



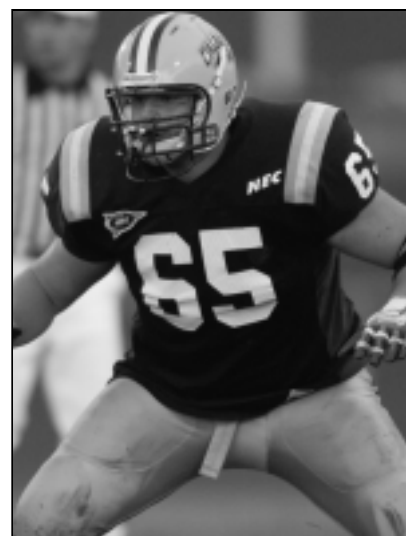
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DT Michael Dungey (95)



ILB Colin Disch (52)



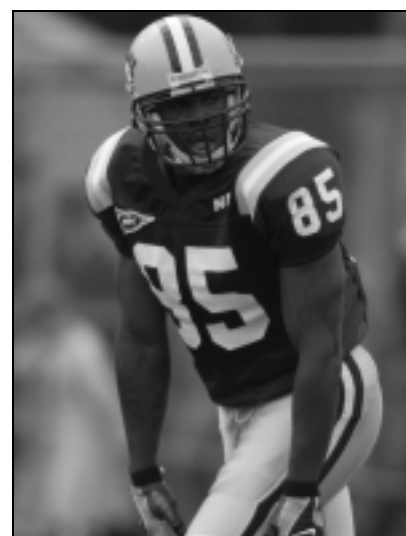
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OLB Trevor DuPont (10)



FL/KR Mike Wall (1)



SE Irani DeAraujo (85)

2007 SPRING FOOTBALL



UALBANY FOOTBALL

2007 Quick Facts

SPRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Spring Practice Dates:
 April 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21,
 23, 25, 27, 28, 30 and May 2.

2007 SCHEDULE

September			
1	(Sat.)	at Colgate	1:00
8	(Sat.)	at Fordham	TBA
15	(Sat.)	Hofstra	6:00
22	(Sat.)	at Montana	3:05
October			
6	(Sat.)	Stony Brook	4:00
13	(Sat.)	Sacred Heart* (HC)	4:00
20	(Sat.)	at St. Francis, Pa.*	1:00
27	(Sat.)	at Wagner*	1:00
November			
3	(Sat.)	Robert Morris*	1:00
10	(Sat.)	at Monmouth*	1:00
17	(Sat.)	at Central Connecticut State*	12:00

*Northeast Conference Opponent All Times Eastern
 (HC) - Homecoming/Family Weekend

2006 RESULTS

Sept.	2	at Lehigh	17-16, W
Sept.	9	Fordham	9-7, L
Sept.	16	at #11 Delaware	17-10, W
Sept.	23	#23 Central Conn. State*	19-14, W
Sept.	30	at Cornell	23-21, L
Oct.	7	at Stony Brook*	33-21, L
Oct.	14	at Sacred Heart*	24-13, W
Oct.	21	St. Francis, Pa.*	48-0, W
Oct.	28	Wagner*	34-0, W
Nov.	4	at Robert Morris*	16-6, W
Nov.	11	Monmouth*	19-0, L

*Northeast Conference Opponent

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Albany, N.Y. 12222
Founded: 1844
Enrollment: 12,457 (undergraduate)
 4,977 (graduate)
Nickname: Great Danes
Colors: Purple, Gold
Affiliation: NCAA Division I FCS
 (formerly Div. I-AA)
Conference: Northeast Conference
Home Facility: University Field (5,000)
Officer in Charge: Susan Herbst
Director of Athletics: Lee McElroy
Deputy Director: Rick Coe
Associate Director: Charlie Voelker
Associate Director: Jan Brown
Facilities Director: Cara White
Athletic Trainer: Jay Geiger
Equipment Manager: Kevin Galuski

FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach: Bob Ford (Springfield '59)
Overall Record: 217-158-1 (38 years)
UAlbany Record: 208-136-0 (34 years)
Football Phone: (518) 442-3052

Offensive Coaching Staff

Peter Rossomando (Boston U. '95) --
 Offensive Coordinator & Line
 Ryan McCarthy (Cortland '01) -- Quarterbacks
 Will Luca (Kutztown '03) -- Running Backs
 Mike Morita (Idaho State '98) -- Tackles/Tight Ends
 John Bolt (Albany '04) -- Wide Receivers

Defensive Coaching Staff

Mike Simpson (East Stroudsburg '78) --
 Defensive Coordinator
 Drew Christ (Chicago '97) -- Defensive Backs
 Bill Banagan (Albany '83) -- Defensive Line
 Don Mion (Albany '75) -- Linebackers/Defensive Backs
 Samson Brown (Albany '03) - Outside Linebackers

Strength and Conditioning

Tony Tullock, Director
 Justin Mahoney, Assistant Director

TEAM INFORMATION

2006 Record: 7-4
Northeast Conference Record: 5-2 (tie, second)
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 43/16
Off. Starters Returning/Lost: 6/5
Def. Starters Returning/Lost: 5/6
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: Multiple

TOP RETURNNEES:

Dan Beigel (FB, Sr., 6-2, 230, Clinton, N.Y.)
 Colin Disch (ILB, Sr., 6-1, 220, North Plainfield, N.J.)
 Michael Dungey (DT, Sr., 6-2, 275, Rochester, N.Y.)
 Chris Lynch (P, Jr., 6-3, 215, Lindenhurst, N.Y.)
 Dave Nicomini (S, Jr., 6-3, 230, Newton, N.J.)
 Sam Pagano (OG, Sr., 6-3, 305, Schenectady, N.Y.)
 Mike Wall (FL, Sr., 5-8, 180, Syracuse, N.Y.)

