

AU quarterback Johnson earns weekly honors from Empire 8

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ALFRED, NY — **Tyler Johnson (East Syracuse, NY/East Syracuse-Minoa)**, a freshman quarterback on the Alfred University football team, has been named Empire 8 Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

Johnson was honored for his play in the Saxons' 48-31 victory over visiting Utica College Saturday afternoon. In helping the Saxons run their winning streak to four games, Johnson completed 78 percent of his throws (19 of 25) for 342 yards and two touchdowns. Johnson, who had touchdown passes of 43 and 35 yards, also ran for 35 yards on nine carries.

This marks the second time this season Johnson has been named Empire 8 Offensive Player of the Week. He had previously been honored for his play in Alfred's 34-28 overtime victory at Brockport on Sept. 28. In that game, he completed 11 of 17 passes for 157 yards and a touchdown and ran 15 times for 134 yards and two scores.

Alfred plays next on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 1 p.m. when the Saxons wrap up their regular season at St. John Fisher in the Courage Bowl. Proceeds from the game benefit Rochester-based camp Good Days and Special Times.