

AU men's basketball team falls to Westfield State in tournament opener

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WENHAM, MA -- The Alfred University men's basketball team lost its 2007-08 season opener Friday evening, falling 74-52 to Westfield State in the first round of the Gordon College Tournament. Westfield held a 33-27 halftime lead before pulling away after intermission. The winners shot 61 percent from the floor in the second half to 35 percent for AU. For the game, Westfield made 50 percent of its shots to Alfred's 36 percent. Westfield also held a 39-29 advantage in rebounding. Freshman forward Sean D'Auria (Highland Mills, NY/Cornwall Central) paced Alfred (0-1, 0-0 Empire 8) with 11 points and five rebounds. Sophomore forward James Simermeyer (East Norwich, NY/Long Island Lutheran) tallied 12 points and three boards, while junior guard Carl Embury (Perry, NY/Perry) added six points, five rebounds and two steals. Johnny Dunbar led Westfield State (1-0) with a game-high 20 points and seven rebounds. Brandon Mauer added 15 points and a game-high nine rebounds. Alfred will play Mt. St. Vincent College in Saturday's consolation game at 6 p.m.