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Comments: MEN'S SOCCER

ALBANY 1, CORTLAND STATE 0

Cortland, N.Y. -- Junior forward Kevin Koscielniak (Saratoga Springs H.S.) scored 35 seconds into the match to lead Albany to a 1-0 victory over Cortland State in the season opener for both teams on Saturday evening.

Senior midfielder Gene Dove took a throw-in from the sideline and crossed the ball to Kocieniak, who netted his fifth career goal on a six-yard shot past Cortland goalkeeper Terry Moss.

Sophomore Mike Cooper, making his second career start at goalkeeper, had four saves to record the shutout in the Albany net.

Moss had three saves for Cortland State, before freshman Jay Kehn (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H.S.) replaced him in the second half.

Albany, which posted a 7-7-3 record in its first Division II season in 1995, hosts Mercy on Wednesday (Sept. 4) at 4:00 p.m.

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Albany (1-0)	1	0	-	1
Cortland (0-1)	0	0	-	0

Albany: Kevin Koscielniak 1-0, Gene Dove 0-1. Saves: Mike Cooper 4.
Cortland: No Scoring. Saves: Terry Moss 3, Jay Kehn 0.

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JOMO FORRESTER AND GENE DOVE NAMED MEN'S SOCCER CAPTAINS

Albany, N.Y. -- Jomo Forrester and Gene Dove, a pair of senior midfielders, have been selected as co-captains of the 1996 University at Albany men's soccer team.

Forrester, who served as a tri-captain as a junior, was third on the team in scoring with four goals and three assists in 1995. The 6'0", 180-pound athlete has started 34 consecutive games in the Albany midfield, and has 15 goals and nine assists during his career. Forrester won the Collegiate Track Conference 100-meter title in 11.17 seconds last May.

Dove was the Great Danes' second-leading scorer with six goals and two assists in his first season with the UA program. He transferred from Rockland Community College which reached the '94 national semifinals.

Albany finished with a 7-7-3 record in its first NCAA Division II campaign, and opens its 1996 schedule at Cortland State on Saturday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m.



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SPORTS NEWS

For Immediate Release
Monday, August 26, 1996

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 1996 FOOTBALL CAPTAINS
Charlie Voelker Joins NewsRadio 590 WROW Broadcast Team

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Ted Bearor, Jamie Giordano, John Moskov, Bob Thorne and Anthony Vitti** have been selected as captains on the University at Albany football team for the 1996 season as head coach **Bob Ford** announced today.

Bearor, a senior free safety from Greenwich, N.Y. (Greenwich Central H.S.), led the Great Danes with four interceptions last year. He was third on the team in tackles with 64, broke up seven passes, and was voted the team's top defensive back. Moskov, a senior linebacker from Glenville, N.Y. (Niskayuna H.S.), has started 17 of 20 games played over the last two seasons. The 6'0", 235-pound defender has recorded a combined 88 tackles in his two years as a regular.

Vitti, a senior roverbak, was selected to the *College Football Preview* 1996 Division II Preseason All-America Team. He led Albany with 72 tackles, including nine for a loss, as a junior, and added one interception and four pass break-ups. Vitti, a native of Mamaroneck, N.Y., was chosen as a 1995 ECAC-IFC All-Star, and has 139 career tackles.

Thorne, a senior flanker/tight end from Fishkill, N.Y., caught 29 passes for 502 yards and six touchdowns. He is just the sixth UA receiver to surpass the 500-yard mark in a single season. Thorne, a 6'3", 215-pound athlete, ranks sixth in receptions (53) and seventh in receiving yardage (814) on the school's all-time lists. Giordano of Bronx, N.Y., was Albany's most valuable special teams player last season. The senior roverbak had 11 tackles (seven solo) and one fumble recovery a year ago.

WROW RADIO -- NewsRadio 590 AM WROW will air the University at Albany's entire 10-game football schedule...**Charlie Voelker**, an account executive at Time Warner Cable, joins the broadcast team for the 1996 season...Voelker, who previously was a color analyst for St. Rose basketball games on WSRD Radio in Johnstown, and station manager at WVIP-TV in Mount Kisco, replaces Marc Kestecher on the WROW announce team...**Rodger Wyland**, the evening sports anchor at WNYT-TV (NewsChannel 13), and host of Big Board Sports Talk, will handle the play-by-play duties for the third consecutive season...WROW's broadcasts begin with the pre-game show 15 minutes prior to kickoff each Saturday...**Bob Ford** will be featured each week during the season on WROW's Big Board Sports Talk at 8:05 p.m. on Thursday evenings...

