

Saxons halt losing streak with win at Nazareth

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ROCHESTER The Alfred University men's basketball team rebounded from a two game losing streak by defeating Nazareth, 71-63, on Saturday evening. The Saxons (11-7, 5-4 Empire Eight) came out strong, shooting 52 percent from the field in the first half, and eventually building a 21-point halftime lead. The second half saw AU falter slightly but remain focused as the team shot 40 percent from the field for the half (10-for-25), while Nazareth threatened to come back by connecting on 50 percent of their second half field goal attempts (18-for-36). Senior forward Kareem McKinnon (Brooklyn/Kingsborough) posted a double-double for AU with 12 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks. The Saxon offense was led by junior guard Devon Downing (Canton, OH/Glenoak), who scored a game-high 18 points and grabbed six rebounds. Sophomore guard Brian Roegiers (Marion/Marion) was also solid, scoring 15 points, including netting 3-of-4 from three-point land. Nazareth (9-11, 3-6 Empire Eight) was led by Jesse Lisiecka's 17 points and game-high 12 rebounds, while Fran Zablocki added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Golden Flyers. The Saxons will be in action again on Friday, February 9 at 8 p.m. when they travel to Ithaca.