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returning starter on the offensive line, earned Second Team Empire 8 honors, as did first-year starting right tackle Zach Morgan. Carletta and Morgan anchored a line that gave up only 17 sacks in 11 games.

In addition to outstanding performances by relative newcomers, Murray got solid contributions from his veterans. Gibbins' replacement at tight end, sophomore D.J. Loughlin-Pope, had 11 catches for 193 yards and four touchdowns, earning him Second Team honors from the Empire 8.

On defense, senior Ron Smith, a starter at cornerback a season ago, played well — on defense and special teams. He finished with five interceptions and blocked four kicks on his way to earning Second Team Empire 8 accolades. And senior free safety Brian Nitsche (50 tackles, five INTs) wrapped up an outstanding career by earning First Team Empire 8 honors, the fourth time he's been named a Conference All-Star. Junior linebacker Marc Mangovski (70 tackles, three fumble recoveries) and senior strong safety Jeremy Darron (56 tackles) each were given honorable mention by the Empire 8.

AU got outstanding performances from its receiving corps, especially senior wideout Trevor Bork and junior wide receiver Jared Manzer. Bork ended a stellar career as the Saxons' all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards. In his final season, he had 64 catches for 946 yards (both second most in a season in AU history) and was named a

Second Team conference all-star. Manzer broke school single-season records for catches (69) and yards receiving (1,058). His 10 touchdowns catches tied the AU single-season mark he set in 2006.

While AU will miss Bork's contributions, a pair of young receivers played well this year and are poised to step into more prominent roles with the team in 2009. Junior Milton Harding had 29 catches for 328 yards and three TDs and sophomore Ryan Thon finished the year with four catches for 80 yards and a score. Manzer, Harding, Thon and Loughlin-Pope give Secky a tremendous group of receivers for next season. The Saxon offense will be further helped by the return of a healthy Hendrix. A preseason All-American this year after rushing for a school-record 1,406 yards as a sophomore, Hendrix was limited to 415 yards on the ground this year, but managed to lead the team with 10 rushing touchdowns. A return to form for Hendrix (32 catches, 235 yards, one TD in 2007) will also benefit the passing game.

Looking ahead to 2009, Murray will have some shoes to fill, most notably those of Bork, Nitsche, Ritter and Smith.

Bork and fullback Jeff Pecoraro are the only starters on offense set to be lost to graduation. Junior guard Eric Manning, freshman guard Adam Walsh, and sophomore center Jeff Vandewalker join Carletta and Morgan as returning starters on the line in 2009.

Seven defensive starters — Nitsche, Ritter, Darron, Smith, cornerback Matt Van Woeart (58 tackles, one interception), end Dan Dunham (30 tackles, 6.5 for loss) and middle linebacker John Soule (56 tackles, 2.5 sacks) — have all played their final games in an AU uniform.

Despite those losses, there are a host of youngsters ready to step up on defense. Junior Jerry Bond took over a starting tackle's job midway through the season and finished with 25 tackles (five for loss). Freshman end Marcellus Jones had 25 tackles backing up Dunham, and junior end Adam Brockway finished with 48 tackles, including 6.5 for loss and five sacks.

Special teams will be sound. Freshman Eric Rockwood replaced Reynolds at kicker and was 31-of-36 on PATs and 9-of-13 on field goals. Junior Pete Marley earned Empire 8 honorable mention by averaging 36.7 yards per punt. Manzer was a Second Team Empire 8 all-purpose performer, averaging 17.6 yards on kick returns and 10.5 yards on punt returns.

## For the record

Senior Trevor Bork leaves Alfred University's football program having broken three major receiving records. Junior Jared Manzer and freshman Tom Secky, meanwhile, return next year having established new records of their own.



*Trevor Bork*

Bork, a four-year starter at wide receiver, set new records for receiving yards in a game, and receiving yards and receptions in a career. His 208 yards receiving against Ithaca is a new single-game mark. His 2,555 career receiving yards broke the record previously held by AU Hall of Fame Charles Young (1969-72) and his 197 career receptions broke the previous record held by Bill Schuster (1976-79).



*Jared Manzer*

Manzer, who is on track to break Bork's records for career receptions and receiving yardage, is a three-year starter at wideout. His 69 receptions this year broke the record set by Hall of Famer Matt Sullivan in 1980 and his 1,058 yards receiving broke Young's single-season mark, set in 1971. He also caught 10 TD passes this year, which equals the mark he set as a freshman two seasons ago.



*Tom Secky*

Secky had the most prolific season ever by an AU freshman quarterback. He finished his first campaign in Saxons' uniform with 2,869 yards and 27 touchdowns, both AU freshman records.

## 2008 RESULTS

- 9/6 Ursinus L, 34-27
- 9/13 FDU-Florham W, 21-14
- 9/20 @ St. Lawrence W, 20-3
- 9/27 @ Springfield\* W, 17-141
- 10/4 Norwich\* W, 42-0
- 10/11 @ Hartwick\* L, 24-19
- 10/18 @ Utica\* W, 27-10
- 11/1 @ Rochester W, 43-14
- 11/8 Ithaca\* L, 43-35
- 11/15 St. John Fisher\* W, 36-33 (OT)
- 11/22 @ RPI# L, 34-31

\* Empire 8 Contest  
# ECAC Northwest Championship

# First-year coach guides young Saxons squad

All but two key players from a year ago return as head coach Dale Wellman begins his first year at the helm of the AU men's basketball team. The former Williams College assistant also welcomes back standout forward Pat Smithgall as the Saxons look to improve on a 2-23 record from last season.

There are several solid veterans back from last year. And Smithgall, one of the leading rebounders in the nation as a freshman, returns after missing last year with a knee injury. An added year's experience for the returnees and having Smithgall's back, coupled with the arrival of some solid newcomers will go a long way toward reversing Alfred's fortunes from last year.

"Everyone's a year older," said Wellman, who was hired this summer to replace longtime men's coach Jay Murphy, who left to take over the AU women's team. "A lot of the guys who saw significant playing time last year were freshmen. With the veteran leadership we have, they've been really energetic. They don't want to experience that (2-23 record) again and they're working really hard to get going in the right direction."

