

## Saxons come up short in matchup with 20th-ranked St. Mary's

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PITTSFORD, NY -- The Alfred University men's basketball team dropped a 90-76 decision Tuesday afternoon to St. Mary's College of Maryland in the second round of the St. John Fisher Classic. Alfred played St. Mary's (8-2), the 20th-ranked Division III team in the nation, tough throughout. AU shot 63 percent in the first half and trailed by seven, 52-45, at the break. St. Mary's used equally solid shooting (60 percent) and a 22-6 first-half rebounding advantage to stay ahead of the Saxons. St. Mary's outrebounded AU for the game, 51-22, and outshot the Saxons 40 percent to 32 percent after intermission. Alfred kept the game close by taking care of the ball, as the Saxons committed only five turnovers while forcing nine St. Mary's miscues. The loss wasted career efforts by a pair of Saxons. Junior forward Jared Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland) netted a career-high 34 points, making 11 of 18 field goal attempts (including eight of 12 from three-point range) and four of six foul shots. Sophomore guard Gary Kwiecien (Perry, NY/Perry) scored a career-high 18 points, canning seven of 11 attempts from the floor (three of five on three-pointers), and added five rebounds and five assists. Sophomore guard Mike Stopera (Scotia, NY/Scotia-Glenville) chipped in with 10 points, five rebounds and four assists for the Saxons, who fall to 4-5 on the season and remain 0-1 in Empire 8 play. Mike Bowden netted 17 points to go with a game-high nine rebounds to pace St. Mary's, while Mike Fitzpatrick and Calvin Wise each scored 14. Alfred is in action next on Sunday, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m. at home against Empire 8 foe Ithaca, the nation's 17th-ranked team.