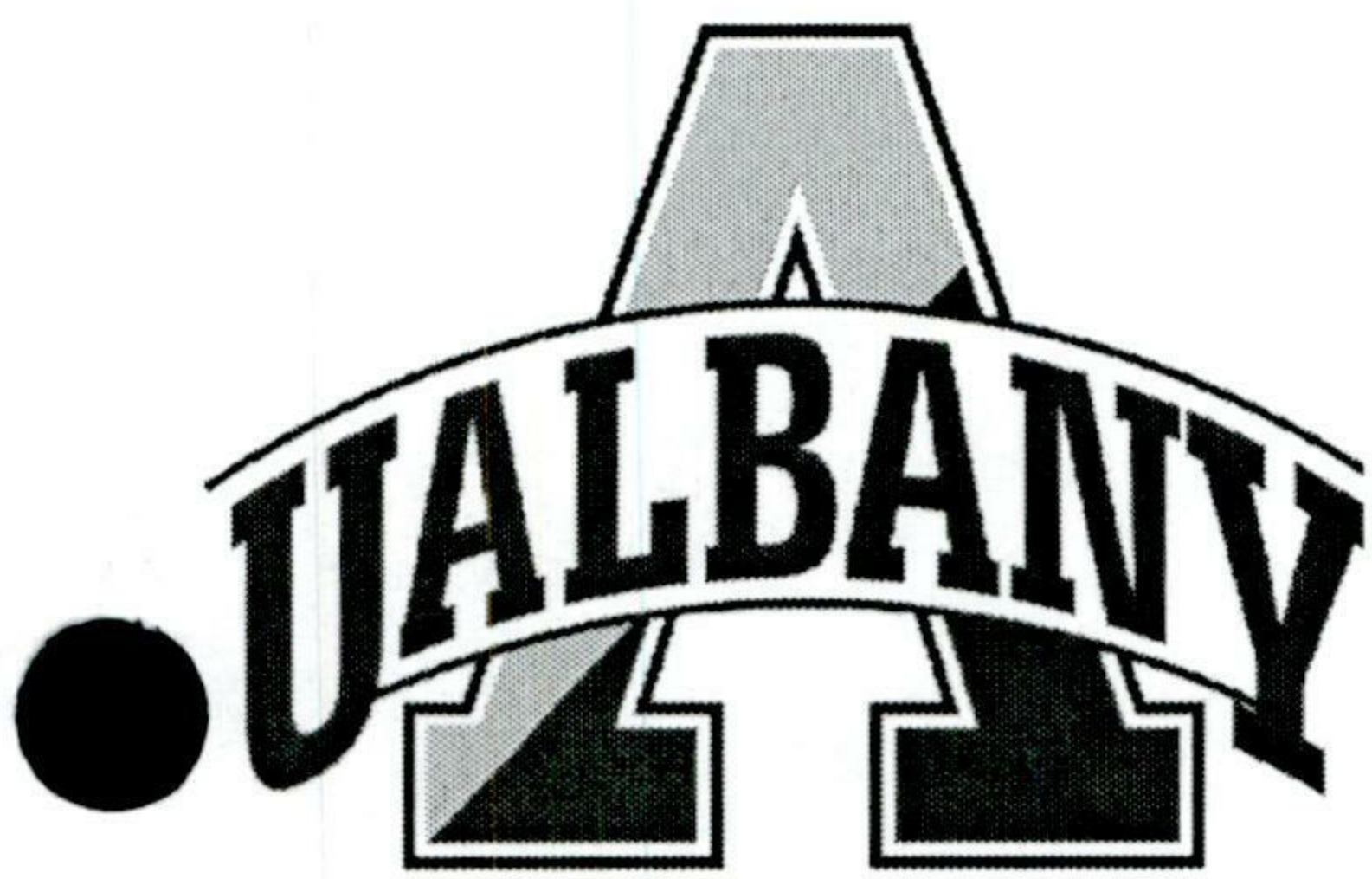
"This was a set-back today," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, who's team lost a 21-point first-half lead to Wagner in last year's meeting. "We missed several free throws and turned the ball over down the stretch. We didn't make him (Porter) pass the ball at the end. There was no defensive rotation and he was not forced to kick it. They deserved to win because they out-rebounded us and attacked us."

Freshman Jamal Smith, a 6-foot-5 guard, was the only other Wagner player in double figures with 10 points. The Seahawks led by as much as six in the opening period, before settling for a 35-34 lead at the intermission.

Jordan led the Great Danes with 13 points, while Kirsten Zoellner and Jamar Wilson each had 10. UAlbany used seven straight points to build a 52-41 advantage with 12:43 remaining. Freshman Brent Wilson upped that margin to 13 three minutes later with a three-pointer.

The contest was delayed one hour due to an official's scheduling snafu.





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## MEGAN RICE LIFTS NORTHERN ARIZONA PAST UALBANY IN FINAL SECONDS

Flagstaff, Ariz. – **Megan Rice** scored a career-high 17 points, including a three-point play off an in-bounds situation with three seconds remaining, to lift Northern Arizona past UAlbany, 64-61, in the opening round of the first-ever NAU Thanksgiving Tournament on Friday evening at Rolle Activity Center.

Northern Arizona (2-1) will meet New Mexico State, a 53-42 winner in its first-round contest, in the championship on Saturday, while UAlbany (1-1) faces Air Force in the consolation at 7:00 p.m. ET.

The Lumberjacks, who compete in the Big Sky Conference, rallied from a 59-55 deficit with less than two minutes remaining. **Nicky Eason**, who had 10 points, buried a three-point field goal, before **Theresa Diaz's** jumper put her team ahead with 1:11 left.

After NAU guard **Natalie Metz** split a pair of free throws, UAlbany's **Alicia Learn** drew her team even at 61 apiece by hitting a driving layup in the lane with eight seconds left. Learn finished with 14 points on 6-of-11 shooting and had six rebounds.

Rice, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, then took a long in-bounds pass at the top of the key and was fouled as she converted a driving shot in the lane. Rice, who made 7-of-8 field goals and grabbed 10 rebounds, capped the three-point play with a free throw. UAlbany's **Jen Schumacher** had an opportunity to force overtime, but her 3-point attempt glanced off the rim.

The Great Danes, who won their opening game against Morgan State one week ago, led 37-33 at halftime in a contest that featured 15 lead changes and 10 ties. Senior forward **Maree Jones** had a team-high 15 points, including three 3-pointers.

"I am disappointed with our overall rebounding and defense," UAlbany coach Trina Patterson said. "Both have to be consistent factors for us to win a game. Learn and Jones gave us a great offensive effort."

UAlbany's **Danielle Hutcheson** became the eighth player in school history to score 1,000 career points. Hutcheson, who had 12 points and seven rebounds, made a free throw in the first half to reach the milestone, and now has 1,007 as a collegian. A native of Phoenix, Ariz., the 6-foot-4 center was playing 140 miles from her hometown.

The Lumberjacks' **Alyssa Wahl**, last year's Big Sky Freshman of the Year, recorded a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds.





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## LUCIOUS JORDAN NAMED AMERICA EAST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Lucious Jordan (Colonie Central H.S.) has been named the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's basketball, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. He shared the award with Northeastern's Jose Juan Barea.

Jordan, a 6-foot-2 junior guard, netted a career-high 30 points in last Friday's season-opening 85-67 victory at Sacred Heart. He became the 10th player in school history to score 30 or more points in a single game at the Division I level. Jordan, who made 10-of-17 from the field, and 4-of-6 from three-point range, netted 13 consecutive points in the first half. He added a team-high six rebounds to go with two assists and two steals.

UAlbany meets Siena in a Captial Region battle on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at Pepsi Arena. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m.

### **UAlbany's Division I 30-Point Scorers**

39, Jamar Wilson vs. New Hampshire, 2-16-03

36, E.J. Gallup vs. Siena, 11-27-01

33, Antione Johnson vs. Lehigh, 2-17-01

31, E.J. Gallup vs. Army, 2-3-01

### **30, Lucious Jordan vs. Sacred Heart, 11-19-04**

30, Levi Levine vs. Long Island, 12-10-03

30, Jamar Wilson vs. Robert Morris, 12-21-02

30, Jamar Wilson vs. Stony Brook, 1-19-03

30, Jamar Wilson vs. Stony Brook, 2-14-03



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### **UALBANY'S ROBBIE FREEMAN IS 2004 IC4A MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPION**

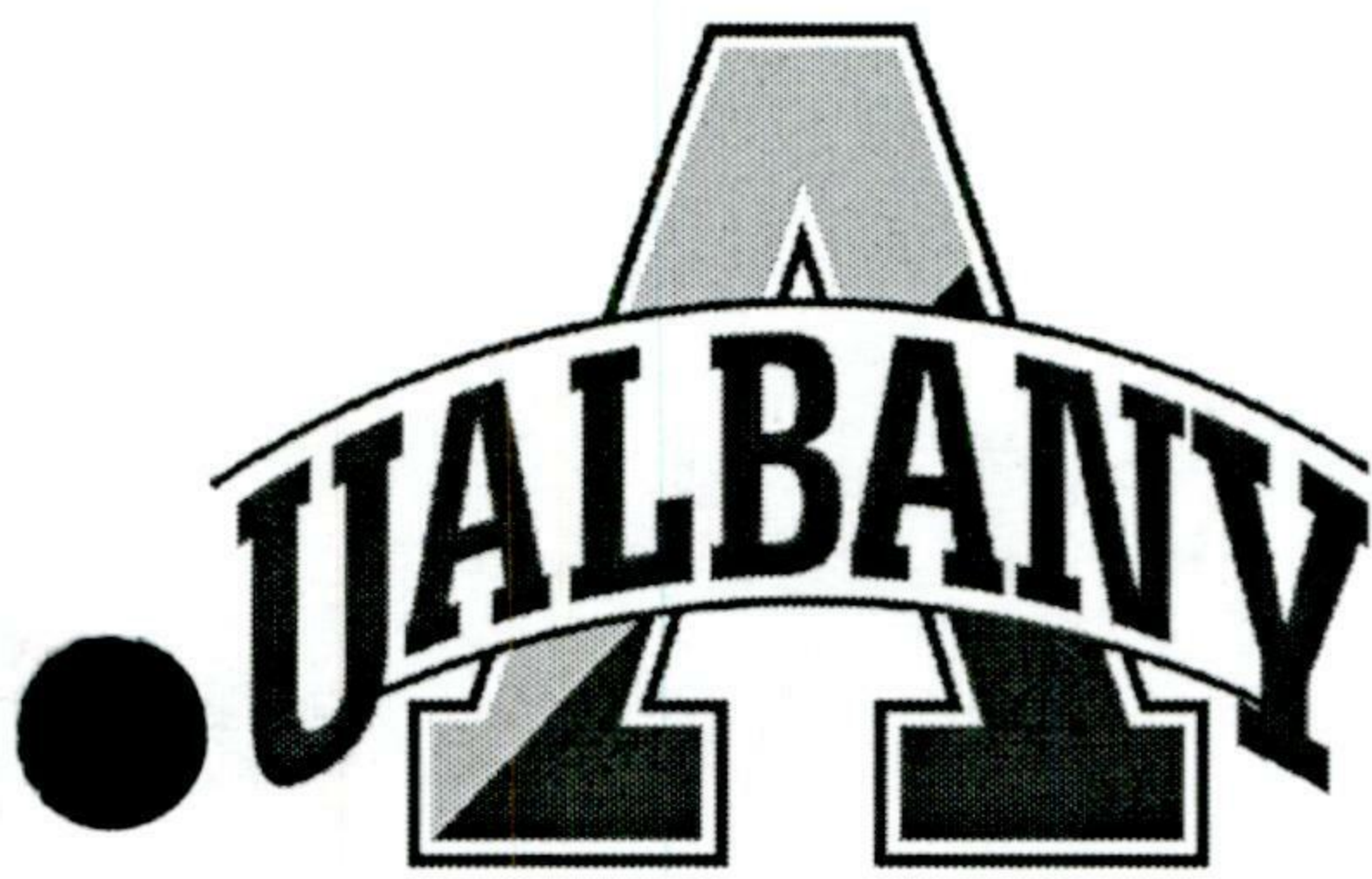
Bronx, N.Y. – UAlbany's **Robbie Freeman** finished first in the University Division at the 2004 IC4A Championships on Saturday, Nov. 20. Freeman became the Great Dane's first-ever IC4A Champion, finishing in a time of 25:18 over the five-mile course at Van Cortlandt Park in Bronx, N.Y.

Freeman's time puts him second in the UAlbany record book. James Schrader posted a time of 25:16 at the 1973 IC4A Championships.

The men's squad finished fourth overall behind strong finishes of **Andy Allstadt** (7th, 25:46) and **Ricardo Estremera** (9th, 26:03). All three of UAlbany's top finishers were named to the All-East team.

**Alyssa Lotmore**, who finished fourth overall with a time of 18:31.27, led the UAlbany women. Lotmore, along with **Nicole Susser** (14th, 18:59.23) were named to the All-East team. The Great Danes finished fourth in the team standings at the ECAC Championships.





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## UALBANY CAPTURES AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN FIVE GAMES

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashley Hunter** had a tournament-record 28 kills and **Shelby Goldman** added 25, as UAlbany rallied past Maine, 3-2, to win its first-ever America East Conference Volleyball Championship on Saturday afternoon at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes, who won by scores of 30-20, 28-30, 22-30, 30-20 and 15-13, became the first women's program in school history to earn an NCAA Division I Tournament berth.

UAlbany (27-6) had to come from behind for the first time this season, trailing 2-1 after three games. Hunter, the championship's most outstanding player, helped draw her team even with nine kills in the fourth. She nailed a pair of winners in a four-point run that snapped a 9-9 tie. Goldman, who was also on the all-tournament team, nailed four kills in sending the final to a fifth and deciding game.

Maine (17-11) took a 13-12 lead in the fifth, when **Carmen Morgan**, who recorded a double-double with 18 kills and 15 digs, blasted a shot off a blocker. The Great Danes responded with three consecutive points to win the title. **Ashley Green** spun a service ace to the right sideline to give her team the lead. Goldman then delivered the game-winning point, when she sent back Morgan's dig that just cleared the net.

"This is just amazing for our seniors to get a conference championship," said UAlbany coach **Kelly Sheffield**, whose team won just four of 24 matches in 2001. "We kept our composure and stayed positive. Our ball control got better after the third game, and Hunter just got on a roll."

Maine's **Brittany Howe**, a 6-foot senior, had six of her 16 kills in the third game, when her team seemed to take control of the match. All-Conference outside hitter **Kaili Jordan** totaled 13 kills and 10 digs for the Black Bears, who handed UAlbany its lone conference regular-season loss eight days ago.

"I really can't explain how this feels," said America East Player of the Year **Blair Buchanan**, who had 62 assists and 13 digs from her UAlbany setter position. "This was our goal all year. I never thought we would lose. Hopefully, this will be a stepping stone for what we can accomplish in the future."

UAlbany's **Ashlee Reed** added her sixth double-double of the season with 10 kills and 13 digs. The Great Danes, who have won 21 of their last 22 matches, will await the NCAA pairings to be announced on Nov. 28.





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## UALBANY VOLLEYBALL ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashley Hunter** drilled 16 kills to lead UAlbany to a 3-0 sweep of Binghamton in an America East Conference tournament semifinal match on Friday, Nov. 19 at University Gymnasium. The top-seeded Great Danes registered scores of 30-17, 30-16 and 30-13 to record their first-ever victory in America East postseason play.

**Ashlee Reed** reached double-digits with 10 kills for the Great Danes, while **Shelby Goldman** and **Ashley Green** each registered nine kills. **Susan Spierre** (Averill Park H.S.) chipped in eight kills and two blocks. **Blair Buchanan** led UAlbany with 41 assists and eight digs.

“We came into the match with a ‘bring it’ attitude,” said UAlbany head coach Kelly Sheffield. “I think we handled our nerves well tonight, but when you’re playing for the championship, it’s a different feeling.”

**Michele Heck**, **Megan Hoag** and **Anne Crocus** each recorded four kills to lead Binghamton (17-17). The Great Dane defense held the Bearcat attack to 20 kills and a .063 hitting percentage for the match.

