

Alfred falls short in OT battle, 4-5

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ALFRED,NY- The AU men&s soccer team played a close match to visiting Marywood, 4-5, Saturday evening at Merrill field.

AU played a strong first half, starting with a free kick goal by senior midfielder **Tony Gai (Burke, VA/Lake Braddock)** in the 18th minute. **Gai** would then serve a ball to senior forward **Frankie Mannino (Elmira, NY/Elmira Free Academy)** who then buried it with a header in the back of the net. The third Saxon goal came from a penalty kick scored by **Gai** at the 35th minute. This would prove to be the last score of the half and Alfred headed into intermission with a 3-2 lead. Alfred (2-2-0, 0-0-0 Empire 8) also outshot Marywood (2-1-1) seven to four for the half.

The second half opened up with another Alfred goal as **Gai** netted a penalty kick to earn an impressive hat trick. Marywood would then creep back into the match.

For the game, freshman goalie **Matthew Unick (Warwick, NY/Warwick Valley)** would play the first half making a save. Freshman **William Badger (Dannemora, NY/Saranac)** would start the second half (26 minutes) and make a save before senior **Jacob Bird (Auburn, NY/Skaneateles)** would finish the game (43 minutes) with four saves.

Alfred returns to action Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m. on the road at Hilbert.