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Navy 69, Albany 55

Albany, N.Y. – **Courtney Davidson** had 13 of her 19 points in the first half in leading Navy to a 69-55 non-conference victory over Albany on Friday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (0-4) built an early 19-11 lead, as junior guard **Chris Gray** tallied six of her 10 points in that opening stretch. Navy (3-3) came back with 12 consecutive points to take the lead for good. **Bryanna Herring**, a 6-foot sophomore, keyed that run with six points, while **Catherine Dunn** put her club ahead with a jumper.

The Midshipmen, who shot 60 percent from the field in the first half, held a 41-28 halftime advantage. Davidson, a sophomore guard, scored eight straight points at one point in the final five minutes of the period.

Albany was still within striking distance at 48-37 early in the final stanza, but Navy put the game away with an 11-2 run. **Juliann Flacke** converted a three-point when she was fouled on a hook shot in the lane, and the Mids had a commanding 20-point cushion with 9:53 remaining.

“Navy played a great defensive game,” said Albany coach Mari Warner, whose team committed 23 turnovers. They slowed us down with a zone in the second half, and we did not attack it well. Overall, our guard play was not good defensively, and we had trouble running an offense.”

Navy’s **Maile Shimoda** and **Alison Luschsinger** each had 11 points. Danielle Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 freshman, totaled 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Great Danes. Sophomore guard **Kathryn Hemlock** added 10 points and five assists.

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UALBANY PLACES SIX FOOTBALL PLAYERS ON ALL-NEC FIRST TEAM

Somerset, N.J. – Split end **Chris Phillis** (Saratoga Springs) and free safety **Samson Brown** lead a group of ten University at Albany players who were named today to the 2001 All-Northeast Conference football squad. Phillis and Brown are on the all-star unit for the third consecutive year, and are joined on the first team by linebacker **Josh Bazan**, offensive guard **Alex Argulewicz**, place-kicker **Bryan Bagstad** (Shenendehowa) and punter **Billy Pike**.

UALbany players on the second team are leading rusher **Brian Manigault**, a senior tailback, offensive tackle **Geir Gudmundsen**, center **Regan Jones** and defensive end **John Bolt** (Watervliet).

Phillis, one of the top receivers in school history, caught 42 passes for 609 yards and six touchdowns. He finished his career with 126 receptions for 2,100 yards and a school-record 20 touchdowns. Brown, a junior, led the Great Danes in interceptions (5) and pass break-ups (10) to go with 44 tackles.

Bazan, a junior inside linebacker, made the NEC's first team for the second straight year. He led the UAlbany defense in tackles (103), hits for a loss (17), fumbles recovered (4) and fumbles forced (3). Argulewicz, a junior left guard, blocked for an offense that led the conference and ranked 38th nationally in rushing at 182.6 yards per game.

Bagstad, the school's all-time scoring leader for kickers with 167 career points, booted 9 of 14 field goals and 27 of 29 PATs. Pike, a junior, averaged 34.5 yards per punt, and placed 29 kicks inside the opponents' 20-yard line.

Manigault, a two-time second-team All-NEC selection, rushed for 946 yards and seven touchdowns from his tailback position. He finished his career fourth among UAlbany's all-time rushers with 2,251 yards. Bolt, a sophomore who moved to defensive end this season, had 29 tackles and led the team with 5.0 sacks for minus-21 yards.

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**Robert Morris' Tim Levcik and Sacred Heart's Kayode Mayowa Named Northeast Conference Football
 Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year For Second Straight Season**
Stony Brook's Londre Blocker Tabbed Offensive Rookie of the Year
St. John's Orion Sykes Selected Defensive Rookie of the Year
Sacred Heart's Jim Fleming Earns Second Consecutive Coach of the Year Honor

Somerset, NJ -- There is an air of familiarity among the Northeast Conference postseason football award winners with three individual honorees being repeat winners. Robert Morris senior quarterback **Tim Levcik** (**Ford Cliff, PA/Ford City**) corrals NEC Offensive Player of the Year honors for a second straight season, as does the NEC Defensive Player of the Year, Sacred Heart junior linebacker **Kayode Mayowa** (**Providence, RI/LaSalle Academy**). Stony Brook sophomore wide receiver **Londre Blocker** (**Manhasset, NY/Manhasset**) picks up Offensive Rookie of the Year honors, while St. John's freshman defensive back **Orion Sykes** (**Brooklyn, NY/Christ The King**) nabs the Defensive Rookie of the Year award. For the second straight season, Sacred Heart's **Jim Fleming** takes home NEC Coach of the Year accolades. Award winners were selected by a vote of league head coaches.

Sacred Heart (seven first team, three second team), Robert Morris (7/3) and Albany (6/4) are each represented with ten all-conference selections. Monmouth (3/5) and Wagner (0/8) land eight all stars, followed by St. John's (1/1), Central Connecticut State (1/1) and Stony Brook (0/1).

Levcik joins Wagner's Rick Sarille (1996, 1999) as the only two players in NEC history to twice earn recognition as Offensive Player of the Year. A four-time NEC Player of the Week award winner this season, he completed 152-267 passes (56.9 percent) and ranked second in the conference with 2,110 yards passing and 22 touchdowns. In league play, Levcik completed 61.9 percent of his passes and fired 21 touchdown passes, while throwing just five interceptions. Levcik finished his career as the NEC's all-time leader in passing yardage (7,222 yards), total offense (7,082 yards), touchdown passes (76) and completions (537). The Ford Cliff, PA native established new single-season school records for completions, touchdown passes and passing yardage this season, breaking his own record in each category. Levcik, a three-time NEC first team all-star, led Robert Morris to a 28-11 record, three NEC titles and the #1 ranking in the Don Hansen Gazette Mid-Major Poll in 1999 and 2000.

The first two-time Defensive Player of the Year in league history, Mayowa is the ringleader of an impressive Sacred Heart defense that ranks fourth nationally in total defense and seventh in scoring defense. He leads the Pioneers and ranks seventh in the conference with 95 tackles, 47 of which were of the solo variety. Mayowa has also recorded eight tackles for losses, 2.0 sacks, five fumble recoveries and three interceptions. Armed with a big play mentality, the Providence, RI native scored three defensive touchdowns this season, including a 24-yard interception return to help the Pioneers knock off Robert Morris for just the third time in NEC play since the formation of the circuit in 1996. Mayowa is the third most prolific tackler in NEC history with 336 stops and is the league's career leader with 51 tackles for losses.

Blocker's emergence at wide receiver, along with the quick maturation of quarterback Scott Bard, resulted in an improved Stony Brook passing attack this season. The Seawolves ranked sixth in the NEC in passing offense last year, but jumped to third in 2001 as Blocker made 31 receptions for 482 yards and five touchdowns. Among first year players, he stands only behind CCSU's Nick Dresko in receptions and receiving yardage. Blocker's breakthrough game came against Wagner on October 6, when he reeled in seven passes for a school record 216 yards and three touchdowns in Stony Brook's 52-30 victory.

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Central Connecticut State University • Fairleigh Dickinson University • Long Island University
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 Quinnipiac University • Robert Morris College • Sacred Heart University • St. Francis (NY) College
 St. Francis (PA) University • Wagner College

Sykes joined a strong St. John's secondary this season and made his presence felt with 56 tackles (32 solo), four tackles for losses, one interception, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries. With 11 passes defended (tied for third in the league) he helped spark the Red Storm to a #15 national ranking in I-AA in passing defense.

Fleming's success at Sacred Heart upon his arrival last season is nothing short of remarkable. After taking over a program that had lost 25 of its last 29 games, Fleming engineered a turnaround that recently brought the Pioneers their first NEC championship and a berth in the ECAC Bowl against Duquesne on December 1. An Eddie Robinson award finalist for the second straight season, Fleming has guided Sacred Heart to a perfect 10-0 record and a #1 ranking in both the Sports Network and Don Hansen Gazette Mid-Major polls this season. The Pioneers lead the nation in scoring, averaging 41.9 ppg, and set a new NEC record with 419 points on the season. In two years, Fleming's teams have posted a 20-1 record.

Robert Morris junior **Sam Dorsett (Hollywood, FL/Flanagan)** and Sacred Heart senior **Marvin Royal (Pleasantville, NJ/Fairfield University)** reprise their roles as the first team all-NEC backfield. Dorsett gained 1,166 yards and averaged 6.0 yards per rush, both tops in the NEC, and added ten touchdowns. The lightning quick tailback rushed for over 100 yards in seven of the Colonials' nine games this season and ten of 12 going back to the 2000 campaign. Dorsett is second on the NEC career rushing list with 2,709 yards heading into his senior season. Royal has scored a school-record and NEC-high 16 rushing touchdowns in 2001, and with 972 yards on the ground, has one game remaining to crack the 1,000-yard mark for the second straight season. A punishing runner, he averages 4.2 yards on his league-leading 229 carries.

Sacred Heart senior **DeVeren Johnson (San Diego, CA/Champlain JC)** and Albany senior **Chris Phillis (Saratoga Springs, NY/Saratoga Springs)** are the league's first team all-NEC wide receivers. With great size (6-6), speed and leaping ability, Johnson is a pro prospect and one of the most dangerous receivers in NEC history. A three-time NEC Player of the Week, he established new single-season league records with 1,114 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns. He has also averaged a spectacular 23.7 yards per catch on 47 receptions. Johnson, who caught 23 passes for 574 yards and eight touchdowns in games against the Pioneers three chief competitors - Robert Morris, Albany and Monmouth - was a second team all-NEC pick last season. Phillis is one of the league's great route runners, and despite being hampered by back and toe injuries over the final few weeks of the season, still managed to make a team-high 42 receptions for 609 yards and six touchdowns. He finished his career as the third most prolific receiver in NEC history with 124 receptions. Phillis earned second team all-NEC status in 2000, and was a first-team honoree in 1999.