2006 AWARD WINNERS (Returnees):

Colin Disch: AFCA All-America (first team), Football Gazette (3rd team), Football Gazette Mid-Major Linebacker of the Year, NEC Defensive Player of the Year
First-Team All-NEC: ILB Colin Disch, DT Michael Dungey, P Chris Lynch.
Second-Team All-NEC: OG Sam Pagano, RET Mike Wall.

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Bob Ford, Head Coach

The architect of the University at Albany's football program, Bob Ford has established a solid reputation with his positive attitude and a coaching philosophy that instills loyalty among each member of his team and staff.

Ford, who has been UAlbany's only head coach since the program was reinstated after a 46-year absence, was appointed on April 27, 1970. Since then, he has compiled a 34-year varsity record of 208-136 as the Great Dane mentor, while his 217 career victories ranks second among active NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) head coaches. His UAlbany teams own a 78-41 mark for a .655 winning percentage over the last 11 years.

Ford, who was honored at the 69th annual Maxwell Awards for recording his 200th career win at UAlbany on Nov. 5, 2005, led his club to a 7-4 record and a tie for second in the Northeast Conference standings last year. Colin Disch became the third Great Dane to be selected to the AFCA FCS All-America first team, joining J.T. Herfurth (2000) and Geir Gudmundsen (2004).

In 2003, UAlbany shared its second consecutive Northeast Conference championship by finishing in a tie for first place in the conference standings with a 7-4 overall mark. The Great Danes were fourth among the Division I-AA leaders in rushing, while tailback Gary Jones was named to the Associated Press All-America Team for the second time in his career.

The Great Danes put together their most celebrated season in 2002 by winning the program's first-ever Northeast Conference title and capping the year with a 24-0 upset of previously unbeaten Duquesne in the ECAC Division I-AA Football Classic. Ford, who guided his team to an 8-4 record, was named the NEC Coach of the Year. UAlbany placed 14 players on the all-conference squad.

Ford, who served as president of the American Football Coaches Association to begin this decade, led UAlbany to a 7-2 record in its inaugural campaign as a I-AA program in 1999. The Great Danes went 7-3 overall in 2001, and finished among the conference's top teams for the third straight year.

As a Division II program, Ford led the Great Danes to their second consecutive Eastern Football Conference championship, an EFC Atlantic Division title, and a 10-1 record in 1998. He was named the conference's coach of the year for the second straight fall. Ford also received the Gordon White-Herschel Nissenson Division II Coach of the Year Award by the Metropolitan New York Football Writers Association.

Ford also directed his 1997 team to a school-record 11-1 mark and an EFC championship. For his efforts, he was named the *Football Gazette* Division II non-scholarship national Coach

of the Year, and voted the top Region I coach by GTE and the American Football Coaches Association.

At one time, Ford was the youngest head football coach in the nation, when the 26-year-old took over the reins at St. Lawrence University in 1965. In his first season, he guided the Saints to an Independent Collegiate Athletic Conference (ICAC) title. He arrived in Albany five years later to start the first gridiron squad at the University since 1924.

After three seasons at the club level, the program was upgraded to varsity status in 1973, and finished with a 7-2 record. One year later, the Great Danes completed the school's only undefeated season with a 9-0 mark.

Ford's 1977 team earned a NCAA Division III playoff berth. After a season-opening loss, the Great Danes rebounded with nine consecutive victories. UAlbany defeated Hampden-Sydney in a thrilling 51-45 contest to begin the postseason before losing to eventual national champion Widener in the semifinals.

In 1978, Coach Ford's mystique grew before a national audience on ABC television. His last-minute addition of a field goal kicker direct from the soccer team paid off in a victory over third-ranked Ithaca. Dario Arango kicked a 45-yard field goal in the last two minutes to provide a 9-6 victory.

In 1985, the Great Danes rallied from a three-touchdown deficit for a 33-21 victory over Plymouth State and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) North championship. The '85 team, which produced one of the greatest comebacks in Ford's coaching career, boasted offensive and defensive units which were nationally ranked, and supported by one Associated Press and five Pizza Hut All-America players.

UAlbany's football program is also known for the high standards required of its coaching staff. Ford's "coaching factory" has allowed many of his assistants to earn their master's degrees while working at the collegiate level. According to a recent review, more than 100 coaches, who have started their careers under Ford's tutelage, are currently employed with 60 different high schools, colleges, and professional teams from around the nation and the world.

A starting quarterback in his senior year at Springfield College in Massachusetts, Ford was given the "Greatest Desire to Improve" Award by the school's athletic department. He received an undergraduate degree in physical education from Springfield in 1959, and later would earn his doctorate from the College in the same discipline. He gained a master's degree from St. Lawrence in educational administration in 1960.

Ford's first coaching opportunity came as an assistant at St. Lawrence in the fall of 1959. He then moved to Albright College in Pennsylvania as an assistant for four seasons, where he coached the secondary and offensive backfield, and was part of a program which produced a 21-game winning streak.

At Albright, Ford also coached the wrestling and golf teams. He returned to Springfield in 1964 as a secondary coach, and later was named defensive coordinator at his alma mater in 1969.

Beginning in 1977, Ford was UAlbany's director of athletics for five years. During that time, he managed a program which sponsored 25 varsity sports for men and women.

A 1986 inductee into the Wachusett Regional High School Hall of Fame, Ford is presently active in the National Football Foundation & Hall of Fame, and serves as vice president of the NFFCHF's Capital District Chapter. He was honored by that organization in 2000 with their Service to Football Award.

