

## **Lady Saxons come up empty against Hartwick**

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ONEONTA The Alfred University women's basketball team's three game winning streak came to a halt Friday evening in Oneonta as Hartwick defeated the Lady Saxons by a final score of 67-56. The Lady Saxons (7-6, 2-3 Empire 8) ran out to a 31-27 halftime lead but lost their edge late as Hartwick took control in the second half of action. The Lady Hawks held the lead for the final five minutes of regulation. Junior center Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) netted 18 points to lead AU, while senior forward Lisa Valitutto (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) managed 14 points and eight rebounds. Rounding out Alfred's top performers was senior guard Amy Ratchuk (So. Buffalo/Mount Mercy) with 12 points and eight assists. Tiffany Hurley finished with 27 points and 15 rebounds to lead Hartwick (9-6, 4-1 Empire 8). The win marked the Lady Hawks' fifth consecutive victory. The Lady Saxons' next match is against Utica on Saturday, January 26, at 2 p.m.