

Men's lacrosse off to best start since 1994

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The Alfred University men's lacrosse team is off to its best start since 1994, currently sitting with an 11-1 overall record and 4-1 record in the Empire 8 while three players maintain statistics in the top 20 in the NCAA.

The Saxons eleven wins this season is the most by any men's lacrosse team at Alfred University since 1995 where the team finished 13-4 under Coach Al Brown. Additionally, 11-1 is the best record to open a season since 1994, where AU began the season 12-1 before dropping their regular season finale to Adelphi, 14-13. The 1994 Saxons earned an NCAA Division III Playoff bid, and fell in the opening round to Hobart College, 19-13.

Currently, the Saxons are fourth in the nation in assists per game, averaging 9.75 assists. AU is also notably ranked in the following categories: points per game (24.75) ranked fifth, scoring margin (8.0) ranked fifth, assists (117) ranked sixth, points (297) ranked sixth, scoring offense (15.0) ranked eighth, and face-off winning percentage (0.65) ranked ninth.

On top of their stellar performance as a team, three Saxons hold individual positions in the top 20 players in the nation. Sophomore attack [John Winchell](#) (Vestal, NY/Vestal) is currently third in the nation in assists per game. Winchell, currently with 39 assists, averages 3.25 assists per game.

Senior attack [Nicolas Wood](#) (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua) and Winchell are tied, ranked eleventh in points per game, averaging 4.67 points. Wood is also ranked ninth with 3.42 goals per game.

Sophomore midfield and face-off specialist [Jimmy Pratti](#) (Minisink, NY/Minisink Valley) is currently 10th in the nation with 8.5 ground balls per game. He is also ranked 19th in the nation with a face-off winning percentage of 65.3 percent.

The surging Alfred University men's lacrosse team is currently on a four-game win streak, and look to carry that momentum in a game against Empire 8 foe, St. John Fisher College, Sat. April 18, in Pittsford, NY at 1:00PM.