UAlbany (26-5) will face the winner of the second semifinal between No. 2 Northeastern and No. 3 Maine in the tournament championship on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. The winner of the championship contest receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

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### 2004 America East Conference Women’s Volleyball Championship

Friday, Nov. 19, Semifinal Round

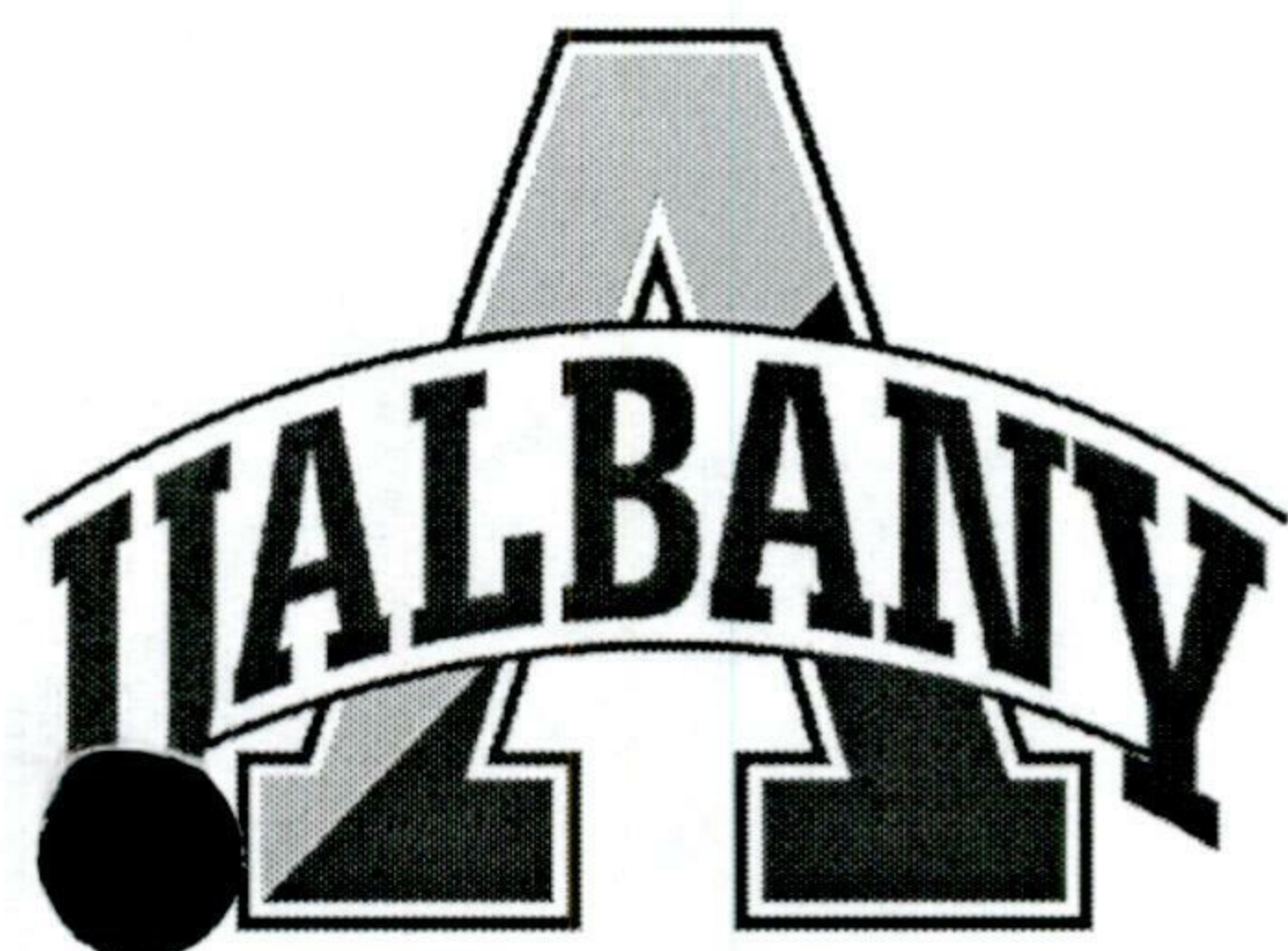
#1UAlbany def. #4 Binghamton, 30-17, 30-16, 30-13.

#3 Maine vs. #2 Northeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20, Championship

Winner of Semifinals, 4:00 p.m.





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### ***UALBANY CAPTURES SEASON OPENER AT MORGAN STATE, 73-54***

Baltimore, Md. – Senior Danielle Hutcheson and junior Jen Schumacher each scored 15 points to lead UAlbany to a 73-54 victory over Morgan State in women's basketball action on Friday, Nov. 19 at Hill Field House.

The win marks the first season-opening victory for the Great Danes since an 85-73 triumph at Iona to open the 1999-2000 season.

Trailing 30-28 at the half, Hutcheson scored eight points during a 22-5 Great Dane run that gave UAlbany a commanding 57-40 advantage with 6:27 remaining in the second half.

UAlbany shot 32-percent from the floor in the first half. Morgan State's Sharonda Watson scored 11 of her team-high 13 points during a 13-4 run that gave the Lady Bears a 22-14 lead with 6:54 left in the first-half.

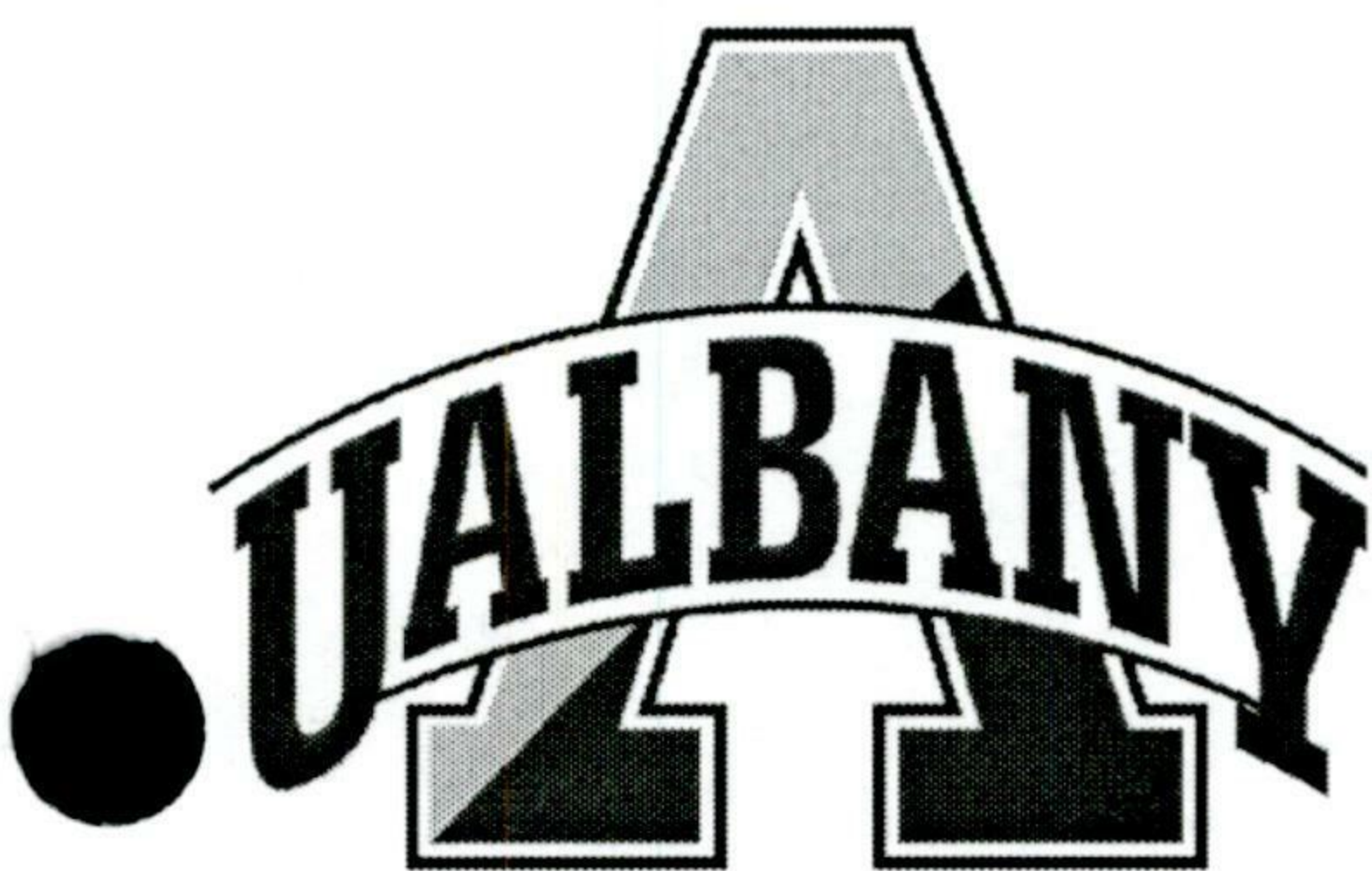
"Overall we struggled in the first half," UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson said. "We came out in the second half, played well and got a lot more layups."

Senior forward Alicia Learn notched a double-double with 14 points and 12 boards, while senior Maree Jones added 13 points and eight boards. Stacy Johnson scored seven points in her first career start for UAlbany. Freshman Sherri Mikus came off the bench to record seven points, five rebounds, three steals and two assists in her first collegiate game.

Morgan State (0-1), which connected on 5-of-7 three pointers in the opening half, managed only one three-pointer in the second half. UAlbany also held a 46-32 rebounding advantage in the game.

The Great Danes (1-0) return to action at Northern Arizona's Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 26-27. UAlbany takes on the host Lumberjacks on Friday at 9:30 p.m. ET.





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### **JAMAR WILSON WILL NOT PLAY IN SEASON OPENER AGAINST SACRED HEART**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced this evening that sophomore Jamar Wilson will not play against Sacred Heart in the season opener on Friday. Wilson will serve a one-game suspension for a violation of team and athletic department policy.

Wilson, who will be in uniform for the Great Danes' next game on Tuesday, Nov. 23, is coming off last December's season-ending knee surgery to repair a fractured patella. The 6-foot-1 sophomore averaged 18.9 points and 3.3 assists as a freshman in 2002-03, when he was named to the All-America East Conference second team and received the conference's rookie of the year award.

### **BLAIR BUCHANAN NAMED AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's **Blair Buchanan** was named the America East Conference Player of the Year and Setter of the Year as announced by the conference office on Thursday evening. **Kelly Sheffield** was voted America East Coach of the Year by his peers. Buchanan became the first player in conference history to be named both player and setter of the year.

In addition to the major awards, three Great Danes joined Buchanan with all-conference accolades. Outside hitters **Shelby Goldman** and **Ashley Hunter**, along with middle hitter **Ashlee Reed**, were named to the first team.

A sophomore setter, Buchanan leads the conference with 1,294 assists and an average of 12.56 per game. She also has tallied 135 kills on 287 attempts for a .338 hitting percentage. Buchanan added 238 digs and 28 blocks. A six-time America East setter of the week honoree this season, Buchanan set the UAlbany single-season record for assists and is fourth on the all-time list with 2,160.

Sheffield, who is in his fourth year at the helm of the Great Dane program, guided the squad to its first America East regular-season crown with a 25-6 record, including 13-2 in conference play. UAlbany finished with its most victories since the 1988 team won 37 matches. The Great Danes also set a school record with an 18-match unbeaten streak.

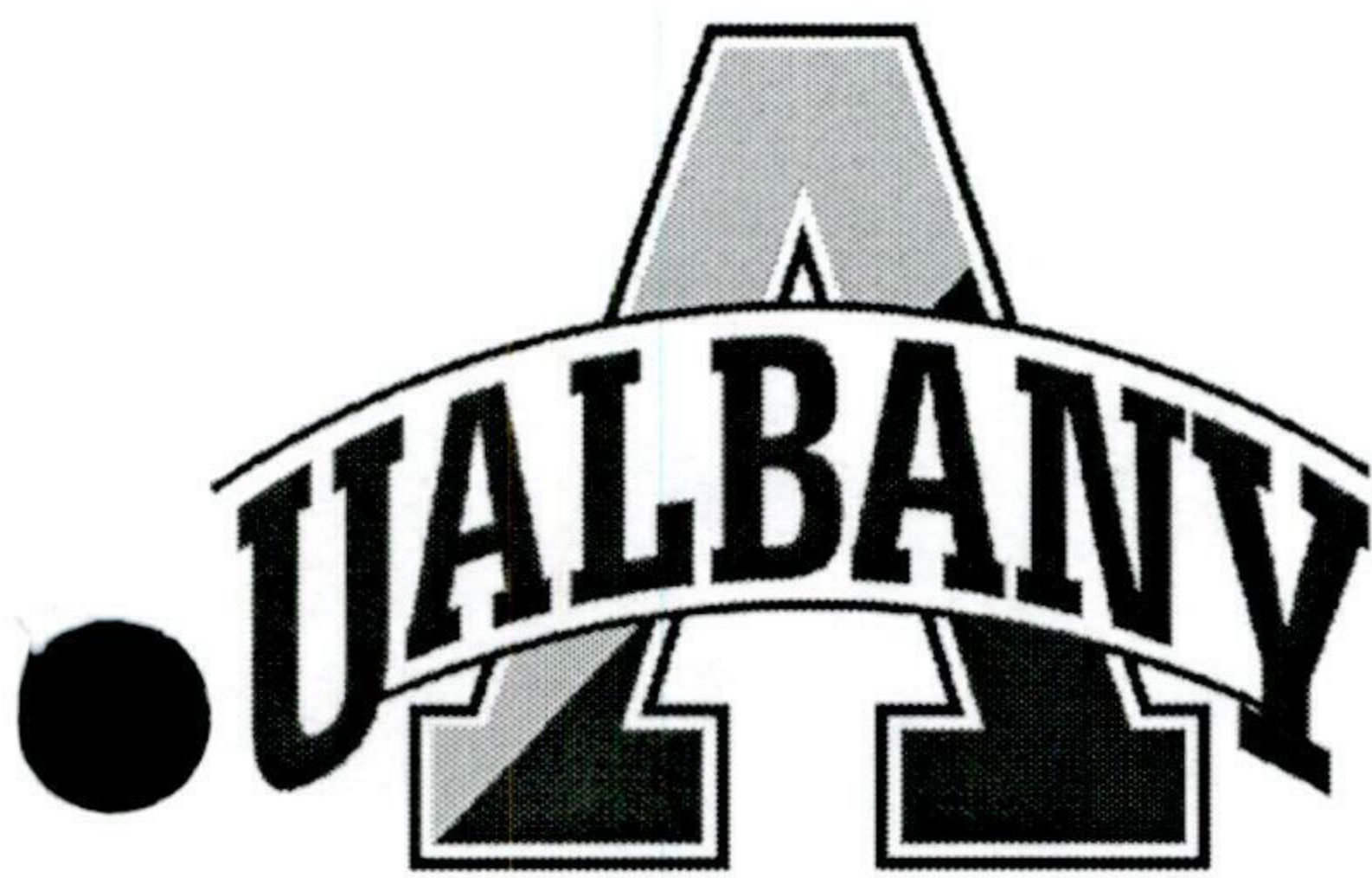
Goldman established a personal-best with 440 kills this season to lead the UAlbany attack. Her average of 4.19 kills per game is the best in the America East. Goldman tallied 10-plus kills in 29 matches, including a string of 26 straight.

A strong offensive and defensive player, Reed finished the regular season with 284 kills (2.65 pg) and 234 digs (2.19 pg). She has converted on 649 attempts and is third in the conference with a .327 hitting percentage. Reed also sits third on the team with 76 blocks. Reed, a junior, ranks among UAlbany's career top 10 in kills (812) and blocks (214).

Hunter ranks second on the Great Danes with 321 kills in her first season at UAlbany after transferring from St. Louis University. She averages 3.57 kills per game, which is sixth-best among the conference leaders. Hunter has also managed 74 digs and 24 blocks.

