

AU football team falls to Waynesburg, 39-3

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ALFRED The Alfred University football team lost to visiting Waynesburg College, 39-3, Saturday afternoon at Merrill Field. The Saxons (1-3) couldn't mount an offense against a tough Waynesburg defensive unit and hurt themselves with four turnovers, three of which led to Yellow Jacket scores. Waynesburg (2-1) led 12-0 after one period, courtesy of two touchdowns that followed AU turnovers. After an AU fumble, quarterback Jeff Dumm scored on a one-yard run with 2:03 left in the quarter. Alfred turned the ball over on its next possession and with 30 seconds left in the opening frame, Dumm hit running back Bobby Hogue for a 66-yard scoring pass and Waynesburg led 12-0. The Yellow Jackets made the score 19-0 with 9:42 left in the second when Dumm threw a 13-yard scoring strike to wideout Dominic Hunter. AU cut the lead to 16 points when junior kicker Pat Breuer (Penn Yan/Penn Yan) booted a 25-yard field goal. Alfred had a chance to cut the lead further when the Saxons drove to the Waynesburg 2-yard line. But on second-and-goal, AU quarterback Ron Duliba (Forestville/Forestville) fumbled at the goal line and Waynesburg recovered. Three plays later, Dumm hit wideout Ivan Hawkins on a 62-yard scoring pass and the Yellow Jackets took a 26-3 lead into halftime. Dumm scored on a 12-yard run in the third and Brian Cence added to field goals to account for the final scoring. The Waynesburg defense held AU to 202 yards of offense, including only 77 on the ground. AU senior tailback Jesse Raynor (Weedsport/Weedsport), who came into the contest averaging 111 yards rushing per game, suffered an ankle injury in the first quarter and never returned. He finished with 18 yards on five carries. Freshman tailback Brenton Brady (Rochester/Marshall) had a team-high 35 yards rushing. Duliba passed for 82 yards and freshman Joe Guiliano (Farmingville/Sachem) played the fourth quarter and threw for 43 yards. Junior wide receiver Nick Coleman (Waverly/Waverly) had seven catches for 75 yards. Dumm finished with 227 yards passing and three scores and 12 yards rushing and a pair of TDs. Fullback Jared Plisko ran for a game-high 61 yards for the Yellow Jackets. Senior linebacker Will Till (Forestville/Forestville) paced the AU defense with 10 tackles. Sophomore defensive tackle Nate Reid (Norwich/Norwich-Valley Forge) had nine tackles while senior linebacker Colin Murphy (Manchester, NH/Central) chipped in with eight. Linebacker Sean Ross had a team-high nine tackles for Waynesburg, while cornerback Royal Spurlark added seven. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at Union.