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HUTCHESON RECORDS THIRD STRAIGHT DOUBLE-DOUBLE TO LEAD UALBANY

Binghamton, N.Y. –**Danielle Hutcheson** scored 18 points, including the gamewinning shot as UAlbany beat Binghamton 50-49 in America East Conference action at the Binghamton Events Center on Tuesday, February 8. The victory was the first for UAlbany as the visiting team in the series since 1989.

With the score tied at 46, and 2:23 left to go, **Rebecka Lindgren** hit a three pointer from the top of the key to put the Bearcats up 49-46. **Maree Jones** converted a jumper to bring the Great Danes back within 49-48 with just 1:48 on the clock.

The two teams then traded turnovers before **Laura Sario** missed a running layup, with **Alicia Learn** pulling down the rebound. **Tanya James** drove to the basket, handing the ball off to Hutcheson, who hit a hook shot in the lane while getting fouled.

Sario grabbed the rebound off Hutcheson's missed free throw with 12 seconds on the clock and raced down the court, passing the ball off to Lindgren, who missed a jump shot as time expired to seal the win for UAlbany.

"I thought about calling a time out, but I saw something in their eyes and I knew they were going to get it done," said head coach Trina Patterson, whose team has won four of their last five contests. "Hutcheson is used to being double-teamed, but tonight she didn't take as many bad shots. This win shows the character of our team."

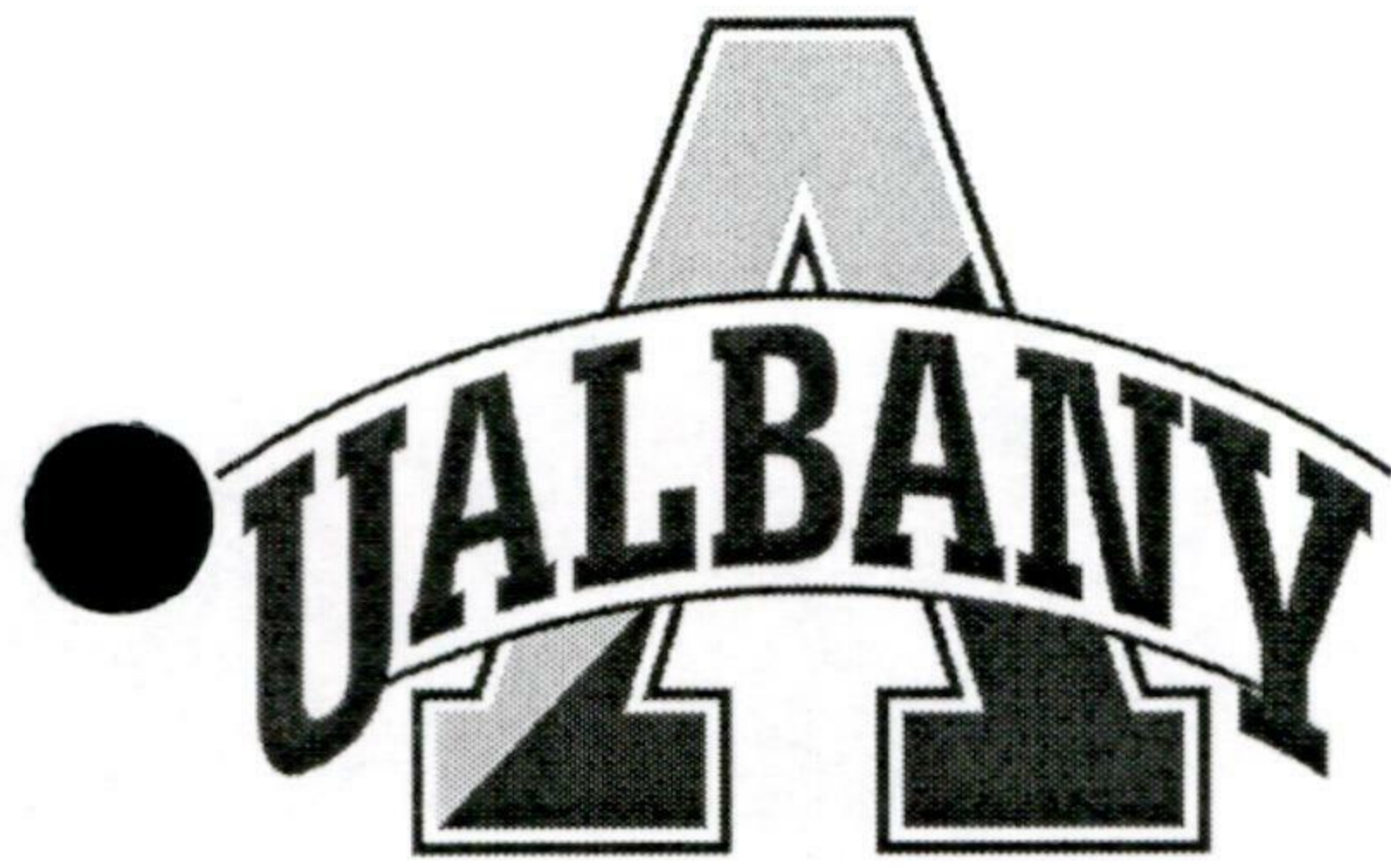
The Great Danes, who were winning 27-19 heading into the locker room, fell victim to a 10-3 run by Binghamton to start the second half. The Bearcats went ahead, 30-29, on a three pointer from the right corner by **Jen Blues** with 13:26 remaining. Binghamton converted 5-of-8 free throws during the run.

Binghamton opened its biggest lead 43-39 after Laws grabbed a defensive rebound and passed ahead to Lindgren, who put the finishing touches on a fast break layup at 4:52. UAlbany climbed back on two straight shots by **Jen Schumacher**, including her lone three pointer of the night that put the Great Danes up, 46-43.

"Binghamton is always a tough game because they are good rebounders and are very aggressive," said Schumacher "It bothered us that they took one at our place, so we were determined to be strong at the end."

Laws, who ended the game with a double-double, scoring 10 points and pulling down 10 rebounds, had eight of each in the second half. **Jen Haubrich** led the Bearcats with 11 points.

Hutcheson, who pulled down 12 caroms, notched her third straight double-double performance. Learn ended with 11 points, including her second career three point basket.



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UALBANY'S DANIELLE HUTCHESON EARNS AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE HONORS

Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's **Danielle Hutcheson** has been named the America East Conference Co-Player of the Week in women's basketball as announced by the conference office on Monday, Jan. 31. Hutcheson earned her first conference weekly award this season and fourth of her career. She shared the honor with Binghamton's Rachel Laws.

Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 senior center, helped the Great Danes record their first two-win week in America East play since February 2004. She scored a game-high 15 points to go along with six rebounds, one assist, one block and one steal as Albany upset first-place Hartford, 64-56, on Jan. 26. Against Boston U. three days later, Hutcheson tallied 18 points, eight rebounds and four blocks as the Great Danes notched their first win over Boston U. in eight tries.

A preseason all-conference selection, Hutcheson moved to third on UAlbany's all-time scoring chart with 1,217 points. She also took over sole possession of third place on the school's blocks list with 108.

Hutcheson, who averages 13.7 points per game, leads the conference in rebounding (8.9 pg) and blocked shots (1.53 pg).



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BOSTON U. PULLS OUT CLINCHER IN OVERTIME OVER UALBANY, 48-47

Boston, Mass. – **Rashad Bell** had 18 points in leading Boston University to a 48-47 overtime victory over UAlbany in America East Conference play on Sunday afternoon at Case Gymnasium.

Matt Wolff hit a pair of free throws to give Boston U. (14-5, AE 8-2) a 48-45 lead with less than a minute remaining in the extra period. UAlbany (9-10, AE 5-5) closed within one point on its next possession on a pair of free throws by **Jamar Wilson**, who had all 13 of his points after halftime.

Freshman **Bryan Geffen** missed a jumper with 10 seconds left, and UAlbany's **Aquawasi St. Hilliaire** grabbed the rebound to set up a potential game-winning basket. After inbounding from the sideline, **Brian Lillis** lost control of the ball in a play that was set up for Wilson. Lillis, who had six points and a career-high seven rebounds, missed a 16-footer on the right baseline as time expired.

"We were looking to force Jamar's defender to help," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team has lost all eight meetings in a series that began in the 2001-02 season. "However, Brian lost the ball and had to gather himself for the last shot. We wanted him to make the decision because he has a high basketball IQ."

The Great Danes trailed by as much as 10 points on three occasions in the second half, including 40-30 midway through the period. UAlbany regrouped with 10 unanswered points while holding the Terriers scoreless for nearly eight minutes. Wilson had four points in that run, before **Levi Levine** sank two foul shots to draw his team even with 3:55 remaining.

Kirsten Zoellner, a 7-foot-1 junior, who had 12 points and four rebounds, later tied the score at 44 apiece when he converted in the lane off a Levine pass. Geffen missed a jumper near the foul line, and UAlbany's **Brent Wilson** misfired on a three-pointer on each of the team's last possessions in regulation.

"Brian was trying to get us a win," offered Jamar Wilson. "He did what he had to do in that situation. It was a very intense game. They played with maturity and executed at the end."

Kevin Gardner was the only other B.U. player in double figures with 10 points. The Terriers have won three straight and seven of their last nine.



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HUTCHESON HAS 18 POINTS AS UALBANY UPENDS BOSTON U. FOR FIRST TIME

Albany, N.Y. – **Danielle Hutcheson** had 18 points and eight rebounds to pace four players in double figures, as UAlbany upended Boston U., 64-58, in America East Conference action on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Great Danes defeated the visitors for the first time in eight attempts since the series began in the 1999-2000 season.

Boston U. (9-8, AE 4-4) rallied from a 55-50 deficit with less than five minutes remaining. **Katie Meinhardt**, who had 10 points off the bench, drilled a three-point field goal, before freshman **Cheri Raffo** made a 10-footer in transition to draw her team even with 3:31 left.

UAlbany (9-8, AE 4-4) went back in front when **Alicia Learn**, who had 10 points, seven rebounds and a career-high eight assists, sank two foul shots. After Boston U.'s **Larissa Parr** split a pair of free throws, the Great Danes pulled away behind **Tanya James'** play. James converted a driving layup and then made two from the line, after being fouled in the backcourt, for a 61-56 advantage with 30.9 seconds remaining.

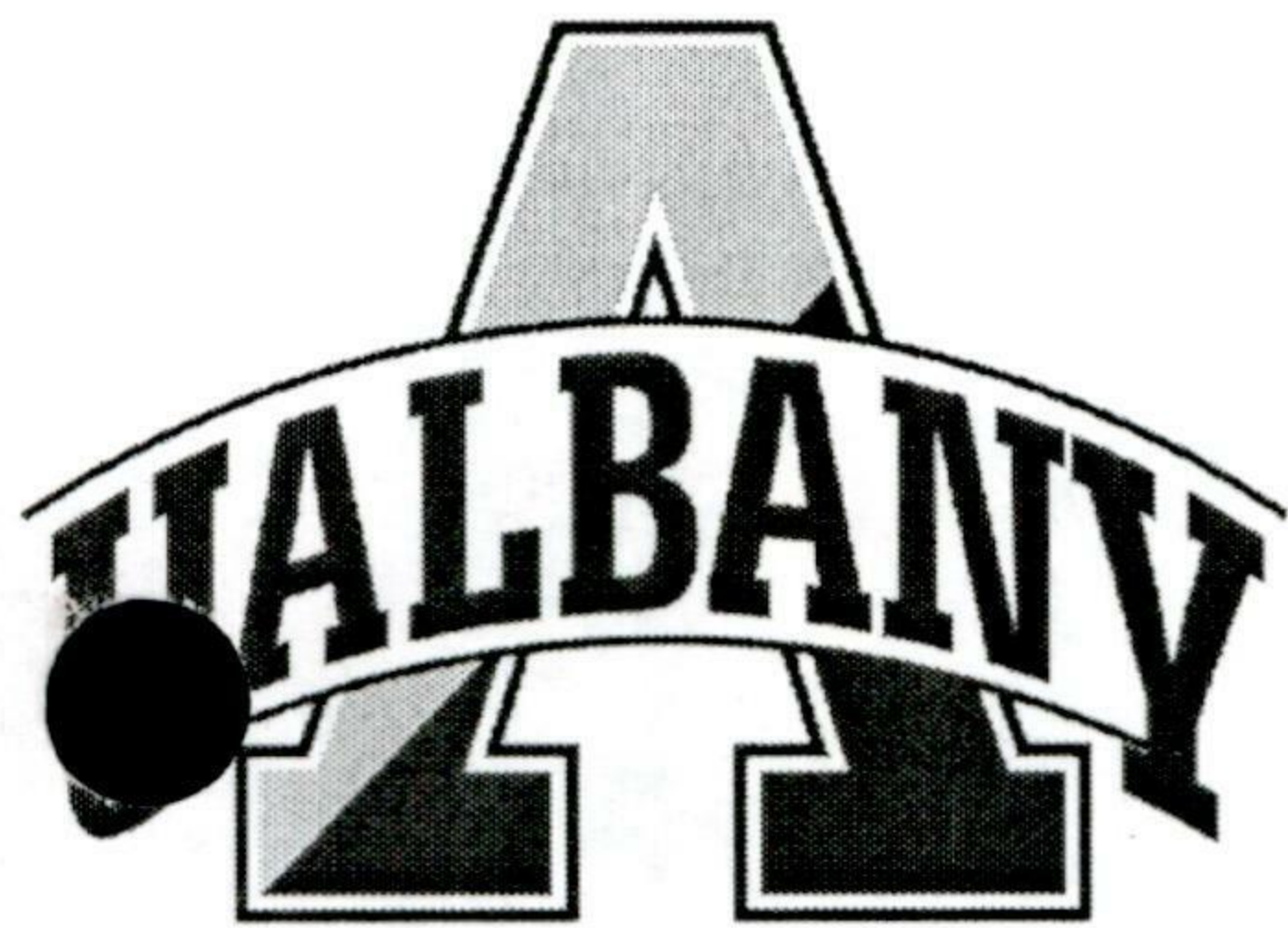
Maree Jones, a 6-foot-1 senior who had 14 points and eight rebounds, made three of four from the charity stripe at the end to hold that margin. The Great Danes were swept convincingly in last year's season series, including a 27-point loss in the previous meeting on March 2.

"It was a tough game that required a lot of energy," UAlbany coach Trina Patterson commented. "We controlled the game from the start. The corps of the team came through when we needed them. We hope that this win serves as a springboard for things to come."

UAlbany led by as much as 32-23 in the opening period, but BU was back within one possession early in the second half. **Becky Bonner** canned a 3-pointer from the right wing to close the gap to 41-40 with 14:22 left. **Corinne Jean**, a 6-foot-1 freshman, scored a team-high 15 points, including 5-of-5 from three-point range. The Terriers, who had a three-game win streak halted, shot just 36.2 percent from the field, but offset that figure by connecting on a season-high 12 three-point shots.

"The win means a lot to the older players," said Hutcheson, who made 7-of-17 from the field and blocked four shots. "The younger girls do not know what it is like to lose to them twice a year. We played together as a team and that's what pulled us through."

Jen Schumacher was the fourth UAlbany player in double figures with 11 points, as her team has won three of its last four contests.



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UALBANY QUALIFIES EIGHT MEMBERS FOR IC4A & ECAC TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boston, Mass. – **Eric Opuana** led a group of three UAlbany men's track and field athletes to qualify for the IC4A Championships at the Reebok Boston Indoor Games, held at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center on the campus of Northeastern University on Friday, January 28. **Patty Diedrich** was among five women to post an ECAC-qualifying mark.

Opuana set a school record, finishing first in the weight throw with a distance of 58-feet, 9.25-inches, good enough to qualify him for the IC4A's, which will be held on March 5-6 at Boston University.

Gered Burns (Guilderland), last year's IC4A champion, finished first in the Boston Indoor Games' 800-meter run, also qualifying for the championships with a time of 1:50.89. **Dale Hopkinson** was the final member of the men's squad to meet the IC4A-qualifying standards, finishing third in the 55-meter hurdles with a time a 7.62 seconds.

In the women's competition, Diedrich placed third in the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 8.21 seconds to qualify for the ECAC meet, which will be held at the Reggie Lewis Center on March 5-6.

Joining Diedrich was the women's distance medley relay squad. The team of **Nicole Susser** (Colonie), **Rebecca Vannoy**, **Danielle Trimpop**, and **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) finished first in their event, qualifying for the championships with a time of 12:07.75.

The Great Danes finished second out of 14 men's teams with 93 points. **Jonathan Jones**, who won the long jump with a distance of 22-feet, 11.75-inches, and **Robbie Freeman**, who placed second in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:52.90 led the way. **Stephan Evans** and **Ricardo Estremera** also finished well in their respective events, with Evans taking third in the 500-meter run (1:05.67) and Estremera placing third in the mile (4:20.14).

The men's 4x400-meter relay team also placed second. The team of Evans, **Junior Burnett**, **Jeremiah Wilson**, and Burns recorded a time of 3:19.98, just four-hundredths of a second behind the winning team from Southern Connecticut. **Sheldon Gomes** (Shaker) (46-feet, 9.5-inches) and **Kamar Elliott** (46-feet, 7.25-inches) posted third and fourth-place finishes, respectively, in the triple jump.

