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College Sports (Softball)

ALBANY LOCKS UP NUMBER TWO SEED IN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT WITH SWEEP

Burlington, Vt. -- Junior pitcher **Andrea Lindgren** won her tenth straight game in the opener and recorded a save in the nightcap, as Albany swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Vermont on Wednesday afternoon at Post Field. The Great Danes, which have won nine in-a-row and 16 of their last 18, took the first game, 6-0, and won the second contest, 7-5.

Albany (30-6, AE 15-2), which has clinched the number two seed in the upcoming conference postseason tournament, overcame a 1-0 deficit in the third inning of the night cap with a three-run uprising. **Katrina Dunning's** sacrifice fly gave Albany the lead for good. The Great Danes tacked on four more runs in the sixth to make the score 7-1, two of which came on **Maegan Larsen's** second home run of the year.

Vermont (7-27, AE 5-21) mounted a rally in the bottom of the inning, as **Ashley Stebbins'** RBI single chased **Danielle Buyea**, who came on in relief of **Kristin Couris**, and cut the deficit to 7-4. Lindgren entered with the bases loaded and after allowing a run to score on a wild pitch, she struck out **Angie Totaro** to end the threat. The left-hander got the final three outs in the seventh to earn her fourth save. Couris went the first four innings and allowed one run on three hits to earn her ninth win of the season.

In the opener, **Liz Wieboldt** and **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls) each collected two RBI and Lindgren blanked the Catamounts on one hit, her seventh shutout of the season. Wieboldt doubled in the first to give the Great Danes a 2-0 lead and later came around to score on a single by Larsen. Lindgren struck out a career-high 15 to improve to 17-3 overall and a perfect 10-0 in conference play.

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Vermont

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

Angie Tortaro and Samantha Chase.

(Game 2)

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Kristin Couris, Danielle Buyea (5), Andrea Lindgren (6) and Ali Meacham and Stacy Kowal (7).

Kara Massey and Samantha Chase.

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ALBANY ADVANCES TO AMERICA EAST MEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore attackman Luke Daquino had three goals, including two in the fourth quarter, and added one assist, as Albany advanced to the America East

the fourth quarter, and added one assist, as Albany advanced to the America East Conference championship game for the second straight year with an 11-5 victory over Stony Brook on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

The Great Danes, who extended their winning streak to five straight, will face the Hartford-Vermont winner in this evening's other semifinal in West Hartford, Conn. The championship is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 at the highest remaining seed's home field.

Albany (9-5) built a 6-0 lead in the third quarter on back-to-back goals by junior attack **Michael Solazzo**, who also had two assists. Solazzo netted his 30th goal of the season, when he converted **Matthew Green's** pass over the top of the cage with 11:44 left in the period.

Stony Brook (5-10) rallied with five unanswered goals to get back into the contest. Freshman attack **Jason Cappadoro**, who had two goals and two assists, scored twice in that stretch. **Kevin Shea** sliced the deficit to 6-5 with 13:29 remaining in the fourth quarter, when he found the net from the top of the crease off Cappadoro's pass from behind.

Daquino, the America East player of the year, then gave his team a two-goal margin 29 seconds later. The Seawolves' **Fraser Kersey** was called for a slashing penalty, and Daquino converted the extra-man opportunity from the left side as the Great Danes worked a weave at the top of the box.

The Great Danes, who lost to Stony Brook in last year's championship final, pulled away when **Chris Driscoll** and Daquino scored one minute and 31 seconds apart for a 9-5 lead. Driscoll, a senior midfielder, connected with a low shot from the right side on a spin move, before Daquino working his way through the middle and hit the upper corner with 6:58 to play.

"We were solid defensively today," Albany coach Scott Marr said. "We focused on not letting them get inside and coming up with any loose balls in front of the net. Kevin Rae, our goalkeeper, has had an up-and-down season, but he made some big saves and was able to initiate our fastbreak offense a couple of times."

Rae finished with 16 saves, including 11 in the second half, as he stopped double-figure shots for the tenth time this season. **Chris Martocchia** and Driscoll each scored a pair of goals, while Green, a freshman midfielder, had one goal and two assists.

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America East Conference Semifinal

Stony Brook (5-10)	0	0	4	1	-	5
Albany (9-5)	1	3	2	5	_	11

Stony Brook – Scoring: Jason Cappadoro 2-2, Kevin Shea 1-0, George LaFlare 1-0, Adam Marksberry 1-0, Sean Quinlan 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Errol Wilson (60:00, 12 saves, 11 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Luke Daquino 3-1, Michael Solazzo 2-2, Chris Driscoll 2-0, Chris Martocchia 2-0, Matthew Green 1-2, Tim Primrose 1-0, Brendan Russell 0-1, Sean Donnellan 0-1, Kevin Rae 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 16 saves, 5 GA).

FERRUCCI & MASSE NAMED TO AMERICA EAST FIRST TEAM IN WOMEN'S LAX Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's Maria Ferrucci and Theresa Masse have been chosen to the All-America East Conference first team in women's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. Andrea Esposito (Saratoga Springs) earned second-team honors in voting by the league's head coaches, while freshman Blakely Agnone was named to the all-rookie team.

Ferrucci, a second-team all-conference choice last year, ranks eighth among the America East scoring leaders at 2.63 points per game. The senior attacker totaled 36 goals and six assists for 42 points, plus had 29 ground balls and a .462 shooting percentage. She scored three or more goals against eight opponents, including a season-high six against Binghamton on April 27. Ferrucci finished her career as the school's all-time scoring leader with 184 points (160 goals, 24 assists).

Masse, a senior defender who started all 16 games, was among the conference leaders in ground balls at 2.94 per game. A second-team All-America East selection in 2002, Masse led the Great Danes with 47 ground balls, plus added four goals and 15 caused turnovers.

Esposito, a senior tri-captain, makes her second consecutive appearance on the all-conference squad as a second-team member. She accounted for 16 goals and a team-leading 16 assists for 32 points. Esposito, the school's all-time assists leader, is fourth on Albany's career scoring chart with 147 points (68 goals, 79 assists.)

Agnone was one of 13 players named to the America East All-Rookie Team. The freshman midfielder was a starter in 10 of 14 games played. She led the team in caused turnovers (16) and added 31 ground balls.

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LUKE DAQUINO NAMED AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN LACROSSE

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Luke Daquino** has been chosen as the America East Conference Player of the Year in men's lacrosse as announced today by the conference office. Daquino, a sophomore, was also named to the America East first team in voting by the league's head coaches.

Daquino, a second-team selection as a freshman, ranks seventh among the NCAA Division I leaders in assists (2.23 pg) and 18th in scoring at 3.54 points per game. The Albany attackman totaled 17 goals and 29 assists for 46 points, the second consecutive year he has surpassed the 45-point mark. Daquino accounted for three or more points in 11 of 13 games played this season, and tied a career-high with seven points (2 goals, 5 assists) against Siena on April 22. His played helped the Great Danes capture a share of the America East regular-season title.

Senior defenseman **Luke Smith** and sophomore midfielder **Brendan Russell** are made the first-team all-conference squad. Smith, who is among the league leaders in ground balls with 44, led a defensive unit that allowed 10.00 goals per game and has a .682 man-down percentage. Russell scored 20-plus points for the second straight year with 20 goals and two assists.

Michael Solazzo, a junior attackman, was named to the all-conference second team. Solazzo, who has 28 goals and five assists this spring, is 19th nationally in goals scored at 2.33 per game. He tied a career-high with four goals against three opponents this season.

Chris Martocchia and Matthew Green were among eleven players chosen to the America East All-Rookie Team. Martocchia, a freshman attack, is third on the team in scoring with 26 points (18 goals, 8 assists). Green, also a freshman, totaled five goals, three assists and 22 ground balls from his midfielder position.

Albany (8-5) will meet Stony Brook in the America East tournament's semifinal round on Wednesday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m. Admission is free at UAlbany's Varsity Field. The semifinal winners will meet for the championship on Saturday, May 3 at the highest remaining seed's home field. The America East champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament field.

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Daguino, Kikot, McGetrick Earn Top America East Men's Lacrosse Awards

BOSTON— University at Albany sophomore attackman Luke Daquino was named America East Men's Lacrosse Player of the Year it was announced today. University of Hartford midfielder Garett Kikot was chosen the conference's Rookie of the Year. Hartford's Jack McGetrick was selected Coach of the Year. All voting was conducted by the conference's head coaches.

Daquino is second in America East in scoring with 17 goals and 29 assists for 46 points in 13 games (3.54 points per game). His 29 assists lead the conference and rank seventh nationally. Daquino and his Great Dane teammates earned a share of the America East regular-season title and enter the conference championship as the No. 2 seed with an 8-5 mark overall.

Kikot is second on the Hawks in scoring with 23 goals and 10 assists for 33 points in 15 games (2.20 points per game).

McGetrick was chosen Coach of the Year for the third time since 1997. He has guided the Hawks to a share of the America East regular-season title and the No. 1 seed in the conference championship. The Hawks are 8-7 overall this season and are 77-66 in his 10-year tenure.

Daquino is joined on the all-conference first team at attack by senior Travis Eckler of Hartford and rookle Jason Cappadoro of Stony Brook University. Eckler, a second-team choice last season, leads America East in both goals (38) and points (58) this year. Cappadoro is third in the conference in scoring with 24 goals and 15 assists for 39 points in 14 games (2.79 points per game).

The first-team midfielders are sophomore Brendan Russell of Albany, senior Tom Fallica of Hartford and junior George LaFlare of Stony Brook. Russell has 20 goals and two assists with 24 ground balls, third on the Great Danes. Fallica has 13 goals and nine assists and 90 ground balls, second on the team. LaFlare has scored 16 goals and added 17 assists.

Senior Luke Smith of Albany, senior Eugene Fusco of Hartford and sophomore Kyle Pearl of Stony Brook are the first-team defenders. Pearl leads America East and ranks third nationally with 6.93 ground balls per game (97 in 14 games).

Sophomore Mike Gabel of University of Vermont is the first-team goalkeeper. Gabel has a 5-7 record and leads America East with a 6.14 goals against average and a .667 save percentage.

The second team consists of junior Michael Solazzo of Albany, rookie Phil Cavallo of Binghamton University and rookie Mike Maher of Vermont at attack. Solazzo is fourth in America East in scoring with 28 goals and five assists for 33 points. Cavallo leads the Bearcats and is third in the conference in goals (27) and sixth in points (30). Maher leads the Catamounts and is eighth in scoring in the conference with 14 goals and 13 assists for 27 points.

Kikot is joined on the second-team by rookie Josh Murray of Quinniplac University and senior Dennis Nafte of Stony Brook at midfield. Murray leads the Bobcats and is fifth in the conference in scoring with 20 goals and 13 assists for 33 points. Nafte leads America East and is fourth in the nation in faceoff percentage at .648.

The second-team defenders are rookle Michael Baudouin of Blnghamton, junior Erik Hatkewitz of Stony Brook and junior Garnet Smith of Vermont.

Senior Rorke Greene of Hartford, a first-team selection last season, is the second-team goalkeeper after posting an 8-7 mark with an 8.65 goals against average and a .590 save percentage.

Baudouin, Cavallo, Kikot, Murray, Cappadoro and Maher are joined on the all-rookie team by Matthew Green and Chris Martocchia of Albany, Kevin McKeown of Binghamton, John Donnellan of Quinnipiac and Adam Marksberry of Stony Brook.

Each of the 10 first-team selections and seven of the 10 second-team choices are in action this week at the America East Men's Lacrosse Champion-ship. No. 2 seed Albany hosts No. 3 Stony Brook in one semifinal at 3 p.m. Wednesday. No. 1 Hartford hosts No. 4 Vermont in the other semifinal that day at 7 p.m. The championship game will be played at the higher remaining seed on Saturday, May 3.

2003 America East All-Conference Teams

First Team				
Attack	Luke Daguino (1)	Albany	So.	Farmingville, N.Y./Sachem
Attack	Travis Eckler (1)	Hartford	Sr.	Endicott, N.Y./Herkimer CC
Attack	Jason Cappadoro	Stony Brook	Fr.	Levittown, N.Y./MacArthur
Midfield	Brendan Russell	Albany	So.	Jamesville, N.Y./Jamesville-DeWin
Midfield	Tom Fallica	Hartford	Sr.	Smithtown, N.Y./Smithtown
Midfield	George LaFlare	Stony Brook	Jr.	Lindenhurst, N.Y./Lindenhurst
Detender	Luke Smith	Albany	Sr.	Islip Terrace, N.Y./ East Islip
Defender	Eugene Fusco (1)	Hartford	Sr.	Floral Park, N.Y./Nassau CC
Defender	Kyte Pearl (1)	Stony Brook	So.	Oceanside, N.Y./Oceanside
Goalkeeper	Mike Gabel	Vermont	So.	Falmouth, Mass./Falmouth

Second Team

Michael Solazzo	Albany	Jr.	Yorktown Heights, N.Y./Yorktown
Phil Cavallo	Binghamton	Fr.	Cedarhurst, N.Y./Lawrence
Mike Maher	Vermont	Fr.	Huntington Station, N.Y./Walt Whitman
Garett Kikot	Hartford	Fr.	Toronto, Ontario/Birchmont Park
Josh Murray	Quinnipiac	Fr.	Hamden, Conn./Cheshire
Dennis Nafte	Stony Brook	Sr.	Long Beach, N.Y./Long Beach
Michael Baudouin	Binghamton	Fr.	Rockville Centre, N.Y./Southside
Eric Hatkewitz (2)	Stony Brook	Jr.	Shirley, N.Y./Longwood
Gamet Smith	Vermont	Jr.	Sudbury, Mass./Lincoln-Sudbury
Rorke Greene (2)	Hartford	Sr.	Cape Elizabeth, Maine/Cape Elizabeth
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All-Rookie (regardless of position)

Albany	M	Canandaigua, N.Y./ Canandaigua Academy
Albany	A	Wantagh, N.Y./ Wantagh
Binghamton	D	Rockville Centre, N.Y./Southside
Binghamton	Α	Cedarhurst, N.Y./Lawrence
Binghamton	G	Brewster, N.Y./Brewster
Hartford	M	Toronto, Ontario/Birchmont Park
Quinnipiac	D	Shoreham, N.Y./Shoreham-Wading River
Quinnipiac	M	Hamden, Conn./Cheshire
Stony Brook	A	Levittown, N.Y. /MacArthur
Stony Brook	Α	Port Jefferson Station, N.Y./Comsewogue
Vermont	Α	Huntington Station, N.Y./Walt Whitman
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Player of the Year: Luke Daquino, Albany Rookie of the Year: Garett Kikot, Hartford Coach of the Year: Jack McGetrick, Hartford

⁽¹⁾ Second-team all-conference, 2002

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College Sports (Softball, Baseball)

ALBANY CLINCHES POSTSEASON BID WITH SWEEP OF STONY BROOK

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior catcher Stacy Kowal delivered a two-out single in the bottom of the eighth to plate the winning run in the nightcap, as Albany swept an America East Conference doubleheader with Stony Brook on Monday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who took all four games in the weekend series, won the first game, 4-2, and the second, 2-1 in extra innings.

Albany (28-6, AE 13-2), which has won seven straight and 14 of its last 16 starts, clinched a spot in the America East Conference Tournament with the twinbill sweep. The Great Danes also finished their home schedule with an unblemished 13-0 record.

In the second game, Katrina Dunning led off the eighth with a single and then was pinch run for by **Brittany Burnham** (Voorheesville). The sophomore outfielder advanced to second on a wild pitch and next to third on a passed ball. Kowal then laced a 1-0 offering from Stony Brook starter **Angela Andrews**, who went the distance in both games, into the gap in rightcenter field to score Burnham with the winning run.

Andrea Lindgren relieved Albany starter Danielle Buyea, who went six innings and allowed one run on three hits, in the seventh to garner her ninth consecutive victory and improve her record to 16-3 this spring. The junior left-hander, who is also 9-0 in conference play, allowed two hits and struck outs in two innings on the mound.

