

## **AU football team dominates in 14-0 victory at Case Western**

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CLEVELAND, OH The Alfred University football team dominated play in a 14-0 whitewashing of host Case Western Reserve Saturday afternoon. With the victory, the Saxons' sixth straight, AU improves to 6-1 (4-0 Empire 8). The Saxon defense allowed a mere 69 yards of offense, including minus-6 on the ground, in notching the team's first shutout of the season. Last year, AU held Case to 50 yards of offense (minus-12 rushing) in a 35-3 victory at Merrill Field. Senior linebacker/running back Brenton Brady (Rochester, NY/Marshall) stood out on both sides of the ball AU, logging a team-high 10 tackles (nine solo), including two for loss. Brady had 44 yards rushing on 11 carries and scored on a pair of second-quarter touchdown runs, his seventh and eighth of the season. After a scoreless first quarter, AU completed a 15-play, 80-yard drive with a 14-yard Brady TD run. The Saxons had gotten the ball at their own 20-yard line on a Case fumble with 4:49 left in the opening quarter. With 12:25 left in the second, AU sophomore cornerback Ron Smith (Lyons, NY/Lyons) dropped Case Western punter Brian Calderone for a 13-yard loss on fourth down at the Case 3-yard line. Brady scored on the next play and the Saxons had a 14-0 lead. Neither team could move the ball after Alfred's second score. The Saxons turned the ball over twice and punted three times in five possessions, while Case punted three times and lost the ball twice on downs. For the game, Alfred had four turnovers (three fumbles and an interception) and Case had two. The AU offense ran up 317 yards, including 186 passing by sophomore quarterback Paul Keeley (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford). Freshman wide receiver Trevor Bork (Fishers, NY/Victor) had a game-high five catches for 55 yards while senior wide receiver Craig Zarzycki (Gansevoort, NY/Schuylerville) added four receptions for 49 yards. AU sophomore tailback Elmer Newsome (Cadosia, NY/Hancock) carried 24 times for 75 yards and saw his streak of games with at least 100 yards rushing end at five. Case quarterback Alex Harvey had 75 yards passing, but had minus-51 yards in net rushing after being sacked five times. Case tailback Dan Van Dyke had a team-high 44 yards rushing while wideout Marshaun Minter caught three passes for 19 yards. Brady wasn't the only Saxon to turn in a stellar performance on defense. Junior end Andy Rantz (Montandon, PA/Milton Area) had five tackles, including three for loss. He had two-and-a-half sacks, giving him a team-high seven on the year. Sophomore linebacker Blake Fuller (Newark, NY/Newark) had eight tackles (five solo), including two for loss and one-and-a-half sacks, and forced a fumble. Freshman free safety Brian Nitsche (Portville, NY/Portville) had an interception while sophomore tackle Don Miller (LeRoy, NY/LeRoy) had a sack. Calderone led the Case defense with a game-high 14 tackles (nine solo, two-and-a-half for loss) and a forced fumble. Strong safety John Tiemeier and cornerback Joseph Brenner each had 10 tackles, with Tiemeier adding a fumble recovery and an interception. AU hosts Grove City in its season home finale next Saturday, Oct. 29, at 1 p.m. at Merrill Field. The Saxons will try to duplicate last year's 7-1 record after eight games before finishing the regular season with conference road games at Ithaca (Nov. 5) and St. John Fisher (Nov. 12).