

Alfred University men's soccer falls in opening round of Empire 8 tournament

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ST. JOHN FISHER The Alfred University men's soccer team traveled to St. John Fisher Wednesday afternoon where they dropped a 4-3 decision to the two-seed in the opening round of the Empire 8 tournament. After St. John Fisher took a 2-0 lead early in the game, three-seeded Alfred got on the board when senior midfielder Keith Phelan (Baldwin/Baldwin) scored on an assist from senior Brian Donahoe (Elmira/Elmira Free Academy). The Saxons then tied it up just over two minutes into the second half when sophomore Jarett Sanatar (Great Neck/Great Neck North) scored his 12th goal of the season unassisted. Freshman Adam Long (Bath/Haverling) gave Alfred the lead at 68:33 when he scored an unassisted goal, putting the Saxons up 3-2. A goal by St. John Fisher (10-8) late in regulation would force the game into overtime. With just 53 seconds gone in the extra period, the Cardinals would score a goal to seal the game. Goalie Brian Middleton (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) spent the entire game in net for AU, making seven saves. St. John Fisher goalie Pete Schatz also recorded seven saves in a complete game. Alfred finished the season with a 10-6-1 record overall and 4-3-0 in Empire 8.