

## **Alfred University's Raynor chosen to play in Aztec Bowl**

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ALFRED -- Alfred University's Jesse Raynor (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) has been selected to play in the 2003 Aztec Bowl, an all-star football game that pits players from Division III colleges and universities against the Mexican National Team. The game, sponsored by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) will be played Saturday, Dec. 13, in Cancun, Mexico. Raynor is one of 42 NCAA Division III seniors chosen by the AFCA to play in the game. Raynor recently concluded a stellar playing career at Alfred, which saw him break several school records, including career rushing (3,865 yards), career scoring (326 points) and career touchdowns (44). He was named the 2003 Empire 8 Player of the Year and a First Team all-conference selection at running back after rushing for 1,184 yards and 11 touchdowns. Raynor was also a starting cornerback and was the Saxons' punter, placekicker and primary kickoff return man. He averaged 37.5 yards per punt, earning Second Team all-conference honors as a punter. The Aztec Bowl serves as the traditional season-ending game for Mexico's college football season. The game has been played 29 times since 1947, with the last six contests matching the Mexican National Team against Division III all-stars from the United States. The United States has won each of the six meetings, including last year's 15-9 victory in Torreon. Raynor is the second Alfred University player to participate in the contest. Former Saxon strong safety Brian Keefer, a 2001 AU graduate, played in the 2000 Aztec Bowl in Merida, which the United States won, 27-26. Aztec Bowl alumni include three current NFL players: London Fletcher (John Carroll University, 1997, now a linebacker with the Buffalo Bills), Clint Kriewaldt (Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 1998, now a linebacker with the Pittsburgh Steelers) and Josh Warner (SUNY Brockport, 2000, now an offensive lineman with the Chicago Bears). This year's Aztec Bowl will be played at Estadio Cancun 86 in Cancun. Coach for the United States team is Ron Schipper, former head coach at Central College in Iowa.