

## **Saxons defeat St. John Fisher in conference opener**

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ALFRED The Alfred University men's basketball team defeated St. John Fisher, 92-79, in their Empire Eight conference season debut on Tuesday night at the McLane Center. Junior guard Devon Downing (Canton, OH/Glen Oak) poured in a game-high 35 points, while grabbing seven rebounds and collecting four steals. Senior forward Brock Stortini (Amenia/Arlington) tallied a double-double with 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Also sparking the Saxon offense was junior forward E.J. Docteur (Seneca Falls/Mynderse Academy) and junior forward Chris Koek (Penn Yan/Penn Yan), who contributed 14 and 13 points, respectively. Alfred (6-1, 1-0 Empire Eight) was aggressive at both ends of the floor the entire game, gaining control of the lead early and never looking back. AU shot 51.9 percent from the field in the second half and 43.8 percent for the game. Junior guard Carl Jefferson led St. John Fisher (3-2, 0-1 Empire Eight) with 27 points, while senior forward Mark Niggli netted 16 points in the losing effort. The Saxons will be in action Saturday, December 9, when they travel to St. Lawrence for a 3 p.m. game.