

Nazareth handles Saxons, 88-73

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University men's basketball team lost 88-73 to visiting Empire 8 Conference foe Nazareth College Tuesday evening at the McLane Center. Nazareth (16-5, 9-3 Empire 8) led 47-27 at the half, courtesy of 46 percent shooting to Alfred's 27 percent. AU (2-19, 1-11 Empire 8) made seven of 13 three-point attempts in the second half, outscoring Nazareth, 46-41, after intermission. For the game, Nazareth outrebounded Alfred, 51-37, and forced 22 Saxon turnovers. Sophomore forward James Simermeyer (East Norwich, NY/Long Island Lutheran) led four Alfred players in double figures with 12 points. Junior guards Carl Embury (Perry, NY/Perry) and Ron Smith (Lyons, NY/Lyons) each had 11 points and five rebounds, combining to shoot six-of-eight from three-point range, while freshman guard Mike Stopera (Scotia, NY/Scotia-Glenville) had 10 points and four assists. Joe Canori had a game-high 26 points for Nazareth and Ryan McAdam netted 20 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Tyler Smith had 14 points and Ryan McAdam a game-high six assists for the Golden Flyers. Alfred plays next on Friday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. against visiting Ithaca in the Saxons' season home finale.