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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES THREE ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES **Sean Ryan, Keary Millard and Loren Baker Are Chosen**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Sean Ryan, Keary Millard, and Loren Baker** have been selected as graduate assistant football coaches as University at Albany head coach Bob Ford announced today. Ryan will work with the wide receivers, while Millard will coach the outside linebackers. Baker will handle the tight ends and assist the offensive line coach.

Ryan, 26, joins the Albany staff after serving as quarterbacks coach at Siena College last year. He assisted with the construction of the Saints' offensive game plan, and was responsible for recruiting in New York and Massachusetts. Ryan was the head junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach at Clinton (N.Y.) High School from 1992-94. He played defensive back and outside linebacker at Hamilton College, where he received a B.A. in American Studies. A graduate of Hudson Falls (N.Y.) High School, Ryan competed as a quarterback and defensive back, and lettered in basketball and baseball.

Millard, 24, was a two-time All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Conference receiver and kick returner at West Virginia Wesleyan College. He served as a tri-captain in his senior season, and went on to earn an undergraduate degree in public relations. A native of Sandown, N.H., Millard was an all-state choice on two occasions at Timberlane Regional High School, and participated in the Shriner's Bowl senior all-star game.

Baker, 23, was twice a first-team All-America offensive tackle at the University at Albany, and led the Great Danes to the 1997 Eastern Football Conference championship and a school-record 11-1 campaign. As a senior, he made his second straight appearance on the *Football Gazette* Division II All-America squad, and was a first-team All-Northeast Region choice. He also earned All-ECAC-North and All-EFC honors, and was voted the EFC's best offensive lineman. Baker, a native of Gloversville, N.Y., received his undergraduate degree in history, and is pursuing a master's in educational administration. He was an all-region and all-league lineman at Gloversville High School.

ALBANY FOOTBALL NOTES: Albany's football media day is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25 in the Recreation and Convocation Center's Hall of Fame Room at 11:30 a.m. ... a barbecue-style lunch will be served ... the morning practice session is 9:00-11:00 a.m. on the Western Avenue practice facility ... Albany, the defending Eastern Football Conference champion, opens its 1998 schedule at home on Friday, September 4 against Central Connecticut State at 6:00 p.m. ... the Great Danes are competing for the last time at the NCAA Division II level, as the program moves to Division I-AA and the Northeast Conference in September 1999 ... **WROW Radio (590 AM)** will broadcast Albany football for the fifth consecutive season ... **Rodger Wyland**, the evening sports anchor at WNYT-TV (NBC-13), will call the action with **Charlie Voelker** providing the color commentary ... WROW's pre-game show airs 15 minutes prior to broadcast ...