

Alfred University women's basketball team comes up short against visiting Utica

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ALFRED, NY -- The Alfred University women's basketball team dropped its Empire 8 Conference opener Friday evening, falling 42-35 to visiting Utica College. Alfred (2-7, 0-1 Empire 8) found itself in a hole early, trailing 22-13 at halftime. After the deficit reached double digits midway through the second half, the Lady Saxons rallied, drawing within five points in the closing minutes. Utica (5-2, 1-0 Empire 8) was able to make foul shots down the stretch to secure the victory. Sophomore center Kylene Knoll (Elmira/Elmira Free Academy) paced AU with nine points and eight rebounds while sophomore forward Meg Coddington (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) added eight points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Senior guard Melissa Buck (Savannah/Clyde-Savannah) had five points, three rebounds and a pair of assists. Janine Hayes led Utica with a game-high 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Heidi Farrell and Alicia Ventresca each had 10 boards. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. at home against Hartwick.