

Alfred University women's basketball falls in final minutes to visiting Pitt-Bradford

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ALFRED, NY - The Alfred University women's basketball team took Pitt-Bradford down to the wire Thursday evening, eventually falling to the visiting Panthers, 54-49. AU played well defensively but struggled from behind the arc in their second straight non-conference loss. The Lady Saxons (4-7, 1-1 Empire 8) shot 72 percent from the free-throw line and forced 19 Pitt-Bradford (5-6) turnovers. Junior center Kylene Knoll (Elmira, NY/Elmira Free Academy) had a big game for AU scoring a team-high 11 points, while grabbing six rebounds and blocking five shots. Senior guard Michelle Kelly (Levittown, NY/General Douglas MacArthur) finished with nine points to go along with four steels and four assists. Freshman forward Catherine Hoffman (Belmont, NY/Genesee Valley) hit five of six from the free throw line, finishing with seven points, while sophomore guards Denae Foster (Canaseraga, NY/Arkport) and Megan Sampsell (Corry, PA/Corry Area) each chipped in with six points. The Panthers (5-6) were led by sophomore forward Samantha Groller (Bethlehem, PA/Liberty) with a game-high 18 points to go along with seven rebounds. Sophomore forward Megan Richards (Bergen, NY/Byron-Bergon) scored ten points and grabbed four steels, while sophomore guard Amanda Wood (Nunda, NY/Keshequa) netted nine points and recorded five rebounds. The Lady Saxons will be in action next on Friday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m., home against Hartwick College.