

AU women's basketball comeback falls short at Ithaca

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ITHACA Alfred University's women's basketball team came up eight points shy of upsetting an Ithaca College team that overmatched the Saxons, 80-39, two weeks ago. The Saxons (10-12, 2-9) trailed 26-22 at the half and by as much as 15 in the second half, but fought back before losing 58-50. Foul shots turned out to be the difference-maker as the Saxons only hit 54 percent from the line. Senior forward Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) led the Saxons with 24 points and six rebounds on the game. Alfred also got big contributions from its bench, with four points and 12 rebounds from freshman forward Meghan Coddington (Amherst/Souhegan) and a season high eight points from freshman center Stacy Bradley (Cortland/Dryden). Alfred's next game will be next Saturday at 1 p.m. when the Saxons host the St. John Fisher Cardinals who are ranked 24th in the nation, according to D3Hoops.com.