

Alfred University men's lacrosse team loses in overtime to visiting Clarkson

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ALFRED The Alfred University men's lacrosse rallied from three-goal fourth period deficit to tie Clarkson and force overtime, but the visitors scored in sudden death to defeat the Saxons 12-11 Saturday afternoon. It looked as if Alfred (1-2, 0-0 Empire Eight) was poised to win easily, as the Saxons jumped out to a 7-1 first quarter lead. But Clarkson battled back in the second period to go into halftime down by only a goal, at 8-7. The visitors scored three times in the third while shutting AU out to take a two-goal advantage heading into the final period. But after falling down by three, Alfred battled back and tied the contest at 11 on an unassisted goal by freshman midfielder Dylan Macro (Camillus/West Genesee) with just over two minutes to play. Clarkson (2-0) won the game on an unassisted goal by midfielder Mike Storms midway through the overtime period. Macro and senior attack R.J. Dawson (Northampton, MA/Northampton) led AU in scoring with three goals apiece, while junior midfielder Bryan Bacon (Homer/Homer) added two scores. Clarkson's Nick Masterpole led all scorers with five goals and an assist, while Storms scored three times. AU junior goalie Kevin Kazmierczak (West Seneca/Orchard Park) made 17 saves. He also scored his first career goal in the first period after running the length of the field and putting the ball past Clarkson goaltender David Jay. Jay finished the game with 12 saves. Saturday's game with Clarkson was to have been the first-round matchup of the 9th Annual Terrence O'Connor Tournament, which was cut short when the other two teams scheduled to participate - Amherst and Potsdam - opted not to make the trip to Alfred due to concerns over inclement weather. Alfred is in action next on Wednesday, March 28, at 3:30 p.m. at Lycoming (PA) College.