

Alfred University women's soccer team falls to RIT, 2-1, in home opener

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ALFRED The Alfred University women's soccer team dropped a close decision to RIT Saturday afternoon, falling 2-1 in the Lady Saxons' home opener at Merrill Field. The game was tied 1-1 when RIT's Amy Vassallo provided the gamewinner with 16:09 left in the second half on an assist from Sara Koch. RIT (3-1, 1-0 Empire 8) led at the half, 1-0, courtesy of a goal by Lindsay LaRocca, assisted by Melanie Lowe. Alfred (2-2, 0-1 Empire 8) tied the score just over eight minutes into the second half when freshman forward Andrea Crandall (Almond/Alfred-Almond) knocked in a rebound of a shot by junior forward Jaime Ward (Urbana, IL/Urbana). The game was a defensive struggle as RIT had 14 shots to only seven by Alfred. AU senior goalkeeper Sara Stephens (Wayland/Wayland-Cohocton) made six saves, while RIT goalie Carrie Yehl stopped two shots. Alfred is in action next on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. at home against St. John Fisher.