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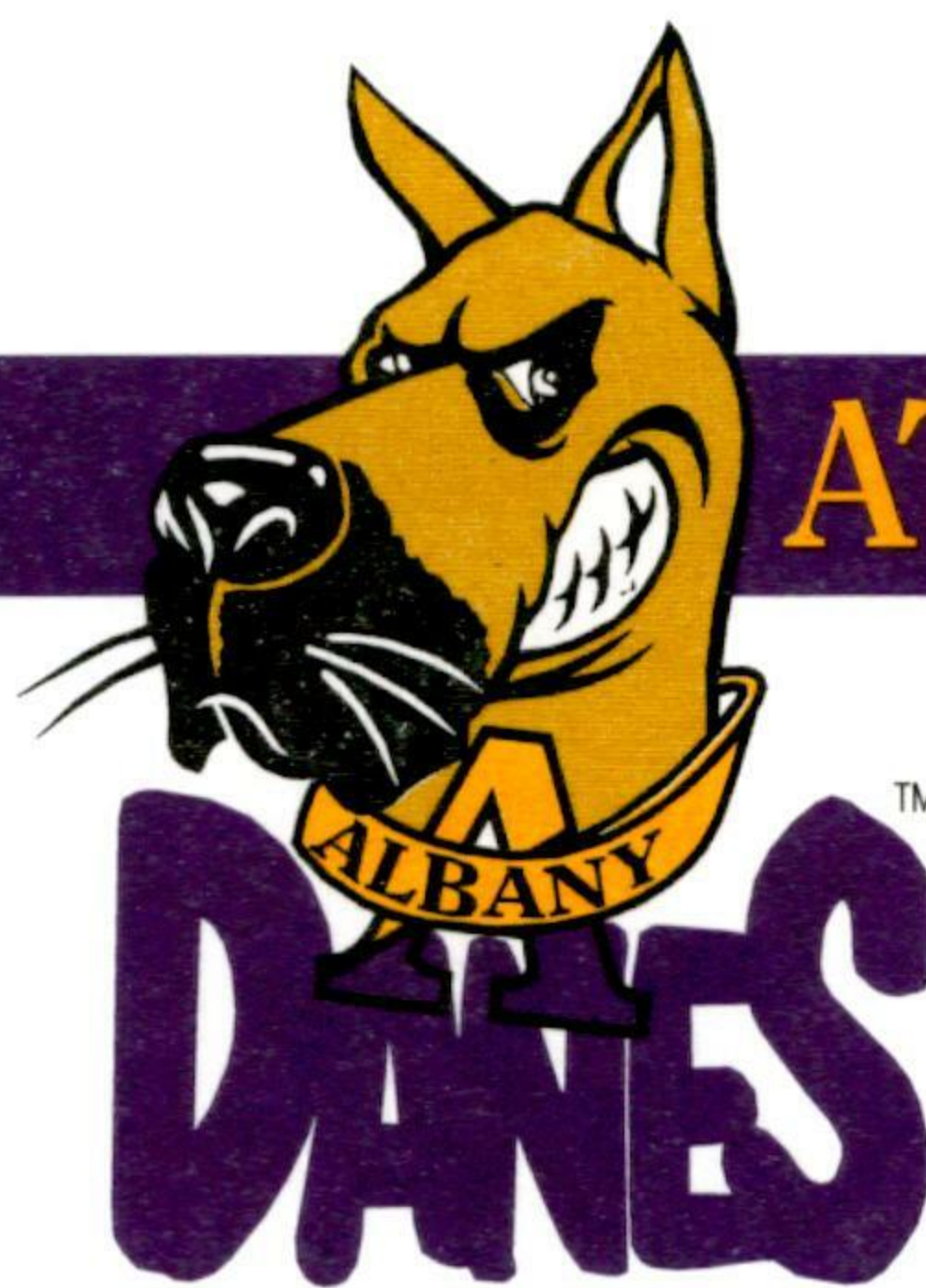
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*****Sports News Release Attached**

Ben Wright Named to GTE District I Spring At-Large Academic All-America Team

Worcester, Mass. -- University at Albany's Ben Wright (Averill Park H.S.) has been voted to the GTE District I Spring At-Large Academic All-America Team for the second straight year. Wright, a standout track and field athlete, has a 3.79 cumulative grade point average in business administration with a finance concentration.

Wright captured his third consecutive New England Collegiate Conference indoor mile title in February, and competed in the Millrose Games' college mile. During the outdoor season, he anchored Albany's 3,200-meter relay to a school-record performance at the recent IC4A championships. He also won the 1,500 at two quadrangular meets, and was third in the same event at the UConn Spring Invitational. In cross country, he led the Great Danes to both an NECC and ECAC championship.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES DR. GAIL CUMMINGS-DANSON INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President for Student Affairs James P. Doellefeld has announced the appointment of Dr. Gail Cummings-Danson as Interim Director of Athletics and Recreation. Cummings-Danson takes over for Dr. Robert Ford, the University's head football coach, in the interim position effective immediately.

Cummings-Danson has managed Albany's intercollegiate athletics program through its transition from Division III to Division I since being hired as Associate Director of Athletics in January 1994. She has been responsible for the department's day-to-day operations as head of personnel and compliance director. Cummings-Danson presently is a member of the NCAA's Division I peer review team and the Division II championship committee, and serves on the ECAC's Executive Council and Eligibility and Infractions Committee.

Cummings-Danson, 32, served as the University's Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs for the 1998-99 academic year. She oversaw the division's multi-million dollar operating budget, and was responsible for all human resources issues for the Student Affairs Division.

An assistant director of athletics at Temple University in Philadelphia prior to her move to Albany, Cummings-Danson was also Connecticut College's assistant athletics director/business manager from 1989-90. She has also coached women's lacrosse at the collegiate level, and served as head coach at both Albany and Connecticut College.

A native of Huntsville, Ontario, Cummings-Danson was an All-America attacker on Temple's 1988 Division I national championship lacrosse team. She was a member of the 1993 World Championship squad, and also played for the USA and Canadian national teams.

"I thank Bob Ford for his citizenship, and his many valuable contributions over the past seven months," Doellefeld said. "It is time for him to devote full attention to his duties as head football coach with the first Division I-AA season on the horizon. Dr. Cummings-Danson will provide aggressive leadership, creativity, and a forward-looking approach to the department. The University is excited about the upcoming move to Division I, and is fully committed to the upgrade's success."

Albany moves its entire 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program for men and women to the NCAA Division I level, effective in 1999-2000. A national search for a permanent director of athletics and recreation continues.



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JOHNSTON SETS SCHOOL RECORD IN HEPTATHLON AT ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fairfax, Va. -- University at Albany's Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) established two school records en route to a third-place finish in the women's heptathlon at the 16th ECAC Division I outdoor track & field championships on Saturday at George Mason University.

Johnston shattered her own Albany standard with 5,008 points in the seven-event competition, and set the previous mark (4,956) at this same meet one year ago. On the heptathlon's second day, she also eclipsed a record in the javelin with a throw of 113-07. The senior ran 2:23.74 in the 800-meter run, and went 17-08 in the long jump.

Xiomara Davila Diaz was third in her 100-meter hurdles heat with a season-best time of 13.90 seconds, while the women's 400-meter relay ran 47.69 seconds to take sixth in its section.

The men's 123rd IC4A Division I championships are being held at the same facility. Albany's 3,200-meter relay was timed in a school-record 7:37.75 to place fourth in its heat. Ben Wright (Averill Park) and Rob Naughtner (Guilderland) each posted sub-1:54 legs, while Eon Griffith and Steve Alicea were the other relay members.

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JOHNSTON FIFTH AFTER HEPTATHLON'S FIRST DAY AT ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fairfax, Va. -- University at Albany's Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) is in fifth place after the first day of competition in the women's heptathlon at the 16th ECAC Division I outdoor track & field championships. George Mason University is the host site for both this four-day meet and the 123rd IC4A men's outdoor championships.

Johnston, who compiled her best ever first-day point total with 3,020, set a school record in the high jump with a leap of 5-06.50, and sprinted personal-bests in the 100-meter hurdles (15.00) and 200-dash (25.96).

Lindsay Taylor, of Brown University, leads the heptathlon after four events with 3,312 points, while Lafayette's Carrie Strong is second with 3,081. The two-day competition concludes on Saturday with the long jump, javelin, and 800-meter run.

Albany's Xiomara Davila Diaz is scheduled to run in the 100- and 400-meter hurdles tomorrow.

