



University at Albany

UAlbany Football 2010

Northeast Conference Football Champion, 2002, 2003, 2007 & 2008

UAlbany Great Danes (0-0, NEC 0-0) vs. Maine Black Bears (0-0, CAA 0-0)

GAME #1: Thursday, September 2, 2010
Alfond Stadium (10,000 / FieldTurf)
Orono, Maine, 7:00 p.m. Eastern

TELEVISION COVERAGE

None.

RADIO COVERAGE

Fox Sports 980 (WOFX-AM) will again air the entire University at Albany football schedule. Rodger Wyland, the sports director at WNYT-TV (NBC 13), serves as the WOFX Radio play-by-play announcer.

UALBANY vs. MAINE

The Great Danes and Maine are meeting for the fourth time on the gridiron. In 2009, TB David McCarty scored on a 24-yard run with just over two minutes remaining, as UAlbany rallied for a 20-16 victory over No. 20 Maine. Despite committing five turnovers and trailing by 13 points heading into the final period, the Great Danes regrouped. TE Paul Booker caught a 22-yard scoring pass. ILB Chris Simpson forced a fumble that led to the winning TD and S Jake Ciccarello preserved the win with an interception. In 2005, the Black Bears posted a 31-7 victory in Portland, Maine. QB Ron Whitcomb passed for a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter. Arel Gordon scored on a 57-yard punt return in third period. In 1977, the Great Danes surprised Maine when Larry Leibowitz kicked a 19-yard field goal as time expired in a 42-39 win. The two teams combined for 864 yards in total offense (Albany-448, Maine-416).

LAST GAME - Wagner, Nov. 21, 2009

QB Vinny Esposito passed for two touchdowns and ran for two scores, all in the first half, as UAlbany ended the 2009 season with a 41-28 victory at Wagner. TB Justin Gannon rushed for a career-high 86 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown run for a 41-20 lead with 11:40 remaining. Esposito completed 14 of 21 attempts for 248 yards.

ABOUT UALBANY: In 2009, the Great Danes finished second in the Northeast Conference standings. UAlbany (7-4, NEC 6-2) had won the conference championship the previous two years.

Head coach **Bob Ford** is in his 42nd season as a college head coach. **Andy Sparano**, a preseason All-NEC selection, is among four returning starters on the offensive line. **Andrew Smith** is a triple-threat on offense as a quarterback, tailback and receiver. WR **Jason Poore** had 26 catches for 243 yards and two touchdowns.

Trevor Anderson, a first-team All-NEC defensive tackle, leads a defense that was tough against the run and allowed just over 19 points per game. CB **Ross Bertrand** has 105 career tackles. PK **Herb Glass** earned second-team All-NEC honors.

UALBANY QUICK HITS

- ... Thursday's opener at Maine kicks off the 38th season of varsity football at the University at Albany ...
- ... the Great Danes are opening with a Thursday game for the second time as a FCS program ... also played Hofstra on Sept. 2, 2004 ...
- ... UAlbany begins its schedule on the road for the 10th time in 12 campaigns at the NCAA FCS level ...
- ... the Great Danes have posted seven-plus wins in four consecutive

- seasons for just the second time in the program's history ...
- ... UAlbany has reached the seven-win mark in eight of its previous 11 seasons at the NCAA Division I FCS level ...
- ... the Great Danes finished with six victories in conference play for the sixth time, including three years in a row ...
- ... UAlbany has won or shared four Northeast Conference championships (2002, 2003, 2007 & 2008) ...
- ... Bob Ford ranks sixth among the FCS all-time leaders in career victories with 241 ... the legendary Eddie Robinson tops that list ...
- ... the Great Danes are 13-24 all-time in season openers following last year's 29-26 loss at Georgia Southern ...
- ... UAlbany is beginning its season with a Colonial Athletic Association opponent for the seventh time in 12 Division I FCS seasons ...
- ... the Northeast Conference champion will earn an automatic NCAA FCS playoff berth for the first time in 2010 ...
- ... UAlbany ended a string of seven straight losses to national top-25 opponents in a 20-16 victory over No. 20 Maine last season ...
- ... the NFL's New York Giants have made the UAlbany campus its summer training camp home since 1996 ...

ABOUT MAINE: The Black Bears, who have made five NCAA FCS playoff appearances, begin their 119th season. Maine has won nine Yankee Conference and two Atlantic 10 Conference championships in its history, plus played in the 1965 Tangerine Bowl. Head coach **Jack Cosgrove** returns 42 lettermen, including 17 starters, from a squad that placed second in the Colonial Athletic Association's North Division. The CAA is again one of the top Division I FCS conferences and has produced four national champions since 2000. The Black Bears enter the 2010 season receiving votes in both The Sports Network Top 25 and FCS Coaches' Poll. Quarterbacks **Warren Smith** and **Chris Treister** will likely both be used in Maine's spread offense. Smith, a

2010 UAlbany Football Schedule

Sept. 2 (Thu.) at Maine	7:00
Sept. 11 (Sat.) at Stephen F. Austin	7:00
Sept. 25 (Sat.) at Duquesne*	12:00
Oct. 2 (Sat.) at Yale	12:00
Oct. 9 (Sat.) Saint Francis, Pa.* (HC)	1:00
Oct. 16 (Sat.) at Robert Morris*	12:00
Oct. 22 (Fri.) Central Conn. State*	7:00
Oct. 30 (Sat.) at Bryant*	1:00
Nov. 6 (Sat.) at Sacred Heart*	1:00
Nov. 13 (Sat.) Wagner*	1:00
Nov. 20 (Sat.) Monmouth*	1:00

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

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6-foot-1 junior, passed for 1,695 yards and 12 touchdowns last year. He also added 205 yards and two TDs on the ground. Treister, also a junior, threw for 771 yards and seven touchdowns. WR **Tyrell Jones** (6-3, 210) is the top returning receiver with 48 catches for 547 yards and six touchdowns. TB **Derek Session** led the rushing attack with 479 yards and three scores. He also caught 23 passes out of the backfield. UM's ground game will be bolstered by All-America fullback **Jared Turcotte** (6-2, 230), who missed all of last season with an injury. Turcotte ran for 625 yards and seven TDs as a freshman. OG **Matt Barber** (6-6, 295) leads a group of four returning starters on the offensive line. Maine's multiple defensive scheme was second in the conference with 19 interceptions in 2009. CB **Steven Barker** earned third-team All-CAA recognition last season after accounting for 48 tackles, 10 pass break-ups and three interceptions. Barker led the league with 13 passes defensed. ILB **Donte Dennis** (6-0, 220) was voted to the All-CAA third team. He led the team in tackles (106) and had four interceptions and three PBUs. Dennis piled up 23 tackles against Delaware. **Mark Masterson**, a senior roverback, returns from a medical redshirt season. Masterson (6-3, 235) had 68 tackles and seven PBUs as a junior in 2008. NT **Charles Raibonne** (6-0, 250) is one of four defensive linemen who started at least one game. PK **Jordan Waxman** was the squad's second-leading scorer, as he made 8-10 field goals and 20-21 PATs. Maine owns a 42-22 all-time record at Alford Stadium since the facility was opened in 1998.

HEAD COACH: Maine's **Jack Cosgrove** is in his 18th season as head coach. He is the program's all-time leader with 93 career victories. In 2008, Cosgrove led the Black Bears to an 8-5 record and an NCAA FCS playoff appearance. Cosgrove has coached Maine to a pair of Atlantic 10 Conference championships. In 2002, the Black Bears went 11-3 and reached the NCAA quarterfinal round. He was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award. Cosgrove was previously Maine's offensive coordinator from 1989-92 and a Boston College assistant in the mid-1980s.

THE SERIES: UAlbany and Maine are meeting for the fourth time. The Great Danes' David McCarty scored on a 24-yard run with 2:02 remaining, as his team rallied for a 20-16 victory last year. TE Paul Booker caught a 22-yard scoring pass to start the fourth-quarter comeback. ILB Chris Simpson forced a fumble that led to the winning TD and S Jake Ciccarello preserved the win with an interception. Maine's Derek Session rushed for 76 yards and a first-quarter touchdown. The Black Bears posted a 31-7 triumph at Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland, Maine on Oct. 1, 2005. QB Ron Whitcomb threw two first-quarter scoring passes and Arel Gordon reached the end zone on a 57-yard punt return in the third stanza. TB Marcus Allen scored UAlbany's lone touchdown on a 3-yard run in the final period. In 1977, Larry Leibowitz booted a 19-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Great Danes to a 42-39 win at Alumni Field. UAlbany (Division III) and Maine (Division II) were competing in different NCAA classes at the time. Current Maine coach Jack Cosgrove threw for 274 yards and two TDs out of his team's wishbone offense. The two teams combined for 864 total yards. Former Boston College mentor Jack Bicknell was the Maine head coach.

All-Time Series Record

Oct. 29, 1977: Albany 42, Maine 39 (Alumni Field)
 Oct. 1, 2005: Maine 31, Albany 7 (Fitzpatrick Stadium)
 Sept. 19, 2009: Albany 20, Maine 16 (University Field)

FORD BUILT: UAlbany's **Bob Ford** is first among active NCAA Division I FCS coaches with 241 career victories. He is also sixth on the all-time FCS chart. Ford, the architect of the UAlbany program, has a 232-147 career record in his 38th varsity season as head coach at the school. Under his direction, the Great Danes have moved from the club level in 1970 to its present NCAA Division I FCS status. Ford, who has a 241-169-1 career record at the collegiate level, earned his 200th UAlbany win in a 20-17 victory against Robert Morris in 2005. More than 100 of Bob Ford's assistant coaches are currently working in the professional, college and high school ranks. Dave Campo, a former UAlbany graduate assistant in 1973, is the defensive backs coach of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys. Tony Wise, a former NFL assistant, is on the University of Pittsburgh staff. Dave Clawson is in his second season as Bowling Green's head coach. Ford assistants who are Division I FCS head coaches include Kevin Morris (Massachusetts), Al Bagnoli (Pennsylvania), Pete Lembo (Elon), Kevin Callahan (Monmouth), Walt

Hameline (Wagner) and Chuck Priore (Stony Brook).

