

Utica defeats AU men's lacrosse team, 14-9

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ALFRED, NY - The Alfred University men's lacrosse team was defeated by visiting Utica, 14-9, Saturday afternoon. AU trailed 5-1 after one quarter and 8-3 at intermission. The Saxons opened the second half scoring three unanswered goals to trim the Pioneers' lead to 8-6 with 6:17 remaining in the third quarter. Utica's Ben Winkler buried a feed from Joe Schoen, before AU notched a pair of goals to close the third quarter. The Saxons started off strong in the final frame as sophomore midfielder Brendan Sullivan (Stafford, VA/North Stafford/The Kiski School) fired a rocket passed Utica netminder Joe Davis, to even the score a 9-9 with 12:55 remaining in the contest. AU would get no closer, as the Pioneers tallied five unanswered goals over the course of an 11-minute span, en route to claiming a 14-9 victory. For the game, AU had 39 shots to Utica's 37 and the Pioneers picked up 35 groundballs to the Saxons 29. Alfred finished 10-of-26 on face-offs and converted one-of-three extra man opportunities. Senior attackman Stefan Dabkowski (Latham, NY/Shaker (SUNY Delhi)) and sophomore midfielder Derek Green (Pittsburgh, PA/The Kiski School) each scored two goals to lead the Saxons. Sullivan and junior midfielder Dave Malave, Wading River, NY/Shoreham-Wading River) each had a goal and an assist, and senior midfielder Jay Whyel (Markleysburg, PA/Mercersburg Academy) and sophomore attackman Brett Carroll (Buffalo, NY/Bishop Timon-St. Jude) each scored a goal. Junior defender Jake Spadoni (Webster, NY/Webster Schroder) (one goal) led the defense picking up three groundballs and causing three turnovers. Junior midfielder Matt Zon (Buffalo, NY/Sweet Home) picked up a game-high six groundballs and won seven of thirteen face-offs. Winkler finished with a game-high seven points, netting six goals and dishing out one assist. Schoen netted three goals and helped on two others and Trent Thomas scored two goals and had one assist. Sophomore Tyler Beyor (Carthage, NY/Carthage (Regis College) made his first start for the Saxons and made seven saves in 30 minutes of work. Freshman Cody O'Connor (Whitney Point, NY/Whitney Point) played the second half and stopped five shots. Davis went the distance in goal and made a game-high 14 saves for the Pioneers (7-4, 2-1 Empire 8). Alfred is in action next on Wednesday, April 11, at 4 p.m., as they travel to take on Nazareth College in an Empire 8 Conference matchup.