

Alfred University football team appoints new junior varsity coach

7/15/08

ALFRED, NY The Alfred University football team announces the appointment of Michael McLaughlin as its new junior varsity coach. McLaughlin will also coach defensive backs for the varsity squad this fall, AU head coach Dave Murray said. He replaces Nick Coleman, who served as head JV coach the last two seasons. McLaughlin comes to Alfred from Plymouth (NH) State University, where he served as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach from 2003-07. During his tenure at Plymouth State, the Panthers had one of the best defenses in the New England Football Conference, ranking first in defense in 2007 and second in 2006. After the 2007 season at Plymouth State, the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston named McLaughlin the Division III Assistant Coach of the Year. McLaughlin graduated in 2003 from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education and exercise science. While at UMass-Boston, he played linebacker and defensive back from 1997-99. He earned a master's degree in education from Plymouth State in May. Prior to taking the assistant coaching position at Plymouth State in 2003, McLaughlin was assistant varsity coach at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, MA, from 1999-2003. He has served as an instructor at football camps hosted by Boston College and the University of New Hampshire. McLaughlin is the second full-time junior varsity coach at Alfred. Coleman served in that capacity when the position was created prior to the 2006 season. Coleman, a standout wide receiver for the Saxons from 2000-03, also served as a graduate assistant coach at Alfred for two seasons (2004 and 2005). He earned a bachelor's degree in glass science engineering from AU in 2004 and a master's degree in glass science engineering in 2006.