

Transfers highlight Alfred University men's basketball recruiting class

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ALFRED, NY A group of five transfers highlights the Alfred University men's basketball 2004-05 recruits. Overall, the Saxons will bring in 12 new players, making this the largest recruiting class in head coach Jay Murphy's 10-year tenure at AU. Headlining the new recruits is a trio of transfers: Quentin Bryant (Buffalo, NY/Seneca Vocational), Todd Dersham (Campbell, NY/Campbell-Savona) and Rob McCarter (Wooster, OH/Wooster). Bryant, a 5-10 junior guard, comes to Alfred University after two seasons at Alfred State College. While at Alfred State, he was a National Junior College Athletic Association all-region performer; as a sophomore, he was the MVP of the Western New York Athletic Conference. Dersham comes to Alfred from Keuka College, where he played the last two seasons. A 6-4 junior forward, he averaged 6.4 points per game and shot 85 percent from the free-throw line for Keuka last year. McCarter, a 6-1 sophomore point guard, played last season at The College of Wooster (OH). In high school, he was a conference and district all-star, leading his team to league and district titles and the Sweet 16 of the Ohio state high school tournament. Two other transfers join the Saxons this season. Seve Micheaux (Caledonia/Caledonia-Mumford) is a 5-10 junior guard who comes to AU from SUNY Canton. Jermel Brown (Wolcott/North Rose-Wolcott) is a 6-2 sophomore forward who played a season at Cayuga County Community College before transferring to AU. This year's recruiting class also includes the following seven freshmen: Tom Cluckey (East Aurora, NY/East Aurora), a 6-0 guard. He was a three-year letterwinner in high school and a first-team conference all-star and team MVP his junior and senior seasons. Vernon Corbin (Syracuse, NY/Henninger), a 6-0 point guard. Corbin, a two-year letterwinner in high school, is a defensive back for the AU football team. Scott Forrest (Ceres, NY/Portville), a 6-5 forward. He was an all-conference selection his senior year at Portville High School, averaging 11.2 points and eight rebounds per game. Forrest, an all-state football player, is a wide receiver on the AU football team. Adam Long (Bath/Haverling), a 6-0 guard. In high school, he was an all-conference selection. He was also a soccer all-star in high school and was the state champion in the pentathlon his senior season. He is also a member of the AU men's soccer team. Owen Mann (Alpine, NY/Odessa-Montour), a 6-3 guard. Mann was a four-year letterwinner and an all-conference performer in high school. Garlen Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland), a 6-3 guard. He scored more than 1,000 points in his four-year varsity high school career and earned first team all-conference and all-district honors last year while leading his team to a conference title and the Sweet 16 of the Pennsylvania state playoffs. Ronald Smith (Lyons/Lyons), a 6-2 guard-forward. Smith was a two-year letterwinner in high school, helping lead his team to a conference championship last season. He was chosen to play in the Section V Exceptional Seniors game last year. Smith is a backup tailback on the AU football team. The Saxons begin their official practice schedule on Oct. 15 and open the 2004-05 season at the Lycoming (PA) College Tip-Off Tournament, Nov. 19 and 20.