

Alfred University defense shines in 35-3 victory over Case Western

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University football team rolled to a 35-3 victory over visiting Case Western Saturday afternoon at Merrill Field. The Saxon defense was outstanding, holding the visitors to 50 yards in offense (including minus-12 rushing) and five first downs. Freshman linebacker Blake Fuller (Newark, NY/Newark) led the AU defense with five solo tackles (including two for loss and a sack), two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery. Junior linebacker Brenton Brady (Rochester, NY/Marshall) had a team-high eight tackles and a sack, while senior defensive end Bill Battaglia (Cheektowaga, NY/JFK) had a pair of sacks and fumble recovery. Alfred, the fifth-ranked team in the East Region in the most recent Division III coaches' poll, improves to 6-1 overall and is 3-1 in the Empire 8. Case Western falls to 3-5 on the year. AU took a 7-0 lead with 4:28 left in the opening quarter when senior quarterback Ron Duliba (Forestville/Forestville) hit junior wide receiver Craig Zarzycki (Gansevoort, NY/Schuylerville) with a 26-yard TD pass. After Case scored a field goal midway through the second to make it 7-3, AU scored three touchdowns in the final 4:11 to go into halftime up 28-3. Duliba connected with junior wide receiver TyQuan Horton (Syracuse, NY/Corcoran) on a 20-yard TD. Brady plowed in from two yards out with two minutes left in the half before Duliba hit Horton again, this time from 21 yards out, with 20 seconds left in the half. Duliba finished with 223 yards passing and four touchdowns, while Horton caught three passes for 46 yards and two scores. The Saxons closed out the scoring with 3:46 left in the third quarter, when Duliba passed to freshman tailback Lee Bates (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa) for a 70-yard touchdown. AU sophomore Chaz Bruce (Rochester, NY/Marshall) had 52 yards on the ground to lead all rushers. It is only the second time in seven games Bruce has failed to top the 100-yard mark. Freshman tailback Elmer Newsome (Cadosia, NY/Hancock) spelled Bruce in the fourth and ran for 40 yards on nine carries. Case Western freshman quarterback Robert Gavlak threw for 56 yards but was intercepted twice. Wideout Scott Greer caught a team-high three passes for 29 yards. Linebacker Adam Heath had a game-high nine tackles, including two for loss and a sack, to pace the Case defense. Linebacker Tim Brew and safety Scott Madden each had two sacks, while Madden also added an interception. AU freshman linebacker Don Daniels (Groton, NY/Homer) had a sack and freshman tackle Don Miller (LeRoy, NY/LeRoy) had a career single-game high seven tackles. Sophomore linebacker Nick Gatto (Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove) and senior cornerback Joe Nigro (Seneca Falls, NY/Mynderse) each had interceptions for the Saxons. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, October 30, at 1 p.m. at Grove City.