

## **Alfred University football team to host Rochester in ECAC bowl championship**

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ALFRED, NY The Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) announced today that the Alfred University football team will host the University of Rochester in an ECAC bowl championship game next Saturday at noon at Merrill Field. It will mark the third straight year AU has hosted an ECAC bowl game. The Saxons defeated Norwich 36-17 in 2004 and steamrolled Maine Maritime 63-20 last year. Alfred and Rochester have identical 7-3 records and each finished third in their conference this year with 4-2 league records: AU in the Empire 8 and Rochester in the Liberty League. Both are coming off losses in their regular season finale Saturday Alfred to visiting St. John Fisher and Rochester to host Hobart that likely cost them a berth in the NCAA Division III championship tournament. Saturday will mark the 40th meeting ever between Alfred and Rochester, with the Yellow Jackets holding a 22-15-2 advantage in the all-time series. The last time the two teams played was in 1987, when the Saxons claimed a 48-20 victory at Merrill Field. Alfred is in the midst of the most successful three-year run in 25 years. The Saxons have gone 24-8 since the beginning of the 2004 season. Teams from 1979-81 went a combined 24-5, with the 1981 squad going 10-1 and earning the University's only NCAA playoff bid.