

Saxons lose physical contest to St. Lawrence

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ALFRED The Alfred University men's basketball team was defeated by the St. Lawrence Saints, 83-64, in a hard-fought match Saturday afternoon in the McLane Center. Despite falling behind by 10 at one point in the first half, a late surge for the Saxons (4-3, 0-0 Empire Eight) brought the halftime score to a close 33-31. The Saxons led briefly in the second half before the Saints took control for good, reclaiming their 10 point advantage halfway through the half and expanding it to as much as 25 at one point. Early foul troubles plagued the Saxons and limited the effectiveness of several players; three starters eventually fouled out. Senior forward E.J. Docteur (Seneca Falls/Mynderse Academy) led the Saxons with 18 points and a game-high seven rebounds. Although he had three fouls less than four minutes into the game and eventually fouled out, senior guard Devon Downing (Canton, OH/Glenoak) remained a force on the court, collecting 15 points and six rebounds. St. Lawrence was led by forward Rock Battistoni, who poured in 26 points for the Saints and added six rebounds. Forward Greg Sutton chipped in with 14 points and six rebounds. The Saxons' next game is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 28 when they face host LeMoyne in the LeMoyne Tournament.--30--