1996 ALBANY SCHEDULE -- Sept. 7, **Central Connecticut**, 6:00; Sept. 14, **Mercyhurst**, 1:00; Sept. 21, at St. Lawrence, 2:00; Sept. 28, at Rensselaer, 12:00; Oct. 12, **Union**, 2:00; Oct. 19, at Stony Brook, 1:00; Oct. 26, **Gannon**, 1:00; Nov. 2, at Pace, 1:00; Nov. 9, **Trenton State**, 1:00; Nov. 16, at King's, Pa., 1:00.

NOTE: Albany's football media luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Recreation and Convocation Center's Hall of Fame Room.



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SPORTS NEWS

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY BEGINS PRESEASON FOOTBALL PRACTICE
Players Report This Weekend and Will Workout Twice on Monday

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany football team begins its second season as a NCAA Division II program, when freshmen and transfers report for preseason camp on Saturday, August 17. Veteran players are expected to arrive on Sunday, and two practices are scheduled for Monday at 9:00 in the morning and 2:30 in the afternoon. The Great Danes open their 1996 schedule at home on September 7 against Division I-AA Central Connecticut.

Albany, which has six starters returning on offense and defense, was plagued by inconsistent play and averaged 3.6 turnovers per game in 1995, and the result was a 3-7 overall record. "We've made a major change in offensive philosophy and staff," says **Bob Ford**, who begins his 24th season as head coach. "We must become more consistent on offense, and get better in the kicking game. On defense, we need to continue to work on not giving up the big run or the big pass."

Junior **Joe Savino** and sophomore **Eric Williams** give the Great Danes a solid one-two combination at quarterback, as the UA offense modifies its attack to a multiple scheme. Savino completed 115 of 244 passes for 1,402 yards and 11 touchdowns, while Williams made one start as a freshman but fractured his thumb in the second quarter. Savino, an effective runner and thrower, already ranks second in career passing yards (3,144) and third in total offense on the school's all-time lists.

The quarterbacks will see familiar faces downfield. Senior flanker **Bob Thorne** caught 29 passes for 502 yards and six touchdowns, while junior split end **Dan Gmelin** had 32 receptions for 444 yards and four TDs. **Seth Thomas**, a junior tight end, grabbed 29 passes for 234 yards. Junior **Frank Coluccio** (Bishop Maginn H.S.) is the top returning rusher with 306 yards on 68 carries, while tough-nosed fullback **Mike Browne** ran for 232 yards and three scores. **Loren Baker** (Gloversville), a 6'3", 260-pound junior tackle, senior guard **David Baranska** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) and senior guard **Matt Moskov** (Niskayuna) will anchor the offensive line.

The Great Danes switched to a 4-3-4 alignment on defense last year, and the move paid dividends in a more aggressive unit. **Anthony Vitti**, a preseason All-America selection, led Albany with 72 tackles, including nine for a loss. The senior roverback was named to the 1995 ECAC-IFC All-Star Team. Senior free safety **Ted Bearor** (Greenwich Central) had a club-high four interceptions to go with 64 tackles. **Steve Flood**, who had 60 tackles and two sacks, is positioned at middle linebacker, while **John Moskov** (Niskayuna) is a two-year starter on the outside. **Sean King** (Stillwater) and **Deron Regev** will handle the kicking duties.

ALBANY SCHEDULE -- Sept. 7, **Central Connecticut**, 6:00; Sept. 14, **Mercyhurst**, 1:00; Sept. 21, at St. Lawrence, 2:00; Sept. 28, at Rensselaer, 12:00; Oct. 12, **Union**, 2:00; Oct. 19, at Stony Brook, 1:00; Oct. 26, **Gannon**, 1:00; Nov. 2, at Pace, 1:00; Nov. 9, **Trenton State**, 1:00; Nov. 16, at King's, Pa., 1:00.

