

Late Saxon surge comes up short in overtime loss to R.I.T.

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ALFRED The Alfred University men's basketball team suffered a close overtime defeat to R.I.T., 79-76, on Tuesday night at the McLane Center. The Saxons (7-7, 2-2 Empire 8) rallied late in the game and grabbed their first lead of the second half with 53 seconds remaining in regulation. R.I.T. later tied the game with five seconds left, allowing senior guard Devon Downing (Canton, OH/Glenoak) a final attempt to steal the victory. After driving the length of the court, Downing lofted a running jump shot that bounced off the iron and sent the game into overtime. The Tigers went on to capture an early lead in overtime, which they maintained until the final buzzer. Senior forward E.J. Docteur (Seneca Falls/Mynderse Academy) posted a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead AU. Downing led the team in scoring with 16 points and added seven rebounds and five assists, while junior guard Brian Roegiers (Marion/Marion) chipped in 14 points, including three three-pointers. R.I.T. (9-5, 5-1 Empire 8) had six players reach double digits in scoring. Brandon Redmond led all scorers with 17 points and six assists, while Michael Stanton contributed 14 points and 10 rebounds. The Saxons travel to Oneonta for their next match against Hartwick on Friday, January 25, at 8 p.m.