"Getting Pat back is huge. He's been an absolute beast in the paint. He's not going to be pushed around in the paint by anyone and he goes after every rebound" Wellman said of the 6-5 Smithgall (a team captain this year), who averaged 9.5 rebounds and 6.8 points in 2006-07. Other low post players on the roster include 6-5 freshman center Bryan Bobo and 6-7 freshman center Matt Borsz. Both could see time behind Smithgall as they work to develop their games.

The Saxons, while not deep, are experienced at the forward position, with 6-4 senior Carl Embury and 6-2 junior Jared Patt (both captains) returning as starters from a season ago.

Embury may be the team's best shooter: he made 44 percent of his field goals last year (41.6 on three-pointers) and averaged 8.8 points and four rebounds. Wellman will look for Embury to hit the outside shot and drive to the hoop, where he's proven to be a solid finisher. Patt can also stroke the ball from long range and can also get to the basket, as evidenced by his 59 free throw attempts last year. Wellman said Patt has been shooting the ball well in practice, but also points to his value as a defender.

Senior forward Ron Smith may be Wellman's most athletic player. He saw action in 18 games last year and averaged 5.3 points and 1.8 boards.

The Saxons' roster is deep in the backcourt, as three guards return from a year ago to join four newcomers. Sophomore's Gary Kwiecien (3.5 ppg, 22 steals, last year), Mike Stopera (2.8 ppg, 27 assists) and Josh Parker (2.0 ppg) each saw significant playing time a season ago and could share the roles of point guard and shooting guard this season. Junior Bobby Barry, a transfer from Hudson Valley Community College, may be the best outside shooter among the team's guards. Providing depth at the guard position will be freshmen Griffin Taylor and Patrick Hollenbeck, and junior Jossue Infante, who returns to the team after taking last season off.

Wellman is confident his team will make strides throughout the year. "Our goal is to take one game at a time and compete in every single game we play," Wellman said. "We want to get better every day so that we're ready when that first game rolls around."

## KEY RETURNEES



**PAT SMITHGALL, CAPTAIN**  
So., C, Perry, NY

12

2007-08: Missed season with injury. **2006-07:** Was a force under the glass, corralling a team-high 219 rebounds (9.5 per game)... Grabbed 26 rebounds (most in the nation for a single game) and scored 17 points in the Saxons overtime win against Hilbert College... Averaged 6.8 points per contest.



**CARL EMBURY, CAPTAIN**  
Sr., F, Perry, NY

33

2007-08: Played in 25 games, starting 17, and averaged 8.8 points four rebounds per contest.... Made 37 three-point shots, most on the team, and had 22 steals and 28 assists.



**JARED PATT, CAPTAIN**  
Jr., G, Nelson, PA

34

2007-08: Played in all 25 games and was a force defensively, finishing with a team-best 41 steals... He averaged 7.6 points and 3.9 rebounds and made 27 three-point shots... His 43 assists were second most on the team.

## 2008-09 SCHEDULE

- 11/15 @ Wells 1 PM
- 11/18 @ Penn State Wilkes-Barre 7 PM
- 11/21-22 @ Juniata Tourn.
- 11/25 Hilbert 7 PM
- 12/1 RIT\* 7 PM
- 12/6 Cazenovia 2 PM
- 12/29 Muskingum # 6 PM
- 12/30 St. Mary's College # 1 PM
- 1/4 Ithaca\* 2 PM
- 1/6 Elmira\* 8 PM
- 1/9 @ Hartwick\* 8 PM
- 1/10 @ Utica\* 4 PM
- 1/16 Stevens\* 8 PM
- 1/19 @ Albany Coll. of Pharmacy 2 PM
- 1/23 St. John Fisher\* 8 PM
- 1/27 @ Nazareth\* 8 PM
- 2/3 @ RIT\* 8 PM
- 2/6 @ Stevens\* 8 PM
- 2/8 @ Ithaca\* 2 PM
- 2/10 Nazareth\* 8 PM
- 2/13 @ Elmira\* 8 PM
- 2/17 @ St. John Fisher\* 8 PM
- 2/20 Hartwick\* 8 PM
- 2/21 Utica\* 4 PM
- 2/27-28 Empire 8 Tournament TBD

\* Empire 8 Contest  
# @ St. John Fisher Classic

# Murphy takes over women's team

Experience won't be a problem as the Alfred University women's basketball team, under the direction of new head coach Jay Murphy, looks to improve on its 2-21 record from a season ago. Ten of 12 letterwinners, including all five starters, return from last season, and the addition of point guard Lyndsay Murphy, the coach's daughter and a starter last year for Empire 8 rival St. John Fisher, bolsters an already deep backcourt.

"We do have a lot of experience," Jay Murphy commented. "There was no consistency in their style of play last season, which has to change. We have some very hard workers who are really getting the hang of our style of play."

There's plenty of depth across the board for AU, particularly at the guard position. Senior captain Melanie Jackson has started at the three-guard spot since her freshman season, and has been the team's main scoring option throughout her career. A solid defender and rebounder, Jackson has 165 career steals (15 off the school record) and last year averaged a team-best 6.5 boards.

The arrival of Lyndsay Murphy solidifies the point position for the Lady Saxons. During her freshman year at Fisher, Murphy played in all 27 games, starting 15, and

averaged 5.1 points and 1.6 assists per game. "I'm counting on her as our primary point guard, and she will see time at the off guard," Murphy said. "She'll be the floor general."

Juniors Lisa Button, a team captain, and Abbey Schaffnit have shared point duties the last two seasons. Button, always a threat from behind the arc, is a solid outside shooter who will see most of her time at the two-guard position, with Schaffnit backing up Murphy on the point. Button averaged 6.8 points and two assists last year, while Schaffnit, a tough defender, averaged 2.4 points and a steal per game.

One of the more athletic players on the team is junior three-guard Emily Steen, who played in 20 games last year and averaged nearly two rebounds.

Adding depth in the backcourt will be juniors Meagan Schulz, April Petit and junior college transfer Jillina Wallace, along with freshmen Molly Sullivan and Jasmine Kelley.

Twin sisters, juniors Hannah and Libby Meier will see time at the guard and forward positions. Both have good height — Hannah is 6-0 and Libby 5-11 — to play well around the paint, but also possess good shooting

range, which presents match-up problems for opposing defenses.