Ford, 69, has been a member of the American Football Coaches Association's Board of Trustees since 1994, and presently is serving on the AFCA's Division I-AA All-America Team Selection Committee. Ford received the New York State Athletic Administrators Distinguished Service Award in 2005.

2007 UAlbany Spring Preview

UAlbany posted a pair of top-25 wins and tied for second in the Northeast Conference standings in 2006. But the Great Danes want to win a championship as they prepare for their ninth season at the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) level.

Head coach **Bob Ford** has 43 letterwinners, including 11 starters, back from a team that finished 7-4 overall. Once again, spring practice provides the coaching staff with an opportunity to evaluate personnel and work on the fundamentals of the game.

"We need to identify our two starting cornerbacks and establish Frank Blasinsky as our quarterback," explains Ford, who has a 217-158-1 career record in 38 varsity seasons at the collegiate level. "Our receivers struggled last year with catching the football, so we need to bring that group along. We will be taking a long look at our kickers, snappers and punt units on special teams."

Ford continues, "We are not in bad shape defensively, but we want to solidify our defensive line rotation and be better in man coverage."

The Great Danes will conduct 15 NCAA-allowed spring practices. The schedule runs through May 2.

OFFENSE: Coach Ford is making changes on an offense that ranked sixth in scoring and seventh in total yards among the NEC leaders. **Daniel Bocanegra**, last year's starting quarterback, will move to flanker and work on special teams as a returner. Sophomore **Frank Blasinsky** has been installed in the No. 1 spot. He played



Safety **Dave Nicomini** (21) was second on the team in tackles with 55 last year.

in nine games as a true freshman, throwing for 258 yards and one touchdown. Ford has help on the way with three incoming freshman QBs.

The Great Danes will have to replace three all-conference offensive linemen. But both starting guards are back in **Sam Pagano** (6-3, 305) and **Jeff Wentzell** (6-4, 295). Pagano was named to the *Football Gazette* I-FCS All-America Team as an honorable mention selection. **Raphael Nguti** (6-6, 330) is ready to continue a long-standing tradition of great tackles.

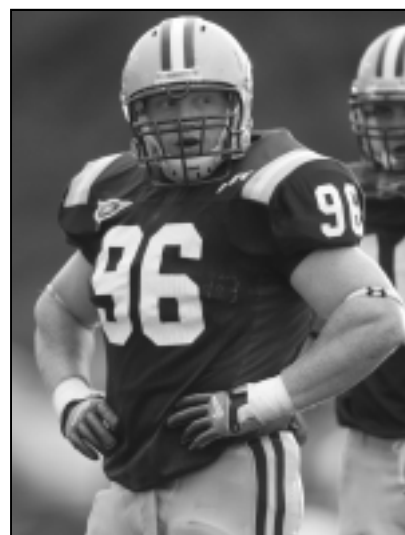
Omar Johnson is the top returning rusher with 435 yards and seven touchdowns. Johnson, a senior tailback, is among the school's all-time leaders with 17 career rushing TDs. **Colin Simmons**, who like Johnson will sit out spring workouts while recovering from off-season surgery, ran for 215 yards as a freshman. Sophomores **Justin Gannon** and **David McCarty** will get most of the carries during the month of April. Fullback **Dan Beigel** (6-2, 230) has been productive throughout his career. He ran for 160 yards and one score last season.

Irani DeAraujo and **Mike Wall** started at split end and flanker, respectively, last year. DeAraujo had a team-high 28 receptions for 270 yards. **Mike Wall**, who earned All-NEC honors as a kick returner, hauled in 15 passes for 217 yards and two TDs. **Chris Lore** (6-3, 260) is the likely starter at tight end with his blocking ability.

DEFENSE: The Great Danes are coming off their best defensive campaign since moving to Division I-FCS. UAlbany ranked among the top-five nationally in three categories, including points allowed at 13.0 per game.

Colin Disch is about to become the school's all-time tackles leader as he enters his senior campaign. Disch is the team's most decorated individual as he made the AFCA (first team) and *Football Gazette* (third team) All-America squads. He was also voted mid-major linebacker of the year and the NEC's top defender for the second year in a row. Disch reached the 100-tackle mark for the third straight season (103) with his quickness and speed.

Trevor DuPont (6-1, 220) and **Mark Peretore** (6-1, 230) were solid outside linebackers last season. DuPont made 34 tackles and scored on an interception return. Peretore was fourth on the team in tackles (48), including 25 unassisted.



Mark Sheehan (96) was a member of one of the top defenses in the nation in 2006.

UAlbany's defensive line performed at a high level throughout the season. Defensive tackle **Michael Dungey** (6-2, 275) earned All-Northeast recognition and was a first-team All-NEC choice. He accounted for 34 tackles, including eight for a loss. Defensive ends **Jon Volpe** (6-1, 260) and **Mark Sheehan** (6-2, 255) were in the line's rotation. Tackle **Tom Pandolf** (6-0, 260) was the team's most improved player with 29 tackles and 4.0 sacks.

Graduation wiped out most of UAlbany's starting secondary. Cornerbacks **Jean Juste** (13 tackles) and **L.B. McCloskey** (10 tackles) each saw significant time last year. **Dave Casale** and **Dave West** will get an opportunity at the free safety position. Safety **Dave Nicomini** is a physical defender, who had 51 tackles and two interceptions as a sophomore.

KICKING GAME: Junior **Chris Lynch** earned first-team all-conference honors after averaging 38.8 yards per punt. Lynch, who handled the place-kicking duties as a freshman, and **Rob Wood** are the kicking candidates.

