

## **Alfred University men's soccer team announces 2002 award winners**

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ALFRED The Alfred University men's soccer team has announced the team awards winners for the 2002 season. Senior forward/midfielder Karl Gnann (Holley/Holley) was named the team Player of Year. Gnann, the lone captain on this year's team, was the Saxons' leading scorer, with 21 points on seven goals and seven assists. Gnann, who was named an Empire 8 Conference Second Team All-Star, leaves Alfred third on career lists for goals (26), assists (17) and points (69). In a 14-0 victory over New York City Technical College he established new single game records for goals (four) and points (10: four goals, two assists). Junior forward Keith Phelan (Baldwin/Baldwin) was named the team Offensive MVP after finishing as the Saxons' second-leading scorer with 12 points (5G, 2A). In the win over New York City Tech, Phelan scored three goals, good for second place on the school's all-time single-game list. Senior defender Pat Mancini (Endwell/Maine-Endwell) was named the team's Defensive MVP. It is the third consecutive year Mancini has either shared this award or won it outright. Like Gnann, he was an Empire 8 Second Team All-Star this season. Other team winners were: Co-Rookies of the Year: Freshman defender Adam Morgan (Byron/Byron-Bergen) and freshman forward Adam Lozier (Vestal/Vestal). Morgan was scored five points on two goals and an assist and was a solid central defender for the Saxons. Lozier was the team's top-scoring rookie, with seven points (3G, 1A). Most Improved Player: Freshman goaltender William Brown (Woodbury, VT/Hazen Union). When starting senior goalie Kevin Ball (Wheeling, WV/Linsly School) missed four games due to injury, Brown stepped in and performed well in his first season of collegiate soccer. He improved throughout the year and finished with a 1.80 goals against average while posting one shutout. 12th Man Award: Junior midfielder Ian Hoffman (Halifax, PA/Halifax). Hoffman had an increased roll with the team this year. He was a key substitute, seeing action in 13 contests and scoring one goal. Blood, Guts, Heart & Hustle Award: Sophomore midfielder Stephen Robin (Foster, RI/Ponaganset). The award honors the player who gives the most for his team. Robin, the Most Improved Player as a freshman in 2001, scored three points on a goal and an assist. While Ball suffered through injuries in 2002, the senior goalie did finish his career high on several all-time goaltending lists. His 1.24 goals against average, 25 victories and .650 winning percentage rank second on the AU career list. He holds school single-season marks for shutouts (nine) and goals against average (.36), both of which were set in 2001.