

## Alfred University women's basketball team falls to Hartwick in season finale

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ALFRED The Alfred University women's basketball lost to Hartwick College, 62-56, Saturday afternoon at the McLane Center in the season finale for both squads. The Lady Saxons (10-15, 2-12 Empire 8) held a slim 25-24 halftime lead, but Hartwick outscored the host team 38-31 in the second half, thanks to 54-percent shooting from the floor. Alfred, meanwhile, made only 30 percent of its shots in the second half. For the game, Hartwick outshot Alfred 50 percent to 31 percent to overcome a 39-32 rebounding disadvantage. Alfred's two seniors played well in their last collegiate games. Forward Liz Smith (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) had 12 points, a game-high 12 rebounds, four assists and four steals, while forward Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) scored a team-high 15 points before fouling out late in the game. Junior point guard Melissa Buck (Savannah/Clyde-Savannah) added 14 points. Senior guard Sara Lambert (Massena/Massena) led three Hartwick players in double figures with a game-high 19 points. Junior center Heather McGuerty (Moravia/Moravia) had 15 points and nine rebounds, while senior forward Emily Cushing (Avon/Avon) had 14 points, 12 rebounds and five assists.