UAlbany, as the top seed, will host the America East Conference Tournament on Friday and Saturday at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes play Binghamton in the first semifinal on Friday at 5:00 p.m., while No. 2 Northeastern meets Maine at 7:30 p.m. The championship is slated for Saturday at 4:00 p.m., with winner receiving a NCAA berth.





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## COLIN DISCH NAMED NORTHEAST CONFERENCE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR Seven UAlbany Players on NEC Football All-Conference Team

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Colin Disch** has been named the Northeast Conference Defensive Rookie of the Year in football, as announced today by the conference office. The Great Danes had seven players chosen to the All-NEC squad.

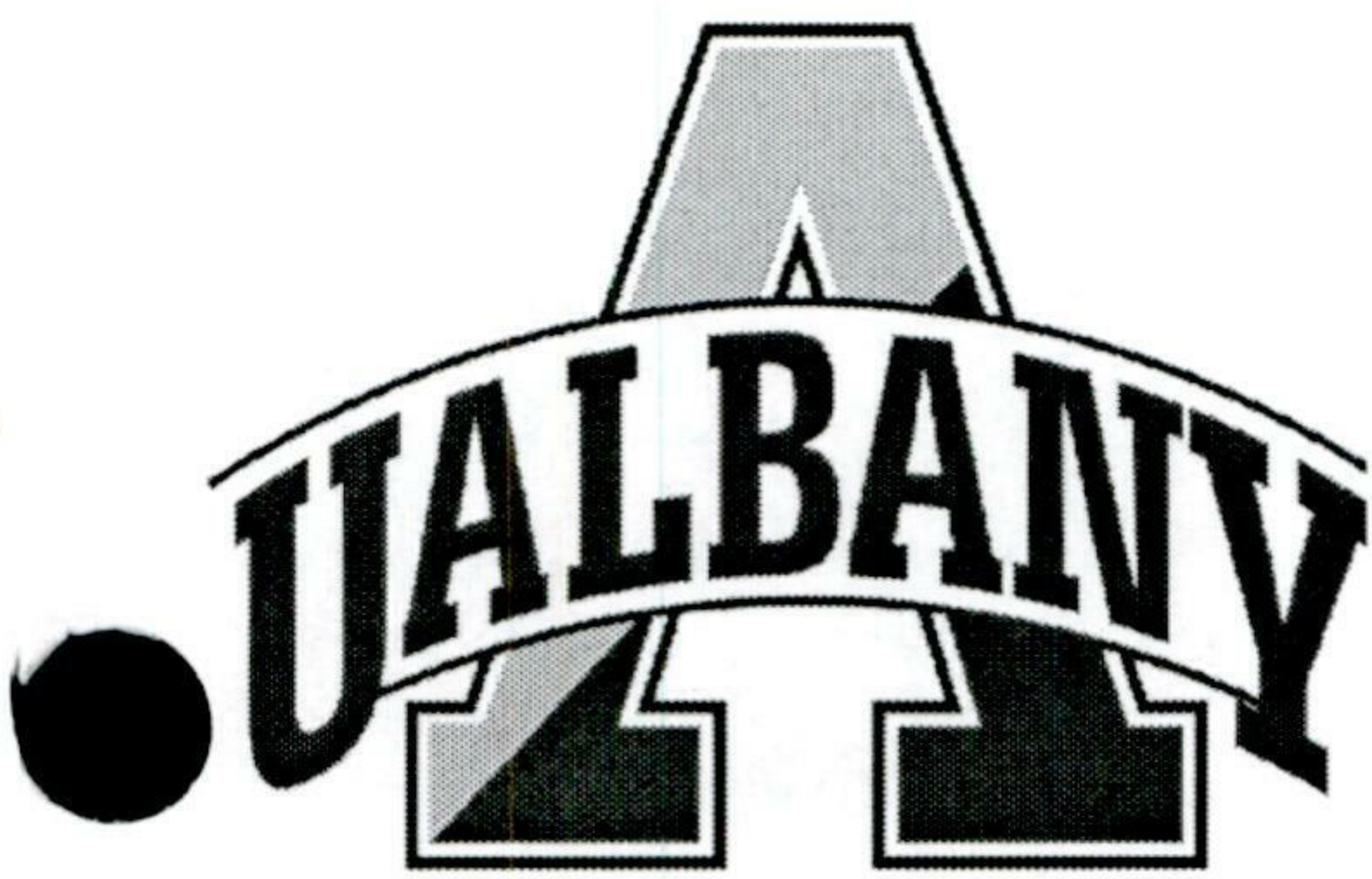
Disch, a redshirt freshman linebacker, was voted to the all-conference first team along with senior left tackle **Geir Gudmundsen** and senior offensive guard/center **Brandon Shaw**. Gudmundsen (6-6, 315) makes his fourth consecutive appearance on the all-league team, including three straight first-team selections. Gudmundsen made 44 consecutive starts on the offensive line. UAlbany is ranked ninth nationally in rushing at 254.7 yards per game. Shaw (6-0, 295) is on the All-NEC squad for the third straight year.

Disch is ninth among the NCAA Division I-AA leaders in tackles with 131. He also had 15 tackles for a loss, 5.0 sacks for minus-41 yards, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Disch, who recorded double-figure tackles in all 11 games, including a career-high 16 against Robert Morris, established the school's single-season freshman record. His 131 tackles ties the third-best mark in UAlbany history and is the highest total since 1987.

The Great Danes had four players on the All-NEC second team. Quarterback **Nicholas Bazan** became the sixth player in UAlbany annals to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. The fifth-year senior set single-season records by a quarterback with 1,043 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns. He also completed 78 of 162 passes for 689 yards and one TD. Bazan, who is 38th nationally in rushing at 94.8 yards per game, ran for 200-plus yards in back-to-back games in October.

Other second-team members were defensive tackle **Matt Kryzak** (Albany Academy), cornerback **Ryan Chrobak** and offensive lineman **Jacob Anderson**, a 6-foot-6, 285-pound right tackle. Kryzak, a senior, made 28 tackles to go with 1.5 sacks and one fumble recovery. Chrobak was fourth on the team in tackles with 51, including 31 unassisted, and had three interceptions and seven pass break-ups.





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## **BECKY AYERS LEAVES UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today that junior guard Becky Ayers has decided to leave the program for personal reasons.

Ayers, who was named a tri-captain in the preseason, was second on the team and 11th in the America East Conference in scoring last year with a 12.2 average. She led the team in three-point field goals made (52), and shot 41 percent from the floor, 40.6 percent from 3-point range, and 83 percent from the line. Ayers also scored in double figures as a freshman in 2001-02 at 12.2 per game.

A native of Canandaigua, N.Y., Ayers began practicing two weeks ago following off-season foot surgery. She missed the entire 2002-03 campaign after having a procedure to repair plantar faciitis.

## **TIME WARNER CABLE WILL AIR SIX UALBANY BASKETBALL GAMES IN 2004-05**

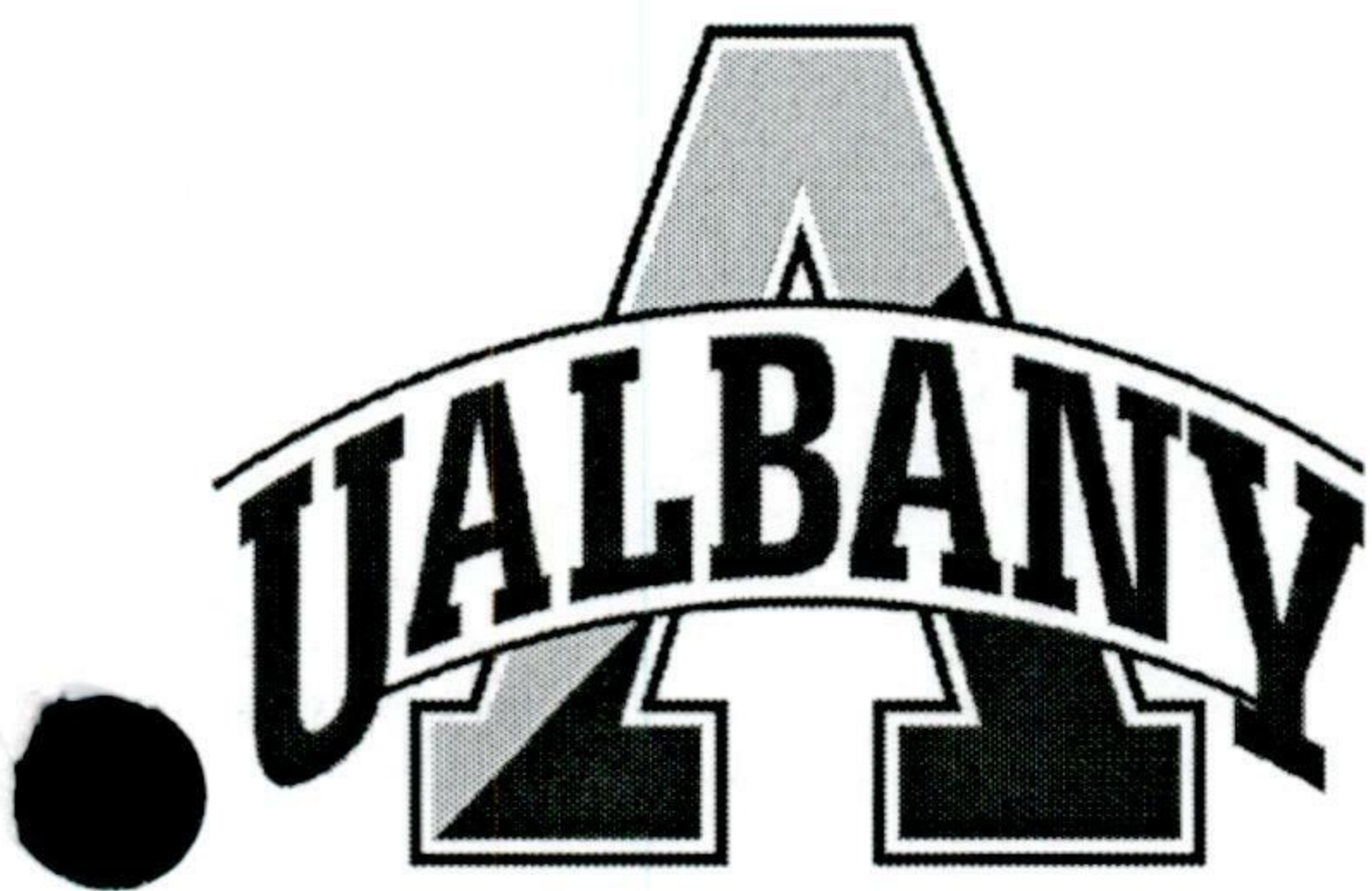
Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that Time Warner Cable will broadcast live six men's basketball games during the 2004-05 season.

Time Warner Cable, which provides service to more than 317,000 subscribers, will air the games on Channel 3 in the Capital Region. The televised schedule includes Dartmouth (Dec. 30), Binghamton (Jan. 12), Hartford (Jan. 27), Stony Brook (Feb. 2), Maine (Feb. 12) and defending America East Conference champion Vermont (Feb. 16).

UAlbany's radio broadcast team of Rodger Wyland and Greg Tobben will provide the play-by-play coverage. Greg Bobbitt will produce the broadcast for Time Warner Cable.

Time Warner Cable's Albany Division operates one of the most sophisticated cable systems in the nation and is home to New York's first two-way digital network. The system provides high-speed online access for residential customers, schools and businesses; digital cable with 240 cable channels, including on-demand services, interactive programming guides and popular, award-winning, locally-produced programming.





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### **GREG TOBBEN ADDED TO UALBANY BASKETBALL RADIO BROADCASTS**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that Greg Tobben has been hired to work with Rodger Wyland on Fox Sports Radio AM 980's broadcasts of UAlbany men's basketball during the 2004-05 season. Wyland, the sports director at WNYT-TV, will be the lead play-by-play announcer for the tenth consecutive season.

Tobben has worked for the past two years as an announcer and commentator for the Syracuse SkyChiefs, the Triple-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, and the American Hockey League's Syracuse Crunch. He also was the play-by-play voice for Le Moyne College's baseball program during the 2004 season on WHEN-AM in Syracuse.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Tobben has a B.A. in mass media from Southwest Missouri State University, and also graduated from Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications with a master's degree in broadcast journalism.

UAlbany begins its 2004-05 schedule on Friday, Nov. 19 with a non-league contest at Sacred Heart. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m.

### **UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SIGNS TWO FOR 2005-06 SEASON**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's basketball head coach Trina Patterson announced today that **Joy Sterling** and **Devran Tanacan** have each signed a national letter of intent to play for the Great Danes in the 2005-06 season.

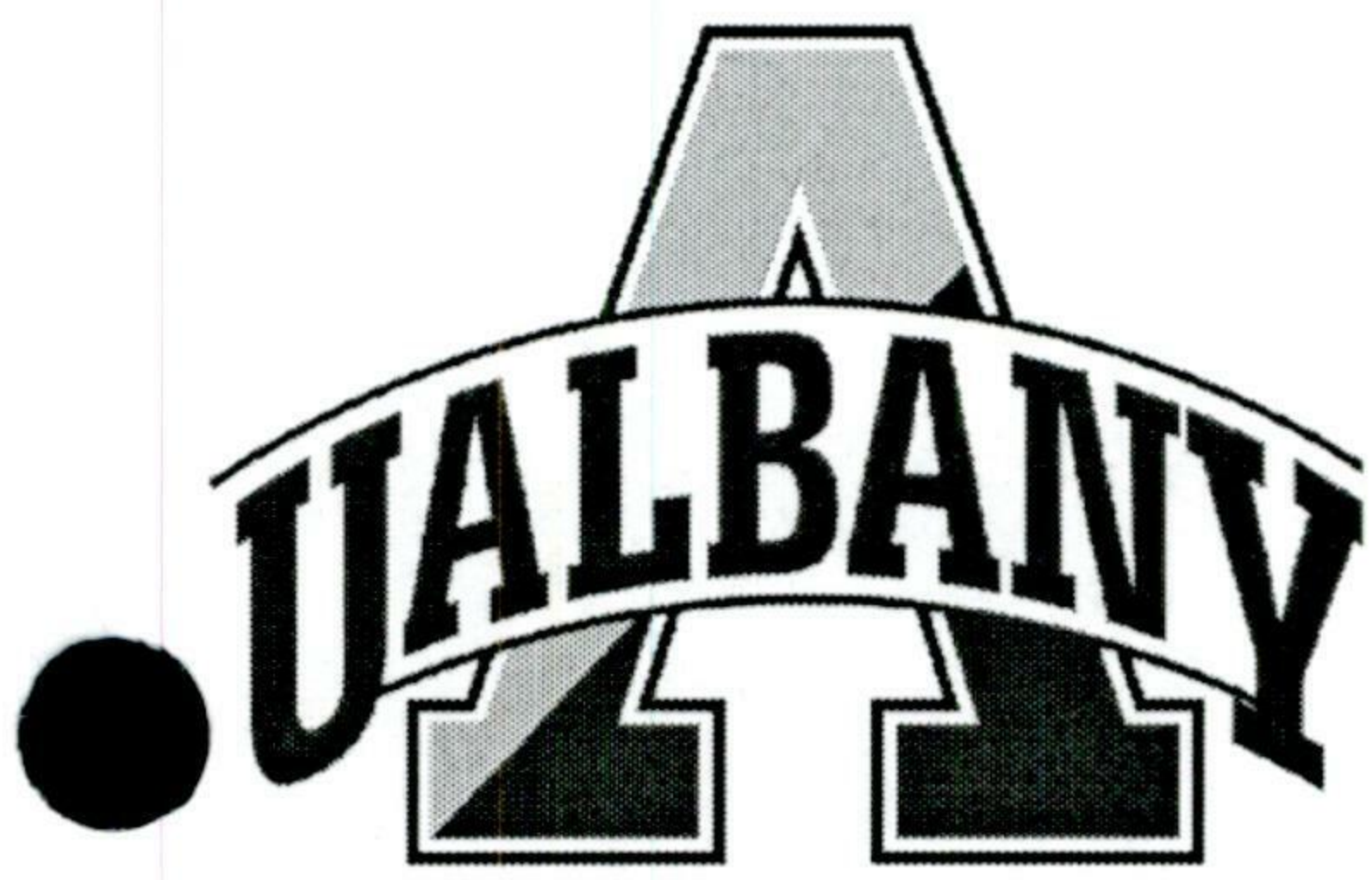
Sterling, a 5-foot-11 small forward, averaged 15.4 points and 6.1 rebounds as a junior at Alemany High School in Valencia, Calif. Sterling, who transferred to William S. Hart High in Newhall, Calif. for her senior season, was named to the 2004 All-California Interscholastic Federation Division III-AA First Team. Alemany finished the season with a 22-8 overall record.

