

## **Saxons beat Hartwick 41-21**

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ONEONTA, NY The Alfred University football team took an early 14-0 lead and went on to defeat host Hartwick, 41-21 Saturday afternoon. Alfred (4-1, 2-1 Empire 8) scored on its first possession when junior quarterback Paul Keeley (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) hit senior tight end Matt Gibbins (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa) on a 26-yard scoring toss to give AU the 7-0 advantage. The Saxons struck again when sophomore strong safety Kenny Johnson (Tonawanda, NY/Sweet Home) intercepted a pass on Hartwick's ensuing drive and took it 39 yards for a touchdown. Don Miller (LeRoy, NY/LeRoy), a junior defensive tackle and short yardage back, opened the second quarter scoring with a one yard touchdown run. Alfred finished the half with a six play, 76 yard scoring drive that was capped by a 21 yard touchdown pass from Keeley to Jared Manzer (Johnson City, NY/Johnson City). The score put the Saxons on top 31-7 at the break. Hartwick got on board with a 14 yard strike from quarterback Jason Boltus to Jack Phelan with 00:55 remaining in the first. The Hawks didn't find the endzone again until the closing minutes of the final quarter. Boltus led an eight play, 46 yard drive that ended with a 21 yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Rich Sands with 2:31 remaining. The Hawks scored less than a minute later when Brett Radley returned a blocked punt 40 yards for Hartwick's final score. Keeley completed 23 of 36 passes for 296 yards and three touchdowns. Manzer had a game high eight receptions for 129 yards and two scores. AU rushing attack was led by freshman Vinson Hendrix (Rochester, NY/East) who had 80 yards on 14 carries and compiled 152 total yards. The Saxon defense played tough allowing only 216 in total offense. Junior defensive back Josh Rammacher (Angola, NY/Lake Shore) paced the defense with six tackles (five solo). AU also had solid performances from junior defensive back Dan Medlock (Garden City Park, NY/Mineola) and junior linebacker Ralph Jackson (Forestville, NY/Forestville). Both had four stops and Jackson's interception on Hartwick's opening drive led to AU's first score. Daniel Martin had a game high nine stops (seven solo) in the contest. Paul DeSapio added five tackles and forced a fumble that eventually led to Hartwick's second score. AU is in action at 1:30 p.m. next Saturday, October 14, at Utica.