

Key clash for the Saxons against Brockport

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Saturday's game marks the 40th meeting between the Alfred University Saxons and College at Brockport Eagles, with Alfred holding a 29-7-3 advantage in the all-time series. The last time these two teams met, in 2013 at Brockport, AU rallied from a 28-0 halftime deficit to win, 34-28, in overtime. The last time they met in Alfred, in 1994, the game resulted in a 27-27 tie. AU last defeated Brockport at home in

1992 (15-14).

About the Saxons:

Alfred is 3-2 overall and 1-2 in Empire 8 play, and is coming off a bye week. AU has lost two straight (E8 games home vs. Ithaca and at Hartwick) after opening the year 3-0. The Saxons are averaging 377 yards of offense per game (223 passing, 154 rushing). Sophomore

quarterback Tyler Johnson has completed 75 of 135

throws for 985 yards with 12 TDs and five interceptions. He is also the Saxons' top rusher with 460 yards (92 per game) and one touchdown.

Freshman tailback Sammy Davis Jr. has 123 yards rushing with one TD, while freshman tailback Willie McFadden has 95 yards and a team-leading two touchdowns.

Sophomore wide receiver Brendan Buisch has 19 catches for a team-leading 323 yards and seven touchdowns.

Sophomore wideout Rodney Etienne has 20 catches for 248 yards and a TD and senior wide receiver Bobby Broddus has 10 grabs for 225 yards and two scores. Senior tight end Isiah Young has a team-high 21 catches for 203 yards and a TD.

The AU defense allows 298 yards per game (189 passing, 1-09 rushing). Senior linebacker Justin Liberta has a team-best 37 tackles (2.5 for loss) with one interception and two forced fumbles.

Senior cornerback Mike Perkins has seven pass breakups and two interceptions to lead the team. Junior middle linebacker

Corry Wallace has 35 tackles (four for loss) and a fumble recovery; junior

free safety Mike Berardi has 29 tackles and two pass breakups; sophomore

strong safety Shyheim Wingate has 24 tackles (two for loss) and two pass breakups; and sophomore end. Zack Bacon has 19 tackles, leading the team in tackles for loss (5.5) and sacks (1.5) and also has an interception return for a TD.

Davis is averaging 23.3 yard on kick returns and Alex Peebles 6.3 yards on punt returns. Freshman placekicker Trevor Monk has made two of three

field goals and 13 of 17 extra points, while Ryan McDonnell averages 27.6 yards on punts.

About the Eagles:

Brockport is 3-2 overall and 1-2 in Empire 8 play after last weekend's 46-0 shutout of visiting league foe Frostburg State. Brockport had lost two straight (both in E8 play) after opening the season 2-0.

Brockport possesses a potent and balanced offensive attack which averages 456 yards per game (273 passing, 183 rushing).

Chase Venuto makes his third start of the year at quarterback after coming in as a replacement in a Week 3 loss to St. John Fisher. He has completed 48 of 75 passes for 635 yards with four TDs and five interceptions.

Tailback Dan Andrews has run for 588 yards (118 per game) with six touchdowns. Wideout Andrew Mrozek leads the team in receiving yards (359) and TD catches (four). Wide receivers Eric Malave (team-best 33 catches for 315 yards) and Nate Wilkinson (25 catches, 232 yards) each have two TD grabs.

The Eagle defense allows 311 yards per game (20 passing, 111 rushing). Linebacker Jake Brickler has a team-leading 58 tackles (five for loss) and linebacker Matt Szymanski has 32 tackles, leading the team in tackles for loss (six) and sacks (two). Free safety James Rupphas 35 tackles (four for loss), with an interception, a forced fumble and a recovery, while senior cornerback Colby Morabito has seven pass breakups and an INT.

Nick Vallone averages 26.5 yards on kick returns and Shireem Cobb 6.0 yards on punt returns. Tyler Perna has made 19 of 21 PATs and three of six field goals; Ian Gilhousen averages 37.1 yards per punt.