

Alfred University's Raynor named to preseason football All-America team

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ALFRED Jesse Raynor (Weedsport/Weedsport), Alfred University's record-setting senior tailback, has been named a preseason All-America by Football Gazette. Raynor, named to Football Gazette's Division III Third Team, is coming off one of the most prolific offensive seasons in Saxon football history. Football Gazette is a premier print and on-line publication covering collegiate football. As a junior in 2001, he set single season records for rushing yards per game (137.2) and carries (259). His 1,235 rushing yards are third most in a single season and his 104 points scored rank second. He matched his own single-game mark for scoring with five touchdowns against Utica and his seven games with 100 or more yards rushing matched a school single-season record. Raynor, one of this year's tri-captains, is poised to break most major school rushing marks this season, including career rushing yardage, 100-yard rushing games, career rushing touchdowns, total career touchdowns and career scoring. He has 2,355 career rushing yards, good for sixth place on the all-time list and 1,151 off Ray Rogers' all-time school record. His 13 100-yard games are three behind Rogers' 16. He has 24 rushing touchdowns, nine off Max Freeman's career mark of 33; 28 career total touchdowns, 10 off Rogers' school-record 38; and 197 career points, 35 away from Rogers' all-time scoring mark. A business administration major, Raynor is one of the most versatile players in school history. He has led the team in rushing and pass receptions each of the past two seasons and has been one of the leading kickoff return men each of the last three years. Last season, he also handled placekicking and kickoff duties and made good on four of five field goals and 10 of 12 extra points.