

## **Lady Saxons whip Medaille**

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ALFRED The Alfred University women's basketball team got its second victory of the season, whipping visiting Medaille College, 92-58, Monday night at the McLane Center. Junior guard Amy Ratchuk (South Buffalo/Mt. Mercy) led four Lady Saxons in double figures with 25 points on 10-of-17 shooting, including four-of-eight on three pointers. She also had three rebounds, three assists and four steals. Sophomore center Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) had 17 points and seven rebounds and junior forward Lisa Valitutto (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) added 15 points and seven boards. Junior guard Melissa Stottlar (Colonie/Colonie), a midseason transfer from Alfred State College, scored 14 points and pulled down three rebounds in her third game in an AU uniform. Alfred (2-13, 0-7 Empire Eight) led by 10 points, 41-31, at the half, but used 62 percent shooting in the second half to pull away from Medaille (3-13). AU shot 55 percent for the game and outrebounded the Lady Mustangs, 38-26. Medaille was led in scoring by freshman guard Cheryl Hoch with 16 points and senior forward Liz Galanis with 10 points. Alfred is in action next on Friday at 6 p.m. at RIT.