UAlbany finished third out of 10 women's teams in the team standings with 91 points. **Arina Gerisimova's** leap of 39-feet, 7-inches won the triple jump while **Sarah Charles** was second in the event with a distance of 36-feet, 10.5-inches.

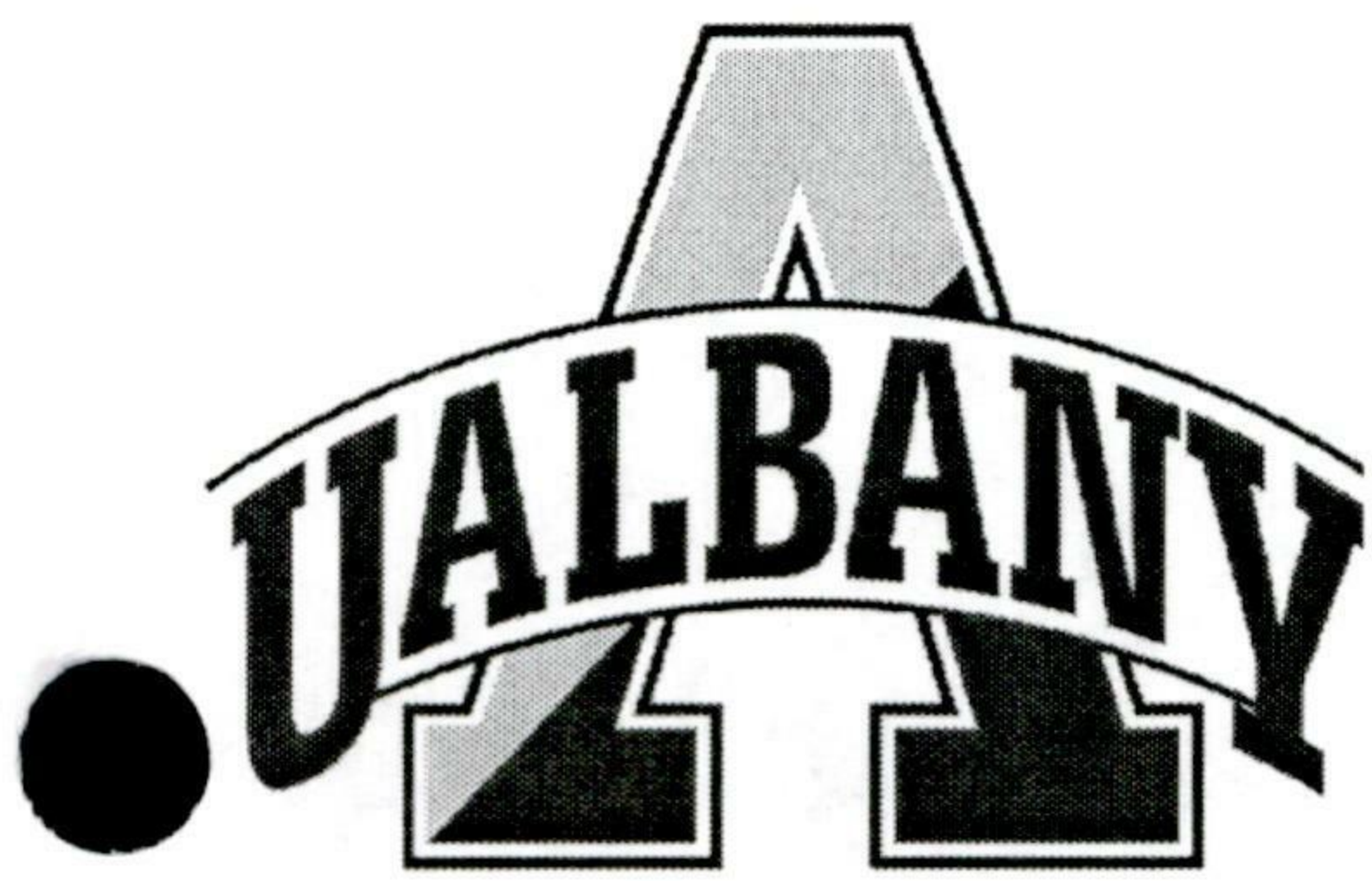
Natasha Bermudez posted a second-place finish in the weight throw with a distance of 49-feet, 9.25-inches. Lotmore also finished third in the 1,000-meter run, an event in which she holds the school record, with a time of 2:58.63.

WOMEN

1. South Florida, 148. 2. Northeastern, 119. **3. UAlbany, 91.** 4. Boston College, 80. 5. Williams, 70. 6. Yale, 68. 7. Massachusetts, 29. 8. Colgate, 27. 9. Roberts Wesleyan, 15. 10. Southern Connecticut State, 10.

MEN

1. Rhode Island, 104.5. **2. UAlbany, 93.** 3. Northeastern, 82.5, 4. Connecticut, 79. 5. New Hampshire, 68. 6. Southern Connecticut State, 79. 7. Yale, 41. 8. Boston College, 29. 9. Williams, 25.5, 10. Massachusetts, 20. 11. Roberts Wesleyan, 19. 12. Maine, 17. 13. Colgate, 13. 14. Holy Cross, 8.



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JAMAR WILSON'S 24 POINTS LEADS UALBANY TO A 61-42 AMERICA EAST WIN

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Jamar Wilson** had a season-high 24 points in leading UAlbany to a 61-42 America East Conference victory over Hartford on Thursday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany (9-9, AE 5-4) led 14-13 with 9:05 remaining in the opening period, but then scored 18 of the game's next 22 points to take control. Wilson, who made 8-of-13 from the field to go with five assists and six rebounds, ignited that run to the locker room with a three-pointer.

The Great Danes still led 22-17 five minutes later before reeling off 10 unanswered points. Freshman **Brian Lillis** converted a fastbreak layup off a Wilson feed and was followed by a **Lucious Jordan's** 3-point shot. Wilson then canned a pair of free throws and drilled a long-range three-pointer from the top of the circle off a screen for a 32-17 halftime advantage.

UAlbany kept their double-digit lead throughout the second half, including a 20-point margin early in the stanza. The Great Danes held the visitors to 37.5-percent shooting and forced 20 turnovers and the results was the lowest scoring total by an opponent in more than three years.

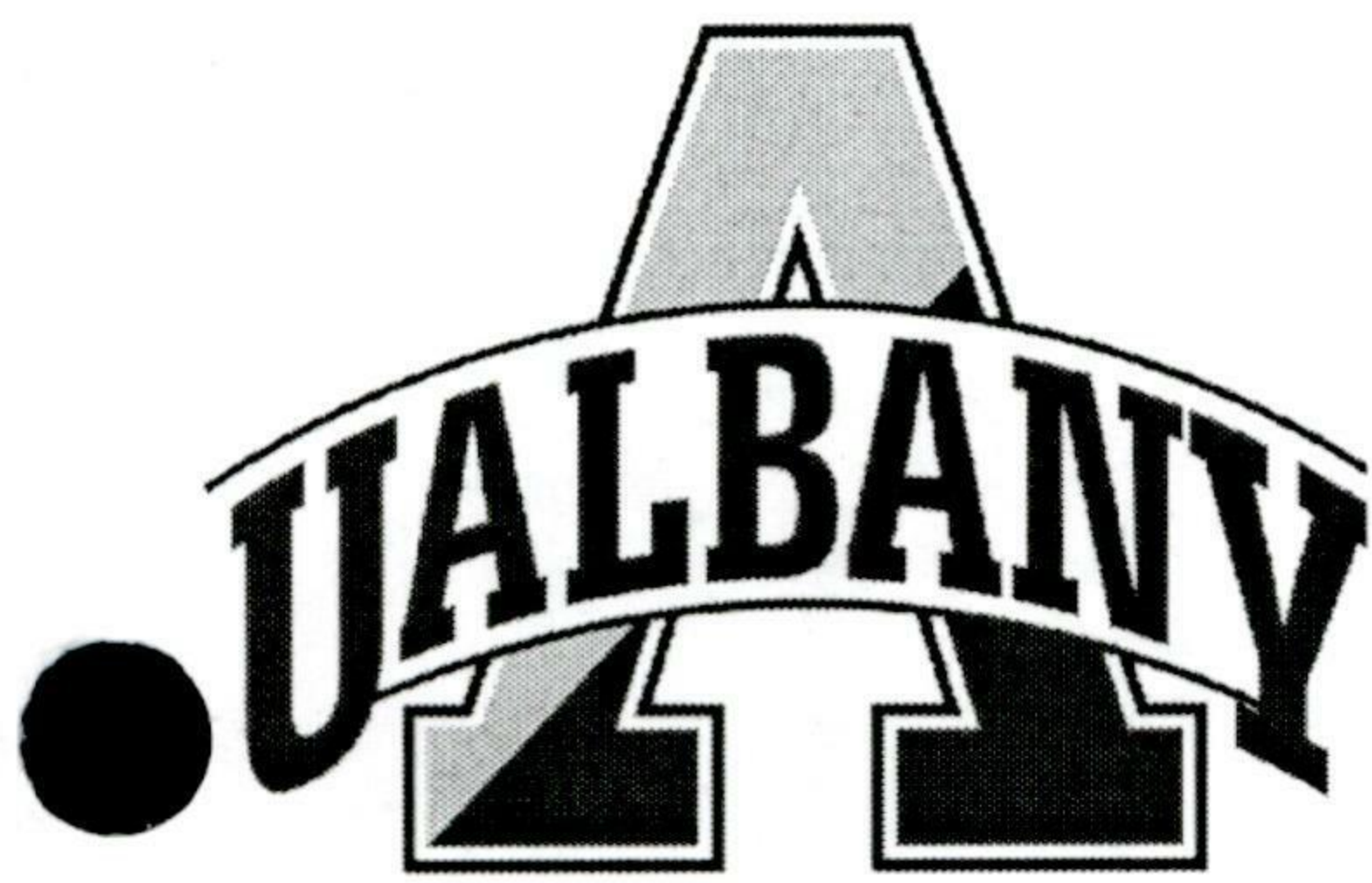
"We did a very good job defensively," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team also defeated Hartford, 71-59, in the conference opener for both teams back on Dec. 18th.

"Hartford is quick and athletic, and (Aaron) Cook is one of the best offensive players in the league. We were patient enough on offense to score points."

Hartford (7-11, AE 3-6) was led by sophomore forward **Bo Taylor**, who had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. **Aaron Cook** added 12 points for the Hawks, who are winless on the road in eight tries this season.

"Our defense and energy carried us to the win," said Wilson, who extended his double-figure scoring streak to 17 straight games. "We turned the ball over a little and were careless at times, but we stayed composed by playing hard and keeping the intensity level high."

Jordan, a 6-foot-2 junior, finished with 12 points and seven rebounds for the Great Danes, who were playing at home for the first time since Jan. 12th after a three-game conference road swing that covered more than 1,800 miles.



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UALBANY RALLIES FOR 64-56 VICTORY OVER AMERICA EAST-LEADER HARTFORD

Albany, N.Y. – **Jen Schumacher** scored 11 of her 15 points in the second half to pace three players in double figures, as UAlbany rallied for a 64-56 victory over Hartford in America East Conference play on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany (8-8, AE 3-4) trailed 43-36 with 13:16 remaining, but then ran off 10 consecutive points. **Danielle Hutcheson**, a 6-foot-4 center, tallied six of her 15 points in that outburst. Schumacher nailed a three-point field to draw her team even at 43 apiece, before Hutcheson was fouled as she made a turnaround on the right baseline. Her conventional three-point play put her team ahead for good.

The Great Danes, who forced the visitors to commit 12 of their 17 turnovers in second half, later led 46-45 with 8:49 left before pulling away with seven straight points. Schumacher, who was coming off a school-record 36-point effort in her last outing, drilled a 22-footer off an in-bounds pass to ignite that run. Freshman **Tanika Thrower** then hit a short jumper in the lane, and **Maree Jones** followed by splitting a pair of free throws.

Hartford (11-5, AE 5-2) led by as much as 10 points in the opening period, as **Liz Stitch** had nine of her team-high 13 points before the break. The Hawks still led 29-20 after **Erika Messam** sank two foul shots, but UAlbany netted the final six markers in the stanza.

Thrower, who had a career-best eight points and three steals off the bench, hit a bank shot in transition with 1.5 seconds left.

“The win felt really good because it came against the number-one team,” said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose squad had lost three of its last four games. “Our players were driven and committed to doing well. Our defense led to our offense. You hope to get buckets the easy way. That got us going and we created some good scoring opportunities.”

Jones, a 6-foot-1 senior, finished with 14 points, all in the second half, to go with eight rebounds and five steals. Learn added eight points and seven rebounds for the Great Danes, who have won four consecutive times in this series.

“This is a big win and helps us get started in building our confidence level,” commented Schumacher, who made 5-of-9 from the field. “It’s never an easy game against them. Shooting is all about timing and rhythm. Mine was off because of my knee (injury), but I have worked through it.”

Messam, a junior guard, totaled eight points, six assists and four steals for the Hawks, who had won three straight and were tied for first place in the conference standings coming into the contest.



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JEN SCHUMACHER NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

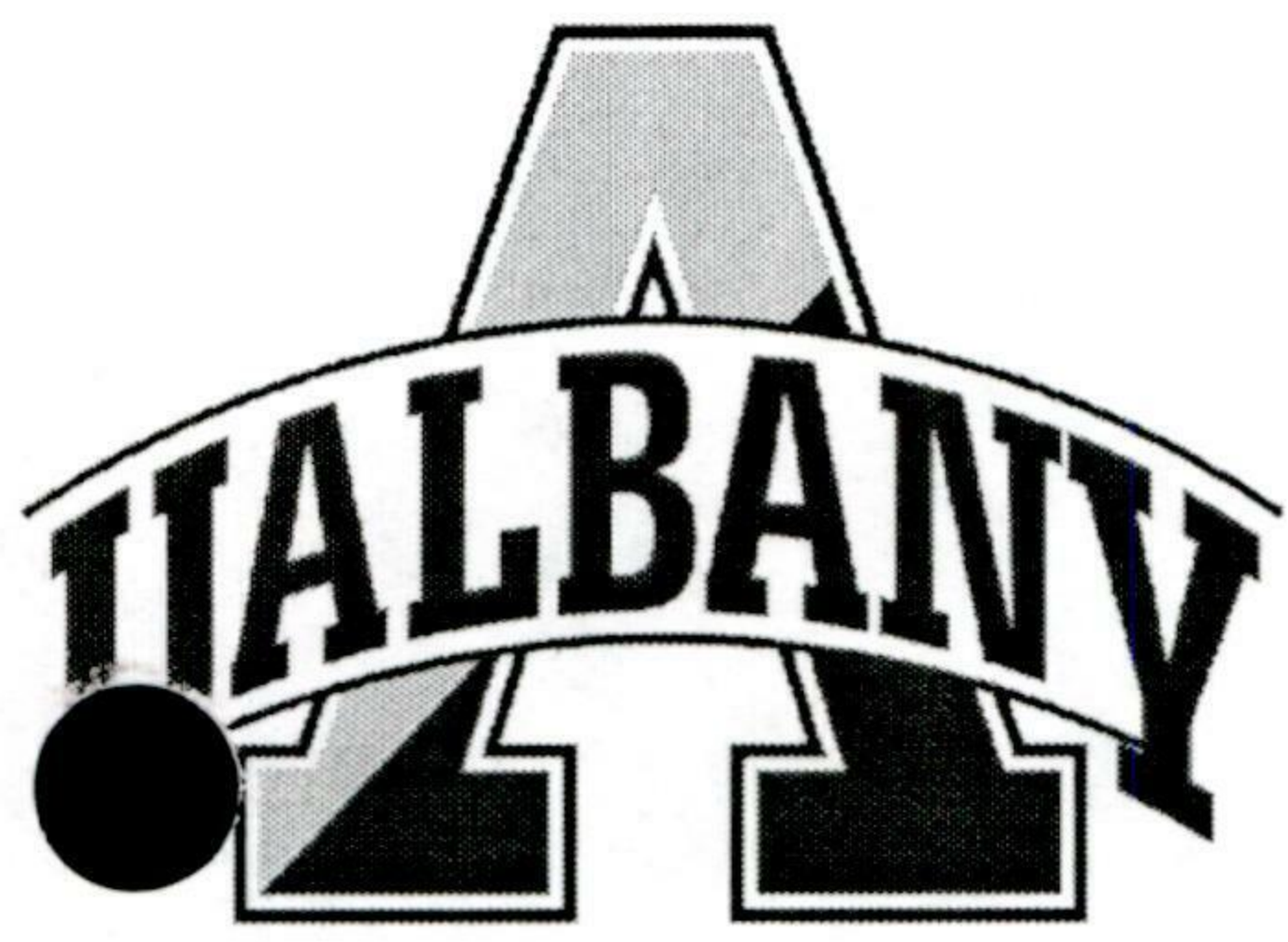
Boston, Mass. – UAlbany's **Jen Schumacher** has been named the America East Conference Player of the Week in women's basketball as announced by the conference office on Monday, Jan. 24. Schumacher, a junior guard from Lisle, N.Y., received the award for the first time in her career.