A 6-foot-4 center, Tanacan has been playing for the Turkish National Team. A native of Istanbul, Turkey, she averaged 20.5 points and 15.0 rebounds per game with the junior national team last season. Turkey placed sixth in the 2004 Under-18 European Championships.

"Joy is very athletic and can make an immediate impact," Patterson said. "Her strengths are her basketball intelligence and her competitive nature. Devran is a solid low-block player. Playing on the national team will help make for a smoother transition to playing at the college level here."

The Great Danes open their 2004-05 season at Morgan State on Friday at 7:00 p.m.





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### UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL RECEIVES COMMITMENT FROM HIGH SCHOOL STAR

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that South Jersey high school standout **Brian Connelly** has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Great Danes in 2005-06.

Connelly, a 6-foot-8, 215-pound forward from Audubon, N.J. (Camden Catholic H.S.), averaged 15.0 points and 11.0 rebounds as a junior. The Fighting Irish reached the South Jersey Group IV Parochial A championship. Connelly's team won the Olympic Conference National Division title with a 21-6 record. He was a member of the Camden Courier Post's All-Parochial second team.

"He has a great combination of size and skill," Brown said. "He can score in the low post and shoot from three-point range. Brian plays for a good coach and a good program, and is use to winning. His versatility and competitiveness will make us better."

UAlbany begins its 2004-05 schedule on Friday, Nov. 19 with a non-league contest at Sacred Heart. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m.

### UALBANY TO HOST AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany will host the 2004 America East Conference Tournament on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20, at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes clinched the regular-season conference crown with a 13-1 league record.

Top-seeded UAlbany will host the No. 4 seed Binghamton in the first semifinal at 5:00 p.m. The second semifinal will feature No. 2 Northeastern against No. 3 Maine and is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. The winners will meet in the championship match on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. The America East champion receives an automatic NCAA berth.

UAlbany (25-6) is led by sophomore outside hitter **Shelby Goldman**, who leads the league with in kills at 4.19 per game, and junior outside hitter **Ashley Hunter** (3.57 kills/game). Playing in their third consecutive conference tournament, the Great Danes look to sophomore libero **Ashley DeNeal** (4.31 digs/game) for defensive prowess.

Northeastern (18-10, 11-3) will be competing in the event for the seventh straight year. Sophomore outside hitter **Whitney Turner** (372 kills, 243 digs) helps fuel the team's attack. The Huskies feature one of the conference's best defensive players in **Ashley Adamczyk** (618 digs) and top rookies in freshman outside hitter **Kira Batura** (283 kills, 441 digs).

Junior outside hitter **Kaili Jordan** (350 kills, 246 digs) has been a key player for Maine (16-10, 10-4) this season. Senior middle hitter **Brittany Howe** (260 kills, 72 blocks) is a force to contend with at the net. Making its first-ever appearance in the conference postseason is Binghamton (17-16, AE 7-7). Senior outside hitters **Michele Heck** (401 kills, 61 blocks) and **Jen Smith** (370 kills, 349 digs) lead the Bearcats on the offensive swing.

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### 2004 America East Conference Women's Volleyball Championship

Friday, Nov. 19, Semifinal Round

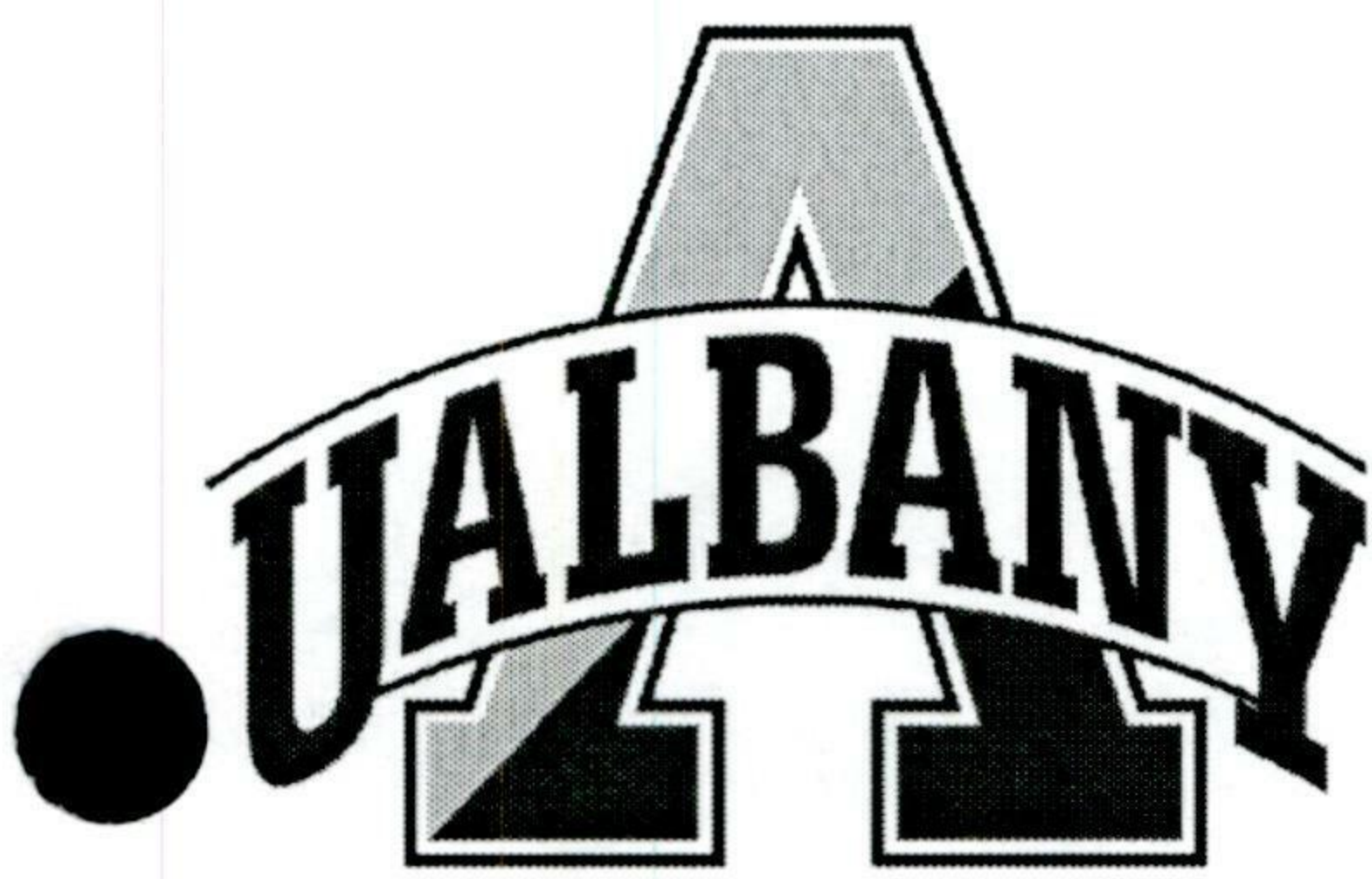
#4 Binghamton vs. #1 UAlbany, 5:00 p.m.

#3 Maine vs. #2 Northeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20, Championship

Winner of Semifinals, 4:00 p.m.





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### MAREE JONES LEADS UALBANY TO WOMEN'S BASKETBALL EXHIBITION WIN

Albany, N.Y. – **Maree Jones** (Albany H.S.) posted a double-double with 19 points and 19 rebounds to lead UAlbany to a 63-55 victory over NWBL in a women's basketball exhibition game on Sunday afternoon at University Gymnasium.

The Great Danes, who are coming off their best season at the Division I level with a 13-16 record, begin the regular season on Friday, Nov. 19 with a non-league contest at Morgan State. Tip-off is 7:00 p.m.

NWBL, a group of former collegiate standouts, closed within 38-37 with 15:08 remaining, when **Judy Clark** drilled a three-point field goal from the left corner. Clark, who played at Northwestern State in Louisiana, led her team with 15 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

UAlbany responded with 13 of the game's next 15 points to take control. Jones, a 6-foot-1 senior, scored on a follow shot and finished off a fastbreak for a 44-37 advantage. The outburst continued with Jones converting an offensive rebound, and **Becky Ayers** canning a three-pointer from the corner for a 51-39 cushion with 11:16 left.

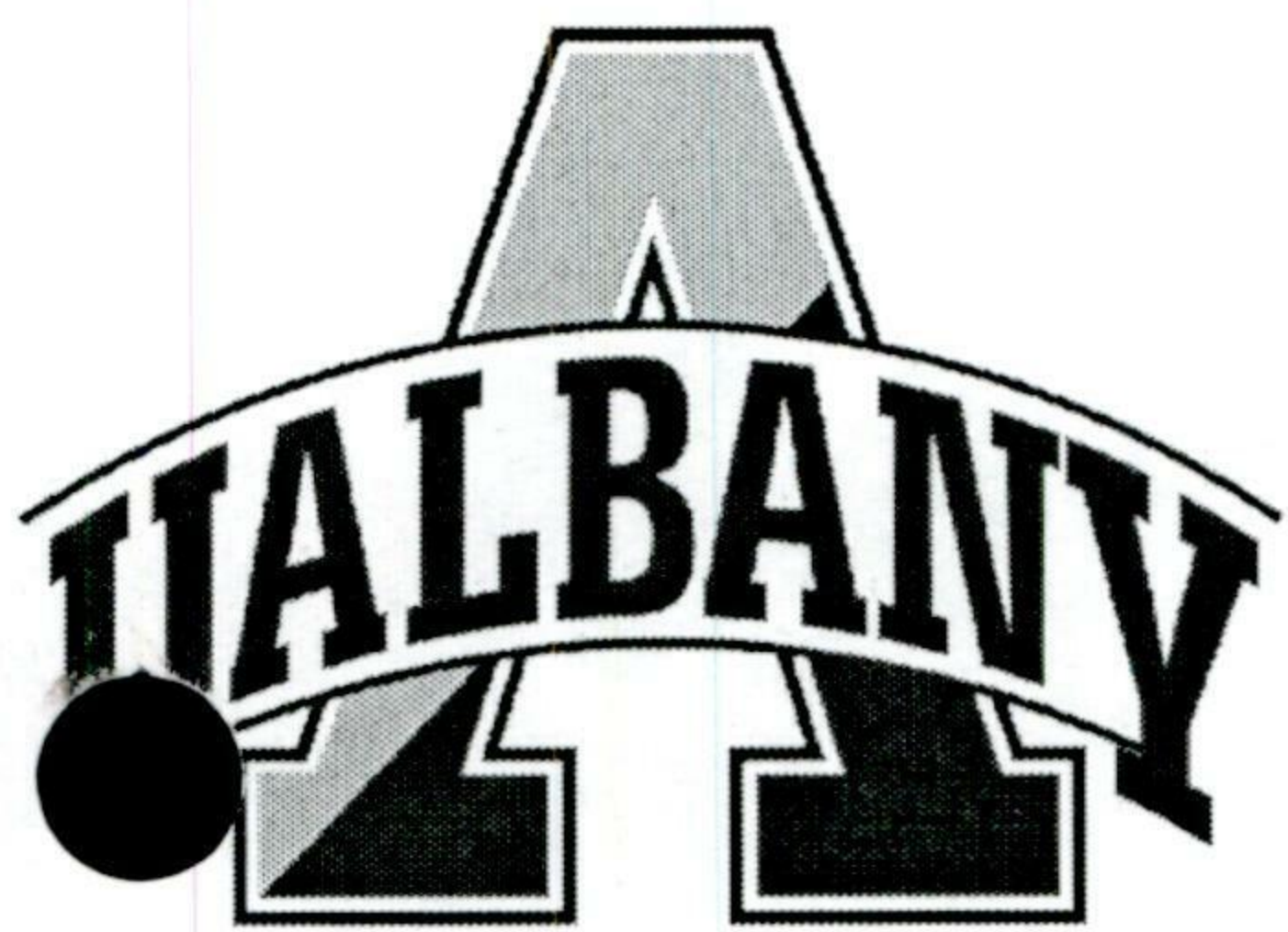
Former Hartford star **Cherie Eleazar** hit a layup following a steal to get NWBL within 59-53 in the final two minutes. But the Great Danes used the free throw line to stay ahead. Junior guard **Jen Schumacher**, who had nine points and seven assists, and Jones both made a pair of foul shots.

"She (Maree) was just relentless on the boards," said UAlbany coach **Trina Patterson**, whose team was picked sixth in the America East Conference preseason poll. "She played with energy and confidence, and it was good to see her aggressiveness. Overall, it was a good test for Schumacher and Stacy Johnson. We needed to work against pressure, and they handled it pretty well."

UAlbany's **Danielle Hutcheson**, a first-team all-conference center, had 12 points and 11 rebounds, despite struggling from the floor on 6-of-23 shooting. **Alicia Learn** added eight points and 15 rebounds.

NWBL's **Rhonda Jo Miller** totaled 13 points and seven rebounds, while former Michigan State standout **Maxann Reese** was the third player in double figures with 10.





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## UALBANY VOLLEYBALL CAPTURES AMERICA EAST REGULAR SEASON TITLE

Durham, N.H. – **Shelby Goldman** and **Ashley Hunter** fueled the offensive charge as UAlbany defeated New Hampshire, 3-1, in the America East Conference women's volleyball finale for both teams on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Lundholm Gymnasium. The Great Danes captured the America East regular season title and will host the conference tournament on Nov. 19-20 at University Gymnasium.

Goldman and Hunter notched 14 and 13 kills apiece to lead the Great Danes (25-6, AE 13-1). **Susan Spierre** added nine kills and five blocks, while **Ashley DeNeal** recorded 17 digs. **Blair Buchanan** compiled 39 assists en route to setting the UAlbany single-season assist record. Her 1,294 assists surpassed the previous best of 1,283 set in 2002 by teammate **Jill Dombrowski**.

**Erin Walker** paced New Hampshire (9-20, 5-9) with 17 kills and two blocks. **Emmy Blouin** and **Natasha Otte** chipped in 15 and 12 kills, respectively.

● The Great Danes registered their 25th victory of the season, which marks the most wins by a UAlbany squad since the 1988 team captured 37 of its 42 matches.

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UAlbany (25-6, AE 13-1) def. UNH (9-20, AE 5-9), 30-27, 18-30, 30-27, 30-26.

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY COMPETES AT NCAA NORTHEAST REGIONALS

Bronx, N.Y. - The UAlbany men's and women's cross country teams competed in the NCAA Northeast Regionals, hosted by the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Iona College and Manhattan College on Saturday, Nov. 13 in Van Cortlandt Park.

The UAlbany men were led by senior **Andy Allstadt**, who finished 29th overall with a time of 31:55.0. Junior **Robbie Freeman** placed 33rd individually, covering the 10K course in a time of 31:58.7. Freshman **Ricardo Estremera** was 77th in the field of 233 runners in 32:56.7 while fellow freshman **Ryan Gaedje** (112th, 33:32.3) and senior **Chris Pierson** (132nd, 34:00.8) rounded out the top five Great Dane runners.

Also competing for UAlbany were senior **Sam Gonzalez** (137th, 34:06.7) and junior **Gered Burns** (168th, 34:58.8). The Great Danes finished 17th in the team standings.

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The men's race was won by **Bruce Hyde** of Cornell in a time of 30:36.1. Hyde was followed by Iona's **Richard Kiplagat** (30:36.5) and Yale's **Lucas Meyer** (30:37.5). Runners from Providence College claimed the next three spots, helping the Friars to the team title. Iona was second in the team standings, followed by Columbia, Brown and Yale.

