

AU men's tennis team edged at home by RIT

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ALFRED, NY -- The Alfred University men's tennis team lost a close 5-4 decision to visiting RIT Saturday afternoon. AU (4-4, 2-3 Empire 8) took two of three doubles matches, but came up short in singles play, dropping four of six. Sophomore Gary Kwiecien (Perry, NY/Perry) remained unbeaten in conference second singles matches with a 6-3, 6-2 win. Freshman Andrew Carruci (Olean, NY/Olean) was the Saxons' other singles winner, taking a 4-6, 7-6 (7-6), 6-4 decision in fifth singles. Kwiecien and freshman Nick Schneider (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool) won first doubles, 8-5, and freshman Connor Houghton (Orleans, MA/Nauset Regional) and junior Nick Middaugh (Belmont, NY/Genesee Valley) took second doubles, 8-4. Alfred's next scheduled match is Sunday afternoon, April 13, at 1 p.m. against visiting Utica, at St. Bonaventure University's indoor courts in Olean. The Saxons will play host to Pitt-Bradford on Monday, April 14, at 3 p.m., also in Olean. Following are the results of Saturday's match against RIT: SINGLES 1. Jose Guzman (RIT) def. Connor Houghton (AU) 7-6, (7-4), 5-7, 6-2. 2. Gary Kwiecien (AU) def. Gean Yip (RIT) 6-3, 6-2. 3. John Traver (RIT) def. Nick Schneider (AU) 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-1. 4. Han Chong (RIT) def. Nick Middaugh (AU) 6-3, 6-3. 5. Andrew Carucci (AU) def. Joe Schember (RIT) 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. 6. Chris Meunch (RIT) def. Rob Festa (AU) 6-3, 6-1. DOUBLES 1. Kwiecien/Schnieder (AU) def. Guzman/Chong (RIT) 8-5. 2. Houghton/Middaugh (AU) def. Yip/Schember (RIT) 8-4. 3. Meunch/Traver (RIT) def. Carucci/Ryan Parlia (AU) 8-2.