Schumacher tied the school's single-game scoring record with 36 points coming on 11-of-15 shooting in a 68-56 loss to Vermont. Cindy Werner also scored 36 against Hamilton in 1978. Schumacher connected on 9-of-10 three-point field goals, breaking her own school mark set earlier this season. Her nine 3-pointers also set an America East standard, while her 90-percent three-point shooting is the best effort in all of Division I this season.

Earlier in the week, Schumacher scored 12 points and added two assists and two rebounds in UAlbany's 52-46 win over UMBC.

For the season, Schumacher is averaging 12.5 points, which ranks 10th in the America East. She raised her three-point percentage to 40 percent and leads the league with 41 three-pointers.

UAlbany (7-8, AE 2-4) resumes conference play on Wednesday at 7 p.m. against Hartford at the Recreation and Convocation Center.



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UALBANY FALLS TO VERMONT IN AMERICA EAST ACTION, 62-45

Burlington, Vt. – **Taylor Coppentrath** had 17 points and 11 rebounds and **T.J. Sorrentine** scored 16 in leading Vermont to a 62-45 victory over UAlbany in America East Conference Play on Saturday afternoon before a sold out crowd at Patrick Gymnasium.

Vermont (13-3, AE 8-0) posted their tenth straight win while holding UAlbany (8-9, AE 4-4) scoreless over the final seven minutes and twenty one seconds of the first half. During that period, the Catamounts reversed a 20-15 deficit with 12 unanswered points.

Coppentrath, a two-time America East player of the year, gave his team the lead when he converted a three-point play in the lane. Sorrentine, who made 6-of-12 from the field, finished off the decisive run with a jumper and a three pointer for a 27-20 halftime advantage.

The Catamounts, who have made back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances, used some hot three-point shooting to break the game open early in the final period. **David Hehn**, a 6-foot-5 senior, nailed a pair of long range jumpers in that stretch, before Coppentrath made one himself to push the UVM margin past 20 points.

"They defend the three-point line and in very well," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team shot 33.3 percent and made a season-high 21 turnovers to end a brutal three game road swing that started in Maine last Sunday. "They have a great supporting cast around Coppentrath and Sorrentine. You concentrate so much on them that the other players really hurt you by making open shots."

Jamar Wilson and **Levi Levine** each had 12 points for the Great Danes, who have dropped 12 of 13 meetings in this series. **Josh Duell** came off the bench to score 11 for the Catamounts, who made 11-of-23 from beyond the three-point arc.

"We played good defense," said Levine, who had eight rebounds, five assists. "But we missed shots, made bad decisions and committed too many turnovers."



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VERMONT DEFEATS ALBANY 68-56 IN AMERICA EAST ACTION

Albany, N.Y. – **Lani Boardman** scored 19 points and was one of three players in double figures as Vermont defeated UAlbany, 68-56, in America East Conference action on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany's **Jen Schumacher** finished the game with 36 points, tying the school's single-game record. She made 11-of-15 shots from the floor, including 9-of-10 from three-point range. The nine three-pointers broke the school mark of eight, which Schumacher had set earlier this season.

Vermont (9-6, AE 5-1) connected on eight of its first nine field goal attempts and jetted out to a 22-6 advantage with 12:34 remaining in the opening half. Boardman drilled a three-pointer and scored six points in the paint to help fuel the offensive onslaught as the Catamounts took a 33-18 lead to the locker room.

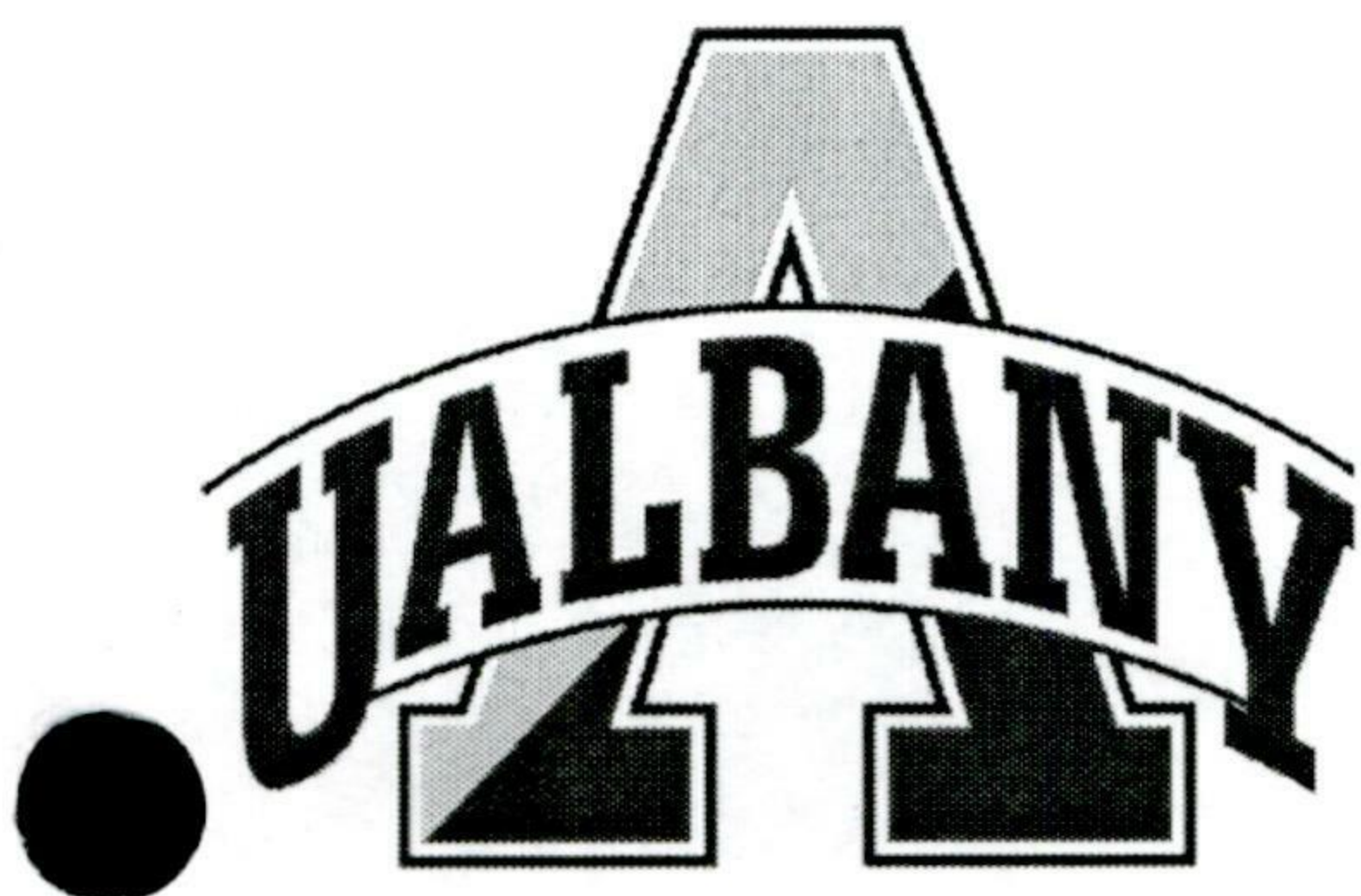
Schumacher scored 12 of her team's 18 points on 4-of-4 shooting from behind the arc. The Great Danes, who were hampered by 13 first-half turnovers, shot 29 percent in the opening stanza and made 7-of-24 from the floor.

The Great Danes (7-8, AE 2-4) opened the second half with a 10-5 run that pulled them to within 38-28. Schumacher canned two trifectas and added a three-point play, but UAlbany did not get any closer.

Danielle Hutcheson, UAlbany's leading scorer on the season at 14.1 points per game, finished with six points and a game-high 12 rebounds. **Maree Jones** was scoreless before fouling out of the game at 7:09 of the second half.

"They were locking down on the post," said UAlbany head coach **Trina Patterson**. "They were determined not to give (Hutcheson) any touches. We played better in the second half, but we never could get the lead down to single digits, and I think that made a big difference."

Ashleigh Cuncic scored 13 points for Vermont, while **Chrissy Battram** added 10.



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BLAIR BUCHANAN NAMED UALBANY VOLLEYBALL TEAM MVP

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore setter **Blair Buchanan** was named the UAlbany volleyball team MVP at the squad's annual award banquet held on Tuesday at the Pearl Restaurant. The Great Danes finished the year 27-7 and captured their first America East Conference tournament championship, which earned them their first berth in the NCAA Division I Tournament.

Buchanan, an honorable mention All-American, became the first student-athlete ever to win the America East Player and Setter of the Year honors in the same season. She tallied 1,448 assists that set the school record for a single season. Buchanan, who was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Northeast Region Team, averaged a conference-best 12.59 assists per game and 2.39 digs.

Sophomore defensive specialist **Kristin Fiorillo** was voted the team's most improved player. She registered 110 digs in 33 matches this season, which more than tripled her total from her rookie campaign.

Sophomore libero **Ashley DeNeal** earned UAlbany's BringIt! award, which is given to the player who shows extreme dedication and a strong work ethic all season long. DeNeal recorded 509 digs and averaged 4.28 digs per game. She also chipped in 122 kills and 58 assists.



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UALBANY'S SCOTT MARR NAMED 2006 U.S. MEN'S LACROSSE ASSISTANT COACH

Baltimore, Md. -- University at Albany's Scott Marr has been named one of three assistants for the 2006 U.S. Men's Lacrosse Team, as Dave Urick, chair of the coaches selection committee, recently announced. Syracuse's John Desko was named as the U.S. team's head coach in December. The United States will compete in the 2006 International Lacrosse Federation World Championship in Canada.

Marr, who is about to begin his fifth season as UAlbany's head coach, joins Mike Caravana, head coach at Denison University and a four-time All-America player at Virginia, and Matt Kerwick, head coach at Hobart College, on Desko's staff.

In 2004, Marr guided the UAlbany program to its second consecutive America East Conference Tournament championship and NCAA Division I berth. UAlbany lost to eventual national champion Syracuse in NCAA first-round play. The Great Danes, who are coming off back-to-back 10-6 campaigns, led the conference and was seventh nationally in scoring at 11.44 goals per game last season.

Marr produced significant results in his second year as head coach. UAlbany captured the 2002 America East regular-season title with a 9-7 record. The program's six-win improvement from the previous season was the best one-year turnaround in UAlbany history, and Marr was named conference coach of the year. Prior to his present appointment, Marr was an assistant coach at the University of Maryland for six years. The Terrapins made five NCAA appearances during that period, and were the Division I national runners-up in 1995, 1997 and 1998. Marr, a collegiate player at Johns Hopkins, began his coaching career at the University of Delaware in 1992.

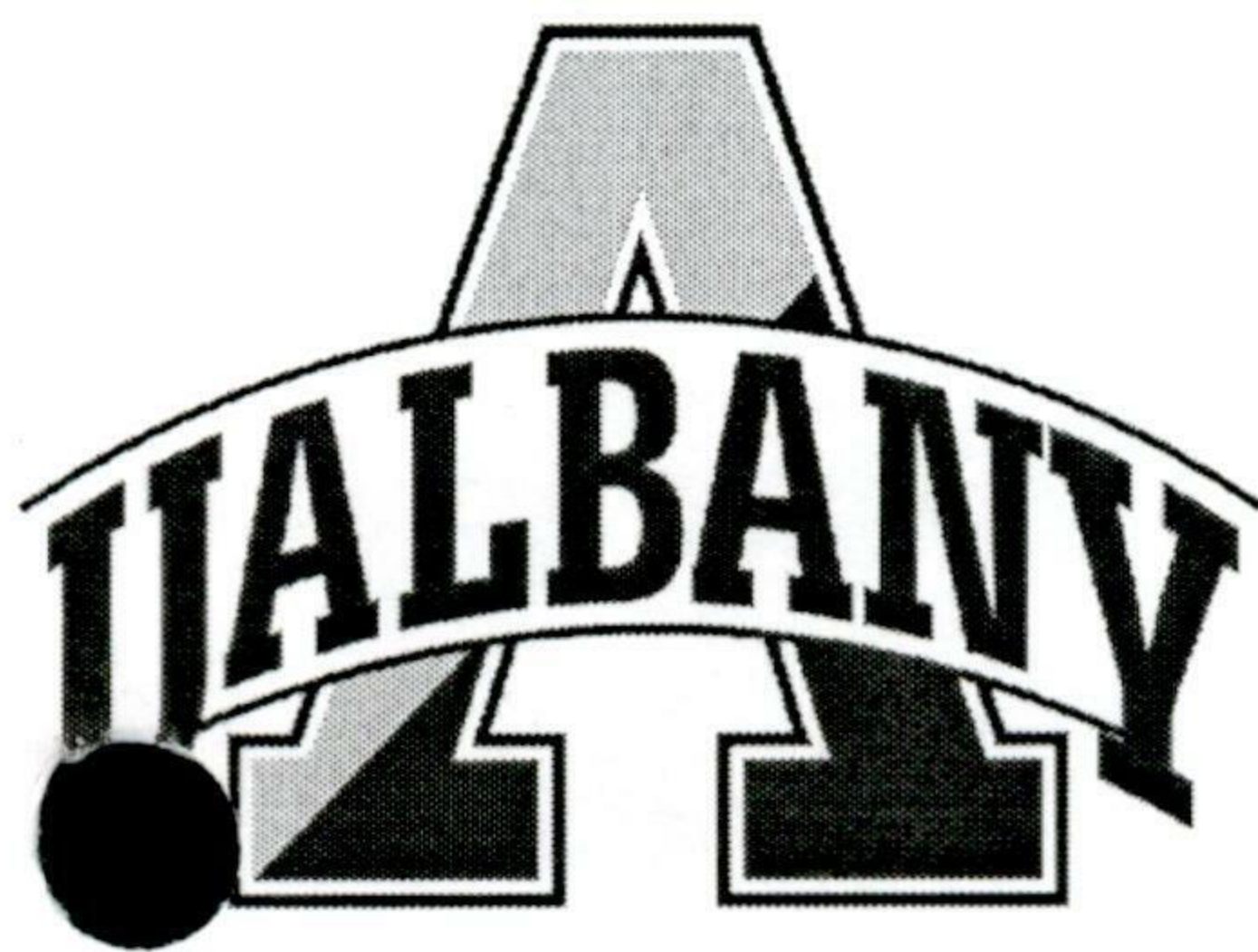
The 2006 ILF World Championship will be held in London, Ontario from July 13-22. The U.S. has won six consecutive world championships and eight of the nine ILF championships held since 1967. The only time the U.S. has lost in ILF outdoor championship play was the 1978 final against Canada.

SCOTT MARR RECORD

Overall & UAlbany Record: 32-27 (4 years)

COACHING

1992-94	University of Delaware	Assistant Coach
1995-00	University of Maryland	Assistant Coach
2001	University at Albany	Head Coach (3-8)
2002	University at Albany	Head Coach (9-7)
2003	University at Albany	Head Coach (10-6)
2004	University at Albany	Head Coach (10-6)



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MAREE JONES SCORES 16 POINTS TO LEAD UALBANY TO 52-46 A-EAST WIN

Albany, N.Y. – **Maree Jones** scored 16 points as UAlbany defeated UMBC, 52-46, in America East Conference action at the Recreation and Convocation Center on Wednesday evening.

UMBC was leading 42-39 before the Great Danes mounted their comeback. **Danielle Hutcheson** drained a long jumper along the baseline and **Jen Schumacher** connected on her fourth three-pointer to put UAlbany ahead to stay at 44-42 with 1:57 left to play. After a turnover by UMBC's **Sharri Rohde**, **Sherri Mikus** found Hutcheson under the basket for a layup and six-point cushion.

"We wanted to win and we needed it," said UAlbany head coach **Trina Patterson**, whose team snapped a three-game losing skid. "Coming into the game, assists were my main concern. We passed the ball better and our shots started to fall. We know we are going to get better."

UAlbany (7-7, AE 2-3) came out of the gate strong, building a 13-2 lead behind two early trifectas from Schumacher and another three-pointer from **Maree Jones**. A second three from Jones helped the Great Danes extend their lead to 25-13 with 4:34 left in the half. Then UMBC caught fire from behind the arc, as **Morgan Hatten** and **Matea Pender** made back-to-back three's, and sparked the Retrievers on an 8-2 run to close the half. UAlbany held a 27-21 halftime advantage.

The Great Danes struggled from the floor at the start of the second half and UMBC (6-8, AE 1-4) jetted out on a 13-5 spurt that gave the Retrievers their first lead of the night. Rohde netted a three-pointer and the go-ahead jumper during the run.

"You know you are not going to make every other shot," said Schumacher, who finished with 12 points all coming from behind the arc. "That's the ebb and flow of the game. You just have to play through it and keep shooting."

Rohde led all players with 18 points, while **Matea Pender** recorded a double-double for the Retrievers, tallying 13 points and 11 boards.



