

AU men's tennis team beats visiting Utica

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OLEAN, NY - The Alfred University men's tennis team ended a three-match losing streak in Empire 8 Conference play with a 7-2 victory over visiting Utica, in a contest played Sunday afternoon on St. Bonaventure University's indoor courts in Olean. Freshman Gary Kwiecien (Perry, NY/Perry) improved to 6-0 in second singles in Empire 8 play with a 6-2, 1-0 (ret.) win as AU improved to 5-4 overall on the season and 3-3 in the conference. Other singles winners for AU were: freshman Nick Schneider (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool), 6-2, 6-3 in third singles; junior Nick Middaugh (Belmont, NY/Genesee Valley), 6-2, 6-1 in fourth singles; and sophomore Alex Weller (Flemington, NJ/Hunterdon), 6-3, 6-1 in sixth singles. The Saxons swept three doubles matches, with Kwiecien and Schneider taking first doubles, 8-1; freshman Connor Houghton (Orleans, MA/Nauset Regional) and Middaugh winning second doubles, 8-1; and freshmen Andrew Carucci (Olean, NY/Olean) and Ryan Parlia (Valley Stream, NY/Valley Stream South) winning third doubles, 8-4. Alfred is in action next this afternoon, April 14, at 4 p.m. against Pitt-Bradford at Olean. The Saxons will play host to Roberts Wesleyan on Tuesday, April 15, at 3:30 p.m. Following are the results from Sunday's match against Utica: SINGLES 1. Mike Zielenski (UC) def. Connor Houghton (AU) 3-6, 7-5, 10-7. 2. Gary Kwiecien (AU) def. Ben Tigges (UC) 6-2, 1-0 (ret.). 3. Nick Schneider (AU) def. Khoa Vo (UC) 6-2, 6-3. 4. Nick Middaugh (AU) def. Paul Alexander (UC) 6-2, 6-1. 5. Shaun Kaleta (UC) def. Rob Festa (AU) 6-3, 6-3. 6. Alex Weller (AU) def. Tom Armitage (UC) 7-5, 6-2. DOUBLES 1. Kwiecien/Schneider (AU) def. Tigges/Vo (UC) 8-1. 2. Houghton/Middaugh (AU) def. Zielenski/Kaleta (UC) 8-1. 3. Carucci/Ryan Parlia (AU) def. Armitage/Alexander (UC) 8-4.