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TONY GREGOLI CHOSEN AS ECAC-NORTH DIVISION II BASEBALL ALL-STAR

Centerville, Mass. -- University at Albany's Tony Gregoli (Columbia H.S.) has been selected to the 1999 ECAC-North Division II Baseball All-Star Team. The senior outfielder was one of 11 players named to the All-ECAC squad.

Gregoli, who was recently named first-team All-New England Collegiate Conference, led the Great Danes in batting average (.385), home runs (11), RBIs (48), extra-base hits (24), walks (26), slugging percentage (.733) and on-base percentage (.525). His home run, RBI, and walk totals were the best single-season marks by an Albany player in the 1990s.

Albany finished with a 21-21 record, and reached the ECAC Division II tournament championship in its final NCAA Division II campaign.

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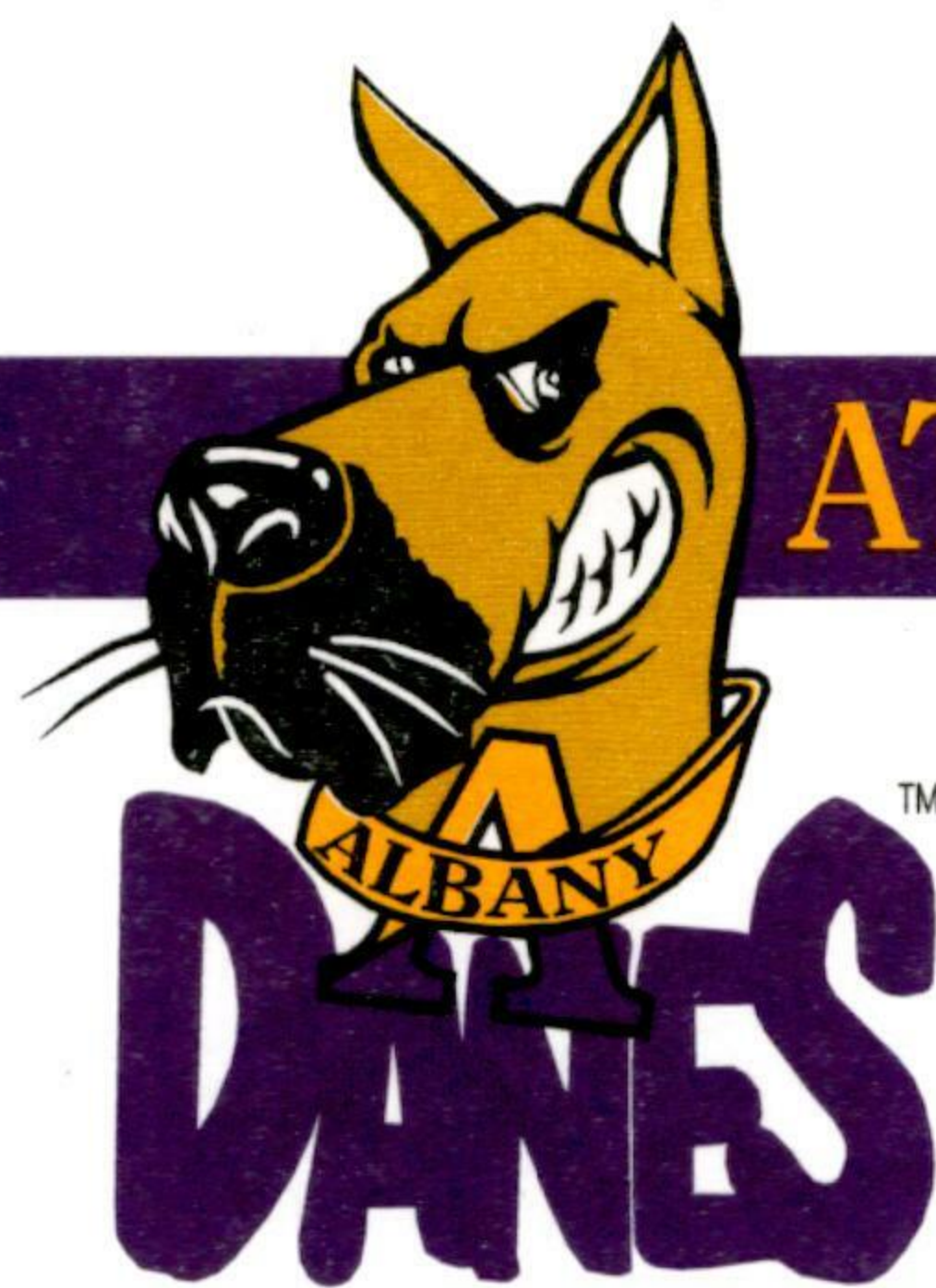
****Release Attached - Named Curtis Strife (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake HS) head women's volleyball coach and Patty Falzo (Watervliet HS) head cheerleading coach****

AMY DiMICCO NAMED TO DIVISION II LACROSSE ALL-AMERICA SQUAD

Erie, Pa. -- University at Albany's Amy DiMicco has been chosen to the Brine/IWLCA Division II All-America squad in women's lacrosse, and was voted to the national unit's second team.

DiMicco, a midfielder, led the Great Danes in scoring with 34 goals and seven assists, and established a freshman single-season record with 41 points. During the spring, she set the school's single-game scoring mark with nine points (5 goals, 4 assists) against Marist, and had three-plus goals in seven contests.

DiMicco, the ECAC Rookie of the Week in early May, led Albany to a 7-7 record against a schedule which featured nine Division I opponents.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES CURTIS STRIFE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH AND PATTY FALZO CHEERLEADING COACH

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany Interim Director of Athletics Bob Ford has announced the hiring of **Curtis Strife** as head women's volleyball coach and **Patty Falzo** as head cheerleading coach.

Strife previously served as an assistant coach for three years at Plattsburgh State University, and coached at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York from 1989-91. He has been actively involved with the United States Volleyball Association (USVBA) for 12 years as a player and coach. Strife also coached the Junior Olympic under-16 Capital District Volleyball Club and the Southern Saratoga YMCA.

A native of Scotia, N.Y., Strife, 29, received a B.A. in biology from Plattsburgh in 1994, and has an associate's degree from Hudson Valley Community College. In addition, he has experience in the sports medicine field as an athletic trainer and fitness coordinator.

Falzo, a former cheerleader with Arena Football League's Albany Firebirds and Continental Basketball Association's Albany Patroons, has coached at the scholastic level with the Watervliet and Averill Park high school programs. As a Watervliet High School student, she captained her squad to the National Cheerleaders Association national competition in Dallas, Texas, and won three varsity letters.

Falzo earned a B.S. in marketing and management from Siena College in 1994, and has an associate's degree in applied science in individual studies from Hudson Valley Community College. She is currently employed by Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield as an HMO customer service representative and review adjustor.

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ECAC DIVISION II MID-ATLANTIC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. -- Debbie Hodge's sacrifice fly scored pinch-runner Deva Brandes with the winning run in the ninth inning to lead Albany to a 2-1 victory over Dowling in the championship game of the ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Tournament on Sunday afternoon at Albany Field.

Dowling, which advanced through the loser's bracket with a 3-1 win over Pace earlier in the day, tied the contest at 1-1 in the sixth on an RBI double by Dawn Neville. In the ninth, Albany's Michelle Mausteller reached on a fielding error to lead off the inning. Hodge hit a fly ball to left field with one out to score Brandes from third base.

ECAC Tournament MVP Kelly Poynton, who fired a no-hit shutout in the opening round on Saturday, went the distance on the mound, and allowed five hits with six strikeouts. The senior right-hander struck out 16 in tournament play, and improves to 15-4 on the season.

Albany (33-14), the tournament's third seed, took a 1-0 lead in the third inning, when third base Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) scored on Audrey White's double into the left-field gap. The Great Danes set a single-season record for victories, while Dowling, the No. 2 seed, finished at 34-15.

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ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Softball Tournament
(Albany Field, Albany, N.Y.)

Saturday, May 15

Game 1 - #4 Pace 5, #1 Binghamton 0 (12 innings)

Game 2 - #3 Albany 1, #2 Dowling 0

Game 3 - Dowling 2, Binghamton 1 (10 innings) (Binghamton eliminated)

Game 4 - Albany 7, Pace 1

Sunday, May 16

Game 5 - Dowling 3, Pace 1 (Pace eliminated)

Game 6 - Championship -- Albany 2, Dowling 1 (9 innings)

MORE

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--Sunday's Games--

(Game 5)

Pace (29-17) 001 000 0 - 1 5 0

Dowling (34-14) 110 010 x - 3 7 1

Tracy Blatney and Suzette Gehl. Jenn Hulse and Emilie Montgomery.

