Host Utica rallies in second half to knock off Lady Saxons 1/10/09



UTICA, NY -- Host Utica College rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to beat the visiting Alfred University women's basketball team, 68-60, Saturday afternoon.AU (6-5, 1-3 Empire 8) held a 34-25 lead at intermission, courtesy of 52-percent shooting. Utica (6-4, 3-1 Empire 8) turned the table in the second half, making 56 percent of its shots while holding AU to 26 percent shooting. Utica held a huge advantage from the foul line, making 16 of 26 foul shots. AU, which had 23 personal fouls to only five for Utica, took only one foul shot the entire game, which was missed. Despite the disparity in free-throw attempts, AU stayed in the game with solid outside shooting, canning 10 of 25 attempts from behind the arc. Freshman guard Christina Jordan (Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, NY/Cornwall) made four of five three-point tries and finished with 12 points. Senior guard Melanie Jackson (Andover, NY/Wellsville) tossed in 12 points and pulled down 11 boards, while sophomore point guard Lynsday Murphy (Almond, NY/Hornell) added 15 points, four rebounds and four assists. Junior guard Abbey Schaffnit (Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove) finished with 10 points and a pair of steals.Jessica Barry netted a game-high 19 points to pace four Utica players in double figures. Mallory Davis (11 rebounds, five assists) and Devon Croll each scored 13 points and Katie McGee scored 15 to go with five assists and four steals.Alfred is in action next on Friday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. at home against Stevens.