

## **AU men's soccer team places six on all-conference squads; Hassler named Coach of the Year**

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ALFRED Six members of the Alfred University men's soccer were named to all-Empire 8 postseason teams, the conference announced today. AU head coach Ken Hassler was named the conference's Coach of the Year. Senior forward Karl Gnann (Holley/Holley), senior midfielder Jon Bridges (Topeka, KS/Topeka) and senior defender Scott Wallace (Wayne, NJ/Wayne Hills) were named to the all-conference First Team, while junior goalie Kevin Ball (Wheeling, WV/Linsly School), senior forward Guy-Robert Desir (Queens Village/Springfield Gardens) and junior midfielder Shane Donahoe (Syracuse/West Genesee) were named to the Second Team. Gnann led the conference in scoring with 23 points (8G, 7A) and Bridges was second with 21 points (7G, 7A). Bridges and Gnann also shared the conference lead in assists. Wallace was a force in the middle of a Saxon defense that allowed a school record low seven goals for the season. He also scored four points (1G, 2A). Ball allowed only five goals all season on his way to posting nine shutouts. He was unscored upon in conference play, logging six shutouts. His .36 goals against average was second best in the nation. Donahoe had 17 points (8G, 1A) and shared the conference lead in goals with Gnann. Desir wrapped up a stellar career by scoring 13 points (4G, 5A). Hassler was named Coach of the Year after leading the Saxons to a 12-1-2 record (5-0-1 in Empire 8). AU set new school records for most goals scored (52) and least allowed (seven) and was named co-champion in the conference with RIT. Alfred lost out on the automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament by coming up just short of RIT in the fourth and final tiebreaker (goal differential in conference play). The Saxons were also denied a bid to the four-team ECAC Northeast Region tournament.