

## **Alfred University announces 2002 football schedule**

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ALFRED Alfred University announces its 2002 football schedule, which includes games against several longtime foes, as well as the renewal of rivalries from the Saxons' days as a member of the Presidents Athletic Conference. The schedule includes games against seven opponents from last year's schedule including traditional rivals Hartwick (Oct. 12 at 11:30 a.m. away), Hobart (Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. at home), Ithaca (Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. at home), St. Lawrence (Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. away) and Union (Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. away) as well as Utica (Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. at home) and Grove City (Nov. 2 at 1:30 p.m. away). The Saxons play three teams from the Presidents Athletic Conference, of which AU was briefly a member, from 1996-97. In addition to Grove City, Alfred will play two other teams from the PAC: Waynesburg (Sept. 28 at 1:30 p.m., Homecoming) and Thiel (Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at home). Rounding out the Saxons' schedule is a Sept. 7 home game at home against St. John Fisher. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. under the lights at Merrill Field. Alfred last played the Cardinals in 2000. The schedule will change in 2004, when Alfred begins play in the Empire 8 Athletic Conference. With the addition of Springfield (MA) College and Norwich (VT) University as conference affiliates in football only, the Empire 8 champion will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament beginning in 2004. Other Empire 8 schools that play football are Alfred, Hartwick, Ithaca, St. John Fisher and Utica. Following is Alfred University's 2002 football schedule: September 7 vs. St. John Fisher 7 p.m. 14 vs. Ithaca 1 p.m. 21 at St. Lawrence 1 p.m. 28 vs. Waynesburg\* 1:30 p.m. October 5 at Union 1 p.m. 12 at Hartwick 11:30 a.m. 19 vs. Utica 1 p.m. 26 at Hobart 1 p.m. November 2 at Grove City 1:30 p.m. 9 vs. Thiel 1 p.m.\* Homecoming