Lindgren, as a starter in the opener, retired the first 18 Stony Brook batters before Stephanie DiBiase led off the seventh with a home run to spark a late rally. Stony Brook (19-31, AE 6-10) had the go-ahead run at the plate with two outs, but Lindgren recorded one her 10 strikeouts in the contest when she sent down Stephanie McCarthy swinging end the threat. Ashley Rios went 1-for-3 with two RBI and Jen Nolette (Columbia) scored twice for the Great Danes.

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Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

Stony Brook (19-31, AE 6-10) 001 000 (28-6, AE 13-2) Albany

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(two outs when winning run scored)

Angela Andrews and Stephanie McCarthy.

Danielle Buyea, Andrea Lindgren (7) and Ali Meacham.

VERMONT SWEEPS ALBANY IN AN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE DOUBLEHEADER

Burlington, Vt. -- Sophomore shortstop **Bobby Tewksbary** went 4-for-6 with three runs scored and three RBI as Vermont swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Albany on Monday afternoon at Centennial Field. The Catamounts came from behind in both games, winning the first, 6-3, and capturing the nightcap, 7-6.

Vermont (21-8, AE 6-2) grabbed an early 3-0 lead in game two when **Jeff Barry** singled home Tewksbary. Albany answered with a five-run fourth inning capped by a three-run homer by **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central), who had three hits on the afternoon, to give Albany a 5-3 lead. Vallone's home run was the second of the inning for the Great Danes, as **Dan Schoonmaker** connected on his team-leading seventh round-tripper to put his team on the board.

The Catamounts regained the lead at 7-5 with four runs in the bottom of the inning. Tewksbary hit a two-run homer off Albany starter **Kyle Thomas** to break a 5-5 tie and chase the right-hander from the game. Albany (15-23, AE 8-8) mounted a rally in the top of the seventh, as Schoonmaker, who had four hits and three RBI on the day, singled home **Brendan Chiavaro** to cut the lead to 7-6. The Great Danes would load the bases, but **Matt Crudo** grounded into a fielder's choice and **Brad Daniels** struck out to end the game. **Justin Bissonette** earned the win in relief and **Brett Dobens** came in with runners on first and second and no outs to retire the final three batters and earn his third save.

In the first game, Tewksbary scored the go-ahead run on an RBI single by **Barry Chamberland** in the bottom of the fifth to give Vermont a 4-3 lead. **Kyle Brault's** two-run homer accounted for the game's final two runs and made a winner out of **Brian Robinson**, who went the distance by allowing three runs, two unearned, and striking out nine to improve to 2-1. **Kirt Zimniewicz's** two-RBI double in the fourth knotted the game at two apiece, before **Derek DeGrazio** scored an unearned run on a failed pickoff attempt.

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(Game 1)

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Jeff Mazzola, Roman Dubiel (6) and Fred Estes

Brian Robinson and Matt Naimoli

(Game 2)

Albany (15-23, AE 8-8) 000 500 1 - 6 5 3 Vermont (21-8, AE 6-2) 201 400 x - 7 6 0

Kyle Thomas, Nick Murphy (4) and Jason Martin

Jeff Dixon, Justin Bissonnette (5), Brett Dobens (7) and Nick Roberts, Matt Naimoli (5)

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KEVIN RAE NAMED AMERICA EAST MEN'S LACROSSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Kevin Rae** has selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. Rae, a sophomore goalkeeper, combined for 24 saves in a pair of victories over Siena and Vermont.

Rae stopped 14 shots, his ninth time in double figures this season, in last Saturday's 8-6 win against Vermont. The Great Danes earned a share of the America East regular-season title with the victory. Rae also had 10 saves in a 14-2 triumph over Siena on April 22. He is among the conference leaders in goals against average (10.39) and save percentage (.547).

Albany (8-5) will meet Stony Brook in the America East tournament's semifinal round on Wednesday, April 30 at Varsity Field. Game time is 3:00 p.m. Hartford, the No. 1 seed with an 8-7 record, entertains Vermont in the other semifinal on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in West Hartford, Conn. The two semifinal winners will meet for the championship on Saturday, May 3 at the highest remaining seed's home field. The conference champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament field. -agate-

America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Championship

Wednesday, April 30, Semifinal Round

#3 Stony Brook (5-9) at #2 Albany (8-5), 3:00 p.m.

#4 Vermont (5-7) at #1 Hartford (8-7), 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 3, Championship

(At Highest Remaining Seed's Home Field), TBA.

EMMERTHAL NAMED AMERICA EAST PITCHER OF THE WEEK IN BASEBALL

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Steve Emmerthal** has been chosen as the America East Conference Pitcher of the Week in baseball, as announced today by the league. Emmerthal fired a one-hit shutout in Sunday's 4-0 victory over Vermont, the nightcap of a conference doubleheader. The junior right-hander evened his record at 4-4 overall by facing two batters over the minimum. He struck out six and walked one in throwing the first shutout by an Albany hurler this season.

TWO ALBANY ATHLETES EARN WEEKLY AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL AWARDS Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's Andrea Lindgren and Maegan Larsen were both honored by the America East Conference on Monday with the league's weekly softball awards. Lindgren was named as the conference's player of the week, while Larsen earned corookie of the week recognition.

Lindgren, who is 14-3 on the season with an 0.95 earned run average, threw a pair of shutouts against league opponents. She blanked Stony Brook on two hits, her sixth shutout of the season, in Sunday's 8-0 victory. The junior left-hander allowed two singles and struck out four. Lindgren also fired a three-hit shutout in a 1-0 win over Vermont on April 25, as she totaled 10 strikeouts and one walk. At the plate, Lindgren went 7-for-11 with four runs scored and five RBI. She posted a .636 batting average and slugged .727.

Larsen, a freshman shortstop, batted .600 (6-for-10) with a triple in last week's action. She scored four runs and added three walks with three RBI. Larsen leads the team in RBI (20) and slugging percentage (.505), plus is hitting .326 overall.

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MEN'S LACROSSE HOSTS AMERICA EAST SEMIFINAL ON WEDNESDAY

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany will be the No. 2 seed for this week's America East Conference men's lacrosse championship tournament. The Great Danes captured a share of the conference's regular-season title with Saturday's 8-6 victory over Vermont. The America East champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament field.

Albany (8-5) will meet the third seed Stony Brook (5-9) in the tournament's semifinal round on Wednesday, April 30 at Varsity Field. Game time is 3:00 p.m. The Great Danes posted a 12-8 win over Stony Brook on April 12 during the regular schedule. The two teams met in last year's championship final, and the Seawolves came away with an 8-6 victory.

Hartford, the No. 1 seed with an 8-7 record, host fourth seed Vermont (5-7) in the other semifinal on April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in West Hartford, Conn. The two semifinal winners will meet for the championship on Saturday, May 3 at the highest remaining seed's home field.

The Great Danes, who have played four top-20 teams, including top-ranked Johns Hopkins, reeled off four straight victories to end the regular season. Sophomore attackman **Luke Daquino** (17 goals, 29 assists) and junior **Michael Solazzo** (28 goals, 5 assists) are the team's top scorers. Senior defenseman **Luke Smith** (44 ground balls) and goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** (10.39 GAA, .545 save percentage) lead the defense. -agate-

America East Conference Men's Lacrosse Championship

Wednesday, April 30, Semifinal Round

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#4 Vermont (5-7) at #1 Hartford (8-7), 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 3, Championship

(At Highest Remaining Seed's Home Field), TBA.

BASEBALL SPLITS AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE TWINBILL AT VERMONT

Burlington, Vt. – Right-hander **Steve Emmerthal** threw a one-hit shutout and **Dan Schoonmaker** belted a grand slam in the nightcap, as Albany split an America East Conference doubleheader with Vermont on Sunday afternoon at Centennial Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 4-0, but dropped the first, 6-5.

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ALBANY SPORTS 4-4-4

WOMEN'S GOLF FINISHES EIGHTH AT NORTHEAST INTERCOLLEGIATES

Amherst, Mass. – Sophomore **Diane Onofry** tied for 23rd place in the individual standings, as Albany finished eighth as a team at the Northeast Intercollegiate Women's Golf Championship on Sunday afternoon. The two-day tournament was held at Hickory Ridge and The Orchard golf courses.

Onofry posted a 36-hole score of 182 (88-94) and ended up in a tie with Boston University's Nicole Schiffer. Kori Goulet took medalist honors to lead Boston College to the team title. Goulet fired rounds of 77 and 73. UAlbany's **Jill Friedman** (96-90) and **Anne Lyons** (99-94) finished 26th and 33rd, respectively.

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Northeast Intercollgiate Women's Golf Championship

TEAM – 1. Boston College 656, 2. Boston University 700, 3. Amherst 712, 4. Wellesley 714, 5. Mount Holyoke 741, 6. Hartford 753, 7. St. Lawrence 755, 8. Albany 756, 9. Central Connecticut State 766, 10. (tie) Holy Cross and Bryant 787, 12. Cortland 811. Individual – 1. Kori Goulet (Boston College), 77-73—150, 2. Leah Johnson (Boston U.), 79-79—158, 3. Kara Solem (Mount Holyoke), 84-81—165.

Top UAlbany Finishers: T23. Diane Onofry 88-94—182, T26. Jill Friedman 96-90—186, 33. Anne Lyons 99-94—193, 43. Katie Wachtl 97-104—201, 54. Lauren Bruce 112-98—211.

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

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Albany (3-13, AE 2-3) 12 7 - 19 Binghamton (0-12, AE 0-5) 1 2 - 3

Albany – Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 4-0, Nikki Donohue 3-1, Jenn Rajczak 2-3, Andrea Esposito 2-1, Amanda Heller 2-0, Courtney Hill 1-2, Colleen Maresca 1-1, Theresa Masse 1-1, Alexis DiDomenico 1-1, Elizabeth Michalenko 1-0, Michelle Michalenko 1-0, Kristen Mathias 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (54:30, 7 saves, 3 GA), Nikki Donohue (5:30, 3 saves, 0 GA).

Binghamton – Scoring: Kristen Disch 2-0, Laura Gabbamonte 1-0, Allison Lak 0-1, Clodagh Harte 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Allison Steinberg (47:20, 11 saves, 13 GA), Danielle Zittel (21:40, 1 save, 6 GA).

SOFTBALL SWEEPS STONY BROOK IN A CONFERENCE DOUBLEHEADER

Albany, N.Y. – **Andrea Lindgren** fired her sixth shutout of the season in the opener and totaled four hits and five RBI on the day, as Albany swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Stony Brook on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the first game, 8-0, and the second, 8-1.

Lindgren posted her seventh consecutive victory on the mound in the first contest, as she improved her record to 14-3. The junior left-hander allowed two singles, struck out four and walked one in the five-inning affair.

Albany (26-6, AE 11-2) snapped a scoreless deadlock with a six-run fourth. Senior catcher **Stacy Kowal** singled through the right side to drive in the first run, before **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) delivered a RBI single. Lindgren ended the outburst with a two-run single to right field.

In the nightcap, Stony Brook (19-29, AE 6-8) took a 1-0 lead in its first at-bat on **Hayley Durham's** RBI single. The Great Danes, who have won 12 of their last 14 starts, scored twice in both the first and second to go ahead. Nolette tripled and scored on Lindgren's single up the middle. **Jess Kostenblatt** later lined a single through the left side to give her team the lead. **Ashley Rios** belted a two-run double into the right-field gap for a 4-1 advantage.

Albany shortstop **Maegan Larsen** collected four hits, scored a pair of runs and had one RBI in the twinbill. Nolette, a junior left fielder, finished with three hits and five runs. Right-hander **Kristin Couris** upped her record to 8-1 by scattering four hits and recording five strikeouts.

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(Game 1)

Stony Brook 000 - 0 2 3 Albany 000 62 - 8 10 1

(game ended with two outs in fifth due to 8-run rule)

Angela Andrews and Colleen McCarthy.

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Stony Brook (19-29, AE 6-8) 100 000 0 - 1 4 1 Albany (26-6, AE 11-2) 220 130 x - 8 11 1

Jessica Paparella and Stephanie McCarthy.

Kristin Couris and Ali Meacham.

Emmerthal threw the first shutout by an Albany hurler this season to even his record at 4-4 overall. He pitched to two batters over the minimum by allowing a third-inning double by **Bobby Tewksbury** and a first-inning walk. Emmerthal, who has three career shutouts, recorded six strikeouts.

Albany (15-21, AE 8-6) broke up a scoreless tie in the fifth. **Fred Estes** was hit by a pitch and **Brad Daniels** singled, before **Joe Lamb** was also hit by a pitched ball to load the bases with two outs. Schoonmaker then slugged his sixth home run of the season over the right-field fence.

In the opener, **Jason Carey** and **Jeff Barry** each drove in a pair of runs, as Vermont (19-8, AE 4-2) held on for the victory. The Catamounts built a 5-2 lead in the fourth on RBI singles by Carey, who had three hits, and left fielder **Kyle Brault**.

The Great Danes, who have won six of their last eight games, rallied in the seventh. **Kirt Zimniewicz** lined a two-run single to left field to close the gap to 6-5, but UVM reliever **Justin Bissonnette** earned his first save by striking out Estes to end the game. Albany catcher **Jason Martin** went 4-for-4 at the plate in the contest, and drove in a run in the first inning.

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(Game 1)

Albany 100 110 2 - 5 13 0 Vermont 210 201 x - 6 9 0

Adam Kroft, Roman Dubiel (6) and Jason Martin.

Jamie Merchant, Justin Bissonnette (7) and Nick Roberts.

(Game 2)

Albany (15-21, AE 8-6) 000 040 0 - 4 6 0 Vermont (19-8, AE 4-2) 000 000 0 - 0 1 2

Steve Emmerthal and Jason Martin.

Derek Miller, Jared Slater (7) and Nick Roberts.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE ENDS SEASON WITH 19-3 VICTORY AT BINGHAMTON

Vestal, N.Y. – Senior attacker **Maria Ferrucci** had four goals and tied the school's all-time scoring record in leading Albany to a 19-3 America East Conference victory over Binghamton on Sunday afternoon at East Gym Complex. The Great Danes, who snapped an eight-game losing streak, finished their season at 3-13 overall and 2-3 in the league.

Ferrucci, who tied Dawn's DiMicco career scoring mark with 182 points on 158 goals and 24 assists, converted back-to-back shots midway through the first half for an 8-1 lead. **Jenn Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville), who had two goals and three assists, set up Ferrucci on both goals, and then scored herself 10 seconds later.

The Great Danes, who had not found the win column since March 27th, and won on the road for the first time this season, built a 12-1 halftime lead. Senior attack **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs), who totaled two goals and one assist in her final game as a collegian, scored with three minutes left in the period.

Freshman **Nikki Donohue** had three goals, including two in the opening half, and added one assist. Ferrucci tallied her fourth goal of the game and 34th of the season to tie the UAlbany scoring record with 9:12 remaining in the contest. Binghamton's **Kristen Disch** scored twice, as the Bearcats fell to 0-12 overall and 0-5 in the conference.

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MEN'S LACROSSE EARNS SHARE OF AMERICA EAST REGULAR-SEASON TITLE Burlington, Vt. – Senior midfielder Chris Driscoll had two goals and two assists, as Albany earned a share of the America East Conference regular-season title with an 8-6 victory over Vermont on Saturday afternoon at Centennial Field.

Albany (8-5, AE 4-1) will be the No. 2 seed in next week's conference postseason tournament. The Great Danes, who posted four straight victories to finish the schedule, will host Stony Brook on Wednesday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the semifinal round.

Vermont (5-7, AE 2-3) took a 2-1 lead in the first quarter, when freshman attack **Mike Maher** converted a pass from **Mark Prior**. The Great Danes responded with five unanswered goals to take the lead for good.

Michael Solazzo ignited that run with his 28th goal of the season, before Sean Donnellan put his team ahead off a feed from Driscoll. Freshman Chris Martocchia, who had one goal and two assists, scored 27 seconds into the second period for a 4-2 lead. Brendan Russell followed his second goal of the game, and then Luke Daquino scored on an extra-man opportunity with 3:10 left before halftime.

