

AU football team names 2005 captains

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University football team has named its captains for the 2005 season. Captains for next year will be senior linebacker Brenton Brady (Rochester, NY/Marshall), junior strong safety Aaron Meyers (Delevan, NY/Pioneer), senior offensive tackle Matt Nelson (Glens Falls, NY/Glens Falls), junior defensive end Andy Rantz (Montandon, PA/Milton Area) and senior fullback Chris Reger (Warsaw, NY/Warsaw). Brady is the lone returning captain from a 2004 Saxon squad that went 8-3 and claimed the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Northeast Championship. He was named Empire 8 Conference Player of the Year and ECAC Northwest Region Player of the Year after leading the team in tackles with 96, including 14 for loss and seven sacks to go with a team-high four interceptions (one returned for a TD) and three fumble recoveries. Brady also scored four rushing touchdowns. He was named a D3football.com honorable mention All-America and a member of Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-East Region squad. Meyers has been a starter at strong safety since his freshman year, when he was named Empire 8 Defensive Rookie of the Year. He was second on the team in tackles in 2004 with 78 (3.5 for loss). An All-Empire 8 honorable mention selection, he intercepted two passes and defended a team-leading 10 passes. Nelson is entering his third year as a starter on the Saxons' offensive line. He was a Second Team All-Empire 8 pick in 2004, when he helped anchor a line that led the team to 310 yards in offense per game, including 141.5 on the ground. Rantz was an honorable mention conference all-star in 2004, his first year as a starter. He tallied 44 tackles, including 5.5 for loss and two sacks. He also had one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and one interception (which he returned for a touchdown). Entering his senior year, Reger has won two letters: as a starting fullback in 2003 and as a starting tight end last season. In 2004, he caught six passes for 72 yards and two touchdowns and was a solid blocker all season.