

AU men's basketball team stops visiting Elmira, 71-51

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ALFRED, NY - The Alfred University men's basketball team defeated visiting Elmira College, 71-51, in an Empire 8 Conference contest Friday evening at the McLane Center. Alfred shot 50 percent in the first half in taking a 37-21 lead at intermission and coasted in the second frame. Alfred forced 20 Elmira turnovers and shot 44 percent from three-point range as the Saxons improved to 10-12 on the year (4-7 Empire 8). Elmira drops to 3-18 overall and 0-10 in conference play. Senior guard Chris Lemasters (Mansfield, PA/Mansfield) and senior forward Ryan Hallett (Caledonia, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) each scored 12 points to lead four Saxons in double figures. Senior guard Quentin Bryant (Buffalo, NY/Seneca Vocational) had 10 points, four rebounds and five blocks while senior forward Todd Dersham (Campbell, NY/Campbell-Savona) added 10 points and five rebounds. Joe Prunier scored a game-high 17 points for Elmira. Micah Owens had 10 points and a game-high seven rebounds while Matt Keating chipped in with eight points. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 4 p.m. against visiting Ithaca in the Saxons season home finale.