Vermont trailed 7-3 early in the second half, but then rallied with straight goals. **Phil McKnight** and **R.J. Harrison** scored third-quarter goals, before Prior found the net with 13:54 remaining in the contest. Driscoll gave Albany a two-goal edge four minutes later and his team held on the rest of the way.

"We are happy to back in a situation where we have an opportunity to play for an NCAA tournament berth," said Albany coach **Scott Marr**, whose team won last year's regular-season title before losing the tournament championship final. "Our defensive play was the difference today. Defensemen Rick Malan and Chris Kivlen made big contributions off the bench with some of our starters out due to injuries."

Albany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made 14 saves, and stopped double-figure shots for the eighth time this season. UVM's Maher had two goals and one assist, while **Michael Gabel**, the nation's leader in save percentage, totaled 12 saves. -agate-

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

Albany – Scoring: Chris Driscoll 2-2, Brendan Russell 2-0, Chris Martocchia 1-2, Sean Donnellan 1-1, Michael Solazzo 1-0, Luke Daquino 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 14 saves, 6 GA).

Vermont – Scoring: Mike Maher 2-1, Mark Prior 1-1, Doug Moses 1-0, R.J. Harrison 1-0, Phil McKnight 1-0, Thomas Hajek 0-2; Goalkeeper(s): Michael Gabel (60:00, 12 saves, 8 GA).

TRACK FINISHES FIFTH IN IC4A 4x100 RELAY AT 109TH PENN RELAYS

Philadelphia Pa. – University at Albany's **Alix Rodriques** ran the anchor leg on the 4x100-meter relay, as his team finished fifth in the IC4A final at the 109th Penn Relays on Saturday afternoon at Franklin Field.

The Great Danes, who qualified for the championship race the previous day, improved their time by five-hundredths of a second to a season-best 41.93. The performance will place the group into the IC4A field on May 16-18 in Princeton, N.J. **Shamere Boland, Jesse Bennett** and **Rickardo Smith** are the other relay members. -agate-

109th Penn Relays

Men's 4x100 Relay – IC4A Final

1. Long Island 41.15, 2. West Virginia 41.29, 3. Pennsylvania 41.31, 4. Penn State 41.54, 5. Albany 41.93 (Shamere Boland, Jesse Bennett, Rickardo Smith, Alix Rodriques), 6. Pittsburgh 42.12, DQ – Lincoln, DNF – East Carolina.

UALBANY'S APRIL HANLEY WINS TWO FIELD EVENTS AT RPI INVITATIONAL

Troy, N.Y. – University at Albany's **April Hanley** (Schuylerville Central) was the meet's lone double-winner with victories in the discus and javelin at the RPI Invitational on Saturday afternoon at Harkness Field. Albany had eight men and six women win individual titles in this non-team scoring event.

Hanley won the discus with a mark of 107-feet, 9.50-inches, and threw the javelin 85-feet, 4-inches. **Nicole Pafundi** (Granville Central) was first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.19 seconds. Other UAlbany winners were **Heather Angel** (400-hurdles), **LaTrice Ewing** (200), **Trista Neinast** (1,500) and **Natasha Bermudez** (hammer).

In the men's competition, **Samuel Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville) finished first in the 1,500-meter run by beating out teammates **Andy Allstadt** and **Robbie Freeman**. Gonzalez covered the distance in 4:02.6. **Anthony Robibero** (Scotia-Glenville) was a winner in 110-hurdles in 15.77 seconds, while **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) took the 800 in 1:58.1.

Kenrick McBean sprinted 11.53 seconds to place first in the 100-meter dash. He was among five other men's winners, including **Bryant Cherry-Woode** (3,000-steeplechase), **Brandon Howlett** (discus), **Dan DiRenzo** (high jump) and **Chris Pierson** (400-hurdles).

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TRACK & FIELD HOSTS WET RPI INVITATIONAL

On a wet, soggy day, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) track & field teams hosted student-athletes from the University of Albany, Union College, Southern Vermont College, Vassar College and others in the Annual RPI Invitational at Ned Harkness Track & Field. Surprisingly, all of the scheduled events were held with the exception of the pole vault.

UAlbany's April Hanley was the only multiple winner as she finished first in both the discus (32.85 meters) and the javelin (26.00 meters). The Great Danes had the most individual event winners with 15, followed by Rensselaer (7), Union (5), Vassar (2) and Southern Vermont (1). Two unattached participants also won events. Additionally, RPI and Union had two relay victories.

Below are the winners by event:

EVENT	MEN	RESULT	WOMEN	RESULT
100m dash	Kenrick McBean (ALB)	11.53	Nicole Pafundi (ALB)	13.19
200m dash	Tim Kachur (unattached	23.81	LaTrice Ewing (ALB)	27.44
400m dash	Tom Purcell (UNI)	1:00.6	Alysia Evanitsky (RPI)	1:00.8
800m run	Gerard Burns (ALB)	1:58.1	Alyssa Coffey (RPI)	2:22.8
1500m run	Samuel Gonzalez (ALB)	4:02.6	Trista Neinast (ALB)	5:07.4
5000m run	Steve Money (VAS)	15:35.2	Nilly Buchsbaum (VAS)	20:04.5
	Anthony Robibero (ALE	3) 15.77	Kaity Elias (UNI)	18.29
400m hurdles	Chris Pierson (ALB)	0:59.3		1:11.5
3000m steeple	Bryant Cherry-Woode (A	LB)10:13.4	Lisa Capomaccio (UNI)	12:25.8
4x100m relay	Union	46.32	Union	55.27
4x400m relay	Rensselaer A	unavailable	Rensselaer B	unavailable
High Jump	Dan DiRenzo (ALB)	5'10"	Ashley Rinear (UNI)	4'6"
Long Jump	Matt Dubois (SVC)	6.43m	Cara Rosato (RPI)	4.89m
Triple Jump	Tom Schneider (RPI)	12.79m	Katie Fredlund (RPI)	10.16m
	Justin Sievert (UNI)	15.02m	Alexis Bowens (ALB)	11.40m
Discus	Bill Monette (unattached		April Hanley (ALB)	32.85m
122 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	Mike Johnson (RPI)	50.50m	Natasha Bermudez (ALB)	40.90m
Javelin	Jim Motzkin (RPI)	52.21m	April Hanley (ALB)	26.00m

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SOFTBALL TAKES TWO FROM VERMONT IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – **Andrea Lindgren** recorded a three-hit shutout, her fifth of the season, in the opener, and Albany went on to sweep Vermont in an America East Conference doubleheader on Friday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the first game, 1-0, and the second, 9-1.

Lindgren, who registered her sixth straight win on the mound, upped her record to 13-3 this spring. The junior left-hander struck out 10 and walked one, but had to work out of last-inning jam. Following an error by the left fielder and a walk, Vermont (5-21, AE 3-15) had runners at second and third with one out. But Lindgren forced **Asleigh Veins** to pop out to the catcher and **Christine Toomey** to ground out to end the contest for her 15th complete-game effort.

The Great Danes, who have won 10 of their last 12 starts, produced the game's lone run in the first inning. **Liz Wieboldt** lined a one-out double and later scored on **Ashley Rios'** sacrifice fly to left field.

In the nightcap, Albany (24-6, AE 9-2) scored four times in the first and third innings. Rios plated two runs with a triple to right field, and then later came across on **Maegan Larsen's** fielder's choice RBI. In the fourth, catcher **Ali Meacham** cleared the bases with a double to the base of the fence in left field. Junior pitcher **Kristen Couris** went four strong innings to improve her record to 7-1, while **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) singled twice and scored a pair of runs.

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Angie Totaro and Samantha Chase.

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Vermont (5-21, AE 3-15) 001 00 - 1 6 2 Albany (24-6, AE 9-2) 404 1x - 9 7 0

(game ended in fifth due to eight-run rule)

Kara Massey and Samantha Chase.

Kristin Couris, Danielle Buyea (5) and Ali Meacham.

MORE

TRACK FINISHES THIRD IN CTC 4x400 RELAY AT 109TH PENN RELAYS

Philadelphia Pa. – **Joel Vazquez** (Amsterdam) helped Albany finish third in the CTC 4x400-meter relay with an IC4A-qualifying time at the 109th Penn Relays on Friday afternoon at Franklin Field.

The Great Danes posted a time of 3:16.96 to qualify the group for the IC4A Championships on May 16-18 in Princeton, N.J. Other relay members were **Stephen Evans**, **Jeremiah Wilson** and **Rich Villanueva**.

Albany also reached Saturday's men's 4x100 relay final with a season-best time. The Great Danes, who were fourth in their heat in 41.98 seconds, moved on to the nine-team championship race. **Shamere Boland**, **Jesse Bennett**, **Rickardo Smith** and **Alix Rodriquez** make up the relay unit.

Jennifer Aubin (Saratoga Springs) finished seventh among 22 competitors in the women's eastern triple jump with a leap of 39-feet, 8-inches. Teresa Covert was sixth in the first heat of the 100-meter hurdles with a season-best time of 13.63 seconds. Covert ran 13.66 at the North Carolina State's Raleigh Relays in March. Paul Roche (Niskayuna) placed 15th in the men's long jump with a mark of 22-feet, 0.25-inches. -agate-

109th Penn Relays

Men's 4x100 Relay – Heat #2

1. Mississippi State 40.17, 2. St. Augustine's 41.03, 3. East Carolina 41.11, 4. Albany 41.98 (Shamere Boland, Jesse Bennett, Rickardo Smith, Alix Rodriques), 5. Cornell 42.08, 6. Northeastern 42.17, 7. Findlay 42.29, 8. New Jersey City 45.19, DNF – Miami, Fla.

Women's Eastern Triple Jump

1. Biaunca McFarland (Buffalo) 40-11.50, 2. Alecia Watson (Lehman) 40-10.50, 3. Alina Abramova (St. John's 40-09.75, 4. Tunisia Lacy (Shippensburg) 40-04.75, 5. Dionne Thomas (Yale) 40-01.25, 6. Jessica Gilbert (Delaware State) 39-10.50, 7. Jennifer Aubin (Albany) 39-08, 8. Andrea Gardner (Connecticut), 39-05, 9. Joanne Uwujaren (Navy) 38-04.25, 10. Edith Lewis (Temple) 38-03.5.

Women's 100-Meter Hurdles - Heat #1

- 1. Danielle Carruthers (Indiana) 13.34, 2. Molly Logan (Ohio State) 13.43, 3. Ranysha LeBlanc (Louisiana State) 13.47, 4. Melaine Walker (Essex C.C.) 13.50, 5. Ashlee Williams (Texas) 13.55, 6. Teresa Covert (Albany) 13.63, 7. Opal Jones (Syracuse) 13.72, 8. Tamara McGill (Pittsburgh) 13.82, 9. Brandi Hogan (Ohio State) 13.84. Men's CTC 4x400 Relay
- 1. Rowan 3:14.94, 2. Montclair State 3:15.44, 3. Albany 3:16.96 (Stephen Evans, Joel Vazquez, Jeremiah Wilson, Rich Villanueva), 4. C.W. Post 3:23.37, 5. Sacred Heart 3:24.38, 6. William Paterson 3:25.00, 7. CCNY 3:31.10, 8. Medgar Evers 3:32.86, 9. Adelphi 3:37.87.

WOMEN'S TENNIS ELIMINATED AT AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

New Haven, Conn. – **Alexis Brill** and **Kristin Jobe** won in singles and doubles play, as Binghamton defeated Albany, 4-0, in the opening round of the America East Conference Women's Tennis Championships on Friday at the Connecticut Tennis Center.

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

Brill won in straight sets at fourth singles over Albany's **Krista Babiarz**, while Jobe upended **Alex Berley**, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 5 singles. Brill also teamed with Amy Weissberg for an 8-2 pro-set triumph as second doubles. Jobe and partner **Amy Linda** posted an 8-1 victory at third doubles, as the Bearcats earned the doubles point in this team-match format. Three singles matches and one in doubles were suspended in progress when the overall team score had been decided.

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America East Conference Women's Tennis Championships (Connecticut Tennis Center, New Haven, Conn.)

First Round -- #2 Binghamton 4, #7 Albany 0
Singles (one team point for each win)
#4-Alexis Brill (Binghamton) def. Krista Babiarz (Albany), 6-0, 6-1
#5-Kristin Jobe (Binghamton) def. Alex Berley (Albany), 6-1, 6-1
#6-Amy Linda (Binghamton) def. Reeba Miller (Albany), 6-0, 6-0
Others (did not finish due to team match decided)
#1-Justina Hakimi (Binghamton) led Violeta Petijevic (Albany), 6-0, 3-5 (DNF)
#2-Courtney Michels (Albany) led Janine Sadaka (Binghamton), 6-2, 1-2 (DNF)
#3-Amy Weissberg (Binghamton) led Marisa Berley (Albany), 6-1, 4-0 (DNF)
#1-Hakimi/Sadaka (Binghamton) led Petijevic/M. Berley (Albany), 7-5 (DNF)
Doubles (one team point for best two-of-three)
#2-Weissberg/Brill (Binghamton) def. Michels/A. Berley (Albany), 8-2
#3-Jobe/Linda (Binghamton) def. Babiarz/Miller (Albany), 8-1
#1-Hakimi/Sadaka (Binghamton) led Petijevic/M. Berley (Albany), 7-5 (DNF)

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BASEBALL -- Le Moyne 6, Albany 5 (11 innings)

Albany, N.Y. - Second baseman **Sam Parkins** led off the top of the 11th inning with his fourth home run of the year to propel Le Moyne to a 6-5 victory over Albany in a non-conference game on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (14-20) pitcher **Roman Dubiel**, who entered in the eighth with a runner on second, had retired nine in-a-row heading into the 11th, before Parkins belted a solo shot over the fence in left-center field to give the Dolphins a 6-5 lead. Parkins went 2-for-5 with two runs scored.

Nick Marascia relieved **Andy Weimer** to get the final three and earn his first save. Weiner, who went 2.2 innings and retired every batter he faced, recorded five strikeouts in gaining his sixth victory of the season.

Le Moyne (19-10) jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the second, two of which came on a home run by **Bryan Frisbee**, who went 2-for-3 at the plate. The Great Danes cut the lead in half when **Dan Schoonmaker**, who had three RBI and a run scored, hit his fifth homer of the year in the bottom of the third.

Albany trailed 5-2 entering the bottom of the fifth but scratched out a run in the fifth and two in the sixth to tie the game. **Fred Estes** went 3-for-5 with a run scored, while **Tony Vallone** and **Joe Lamb** each added RBI.

Eddie Harper had two hits and two RBI for the Dolphins, who extended their winning streak to 11 straight.

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Le Moyne (19-10) 040 100 000 01 - 6 9 2 Albany (14-20) 002 012 000 00 - 5 8 4

Mark Thompson, Michael Falasca (4), Chad Sidmore (5), Craig Soja (6), Andy Weimer (8), Nick Marascia (11) and Tony Woods.

Nick Murphy, Ethan Vaiana (2), Mike Mueller (5), Ryan Sullivan (7), Roman Dubiel (8) and Fred Estes.

WOMEN'S 4x100 RELAY POSTS ECAC-QUALIFYING TIME AT PENN RELAYS

Philadelphia, Pa. – University at Albany's **Tequirra Cox** anchored the women's 4x100-meter relay to a sixth-place finish in its heat with an ECAC-qualifying time at the 109th Penn Relays on Thursday afternoon at Franklin Field.

Cox and her teammates, **Jillian Sherman** (Academy of the Holy Names), **Teresa Covert** and **Anna-Kay Campbell**, reached the finish line in 47.66 seconds. The relay's time was 19-hundredths of a second off the school record set in 1999. The ECAC Championships are May 16-18 in Princeton, N.J.

The Great Danes finished second in the women's CTC 4x400 relay, and were less than one second behind Stony Brook. **Dinnah Decatus** ran the final leg on a unit that was clocked in 3:57.51. **Tracy Estriplet**, **Ricshara Knight** and **Rebecca Vannoy** were the other relay members.

Jennifer Aubin (Saratoga Springs) and **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) will be action on Friday in the women's triple jump and men's long jump, respectively.

