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Comments: College Sports

(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Pedro Fragoso scored the game-winner with four minutes and 34 minutes seconds left in the second overtime to lift C.W. Post to a 3-2 victory over Albany in the championship of the inaugural Albany Soccer Classic at Varsity Field.

Fragoso drilled a 12-yard shot inside the far post on a crossing from midfielder Joe Flick in the sudden-death extra period. C.W. Post (2-0) trailed 2-1 in regulation, but Hector Orantes tied the match on a rebound shot with 55 seconds remaining.

Albany (1-1) trailed 1-0 at halftime, before midfielder Charlie Justino's blast drew the Great Danes even. Freshman Bryan Grabon put his club ahead at 64:22 off a throw-in by defender Brad Greenwood.

Ebou Njie had five saves for the Pioneers, while UA's Mike Cooper stopped two shots including a penalty kick with 6:11 left in regulation.

Wayne Campbell scored two goals and Tim Cummins had one goal and one assist to lead Mercy to a 3-2 decision over Massachusetts-Lowell in the third-place match.

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Albany Soccer Classic

(Championship)

C.W. Post (2-0) 1 1 0 1 - 3

Albany (1-1) 0 2 0 0 - 2

C.W. Post -- Scoring: Pedro Fragoso 1-1, Matt Tickle 1-0, Hector Orantes 1-0, Joe Flick 0-1, Saves: Ebou Njie 5. Albany -- Scoring: Charlie Justino 1-0, Bryan Grabon 1-0, Kevin Koscielniak 0-1, Brad Greenwood 0-1, Saves: Mike Cooper 2.

(Third Place)

Massachusetts-Lowell (0-2) 0 2 - 2

Mercy (1-1) 0 3 - 3

Mass.-Lowell -- Scoring: Jerold White 1-0, Scott Gagnon 1-0, John Kuchinski 0-1, Saves: Michael White 4. Mercy -- Scoring: Wayne Campbell 2-0, Tim Cummins 1-1, Saves: Gareth Edwards 8.

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(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior forward Kevin Koscielniak (Saratoga Springs H.S.) had two goals and two assists to power Albany past Mercy, 5-1, in the opening round of the inaugural Albany Soccer Classic at Varsity Field. C.W. Post was a 3-1 winner over Massachusetts-Lowell in the other first-round match.

The Great Danes meet C.W. Post in Sunday's championship at 2:00 p.m., while Massachusetts-Lowell and Mercy battle at 12 noon.

Russell Di Benedetto, a junior sweeper back, scored his first goal as a collegian with seven minutes and 48 seconds gone in the contest to ignite a four-goal opening period. Koscielniak tallied twice on consecutive headers off long crosses from freshman Kirt MacNeill within a five-minute span late in the half. The 6-foot-3 striker upped his career totals to 14 goals and nine assists.

In Saturday's first match, C.W. Post's Nick Fitzpatrick and Joe Flick each scored within a 28-second stretch of the first half. Goalkeeper Ebou Njie made six saves for the Pioneers.

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Albany Soccer Classic (First Round)

Mercy	0	1	-	1
Albany	4	1	-	5

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Mercy -- Scoring: Tim Cummins 1-0, Saves: Gareth Edwards 3, Richard Martin 5. Albany -- Kevin Koscielniak 2-2, Russell Di Benedetto 1-0, Bryan Grabon 1-0, Greg Johnson 1-0, Kirt MacNeill 0-2, Marc Rosamilia 0-1, Saves: Mike Cooper 1, Dave Welch 1, Dean deFreitas 1.

Massachusetts-Lowell	0	1	-	1
C.W. Post	2	1	-	3

Mass.-Lowell -- Scoring: Michael Cancado 1-0, Saves: Michael White 5. C.W. Post -- Nick Fitzpatrick 1-1, Joe Flick 1-0, Joe Marchetta 1-0, Pedro Fragoso 0-2, Saves: Ebou Njie 6.

(Field Hockey)

Albany, N.Y. -- Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia H.S.) had two goals and one assist to lead Albany to a convincing 6-1 victory over C.W. Post in the season opener for both teams at Albany Field.

Nicsevic, a junior forward from Troy, N.Y., scored the game's opening goal with 20:48 remaining in the first half. Jen Cordes redirected Nicsevic's drive from in front for a 3-0 lead eight minutes later.

