

Lady Saxons fall to Utica on road

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UTICA The Alfred University women's basketball team was defeated 61-54 by the host Utica Pioneers Saturday afternoon. Poor shooting plagued the Lady Saxons (7-6, 2-3 Empire Eight), as the team shot only 31 percent from the field. Alfred was led by senior forward Lisa Valitutto (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) who scored 18 points and added eight rebounds. Freshman guard Michelle Kelly (Levittown/General Douglas MacArthur) chipped in with 12 points, including four three-pointers, and six rebounds, while junior center Brandi Backus (Gilbertsville/Gilberstville-Mt. Upton) added 12 points and six rebounds. For the Pioneers, Carrie Stanek led all scorers with 24 points. The Lady Saxons will be in action on Tuesday, Jan. 29 when they travel to Rochester to face Empire Eight foe St. John Fisher at 6 p.m.--30--