

## **AU hosting ECAC men's lacrosse championships this weekend**

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Alfred University has been scheduled to host the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III men's lacrosse championships this weekend.

AU (12-3) is the second seed in the six-team tournament, which will be held Wednesday (May 6) and Saturday and Sunday (May 9-10). On Wednesday, third-seeded Stockton will host sixth-seeded Lebanon Valley, while fourth-seeded Marywood will entertain fifth-seeded Misericordia.

Top-seeded Western New England University and AU get byes to Saturday's semifinals at Yunevich Stadium. Alfred will play the winner of the Stockton-Lebanon Valley matchup at 4:30 p.m.; Western New England will play the winner of the Marywood-Misericordia game at 7 p.m.

The semifinal winners will play for the tournament championship at 4 p.m., Sunday at Yunevich Stadium.

Normally, the ECAC holds two Division III men's lacrosse championships: for the Mid-Atlantic Region (of which AU is part) and the New England Region. This year, the ECAC opted to combine the regional championships into one Division III championship tournament.

Alfred last played in the ECAC championships in 2013, falling in the first round to Lebanon Valley. Prior to that, AU played in four ECAC Upstate Championship tournaments: in 1973, 1989, 1995 and 1996.

The Saxons have a combined 2-3 record all-time in the four-team Upstate tournaments. AU won the 1995 tournament, played at Alfred, defeating Oswego in the semifinals and Union in the title game. The last time Alfred hosted an ECAC tournament was 1996, when the Saxons fell to Oswego in the semifinals of the Upstate Championships.