



**UTICA COLLEGE (2-3, 0-1 E8)  
VS.  
AFRED UNIVERSITY (4-1, 2-1 E8)**

October 14, 2006  
Charles A. Gaetano Stadium

**2006 Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
09/02	Becker College	W, 20-10
09/09	Husson College	L, 7-21
09/16	R.P.I	L, 10-34
09/30	Springfield	L, 7-41
10/07	Mt. Ida	W, 21-9
10/14	Alfred	1:30 pm
10/21	Ithaca	1:00 pm
10/28	St. John Fisher	1:30 pm
11/04	Norwich	1:30 pm
11/11	Hartwick	1:00 pm

**All Time Series vs. Alfred**

Date	Opponent	W/L Score
10/13/2001	Alfred	L, 22-47
10/19/2002	Alfred	L, 0-10
10/18/2003	Alfred	L, 13-33
10/16/2004	Alfred	L, 20-31
10/15/2005	Alfred	L, 18-38

**Last Meeting:**

The Pioneer football team had its' two-game winning streak snapped with a 38-18 loss at Alfred in Empire 8 play Saturday at Merrill Field. Utica, which never led in the game, fell to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference while Alfred improved to 5-1 overall and remained atop the conference standings at 4-0.

Alfred led 14-6 at the half before outscoring Utica 17-0 in the third quarter with 10 of those points coming of a pair of Pioneer turnovers. Despite that, the Pioneers had a chance to get back into the game when they recovered an Alfred fumble of the third quarter kickoff. However, Utica's ensuing drive stalled when junior quarterback Nick Martin (Rome, NY/Rome Free Academy) threw an interception, one of three

on the day, giving the Saxons the ball back at their own 20-yard line. Alfred's ensuing possession led to a punt before Utica punted back.

The Saxons then opened up the game scoring touchdowns on their next two drives in a span of just over five minutes. Sophomore tailback Elmer Newsome (Cadosia, NY/Hancock) capped a seven play 86-yard drive with a 45-yard touchdown run with 6:22 left in the third quarter. That was followed by Saxon sophomore quarterback Paul Keeley (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) throwing a 45-yard touchdown pass to freshman tailback Julio Fuentes (Olean, NY/Olean) as Alfred moved in front 28-6 with 3:38 left to play in the third.

Martin finished 14-for-27 for 102 yards and was also sacked four times. Senior running back Paul Hart (Oriskany, NY/Whitesboro) led Utica on the ground with 50 yards on six carries while sophomore wide receiver James Proniewych (Medford, NY/Patchogue Medford) caught four passes for 61 yards and one touchdown, that coming from freshman quarterback Alex Conlon (E. Northport, NY/Suffolk CCC) in the early part of the fourth quarter.

**What to watch for:**

Senior quarterback Nick Martin looks to add to his legacy as Utica College's all-time leading passer in several categories including passing yards (3,616), completions (302), and touchdowns (23). Wide receiver James Proniewich needs 13 more receptions this season to pass 2005 graduate Brian Barth as the Pioneers all-time leader in receptions. Jon Klosner needs 11 tackles to surpass Mike Romandetti (157 tackles) and take sole possession of fifth place all-time in tackles. Marco Rubino needs just one sack to tie Anthony Venturino (7) for fourth all-time in sacks.



# Pioneer Facts

**Location:** Utica, N.Y.

**Founded:** 1946

**Enrollment:** 2,800

**President:** Todd S. Hutton

**Nickname:** Pioneers

**Colors:** Navy Blue and Burnt Orange

**Affiliation:** NCAA Division III

**Conference:** Empire 8

**Stadium (Capacity):** Gaetano Stadium (1,200)

**Surface:** Field turf

**Head Coach:** Mike Kemp (Notre Dame '75)

Phone: (315) 792-3713

**Record at Utica:** Five years, 13-39

**Career Record:** Six years, 32-50

## Assistant Coaches:

Adam Martiny (West Virginia Wesleyan '01) offensive line;