Junior forwards Danielle Cooper and Alysha Dias were starters last year and each saw significant time as freshmen. Dias averaged 7.8 points and 5.5 boards and Cooper seven points and 4.7 rebounds last season. They'll be counted on to continue providing scoring punch while rebounding and playing tough defense in the paint.

Finishing in the top four in the conference, a year after the team turned in a 1-13 conference mark, would give AU its first-ever berth in the Empire 8 Conference championship tournament. Murphy feels it's a reasonable goal for this year's squad, despite the presence of only one senior.

"I think we can be up over .500 in the conference," he commented. "We can't get discouraged if we go through some bumps in the road early. (The players) need to stay together, keep working hard, and play

## KEY RETURNEES



**MELANIE JACKSON, CAPTAIN**  
Sr., G/F, Andover, NY

13

**2007-08:** Played in 21 games and was a dominant force on the court. Jackson led her team in rebounds, steals and points. Ended the season with 137 rebounds, 39 steals, and 247 points, while draining 45 shots from three-point range...Was an honorable mention Empire 8 Conference all-star.



**ALYSHA DIAS**  
Jr., F, Rochester, NY

24

**2007-08:** Played in 22 games. Led the team in three-point shots made with 54. Dias grabbed 122 rebounds and 29 steals. She ended the season with 172 points, averaging 7.8 points per game.



**LISA BUTTON, CAPTAIN**  
Jr., G, Troupsburg, NY

23

**2007-08:** Played in all 23 games. She made 26 shots from behind the arc and totalled 48 rebounds and 24 steals...Button ended the season with 157 points, averaging 6.8 a game.

## 2008-09 SCHEDULE

- 11/15 @ Penn State-DuBois 1 PM
- 11/18 @ Keuka 6 PM
- 11/22-23 @ Susquehanna Tourn.
- 11/25 Hilbert 5 PM
- 12/1 @ Medaille 6 PM
- 12/29 Waynesburg 7 PM
- 1/4 Ithaca\* 12 PM
- 1/6 Elmira\* 6 PM
- 1/9 @ Hartwick\* 6 PM
- 1/10 @ Utica\* 2 PM
- 1/16 Stevens\* 6 PM
- 1/20 RIT\* 6 PM
- 1/23 St. John Fisher\* 6 PM
- 1/27 @ Nazareth\* 6 PM
- 1/28 Houghton 7 PM
- 1/31 Coll. of New Rochelle 1 PM
- 2/3 @ RIT\* 6 PM
- 2/6 @ Stevens\* 2 PM
- 2/8 @ Ithaca\* 12 PM
- 2/10 Nazareth\* 6 PM
- 2/13 @ Elmira\* 6 PM
- 2/17 @ St. John Fisher\* 6 PM
- 2/20 Hartwick\* 6 PM
- 2/21 Utica\* 2 PM
- 2/27-28 Empire 8 Tournament TBD

\* Empire 8 Contest

## INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

# Track teams poised for continued success

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams look to better their fifth-place showings at the Empire 8 meet and their respective 13th and 15th place finishes at the state championship meet.

The AU men have several talented performers returning from a year ago, including senior Ryan Squillaciotti (shot put), junior Lee Consolo (200, 400 meters), and sophomores Shawn Ross and Austin Fox (hurdles, triple jump).

Squillaciotti and Ross were standouts in the shot put last year, finishing first and second, respectively, at the Empire 8 meet, with Squillaciotti earning Conference Field Athlete of the Meet

honors. Ross and Squallaciotti were third and fifth, respectively, at the state meet.

Key returnees to the women's team include junior Megan Crimmins (sixth in the mile run at last year's Empire 8 championships); sophomore Kate LePore (10th in the 400-meter run at the E8 meet); and sophomore Emily Merkey (seventh in the weight throw at the conference meet). McKee, Crimmins and sophomore Melissa Haahr were on the team that took eighth in the 4-by-800 meter relay at last year's state meet.

## 2008-09 SCHEDULE

12/6 @ Cornell TBA  
1/10 @ RIT TBA  
1/17 @ RIT TBA  
1/24 @ St. Lawrence TBA  
2/1 @ RIT (Empire 8 Championships) TBA  
2/7 @ Susquehanna TBA  
2/14 @ Cornell TBA  
2/21 @ Cornell TBA  
2/27-28 @ NYSCTC Meet\* TBA  
3/6-7 at ECAC championships% TBA

\* at RIT, Rochester, Canton, NY  
% at Boston, MA

## VOLLEYBALL

# Netters lose only one senior, look forward to 2009

The AU women's volleyball team loses only one senior from a team that will look to improve on this fall's 4-21 record, which included an 0-8 mark in Empire 8 Conference play.

The Lady Saxons' lone senior, Stephanie Troiano, will certainly be missed. The four-year starter led the team in kills (196), hitting percentage (1.92), and digs (323). She added 15 service aces and 30 total blocks (13 solo, 17 assisted).

There are several talented players returning next season, including juniors Emily Steen, Danielle Van Cott and Janelle Brandow; sophomore Tara Quigley and Ashley Denio; and freshman Emily Crosby.

Steen had 74 kills, 116 assists, 16



Stephanie

services aces, 285 digs and 42 blocks (24 solo, 18 assisted); Van Cott had 51 kills, a team-high 371 assists and a team-best 20 aces, 167 digs and 36 blocks (10 solo); and Brandow had 100 kills (second on the squad), 19 aces, 246 digs and 38 blocks (13 solo).

Quigley was solid with a team leading 82 blocks (37 solo, 45 assisted) to go with 10 aces, 202 digs and 51 kills. Denio saw action in about half the games played and finished with 11 kills, 11 aces, 44 digs and 15 blocks (sixth on the team).

Crosby had 39 assists (third on the team), 155 digs, 11 blocks, 14 aces and 35 kills.

Other returnees next year will be freshmen Gillian Cox (42 digs in 30 games) and Caitlin Murphy (one service ace, three dis in four games), sophomore Karen Sill (eight kills, 15 digs, three blocks in 21 games).

