

Late Moffitt goal lifts AU men's lacrosse team to 9-8 win over visiting Elmira

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ALFRED, NY - Senior midfielder Jarrett Moffitt (Elmira, NY/Corning West) scored a tiebreaking goal with 14 seconds left in regulation to lift the Alfred University men's lacrosse team to a 9-8 victory over Empire 8 Conference foe Elmira College Tuesday afternoon at Merrill Field in the Saxons' 2007 season finale. With the win, Alfred snapped a 20-game losing streak in Empire 8 play. Alfred's last conference victory came in the final game of the 2004 season, at Elmira. Tuesday's game was close throughout, with each team scoring a single goal in the opening period and four in the second. AU took a brief 2-1 lead early in the second on a Moffitt goal, his second of the contest, but Elmira answered with four straight two by Will Peterson to take a 5-2 lead. AU tallied three unanswered goals by freshman midfielder Mark Pincelli (Rochester, NY/Aquinas), sophomore midfielder Liam Glover (Savona, NY/Bath Haverling) and freshman midfielder Mike Russo (Mattydale, NY/Cicero-North Syracuse) in a two-minute span at the end of the second to go into intermission tied at 5-5. Elmira got third-period goals from Kevin Morrison and Sean Slater to take a 7-5 into the final period. A goal by junior midfielder Andy Haynes (Rockford, MI/Rockford), on an assist from senior attackman Jeff Andrews (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads) 1:46 into the fourth, made it 7-6, but Elmira regained a two-goal advantage six minutes later on an Adam Williamson goal. Moffitt's third goal of the game, at 6:32 and assisted by Andrews, and an unassisted tally by junior attackman Jeremy Florence (Unionville, PA/Unionville) at 5:32 tied the game and set up Moffitt's closing seconds heroics. Senior Drew Foster (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford-Sutherland) made eight saves to earn the win in goal for Alfred, which finishes the year with a 6-7 record (1-6 in Empire 8 play). Geoffrey Lane went the distance in net for Elmira (4-8, 1-6 Empire 8), stopping seven shots. AU held a 44-26 advantage in shots and a slight 33-32 edge in groundballs. The Saxons came up big on faceoffs, winning 16 of 19 draws, including 10-of-11 by Moffitt.