

## **Alfred University football players sweep weekly Empire 8 awards**

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ALFRED Alfred University swept the weekly Empire 8 Athletic Conference player of the week awards for football. Two AU players were awarded by the conference for their performance in Alfred's 41-6 victory over visiting Hartwick on Saturday, Oct. 11. Senior tailback Jesse Raynor (Weedsport/Weedsport) claimed the Offensive Player of the Week honors. He rushed for 228 yards on 18 carries and scored three touchdowns against Hartwick. Raynor also caught two passes, averaged 36.8 yards on five punts and returned two kickoffs for 36 yards. Junior defensive end Bill Battaglia (Cheektowaga/Cheektowaga) was named Co-Defensive Player of the Week. He had six tackles (three solo) against Hartwick. His quarterback sack in the third quarter forced a fumble. He picked up the loose ball and ran 25 yards for a touchdown. Battaglia shares the weekly honor with Ithaca's Bryan Steele. The Empire 8 is made up of Alfred University, Elmira College, Hartwick College, Ithaca College, Nazareth College, Rochester Institute of Technology, St. John Fisher College and Utica College.