

## Saxons defeat Cazenovia, 73-66

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CAZENOVIA, NY The Alfred University men's basketball team defeated host Cazenovia, 73-66, Tuesday evening. The game was tied 28-28 at the half, but Alfred (5-2, 0-0 Empire 8) took the lead with nine minutes remaining in the game when junior guard Mike Stopera (Scotia, NY/Scotia-Glenville) made a three pointer. The Saxons kept the lead for the rest of the game. Stopera scored a game-high 23 points for AU and freshman guard Matt Johnson (Winchester, VA/James Wood) netted 15 points, made 10-of-10 from the free throw line and pulled down eight rebounds. Junior forward Jared Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland) added nine points and eight boards and junior guard Gary Kwiecien (Perry, NY/Perry) scored seven points and dished out four assists. Alfred shot 33 percent for the game. Cameron Smith scored a team-high 14 points and had four assists and Bryant Winans netted 11 points to lead Cazenovia. Pete Marshall chipped in seven points and eight rebounds and Darnell Sampson added seven points. Cazenovia (0-5) shot 36 percent for the game. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. against visiting Stevens in the Saxons' first Empire 8 conference game of the season.