The UAlbany women were led by sophomore **Alyssa Lotmore**, who finished 38th out of 230 runners. Lotmore covered the 6K course in a time of 22:16.9. Senior **Nicole Susser** finished 87th in the field with a time of 23:09.7, while senior **Maureen Brown** (102nd, 23:24.5), freshman **Danielle Trimpop** (106th, 23:26.8) and senior **Theresa Juva** (140th, 23:53.4) rounded out the Great Danes' top five.

Sophomore **Jennifer Boshco** (181st, 24:47.6) and freshman **Gabrielle Malone** (196th, 25:13.6) also competed for UAlbany, who finished 16th in the team standings.

Providence claimed the women's team title, led by **Kim Smith's** individual first-place finish in a time of 20:08.8. The Friars' **Fiona Crombie** was second in a time of 20:29.9, followed by **Lindsay Donaldson** of Yale, **Caroline Bierbaum** of Columbia and **Cara Kiernan**, also of Yale.

Columbia was second in the team standings, followed by Yale, Boston College and Cornell.

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## 2004 NCAA East Regionals

### MEN

1. Providence 51, 2. Iona 56, 3. Columbia 119, 4. Brown 136, 5. Yale 143, 6. Dartmouth 184, 7. Cornell 239, 8. New Hampshire 264, 9. Army 287, 10. Syracuse 291, 11. Harvard 328, 12. Quinnipiac 339, 13. Boston College 361, 14. Maine 362, 15. UConn 379, Manhattan 379, **17. UAlbany 381**, 18. Stony Brook 382, 19. Colgate 526, 20. Marist 558, 21. UMass 598, 22. Buffalo 648, 23. Fordham 698, 24. Boston U. 756, 25. Rhode Island 762, 26. Long Island 807, 27. Holy Cross 814, 28. Hofstra 835, 29. Binghamton 853, 30. Vermont 879, 31. Sacred Heart 892, 32. Fairfield 918, 33. Siena 951, 34. Niagara 1026, 35. Hartford Inc., 36. CCSU Inc., 37. Wagner Inc.

### Individual

1. Bruce Hyde, Cornell, 30:36.1, 2. Richard Kiplagat, Iona, 30:36.5, 3. Lucas Meyer, Yale, 30:37.5, 4. Pat Moulton, Providence, 30:45.0, 5. Dylan Wykes, Providence, 30:48.8, 6. Marrin Eagan, Providence, 30:49.9, 7. Jeff Gaudette, Brown, 30:51.7, 8. Patrick Tarpy, Brown, 31:01.6, 9. Sean Connolly, Iona, 31:08.2. 10. Stephan Chemalny, Iona, 31:11.8.

### Other UAlbany Finishers

29. Andy Allstadt, 31:55.0, 33. Robbie Freeman, 31:58.7, 77. Ricardo Estremera, 32:56.7, 112. Ryan Gaedje, 33:32.3, 132. Chris Pierson, 34:00.8, 137. Sam Gonzalez, 34:06.7, 168. Gered Burns, 34:58.8.

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WOMEN

1. Providence 54, 2. Columbia 67, 3. Yale 97, 4. Boston College 156, 5. Cornell 159, Dartmouth 159, 7. Boston U. 173, 8. Harvard 232, 9. New Hampshire 257, Buffalo 257, 11. UConn 355, Brown 355, 13. Rhode Island 386, 14. Army 391, 15. Stony Brook 443, **16. UAlbany 463**, 17. Colgate 476, 18. Syracuse 486, 19. Binghamton 499, 20. Vermont 552, 21. UMass 606, 22. Sacred Heart 619, 23. Quinnipiac 682, 24. Maine 707, 25. Manhattan 761, Fordham 761, 27. Hofstra 819, 28. Siena 833, 29. Holy Cross 865, 30. Fairfield 895, 31. St. John's 983, 32. Niagara 986, 33. Iona Inc., 34. Wagner Inc., 35. CCSU Inc.

Individual

1. Kim Smith, Providence, 20:08.8, 2. Fiona Crombie, Providence, 20:29.9, 3. Lindsay Donaldson, Yale, 20:31.2, 4. Caroline Bierbaum, Columbia, 20:38.9, 5. Cara Kiernan, Yale, 20:41.7, 6. Kate Boyles, Cornell, 20:48.8, 7. Lindsey Scherf, Harvard, 20:54.8, 8. Maria Cicero, Boston College, 20:56.5, 9. Jennifer Koepfel, Buffalo, 20:59.7, 10. Emmily Chelanga, Iona, 21:07.2.

Other UAlbany Finishers

39. Alyssa Lotmore, 22:16.9, 87. Nicole Susser, 23:09.7, 102. Maureen Brown, 23:24.5., 106. Danielle Trimpop, 23:26.8, 140. Theresa Juva, 23:53.4, 181. Jennifer Boshco, 24:47.6, 196. Gabrielle Malone, 25:13.6.





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## CENTRAL CONN. STATE HOLDS OFF UALBANY TO CLINCH SHARE OF NEC TITLE

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore tailback **Cory Harge** rushed for 147 yards and three touchdowns, as Central Connecticut State held off Northeast Conference-rival UAlbany, 28-23, in the season finale for both teams on Saturday afternoon at University Field.

Central Connecticut State (8-2, NEC 6-1) shared their first-ever conference title with Monmouth. The Blue Devils, who won seven of their last eight games, posted their highest win total since 1973.

UAlbany (4-7, NEC 4-3) attempted a comeback in the fourth quarter, trailing 28-10 with less than 10 minutes remaining. Linebacker **Colin Disch** scored on a 15-yard fumble return after a mishandled handoff between quarterback **Scott Dolch** and Harge. The two-point conversion failed. The Great Danes closed within 28-23 with 3:23 left, when tailback **Dustin Wilson** powered over right guard on a 5-yard touchdown run.

The Blue Devils made things even more interesting, as punter **Derek Pearson** fell down while trying to handle a high snap at his own 25-yard line with 49 seconds to play. UAlbany quarterback **Nicholas Bazan** later connected with **Topher Davey** on a fourth-down, 11-yard completion to the CCSU seven. After throwing two straight incomplete passes, Bazan was tracked down by defenders **Terrell Moultrie** and **Brian Sullivan** while attempting to scramble and the clock ran out.

“We lost our composure at one point in the fourth quarter, but we got it back on that last drive,” Central Conn. head coach Tom Masella said. “We were able to contain their quarterback and keep him in check. This team has a lot of character. We did the things today that we’ve done all year, run the football and make big plays.”

In the second quarter, Harge, who carried 33 times, bounced out around right end on an 8-yard touchdown run that gave his team a 14-3 lead. The scoring drive was set up by **Ashton Scaccia’s** 34-yard run off a faked punt at the Albany 40. The Great Danes closed the gap to 14-10 with 9:34 remaining in the period, when senior tailback **Rohann Vidal**, who ran 17 times for 91 yards, reached the end zone on a one-yard run over left guard. **Kenny Williams’** 82-yard kickoff return set up the scoring sequence.

Central Connecticut State responded on its next possession by marching 62 yards to paydirt in just three plays. Harge dashed through the middle, broke two tackles, and then sprinted up the right sideline for a 48-yard touchdown. The Blue Devils would later move out to a 28-10 advantage with 5:37 left in the third quarter, when Dolch fired a 66-yard strike to wideout **Tremain Moore** on a third-and-19 play. Dolch completed 7 of 16 passes for 151 yards on the day.

“We saw some of the same things that have hurt us all year,” commented UAlbany head coach Bob Ford, whose program suffered its first losing campaign since 2000. “There were missed alignments and mental breakdowns, but at the same time we would make some great plays. It was very frustrating.”

UAlbany’s Bazan connected on 14 of 28 attempts for 104 yards. The fifth-year senior added 91 yards on the ground in 16 attempts, and became the sixth player in school history to hit the 1,000-yard mark in a season with 1,043.





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### UALBANY VOLLEYBALL WIN STREAK SNAPPED IN 3-2 LOSS TO MAINE

Orono, Maine – The University at Albany dropped a 3-2 match to Maine in America East Conference women's volleyball action on Friday, Nov. 12 at Memorial Gymnasium. The loss snapped the Great Danes' 18-match unbeaten streak and marked their first conference defeat of the season. Maine won by scores of 15-30, 33-31, 24-30, 30-26 and 15-12.

**Shelby Goldman's** 22 kills led three UAlbany players in double-digits. **Ashlee Reed** and **Ashley Hunter** added 19 and 17 kills, respectively. **Blair Buchanan** tallied 62 assists, while **Ashley DeNeal** registered 23 digs on defense.

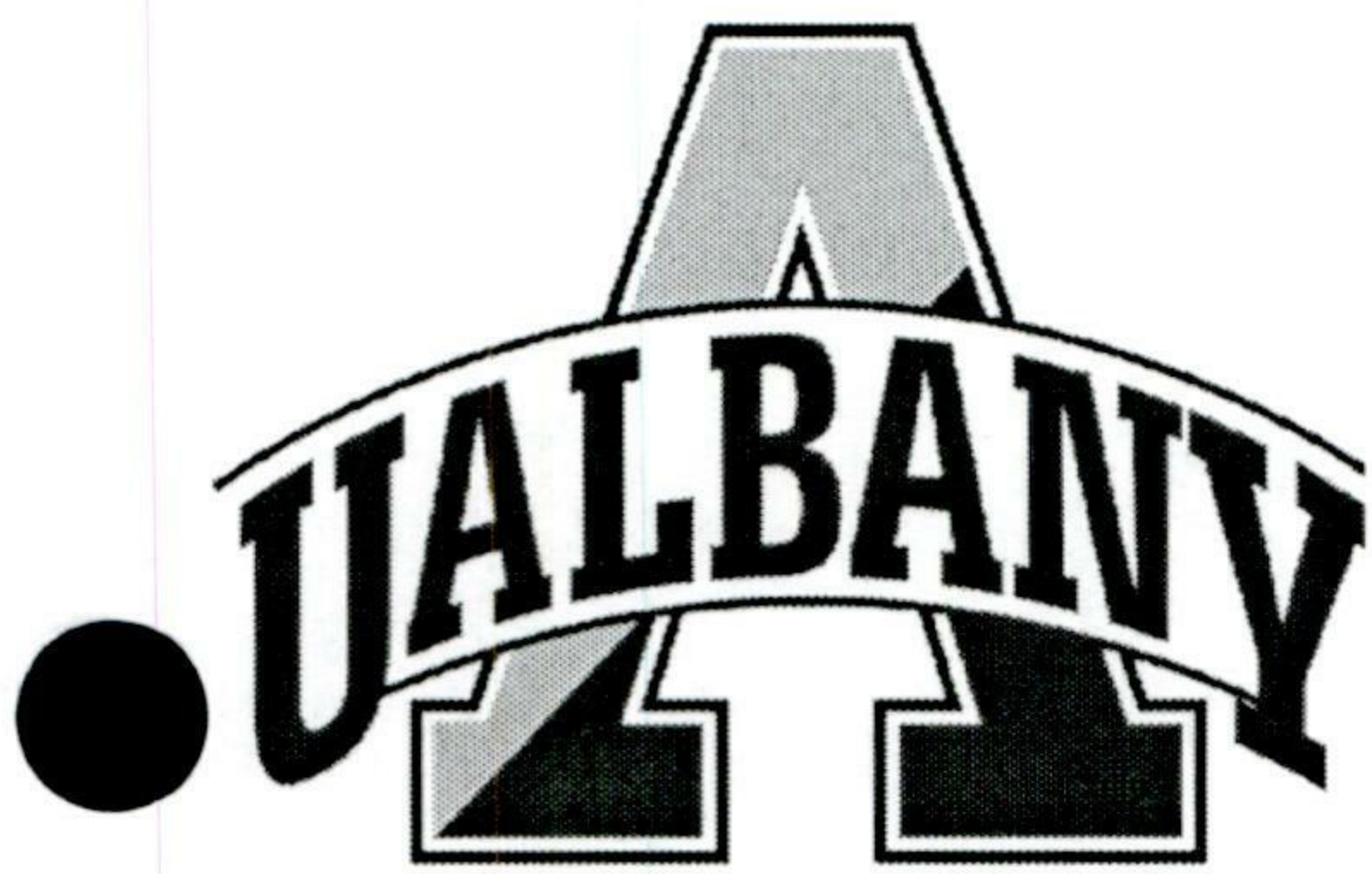
For Maine, **Kaili Jordan** topped the list of five Black Bears in double-figures with 19 kills. **Carmen Morgan** added 14 kills and seven blocks, while **Jody Connacher** totaled 23 digs.

The Great Danes close out the regular season on Saturday at 4 p.m. at New Hampshire.

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Maine (17-10, AE 9-4) def. UAlbany (24-6, AE 12-1), 15-30, 33-31, 24-30, 30-26, 15-12.





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**BINGHAMTON UPENDS UALBANY, 3-1, IN AMERICA EAST SOCCER SEMIFINAL**

Albany, N.Y. – **Graham Munro** scored the go-ahead goal with five minutes and 20 seconds elapsed in the second half, in leading third-seed Binghamton to a 3-1 victory over second-seed UAlbany in the America East Conference Tournament semifinal round on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Bearcats will move on to Sunday’s championship against the Boston University-Stony Brook semifinal winner.

Munro, a junior defender, re-directed a crossing pass from Brazil’s **Danilo** past UAlbany goalkeeper **Bouna Coundoul**, who was screened on the play, to break a 1-1 deadlock. Binghamton (11-2-7) added an insurance goal one minute and 28 seconds later, when **Charles Darkwah** tallied his 12th goal of the season on a low shot after **Ryan Pierce** stole a clearing pass near midfield.

UAlbany (12-4-2) took a 1-0 lead at 29:38, when **Savvas Theofilou** converted a header into the upper left corner off **Vadim Ivanyushchenko’s** corner kick. The Bearcats, who advanced to the NCAA second round last year after winning the America East championship, drew even just before halftime. **Bryan Arnault** finished off a crossing pass from **Joey Neilson** from 12 yards away for his eighth goal of the season at 43:15.

“The playoffs are a mental situation,” said UAlbany coach Johan Aarnio, whose team posted its best campaign as a Division I program and produced its highest win total since 1992. “Whoever scored that first goal in the second half gained a huge mental advantage. We tried to make some changes, but were not able to play with composure.”

Goalkeeper **Stefan Gonet** made two saves for the Bearcats, who dropped a 3-2 decision to UAlbany one week ago in the regular-season finale. UAlbany’s Coundoul stopped seven shots.

“We had a great season,” added Aarnio, whose team also tied for the America East regular-season title. “We accomplished many things. All this helps as we learn a systematic way to play and our team culture develops.”

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**America East Conference Men’s Soccer Tournament – Semifinal Round**

#3 Binghamton (11-2-7)	1	2	-	3
#2 UAlbany (12-4-2)	1	0	-	1

Binghamton – Scoring: Bryan Arnault 1-0, Graham Munro 1-0, Charles Darkwah 1-0, Joey Neilson 0-1, Danilo 0-1, Ryan Pierce 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Stefan Gonet (90:00, 2 saves, 1 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Savvas Theofilou 1-0, Vadim Ivanyushechenko 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 7 saves, 3 GA).

**UALBANY’S STEPHAN HALL NAMED TO COSIDA DISTRICT I SOCCER TEAM**

Bronx, N.Y. – University at Albany sophomore midfielder **Stephan Hall** was named to the 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District I Men’s Soccer Team as announced on Wednesday by the College Sports Information Directors of America. He was a second-team selection.

