

Alfred University football team tops NCAA regional rankings

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University football team is ranked number one in the NCAA East Region poll for Division III teams, released Wednesday. Alfred, coming off a 53-21 win last weekend against visiting Husson, is ranked 12th by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and 11th by D3football.com in the latest national polls. AU (7-0 overall, 4-0 Empire 8) is ahead of 8-0 Curry (second) and 6-0 RPI (third) in the NCAA East Region rankings. Empire 8 power St. John Fisher (7-1, 4-1 Empire 8) is ranked fourth in the region. AU will end the regular season with three straight road games: at Hobart on Saturday (Oct. 27), at Ithaca (Nov. 3), and at St. John Fisher (Nov. 10). Kickoff for all three games is 1 p.m. Ithaca and Fisher are the Saxons' final Empire 8 Conference foes. Fisher is in second place in the conference with a 4-1 Empire 8 mark. If Fisher beats visiting Utica on Saturday, the AU-Fisher contest Nov. 10 will be for the Empire 8 title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championships. Alfred's seven wins to start the season are the most for an AU football team since the 1981 Saxons finished the regular season 10-0 en route to the schools first and only trip to the NCAA Division III championship tournament. At 4-0, Alfred stands alone atop the Empire 8 Conference standings.