

AU men's basketball team loses in consolation of Case Western Tournament

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CLEVELAND, OH -- The Alfred University men's basketball team fell to the host team, 91-86, in the consolation game of the Case Western Tournament Friday afternoon. AU (6-6, 0-0 Empire 8) trailed 48-36 at the half but came back strong after intermission. The Saxons closed to within two points, at 81-79, with 2:09 remaining, but Case made eight of 12 free throw attempts over the final two minutes to seal the win. Junior center Dillon Stein (North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin) had 21 points, seven rebounds and five assists to lead four Alfred players in double figures. Senior guard Quentin Bryant (Buffalo, NY/Seneca Vocational) had 20 points and a pair of steals, while senior forward Ryan Hallett (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) and senior guard Chris Lemasters (Mansfield, PA/Mansfield) scored 14 and 11 points, respectively. Lemasters also had six rebounds and a team-high five assists. Alfred shot 33 percent from the floor while Case Western made 50 percent of its shots, including 58 percent from three-point range. Oren Carson (nine rebounds) and Richard Mullen (seven rebounds, six assists) each scored 18 points to pace the Spartans (7-2). Mason Conrad had 17 points and seven boards and Funso Lafe added 15 points. Alfred plays next on Friday, Jan. 7, at 8 p.m. when the Saxons open their Empire 8 Conference schedule at Hartwick.