



Sports Roundup

Fall 2003

Men's Cross Country:

UAlbany hosted an America East Conference championship for the first time on Nov. 1. **Andy Allstadt** and **Joe Pienta** were fifth and eighth, respectively, as the Great Danes placed second in the team standings behind champion New Hampshire. Allstadt went on to take fifth among 105 runners at the IC4A Championships with a time of 25:48, his second consecutive top-10 finish.

Women's Cross Country:

The Great Danes placed second at the ECAC Championships and third in the America East meet. **Alyssa Lotmore** and **Nicole Susser**, two Capital Region high school standouts, were the top performers throughout the season. Lotmore, who posted a top-seven finish in both events, ran the 5,000-meter course at ECACs in 18:05.

Men's Soccer:

Bouna Coundoul was voted second-team All-New York Region and chosen to the All-America East squad. UAlbany's goalkeeper ranked sixth among the NCAA Division I leaders in saves at 6.28 per game, as his team posted a 7-9-2 record. **Rodrigo Marion** spearheaded a defense that held 13 opponents to one goal or less.

Women's Soccer:

Sara Rickard earned All-America East Conference honors for the third consecutive fall with her second-team selection. She started all 20 matches in the UAlbany midfield. Head coach **Kalekeni Banda** has been charged with upgrading the program. Banda, who previously coached at Massachusetts and Wisconsin, is a former two-time national coach of the year.

Football:

The Great Danes earned a share of their second consecutive Northeast Conference championship. UAlbany finished with a 7-4 record and has recorded seven-plus wins in seven of the last eight seasons. Senior tailback **Gary Jones** and offensive tackles **Mike Laroche** and **Geir Gudmundsen** were named to The Sports Network Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America Team. Jones, the NEC Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight season, established 12 school records and became the school's all-time rusher. The Associated Press Division I-AA All-American ran for 1,524 yards and scored 19 touchdowns.

Women's Volleyball:

UAlbany reached the America East Conference semifinals for the second consecutive year with a 24-10 record. The Great Danes, who won just four matches two years ago, set a Division I single-season victory mark and recorded the program's highest win total since 1992. **Eileen Nicole Rodriguez**, who ranked third nation-

ally in service aces at 1.13 per game, and middle hitter **Ashlee Reed** were named first-team all-conference players. Rodriguez, a sophomore outside hitter, averaged 3.2 kills and 2.9 digs. **Ashley DeNeal**, averaging 3.1 kills and 3.7 digs per game, was named America East Rookie of the Year.

Women's Golf:

Sophomore **Diane Onofry** led the Great Danes with an 83.1 stroke average in five fall events. **Jill Friedman**, another sophomore, was second on the squad with 85.7 strokes per round.

Field Hockey:

Lisa Burline, a four-year starter, and **Alexis Johnson** were both chosen second-team All-America East Conference. Burline finished her career ranked fourth on the school's career charts in both goals (26) and points (63). Johnson led the team in scoring with 13 goals. Freshmen **Kristina** and **Marisa Maze**, twin sisters, made the America East All-Rookie Team, and Kristina was the league's rookie of the year.



Lisa Burline