

Hilbert edges Saxons 73-70 in overtime

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University men's basketball team fell in overtime to visiting Hilbert College, 73-70, in the Saxons' home opener Tuesday evening at the McLane Center. Alfred (3-2, 0-0 E8) shot 40 percent from the floor in the first half, but went 3-of-11 from three-point range. Sophomore guard Gary Kwiecien (Perry, NY/Perry) led the Saxon offense in the first half, netting 10 points and forcing two turnovers as AU took a 34-26 advantage into the break. Shooting in the second half dropped off as the Saxons converted only 8-of-32 shots from the floor and 3-of-14 attempts from behind the arc. Sophomore guard Josh Parker (Tonawanda, NY/Sweet Home) kept AU competitive, scoring 15 of his game-high 21 points in the second half and overtime. Alfred had a chance to win in regulation, but a foul called on Kwiecien sent Hilbert's Andy Marchand to the line. Trailing 57-58, Marchand sank his second attempt sending the game into overtime. Senior forward Carl Embury (Perry, NY/Perry) hit a three-pointer with 1:16 left in OT to make it 68-67, Alfred. Marchand hit a jumper on Hilbert's next possession to put the Hawks on top, and Hilbert hit 4-of-5 free throws down the stretch to put the game away. Sophomore guard Mike Stopera (Scotia, NY/Scotia-Glenville) finished with 16 points, seven rebounds and two steals while Embury and Kwiecien each added 11. Alfred is in action next on Monday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. as the Saxons host RIT.