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UMBC RALLIES TO DOWN UALBANY IN AMERICA EAST ACTION, 67-62

Baltimore, Md. – **Brian Hodges** scored 10 of his 14 points in the final period, as UMBC came from behind for a 67-62 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Wednesday evening at RAC Arena.

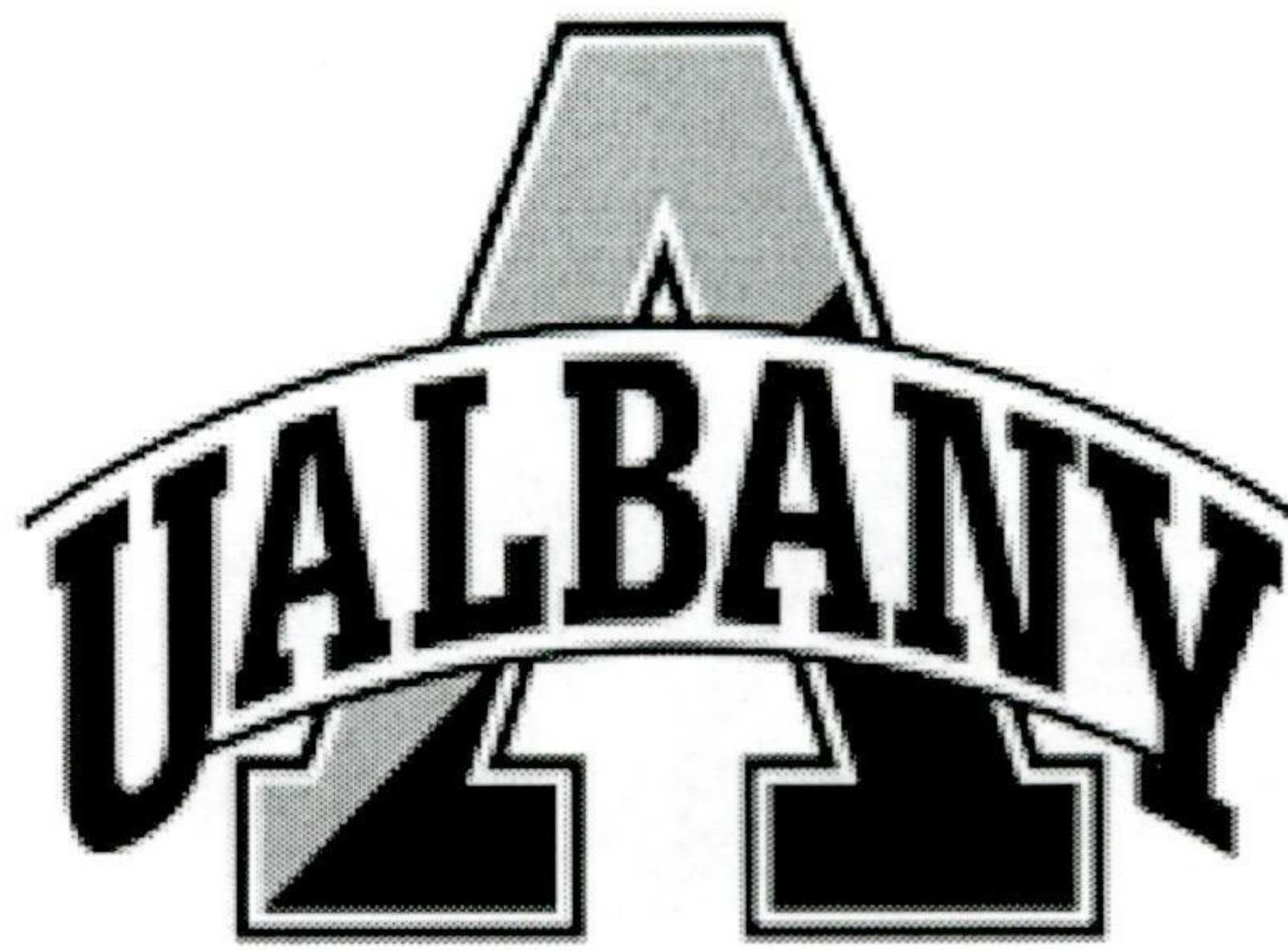
UMBC (7-9, AE 2-5) snapped a three-game losing streak by shooting 52 percent from the field after halftime. The Retrievers reversed a 51-50 deficit with 8:27 remaining by scoring six consecutive points. **Mike Housman** gave his team the lead for good with a pair of free throws. Hodges, who made 6-of-8 from the field, hit two consecutive layups, the second coming after a goaltending call.

UAlbany (8-8, AE 4-3) closed within 56-55 on a pair of free throws by **Levi Levine**. But UMBC reeled off another six-point run to pull away for good. **Andrew Feeley**, a 6-foot-9 senior, sank a foul shot and hit a jump hook to ignite that spurt. **Rob Gogerty** finished off that stretch with two free throws for a 62-55 advantage with 58 seconds to play.

"UMBC played harder than us," UAlbany Will Brown said. "These two trips (Maine and Baltimore) back-to-back took a lot out of us. We had no energy and no legs. We just didn't do the things you need to do in order to win."

Jamar Wilson led all scorers with 21 points and added six assists, as the Great Danes took a 31-26 lead to the locker room. **Lucious Jordan**, who is in his first year with the program after transferring from Loyola College, added 10 points, including the 1,000th of his career.

"I think we rushed things and fatigue set in," said Jordan, whose team committed 17 turnovers. "It really hit me today. This has been a long haul for us and it might have been the difference for a lot of guys."



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AMERICA EAST CHAMPION UALBANY ANNOUNCES 2005 LACROSSE SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the school's men's lacrosse schedule for 2005. The Great Danes, who won their second consecutive America East Conference championship last year, will play six games against conference opponents. The non-league schedule features defending national champion Syracuse and NCAA Final Four participant Johns Hopkins.

UAlbany starts its sixth NCAA Division I season on Saturday, March 5 at non-league opponent Providence. The Great Danes meet four preseason top-25 programs, including No. 15 Massachusetts and No. 23 Dartmouth, plus face Delaware and Drexel. Hartford begins the America East Conference schedule on Saturday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m. UAlbany will scrimmage Sacred Heart, Hobart and Brown during the month of February.

Syracuse and UAlbany will square off in the Carrier Dome during the regular season for the second consecutive year. The contest is slated for Friday, April 22 at 8:00 p.m. The Orangemen, who have captured three national titles over the last five years, are ranked second in the preseason polls. Johns Hopkins, the No. 1 team in both the *Face-Off Yearbook* and *Lacrosse Magazine* rankings, will host the Great Danes for the fourth straight season on Tuesday, April 5 at 3:00 p.m.

The Great Danes, who earned their second straight trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2004, are coming off back-to-back 10-6 campaigns. Head coach Scott Marr has seven starters returning from last year's squad, including first-team All-America East attackman Luke Daquino and all-conference goalkeeper Kevin Rae. Daquino, the fourth-leading scorer in school history, had 20 goals and 32 assists as a junior. Rae posted a 10.16 goals against average and a .578 save percentage. Merrick Thomson, the 2004 America East Rookie of the Year, ranked 10th nationally in scoring with 47 goals and 12 assists for 59 points.

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March -- 5 (Sat.), at Providence, 1:00; 12 (Sat.), **Delaware**, 1:00; 15 (Tue.), **Massachusetts**, 1:00; 20 (Sun.), vs. Drexel (Mahopac, N.Y.), 1:00; 26 (Sat.), **Hartford***, 1:00.; 29 (Tue.), **Dartmouth**, 3:00.

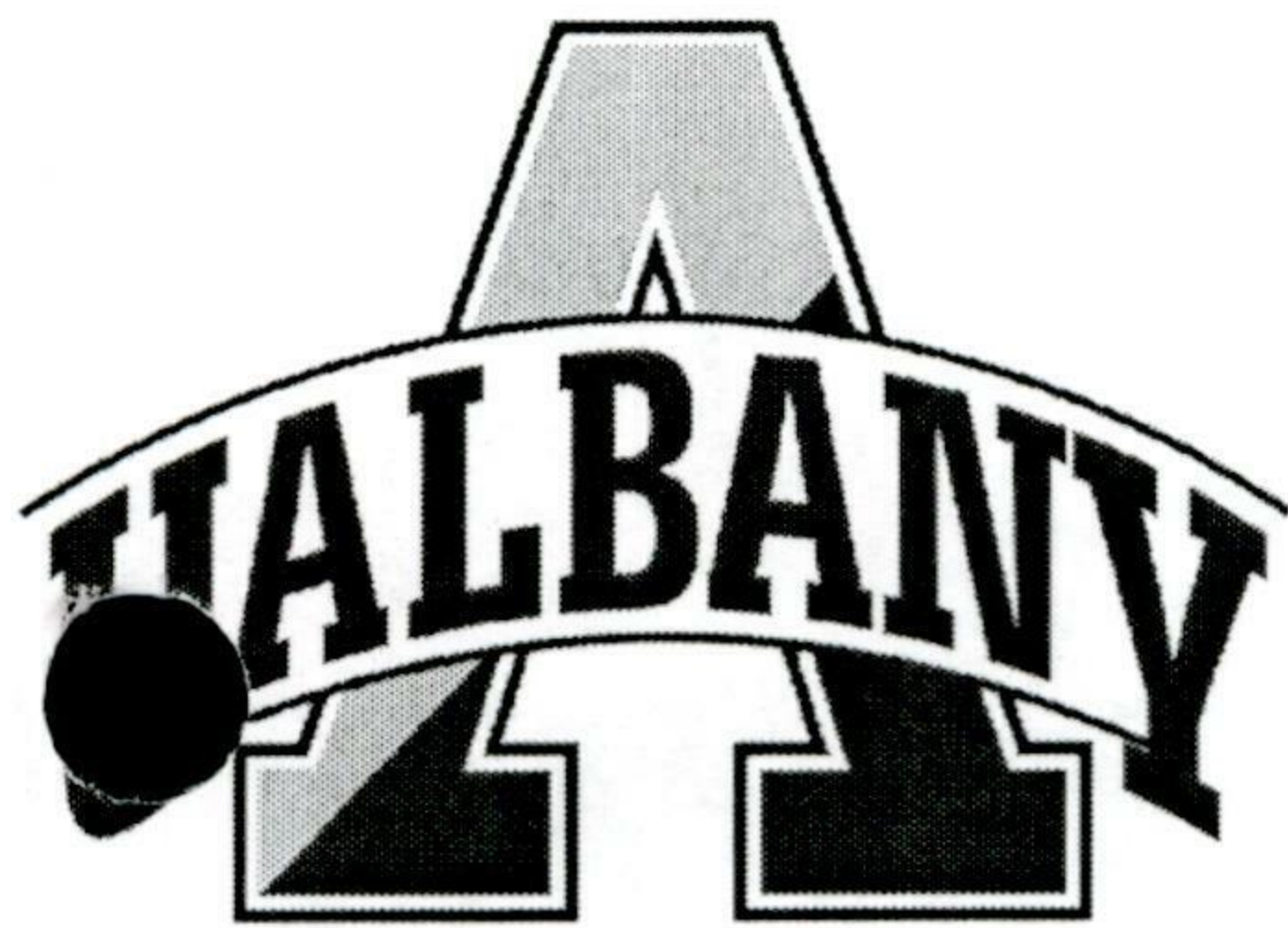
April -- 2 (Sat.), at Stony Brook*, 3:00; 5 (Tue.), at Johns Hopkins, 3:00; 9 (Sat.), at Binghamton*, 2:00; 13 (Wed.), at Vermont*, 3:30; 17 (Sun.), **Quinnipiac***, 1:00; 22 (Fri.) at Syracuse, 8:00; 30 (Sat.), **UMBC***, 7:30.

May -- 4 (Wed.), at America East Tournament Semifinals+, TBA; 7 (Sat.), at America East Tournament Championship+, TBA.

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TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS PLACE IN TOP THREE AT GREAT DANE CLASSIC

New York, N.Y. – UAlbany's **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) set a school record in the mile at the 3rd Annual Great Dane Classic on Sunday, January 16. Thirteen schools competed at the New York City Armory.

Lotmore's time of 4:53.29 also set a new standard for the meet, and was one of 23 meet records broken. UAlbany also took first place in the 4x800-meter relay event. The team of **Rebecca Vannoy**, **Nicole Susser** (Colonie), **Adanna Andrews** and Lotmore finished in a time of 9:25.77.

The Great Danes had two victories in the field events, with **Arina Gerasimova** setting a meet record in the triple jump with a distance of 39-feet, 8.75-inches. **Natasha Bermudez** placed first in the shot put with a throw of 49-feet, 10.5-inches, while **Joy Williams** was second in the event, throwing a distance of 48-feet, 10-inches.

The women's squad finished third in the team standings behind Northeastern and Monmouth. Seton Hall and Lafayette rounded out the top-five teams.

In the men's competition, **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) broke his own meet standard in the 800m, winning the event in a time of 1:52.33. **Kamar Elliott** was the only other Great Dane to win his event, placing first in the triple jump with a meet-record leap of 48-feet, 7.25-inches.

On the track, **Sam Gonzales** (Fonda-Fultonville) finished second in the 1,000-meter event in a time of 2:32.72. **Robbie Freeman** and **Andy Allstadt** placed second and third, respectively, in the 3,000-meter run, clocking in at 8:37.03 and 8:39.35.

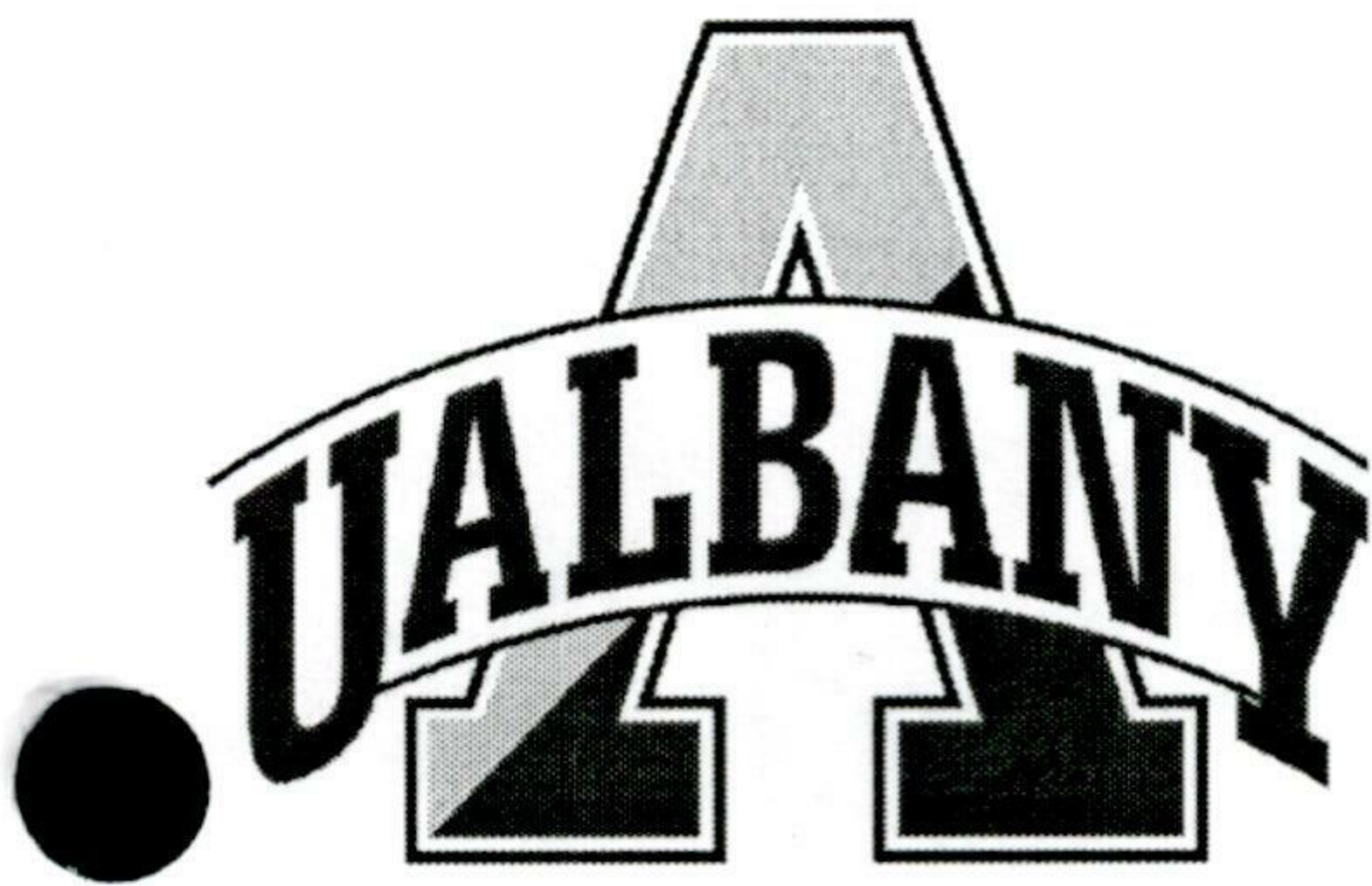
The UAlbany men were second in the team standings behind Monmouth. The Hawks, who had five individual champions, edged the host school, 118-106 in the scoring. Seton Hall, Rider and Long Island closed out the top five teams.

