

AU men's tennis team opens season with shutout of host Elmira

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ELMIRA, NY - The Alfred University men's tennis team opened its 2006 season with a 7-0 victory over host Elmira College Thursday afternoon. Alfred (1-0, 1-0 Empire 8) got singles wins from senior Andrew Lee (Scarsdale, NY/Trinity Pawling), 6-4, 6-4 in first singles; senior Kevin Dillon (Wellsville, NY/Scio), 6-0, 6-0 in second singles; senior Steve Ventura (Hilton, NY/Hilton), 6-0, 6-0 in third singles; junior Gary Stratiev (Brooklyn, NY/Fort Hamilton), 6-1, 6-1 in fourth singles; sophomore David Cleveland (Webster, NY/East Rochester), 6-4, 6-3 in fifth singles; and sophomore Rob Festa (Fairport, NY/Fairport), 6-1, 6-3 in sixth singles. Earning doubles victories for AU were Lee and Dillon, 8-3 in first doubles; Ventura and senior John Reagan (Skaneateles, NY/Skaneateles), 8-1 in second doubles; and Stratiev and sophomore Mike Cristofferson (Endwell, NY/Maine0Endwell), 8-2 in third doubles. Alfred plays next on Friday, March 31, at 4 p.m. at Penn State-Behrend. The Saxons take on Frostburg (MD) State the following day, April 1, at 11:30 a.m. in Erie, PA.