

AU men's soccer defeats Utica in overtime

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UTICA The Alfred University men's soccer team came back to force overtime, and eventually defeat host Utica College 4-3 Saturday afternoon. The Saxons (2-1-1, 1-0 Empire 8) opened the scoring with two goals early in the first half. Utica answered back with three goals from Ryan Hayes in a span of 5:20 at the end of the half to take the lead. Alfred then was able to shut down Utica the rest of the way, adding a goal three minutes into the second half and one in overtime to seal the victory. Freshman forward Austin Lozier (Vestal/Vestal) and freshman midfielder John Ninos (Alfred/Alfred-Almond) each had two unassisted goals to account for all of AU's scoring. Lozier netted the opener and the game-tying goal, while Ninos scored the overtime winner. In the nets, senior Kevin Ball (Wheeling, WV/Linsly School) made four saves for Alfred, while Mark McFarland made seven stops for Utica. Alfred's next game is Wednesday, Sept. 18 when they travel to Oswego for a 4 p.m. contest.--30--