

## AU's Manzer, Rantz earn honors from D3football.com

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ALFRED, NY Alfred University freshman wide receiver Jared Manzer (Johnson City, NY/Johnson City) and senior defensive end Andy Rantz (Montandon, PA/Milton) have been named East Region all-stars by D3football.com. D3football.com is a leading website dedicated to Division III football. Manzer and Rantz were both named to the East Region Third Team. Manzer, a record-setting receiver for AU, was recently named Rookie of the Year and a First Team all-star by the Empire 8 Conference. He led his team with 53 catches for 678 yards and 10 touchdowns. His 10 receiving TDs set a new AU single-season record. Manzer also averaged 21.6 yards per kick return and 7.8 yards per punt return. He led the Empire 8 Conference in receptions and touchdown catches and was third in receiving yards per game and seventh in all-purpose yards. Rantz was a Second Team Empire 8 all-star in 2006 and is a three-time all-conference selection (he earned Second Team honors in 2005 and honorable mention in 2004). A team captain, he was a leader on a defense that allowed a conference-best 256 yards of offense per game. Rantz finished the year with 39 tackles (18 solo), with 4.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, three pass breakups and a forced fumble. Alfred finished the season with an 8-3 record, capped by a 40-34 overtime win over Rochester in the ECAC Northwest Bowl championship game. The Saxons set a new team record for victories in a three-year period, winning 25 games (against only eight losses) from 2004-06.