

AU women's basketball team edges Hartwick for first Empire 8 win

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University women's basketball team beat visiting Hartwick, 63-59, Saturday afternoon for the Lady Saxons' first Empire 8 Conference win of the season. Free throw shooting was the big difference in the contest, as Alfred (2-12, 1-7 Empire 8) made 23 of 33 foul shots (70 percent) for the game, while Hartwick converted on only 12 of 24 from the charity stripe (50 percent). AU jumped out to a 28-21 lead at halftime, due in large part to 12-of-13 shooting from the line. Hartwick (3-13, 1-8 Empire 8) converted on only 40 percent of its foul shots (four of 10) before intermission. Sophomore forward Danielle Cooper (Reading, PA/Reading) (five rebounds) and junior guard Melanie Jackson (Andover, NY/Wellsville) (four boards, three assists, four steals) each scored 12 points to pace Alfred. Freshman forward Autumn McLain (Oneida, NY/Oneida) pulled down a team-leading nine rebounds and sophomore guard Lisa Button (Troupsburg, NY/Jasper-Troupsburg) added eight points. Samantha Galm netted a game-high 17 points along with seven rebounds and three steals to pace Hartwick. Sarah Waltersdorf tallied a double-double with 15 points and a game-high 11 rebounds and Katie Caddell added 11 points and three steals. Alfred will be back in action Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. at St. John Fisher.