

## **Saxons run winning streak to five with 38-18 win over Utica**

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University football team defeated visiting Utica College, 38-18, Saturday afternoon at Merrill Field. It was the Saxons' fifth straight victory and kept Alfred (5-1 overall) atop the Empire 8 standings with a perfect 4-0 conference record. Sophomore tailback Elmer Newsome (Cadosia, NY/Hancock) notched his fifth straight game with at least 100 yards rushing and the Saxons used a 17-0 run over a five-minute period in the third quarter run to pull away from the visiting Pioneers, who fall to 4-2 on the year (1-1 Empire 8). The game was close in the first half. AU marched down the field on its first possession, scoring on a 20-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Paul Keeley (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) to senior tight end Chris Reger (Warsaw, NY/Warsaw) 9:24 into the game. Utica answered with a 33-yard field goal by Mike Blanchfield less than a minute into the second quarter before Keeley connected again with Reger, this time on 17-yard scoring play, to push the Saxon lead to 14-3 with 4:44 left in the second. Blanchfield's second field goal, with a half-second left in the half, made it 14-6 at the break. After intermission, it was all Alfred. The Saxons outscored Utica 17-0 in the third to make the score 31-6. Newsome scored on a 45-yard run with 6:22 left in the third. On Alfred's next possession, freshman tailback Julio Fuentes (Olean, NY/Olean) caught a swing pass from Keeley and raced 45 yards for score. Then, with 1:24 remaining in the third, sophomore Chris Reynolds (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford Sutherland) booted a 24-yard field goal. Utica scored a pair of touchdowns in the fourth, sandwiched around Newsome's 1-yard TD run. Newsome finished with 174 yards on 23 carries, a week after running for 220 against Hartwick. As a team, Alfred had 221 yards rushing, while Keeley finished with 135 yards passing and three scores. Fuentes had a game-high five catches for 70 yards, while Reger finished with two catches for 37 yards and two TDs. Utica had 308 yards of offense, with nearly half of it coming in the fourth quarter when the game was out of reach. Fullback Paul Hart had 50 yards rushing and tailback Chad Clark had five carries for 12 yards and a score. Quarterback Nick Martin threw for 102 yards and was intercepted three times before being injured and leaving the game in the fourth. His backup, Alex Conlon passed for 78 yards and touchdown to wideout James Proniewych (four catches for 61 yards). Junior strong safety Aaron Meyers (Delevan, NY/Pioneer) had eight tackles (all solo; two for loss) and a pair of interceptions to lead the AU defense. Senior linebacker Brenton Brady (Rochester, NY/Marshall) had nine tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery. Junior linebacker Nick Gatto (Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove) had 10 tackles and sack while sophomore cornerback Dan Medlock (Garden City Park, NY/Mineola) had an interception. Strong safety Bryan Johnson had eight tackles (six solo) for Utica. Linebacker Rayon Mattis had 10 stops, while end Marco Rubino had five tackles (four solo), including one for loss. Cornerback John Klosner had four tackles and an interception. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Oct. 22, for a 1 p.m. non-conference game at Case Western Reserve.