

Saxons down Westfield State in opening round of Williams tournament

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WILLIAMS, MA The Alfred University men's basketball team improved their record to 5-0 with an 85-75 win over Westfield State in the opening round of the Williams College tournament. Junior forward E.J. Docteur (Seneca Falls/Mynderse Academy) led all scorers with 22 points, while senior center Kareem McKinnon (Brooklyn/Kingsborough) posted a double-double with 17 points and a game-high 15 rebounds. The Alfred victory was also highlighted by junior guard Devon Downing's (Canton, OH/Glenoak) 15 point, nine rebound effort and senior forward Brock Stortini's (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) 11 points. The Saxons were sluggish early, falling by as many as 12 points and trailing by seven at the half. However, the Saxons were patient and rallied in the second half behind Docteur's 18 points, with 10 of those points coming from the charity stripe where he went 10-for-14 in the half and 12-for-17 in the game. Still, Alfred wasn't able to put Westfield away until the final minutes as the Owls kept the game close, causing 10 lead changes in all. Westfield State was led by Bryant James who netted 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Patrick Luckett and Jon Mazzone contributed 12 points each. The Saxons will be in action tomorrow, December 2, at 3 p.m. when they battle the winner of the Williams-Elms College game for the tournament title.