

# Alfred University vs. St. John Fisher College

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, 4 PM

Growney Stadium, Rochester, NY

**Game Notes:** Saturday's game marks the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting between the Alfred University Saxons and the St. John Fisher Cardinals, with AU holding a slight edge in the all-time series, with a record of 10-9. The last time these two teams met, in Alfred last year, the Saxons came away with a 38-17 win. The win secured the 2016 Empire 8 Championship title for the Saxons and allowed Alfred to host three games of the NCAA Division III National Playoffs. Fisher's last win in the series came in 2015, when the host Cardinals earned a 23-9 victory. The last time AU lost to Fisher at home was in 2014, when the Cardinals topped the Saxons 34-12.

**About the Saxons:** AU, guided by head coach Bob Rankl, improved to 4-0 overall with a 21-3 victory over visiting Buffalo State that ended a three-game homestand. The Saxons are 2-0 in Empire 8 play heading into their league matchup with St. John Fisher.

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AU averages 27.5 points per contest while allowing only 11. The Saxons average 407.3 yards of offense (221 rushing; 186.25 passing).

Alfred's rushing total remained consistent by their performance in the Rochester and Buffalo State games, when the team ran for 198 yards on 43 carries. Senior tailback **Maleke Fuentes** led the way with 109 yards on 22 carries, without ever losing a yard. First-year tailback **Nas Smith** had 52 yards on just 10 attempts while sophomore quarterback Casey Boston in his first start at QB ran eight times for 42 yards including one touchdown.

For the season, Fuentes has 443 yards rushing (5.5 yards per carry) with a team-leading four touchdowns. Smith has 222 yards (7.4 yards per attempt) and a touchdown, while sophomore tailback **Aaron Griffin** (two TD runs against Rochester) has rushed for 81 yards on 17 carries and Boston has 147 yards with two touchdowns in 16 attempts.

Junior quarterback **Bryce Morrison** has completed 45 of 78 passes for 592 yards, with four touchdowns and two interceptions. Boston is now 11 of 16 passes for 153 yards with two touchdowns with both going to the same receiver last weekend.

Junior wide receiver **Jayden Gavidia** leads the team in receptions (27), receiving yards (443) and touchdown catches (five). He caught both touchdown catches against Buffalo State and totaled 89 yards on five receptions. Senior wideout **Rodney Etienne** has caught 14 passes for 161 yards.

The Saxon defense is allowing 307.3 yards per contest (96.8 rushing; 210.5 passing).

Senior linebacker **A.J. LiCata** leads the team and Empire 8 with 43 tackles. He has 2.5 tackles for loss, including a sack. Junior linebacker **Cole Reed** has 36 tackles (one sack) and sophomore linebacker **Nick Milgate** has 30 tackles (three for loss), two sacks for a team-leading -16 yards and two interceptions. He was recently named the Empire 8 Defensive Player of the Year on Monday with 10 tackles, two sacks and an interception against Buffalo State.

Sophomore cornerback **Kyle Moore** has three interceptions on the season and 16 tackles. Junior **Eric Graham** and first-year **Raeqwon Greer** both have 20 tackles on the year. Graham also has an interception on the season in which was a one-handed grab against University of Rochester.

Gavidia averages 17.7 yards on kick returns and .33 yards on punt returns. Senior placekicker **Trevor Monk** has made 14 of 15 PAT tries (6-of-6 against Rochester) and two of three field goal attempts. Monk also averages 35.7 yards on punts.

**About the Cardinals:** St. John Fisher, led by head coach Paul Vosburgh, is 0-4 following last weekend's 21-24 loss to Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY. The Hawks propelled themselves over the visiting Cardinals with a 21-yard field goal by Brian McGovern that capped off a 13-play, 71-yard, 2:10 duration of a drive with just :03 left in regulation. The Cardinals have not opened a season 0-4 since 2001 where they finished 3-7 on the season. They are 0-2 in Empire 8 play this year.

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Fisher is averaging 344.8 yards of offense per game (221.3 passing; 123.5 rushing) and is led by sophomore quarterback **Joshua Michels**. He has completed 54 of 114 passes for 692 yards and four touchdowns but five interceptions.

The receiving corps is led by sophomore **Dylan Harrington** who has 195 yards on 19 catches with one touchdown and senior **James Chambers** with 188 yards and two touchdowns in 11 receptions. Sophomore **Will Blake** and senior **Mike Collichio** also have 11 receptions with 183 and 169 yards each, respectively on the season. Blake has one touchdown.

Chambers leads the running backs with 61 rushes for 321 yards and two touchdowns. First-year **Johnathan Letta** is the next closest runner with 100 yards on 25 carries. Sophomore **Ryan Ingerson** also has a rushing touchdown on 17 carries for 63 yards.

The Cardinals' defense is allowing 477.3 yards of offense (285.3 passing; 192 rushing) per contest.

Senior safety **Evan Majewski** has a team-leading 40 tackles (1.5 for loss) and a pass breakup. In total, the St. John Fisher defense has only four sacks for a loss of 23 yards between four players. They have three interceptions led by the pair of picks from junior cornerback **Demarre Nelson** who also has the team's lone forced fumble. Junior safety **Joseph Zickl** has a fumble recovery.

Nelson has the team's lone punt return for six yards. Chambers leads the Cardinals with nine kickoff returns for 162 yards (18 yards average). Junior **Devin Dzikowicz** has made one of his four field goal attempts this year for 21 yards and is 5-for-6 PAT tries. Junior **Michael Burton** has punted 16 times for 606 yards (37.9 average).

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