

## **Saxons fall to WPI in second round of Courtyard-Penfield Classic**

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PITTSFORD, NY The Alfred University men's basketball team dropped a 78-60 decision to Worcester Polytechnic Institute Sunday afternoon in the second day of action at the Courtyard-Penfield Holiday Classic, hosted by St. John Fisher College. Alfred (1-9, 0-2 Empire 8) held a 34-32 lead at the half, courtesy of a 43 percent to 32 percent field goal shooting advantage. WPI (7-3) went on a 17-4 run to open the second half and take a 49-38 lead with 13 minutes left in the contest. The Saxons went on a 9-2 run to close to within four points, at 51-47, with 10:21 left, but WPI pushed the lead to 69-60 with two minutes left and made seven of eight free throws down the stretch to put the game away. The victors shot 48 percent after intermission while holding AU to 35 percent shooting. WPI held a 29-12 advantage in free throw attempts and sunk 76 percent of its foul shots. Alfred was hurt by 22 turnovers, while WPI had only 11 miscues for the contest. Senior guard Garlen Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland) led four AU players in double figures with 13 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Junior guard Carl Embury (Perry, NY/Perry) had 11 points and seven rebounds; freshman forward Sean D'Auria (Highland Mills, NY/Cornwall Central) had 11 points and five boards; junior forward Ron Smith (Lyons, NY/Lyons) netted a career-high 10 points; and freshman point guard Gary Kwiecien (Perry, NY/Perry) dished seven assists. Jim Marois led WPI with a game-high 19 points, while Ryan Bourque and Ben Etten (eight rebounds) scored 13 and 12 points, respectively. Alfred is in action next on Friday, Jan. 4, at 8 p.m. at Empire 8 rival Nazareth.