

## Raplee named to D3football.com Preseason All-American team

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ALFRED, NY — **Mike Raplee (Dundee, NY/Dundee)**, a senior defensive tackle on the Alfred University football team, has been named a preseason All-American by D3football.com.

D3football.com, a leading website covering Division III collegiate football, named Raplee to the Second Team. The 6-2, 245-pound Raplee is a three-time Empire 8 Conference all-star who was named an honorable mention D3football.com All-American after his sophomore and junior seasons.

Raplee, a First Team All-Empire 8 pick in 2010 and 2011 (he was honorable mention as a freshman in 2009), is one of four returning starters on the Saxon defense. He had 68 tackles last season, including eight for loss and a team-leading 4.5 sacks. He also earned First Team D3football.com East Region honors and was an ECAC First Team North all-star in 2011.

The Saxons finished the 2011 season with an 8-3 record (4-3 Empire 8), ending the campaign with a 41-10 win at Bridgewater (MA) State in the ECAC Northeast Bowl. AU opens the 2012 season on Sept. 8 at RPI.