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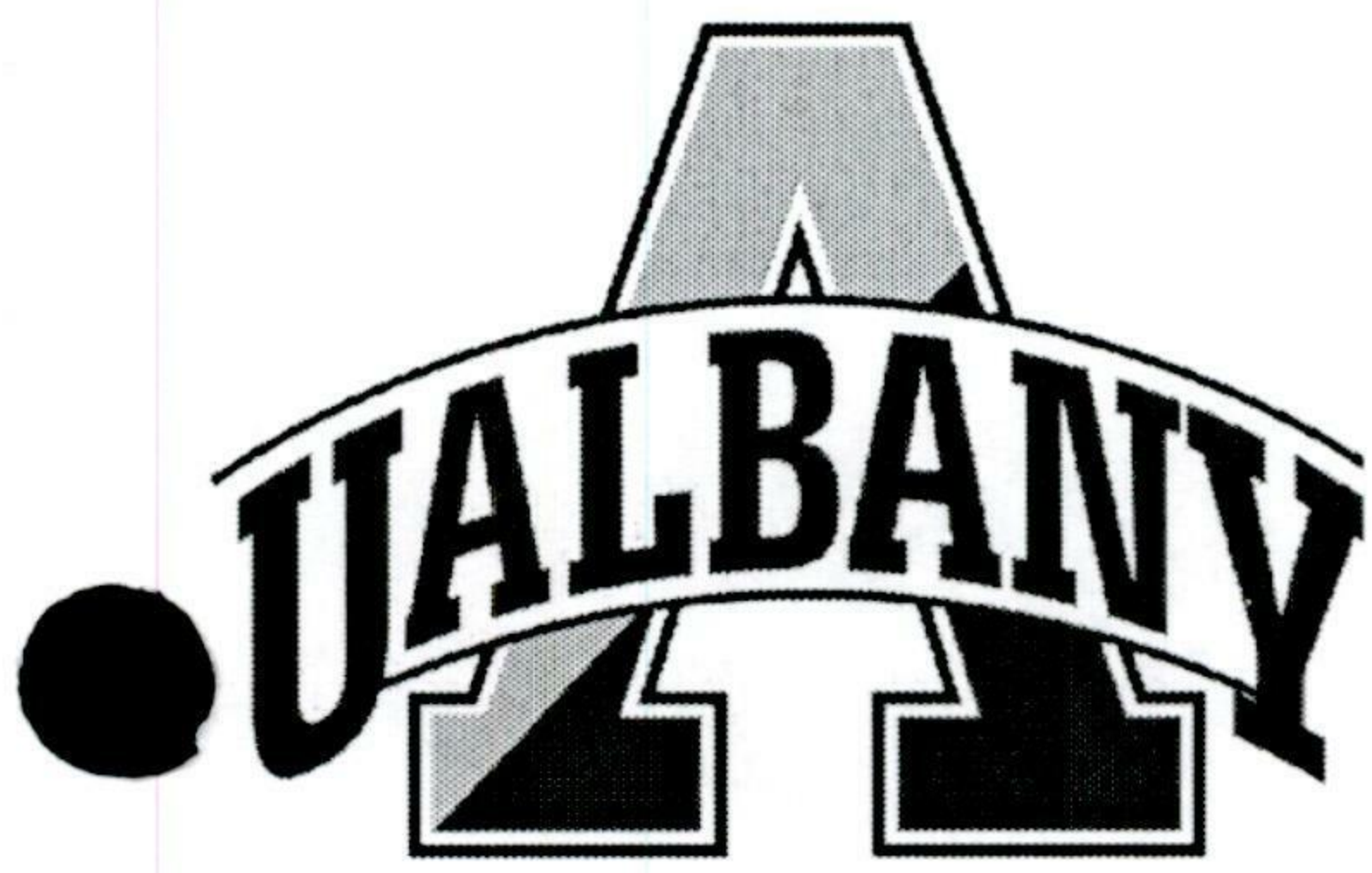
## **UALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2**

Hall, who has a 4.0 cumulative grade point average in urban studies with a minor in history and psychology, is a member of the America East Commissioner's Honor Roll and the UAlbany Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

An All-America East Conference second-team member, Hall has scored three goals, including two game-winning tallies this season. He has notched a team-high five assists, and his 11 points rank second on the Great Dane squad.

UAlbany shared the regular-season America East Conference title with Boston University. The Great Danes (12-4-2) ended the year with a 3-1 loss to Binghamton in the conference tournament semifinals on Wednesday.





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## CONDOUL NAMED AMERICA EAST MEN'S SOCCER GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Bouna Coundoul** was named the America East Conference Goalkeeper of the Year in voting by the league's head coaches on Monday afternoon. This is the second time that Coundoul has been chosen as the league's top goalkeeper, as he also won the award as a sophomore in 2002. Joining Coundoul on the first team is senior defender **Savvas Theofilou**. Senior defender **George Friedman** and sophomore midfielder **Stephan Hall** were selected to the second team.

Coundoul, a senior who made the all-conference first team for the second time in three seasons, notched 11 shutouts, posted a 0.40 goals against average, recorded a .923 save percentage and made 84 saves. He had three matches with 10 or more saves, and was selected conference player of the week three times. Coundoul was also named the MVP of the Duquesne Invitational. For five weeks this season, he has been the top goalkeeper in Division I in goals against average. Coundoul was also named to the all-conference first team in 2002 and the second team in 2003.

Theofilou, a first-time all-league selection, was part of a defensive unit that allowed just seven goals during the regular season. He had two goals for four points in the 2004 campaign. The senior netted the game-winning goal in the season opener in a 1-0 win against Oneonta State on Sept. 1, while his other goal came in a 3-0 triumph over Stony Brook on Oct. 23.

Friedman, a starter in all 16 matches in which he played, helped UAlbany post 12 shutouts during the regular season. The defender was a key factor in the Great Danes' four separate shutout streaks of more than 200 minutes.

A first-time selection to the all-conference team, Hall totaled 11 points on three goals and a team-high five assists. The sophomore midfielder scored the deciding goals against both Duquesne and Maine. He recorded at least one point in three consecutive matches from Oct. 6-16.





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### **UALBANY MOVES SITE FOR TWO HOME DECEMBER BASKETBALL CONTESTS**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that the school will move two home basketball games in the month of December to other locations due to some minor delays in renovations to the Recreation and Convocation Center on campus.

UAlbany's game with non-league opponent Long Island in men's basketball has been shifted from the RACC to The College of Saint Rose's Campus Activity Center. The contest will be held in the brand-new Daniel P. Nolan Gymnasium, a 1,200-seat arena, on Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

The Great Danes were also scheduled to host Syracuse in women's basketball on Tuesday, December 7. The game has been moved to Syracuse's Manley Field House.

"We have made these schedule changes in an effort to allow our student-athletes to compete in the proper setting, plus provide full service to the fans in attendance," McElroy said. "There are always some unexpected delays when renovating a facility, and we believe everyone will benefit from the upgrade to the centerpiece of our current athletic complex."

The \$1.5 million improvement to the RACC began on Sept. 1 with an original expected completion date of Nov. 30. The facility's three playing surfaces, located on the arena level, have been completely changed over to Robbins biochannel flooring, plus a new synthetic surface covers the 170-meter indoor track. In addition, the RACC's sound system, wiring, telecommunications and data connections have all been upgraded.

### **FOOTBALL'S COLIN DISCH NAMED NEC ROOKIE OF THE WEEK FOR FOURTH TIME**

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's Colin Disch has been named the Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week in football for his performance in last Saturday's game against Robert Morris. Disch received the weekly award for the fourth time this season.

Disch, an inside linebacker, made a career-high 16 tackles, including 10 unassisted and two for losses, and had one sack for minus-4 yards. The redshirt freshman has recorded double-figure tackles in all 10 games this year, and continues to lead the NEC in that category. Disch has established the school's freshman single-season record with 118 tackles. His total also represents the 11th-best mark in UAlbany history.

UAlbany (4-6, NEC 4-2) wraps up its season on Saturday, Nov. 13 against Central Connecticut State (7-2, 5-1). The Great Danes will help determine this year's conference champion. A UAlbany win coupled with a Monmouth loss to St. Francis, Pa. would result in a three-way tie for the NEC title.

### **VOLLEYBALL'S ASHLEE REED RECEIVES AMERICA EAST WEEKLY HONOR**

Boston, Mass. – Junior **Ashlee Reed** was named the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week as announced by the conference office on Monday, Nov. 8. This is the first award of the season for Reed, who shares the honor with Maine's Kaili Jordan. Reed helped the Great Danes clinch the top seed for the upcoming conference postseason tournament to be held at UAlbany's University Gymnasium on Nov. 19-20.

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## UALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Reed paced the Great Dane offense with 29 kills and 17 digs in victories over Stony Brook and UMBC. She tied her career-high with 17 kills and hit .640 (17 of 25 attempts) against the Seawolves on Nov. 5. Reed followed that with a 12-kill, 10-dig showing against UMBC for her fifth double-double of the season. The middle hitter ranks second in the conference with a .332 hitting percentage.

UAlbany improved to 24-5 overall and remained the only unbeaten team in America East play at 12-0. The Great Danes, who have won a school-record 18 consecutive matches, close out the regular season this weekend with matches at Maine and New Hampshire.





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## UALBANY CLINCHES TOP SEED FOR A-EAST TOURNAMENT

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashlee Reed** posted a double-double with 12 kills and 10 digs to lead the UAlbany volleyball team to a 3-0 victory over America East opponent UMBC on Saturday, Nov. 6 at University Gymnasium. The Great Danes won in straight games with scores of 30-20, 30-20, 30-25, to increase their win streak to 18 matches.

With the win, the Great Danes clinched home court advantage for the America East Tournament. The 2004 championships will be held on the UAlbany campus on Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20.

**Ashley Hunter** led the Great Danes offensively with 15 kills while **Ashley Green** chipped in 10. On the defensive side, **Ashley DeNeal** notched a team-high 16 digs while **Susan Spierre** and **Shelby Goldman** each recorded three block assists. **Blair Buchanan** tallied a game-high 39 assists to go along with 11 digs defensively.

UMBC (12-17, AE 3-9) was led by **Jocelyn Teoh** with 11 kills and 11 digs. **Emily Berman** recorded nine kills for the Retrievers while **Christine Skala** posted a team-high 16 digs.

UAlbany (24-5, AE 12-0) will return to action on Friday, Nov. 12 and Saturday, Nov. 13 as they make a swing through New England to close out the regular season against America East rivals Maine and New Hampshire.

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UAlbany (24-5, AE 12-0) def. UMBC (12-17, AE 3-9) 30-20, 30-20, 30-25.





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## UALBANY FOOTBALL FALLS TO ROBERT MORRIS, 34-7 IN NEC ACTION

Moon Township, Pa. – Junior quarterback **Drew Geyer** threw three touchdown passes and ran for another in leading Robert Morris to a 34-7 Northeast Conference victory over UAlbany on Saturday afternoon at Moon Stadium.

Robert Morris (6-4, NEC 3-3) set the tone on the game's first two possessions. The Colonials marched eight plays with the opening kickoff to paydirt. **Devin Wilson** scored on an 18-yard run over right tackle for a 6-0 lead. UAlbany (4-6, NEC 4-2) then drove deep into Robert Morris' territory, but **Jeff Roammes** blocked **Chris Lynch's** 27-yard field goal attempt after a low snap.

The Colonials used that energy to ignite a 21-point second quarter. Geyer engineered a 17-play, 81-yard drive in which he scored off a naked bootleg on fourth-and-goal at the one-yard line. Geyer's 20-yard completion to tight end **Rupert Rickards** on third down at the Albany 29 keyed the sequence.

Geyer, who completed 15 of 24 attempts for 293 yards, threw a pair of scoring passes to build a 27-0 halftime lead. He flipped a three-yard touchdown to fullback **Vince Magnone** in the right flat following a UAlbany turnover. Geyer then hit Rickards over the middle with a 28-yard TD strike in a fourth-down situation. The scoring play capped a long drive that was highlighted by Geyer's 68-yard bomb to **Tyjuan Massey** from his own end zone.

Meanwhile, Robert Morris' defense bottled up UAlbany's attack for most of the day, plus forced three turnovers. Senior quarterback **Nicholas Bazan**, who rushed for 200 or more yards in each of the previous two weeks, was held to 37 yards on 16 attempts. Bazan connected on just 8 of 18 passes for 53 more.

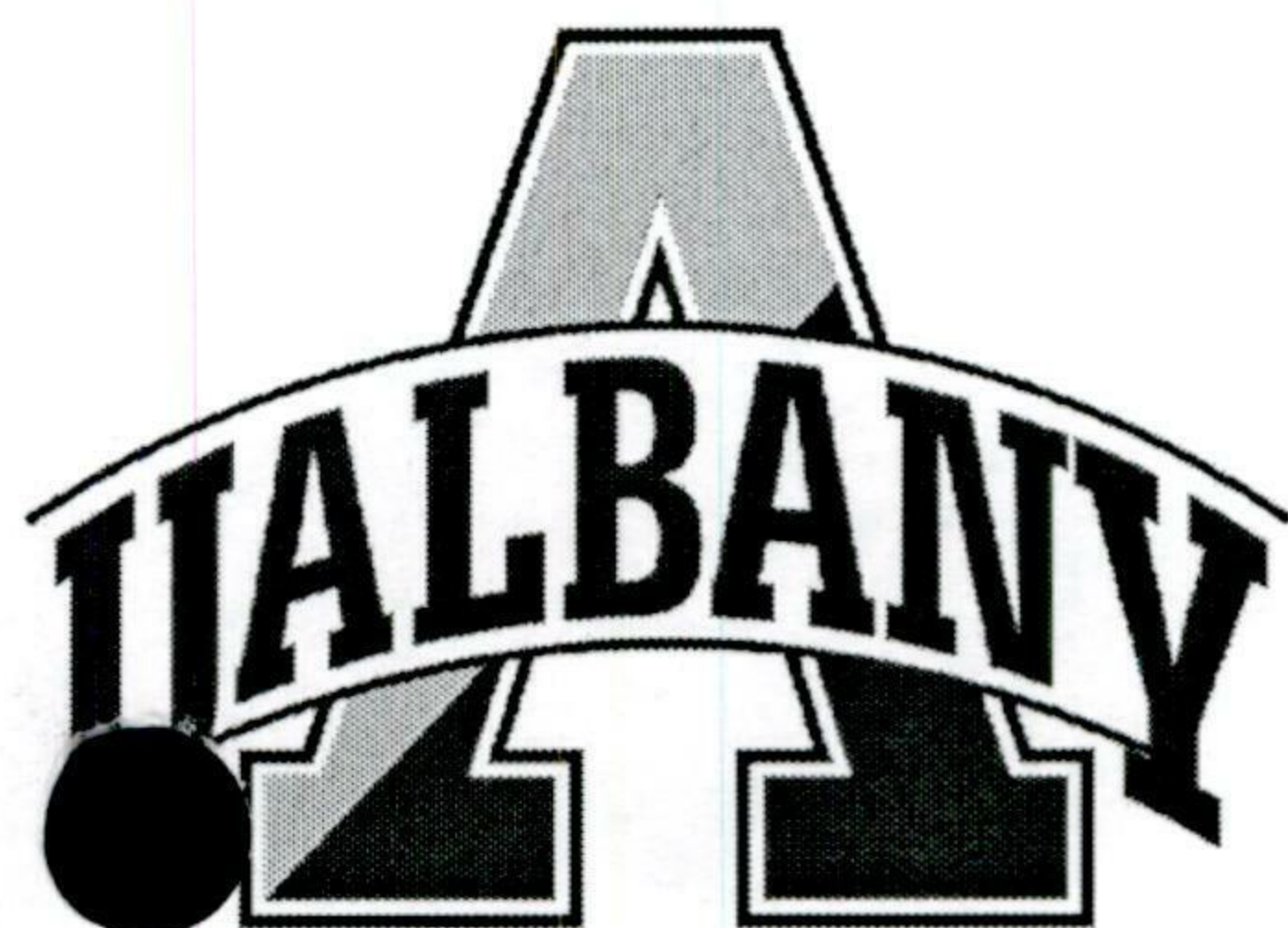
"They did a good job of containing the option," said UAlbany offensive lineman **Brandon Shaw**, whose team suffered its worst defeat in conference play since joining the NEC in 1999. "We had a good week of practice, but we just didn't execute."

In the third quarter, Geyer fired his third touchdown pass, a 93-yarder to Massey. The senior wideout finished with four catches for 177 yards. The Great Danes got on the scoreboard in the final period, when Bazan fumbled at the goal line and offensive tackle **Geir Gudmundsen** recovered the ball in the end zone for the touchdown with 12:04 remaining.