Robert Morris sophomore **Brent Hockenberry (Kittanning, PA/Kittanning)** is the coaches' choice at tight end. Hockenberry caught 39 passes for 661 yards and six touchdowns. He leads all NEC tight ends in receiving yardage and ranks second in catches and touchdowns. A second team all-NEC selection in 2000, he amassed 100+ receiving yards in three games this season.

There is a notable Robert Morris influence on the first team all-NEC offensive line, with Colonials players accounting for three of the five spots. Senior center **Mark Leyenaar (Palm Harbor, FL/East Lake)** is now a three-time first team all-star, while senior tackle **Pat Linberg (Renovo, PA/Bucktail Area)** earns his second first team nod. Colonial sophomore **Kevin Wachhaus (Lancaster, PA/Manheim)** was a second team selection in 2000 and is one of just two underclassmen to be awarded first team honors at any position. Another repeat winner is Albany junior guard **Alex Argulewicz (Wallkill, NY/Wallkill Central)**, a second team performer last year. The remaining spot goes to Sacred Heart senior center **Chris Hevey (Merritt Island, FL/Bedford)**, who helped anchor an offensive line that yielded just ten sacks all season.

There is a changing of the guard on the first team all-NEC defensive line this season with four new players in the spotlight. Sacred Heart senior **Shaun Hubbard (Neptune, NJ/Fort Scott CC)** is the only member of the line with previous all-star recognition, earning a second team accolade last season. One of the most feared pass rushers in the conference and a two-time Defensive Player of the Week, Hubbard leads the conference with 9.5 sacks and has totaled 16.5 in two seasons. He has also tallied 16 tackles for losses, intercepted a pass and forced a fumble. Hubbard's teammate, senior **DJ Dymond (Woodbourne, NY/Tri-Valley)**, has made 46 stops, including 12 behind the line of scrimmage, along with 3.5 sacks. Monmouth junior defensive end **Chris Ammacher (Hawthorne, NJ/Hawthorne)** had an outstanding season for a Monmouth team that prides itself on its defense. Ammacher ranks second in the NEC with 8.5 sacks, and is tied with Hubbard for fourth with 16 takedowns for losses. He also broke up three passes and forced two fumbles. Junior tackle **Mike Kirk (Stormville, NY/Carmel)** is Central Connecticut State's lone all-star this season following a campaign in which he registered 49 tackles, including nine for losses, and 2.0 sacks.

Along with Mayowa, Albany's **Josh Bazan (Bronx, NY/Cardinal Spellman)** makes a return appearance as a first team all-NEC linebacker. In a position rich in talent, Bazan is one of the most NEC's dominant linebackers. He led the Great Danes in tackles (100) and tackles for losses (17), and ranks fifth and second, respectively, in the league in those categories. Bazan also totaled 4.0 sacks, six passes defended and an NEC-high four forced fumbles. Robert Morris' **Reggie Chambers (Randallstown, MD/Mount St. Joseph)** had a breakout year for the Colonials, compiling a team-high 108 tackles and ten stops in the backfield. Chambers, who ranks second in the NEC in tackles, also recorded one sack and one interception.

Albany junior **Samson Brown (Bronx, NY/Cardinal Spellman)** makes his third consecutive appearance as a member of the first team all-NEC secondary. A free safety, Brown is second in the NEC with five interceptions. He also made 43 tackles and broke up five passes. Monmouth senior free safety **Aaron Edwards (Jackson, NJ/Jackson)** also makes his third all-star team, following second team recognition in 1999 and first team status in 1998. He had a statistically dominant season for a Hawk team ranked eighth in the nation in passing defense. Edwards, who is the top-ranked tackler in the conference with 114 stops, ends his career as the NEC's all-time leader with 353 takedowns. A three-time NEC Defensive Player of the Week this season, he also intercepted three passes, broke up five more, forced a fumble and blocked an NEC-high five kicks. Sacred Heart senior cornerback **Kiheme Cowan (Woodbridge, NJ/Woodbridge)** is yet another three-time all-star, though his initial selection came as a running back in 1999 prior to his conversion to defensive back last season. In a Pioneer secondary stockpiled with talent and ranked seventh in I-AA in passing defense, Cowan led the way and is tied for second in the conference with five interceptions. He has also broken up six passes, blocked four kicks and made 30 tackles. The lone newcomer to the all-NEC secondary is St. John's senior **Allistair Sebastien (Roosevelt, NY/Roosevelt)**, a terrific athlete with pro potential. Sebastien accumulated 40 tackles, picked off two passes and broke up seven others during the 2001 season.

Albany senior **Bryan Bagstad (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa)** takes home all-NEC placekicking honors. Bagstad converted 9-14 field goal attempts and 27-29 PAT's to rank second in the conference in scoring with 54 points. He made five of his last seven field goal attempts to close out the season.

Albany junior **Billy Pike (Lawrence, NY/Lawrence)** is the first team pick at punter. Pike is tied for second in the NEC with 34.5 yards per kick, but rates first with 19 boots inside the 20 yard line and ten fair catches. He also set a league record with a 73-yard punt in the Great Danes' 24-14 win over St. Francis (PA) on October 27.

Monmouth junior **Jason Roach (Toms River, NJ/Manchester)** earns first team plaudits as a return specialist. Roach averaged 25.9 yards on his 16 kickoff returns to rank second in the NEC and 25th in I-AA in the category. During the first game of the season, Roach returned the opening kickoff 93 yards for a score in Monmouth's 23-15 win over Wagner.

The second team all-NEC offense is headed by Sacred Heart senior quarterback **Justin Holtfreter (Lancaster, CA/Antelope Valley JC)**. Holtfreter threw for 2,393 passing yards during the regular season to set a new NEC single-season record. He also rifled 24 touchdown passes against just seven interceptions. The backfield is comprised of Monmouth senior **Matt Merklinger (West Orange, NJ/Seton Hall Prep)** and Albany senior **Brian Manigault (Hempstead, NY/Uniondale)**, both two-time second team honorees. Merklinger rushed for 819 yards and ten touchdowns, and leads all league running backs with 29 receptions for 411 yards and four scores. He closed out his career with 210 points and 35 touchdowns, tying Chris Reed's school record in both categories. Manigault ate up 946 yards on the ground and scored seven times for the Great Danes, who lead the NEC in rushing offense. Manigault moved into fourth place on the school's all-time rushing list with 2,252 career yards. St. John's junior wide receiver **Matt May (Medford, NY/Patchogue-Medford)** leads the NEC with 60 receptions (for 825 yards), including a 13-catch effort in the Red Storm's season finale. He collected five touchdowns on the season. He is joined at wideout by Wagner's **Lou Simone (Staten Island, NY/Tottenville)**, who paced the Seahawks with 51 receptions for 622 yards, including six for scores. Simone's teammate, senior tight end **Daryn Plummer (Somerset, NJ/Franklin)**, leads all players at his position and ranks second in the conference with 11 touchdown receptions. A first team pick in 2000, Plummer recorded a school record 21 touchdown grabs in two seasons. The offensive line is comprised of Monmouth seniors **Matt Herdman (Bergenfield, NJ/Bergenfield)** and **Eric Buraszkeski (Brick, NJ/Brick)**, Albany junior **Regan Jones (Vero Beach, FL/Vero Beach)**, Albany freshman **Geir Gudmundsen (Saugerties, NY/Saugerties)** and Sacred Heart junior **Jason St. John (Oakville, CT/Watertown)**. Herdman is the only repeat honoree - he was a first team choice last season - while Gudmundsen is the lone freshman this year to earn all-star recognition.

The second team all-NEC defense features four sophomore defensive linemen. Wagner's **John Harrison (Hart, CA/College of the Canyons JC)** tied for second in the conference with 17 tackles for losses, while teammate **Franklin Bright (Waltham, MA/Belmont)** tied for fifth with 15 backfield stops. Albany's **John Bolt (Watervliet, NY/Watervliet)** led Albany with 5.0 sacks and Monmouth's **Sean Kerr (Summit, NJ/Summit)** was a run-stopper who added 2.0 sacks. Wagner linebacker **Mike Steed (Poughkeepsie, NY/N.Y. Military Academy)** finds himself an NEC all-star for the third straight season (first team in 2000) following an 87-tackle campaign. He also totaled 13 tackles for losses. Steed is joined by teammate **Jeremy Balina (Neptune, NJ/Neptune)**, a junior who finished with an NEC-best 27 stops behind the line of scrimmage, the second best single-season total in league history. He also paced Wagner with 92 tackles and tied for the team lead with 5.0 sacks. Stony Brook's **Aden Smith (Rockville Center, NY/Malverne)** ranks first in the NEC in tackles per game (12.4) and set a new school record with 112 takedowns this season. In the secondary, Sacred Heart junior **Blake Neri (Dover, NH/Dover)** is the league's top pilferer, having picked off six passes, two of which he returned for touchdowns. Robert Morris junior **Corey Oaks (Pittsburgh, PA/Perry)** intercepted three passes and led the Colonials with 11 passes defended. Monmouth junior **Michael Pitts (Tenafly, NJ/Tenafly)** intercepted three passes, broke up eight more and forced three fumbles for the Hawks. Wagner's **Kharee Shorter (Wyncote, PA/Cheltenham)** made 62 tackles from his free safety position and had three pickoffs.

Robert Morris' **Jeff Carlo (Wilkes-Barre, PA/Elmer Meyers)** is the lone double winner this season, earning second team honors at both placekicker and punter. Carlo, a four-time all-star at placekicker, ends his career as the NEC's all-time leader with 35 field goals. This season, he drilled 6-10 attempts, and was successful on 34-36 extra points. A first-time pick as a punter, Carlo averaged an NEC-high 34.9 yards per kick and dropped eight inside the 20 yard line. Return specialist **Ryan Castellani (Peckville, PA/Valley View)** of Wagner leads the conference and ranks 22nd nationally with 13.4 yards per punt return.

