

2000 AU Football Schedule

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Homecoming game with Ithaca highlights AU football schedule The Sept. 9 Homecoming game against Ithaca College highlights Alfred University's 2000 football schedule. The Saxons renew their longtime rivalry with the Bombers after a two-year absence. The Homecoming game is set for 1:30 p.m. at Merrill Field. "Our students, athletes and alumni look at Ithaca as our biggest rival," third-year AU head football coach Dave Murray said. "They have an outstanding football program. We're excited that they are our Homecoming opponent." Other highlights of the 2000 schedule are road games against rivals Hartwick (Oct. 14) and Hobart (Oct. 21.) The Saxons also visit Union College Sept. 30 and Grove City College Nov. 11 and host a tough Carnegie Mellon squad Sept. 23. Rounding out the schedule are home games against St. John Fisher in the Sept. 2 season opener, Oct. 28 against William Paterson and Nov. 4 against Canisius, and a trip to St. Lawrence Sept. 16. The Saxons have an open date Oct. 7. Murray said the Saxons' 2000 schedule is much more difficult than in his previous two years at the helm. Salisbury State, Oberlin College and Bethany College, against whom Alfred went 2-1 in 1999, have been replaced by perennial powerhouses Ithaca and Union, as well as William Paterson, which plays in the tough New Jersey Athletic Conference. "With Ithaca and Union, we add two nationally-ranked teams to our schedule. And William Paterson plays in what is probably the most competitive (Division III) conference in the country," Murray said. "It's the toughest schedule we've had since I've been here. But our team has improved steadily over the last couple years, so I think we'll be up to the challenge." Following is the 2000 Alfred University football schedule: SEPTEMBER 2 St. John Fisher 7 p.m. 9 Ithaca* 1:30 p.m. 16 at St. Lawrence 1 p.m. 23 Carnegie Mellon 1:30 p.m. 30 at Union 1 p.m. OCTOBER 7 OPEN 14 at Hartwick 1:30 p.m. 21 at Hobart 1 p.m. 28 William Paterson 1:30 p.m. NOVEMBER 4 Canisius 1:30 p.m. 11 at Grove City 1:30 p.m.* Denotes Homecoming game.