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE: UAlbany became an associate member of the Northeast Conference in 1999. The NEC's current football-playing membership includes Bryant, Central Connecticut State, Duquesne, Monmouth, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis, Pa., and Wagner. Football has been sponsored by the NEC as a conference sport since 1996. The Great Danes have won four NEC championships.

NORTHEAST POLL: Central Connecticut State has been installed as the preseason favorite to capture this year's Northeast Conference title. The Blue Devils, who won last year's championship, received four first-place votes. Robert Morris and UAlbany rank second and third, respectively. **NEC Poll:** 1. Central Connecticut State (4), 2. Robert Morris (3), 3. Albany (1), 4. Wagner (1), 5. Monmouth, 6. Bryant, 7. Duquesne, 8. Sacred Heart, 9. Saint Francis, Pa. () - first-place votes

2009 NEC STANDINGS: Central Connecticut State finished first and UAlbany was second. **NEC Standings:** 1. Central Conn. State (9-3, NEC 7-1), 2. Albany (7-4, 6-2), T3. Wagner (6-5, 5-3), T3. Robert Morris (5-6, 5-3), T5. Monmouth (5-6, 4-4), T5. Bryant (5-6, 4-4), T7. Duquesne (3-8, 2-6), T7. Sacred Heart (2-8, 2-6), 9. St. Francis, Pa. (2-9, 1-7).

SEVEN WINS: UAlbany has reached the seven-win mark in eight of 11 seasons at the Division I FCS level. The Great Danes own a 74-47 record as a NCAA Division I FCS program. UAlbany has registered seven-plus victories 18 times in its history. The Great Danes set the program's single-season FCS record with nine wins in 2008.

UAlbany's Division I FCS Record

1999: 7-2, NEC 6-1 (First NCAA Division I FCS Season)
2000: 5-6, NEC 5-3
2001: 7-3, NEC 5-2
2002: 8-4, NEC 6-1 (Northeast Conference & ECAC Champions).
2003: 7-4, NEC 6-1 (Northeast Conference Co-Champions)
2004: 4-7, NEC 4-3
2005: 5-6, NEC 4-3
2006: 7-4, NEC 5-2
2007: 8-4, NEC 6-0 (Northeast Conference Champions)
2008: 9-3, NEC 7-0 (Northeast Conference & Gridiron Champions)
2009: 7-4, NEC 6-2

NEC TITLES: The Great Danes captured their fourth Northeast Conference championship in a 30-11 victory against Wagner in the 2008 regular-season finale. WR Tim Bush caught 10 passes for 141 yards and two touchdowns. UAlbany became the first NEC champion to win the Gridiron Classic in a 28-0 blanking of Pioneer Football League winner Jacksonville. In 2007, UAlbany defeated Central Connecticut State, 49-14, for its third title. TB David McCarty piled up 247 rushing yards and two TDs. UAlbany won the title outright in 2002 with a 19-7 victory over Monmouth. TB Gary Jones rushed for 103 yards and QB Ryan Roeder scored on a 59-yard run in the second quarter. The Great Danes went on to defeat No. 21 Duquesne, 24-0, in the ECAC Football Classic. UAlbany shared the NEC crown with Monmouth in 2003. TB Gary Jones ran for 195 yards and three touchdowns in a 27-7 win against Robert Morris in his team's final conference game of the season.

NEC CONSISTENCY: UAlbany has won four or more conference games in all 11 seasons as a Northeast Conference member. The Great Danes have captured four NEC titles (2002, 2003, 2007 & 2008).

STREAK: UAlbany had its Northeast Conference win streak ended at 18 straight in a 31-29 loss at Central Conn on Oct. 31, 2009. Robert Morris held the previous mark with 16 wins in a row from 1998-2000.

NEC Conference Win Streaks

18, Albany (2007-09)
 16, Robert Morris (1998-2000)
 11, Sacred Heart (2000-02)

PROGRAM HISTORY: UAlbany begins its 38th varsity season at Maine on Sept. 2. 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 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) play arrived in 1999 with membership in the Northeast Conference. UAlbany has won four NEC titles.

CLOSE GAMES: UAlbany played in four games decided by three points or less last season, including a 13-10 loss to Robert Morris on Nov. 7. Garrett Clawson's 20-yard field goal as time expired was the difference. The Great Danes last had four games decided by three points or less in the 1993 season. In the 1987 campaign, five contests came down to a differential of three points or less.

HOME WINS: The Great Danes set a school record with a string of 12 consecutive home wins that covered a two-year period. The streak was stopped on Nov. 7, 2009 in a 13-10 loss to Robert Morris. UAlbany previously won nine in a row at University Field from 1973-74.

University Field Win Streaks

12, Oct. 6, 2007 to Oct. 17, 2009
9, Sept. 22, 1973 to Nov. 16, 1974
8, Oct. 13, 1984 to Nov. 2, 1985

NCAA AUTOMATIC BERTH: The Northeast Conference champion will receive an automatic berth into the NCAA Division I FCS playoffs for the first time in 2010. The NCAA has expanded the FCS championship bracket from 16 to 20 teams. The NEC has one of 10 automatic berths in the field. The NCAA FCS championship game will be played at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas on January 7, 2011.

2010 SCHEDULE: UAlbany plays an 11-game schedule. The non-league slate features Stephen F. Austin, a program that reached the 2009 NCAA FCS quarterfinals, Maine and Yale. The Great Danes are on the road to begin the season for the tenth time in their 12 years at the FCS level when they travel to Maine on Thursday, Sept. 2. Stephen F. Austin, who shared the 2009 Southland Conference title, will host the Great Danes on Sept. 11 in Nacogdoches, Texas. UAlbany will tangle with an Ivy League program for the first time since 2006 in the matchup with Yale on Oct. 2. Defending Northeast Conference champion Central Connecticut State comes to the Capital Region on Oct. 22.

TOP CROWDS: A crowd of 18,118 watched UAlbany play Georgia Southern in the 2009 season opener, the fifth largest in program annals. UAlbany appeared before 22,196 against Delaware the previous year. UAlbany played before the largest crowd in its football history against second-ranked Montana in 2007. More than 23,000 were in attendance.

UAlbany's Top Football Attendance Marks

23,097 vs. Montana, 9-22-07
22,196 vs. Delaware, 9-27-08
22,016 vs. Delaware, 9-16-06
19,511 vs. Montana, 9-7-02
18,118 vs. Georgia Southern, 9-5-09
15,112 vs. Massachusetts, 8-30-08
14,000 vs. Central Florida, 11-8-80

SEASON OPENERS: The Great Danes are 13-24 overall in season openers following last year's 29-26 loss at Georgia Southern. UAlbany has dropped seven of 11 openers as a NCAA FCS program. In 2006, the Great Danes upset Lehigh, 17-16, in the driving rain and mud.

UAlbany's Division I FCS Openers

Sept. 4, 1999: Albany 35, Central Connecticut State 13
Sept. 9, 2000: Northeastern 63, Albany 14
Sept. 1, 2001: Albany 14, Towson 10
Sept. 7, 2002: #1 Montana 45, Albany 7
Sept. 6, 2003: #6 Northeastern 51, Albany 0
Sept. 2, 2004: Hofstra 45, Albany 0
Sept. 10, 2005: #24 Hofstra 36, Albany 7
Sept. 2, 2006: Albany 17, Lehigh 16
Sept. 1, 2007: Colgate 13, Albany 11
Aug. 30, 2008: #5 Massachusetts 28, Albany 16
Sept. 5, 2009: Georgia Southern 29, Albany 26

NIGHT GAMES: UAlbany has a 6-15 record in night games at the Division I FCS level (games starting at 6:00 p.m. or later local time). The Great Danes lost to Georgia Southern (29-26) and Massachusetts (44-

7) under the lights during the 2009 campaign. The Great Danes last won at night in a 22-16 overtime decision at Hofstra on Sept. 13, 2008.

OPPONENTS & POLLS: UAlbany's schedule features opponents ranked in the national polls. Stephen F. Austin is ranked No. 8 in both the Sports Network Top 25 and FCS Coaches' Poll. Maine, Central Connecticut State, Robert Morris are currently receiving votes.

RANKED TEAMS: UAlbany met a ranked opponent for the 17th time in a 20-16 win over No. 20 Maine on Sept. 19, 2009. No. 17 Massachusetts posted a 44-7 victory over UAlbany the previous week. In 2008, the Great Danes lost to three Division I FCS top-25 opponents. Dayton (#24) defeated UAlbany in the Gridiron Classic to end the 2007 season. In 2006, UAlbany defeated a pair of top-25 programs with victories against Delaware (#11) and Central Connecticut State (#23). Hofstra (#24) and Massachusetts (#25) were opponents in 2005.

UAlbany vs. Ranked Division I FCS Teams

Nov. 18, 2000: #12 Hofstra 55, Albany 28
Sept. 7, 2002: #1 Montana 45, Albany 7
Nov. 23, 2002: Albany 24, #21 Duquesne 0 (ECAC Classic)
Sept. 6, 2003: #6 Northeastern 51, Albany 0
Oct. 2, 2004: #21 Lehigh 44, Albany 14
Sept. 10, 2005: #24 Hofstra 36, Albany 7
Sept. 17, 2005: #25 Massachusetts 40, Albany 0
Sept. 16, 2006: Albany 17, #11 Delaware 10
Sept. 23, 2006: Albany 19, #23 Central Connecticut State 14
Sept. 15, 2007: #19 Hofstra 28, Albany 13
Sept. 22, 2007: #2 Montana 35, Albany 14
Dec. 1, 2007: #24 Dayton 42, Albany 21 (Gridiron Classic)
Aug. 30, 2008: #5 Massachusetts 28, Albany 16
Sept. 20, 2008: #10 New Hampshire 32, Albany 24
Sept. 27, 2008: #17 Delaware 38, Albany 7
Sept. 12, 2009: #17 Massachusetts 44, Albany 7
Sept. 19, 2009: Albany 20, #20 Maine 16

NATIONAL LEADER: UAlbany's **Bob Ford** ranks second among active NCAA Division I FBS and FCS head coaches in career victories with 241. Penn State's Joe Paterno (394) tops that list.