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JORDAN AND WILSON LEAD UALBANY TO 58-49 A-EAST VICTORY

Orono, Maine – **Lucious Jordan** had 19 points and **Jamar Wilson** added 18, in leading UAlbany to a 58-49 America East Conference victory over Maine on Sunday afternoon at Alfond Sports Arena.

UAlbany (8-7, AE 4-2) moved into fourth place in the conference standings by holding Maine (8-7, AE 3-3) to 27.6-percent shooting in the second half. The Great Danes, who won in this series for the first time in seven tries, posted back-to-back league wins for the first time since February 2003.

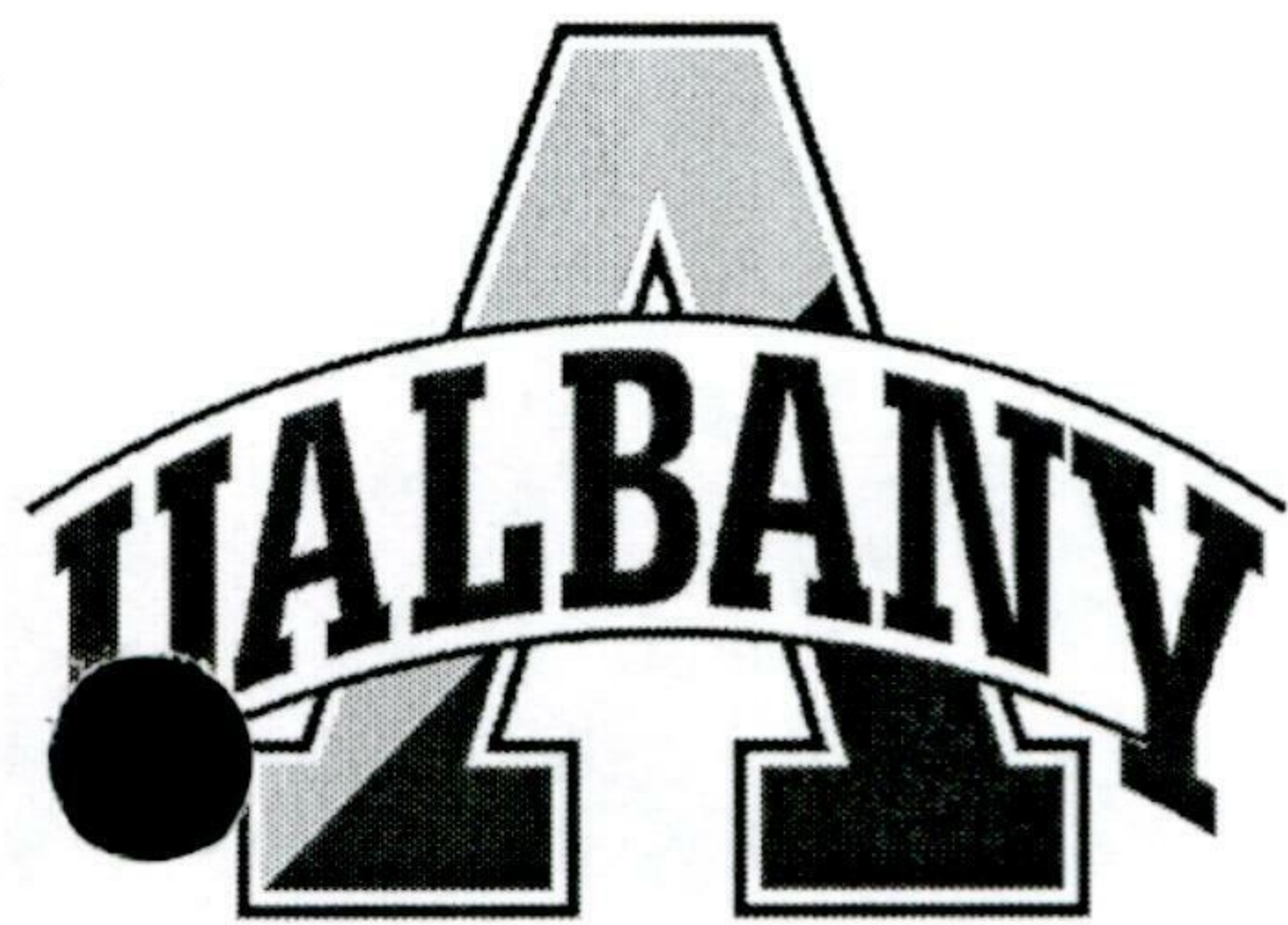
The Great Danes led 44-43 with 6:37 remaining, but then reeled off 10 unanswered points. Wilson, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, hit a driving layup, before freshman **Brent Wilson** converted a drive from left of the lane. Jordan, who made 8-of-19 from the field and had six rebounds, later scored on the left baseline. **Brian Lillis** sank a pair of foul shots to complete the outburst with 1:21 left.

The Black Bears, who shot 35.4 percent overall and committed 22 turnovers, snapped a 28-all halftime tie with seven straight points to begin the final period. **Ernest Turner**, who had 13 points, hit a three-pointer and a layup to complete that run. The Great Danes, who recorded their sixth road win of the season, got back into the contest with 11 of the game's next 13 points. Jordan scored in the lane to draw his team even, before **Jamar Wilson** connected on two foul shots for a 39-37 advantage with 11:35 to play.

"We were flat the first four minutes of the second half," said UAlbany coach **Will Brown**, whose team made 21-of-25 from the free throw line. "That was our best halfcourt defense this season over the final 15 minutes. It was a collective effort. We did a good job of keeping Turner out of the lane and limiting his penetration."

Joe Campbell led Maine with 13 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots. UAlbany's **Levi Levine** added eight points and nine rebounds.

"We communicated as a team on defense," said Jordan, whose squad had lost five of its opening six America East games in each of the previous three seasons. "We helped each other out and did whatever it took, whether that was helping out, taking charges or making steals or blocks."



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UALBANY FALLS TO MAINE IN AMERICA EAST ACTION, 57-42

Portland, Maine – **Missy Traversi** scored 16 points to lead Maine to a 57-42 victory over UAlbany in America East Conference basketball action on Saturday afternoon at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

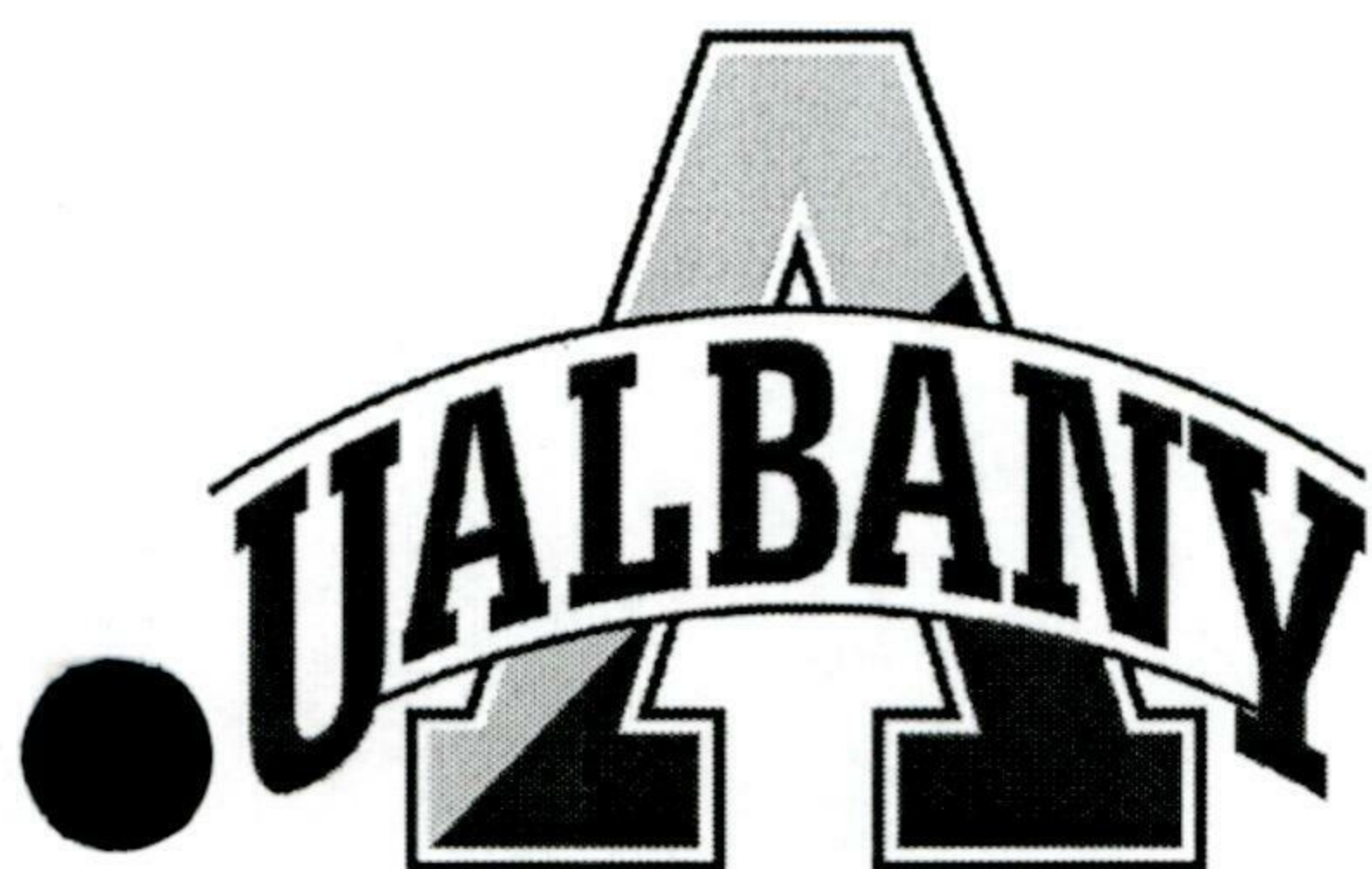
Traversi tallied 13 of her 16 points in the first half. After a sluggish start, Maine led 9-4 five minutes into the game before Traversi ignited. The senior guard drilled a three-pointer from the top of the key, the first of 12 consecutive points for Traversi, as the Black Bears went up 21-8 with 9:02 remaining in the first half. Maine took a 28-14 advantage into the locker room at intermission.

UAlbany leading scorers were **Danielle Hutcheson** and **Maree Jones** (Albany HS) were held to a combined two points in the half. **Jen Schumacher** sparked the Great Danes with six points in the opening stanza.

"We got the shots, but the concentration was not there," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson, whose team remains winless against the Black Bears. "We usually get offensive rebounds but we did not hit the glass and that hurt us."

UAlbany made a run to open the second half starting with a three by Schumacher. **Sherri Mikus** and Hutcheson each scored in the paint and trimmed the lead to 30-21 with 17:50 remaining. Maine countered with a 12-1 run over the next four minutes. **Monica Peterson** punctuated the spurt with consecutive buckets in the paint as the Black Bears opened a 42-22 advantage. **Bracey Barker** and Peterson pushed the score to 51-30 with 7:37 left to put the game out of reach.

For the Great Danes (6-7, AE 1-3), Hutcheson tallied 14 points, while Schumacher chipped in with 11. Jones added nine points, a game-high 10 boards and five steals. For Maine, who is now 7-7 overall and 3-1 in the America East, Barker added 12 points and seven rebounds. Peterson and **Kim Corbitt** (Colonie HS) each had 10 points for the Black Bears.



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WILSON SCORES 19 AS UALBANY RALLIES FOR 68-62 WIN OVER BINGHAMTON

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Jamar Wilson** scored 13 of his 19 points in the second half, as UAlbany rallied for a 68-62 America East Conference victory over Binghamton on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Binghamton (4-10, AE 1-4) built a 48-34 lead with 13:46 remaining, when **Nick Billings**, a 7-foot senior, hit a six-foot jumper on the right baseline. The Bearcats, who made 13-of-27 from three-point range, had led by nine points at halftime. Sophomore guard **Troy Hailey** tallied 11 of his 14 points in the opening period.

UAlbany (7-7, AE 3-2) responded with 16 of the game's next 17 points to get back into the contest. The Great Danes, who shot 63.2 percent from the field in the final stanza, closed within one on **Aquawasi St. Hillaire's** slam dunk following a steal. **Levi Levine**, who had 17 points, gave his team a 50-49 lead on a 19-foot jumper with 8:06 to play.

Binghamton's **Schafer Jackson** would later draw his team even at 52 apiece with a long-range 3-pointer from the right wing. However, UAlbany ran off six straight points to go ahead for good. Wilson, who made 6-of-7 from the floor and 6-of-6 from the line, made a 15-foot jumper in the lane to start the decisive run. **Lucious Jordan**, who added 13 points, sank a pair of free throws before **Kirsten Zoellner** hit a jump hook.

The Great Danes, who ended a string of seven consecutive losses in this series dating back to 1999, converted eight of 10 free throws in the last minute to complete the comeback.

"It feels good to finally beat them," said Levine, whose team used a full-court pressure defense for most of the final period. "They have always outplayed in the past with their intensity and toughness. We did a good job of pressuring their guards in the second half."

Andre Heard, the Bearcats' leading-scorer, finished with 14 points, including nine in the opening stanza. Zoellner, a 7-foot-1, 275-pound center, was the fourth UAlbany player in double figures with 10 points and six rebounds.

"The press was effective in the second half," commented Wilson, whose team forced 13 of Binghamton's 21 turnovers after halftime. "The steals led to easy baskets, and we learned how to grind out a win. I am happy for Kirsten (Zoellner), because he showed how good he really is. Hopefully, this is his coming out game.



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JEN HAUBRICH'S 18 POINTS LEADS BINGHAMTON TO WIN OVER UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – **Jen Haubrich** scored a career-high 18 points to lead Binghamton to a 57-47 victory over UAlbany in America East Conference women's basketball action on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Binghamton (2-10, AE 1-2) came out firing in the first half and opened up a 31-12 advantage with 5:55 remaining in the first half. The Bearcats canned six of their first seven three-point attempts to fuel the run. Freshman **Laura Sario** was a perfect 3-for-3 from behind the arc, while **Jen Blues** drilled three straight trifectas. The Bearcats took a 32-18 lead to the locker room.

UAlbany (6-6, AE 1-2) struggled offensively in the opening period, shooting 9-of-26 from the floor, while committing 11 turnovers. Binghamton, meanwhile, drained 6-of-10 three-point buckets in the half and shot 46-percent from the floor overall.

