

AU woman's basketball team drops close decision to Houghton College

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Houghton, NY The Alfred University woman's basketball team lost, 58-51 to host Houghton College Wednesday night. A combination of AU's poor shooting (32.7%) and Houghton's 20 points from the free throw stripe proved to be the difference. Alfred (1-4, 0-0 Empire 8) had to feel lucky as they entered intermission down 22-20 with both teams struggling to score. The Saxons were led by sophomore guard Lisa Button (Troupsburg, NY/Jasper-Troupsburg), who scored a team high 14 points while adding three rebounds and three steals. Catherine Hoffman (Belmont, NY/Genesee Valley) went 5-7 from the field en route to an 11-point night while chipping in five rebounds. Strong on the glass was sophomore forward Danielle Cooper (Reading, PA/Reading), who ripped a game high 8 boards while contributing nine points in the loss. The Highlanders (2-2) did not fair much better from the field shooting a mere 29.7 percent. Leah French led the game in scoring with 15 points (11 from the free-throw line) and added five points and three steals. Cassie Merrill shot 4-6 from the floor (all beyond the arch) and thus notched 12 points to go along with six rebounds, two assists and three steals. Alfred will look to get back in the win column when they travel to play their Empire 8 Conference opener at Stevens on Friday, Nov. 30.