Career Victories by Active Division I FBS / FCS Coaches

392, Joe Paterno, Penn State (45th Season, 394-129-3)
241, Bob Ford, Albany (42nd Season, 241-169-1)

Bob Ford's Milestone Wins (Overall)

#50	at Cortland	Oct. 28, 1978	41-31
#100	at Rensselaer	Oct. 3, 1987	30-17
#150	vs. Merrimack	Oct. 4, 1997	42-3
#200	at Wagner	Nov. 11, 2003	28-7
#225	at Central Conn.	Nov. 17, 2007	49-14

CAREER WINS: UAlbany's **Bob Ford** is sixth among the winningest Football Championship Subdivision Coaches in career victories. Grambling's Eddie Robinson leads the list with 408 wins over 55 years.

Winningest FCS Coaches All-Time By Victories

408, Eddie Robinson, Grambling (408-165-15, 55 years)
314, Roy Kidd, Eastern Kentucky (314-124-8, 39 years)
300, Tubby Raymond, Delaware (300-119-3, 36 years)
246, Mike Kelly, Dayton (246-54-1, 27 years)
243, Billy Joe, Cheyney, Central State, Florida A&M, Miles (243-123-4, 33 years)
241, Bob Ford, St. Lawrence, Albany (241-169-1, 41 years)
229, Jim Tressel, Youngstown State, Ohio State (229-78-2, 24 years)

CAPTIAL REGION HALL: UAlbany head coach **Bob Ford** was inducted into the Capital Region High School Football Hall of Fame on Aug. 7 with its Service to Football Award. The event was conducted by the National Football Foundation's Capital District Chapter.

DOUBLE SLASH: Sophomore **Andrew Smith** was positioned at quarterback, tailback and wide receiver last year. Smith rushed for 379 yards and five touchdowns. He caught 10 passes for 99 yards and two scores, plus threw a 31-yard touchdown pass. Smith was third on the team in all-purpose yards at 84.6 per game.

ALL-CONFERENCE: Defensive tackle **Trevor Anderson** was named to the All-Northeast Conference first team as a junior. Anderson, a 6-foot-2, 295-pound lineman, totaled 36 tackles, 3.0 sacks and two pass break-ups last year. As a three-year collegian, Anderson has 101 tackles, 17.5 hits for a loss and 8.5 sacks.

DEFENSIVE LINE: In addition to Trevor Anderson, UAlbany has four other returning players who saw significant playing time last year. **Eddie Delaney** (33 tackles), **Mike Kelly** (26 tackles) and **Marc Wargo** (13 tackles) are defensive ends. Defensive tackle **Zach Gallo** had a break-out season with 38 tackles.

ALL-STUDY: The Great Danes have 14 returning players who made the 2009 Northeast Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll. P **Bobby Woods**, OT **Vince Gonzales** and OG **Andrew Stevens** were among those to earn academic recognition. Woods was one of three to be voted to the ESPN The Magazine District I All-Academic Football Team.

MOST IMPROVED: Offensive lineman **Vince Gonzales** was chosen the team's most improved player last year. A 6-foot-4, 275-pound left tackle, Gonzales started all 11 games. The Great Danes' offense averaged 26.6 points and 341.3 total yards.

TOP LINEMAN: Senior **Andy Sparano** shared the program's top offensive lineman award last season. Sparano, a three-year letterman, has played both center and right guard during his career. His father, Tony, is the Miami Dolphins' head coach. His brother, Tony, Jr., was an all-conference defensive end for UAlbany. He is currently as assistant coach with the United Football League's Hartford Colonials.

VETERAN LINE: The Great Danes return four of five starters on the offensive line. **Vince Gonzales** and **Keith Peifer** were the regulars at left and right tackle, respectively. **Kyle O'Keefe**, a first-year starter at left guard, and **Andy Sparano** are also back. **Andrew Stevens** also has starting experience as an offensive guard and tackle.

ON THE CORNER: Cornerback **Ross Bertrand** is expected to start in the secondary for the third straight season. Bertrand has 105 career tackles with eight pass break-ups and one interception.

TOP TARGET: Senior **Jason Poore** is the top returning receiver after catching 26 passes for 243 yards and two touchdowns last season. Poore, at 6'6" and 215 pounds, has 47 career receptions.

FIRST TIME: Several players will wear a UAlbany uniform for the first time at Maine. ILB **Said Gaida** (Hofstra), S **Rob Cervini** (Rutgers) and CB **Leon Saddler** (C.W. Post) are transfers. P **Paul Layton**, TB **Tramaine Wilson**, FS **Justinian Mason**, QB **Buddy Leathley** and TE **Matt Goss** are redshirt freshman. TB **Dillon Romain**, DT **Andrew Smith** and WR **Jameel Gay** are true freshman.

TRANSFER: Inside linebacker **Said Gaida** has transferred from Hofstra University after the institution discontinued football following the 2009 season. Gaida played in 32 games and accounted for 82 tackles over the last three seasons. He was a member of the Colonial Athletic Association all-academic team three times.

PRESEASON ALL-NEC: The Northeast Conference announced its 2009 preseason all-conference football team in August. UAlbany had two players voted to the squad by the conference's head coaches. **Trevor Anderson** earned first-team All-NEC recognition one year ago. The defensive tackle totaled 36 tackles and 3.0 sacks. **Andy Sparano** anchors the offensive line from his center position. A three-year letterman, Sparano has made 29 career appearances.

PHIL STEELE SQUAD: UAlbany's DT **Trevor Anderson** and DE **Eddie Delaney** were among five players named to Phil Steele Publication's preseason All-Northeast Conference team. Anderson and Delaney were on the first team. C **Andy Sparano**, CB **Ross Bertrand** and PK **Herb Glass** made the second team.

UALBANY CAPTAINS: Defensive end **Mike Kelly**, outside linebacker **Chris Blais**, center **Andy Sparano** and guard **Kyle O'Keefe**

are serving as team captains. Each player is a captain for the first time.

BACK FROM INJURY: Outside linebacker **Chris Blais** missed all of last season due to two separate hand injuries. He fractured his thumb during the preseason in which a pin was surgically placed. After the recovery, Blais broke two metacarpal bones in a separate incident.

FIELD GOALS: Sophomore **Herb Glass** tied a school single-game record with three field goals on Sept. 26, 2009. Jason Fralicker made three against Fordham on Sept. 8, 2007, the last player to accomplish the feat. Glass is tied for fourth with 18 career field goals.

UAlbany's Single-Season Field Goal Leaders

15, Jason Fralicker (2007)
13, Jason Fralicker (2006)
12, Scott Reagan (1985)
12, Herb Glass (2009)
9, Larry Leibowitz (1977)
9, Bryan Bagstad (2001)

UAlbany's Career Field Goal Leaders

28, Jason Fralicker, 2006-07
22, Bryan Bagstad, 1999-01
20, Tony Chechile, 1986-89
18, Deron Regev, 1995-98
18, Herb Glass, 2008-

NCAA RANKINGS: The Great Danes were among the top Division I FCS defensive units in the nation last year. UAlbany ranked 26th in both rushing defense (118.3 ypg) and points allowed (19.4 ppg). The Great Danes were 32nd in rushing offense at 159.6 yards per game.

OVERTIME GAMES: The Great Danes recorded the program's first-ever overtime victory in a 22-16 decision against Hofstra on Sept. 13, 2008. TB David McCarty's 7-yard touchdown run decided the outcome. UAlbany suffered setbacks in its previous two OT decisions.

UAlbany's Overtime History

Oct. 21, 2000: Sacred Heart 35, Albany 28 (OT)
Oct. 12, 2002: Drake 49, Albany 42 (2OT)
Sept. 13, 2008: Albany 22, Hofstra 16 (OT)

FOURTH-QUARTER RALLY: UAlbany came from behind after trailing in the fourth quarter for the fifth time as a Division I FCS program in last year's victory over Maine. The Great Danes trailed, 17-14, early in the final period against Monmouth the previous season. UAlbany last came back from a double-figure deficit in the fourth quarter on Nov. 21, 1998 in the EFC championship game against American International.

Division I FCS Fourth-Quarter Comebacks

Sept. 1, 2001: Albany 14, Towson 10 (trailed 10-7, 4th)
Nov. 5, 2005: Albany 20, Robert Morris 17 (trailed 17-13, 4th)
Sept. 2, 2006: Albany 17, Lehigh 16 (trailed 13-11, 4th)
Nov. 1, 2008: Albany 35, Monmouth 17 (trailed 17-14, 4th)
Sept. 19, 2009: Albany 20, Maine 16 (trailed 16-3, 4th)

UALBANY IN THE NFL: Defensive back **Rashad Barksdale** was taken in the sixth round of the 2007 National Football League Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles. Barksdale became the second UAlbany player to be chosen in the draft. Barksdale was later claimed off waivers on Sept. 2, 2007 by the Kansas City Chiefs and placed on their 53-man, opening-day roster. Barksdale became the first to play from UAlbany in an NFL regular-season game on Oct. 7 against Jacksonville. Defensive end **Andre Coleman** was a member San Diego Chargers' practice squad. Coleman became the second former UAlbany player to appear in a NFL game on Sept. 14, 2009 against Oakland. Linebacker **Kurt Campbell**, the program's first NFL Draft choice, was selected in 2004 by the Green Bay Packers in the seventh round.

GIANTS CAMP: The National Football League's New York Giants have made the University at Albany its summer training camp home since 1996. UAlbany has played host to the longest stint of any Giants' training camp, a record-setting 15 straight summers. In 2009, the Giants set their all-time attendance mark (46,960) on the UAlbany campus.

MARA-TISCH FIELD: The University at Albany dedicated the school's football practice field in honor of Wellington T. Mara and Preston Robert Tisch, the late co-owners of the New York Giants of the National Football League, on Aug. 16, 2007. Mara and Tisch were instrumental in making UAlbany home to the Giants' summer training camp in 1996.

ATHLETIC SUCCESS: UAlbany has captured 41 conference championships, including 37 America East titles and four Northeast football crowns, since upgrading to the NCAA Division I level in 1999. The Great Danes have had 15 teams qualify for NCAA postseason play. Baseball, softball, men's lacrosse, volleyball, field hockey and men's basketball have advanced. Softball and men's lacrosse became the first teams to record NCAA Division I tournament victories in the spring of 2007.

