Hallett s buzzer-beater lifts Saxons past Nazareth 2/18/06

PITTSFORD, NY - Senior forward Ryan Hallett (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford), completed his collegiate playing career in dramatic fashion, scoring 31 points and hitting a three-pointer at the buzzer to lift the Alfred University men's basketball team to an 88-85 victory over host Nazareth College Saturday afternoon. Alfred led 40-32 at the half but Nazareth battled back, shooting 64 percent in the second half to tie the contest late, setting the stage for Hallett's heroics. With the victory, AU finishes the season at 12-13 (6-8 Empire 8). Nazareth ends its season at 8-17 (5-9 Empire 8). For the game, Hallett shot 10 of 15 from the floor, including seven of 10 from three-point range, and made all four of his free throws while adding six rebounds. Senior guard Quentin Bryant (Buffalo, NY/Seneca Vocational) and senior forward Todd Dersham (Campbell, NY/Campbell-Savona) each scored 13 points, with Bryant adding four steals, while junior guard Rob McCarter (Wooster, OH/Wooster) made all nine of his free thrown attempts to finish with 17 points. Joe Canori paced Nazareth with 27 points, while Kyle Nelson finished with 12 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists.