

Saxons drops season opener to visiting Brockport

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ALFRED, NY - The Alfred University men's lacrosse team dropped its 2008 season opener, 9-5, to visiting Brockport Sunday afternoon on Merrill Field. Alfred (0-1, 0-0 Empire 8) scored first on a goal by senior midfielder Andy Haynes (Rockford, MI/Rockford), assisted by freshman attack Matt Leslie (Ballston Spa, NY/Ballston Spa) with 6:22 left in the opening period before the visitors scored two straight to take a 2-1 lead. After senior attack Ben Coburn (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool) knotted the score with an unassisted goal midway through the second quarter, Brockport scored five unanswered to take a 7-2 lead with 5:43 left in the third. The teams traded goals the rest of the way, as AU got no closer than four goals. Haynes finished with a goal and two assists to pace Alfred. Leslie had a goal and an assist, while sophomore midfielder Mike Russo (Mattydale, NY/Cicero-North Syracuse), freshman attack Marc Zoyhofski (Blasdell, NY/Frontier) and Coburn each finished with a goal. Senior defenseman Eric Thibault (West Seneca, NY/Bishop Timon) finished with an assist and a pair of groundballs. Anthony Ventresca (five groundballs, one assist) and Matt Andon-McLane each scored two goals to lead Brockport, while Adam Drypolcher added a goal and an assist. Freshman goalie Adam Schutz (Geneva, NY/Geneva) made 17 saves in goal for Alfred while picking up five groundballs. Garret Allwes stopped eight shots and had seven groundballs for Brockport. Alfred is in action next on Wednesday, March 5, at 5 p.m. at home against Medaille.