

More than 90 recruits set to join Alfred University football team

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University football team will welcome 94 freshmen when preseason camp opens Aug. 15. Among the newcomers are 11 state all-stars, including nine from New York. Three of the New York State all-stars hail from Section VI schools. They include quarterback Tom Secky, a graduate of Maple Grove High School in Jamestown, NY. Secky, at 6-4 and 195 pounds, was a First Team Class D all-star who was rated by ESPN as the third best quarterback recruit in New York State. He was also named a First Team Western New York all-star as a placekicker. A talented all-around athlete, Secky was named a First Team New York State Class C all-star in basketball. He helped lead his team to a New York State Class C basketball title and was named MVP of the state tournament. Other NYS all-stars from Section VI schools include Mitchell Schrechengost of Falconer (NY) High and Joe Webb of Lackawanna (NY) High. The 6-2, 175-pound Schrechengost, who was a Third Team New York Class C all-star at linebacker, will play defensive back at AU. Webb, a 6-1, 275-pound defensive tackle, earned First Team Class B all-state honors last year and was a Western New York all-star his junior and senior years. AU also nabbed a pair of all-state selections from Section V schools: linebackers Brady Bonacquisti from LeRoy (NY) High and Jared Dent from Pembroke (NY) High. Bonacquisti earned Second Team Class C honors in 2006 and First Team honors in 2007. He was also a two-time First Team All-Greater Rochester selection and two time Section V Class C championship game MVP. Dent earned First Team Class C honors as a junior and was a Second Team state all-star as a senior in 2007. Last season, he was named Section V Class C Defensive Player of the Year. Three state all-stars come to AU from Section II (Albany area), Section III (Syracuse area), and Section IV (Southern Tier). They are wide receiver ZayQuan DuPree of Catholic Central High in Albany, defensive end Adam Walsh of East Syracuse-Minoa High School, and linebacker Gage Volkes of Unatego (NY) High School. DuPree (5-9, 175) was a Third Team all-state pick last year and was also a First Team Section II, Class C all-star. Walsh (6-3, 260) transferred to AU from Gannon and was a Third Team Class A all-state selection as a high school senior in 2006. Volkes was a Second Team Class C all-state pick last season. Alec Courier earned all-state honors as a wide receiver at Peru High School (New York State, Section VII) in 2007. The 5-11, 185-pound Courier comes to AU after twice earning First Team all-league honors at Peru High. The Saxon recruits include one all-state selection from Pennsylvania and one from Vermont. Wes Smith, a 6-1, 195-pound linebacker from Muncy (PA) High School, was a Second Team Class A linebacker in 2007, when he also earned First Team League honors and Second Team District honors. Addison Rice, a 6-1, 220-pound tailback from Brattleboro (VT) Union High School, was named a Vermont honorable mention all-state performer last season. Other top recruits to the AU football team include T.J. Kilcarr, quarterback from Clarkstown (NY) South; Tucker Smart, strong safety from Oakfield-Alabama High School (Oakfield, NY); Zach Crotty, wide receiver from Liverpool, NY; Mike Davies, fullback from Vernon-Verona-Sherrill (New York); Jamie Hare, linebacker from Maple Grove (Jamestown, NY) High; Jon Katta, running back/linebacker from Forrestville (NY) High; and Colton Acorn, wide receiver from Wellsboro (PA) High. Kilcarr (5-11, 170) was a two-time Rockland County First Team all-star, a two-time league all-star, and a Section I Class AA all-star. Smart was an All-Greater Rochester all-star last year, when he was named Section V Class C Offensive Player of the Year. Crotty (6-1, 170) was named a First Team Central New York all-star last year, while Davies (6-0, 210) was a Second Team CNY all-star in 2007. Hare (5-10, 190) was a First Team Section VI Class D linebacker as a senior, while Katta (5-11, 180) was a First Team Class D running back last season. Acorn earned First Team All-District 4 honors as a wide receiver last year, while receiving Second Team all-District 4 honors as a defensive end. He was a First Team Northern Tier all-star on both offense and defense.