Alfred University women s basketball team falls at home to St. John Fisher 2/22/03

ALFRED The Alfred University women's basketball team dropped a 74-47 decision to visiting St. John Fisher Saturday afternoon at the McLane Center.The Lady Saxons (10-13, 2-10 Empire 8), dug themselves a huge hole early, trailing 40-23 at the half. The closest AU would get was 12 points with just over 10 minutes left in the contest.AU senior center Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) led all scorers with 18 points to go with six rebounds. Sophomore guard Michelle Kelley (Levittown/General Douglas MacArthur) and freshman center Kylene Knoll (Elmira/Elmira Free Academy) each scored six points. Senior forward Liz Smith (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) and junior guard Melissa Buck (Savannah/Clyde-Savannah) each had five points, with Smith pulling down a game-high nine rebounds. Freshman guard Patricia Affeldt (Horseheads/Horseheads) dished out a team-high five assists for AU.St. John Fisher (20-2, 11-1 Empire 8) was paced by sophomore center Missy O'Donnell (Elmira/Elmira Free Academy) with 17 points and five rebounds. Junior forward Corrine Young (Waterloo/Waterloo) had 15 points and a game-high six assists, while junior guard Jen Kristensen (West Bloomfield, MI/West Bloomfield) had 10 points, a team-high seven rebounds, four assists and three steals.Alfred is in action next on Friday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. at home against Utica.