

Pioneers edges Saxons, 86-74

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UTICA,NY- The Alfred University men's basketball team dropped a 86-74 decision to conference foe Utica College, Saturday afternoon.

Senior forward **Brett Dennis (Webster, NY/Webster Schroeder)** led the Saxons in the first half, scoring 11 points. AU trailed at the half, 48-34.

AU could not overcome the halftime deficit, although they outscored the Pioneers 40-38 in the second half of the match. For the game, Alfred shot 45 percent from the field, 32 percent from the 3-point line, and 83 percent from the line.

Junior guard **Thomas Tsatsis (Neponsit, NY/Townsend Harris)** paced the Saxons with a team-high 15 points and a team-high five rebounds. **Dennis** finished with 13 points and senior forward **Sean Curran (Honesdale, PA/Honesdale)** and junior forward **Jason Ruback (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford-Mendon)** also finished with eight points apiece.

AU (2-9, 0-3 Empire 8) returns to McLane Center, Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 8 p.m.