

Alfred University's Clark named Division III football All-American

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ALFRED, NY - Nick Clark (Canisteo, NY/Canisteo-Greenwood), a record-setting senior linebacker on the Alfred University football team, has been named an All-American by the American Football Coaches Association. Clark, who wrapped up an illustrious career with the Saxons by becoming the program's all-time leader in tackles, becomes the fourth player in Dave Murray's 14-year tenure as head coach at AU to earn AFCA All-American recognition. He had 108 tackles (58 solo), including nine for loss and three sacks, and also had two interceptions (one returned 57 yards for a touchdown) and a pair of forced fumbles, en route to repeating as the Empire 8 Conference Defensive Player of the Year. A preseason D3football.com Second Team All-American, Clark had already been named a D3football.com First Team East Region all-star. First Team regional all-stars are considered for All-American recognition by D3football.com, which has yet to release its All-American teams. He was a Second team D3football.com All-American in 2010. Clark led a Saxon defense that held opposing offenses to less than 300 yards per game this season, including only 116 yards rushing per contest. The Saxons finished the 2011 season with an 8-3 record (4-3 Empire 8), ending the campaign with a 41-10 win at Bridgewater (MA) State in the ECAC Northeast Bowl. A four-time Empire 8 Conference all-star (Second Team in 2008; First Team 2009-11), Clark will leave Alfred as the program's career leader in tackles, with 377. The Saxons' short-yardage back, he had a team-leading 10 rushing touchdowns this year and had 26 for his career. Clark joins linebacker Brenton Brady (2005), defensive tackle Don Miller (2006, 2007) and wide receiver Jared Manzer (2009) as former Saxons coached by Murray who earned AFCA All-American honors.