

Late field goal gives AU football team 6-3 victory over Union

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ALFRED, NY A 32-yard field goal by senior Jesse Raynor (Weedsport/Weedsport) with 1:29 left in regulation gave the Alfred University football team a 6-3 victory over visiting Union College Saturday afternoon. Alfred (2-3, 0-2 Empire 8) opened the scoring on Raynor's 46-yard field goal with 23 second left in the first quarter, capping a 12-play 49-yard drive. Union (2-2, 1-1 UCAA) tied the game on a 26-yard field goal by Cliff Eisenhut with 6:39 left in the third period. The teams exchanged punts throughout most of the fourth quarter, as both offenses struggled with a steady rain. Alfred's winning drive began after a short punt gave the Saxons the ball at the Union 40-yard line with 2:39 left in the game. A five-play drive, highlighted by a 26-yard pass from junior quarterback Ron Duliba (Forestville/Forestville) to senior wide receiver Nick Coleman (Waverly/Waverly), set up Raynor's winning kick. Duliba finished with 126 yards passing, with Coleman making five catches for 68 yards and junior wide receiver Chris Sargent catching four passes for 37 yards. Raynor rushed for a team-high 62 yards on 30 carries, but was most effective on special teams. In addition to his two field goals, Raynor averaged 37.6 yards on nine punts, six times pinning Union inside its own 20-yard line. Tailback Sean Washington paced the Union offense with a game-high 70 yards rushing. Union quarterbacks Tony Marotti and Ryan Perry passed for 61 and 55 yards, respectively. Wide receiver Steve Angiletta caught four passes for 50 yards. Sophomore linebacker Brenton Brady (Rochester/Marshall) had a game-high 11 tackles (one for loss) to lead the AU defense. Senior end Jeremy Batt (Gowanda/Gowanda) had 10 tackles, including 1.5 sacks, while freshman strong safety Aaron Meyers (Delevan/Pioneer) had eight tackles (one for loss). Freshman tackle Jhery James (Massapequa/Massapequa) and senior tackle Doug Mueller (Bainbridge/Bainbridge-Guilford) each had one sack. Union's defense was led by free safety Dan Mehleisen with nine tackles, including one for loss. Ends Eze Abosi and Ed Larkin both made seven tackles (one each for loss). Larkin and tackle Alexander Smith each had a sack, while strong safety Mike Flanagan had an interception. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 1 p.m. at home against Hartwick.