

Saxons to host Albright in NCAA championship first-round game

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University football team is seeded third in the East Region bracket of the NCAA Division III championship tournament and will host sixth-seeded Albright at noon Saturday, Nov. 21, at Merrill Field. If the Saxons (8-1, 4-1 Empire 8) beat Albright, they will take on the winner of Saturday's contest between second-seeded Delaware Valley and seventh-seeded Susquehanna. On the other side of the bracket, top-seeded Mount Union hosts eighth-seeded Washington & Jefferson and fourth-seeded Montclair State plays host to fifth-seeded Maine Maritime. Kickoff for all first-round games is at noon. If AU defeats Albright, the Saxons would play the winner of the Delaware Valley-Susquehanna game on Saturday, Nov. 28. If Delaware Valley wins, they would host Alfred; if Susquehanna wins, AU would host the second-round game. Albright, a member of the Middle Atlantic Conference, finished the regular season with a 9-1 record (6-1 MAC). AU and Albright have one common opponent FDU-Florham from this season. AU defeated Florham 33-28 on Sept. 12, while Albright knocked off the Devils 49-28, on Oct. 31. AU has played in the NCAA Division III championship tournament only once before, in 1981. That year, the Saxons went 10-0 in the regular season before losing their first-round game at Merrill Field, 13-12, to Montclair State.