

Lady Saxons fall at home to Fisher, 69-59

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ALFRED St. John Fisher defeated the Alfred University women's basketball team, 69-59, Tuesday night in a matchup of Empire Eight rivals. Fisher (6-0, 1-0 Empire Eight) used a 22-6 run to close the first half and take a 40-26 lead at intermission. The run occurred after Alfred junior forward Lisa Valitutto (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) left the game after suffering a gash over her right eye during a scramble for a loose ball. Valitutto returned in the second half and scored 15 of her game-high 24 points after intermission. Alfred got as close as six points late in the game but couldn't overcome a Fisher lead that had grown to 18 points midway through the second half. Junior guard Amy Ratchuk (South Buffalo/Mount Mercy) had 15 points and a game-high 10 rebounds and sophomore center Brandi Backus (Gilbertsville/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) had nine points and nine rebounds for Alfred (0-4, 0-1 Empire Eight.) Fisher was led by guard Jen Kristensen with 16 points, center Melissa Lock with 15 points and eight rebounds and forward Trisha Tofany with 11 points and seven boards. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. at St. Lawrence.