2001 NEC Football Major Award Winners

Offensive Player of the Year

QB Tim Levcik Robert Morris 6-6 230 Sr Ford Cliff, PA/Ford City

Defensive Player of the Year

LB Kayode Mayowa Sacred Heart 6-0 215 Jr Providence, RI/LaSalle Academy

Offensive Rookie of the Year

WR Londre Blocker Stony Brook 6-1 170 So Manhasset, NY/Manhasset

Defensive Rookie of the Year

DB Orion Sykes St. John's 6-2 220 Fr Brooklyn, NY/Christ The King

Coach of the Year

Jim Fleming Sacred Heart

2001 NEC Football All-Conference First Team

Offense

Pos	Name	School	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown/High School
QB	Tim Levcik	Robert Morris	6-6	230	Sr	Ford Cliff, PA/Ford City
RB	Marvin Royal	Sacred Heart	5-10	205	Sr	Pleasantville, NJ/Fairfield U.
RB	Sam Dorsett	Robert Morris	5-9	190	Jr	Hollywood, FL/Flanagan
WR	DeVeren Johnson	Sacred Heart	6-6	215	Sr	San Diego, CA/Champlain JC
WR	Chris Phillis	Albany	6-1	195	Sr	Saratoga Springs, NY/Saratoga Springs
TE	Brent Hockenberry	Robert Morris	6-3	195	So	Kittanning, PA/Kittanning
OL	Alex Argulewicz	Albany	6-1	295	Jr	Wallkill, NY/Wallkill Central
OL	Chris Hevey	Sacred Heart	6-2	255	Sr	Merritt Island, FL/Bedford
OL	Mark Leyenaar	Robert Morris	6-4	285	Sr	Palm Harbor, FL/East Lake
OL	Pat Linberg	Robert Morris	6-3	290	Sr	Renovo, PA/Bucktail Area
OL	Kevin Wachhaus	Robert Morris	6-4	265	So	Lancaster, PA/Manheim

Defense

DL	Chris Ammacher	Monmouth	6-4	240	Jr	Hawthorne, NJ/Hawthorne
DL	DJ Dymond	Sacred Heart	6-0	250	Sr	Woodbourne, NY/Tri-Valley
DL	Shaun Hubbard	Sacred Heart	6-3	240	Sr	Neptune, NJ/Fort Scott CC (KS)
DL	Mike Kirk	Central Connecticut State	6-0	250	Jr	Stormville, NY/Carmel
LB	Josh Bazan	Albany	6-0	210	Jr	Bronx, NY/Cardinal Spellman
LB	Reggie Chambers	Robert Morris	6-0	225	Sr	Randallstown, MD/Mount St. Joseph
LB	Kayode Mayowa	Sacred Heart	6-0	215	Jr	Providence, RI/LaSalle Academy
DB	Samson Brown	Albany	6-1	200	Jr	Bronx, NY/Cardinal Spellman
DB	Kiheme Cowan	Sacred Heart	5-9	165	Sr	Woodbridge, NJ/Woodbridge
DB	Aaron Edwards	Monmouth	6-1	205	Sr	Jackson, NJ/Jackson
DB	Allistair Sebastien	St. John's	6-0	180	Sr	Roosevelt, NY/Roosevelt

Special Teams

K	Bryan Bagstad	Albany	5-10	185	Sr	Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa
P	Billy Pike	Albany	6-1	200	Jr	Lawrence, NY/Lawrence
RS	Jason Roach	Monmouth	5-10	180	Jr	Toms River, NJ/Manchester

2001 NEC Football All-Conference Second Team

Offense

Pos	Name	School	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown/High School
QB	Jusin Holtfreter	Sacred Heart	5-11	210	Sr	Lancaster, CA/Antelope Valley JC
RB	Brian Manigault	Albany	5-9	195	Sr	Hempstead, NY/Uniondale
RB	Matt Merklinger	Monmouth	5-11	195	Sr	West Orange, NJ/Seton Hall Prep
WR	Matt May	St. John's	6-1	170	Jr	Medford, NY/Patchogue-Medford
WR	Lou Simone	Wagner	6-2	205	Sr	Staten Island, NY/Totterville
TE	Daryn Plummer	Wagner	6-2	225	Sr	Somerset, NJ/Franklin
OL	Eric Buraszkeski	Monmouth	6-1	260	Sr	Brick, NJ/Brick
OL	Geir Gudmundsen	Albany	6-6	285	Fr	Saugerties, NY/Saugerties
OL	Matt Herdman	Monmouth	6-2	260	Sr	Bergenfield, NJ/Bergenfield
OL	Regan Jones	Albany	6-2	270	Jr	Vero Beach, FL/Vero Beach
OL	Jason St. John	Sacred Heart	6-5	275	Jr	Oakville, CT/Watertown

Defense

DL	John Bolt	Albany	6-4	240	So	Watervliet, NY/Watervliet
DL	Franklin Bright	Wagner	6-2	245	So	Waltham, MA/Belmont
DL	John Harrison	Wagner	6-0	225	So	Hart, CA/College of the Canyons JC
DL	Sean Kerr	Monmouth	6-0	240	So	Summit, NJ/Summit
LB	Jeremy Balina	Wagner	6-0	215	Jr	Neptune, NJ/Neptune
LB	Aden Smith	Stony Brook	5-10	220	Jr	Rockville Center, NY/Malverne
LB	Mike Steed	Wagner	5-11	225	Sr	Poughkeepsie, NY/N.Y. Military Academy
DB	Blake Neri	Sacred Heart	6-3	185	Jr	Dover, NH/Dover
DB	Corey Oaks	Robert Morris	5-11	191	Jr	Pittsburgh, PA/Perry
DB	Michael Pitts	Monmouth	5-11	180	Jr	Tenafly, NJ/Tenafly
DB	Kharee Shorter	Wagner	5-10	175	Jr	Wyncote, PA/Cheltenham

Special Teams

K	Jeff Carlo	Robert Morris	6-0	195	Jr	Wilkes-Barre, PA/Elmer Meyers
P	Jeff Carlo	Robert Morris	6-0	195	Jr	Wilkes-Barre, PA/Elmer Meyers
RS	Ryan Castellani	Wagner	6-0	178	Jr	Peckville, PA/Valley View

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDOUT SIGNS DURING EARLY PERIOD

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head coach Mari Warner announced today that **Jen Schumacher** has signed a national letter of intent to play women's basketball in 2002-03. Schumacher is a 5-foot-8 guard from Lisle, N.Y. (Whitney Point H.S.)

Schumacher averaged 16.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.5 assists as a junior in leading the Golden Eagles to a 14-7 record and their second consecutive Susquenango League title. During her sophomore season, she totaled 11.5 points per game as Whitney Point reached the Section IV Class B championship game with a 22-2 record. Schumacher was a member of the Central squad that earned a gold medal at the 2001 Empire State Games.

"Jen possesses the ability to score and is an exceptionally quick shooter," says Warner. "We envision her playing at the two-guard position when she comes to Albany."

Albany finished with a 5-22 overall record last season. The Great Danes are competing in the America East Conference for the first time in 2001-02.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Siena 76, Albany 59

Albany, N.Y. – Junior forward **Gunta Basko** totaled 17 points, 12 rebounds and nine steals in leading Siena to a 76-59 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday evening in front of 10,285 fans at the Pepsi Arena.

Siena (1-3) held a 46-24 lead at the intermission. However, Albany (0-3), who trailed by 30 points at the four-minute mark in the first half, clawed their way back into the contest. The Great Danes used a 9-0 run midway through the final stanza to cut the margin to 57-46 with 8:22 to play as **Alicia Learn** stole the ball and converted a fast-break layup. **Jess McGinlay** scored five of her team-high 18 points during the outburst. However, the Saints posted eight unanswered and brought the spread back to 19 points on **Jolene Johnston's** free throws with a little over six minutes remaining. Johnston equaled a career-high with 21 points, converting 7 of 7 from the charity stripe.

In the opening stanza, Siena used a 29-8 spurt early on to take a commanding 35-12 advantage on **Mary McKissack's** three pointer. McKissack canned eight of her ten first-half points during the stretch. The Saints shot 48.6 percent from the field in the period and caused 16 Albany turnovers. The Great Danes trailed by 30 at the 3:56 mark, but reeled off eight consecutive markers to slice the halftime deficit to 22.

"We had a fear factor going on from our opening possession through much of the first half," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**, whose squad committed 29 turnovers. "Our squad dug a hole early in the game. I challenged our heart at halftime and we responded with a much-improved final half. Siena's starting group really stepped it up and proved to be the difference."

Freshman center **Danielle Hutcheson** produced a double-double for the second straight game with 14 points and 10 rebounds for Albany, who shot a season-best 43 percent. **Sarah Sweetland** came off the bench and finished with a career-high nine points. **Erica Anderson** was the fourth Saints starter to reach twin figures with 17 points and eight assists.

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THREE BASKETBALL PLAYERS SIGN TO PLAY FOR UALBANY IN 2002-03

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men’s basketball coach Scott Beeten announced today that three student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes in 2002-03.

Making their commitments during the early signing period (Nov. 14-21) are **Jamar Wilson**, a 6-foot, 160-pound guard from Bronx, N.Y. (Our Savior New American School), **Neal Barbaris**, a 6-foot-10, 250-pound center from Hewitt, N.J. (Palm Beach Community College), and **Levi Levine**, a 6-foot-5, 220-pound forward from Manhattan, N.Y. (Cheshire Academy).

Wilson, who originally attended All Hallows High School in New York for two years, averaged 13 points, six assists, five rebounds and three steals as a junior. He scored 22 points against Oak Hill Academy, the USA Today national scholastic champion. Our Savior New American School posted a 26-9 record last year against a national schedule, and reached the National Association of Christian Athletes Tournament.

