

Lady Saxons drop season opener at University of Rochester tournament

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ROCHESTER The Alfred University women's basketball team lost its 2000-01 season opener, falling 71-43 to host Rochester in Friday's opening round of the University of Rochester tournament. Alfred trailed at the half, 36-20, and couldn't rebound after intermission. The Lady Saxons shot only 30 percent from the field and were hurt by 29 turnovers. Junior forward Lisa Valitutto (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) led AU with 20 points, nine rebounds and three steals. Sophomore center Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) tallied 10 points and sophomore guard Liz Smith (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) chipped in with six points and a pair of assists. Jen LaBuda scored 13 points and had five steals to lead Rochester (1-0), which had 14 different players in the scoring column. The Lady Saxons will take on Bridgewater State in the tournament's consolation game Saturday (Nov. 19) at 3 p.m.