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109th Penn Relays

Women's 4x100 Relay - Heat #5

1. Miami, Fla. 45.27, 2. Florida 45.71, 3. Pittsburgh 47.03, 4. Middle Tennessee State 47.24, 5. Connecticut 47.41, 6. Albany 47.66 (Jillian Sherman, Teresa Covert, Anna-Kay Campbell, Tequirra Cox), 7. St. John's 48.44, 8. West Chester 49.84, 9. Kean (NJ), 50.34.

Women's CTC 4x400 Relay

1. Stony Brook 3:56.73, 2. Albany 3:57.51 (Tracy Estriplet, Ricshara Knight, Rebecca Vannoy, Dinnah Decatus), 3. Medgar Evers 3:59.26, 4. Sacred Heart 3:59.29, 5. Southern Connecticut State 4:00.56, 6. Kean (NJ) 4:06.29, 7. New Haven 4:07.48, 8. C.W. Post 4:08.54.

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MEN'S LACROSSE – Albany 14, Siena 2

Albany, N.Y. – **Michael Solazzo** tied a career-high with four goals and **Luke Daquino** added two goals and five assists, as Albany won its third straight with a 14-2 non-league victory over Siena on Tuesday afternoon in the Great Danes' home regular-season finale at Varsity Field.

Albany (7-5) used a four-goal third quarter to break away after leading 4-2 at halftime. Daquino, who tied a career-high with seven points, had three assists in the period. He fed Solazzo in transition following a turnover, before finding **Chris Martocchia** on the left side after a failed clear.

The Great Danes then scored twice in a 38-second span for an 8-2 lead. Senior midfielder **Chris Driscoll** picked up a ground ball and then sent a low shot past Siena goalkeeper **John Bamford**. Freshman **Jim Stankard** followed with a shot from the top of the crease with 4:20 left in the quarter.

Daquino, who is seventh among the NCAA Division I leaders in assists at 2.43 per game, had a hand in each of his team's three goals over the opening three minutes of the final period. He hit an open net when defenseman **Luke Smith** disrupted a clearing attempt at midfield with 13:55 remaining. The sophomore attackman then set up Solazzo's fourth goal of the game, before giving the Great Danes an 11-2 cushion with a shot that went inside the left post.

Tom Nally scored a pair of goals for Siena, who fell to 1-10 overall. Bamford, a freshman, finished with 17 saves. Albany's Driscoll finished with two goals and one assist, while Martocchia scored twice. Goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made 10 saves in three-plus quarters between the pipes.

-agate-

Siena (1-10) 2 0 - 2 Albany (7-5) 4 10 - 14

Siena – Scoring: Tom Nally 2-0, Matt Walsh 0-1, Christopher Padden 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): John Bamford (60:00, 17 saves, 14 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Michael Solazzo 4-0, Luke Daquino 2-5, Chris Driscoll 2-1, Chris Martocchia 2-0, Daniel Orlowski 1-1, Bobby Gabriel 1-0, Jim Stankard 1-0, Jeremy Smith 1-0, Luke Smith 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (50:34, 10 saves, 2 GA), Chris Gill (9:26, 3 saves, 0 GA).

MORE

WOMEN'S LACROSSE – Hofstra 13, Albany 2

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman midfielder **Becky Thorn** had three goals and one assist in leading Hofstra to a 13-2 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Pride, who have won four of their five starts, improved to 8-6 on the season.

Albany (2-13) took an early 1-0 lead, when **Andrea Esposito** drove from the behind the cage to score her 13th goal of the year. Hofstra regrouped with four goals over the next eleven minutes to go ahead for good.

Melissa Hedrick, a senior midfielder who had one goal and four assists, scored unassisted to put her team in front with 18:55 left in the period. **Kathleen Mikowski**, the nation's second-leading scorer, and Thorn followed by connecting on back-to-back shots in a 38-second stretch for a 4-1 lead.

The Pride, who held an 8-1 halftime advantage, stretched their margin in the opening 10 minutes of the final half. Thorn converted in transition off a feed from Hedrick, and then later found **Heather Albro** on the top of the crease. Thorn added her 34th goal of the season for a commanding 10-1 lead with 20:58 to play.

Mikowski, the school's all-time scoring leader with 232 points, finished with two goals and one assist, while sophomore attack **Jen Maget** added a pair of goals. Albany's **Ashley Heilmann** scored in the second half, and goalkeeper **Amanda Heller** made nine saves.

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Hofstra (8-6) 8 5 - 13 Albany (2-13) 1 1 - 2

Hofstra – Scoring: Becky Thorn 3-1, Kathleen Mikowski 2-1, Jen Maget 2-0, Melissa Hedrick 1-4, Jill Wienecke 1-1, Lindsay Dieringer 1-1, Tara Buecker 1-0, Jamie Rabuano 1-0, Heather Albro 1-0, Caitlin Connolly 0-2, Bridget Eder 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Greene (30:00, 2 saves, 1 GA), Lisa Papa (30:00, 3 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Andrea Esposito 1-0, Ashley Heilmann 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (60:00, 9 saves, 13 GA).

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LUKE DAQUINO NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Luke Daquino** has been named the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. He shared the honor with Hartford's Travis Eckler.

Daquino tied a season-high with six points (3 goals, 3 assists) in last Saturday's 12-11 win over Quinnipiac. The Great Danes secured a conference tournament postseason berth with the victory.

Daquino, a sophomore attackman, recorded six or more points in a game for the fifth time in his career. He is second among the America East scoring leaders at 3.45 points per game and leads the league in assists. Daquino has 14 goals and 24 assists on the season.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S LAX DOUBLEHEADER AT VARSITY FIELD ON TUESDAY

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany lacrosse teams will play a home doubleheader at Varsity Field on Tuesday, April 22. The Albany men face crosstown-rival Siena at 1:00 p.m. The women entertain Hofstra at 4:00 p.m. Fifteen seniors (nine men and six women) will be making their final home regular-season appearance.

KYLE THOMAS CHOSEN AMERICA EAST BASEBALL CO-ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – Freshman right-hander **Kyle Thomas** has been chosen the America East Conference Co-Rookie of the Week in baseball, as announced today by the conference office. He shared the award with Northeastern's Chris Emanuele.

Thomas went 2-0 on the mound with a 2.38 earned run average in a pair of conference victories last week. He scattered six hits, struck out six and walked two in a 6-3 win over Northeastern on April 14. The Oneonta, N.Y. native went 6.1 innings in last Saturday's 2-1 victory against Binghamton. Thomas, who evened his record at 3-3, allowed five hits and recorded four strikeouts.

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MEN'S LACROSSE - Albany 12, Quinnipiac 11

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore attack **Luke Daquino** had three goals and three assists, as Albany held on for a 12-11 America East Conference victory over Quinnipiac on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field. The Great Danes, who were playing on their home field for the first time this season, clinched a berth in the conference's postseason tournament later this month.

Quinnipiac (2-10, AE 1-4) reversed a 6-5 halftime deficit, when **Andy Pelletier** and **John Giordano** scored back-to-back early in the third quarter. Giordano, a senior who totaled a season-high five goals, converted an extra-man opportunity from the right side with 9:57 left in the period.

Albany (6-5, AE 3-1) rallied with three consecutive goals in a two-minute span midway through the quarter. **Michael Solazzo** put his team ahead for good at 8-7, when he connected off a pass from behind by **Sean Donnellan**, who had one goal and two assists. Sophomore **Brendan Russell** ended the outburst as he fired a low shot from 18 yards away past Quinnipiac goalkeeper **T.J. Barnett**.

Freshman **Chris Martocchia**, who had three goals and one assists, helped the Great Danes build an 11-8 lead after three periods. He found the left side of the net off a failed clear with five seconds left on a man-advantage, and then tallied another extraman goal off a pass over the top of the cage by Daquino.

The Bobcats, who have seven freshmen in their starting lineup, closed within one goal on two occasions in the fourth quarter. Giordano scored his fifth goal of the game and 17th of the season during a man-advantage opportunity with 5:07 to play. However, the Great Danes made effective use of the clock down the stretch to stay in front.

Quinnipiac's Pelletier finished with three goals and two assists. Albany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** made a season-high 18 saves, while Solazzo and Russell each scored a pair of goals.

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Quinnipiac (2-10, AE 1-4) 1 4 3 3 - 11 Albany (6-5, AE 3-1) 2 4 5 1 - 12

Quinnipiac – Scoring: John Giordano 5-0, Andy Pelletier 3-2, Chip Schmidt 1-2, Josh Murray 1-1, Mike Stottler 1-0, Jon Heller 0-1, Leigh DePace 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): T.J. Barnett (45:00, 10 saves, 11 GA), Joe Prota (15:00, 6 saves, 1 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Luke Daquino 3-3, Chris Martocchia 3-1, Michael Solazzo 2-0, Brendan Russell 2-0, Sean Donnellan 1-2, Tim Primrose 1-0, Matthew Green 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 18 saves, 11 GA).

BASEBALL SWEEPS FOUR-GAME WEEKEND SERIES FROM BINGHAMTON

Colonie, N.Y. - Junior third baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** hit a one-out double in the nightcap's fifth inning to break a 1-1 tie, as Albany swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Binghamton on Saturday afternoon at Heritage Park. The Great Danes took the first game, 6-1, and captured the second, 2-1.

Albany (14-19, AE 7-5) completed a four-game conference weekend sweep for the first time since joining America East last year. The Great Danes, who have captured seven of their last eight league contests, also won a pair of games on Friday, 11-9 and 14-2.

Albany broke a scoreless tie in the fourth when **Derek DeGrazio** tripled to center field to drive in **Kirt Zimniewicz**. Binghamton (6-24-1, AE 0-8) drew even an inning later on a RBI single by **Matt Caputo**. In the bottom of the fifth, **Joe Lamb** walked to lead off the inning and then went to second on a sacrifice bunt by **Brendan Chiavaro**. Schoonmaker then laced a 1-1 offering from **Mike Weglinski** to the wall in left field to give his team a 2-1 lead.

Starting pitcher **Kyle Thomas** went the first 6.1 innings, allowing one run on five hits while striking out four to even his record at 3-3. Reliever **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) came on in the seventh and recorded the final two outs to earn his second save.

In the opener, Lamb went 3-for-4 with a home run and drove in two runs and Chiavaro added two hits and two RBI. Albany snapped a 1-1 deadlock in third, as Lamb led off the frame with his fifth homer of the year and second in as many days. Jason Martin, who had two hits, then lined a double down the right-field line for a 3-1 lead. Right-hander **Jeff Mazzola** went the distance, allowing an unearned run on four hits while striking out eight to pick up his second win of the season.

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Jeff Mazzola and Fred Estes.

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Mike Weglinski and Kyle Loucks.

Kyle Thomas, Shawn Ryan (7) and Jason Martin.

SOFTBALL SPLITS AMERICA EAST DOUBLEHEADER WITH MAINE

Orono, Maine – Junior left fielder **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) drove in a pair of runs and pitcher Andrea Lindgren recorded her 12th victory of the season in the nightcap, as Albany split an America East Conference doubleheader with Maine on Saturday afternoon at Mike Kessock Field. The Great Danes won the second contest, 5-3, but dropped the opener, 3-0.

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

In game two, Albany (22-6, AE 7-2) took a 1-0 lead in the third inning when Maegan Larsen doubled in Nolette, who had led off with a single. The Great Danes picked up two more runs in the fourth on **Stacy Kowal's** RBI double and a run-scoring single by Nolette.

Maine (15-15, AE 5-5) closed the gap to 3-2 in the bottom of the fourth. Brittany Cheney doubled and later scored, while left fielder **Erin Provost** produced another run with a two-bagger to center field.

The Great Danes, who have won eight of their last 10 games, added two needed insurance runs in the fifth. **Ashley Rios** lined a RBI single to right field, before Nolette scored another run with a ground out to second base. Lindgren worked out of mild trouble in the sixth and seventh to improve to 12-3 on the mound. She struck out five and walked two.

In the first game, **Jenna Merchant** fired a three-hit shutout to even her record at 8-8 overall. The sophomore right-hander recorded five strikeouts and one walk. Merchant also helped herself at the plate by driving in a pair of runs. She had a sacrifice fly in the third and a RBI single in the fifth.

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(Game 1)

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Danielle Buyea, Kristin Couris (4) and Ali Meacham.

Jenna Merchant and Lindsay Tibbets.

(Game 2)

Albany (22-6, AE 7-2) 001 202 0 - 5 8 1 Maine (16-16, AE 5-5) 000 201 0 - 3 7 2

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

Sarah Bennis, Jenna Merchant (6) and Amanda Stevens.

JOEL VAZQUEZ WINS 400-METER HURDLES AT UCONN MEN'S TRACK MEET Storrs, Conn. – Joel Vazquez (Amsterdam) won the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with an IC4A-qualifying time, as Albany finished third in a five-school meet on Saturday afternoon at the University of Connecticut's George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex.

Vazquez sprinted 53.50 seconds to finish ahead of a pair of Dartmouth runners and qualify for the IC4A championships in May. Ahmad Abdur-Rahim was second in 54.01, while his teammate Jeff Guenette finished in 54.07. Vazquez also ran the first leg on the winning 4x400-meter relay that hit the tape in 3:17.81. **Nelson English** (Guilderland), **Stephen Evans** and **Aggrey Morris** were also on the unit.

Brandon Howlett and **Kristof Molnar** earned a pair of second-place finishes in the discus and 1,500, respectively. Howlett, who had already qualified for IC4As in the event, threw a season-best 163-feet, 3-inches.

Tim Best (Granville Central) and **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) were among seven athletes who placed third in their respective events. Best had his best throw of the season in the javelin with a mark of 183-10, while Roche cleared the high jump bar at 6-4. **Galen Gomes** (Shaker) went 45-6.50 in the triple jump.

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Team: 1. Connecticut 150, 2. Brown 104, 3. Albany 82, 4. Dartmouth 57.50, Massachusetts 34.50.

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JENNIFER AUBIN QUALIFIES FOR NCAA EAST REGIONALS IN TRIPLE JUMP Storrs, Conn. – University at Albany's Jennifer Aubin (Saratoga Springs) qualified for the NCAA East Regional in winning the triple jump competition at the UConn Women's Track & Field Invitational on Friday afternoon at George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex.

Aubin broke her own school record for the third straight week with a leap of 40-feet, 11-inches, and qualified for the NCAA regional meet on May 30-31 in Fairfax, Va. She finished ahead of Connecticut's Andrea Goudine, who posted a mark of 40-05. Aubin, a junior who transferred from Rhode Island, was also seventh in the long jump (18-00.25).

The Great Danes, who finished sixth among the seven competing schools in the team standings, established four additional school records on the day. **Diane Matthews** was fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:15.44. **Alexis Bowens** threw 41-feet, 7.25-inches to place fifth in the shot put. **Megan Howell** bettered the existing UAlbany record by nearly 20 seconds in running 11:39.22 to take sixth in the 3000-meter steeplechase. **Kristen O'Brien** tied her own pole vault record, as she cleared the bar at 10-feet even.

Teresa Covert was second in the 100-meter dash, as she sprinted 12.40 seconds. Connecticut's Antonio Cadore nipped her at the finish line by one-hundredths of a second. Covert was also third in the triple jump with a personal-best 39-11.25. Patricia Diedrich placed second in the 100-hurdles as she was clocked in 14.91. -agate-

UConn Women's Track & Field Invitational

Team: 1. Connecticut 183, 2. Dartmouth 144.50, 3. Brown 140, 4. Massachusetts 100, 5. Rhode Island 91, 6. Albany 79.50, 7. Southern Connecticut State 32.

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ALBANY EVENS CONFERENCE RECORD WITH DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP

Colonie, N.Y. -- Junior left fielder **Brendan Chiavaro** had four hits and scored six times, as Albany swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Binghamton on Friday afternoon at Heritage Park. The Great Danes, who improved to 6-1 at home, held on in the first game, 11-9, and won the nightcap handily, 14-2.

