

## **Saxons stumble early in loss at Utica**

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Utica, NY Alfred's men's basketball team played a stellar second half against one of the better teams in the Empire 8, only to lose 80-59 to Utica. Sophomore forward Ryan Hallett (Caledonia/Caledonia-Mumford) and sophomore guard Chris Lemasters (Mansfield, Pa./Mansfield) each had ten points, but Alfred's player of the game was without question freshman Dillon Stein (N. Huntingdon, Pa./Norwin). Stein led the Saxons with 22 points by hitting 6-13 of his field goals and making ten free throws. He also had a game high ten rebounds. The Saxons played miserably in the first half, making only 25% of their field goals. They finished the half down 42-17, but picked themselves back up, outscoring Utica in the second half by four points. Utica played a good defensive game, only allowing two three pointers and they picked up seven blocks and 13 steals. Alfred's next game will be Tuesday night at 8 o'clock as St. John Fisher pays the Saxons a visit.