(Game 6 - Championship)

Dowling (34-15) 000 001 000 - 1 5 1

Albany (33-14) 001 000 001 - 2 5 0

(two outs when winning run scored)

Sherran Wilson and Emilie Montgomery. Kelly Poynton and Michelle Mausteller.

ECAC DIVISION II BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. -- First baseman C.J. Lutz had four hits, including a three-run home run in the second inning, to lead Stony Brook to a 15-5 victory over Albany in the ECAC Division II Baseball Championship on Sunday at Varsity Field.

Stony Brook, the top seed, leaped to a 10-0 lead over the opening four innings. Lutz belted his eighth homer of the season over the left-field fence to key a six-run second. ECAC Tournament MVP Craig Ansman and center fielder George Kearnes each had RBI singles in a four-run fourth.

In the fifth inning, Albany (21-21) threatened by scoring five times. Shortstop Dennis Cirilla led off the frame with a solo blast, before catcher Dave Mykel hit a two-run homer to right field.

Stony Brook (36-12) put the game away with five runs in the seventh. Gregg Foster's 17th home run started the inning, and Christopher Manna later followed with a two-run double.

Albany, the No. 2 seed, had forced a deciding game in this double-elimination tournament with an 8-3 victory over the Seawolves on Saturday evening.

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ECAC Division II Baseball Tournament

(Varsity Field, Albany, N.Y.)

Friday, May 14

Game 1 - #1 Stony Brook 8, #4 Southern Connecticut State 2

Game 2 - #2 Albany 12, #3 Dowling 9

Game 3 - Southern Connecticut State 8, Dowling 7 (Dowling eliminated)

Saturday, May 15

Game 4 - Stony Brook 7, Albany 2

Game 5 - Albany 8, Southern Connecticut State 2 (Southern Conn. State eliminated)

Game 6 - Albany 8, Stony Brook 3

Sunday, May 16

Game 7 - Championship -- Stony Brook 15, Albany 5

--Sunday's Game --

(Game 7 - Championship)

Albany (21-21) 000 005 000 - 5 10 2

Stony Brook (36-12) 060 400 50x - 15 21 0

Shawn Walsh, Jason Trufant (2), Craig Straus (6), Scott Tower (7), Mark Zacharczyk (8) and Dave Mykel, Todd Birdsall.

Christopher Tuthill, Chris Gregory (6), Moises Cruz (7) and Craig Ansman.

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ECAC DIVISION II BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. -- Second baseman Frank Cannistra scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch in the seventh, and lined a two-run double down the left-field line in the eighth to lift Albany past Stony Brook, 8-3, in the championship bracket of the ECAC Division II Baseball Tournament on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Albany (21-20) will meet Stony Brook (35-12) in this double-elimination tournament's championship and final game on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

The Great Danes, who were in a must-win situation, rallied from a 3-2 deficit. Dave Mykel's squeeze-bunt tied the game in the sixth, before Cannistra singled and scored to lead off the seventh. Albany, which set a single-season record for victories, broke it open with a four-run eighth inning. Pitcher Adam Harriman gained his fourth victory with 2 2/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Earlier in the day, Stony Brook's Michael Kinney limited the Great Danes to just four hits, as his team posted a 7-2 victory in a winner's bracket contest. Kinney, a right-hander, struck out eight over nine innings to improve to 7-2 on the season. Philippe Bouchard had a pair of RBIs for the Seawolves.

Albany eliminated Southern Connecticut State in the loser's bracket with an 8-2 triumph. The Great Danes took the lead for good in the fourth on an RBI double by Mike Kuebler and Mykel's run-scoring single. Pitcher Eddie Scott went the distance on the mound, and recorded his fourth win this spring with an eight-strikeout effort.

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Saturday, May 15

Game 4 - Stony Brook 7, Albany 2

Game 5 - Albany 8, Southern Connecticut State 2 (Southern Conn. State eliminated)

Game 6 - Albany 8, Stony Brook 3

Sunday, May 16

Game 7 - Albany vs. Stony Brook (Championship), 10:00 a.m.

---Saturday's Games---

(Game 4)

Stony Brook (35-11)	050	000	020	-	7	10	1
Albany (19-20)	000	010	010	-	2	4	4

Michael Kinney and Craig Ansman.

Scott Tower, Dave Schrepper (9) and Dave Mykel.

(Game 5)

Southern Conn. State (25-20)	100	100	000	-	2	8	2
Albany (20-20)	010	201	13x	-	8	11	4

Rich Klemenz, Mike Martikainen (4) and Joe DiSorbo.

Eddie Scott and Dave Mykel.

(Game 6)

Albany (21-20)	110	001	140	-	8	15	2
Stony Brook (35-12)	000	030	00x	-	3	11	2

Tim Loyal, Harrison Edwards (6), Chris Gregory (8) and Craig Ansman.

Mark Zacharczyk, Adam Harriman (7) and Dave Mykel.

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Albany, the third seed, will play the winner of a loser's bracket contest between Dowling and Pace on Sunday at 12 noon. Binghamton, the top seed, and New England Collegiate Conference champion, was eliminated from this four-team double elimination tournament thanks to a pair of extra-inning losses.

Mausteller lined a two-run double into the left-field gap to give the Great Danes a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Pitcher Jessica Hansen scattered four hits to post her 15th victory this spring.

Earlier in the day, senior right-hander Kelly Poynton threw a no-hit shutout in a 1-0 victory over Dowling. Poynton, who recorded 10 strikeouts, improved to 14-4 overall, and has allowed one earned run over her last 47 2/3 innings. Debbie Hodge's bunt scored Lindsey Wilson (Maple Hill) with the game's lone run in the fourth.

In the other first-day contests, Pace upended Binghamton, 5-0 in 12 innings, while Dowling defeated Binghamton, 2-1 in 10 innings, in the loser's bracket.

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Game 5 - Dowling vs. Pace, 10:00 a.m.

Game 6 - Albany vs. Winner Game #5, 12:00

Game 7 - Game #6 opponents (if necessary), 2:00

---Saturday's Games---

(Game 1)

Pace (29-15)	000	000	000	005	-	5	9	1
Binghamton (29-17)	000	000	000	000	-	0	11	3

Tracy Blatney and Suzette Gehl.

Margaret Yerdon and Jami Pier.

(Game 2)

Albany (31-14)	000	100	0	-	1	7	1
Dowling (32-13)	000	000	0	-	0	0	1

Kelly Poynton and Michelle Mausteller.

Sherran Wilson and Emilie Montgomery.

(Game 3)

Dowling (33-14)	010	000	000	1	-	2	6	1
Binghamton (29-18)	010	000	000	0	-	1	6	5

Jenn Hulse and Emilie Montgomery.

Jessica Ross and Jami Pier.

(Game 4)

Albany (32-14)	210	004	0	-	7	11	1
Pace (29-16)	000	001	0	-	1	4	3

Jessica Hansen and Michelle Mausteller.

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(Game 2)

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Kelly Poynton and Michelle Mausteller.

Sherran Wilson and Emilie Montgomery.

(Game 3)

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Binghamton (29-18)	010	000	000	0	-	1	6	5

Jenn Hulse and Emilie Montgomery.

Jessica Ross and Jami Pier.

(Game 4)

Albany (32-14)	210	004	0	-	7	11	1	
Pace (29-16)	000	001	0	-	1	4	3	

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ALBANY ADVANCES IN ECAC DIVISION II BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. -- Third baseman Mike Kuebler had three hits, scored three times and drove in three runs, as Albany rallied for a 12-9 victory over Dowling in the opening round of the ECAC Division II Baseball Championship on Friday at Varsity Field.

Stony Brook, the top seed, defeated Southern Connecticut State, 8-2, earlier in the day, and will meet the Great Danes in the winner's bracket on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in this double-elimination tournament.

Albany (19-19) overcame a 6-2 deficit with a six-run seventh inning. Tony Gregoli (Columbia), Steve Checksfield and Todd Birdsall each delivered an RBI single in the uprising. The Great Danes padded their lead in the eighth, when Kuebler hit his seventh home run of the season, a two-run blast, and Jeff Rossiter added a solo homer.

Dowling built a 5-0 advantage in the sixth, as second baseman Octavio Diaz lined a two-run single down the third-base line. Diaz, who also doubled, totaled four RBIs on the afternoon.

Catcher Craig Ansman homered twice and drove in four runs to lead Stony Brook (34-11) to an easy win against Southern Connecticut State. Freshman pitcher Christopher Flinn improved to 8-1 on the season by scattering five hits and recording 13 strikeouts in a complete-game effort.

In the loser's bracket, Shawn Upton singled in the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning to lift Southern Connecticut State (25-19) to an 8-7 come-from-behind victory over Dowling. The Golden Lions finish their season at 23-18-1.

