Saxons stumped by Nazareth

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ROCHESTER The Alfred University men's lacrosse team suffered its third consecutive loss to a nationally ranked opponent this week. The most recent defeat came on Wednesday evening in Rochester, where 6th-ranked (USILA Poll) Nazareth College recorded a 16-5 victory over the Saxons. The Saxons (6-5, 2-3 Empire 8) netted the game's first goal, but watched as Nazareth scored the next seven en route to posting a 9-2 halftime lead. The Golden Flyers went on to add six goals in the third quarter and one in the fourth, while AU scored one in the third and two in the fourth. Nazareth ended the contest with 54 shot attempts, while Alfred managed only 26 attempts on goal. Senior midfielder Bryan Bacon (Homer/Homer) led Alfred with two goals, while sophomore attack Dylan Macro (Camillus/West Genesee) and senior midfielder Rob Strickland (Amherst/Sweet Home) each had one goal and one assist. Sophomore attack David Vail (Mt. Lakes, NJ/Mt. Lakes) added one goal to round out AU's scoring. Senior goaltender Kevin Kazmierczak (West Seneca/Orchard Park) had 11 saves in 45 minutes of action, while freshman goalie Nicholas Hohman (Gibsonia, PA/Pine Richland) made four saves over the remaining 15 minutes of play. Jarod Koopman led Nazareth (7-3, 3-0) with four goals and two assists, while Chad Kuczek added three goals and one assist. Goaltender Mike Darmetko made eight saves in 47 minutes, while Travis Kuhl had three saves in 13 minutes for the Golden Flyers. The Saxons play their last regular season home game against Utica on Saturday, April 20, at 1 p.m.