Barbaris, who did not play as a freshman at Fairleigh Dickinson University last year, is currently enrolled at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, Florida. He averaged 14 points, 13 rebounds and seven blocked shots as a senior at West Milford High School in New Jersey. He earned second-team All-Passiac County honors by the *Bergen Record*.

Levine averaged 17 points and 11 rebounds as a New England Prep League All-Star at Cheshire Academy in Connecticut in 2000-01. He spent the previous two years at Manhattan Center High School. Levine was chosen to the Public School Athletic League’s All-Manhattan squad by the *New York Daily News*, when he contributed 21 points, nine rebounds and four assists per game.

University at Albany Men’s Basketball Signings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>High School/Hometown</u>
Neal Barbaris	So.	C	6-10	250	West Milford/Hewitt, N.J.
Levi Levine	Fr.	F	6-5	220	Cheshire Academy/Manhattan, N.Y.
Jamar Wilson	Fr.	G	6-0	160	Our Savior New American/Bronx, N.Y.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Quinnipiac 79, Albany 65

Hamden, Conn. – **Bill Romano** had 22 points and **Jeremy Bishop** added 16 points and 13 rebounds in leading Quinnipiac to a 79-65 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday at Burt Kahn Court.

Quinnipiac (1-2) raced to a 17-2 lead in the opening six minutes of play, and were never threatened the rest of the way. Romano and Bishop combined for ten points during that outburst. **Jared Grasso**, who had 16 points, and **Rob Monroe**, who scored 15, each buried three-point field goals during that stretch.

The Braves, who were playing their home opener, led by as much as 21 points in the first half. Romano, who made 10 of 15 field goals, scored in the lane for a 38-17 advantage with 3:35 remaining in the stanza.

Albany (0-3) shot just 26 percent before halftime, but was able to close within 58-47 with 8:53 remaining. However, Bishop, a 6-foot-6 junior college transfer, hit back-to-back baskets to thwart any comeback attempt.

“That was as disappointing of a performance as I can remember,” Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. “We were just bad. We couldn’t make shots, and couldn’t stop them on defense. Give them credit. They came up with every ball and looked hungrier than we did today.”

Sophomore guard **E.J. Gallup** led the Great Danes with 16 points, while **Antione Johnson** tallied 13 of his 15 in the final period.

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Comments: College Basketball -- WOMEN

Cornell 64, Albany 62

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Karen Force** converted a fastbreak layup with 2.8 seconds remaining to lift Cornell to a 64-62 non-conference victory over Albany in the Great Danes' home opener on Wednesday at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Big Red, who trailed by as much as 14 points in the first half, rallied to take their first lead of the game, at 62-61, when **Lynell Davis** hit a 12-foot jumper in the lane with 1:29 left. Albany (0-2) tied the contest at 62 apiece with 50 seconds to play, as freshman **Maree Jones** split a pair of free throws.

Following a steal, the Great Danes had a chance to go in front on their next possession but Davis intercepted **Jess McGinlay's** attempted feed to the low post. The steal led to Force's game-winning layup as **Do Stevens** found her with a perfect lead pass. Albany's **Kathryn Hemlock** heaved a three-pointer from halfcourt at the buzzer that glanced off the rim.

"We were looking inside for the basket," Albany coach Mari Warner explained. "But when we missed the opportunity, we didn't get back in transition and that led to that basket. It was a big improvement from our first game, but we put them at the line too many times which allowed them to get back in it."

Albany built a 27-13 lead midway through the opening period, as Hemlock, a sophomore guard, scored 10 of her 14 points before intermission. The Great Danes, who held the Big Red to 26.7% shooting in the stanza, led 34-25 at halftime.

Albany still led 57-52 with 4:41 remaining as **Danielle Hutcheson**, a 6-foot-4 freshman who had 21 points and 15 rebounds, sank two free throws. Cornell (1-2) came back with **Ify Ossai's** follow shot in the lane and a pair of foul shots by Force, who finished with 11 points. The Big Red, who made 20 of 26 free throws overall, would close within one point on five occasions over the final eight minutes before taking the lead.

Cornell's **Lauren Kilduff** had 13 points off the bench, while **Breean Walas** added 11.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ohio State 87, Albany 62

Columbus, Ohio – **Zach Williams** scored 24 points and **Brian Brown** added 22, as Ohio State rallied from a halftime deficit to post an 87-62 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday at Value City Arena.

Ohio State (2-0) trailed 41-34 at halftime, as the Great Danes shot 65.4 percent from the field in the opening period. Albany (0-2) still led 46-41 with 16:59 remaining, but the Buckeyes regrouped with 26 of the game's next 28 points. Brown, a senior guard, led the comeback with 15 second-half points. Williams, who made 11 of 15 from the floor, gave his team the lead for good at 50-48 with 12:46 left.

Ohio State heated up to 56.7 percent shooting in the final period, and ran off 17 straight more points. Brown's lay-up gave his team a commanding 67-48 advantage.

The Great Danes played a feisty first half and built a seven-point lead on four occasions. **E.J. Gallup**, who scored 18 of his 23 points before halftime, buried a three-pointer for a 25-18 lead. The Buckeyes closed within 37-34 on a pair of free throws by Williams, but **Chris Wyatt** came off the bench to make back-to-back jumpers to end the half.

"They turned it up defensively in the second half," Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. "They made us force things and we got impatient. But, I am still proud that we stood toe to toe with them. They just got physical and pushed us out defensively."

Brent Darby was one of two other OSU players in double figures with 15 points. **Earv Opong** and **Will Brand** scored 11 and 10, respectively.

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GIBBS NAMED TO AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Boston, Mass.—University at Albany junior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) has been selected to the America East Volleyball All-Conference Team in voting by the league's coaches. The America East names a 12-player All-Conference squad, regardless of position.

Gibbs was second in the conference at 5.01 kills per game and led the Great Danes in that category for the second straight season. A two-time America East Spalding Player of the Week selection, Gibbs' 436 kills represent the fifth-highest single-season total in school history.

Gibbs posted 36 kills against Hartford on Oct. 28, a mark that is tied as the eighth-highest single-match total in the nation this season. She recorded seven double-doubles in 2001, and was second on the squad in digs, assists and service aces.

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WALTON FINISHES TENTH AT ECAC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bronx, N.Y. – University at Albany's Jessica Walton (Fonda-Fultonville H.S.) finished 10th at the ECAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday at Van Cortlandt Park. Walton, a sophomore who was competing in a field of 106 runners, covered the 5,000-meter course in 18:25.10.

At the IC4A Championships, the Great Danes placed 10th among 19 men's teams. Andy Allstadt was the top UAlbany finisher in 19th with a time of 25:41.50 over the five-mile layout. Adam Rice was 61st overall in 26:17.40, while Joe Pienta (Ichabod Crane H.S.) took 66th among 182 competitors in 26:18.90.

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IC4A Cross Country Championships

1. Bucknell 91, 2. Yale 105, 3. William & Mary 111, 4. Cornell 118, 5. Penn State 147, 6. St. Joseph's, Pa. 181, 7. James Madison 194, 8. Manhattan 210, 9. St. Francis, Pa. 272, 10. Albany 281, 11. Marist 291, 12. Delaware 362, 13. La Salle 377, 14. Georgetown 387, 15. St. John's 393 and Duquesne 393, 17. Duke 396, 18. Villanova 399, 19. Holy Cross 549.

Individual: 1. Matt Spring (Manhattan), 25:04.60. Top UAlbany Finishers: 19. Andy Allstadt, 25:41.50, 61. Adam Rice, 26:17.40, 66. Joe Pienta, 26:18.90, 73. Sam Gonzalez, 26:21.50, 108. Szabolcs Molnar, 26:55.70, 119. Rob Caracciolo, 27:06.60.

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Comments: College Football

FLORIDA ATLANTIC 27, ALBANY 9

Miami, Fla. – Quarterback **Jared Allen** threw an 88-yard touchdown pass to highlight a 20-point first quarter, and Florida Atlantic went on to post a 27-9 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday at Pro Player Stadium.

Florida Atlantic (4-6) converted two first-quarter fumbles into touchdowns to build a big lead. **Danny Hernandez's** fumble recovery set up a seven-yard touchdown run by tailback **Doug Parker**. On FAU's next possession, Allen fired an 88-yard scoring pass to wide receiver **Thomas Parker** for a 14-0 advantage.

Following a fumble by Albany quarterback **Ryan Roeder**, the Owls marched 63 yards to paydirt. Parker, who rushed 20 times for 75 yards, scored on an 8-yard run with 24 seconds left in the opening period.

Albany (7-3) put together a 13-play drive midway through the second quarter that resulted in **Bryan Bagstad's** 27-yard field goal, and his club trailed 20-3 at halftime.

The Great Danes, who were held to 245 total yards and lost four fumbles on the afternoon, closed within 20-9 with 10:35 remaining in the fourth quarter. Roeder flipped a 5-yard touchdown pass to tight end **Greg Sigler**, but the extra point failed due to a high snap.

The Owls, who snapped a four-game losing streak, put the game away with 2:47 left, when wideout **Brittney Tellis** scored on a 75-yard punt return.

"We executed poorly and shot ourselves in the foot with either a missed block or a missed assignment," said senior **Marcus Rotondi**, an option quarterback who completed 6 of 16 passes for 58 yards and was held to minus-4 on the ground. "The defense had a very good showing, but we fumbled six snaps and were never in sync offensively. As a senior, this is probably the hardest thing I've ever had to swallow."

Senior tailback **Brian Manigault** was a bright spot for the Great Danes, as he ran 18 times for 108 yards in his final game as a collegian. Manigault, who has run for 100 or more yards in four of his last five games, moved to fourth on the school's all-time rushing list with 2,252 yards.

