

Lady Saxons struggle offensively in loss to Ithaca

1/12/02

ALFRED The Alfred University women's basketball team was held to its lowest point total of the season in a 60-32 loss at home to Ithaca on Saturday afternoon at the McLane Center. The Lady Saxons (4-5, 1-2 Empire 8) were bothered by the Ithaca defense all afternoon. Ithaca's trapping defense forced Alfred to commit a total of 30 turnovers, with the Lady Bombers collecting 19 steals. Neither team was especially sharp from the field as Alfred connected on 23 percent (11-of-47) of its field goal attempts, while Ithaca hit 31 percent (22-of-70) of its attempts. Senior forward Lisa Valitutto (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) led the Lady Saxons with seven points and six rebounds, while junior center Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) highlighted AU's defensive efforts with five blocks. Ithaca (8-2, 1-1 Empire 8) was led by Stephanie Cleary's game-high 10 points, six rebounds and six steals and Kelly Gawronksi's nine points and five rebounds. A total of 13 different players in all scored for the Lady Bombers. The Lady Saxons travel to Bradford, Pennsylvania on Monday, January 14, for a 6 p.m. game against Pitt-Bradford.