## 2008 RESULTS

9/5 vs. York + L, 3-0  
9/6 vs. Russell Sage + W, 3-0  
9/6 vs. Elmira + L, 3-0  
9/6 vs. Elmira + L, 3-0  
9/9 vs. Brockport L, 3-0  
9/11 vs. Roberts Wesleyan W, 3-0  
9/18 vs. Medaille L, 3-2  
9/26 vs. Hartwick\* L, 3-1  
9/26 vs. Nazareth\* L, 3-0  
9/27 vs. Elmira\* L, 3-0  
9/27 vs. Utica\* L, 3-2  
10/2 vs. Keuka L, 3-1  
10/4 vs. Hartwick # L, 3-0  
10/4 vs. SUNY-IT # W, 3-1  
10/5 vs. Old Westbury # W, 3-1  
10/5 vs. Potsdam # L, 3-0  
10/9 @ Hilbert L, 3-2  
10/14 @ D'Youville L, 3-0  
10/15 @ Keuka L, 3-1  
10/18 @ Pitt-Bradford L, 3-0  
10/18 vs. LaRoche W, 3-1  
10/25 vs. Stevens\* L, 3-0  
10/25 vs. RIT\* L, 3-0  
10/26 vs. Ithaca\* L, 3-1  
10/26 vs. St. John Fisher\* L, 3-0

\* Empire 8 Contest  
+Elmira Tournament # Hartwick Tournament

# Saxons seek state title, greater presence at NCAAs

The AU men's swimming and diving team has certainly had its share of success in recent years: a current streak of 21 straight dual-meet victories dating back to 2006 and state titles each of the last two years attests to that. While head coach Brian Striker appreciates the significance of those achievements, he feels there is much more his team can accomplish in this, his seventh season.

"It's always great to go after a state title," said Striker, referring to the Upper New York State Collegiate Swim Association (UNYSCSA) championships, which AU has won three times in his six years as coach. "But my focus this year is for each individual to perform at a higher level. In the past, we've always said, 'Let's win states,' and then done just enough to do that. I want each swimmer and diver to set himself to a higher standard, and wherever it takes us, it takes us."

Striker feels that approach will help members of the team reach an even greater goal: participation in the NCAA championship meet. Senior Matt Baker has been the lone Saxon making NCAAs the last two years. Striker feels this year's team is poised to change that. "If we perform better individually, we'll perform better as a team," he said. "Then we'll have a chance to have a stronger presence at the NCAAs."

With 10 seniors leading the way, the Saxons have the chance to do something special this year. Six dual meet victories to start the season would tie the school record for consecutive wins at 27, established in 1989. In addition, AU will be gunning for its fourth-ever UNYSCSA title and

its fifth Empire 8 crown (the Saxons are two-time defending Empire 8 champs).

Matt Baker has been solid throughout his career, twice earning honorable mention honors in the 100-yard backstroke, six times earning Empire 8 individual titles and winning a state title (100-yard back) last year. As a sophomore, he was Empire 8 Swimmer of the Year after taking conference crowns in the 100-yard and 200-yard back and 500-yard freestyle.

Matt's twin bother, Mark Baker, Brian Agro, Anthony Cantone, Owen Linders, Tyler Monroe, Scott Sarkissian, Dan Skorski, San Staples, and Ray Wright are other returning seniors.

Mark Baker has been one of the team's most accomplished sprint freestylers during his career, winning a state title in the 50-yard free as a sophomore and earning All-Empire 8 honors four times. Agro, the Empire 8 Swimmer of the Year last season, when he won a state title in the 100-yard breast, is the team's top breaststroker and will also swim distance free and individual medley races this season. Both, along with Matt Baker, will be integral parts of Alfred's relays this year.

Sarkissian is a butterfly specialist who gives the team depth in individual and relay events. He was 11th and 12th, respectively, in the 200-yard and 100-yard fly at states last season. Monroe has been solid in the distance freestyle events and gives the team depth in the backstroke. Sarkissian and Monroe, along Staples (breast/freestyle), Cantone (freestyle/fly), Skorski (freestyle/breast), Wright (free/breaststroke) and Linders (IM/

distance free) will be counted on to provide depth and score at the state meet.

The Saxons have a group of youngsters who contributed right away as freshmen last season, Matt Lobban, Zach Mix and Ted Remington.

Olsen has emerged as one of the top sprint freestylers on the team. He was fifth in the 100 free and 200 free and 10th in the 50 free at the state meet last season and had a significant impact on the Saxons' success in relays. Lobban, a distance freestyler and backstroker, made it to the finals of the 1,650-freestyle and Mix was ninth in the 100-yard and 200-yard fly at states.

Diving has been an integral part of the team's success and will be again this season. Junior Kameron Chambliss will be expected to score high in dual meets and at the state championships, where last year, he took fourth in 1-meter and 3-meter diving. Classmate Sipol Smakpant was eighth in 1-meter diving at the state meet. Sophomore Tom Wilcox adds depth in diving.

The Saxons' roster has several underclassmen, including some talented freshmen who will be expected to contribute this season. Returnees who help give the team depth include sophomore freestylers Nick Clark, Conor Murphy and Dan Steere.

The freshman class includes breast/distance freestyler Warren Dolben, freestyler Andrew Moragne, backstroker Richard Guarniero, freestyler Vincent Pasacarella, butterflyer Zach Myers, and Jeffery Swartout (Breaststroke/

## KEY RETURNEES



**Brian Agro**  
Sr., Gray, ME

**Last season:** Was named Swimmer of the Meet at the Empire 8 Conference championships after winning conference titles in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley...Also won a state crown in the 100-yard breast and swam on the team that won a state title in the 400-yard medley relay.



**Matt Baker**  
Sr., Weedsport, NY

**Last season:** Earned honorable mention All-American honors in the 100-yard backstroke...Won a state crown in the 100-yard backstroke and claimed Empire 8 titles in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke.



**Mark Baker**  
Sr., Weedsport, NY

**Last season:** Was a Second Team Empire 8 all-star in the 100-yard freestyle...Swam on the 200-yard free relay team that won state and conference crowns...Took second in the 200-yard free and third in the 50-yard free at the state meet.

