

Lady Saxons record third straight victory with win over R.I.T.

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ALFRED The Alfred University women's basketball team rolled to a 58-42 win over visiting R.I.T. on Tuesday evening at the McLane Center. The Lady Saxons (7-5, 2-2 Empire 8) led by three points at the half, despite hitting only 19 percent of their first half field goals. The second half saw AU capitalize on improved shooting (42 percent) and strong rebounding en route to securing the victory. The Lady Saxons out-rebounded R.I.T. by a final count of 47-27, with 20 of AU's rebounds coming from the offensive boards. Senior forward Lisa Valitutto (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) led the Lady Saxons with 20 points and nine rebounds. Senior guard Amy Ratchuk (So. Buffalo/Mount Mercy) added 13 points and seven rebounds, while junior forward Liz Smith (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) dominated inside play with a game-high 12 rebounds. R.I.T. (0-13, 0-5 Empire 8) was led by Adria Lewness, who netted 16 points and grabbed six rebounds. The Lady Saxons travel to Oneonta for their next match against Hartwick on Friday, January 25, at 6 p.m.