TEAM NOTES

PAW PRINTS: UAlbany has won seven or more games in four consecutive seasons for the second time since the program became a varsity sport in 1973 ... the Great Danes have reached the seven-win mark eight times in 11 seasons at the Division I FCS level ... UAlbany has posted five or more league wins in nine of 11 seasons as a NEC member ... UAlbany ended a string of seven straight losses to nationally-ranked opponents in a 20-16 victory over Maine on Sept. 19 ... Maine was ranked No. 19 (FCS) and No. 20 (Sports Network) in the polls ... the Great Danes are 4-13 against Division I FCS programs ranked in the national Top 25 ... head coach **Bob Ford** recorded his 230th career win at UAlbany in his team's NEC victory over Bryant on Oct. 17, 2009 ... Ford will celebrate his 73rd birthday on Sept. 11 ... the Great Danes have a 60-18 all-time record against NEC opposition ... UAlbany is 14-29 in non-conference action as a Division I FCS program ... the Great Danes have a 6-11 record in FCS games decided by three points or less ... UAlbany returns nine starters from last year's 7-4 squad ... UAlbany finished second in the NEC standings ... UAlbany was picked second by The Sporting News and third by Lindy's Sports in the publications' preseason NEC rankings ... **Mike Simpson** begins his 25th season as UAlbany's defensive coordinator.

PLAYER NOTES

PLAYER NOTES: The Great Danes lost eight all-conference players to graduation, including the school's career rushing leader ... CB **Ross Bertrand** (105) and DT **Trevor Anderson** (101) have reached the 100-career tackle mark ... OLB **Chris Blais** missed all of last season with two separate hand injuries ... Blais, who made 31 tackles in 2008, is one of four team captains ... S **Jake Ciccarello** had a career-high eight tackles vs. Central Conn. State last year ... Ciccarello had three tackles, including one on a fourth-down goal line stand in the second quarter, blocked a fourth-quarter punt, and picked off a pass with 20 seconds remaining to seal the upset win vs. #20 Maine ... PK **Herb Glass** is tied for fourth in career field goals with 18 ... the junior equaled the school's single-game records for field goals made (3) and attempts (5) vs. Sacred Heart on Sept. 26, 2009 ... Glass has made two or more field goals seven times in his career ... Glass' 48-yard kick in the second quarter at Georgia Southern in last year's opener tied the third longest in school history ... DE **Eddie Delaney** plays without a left hand and wears an insulin pump to control diabetes ... the junior received 2010 UAlbany Disability Resource Center Student Recognition Award ... Delaney had 30-plus tackles for the second consecutive season ... DE **Mike Kelly** had five tackles and a 1/2 sack at Monmouth last year in a return to his hometown (West Long Branch, N.J.) ... Kelly missed three games due to leg surgery last season ... ILB **Jon Morgan** scored on a 56-yard fumble return in the second quarter against Duquesne as a redshirt freshman ... Morgan is the 10th player to return a fumble for a touchdown in the program's FCS history ... ILB **Dave Plungas** (8 tackles) turned in a career-best effort against Duquesne ... WR **Jason Poore** is among the school's top 20 receivers with 47 career receptions ... WR **Ryan Kirchner** posted career-highs in receptions (3) and receiving yards (47) vs. Bryant ... TE **Paul Booker** scored his second touchdown as a collegian on a 11-yard reception in the fourth quarter against Robert Morris ... QB/TB **Andrew Smith** averaged 84.6 all-purpose yards per game ... Smith had 239 all-purpose yards in his collegiate debut and was

named NEC Rookie of the Week (Sept. 8) ... Smith and Booker played on the same high school team ... Smith was also ninth among the nation's leaders with a 26.6 kickoff return average ... CB **Duane Harper** made the switch from offense to defense during the 2009 campaign ... P **Bobby Woods** averaged 36.2 yards per attempt in his first year with the program as an Iona transfer.

FIREPOWER: The Great Danes matched their second-highest point total against an Northeast Conference opponent in a 55-10 victory against Duquesne on Oct. 10, 2009. UAlbany set the program's FCS marks for points in one quarter (28) and points in one half (41). UAlbany posted season-highs in total yards (471) and rushing yards (278).

Top Division I FCS Point Totals

64 vs. St. Peter's, 10-4-03
58 vs. St. Francis, Pa., 10-20-07
55 vs. Duquesne, 10-10-08
55 vs. St. Francis, Pa., 10-23-99

FUMBLE RETURN: OLB **Jon Morgan** scored on a 56-yard fumble return in the second quarter against Duquesne. He is the 10th player to reach the end zone on a fumble return in the program's FCS history.

UAlbany's Fumble Returns For TD (FCS/Yards)

58, Tim Campe vs. Stony Brook, 10-30-00
56, Jon Morgan vs. Duquesne, 10-10-09
37, George Williams vs. Central Conn. State, 11-17-07
27, Josh MacAnn vs. Robert Morris, 11-2-02
20, Ryan Clair vs. Hofstra, 11-18-00
20, Jermaine Lee vs. St. Peter's, 10-4-03

KICK RETURN: TB/QB/RS **Andrew Smith** recorded the program's third-best total for kickoff returns at the FCS level with 140 yards at Georgia Southern. In 2008, Justin Gannon set the standard at Delaware.

UAlbany's FCS Single-Game Kick Return Yards

183, Justin Gannon vs. Delaware, 9-27-08
155, Ryan MacLean vs. Robert Morris, 11-10-01
140, Andrew Smith vs. Georgia Southern, 9-5-09
127, Ryan MacLean vs. Robert Morris, 11-11-00

TOP HOME CROWDS: The 2009 Homecoming crowd of 6,255 was the sixth largest to see the Great Danes play at University Field. Home attendance has topped 6,000 fans eight times since 1973.

UAlbany's Top Home Crowds

Nov. 6, 1978: 7,500 vs. Ithaca
Sept. 20, 1975: 7,500 vs. Ithaca
Oct. 5, 1974: 6,500 vs. RIT
Sept. 10, 1984: 6,500 vs. Ithaca
Oct. 13, 2007: 6,419 vs. Sacred Heart
Oct. 10, 2009: 6,255 vs. Duquesne
Sept. 10, 2005: 6,212 vs. Hofstra
Oct. 12, 1996: 6,082 vs. Union

Player Pronunciation Guide

Ocieka Bakou.....*oh-see-ah; bah-coo*
Jake Ciccarello.....*chick-ah-rell-low*
Raymond Dorcelly.....*door-sa-lee*
Randall Exantus.....*ex-zan-toose*
Lance Fanthorp.....*fan-thorp*
Matt Faughnan.....*faw-nen*
Will Fiacchi.....*fee-och-key*
Said Gaida.....*sy-eed, guy-da*
Olajunji Idowu.....*oh-la-taun-gee, ee-douw*
Austin Jenquine.....*jen-qwine*
Ryan Kirchner.....*kurch-nur*
Tim Kologrivov.....*ko-low-gree-voov*
Jordan Migliore.....*mil-lee-oar-ee*
Wil Moushey.....*moo-she*
Keith Peifer.....*pie-fur*
Dave Plungas.....*plun-jess*
David Weisz.....*wise*
Andy Sparano.....*spa-ron-know*
Coach Casullo.....*ka-sue-low*
Coach Mion.....*my-on*

DIVISION I FCS SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TEAM -- 1999-Present

Rushing Yards

468 vs. Wagner, 11-1-03

Passing Yards

319 vs. Robert Morris, 11-11-00

Total Yards

600 vs. Drake, 10-12-02

First Downs

30 vs Canisius, 10-19-02 & Fordham, 9-9-07

Low Rushing Yards Allowed

minus-51 vs. Robert Morris, 11-4-06

Low Passing Yards Allowed

21 vs. Wagner, 10-28-06

Low Total Yards Allowed

74 vs. Central Conn. State, 9-13-03

Fewest First Downs Allowed

6 vs. Monmouth, 11-16-02 & Central Conn. State, 9-13-03

Turnovers Forced

6 vs. Stony Brook, 10-2-99 & Towson, 9-1-01

Points (Game)

64 vs. St. Peter's, 10-4-03

Points (Half)

41 vs. Duquesne (first), 10-10-09

Points (Quarter)