## 2008-09 SCHEDULE

- 10/22 RIT\* 1 PM
- 10/25 Nazareth, Ithaca\* 1 PM
- 11/1 @ Geneseo Invitational 1 PM
- 11/8 @ Pitt-Bradford 1 PM
- 11/14 Fredonia 6 PM
- 11/15 William Smith# 1 PM
- 12/5-7 @ RIT Invitational TBA
- 1/16 @ Utica\* 1 PM
- 1/17 @ LeMoyne 1 PM
- 1/23 Geneseo 6 PM
- 1/31 Hartwick\* 1 PM
- 2/7 @ St. Lawrence 1 PM
- 2/18-21 NYSWCAA meet% TBA
- 2/25-28 UNYSCSA meet% TBA
- 3/12-15 Women's NCAAs & TBA
- 3/19-22 Men's NCAAs & TBA

\* Empire 8 Contest # Women's team only  
% Syracuse, NY & St. Paul, MN

# Women's team looks to make splash

The women's swimming and diving team will look to continue building toward the success it had in head coach Brian Striker's second season (2003-04), when AU finished third at the New York State championships.

That squad had much more talent and depth than the current team, but with several solid swimmers and divers, this year's Lady Saxons should show improvement over last season 12th-place finish at the NYSWCAA meet. For Striker, the emphasis this year won't be as much on winning dual meets (the team went 2-8 last season) as it will be on getting the absolute most out of his swimmers and divers.

"We can't focus on wins and losses," he said. "The focus, especially after the last few years, has to be on us becoming the best we can be, individually, and then we'll come together as a competitive unit."

Leading the way for the Lady Saxons will be senior distance freestyler and captain Jessie Caccamo and sophomore sprint freestyler Sarah Blair. The top two swimmers in dual meets for AU a year ago (Caccamo had a team-best 12 wins in dual meets; Blair had seven), the pair, along with freshman Maggie Callesano will be counted on to lead the team to improvement at states.

"Those are our top three swimmers," Striker said. "They will be put to the test, but each of them has the potential to be finalists at states."

That would be significant, as no AU swimmer reached the finals (top eight) at last year's state meet. Caccamo was 24th in the 500-yard free and 13th in the 1,650-yard free at states, while Blair was 15th and 19th, respectively, in the 100-yard and 50-yard free. "Jessie's best year was when she was a freshman and I expect her to exceed that level this year. Sarah struggled with injuries last year and I'm looking forward to seeing great things from her this season," Striker said. "They have the potential to break school records and help the team move back in the right direction."

Callesano brings plenty of talent and potential to the Lady Saxons. Striker said she'll help the team in the breaststroke, individual medley and distance freestyle events. "She can do anything and everything and will be a major contributor to the team this season," he said.

Key returnees from a season ago include senior diver Brynja Seagren. Last year, Seagren had nine dual-meet wins while also swimming on relays (primarily the fly in medley events). She was one of the team's top scorers at states, taking 15th in 1-meter and 3-meter diving. Senior Laura Smith is the other diver on the women's roster. She had six third-place finishes in dual meets a season ago.

Other returnees to the women's team include junior Meghan Jones; seniors Anne Sheehy, Amy Buisman and Leigh Miller; and sophomores Calista Merritt, Kate Cohen and Cailin Asmo.

Jones, a team captain, and freshman Donna Hoops will be the team's top backstrokers. Jones had a pair of dual meet wins and one runner-up finish a year ago. Merritt complements Caccamo in the distance free events and hopes to improve on her freshman year, when she had one dual-meet win. Asmo (butterfly/middle distance freestyle) had one dual meet win and placed second four times. Buisman (breaststroke/IM) had four second-place finishes in dual meets a season ago, while Sheehy, a team captain, had a runner-up finish in dual meets as a junior in 2007-08. Cohen (two winning relays last year) and Miller provide depth in the sprint free events.

In addition to Callesano, other newcomers are freshmen Julie Dalbey and Julie Slattery, senior Laura Turo and sophomore Ilana Zatkowsky.

Because depth is not a strong suit, Striker will need every swimmer and diver to contribute, particular at the NYSWCAA championships. "Our goal is to have each member of the team score in some fashion at the state meet," he said.

If there is a single greatest strength on this year's team, Striker said, it may be a desire to improve: on last year's 2-8 dual meet record and the 12th-place finish at states. "The opportunity is there for this team to get better. "We need to perform at a better and higher level and keep working hard throughout the season to just do the best they can at states."

## 2007-08 RESULTS

### 10/20 @ Nazareth\*

Men, W, 126-66; Women, L, 128-104

### 10/24 RIT\*

Men, W, 146-97; Women, L, 140-102

### 10/27 Geneseo Invitational

Men, 1st of 3, Women, 2nd of 3

### 11/3 Pitt-Bradford

Men, W, 119-44; Women, W, 111-40

### 11/9 @ Fredonia

Men, W, 141-102; Women, L, 139-89

### 11/10 @ William Smith (Women only)

Women, L, 141-96

### 11/18 Misericordia

Men, W, 124-97; Women, L, 145-97

### 11/30-12/2 @ RIT Invitational

Men, 1st of 5, Women, 5th of 5

### 12/8 @ Ithaca\*

Men, W, 144-98; Women, L, 156-81

### 1/18 Utica\*

Men, W, 125-52; Women, W, 138-103

### 1/20 LeMoyne

Men, W, 126-92; Women, L, 133-96

### 2/2 @ Hartwick\*

Men, W, 126-89; Women, L, 137.5-78.5

### 2/9 St. Lawrence

Men, W, 127-99; Women, L, 123-104

### 2/20-23 NYSWCAA meet 12th

### 2/27-3/1 UNYSCSA meet 1st

\* Empire 8 contest

## KEY RETURNEES



**Jessie Caccamo**  
Sr., Ballston Lake, NY

**Last season:** Placed 13th in the 1,650 freestyle, 24th in the 500 freestyle at the New York State championships...Was AU's top swimmer in dual meets with 12 wins in individual races (five runner-up finishes) while swimming on three winning relay teams.



**Brynja Seagren**  
Sr., Bradford, PA

**Last season:** Placed 15th in 3-meter diving and 15th in 1-meter diving at the New York State championship meet...Had nine dual meet diving wins and also swam on relay teams that had two dual meet wins.



**Sarah Blair**  
So., Auburn, NY

**Last season:** Was 15th and 19th, respectively, in the 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle at the state championships...Had seven wins and six runner-up finishes in dual meets and swam on relay teams that won three races in dual meets.