Tovah Atwell and Katie Cunningham each added one goals and two assists for the Great Danes, who are coming off a school-record 14-3 campaign in 1996.

Sophomore goalkeeper Keli Roberts had 22 saves for C.W. Post, which was dominated in the shot statistics by a 32-3 margin.

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C.W. Post	0	1	-	1
Albany	4	2	-	6

C.W. Post -- Scoring: Tracy Cottrell 1-0, Claudia Ruberto 0-1, Saves: Keli Roberts 22. Albany -- Scoring: Nancy Nicsevic 2-1, Tovah Atwell 1-2, Katie Cunningham 1-2, Liz Peck 1-0, Jen Cordes 1-0, Sonja Bates 1-0, Saves: Leia Shick 0, Cathi Burek 1.

(Women's Soccer)

Elmira, N.Y. -- Kristin and Suzanne Weller, sisters from Cazenova, N.Y., were among five different goal scorers in leading Elmira to a 5-2 non-conference victory over visiting Albany in the season lid-lifter for both squads.

Freshman Emily Trievel had one goal and one assist for the Great Danes in George Vizvary's head coaching debut. Goalkeeper Tara Ford, a converted field player, made 15 saves.

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Albany	1	1	-	2
Elmira	3	2	-	5

Albany -- Scoring: Emily Trievel 1-1, Alicia Hutter 1-0, Carolyn Giaquinto 0-1, Saves: Tara Ford 15. Elmira -- Scoring: Suzanne Weller 1-0, Kristin Weller 1-0, Allison Conte 1-0, Megan O'Dowd 1-0, Christine Baldauf 1-0, Saves: Susan Mikulec 5.



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SPORTS NEWS

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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES BILL GEITNER AND BYRON THORNE
ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Bill Geitner** and **Byron Thorne** have been selected as assistant men's basketball coaches at the University at Albany as head coach **Scott Hicks** announced today. Geitner has been an assistant coach at the University of Rochester since 1991, while Thorne coached the last two years at Elmira College.

Geitner, 32, spent six years as an assistant coach on Mike Neer's staff at Rochester, where he coordinated recruiting and scouting and had responsibilities with academic advising and weight training. During his tenure, the Yellowjackets played for the NCAA Division III national title in 1992. He was also an assistant and head junior varsity coach for two years at Hamilton College, and at Hobart College during the 1988-89 season.

Geitner, who graduated from Hamilton with a B.A. in government in 1987, was a four-year starter for the Continentals, and set school records for career and single-season assists. He served as co-captain in leading Hamilton to a 23-4 record as a senior. He recently earned his master's degree in administration from Rochester. A native of Fulton, N.Y., Geitner attended G. Ray Bodley High School, where he was a guard in basketball and a pitcher in baseball for the Class A Section III athletic program. He has also coached the Central Open team at the Empire State Games on two occasions.

Thorne, 25, handled recruiting, scouting and the conditioning program at Elmira the last two years. The Soaring Eagles reached the ECAC Division III Upstate New York tournament's championship in 1997, and the ECAC quarter-final round the previous season. In addition, he worked as an administrative assistant in athletics, and was responsible for academic progress and Booster Club management. In 1996, he served as co-head coach for the Central Open Region team at the Empire State Games.

Thorne, a native of Pittsburgh, was a 1994 honorable mention All-America guard at Penn State-Behrend College in Erie, Pennsylvania. He was chosen as an ECAC Division III all-star and was a two-time ECAC player of the week. Thorne received his undergraduate degree in management information systems, and earned a M.S. in education from Elmira last spring. A Vincentian High School graduate, he was voted to the Pittsburgh Fabulous Five all-star basketball team and was a center fielder in baseball.

Albany appointed Scott Hicks as head basketball coach last May 15. The Great Danes will continue to compete at the NCAA Division II level for the next two seasons, before upgrading to Division I in 1999-2000.

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Men's Basketball Assistants Release

(Men's Soccer)

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany opens its 1997 men's soccer season by hosting the inaugural Albany Soccer Classic this weekend (August 30-31) at Varsity Field.