28 vs. Duquesne (second), 10-10-09

Victory Margin

55 vs. St. Peter's (64-9), 10-4-03

Loss Margin

51 vs. Northeastern (51-0), 9-6-03

INDIVIDUAL -- 1999-Present

Rushing Yards

271, David McCarty vs. Jacksonville, 12-6-08

Rushing Touchdowns

4, Gary Jones vs. Wagner, 11-1-03

4, David McCarty vs. Jacksonville, 12-6-08

Touchdowns Scored

4, Gary Jones vs. Wagner, 11-1-03

4, David McCarty vs. Jacksonville, 12-6-08

Passing Yards

292, Ryan Roeder vs. Drake, 10-12-02

Touchdown Passes

3, Michael Oliva vs. Stony Brook, 10-2-99

3, Ryan Roeder vs. Robert Morris, 11-11-00

3, Marcus Rotondi vs. St. John's, 9-8-01

3, Ryan Roeder vs. Wagner, 9-22-01

3, Vinny Esposito vs. Duquesne, 10-4-08

Receiving Yards

251, Chris Phillis vs. Robert Morris, 11-11-00

Receptions

10, Chris Phillis vs. Hofstra, 11-18-00

10, Tim Bush vs. Wagner, 11-15-08

10, Tim Bush vs. Bryant, 10-17-09

10, Tim Bush vs. Central Conn. State, 10-31-09

Touchdown Receptions

2, Chris Phillis vs. Wagner, 10-9-99

2, Chris Phillis vs. Wagner, 9-23-00

2, Chris Phillis vs. Robert Morris, 11-11-00

2, Jonathan Garrick vs. St. John's, 9-8-01

2, Chris Phillis vs. Wagner, 9-22-01

2, Tim Bush vs. Wagner, 11-15-08

All-Purpose Yards

286, David McCarty vs. Jacksonville, 12-6-08

Tackles

18, Josh Bazan vs. Drake, 10-12-02

18, Colin Disch vs. Central Conn. State, 9-24-05

Interceptions

2, David Cross vs. Central Conn. State, 9-4-99

2, Mike Grever vs. Wagner, 10-9-99

2, Samson Brown vs. Towson, 9-1-01

2, Samson Brown vs. Wagner, 9-22-01

2, Kamar Elliott vs. St. Francis, Pa., 10-26-02

2, Ryan MacLean vs. Duquesne, 11-23-02

2, Eric Neugebauer vs. Wagner, 10-29-05

2, Rashad Barksdale vs. Delaware, 9-16-06

2, Dave Casale vs. Robert Morris, 11-8-08

UALBANY VS. VARSITY OPPONENTS

<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>LAST MEETING</u>
Albright	0	2	1976 (28-7, L)
Alfred	7	5	1994 (20-19, L)
American Int'l	3	0	1998 (25-24, W)
Brockport	14	4	1994 (25-13, L)
Brooklyn	1	0	1979 (56-0, W)
Brown	0	2	2004 (35-7, L)
Bryant	1	0	2009 (20-17, W)
Buffalo	7	4	1988 (28-20, W)
Canisius	2	0	2002 (44-14, W)
Central Conn.	10	4	2009 (31-29, L)
Central Florida	1	0	1980 (28-17, W)
Colgate	0	1	2007 (13-11, L)
Cortland	8	10	1994 (30-29, L)
Cornell	0	1	2006 (23-21, L)
Curry	2	0	1974 (50-23, W)
C.W. Post	1	2	1998 (24-16, L)
Dayton	0	2	2007 (42-21, L)
Delaware	1	1	2008 (38-7, L)
Drake	0	1	2002 (49-42, L)
Duquesne	3	0	2009 (55-10, W)
Florida Atlantic	0	1	2001 (27-9, L)
Florida Int'l	0	1	2002 (35-26, L)
Fordham	4	4	2007 (23-20, W)
Gannon	1	0	1996 (40-29, W)
Georgia Southern	0	1	2009 (29-26, L)
Hampden-Sydney	1	0	1977 (51-45, W)
Hobart	1	0	1979 (10-0, W)
Hofstra	3	11	2008 (22-16, W)
Ithaca	5	14	1994 (22-11, L)
Jacksonville	1	0	2008 (28-0, W)
King's (Pa.)	2	0	1996 (49-21, W)
Lehigh	1	1	2006 (17-16, W)
Maine	2	1	2009 (20-16, W)
Marist	3	0	1984 (43-0, W)
Massachusetts	0	3	2009 (44-7, L)
Mass.-Lowell	3	0	1999 (40-0, W)
Mass. Maritime	1	0	1974 (75-6, W)
Mercyhurst	1	0	1996 (20-10, W)
Merrimack	2	0	1998 (24-6, W)
Monmouth	8	4	2009 (35-10, W)
Montana	0	2	2007 (35-14, L)
New Hampshire	0	1	2008 (32-24, L)
New Haven	1	2	1986 (45-28, L)
New York Tech	1	0	1981 (41-7, W)
Niagara	1	0	1973 (75-9, W)
Nichols	1	1	1974 (32-8, W)
Northeastern	0	2	2003 (51-0, L)
Norwich	14	6	1994 (45-20, W)
Pace	4	1	1998 (17-0, W)
Plattsburgh	6	0	1978 (32-7, W)
Plymouth State	1	0	1985 (33-21, W)
R.I.T.	5	0	1977 (13-3, W)
Rensselaer	7	1	1996 (17-7, W)
Robert Morris	6	5	2009 (13-10, L)
Rowan	0	2	2000 (31-3, L)
Sacred Heart	10	2	2009 (22-9, W)
Salisbury State	4	0	1994 (44-20, W)
Siena	1	0	1973 (71-8, W)
Southern Conn.	9	6	1998 (24-14, W)
Springfield	4	10	1994 (24-13, L)
St. Francis, Pa.	11	0	2009 (27-6, W)
St. John's	2	0	2001 (31-6, W)
St. Lawrence	6	5	1997 (49-0, W)
St. Peter's	1	0	2003 (64-9, W)
Stonehill	2	0	1998 (52-0, W)
Stony Brook	10	4	2007 (24-23, W)
New Jersey	0	2	1996 (38-18, L)
Towson	2	1	2003 (35-16, L)
Union	4	9	1997 (54-0, W)
U.S. Mer. Marine	0	1	1978 (14-8, L)
Wagner	12	1	2009 (41-28, W)
W. Connecticut	6	1	1993 (50-6, W)
Widener	0	1	1977 (33-15, L)
William Paterson	1	1	1994 (41-25, L)

UALBANY CAREER/SEASON BESTS

#8 Ryan Kirchner - Career/2009 Season Highs

Most Yards Receiving 47 vs. Bryant (10-17-09)
Most Receptions 3 vs. two opponents
Longest Reception 28 vs. Bryant (10-17-09)

#10 Andrew Smith - Career/2009 Season Highs

Most Rush Yds 99 at Georgia Southern (9-5-09)
Longest Rush 58 vs. Duquesne (10-10-09)
Most Attempts 12 vs. Monmouth (10-24-09)
Most Receptions 2 vs. three opponents
Most Rec. Yds 45 vs. Robert Morris (11-7-09)
Longest Reception 36 vs. Robert Morris (11-7-09)
Most Yds Passing 31 vs. Monmouth (10-24-09)
Most Comp 1 vs. two opponents
Most Attempts 1 vs. two opponents
Longest Completion 31 vs. Monmouth (10-24-09)
Most All-Purpose Yds 239 at Georgia Southern (9-5-09)
Total Offensive Yards 104 vs. Duquesne (10-10-09)

#12 Dan Di Lella - Career/2009 Season Highs

Most Yds Passing 7 vs. Duquesne (10-10-09)
Most Comp 2 vs. Duquesne (10-10-09)
Most Attempts 3 vs. Duquesne (10-10-09)
Longest Completion 6 vs. Duquesne (10-10-09)
Total Offensive Yards 11 vs. Duquesne (10-10-09)

#19 John Lullen - Career/2009 Season Highs

Most Yards Receiving 33 at Central Conn. (10-31-09)
Most Receptions 3 vs. Monmouth (10-24-09)
Longest Reception 32 vs. Duquesne (10-10-09)

#32 Paul Booker - Career/2009 Season Highs

Most Yards Receiving 30 vs. Duquesne (10-10-09)
Most Receptions 2 vs. Robert Morris (11-7-09)
Longest Reception 30 vs. Duquesne (10-10-09)

#46 Justin Petersen - Career

Most Yards Receiving 33 vs. Robert Morris (11-8-08)
Most Receptions 3 vs. Robert Morris (11-8-08)
Longest Reception 18 vs. Robert Morris (11-8-08)

#85 Jason Poore - Career/2009 Season Highs

Most Yards Receiving 73 vs. Bryant (10-17-09)
2009 Most Rec Yds 73 vs. Bryant (10-17-09)
Most Receptions 8 vs. Bryant (10-17-09)
2009 Most Receptions 8 vs. Bryant (10-17-09)
Longest Reception 34 vs. Bryant (10-17-09)
2009 Longest Rec 34 vs. Bryant (10-17-09)

THE LAST TIME...

INTERCEPTION FOR TOUCHDOWN

Albany: Daniel Avery, 56 yards vs. Wagner, University Field, 11-15-08
Opp.: Laron Scott of Georgia Southern, 15 yards at Paulson Stadium, 9-5-09

KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Albany: Mike Wall, 77 yards vs. St. Francis, Pa., University Field, 10-21-06
Opp.: Frantz Placide of Wagner, 89 yards at Wagner Stadium, 11-21-09

FUMBLE RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Albany: Jon Morgan, 56 yards vs. Duquesne, University Field, 10-10-09
Opp.: Cory Giddings of Stony Brook, 34 yards at LaValle Stadium, 10-7-06

PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Albany: Justin Gannon, 78 yards vs. Duquesne, University Field, 10-10-09
Opp.: Arel Gordon of Maine, 57 yards at Fitzpatrick Stadium, 10-1-05

BLOCKED PUNT - RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Albany: Jelani Dandles, 25 yards vs. St. John's, DaSilva Memorial Field, 10-13-00
Opp.: Michael Scott of Sacred Heart, 38 yards at Campus Field, 10-21-00

100-YARD RUSHING GAME

Albany: David McCarty, 118 yards vs. Bryant, University Field, 10-17-09
Opp.: Dominique Williams of Wagner, 101 yards at Wagner Stadium, 11-21-09

200-YARD RUSHING GAME

Albany: David McCarty, 271 yards vs. Jacksonville, University Field, 12-6-08
Opp.: James Mallory of Central Conn. State, 204 yards at Arute Field, 10-31-09

100-YARD RECEIVING GAME

Albany: Tim Bush, 114 yards vs. Monmouth, Kessler Field, 10-24-09
Opp.: Josue Paul of Central Conn. State, 131 yards at Arute Field, 10-31-09

200-YARD PASSING GAME

Albany: Vinny Esposito, 248 yards vs. Wagner, Wagner Stadium, 11-21-09
Opp.: Mike Croce of Bryant, 234 yards at University Field, 10-17-09

300-YARD PASSING GAME

Albany: Joe Savino, 314 yards vs. American International, Miller Field, 11-22-97
Opp.: Connor Dixon of Duquesne, 338 yards at Rooney Field, 10-4-08

2009 Scoring Drives

UAlbany Longest Scoring Drives

Time of Possession: 8:35 at Georgia Southern (2nd Qtr., 16 plays, 67 yards, Touchdown)
Yardage: 95 yards at St. Francis, Pa. (2nd Qtr., 14 plays, 6:08 TOP, Touchdown)
Plays: 16 plays at Georgia Southern (2nd Qtr., 67 yards, 8:35 TOP, Touchdown)

Opponent Longest Scoring Drives

Time of Possession: 7:46 vs. Sacred Heart (2nd Qtr., 16 plays, 68 yards, Field Goal)
Yardage: 83 yards at Wagner (2nd Qtr., 10 plays, 5:05 TOP, Touchdown)
Plays: 16 plays vs. Sacred Heart (2nd Qtr., 68 yards, 7:46 TOP, Field Goal)

