

UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY

No. 22 UALBANY (1-1) vs. No. 6 HARVARD (0-0)

Friday, September 6, 2019 | 4 p.m. ET | Albany, N.Y. | Alumni Turf

GAME 1



GREAT DANES

Head Coach: Phil Sykes
2018 America East Champions
2018 NCAA Tournament First Round



CRIMSON

Head Coach: Tjerk van Herwaarden
2018 NCAA Tournament Second Round

NEWS AND NOTES

Recap

The Great Danes welcome Harvard to Albany, N.Y. after splitting a pair of decisions during opening weekend. UAlbany fell, 1-0, in a defensive battle at No. 16 Delaware last Friday before bouncing back to take down Miami (OH) the next day.

Leading the Pack

- Junior Cosima Rocktaeschel and sophomore Kelsey McCrudden lead the squad with two points and one goal apiece.
Freshman Lillian Hickey paces the squad with one assist.
Senior Melissa Nealon owns a 1-1 record in the cage. She boasts a 0.50 goals against average and six saves so far this season.

Scouting Harvard

- Harvard will travel to UAlbany for its first game of 2019.
The Crimson returns five of its top seven scorers from a season ago, including 2018 NFHCA All-American Bente van Vlijmen.
Sophomore goalkeeper Ellie Shahbo returns in the cage after finishing her freshman campaign with a 11-2 record and a 0.70 goals against average.
Harvard was picked to finish second in the Ivy League preseason poll. The Crimson received seven first place votes, finishing just three points behind Princeton for the top spot in the league poll. The Great Danes are slated to play Princeton on Sept. 13.

Series History

UAlbany and Harvard will meet for the first time in the sport of field hockey.

Home Sweet Home

The Great Danes, who went a perfect 9-0 at home last season, have

proven they are one of the toughest teams in the country to beat on their home turf. UAlbany boasts an impressive 42-9 record at home dating back to the 2013 season.

So International

The Great Danes currently have four foreign players on the roster. Two Great Danes hail from the Netherlands: freshman Pelou Bakker and freshman Julie Rudijk. Junior Katie MacCallum is from Scotland and junior Cosima Rocktaeschel is from Germany.

Feeling 22

UAlbany is ranked No. 22 in the preseason Penn Monto/NFHCA National Coaches Poll. The America East saw a total of three teams crack the Top-25 with Stanford (21) and Maine (24) joining the rankings.

Great Danes Picked to Win the AE

For the second straight season, UAlbany was picked to win the America East in the preseason coaches' poll. UAlbany received five first-place votes and accumulated a total of 25 points, exceeding second-place Maine, who received 21 points and the last remaining first-place vote.

She's Got Gold Around Her Neck

Returning starter Katie MacCallum donned blue and white this summer to represent Team Scotland. MacCallum was a member of the 2019 Scotland U-21 National Team that won gold in the EuroHockey Championship.

Notables

Freshman Lillian Hickey recorded her first collegiate point with an assist in a 2-0 win against Miami (OH) on Aug. 31.

2019 FIELD HOCKEY SCHEDULE

AUGUST

8/30 at #16 Delaware L, 0-1
8/31 vs. Miami OH W, 2-0

SEPTEMBER

9/6 #6 HARVARD 4:00 p.m.
9/13 at #5 Princeton 4:00 p.m.
9/14 at Massachusetts 1:00 p.m.
9/17 at Colgate 5:30 p.m.
9/21 at Brown 1:00 p.m.
9/22 at Bryant 2:00 p.m.
9/27 SACRED HEART 2:00 p.m.
9/29 WAGNER 1:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

10/4 at Vermont\* 4:00 p.m.
10/6 at Columbia 2:00 p.m.
10/11 NEW HAMPSHIRE\* 1:00 p.m.
10/13 #1 NORTH CAROLINA 1:00 p.m.
10/18 at Monmouth\* 2:00 p.m.
10/20 CORNELL\$ 4:00 p.m.
10/25 at # 24 Maine\* 3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

11/3 UMass Lowell\* 3:00 p.m.
11/7-9 America East Tournament# TBD

Home games in BOLD CAPS

- \* - America East Game
# - America East Tournament (Highest Seed)
\$ - Senior Day

STAT LEADERS

UALBANY

Points.....C. Rocktaeschel & K. McCrudden, 2
Goals .....C. Rocktaeschel & K. McCrudden, 1
Assists .....Lillian Hickey, 1
Saves.....M. Nealon, 6
GAA .....M. Nealon, 0.50

HARVARD

Points.....N/A
Goals .....N/A
Assists .....N/A
Saves.....N/A
GAA .....N/A

STAT LEADERS

as of August 30, 2018

Table with 4 columns: Rk., Team, Conf., Overall. Lists top players for East and West Divisions.