



# Gino Rossi

**Hometown:** Albany, NY

**High School(s):** Schalmont

**College(s):** Virginia Tech, University at Albany (Master's)

**Did You Play College Soccer There?** Yes



## **Current Profession:**

Multifamily Real Estate Analyst, Novogradac Consulting LLP

## **Key Influence(s) at BWP?**

Steve Freeman, Kirk Sinkins, Jake Boland, Bill Salmeri

## **How/why did you choose them as key influence(s)?**

In the most challenging years of my life - physically, mentally, and socially, these individuals pushed me to remain focused as an athlete, a student, and a leader on and off the pitch. Without their guidance, faith in me, and expertise, I wouldn't have been able to excel and play at such a high level.

## **Most Enjoyable Part of Playing for BWP?**

Creating a band of brothers outside of school. Forced me to get out of my comfort zone and compete with top players and individuals in the capital region. The commitment to getting to the next level and knowing I wasn't in it alone.

## **Favorite Memory at BWP?**

U-12s winning State Cup and heading to Regionals where Aaron Sterngass got sent off and we all took a picture with him holding up his player pass. That experience with that group of guys was one I'll never forget. Shoutout Justin for going back to that stadium and suiting up in Marshall Football colors! Also playing against Jack Harrison in EDP down under the bridge in Manhattan - with my future college coach, Mike Brizendine watching.

## **How did BWP help you get to where you are today?**

The connections to collegiate programs, the knowledge and expertise of the staff, and the support and camaraderie from my parents, teammates, and teammates' parents throughout the years.

## **What were the most important lessons learned from your BWP experience?**

Other than the soccer piece giving us the opportunity to compete with and against the best in the country, playing for BWP forced me to commit at a young age to a craft; face adversity; push me to new physical, mental, and emotional limits; and develop and build chemistry within a team.

## **Why are you involved with the BWP Alumni Association?**

To give back to all the kids that have a dream like I did. To provide current players and families with the resources that I would have loved to have when I was their age.

To reconnect with fellow peers and teammates and network with some top individuals.

