

Saxons fall short at Nazareth, 11-6

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PITTSFORD, NY - The Alfred University men's lacrosse team fell to host Nazareth College 11-6, Wednesday afternoon, in Empire 8 Conference play. Nazareth held an early 4-0 lead, as they held the Saxons scoreless in the opening. Senior attackman Stefan Dabkowski (Latham, NY/Shaker (SUNY Delhi)) got AU on the board off an assist from sophomore attackman Caleb McCaig (Corning, NY/Corning West (Mercyhurst)), trimming the hosts lead to 6-1 with 1:45 remaining in the first half of action. The Golden Flyers had two chances to score before the half, but freshman goalie Cody O'Connor (Whitney Point, NY/Whitney Point) made key stops, as the Saxons went into intermission trailing 6-1. AU tallied the first goal in the second half, as Dabkowski found the back of the net for the second time off a feed from sophomore midfielder Brendan Sullivan (Stafford, VA/North Stafford/The Kiski School). The Golden Flyers tacked on a pair of goals to close the third quarter and take a 8-2 advantage heading into the final frame. In the fourth quarter, sophomore attackman Ben DeMarco (Jamestown, NY/Jamestown (Maris Hills)) tallied an unassisted goal to trim Nazareth's lead to 8-3 with 12:22 remaining. The Golden Flyers responded scoring unanswered goals over a six-minute span to claim a 10-3 lead with 6:40 to go in the fourth quarter. The Saxons came alive late, notching a pair of goals in less than a two-minute span, to make it a five-goal (10-5) game with 2:44 seconds remaining. AU got no closer as the teams traded goals to close out the contest. Dabkowski finished with a game-high three goals and DeMarco had two goals and an assist to pace the Saxons (3-9, 0-4 Empire 8). Sophomore attackman Brett Carroll (Buffalo, NY/Bishop Timon-St. Jude) had a goal and freshman attackman Nicolas Wood (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua) dished out an assist. Junior defender Jake Spadoni (Webster, NY/Webster Schroder) caused three turnovers and picked up two groundballs. O'Connor went the distance in goal for AU and made a game-high 11 saves. Nate DeLone and Chris Aycock each netted three goals to lead Nazareth (5-6, 2-1 Empire 8). Tim Doyle played all 60 minutes in goal for the Golden Flyers and finished with eight saves. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, April 14, at 1 p.m., as they travel to take on Elmira College in an Empire 8 Conference matchup.