

## **Saxons down Elmira on final shot**

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ALFRED The Alfred University men's basketball team snapped a four game losing streak with a 78-76 victory over a determined Elmira squad on Friday night at the McLane center. The Saxons (8-5, 2-2 Empire Eight) began the second half with 23-point advantage over Elmira but behind a tenacious full court pressing defense the Soaring Eagles were able to come back. With the score even at 76 and just 11 seconds remaining AU gained possession and played for the final shot. Junior guard Devon Downing (Canton, OH/Glen Oak) maneuvered around several defenders before connecting on a 15-foot jump shot with just four seconds left, sealing the victory for Alfred. AU was led by Downing, who scored a game-high 29 points while accumulating seven rebounds, six assists and six steals. Sophomore guard Brian Roegiers (Marion/Marion) also sparked the Saxon offense with 16 points, while junior forward Chris Koek (Penn Yan/Penn Yan) contributed 10 points and five assists. Elmira (5-6, 0-4 Empire Eight) was led by Rob Wordlaw's 24 points and game-high 9 rebounds, while Corrin Jackson added 17 points in the losing effort. The Saxons are in action again Saturday, January 20 at 4 p.m. when they host Ithaca.