

## National Soccer Coaches Association honors Alfred University senior Jeff Thomas

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[Jeff Thomas](#) (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua), a senior defender on the Alfred University men's soccer team, has earned regional honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

The NSCAA on Wednesday announced its all-region teams and Thomas was named to the East Region First Team. As a First Team regional pick, he will now be considered for NSCAA All-American recognition.

Thomas has already been honored for his performance on the field and in the classroom. He has previously been named a First Team Empire 8 Conference all-star and also a CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District 3 honoree.

The CoSIDA academic honors program takes into consideration excellence in the classroom and on the playing field. Student-athletes are eligible if they have a grade point average of at least 3.30. Thomas, a first-year graduate student in the AU Master of Business Administration program, earned a bachelor's degree in political science in May with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.62.

Thomas, a three-time Empire 8 Conference all-star, had a team-leading eight goals and 19 points (eight goals, three assists) for a Saxon squad that finished 9-8-2 overall (3-3-1 Empire 8). AU qualified as the fourth seed in the four-team conference championship tournament, where the Saxons held top-seeded Stevens scoreless through regulation and two overtime periods before falling 6-5 on penalty kicks.