

AU men's soccer throttles Buff State, 8-0

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ALFRED, NY- The Alfred University men's soccer team crushed visiting Buffalo State in an 8-0 decision, Tuesday evening on Merrill Field.

For AU (4-11-0, 0-5-0 Empire 8), junior goalie **Jacob Bird (Auburn, NY/Skaneateles)** made four saves in the first 45 minutes of the contest, while freshman keeper **Matthew Unick (Warwick, NY/Warwick Valley)** finished off the second half to help lead the Saxons in a combined shutout victory.

The Saxons were able to score a frenzy of goals, holding a distinct 24 to 11 shot advantage over Buff State, along with a four to two corner kick advantage. Senior forward **Frankie Mannino (Elmira, NY/Elmira Free Academy)** earned a hat trick with goals at the 5th minute, the 19th minute, and the 57th minute. Senior forward **Eric Rockwood (Allegany, NY/Allegany-Limestone)** would net two goals in the span of five minutes (76th, 81st minute), while junior forward **Jeffery Thomas (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua)** (1 assist) and freshman forward **Nicholas Carey (Middletown, NY/Minisink Valley)** scored a goal apiece.

Senior midfielder **Tony Gai (Burke, VA/Lake Braddock)**, freshman midfielder **Greg Buisman (Honeoye Falls, NY/Honeoye Falls-Lima)**, and freshman midfielder **Dylan Smith (Silver Springs, MD/Sandy Spring Friends)**, all had assists as well.

Alfred next travels to Utica to resume Empire 8 play on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m.