"We failed at the fundamentals of football today," said UAlbany free safety **Lucas Kurtz**, whose team needed to win its final two games in order to share its third consecutive NEC title. "It would have been nice to compete for a championship with this group of guys. We just didn't get it done."

UAlbany's **Dustin Wilson** led all rushers with 77 yards, while tailback **Omar Johnson**, making his first start, added 50 on the ground. Linebacker **Colin Disch**, the NEC's leading-tackler, had a career-high 16 total hits, including one sack.





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## UALBANY DEFEATS STONY BROOK, 3-0 TO REMAIN UNBEATEN IN A-EAST PLAY

Albany, N.Y. – **Ashlee Reed** recorded a career-high 17 kills to lead the UAlbany volleyball team to a 3-0 victory over America East Conference opponent Stony Brook on Friday, Nov. 5 at University Gymnasium. The 17th straight victory for the Great Danes ties the unbeaten string set by the 1993-94 men's basketball team.

Reed hit .640 on 17-of-25 in the match, which UAlbany claimed in three straight games, 30-25, 30-19, 30-24.

**Ashley Hunter** tallied 14 kills to go along with seven digs for the Great Danes, while **Shelby Goldman** recorded her 26th consecutive double-digit kill performance, putting away 12. **Blair Buchanan** notched a match-high 45 assists while also recording nine digs and a solo block that ended the match. **Ashley DeNeal** led the team defensively with 16 digs.

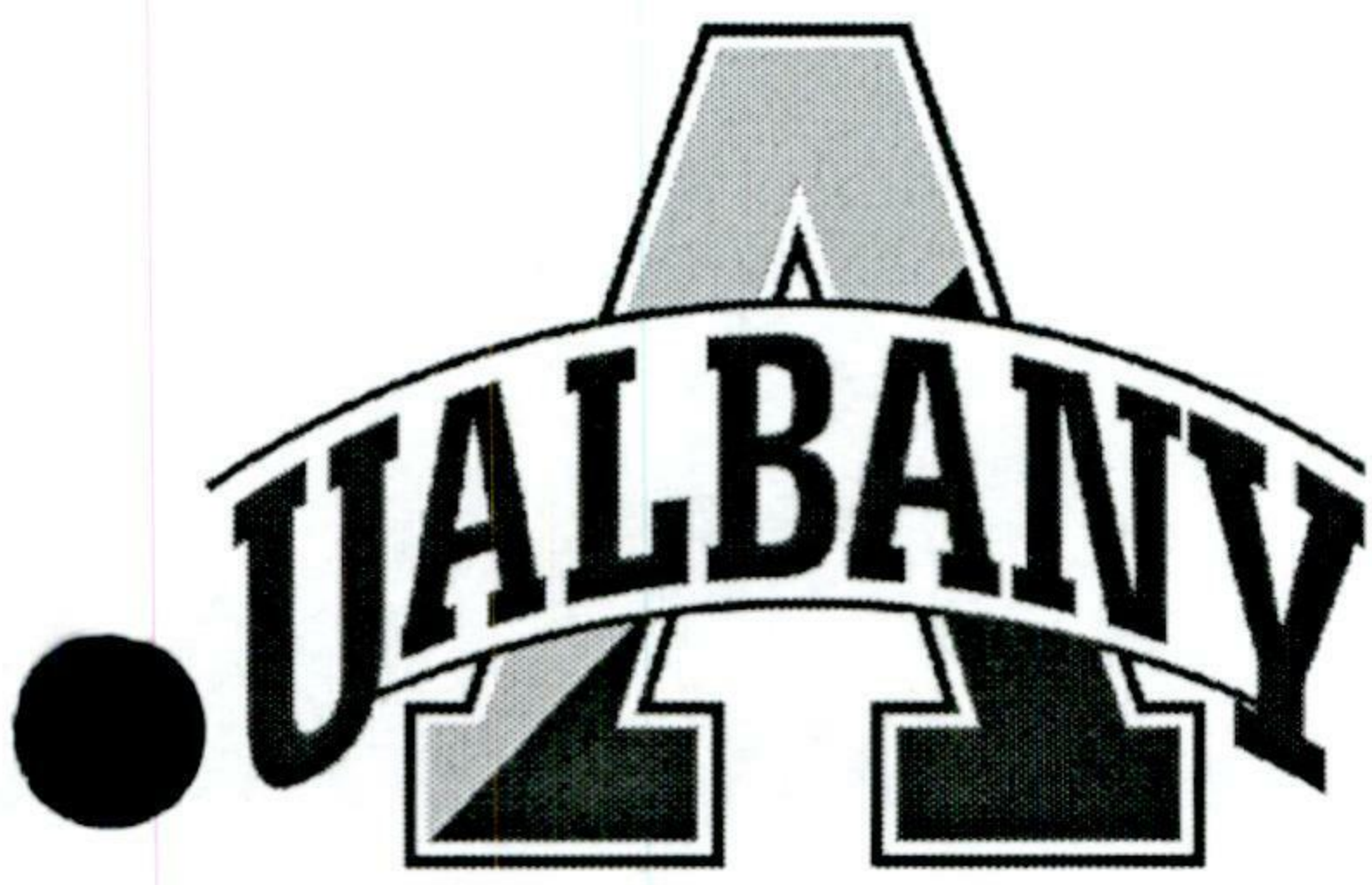
Stony Brook (13-14, AE 5-6) was led on the offensive swing by **Maria Samilo**, who recorded 12 kills. **Julie Zubb** had 33 assists for the Seawolves, while **Abby Egan** led the defense with 13 digs.

UAlbany (23-5, AE 11-0) returns to conference action on Saturday at 7 p.m. when UMBC visits University Gymnasium.

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UAlbany (23-5, AE 11-0 ) def. Stony Brook (13-14, AE 5-6) 30-25, 30-19, 30-24.





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## **SOCCER'S RICKARD & OGBUAWA GARNER AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE HONORS**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Sara Rickard** and **Uju Ogbuawa** were each recognized by the America East Conference in voting by the league's head coaches on Thursday evening. Rickard received honorable mention all-conference honors, while Ogbuawa was named to the all-rookie team.

Rickard, a senior midfielder, had four goals and two assists for 10 points this season. She finishes her career as UAlbany's all-time leader in matches played and started with 76. Rickard is tied for the all-time lead in goals scored with 16 and is also tied for second on the all-time points list with 36. She netted two goals against Sacred Heart on Sept. 19 and had the game-winning assist in the Wagner match on Aug. 31. Rickard received All-America East honors for the fourth time in her career, as she was twice a member of the second team and honorable mention on two occasions.

Ogbuawa, a freshman forward, led UAlbany in scoring with five goals and three assists for 13 points. She scored the game-winning goal in a 3-2 double-overtime victory at Holy Cross in her first collegiate match on Aug. 27. Ogbuawa is the first Great Dane to make the America East All-Rookie Team since the program joined the league in 2001.

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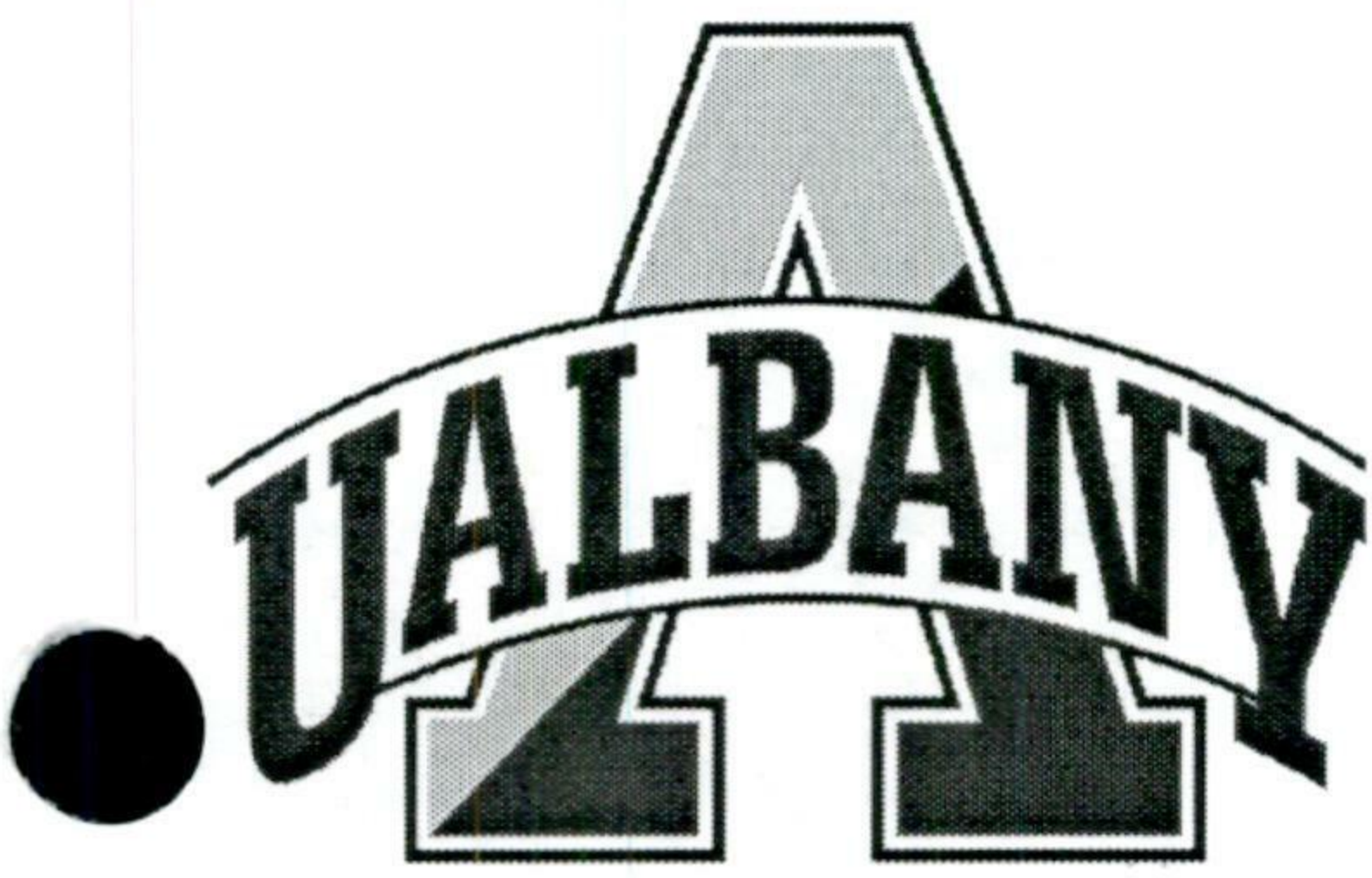
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Costello received the first all-conference accolades of her career. A senior midfielder, Costello recorded one goal and five assists for the Great Danes, who posted a 7-11 overall record.

Freshmen forwards **Kristen Holder** and **Danielle Conklin** were chosen to the America East All-Rookie Team. Holder finished the season third on the team in scoring with four goals and one assist. Conklin scored her lone goal of the season in the Great Danes' 2-1 double overtime loss to Maine on Oct. 24.

Boston University's Sally Starr was named America East Coach of the Year for the fifth time, while the Terriers' Pam Spuehler earned Rookie of the Year honors. Senior forward Liane Dixon and junior back Lauren Edelmeier, both of Northeastern University, were named offensive and defensive players of the year, respectively.





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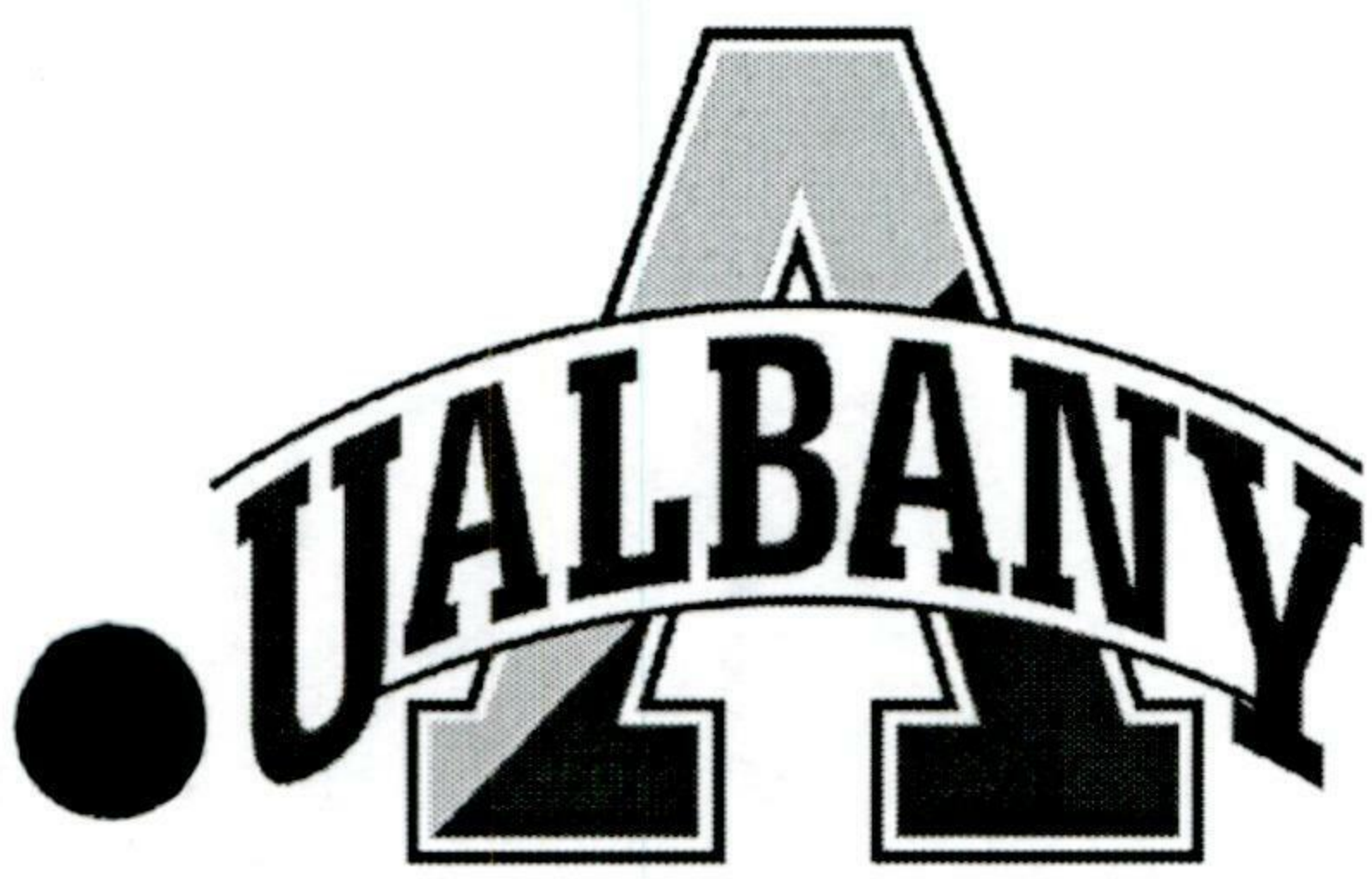
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## UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER SEEDED SECOND IN AMERICA EAST TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany men's soccer team will be seeded second for the upcoming 2004 America East Conference tournament. The Great Danes, who are participating in the conference's postseason for the first time, shared the regular-season title with Boston University. The Terriers received the top seed based on a 2-1 win over the Great Danes on Oct. 6. The America East tournament champion earns an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

UAlbany (12-3-2, AE 6-2-1) will host a semifinal match on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. at Varsity Field. A quarterfinal contest between third seed Binghamton (10-2-6, AE 4-1-3) and No. 6 New Hampshire (5-6-6, AE 3-3-3) will determine the opponent. The Great Danes defeated Binghamton, 3-2, on Nov. 3 and downed New Hampshire, 1-0, on Oct. 30 in regular-season play.