NOTES -- Three days after the New York Giants broke football training camp, the Albany program reports for its preseason drills...**Bob Ford** has six new assistant coaches on his staff...**Steve Hladio** and **Rich Turi** were recently at Harvard and Siena, respectively, while **Frank Derrico** coached Amsterdam (N.Y.) High School to the 1995 state Class B championship...there are 17 area high school football players on the UA preseason roster...tailback/place-kicker **Jason Usher** (Guilderland) and linebacker **Tony Coluccio** (Bishop Maginn) are among the incoming freshmen...Albany and eleven other Division II schools from New England and New York have joined together to form the Eastern Football Conference in September 1997...Albany's football media luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Recreation and Convocation Center's Hall of Fame Room...



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SPORTS NEWS

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES FOUR ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES
Frank Derrico, Corey Goff, Keith Shorter and Mark Stratton Join Great Danes Staff

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Frank Derrico, Corey Goff, Keith Shorter and Mark Stratton** have been selected as assistant football coaches at the University at Albany as head coach Bob Ford announced today. Derrico, who will work with the offensive backfield, was hired as a part-time assistant, while Goff, Shorter and Stratton are graduate assistant coaches. Goff will handle the offensive line and tight ends, while Shorter (outside linebackers) and Stratton (secondary) are defensive coaches.

Derrico joins the Albany staff after directing Amsterdam High School to the 1995 New York state Class B championship and a 11-2 campaign. He served as Amsterdam's head coach for 17 seasons and posted a 121-40-6 (.743) overall record. His teams won seven Big 10 League titles, three Super Bowl crowns and two regional championships.

A native of Amsterdam, N.Y., Derrico guided his 1986 and 1991 teams to undefeated 10-0 and 11-0 seasons, respectively, and each squad won Class A Super Bowl titles. A three-time *Amsterdam Recorder* Coach of the Year, he was appointed as the Rams' mentor in 1979. His first three clubs were stingy defensive units, and held 21 of 27 opponents off the scoreboard. In fact, his 1981 team allowed just 13 points for the entire season. Derrico, 49, earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Bridgeport in 1970.

Goff, 24, was previously an assistant coach in both football and baseball at Susquehanna University, a Division III school in Pennsylvania. He coached the offensive line and tight ends, and also handled recruiting and videotape breakdown. Goff graduated from Susquehanna with a B.A. in biology and secondary education in 1995. He was a two-year starter in football and a two-time captain in baseball on two NCAA playoff teams.

Shorter, 28, has been an assistant coach at St. Lawrence University since 1992, where he worked with the Saints' defensive backs and served as video coordinator. He also was an assistant track coach and held the position of Greek Residence Director. A *Football Gazette* All-America defender at Frostburg State University in Maryland, Shorter worked as a student assistant football coach at his alma mater. He earned a B.S. in finance and business administration.

Stratton, 24, served on Hartwick College's football staff last year as a defensive backs coach. He also supervised weight training and was involved in recruiting. The former Hartwick defensive back was a two-time captain in football, and received the program's most valuable player award in 1992. Stratton, who earned a B.A. in history in 1994, was selected to the NCAA East Regional all-tournament baseball team, and later worked for the Hawks as a pitching coach for one season.

Freshman and transfers report to Albany's preseason football camp on Saturday, August 17, while returning players are scheduled to arrive on the following day.

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GIANTS ANNOUNCE REMAINING TRAINING CAMP SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- The New York Giants will practice once on both Tuesday and Wednesday as football training camp comes to a close at the University at Albany.

The Giants have practice sessions scheduled for Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m and Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Following the morning workout, the National Football League club breaks training camp.

On Saturday, August 17, the Giants will meet the New York Jets in their third preseason game at Giants Stadium. Kickoff is 8:00 p.m. The Giants-Jets contest can be seen locally on WPIX-Channel 11, New York.

*New York Giants Training Camp Schedule**

Tuesday, August 13 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 14 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Training Camp Breaks in the Afternoon

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UNIVERSITY READING CLASS WILL MAKE BOOK PRESENTATION TO GIANTS

ALBANY, N.Y. -- Anne Roberts, a lecturer in the University at Albany's reading department, and a group of graduate students enrolled in her class, "The Non-Fiction Book", will present autographed copies of a picture book entitled, "Teachers Are Giants Too", to members of the New York Giants' organization on Tuesday at 12 noon. The presentation will take place in the Campus Center's Patroon Room.