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Game 5 - Southern Connecticut State vs. Loser Game #4, 1:00

Game 6 - Winner Game #4 vs. Winner Game #5, 4:00

Sunday, May 16

Game 7 - Game #6 opponents (if necessary), 10:00 a.m.

---Friday's Games---

(Game 1)

Southern Conn. State (24-19)	000	100	001	-	2	5	1
Stony Brook (34-11)	102	102	11x	-	8	17	0

Rit Lacomis and Dustin Diver.

Christopher Flinn and Craig Ansman.

(Game 2)

Dowling (23-17-1)	000	023	103	-	9	10	1
Albany (19-19)	000	002	64x	-	12	16	3

Jim Schneider, Forrest Irwin (7), Matt Yasinsky (7), Jeff Gorsky (7) and Adam Capodiecici.

Jason Trufant, Adam Harriman (7), Neil Hagin (8), Dave Schrepper (9), Mark Zacharczyk (9) and Dave Mykel.

(Game 3)

Dowling (23-18-1)	002	320	000	-	7	11	5
Southern Conn. State (25-19)	000	100	061	-	8	12	2

(two outs when winning run scored)

Ted Gounaris, Kevin Sicilian (8), John Nesci (9) and Dave Kobel.

Bill Doyle, Chris Garozzo (5) and Ryan Cimino, Joe DiSorbo.

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DENNIS CIRILLA NAMED TO GTE DISTRICT I ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Dennis Cirilla has been selected to the 1999 GTE District I Academic All-America Baseball Team. Cirilla, a member of the 11-player all-academic unit for the second time in the last three years, has a 3.33 cumulative grade point average in psychology with a minor in education.

A senior catcher/shortstop, Cirilla is batting .277 this spring with 26 runs, 14 RBIs, nine doubles and eight stolen bases.

Albany hosts the ECAC Division II Baseball Championship Tournament on May 14-16. The Great Danes meet Dowling in the opening round on Friday at 1:00 p.m.

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

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1999 GTE ACADEMIC DISTRICT I BASEBALL TEAM

(as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America)

COLLEGE DIVISION

All-District selections move on to national ballot.
National GTE Academic All-America® team to be announced June 1.

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>GPA/Major</u>
PITCHERS				
Ben DuBois	Plymouth State	Sr.	Franklin, NH	3.28/Management
David Fintak	Univ. of Rochester	Sr.	Orchard Park, NY	3.74/Chemistry
John Morris	U MASS Lowell	Sr.	Lowell, MA	3.39/Criminal Justice
CATCHER				
Dennis Cirilla	University at Albany	Sr.	Penfield, NY	3.33/Psychology
INFIELDERS				
Christopher Borelli	Southern Connecticut	Sr.	Hamden, CT	3.27/History
Nick Clark	Adelphi University	Sr.	West Babylon, NY	3.51/Physical Education
Doug Keenholts	Rensselaer	Sr.	E. Greenbush, NY	3.40/Management
Joel Morales	MIT	Sr.	Corpus Christi, TX	4.3 (5.0)/Chemical Engineering
OUTFIELDERS				
Jonathan Epstein	Wesleyan University	Sr.	Wellesley, MA	3.52/Psychology
Kevin McKenney	MIT	Jr.	Falmouth, MA	4.8 (5.0)/Chemical Engineering
Mike O'Donovan	Ithaca College	Sr.	Collegetown, PA	3.60/Finance

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(Release Attached - Three Area Athletes Receive ECAC Merit Medals)

ALBANY IS HOST SITE FOR ECAC DIV. II MID-ATLANTIC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will host the 1999 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II Mid-Atlantic Softball Championship on May 15-16. The four-team, double-elimination tournament will be held at Albany Field.

Binghamton, the New England Collegiate Conference champion, and top seed with a 29-16 record, will meet No. 4 seed Pace (28-15) on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Albany, the No. 3 seed, tangles with No. 2 Dowling (32-13) at 12 noon. The Great Danes posted a 30-14 record, and placed second in the NECC standings. Saturday's losers are paired at 2:00 p.m., while the winners from the opening two contests face off at 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday, the loser of game 4 meets the winner of game 3 at 10 a.m. The championship round begins at 12 noon with the winner of game 4 playing the winner of game 5. The "if necessary" game is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Senior third base Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia H.S.) and freshman shortstop Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls H.S.), a pair of All-NECC selections, lead Albany into ECAC tournament play for the second straight spring. Nicsevic is batting .399 in the lead-off spot with 37 runs and 20 stolen bases, while Terry (.367 BA) tops the Great Danes in runs (45), RBIs (30) and stolen bases (32).

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ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Softball Tournament (Albany Field, Albany, N.Y.)

Saturday, May 15

Game 1 - #1 Binghamton (29-16) vs. #4 Pace (28-15), 10:00 a.m.

Game 2 - #2 Dowling (32-13) vs. #3 Albany (30-14), 12:00

Game 3 - Loser Game #1 vs. Loser Game #2, 2:00

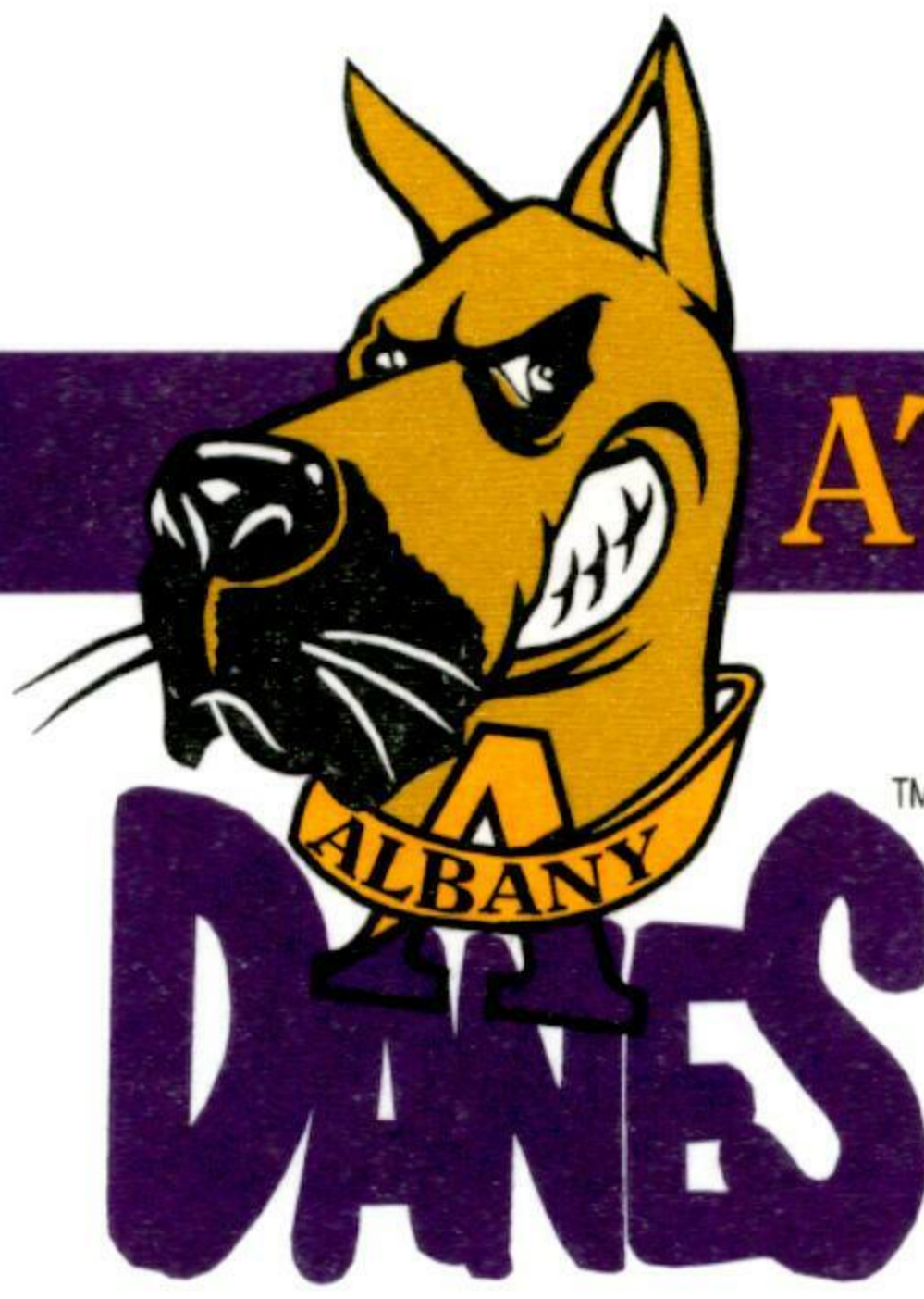
Game 4 - Winner Game #1 vs. Winner Game #2, 4:00

Sunday, May 16

Game 5 - Winner Game #3 vs. Loser Game #4, 10:00 a.m.

