

Alfred men's basketball falls short at St. John Fisher

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Pittsford, NY The Alfred University men's basketball team fell just short to rival Empire 8 opponent St. John Fisher College, Tuesday evening, 58-54. The Saxons shot 39.2 percent from the floor, but a second half drop-off to 33 percent helped the Cardinals squeak out the win. It was an interesting night at the free throw line as St. John Fisher attempted 26 free throws but netted only 18. Alfred would not make it to the charity stripe as often, but like the Cardinals struggled and went 4-for-10. Alfred (1-17, 0-9 Empire 8) was led by freshman forward Ellis Walsh (Penfield, NY/Penfield) with 13 points and 9 rebounds. Garlen Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland Area) and his younger sophomore brother Jared Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland Area) helped the Saxons keep the game within reach. Garlen's 12 points and five rebounds and Jared's 10 points spurred the offense. Fisher's top performer was Justin Beigel with 15 points, eight rebounds and four steals. The Cardinals (10-7, 5-2 Empire 8) other contributions were spread throughout the lineup. Notably, Matt Newman added eight points and 5 boards, while Brandon Witte, off the bench, provided 9 points and six rebounds. Alfred will not be back in action until a return home on Wednesday, Feb. 6 against RIT.