

## **Lady Saxons defeat RIT**

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ALFRED The Alfred University women's basketball team defeated the RIT Tigers in the McLane Center Friday evening, 65-52. The Lady Saxons (10-9, 2-6 Empire 8) established the pace of the game within the first five minutes of play, netting three 3-pointers right from the start. At halftime, AU walked into the locker room ahead 25-20 and with a shooting average of 33 percent. Maintaining the lead, Alfred improved their field goal average to 57 percent and dominated the boards, out rebounding the Tigers 32-25. Sophomore guard Michelle Kelly (Levittown/General Douglas MacArthur) played an incredible game from three-point range netting six for a game-high total of 20 points. Kelly also had a pair of assists and steals adding to the Lady Saxons effort. Senior forward Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) followed, scoring 19 points along with six rebounds. Freshman forward Theresa Coddington (Amherst/Souhegan) added 13 points and grabbed six rebounds while freshman center Kylene Knoll (Elmira/Elmira) pulled down six boards also assisting AU in their victory. Pacing the Tigers (5-13, 2-6 Empire 8) was senior forward Lauren Long (Rocky River, OH/Magnificat) who tallied a team-high 15 points and seven rebounds along with freshman guard Christina Ermie (Johnstown/Johnstown) who netted 13 points and four rebounds. The Lady Saxons' will next host Nazareth College on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. in the McLane Center.