Saxons outlast visiting Cazenovia, 102-97 12/06/08



ALFRED, NY The Alfred University men's basketball team came out on the winning end of a barnburner Saturday afternoon at the McLane Center, topping visiting Cazenovia, 102-97. Both teams shot well, particularly in the second half, when Alfred made 54 percent of its shots and Cazenovia 57 percent. For the game, AU (4-3, 0-1 Empire 8) shot 51 percent, while the visitors shot 52 percent. The teams were deadly from three-point range, as Alfred shot 44 percent on threes (60 percent in the second half) and Cazenovia shot 50 percent (67 percent after intermission). Junior forward Jared Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland) netted a career-high 29 points before fouling out late. Patt made nine of 17 field goal tries, connecting on five of eight shots from behind the arc. He also had three steals and four rebounds. Four other Saxons scored in double figures. Sophomore guard Gary Kwiecien (Perry, NY/Perry) had 14 points and nine assists; sophomore guard Mike Stopera (Scotia, NY/Scotia-Glenville) had 19 points and four assists; senior forward Carl Embury (Perry, NY/Perry) had 13 points, five rebounds and three steals; and sophomore guard Josh Parker (Tonawanda, NY/Sweet Home) added 14 points and six rebounds. Junior guard Bobby Barry (Altamont, NY/Duanesburg) just missed a double-double, finishing with nine points, a team-high 10 rebounds, and three blocks. Jobe Zulu led Cazenovia with 21 points and a game-high 14 rebounds, while Stephen Harris had 22 points (connecting on six of 11 three-point attempts). Peter Marshall had 10 points and seven boards and Erik Sauer had 11 points and three assists. Alfred is in action next Dec. 29 and 30 at the St. John Fisher Holiday Classic. AU will play Muskingum on Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. and St. Mary's College on Dec. 30 at 1 p.m.