Game 6 - Winner Game #4 vs. Winner Game #5, 12:00

Game 7 - Game #6 opponents (if necessary), 2:00



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ATHLETES AWARDED ECAC MERIT MEDALS Ben Wright, Kelly Paolino and Janna Johnston Are Selected

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany's **Ben Wright**, **Kelly Paolino** and **Janna Johnston** have been chosen to receive Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Merit Medals as Interim Director of Athletics Bob Ford announced today. The awards are annually given to the school's top senior male and female student-athletes who have shown excellence in the classroom and as competitive athletes during the current academic year.

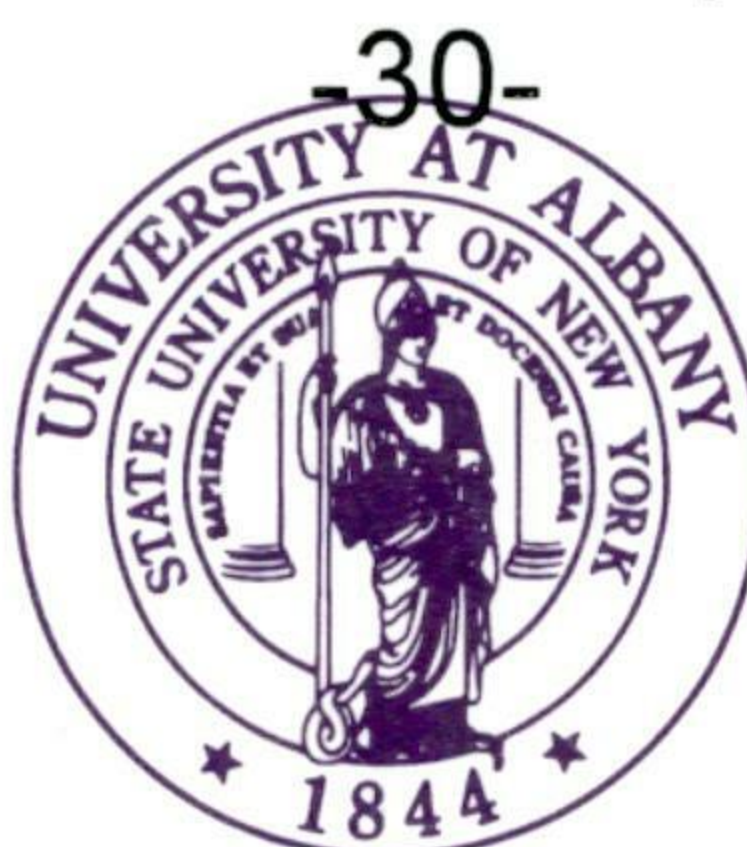
Wright, of Averill Park (N.Y.) High School, is a three-time New England Collegiate Conference indoor mile champion, and the 1997 NECC cross country individual title winner. He has a 3.79 cumulative grade point average in business administration with an emphasis in finance. Wright will earn his undergraduate degree in a three-year period later this month, and has already accepted a position with Andersen Consulting.

Wright was voted to the 1998 GTE District I Academic All-America team, and is a Presidential Scholar and Dean's List student. He led the Great Danes to their second straight NECC cross country championship and an ECAC title last fall. Wright also competed the college indoor mile at the 1999 Millrose Games, and ran on the 3,200-meter and distance medley relays at Penn Relays.

Johnston, a standout track and field athlete, and Paolino, an all-conference guard in basketball, share the women's award. Johnston has a 3.49 GPA in mathematics with a dual minor in physics and computer science, while Paolino has a 3.58 in psychology with a minor in education.

Johnston, a Shenendehowa High School graduate, recently qualified for the ECAC championships in the heptathlon, and won the Albany Spring Classic with a meet-record 4,677 points. She set a school-mark (3,452) in the winning the ECAC indoor pentathlon, and captured her second consecutive NECC indoor high jump crown. Johnston, who owns eight Albany indoor and outdoor track records, won the UConn Invitational long jump by breaking the UA standard with a leap of 18-09.75. She led Albany to the 1999 NECC and ECAC indoor track championships. A Presidential Scholar, Johnston has interned with State Farm Insurance's public protection group.

Paolino, a graduate of Schalmont High School, made her second straight appearance on the All-NECC women's basketball team, and became the fourth player in school history to score 1,000 career points. A two-time captain, Paolino averaged 14.0 points, 3.6 assists, 3.7 rebounds and 3.0 steals in 1998-99. She finished her career ranked fourth in scoring (1,020), fourth in assists (332), second in steals (271) and first in games played (109) on Albany's all-time lists. Paolino, who has been accepted to Albany Law School, has served as chair of the school's student-athlete advisory committee, and worked as a volunteer at Veteran's Hospital.



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ALBANY HOSTS ECAC DIVISION II BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will play host to the 1999 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II Baseball Championship on May 14-16. The four-team, double-elimination tournament will be held at Varsity Field.

Stony Brook, the top seed with a 33-11 record, will meet No. 4 seed Southern Connecticut State (24-18) on Friday at 10:00 a.m. Albany, the No. 2 seed, tangles with No. 3 Dowling (23-16-1) at 1:00 p.m. The Great Danes posted an 18-19 record, but were 16-11 against Division II opponents, and finished third in the New England Collegiate Conference. Friday's losers are paired at 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, the first-round winners meet at 10 a.m., followed by the loser of game 4 against the winner of game 3 at 1 p.m. The championship round begins at 4 p.m. on Saturday with the winner of game 4 playing the winner of game 5. The "if necessary" game is schedule for Sunday at 10 a.m.

Senior left fielder Tony Gregoli (Columbia H.S.) and sophomore right fielder Steve Checksfield, a pair of first-team All-NECC selections, lead Albany into ECAC tournament play for the second straight spring. Gregoli is batting .419 with 11 home runs and 46 RBIs, while Checksfield (.375 BA) leads the team in hits (57) and runs (46), and has 20 extra-base hits with 11 stolen bases.

-agate-

ECAC Division II Baseball Tournament (Varsity Field, Albany, N.Y.)

Friday, May 14

#1 Stony Brook (33-11) vs. #4 Southern Connecticut State (24-18), 10:00 a.m.

#2 Albany (18-19) vs. #3 Dowling (23-16-1), 1:00

Game #1 Loser vs. Game #2 Loser, 4:00

Saturday, May 15

Game #1 Winner vs. Game #2 Winner, 10:00 a.m.

Game #3 Winner vs. Game #4 Loser, 1:00

Game #4 Winner vs. Game #5 Winner, 4:00

Sunday, May 16

Championship Bracket (if necessary), 10:00 a.m.

MORE

ALBANY SWEEPS NECC'S WEEKLY SOFTBALL AWARDS

New Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Kelly Poynton has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Week (May 3-9) in women's softball for the third straight week. In addition, Michelle Mausteller and Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) won the NECC's weekly player and rookie awards.

Poynton, a senior right-hander, posted a 3-0 record with one save and a 0.00 earned run average in four appearances. She registered her 14th career shutout with a one-hitter in a 2-0 victory at Southern Connecticut State, and has allowed just one earned run over her last 40 2/3 innings. Poynton is 13-4 with a 1.55 ERA on the season.

Terry was tabbed as the NECC Rookie of the Week for the fourth time this spring. The freshman shortstop batted .571 with seven runs, four RBIs and three stolen bases. Mausteller, a junior catcher, hit .500 in four games last week. She drove in five runs, scored five times, and added three doubles.

Albany (30-14) has reached the 30-win mark for the second consecutive season, and awaits Tuesday's announcement of the ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic tournament field.

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(Track & Field)

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) set a meet and facility record in the women's heptathlon, and the Great Danes won both the men's and women's team titles at the Fifth Annual Albany Spring Classic on Saturday at University Field.

Johnston scored 4,677 points in the seven-event competition, and qualified for the ECAC championships in Fairfax, Virginia on May 20-23. She leaped 18-04.25 in the long jump and ran 2:35.74 in the 800 meters on the heptathlon's second day.

The Great Danes, who outdistanced runner-up Massachusetts-Lowell, 175 to 94, in the women's standings, eclipsed two school records. Jessica Burger (Granville Central) led Albany's 3,200-meter relay to a second-place finish (10:02.48), while junior Andrea Viger (Granville Central) set another UA mark in the 3,000-steeplechase, and was fifth in 12:00.53.

