

## **Alfred University football team falls at Waynesburg, 17-7**

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WAYNESBURG, PA The Alfred University football team traveled to Waynesburg College Saturday afternoon and dropped a tough 17-7 decision to the host Yellow Jackets. The game was a defensive struggle throughout, with the only first-half scoring coming on a 22-yard field goal by Waynesburg's Ben Popson with eight minutes left into the second quarter. Waynesburg (3-1) went up 10-0 on a 10-yard run by tailback Eric Daniels five minutes into the third quarter. Alfred (1-3, 0-2 Empire 8) answered with just over five minutes left in the third when junior quarterback Ron Duliba (Forestville/Forestville) hit junior wide receiver Chris Sargent (Ogdensburg/Ogdensburg) with a 28-yard scoring pass to make it 10-7 Waynesburg. Waynesburg scored the final points of the game nine seconds into the fourth quarter on an 18-yard pass from quarterback Jeff Dumm to fullback Jared Plisko. The Saxon defense played well against a Waynesburg team was averaging more than 48 points per game. Senior linebacker Erich Ely (Jordan/Jordan-Elbridge) had a game-high 11 tackles for AU. Sophomore linebacker Brenton Brady (Rochester/Marshall) and senior tackle Doug Mueller (Bainbridgbe/Brainbridge-Guilford) each had nine tackles, while senior end Jeremy Batt (Gowanda/Gowanda) added eight. Sophomore cornerback Sean Ranagan (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) had an interception. Linebacker Sean Ross led Waynesburg's defense with 11 tackles, with linebacker Mark Harnish adding seven tackles and a sack. Duliba finished the game with 62 yards passing, with Sargent making team-high four receptions for 46 yards. Senior tailback Jesse Raynor (Weedsport/Weedsport) rushed for 74 yards on 24 carries and added three pass receptions for 15 yards. Tailback Dennis Gearhart led the Waynesburg offense with 135 yards rushing on 31 carries. Dumm threw for 150 yards and was intercepted once. Wide receiver Dominick Hunter caught a game-high five passes for the Yellow Jackets. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. at home against Union.