

## **Alfred University football team loses at Springfield, 38-20**

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SPRINGFIELD, MA The Alfred University football team dropped its first game of the season Saturday, falling 38-20 to host Springfield College. After a scoreless first quarter, Alfred (2-1, 0-1 Empire 8) took a 7-0 lead when freshman Lee Bates (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) scored on a three-yard run with 11:51 left in the second. Springfield (3-0, 1-0 Empire 8) cut the lead to 7-6 two minutes later on a 45-yard run by quarterback Ryan Sylvia. Alfred took a 10-6 lead on a 42-yard field goal by freshman Chris Reynolds (Pittsford/Pittsford-Sutherland), but Springfield scored two touchdowns - one on a five-yard Sylvia run; the other on a 33-yard pass from Sylvia to Kevin Domurat - to take a 19-10 halftime lead. Springfield scored on its first possession of the third to take a 25-10 lead. Alfred scored 10 unanswered points - on a Reynolds 43-yard field goal and a 15-yard TD pass from senior quarterback Ron Duliba (Forestville/Forestville) to senior wide receiver Chris Sargent (Ogdensburg/Ogdensburg) to cut the Pride's lead to 25-20. Springfield's Tim Lutgens had two three-yard touchdown runs in the fourth to put the game away. Sophomore tailback Chaz Bruce (Rochester/Marshall) rushed for 134 yards to lead the AU offense. Bruce has run for more than 100 yards in each of Alfred's three games. Duliba finished with 86 yards passing as the Saxons were held to 210 yards of total offense and turned the ball over three times. Sargent and senior wide receiver Jake Sprague (Johnsonburg, PA/Johnsonburg) each had five pass receptions for Alfred. Sylvia led three Springfield runners with 183 yards, while Lutgens added 163 and Domurat 113. Springfield had 484 yards rushing on the afternoon and finished with 524 yards of total offense. Sophomore strong safety Aaron Meyers (Delevan/Pioneer) led the AU defense with 14 tackles, including one for loss. Junior linebacker Brenton Brady (Rochester/Marshall) had eight tackles (one for loss) and freshman free safety Blake Fuller (Newark/Newark) had had four tackles, a forced fumble and a 69-yard fumble return that set up the Saxons' final touchdown. Brian McLellan had 10 tackles, including two for loss and a sack, to pace the Springfield defense. Justin Fletcher added five tackles and an interception. The Saxons are in action next on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m. at home against Norwich.