Sixteen of the Giants players spent 30 minutes last week being interviewed by students in the Roberts class. The master's degree candidates are teachers, reading specialists, special education instructors and also work in library information.

Mary Beth Blakeley of Altamont, N.Y., who received her undergraduate degree in English from Manhattan College, was impressed with safety Rodney Young. "He was a perfect gentleman who was both intelligent and warm," said Blakely, who learned Young has taken piano lessons and his favorite musician is pop star Phil Collins.

Christine Miller, a student working toward a M.A. in education, was struck by the honesty of wide receiver and kick returner Gary Harrell. "His willingness to be interviewed for the project was admirable," Miller said.

Rookie safety Percy Ellsworth was interviewed by Wanda McCoppin, a first grade teacher at Giffen Elementary School in Albany. McCoppin found Ellsworth to be shy, but was intrigued by his fond childhood memories of Dr. Suess' *ABC Book*. "He has strong beliefs and is spiritual," McCoppin said. "He believes those qualities and hard work will make things work out for him."

Roberts' students came away with the observation that professional football is a business, but the athletes are both dedicated and intelligent. An inscription in the 32-page book will read, "To All Giants, Great and Small."

Other players interviewed for the book include Howard Cross, Rob Zatechka, Michael Strahan and Charles Way.

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GIANTS WILL PRACTICE TWICE ON MONDAY

Albany, N.Y. -- The New York Giants will practice twice on Monday as their football training camp continues at the University at Albany. A light workout is planned for 9:00 a.m., while a regular practice session is scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

Practice times for Tuesday and Wednesday have not been determined. The Giants will break training camp in the afternoon on Wednesday, August 14, and later this week meet the New York Jets in their third preseason game. Kickoff on Saturday, August 17 is 8:00 p.m. at Giants Stadium.

*New York Giants Training Camp Schedule**

Monday, August 12	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. (light workout) 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 13	TBA
Wednesday, August 14	TBA

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GIANTS REVISE THIS WEEK'S PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- The New York Giants have released a revised training camp schedule for the remainder of the week.

The Giants will conduct just one practice on Tuesday through Friday in preparation for this Saturday's NFL preseason game against Baltimore at Giants Stadium.

Tuesday's single session begins at 3:00 p.m., while practice on both Wednesday and Thursday is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. A light workout is planned for Friday at 10:30 a.m.

The Giants' training camp at the University at Albany continues through Wednesday, August 14.

*New York Giants Training Camp Schedule**

Tuesday, August 6	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 8	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, August 9	10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Saturday, August 10	NFL Preseason Game vs. Baltimore, 1:00 (NBC-TV) (Giants Stadium)

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GIANTS ADD MORNING WORKOUT TO MONDAY'S CAMP SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- The New York Giants will conduct a double practice session on Monday as their football training camp continues at the University at Albany. The team's morning workout begins at 9:00 a.m., while the afternoon practice is slated for 3:00 p.m.

The Giants are scheduled to practice on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 3:00 p.m., while a light workout is planned for Friday at 10:30 a.m. The National Football League club hosts Baltimore at Giants Stadium on Saturday, August 10. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. for the second of four preseason contests. The Giants-Baltimore game will be seen nationally on NBC-TV.

*New York Giants Training Camp Schedule**

Monday, August 5	9:00 - 11:00 a.m. 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 6	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 8	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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GIANTS TRAINING CAMP SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Albany, N.Y. -- The New York Giants have announced their football training camp schedule for next week.

The Giants will practice on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 3:00 p.m., and conduct a light workout on Friday at 10:30 a.m. The National Football League club hosts Baltimore at Giants Stadium on Saturday, August 10. The second of four preseason contests for the Giants will be televised by NBC, and is slated for 1:00 p.m.

Head coach Dan Reeves may also add morning practices on both Monday and Tuesday next week, but will make that decision at a later time.

The Giants, who begin their NFL preseason schedule on Friday evening at Jacksonville, continue workouts at the University at Albany through August 14.

*New York Giants Training Camp Schedule**

Monday, August 5	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 6	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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