

## **Saxons roll over Norwich, 48-13**

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University football team scored the first 35 points of the game en route to a 48-13 Homecoming victory over visiting Norwich University Saturday at Merrill Field. Alfred (3-1, 1-1 Empire 8) rolled up 440 yards of offense while holding the visitors to 101. The Saxons held a 23-7 advantage in first downs and controlled the ball for more than 36 minutes. Freshman tailback Vinson Hendrix (Rochester, NY/East) ran for a career-high 106 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries and added a 71-yard touchdown reception, while junior quarterback Paul Keeley (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) completed 16 of 19 passes for 252 yards and four touchdowns. His four scoring tosses tied a school single-game record he shared with four others. AU scored on its opening drive, marching 65 yards in 10 plays. Junior Elmer Newsome (Cadosia, NY/Hancock) capped the drive with a one-yard touchdown plunge. The Saxons punted on their second possession but scored on their next four. Hendrix caught a short pass and scampered 71 yards to make it 14-0 with 3:02 left in the opening frame. Hendrix scored from a yard out with 11:27 left in the second and Keeley threw a pair of short TD passes two yards to junior tight end Kasey Kryder (Rochester, NY/Gates-Chili) with 5:26 left in the half and five yards to senior tight end Matt Gibbons (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa) 38 second before intermission. Norwich got on the board midway through the third period. Newsome fumbled the ball at the Norwich 11-yard line and Cadet cornerback Matt Provuncher scooped up the ball and ran 89 yards for the score. The PAT failed and the Saxons led, 35-6. AU scored twice in the final four minutes of the third. Keeley hit freshman fullback Dan Wiacek (Mattydale, NY/Cicero-North Syracuse) with a 23-yard scoring pass with 4:19 left in the quarter. Norwich fumbled the ensuing kickoff and the Saxons recovered at the visitors' 8-yard line. Four plays later, sophomore tailback Morgan O'Brien (Bradford, PA/Bradford) ran in from a yard out. The extra point attempt failed and AU led, 48-6. Norwich closed out the scoring with 2:28 left when quarterback Marcus Adames connected with running back Dom Sorrentino on a two-yard scoring pass. Sophomore wide receiver Craig Chase (Erie, PA/Cathedral Prep) had a game-high five catches for 76 yards for Alfred, while freshman wide receiver Saucobie Riley (Rochester, NY/Marshall) had three catches for 41 yards. Norwich's Adames finished with 41 yards passing. Tight end Adam DeJong had a team-high two catches for 13 yards. A week after allowing nearly 500 yards rushing in a loss at Springfield, the Saxons were stout against the run, allowing the Cadets 54 yards on 28 carries. At halftime, Norwich had a mere 18 yards in total offense and the bulk of the Cadets' offensive yards came after Alfred's first string had been lifted from the game. The Saxons held Norwich tailback Darnell Jackson, who came into the contest averaging 110 yards rushing per game, to 23 yards on 13 carries. Freshman linebacker Marc Mangovski (Kirkville, NY/East Syracuse-Minoa) led the team with six tackles, including one for loss. Sophomore free safety Matt Van Woert (Schenectady, NY/Schalmont) had three tackles, including one for loss and a fumble recovery and senior cornerback Mike Coupe (New Hartford, NY/New Hartford) had an interception. Linebacker Greg Abell had a game-high 13 tackles, including five solo and two for loss, to pace the Norwich defense. Linebacker Jason Henika and end Richard Cumby each had a quarterback sack for the Cadets. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. at Hartwick.