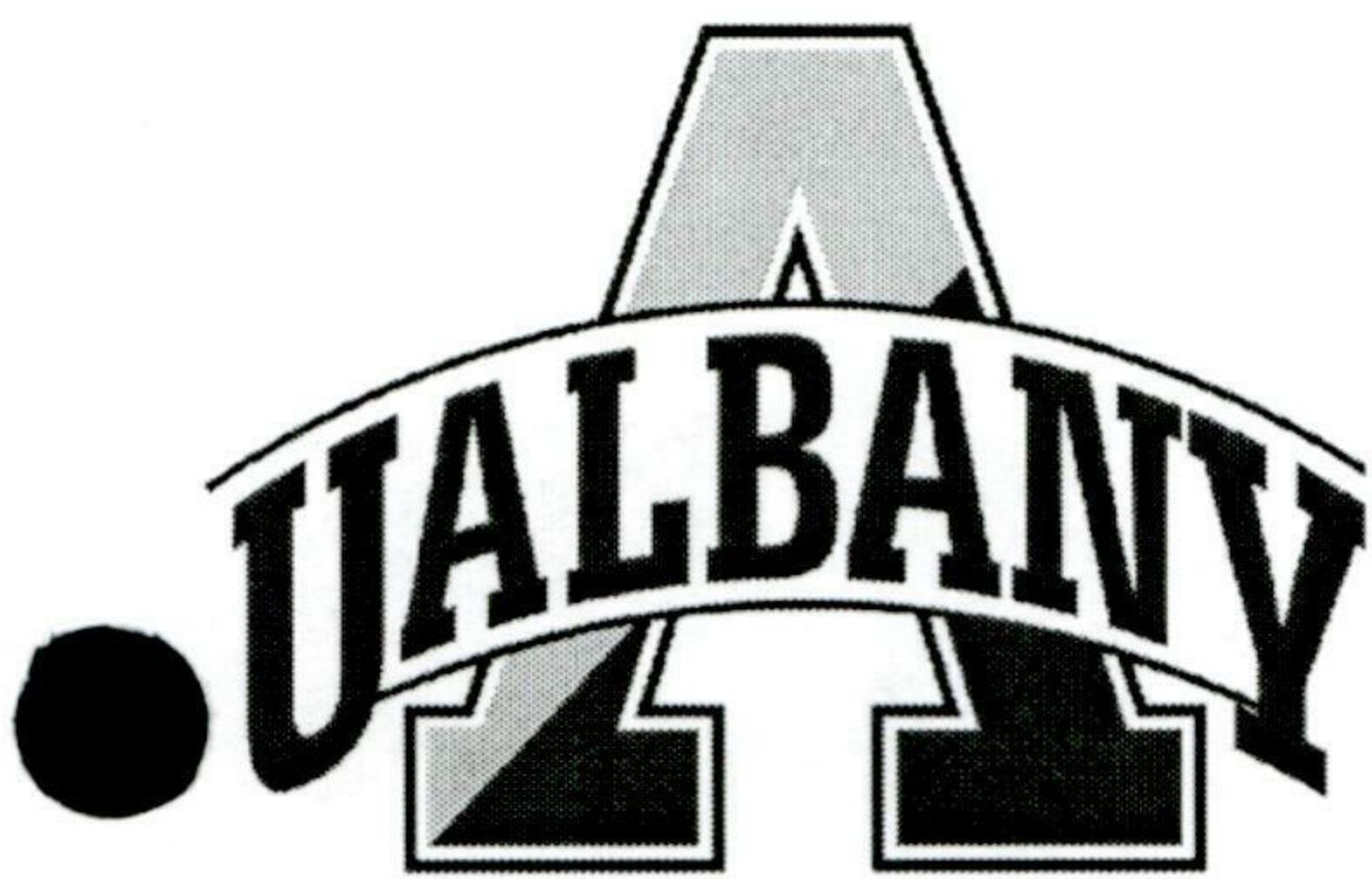
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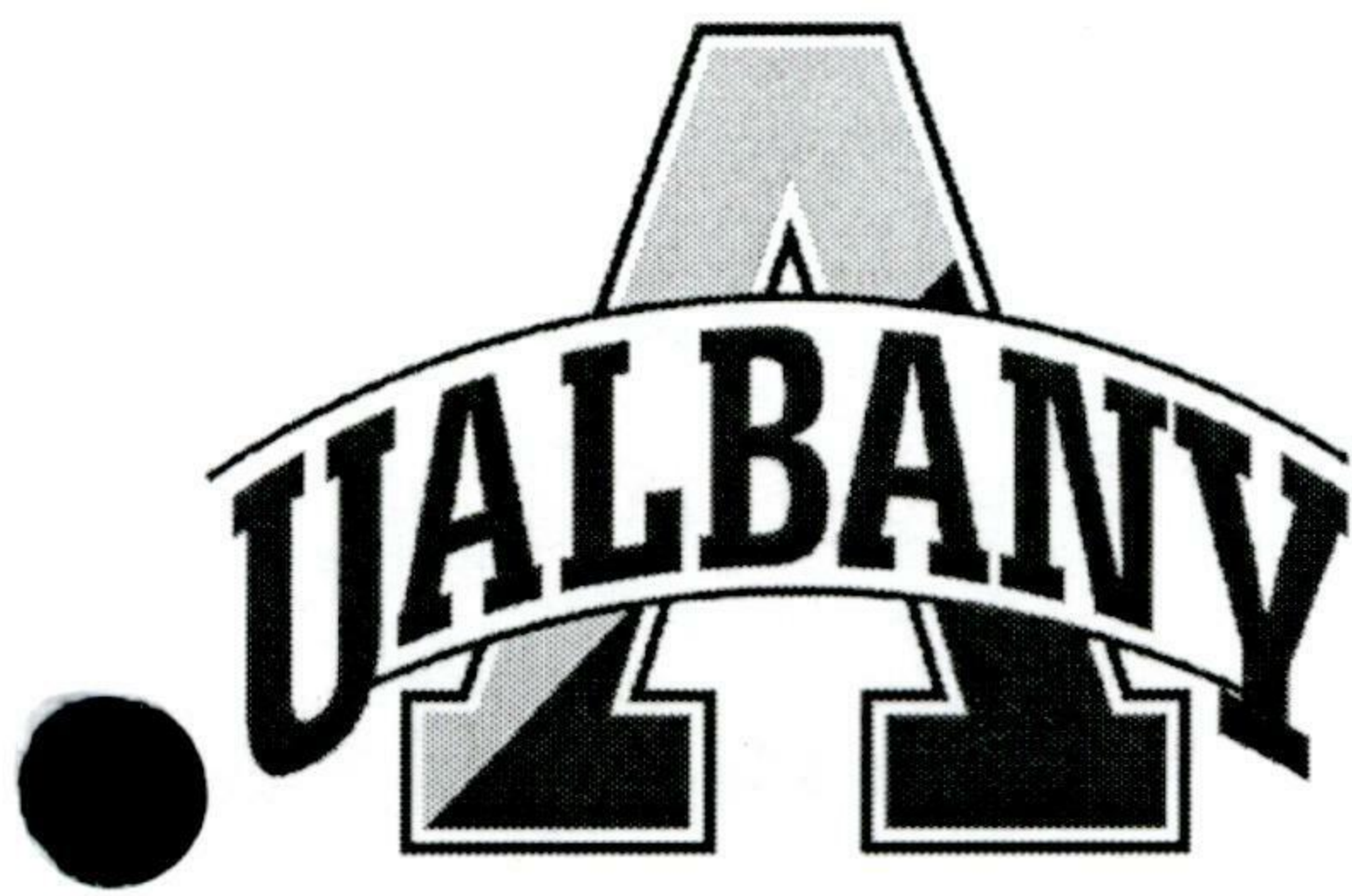
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MARCUS BARNES SCORES 19 IN NORTHEASTERN'S 73-70 WIN OVER UALBANY

Albany, N.Y. – **Marcus Barnes** scored 19 points and **Jose Juan Barea** added 17 in leading Northeastern to a 73-70 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Northeastern (7-6, AE 3-1) led 45-43 midway through the second half, but then ran off 10 of the game's next 12 points. Barnes, a 6-foot-2 senior, hit a short jumper on the right baseline to ignite that stretch. Barea, who added nine assists to his scoring total, canned a pair of three-point field goals. The Huskies, who shot 63.6 percent from the field in the final period, made 6-of-9 from beyond the arc after halftime.

UAlbany (6-7, AE 2-2) still trailed 64-54 with 5:56 remaining, but then began to chip away at the margin. **Aquawasi St. Hillaire**, who had 13 points on 6-of-6 shooting from the field, converted a layup following **Courtney Johnson's** steal to close the gap to 70-68 with 32 seconds left.

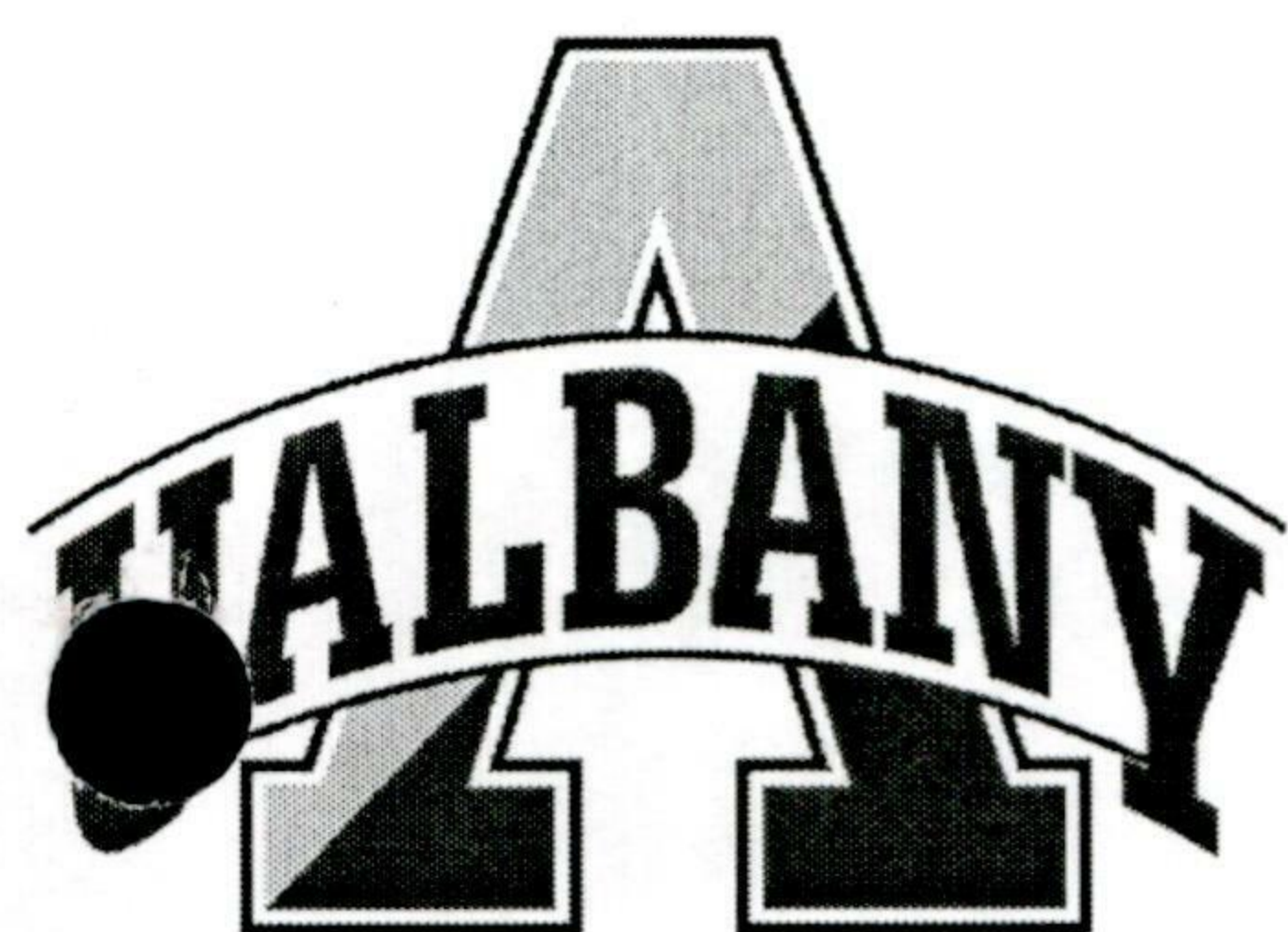
After Northeastern's **Adrian Martinez** split a pair of free throws, **Lucious Jordan** got the Great Danes even closer. Jordan, who led all scorers with 22 points, sank two foul shots with 7.7 seconds to play in slicing the lead to 71-70. However, Barnes calmly made two more from the line after being fouled in the backcourt, before Jordan was unable to get a good look on a 3-pointer at the buzzer in an attempt to force overtime.

"We did not have the necessary energy on defense to win the game," UAlbany coach Will Brown said. "It can't be a good effort for 31 seconds on each possession; it's got to be for 35 seconds. Barnes and Barea are good for a reason, but they had great contributions from the other players on their team."

The Huskies, who have won six of seven meetings in this series, and made 50.9 percent from the floor overall, used a 17-2 run in the first half to snap an early tie. Barnes buried one of his four 3-pointers from the left corner for a 32-17 advantage with 4:23 left in the opening stanza.

UAlbany was able to get back into the contest behind the play of sophomore guard **Jamar Wilson**, who had 10 of his 17 points in the first half. The Great Danes trailed 34-26 at the break, but were within one possession two minutes into the final stanza when St. Hillaire scored in the paint from a driving Wilson.

"I was in foul trouble most of the night," said Wilson, who missed key stretches of the game before picked up his fifth personal with 1:36 left. "But I am happy that will still had a chance to win with me not being on the floor. I am upset that we lost, but confident in the way my teammates performed."



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TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS COMPETE AT ARMY'S CARLTON CROWELL OPEN

West Point, N.Y. – **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) set a school record in the 3,000-meter run, posting a winning time of 9:49.13, as the UAlbany men's and women's track teams competed at Army's Carlton Crowell Open.

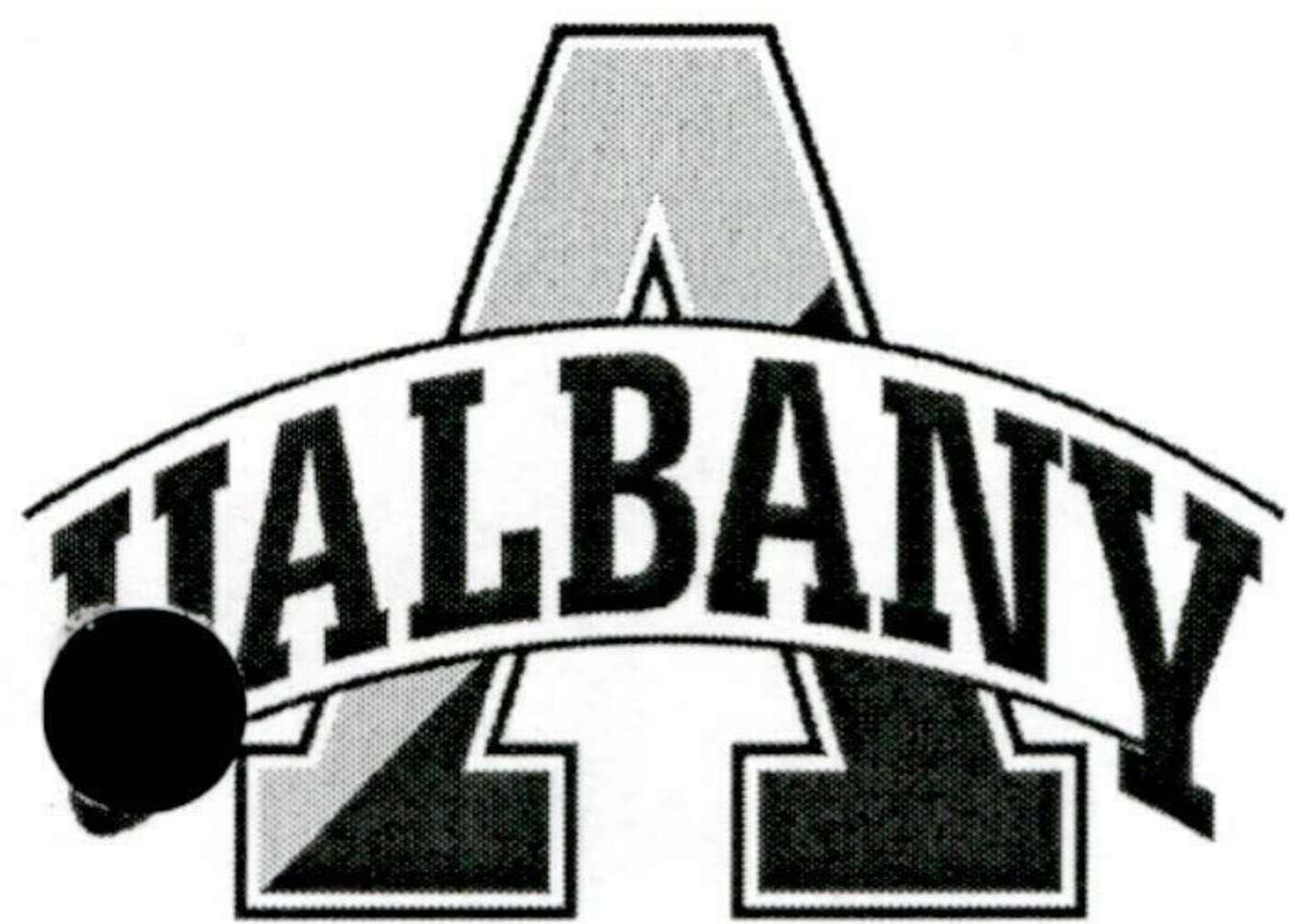
Lotmore, who qualified for the ECAC championships with her time in the 3,000m, was one of two double winners for the women's team, also taking first place in the mile with a time of 5:08.76. **Joy Williams** sealed victories in the weight throw (51-feet, 4.5-inches) and the shot put (42-feet, 8.25-inches) for the Great Danes.

Adanna Andrews and **Kelly Peao** finished first and second, respectively, in the 500-meter dash. Andrews posted a time of 1:20.14 while Peao crossed the line at 1:20.77.

In the men's competition, **Dale Hopkinson** took first in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.44 seconds. **Sheldon Gomes** was also victorious for UAlbany, winning the triple jump with a distance of 46-feet, 6-inches. **Ray Gilman** was second in the event, jumping 46-feet, 0.5 inches, while also placing third in the high jump with a height of 6-feet, 0.75-inches.

Jonathan Jones finished second in the long jump (22-3.75) followed by Hopkinson in fourth (21-9.5).

The UAlbany track and field teams will be back in action on Sunday, January 16, as they host the Great Dane Classic at the New York City Armory, starting at 5 p.m.