The Great Danes, who finished 9-8-2 last season, are led by senior Kevin Koscielniak (Saratoga Springs H.S.) and junior Tom Mason. Koscielniak had eight goals and four assists last fall, while Mason chipped in with eight goals and three assists. Russell Di Benedetto, a 19-game starter at sweeper back, and junior goalkeeper Mike Cooper lead the UA defense. Head coach Roy Pfeil, the former boys' coach at Shenendehowa and Linton/Mt. Pleasant high schools, begins his seventh season, and had a 56-36-13 career record.

Albany faces Mercy College in the opening round on Saturday at 2:00 p.m., while Massachusetts-Lowell faces C.W. Post at 12 noon.

Albany Soccer Classic Schedule

(All matches at University at Albany's Varsity Field)

Saturday, August 30: Massachusetts-Lowell vs. C.W. Post, 12 noon
Albany vs. Mercy, 2:00
Sunday, August 31: Mercy vs. Massachusetts-Lowell, 12 noon
Albany vs. C.W. Post, 2:00



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SPORTS NEWS

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 1997 FOOTBALL CAPTAINS
Great Danes Prepare for Season Opener on September 6

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Loren Baker, Luke Byrnes, Peter London, Joe Savino, and Seth Thomas** have been selected as the University at Albany's football captains for the 1997 season as head coach **Bob Ford** announced today.

Baker, a senior from Gloversville, N.Y. (Gloversville H.S.), was selected *Football Gazette* first-team All-America and All-ECAC Intercollegiate Football Conference as an offensive tackle last season. A 10-game starter, he allowed no sacks while blocking for a unit which averaged nearly 330 yards per game.

Savino, a senior quarterback, and Thomas, a senior tight end, were also named to the 1996 ECAC-IFC All-Star team. A native of Norwood, N.J., Savino holds or shares 14 school records, and is Albany's all-time leader in passing yards (4,638), touchdown passes (34), completions (343) and attempts (690). He needs 490 yards to move to the top spot in career total offense. Thomas, a 6-foot-4, 260-pound athlete from Canandaigua, N.Y., caught 19 passes for 216 yards and six touchdowns as a junior. He ranks eighth in career receptions with 55, and tied a school record with three TD receptions in last year's season finale.

London, a senior from Brooklyn, N.Y., will start for the second consecutive year at defensive tackle. He had 67 tackles and three sacks, and led the Great Danes with four fumble recoveries, including one for a touchdown. Byrnes, a native of Huntington, N.Y., moves to outside linebacker after playing quarterback the last three seasons. He appeared in eight games as a junior, and earned his first letter as a member of the punt cover and punt return units.

1997 ALBANY SCHEDULE -- Sept. 6, at Central Connecticut State, 12:00; Sept. 13, **Sacred Heart***, 6:00; Sept. 20, **St. Lawrence**, 1:00; Sept. 27, at C.W. Post*, 1:00; Oct. 4, **Merrimack***, 6:00; Oct. 11, at Pace*, 1:00; Oct. 18, **Stony Brook***, 2:00; Oct. 25, at Massachusetts-Lowell*, 1:00; Nov. 1, at Stonehill*, 12:00; Nov. 8, at Union, 1:00; Nov. 15, **Southern Connecticut State***, 1:00. *Eastern Football Conference Opponent

MORE ON THE DANES -- Albany's season opener at Division I-AA Central Connecticut on Sept. 6 will be televised live by **New England Sports Network (NESN)** ... Tom Larson and Bob Norton will provide the play-by-play and commentary ... **Empire Sports Network** will also air the contest live ... **WROW Radio** (590 AM) will broadcast the entire Albany schedule for the fourth consecutive year ... **Rodger Wyland**, the evening sports anchor at WNYT-TV, and host of Big Board Sports Talk, and **Charlie Voelker** return as the WROW announce team ... the Great Danes have joined with 11 NCAA Division II schools from New England and New York to form the Eastern Football Conference ... Albany plays an 11-game schedule for the first time ... the 1997 slate features new opponents in Sacred Heart, Massachusetts-Lowell, Merrimack and Stonehill ...

NOTE: Albany's football media luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Recreation and Convocation Center's Hall of Fame Room.

University at Albany 1997

Football Media Luncheon

*Tuesday, August 26, 1997
Recreation and Convocation Center
Athletic Hall of Fame Room*

11:30 a.m.

Coaches and Players will be made available for interviews. You are welcome to attend the morning practice session (9:00-11:00).

R.S.V.P. by Monday, August 25
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