

## Saxons' Dalton Walsh, Tyler Seelman named Empire 8 men's basketball all-stars

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**Dalton Walsh (Stockton, NY/Cassadaga Valley)**, a senior forward on the Alfred University men's basketball team, and **Tyler Seelman (Lorton, VA/Hayfield Academy)**, a sophomore guard for the Saxons, have been named Empire 8 Conference all-stars. Walsh was named to the First Team, while Seelman was a Second Team pick.

Walsh, a 6-7 forward, averages a team-high 16.2 points (fourth in the Empire 8), 8.9 rebounds (seventh in the E8) and 2.1 blocks (second in the conference). In Empire 8 Conference play, he tied for the conference leads in blocks (2.3 per game in 16 league games).

Seelman, a 5-11 shooting guard, averages 16.1 points (second on the team, sixth in the league) with 54 assists and a team-best 34 steals. His 3.2 three-point shots made per game ranks second in the conference.

Walsh becomes Alfred's first Empire 8 First Team all-star since guard Quentin Bryant in 2005. Walsh and Seelman being named also represents the first time since that same season, when center Dillon Stein was a Second Team pick, that AU has had multiple E8 all-stars.

Each season, the Empire 8 honors students-athletes from each conference school who play on teams sponsored by the conference, with Sportsperson of the Year awards. Honorees, chosen by their coaches, exhibited outstanding sportsmanship in keeping with the conference's mission of "competing with honor and integrity." Senior point guard **Tim Pacheco (Mt. Pocono, PA/Pocono Mountain East)** is Alfred's honoree from the men's basketball team.

The Saxons finished the regular season with an 18-7 record. Their 11-5 Empire 8 record makes them the second seed in this weekend's Empire 8 championship tournament, where they will face third-seeded Hartwick in an 8 p.m. semifinal Friday. Host and top seeded St. John Fisher takes on fourth-seeded Ithaca in the other semifinal, at 6 p.m. The winners will square off for the tournament championship at 4 p.m. Saturday, with the winner of that game earning the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship tournament.