UAlbany Longest Scoring Drives

Quarter	No.	Run	Pass	FG
First Quarter	8	4	1	3
Second Quarter	21	8	7	6
Third Quarter	7	4	2	1
Fourth Quarter	12	5	4	3
Overtime	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	48	21	14	13

Opponent Longest Scoring Drives

Quarter	No.	Run	Pass	FG
First Quarter	8	3	1	4
Second Quarter	10	2	3	5
Third Quarter	9	4	3	2
Fourth Quarter	10	3	2	5
Overtime	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	37	12	9	16

2009 UAlbany Scoring Drives

- Total Scoring Drives: 48
 Other Scores: 1 punt return, 1 fumble return

Qtr.	Opp.	Scoring Play	Plays	Yards	TOP
2	GSU	1 yd. run - McCarty	16	67	8:35
2	GSU	48 yd. FG - Glass	10	22	4:11
2	GSU	2 yd. run - McCarty	10	65	2:35
3	GSU	39 yd. run - Smith	5	66	2:23
4	GSU	33 yd. FG - Glass	11	47	4:54
2	MASS	3 yd. run - Smith	8	32	3:30
3	ME	27 yd. FG - Glass	12	39	5:19
4	ME	22 yd. pass - Esposito to Booker	6	77	2:19
4	ME	33 yd. FG - Glass	7	12	2:05
4	ME	24 yd. run - McCarty	2	26	0:37
1	SHU	24 yd. FG - Glass	10	24	4:03
1	SHU	29 yd. FG - Glass	5	-6	1:27
2	SHU	24 yd. pass - Esposito to Gannon	9	47	3:37
2	SHU	24 yd. FG - Glass	4	7	1:43
4	SHU	4 yd. run - McCarty	12	64	5:02
1	SFU	5 yd. run - McCarty	11	74	3:17
1	SFU	38 yd. FG - Glass	8	59	2:20
2	SHU	9 yd. pass - Esposito to Bush	14	95	6:08
3	SHU	14 yd. run - McCarty	3	22	1:20
4	SHU	27 yd. FG - Glass	10	41	3:57
1	DUQ	1 yd. run - McCarty	7	80	3:19
2	DUQ	81 yd. pass - Esposito to Bush	2	83	0:40
2	DUQ	5 yd. run - Esposito	6	45	1:50
2	DUQ	32 yd. pass - Esposito to Lullen	1	32	0:01
3	DUQ	23 yd. run - McCarty	8	80	3:02
4	DUQ	58 yd. run - Smith	3	74	1:21
2	BRY	39 yd. FG - Glass	9	50	2:54
2	BRY	19 yd. FG - Glass	9	65	2:51
3	BRY	34 yd. pass - Esposito to Poore	4	37	1:39
4	BRY	5 yd. pass - Esposito to Smith	9	60	4:15
2	MON	5 yd. pass - Esposito to Lullen	8	70	3:27
2	MON	1 yd. run - Smith	8	40	2:56
3	MON	31 yd. pass - Smith to Bush	2	35	0:44
3	MON	23 yd. run - Gannon	1	23	0:05
4	MON	1 yd. run - Esposito	10	39	5:15
1	CCSU	1 yd. run - Esposito	12	56	5:38
2	CCSU	23 yd. FG - Glass	13	80	6:05
2	CCSU	7 yd. pass - Esposito to Poore	5	59	2:12
2	CCSU	10 yd. run - McCarty	6	33	2:30
4	CCSU	8 yd. pass - Esposito to Gannon	9	74	2:13
2	RMU	24 yd. FG - Kenny	10	32	4:22
4	RMU	11 yd. pass - Esposito to Booker	3	41	1:01
1	WAG	8 yd. run - Smith	8	50	3:13
1	WAG	9 yd. pass - Esposito to Smith	2	12	0:42

2	WAG	14 yd. pass - Esposito to Kenneally	7	80	2:39
2	WAG	8 yd. run - Esposito	6	49	2:09
2	WAG	1 yd. run - Esposito	3	54	0:44
4	WAG	12 yd. run - Gannon	8	72	3:20

2009 Opponent Scoring Drives

- Total Scoring Drives: 37
 Other Scores: 1 interception return, 1 defensive PAT return, 1 safety, 1 kickoff return

Qtr.	Opp.	Scoring Play	Plays	Yards	TOP
1	GSU	24 yd. FG - Mora	8	29	2:39
3	GSU	36 yd. pass - Chapple to Valentine	5	75	1:51
4	GSU	26 yd. pass - Chapple to Valentine	8	70	3:45
4	GSU	44 yd. FG - Mora	14	57	5:44
1	MASS	47 yd. FG - Cuko	8	32	2:53
2	MASS	2 yd. run - Nelson	4	18	1:52
2	MASS	67 yd. pass - Havens to Cruz	2	78	0:44
2	MASS	37 yd. FG - Cuko	10	50	4:08
3	MASS	3 yd. pass - Havens to Cruz	8	40	3:45
4	MASS	1 yd. run - Hernandez	9	62	3:15
4	MASS	58 yd. run - Hernandez	1	58	0:13
1	ME	40 yd. FG - Cuko	6	15	2:58
1	ME	20 yd. run - Session	9	38	4:24
2	ME	15 yd. pass - Brusko to Williams	8	63	4:29
2	SHU	28 yd. FG - Fisher	16	68	7:46
3	SHU	21 yd. FG - Fisher	12	76	5:46
4	SHU	23 yd. FG - Fisher	9	57	4:31
1	SFU	30 yd. FG - Thiel	8	31	4:12
2	SFU	18 yd. FG - Thiel	6	19	2:48
2	DUQ	12 yd. pass - Dixon to Spinks	4	51	0:38
3	DUQ	33 yd. FG - Duale	7	30	2:32
2	BRY	27 yd. FG - Bird	7	24	2:47
3	BRY	13 yd. pass - Canfora to South	9	72	3:07
4	BRY	2 yd. run - Smith	8	44	2:52
2	MON	32 yd. FG - DelVento	8	14	3:47
3	MON	3 yd. run - Sinisi	14	80	5:52
1	CCSU	79 yd. run - Mallory	1	79	0:11
2	CCSU	10 yd. run - Martin	8	77	4:38
3	CCSU	14 yd. pass - Mallory	3	21	1:21
3	CCSU	1 yd. run - Mallory	6	75	1:51
4	CCSU	28 yd. FG - Izzo	11	71	4:49
1	RMU	3 yd. pass - Sinclair to Link	9	32	4:50
2	RMU	39 yd. FG - Clawson	3	31	0:14
4	RMU	20 yd. FG - Clawson	14	79	5:38
2	WAG	28 yd. run - Williams	10	83	5:05
3	WAG	2 yd. run - Doscher	8	59	3:42
4	WAG	13 yd. pass - Doscher to Matthews	9	72	3:01

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UALBANY OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player (Ht., Wt., Cl.)
TE	32	PAUL BOOKER (6-4, 240, So.)
	84	Matt Goss (6-4, 240, R-Fr.)
LT	64	VINCE GONZALES (6-4, 275, Sr.)
	77	Jordan Migliore (6-6, 295, So.)
LG	55	KYLE O'KEEFE (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	78	Andrew Stevens (6-4, 280, Sr.)
C	62	ANDY SPARANO (5-11, 270, Sr.)
	66	Matt Faughnan (6-3, 290, Sr.)
RG	66	MATT FAUGHNAN (6-3, 290, Sr.)
	70	Justin Anderson (6-5, 280, So.)
RT	71	KEITH PEIFER (6-5, 280, Jr.)
	76	Kadeem Williams (6-7, 310, R-Fr.)
WR	8	RYAN KIRCHNER (6-1, 180, So.)
	2	Nick Hutcherson (5-9, 175, So.)
WR	19	JOHN LULLEN (6-2, 195, Jr.)
	85	Jason Poore (6-6, 215, Sr.)
QB	12	DAN Di LELLA (6-5, 225, Jr.)
	7	Buddy Leathley (6-1, 185, R-Fr.)
FB	46	JUSTIN PETERSEN (6-0, 230, Jr.)
	47	Ben Carl (6-1, 207, So.)
TB	10	ANDREW SMITH (6-2, 225, So.)
	5	Tramaine Wilson (5-10, 190, R-Fr.)

UALBANY DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player (Ht., Wt., Cl.)
DE	53	MIKE KELLY (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	56	Marc Wargo (6-2, 235, Jr.)
DT	95	ZACH GALLO (6-0, 250, Jr.)
	93	Ocieka Bakou (6-0, 250, So.)
DT	91	TREVOR ANDERSON (6-2, 295, Sr.)
	35	Dean Mercuris (6-2, 245, So.)
DE	96	EDDIE DELANEY (6-6, 245, Jr.)
	99	Wil Moushey (6-4, 235, Jr.)
ILB	45	DAVE PLUNGAS (6-2, 230, So.)
	57	Chris Wilk (6-2, 230, Jr.)
ILB	11	JON MORGAN (6-2, 220, So.)
	31	Said Gaida (5-10, 220, Sr.)
OLB	24	CHRIS BLAIS (6-0, 210, Sr.)
	43	Raymond Dorcely (6-0, 195, Jr.)
CB	18	ROSS BERTRAND (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	26	Nick Crockett (5-10, 175, So.)
S	4	JAKE CICCARELLO (5-11, 195, Jr.)
	40	Rob Cervini (5-11, 195, Jr.)
FS	22	JUSTIN HASSAN (6-1, 195, So.)
	28	Justinian Mason (6-1, 190, R-Fr.)
CB	21	LEON SADDLER (5-10, 170, So.)
	9	Duane Harper (6-0, 193, Jr.)