Syracuse's Sam Okantey shattered the facility record in the triple jump, but his Orangemen finished behind Albany, 126.50 to 86, in the men's championship. Okantey's mark of 54-00 broke the old record by nearly 10 inches. Fordham also set a meet and track standard in winning the 3,200-meter relay in 7:44.71.

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Fifth Annual Albany Spring Classic
(University Field, Albany, N.Y.)

WOMEN

Team Scores

Albany 175, 2. Massachusetts-Lowell 94, 3. Fordham 70.50, 4. Club Santurce (Puerto Rico), 57, 5. Southern Connecticut State 50, 6. Cortland 43, 7. Hamilton 39, 8. Vermont 30 and St. Lawrence 30, 10. Maine 28, 11. New Haven 27, 12. Bentley 26, 13. Dartmouth and Geneseo 24, 15. Binghamton 22, 16. Marist 21.50, 17. Sacred Heart 20, 18. Rensselaer 12, 19. Plattsburgh 10, 20. Kean 7, 21. Rochester 6, 22. C.W. Post 5, 23. New Paltz 4, 24. Holy Cross 3.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(track - cont.)

Events

3,000 - 1. Amy Farrell (St. Lawrence), 10:08.88; 2. Maggie Hanson (Hamilton), 10:11.37; 3. Julie Thomas (Binghamton), 10:51.02.
3,000 Steeplechase - 1. Victoria Lynch (unattached), 11:04.88; 2. Katie Bologna (unattached), 11:12.99; 3. Teressa DiPerna (unattached), 11:50.30.
10,000 - 1. Heather Perrine (Marist), 37:54.54; 2. Tara Woolford (Hamilton), 38:25.14; 3. Anne Toth (Hamilton), 39:48.04.
High Jump - 1. Jennifer Petersen (unattached), 5-07.75; 2. Jillian Croft (Mass.-Lowell), 5-05.75; 3. Allison Mecer (Cortland), 5-03.75.
Triple Jump - 1. Monique Hacker (Binghamton), 39-07; 2. Bridget McCann (Geneseo), 36-07.50; 3. Kamarilia Reid (Southern Conn. State), 36-07.50.
Javelin - 1. Kelly Murphy (Dartmouth), 120-04; 2. Melissa Coppola (Rensselaer), 105-08; 3. Tara McCarthy (Albany), 100-05.
Shot Put - 1. Amy Bratt (New Haven), 37-04.50; 2. Kate Mason (Southern Conn. State), 34-05; 3. Mary Argulski (Mass.-Lowell), 34-03.50.
4x400 Relay - 1. Mass.-Lowell, 3:55.44; 2. Albany, 3:55.97; 3. Rochester, 4:01.81.
4x800 Relay - 1. Fordham, 9:32.46; 2. Albany, 10:02.48; 3. Club Santurce, 10:04.57.
Heptathlon - 1. Janna Johnston (Albany), 4,677 points (meet & facility record).

MEN

Team Scores

1. Albany 126.50, 2. Syracuse 86, 3. Massachusetts-Lowell 85, 4. Club Santurce (Puerto Rico) 76.50, 5. Marist 47.50, 6. Plattsburgh 44.50, 7. Binghamton 41.50, 8. Fordham 41, 9. Cortland 40, 10. Bentley 36, 11. Rensselaer 30.50, 12. Dartmouth 23, 13. Hartwick 19, 14. Holy Cross 17, 15. Kean 16, 16. Ramapo 15, 17. Hamilton 12, 18. Sacred Heart, Quinnipiac, U.S. Merchant Marine and St. Lawrence 10, 22. R.I.T. 9, 23. New Paltz 5, 24. Vermont 2.

Events

3,000 Steeplechase - 1. Mike Heitzenrater (Cortland), 9:21.03; 2. Brian Perrella (Marist), 9:29.40; 3. Rich Neiley (R.I.T.), 9:36.35.
5,000 - 1. Orlando Ceballo (Club Santurce), 14:56.27; 2. Mike Kiernan (Albany), 15:25.46; 3. Greg Salamone (Marist), 15:25.75.
10,000 - 1. Roland Lavallo (Quinnipiac), 32:06.24; 2. Travis Bashaw (Binghamton), 33:19.74; 3. Andy Rickert (Albany), 34:01.54.
High Jump - 1. Cory Hubert (Syracuse), 6-08.75; 2. John Morris (Albany), 6-07.50; 3. Sean Kelley (Bentley), 6-05.50.
Triple Jump - 1. Sam Okantey (Syracuse), 54-00 (meet & facility record); 2. Eric Gaither (unattached), 46-09.50; 3. Harold Valestin (Albany), 46-04.75.
Shot Put - 1. Alex Brown (Syracuse), 54-06; 2. Michael Galkoski (Fordham), 51-07.25; 3. Arturo Francisco (Club Santurce), 51-04.50.
Javelin - 1. Ron McConnell (unattached), 197-04; 2. Dan Bresnahan (Mass.-Lowell), 182-02; 3. Scott Hannay (unattached), 181-09.
4x400 Relay - 1. Hartwick, 3:17.59; 2. Mass.-Lowell, 3:18.97; 3. Albany, 3:22.50.
4x800 Relay - 1. Fordham, 7:44.71 (meet & facility record); 2. Mass.-Lowell, 7:50.63; 3. Albany, 7:52.13.
Decathlon - 1. Mike Schmidt (unattached), 5,361 points; 2. Danny Agosto (Albany), 4,754.

MORE

Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

(Women's Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Catcher Michelle Mausteller had five hits, scored five times and drove in four runs to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep over Bridgeport in the regular-season finale for both teams at Albany Field. The Great Danes, who reached the 30-win mark for the second straight year, won the twinbill, 15-2 and 11-5.

Mausteller doubled to lead off the nightcap's fifth inning, and later scored on a single by Sophia Pasquis to break a 5-5 deadlock. Pitcher Kelly Poynton, who won the first game as a starter, worked 2 2/3 innings as a reliever, and totaled six strikeouts to improve to 13-4 this season.

In the first game, Albany (30-14, NECC 15-3) scored five times in the opening frame, as Mausteller delivered a two-run single. Freshman Audrey White had four hits, five runs and three RBIs on the afternoon.

Freshman shortstop Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) banged out four hits, including a double and a triple, and scored five runs for the Great Danes, who finished second in the conference standings and await a possible ECAC tournament bid.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Bridgeport	002	00	-	2	3	3
Albany	5(10)0	0x	-	15	16	2

Valerie Steen and Sarah Harrison.

Kelly Poynton, Lindsey Wilson (5) and Michelle Mausteller.

(Game 2)

Bridgeport (5-26, 4-14)	300	020	0	-	5	10	2
Albany (30-14, 15-3)	023	015	x	-	11	11	1

Valerie Steen and Sarah Harrison.

Jessica Hansen, Kelly Poynton (5) and Michelle Mausteller.

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(Track & Field)

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Xiomara Davila Diaz won two events, and anchored the women's 400-meter relay to a school and facility record on the first day of competition at the Fifth Annual Albany Spring Classic on Friday at University Field. The two-day meet concludes on Saturday, when men's and women's team champions will be crowned.

Albany's relay qualified for the ECAC championships in Fairfax, Virginia later this month with a time of 47.47 seconds. Davila Diaz, Tara Bialy, Tammy Freeman and Seidah Abu-Bakir erased the track record (48.00) set last month by the University at Buffalo, and broke a school mark established at the 1997 NCAA Division II championships.

Davila Diaz also was first in the 100-hurdles (14.23) and 400-hurdles (1:00.99), while teammate Tara Bialy posted a victory in the 100-dash (12.71). Meanwhile, Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) scored 2,700-plus points over four events on the first day of the women's heptathlon, and is on ECAC-qualifying pace. The heptathlon finishes up with the long jump, javelin and 800-meter run.

Albany's Christian Bloomer (Ballston Spa) and Marcus Thompson (Shaker) were members of the first-place men's 400-relay (42.90). In addition, Mass.-Lowell's Casey Lerner and Windy Dean, of the New York Athletic Club, set meet and facility records in the men's 800 meters and women's hammer throw, respectively.

-agate-

Fifth Annual Albany Spring Classic
(University Field, Albany, N.Y.)

Women's Events

100 - 1. Tara Bialy (Albany), 12.71; 2. Regan Coffey (Vermont), 12.74; 3. Jillian Croft (Mass.-Lowell), 12.95.

100-hurdles - 1. Xiomara Davila Diaz (Albany), 14.23; 2. Erica Towlson (Mass.-Lowell), 14.76; Tara Bialy (Albany), 15.26.