UAlbany Briefly in 2006

Record: 7-4
NEC Record: 5-2 (tie, second place)
Home: 3-2; Away: 4-2

Offense (National Rank)

Yards Rushing/Game: 166.9 (38)
Passing Yards/Game: 106.4 (110)
Total Net Yards/Game: 273.3 (102)
Points/Game: 20.4 (71)
Turnover Margin: 0.0 (60)

Defense (National Rank)

Yards Rushing/Game: 90.2 (5)
Passing Yards/Game: 150.6 (12)
Total Net Yards/Game: 240.8 (4)
Points/Game: 13.0 (3)
Pass Efficiency Defense: 101.62 (9)

2007 UALBANY GREAT DANES

BASIC OFFENSE: Multiple

BASIC DEFENSE: Multiple

STARTERS RETURNING:

Offense - 6, Defense - 5

LETTERMEN RETURNING:

Offense - 22, Defense - 20, Specialist - 1

LETTERMEN LOST:

Offense - 9, Defense - 6, Specialist - 1

STARTERS RETURNING (11)

OFFENSE (6) - FB Dan Beigel, QB Daniel Bocanegra, SE Irani DeAraujo, OG Sam Pagano, FL Mike Wall, OG Jeff Wentzell.

DEFENSE (5) - ILB Colin Disch, DT Michael Dungey, OLB Trevor DuPont, S Dave Nicomini, OLB Mark Peretore.

SPECIALISTS RETURNING (1)

PUNTER - Chris Lynch.

STARTERS LOST (11)

OFFENSE (5) - TB Marcus Allen, OT Jacob Anderson, C Pierce Brennan, OT Jacob Hobbs, TE Ross Jatkola.

DEFENSE (6) - CB Rashad Barksdale, ILB Dan Barnes, CB Ryan Chrobak, DE Andre Coleman, DE Seamus McLaughlin, FS Eric Neugebauer.

LETTERMEN RETURNING (43)

Offense (22)

RECEIVERS - Irani DeAraujo, David McCarty, Jason Smith, Mike Wall, Devin Wooten.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN - Jon Leible, Josh Nelson, Raphael Nguti, Sam Pagano, Kevin Richards, Nik Schultz, Jeff Wentzell.

TIGHT ENDS - Dan Archer, Chris Lore, Marcus Miles.

QUARTERBACKS - Frank Blasinsky, Daniel Bocanegra.

RUNNING BACKS - Dan Beigel, Justin Gannon, Omar Johnson, Dieuseul Joseph, Colin Simmons.

Defense (20)

TACKLES - Michael Dungey, Jason Gagnon, Tom Pandolf.

ENDS - Mark Sheehan, Tony Sparano, Jon Volpe.

INSIDE LINEBACKERS - Ben Bayer, Justin Brancaccio, Colin Disch, Tommy Genovesi, Chris Simpson.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS - Trevor DuPont, Emerson Kinsey, Mark Peretore, Aaron Scott.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Dave Casale, Jean Juste, L.B. McCloskey, Dave Nicomini, Dave West.

Specialists (1)

PUNTER - Chris Lynch.

LETTERMEN LOST (16)

Offense (9)

TB Marcus Allen, OT Jacob Anderson, C Pierce Brennan, TE Wayne Carrabus, FL Josh Furnas, FL Gabe Gallucci, OT Jacob Hobbs, TE Ross Jatkola, OG Steve Talarico.

Defense (6)

CB Rashad Barksdale, ILB Dan Barnes, CB Ryan Chrobak, DE Andre Coleman, DE Seamus McLaughlin, FS Eric Neugebauer.

Specialists (1)

PK Jason Fralicker.