# Young group of runners on track for success

The men's and women's cross country teams, under the guidance of first-year head coach Bill Sortore, struggled with youth and a lack of depth. But with only one senior on each squad, prospects for improvement for next year are promising.

The men's and women's teams were each eighth at the New York State Collegiate Track Conference meet, while placing 28th and 20th, respectively, at the NCAA Atlantic Regional championships.

The men's team was led by Jesse Schuster, who was the Saxons' leading runner in virtually every race this season. He had one top-10 finish, taking ninth at Fredonia, and also placed 15th at Houghton College's Highlander Invitational. Schuster would go on to place 121st at the RPI Invitational in Saratoga, which also serves as the Empire 8 Conference championship meet; 43rd at the state championships; and 116th at the NCAA regionals.



Junior Megan Crimmins

Other key runners for the men's team were freshman Paul Igoe, senior Corey Smith and junior Lee Consolo. Igoe and Smith were 14th and 15th, respectively, at Fredonia and 21st and 22nd, respectively, at Houghton. Igoe was 150th and Smith 163rd at RPI and Smith took 49th at the state meet. Consolo was 173rd and Igoe 174th at the NCAA Regionals.

Junior Jim Thierman came on strong at year's end, taking 47th at the state meet and 154th at the NCAA regionals (both second among AU runners).

Junior Megan Crimmins and sophomore Jennifer Chan led the AU women's efforts.

Crimmins was 15th in the season-opening meet at Oswego and took second at Fredonia and fourth at Houghton before finishing 56th and 38th, respectively at RPI and the state championships. Chan was Alfred's top runner at states (30th) and also took 71st and 94th, respectively, at RPI and the NCAA regionals. Chan was sixth at Fredonia and 15th at Houghton.

Other top performers for the women's team were sophomore Kate LePore and freshman Elizabeth Phillips-Jones. LePore and Phillips-Jones were 13th and 20th, respectively, at Houghton; eighth and ninth, respectively, at Fredonia; and 60th and 54th, respectively at the state championship meet. Jones would go on to place 121st at the NCAA regional meet (third best among AU runners). LePore finished right behind in 122nd.

Junior Rachel Gaylord was 50th at the state meet, 164th at the NCAA regionals, and 113th at RPI.



Junior Jesse Schuster

## 2008 RESULTS

9/13 @ Oswego

Men, 9th of 14; Women, 8th of 14

9/20 @ Fredonia

Men, 2nd of 3; Women, 2nd of 3

9/27 @ Houghton

Men, 4th of 8; Women 4th of 7

10/4 @ Geneseo

Men, 11th of 21; Women, 9th of 17

10/18 @ Rochester

Men, 9th of 15; Women, 10th of 16

10/25 @ RPI\*

Men, 19th of 26; Women, 14th of 24

11/8 @ State Championships

Men, 8th; Women, 8th

11/15 @ NCAA Regionals

Men, 28th of 34; Women, 20th of 30

\* at Saratoga — Empire 8 championships

# Ski teams seek third straight trip to nationals

The AU men's and women's ski teams, on the heels of a very successful 2008 campaign, are aiming for their third consecutive trip to the United States Collegiate Ski Association (USCSA) national championships.

With all five starters returning, including a pair of All-Americans, the women's team is nearly a lock to make that goal. The men, with three starters back, some talented youngsters ready to make the jump from JV to varsity, and a solid freshman class, has top be optimistic about its chances as well.

The Lady Saxons finished sixth at nationals last season: the best-ever finish for an AU women's team. Leading the team will be junior Lauren Pfeifer, a two-time All-American, senior captain Rachel Beckwith, and sophomore Elissa DeGolyer, who earned All-American honors last season as a freshman.

Pfeifer has been dominating the slopes since her freshman year of 2007, helping lead AU to two straight USCSA Mideast regional titles. She claimed top combined honors at every regular season race last year, and was the Empire Division champion. At regionals, she was unbeatable, winning the slalom, giant slalom, and combined crowns en route to repeating as Mideast Region individual champion. She capped her tremendous sophomore campaign by placing 15th in the GS and earning Second Team All-American honors (she was a Second Team All-American in the slalom in 2007).

DeGolyer was outstanding her freshman year. She was fifth and

seventh, respectively, in the slalom and giant slalom and placed fifth in the combined standings at regionals. At nationals, she earned two Second Team All-American citations — in giant slalom and combined.

Beckwith, the women's team captain and the squad's only senior, will be counted on to provide leadership. She's also proven herself one of the most talented skiers in the region over the last three years at AU. She was fourth in the GS, 13th in the slalom and eighth in the combined standings at regionals and placed 25th in the combined (29th, slalom; 32nd, GS) at nationals.

In addition to DeGolyer, two other sophomores return as starters. Leah Berry and Megan Caggianelli each should benefit from the year's experience they got last season. Both will be counted to improve on impressive performances at regionals: Berry was 21st in the slalom and giant slalom; Caggianelli was 25th in the GS.

Adding depth to the women's team will be senior Ulana Bihun, who skied on junior varsity last season, and freshman Tessa Bennitt.

The men's team will need to overcome the loss to graduation of four-year standout Lincoln Steele. Three seniors — captain Robbie Ryminski, Joel Buchanan and Chet Farnum — have the experience of two appearances at USCSA nationals.

Ryminski was 62nd in the slalom at last year's nationals, and placed 20th in in the giant slalom and 19th in the slalom at the 2008 regional championships.

Farnum (81st in the slalom at 2008

## 2009 SCHEDULE

1/16-17 @ Labrador Mountain (Ithaca)  
 1/24-25 @ AU Invitational at Swain  
 1/31-2/1 @ Bristol (Univ. of Rochester)  
 2/7-8 @ Greek Peak/Labrador (Cornell)  
 2/16-17 @ Toggenburg (Syracuse)  
 2/19-21 @ Mid-Atlantic Regionals\*  
 3/4-7 @ USCSA Nationals#

\* @ West Mountain, Glens Falls, NY  
 # @ Winter Park, CO

nationals) and Buchanan (63rd in the GS at nationals), also had solid junior seasons. Buchanan was 17th and 20th, respectively, in the giant slalom and slalom at regionals, while Farnum took 33rd in the GS and 44th in the slalom.

