

Downing pulls closer to record in Saxon win over Hartwick

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ONEONTA The Alfred University men's basketball team snapped a three-game losing skid by overcoming conference foe Hartwick, 75-68, on Saturday night in Oneonta. The Saxons (8-7, 3-2 Empire 8) were all over Hartwick early, leading by as many as 18 points during one stretch of the first half. The Hawks were able to narrow the lead to as few as three points late in the second half, but Alfred went on an 8-2 run to close out the game and record the victory. Senior guard Devon Downing (Canton, OH/Glenoak) led Alfred with 28 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Downing's 28 point performance moved him to within 11 points of surpassing the Alfred University all-time career scoring mark held by AU great Bill Byrne at 1,931 points. Downing currently has 1,921 points heading into Saturday's contest against Utica. Junior guard Brian Roegiers (Marion/Marion) added 14 points, including four three-pointers, while senior forward E.J. Docteur (Seneca Falls/Mynderse Academy) contributed 10 points. Joel Blackwell led Hartwick (4-12, 1-4 Empire 8) with 20 points, 11 rebounds and six assists, while Nate Cramer followed with 20 points and seven rebounds. The Saxons' next match is against Utica on Saturday, January 26, at 4 p.m.