2007 UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ALPHABETICAL SPRING FOOTBALL ROSTER (4-5-07)

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.+	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
91	Trevor Anderson	DT	R-Fr.	6-1	255	Warnersville, N.Y. (Cobleskill-Richmondville)
89	Dan Archer**	TE	Jr.	6-3	230	Yonkers, N.Y. (Archbishop Stepanic)
38	Garrett Askew	S	R-Fr.	6-1	210	Newark, N.J. (Hudson Catholic)
63	Gordie Barr	PK	R-Fr.	5-8	180	Carolina, R.I. (Bishop Hendricken)
45	Ben Bayer*	OLB	Sr.	6-2	225	Clarence, N.Y. (Clarence Central)
47	Dan Beigel***	FB	Sr.	6-2	230	Clinton, N.Y. (Clinton Central)
35	Lenny Bing	FB	R-Fr.	6-0	210	Metuchen, N.Y. (Metuchen)
42	Chris Blais	CB	R-Fr.	5-11	190	Troy, N.Y. (LaSalle Institute)
9	Frank Blasinsky*	QB	So.	6-1	190	North Royalton, Ohio (Parma Padua)
11	Daniel Bocanegra**	FL	Jr.	6-1	195	Daly City, Calif. (Junipero Serra)
54	Justin Brancaccio*	ILB	So.	6-0	220	Rockaway, N.J. (Morris Knolls)
31	Dave Casale*	FS	So.	6-1	190	Troy, N.Y. (Troy)
85	Irani DeAraujo***	SE	Sr.	6-2	200	Queens, N.Y. (Choate-Rosemary Prep)
52	Colin Disch***	ILB	Sr.	6-1	220	North Plainfield, N.J. (North Plainfield)
41	Tom Duclos	SE	R-Fr.	6-4	190	Latham, N.Y. (Shaker)
50	Rich Duff	OLB	So.	6-1	210	Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (Saratoga Springs)
95	Michael Dungey***	DT	Sr.	6-2	275	Rochester, N.Y. (Irondequoit)
10	Trevor DuPont***	OLB	Sr.	6-1	220	Victor, N.Y. (Victor Central)
7	Vinny Esposito	QB	So.	6-1	210	Demarest, N.J. (Northern Valley Regional)
66	Matt Faughnan	OG	R-Fr.	6-3	300	Binghamton, N.Y. (Chenango Forks)
55	Matt Fitzpatrick	FB	R-Fr.	6-2	210	Hazlet, N.J. (Raritan)
67	Jason Gagnon*	DT	So.	6-1	315	Manchester, N.H. (Manchester Memorial)
6	Justin Gannon*	TB	So.	5-7	165	Sussex, N.J. (Vernon Township)
43	Tommy Genovesi**	ILB	Sr.	6-2	225	East Greenbush, N.Y. (Columbia)
64	Vince Gonzales	OT	R-Fr.	6-4	270	Ballston Spa, N.Y. (Ballston Spa)
86	Makki Goodbee	TE	R-Fr.	6-5	237	Loudonville, N.Y. (Christian Brothers Academy)
34	Omar Johnson***	TB	Sr.	6-0	215	Edgewater Park, N.J. (Burlington City)
26	Dieuseul Joseph*	CB	So.	5-8	175	Brooklyn, N.Y. (South Shore)
25	Jean Juste*	CB	So.	5-10	187	Hempstead, N.Y. (Uniondale)
90	Mike Kelly	DE	R-Fr.	6-2	230	West Long Branch, N.J. (Red Bank Catholic)
37	Chris Kenneally	FB	Sr.	6-0	220	Harrington Park, N.J. (Northern Valley Regional)
28	Emerson Kinsey*	OLB	So.	6-0	192	Syracuse, N.Y. (Henninger)
53	Nick Krajacic	ILB	So.	6-0	230	Farmington, N.Y. (Victor Central)
76	Jon Leible*	OT	Jr.	6-5	305	Commack, N.Y. (Commack)
92	Dave Looney	DE	R-Fr.	6-2	210	Delmar, N.Y. (Bethlehem Catholic)
88	Christopher Lore*	TE	Jr.	6-3	260	Port Chester, N.Y. (Trinity-Pawling)
99	Chris Lynch**	P/PK	Jr.	6-3	215	Lindenhurst, N.Y. (Lindenhurst)
44	David McCarty*	TB	So.	6-0	190	Gansevoort, N.Y. (LaSalle Institute)
12	L.B. McCloskey**	CB	Jr.	6-2	210	Gloversville, N.Y. (Gloversville)
82	Marcus Miles*	TE	So.	6-3	240	Watertown, N.Y. (Watertown)
36	Dan Morris	FS	R-Fr.	6-1	185	Randolph, N.Y. (Randolph)
46	Kyle Nadler	S	R-Fr.	6-0	195	Loudonville, N.Y. (Colonie Central)
60	Josh Nelson*	C	So.	6-2	310	Buskirk, N.Y. (Greenwich Central)
74	Raphael Nguti**	OT	Jr.	6-6	330	Rochester, N.Y. (Brighton)
21	Dave Nicomini**	S	Jr.	6-3	230	Newton, N.J. (Kittatinny Regional)
29	Erasto Nova	CB	So.	5-9	150	Albany, N.Y. (Albany)
65	Sam Pagano***	OG	Sr.	6-3	305	Schenectady, N.Y. (Colonie Central)
94	Tom Pandolf**	DT	Jr.	6-0	260	Holbrook, N.Y. (Sachem)
24	Mark Peretore**	OLB	Jr.	6-1	230	Apalachin, N.Y. (Vestal)
59	Ryan Perna	OLB	R-Fr.	6-0	185	Rochester, N.Y. (Aquinas Institute)
18	Jason Poore	SE	R-Fr.	6-5	190	North Hoosick, N.Y. (Hoosick Falls Central)
75	Kevin Richards*	C	So.	6-2	280	Clifton Park, N.Y. (Shenendehowa)
27	C.J. Ross	CB	So.	5-10	170	Farmingdale, N.Y. (Farmingdale)
72	Nik Schultz**	OG	Jr.	6-2	285	Ballston Spa, N.Y. (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake)
23	Aaron Scott**	OLB	Jr.	6-1	210	Tampa, Fla. (Robinson)
96	Mark Sheehan**	DE	Sr.	6-2	255	Waterford, N.Y. (Catholic Central)

Letters Won

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Cl.+</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown (High School)</u>
20	Colin Simmons*	TB	So.	5-8	182	Manlius, N.Y. (Fayetteville-Manlius)
61	Chris Simpson*	OLB	So.	6-0	220	Victor, N.Y. (Victor Central)
17	Jason Smith*	SE	So.	6-2	184	Bronx, N.Y. (Lehman)
97	Tony Sparano*	DE	So.	5-11	240	Colleyville, Texas (Grapevine)
14	Adam St. Nicholas	FL	So.	6-1	185	Bohemia, N.Y. (Connetquot)
78	Andrew Stevens	OT	R-Fr.	6-4	285	Sarasota, Fla. (Sarasota)
49	Chris Van Zelfden	OLB	R-Fr.	6-0	195	Marietta, Ga. (George Walton)
98	Jon Volpe***	DE	Sr.	6-1	260	Reston, Va. (South Lakes)
1	Mike Wall***	FL	Sr.	5-8	180	Syracuse, N.Y. (Solvay)
68	Jeff Wentzell***	OG	Sr.	6-4	295	Pine Bush, N.Y. (Pine Bush)
48	Dave West**	FS	Jr.	5-10	185	Toms River, N.J. (Toms River North)
57	George Williams	S	R-Fr.	5-10	185	Piscataway, N.J. (Piscataway)
73	Rob Wood*	PK	Jr.	5-11	190	Hauppauge, N.Y. (Hauppauge)
22	Devin Wooten*	FL	So.	6-1	176	Saddle Brook, N.J. (Kimball Union Academy)

