

## **Lady Saxons suffer home loss to RIT**

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ALFRED The Alfred University women's basketball team remain winless after falling 87-75 to RIT at the McLane Center on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Saxons (0-7, 0-3 Empire Eight) only trailed by five points at the half way mark but were unable to gain enough momentum to force a lead change. Despite out rebounding their opponent 37-to-25, Alfred allowed RIT to collect 30 points from the free-throw line on 43 attempts. The Lady Saxons committed 31 personal fouls while RIT was only called for 15. Junior forward Lisa Valitutto (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) posted a double-double for AU with a game-high 25 points and 11 rebounds. The Lady Saxons effort was also highlighted by junior guard Amy Ratchuk's (So. Buffalo/Mount Mercy) 18 points and sophomore forward Brandi Backus's (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) 11 point contribution prior to departing the game early in the second half with an ankle injury. RIT was led by senior forward Amie Banis who netted 21 points and grabbed five rebounds while sophomore forward Jennifer Miazga chipped in 18 points of her own. The Lady Saxons will be in action again on Thursday, January 11 at 6 p.m. when they travel to Cortland.