

## **Red-hot Keeley leads Saxons to 24-3 victory over Utica**

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UTICA, NY Junior quarterback Paul Keeley (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) threw three touchdown passes to lead the Alfred University football team to a dominating 24-3 victory over host Utica College Saturday afternoon. Keeley completed 18 of 30 passes for 244 yards as the Saxons (5-1, 3-1 Empire 8) rolled up 465 yards of offense. The AU defense was equally impressive, holding the host team to 101 yards of offense, including only six yards on the ground. With the loss, Utica falls to 2-4 overall (0-2 Empire 8). Keeley continued a torrid stretch of play that has seen him throw for 792 yards and 10 touchdowns in the last three games. He threw three no interceptions over that span. Alfred got on the board on its first possession, driving 44 yards on 11 plays before junior placekicker Chris Reynolds (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford-Sutherland) connected on a 30-yard field goal midway through the opening quarter. It was Reynolds' fourth field goal of the season, giving him 25 for his career, a new school record. AU scored with two seconds left in the first when Keeley hit freshman tight end Dan Wiacek (Cicero, NY/Cicero-North Syracuse) with a four-yard TD pass to cap a six-play 43-yard drive. Four plays after Utica recovered a fumble deep in AU territory, the Pioneers' Evan White made a 37-yard field goal with 3:48 left in the opening half to make the score 10-3. But Alfred's defense shut out Utica the rest of the way and Keeley threw two long TD passes after intermission to seal the victory. With 1:02 left in the third, Keeley hit freshman wide receiver Saucobie Riley (Rochester, NY/Marshall) with a 67-yard scoring pass. On Alfred's next possession, Keeley hooked up with freshman wideout Jared Manzer (Johnson City, NY/Johnson City) for a 54-yard scoring play. Riley finished with four catches for 113 yards, while Manzer and sophomore wide receiver Trevor Bork (Fishers, NY/Victor) each had five catches, for 65 and 29 yards, respectively. Sophomore tailback Morgan O'Brien (Bradford, PA/Bradford) ran for a career-high 96 yards on 18 carries, while junior tailback Elmer Newsome (Cadosia, NY/Hancock) had 83 yards on 17 attempts. The Alfred defense continued its solid play, holding the Utica offense to five first downs and forcing nine punts and a pair of turnovers. Utica quarterback Nick Martin threw for 95 yards, but running backs Alex Conlon and Anthony Marzano were held to 13 and 12 yards, respectively, on the ground. In Alfred's last three games, Saxon opponents have rushed for a total of 106 yards. AU sophomore strong safety Kenny Johnson (Tonawanda, NY/Sweet Home) had six solo tackles, including one for loss, while freshman linebacker Chad Pieri (LeRoy, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) had seven tackles (2.5 for loss) and a sack. Senior middle linebacker Nick Gatto (Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove) had four tackles (one for loss) and recovered a fumble and junior cornerback Josh Rammacher (Angola, NY/Lake Shore) had three tackles and an interception. Free safety Marcus Maroney led the Utica defense with a game-high 18 tackles (seven solo, two for loss) and a forced fumble. Linebacker Cory Jure and cornerback Lazarus Morgan had nine and six tackles, respectively. Alfred plays next on Saturday, Oct. 21, at noon at Husson College.