Albany (12-19, AE 5-5) jumped all over Binghamton starter **Mark Messina** in the first inning of the second game, scoring eight of their nine runs before he was chased. **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central), who had four hits, three runs and three RBI, led off with a single and advanced to second on a **Joe Lamb's** sacrifice bunt. After Chiavaro reached on an error and **Jason Martin** walked, **Dan Schoonmaker**, who stretched his hitting streak to 10 straight games, laced a triple to the gap in right center to clear the bases and give Albany an early 3-0 lead. In his second at bat in the inning, Vallone drove home two with a single to left field, before scoring on Lamb's fourth home run of the year.

The Great Danes, who batted around twice in the game, added four more runs in the fifth with the big blow coming on a bases loaded single by **Brad Daniels**, who went 3-for-4 with four RBI in the nightcap. Junior right-hander **Steve Emmerthal** tossed his second straight complete game, allowing two runs and striking out a season-high 12 batters to improve his record to 3-4.

In the opener, Martin went 3-for-3 with a RBI and three runs scored, while Chiavaro reached home plate four times, as Albany scored in all but one inning in picking up the victory. After Binghamton cut the lead to 6-5 with a five-run fourth, the Great Danes responded with three runs in the bottom of the inning, two of which came on a Chiavaro double to right field. **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) went the distance to win his third contest of the year. Schoonmaker, who drove in six runs on the day, and **Kirt Zimniewicz** each added two RBI.

Right fielder **Tony Beruve** and third baseman **Jay Balback** each had four hits in the doubleheader for the Bearcats, who fall to 6-22-1 overall and 0-6 in the conference. The Great Danes have won five of their last six league games.

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(Game 1)

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JD Brink, Josh Fuerst (6) and Kyle Loucks.

Adam Kroft and Jason Martin.

(Game 2)

Binghamton (6-22-1, AE 0-6) 000 101 0 - 2 9 4 Albany (12-19, AE 5-5) 900 140 x - 14 16 0

Mark Messina, Tom Gaube (1), Phil Artonio (5) and Kyle Loucks.

Steve Emmerthal and Jason Martin.

UALBANY SOFTBALL GOES OVER THE 20-WIN MARK WITH SWEEP OF MAINE

Orono, Maine – Junior pitcher **Andrea Lindgren** won her fourth straight game and earned her third save of the year, as Albany swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Maine on Friday afternoon at Kessock Field. The Great Danes took the opener, 4-2, and rallied to win the nightcap, 5-2.

Albany (21-5, AE 6-1) took a 3-2 lead in the top of the sixth of the nightcap when **Ashley Rios** plated **Carly Isaacs** with a RBI single. **Jess Kostenblatt** also had a runscoring single for the Great Danes, who crossed the plate four times in the frame. Lindgren went the distance to earn her 11th win against three losses, as she allowed two unearned runs and struck out eight. Left fielder **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) drove in a pair of runs in the victory.

In the first game, Lindgren came on in relief of starter **Kristin Couris** in the sixth inning to record the final six outs. She picked up the save by forcing **Molly McKinney** to ground out to end the game.

Albany's **Liz Wieboldt** singled and scored on a wild pitch to break a 1-1 tie in the third. Lindgren, who also had a RBI, later came home on a throwing error by the center fielder. **Leslie Busch's** infield single in the fourth pushed across another run for a 4-1 lead.

Brittany Cheney and **Nikki Taylor** had three hits in the doubleheader for the Black Bears, who fell to 15-15 and 4-4 in conference.

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(Game 1)

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Kristin Couris, Andrea Lindgren (6) and Ali Meacham.

Jenna Merchant and Lindsay Tibbets.

(Game 2)

Albany (21-5, AE 6-1) 000 014 0 - 5 5 2 Maine (15-15, AE 4-4) 020 000 0 - 2 7 3

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

Sarah Bennis and Amanda Stevens.

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore attack **Jess Burnap** had four goals and three assists and **Jessie Groszkowski** became the school's career goals leader, as New Hampshire remained unbeaten in America East Conference play with a 20-8 victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at Varsity Field.

New Hampshire (2-10, AE 2-0) jumped out to a 9-1 lead midway through the first half. Burnap, who scored twice in that stretch, ignited a run of seven unanswered goals, when she converted a pass from Groszkowski off a draw control. **Katie Leland** finished off that outburst with back-to-back goals, including a free-position shot with 13:56 left before halftime.

Albany (2-12, AE 1-3) tallied consecutive goals by **Jenn Rajczak** and **Courtney Hill** to close the gap to 9-3 two minutes later. But the Wildcats ripped off three straight to take firm control. Junior attack **Kelly Blaney**, who had three goals and one assists, netted a pair in that spurt.

Groszkowski, last year's America East player of the year, finished with three goals and two assists, and set UNH's all-time record with 157 career goals. She leads the conference with 33 goals on the season. Leland, a freshman midfielder, scored three times and assisted on another goal.

Maria Ferrucci and Rajczak each had two goals and one assist for the Great Danes, who saw their losing streak extended to seven straight.

-agate-

New Hampshire (2-10, AE 2-0) 13 7 - 20 Albany (2-12, AE 1-3) 4 4 - 8

New Hampshire – Scoring: Jess Burnap 4-3, Jessie Groszkowski 3-2, Kelly Blaney 3-1, Katie Leland 3-1, Laura Dosdall 2-2, Bronwyn Leto 2-0, Kristin Blanchette 2-0, Jill Albee 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Danielle Martin (30:00, 3 saves, 4 GA), Julie Bevard (30:00, 3 saves, 4 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Jenn Rajczak 2-1, Maria Ferrucci 2-1, Nikki Donohue 2-0, Courtney Hill 1-0, Alexis DiDomenico 1-0, Erin Pemrick 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (60:00, 10 saves, 20 GA).

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JAMAL HUGHES SIGNS TO PLAY BASKETBALL FOR GREAT DANES

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany men's basketball coach Will Brown announced today that **Jamal Hughes** has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Great Danes in 2003-04.

Hughes, a 6-foot-8, 215-pound forward/center from Rochester, N.Y., averaged 8.2 points and 6.8 rebounds as a freshman at The Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kansas. Hughes, who will have three years of eligibility remaining, was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Region VI All-Division II first team.

Hughes, who also shot 53.5 percent from the field, helped Brown Mackie capture the NJCAA Region VI championship. He had 15 points and 19 rebounds in a 90-80 triple-overtime loss to Rose State in the District I final.

"Jamal adds much needed size and athleticism, and his recruitment addresses one of our weaknesses in terms of rebounding," Brown commented. "He is a much better offensive player than his statistics would indicate. His three years of eligibility is an added bonus coupled with the fact that it is always nice to add a New York State high school product to our program."

Hughes was an all-league and all-city performer at Edison Tech High School, where he averaged 12.0 points and 7.0 rebounds per game as a senior. He and current Niagara University standout James Reaves led their team to a 17-4 record and a state semifinal appearance.

UAlbany previously signed Jon lati, a 5-foot-9, 150-pound guard from York, Pa. (York Catholic H.S.) and Todd Martin, a 6-foot-7, 220-pound forward from Upland, Calif. (Upland H.S.) during the early recruiting period last November.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Hamilton, N.Y. – Sophomore midfielder **Kim Corcoran** scored three of her four goals in the second half to lead Colgate to its fifth straight win with a 16-7 non-league victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at Tyler's Field.

Albany (2-11) reversed a 5-2 deficit midway through the opening period with four consecutive goals. **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs) tallied the first of her two goals to tie the contest. **Alexis DiDomenico** finished off that run to put her team ahead.

Colgate (9-5) regrouped with two goals in the final minute of the stanza to take a 7-6 halftime lead. Junior midfielder **Becky Ortolano** scored unassisted, before Corcoran converted a free-position opportunity with six seconds remaining.

The Raiders dominated the second half, scoring three times in the opening nine minutes of the period. **Eden Haladay's** fired in a shot that gave her team a four-goal lead. **Katie McVeigh**, who had three goals and one assist, would later net a pair of unassisted goals for a 12-7 advantage.

Senior attacker **Maria Ferrucci** had a team-high three goals, while goalkeeper **Amanda Heller** made 10 saves for the Great Danes, who dropped their sixth straight. Colgate's **Rebecca Sandler** totaled three goals and one assist.

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Albany (2-11) 6 1 - 7 Colgate (9-5) 7 9 - 16

Albany – Maria Ferrucci 3-0, Alexis DiDomenico 2-0, Andrea Esposito 2-0, Erin Pemrick 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (60:00, 10 saves, 16 GA).

Colgate – Kim Corcoran 4-1, Katie McVeigh 3-1, Rebecca Sandler 3-1, Kelly Winning 2-0, Becky Ortolano 2-0, Eden Haladay 1-1, Christin Dirkes 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Sue Bielamowicz (49:47, 2 saves, 7 GA), Kaity King (10:13, 3 saves, 0 GA).

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BASEBALL SPLITS NON-LEAGUE DOUBLEHEADER WITH NIAGARA

Niagara University, N.Y. – Shortstop **Joe Lamb** belted a three-run homer to highlight a seventh-inning rally in the nightcap, as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with Niagara on Wednesday afternoon at Bobo Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 14-5, but lost the first contest, 6-4.

Niagara (14-15) trailed 3-1 in game two, when centerfielder **Mike McCurdy**, who went 8-for-8 at the plate in the twinbill, lined a leadoff double in the sixth. Catcher **Mike Bomar** then smacked a two-out home run to tie the contest.

Albany (10-19) rallied with an 11-run seventh. **Brendan Chiavaro** gave his team the lead with a RBI single, before pinch-hitter **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) added another run-scoring single. **Derek DeGrazio** singled in two more runs, before **Fred Estes** chase home a pair with a double. Lamb, who had four hits and four runs in the doubleheader, capped the uprising with his third homer of the season.

In the first game, the Purple Eagles reversed a 2-0 deficit with a four-run third inning. **Michael Medici** delivered a two-run single to draw his team even. Freshman **Mike Alati** followed with a RBI double and later scored on a throwing error.

The Great Danes, who have won four of their last six starts, closed within 5-4 in the fifth, when third baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** drilled a two-run homer. Schoonmaker, who also homered in the second game, his fourth of the season, totaled four hits, three runs and three RBI on the day. However, Niagara picked up an insurance run in the sixth on McCurdy's run-scoring single, and reliever **Matt Fuller** pitched the seventh to earn his first save as a collegian.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany 200 020 0 - 4 10 2 Niagara 004 101 x - 6 10 2

Mike Mueller, Ryan Sullivan (5), Shawn Ryan (6) and Fred Estes.

W. Taylor, Cerchie (5), S. Fuller (7) and Medici.

(Game 2)

Albany (10-19) 030 000 (11) - 14 16 0 Niagara (14-15) 010 002 2 - 5 11 1

Roman Dubiel, Ryan Sullivan (6), Ethan Vaiana (7) and Fred Estes. Mike Radanovic, Jeff Finucane (7) and Mark Bomar.

SOFTBALL RALLIES TO SWEEP ARMY IN NON-CONFERENCE DOUBLEHEADER

Albany, N.Y. - **Katrina Dunning** hit a one-out double down the right field line in the sixth inning to plate two runs, as Albany came from behind in game two to sweep a non-conference doubleheader from Army on Wednesday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the first, 1-0, then rallied to take the second, 4-1.

In the nightcap, Albany (19-5) trailed 1-0 entering the bottom of the sixth, as Army pitcher **Leigh Harrell** had retired all 15 batters she faced. **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) singled to open the stanza and then **Leslie Busch** reached on an error when she attempted to sacrifice Nolette over to second. After a **Brittany Burnham** sacrifice bunt, Dunning smashed a double off the mitt of Black Knights' first baseman **Lisa Huntington** to drive in both runs and give Albany a 2-1 lead.

The Great Danes, who are 7-0 at home this spring, scored two more in the inning on an RBI single by **Andrea Lindgren** and a run-scoring double by **Ashley Rios** to push the lead to 4-1. **Danielle Buyea** went the distance, allowing one run and scattering six hits, while striking out six to improve her record to 4-1. The Black Knights fell to 14-15 overall.

In the opener, Lindgren fired her fourth shutout of the season and shortstop **Maegan Larsen** doubled in pinch-runner **Carly Isaacs** for the game's lone run in the fourth. Lindgren, who had a no-hitter through the 5 1/3 innings, allowed four hits and struck out nine in posting her ninth victory.

Albany returns to conference play this weekend with a pair of doubleheaders at Maine on April 18-19.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Army 000 000 0 - 0 4 0 Albany 000 100 x - 1 6 1

Ashlie Christian, Leigh Harrell (6) and Abbie Gotschall.

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Army (14-15) 001 000 0 - 1 6 1 Albany (19-5) 000 004 x - 4 4 0

Leigh Harrell, Julie Evans (6) and Abbie Gotschall.

Danielle Buyea and Ali Meacham.

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SOFTBALL SPLITS CONFERENCE DOUBLEHEADER WITH BINGHAMTON

Vestal, N.Y. -- **Ashley Rios** and **Julie Gannon** each drove in a pair of runs in the nightcap, as Albany split an America East Conference doubleheader with Binghamton on Tuesday afternoon at East Gym Complex. The Great Danes won the second game, 7-2, but lost the opener, 5-0.

Albany (17-5, AE 4-1) used a four-run first inning to get on top early in the second contest. Rios doubled into the right-field gap to score **Katrina Dunning**, who led off with a single up the middle. Gannon drove in two more runs with a double to left field, before she crossed the plate on **Jess Kostenblatt's** ground out to second.

Rios and **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) hit solo home runs in the third and fifth innings. Starting pitcher **Andrea Lindgren**, who had a pair of hits, doubled in her team's final run in the seventh. Lindgren went all the way on the mound to improve her record to 9-3 on the season. She scattered seven hits while striking out two and walking one.

Sophomore pitcher **Michelle Weeks** blanked Albany on three hits, her fifth shutout of the spring, in the first game. Weeks, who upped her record to 6-2, struck out six and had no walks. Binghamton (11-10, AE 3-3) did all of its scoring in the first inning, as **Leah Truncale** keyed the uprising with a two-run single. **Jennifer Richardson** added an RBI single, while **Samantha Ackerman** drove in another run with a sacrifice fly. -agate-

(Game 1)

Albany 000 000 - 0 3 5 Binghamton 500 000 x - 5 6

Kristin Couris and Ali Meacham. Michelle Weeks and Jessica Chellis.

(Game 2)

Albany (17-5, AE 4-1) 401 010 1 - 7 10 0 Binghamton (11-10, AE 3-3) 100 001 0 - 2 7 1

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

Shannon Fleishman, Michelle Weeks (3), Katie Hansen (5) and Jessica Chellis.

TENNIS – Binghamton 7, Albany 0

Vestal, N.Y. – Binghamton's **Justina Hakimi** won both her singles and doubles match, as the Bearcats defeated Albany, 7-0, on Tuesday afternoon at West Gym Courts.

Binghamton, which has won a school-record 11 straight, won the doubles point as all three of their doubles teams captured their respective matches. On the singles side, **Alexis Brill** and **Amy Linda** each defeated their competition, 6-0, 6-0, while the other Binghamton players were victorious in straight sets.

Albany, which was riding a two-game winning streak, wraps up the regular season with a road match against Marist on Thursday, April 17.

-agate-

Binghamton 7, Albany 0

Doubles

#1 – Justina Hakimi/Alexis Brill (Binghamton) def. Violeta Petijevic/Marisa Berley (Albany) 8-6

#2 – Janine Sadaka/Amy Weissberg (Binghamton) def. Courtney Michels/Krista Babiarz (Albany) 8-4

#3 – Kristin Jobe/Amy Linda (Binghamton) def. Reeba Miller/Kyle Steller (Albany) 8-3

Binghamton wins doubles point

Singles

#1 – Hakimi (Binghamton) def. Petijevic (Albany) 6-2, 6-3

#2 - Sadaka (Binghamton) def. Michels (Albany) 6-1, 6-2

#3 - Weissburg (Binghamton) def. Berley (Albany) 6-2, 6-2

#4 - Brill (Binghamton) def. Babiarz (Albany) 6-0, 6-0

#5 – Jobe (Binghamton) def. Miller (Albany) 6-0, 6-2

#6 – Linda (Binghamton) def. Steller (Albany) 6-0, 6-0

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ALBANY TAKES CONFERENCE SERIES WITH DOUBLEHEADER SPLIT ON MONDAY

Colonie, N.Y. – Junior rightfielder **Brendan Chiavaro** went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored, as Albany salvaged a split of its America East Conference doubleheader with Northeastern on Monday afternoon at Heritage Park. Northeastern took the opener, 11-3, but Albany held on in game two, 6-3, to capture its first conference series since joining the league last year. The Great Danes swept a doubleheader on Sunday, winning 11-2 and 5-2.

