

Lady Saxons come up short against Hartwick

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ONEONTA, NY -- The host Hartwick Hawks held off a late Alfred University rally, defeating AU, 57-54, Friday evening in Empire 8 women's basketball action. Alfred (5-6, 0-3 Empire 8) was behind 25-22 at the half and trailed throughout the second, closing the gap to a single point with 30 seconds left on a three-pointer by junior guard Lyndsay Murphy (Almond, NY/Hornell). Murphy's three made the score 55-54, but Hartwick's Cassie Dresser hit two free throws with 28 seconds left and Alfred missed on a pair of potential game-tying three-pointers in the closing seconds. AU turned the ball over 28 times and shot only 30 percent from the floor, which helped negate the Lady Saxons' 42-26 rebounding advantage. Hartwick (4-8, 2-3 Empire 8) shot 40 percent from the floor and turned the ball over 20 times. Murphy led AU with a game-high 24 points and added four rebounds and a pair of assists. Junior forward Autumn McLain (Oneida, NY/Oneida) scored 12 points and pulled down a game-best 17 rebounds and senior forward Danielle Cooper (Reading, PA/Reading) had seven points and four rebounds. Dresser and Heather Pruchansky each netted 12 points for Hartwick, while Jaliccia Conell had nine points and a team-high nine rebounds. Alfred is in action next on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. at Elmira.