UALBANY SPECIALISTS

KO	13	HERB GLASS
FG/PAT	13	HERB GLASS
PUNTER	15	PAUL LAYTON
HOLDER	17	BOBBY WOODS
SNAPPER	53	MIKE KELLY (S), 99 WIL MOUSHEY (L)
KOR	10	ANDREW SMITH, 20 DILLON ROMAIN
PR	10	ANDREW SMITH

MAINE DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player (Ht., Wt., Cl.)
DE	44	KRIS ENSLEN (6-5, 260, So.)
	99	Michael Cole (6-2, 250, R-Fr.)
NT	92	RAIBONNE CHARLES (6-0, 250, Jr.)
	90	Ryan Nani (6-2, 315, Sr.)
DT	77	KEVIN PHANOR (6-1, 280, Jr.)
	94	Omar Jacobs (6-2, 265, Sr.)
DE	91	DOUG ALSTON (6-3, 225, So.)
	59	Spencer Wood (6-2, 250, So.)
ROV	4	MARK MASTERSON (6-3, 235, Sr.)
	23	Troy Russell (6-3, 220, So.)
LB	10	DONTE DENNIS (6-0, 220, Jr.)
	22	Levi Ervin (6-2, 220, Jr.)
LB	40	VINSON GIVANS (6-0, 225, Jr.)
	33	Shawn Bodtman (5-11, 210, R-Fr.)
SS	26	JERRON McMILLIAN (5-11, 215, Jr.)
	47	Michael Mangiarelli (6-0, 185, Fr.)
FS	3	TREVOR COSTON (5-10, 210, Jr.)
	15	Jamal Clay (5-10, 185, R-Fr.)
CB	20	STEVEN BARKER (5-10, 190, Sr.)
	25	Kendall James (5-11, 165, R-Fr.)
CB	7	DOMINIC CUSANO (5-9, 175, Sr.)
	29	Darlos James (5-10, 175, So.)

MAINE OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player (Ht., Wt., Cl.)
WR	8	TYRELL JONES (6-3, 210, Sr.)
	81	Maurice McDonald (6-0, 180, So.)
WR	5	DESMOND RANDALL (6-0, 185, Sr.)
	83	Derrick Johnson (5-11, 180, R-Fr.)
LT	74	JOSH SPEARIN (6-4, 290, So.)
	76	Alex Batanian (6-6, 295, Jr.)
LG	55	MATT BARBER (6-6, 295, Sr.)
	72	Matt Spearin (6-3, 280, So.)
C	56	GARRET WILLIAMSON (6-3, 275, So.)
	58	Steve Shea (6-4, 290, Jr.)
RG	50	CHRIS HOWLEY (6-3, 295, So.)
	78	Will Martin (6-2, 285, So.)
RT	75	JOE HOOK (6-5, 290, R-Fr.)
	65	Douglas Nash (6-5, 290, R-Fr.)
TE	80	DEREK BUTTLES (6-5, 230, Jr.)
	82	Jeff Falvey (6-5, 260, So.)
QB	13	WARREN SMITH (6-1, 205, Jr.)
	12	Chris Treister (6-0, 200, Jr.)
FB	21	JARED TURCOTTE (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	30	Conor Keating (6-0, 220, Jr.)
HB	6	DEREK SESSION (6-1, 225, Jr.)
	2	Pushaun Brown (5-10, 205, Jr.)

MAINE SPECIALISTS

KO	27	BRIAN HARVEY
FG/PAT	37	JORDAN WAXMAN
PUNTER	39	CHRIS GENNARO
HOLDER	12	CHRIS TREISTER
SNAPPER	50	CHRIS HOWLEY (S), 35 RYAN McCROSSAN (L)
KOR	20	STEVEN BARKER
PR	3	TREVOR COSTON

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1 Ben Miseikis.....TB, 5-10, 205, R-Fr. Fort Johnson, N.Y. (Amsterdam)	38 Brandon Baylor.....S, 6-0, 180, Fr. Wheaton, Md. (St. John's College)	77 Jordan Migliore.....OT, 6-6, 295, So. Closter, N.J. (Northern Valley Regional)
2 Nick Hutcherson.....WR, 5-9, 175, So. Baltimore, Md. (Mount St. Joseph)	39 Corey Bundrage.....ILB, 6-3, 215, R-Fr. Liverpool, N.Y. (Liverpool)	78 Andrew Stevens.....OG, 6-4, 280, Sr. Sarasota, Fla. (Sarasota)
3 Sean Kenny.....P, 5-10, 210, So. Ghent, N.Y. (Chatham Central)	40 Rob Cervini.....S, 5-11, 195, Jr. West Nyack, N.Y. (St. Joseph Regional)	79 Anthony Bazzoffi.....OG, 6-3, 335, So. Albany, N.Y. (LaSalle Institute)
4 Jake Ciccarello.....S, 5-11, 195, Jr. Altamonte Springs, Fla. (Winter Springs)	41 Omar Osbourne.....TB, 6-1, 195, Fr. Syracuse, N.Y. (Bishop Ludden)	80 Luke Weaver.....WR, 6-4, 225, Jr. Albany, N.Y. (Christian Brothers Academy)
5 Tramaine Wilson.....TB, 5-10, 190, R-Fr. Staten Island, N.Y. (Tottenville)	42 Chris Bouchard.....ILB, 6-3, 205, So. Troy, N.Y. (Catholic Central)	81 Jameel Gay.....WR, 5-11, 165, Fr. Tampa, Fla. (Alonso)
6 Chris Van Zelfden.....ILB, 6-0, 230, Sr. Marietta, Ga. (George Walton)	42 Allen Eggleston.....TB, 5-8, 185, R-Fr. Powell, Ohio (Olentangy Liberty)	82 Matt Berwager.....TE, 6-3, 230, R-Fr. Longwood, Fla. (Lake Brantley)
7 Buddy Leathley.....QB, 6-1, 185, R-Fr. Manlius, N.Y. (Fayetteville-Manlius)	43 Raymond Dorcely.....OLB, 6-0, 195, Jr. Spring Valley, N.Y. (Spring Valley)	84 Matt Goss.....TE, 6-4, 240, R-Fr. Ledgewood, N.J. (Roxbury)
8 Ryan Kirchner.....WR, 6-1, 180, So. Rumson, N.J. (Rumson-Fair Haven)	45 Dave Plungas.....ILB, 6-2, 230, So. Concord Twp., Ohio (Mentor Lake Catholic)	85 Jason Poore.....WR, 6-6, 215, Sr. North Hoosick, N.Y. (Hoosick Falls Central)
9 Duane Harper.....CB, 6-0, 193, Jr. Brooklyn, N.Y. (Samuel J. Tilden)	46 Justin Petersen.....FB, 6-0, 230, Jr. Palmerton, Pa. (Palmerton Area)	86 Lance Fanthorp.....WR, 5-10, 175, Fr. Morrow, Ohio (Morrow Little Miami)
10 Andrew Smith.....QB/TB, 6-2, 225, So. Schenectady, N.Y. (Guilderland)	47 Ben Carl.....FB, 6-1, 207, So. Syracuse, N.Y. (Solvay)	87 Cole King.....WR, 6-1, 185, Fr. Syracuse, N.Y. (Henninger)
11 Jon Morgan.....ILB, 6-2, 220, So. Copiague, N.Y. (Copiague)	48 Mike Browne.....CB, 5-9, 185, R-Fr. Buffalo, N.Y. (Canisius)	88 Nate Papso.....TE, 6-4, 235, R-Fr. Binghamton, N.Y. (Binghamton)
12 Dan Di Lella.....QB, 6-5, 225, Jr. Neshanic Station, N.J. (Somerville)	48 Danny Desbiens.....FB, 5-10, 210, R-Fr. Schenectady, N.Y. (Schenectady)	89 Rhakeem Wiggins.....WR, 5-10, 175, R-Fr. Cheektowaga, N.Y. (Cleveland Hill)
13 Herb Glass.....PK, 5-11, 180, Jr. Miller Place, N.Y. (Miller Place)	49 Brian Parker.....TE, 6-4, 240, Fr. Henrietta, N.Y. (McQuaid Jesuit)	90 Tom Bradley.....DE, 6-4, 230, R-Fr. Syracuse, N.Y. (Solvay)
14 Will Fiacchi.....QB, 6-3, 200, Fr. Marcellus, N.Y. (Marcellus)	50 Kyle Jordan.....OLB, 5-11, 195, Fr. Bernardsville, N.J. (Immaculata)	91 Trevor Anderson.....DT, 6-2, 295, Sr. Wamersville, N.Y. (Cobleskill-Richmondville)
15 Paul Layton.....P/PK, 6-1, 210, R-Fr. Burnt Hills, N.Y. (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake)	51 Christian Dorsey.....ILB, 5-11, 200, Fr. Montclair, N.J. (Montclair)	93 Ocieka Bakou.....DT, 6-0, 250, So. Rochester, N.Y. (Pittsford Sutherland)
16 Jake Meek.....QB, 6-1, 210, Fr. Penfield, N.Y. (Bishop Kearney)	52 Eddie Tretina.....ILB, 6-0, 215, R-Fr. Cherry Hill, N.J. (Camden Catholic)	94 Tim Kologrivov.....DT, 6-0, 265, Fr. Wyckoff, N.J. (Ramapo)
17 Bobby Woods.....P, 5-9, 185, Sr. Sayreville, N.J. (Sayreville)	53 Mike Kelly.....DE, 6-2, 235, Sr. West Long Branch, N.J. (Red Bank Catholic)	95 Zach Gallo.....DT, 6-0, 250, Jr. Sayville, N.Y. (Sayville)
18 Ross Bertrand.....CB, 5-11, 185, Sr. Stamford, Conn. (Stamford)	54 Jake Dwyer.....ILB, 6-2, 220, Fr. Springboro, Ohio (Springboro)	96 Eddie Delaney.....DE, 6-6, 245, Jr. Holtsville, N.Y. (Sachem East)
19 John Lullen.....WR, 6-2, 195, Jr. Wesley Chapel, Fla. (Tampa Gaither)	55 Kyle O'Keefe.....OG, 6-3, 290, Jr. Wappingers Falls, N.Y. (Roy C. Ketcham)	97 Ryan Conway.....DT, 6-2, 248, Fr. Brunswick, Ohio (Brunswick)
20 Dillon Romain.....TB, 5-11, 210, Fr. Staten Island, N.Y. (Tottenville)	56 Marc Wargo.....DE, 6-2, 245, Jr. East Windsor, N.J. (Hightstown)	98 Zach Morton.....DE, 6-5, 225, Fr. Burnt Hills, N.Y. (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake)
21 Leon Saddler.....CB, 5-10, 170, So. Syracuse, N.Y. (Christian Brothers Acad.)	57 Chris Wilk.....ILB, 6-2, 230, Jr. Philadelphia, Pa. (Archbishop Ryan)	99 Wil Moushey.....DE, 6-4, 235, Jr. Glenshaw, Pa. (Shaler)
22 Justin Hassan.....FS, 6-1, 195, So. Staten Island, N.Y. (Brooklyn Technical)	58 Corey Smith.....DE, 6-3, 220, Fr. Port Chester, N.Y. (Port Chester)	
23 Kevin Chillis.....WR, 5-8, 165, R-Fr. Buffalo, N.Y. (McKinley)	59 Andrew Smith.....DT, 6-2, 255, Fr. Wading River, N.Y. (Riverhead)	
24 Chris Blais.....OLB, 6-0, 210, Sr. Troy, N.Y. (LaSalle Institute)	61 Chaz Mitchell.....OT/TE, 6-3, 285, Jr. Rochester, N.Y. (East)	
25 Clay Harris.....TB, 5-10, 185, Fr. West Henrietta, N.Y. (Rush-Henrietta)	62 Andy Sparano.....C, 5-11, 270, Sr. Colleyville, Texas (Grapevine)	
26 Nick Crockett.....CB, 5-10, 175, So. Loganville, Ga. (Grayson)	63 Eric LaPorta.....C, 6-2, 250, R-Fr. Yorktown Heights, N.Y. (Yorktown)	
27 Olajunji Idowu.....CB, 5-10, 190, Fr. Wexford, Pa. (North Allegheny)	64 Vince Gonzales.....OT, 6-4, 275, Sr. Ballston Spa, N.Y. (Ballston Spa)	
28 Justinian Mason.....FS, 6-1, 190, R-Fr. Mason, Ohio (Cincinnati St. Xavier)	65 Austin Jenquine.....C, 6-4, 250, Fr. Clearwater, Fla. (Largo)	
29 Randall Exantus.....CB, 5-8, 155, R-Fr. Greenlawn, N.Y. (Elwood-John Glenn)	66 Matt Faughnan.....OG, 6-3, 290, Sr. Binghamton, N.Y. (Chenango Forks)	
30 Xavier Hicks.....CB, 6-0, 175, Fr. Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater)	67 Eugene Horan.....OLB, 5-9, 190, So. Selden, N.Y. (Newfield)	
31 Said Gaida.....ILB, 5-10, 220, Sr. Bloomfield, N.J. (Bloomfield)	68 P. Mbongue-Muna.....OLB, 6-3, 205, R-Fr. Albany, N.Y. (Albany Academy)	
32 Paul Booker.....TE, 6-4, 240, So. Schenectady, N.Y. (Guilderland)	70 Justin Anderson.....OT/TE, 6-5, 280, So. Clifton Park, N.Y. (Shenendehowa)	
33 Everett Tune.....TB, 5-10, 210, Jr. Albany, N.Y. (Albany Academy)	71 Keith Peifer.....OT, 6-5, 280, Jr. Lewisberry, Pa. (Red Land)	
34 Jason Root.....FB, 6-3, 230, Fr. Windermere, Fla. (Lake Highland Prep)	73 John Cunningham.....DT, 6-2, 245, So. Broad Channel, N.Y. (St. Francis Prep)	
35 Dean Mercuris.....DT, 6-2, 245, So. Staten Island, N.Y. (St. Peter's)	74 David Weisz.....OT, 6-5, 265, Fr. Clyde, Ohio (Clyde)	
36 Alex Helmer.....OLB, 6-1, 185, R-Fr. Pompton Lakes, N.J. (Pequannock Twp.)	75 Dillon Gallagher.....OG, 6-3, 275, Fr. Williamsville, N.Y. (Williamsville South)	
37 Kareem Cooper.....CB, 5-9, 185, Jr. Staten Island, N.Y. (Curtis)	76 Kadeem Williams.....OT, 6-7, 310, R-Fr. Jersey City, N.J. (Hudson Catholic)	