Boston University (9-7-1, AE 6-2-1) will host the winner of the Nov. 6th quarterfinal between No. 4 Vermont (9-5-4, AE 4-3-2) and No. 5 Stony Brook (11-5-2, AE 4-3-2). The semifinal match is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Nov. 10 in Boston, Mass. The championship will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 or Sunday, Nov. 14, based on the host institution.

UAlbany's **Bouna Coundoul** leads all Division I goalkeepers with a 0.40 goals against average and has 11 shutouts. He has won the America East player of the week award three times this season, and has allowed seven goals in 17 matches this season. Sophomore forward **Peter Squeglia** (Mohonasen H.S.) leads the Great Danes with six goals for 12 points, including four game-winning tallies. Sophomore midfielder **Stephan Hall** has 11 points on three goals and a team-high five assists.

### 2004 America East Conference Men's Soccer Championship

#### Saturday, November 6 -- Quarterfinals

No. 5 Stony Brook (11-5-2) at No. 4 Vermont (9-5-4), 11 a.m.

No. 6 New Hampshire (5-6-6) at No. 3 Binghamton (10-2-6), 1 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 10 -- Semifinals

3/6 winner at No. 2 UAlbany (12-3-2), 1 p.m.

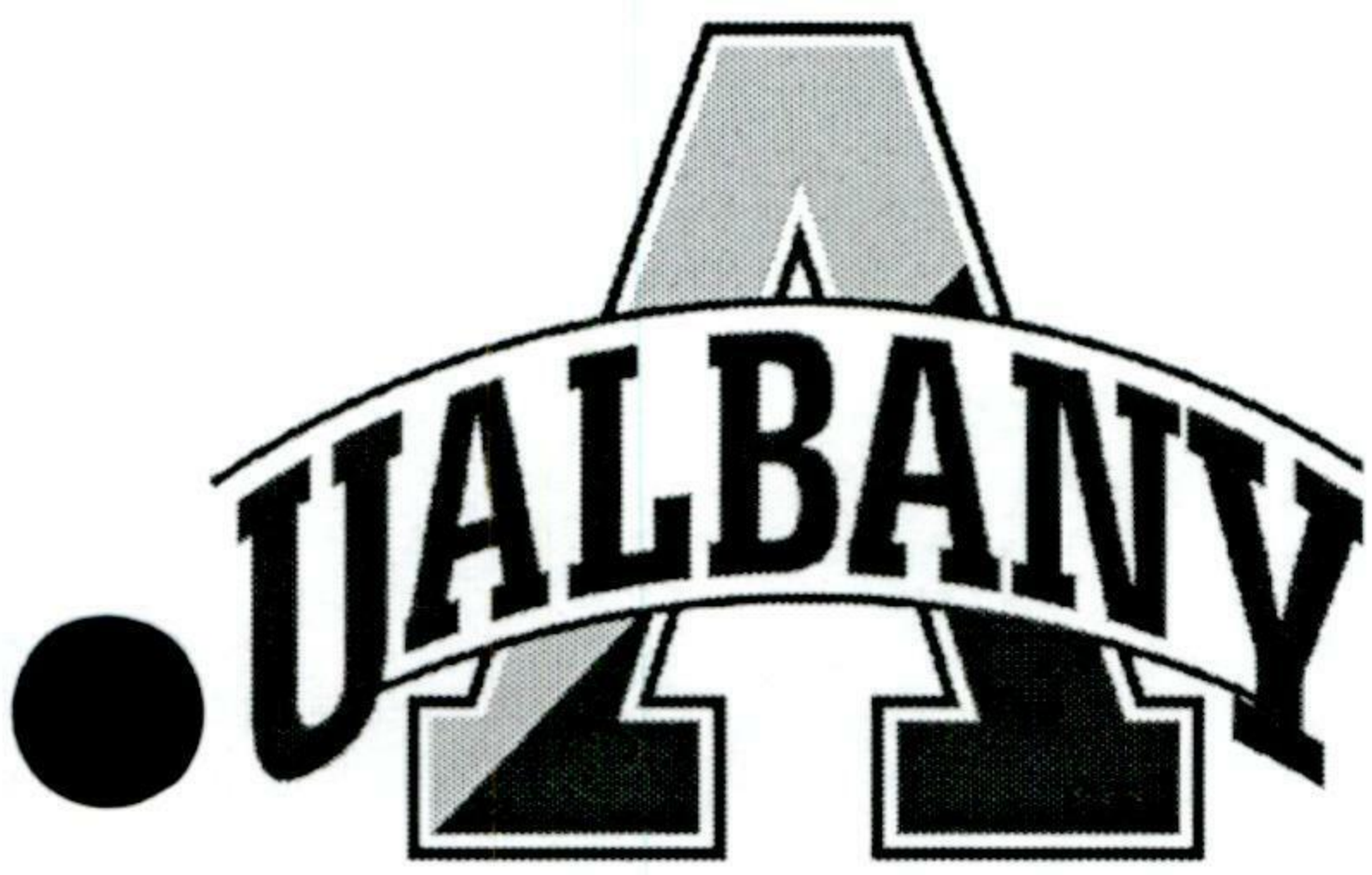
4/5 winner at No.1 Boston University (9-7-1), 7 p.m.

#### Championship

Saturday, November 13 (if at Vermont), Sunday, November 14 (all other locations)

Semifinal winners at highest remaining seed





**UALBANY UPENDS #23 BINGHAMTON TO EARN AMERICA EAST SEMIFINAL BERTH**

Albany, N.Y. – **Nicos Savva** scored the go-ahead goal with 15 minutes and 43 seconds remaining, as UAlbany rallied for a 3-2 America East Conference victory over No. 23 Binghamton in the regular-season finale for both teams on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

UAlbany (12-3-2, AE 6-2-1) earned the America East postseason tournament's second seed with the win, and will host a semifinal game on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 1:00 p.m. Binghamton (10-2-6, AE 4-2-3) was ranked in the NSCAA/adidas national poll and third in New York Region.

Savva, a senior defender, sent a bicycle kick just under the crossbar for his first goal of the season. The winning play originated off **Vadim Ivanyushchenko's** corner kick that teammate **Ousmane Toure** played into the box.

The Bearcats, who won last year's conference tournament title, took a 2-0 lead with less than 33 minutes elapsed in the match. Sophomore **Joey Neilson** tallied both goals, including his fourth of the year when he finished off a crossing pass.

The Great Danes, who own their highest single-season victory total since 1992, regrouped with a pair of goals in the final six minutes of the period. **Peter Squeglia** (Mohonasen H.S.) netted his team-leading sixth of the season off a cross. Sophomore midfielder **Stephan Hall** then tied the contest with four seconds left before halftime, when he headed **Rodrigo Marion's** pass into the lower left corner.

"The comeback was something we never did last year," said UAlbany coach Johan Aarnio, whose team has qualified for the conference's postseason for the first time. "Our maturity level has helped us. You need competent players and a good system to win a championship. We have that, now we need just a little luck."

UAlbany's **Bouna Coundoul** made two saves, while Binghamton goalkeeper **Stefan Gonet** stopped eight shots.

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Binghamton (10-2-6, AE 4-2-3)	2	0	-	2
UAlbany (12-3-2, AE 6-2-1)	2	1	-	3

Binghamton – Scoring: Joey Neilson 2-0, Stephen Bruce 0-2, Adam Chavez 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Stefan Gonet (90:00, 8 saves, 3 GA).

UAlbany – Scoring: Stephan Hall 1-1, Peter Squeglia 1-0, Vadim Ivanyushchenko 0-2, Rodrigo Marion 0-1, Ousmane Toure 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Bouna Coundoul (90:00, 2 saves, 2 GA).

**NICHOLAS BAZAN NAMED ECAC I-AA CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Centerville, Mass. – University at Albany's **Nicholas Bazan** has been named the ECAC Division I-AA Co-Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts in last Saturday's 35-27 victory against Wagner. Bazan earned the Northeast Conference's weekly award on Monday.

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## UALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

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Bazan became the second player in conference history to run for 200-plus yards in consecutive weeks, as he totaled a career-high 230 yards and three TDs in the previous game against Stony Brook on Oct. 23. Bazan is first among I-AA quarterbacks and 24th nationally in rushing at 101.7 yards per game.

UAlbany (4-5, NEC 4-1) is in a three-way tie for first place in the NEC standings. The Great Danes travel to Robert Morris on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

### **2004 NCAA Single-Game Rushing Totals by a I-A or I-AA Quarterback**

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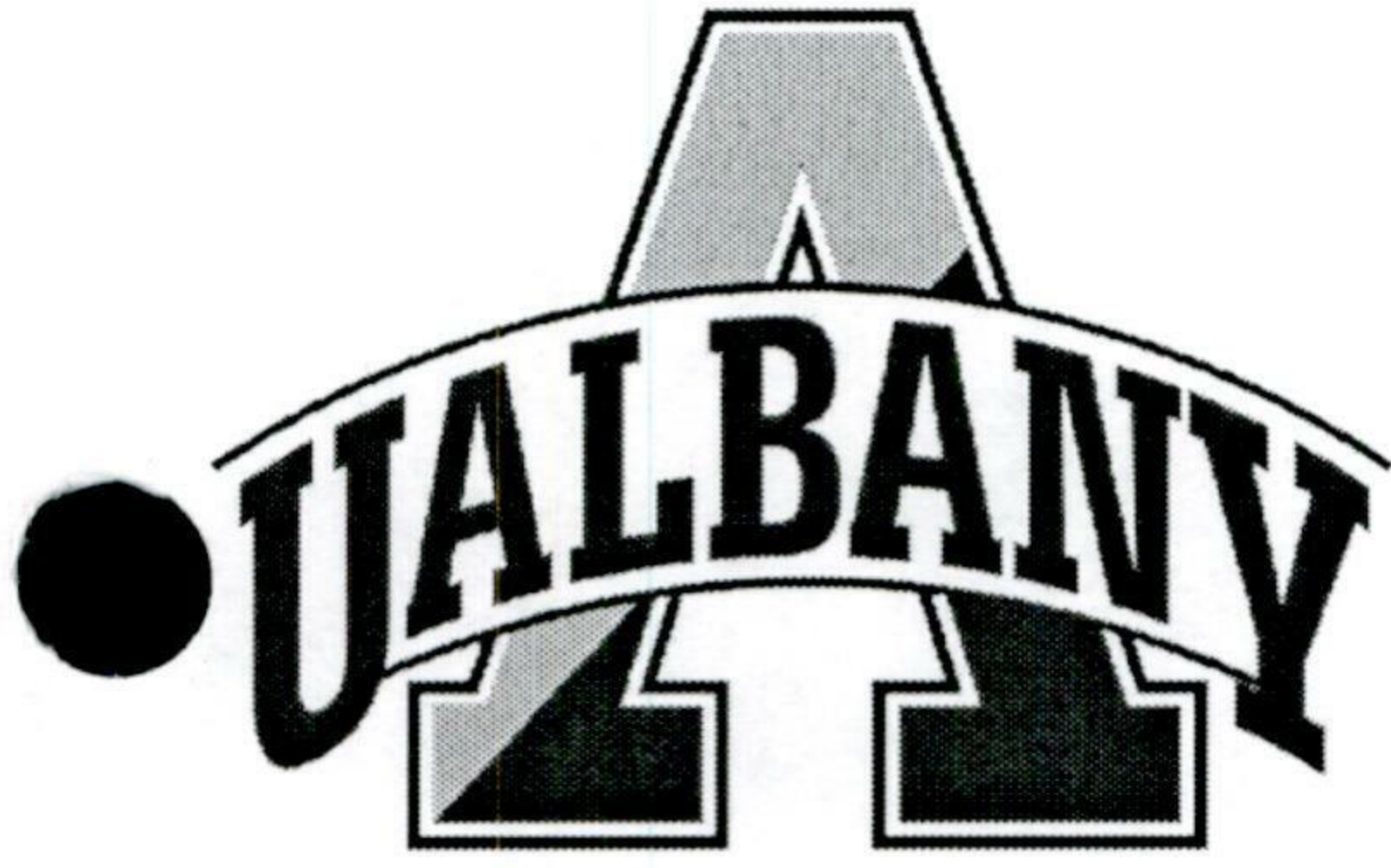
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## **UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES JOI IRBY WOMEN'S ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACH**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced the hiring of Joi Irby as assistant coach. Irby's responsibilities will include coordinating team travel, community service and serving as the academic liaison.

Irby comes to UAlbany from Virginia State University, where she was an assistant from October 2003 to July 2004. While at Virginia State, Irby was responsible for several aspects of coaching, including scouting reports, travel arrangements and the monitoring of academic performance.

A native of Richmond, Va., Irby was a four-year member of the Georgetown University women's basketball team that made three National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) appearances and was given the team's Unsung Heroine Award as a freshman.

A 2003 graduate of Georgetown, Irby received a bachelor of arts in psychology with a minor in theology. Irby also served as a resident assistant and youth counselor and coach at the Georgetown Women's Basketball Camp. She has been a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association since November 2003.

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Albany – Named Joi Irby assistant women's basketball coach.





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## FOOTBALL'S NICHOLAS BAZAN NAMED NEC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's **Nicholas Bazan** has been named the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's 35-27 victory against Wagner. Bazan earned the award for the second straight week.

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The Great Danes, who moved into a three-way tie for first place in the NEC standings, ran for 300-plus yards for the fourth time this season with 411 on the ground. The figure is the fourth-highest single-game total in the program's Division I-AA history.

In addition, **Colin Disch** has been named the Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week. Disch earned the weekly honor for the third time this season.

Disch, a 6-foot-1, 208-pound inside linebacker, made a team-high 10 tackles, 1.5 sacks and had an interception. In Wagner's second to last drive of the game, Disch teamed with Trevor Dupont to sack quarterback John Sciarra on third down at the Albany 40-yard line with 1:25 remaining. He also helped his defensive unit hold the visitors to 44 net rushing yards, as the Great Danes moved into a three-way tie for first place in the NEC standings.

A redshirt freshman, Disch has reached double figures in tackles in all nine games this season. He leads the conference in tackles with 102, plus has 12.5 hits for a loss, four sacks for minus-17 yards, two interceptions and two pass break-ups.

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### GOLDMAN AND BUCHANAN RECEIVE AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL HONORS

Boston, Mass. – Sophomores **Shelby Goldman** and **Blair Buchanan** were tabbed America East Conference Player of the Week and Setter of the Week, respectively, as announced by the conference office on Monday, Nov. 1. Goldman has won the weekly honor twice this year, while Buchanan earns the award for the fourth straight week and sixth time this season.

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## UALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Goldman spurred the Great Dane attack with 46 kills (4.60 kills per game), five digs and two block assists. She finished the week with a .435 hitting percentage and extended her double-digit kills string to 25 matches. Goldman has reached double figures in 26 of 27 matches this season. She leads the conference with a 4.30 kills per game average and ranks sixth in hitting percentage at .303.

Buchanan turned in another stellar week, tallying 126 assists for an average of 12.60 per game. She also chipped in 13 kills on 29 attempts for a .345 hitting percentage to go along with 16 digs and two block assists. Buchanan crossed the 1,100-assist barrier on Saturday against Hartford, which ranks her second on the UAlbany single-season chart.

UAlbany improved to 22-5 overall and remained the only unbeaten team in America East play at 10-0. The Great Danes, who have a two-game lead in the conference standings, resume play on Friday when conference-rival Stony Brook visits University Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

### **BOUNA COUNDOUL NAMED AMERICA EAST MEN'S SOCCER PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Bouna Coundoul** has been chosen the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's soccer, as announced today by the league office. Coundoul received the conference's weekly award for the third time this season.

Coundoul, a senior goalkeeper, recorded two shutouts in helping the Great Danes secure their first-ever America East postseason tournament berth. He made five saves in posting his 11th shutout of the season in last Saturday's 1-0 victory at New Hampshire. Coundoul also stopped six shots in a non-league win against Army.

Coundoul leads the nation with a 0.30 goals against average and has allowed just five goals in 16 matches. In addition, he leads America East in save percentage (.943) and is third in total saves with 82.

UAlbany (11-3-2, AE 5-2-1) concludes its regular season against Binghamton on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 1:00 p.m. The Great Danes have already produced their highest single-season win total since 1992.