

## **AU's Hassler named top coach, Linaberry top rookie in Empire 8 men's soccer**

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ALFRED -- Bobby Linaberry (Manlius/Fayetteville-Manlius), a freshman forward on the Alfred University men's soccer team, has been named Rookie of the Year by the Empire 8 Conference. AU head coach Ken Hassler was named Coach of the Year. Alfred also had three players named to the All-Conference Second Team, while four others were given honorable mention. Linaberry was the Saxons' top scorer during the regular season, with 15 points on a team-high seven goals and one assist. Hassler, in his 13th season as head coach at AU, led the Saxons to a 9-5-4 record (3-3 Empire 8) and the Saxons' first NCAA tournament appearance in 15 years and it's second conference co-championship in three seasons. He also won the league's top coaching honor in 2001. Named to the Second Team were Linaberry, freshman midfielder Jarett Sanatar (Great Neck/Great Neck North) and junior forward Keith Phelan (Baldwin/Baldwin). Sanatar scored seven points on three goals and an assist. Phelan was the team's second leading scorer during the regular season, with 13 points on four goals and a team-high five assists. Phelan scored both his team's goals in a pair of 1-1 double-overtime ties in the conference championship tournament. Earning honorable mention were junior defenders Randy Clukey (Bath, ME/Morse) and Stephen Robin (Foster, RI/Ponaganset), sophomore defender Adam Morgan (Byron/Byron-Bergen) and junior midfielder Brian Donahoe (Elmira/Elmira Free Academy).