Saxons defeated by #8 Hartwick College

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ALFRED The Alfred University men's lacrosse team opened their Empire Eight conference schedule with a hard-fought 14-10 loss to Hartwick College, ranked 8th in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, Saturday afternoon at Merrill Field. The Saxons (4-2, 0-1 Empire 8), ranked 19th in the USILA, controlled the ball well early, but their shots were limited due to a tight, aggressive Hartwick defense. At the end of the first quarter, AU had a 4-3 lead. The Hawks then fought back to hold a 7-6 halftime lead. Hartwick increased their lead to 10-8 after three quarters and controlled the ball very well in the fourth quarter to deny Alfred's comeback bid. Leading the Saxons was senior midfielder Bryan Bacon (Homer/Homer), who had three goals and two assists. Junior midfielder Steve Douglas (Horseheads/Horseheads) and sophomore attack Dylan Macro (Camillus/West Genesee) had three goals and two goals, respectively. In goal for Alfred, senior Kevin Kazmierczak (West Seneca/Orchard Park) stopped 14 Hartwick shots. For the Hawks, senior Ethan Poole collected four goals, while senior Ross Pino netted three goals and three assists. Sophomore Mark Colite had 16 saves in the nets for Hartwick. The next game for the Saxons is Wednesday, April 3 vs. St. John Fisher at 7 p.m. on Merrill Field.--30--