Lady Saxons slip past Medaille

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BUFFALO The Alfred University women's basketball traveled to Buffalo Friday evening and escaped with a 58-51 victory over host Medaille College.Junior center Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) paced Alfred (6-5, 1-2 Empire 8) with 18 points and eight rebounds. Freshman guard Michelle Kelly (Levittown/General Douglas MacArthur) scored 15 points, knocking down four three-pointers, while senior guard Amy Ratchuk (South Buffalo/Mount Mercy) chipped in with 14 points, nine rebounds, five assists and four steals.Rachel Conti led Medaille (2-12) with 12 points.Alfred, which has won three of its past four games, is in action next on Tuesday, January 22, when the Lady Saxons host Empire 8 foe RIT in a 6 p.m. contest.