*Letters Won

2007 Newcomers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown (High School)</u>
Daniel Avery	CB	5-9	165	Cooper City, Fla. (Miramar Everglades)
Jeff Benway	FS	5-11	175	Queensbury, N.Y. (Queensbury)
Dan Di Lella	QB	6-5	215	Neshanic Station, N.J. (Somerville)
Terrell Dobbins	TB	5-10	205	Bethlehem, Pa. (Bethlehem Catholic)
Zach Gallo	DT	6-0	245	Sayville, N.Y. (Sayville)
Kyle Hussey	DE	6-3	275	Albany, N.Y. (Guilderland)
Dwann Ivey	TB	5-9	170	Miramar, Fla. (Miramar Everglades)
John Lullen	SE	6-2	185	Wesley Chapel, Fla. (Tampa Gaither)
Chaz Mitchell	OT	6-4	235	Rochester, N.Y. (East)
Wil Moushey	DE	6-4	250	Glenshaw, Pa. (Shaler)
Kyle O'Keefe	OG	6-3	280	Wappingers Falls, N.Y. (Roy C. Ketcham)
Keith Peifer	OT	6-6	265	Lewisberry, Pa. (Red Land)
Andy Sparano	OG	6-0	240	Colleyville, Texas (Grapevine)
Mike Tracy	QB	6-2	190	East Meadow, N.Y. (East Meadow)
Marc Wargo	ILB	6-2	210	Hightstown, N.J. (Hightstown)
Luke Weaver	FL	6-4	185	Loudonville, N.Y. (Christian Brothers Academy)
Denny Wilhelm	QB	6-4	205	Glens Falls, N.Y. (Glens Falls)
Mohamed Yansane	CB	5-10	165	Potomac, Md. (Winston Churchill)

SPRING FOOTBALL NOTES

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE: UAlbany became an associate member of the Northeast Conference in 1999. The NEC's current football-playing membership includes Central Connecticut State, Monmouth, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis, Pa., and Wagner. Duquesne will become the eighth football-playing member in 2008. Football has been sponsored by the NEC as a conference sport since 1996. The Great Danes captured the 2002 NEC title and shared the 2003 crown.

THIRTY-PLUS: UAlbany begins its 35th varsity season against Patriot League opponent Colgate. UAlbany football started at the club level in 1970, before moving to Division III and varsity status three years later. The Great Danes competed at the Division II level from 1995-98, and won two Eastern Football Conference titles in that period. Division I FCS football arrived in 1999 with membership in the Northeast Conference.

FORD BUILT: UAlbany's **Bob Ford** is second among active NCAA Division I-AA coaches with 217 career victories. Ford, the architect of the UAlbany program, has a 208-136 career record in 34 varsity seasons as head coach. Under his direction, the Great Danes have moved from the club level in 1970 to its present Division I FCS status. Ford served as president of the American Football Coaches Association in 2000.

THE SCHEDULE: The Great Danes will play a six-game Northeast Conference slate and meet non-conference opponents Colgate, Fordham, Hofstra, Montana and Stony Brook. UAlbany and Patriot League member Colgate will meet in the season opener on Sept. 1. Hofstra, who competes in the Atlantic 10 Conference, is scheduled for the home opener on Sept. 16. UAlbany travels to 2001 national champion Montana on Sept. 23. The Grizzlies, who have made 14 NCAA FCS appearances, led the nation in home attendance, averaging 22,600.

NEC'S TOP DEFENDER: UAlbany's **Colin Disch** was named the Northeast Conference Defensive of the Year in 2005 and 2006. He was also voted to AFCA Division I FCS All-America squad and named to the *Football Gazette* All-America third team. *Football Gazette* also recognized him as the Mid-Major Linebacker of the Year. Disch, who has 346 tackles as a collegian, needs nine to become the school's all-time leader.

FOR THE DEFENSE: The Great Danes were among the nation's better defensive units in 2006. UAlbany ranked third in scoring defense at 13.0 points per game. The Great Danes were also fourth in total yards allowed (240.82 ypg), fifth rushing defense (90.18 ypg) and ninth in passing efficiency defense (101.61 rating). Five starters return on defense, including senior tackle **Michael Dungey**, who was named to the *Football Gazette* Division I FCS All-Northeast Region third team.

THE SPECIALISTS: UAlbany's **Chris Lynch** (first team) and **Mike Wall** (second team) return as All-Northeast Conference special teams performers. Lynch, a punter, averaged 38.8 yards per kick, with 16 punts placed inside the 20-yard line. Wall, a senior flanker, returned 14 kickoffs for a 24.9 average, and became the first UAlbany player to score on a kickoff return since 1988. He also averaged 13.7 yards as a punt returner.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Senior **Sam Pagano** (6-3, 305) is the top returning offensive lineman. Pagano was chosen to the *Football Gazette* Division I FCS All-America team as an honorable mention selection. He was on the All-Northeast Region second team and named All-Northeast Conference for a second time.



Senior tailback Omar Johnson (34) is among the program's career leaders in touchdowns, rushing TDs and points.

WHO'S THE QB?: UAlbany's quarterback situation has taken on a new direction. Sophomore **Frank Blasinsky** (6-1, 190) has been installed by head coach Bob Ford as the starter. Blasinsky completed 25 of 52 passes for 238 yards and one touchdown as a true freshman. **Daniel Bocanegra**, last year's starter, has moved to flanker where he saw action as a redshirt freshman. UAlbany has three quarterbacks in the 2007 incoming class.