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LAFAYETTE 80, ALBANY 72

Albany, N.Y. – Senior guard **Brian Burke** scored 20 points to pace four players in double figures as Lafayette rallied in the second half for an 80-72 non-conference victory over Albany in the season opener for both teams on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Lafayette overcame a 39-38 halftime deficit with a 20-7 run to begin the final period. Freshman guard **Kenny Grant** was fouled as he scored on a back-door layup, and his three-point play gave the Leopards the lead on the first possession of the half.

Still leading 46-44, **Justin DeBerry**, who totaled 13 points and six assists, and **Ben Saxton** buried back-to-back 3-point field goals, as their squad tallied 12 of the game's next 14 points. **Mick Kuberka** scored in the lane, off a Burke feed, for a 58-46 lead with 14:16 remaining.

Albany rallied to within one point on two occasions in the final three minutes. **Will Brand**, who had 14 points and 10 rebounds, converted a follow shot off a missed three-pointer to close the gap to 73-72 with 2:23 to play.

However, the Leopards, who have made NCAA Tournament appearances in two of the last three seasons, stayed ahead by connecting on 7 of 10 free throws over the last two minutes.

"Our problems started and ended on defense," said Albany coach Scott Beeten. "We couldn't consistently stop them, and that put pressure on our offense."

Sophomore **E.J. Gallup** scored 15 of his game-high 26 points in the opening period, as the Great Danes built a 22-17 advantage. The Leopards, who shot 61.2 percent from the field in the contest, regrouped with an 11-2 outburst. Burke, a 6-foot-5 senior who had 12 first-half points, put his club in front, 26-24, with a baseline shot.

"Offensively, we scored enough points," said Gallup, who made 6-of-15 from 3-point range. "We just have to step it up on defense if we want to win games."

Lafayette's Kuberka finished with 12 points, while Saxton added 11. **Antione Johnson** and **Rhasheed Peterson** each scored 11 for the Great Danes.

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BUCKNELL 64, ALBANY 45

Lewisburg, Pa. – Senior guard **Molly Creamer** scored 15 of her game-high 26 points in the second half in leading to Bucknell to a 64-45 non-conference victory over Albany in the season opener for both teams on Friday evening at Davis Gymnasium.

The Bison, who return all five starters from last year's school-record 20-8 squad, used a 22-9 run over a nine-minute stretch late in the final period to take a commanding 58-36 lead. Creamer, a preseason All-Patriot League selection, tallied 15 points during that span, and canned a pair of three-point field goals.

Albany had pulled within 36-27 with 13:45 remaining, as sophomore guard **Kathryn Hemlock** nailed a 3-pointer. Hemlock and freshman center **Danielle Hutcheson** paced the Great Danes with 10 points apiece. Hutcheson, playing in her first game as a collegian, added a team-high nine rebounds off the bench.

Bucknell took advantage of the visitors' cold shooting over the opening 11-plus minutes. The Great Danes made just one of 12 shots from the floor, and committed 11 turnovers. **Monique LeBlanc's** back-door layup with 8:47 left gave the Bison a 17-2 advantage at the start.

Albany sliced the deficit to 17-7 behind **Jess McGinlay's** three-pointer and a pair of free throws by freshman **Becky Ayers**. However, Creamer, who made 11 of 20 field goals on the night, would score 11 of her team's next 13 points, as Bucknell carried a 30-16 lead to the intermission.

"I expected a lot more from our veterans, and I thought we played as though we were intimidated," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**, whose team made 18 of 61 field goal attempts and committed 23 turnovers. "They are too good a team to not execute the fundamentals. We go against a switching defense every day in practice, and yet we had all those turnovers in the first half."

Bucknell's **Vicky Quimby** added 11 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots.

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UALBANY PLACES FOUR ON DISTRICT I ALL-ACADEMIC FOOTBALL TEAM

Center Valley, Pa. – University at Albany and Syracuse University each placed four players on the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District I University Division Football Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Roverback **Ryan MacLean** and outside linebacker **Brian Green** were named to the all-district unit for the second straight year. MacLean, a junior, has a 3.69 cumulative grade point average in management information systems. He is second on the team in tackles (73) and hits for a loss (9), and has two fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles. Green, a senior captain with a 3.52 GPA in finance/marketing, has 54 tackles and three pass break-ups.

Defensive end **Josh MacAnn**, a junior who has a 3.21 GPA in geology, has played a key role on a unit which is ranked 19th nationally in scoring defense at 18.7 points per game. MacAnn has 39 tackles and 2.0 sacks in his first year as a starter.

Mike Laroche, a sophomore right tackle from Queensbury, N.Y. (Queensbury H.S.), has a 3.43 GPA in mathematics. He has blocked for an offense that leads the Northeast Conference in rushing at 185.3 yards per game, and is averaging 370.4 total yards.

The 21 players named to the District I team will advance to the national Academic All-America ballot. Results of national voting will be announced on December 10th.

ALISSA GIBBS ON SECOND-TEAM DISTRICT I ALL-ACADEMIC SQUAD

Amherst, Mass. – UAlbany's **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) has been chosen to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District I University Division I Volleyball Team, as selected by CoSIDA. Gibbs, a junior outside hitter was a second-team selection with a 3.69 GPA in computer science. She ranks second among the America East Conference leaders in kill average at 5.01 per game, and has contributed 2.28 digs per game this season.

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UALBANY'S JANIS PIPIKIS WILL MISS THE OPENER VERSUS LAFAYETTE

Albany, N.Y. – Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that Janis Pipikis, a 6-foot-8 sophomore center from Latvia, will miss the University at Albany's opening basketball game of the 2001-02 season against Lafayette on Saturday, November 17.

The NCAA forwarded an official interpretation on Pipikis' eligibility status to the UAlbany athletic department on Thursday. The decision states that Pipikis violated the Amateur Status rule (By-Law 12.1.1) when, as a member of his Latvian club team, he played in one game within a league which promotes itself as a professional league.

Due to the circumstances, McElroy said the University will not appeal this decision and Pipikis will not be eligible to play against Lafayette.

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THREE UALBANY BASKETBALL GAMES ON TELEVISION THIS SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that the University at Albany will be part of this year's America East Conference Television basketball package. America East TV will air the Albany-Vermont men's basketball game on Sunday, February 10 at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Tip-off is 12 noon.

America East TV includes a live broadcast on Empire Sports (NY), Comcast SportsNet (Philadelphia) and WVII or WCKD (Bangor, Maine). New England Sports Network (NESN) will show the contest that evening on tape delay at 7:00 p.m.

The Great Danes will also appear on the ESPN Plus schedule twice. The UAlbany-Syracuse contest at Pepsi Arena on Sunday, December 2 will air at 3:00 p.m. In addition, the regional television network, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, will broadcast the Albany-Ohio State game on Tuesday, November 20 at 8:00 p.m. Mike Gleason and former Buckeye standout Bill Hosket will call the action from Value City Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES TO AIR ON CAMPUS STATION WCDB

Albany, N.Y. – Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that the University at Albany athletic department has entered into a one-year agreement with campus station, WCDB 90.9 FM, to air the school's women's basketball games for the 2001-02 season. The University's student radio station will travel on the road with the program for the first time.

Doug Mortman and Brett Borzooyeh will serve as the UAlbany broadcast team. WCDB will cover 23 of 27 regular-season contests, with the exception of away contests with Yale (Dec. 11), Towson (Dec. 28), Lafayette (Jan. 2) and Maine (Jan. 12). The broadcasts can also be heard over the internet on the athletic department's web site, www.albany.edu/sports.

WCDB begins its UAlbany women's basketball coverage on Friday, November 16, when the Great Danes open the season at Bucknell. Coverage starts 15 minutes prior to tip-off with the pre-game show at 7:15 p.m.

GIBBS NAMED AMERICA EAST VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa H.S.) has been selected as the Spalding America East Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball. Gibbs, a junior outside hitter, was chosen for the second time this season.

Gibbs closed her season by averaging 6.5 kills and 3.5 digs per game in a pair of conference matches last weekend. She posted two double-doubles, including a 23-kill, 11-dig performance against New Hampshire in the season finale. She also totaled 16 kills and 10 digs versus Maine.

Gibbs ranks second among the America East leaders in kills at 5.01 per game. Her season total of 436 is the fifth-highest single-season mark in school history.

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ALBANY NAMES MEN'S BASKETBALL CAPTAINS FOR 2001-02

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Scott Beeten announced today that **Will Brand**, **Joe Vukovic** and **Antione Johnson** will serve as team captains for the 2001-02 season.

A 6-foot-5 senior forward, Brand averaged 14.0 points and 6.9 rebounds last year. Brand, who is the first player to be named captain in three consecutive years, ranks 14th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,118 points. He has made 84 consecutive starts, and is among UAlbany's top career rebound leaders with 542.

Vukovic, a captain for the second straight season, contributed 6.9 points and 4.0 rebounds as a starter in 12 of 22 games. The 6-foot-7 senior has made 77 career appearances in an Albany uniform.

Johnson, a junior guard, averaged 11.5 points and a team-leading 3.1 assists last year. He played 40-plus minutes against 14 opponents, and was the key figure in a pair of overtime victories against Army and Lehigh.

The Great Danes, who begin America East Conference play this year, open their schedule at home against Lafayette on Saturday, Nov. 17. Tip-off is 1:00 p.m.

UALBANY SLIPS IN DIVISION I-AA MID-MAJOR FOOTBALL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany fell to seventh in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll and ninth in the Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll. Both national college football rankings were released today.

Sacred Heart, one of three unbeaten Division I-AA teams with a 9-0 record, has moved to the top of both polls. Dayton (9-1) suffered its first loss of the season last week to St. Mary's, Calif, 41-7.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Albany (7-2, NEC 5-2) was eliminated from Northeast Conference title contention with last Saturday's 42-31 loss to Robert Morris. The Great Danes will wrap up their schedule on Saturday, Nov. 17 against Florida Atlantic on the road. Game time is 4:00 p.m. at Pro Player Stadium. Howard Schnellenberger, who led Miami, Fla. to the 1983 national title, and has also directed the programs at Louisville and Oklahoma, is FAU's head coach.

