

AU men's soccer wins its conference opener against Utica in OT

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The Alfred University men's soccer team won its conference opener against Utica College in overtime Saturday evening at Merrill Field.- Sophomore forward Adam Long (Bath, NY/ Haverling) led the Saxons recording three goals all coming from assists by junior forward Bobby Linaberry (Manlius, NY/ Fayetteville-Manlius). Henry Bick scored both goals for Utica. Alfred's first goal came early with 39:30 remaining in the first half, giving them a 1-0 lead. Utica answered back with 12:12 left in the first half to tie the game 1-1. The second half was a battle of the defenses until Long broke the tie with 7:14 remaining. Utica would not go out without a fight responding quickly to knot the game at 2-2 and forcing overtime. With just under four minutes remaining in the first overtime, Long was able to complete his hat trick off of a Linaberry header to secure the win in the sudden death overtime period. Jim Roberts (Syracuse, NY/ Westhill) went the distance between the pikes for Alfred allowing two goals while saving five Utica shots. Andrew Miller allowed three goals while saving 15 shots for Utica. Alfred (3-2, 1-0 Empire 8) is in action next on Wednesday, Sept 21, at 4 p.m. at Fredonia.