

Alfred University men's basketball team tops host Fisher, 71-63

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PITTSFORD, NY - The Alfred University men's basketball team used a barrage of second-half three-point shots to pull away from host St. John Fisher and secure a 71-63 victory Tuesday evening. AU (8-15, 3-11 Empire 8) made 10 three-point shots in the game, with seven coming in the second half as the Saxons outscored Fisher, 47-39. Alfred outrebounded the bigger Cardinals, 36-35, which represented a huge a turnaround from Fisher's 77-46 win over the Saxons in Alfred on Jan. 23, when Fisher outrebounded AU, 46-26. The teams finished the first half of Tuesday's contest deadlocked at 24-24. AU shot only 24 percent in the first 20 minutes, but made three three-pointers while holding Fisher (eight of 19 shooting) to only one long-range field goal. Junior guard Bobby Barry (Duanesburg, NY/Duanesburg) and senior forward Carl Embury (Perry, NY/Perry) did most of the damage from outside for the Saxons. Barry made six of 11 shots from the floor (four of eight on three-pointers) to finish with a game-high 22 points to go with six rebounds. Embury netted 18 points on six-of-10 shooting (four of six on three-pointers) and pulled down eight rebounds. Junior forward Jared Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland) had 15 points and a game-high nine rebounds, while sophomore guard Mike Stopera (Scotia, NY/Scotia-Glenville) had seven assists and three steals. Mike Wopperer led Fisher (15-8, 7-7 Empire 8) with 14 points and six rebounds. Ozell Franklin added 12 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Alfred is in action next on Friday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. at home against Hartwick. The Saxons wrap up the season with a home game against Utica at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.