*****NOTE:** Albany's rescheduled game with Central Connecticut State on Friday, Nov. 23 has been cancelled since the contest has no impact on the conference title race. The game was originally slated for Sept. 15, but was postponed due to the World Trade Center tragedy.

The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll

1. Sacred Heart (9-0), 272, 2. Dayton (9-1), 246, 3. St. Peter's (9-1), 227, 4. Duquesne (7-2), 199, 5. Robert Morris (6-3), 156, 6. Monmouth (7-2), 130, 7. **Albany** (7-2), 111, 8. San Diego (6-3), 84, T9. Jacksonville (6-4), 40, T9. Fairfield (5-4).

Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll

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AMY DiMICCO SELECTED SECOND ALL-MIDEAST REGION

Glen Allen, Va. – UAlbany's Amy DiMicco has been chosen to the STX/NFHCA Division I All-Mideast Region squad by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. DiMicco, a senior midfielder, was a second-team selection.

DiMicco, who will also play in this Saturday's NFHCA Division I North-South Senior All-Star Game at Kent State University in Ohio, was named to the America East Conference all-conference unit last week.

A starter in all 17 contests, DiMicco led the Great Danes in scoring with six goals and four assists for 16 points. She finished her career tied for second on the school's all-time scoring list with 99 points (41 goals, 17 assists).

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Durham, N.H. – **Bonnie Wilson** had 14 kills and 10 digs to lead New Hampshire to a 3-0 America East Conference victory over Albany in the regular-season finale for both teams on Sunday at Lundholm Gymnasium. The Wildcats won by scores of 30-24, 30-26 and 30-23.

Chelsea Hammer had 10 kills, while **Lauren Knight** added nine kills and 10 digs for the Wildcats, who improved to 18-8 overall and 11-3 in conference play. Albany (4-20, AE 1-13) was led by junior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs**, who recorded a double-double with 23 kills and 11 digs. Freshman **Fallon Hearst** totaled 16 kills and 11 digs.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Dorchester, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) finished ninth at the NCAA Division I Northeast Regional on Saturday at Franklin Park. Rodriguez covered the 10,000-meter course in 30:19.90.

Connecticut's **Dan Wilson** won the event in 29:44.80, and was one second better than runner-up **Hamish Thorpe**, of Providence. UAlbany's **Adam Rice** and **Andy Allstadt** placed 51st and 59th, respectively, among 204 competitors.

Sophomore **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) was 48th in women's 6,000-meter race. Walton posted a time of 22:01.00. **Zerlinda Martinez** and **Trista Neinast** were 111th and 113th in a field of more than 250 runners.

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Orono, Maine – **Adrienne Poplawski** had 13 kills and posted a .632 hitting percentage to lead Maine to a 3-0 victory over Albany in an America East Conference match on Saturday at Memorial Gymnasium. The Black Bears won by scores of 30-14, 30-20 and 30-22.

Leah Voss recorded her 18th double-double of the year with 12 kills and 10 digs for the Black Bears, who fashioned a season-high .404 hitting percentage. Maine improved to 15-11 overall and 8-5 in conference play.

Albany's Alissa Gibbs (Shenendehowa) had a match-high 16 kills and added 10 digs from her outside hitter position. Freshman Fallon Hearst totaled 13 kills for the Great Danes, who fall to 4-19 and 1-12.

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Maine def. Albany, 30-14, 30-20, 30-22.

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Robert Morris 42, Albany 31

Albany, N.Y. – Senior quarterback **Tim Levcik** passed for three touchdowns and **Sam Dorsett** ran for two scores, as Robert Morris posted its sixth straight win with a 42-31 Northeast Conference victory over Albany on Saturday at University Field.

Robert Morris (6-3, NEC 6-1) reversed an early 7-0 deficit with 28 consecutive points. Levcik, who completed 19 of 32 passes for 207 yards, tossed a pair of scoring passes to give his team the lead. He fired a 19-yard strike to tight end **Brent Hockenberry**, and then found split end **Ricky Daldo** alone on the right sideline with a 31-yard pass.

The Colonials, who kept their conference title hopes alive, and moved into sole possession of second place in the standings, increased their lead to two touchdowns early in the third quarter on Dorsett's 9-yard scamper. Strong safety **Ed Herriott** returned an interception 31 yards to paydirt for a 28-7 lead with 10:27 left in the period.

Albany (7-2, NEC 5-2) rallied with 17 straight points. **Ryan Roeder**, who connected on 10 of 16 attempts for 148 yards, hooked up with split end **Jay McFarlane** on a 51-yard scoring pass. **Brian Manigault**, a senior tailback, capped a nine-play drive with a 4-yard touchdown run. Following a fumble, **Bryan Bagstad's** 33-yard field goal closed the Great Danes within 28-24 with 12:35 remaining in the fourth quarter.

However, **Stephen McNair's** 74-yard return on the subsequent kickoff set up a short scoring drive. Dorsett, who rushed 25 times for 137 yards, raced to the end zone on a 7-yard dash. After Albany fumbled while driving inside the Robert Morris' 30-yard line, Levcik directed his team on a 74-yard march. He drilled a 16-yard touchdown pass to Hockenberry for a 42-24 cushion with 8:12 remaining.

Manigault, who ran for 146 yards on 28 carries, scored on a 3-yard run to end a 12-play drive on his team's next possession. The Great Danes converted the onside kick, but the comeback attempt was thwarted when linebacker **Jemond Riffe** recovered a fumble at the Robert Morris 11.

"We played poorly in every phase of the kicking game, from the coverage teams to the field goal unit," Albany coach Bob Ford said. "We were not in sync offensively early, but I am proud of the way we came back. We did not play well enough to beat a good team. We didn't make them beat us."

Hockenberry, a 6-foot-3 sophomore, finished with seven receptions for 106 yards and two touchdowns. Albany's McFarlane, who like 13 other seniors was playing in his final home game, hauled in seven passes for 129 yards.

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY PICKED TO WIN AMERICA EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL TITLE

Boston, Mass. – Boston University has been picked to win the 2002 America East Conference Men's Basketball Championship, as announced on Thursday at America East Basketball Media Day at Northeastern University's Matthews Arena. The conference's head coaches chose the University at Albany to finish eighth in the nine-team league.

Boston U. earned five of a possible nine first-place votes to finish just ahead of Maine, who received the remaining four first-place votes. The Terriers, who posted a 14-14 record last season, return Jason Grochowalski, a 6-foot-6 swingman with a 12.7 scoring average. Grochowalski heads the America East Preseason All-Conference Team. The other members are Ricky Cranford (Northeastern), Matt Turner (Boston U.), T.J. Sorrentine (Vermont) and Trevor Gaines (Vermont).

UAlbany hosts the USDBL All-Stars in an exhibition on Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Recreation and Convocation Center at 4:00 p.m. The Great Danes entertain Lafayette in the season opener on Saturday, Nov. 17.

America East Conference Preseason Poll

1. Boston U. (5), 77, 2. Maine (4), 76, 3. Northeastern, 59, 4. Vermont 54, 5. Hartford 40, 6. New Hampshire 37, 7. Stony Brook 35, 8. Albany 16, 9. Binghamton 11. () – first-place votes

VERMONT CHOSEN TO CAPTURE AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CROWN

Boston, Mass. – The University of Vermont has been tabbed to win the 2002 America East Conference Women's Basketball Championship. The conference's head coaches placed the University at Albany ninth in the preseason rankings.

Vermont finished 19-11 last year, and received eight of nine first-place votes and 80 points overall. The Catamounts' Morgan Hall averaged 14.6 points and 5.6 rebounds one year ago, and is a member of the Preseason All-Conference squad. Others on the all-star unit are Katie Terhune (Boston U.), Janeka Lopp (Hartford), Heather Ernest (Maine), and Sherry Jordan (Stony Brook).

America East Conference Preseason Poll

1. Vermont (8), 80, 2. Hartford (1), 69, 3. Maine, 64, 4. New Hampshire, 49, T5. Boston U., 41, T5. Northeastern 41, 7. Stony Brook 26, 8. Binghamton 23, 9. Albany 12. () – first-place votes

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THREE ALBANY MEN'S SOCCER PLAYERS EARN AMERICA EAST HONORS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jason Warshaw**, a senior midfielder, and junior sweeper back **Sadeky Jackson** have been chosen to the All-America East Conference men's soccer squad in voting conducted by the coaches. Both players were second-team selections. Freshman forward **Lucas Machado** was named to the America East All-Rookie Team.

A starter in 14 contests, Warshaw totaled two goals and four assists. He returned after missing most of last season with a knee sprain and was elected captain for a school-record fourth time in five seasons. Jackson, a transfer from Monroe College in the Bronx, stabilized the Great Dane defensive backfield from his sweeper back position. Albany held opponents to two goals or less on 11 occasions and posted three shutouts. Machado, a native of Porto Alegre, Brazil, was one of 11 players, regardless of position, to be selected for the All-Rookie Team. He recorded three goals and one assist in 17 outings.

Albany finished with an 8-9 overall record, matching last season's win total in its first year of America East Conference competition. The Great Danes placed seventh out of 12 teams, but were bumped from the final playoff berth for the league's postseason tournament on the final day of the season.



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Boston University's Kaland, Hartford Alon Lubezky Earn Top Honors Boston University's Roberts is Chosen Coach of the Year

BOSTON— Boston University senior forward Joachim Kaland and University of Hartford forward Alon Lubezky were chosen America East Player and Rookie of the Year in voting conducted by the conference's men's soccer coaches. Boston University head coach Neil Roberts was named Coach of the Year for third time in his career.