200 - 1. Regan Coffey (Vermont), 25.33; 2. Elma Pabon (Club Santurce), 25.74; 3. Lakia Walker (Albany), 25.89. **MORE**

**Albany Sports 2-2-2-2
(women's results)**

400 - 1. Maggie Vandenberg (Maine), 56.91; 2. Cortney Boccardi (Fordham), 57.31; 3. Melissa Sullivan (Mass.-Lowell), 58.51.
400-hurdles - 1. Xiomara Davila Diaz (Albany), 1:00.99; 2. Tamirah Haywood (Albany), 1:04.33; 3. Heather Dion (Mass.-Lowell), 1:04.49.
800 - 1. Moriah Reid (Southern Conn. State), 2:13.92; 2. Vanessa McGowan (Maine), 2:14.13; 3. Viviana Alicea (Club Santurce), 2:20.85.
1,500 - 1. Amy Farrell (St. Lawrence), 4:38.67; 2. Tracy Sipka (Fordham), 4:41.82; 3. Victoria Robinson (Fordham), 4:44.49.
5,000 - 1. Theresa Trudell (Cortland), 18:11.45; 2. Andrea Viger (Albany), 18:12.56; 3. Heather Stockton (Sacred Heart), 18:43.00.
Discus - 1. Melissa Nichols (Mass.-Lowell), 138-06; 2. Beth Shope (Geneseo), 121-04; 3. Amy Bratt (New Haven), 118-08.
Long Jump - 1. Erica Towlson (Mass.-Lowell), 18-07.25; 2. Rhashita Burwell (Cortland), 17-03.50; 3. Mary Mulcahey (Dartmouth), 16-09.75.
Pole Vault - 1. Betty Beck (Dartmouth), 9-05.75; 2. Laura Duncan (Dartmouth), 8-08; 3. Lisa Barbrick (Bentley), 8-00.
Hammer - 1. Windy Dean (New York Athletic Club), 208-02 (meet & facility record); 2. Beth Shope (Geneseo), 174-06; 3. Kate Mason (Southern Conn. State), 151-00.
3,000-Racewalk - 1. Dana Giancaspro (Albany), 15:32.30.
4x100 Relay - 1. Albany (Tara Bialy, Tammy Freeman, Seidah Abu-Bakir, Xiomara Davila Diaz), 47.47 (meet & facility record); 2. Mass.-Lowell, 48.23; 3. Club Santurce, 50.06.

Men's Events

100 - 1. Stefan Mascoll (Cortland), 10.96; 2. Cesar Rivera (Club Santurce), 11.17; 3. Scott Rowe (unattached), 11.28.
110-hurdles - 1. Geoffrey York (New York Pioneer Club), 13.66; 2. Adrian Woodley (Syracuse), 14.18; 3. Keith Booker (New Horizon), 14.84.
200 - 1. Adrian Woodley (Syracuse), 21.76; 2. Omar Eldakar (Binghamton), 22.08; 3. Geoffrey York (New York Pioneer Club), 22.20.
400 - 1. Omar Eldakar (Binghamton), 48.37; 2. Tim Buckenmeyer (Cortland), 49.00; 3. Robert Weitzman (Fordham), 49.04.
400-hurdles - 1. Chris Verkey (Plattsburgh), 54.05; 2. Terance Jackson (Kean), 54.11; 3. Michael Paige (Mass.-Lowell), 54.19.
800 - 1. Casey Lerner (Mass.-Lowell), 1:51.56 (meet & facility record); 2. Matt LoPiccolo (unattached), 1:51.60; 3. Eric Sherry (Mass.-Lowell), 1:52.06.
1,500 - 1. Dan Yifru (Bentley), 3:58.14; 2. Ben Wright (Albany), 3:58.54; 3. Gabe Rivard (Maine), 3:59.64.
Long Jump - 1. Luis Soto (Club Santurce), 23-09.50; 2. Cesar Rivera (Club Santurce), 23-04.50; 3. Stephen Dowd (Plattsburgh), 23-00.00.
Pole Vault - 1. Craig Lundy (Syracuse), 14-00.50; 2. Bob LeBlanc (Hartwick), 13-06.50; 3. Jeff Farrington (unattached), 13-06.50.
Hammer - 1. Mike Pestilli (unattached), 177-03; 2. Paul Rose (unattached), 169-03; 3. Josh Black (unattached), 168-07.
Discus - 1. Bill Monette (Rensselaer), 170-02; 2. Mike Pestilli (unattached), 164-00; 3. Michael Craft (unattached), 148-07.
3,000-Racewalk - 1. James Allen (Park Walkers), 14:17.50.
4x100 Relay - 1. Albany (Christian Bloomer, Steven Kantrowitz, John Morris, Marcus Thompson), 42.90; 2. Club Santurce, 42.99; 3. Mass.-Lowell, 44.03.

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FOOTBALL WRAPS UP SPRING PRACTICE WITH SATURDAY EVENING SCRIMMAGE

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany concludes spring football practice with a controlled scrimmage at University Field on Saturday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. The Great Danes have conducted 15 practice sessions in preparation for their first season at the NCAA Division I-AA level this fall.

Head coach Bob Ford and his coaching staff will hold a clinic prior to the scrimmage from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Recreation and Convocation Center's Hall of Fame Room. There is no admission charge.

Ford, last year's ECAC Division II Coach of the Year, will have 36 returning letterwinners, including eight starters on offense and three on defense, from a team which has won back-to-back Eastern Football Conference championships. Albany is now a member of the Northeast Conference along with Central Connecticut State, Monmouth, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis, Pa., Stony Brook and Wagner.

1999 Albany Schedule

Sept. 4, at Central Connecticut State*, 1:00; Sept. 11, at Monmouth*, 1:00; Sept. 18, Rowan, 6:00; Sept. 25, Open Date.

Oct. 2, Stony Brook* (HOF), 1:00; Oct. 9, at Wagner*, 1:00; Oct. 15 (Fri.), at Massachusetts-Lowell, 7:00; Oct. 23, at St. Francis, Pa.*, 1:00; Oct. 30, Robert Morris* (HC), 2:00.

Nov. 6, Sacred Heart*, 1:00.

*Northeast Conference Opponent (HOF) - Hall of Fame Day (HC) - Homecoming/Family Weekend

FIVE ALBANY SOFTBALL PLAYERS NAMED TO NECC ALL-STAR UNIT

New Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) and Audrey White lead a group of five Great Danes who were named to the 1999 All-New England Collegiate Conference women's softball team. Nicsevic and White were first-team selections, while Kelly Poynton, Jessica Hansen and Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) were chosen to the second team.

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Nicsevic, a senior third base, makes her second consecutive appearance on the All-NECC squad. She has a .400 batting average with 33 runs and 20 stolen bases, and has not struck out in 160 plate appearances this spring. White, a freshman second base, is hitting .339 with 30 runs and 17 RBIs.

Poynton, who is also a member of the all-conference team for the second straight year, has an 11-4 record with a 1.65 earned run average and four shutouts. Junior pitcher Jessica Hansen leads the UA staff in victories with a 14-6 won-loss mark and a 1.71 ERA.

Terry, a freshman shortstop, leads the NECC in stolen bases (32) and runs (40), and is batting .357 with a team-leading 27 RBIs.

Albany (28-14, NECC 13-3) closes out its regular schedule with a home conference doubleheader against Bridgeport on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

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FIFTH ANNUAL ALBANY SPRING CLASSIC SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEKEND

Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will host the fifth annual Albany Spring Classic and Adirondack USATF Track and Field Invitational on May 7-8 at University Field.

Friday's field events start at 1:30 p.m. with the men's decathlon, while the 4x100-meter relays begin the track schedule at 3:00. The last track competition, the 10,000-meter run, is slated for 10:15 in the evening. The decathlon and women's heptathlon conclude the meet on Saturday.

Syracuse, Dartmouth, Vermont, Maine and Fordham are among the more than 30 teams who will have athletes compete in 24 men's and 25 women's events. Most of the competitors are attempting to qualify for both the NCAA and IC4A/ECAC championships later this month.

Albany's Andrea Viger (Granville Central) will defend last year's 1,500-meter title, along with teammates Tamirah Haywood (400-hurdles) and Ronald Edmundson (triple jump). Former Albany All-American Geoffrey York, of Troy, N.Y., captured both the 100-dash and 100-hurdles one year ago.

Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) and Ben Wright (Averill Park) are seeking qualification in the heptathlon and 1,500, respectively, for the IC4A/ECAC championships on May 20-23 in Fairfax, Virginia.

