

Saxons drop Empire 8 opener to RIT

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University men's basketball team lost its Empire 8 Conference opener, 56-52, to visiting RIT Monday evening at the McLane Center. RIT (2-1, 1-0 Empire 8) outrebounded Alfred (3-3, 0-1 Empire 8) 23-9 in the first half and held a 27-23 lead at intermission. The visiting Tigers dominance on the boards was tempered by 12 first-half turnovers, which led to 12 Alfred points. Junior forward Jared Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland) led three Alfred players in double figures with 14 points, five rebounds and four steals. Sophomore point guard Gary Kwiecien (Perry, NY/Perry) had 12 points and a pair of assists, while senior forward Carl Embury (Perry, NY/Perry) had 10 points, five rebounds and two assists. For the game, RIT outrebounded Alfred 41-25, but turned the ball over 21 times to only 14 for the host Saxons. Mark Carson tallied a game-high 26 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks to pace RIT, while Nate Korinchak had 10 rebounds to go with five points and a pair of steals. Adam Sweet chipped in with 12 points and three rebounds. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at home against Cazenovia.