UALBANY COACHING STAFF

Bob Ford.....	Head Coach
Mike Simpson.....	Defensive Coordinator
Ryan McCarthy.....	Offensive Coordinator
Drew Christ.....	Defensive Backs
Bill Banagan.....	Defensive Line
Don Mion.....	Linebackers
Mike Morita.....	Offensive Line
Eric Evans.....	Wide Receivers
Jamie Casullo.....	Running Backs
Akeem Cedeno.....	Tight Ends
Matt Scott.....	Cornerbacks

Captain(s): 24 Chris Blais, 53 Mike Kelly,
55 Kyle O'Keefe, 62 Andy Sparano

Season Preview

UAlbany was once again among the Northeast Conference leaders after finishing second in the league standings one year ago. The Great Danes, who have won four NEC titles since 2002, also defeated a national top-20 program for the first time in three years.

Head coach Bob Ford, the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) active leader with 241 career victories, has 45 letterwinners back from last year's 7-4 squad. Ford expects to be competitive.

"We have enough talent, but it depends on how quickly we put the package together," says Ford, who is faced with replacing 17 seniors. "I feel better about our depth at the cornerback and linebacker positions. Our offensive and defensive lines are solid. The quarterback-tailback situation is wrapped together."

Ford continues, "Leadership is an important factor. Several players stepped forward during the spring."

The Great Danes, who have won seven or more games in four consecutive seasons, begin the schedule with Maine and NCAA playoff participant Stephen F. Austin. UAlbany also meets Yale for the first time in preparation for the conference schedule.

The NEC champion receives an automatic berth in the expanded NCAA FCS playoffs. "The team is very aware of the situation," Ford says. "It's exciting because you now have a chance to advance (in the postseason) like many of the other levels of competition."

OFFENSE: The Great Danes return four of five starters on the offensive line for a unit that averaged 26.6 points and 341.3 total yards.

Andy Sparano (5-11, 270) shared the team's top offensive lineman award in his first year as a starter. Sparano, who can play at center and guard, is adept at scanning the front and making the right call or setting the protection. Vince Gonzales (6-4, 275) started all 11 games at left tackle in earning the program's most improved award.

Keith Peifer (6-5, 280) and Kyle O'Keefe (6-3, 290) were regulars as juniors at right tackle and left guard, respectively. Andrew Stevens (6-4, 280) also has starting experience, while Matt Faughnan (6-3, 290) and Chaz Mitchell (6-3, 285) have taken snaps in the heat of the action.

The Great Danes lost their top passer, an all-conference receiver and the school's career rushing leader.

However, quarterback Andrew Smith represents the future after having been used as a triple-threat weapon during his redshirt freshman season. Smith rushed for 379 yards and five touchdowns, threw a scoring pass and caught a pair of TDs. Dan Di Lella (6-5, 225) has game experience. Buddy Leathley, a redshirt freshman, made a move up the two-deep in the spring.

In the receiving corps, Jason Poore (6-6, 215) is the top returnee with 26 receptions for 243 yards and two touchdowns. Ryan Kirchner, a sure-handed sophomore, and John Lullen increased their production with 16 and 14 receptions, respectively. Tight end Paul Booker (6-4, 240) is a rising star who must expand his role. He caught two touchdown passes last year.

UAlbany will have new faces in its rushing attack. Fullbacks Ben Carl and Justin Petersen did not have one single carry last season. Tailbacks Tramaine Wilson, Ben Miseikis and freshman Dillon Romain are in the same boat. Wilson ran for 92 yards and one TD in UAlbany's spring game. Romain, a prep school star in the fall of 2009, entered school last January.

DEFENSE: The Great Danes were tough against the run and allowed just over 19 points per game. "We have a solid line with decent safeties and a good cornerback," Ford states.

Trevor Anderson (6-2, 295) earned first-team All-NEC honors last year and can still elevate his play to another level. Anderson, who has more than 100 career tackles, was second the team in sacks (3.0). Zach Gallo (6-0, 250) had 38 tackles as a defensive tackle.

Mike Kelly (6-2, 235), Eddie Delaney (6-6, 245) and Marc Wargo (6-2, 245) are all talented defensive ends. Kelly had 26 tackles in a season interrupted by a leg injury. He had 5.5 sacks the previous year. Delaney, who plays with one hand, made 33 tackles, including six for losses, after receiving second-team all-league recognition in 2008. Wargo had 13 tackles and 3.0 sacks as a sophomore.

"Anderson and Delaney are the type of players who can make us better by raising their level," Ford offers. "That's when the other team will have to consider ways to block them."

All four starting linebackers, including two first-team selections, graduated. Chris Wilk (6-2, 230) and Dave Plungas (6-2, 230) earned quality time at the inside positions. Wilk had 14 tackles and one interception, while Plungas made 17 stops. Hofstra



Defensive tackle Trevor Anderson is a Division I FCS All-America candidate.

transfer Said Gaida, who has 32 career appearances, and Chris Van Zelfden will also see the field.

Jon Morgan (6-2, 210) made the successful transition from outside to inside linebacker in the spring. Morgan, who has strength and vision, had 33 tackles and two fumble recoveries in his first year as a collegian.

The Great Danes will have several veteran outside linebackers vying for starting roles. Chris Blais, who missed all of last season with a pair of hand injuries, saw his first time on the outside in the 2008 campaign and made 31 tackles. Raymond Dorcely and Alex Helmer are also available.

Ross Bertrand, who has 105 career tackles, will start for the third consecutive season at cornerback. Duane Harper (13 tackles) made the transition from tailback last year. Leon Saddler, who originally attended C.W. Post, and Kareem Cooper have worked their way into more significant roles.

Jake Ciccarello, the star of last year's Maine victory, and Justin Hassan appear to have the edge at the safety positions. Ciccarello totaled 30 tackles, two interceptions and three blocked kicks, while Hassan made 16 tackles. Redshirt freshman Justianian Mason and Rutgers transfer Rob Cervini are on the rise.

KICKING GAME: A talented group of kickers include Herb Glass, a second-team All-NEC pick. He led the team in scoring with 61 points and made 12 of 18 field goals. Bobby Woods averaged 36.2 yards per punt. Redshirt freshman Paul Layton will challenge.