The AU men's team has plenty of depth, with a roster that numbers 12 skiers, the most in years. A pair of sophomores — Chris Rees and John Cohen — will compete to fill the void left by Steele and Kevin Sykora (no longer with the team). Both skied as member of the junior varsity a season ago.

Newcomers to the men's team include a group of six freshmen — Steve Barton, V.J. Brick, Andrew Jacobs, Steve Jervis, Ryan Nanni, and Aaron Tucker — and junior Harrison Hendricks.

The men's and women's teams open their 2009 season Jan. 17 and 18 at Labrador Mountain (hosted by Ithaca) and host the AU Invitational the following weekend at Swain.



Lauren Pfeifer



Robbie Ryminski

## MEN'S SOCCER

# Saxons struggle with youth; gain experience

The AU men's soccer team struggled all season to score, finishing the year with a cumulative 48-12 disadvantage in goals and a 2-16 record.

Still, the Saxons are a young team. With only two seniors lost to graduation, next year's squad will have gained valuable experience as it looks to rebound from 2008.

Alfred will miss the contributions of senior captain Adam Nudd. A four-year letterwinning midfielder, Nudd was the Saxons' leading scorer this year with nine points on a team-leading four goals and one assists. Midfielder Brian Adams, the team's other senior, netted an assist.

Despite the loss of Nudd and Adams, AU will return several solid performers next fall. Forward Seth Gordon had a solid freshman campaign, netting three goals,



Adam Nudd

including the lone tally in Alfred's season-ending 1-0 win over St. John Fisher, the Saxons' only Empire 8 victory of the season. Freshman midfielder/defender Eric Lavelle finished with two goals, third most on the team. A trio of youngsters — freshmen Stephen Barton and Cory Hill, and sophomore Nick Schneider — rounded out the team's scoring with one goal each.

A pair of freshman — Elliot Thorpe and Christopher Desouza — saw time in net for AU. Thorpe saw the bulk of the action and finished with a pair of shutouts and a 2.48 goals against average.

## 2008 RESULTS

9/1 vs. Marywood L, 3-1  
9/2 vs. Centenary L, 1-0  
9/3 @ Keuka L, 3-1  
9/6 @ Cazenovia L, 3-0  
9/10 @ Oswego L, 2-0  
9/13 @ Vassar L, 8-0  
9/16 Fredonia L, 2-1  
9/20 Kings L, 3-0  
9/24 @ Wells L, 3-1  
9/27 @ RIT\* L, 2-0  
10/4 @ Utica\* L, 4-0  
10/15 D'Youville W, 5-0  
10/18 Ithaca\* L, 3-0  
10/19 Elmira\* L, 1-0  
10/25 Nazareth\* L, 3-2  
10/29 RPI L, 5-0  
11/1 St. John Fisher\* W, 1-0

\* Empire 8 Contest

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Lady Saxons turn optimistic eye toward future

The AU women's soccer team will look to build on a 2008 season in which the Lady Saxons finished with four wins (double the total from the season before) and a 4-11-2 record.

Alfred started out strong, winning three of its first five games, including a split of two contests played in an AU-hosted season-opening tournament. Alfred would score six goals in those five games, which proved to be half the team would score all year.

While offense was sparse at times, Alfred's defense had moments when it played very well. Of the team's four wins, three came by shutout. A fourth shutout came in a scoreless 2OT tie.



Amanda Sullivan

Alfred loses only one senior, starting defender Sarah Dungan, and will return all its scoring from the 2008 campaign. Returnees will include leading scorer, junior midfielder Amanda Sullivan (three goals). Sophomore forward Elizabeth Graham, who netted two goals and missed eight games due to injury, also returns, as does sophomore forward Alysha Putney (two goals). Freshmen Erin Crandall, Molly Finnerty and Brittany Noble, along with juniors Danna Reynolds and Alyssa Raykovitz, each scored one goal.

The AU defense will need to improve next season, as the Lady Saxons gave up 61 goals, most in Empire 8 contests. Most of the starting back line returns, as will goalie Amy Buisman (3.33 GAA, four shutouts).

## 2008 RESULTS

8/30 vs. Hilbert W, 1-0  
8/31 vs. Penn State-Altoona L, 4-0  
9/6 @ RPI L, 4-0  
9/9 Keuka W, 2-1  
9/13 @ Thiel W, 3-0  
9/17 @ Nazareth\* L, 11-0  
9/20 Elmira\* L, 3-2  
9/27 @ Utica\* L, 6-0  
9/30 @ Medaille L, 3-0  
10/5 Morrisville W, 2-0  
10/8 Wells T, 0-0  
10/11 Stevens\* L, 1-0  
10/12 Ithaca\* L, 8-0  
10/18 @ Penn College T, 1-1  
10/22 RIT\* L, 6-1  
10/25 @ Hartwick\* L, 7-0  
10/30 @ St. John Fisher\* L, 6-0

\* Empire 8 Contest

## AU primed for success in the show ring

Deep roster with several talented and experienced riders take to the show ring as the AU English and Western equestrian teams aim to make the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) national championships, scheduled for April in Murfreesboro, TN.

Senior Kate Mix hopes to lead a return of the Western team to nationals this year. Last year, AU placed sixth in the team competition at nationals. Mix, She was one of two Saxons to make nationals, and placed second and fourth, respectively, in open horsemanship and open reining in the team competition and also took fourth in open horsemanship and eighth in open reining in the individual competition.

Junior Kelsey Coggiola also returns to the Western team, a season after taking fourth in intermediate horsemanship in the team competition at nationals.

Top returnees for the Western team are

senior Theresa Wills (third in open reining at last year's regionals); and senior Matt Wendig and junior Josette Turro (fourth and fifth, respectively, in beginner horsemanship at regionals). Other key English riders include senior , Jenny Groen; and juniors Kristen Kovatch, Michelle Applebaum, and Christy Rath.

The English team looks to move on to nationals as well, and has several talented returning riders.

Senior Katherine Kennedy placed third in intermediate equitation over fences at Regionals last season and advanced to the Zone II championships, where she placed eighth.

