

## Records fall in Alfred University's 41-7 rout of Canisius College

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ALFRED Three major Alfred University school records were broken in the Saxons' 41-7 rout of visiting Canisius College Saturday afternoon at Merrill Field. Sophomore tailback Jesse Raynor (Weedsport/Weedsport) ran for 265 yards to break the 13-year-old record held by former AU standout Ray Rogers, who rushed for 244 yards against Rochester in 1987. Raynor also scored five touchdowns, breaking the previous record of four, shared by several players. Senior placekicker Ryan Rambacher (Bemus Point/Maple Grove) set the all-time record for scoring by a placekicker when he booted an extra point with just over 10 minutes remaining in the first quarter. The kick came after Raynor scored the first of his five TDs on a four-yard run. Rambacher came into the game with 145 career points, tied with former Saxon kicker Don Hockenberry (1971-73). Rambacher finished the game with 11 points on two field goals and five PATs and now has 156 points for his career. Alfred (4-5) broke open a tight 10-7 game by scoring 17 points in the third quarter and 14 more in the fourth. Raynor got things going with an 83-yard touchdown run down the right sideline 30 seconds into the third quarter. He added a three-yard touchdown run just before the third quarter ended and had scoring runs of three and 18 yards in the final quarter. The Saxon offense dominated the game, piling up 511 yards, including 368 on the ground. AU junior quarterback Todd Zandrowicz (East Aurora/East Aurora) completed 15 of 20 passes for 143 yards, with junior fullback Chuck Fortuna (Allegany/Allegany-Limestone) hauling in four passes for 51 yards. Canisius had 360 yards in offense (255 passing and 105 rushing) but was hurt by seven turnovers (four interceptions, three fumbles). Alfred converted four of the miscues into 20 points on two touchdowns and a pair of field goals. The Golden Griffins couldn't capitalize on any of Alfred's three turnovers. Canisius quarterback Blake Slavonic threw for 230 yards, with senior wideout Jake Coppola grabbing six passes for a game-high 144 yards. Junior tailback David Schmidli rushed for 83 yards and scored the Golden Griffins' lone touchdown on a one-yard run with 12:36 left in the first half. Senior cornerback Craig Spangler (Hamburg/Hamburg) led the AU defense with eight tackles, including one for a loss, and a pair of interceptions. Senior strong safety Brian Keefer (Jamestown/Maple Grove) had seven tackles and an interception, while junior defensive tackle Todd Strong (Deposit/Deposit) added eight tackles, including one for a loss, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Sophomore free safety Scott Przybysz led the Canisius defense with nine tackles. Saturday's game was the fourth straight game in which Raynor rushed for at least 100 yards. During the four-game stretch, Raynor has rushed for 769 yards and eight touchdowns. Alfred wraps up the 2000 season next Saturday, Nov. 11, when the Saxons travel to Grove City for a 1:30 p.m. contest.