Albany (9-18, AE 3-5) jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, as **Dan Schoonmaker** hit a two-out single to right field to drive in **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) and **Jason Martin**. Chiavaro's RBI single in the second added another and Joe Lamb scored on a wild pitch, one of six in game two for the Huskies, for a 4-0 advantage.

Northeastern (6-11, AE 1-3) cut a 5-0 deficit to two with one run in the fourth and a pair in the fifth. Albany starter **Kyle Thomas**, who went five innings and allowed three runs for his second win, mishandled a throw at first which allowed **Tim Bush**, who doubled with one out, to score. Omar Pena and Paul Koslowski, who went 2-for-3, each drove in a run in the fifth to make the score 5-3.

Albany added a run in the sixth when Chiavaro, who is hitting a team-high .367, scored on a wild pitch. **Shawn Ryan**, a sophomore righthander, entered the contest in the sixth and got the final six outs to record his first career save.

In the first game, **Armen Sidhu** went 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored to pace the Huskies' offensive output, which saw them pound out 13 hits and score 11 runs. **Matt Morizio**, who also homered, and **Chris Emanuele** each added two hits and scored twice. **Justin Hedrick**, who had a no-hitter for the first 4.2 innings of the game, went the distance, allowing three runs, one earned, on four hits and struck out eight to improve his record to 3-0.

The Great Danes hit the road for a non-conference doubleheader against Niagara on Wednesday, April 16 at 1 p.m.

(Game 1)

Northeastern 200 213 3 - 11 13 2 Albany 100 020 0 - 3 4

Justin Hedrick and Matt Morizio

Jeff Mazzola, Shawn Ryan (6), Will Haskell (7) and Jason Martin

(Game 2)

Northeastern (6-11, AE 1-3) 000 120 0 - 3 7 Albany (9-18, AE 3-5) 221 001 x - 6 8

Brendan Ryan, Matt Piryk (4) and Matt Morizio Kyle Thomas, Shawn Ryan (6) and Jason Martin

DAN SCHOONMAKER NAMED AMERICA EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. -- University at Albany's **Dan Schoonmaker** has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in baseball, as announced by the league office.

Schoonmaker, a junior third baseman, hit .545 (6-for-11) last week, as the Great Danes went 2-1, including a sweep of a conference doubleheader against Northeastern. He went 5-for-7 with four RBI and a homerun in the twinbill, as Albany took a league doubleheader for the first time since joining the conference last year. Earlier in the week against LeMoyne, he hit a two-run homer, his first of the season, in the seventh inning. For the week, Schoonmaker had a slugging percentage of 1.273.

TENNIS – Albany 4, Wagner 3

Latham, N.Y. – Albany's **Marisa Berley** came from behind to win her singles match and earn Albany the decisive point as it defeated Wagner, 4-3, on Monday afternoon at the University Courts.

Albany, which won its second straight match, lost the doubles point as Wagner's **Jenny Ludvigsen** and **Gina Gelardo** teamed up to win at number one doubles, 9-7. The Great Danes answered back by taking four of the six singles matches, including Berley's three-setter. The sophomore from Rexford, N.Y. lost the first set, 6-0, but took the next two, 6-3, 6-3, to secure the victory. **Courtney Michels** and **Alex Berley** each won both their matches, while senior **Violeta Petijevic**, who was playing in her last home competition, got the win at number one singles.

-agate-

Albany 4, Wagner 3

Doubles

#1 – Jenny Ludvigsen/Gina Gelardo(Wagner) def. Violeta Petijevic/Marisa Berley (Albany) 9-7

#2 - Courtney Michels/Alex Berley (Albany) def. Jessica Klett/Jen Hamilton (Wagner) 8-3

#3 – Jana Roberts/Lisha Tejeda (Wagner) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany) 8-2 Wagner wins doubles point

Singles

#1 – Petijevic (Albany) def. Ludvigsen (Wagner) 6-2, 6-3

#2 – Michels (Albany) def. Gelardo (Wagner) 6-1, 4-6, 6-0

#3 – M. Berley (Albany) def. Roberts (Wagner) 0-6, 6-3, 6-3

#4 - Klett (Wagner) def. Babiarz (Albany) 7-5, 6-1

#5 – A. Berley (Albany) def. Tejeda (Wagner) 7-6(2), 6-1

#6 - Hamilton (Wagner) def. Miller (Albany) 7-6(3), 6-4

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BASEBALL

Colonie, N.Y. – Sophomore third baseman **Dan Schoonmaker** totaled five hits, four RBI and two runs scored, as Albany swept an America East Conference doubleheader from Northeastern on Sunday afternoon at Heritage Park. The Great Danes won the first game, 11-2, and took the nightcap, 5-2.

Albany (8-17, AE 2-4), which took both games of a conference doubleheader for the first time since joining league last year, trailed 1-0 in the bottom of the third before **Derek DeGrazio**, who went 2-for-3, laced a double into the right-field gap. **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) brought home DeGrazio, who now has hit safely in seven of his last eight games and has a team-leading 22 RBI, with a two-out single to left to give the Great Danes a 3-1 lead.

Northeastern (5-10, AE 0-2) cut the deficit to one in the top of the sixth, as **Chris Emaunele's** bloop single to leftfield scored **Tim Bush**. Albany's **Joe Lamb** then threw out **Matt Morizio**, who was trying to score from second, at the plate.

Schoonmaker hit a two-run home run, his second of the year, in the bottom of the inning to increase the Albany advantage to 5-2. **Steve Emmerthal** tossed a complete game for the Great Danes, giving up two runs on seven hits and striking out six to improve his record to 2-4.

In game one, Schoonmaker went 3-for-4 with two RBI to lead Albany to its first league win of the season. His triple in the bottom of the fourth drove in Brendan Chiavaro to cap a three-run inning and increase the lead to 7-2. Nick Ragone (Christian Brothers Academy) added two RBI in the bottom of the sixth with a bases-loaded single. Junior right-hander Adam Kroft (Shenendehowa) went the distance for his second win. He allowed two unearned runs, scattered five hits and struck out three. Northeastern committed five errors, which led to seven unearned runs.

The two teams will complete the four-game series with a doubleheader at Heritage Park on Monday, beginning at 12 noon.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Northeastern 002 000 0 - 2 5 5 Albany 130 304 x - 11 6 2

Devin Monds, Matt Pileski (4) and Matt Morizio.

Adam Kroft and Jason Martin.

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

(Game 2)

Northeastern (5-10, AE 0-2) 100 001 0 - 2 7 0 Albany (8-17, AE 2-4) 030 000 x - 5 7 1

Jordan Thomson and Matt Morizio.

Steve Emmerthal and Jason Martin.

SOFTBALL

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman catcher **Ali Meacham** delivered a run-scoring single with two outs in the seventh inning of the nightcap to lead Albany to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over Siena on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 6-5, and the first contest, 2-0.

Siena (5-12) scored three times in the second inning to take a 4-3 lead. Left fielder **Becky Brockman**, who collected three hits, had a RBI single, **while Christa Fasano** lined a run-scoring double in the uprising. Starting pitcher **Tara Campbell's** RBI single in the fifth gave her club a two-run margin.

Albany (16-4) tied the contest at five apiece in the sixth, when pinch-hitter **Liz Wieboldt** singled through the right side to score **Julie Gannon**. Meacham plated the winning run in her team's last at-bat with a line drive to left field with the bases loaded.

In the first game, **Andrea Lingdren** fired a three-hit shutout, her third of the season. She improved her record to 8-3 on the mound by recording five strikeouts and one walk. The Great Danes scored in the second when **Maegan Larsen** crossed the plate on Gannon's RBI groundout. **Katrina Dunning** drove in another run in the fifth with a double down the right-field line.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Siena 000 000 0 - 0 3 0 Albany 010 010 x - 2 3 2

Tisha Salamino and Colleen Price.

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Siena (5-12) 103 100 0 - 5 11 1 Albany (16-4) 300 011 1 - 6 8 3

(two outs when winning run scored)

Tara Campbell and Colleen Price.

Kristin Couris, Danielle Buyea (3) and Ali Meacham.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE - Saint Mary's, Calif. 11, Albany 9

Kingston, N.Y. – Junior attacker **Colette Spencer** scored six goals, including four in the opening period, as Saint Mary's, Calif. posted an 11-9 non-conference victory over Albany on Sunday morning at Dietz Memorial Stadium.

Saint Mary's (5-8) led 9-5 in the second half, when Spencer converted a free-position shot with 20:00 remaining. However, Albany (2-10) rallied with four the game's next five goals. **Erin Pemrick** (Saratoga Springs) and **Jenn Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) scored 13 seconds apart to draw their team within 10-9 with 4:38 to play. Pemrick drove from behind the cage, before Rajczak finished off a fastbreak after her team won the draw.

ALBANY SPORTS 3-3-3

The Gaels, who are beginning a four-game eastern swing, held their lead in the stretch. Senior goalkeeper **Megan Ceccotti** made one of her 12 saves by stopping **Maria Ferrucci's** free-position attempt with 2:20 left. Freshman **Caitlin Hungate** then tallied her second goal of the game for insurance in the final minute when she fired a shot inside the left post.

The Great Danes, who dropped their fifth straight, regrouped from an early fourgoal deficit to close within 5-4 on Ferrucci's goal from the left side. But Spencer, who is among the nation's leaders with 41 goals on the season, converted two driving shots in the final five minutes of the period for a 7-4 halftime lead.

Rajzcak and **Domenica LoRe** each scored a pair of goals, while **Amanda Heller** stopped 12 shots in the cage. Ferrucci and **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs) accounted for one goal and two assists apiece.

-agate-

Saint Mary's, Calif. (5-8) 7 4 - 11 Albany (2-10) 4 5 - 9

Saint Mary's – Scoring: Colette Spencer 6-0, Thera Luce 2-0, Caitlin Hungate 2-0, Molly Wagner 1-0, Lauren Riggers 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Megan Ceccotti (60:00, 12 saves, 9 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Jenn Rajczak 2-0, Domenica LoRe 2-0, Andrea Esposito 1-2, Maria Ferrucci 1-2, Alexis DiDomenico 1-0, Theresa Masse 1-0, Erin Pemrick 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (60:00, 12 saves, 11 GA).

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MEN'S LACROSSE – Albany 12, Stony Brook 8

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Michael Solazzo** and **Brendan Russell** each scored a career-high four goals in leading Albany to a 12-8 America East Conference victory over Stony Brook on Saturday evening before 1,013 fans at LaValle Stadium.

Albany (5-5, AE 2-1) used a five-goal first quarter to take control early. Solazzo, a junior attackman, converted a man-advantage opportunity, before Russell scored unassisted for a 5-1 lead with four minutes left in the period.

Russell, a sophomore midfielder who did all of his scoring in the opening half, connected on back-to-back goals to give his team a 7-2 lead midway through the second quarter. He found the net with 17 seconds elapsed in the stanza after his team gained an extra man due to a holding penalty.

Senior attacker **Kevin Shea** tried to keep Stony Brook (3-8, AE 1-2) in the contest with a five-goal performance, including his 18th of the spring with 2:45 left in the third period. However, Albany maintained a five-goal margin in the final quarter, as freshman **Matthew Green** and Solazzo converted scoring chances. Solazzo netted his fourth goal of the game and 21st of the season with 4:34 to play.

Stony Brook's **George LaFlare** finished with two goals and one assist, as the defending America East champions dropped their fourth straight. Green had a pair of goals for the Great Danes, who moved into a tie for second place in the conference standings. **Luke Daquino** added one goal and two assists.

-agate-

Albany (5-5, AE 2-1) 5 4 1 2 - 12 Stony Brook (3-8, AE 1-2) 2 2 2 - 8

Albany – Scoring: Michael Solazzo 4-1, Brendan Russell 4-0, Matthew Green 2-0 Luke Daquino 1-2, Chris Martocchia 1-0, Chris Driscoll 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 8 saves, 8 GA).

Stony Brook – Scoring: Kevin Shea 5-0, George LaFlare 2-1, Adam Marksberry 1-2, Jason Cappadoro 0-1, Jamey Lacey 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jeff Slater (24:02, 3 saves, 8 GA), Errol Wilson (35:58, 6 saves, 4 GA).

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AUBIN AND COVERT SET SCHOOL RECORDS AS UALBANY WINS DUAL MEET Albany, N.Y. -- Jennifer Aubin (Saratoga Springs) and Teresa Covert broke their own school records in the triple jump and long jump, respectively, to lead Albany to a 115-76 dual-meet victory over Binghamton on Saturday afternoon at University Field. The Great Danes also won the men's competition, 119.5 to 62.5.

Aubin shattered her own school standard, previously established at last week's Duke Invitational, with a triple jump of 40-feet, 2-inches. Covert, who finished second in that same event with a leap of 39-4, eclipsed her own record in the long jump at 19-feet, 1.25-inches. Covert also won the 200-meter dash with an ECAC-qualifying time of 24.50 seconds.

In addition, freshman **Alexis Bowens** threw 41-feet, 4.25-inches to win the women's shot put. Bowens, who is a member of the UAlbany women's volleyball team, placed second in the discus with a school-record effort of 136-08.50.

Sophomore **Jesse Bennett** was involved in two IC4A-qualifying times in the men's dual meet. Bennett was first across the finish line in the 100-meter dash in 10.77 seconds, and ran the second leg on the 4x100 relay that was first in 42.40.

Paul Roche (Niskayuna) was a double-winner in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.63) and long jump (23-01.75). Freshman Nelson English (Guilderland) sprinted 21.93 seconds to win the 200-dash, while Tim Best (Granville Central) took the javelin with a toss of 175-02. Fonda-Fultonville High School products Aaron Kimball and Sam Gonzalez won the shot put (46-04) and 5,000-meter run (15:56.97), respectively. -agate-

WOMEN - Albany 115, Binghamton 76

100 – Nina Minasi (B), 12.61; 200 – Teresa Covert (A), 24.50; 400 – Tracy Estriplet (A), 1:00.14; 800 – Dinnah Decatus (A), 2:19.30; 1,500 – Meghan Howell (A), 4:47.73; 5,000 – Trista Neinast (A), 18:51.79; 100-Hurdles – Jamila Glean (B), 14.90; 400-Hurdles – Marie Lloyd (B), 1:06.92; 3,000-Steeplechase – Erin Yaichuk (B), 12:09.87; 4x100 Relay – Albany (Katisha Cunningham, Jillian Sherman, Ricshara Knight, Teresa Covert), 48.40; 4x400 Relay – Albany (Rebecca Vannoy, Tracy Estriplet, Diane Matthews, Dinnah Decatus), 4:02.17; High Jump – Ricshara Knight (A), 5-05.75; Pole Vault – Jamie Stitt (B), 11-00.25; Long Jump – Teresa Covert (A), 19-01.25; Triple Jump – Jennifer Aubin (A), 40-02; Shot Put – Alexis Bowens (A), 41-04.25; Discus – Laura Yelveonrt (B), 142-0; Hammer – Laura Yelvenort (B), 135-01.50; Javelin – April Hanley (A), 95-02.50.

