AU women s basketball team drops Empire 8 contest to visiting Utica 2/03/06

ALFRED, NY -- The Alfred University women's basketball team lost to visiting Utica College, 49-37, in an Empire 8 Conference contest Friday evening at the McLane Center.Alfred (4-12, 0-8 Empire 8) held a 24-18 lead at the half, courtesy of 10 points and nine rebounds from senior forward Meg Coddington (Amherst, NH/Souhegan). But the Lady Saxons were only able to muster 13 points after intermission while shooting 19 percent from the floor as the visitors came back to secure the victory.Coddington finished with 12 points and 13 rebounds for AU, while sophomore forward Melanie Jackson (Andover, NY/Wellsville) had 12 points and eight boards.Corrina Rustman had 15 points and three steals and Karen Crisanti seven points and a game-high 14 rebounds to pace Utica (14-4, 5-3 Empire 8).Alfred is in action next on Saturday. Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. at home against Hartwick.