

Alfred Rugby nationally ranked

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred men&s rugby team is ranked 18th in the recently-released National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO) Top 40 poll.

Alfred, a club team made up of students from Alfred University and Alfred State College, is tied for the 18th spot with Paul Smith&s College. Alfred beat Paul Smith&s for the NSCRO Upstate Championship on Nov. 4 before falling in a rematch two weeks later in at the NSCRO Northeast Region Championships.

The Alfred men&s rugby team has enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in program&s 32-year history, finishing the 2017-18 season with a 9-2 record and claiming the program&s first-ever NSCRO Upstate championship.

After claiming a regional qualifying matchup against SUNY Maritime on Nov. 11, Alfred advanced to the four-team Northeast Regional Championships Nov. 18-19 in North Adams, MA. Alfred was looking to win a regional crown and thus earn its first-ever berth in the NSCRO National Championships, held in the spring. However, the team lost to Maine-Farmington in the first round of regional play before ending the year with the loss to Paul Smith&s in the third-place match.