

## **Men's basketball team claims NYU tournament**

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NEW YORK, NY The Alfred University men's basketball team defeated host NYU 67-55 to win the NYU Tournament at the Coles Sports Center Sunday afternoon. Senior center Kareem McKinnon (Brooklyn/Kingsborough) opened up the game with two field goals to give the Saxons a quick 4-0 lead. AU (2-0), which led 30-25 at halftime, never trailed NYU (1-1) in the contest. AU was paced senior forward Brock Stortini (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) and junior forward E.J. Docteur (Seneca Falls/Mynderse Academy) who each put in 15 points. Stortini was 6-for-9 shooting and added a team-high 11 rebounds in 31 minutes played before fouling out of the game. Docteur added four assists, two blocks and a steal. The Saxons (2-0) defeated Middlebury 67-60 Saturday to advance to the championship game. The Saxons trailed Middlebury by three points at the half but rallied to victory behind a strong team effort. Despite losing four key players to foul trouble, AU was able to outscore Middlebury 41-31 in the second half to secure the win. Junior Devon Downing (Canton, OH/Glenoak) made a triumphant return to AU basketball by leading the Saxons with 32 points on 11-19 shooting from the field and three steals. Sophomore Neil Burley (Rushville/Marcus Whitman) contributed 13 points, while Stortini had a game high 12 rebounds. Downing was named the tournament Most Valuable Player, while McKinnon and Docteur were named to the All-Tournament Team. The Saxons are scheduled to be in action next on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Hilbert.