Elmira defeats Saxons, 75-71 1/12/10



ELMIRA, NY The Alfred University men's basketball team was defeated by Elmira, 75-71, Tuesday evening. Alfred trailed Elmira 27-26 at the end of the first half. The Soaring Eagles shot 57 percent in the second half to outscore the Saxons 48-45. For the game, AU shot 46 percent and Elmira (3-10, 1-3 Empire 8) shot 44 percent. Freshman guard Sean Curran (Honesdale, PA/Honesdale) scored a team-high 20 points to pace the Saxons. Junior guard Mike Stopera (Scotia, NY/Scotia-Glenville) netted 16 points and senior forward Ron Smith (Lyons, NY/Lyons) added 14 points and had three assists. Bobby DiPiazza scored a game-high 23 points and had eight assists to lead Elmira. David Nelson added 16 points and Jon Adamson chipped in 11 points. Alfred (6-6, 0-4 Empire 8) is in action next on Jan. 15, at 8 p.m. at Ithaca.