

Saxons shake of poor shooting to knock off Hartwick in overtime

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ALFRED The Alfred University men's basketball team shot miserably against Hartwick Saturday afternoon, especially on three-pointers, connecting on only 32 percent overall and 21 percent from long range. In the second half, AU could convert only 13 percent of its three-point shots, making two of 15 tries, but the second one was a big one. A long jumper by senior guard Tanner Webb (Newark/Newark) with 12 seconds left in regulation knotted the score at 58 and sent the game into overtime. The Saxons dominated the extra session, outscoring the visiting Hawks 16-5 on their way to a 74-63 win. Alfred (11-11, 6-5 Empire 8) trailed at the half, 35-33, and was behind by six points with under two minutes remaining. But AU pulled to within three with 19 seconds remaining, and after a missed Hartwick free throw that could have iced the game, Webb pulled up from the top of the key and drained the tying bucket. AU scored the first nine points of overtime and led by as many as 11 points, while Hartwick (4-18, 1-10 Empire 8) could get no closer than six. Senior forward E.J. Docteur (Seneca Falls/Mynderse) led Alfred with a game-high 28 points, 12 rebounds and three steals, while Webb and junior guard Brian Roegiers (Marion/Marion) each chipped in with 11 points. Mike Shultis led three Hartwick players in double figures with 16 points. Nate Cramer had 13 points and 10 rebounds while Brian Huber added 12 points and five assists. Alfred is in action next on Tuesday night, when the Saxons play their season home finale against Nazareth. Tipoff is at 8 p.m.