

Former Saxon great Schuster is alternate official for Super Bowl XLVI

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN - Bill Schuster, a 1981 Alfred University graduate, has been chosen as an alternate official for Sunday's Super Bowl XLVI. A veteran National Football League umpire, Schuster is among five officials listed as alternates for Sunday's game in Indianapolis, IN, between the New York Giants and New England Patriots. Schuster is in his 12th season as an NFL umpire, having begun his pro officiating career in 2000. He officiated his first NFL playoff game - a Wild Card contest between the Atlanta Falcons and Green Bay Packers, in January 2003. A member of referee Gene Steratore's officiating crew, Schuster was umpire for the AFC Divisional playoff game between the Patriots and Denver Broncos on Jan. 14. Schuster graduated from Alfred in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in business. He played four seasons (1976-79) for the Saxon football team, during which he was a two-time All-American wide receiver who once held the school record for career receptions. An assistant coach on the 1981 team that earned the school's first-ever NCAA playoff appearance, Schuster was elected into the AU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003. His younger brother, Bob, was an All-American quarterback who played for AU from 1977-80. A native and resident of Livonia, NY, Schuster is owner of the William Schuster Insurance Agency in Livonia.