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(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Tonight's scheduled game between Albany and Columbia at Heritage Park was postponed due to rain.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Centerville, Mass. -- University at Albany's Amy DiMicco has been chosen as the ECAC Division II Rookie of the Week (April 26-May 2) in women's lacrosse. The UA midfielder set the school's single-game scoring record with nine points (5 goals, 4 assists) in a 15-14 victory over Marist, and netted the game-winner with 50 seconds remaining. She also scored three goals against both Siena and Holy Cross. In addition, DiMicco established Albany's freshman single-season scoring mark with 41 points (34 goals, 7 assists).

(Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior attackman John Baumann had five goals and five assists to lead Albany to a 23-3 victory over Assumption in the season finale for both teams at Varsity Field on Tuesday afternoon.

Baumann scored four times in the first quarter, as the Great Danes leaped to a 9-1 advantage and were never threatened. Junior Dan Small added four goals, and registered his 100th career point in the contest.

Andy Aros had two goals, including his 24th of the season, for Assumption (2-11). Goalkeeper L.J. Goldblatt made 27 saves. Albany (7-6) closed out the program's Division II era with its ninth consecutive winning campaign, and upgrades to Division I in 1999-2000.

Albany's Sean McConaghy (Columbia) had two goals, while defenseman John Gilson (Shenendehowa) scored once, and made two saves as a goalkeeper in the final period.

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Assumption (2-11)	1	0	1	1	-	3
Albany (7-6)	9	6	5	3	-	23

Assumption -- Andy Aros 2-0, Jim Murray 1-0, Scott Williams 0-1, Chris Remsen 0-1; Saves: L.J. Goldblatt 27.

Albany -- John Baumann 5-5, Dan Small 4-0, Rich Angel 2-1, Gavin Henry 2-1, Sean McConaghy 2-0, Bill Pitta 2-0, Sal Massa 1-1, Shehrazad Saeed 1-1, Mike Grasing 1-0, John Gilson 1-0, Kris Bremer 1-0, Eric Petrone 1-0, Matt Duball 0-2, Andrew Poplinger 0-1, Trevor Lisky 0-1; Saves: Mike Shelli 2, John Gilson 2.

(Softball)

New Haven, Conn. -- Senior pitcher Kelly Poynton fired a one-hit shutout in the first game, and earned a save with three innings of relief work in the nightcap to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference doubleheader sweep over Southern Connecticut State. The Great Danes won the first contest, 2-0, and the second, 4-1.

Poynton, who improved to 11-4 on the mound this season, recorded her 14th career shutout with an eight-strikeout, one-walk effort. Holly Myer's first-inning single was the lone hit off the right-hander. Albany (28-14, NECC 13-3) scored twice in the fifth with two outs. Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) singled in the first run, before scoring on Michelle Mausteller's double.

In the second game, Poynton, who has allowed just two runs over her last 39.0 innings, came on in the fifth to pick up her second save this spring. She worked out of a bases-loaded jam with a pair of strikeouts. Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) singled twice, doubled, and drove in one run, while Terry had two more hits.

Southern Connecticut State falls to 18-26-1 overall and 9-9 in the conference.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	000	020	0	-	2	10	0
Southern Conn. State	000	000	0	-	0	1	0

Kelly Poynton and Michelle Mausteller.
Maureen Hoag and Katie Valade.

(Game 2)

Albany	000	210	1	-	4	10	2
Southern Conn. State	000	001	0	-	1	3	1

Jessica Hansen, Kelly Poynton (5) and Michelle Mausteller.
Samantha Byrne and Melissa Nolan.

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POYNTON AND TERRY RECEIVE NECC'S WEEKLY SOFTBALL AWARDS

New Haven, Conn. -- University at Albany's Kelly Poynton has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Week (April 26-May 2) in women's softball. In addition, Valerie Terry (South Glens Falls) was chosen as the conference's Rookie of the Week for the third time this season.

Poynton, who won top pitcher honors for the second straight week, posted a 2-0 record with a 0.50 earned run average in two starts. She recorded her 35th career victory and 13th shutout with a two-hitter against Dowling on April 27. Poynton, a senior right-hander, is 10-4 with a 1.82 ERA this spring, and has allowed one run over her last 29.0 innings.

Terry, a freshman shortstop, belted her first home run in a 4-1 victory over New York Tech, and singled and scored in the seventh to break a scoreless deadlock in 2-0 win at Dowling. Terry is hitting .346 with 38 runs, 26 RBIs and 29 stolen bases in 40 games played for the Great Danes.

BASEBALL LOSES IN 11TH INNING AT NEW YORK TECH

Old Westbury, N.Y. -- Ian Beller's bunt single with two outs in the 11th inning scored pinch runner Kahlil Gourdin with the winning run, as New York Tech edged Albany, 5-4, in a non-conference game on Monday at Presidents Field.

Albany (18-19) rallied in the ninth with two runs to send the game to extra innings. Second baseman Frank Cannistra's RBI single tied the contest, after Dave Mykel scored on Michael Oliva's fielder's choice. New York Tech (13-30), a Division I program, had taken a 4-2 lead in the fifth, when Brian Goldberg stole home.

Reliever Brandon Kurz picked up his first win this season with two scoreless innings. Albany pitcher Scott Tower, who dropped to 4-3, went 10 2/3 innings on the mound, and allowed three earned runs while recording seven strikeouts.

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(baseball - cont.)**

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Albany (18-19)	001	010	002	00	-	4	9	2
New York Tech (13-30)	101	020	000	01	-	5	8	2

(two outs when winning run scored)

Scott Tower and Dave Mykel.

Rich Roth, Rob Bosworth (7), Doug Stasio (8), Brandon Kurz (10) and Laurence Pette, Vincent Galea.

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(Women's Lacrosse)

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. -- Amy DiMicco scored five goals, including the game-winner with 50 seconds remaining, to lift Albany to a 15-14 victory over Marist in the season finale for both teams on Sunday afternoon at Leonidoff Field.

DiMicco, who set the school's single-game scoring record with nine points on five goals and four assists, hit the top right corner on a give-and-go pass from Stacey Mayer in transition to break the deadlock. DiMicco, a midfielder, also shattered the UA freshman single-season scoring mark with 41 points (34 goals, 7 assists), which was previously set by her sister, Dawn, in 1997.

Pamela Brown and Colleen McMahon each had four goals for Marist (3-14). The Red Foxes rallied from a 7-4 halftime deficit to get back into the contest.

Jess Spadafora totaled four goals and four assists for Albany, which finished its schedule with a 7-7 record.

-agate-

Albany (7-7)	7	8	-	15
Marist (3-14)	4	10	-	14

Albany -- Amy DiMicco 5-4, Jess Spadafora 4-4, Anne Colonna 2-0, Alexis Esposito 2-0, Stacey Mayer 1-1, Karen Karpus 1-0; Saves: Allisson Pennington 8, Kim Martini 8.

Marist -- Pamela Brown 4-0, Colleen McMahon 4-0, Allison Occhicone 2-1, Jamine Aponte 2-0, Lindsay Bennett 1-1, Alison Rielley 1-1; Saves: Christy Uellendahl 14.

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(Men's Lacrosse)

Hamden, Conn. -- Joe Baglio scored five goals, including the game-winner in overtime, to lead Quinnipiac to a 13-12 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon.

Baglio, who also had three assists, eluded two Great Dane defenders, and hit the net with one minute and 22 seconds elapsed in the extra period. Albany (6-6) tied the contest with 29 seconds remaining in regulation, when defenseman Brian Vanderlofske drove from the midfield line.

Baglio's twin brother, Mike, had two goals and one assist, while goalkeeper Michael Sturmer totaled 24 saves. Quinnipiac (8-7) ended a four-game losing streak.

Albany's Dan Small had three goals and one assist, while Sean McConaghy (Columbia) scored twice. Mike Shelli (Shenendehowa) and Mike Arnone combined to stop 24 shots.

-agate-

Albany (6-6)	3	2	3	4	0	-	12
Quinnipiac (8-7)	5	2	0	5	1	-	13

Albany -- Dan Small 3-1, John Baumann 2-3, Sean McConaghy 2-0, Sal Massa 1-0, Andrew Poplinger 1-0, Matt Duball 1-0, Brian Vanderlofske 1-0, Shehrazad Saeed 1-0, Trevor Lisky 0-1; Saves: Mike Shelli 9, Mike Arnone 15.

Quinnipiac -- Joe Baglio 5-3, Mike Baglio 2-1, Erik Andersen 2-0, Alan LoGuidice 1-1, Ryan Petrowsky 1-0, Brendan Talbot 1-0, James Glick 1-0, Paul Lindsey 0-1, Jeff Speed 0-1; Saves: Michael Sturmer 24.