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TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS CLOSE OUT COMPETITION IN PUERTO RICO

San Juan, Puerto Rico – **Gered Burns** (Guilderland) and **Robbie Freeman** each posted first-place finishes to help pace UAlbany on the final day of competition at the Encuentro de Atletismo, held at the Estadio Sixto Escobar in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

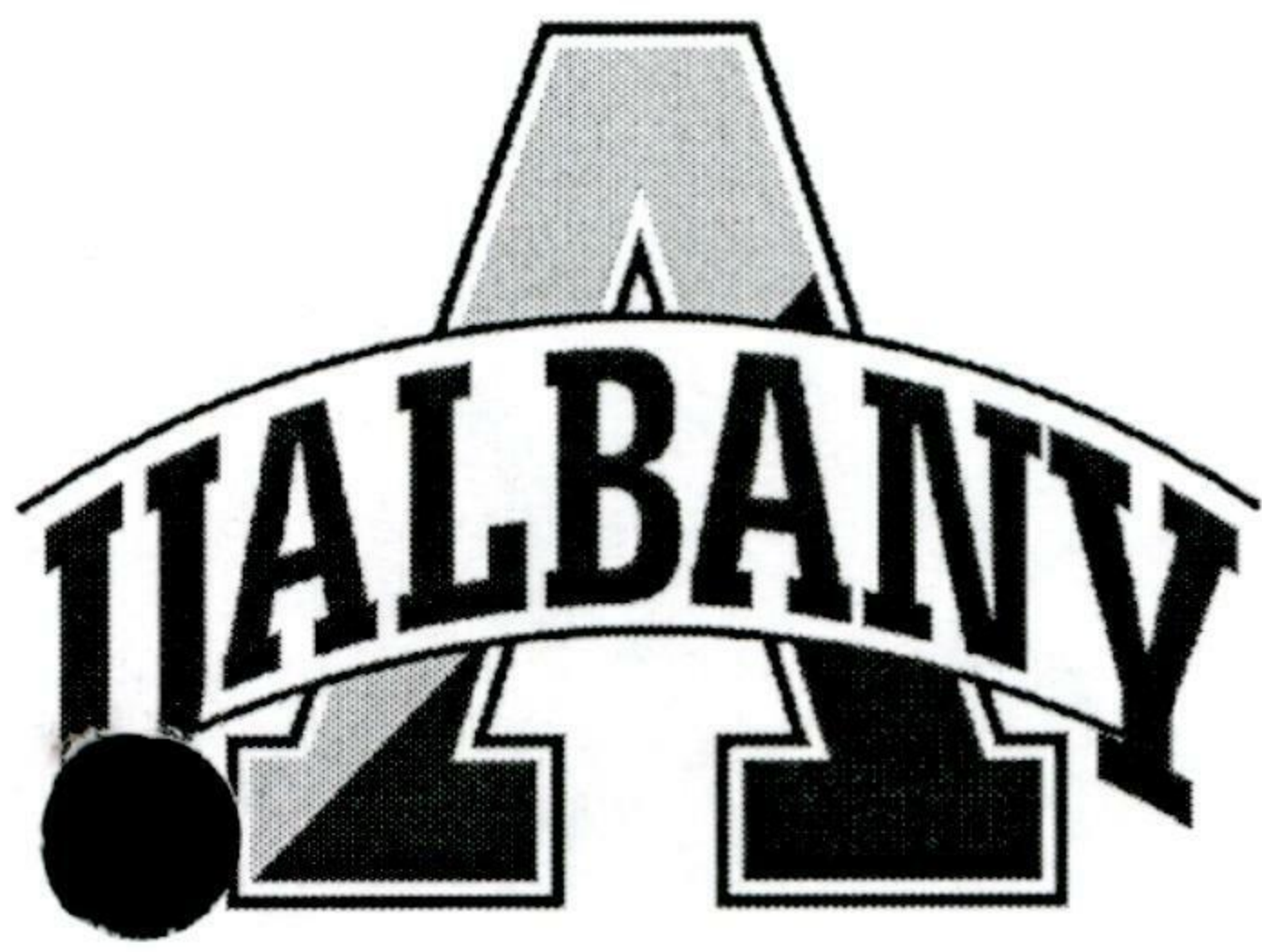
Burns, who holds the school record in the 600-meter run, took first place in the event in a time of 1:20.67. Freeman's victory came in the 3,200m run, where he finished in a time of 9:49.14. Freeman also placed second in the 1,600m run in 4:28.20.

Andy Allstadt posted second and third-place finishes in the 3,200m and 1,600m, respectively, with times of 9:53.11 and 4:29.20. **Sam Gonzalez** (Fonda-Fultonville) was fourth behind Allstadt in the 1,600m in a time of 4:29.66, while **Bryant Cherry-Woode** was fourth in the 3,200m in 10:10.80.

Jesse Bennett finished second in the 60m hurdles in a time of 8.43 seconds. **Kamar Elliott**, who won the men's triple jump on the first day of competition, was fourth in the event, posting a time of 8.52 seconds.

The women's team was led by their jumping corps, with **Sarah Charles** and **Brenna Militello** both placing second in their respective events. Charles took the runner-up position in the long jump with a distance of 17-feet, 4-inches, while Militello posted a height of 5-feet, 0.75-inches in the high jump.

Patty Diedrich tied for second place in the 50m hurdles with a time of 7.77 seconds to lead the UAlbany sprinters, while **Nicole Susser's** (Colonie) third-place finish in the 1,600m run with a time of 5:18.58 paced the distance runners.



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UALBANY TAKES FIRST AMERICA EAST WIN OVER NORTHEASTERN IN OVERTIME

Boston, Mass. – **Danielle Hutcheson** scored 16 points, including four key free throws in the final 30 seconds of overtime to lead the UAlbany women's basketball team to a 67-64 America East Conference victory over Northeastern at Solomon Court on Saturday afternoon.

Hutcheson tied the game at 64 after being fouled by the Huskies' **Maralene Zwarich** while grabbing an offensive rebound. The Great Danes took the lead on Hutcheson's second shot from the charity stripe.

Northeastern's **Shaleyse Smallwood** missed a jumper with 5.8 seconds remaining, with Hutcheson coming up with a key rebound in the paint. Hutcheson was fouled once again and capitalized, hitting two shots from the line to extend the UAlbany (6-5, AE 1-1) lead.

The Huskies (5-6, 0-2), who were down by five with less than a minute to go in regulation, forced the overtime after UAlbany's **Jen Schumacher** missed the first shot of a one-and-one free throw opportunity with under 30 seconds in regulation. Smallwood followed with a three-pointer before Zwarich rolled in a bank shot with nine seconds left to draw the team even at 56 apiece. **Alicia Learn** missed a three-point attempt for the Great Danes at the two-second mark to send the teams to the extra stanza.

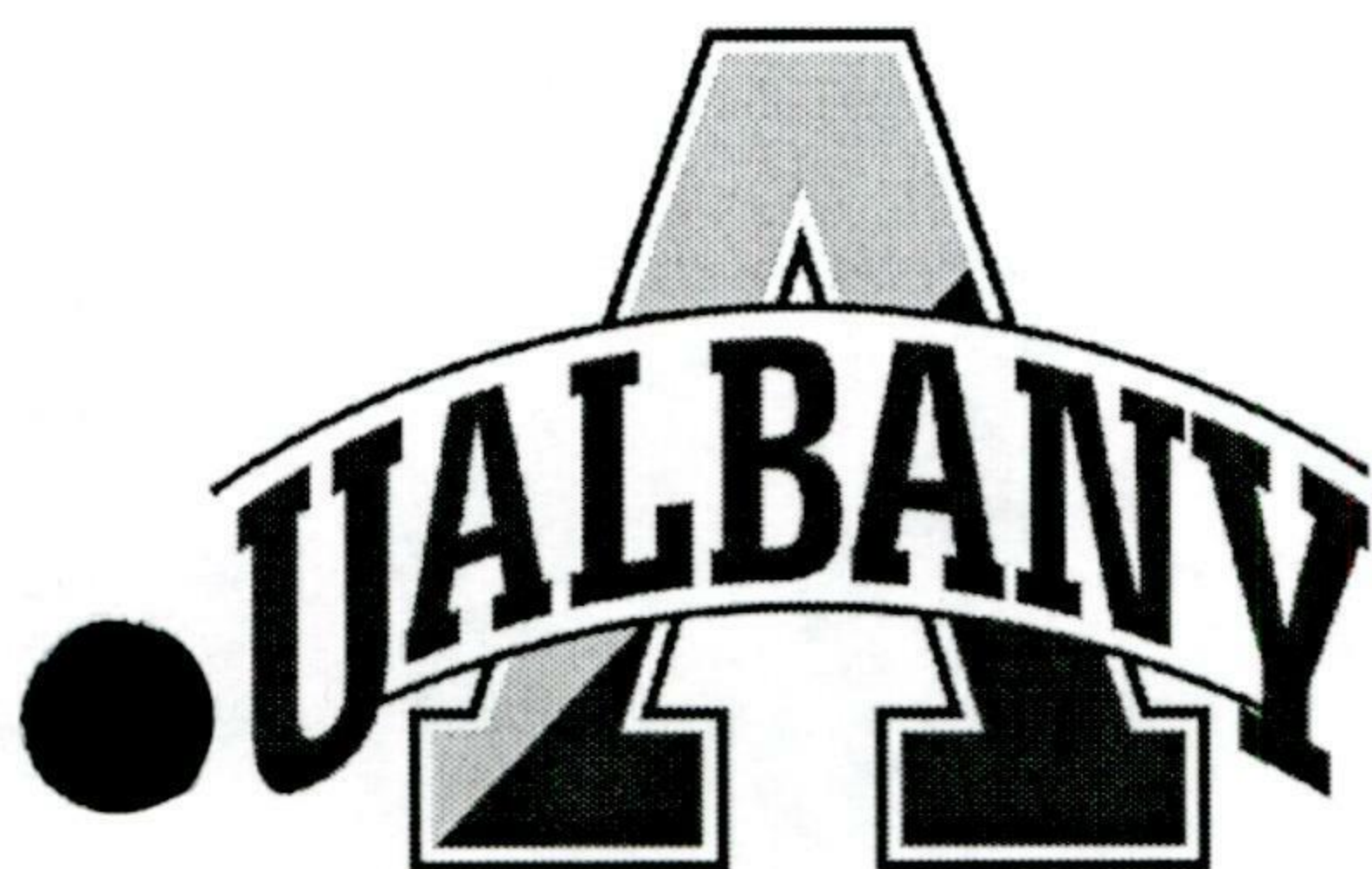
Smallwood converted two consecutive baskets, followed by a **Jody Barrows** steal that led to a layup by Zwarich to put the Huskies up by six early in the overtime. An offensive rebound by UAlbany's **Maree Jones** sparked the Great Danes back into offensive mode, as they rattled off an 11-2 run to end the game.

"This is a veteran team with people who can make huge plays," said UAlbany coach Trina Patterson about her team's comeback in overtime. "(Maree) Jones has great penetrating ability and (Jen) Schumacher can hit big three's. We knew this would be one of those games where you have to win a series of battles to win the war."

Learn, who hit both ends of a one-and-one during UAlbany's run in overtime, recorded her second double-double of the season with a 12-point, 10-rebound outing. Jones finished with 15 points and seven boards.

"It was frustrating to be in foul trouble again at the beginning, I just tried to keep my composure," commented Hutcheson, who added seven rebounds for the Great Danes. "When we were down in overtime, we just looked at each other and said let's get going. At the end, I tried to relax myself at the line and make the shots."

Zwarich led all players with 23 points and 12 caroms. Smallwood chipped in 20 points, along with five rebounds and five assists. **Michelle Decerbo** was the third player in double figures for Northeastern with 13.



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UALBANY HOOP GAMES WILL AIR ON TIME WARNER CABLE & WNYT-TV

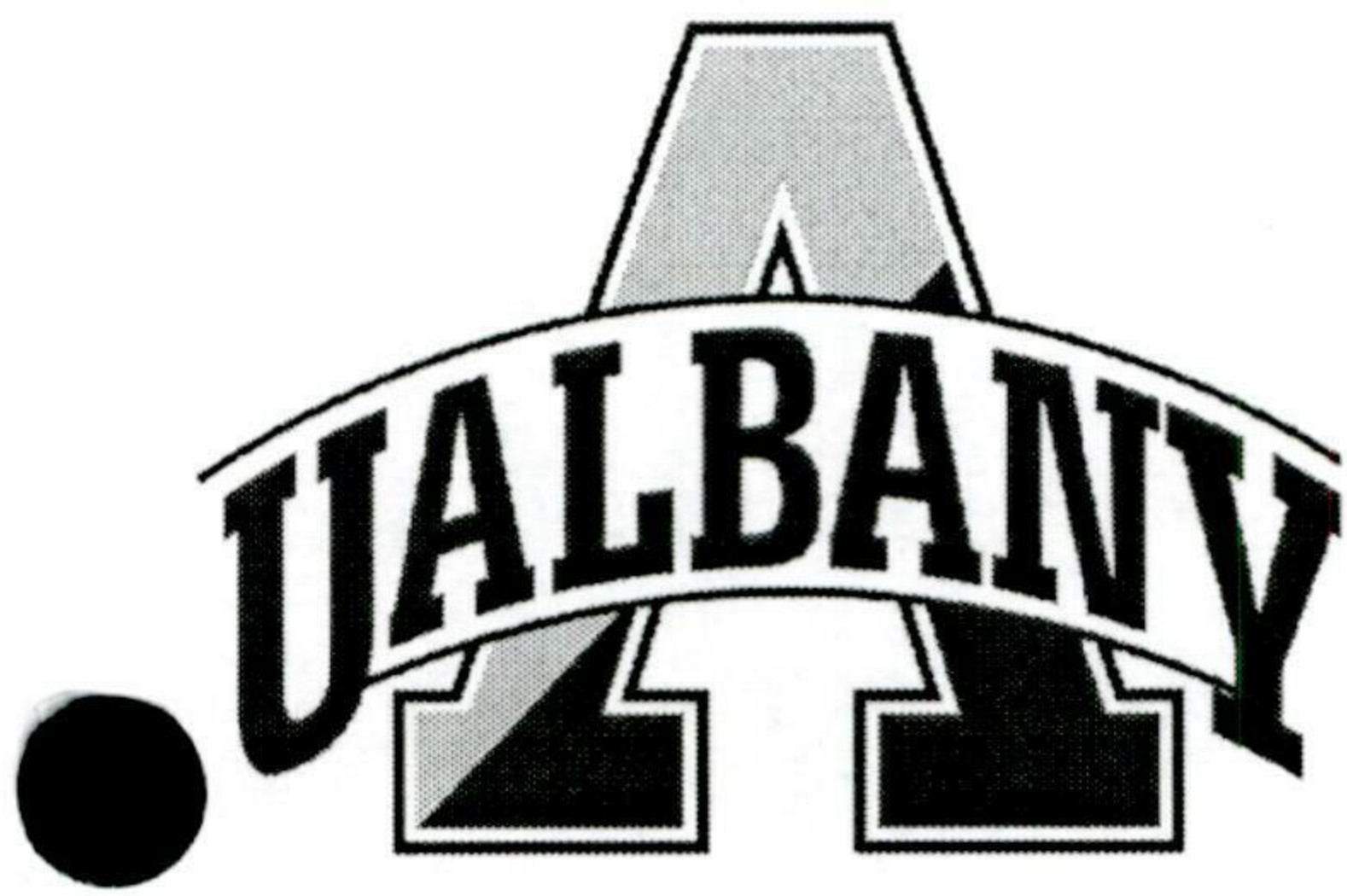
Albany, N.Y. – Time Warner Cable will broadcast a weekly University at Albany basketball show, beginning this weekend, as UAlbany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today. “UAlbany Hoop Games” will run for ten consecutive weeks, starting Jan. 7 and 8.

Rodger Wyland, sports director at WNYT-TV (NewsChannel 13) and the host of WOFX’s morning radio program, “Big Board Sports Talk,” will host the 30-minute television program. UAlbany head basketball coaches Will Brown and Trina Patterson along with player guests will be featured each week.

TWC-Channel 3 will televise “UAlbany Hoop Games” on Fridays at 6:30 p.m., plus replay the broadcast on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. WNYT-TV will also air the program each Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Time Warner Cable is also televising six UAlbany’s men’s basketball games during the 2004-05 season, including the Great Danes’ America East Conference clash with Binghamton on Jan. 12.

UAlbany Basketball Notes: Due to a conflict with the NFL postseason, UAlbany’s radio broadcasts with Northeastern (Jan. 9) and Maine (Jan. 16), both Sunday games, will be moved from Fox Sports Radio AM 980 to WTRY-98.3 FM ... sophomore guard Jon Iati had surgery to repair a partially torn labrum in his right shoulder on Thursday, Jan. 6 ... Dr. Shankar Das performed the 90-minute arthroscopic procedure ... Iati will miss the remainder of the season, but will seek a medical redshirt to regain his year of eligibility ...



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UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATS A-EAST FOE NEW HAMPSHIRE

Durham, N.H. – **Jamar Wilson** scored 22 points as UAlbany posted its fifth road win of the year with a 73-51 America East Conference victory over New Hampshire on Thursday evening at Lundholm Gymnasium.

