

AU football team defeats Norwich, 21-7, to remain unbeaten in conference play

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NORTHFIELD, VT The Alfred University football team defeated host Norwich University, 21-7, Saturday afternoon to remain unbeaten in Empire 8 Conference play. After a scoreless first half, Alfred (3-1, 2-0 Empire 8) got onto the board 2:26 into the third on a 17-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Paul Keeley (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) to freshman wide receiver Trevor Bork (Fishers, NY/Victor). The Saxons scored twice in the fourth on a pair of short touchdown runs by senior linebacker/running back Brenton Brady (Rochester, NY/Marshall) to go up 21-0 before Norwich got a touchdown with just under seven minutes remaining to close out the game's scoring. AU dominated play, enjoying a 38-minute to 22-minute time of possession advantage. The Saxons had 396 yards of offense to Norwich's 154 and had 22 first downs to 10 for the host team. Keeley finished an efficient 12-of-25 for 151 yards and a touchdown. Bork had four catches for 75 yards and a score while senior tight end Chris Reger (Warsaw, NY/Warsaw) and senior wideout Craig Zarzycki (Gansevoort, NY/Schuylerville) each caught three balls. Sophomore tailback Elmer Newsome (Cadosia, NY/Hancock) ran for 171 yards on 36 carries. It was his third straight game with at least 100 yards on the ground. Norwich quarterback Marcus Adames was held to 78 yards passing. Adam DeJong and Andreas Craig each caught three passes. Running back Darnell Jackson, who scored Norwich's lone touchdown, had 59 yards on 10 carries. The AU defense turned in a solid performance. Sophomore linebacker Blake Fuller (Newark, NY/Newark) had a team-high five tackles. Junior defensive end Andy Rantz (Montandon, PA/Milton Area) had four tackles, including two for loss and a sack. Sophomore tackles Don Miller (LeRoy, NY/LeRoy) and Mike Penkin (Rochester, NY/Greece Athena) and junior end Chris Mayotte (Syracuse, NY/Onondaga) each had a sack for Alfred. Evan Thomas had a game-high 14 tackles to lead the Norwich defense. Chick Weir had 13 stops (nine solo), while Greg Abell had 10 tackles, including three for loss. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m. for its Homecoming Game against visiting Hartwick.