Kaland is second in America East and ranks among the national leaders in scoring with 18 goals and six assists for 42 points. His 18 goals are tied for the Terrier single-season record. Alon Lubezky leads America East with 20 goals and eight assists for 48 points. He ranks third in the nation with 2.53 points per game. Kaland is fourth with 2.47 points per game. Kaland is tied for second in the nation with 1.06 goals per game while Alon Lubezky is fourth with 1.05 goals per contest.

Roberts, who was also chosen the Coach of the Year in 1991 and 1994, has guided the Terriers to a 9-1-1 mark in America East as the conference's regular-season champion. Boston University is 13-4-1 overall and is unbeaten in its last nine (8-0-1). Roberts is 214-85-42 in 17 years with the Terriers, with 10 trips to the NCAA Championship in that time.

Kaland and Alon Lubezky are joined on the all-conference first team by Towson University senior forward Alfonso DeMares, the 2000 America East Player of the Year, who ranks third in the conference this season with 14 goals and nine assists for 37 points.

Alon Lubezky's brother, Asaf Lubezky, a junior at Hartford, leads the selections at midfield. Asaf Lubezky has eight goals and six assists for 22 points and has earned first-team honors in each of his three seasons in America East. Other midfielders are junior Andrew Dorman of Boston University, who has seven goals and leads America East with 12 assists, Towson senior Todd Lauber, who has nine goals and a like number of assists and Northeastern University senior Anders Hoyem, who has five goals and nine assists.

The all-conference backs are sophomore Rishi Matadeen and senior Luckisee Williams of Hofstra University, each of whom move up after earning second-team honors last season, and Hartford senior Milton Speid, a repeat selection on the first team.

Hartford senior Chris Doyle, who is 12-5-2 with a 1.26 goals against average is the first-team goalkeeper.

The second team consists of Hofstra senior Hughroy Daley, Towson junior Machel Millwood and Northeastern senior Petter Starnas at forward. The midfielders are seniors Dan Keane of University of Delaware, Patrick Geraghty of Hofstra, Trond Olsen of Northeastern and Jason Warshaw of University at Albany. Rookie Erik Evjen of Boston University is joined at back by Towson senior Steve Hoeck and Albany junior Sadeky Jackson. Boston University rookie Zak Thompson, who leads America East in goals against average at 1.00 and has posted a 9-1-1 mark in 12 games, is the second-team goalkeeper.

The All-Rookie team consists of Alon Lubezky, Evjen, Thompson, Federico Bianchi of Boston University, Steve Fell of Towson, Akil Jordan of Stony Brook University, Antha Kirkopoulos of Northeastern, Logan Lee of University of New Hampshire, Lucas Machado of Albany, Justin Sadler of Drexel University, and Easton Wilson of Hartford.

Each of the 11 first-team all-conference selections and eight of the second-team choices are in action this week at the America East Men's Soccer Championship. No. 6 seed New Hampshire visits No. 3 Towson in a first-round game Wednesday, November 7 at 1 p.m. No. 5 Hofstra travels to No. 4 Northeastern Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the other first-round match. The winner of the New Hampshire-Towson game plays at No. 2 Hartford at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 10. The winner of the Hofstra-Northeastern game travels to No. 1 Boston University for a 7 p.m. game Saturday. The America East Championship game will be played either Saturday, November 17 or Sunday, November 18 at the higher remaining seed.

2001 America East Men's Soccer All-Conference Team

First Team

Forward	Alfonso DeMares (1)	Sr.	Towson	Barranquilla, Colombia/Olympic Heights
Forward	Joachim Kaland (2)	Sr.	Boston University	Fonnes, Norway/Austreheim Vidaregaand
Forward	Alon Lubezky	Fr.	Hartford	Kfar Shmaryahu, Israel/Yovel Herzlia
Midfield	Andrew Dorman	So.	Boston University	Flintshire, Wales/Hawarden
Midfield	Anders Hoyem (3)	Sr.	Northeastern	Oslo, Norway/Persbraten
Midfield	Todd Lauber (4)	Sr.	Towson	Colorado Springs, Colo./Cheyenne Mountain
Midfield	Asaf Lubezky (5)	Jr.	Hartford	Kfar Shmaryahu, Israel/Yovel Herzlia
Back	Rishi Matadeen (6)	So.	Hofstra	S. Yorkshire, England/Aston Comprehensive
Back	Luckisee Williams (8)	Sr.	Hofstra	Miramar, Fla./Jamaica College
Back	Milton Speid (7)	Sr.	Hartford	Hyannis, Mass./Barnstable
Goalkeeper	Chris Doyle (2)	Sr.	Hartford	Dublin, Calif./Dublin

Second Team

Forward	Hughroy Daley	Sr.	Hofstra	Hanover, Jamaica/Rusea's
Forward	Machel Millwood	Jr.	Towson	College Park, Md./Parkdale
Forward	Petter Starnas (8)	Sr.	Northeastern	Sjomarken, Sweden/Sven Eriksonskolan
Midfield	Dan Keane	Sr.	Delaware	Newark, Del./St. Mark's
Midfield	Patrick Geraghty	Sr.	Hofstra	Dublin, Ireland/St. Tiernan's
Midfield	Trond Olsen	Sr.	Northeastern	Oslo, Norway/Latinskolen Alesund
Midfield	Jason Warshaw	Sr.	Albany	Dix Hills, N.Y./Half Hollow Hills East
Back	Erik Evjen	Fr.	Boston University	Askim, Norway/St. Olav videregaende
Back	Steve Hoeck	Sr.	Towson	Baldwin, Md./Loyola
Back	Sadeky Jackson	Jr.	Albany	Bronx, N.Y./Evander Childs
Goalkeeper	Zak Thompson	Fr.	Boston University	Silver Spring, Md./Springbrook

All-Rookie Team (11 regardless of position)

Federico Bianchi	Boston University	Pacific Palisades, Calif./Palisades Charter
Erik Evjen	Boston University	Askim, Norway/St. Olav videregaende
Steve Fell	Towson	Berlin, Md./Stephen Decatur
Akil Jordan	Stony Brook	St. John's Village, San Fernando, Trinidad/St. Benedict's
Anthia Kirkopoulos	Northeastern	Altbach, Germany/Reuthingen University
Logan Lee	New Hampshire	Racine, Wis./Washington Park
Alon Lubezky	Hartford	Kfar Shmaryahu, Israel/Yovel Herzlia
Lucas Machado	Albany	Porto Alegre, Brazil/Archbishop Hoban
Justin Sadler	Drexel	Boiling Springs, Pa./Cumberland Valley
Zak Thompson	Boston University	Silver Spring, Md./Springbrook
Easton Wilson	Hartford	Hartford, Conn./Weaver

Player of the Year: Joachim Kaland, Boston University

Rookie of the Year: Alon Lubezky, Hartford

Coach of the Year: Neil Roberts, Boston University

- (1) first team all-conference, 2000, 1999; second team all-conference, 1998
- (2) second team all-conference, 1999
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- (4) second team all-conference, 2000, 1999
- (5) first team all-conference, 2000, 1999
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TIM CAMPE CHOSEN NEC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Somerset, N.J. – University at Albany's Tim Campe has been selected as the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in last Saturday's 19-10 victory over Monmouth.

Campe, a senior inside linebacker, spearheaded a defensive effort that knocked Monmouth out of first place in the conference standings. The 6-foot, 235-pound defender made 13 tackles, including nine solo hits, and added three tackles for a loss and one quarterback sack. The Great Danes limited Monmouth to 40 net rushing yards, including 31 by All-NEC running back Matt Merklinger.

Campe, who has recorded 10 or more tackles twice this season, is second on the team with 65 total hits, and has three pass break-ups, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble. Albany's defense is ranked 14th nationally in rushing defense at 101.6 yards per game, and is 10th in scoring with a 15.8 average.

AMY DiMICCO NAMED SECOND-TEAM ALL-AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Amy DiMicco has been chosen to the All-America East Conference field hockey squad in voting conducted by the coaches. She was a second-team selection.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

UALBANY MOVES UP IN NATIONAL DIVISION I-AA FOOTBALL POLLS

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany climbed to sixth in the current Football Gazette NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Top 20 Poll, but remained fourth in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll. Both national college football rankings were released on Monday, Nov. 5.

Albany (7-1, NEC 5-1) moved up two positions in the Football Gazette poll following last Saturday's 19-10 victory over Monmouth. Dayton (9-0) and Sacred Heart (8-0), two of five Division I-AA unbeaten teams, remain first and second in both rankings.

The Great Danes host Robert Morris (5-3, NEC 5-1) this Saturday (Nov. 10) at University Field on Senior Day. Game time is 1:00 p.m. The Colonials, who have won or shared the last five conference titles, are ranked fifth by Football Gazette and sixth by The Sports Network.

The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major Top 10 Poll

1. Dayton (9-0), 259, 2. Sacred Heart (8-0), 234, 3. St. Peter (8-1), 193, 4. **Albany** (7-1), 179, 5. Duquesne (6-2), 199, 6. Robert Morris (5-3), 101, 7. Monmouth (6-2), 94, 8. Jacksonville (6-3), 89, 9. San Diego (5-3), 58, 10. La Salle (5-3), 30.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Junior forward **Steven Procknal** came off the bench to score two goals, including the game-winning strike with 28 minutes remaining, as Albany earned a 5-2 come-from-behind America East Conference victory over Vermont on Sunday afternoon in the regular season finale for both schools at Varsity Field.

Albany (8-9, AE 5-6) trailed 2-0 after the opening 33 minutes as Vermont received goals from **Adam Wallace** and **Matt Chavez**. The Great Danes regrouped when Procknal entered the contest and would later find the back of the net on **Jarvin Skeete's** left cross at the 35:49 mark. Vermont (4-9-3, AE 3-7-1) carried a 2-1 advantage into the intermission.

The Great Danes, who scored five unanswered goals, tied the contest at two apiece as **Greg Chevalier** nailed a 15-yard blast at 50:44 into the upper right corner. **Sadeky Jackson** set up the game-winner as he broke loose down the left side, crossed to **Jason Warshaw**, who one-touched the ball to Procknal for the conversion. Albany added two late goals from Warshaw and **Ashtian Holmes**.

