

## AU Saxons defeat Husson in home opener

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Quarterback Tyler Johnson  
eludes a Husson defender

The Alfred University football team racked up 439 yards of offense and held visiting Husson University to under 200 as the Saxons trounced the Eagles, 34-17, Saturday afternoon in the season opener for both teams.

AU sophomore quarterback [Tyler Johnson](#) (East Syracuse, NY/East Syracuse-Minoa) completed 18 of 24 passes for 297 yards and tossed five touchdown passes. Sophomore wideout [Brendan Buisch](#) (Hornell, NY/Hornell) caught five passes for 86 yards and a pair of TDs. Bob Rankl, a long-time Saxon assistant, got the win in his Alfred head coaching debut.

After a scoreless first quarter, AU went up 7-0 on a 26-yard scoring toss from Johnson to senior tight end [Isiah Young](#) (Groton, NY/Groton) on the second play of the second quarter. Husson knotted the game at 7-7 on Shabashe McIntosh's 80-yard return of the ensuing kickoff.

AU scored two touchdowns in a two-minute span midway through the second. The first came on a 19-yard pass from Johnson to sophomore tailback [Casey Bright](#) (Pulaski, NY/Pulaski) with 9:58 left; the second, with left in the half, came on an 87-yard catch and run by junior wideout [Bobby Broddus](#) (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool). Husson made it 20-10 at intermission on a short field goal as the first-half clock expired.

Buisch caught the first of his two TD passes, a 13-yarder with 9:52 left in the third, to put AU up 27-10. After Husson drew to within 10 points at 27-17 with 8:23 left in the fourth, the Saxons put the game away on a 24-yard Johnson-to-Buisch scoring pass.

Sophomore wide receiver [Rodney Etienne](#) (Spring Valley, NY/Ramapo) caught seven passes for 74 yards and Young caught three for 31. Johnson was the Saxons' leading rusher, racking up 69 yards on 12 carries. Sophomore

wide receiver [Shaquille Muscadin](#) (Monsey, NY/Ramapo) ran four times for 37 yards and added a 27-yard kickoff return.

Husson quarterback **Joe Seccareccia** threw for 134 yards and was intercepted once. Wideout **Ryan Stroud** caught six passes for 58 yards and tailback **Kyle McKinnon** ran for 27 yards on 10 carries.

Junior middle linebacker [Corry Wallace](#) (Mastic Beach, NY/Longwood) had a game-high 11 tackles (two for loss) and senior cornerback **Mike Perkins** (Rochester, NY/East) had five solo stops and an interception to lead the AU defense. Senior linebacker [Justin Liberta](#) (Hamburg, NY/Frontier) and senior cornerback [Lucas Chavez](#) (Chino Hills, CA/Ruben Ayala) each had seven tackles.

**Stephan Dance** had 10 tackles and forced fumble and **Ellis Throckmorton** had nine tackles (two for loss) to pace the Husson defense.

AU is in action next on Saturday, Sept. 13, at noon at RPI.