

AU football team earns ECAC bowl bid

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ALFRED, NY - The Alfred University football team has been awarded a bid to the Eastern College Athletic Association championships, the ECAC announced late Sunday evening. AU (7-3, 4-3 Empire 8) will play at Bridgewater (MA) State in the ECAC North-East Bowl championship. The game will be played on Saturday, Nov. 19, at noon. AU last played in an ECAC bowl game in 2008, when the Saxons lost at RPI. Prior to that, AU played in three straight ECAC bowl games from 2006-08, all at home, winning all three: in 2005 against Maine Maritime and in 2006 and 2007 against Rochester. Alfred has played Bridgewater State once before, in 1989 in the ECAC North Bowl, which the Saxons won, 30-27. Bridgewater will come into Saturday's game with a 7-2 record and has won its last five games. The Bears, who are coming off a 38-35 win over Massachusetts Maritime in their regular season finale, finished tied for second in the New England Football Conference with a 5-2 league mark. The Saxons are coming off a 41-13 win over visiting Utica Saturday in their 2011 regular season finale.