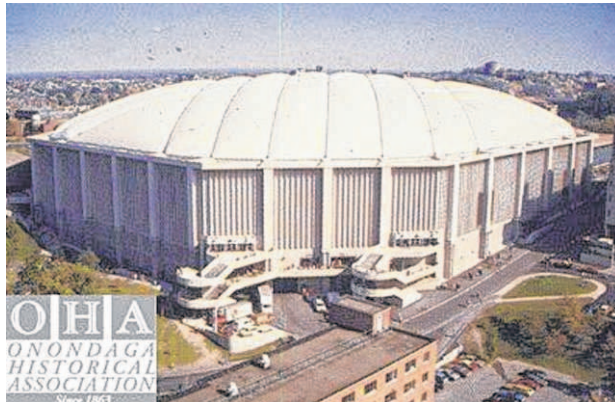


LOCAL HISTORY

Dome opener: 50,000 fans

Each week, the Onondaga Historical Association looks back at important events:

35 Years Ago: On Sept. 20, 1980, the Carrier Dome opened with 50,000 football fans witnessing a 36-24 Syracuse victory over Miami University (of Ohio). "The Dome" replaced the aging Archbold Stadium, which had been built on the same spot in 1907. The project cost approximately \$27 million (about \$78 million today) to complete. It is the



The Carrier Dome in 1980. (OHA photo)

largest domed stadium on any college campus and the largest domed stadium in the Northeast. It can seat over 30,000 people for basketball games and nearly 50,000 for football games. Over the past 35 years, the Dome has been the site of sporting events, commencements and convocations, concerts and community events.

— Dan Connors for the OHA



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