

Alfred University's Raynor earns regional honors from Football Gazette

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ALFRED -- Alfred University's Jesse Raynor (Weedsport/Weedsport) has been named to the 2003 All-East Region Third Team by Don Hansen's Football Gazette, an on-line and print publication specializing in small college football. Raynor, a senior tailback, rushed for 1,184 yards and 11 touchdowns and caught 15 passes, leading the Saxons to a 5-5 record (2-2 Empire 8). He broke the University's career rushing record this season and will leave AU holding most career rushing and scoring marks. He also earned a spot on the all-conference First Team as a running back and on the Second Team as a punter. Raynor was also the Saxons top kick returner, averaging 22.5 yards per return; its placekicker, making six field goals and 16 extra points; and a starting cornerback, making 16 tackles (11 solo) and breaking up four passes. He averaged 37.5 yards per punt and landed 23 kicks inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Raynor is set to play in the Aztec Bowl this Saturday, Dec. 13, in Cancun, Mexico. The game, sponsored by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), pits a team of Division III all-stars against the Mexican National Team. Raynor was chosen by the AFCA as a tailback and punter.