Kevin Moravec (St. John Fisher '02) linebackers;

Bill Lawrence (Plymouth '99), defensive line;

Keith Cherney (Stony Brook '05), wide receivers;

Kirk Jellerson (Cal State Long Beach '88), defensive backs;

Frank Palmisano (Daemen '75), tight ends;

Terry Stanimer (Ithaca '73), offensive line;

Jerry Tine (Cortland '87), running backs;

Mike Zegarelli (Findlay '77), linebackers

**Basic Offense:** Multiple I

**Basic Defense:** 4-3

**Letter Winners Returning:** 34

**Letter Winners Lost:** 12

**Starters Returning:** 16

**Starters Lost:** 7

**Captains:** Larre Harris, Mike Sanchez, Marco Rubino

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## This past week in UC Football:

UTICA, N.Y. –The Utica College football team won its second game of the season 21-9 over visiting Mt. Ida College behind converted running back Alex Conlon's (Suffolk CCC/East Northport) 100 yards rushing at Charles A. Gaetano stadium Saturday.

Conlon got the Pioneers on the board first after a 25-yard touchdown run with 7:41 left in the first quarter to give UC a 7-0 lead. Conlon, who started three games at quarterback last season and the first four games of this season at wide receiver, recorded the Pioneers first 100 yard rushing performance over the course of five games.

The Utica College defense surrendered one score on the evening when the Mustangs freshman quarterback Corey Sullivan capped off a five play 39 yard scoring drive with an eight yard touchdown run. Sullivan tallied 11 completions for 121 yards and recorded 47 rushing yards on eight carries and the score was all tied up 7-7 going into the half.

The Pioneers came out of the half firing on all cylinders as senior quarterback Nick Martin (RFA/Rome) connected with his favorite target James Proniewych (Pat-Med/Medford) for a 35-yard touchdown pass to give UC a 14-7 lead. Martin completed seven passes for 120 yards on the day, while Proniewych caught a game-high four passes for 89 yards.

Free safety Marcus Maroney (Lockport/Utica), who currently leads the team with 49 tackles on the season, tallied 12.5 tackles, one sack, and one forced fumble. The Pioneers secondary was responsible for three interceptions. Jon Klosner (Ilion/Ilion) tallied his first two interceptions of the year, while Lazarus Morgan (Christopher Columbus/ Bronx) snagged a pick of his own.

The UC defense was in the backfield all day and

did not make things easy for the Mustangs running game. Senior running back Antwan Harris needed 202 yards rushing to reach the 4,000 yard barrier for his career and become just the ninth player in the history of New England Division III football to reach 4,000 yards rushing. Harris rushed for just 77 yards on the day. The Pioneers defense tallied 12 tackles for a loss and nine different players made tackles behind the line of scrimmage including Andrew Thomas (South Jefferson/Adams Center) and Brad Secore (General Brown/ Dexter). Thomas made eight stops, while Secore tallied four.

Corey Jure (Sheepshead Bay/Brooklyn) and Mike Sanchez (Patchogue Medford/ Patchogue) combined for 10 tackles on the day, while Mike Debetta (Harpursville/ Harpursville) and Klosner each recorded four tackles.

Punter Ben Atwood (VVS/Verona) posted a career day averaging 40 yards per punt, including a career-best 70-yard punt to pin the Mustangs deep at the beginning of the second quarter. Atwood's career-best before Saturday was 63 yards which he accomplished on two separate occasions last season.

Conlon found the end zone again with 6:50 left in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring for

the Pioneers.

Freshman wide receiver Kyle Watkins caught three passes for 89 yards, while senior Steve DeLeon tallied a team-high 12 tackles for the Mustangs.

Utica (2-3, 0-1 Empire 8) will return to action next Saturday at 1:30 pm against visiting Alfred University at Charles A. Gaetano stadium.

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