MEN - Albany 119.5, Binghamton 62.5

100 – Jesse Bennett (A), 10.77; 200 – Nelson English (A), 21.93; 400 – Aggrey Morris (A), 48.57; 800 – Steve Reese (B), 1:57.41; 1,500 – Andy Allstadt (A), 4:04.00; 5,000 – Sam Gonzalez (A), 15:56.97; 110-Hurdles – Paul Roche (A), 14.63; 400-Hurdles – Rich Villanueva (A), 54.31; 3,000-Steeplechase – Rob Caracciolo (A), 10:14.70; 4x100 Relay – Albany (Shamere Boland, Jesse Bennett, Rickardo Smith, Dale Hopkinson), 42.20; 4x400 Relay – Albany (Joel Vazquez, Nelson English, Stephen Evans, Kristof Molnar), 3:19.67; High Jump – Nick Tillman (B), 6-09; Pole Vault – Andy Kirsch (B), 13-11.25; Long Jump – Paul Roche (A), 23-01.75; Triple Jump -- Kamar Elliott (A), 46-04.25; Shot Put – Aaron Kimball (A), 46-04; Discus – Brandon Howlett (A), 152-0; Hammer – Andrew Cloud (B), 160-02; Javelin – Tim Best (A), 175-02.

WOMEN'S TENNIS - Albany 5, Rochester 2

Latham, N.Y. - Albany's **Violeta Petijevic** was one of four players to win in both singles and doubles, as Albany defeated Rochester, 5-2, on Saturday afternoon at the Tri-Cities Latham Tennis Courts. The Great Danes posted their first dual-match victory of the season.

Albany swept the doubles competition, as Petijevic teamed with Marisa Berley (Shenendehowa) for a 9-7 pro-set victory in the first position. Wins by the teams of Courtney Michels-Alex Berley (Shenendehowa) and Krista Babiarz-Reeba Miller gave the Great Danes their first doubles point of the year.

Petijevic, a senior, was a straight-set winner at first singles with a 6-0, 6-2 triumph over Rochester's **Tara Pajoohi**. Marisa Berley, Babiarz and Miller also won their singles matches. **Michelle Punji** and **Jaymi Della** were the lone winners for the Yellowjackets.

Albany wraps up its home schedule with a 3:30 p.m. match on Monday, April, 14 against Wagner.

-agate-

Albany 5, Rochester 2

Doubles

#1 - Violeta Petijevic/Marisa Berley (Albany) def. Tara Pajoohi/Michelle Punji (Rochester), 9-7 (3)

#2 - Courtney Michels/Alex Berley (Albany) def. Jill Adornetto/Jaymi Della (Rochester), 8-0

#3 - Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany) def. Alex Kravis/Rachelle Stopczynski, (Rochester) 8-4

Albany wins doubles point

Singles

#1 - Petijevic (Albany) def. Pajoohi (Rochester), 6-0, 6-2

#2 - Punji (Rochester) def. Michels (Albany), 6-4, 6-2

#3 - M. Berley (Albany) def. Adornetto (Rochester), 6-3, 6-4

#4 - Babiarz (Albany) def. Kravis (Rochester), 6-2, 6-1

#5 - Della (Rochester) def. A. Berley (Albany), 6-0, 6-3

#6 - Miller (Albany) def. Stopczynski (Rochester), 6-1, 6-1

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TENNIS - Colgate 7, Albany 0

Latham, N.Y. – Colgate's **Lauren Erickson** was one of four players to win each of her matches, as Colgate defeated Albany 7-0 on Friday evening at the Tri-Cities Latham Tennis Courts.

Colgate (9-6) swept the doubles competition, as Erickson teamed with **Sheila Rao** for an 8-5 victory over **Violeta Petijevic** and **Marisa Berley** at number one doubles. The teams **of Marissa Alikpala** and **Emily Wenink** and **Lindsay Suffredini** and **Natasha Eno** were also triumphant. Rao, Eno and Suffredini all captured their singles matches, too.

Albany (0-14) will look to end its winless streak with a home match tomorrow at 12 p.m. against Rochester.

-agate-

Colgate 7, Albany 0

Doubles

#1 – Sheila Rao/Lauren Erickson (Colgate) def. Violeta Petijevic/Marisa Berley (Albany) 8-5

#2 – Marissa Alikpala/Emily Wenink (Colgate) def. Courtney Michels/Alex Berley (Albany) 8-2

#3 – Lindsay Suffredini/Natasha Eno (Colgate) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany) 8-1 Colgate wins doubles point

Singles

#1 – Erickson (Colgate) def. Petijevic (Albany) 6-2, 7-6 (2)

#2 - Eno (Colgate) def. Michels (Albany) 6-3, 6-2

#3 – Jamie Maldow (Colgate) def. M. Berley (Albany) 6-0, 6-1

#4 – Rao (Colgate) def. Babiarz (Albany) 6-2, 6-3

#5 - Suffredini (Colgate) def. A. Berley (Albany) 6-2, 6-1

#6 - Allison Stoloff (Colgate) def. Miller (Albany) 6-4, 6-1

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE – Boston U. 20, Albany 0

Boston, Mass. – Kylie Wagenet had four goals and one assist to power Boston University to a 20-0 America East Conference victory over Albany on Friday afternoon at rain-soaked Nickerson Field. The Terriers, who are the defending conference champions, extended their winning streak to four straight.

Boston U. (6-4, AE 2-0) raced to a 12-0 halftime lead. Freshman attacker Mary Beth Miller netted all four of her goals before the intermission, while Lindsay Lewis, who also scored four times, tallied three first-half goals.

Sophomore Alyssa Trudel had two goals, including her team-leading 23rd of the year, and added a season-high five assists. Freshman midfielder Kaitlyn Cunco scored a pair of goals. Goalkeepers Anne Sheridan and Lauren Beatty combined on the shutout, as Boston U.'s defense has allowed three goals in its last three games.

Senior goalkeeper Amanda Heller had eight saves for the Great Danes, who fell to 2-9 overall and 1-2 in the conference. -agate-

Albany (2-9, AE 1-2) 0 0 - 0 Boston U. (6-4, AE 2-0) 12 8 - 20

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (60:00, 8 saves, 20 GA).

Boston U. – Kylie Wagner 4-1, Lindsay Lewis 4-0, Mary Beth Miller 4-0, Alyssa Trudel 2-5, Kaitlyn Cunco 2-0, Danica Strutt 1-0, Shasa Long 1-0, Briana Smith 1-0, Tiffnay Mullan 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Anne Sheridan (25:48, 0 saves, 0 GA), Lauren Beatty (34:12, 1 save, 0 GA).

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Comments: College Sports (Softball)

SOFTBALL TEAM TO "STRIKEOUT" CANCER WITH SUNDAY'S DOUBLEHEADER AGAINST SIENA

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany softball team will host "StrikeOut" Cancer Day on Sunday, April 13 as they take on crosstown-rival Siena in a doubleheader at Albany Field. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

The "StrikeOut" Cancer program is a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. The program exists to leverage the community leadership and celebrity of our country's fastpitch softball coaches to raise cancer awareness and reduce cancer risk through educational programs, while raising funds for American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy, and patient services. Programs such as "StrikeOut" Cancer enables the American Cancer Society to continue its critical work in communities across the country.

Donations will be collected throughout the game and contributed to the American Cancer Society to help further research.

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College Sports (Baseball)

Le Moyne 11, Albany 5

Syracuse, N.Y. – **Anthony Aquilino** went 3-for-5 with two RBI as Le Moyne College defeated Albany in a non-conference game on Thursday afternoon at Dick Rockwell Field.

Albany (6-17) took the lead in the top of the third, as **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central), who went 2-for-4, hit a two-run home run to give the Great Danes a 2-0 lead. Le Moyne answered with four in the bottom of the inning, two of the runs scoring on Aquilino's bases loaded single. Aquilino would later come around to score on a passed ball to increase the lead to 4-2.

The Great Danes would trim an 8-2 deficit in half thanks to a three-run eighth. **Dan Schoonmaker** had a two-run homer, his first of the year, and **Joe Lamb** added a sacrifice fly. The Dolphins regained a six-run lead with two runs in the seventh, on a two-run home run by **Jeff Justice**, and one in the eighth.

Brendan Chiavaro (Newburg Free Academy) went 3-for4 to increase his team-leading average to .397.

-agate-

Albany (6-17) Le Moyne (11-10) 002 001 300 -

5 10 3

Le Moyne (11-10) 004 211 21x - 11 10 0 Ethan Vaiana, Giorgio Fuda (3), Mike Mueller (3), Will Haskell (5), Roman Dubiel (7), Shawn Ryan (8) and Jason Martin

Michael Falasca, Chad Sidmore (3), Mark Thompson (6), Nick Marascia (7), Craig Soja (7), Andy Weimer (9) and Steven Suarez, Tony Woods (7)

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MEN'S LACROSSE -- #19 Yale 13, Albany 11

New Haven, Conn. – Sophomore **Seth Goldberg** scored a career-high four goals and added three assists in leading nationally-ranked Yale to a 13-11 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at Johnson Field.

The Bulldogs, who are 19th in this week's STX/USILA national poll, erased an early 2-1 deficit with a six-goal second quarter. Goldberg's first two goals, both assisted by **Dan Brillman**, helped Yale (7-2) build a 6-2 advantage.

Albany (4-5) rallied in the second half behind the play of senior midfielder **Chris Driscoll**, who totaled a season-high three goals and one assist. However, Yale's **Mike Scaglione** and **Scott Kenworthy**, who each scored three times in the contest, kept their team ahead in the final period.

Junior goalkeeper **Roy Skeen** made 15 saves for the Bulldogs, who posted their third straight victory. Brillman, a freshman attack, finished with one goal and three assists.

Albany's **Michael Solazzo** accounted for three goals, including his 17th of the season, and one assist, while sophomore **Kevin Rae** stopped 13 shots in the cage. The Great Danes return to America East Conference play against defending champion Stony Brook on Saturday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.

-agate-

Albany (4-5) 2 1 4 - 11 #19 Yale (7-2) 1 6 2 4 - 13

Albany – Michael Solazzo 3-1, Chris Driscoll 3-1, Brendan Russell 2-0, Luke Daquino 1-2, Matthew Green 1-1, Luke Smith 1-0, Chris Martocchia 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 13 saves, 13 GA).

Yale – Seth Goldberg 4-3, Scott Kenworthy 3-0, Mike Scaglione 3-0, Daniel Brillman 1-3, David Krueger 1-0, Marcus Rupp 1-0, Ned Britt 0-2, Gregory Naso 0-1, Colin Neville 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Roy Skeen (60:00, 15 saves, 11 GA).

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BASEBALL-STONY BROOK SWEEPS ALBANY IN LEAGUE SERIES ON THE ROAD

Stony Brook, N.Y. - **Garrett Renner** went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI, as Stony Brook completed a four-game sweep of Albany with a 10-1 win in game two of an America East Conference doubleheader on Sunday afternoon at Seawolves Field. Earlier in the day, the Seawolves won game one, 8-4, and picked up the victory in Saturday's suspended game, 6-5 in eight innings.

Albany (6-16, AE 0-4) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second, as **Derek DeGrazio** hit a solo home run for his team-leading 20th RBI. Stony Brook (13-8, AE 4-0) answered with a run in the second, three in the third and one in the fourth to build their advantage to 5-1.

Renner singled to lead off the third, stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch before scoring on **Matt Devins'** sacrifice fly. The Seawolves added two more in that inning, as **Mike Russo** scored on an error and Andrew Larsen came home on a fielder's choice. **Paul Carufe** went six innings for Stony Brook, allowing one run on five hits and striking out eight.

In game one, Russo went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBI. He doubled home a run in a four-run first and later came around to score on a **Jim McCurdy** single. His solo homer in the fifth increased Stony Brook's lead to 6-4, after the Great Danes had cut the deficit to one in the top of the stanza on a sacrifice fly by **Dan Schoonmaker**. **Tony Vallone** and **Brendan Chiavaro** each went 2-for-4 for Albany, which committed five errors leading to four unearned runs.

Kevin Solano scored in the bottom on the eighth, as Stony Brook posted a come-from behind win in game two of Saturday's doubleheader, which was completed prior to Sunday's twinbill. Albany led 5-1 after five innings, but the Seawolves tallied three runs in the sixth and one in the seventh to tie the game and send it to extra innings. **Joe Lamb** went 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored for the Great Danes.

-agate-

(Game 2)

Albany 310 100 00 - 5 6 1 Stony Brook 010 003 11 - 5 10 3

(There were no outs when the game ended)

Steve Emmerthal, Shawn Ryan (7), Ethan Vaiana (7), Mike Mueller (7) and Jason Martin James Szwejkowski, David Wood (2), Matt Restivo (8) and Ed Kull

(Game 3)

Albany 201 010 0 - 4 10 5
Stony Brook 400 112 x - 8 9

Will Brumfield, Stephen Zydor (3), Matt Restivo (7) and Ed Kull

Jeff Mazzola, Ethan Vaiana (6) and Jason Martin

(Game 4)
Albany (6-15, 0-4)
Stony Brook (13-8, 4-0)

Kyle Thomas, Nick Murphy (5), Roman Dubiel (6) and Jason Martin Paul Carufe, Kevin Fitzgerald(7) and Ed Kull, Cole Cicatelli (7)

TENNIS - Holy Cross 5, Albany 2

Latham, N.Y. - Holy Cross's **Missy Crump** won at number two singles and also teamed with **Brittany Burns** to capture their doubles match, as Holy Cross defeated Albany 5-2 on Sunday afternoon at the Tri-Cities Latham Tennis Court.

Albany (0-13) picked up both of its points in the singles portion of the competition. **Violeta Petjevic** won both her matches, defeating **Amy Crump** at number one singles, 7-5, 6-4, for her third consecutive singles match victory, and played with **Courtney Michels** at number one doubles to win, 8-1. Sophomore **Marisa Berley** (Shenendehowa) also captured her third-straight win with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 triumph over Burns.

Carrie Simmons and Melissa Levy each won both of their matches for Holy Cross, who improved to 13-1.

-agate-

Holy Cross 6, Albany 2

Doubles

- #1 Violeta Petijevic/Courtney Michels (Albany) def. Amy Crump/Jianna Chew (Holy Cross) 8-1
- #2 Missy Crump/Brittany Burns (Holy Cross) def. Alex Berley/Marisa Berley (Albany) 8-3
- #3 Carrie Simmons/Melissa Levy (Holy Cross) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany) 8-1

 Holy Cross wins doubles point

Singles

- #1 Petijevic (Albany) def. A. Crump (Holy Cross) 7-5, 6-4
- #2 M. Crump (Holy Cross) def. Michels (Albany) 6-2, 6-2
- #3 M. Berley (Albany) def. Burns (Holy Cross) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2
- #4 Simmons (Holy Cross) def. Babiarz (Albany) 7-5, 6-0
- #5 M. Levy (Holy Cross) def. A. Berley (Albany) 6-2, 6-0
- #6 Allison Levy (Holy Cross) def. Miller (Albany) 6-3, 6-1

WOMEN'S LACROSSE - Towson 22, Albany 4

Towson, Md. – **Erin Cayea** totaled four goals and three assists to lead six players who scored multiple goals, as the Towson overpowered Albany, 22-4, in a non-conference victory on Sunday afternoon at the Towson Stadium.

Becky Trumbo added three goals and had one assist. Other multiple scorers for Towson included, senior **Kristyn Krastel** with three goals and one assist and junior **Stephanie Howell** with three goals.

Towson (6-3) took control early into the game as Dwyer gained possession of the draw and Marshall netted a Tiger goal just sixteen seconds into the first half. However a little over four minutes later, **Maria Ferrucci** slid past the Towson defense and placed a goal in the back of the net for Albany, tying the score 1-1.

The Tigers then took off on a 10-goal run and held the Great Danes to only one goal for the remainder of the first half. Senior **Andrea Esposito** was the only other player to score for Albany (2-8) during the Towson run. The Tigers entered the break with an 11-2 advantage.

During the second half, both teams exchanged a goal each before Towson took off on a six-goal run, which gave it a commanding 17-3 lead. With 7:08 remaining in regulation, **Alexis DiDomenico** found the back of the net for Albany, however, it didn't faze the Tigers as they went on to add four more goals to their victory.