MOST IMPROVED: Junior defensive tackle **Tom Pandolf** was voted UAlbany's most improved player in 2006. Pandolf made 29 tackles in 11 games, plus was third on the team in hits for a loss (10.0) and third in sacks with 4.0 for minus-30 yards.

PAYDIRT: UAlbany's **Omar Johnson** is tied for 11th place in career touchdowns (18) and tied for 14th in career scoring with 108 points on all-time charts. Johnson also has 17 rushing TDs.

ALL-STUDY SQUAD: The Great Danes have five returning players who made the 2006 Northeast Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll. DE **Jon Volpe** made the list for the third straight year. FS **Dave Casale**, C **Kevin Richards**, FL **Jason Smith** and PK **Rob Wood** were also on academic honor roll.

GIANTS CAMP: The NFL's New York Giants have made the University at Albany its summer training camp home since 1996. UAlbany has played host to the second-longest stint of any Giants' training camp behind Pace University (1975-87).

2007 NOTES: The Great Danes have reached the seven-win mark in eight of the last 11 seasons ... UAlbany owns a 78-41 record in that period for a .655 winning percentage ... the Great Danes have a 41-16 record against NEC opposition since joining the league in 1999 ... UAlbany knocked off consecutive top-25 teams for the first time in the program's history in wins over #11 Delaware (17-10) and #23 Central Connecticut State (19-14) ... ILB **Colin Disch** has made double-figure tackles on 21 occasions during his career ... TB **Omar Johnson** needs 12 yards to reach the 1,000-career mark ... SE **Irani DeAraujo** is tied for ninth all-time with 67 receptions ... CB **Jean Juste** (track & field), FS **Dave West** (baseball), CB **C.J. Ross** (track) and S **Garrett Askew** (track) will be limited in April workouts due to spring sports commitments ... UAlbany's agreement as an associate member with the Northeast Conference runs through 2010 ... the NEC and Pioneer Football League (PFL) champions will once again meet in the Gridiron Classic on Dec. 1 ...

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UAlbany Combined Team Statistics (as of Apr 05, 2007)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(7-4-0)	(3-2-0)	(4-2-0)	(0-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(5-2-0)	(3-1-0)	(2-1-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(2-2-0)	(0-1-0)	(2-1-0)	(0-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	TEAM STATISTICS	ALBANY	OPP		
Sep 2, 2006	at Lehigh	W	17-16	4376	FIRST DOWNS.....	169	161		
Sep 9, 2006	FORDHAM	L	7-9	5207	Rushing.....	98	75		
Sep 16, 2006	at #11 Delaware	W	17-10	22016	Passing.....	60	76		
*Sep 23, 2006	#23 CENTRAL CONN.	W	19-14	2427	Penalty.....	11	10		
Sep 30, 2005	at Cornell	L	21-23	6571	RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1836	992		
*Oct 07, 2006	at Stony Brook	L	21-33	6688	Yards gained rushing...	2054	1450		
*Oct 14, 2006	at Sacred Heart	W	24-13	3337	Yards lost rushing.....	218	458		
*Oct 21, 2006	ST. FRANCIS	W	48-0	5964	Rushing Attempts.....	450	414		
*Oct 28, 2006	WAGNER	W	34-0	620	Average Per Rush.....	4.1	2.4		
*Nov. 4, 2006	at Robert Morris	W	16-6	2148	Average Per Game.....	166.9	90.2		
*Nov 11, 2006	MONMOUTH	L	0-19	1359	TDs Rushing.....	15	6		
* denotes conference game									
RUSHING	GP-GS	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Allen, Marcus	11-10	125	677	10	667	5.3	3	65	60.6
Johnson, Omar	11-1	115	461	26	435	3.8	7	20	39.5
Simmons, Colin	11-0	51	223	8	215	4.2	0	23	19.5
Bocanegra, D.	11-10	83	282	117	165	2.0	3	18	15.0
Beigel, Dan	11-11	26	160	0	160	6.2	1	59	14.5
Gannon, Justin	5-0	22	136	13	123	5.6	0	29	24.6
Joseph, D.	10-0	10	67	0	67	6.7	1	18	6.7
Kenneally, C.	2-0	3	20	0	20	6.7	0	13	10.0
Blasinsky, F.	9-1	7	25	20	5	0.7	0	16	0.6
Wall, Mike	11-11	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.3
McCarty, David	10-0	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.2
Casale, Dave	11-0	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.3
TM	4-0	5	0	19	-19	-3.8	0	0	-4.8
Total.....	11	450	2054	218	1836	4.1	15	65	166.9
Opponents.....	11	414	1450	458	992	2.4	6	50	90.2
PASSING	GP-GS	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G	
Bocanegra, D.	11-10	97.59	175-90-7	51.4	932	5	39	84.7	
Blasinsky, F.	9-1	89.02	52-25-1	48.1	238	1	34	26.4	
Total.....	11	95.63	227-115-8	50.7	1170	6	39	106.4	
Opponents.....	11	101.64	298-158-12	53.0	1657	9	63	150.6	
RECEIVING	GP-GS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G		
DeAraujo, Irani	10-8	28	270	9.6	0	20	27.0		
Wall, Mike	11-11	15	217	14.5	2	39	19.7		
Smith, Jason	11-2	12	125	10.4	1	18	11.4		
Simmons, Colin	11-0	9	62	6.9	0	15	5.6		
Allen, Marcus	11-10	9	59	6.6	0	33	5.4		
Jatkola, Ross	11-11	7	106	15.1	0	38	9.6		
Furnas, Josh	10-0	7	93	13.3	1	38	9.3		
Carrabus, Wayne	9-0	6	32	5.3	0	8	3.6		
Gallucci, Gabe	10-0	5	54	10.8	0	17	5.4		
McCarty, David	10-0	4	74	18.5	1	31	7.4		
Wooten, Devin	8-0	4	30	7.5	0	22	3.8		
Gannon, Justin	5-0	4	21	5.2	0	13	4.2		
Beigel, Dan	11-11	2	4	2.0	0	7	0.4		
Miles, Marcus	11-0	1	13	13.0	0	13	1.2		
Lore, Chris	7-0	1	11	11.0	1	11	1.6		
Anderson, T.	11-11	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.1		
Total.....	11	115	1170	10.2	6	39	106.4		
Opponents.....	11	158	1657	10.5	9	63	150.6		
FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Fralicker, J.	13-19	68.4	0-0	2-3	8-10	3-5	0-1	46	3
SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Points
Fralicker, J.	0	13-19	25-25	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	64
Johnson, Omar	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Bocanegra, D.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	18
Allen, Marcus	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Wall, Mike	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Nicomini, Dave	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Beigel, Dan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Furnas, Josh	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
Barksdale, R.	3	3	1.0	0	3				
Sheehan, Mark	2	55	27.5	1	55				
Nicomini, Dave	2	41	20.5	1	21				
Neugebauer, E.	1	27	27.0	1	27				
DuPont, Trevor	1	22	22.0	1	22				
Ross, C.J.	1	18	18.0	0	18				
Disch, Colin	1	16	16.0	0	16				
Chrobak, Ryan	1	0	0.0	0	0				
Total.....	12	182	15.2	4	55				
Opponents.....	8	61	7.6	0	24				
PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd	
Lynch, Chris	45	1745	38.8	70	5	6	16	1	
Fralicker, J.	8	246	30.8	52	3	1	3	0	
Wall, Mike	3	138	46.0	54	0	0	1	0	
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total.....	57	2129	37.4	70	8	7	20	1	
Opponents.....	69	2374	34.4	56	3	16	10	3	
PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
Barksdale, R.	26	221	8.5	0	38				
McCarty, David	7	44	6.3	0	16				
Wall, Mike	3	41	13.7	0	9				
Total.....	36	306	8.5	0	38				
Opponents.....	16	178	11.1	0	43				
KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
Wall, Mike	14	349	24.9	1	77				
Gannon, Justin	5	81	16.2	0	24				
Allen, Marcus	4	49	12.2	0	18				
Joseph, D.	3	47	15.7	0	21				
McCarty, David	2	21	10.5	0	12				
Simpson, Chris	1	31	31.0	0	31				
Kinsey, Emerson	1	14	14.0	0	14				
Total.....	30	592	19.7	1	77				
Opponents.....	34	514	15.1	0	28				
ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G	