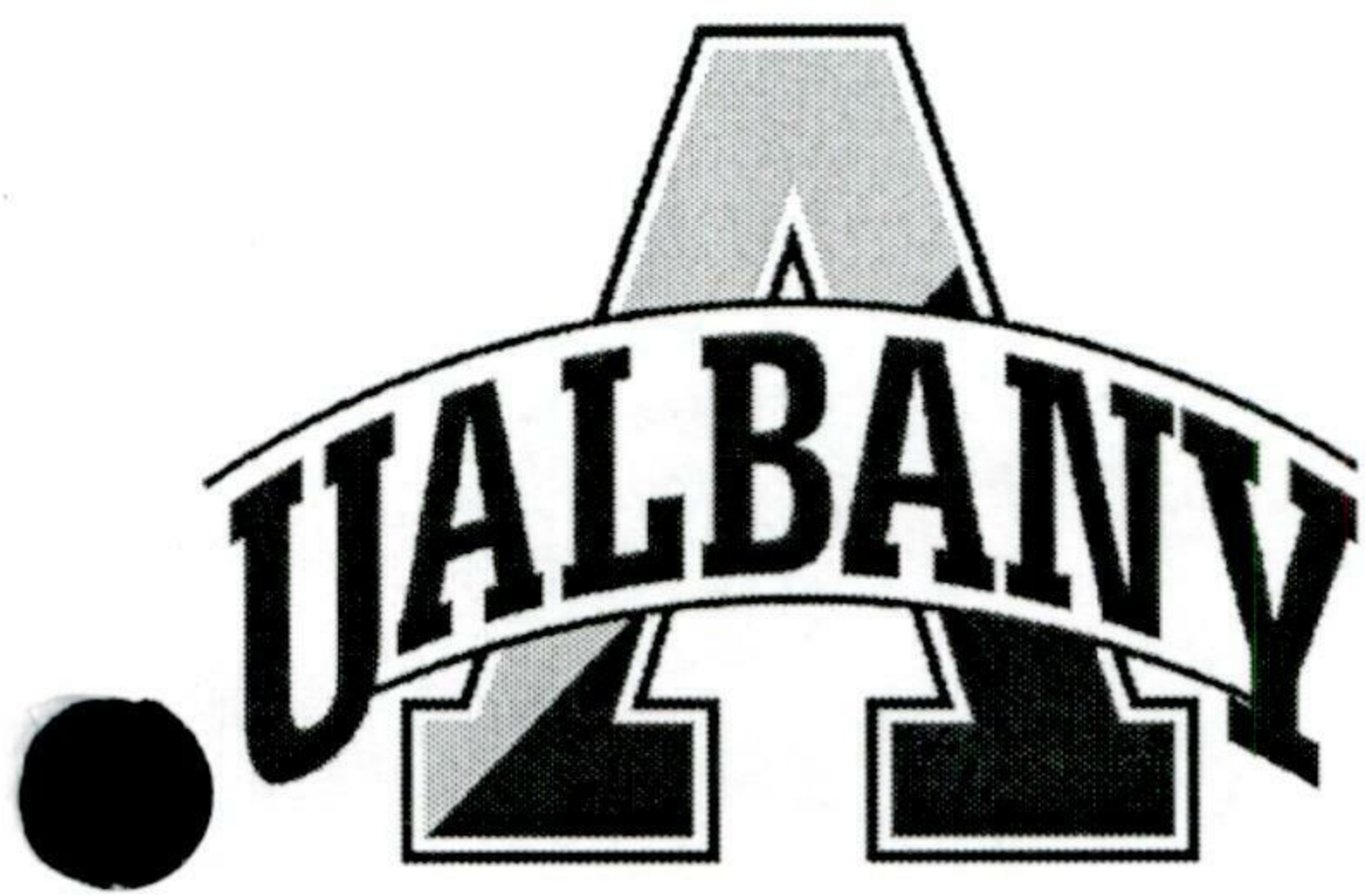
UAlbany (6-6, AE 2-1) ripped off 14 unanswered points to take a 25-7 lead with 8:32 left in the opening period. **Brent Wilson** and **Jamar Wilson** buried back-to-back three-pointers in that stretch, while the Great Danes' defense held New Hampshire (5-7, AE 1-2) scoreless for more than five minutes. **Lucious Jordan**, one of four players in double figures with 14 points, sank a pair of free throws to end that outburst.

The Great Danes, who held the Wildcats to 8-of-25 shooting in the first half, would take a 36-18 lead to the locker room. **Levi Levine** tallied 11 of his 13 points in the stanza. **Blagoj Janev**, who led his team with 15 points, got UNH within 46-33 with 15:23 remaining on a three-pointer. But UAlbany pulled away for good with 13 of the game's next 16 points. Wilson, who made 7-of-12 from the field and 7-of-7 from the line, jumpstarted that stretch with a jumper in the lane. He later scored on a driving one-hander in the paint.

"We did what we needed to do," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team surpassed last year's victory total. "We attacked their zone and didn't settle for jump shots. We didn't play our best game, because we had several careless mistakes. However, we are just starting to scratch the surface on how good we can be."

Aquawasi St. Hillaire added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Great Danes, who are at the .500 mark or better after the opening 12 games for the first time since 1997-98. UNH's **Craig Walls** had 12 points, while freshman **Mike Christensen** added 11.

"Everyone was aggressive and played their part," said Levine, who added five rebounds and two steals. "The program is moving forward, but we have many more things to achieve this year."



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UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DROPS A-EAST OPENER AT NEW HAMPSHIRE

Durham, N.H. – **Danielle Clark** scored 12 points to lead New Hampshire to a 53-43 victory over UAlbany in the America East Conference women's basketball opener for both teams on Wednesday evening at Lundholm Gymnasium.

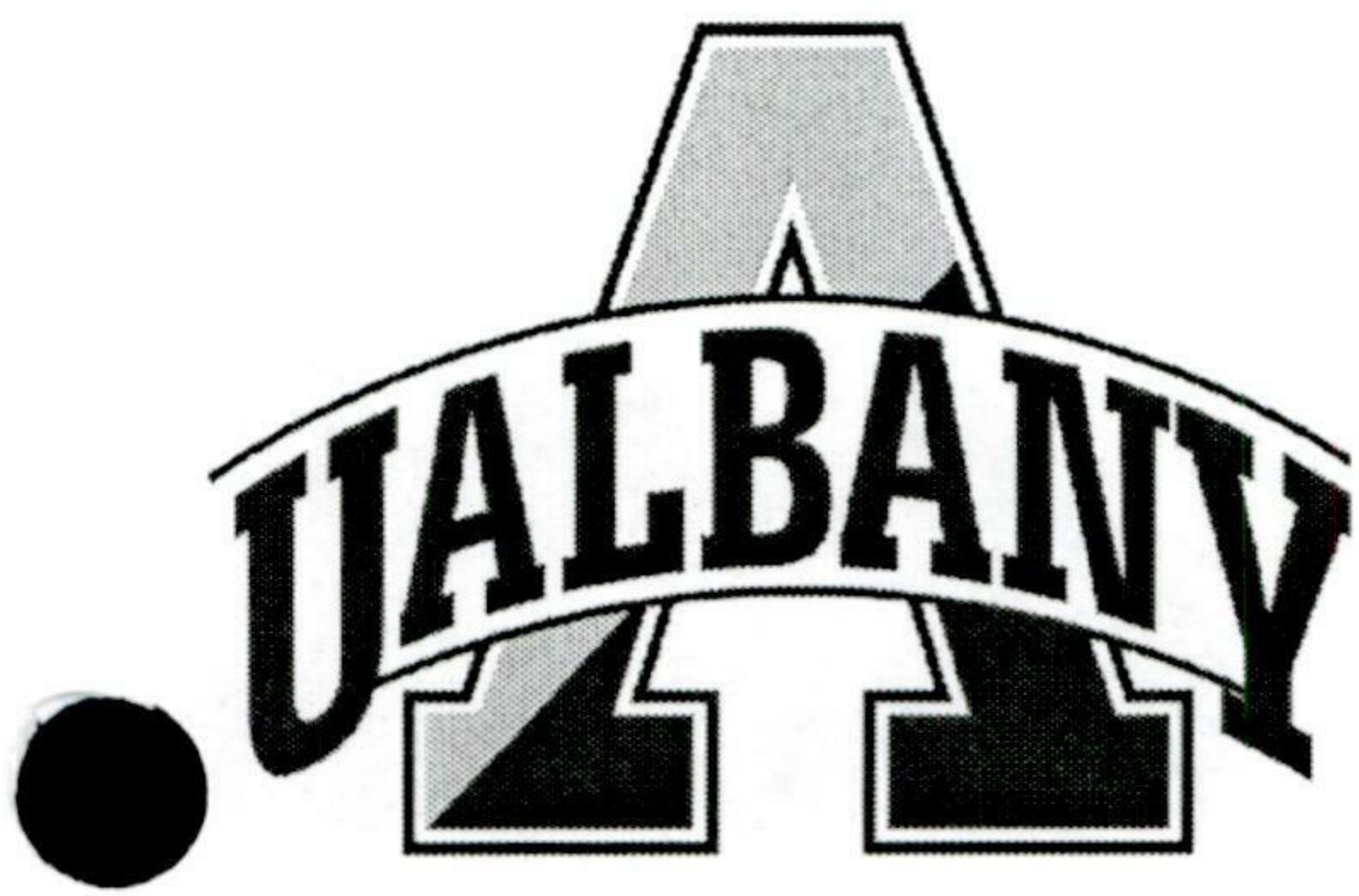
New Hampshire (5-5, AE 1-0) took advantage of UAlbany's foul trouble, as senior center and leading scorer **Danielle Hutcheson** picked up her second foul five and a half minutes into the game. With the score tied at 6-6 and Hutcheson on the bench, New Hampshire ripped off a 23-8 run to take a 29-14 lead at the half.

The Great Danes shot 21.4 percent (6-of-28) from the floor during the first stanza, while the Wildcats connected on 47.6 percent of their field goal attempts in the opening period.

"Sometimes you play a game and the rim seems smaller than normal," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson. "(Hutcheson) had two fouls early and that took a lot out of our game. Their post players outplayed us. We have to learn how to play tougher on the road."

Maree Jones (Albany HS) and Hutcheson recorded double-doubles for the second consecutive game. Jones tallied 12 points and 12 rebounds, while Hutcheson finished with 12 points, all coming in the second half, and 10 caroms. **Alicia Learn** chipped in nine points for UAlbany. For New Hampshire, **Ebony Wood** scored 11 points, including draining 3-of-5 three-point field goals.

UAlbany (5-5, 0-1) resumes conference play on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Northeastern.



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UALBANY TRACK TEAM NOTCHES FOUR FIRST-PLACE FINISHES

Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico – **Kamar Elliott** won the triple jump and secured one of four first-place finishes as the UAlbany track and field team completed its first day of competition at the Encuentro de Atletismo Eugenio Guerra at the University of Puerto Rico.

Elliott claimed the event with a combined distance of 49-feet, 1 and 3/4-inches. Teammate **Teiko Aryee** finished fourth in the event with a total jump of 44-feet, 4 inches.

Arina Gerasimova paced a UAlbany sweep of the women's triple jump, tallying 39-feet, 3 and 1/4-inches. **Sarah Charles** (37-feet, 5 1/4) and **Valerie Maignan** (35-feet, 1 3/4) came in second and third place, respectively.

In other field action, **Natasha Bermudez** placed first in the hammer with a throw of 145 feet. **Karrie Spagnola** established a personal best with a 92-feet, 2-inch showing in the javelin.

The UAlbany men captured first place in the sprint medley relay. **Dustin Wilson, Junior Burnett, Stephen Evans** and **Gered Burns** (Guilderland HS) turned in a team time of 3:28.9 to earn the win. The Great Dane women placed second in the sprint medley relay. **Rebecca Vanoy, Tracy Estriplet, Tequirra Cox** and **Nicole Susser** (Colonie HS) finished with a time of 4:20.1.



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RASHAD BELL'S 23 POINTS LEAD BOSTON UNIVERSITY PAST UALBANY, 72-69

Albany, N.Y. – **Rashad Bell** scored 23 points to pace four players in double figures in leading Boston University to a 72-69 America East Conference victory over UAlbany on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

UAlbany (5-6, AE 1-1) took a 50-48 lead with 9:31 to play, when **Aquawasi St. Hillaire** buried a baseline jumper. Boston U. (8-3, AE 2-0) answered with seven straight points to take the lead for good. Freshman **Matt Wolff** hit a layup after Tony Gaffney's steal to put the Terriers ahead, before **Chaz Carr**, who had 12 points, canned a three-point field goal off a screen for a 55-50 advantage.

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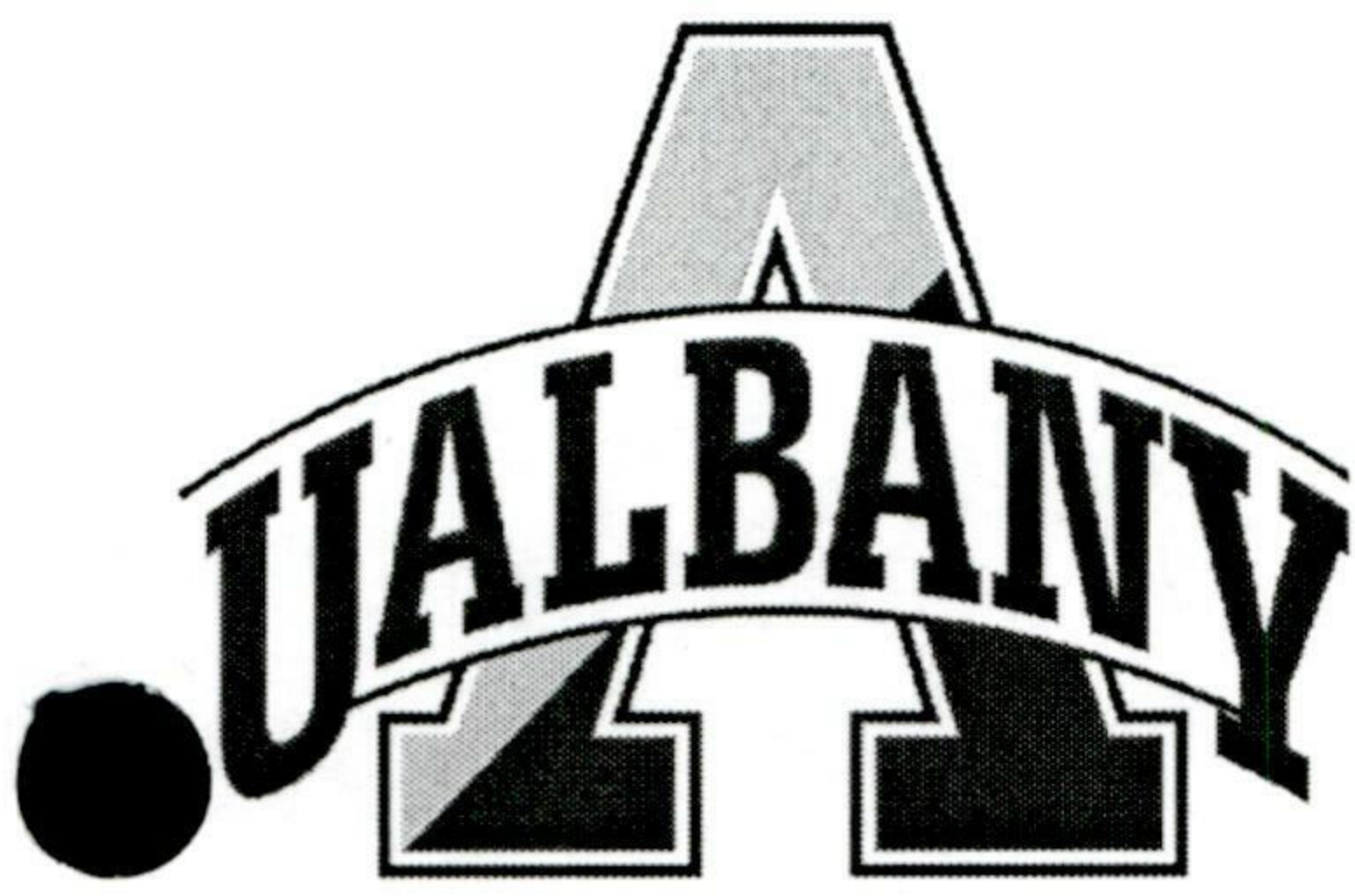
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Kevin Gardner, a 6-foot-9 junior, and Wolff netted 16 and 11 points, respectively, for the Terriers, who shot 50 percent overall in posting their sixth road win of the season. Bell, who made 8-of-12 from the floor, added three rebounds and three blocks.

"We had plenty of chances," UAlbany coach Will Brown said. "They are a fine-tuned machine. Their defense is excellent, they are patient on offense, and they do not beat themselves. We just gave up too many easy baskets in the second half."

Sophomore guard **Jamar Wilson** led the Great Danes with 21 points and handed out six assists while playing all 40 minutes. Jordan finished with 11 points, his eleventh straight game in double figures. The contest featured nine lead changes and eight ties, including a 25-25 deadlock at halftime.

"We had opportunities to win the game, especially if a few calls went our way or if we had made some shots at the end," said Wilson, who was two off his season-high total on 7-of-10 shooting. "It's encouraging that we had a chance with our freshmen producing and Levi (Levine) and Lucious (Jordan) not having their best games."



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