Junior goalkeeper **Jessica O'Connell** stopped five shots for Towson while **Amanda Heller** posted eight saves for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Albany (2-8) 2 2 - 4 Towson (6-3) 11 11 - 22

Albany – Scoring: Courtney Hill 1-0, Maria Ferrucci 1-0, Andrea Esposito 1-0, Alexis DiDomenico 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (60:00, 8 saves, 22 GA).

Towson – Scoring: Erin Cayea 4-3, Becky Trumbo 3-1, Kristyn Krastel 3-1, Stephanie Howell 3-0, Kelly Fitzgerald 2-0, Martha Dwyer 2-0, Caitlin Marshall 1-1, Nicole McNeill 1-1, Stephanie Heister 1-1, Mary Beth Ardolino 1-0, Melissa Rausch 1-0, Erin Rinella 0-1, Melissa Garner 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Jessica O'Connell (60:00, 5 saves, 4 GA).

TERESA COVERT WINS 100-METER HURDLES AT DUKE INVITATIONAL

Durham, N.C. – University at Albany's **Teresa Covert** won the women's 100-meter hurdles and **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) and **Brandon Howlett** posted IC4A-qualifying marks in their respective events on the second day at the 16th annual Duke Track & Field Invitational. More than 40 schools and 1,200 athletes competed at the North Carolina Central University Track.

Covert sprinted 13.68 seconds in 100-hurdles final to finish ahead of Syracuse's Opal Jones (13.93) and North Carolina's Kiera Underwood (13.98). Covert had qualified for the NCAA Regionals in May at last week's Raleigh Relays.

Roche took third in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.45 seconds. His IC4A-qualifying mark trailed UNA-Swift Track Club's A.J. Martell (14.31) and Emory's Chris Nehls. Roche was also 13th in the long jump at 22-feet, 1.75-inches. Howlett placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 158-feet, and will now compete at the IC4A championships on May 15-18.

Joel Vazquez (Amsterdam) was ninth in the 400-meter hurdles in 54.03 seconds. **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs), who set a school record in the triple jump the previous day, finished 12th in the long jump (17-09.75). **Cherice' Vanderhall** placed 12th in women's shot put (38-00).

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Comments: College Sports (Men's Lacrosse)

Hartford 10, Albany 5

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. -- Senior midfielder **Tom Fallica** scored three goals to lead Hartford to 10-5 victory over Albany in the Hawks' America East Conference opener on Sunday evening at Skidmore College's Outdoor Athletic Complex.

Hartford (4-5, AE 1-0) jumped out to a 5-1 lead early in the second quarter, when Fallica hit an empty net with a shorthanded goal following a failed clear attempt. Albany (4-4, AE 1-1) rallied with four goals over the next five minutes.

Michael Solazzo, who had three goals and one assist, did all of his scoring in that stretch. Solazzo, a junior attack, converted an extra-man opportunity to ignite that run, and later scored back-to-back goals off passes from **Luke Daquino** to tie the contest at five apiece with 9:32 remaining in the period.

Freshman **Garett Kikot** put his team ahead for good two minutes later, when he sent a low shot at Albany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**. The Hawks, who were coming off a 5-4 win over Providence on Wednesday, dominated the second half behind the play of all-conference goalkeeper **Rourke Greene**, who made 19 saves.

The Hawks used a three-goal third quarter to pad their lead. **Rawerus Mitchell** scored his second goal of the game from the top of the crease, before **Matt Holman** connected on a drive from the left side midway through the stanza. Fallica netted his third goal with a low shot off a pass from the top by **Chris Sauro** with 20 seconds left in the period.

Hartford's **Travis Eckler** added a pair of goals, while **B.J. LaVoie** accounted for three assists. Albany's Rae finished with nine saves.

-agate-

Hartford (4-5, AE 1-0) 4 2 3 1 - 10 Albany (4-4, AE 1-1) 1 4 0 0 - 5

Hartford - Scoring: Tom Fallica 3-0, Raweras Mitchell, 2-0, Travis Eckler 2-0, Chris Sauro 1-2, Garett Kikot 1-2, Matt Holman 1-0, B.J. LaVoie 0-3; Goalkeeper(s): Rourke Greene (60:00 minutes, 19 saves, 5 GA)

Albany - Scoring: Michael Solazzo 3-1, Luke Daquino 1-2, Chris Martocchia 1-0, Brendan Russell 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00 minutes, 9 saves, 10 GA)

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BASEBALL -- Stony Brook 3, Albany 1

Stony Brook, N.Y. - Cole Cicatelli's two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth gave Stony Brook a 3-1 victory over Albany in game one of a scheduled America East Conference doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at University Field. The second contest was suspended in the bottom of the eighth with the score tied at five apiece.

Albany (6-13, AE 0-1) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth, as **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) singled home **Dan Schoonmaker**, who was playing in his first game of the year. Stony Brook (10-8, AE 1-0) tied the contest in the bottom of the sixth when **Matt Devins**, who went 2-for-4, drove in **Garrett Renner** with a base hit.

The Great Danes' **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) pitched into the seventh, allowing one run on five hits while striking out six before being relieved by **Shawn Ryan**. Stony Brook's **Jon Lewis** went 8.1 innings, giving up just the one run while scattering seven hits and striking out eight. **Matt Restivo** recorded the last two outs, on a pair of strikeouts, in the ninth to improve to 2-0. Ryan's record dropped to 1-2.

The second game will be completed at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday prior to the two teams playing another conference doubleheader.

-agate-(Game 1)

Àlbany (6-13, AE 0-1) 000 010 000 - 1 7 1 Stony Brook (10-8, AE 1-0) 000 001 002 - 3 6 0

(no outs when winning run scored)

Adam Kroft, Shawn Ryan (7) and Jason Martin.

Jon Lewis, Matt Restivo (9) and Ed Kull.

(Game 2 – suspended)

Albany 310 100 00 - 5 6 1 Stony Brook 010 003 1 - 5 10 3

(game was suspended in the bottom of the eighth due to darkness)

Steve Emmerthal, Shawn Ryan (7), Ethan Vaiana (7), Mike Mueller (7) and Jason Martin.

James Szwejkowski, David Wood (2), Matt Restivo (8) and Ed Kull.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Stony Brook, N.Y. – Freshman midfielder **Joanna Katz** scored four first-half goals, as Stony Brook defeated Albany, 13-9, in the Seawolves' America East Conference opener on Friday evening at LaValle Stadium.

Albany (2-7, AE 1-1) trailed 7-3 midway through the opening period after Katz connected on back-to-back goals. Senior attacker Maria Ferrucci then sliced the deficit in half by scoring two of her season-high five goals.

However, Stony Brook (4-4, AE 1-0) broke the game open with three goals over the final three minutes of the period. Freshman Stephanie DeGennaro, who had two goals and one assist, scored unassisted, before feeding Michelle Angeline for a four-goal lead. Katz found the net 13 seconds later for a 10-5 halftime advantage.

The Seawolves, who rebounded from last Saturday's overtime loss to Manhattan, maintained their advantage early in the second half. Marrisa Trachtenberg and Danielle Werner, a pair of freshmen who each had two goals and one assist, keyed an offense that out shot the visitors, 36-25.

Albany's Andrea Esposito (Saratoga Springs H.S.) had one goal and three assists, while Ferrucci moved into second place on the school's career scoring list with 168 points (147 goals, 21 assists). Stony Brook's Gina Denezzo made 12 saves.

-agate-

Albany (2-7, AE 1-1) 5 4 - Stony Brook (4-4, AE 1-0) 10 3 -

Albany – Maria Ferrucci 5-0, Nikki Donohue 2-0, Andrea Esposito 1-3, Erin Pemrick 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (60:00, 7 saves, 13 GA).

Stony Brook – Joanna Katz 4-0, Danielle Werner 2-1, Stephanie DeGennaro 2-1, Marrisa Trachtenberg 2-1, Jill Gridley 1-0, Jessica Tylee 1-0, Michelle Angeline 1-0, Kerri McCabe 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Gina DeNezzo (60:00, 12 saves, 9 GA).

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AUBIN SETS SCHOOL RECORD IN TRIPLE JUMP AT DUKE INVITATIONAL

Durham, N.C. – University at Albany's **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) set a school record in the women's triple jump and **Naron Stewart** qualified for NCAA East Regional in the men's high jump at the 16th annual Duke Invitational on Friday at the North Carolina Central University Track. Athletes from 38 schools are competing at the two-day meet.

Aubin finished second in the triple with a school-record leap of 39-feet, 6.50-inches to shatter the previous mark held by Nierria Jones, who went 38-0.75. North Carolina's Shanon Burns (41-09.25) won the competition.

Stewart, a senior from Kingston, Jamaica, cleared the high jump bar at 6-feet, 9.50-inches to place second behind Mary Washington's Bobby Bergin (6-11.50). Stewart qualified for the NCAA East Regional in Fairfax, Virginia on May 30-31.

The Great Danes had five other athletes place among the top-10 finishers in individual events. Freshman **Stephen Evans** was fourth in 400-meter developmental dash with a time of 49.95 seconds. **Tim Best** (Granville Central) threw 165-feet, 1-inch to capture sixth in the javelin, while **Paul Roche** (Niskayuna) was sixth in the high jump (6-05.50). Sophomore **Kamar Elliott**, a cornerback on the Albany football team, finished seventh in triple jump with a mark of 46-11.50. **Sam Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville) was clocked in 9:43.45 in taking eighth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES THREE ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES Kevin Frattura Promoted to Director of Corporate Sales, Marketing and Ticket Operations

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today the hiring of **Jason Martin**, **Billy Crocker** and **Nick LaFontaine** as assistant coaches. Martin will assist with the defensive line, while Crocker will coach the running backs. LaFontaine will work with the tight ends. In addition, Director of Athletics Lee McElroy has promoted **Kevin Frattura** to director of corporate sales, marketing and ticket operations.

Martin, 24, coached the defensive line at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts last year. He recruited the areas of Westchester, North Rockland and New York City, and also worked as assistant strength and conditioning coach and academic liaison. He was an assistant at Tully Central High School the previous fall. Martin, a former UAlbany football captain, was named to the 2000 All-Northeast Conference squad as a first-team defensive tackle and chosen honorable mention *Football Gazette* All-American. He made 47 tackles, including six hits for a loss, and added 3.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries as a senior. Martin, a native of North Syracuse, N.Y., earned a B.S. in sociology with a minor in criminal justice.

Crocker, 24, served as a defensive assistant at Villanova University the last two seasons. He worked with the secondary and special teams, plus handled scouting and film exchange and recruited in the midwest and west regions. The Wildcats posted an 11-4 record last year and reached the semifinals of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs for the first time in school history. He attended the United States Coast Guard Academy from 1997-2001 where he was a three-year letterman as a defensive back. Crocker, who hails from Waterford, Conn., received a B.S. in business administration and management from Villanova, and was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi national honor societies.

LaFontaine, 23, previously was the running backs coach at Norwich University in Vermont for one season. He also coached special teams, served as the junior varsity offensive coordinator, assisted with the strength and conditioning program, and recruited in the state of Connecticut. LaFontaine, a native of Windham, Conn., also spent one year at his alma mater Wesleyan University as tight ends coach. He earned three varsity letters as a defensive tackle, and totaled 42 tackles and 3.5 sacks as a senior. LaFontaine earned a B.A. in American Studies with a history concentration.

Frattura, 28, has served as UAlbany's director of ticket operations and promotions since the fall of 2001. He has also managed New York Giants summer training camp activities and ticketed events at the Recreation and Convocation Center. Frattura was a corporate sales manager for Palace Sports and Entertainment in Florida, and assisted in the creation of marketing materials for the National Hockey League's Tampa Bay Lightning and Arena Football League's Tampa Bay Storm. He has a master's degree in physical education from Columbia University and a B.S. in finance from Fordham University.





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WOMEN'S LACROSSE – Holy Cross 15, Albany 10

Worcester, Mass. – Junior midfielder Katie Britt scored four goals, all in the first half, in leading Holy Cross to a 15-10 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at rain-soaked Hart Center Field.

Albany (2-6) took a 4-3 lead with 9:09 left in the opening period, when **Jenn** Rajczak (Scotia-Glenville) scored the first of her two goals on the day. Holy Cross (6-4) responded with five unanswered goals to go ahead for good.

Senior attack Erin Rowse, who had three goals and two assists, scored twice within a 28-second span to put the Crusaders in front. Heather Bryce netted two of her three goals in the decisive run. Bryce's free-position shot gave her team a commanding 8-4 advantage with 1:35 remaining in the period.

The Crusaders, who have won three of their last four contests, pulled away early in the second half with three goals in the first six minutes of the period. Rowse converted a free-position opportunity, her 13th goal of the season, and then later set up Carrie Doyle for an 11-5 lead.

Maria Ferrucci, Domenica LoRe and Theresa Masse each had two goals for the Great Danes, who were coming off back-to-back victories against Siena and Vermont. Senior goalkeeper Amanda Heller recorded a career-high 16 saves. -agate-

Albany (2-6)

Holy Cross (6-4)

Albany – Maria Ferrucci 2-0, Domenica LoRe 2-0, Theresa Masse 2-0, Jenn Rajczak 2-0, Erin Pemrick 1-1, Ashley Heilmann 1-0, Andrea Esposito 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (60:00, 16 saves, 15 GA).

Holy Cross – Katie Britt 4-0, Erin Rowse 3-2, Heather Bryce 3-1, Justine Reeber 2-0, Carrie Doyle 1-2, Melissa Conley 1-0, Carolyn Smirti 1-0, Jana Tencati 0-3; Goalkeeper(s): Kellaigh Malangone (30:00, 3 saves, 5 GA), Kali Austin (30:00, 11 saves, 5 GA).

WOMEN'S TENNIS – Fairfield 4, Albany 3

Fairfield, Conn. – Ann Mullowney picked up wins at fourth singles and second doubles to lead Fairfield to a 4-3 victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at University Tennis Courts. Mullowney, a junior, defeated Albany's Krista Babiarz in straight sets, 6-2, 7-6, and teamed with Alyssa Haddad for an 8-6 pro-set victory in doubles play. MORE

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The Great Danes' **Marisa Berley** (Shenendehowa) posted a 6-2, 6-3 victory at third singles, while her older sister, Alex, was a 6-4, 6-3 winner at fifth singles. Senior **Violeta Petijevic** won in straight sets at first singles and partnered with **Courtney Michels** for a 9-8 pro-set triumph at No. 1 doubles. -agate-

Fairfield 4, Albany 3

Doubles: Violeta Petijevic-Courtney Michels (A) def. Erin Reeves-Diana Webb (F), 9-8 (7-3); Ann Mullowney-Alyssa Haddad (F) def. Alex Berley-Marisa Berley (A), 8-6; Andrea Suriano-Megan Stauffer (F) def. Krista Babiarz-Reeba Miller (A), 8-4. (Fairfield wins doubles point)

Singles: Petijevic (A) def. Webb (F), 6-1, 6-1; Reeves (F) def. Michels (A), 6-4, 6-1; M. Berley (A) def. Stauffer (F), 6-2, 6-3; Mullowney (F) def. Babiarz (A), 6-2, 7-6 (7-2); A. Berley (A) def. Christina Chacharone (F), 6-4, 6-3; Tiffany Marsocci (F) def. Miller (A), 6-1, 6-1.

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College Sports (Softball)

Iona 1, Albany 0

New Rochelle, N.Y. – **Kate Giella** went 2-for-4 including the game-winning double in the bottom of the seventh, as Iona defeated Albany, 1-0, on Tuesday evening at Pinebrook Field. Game two of the doubleheader was suspended due to inclement weather with the Great Danes leading 7-5 in the fourth inning.

The Gaels (4-11) scored the game's lone run after **Alison Higgs**, who went 2-for-3, led off the seventh with a single. After a strikeout and a walk to **Aviva Jorstad**, Giella doubled to left center to drive in Higgs and end the game.

Higgs was also the game's winning pitcher, tossing a complete-game shutout on three hits while striking out four.

Andrea Lindgren saw her five-game winning streak come to an end with the loss, as she went the distance allowing one run on five hits and recording eight strikeouts.

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(One out when winning run scored)
Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal

Alison Higgs and Amanda Pucci