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 UAAlbany Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Apr 05, 2007)
 All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	-----Tackles-----				TFL/Yds	-Sacks-	---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
52 Disch, Colin	11	47	56	103	11.0-23	0.5-5	1-16	4	.	.	2	.	.
21 Nicomini, Dave	9	27	24	51	3.0-13	.	2-41	.	.	.	.	.	.
51 Barnes, Dan	11	23	26	49	3.5-13	1.0-6	.	2	.	2-0	.	.	.
24 Peretore, Mark	10	25	23	48	4.5-13	1.5-4	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
3 Neugebauer, Eric	11	24	24	48	1.5-11	1.0-11	1-27	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
30 Chrobak, Ryan	10	27	16	43	2.5-11	1.0-10	1-0	9	.	.	1	.	.
58 Coleman, Andre	11	22	20	42	13.0-64	6.0-40	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
16 Barksdale, Rashad	10	26	11	37	1.0-4	.	3-3	3	.	.	.	.	.
43 Genovesi, Tommy	11	13	23	36	2.0-5	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
95 Dungey, Michael	11	11	23	34	8.0-17	2.0-7	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
10 DuPont, Trevor	9	17	15	32	1.5-9	1.0-7	1-22	2	.	1-15	.	.	.
94 Pandolf, Tom	11	19	10	29	10.0-40	4.0-30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 West, Dave	11	15	11	26	1.5-10	1.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 Sheehan, Mark	11	12	10	22	8.0-35	4.5-30	2-55	1	.	.	2	1	.
98 Volpe, Jon	11	4	18	22	2.0-6	0.5-4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
93 McLaughlin, Seamus	11	10	11	21	1.5-3	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
31 Casale, Dave	11	9	8	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 Bayer, Ben	7	7	7	14	2.0-8	0.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 Juste, Jean	9	8	5	13	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
54 Brancaccio, Justin	10	5	8	13	2.0-4	1.0-1	.	.	.	2-0	.	.	.
23 Scott, Aaron	11	5	5	10	2.5-16	1.5-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12 McCloskey, L.B.	8	6	4	10	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
61 Simpson, Chris	11	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
67 Gagnon, Jason	10	4	.	4	2.0-9	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
28 Kinsey, Emerson	11	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83 Frallicker, Jason	11	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Sparano, Tony	7	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 McCarty, David	10	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32 Allen, Marcus	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34 Johnson, Omar	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Blasinsky, Frank	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17 Smith, Jason	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Wall, Mike	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.
TM Team	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
99 Lynch, Chris	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 Carrabus, Wayne	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Ross, C.J.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-18	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TM	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
47 Beigel, Dan	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-18	.	.	.
Total.....	11	388	364	752	83-314	28-188	12-182	32	1	9-33	10	4	2
Opponents.....	11	311	510	821	43-140	9-57	8-61	27	.	13-86	15	4	.