Other top riders for the AU English team include seniors Shaina Muir, Lyndsay Patterson, Danielle Weimer, and Noelle Orlowski; juniors Michelle Applebaum, Kate West, Beth Ulbrecht, and Alicia Pickett-Hale; and sophomores Brittany Beigel, Johanna Moore, Barbara

### 2008-09 SCHEDULE

#### ENGLISH DIVISION

10/25 @ RIT  
 10/26 @ Geneseo  
 11/15 @ Nazareth  
 11/16 @ Geneseo  
 11/22 @ St. Lawrence  
 11/23 @ Cazenovia  
 2/28 @ Cazenovia  
 3/1 @ St. Lawrence  
 3/21 @ IHSA Regionals (Canton, NY)  
 4/5 @ IHSA Zones (Centenary)  
 4/23-26 IHSA Nationals (Murfreesboro, TN)

#### WESTERN DIVISION

11/2 @ Syracuse (Two shows)  
 12/6 @ Alfred University

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Saxons just miss return to Empire 8 tournament

With only one senior on the roster, a relatively inexperienced AU women's tennis team played well, finishing with a 10-5 record. It's 4-4 mark in Empire 8 play put the Lady Saxons in fifth place in the conference, just out of the Empire 8 tournament field.

With most every player set to return in 2009, AU stands a solid chance of cracking the conference's top four and making the tournament field for the first time since a four-team format was implemented in 2007.

Leading the way for AU this fall was freshman Griffin Currie. She would finish with a 9-6 record in first singles and be named Empire 8 Rookie of the Year as well as a Second Team all-conference singles player.

Junior Holly Seidewand joined

Currie on the all-conference Second Team for singles after posting a 12-3 overall singles record, including 7-01 in Empire 8 play. Sophomore Autumn McLain (10-5 overall, 4-4 Empire 8) was earned Empire 8 honorable mention in singles.

Two Lady Saxon doubles teams earned honorable mention from the Empire 8. The team's lone senior, Elana Lewis teamed with Currie to post an 8-4 record in first doubles (4-4 Empire 8), while McLain and freshman Hannah Barley had a 6-1 doubles mark (3-1 E8).

Other returnees next year will include sophomore Kate Cohen (4-6 singles and freshman Sarah Foster (teamed with Seidewand to go 4-1 in second doubles).

### 2008 RESULTS

9/4 @ Pitt-Bradford W, 8-1  
 9/6 vs. Fredonia # W, 3-2  
 9/6 vs. Frostburg State # W, 5-0  
 9/6 vs. Penn State-Behrend # L, 4-1  
 9/10 @ Elmira\* W, 6-3  
 9/13 Nazareth\* L, 7-2  
 9/17 Ithaca\* L, 9-0  
 9/19 @ FDU-Florham W, 9-0  
 9/20 @ Stevens\* L, 7-2  
 9/21 @ St. Elizabeth W, 9-0  
 9/23 St. John Fisher\* W, 5-4  
 9/24 Fredonia W, 9-0  
 10/1 RIT\* L, 8-1  
 10/4 Utica\* W, 9-0  
 10/5 at Hartwick\* W, 5-4

\* Empire 8 Contest  
 # Penn State-Behrend Tournament

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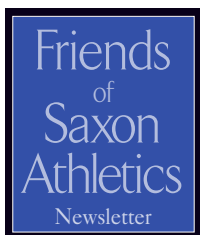
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## FOOTBALL

### Saxons overcome holes, enjoy another solid year

With a host of newcomers on both sides of the ball and on special teams, it was logical to think the Alfred University football team might struggle in 2008.

Four of five starters on the offensive line and record-breaking quarterback Paul Keeley were lost to graduation, as were two time All-American defensive tackle Don Miller, two-time Empire 8 all-star tight end Matt Gibbins, record-setting placekicker Chris Reynolds, and starting punter and cornerback Josh Rammacher. And in the preseason, junior Empire 8 all-star linebacker Chad Pieri, the leading tackler from a year ago, suffered a season-ending injury. Making matters worse was a preseason injury to junior Vinson Hendrix that would hamper the



Junior wide receiver Jared Manzer

star tailback throughout the year. Several players stepped in to fill the holes and by season's end, the Saxons had won seven games, including a regular season-ending win over Empire 8 rival St. John Fisher. AU would play in a fifth straight ECAC Bowl game, falling in the Northwest Championship at RPI.

Despite that loss, head coach Dave Murray has to be pleased with how the season played out. One need only look at how the replacements for the departed players performed to come to that conclusion.

Freshman Tom Secky stepped in at quarterback, broke school freshman records (2,869 yards) and TD passes (27) and was named Empire 8 Rookie of the Year. Freshman Nick Clark took over for Pieri at linebacker and responded with a team-leading 81 tackles, including 22 for loss and eight sacks, both tops in the conference and among leaders nationwide. Senior Rob Ritter, a backup at tackle to Miller the last two years, got his crack at a starting job, finished with 72 tackles and earned First Team Empire 8 honors. Senior tailback Morgan O'Brien saw his workload increase dramatically, ran for 684 yards and earned Second Team all-conference honors. Junior left tackle Dave Carletta, the lone

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### FSA announces 2008-09 officers

Friends of Saxons Athletics (FSA) announces its slate of officers for 2008-09.

Matt Sullivan '83 will serve as FSA president. Sullivan was a record-setting wide receiver for the Saxon football team who was inducted into the AU Hall of Fame in 1996.

Other officers include vice president Mary Horsington '76 (swimming, 1986 Hall of Fame inductee), secretary Jeni Lynn Connors '94 (soccer); and treasurer Jason Amore '97 (basketball).

Joining the officers on the FSA Board of Directors are: James Moretti, athletic director; Mark Shardlow, executive director of operations, University Relations; Mark Whitehouse, sports information director; Emily Tobin, president of the AU Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC); Scott Miller '95, head men's soccer coach; and Jen Enke, head women's soccer coach.

FSA will meet regularly, as a full board and in committees aimed at better serving the organizations constituents and, of course, our student-athletes. The group will focus on important issues like fundraising, budgeting, marketing, membership and special events. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will also operate under the auspices of FSA.

### Hall of Fame nominating deadline fast approaching

The AU Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee seeks nominations for the Hall's Class of 2009. A printable form with directions for submission is available at [www.alfred.edu/athletics/hall\\_of\\_fame/](http://www.alfred.edu/athletics/hall_of_fame/) Please be as complete as possible in filling out the nomination form. The deadline for nomination is Jan. 15, 2009.

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