

Saxons advance to championship game of Terrence O'Connor Tournament

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ALFRED The Alfred University men's lacrosse team easily defeated Brockport State, 18-3, on Saturday afternoon to advance to the championship game of the Terrence O'Connor Tournament. The Saxons got off to a fierce start, netting six unanswered goals in the opening four minutes of action. AU went on to mount an 11-1 halftime lead and closed out the second half on a 7-2 run. Sophomore attack David Vail (Mt. Lakes, NJ/Mt. Lakes) led Alfred with one goal and five assists, while junior midfielder Frank Radell (Henrietta/Rush Henrietta) followed with three goals and an assist. Junior midfielder Steve Douglas (Horseheads/Horseheads) netted three goals and sophomore attack Dylan Macro (Camillus/West Genesee) posted two goals and two assists. Rounding out AU's top offensive performers was freshman attack Angus Graham (Bethel, ME/Gould Academy) and sophomore midfielder Anthony Fiorelli (Endicott/Union Endicott), who each found the back of the net twice. Senior goaltender Kevin Kazmierczak (West Seneca/Orchard Park) started in goal for the Saxons and collected four saves in 15 minutes of action. Freshman Nicholas Hohman (Gibsonia, PA/Pine Richland) came in and controlled the nets for the final 45 minutes of regulation, collecting nine saves while only allowing two goals. Brockport's attack was led by Frank LaSala, who scored two goals in the fourth quarter. Goaltender John Contratto played 42 minutes and grabbed 13 saves, while Logan Gaffney stopped five shots during the final 18 minutes of regulation. In the tournament's other opening-round contest, Clarkson College downed Lycoming College, 9-5, to move on to the championship game against Alfred. Clarkson advanced behind the performances of Marty Reid and Sean Pearce, who each scored two goals. Joe Zebrowski recorded six saves in goal for Clarkson. Lycoming got two goals from Dan Wilcox and 12 saves from goalie Sean Powers in the loss. The Saxons are scheduled to host Clarkson in the championship game tomorrow, March 24, at 2 p.m. The consolation game between Brockport and Lycoming is set to take place at 11 a.m.