

Saxons too much for Hartwick

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University football team broke open a tight contest with 28 unanswered points after halftime en route to a 49-19 Homecoming victory over Hartwick Saturday afternoon at Merrill Field. The teams traded leads three times in the first half before the Saxons (4-1, 3-0 Empire 8) blew the game open in the third quarter. Hartwick (2-3, 0-3 Empire 8) struck first on a 24-yard TD pass from Jason Boltus to wideout Matt Willis. The PAT was blocked and Hartwick led 6-0. The Saxons scored on the ensuing possession when senior linebacker/running back Brenton Brady (Rochester, NY/Marshall) plunged in from two yards for a 7-6 AU lead. After a Boltus's one-yard run gave the lead back to Hartwick midway through the second, Brady scored his second TD, from a yard out, with 2:22 left in the half to give the Saxons a 14-13 advantage. Alfred came out strong in the second half, scoring four unanswered touchdowns (two after Hartwick turnovers) to build a 42-13 lead. The teams traded touchdowns in the fourth to wrap up the scoring. Alfred's offense was nearly unstoppable, as the Saxons rang up 512 yards. Sophomore tailback Elmer Newsome (Cadosia, NY/Hancock) rushed for 220 yards and a touchdown on 33 carries. It was Newsome's fourth straight game with at least 100 yards on the ground. Freshman tailback Julio Fuentes (Olean, NY/Olean) had 45 yards rushing and a TD. AU sophomore quarterback Paul Keeley (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) completed 14 of 18 passes for 198 yards and three touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Craig Zarzycki (Gansevoort, NY/Schuylerville) had six catches for 105 yards and a score. Sophomore fullback Matt Gibbins (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa) and sophomore wide receiver Ben Stanton (Fort Edward, NY/Hudson Falls) each had TD catches. Hartwick had 315 yards of offense, well below its 450 yard per game average. The Hawks came into the contest averaging 41 points per game. Boltus threw for 248 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Willis finished with 116 yards receiving on nine catches and two TDs. Tailback Lindy Crea, who came into the contest averaging over 125 yards rushing per game, was held to 59. Junior linebacker Nick Gatto (Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove) had a team-high 10 tackles for AU. Junior strong safety Aaron Meyers (Delevan, NY/Pioneer) had nine tackles and a half sack. Brady had eight tackles and a half-sack while sophomore tackle Don Miller (LeRoy, NY/LeRoy) had seven tackles, including one for loss. Junior cornerback Mike Coupe (New Hartford, NY/New Hartford) and freshman free safety Kenneth Johnson (Tonawanda, NY/Sweet Home) each had interceptions. Linebackers Frank Vozos and Jeff Dittman each had a game-high 11 tackles for Hartwick. Cornerback Alex Brown had eight tackles and a forced fumble. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m. at home against Utica.