Vermont goalkeeper **David Sullivan** made nine saves, while **Trevor Serraro** stopped four shots for Albany, who matched last season's win total with eight victories in its first season competing in a Division I conference.

The Great Danes were bumped from the sixth and final playoff berth for the conference's postseason tournament, as New Hampshire upended Hofstra, 5-4, in double overtime.

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Vermont (4-9-3, AE 3-7-1)	2	0	-	2
Albany (8-9, AE 5-6)	1	4	-	5

Vermont – Adam Wallace 1-1, Matt Chavez 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): David Sullivan (90:00, 9 saves, 5 GA).

Albany – Steven Procknal 2-0, Greg Chevalier 1-0, Jason Warshaw 1-1, Ashtian Holmes 1-0, Jarvin Skeete 0-1, Sadeky Jackson 0-1, Ryan Bombard 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 4 saves, 2 GA).

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Towson, Md. -- Junior outside hitter **Jordann Tomasek** had 11 kills and 14 digs to lead Towson past Albany, 30-19, 30-24, 30-25, in an America East matchup on Sunday afternoon at Towson Center.

Towson, the America East leader with an 11-1 conference record, improved to 26-2 overall. Senior **Melanie Madden** posted a team-high 17 kills while freshman **Liz Goubeaux** chipped in with 10. Senior setter **Andrea LaBlanc** recorded 43 assists and eight digs for the Tigers.

Albany (4-18, AE 1-11) was led by junior outside hitter **Alissa Gibbs**, who recorded a match-high 23 kills. Freshman **Fallon Hearst** accounted a season-high 21 digs and added 11 kills to record the team's lone double-double.

The Great Danes close out their inaugural season in the America East Conference with road matches against Maine and New Hampshire on Nov. 10-11.

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FOOTBALL

Albany 19, Monmouth 10

West Long Branch, N.J. – Senior tailback **Brian Manigault** rushed for 148 yards and caught a first-half touchdown pass to lead Albany to a 19-10 Northeast Conference victory over Monmouth on Saturday at Kessler Field.

Backup quarterback **Marcus Rotondi**, who ran for a season-high 79 yards, helped Albany (7-1, NEC 5-1) build a 13-0 lead early in the second quarter. Rotondi, a senior, scored on a two-yard option run with 6:54 remaining in the opening period, but the extra point missed to the left. He then capped a 12-play drive with a two-yard touchdown pass to Manigault on a third-down play with 10:32 left in the half.

Monmouth (6-2, NEC 4-1) entered the contest unbeaten in conference play, and got on the scoreboard with a 23-yard field goal by **Ryan Peterson**. The Great Danes, who rushed for a season-best 330 yards, responded with a 14-play march that resulted in **Bryan Bagstad's** 24-yard field goal with 2.7 seconds left before the intermission.

The Hawks, who were off to their best start in school history, trailed 16-3 at halftime, but scored on their first possession of the third quarter. Quarterback **Bill Rankin** hit **Matt Merklinger** with a screen pass, and the tailback raced 74 yards down the right sideline to paydirt. Merklinger caught seven passes for 107 yards and ran for 31 more.

Albany had two opportunities to take control of the game in the second half, but two drives resulted in a missed field goal and a failed fourth-down conversion at the Monmouth five-yard line.

In the fourth quarter, the Hawks were working on a drive, but a high snap went over Rankin's head in a shotgun formation. Albany's **Josh MacAnn** knocked the ball away, and defensive end **John Bolt** recovered at the 26-yard line. Four plays later, Bagstad booted a 29-yard field goal with 6:47 left. The senior place kicker tied the school's all-time record with his 20th career field goal.

"We were able to pound the football, and Marcus Rotondi played his best game of the year," Albany coach **Bob Ford** said. "Our defense did a good job of shutting down their ground attack."

"If you keep feeding me the ball, I will try my best," said Manigault, who ran for 100 or more yards for the seventh time as a collegian. "This win goes to the offensive line, they contributed a lot today."

Rankin and **Chris Wielgosz** combined to complete 17 of 22 passes for 257 yards, but the Albany defense limited Monmouth to 40 net rushing yards.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Junior forward **Krishna Zagura** scored two goals in leading Stony Brook to a 3-2 America East Conference victory over Albany in the regular season finale for both teams on Saturday at University Field.

Stony Brook (6-11-2, AE 4-6-1) jumped out to a 2-0 lead behind Zagura's goals over the opening 28 minutes. Zagura converted both strikes off cross passes by **Leanna Yust**, who finished with two assists, and **Sarah Greenberg**. Albany (1-16-1, AE 0-10-1) pulled within one goal a little over a minute into the final stanza when freshman **Sara Rickard** recorded her team-leading seventh goal of the season on a breakaway. Rickard's total is the highest single-season goals mark by an Albany player since 1983.

The Seawolves then pulled away at the 54:30 mark as **Beth Arikian** tallied her fifth goal on the year for insurance. Albany freshman **Jillian Schassler** registered her first score as a collegian with 23 minutes to play off an assist by **Kate Thompson**. Goalkeeper **Beth Spinelli** made 12 saves for the Great Danes.

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Albany (1-16-1, AE 0-10-1)	0	2	-	2
Stony Brook (6-11-2, AE 4-6-1)	2	1	-	3

Albany – Sara Rickard 1-0, Jillian Schassler 1-0, Becky Heiberg 0-1, Kate Thompson 0-1;
Goalkeeper(s): Beth Spinelli (90:00, 12 saves, 3 GA).

Stony Brook – Krishna Zagura 2-0, Beth Arikian 1-0, Leanna Yust 0-2, Kerri McCabe 0-1;
Goalkeeper(s): Lori Nelson (90:00, 0 saves, 2 GA).

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Philadelphia, Pa. – Sophomore outside hitter **Angela Tassone** had 14 kills, eight digs and six service aces to lead Drexel to a 3-0 victory over Albany in an America East Conference match on Saturday at Daskalakis Athletic Center.

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Drexel (11-16, AE 3-8) won by scores of 31-29, 37-35 and 30-25, snapping a three-match losing streak. **Nadine Closs** and **Jenny Gorecki** added 14 and 12 kills, respectively.

Albany's **Alissa Gibbs** (Shenendehowa) totaled a game-high 21 kills, while freshman **Fallon Hearst** recorded a double-double with 11 kills and 10 digs. The Great Danes fell to 4-17 overall and 1-10 in conference play.

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Drexel def. Albany, 31-29, 37-35, 30-25.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Albany, N.Y. – Junior midfielder **Asaf Lubezky** scored the game-winning goal on a penalty kick with 17 minutes remaining in the contest lifting Hartford to a 2-1 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Hartford (11-5-2, AE 7-2-1) was awarded the free kick after **Nick Southworth** tackled **Easton Wilson** in the scoring box at the 72:53 mark. Lubezky found the lower right corner of the net past a diving Albany goalkeeper **Trevor Serraro**, who finished with eight saves.

Albany (7-9, AE 4-6) tied the match at one apiece 11 minutes into the final stanza when **Jarvin Skeete** capitalized off a scramble in front of the goal. It was Skeete's team-leading seventh strike of the season. The Hawks opened the scoring at 16:25 as **Alon Lubezky** tallied his America East-leading 18th goal. Lubezky, who chipped the ball into an open net, recovered Serraro's turnover in the box. **Christopher Doyle** made five saves for Hartford, who improved their seeding in the conference playoffs with the victory.

The Great Danes' hopes of securing an America East tournament berth are still alive as they host Vermont in their final regular-season contest on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. If Albany wins and New Hampshire loses or ties to Hofstra, the Great Danes could earn the sixth and final playoff spot. UAlbany also needs Delaware to lose twice at Boston University and Northeastern, who rank among the top four teams in the conference standings.

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Hartford (11-5-2, AE 7-2-1)	1	1	-	2
Albany (7-9, AE 4-6)	0	1	-	1

Hartford – Alon Lubezky 1-0, Asaf Lubezky 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Christopher Doyle (90:00, 5 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Jarvin Skeete 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Trevor Serraro (90:00, 8 saves, 2 GA).



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY UNVEILS INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS LOGOS **New Image Trumpets School's America East Conference Membership**

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today that the athletic department's new logos and image will be unveiled to the public at Friday evening's "Great Danes Basketball – Meet & Greet" basketball preview reception at 5:30 p.m. In addition, UAlbany students and fans will be presented with the new design at "Purple Haze." The 2001-02 season tip-off event, scheduled for the Recreation & Convocation Center at 7:00 p.m., is the first opportunity to view the men's and women's basketball teams on the court.

"The upgrade of our intercollegiate sports logos is in keeping with the pride and tradition of University at Albany athletics, and coincides with the university's move into America East Conference competition," McElroy said. "Our new image represents the clearly defined goals of our department, and proudly announces that our student-athletes now have the opportunity to play for conference championships and NCAA post-season play."

Berkshire Marketing Group (BMG), a ten-year-old full service strategic marketing and communications agency based in Troy, N.Y., with offices in Lenox, Mass. and Stamford, Conn., executed the design. BMG specializes in educational and healthcare marketing.

"From our first meeting with Dr. McElroy, it was clear the new look for the Great Danes would stand for everything the University and its athletic department embodies ... commitment, integrity and strength," said BMG President Darrell Berman, who emphasized the new family of logos was the result of strong collaborative efforts.

"It's time for the community to see what a powerful asset they have in this institution and its athletic department," Berman continued. "We believe the new logo portrays the strength and pride of a University that continues to strive for greatness."

Seventeen of UAlbany's 19 intercollegiate men's and women's varsity teams began America East Conference competition in the 2001-02 academic year. The University elevated its entire athletics program to the NCAA Division I level in September 1999.

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