

## **AU women's basketball team falls to Nazareth, 66-53**

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University women's basketball team dropped a 66-53 decision to visiting Empire 8 Conference foe Nazareth College Tuesday evening at the McLane Center. AU (2-17, 1-11 Empire 8) trailed by only a bucket, 32-30, at halftime, but Nazareth (8-13, 4-8 Empire 8) went on an 18-8 run to begin the second half and take a 50-38 lead with 11:28 left in the contest. Alfred would close to within seven points, 50-43, two minutes later, but Nazareth then went on a 14-0 run to take a 64-43 lead with 4:16 remaining in regulation. Alfred was hurt by poor second-half shooting, as the Lady Saxons made only 26 percent of their shots after intermission to 46 percent for the Soaring Eagles. For the game, Nazareth made seven of 17 three-point attempts and 17 of 23 free throws, while AU missed on all four of its three-point tries and made only nine of 17 from the line. Sophomore forward Alysha Dias (Rochester, NY/Greece-Olympia) scored a team-high 12 points and pulled down six rebounds to pace Alfred. Junior guard Melanie Jackson (Andover, NY/Wellsville) had eight points, eight rebounds, four steals and three assists, while sophomore forward Danielle Cooper (Reading, PA/Reading) netted seven points. Rachel Pirozzolo led three Nazareth players in double figures with a game-high 13 points. Lizzie Barlow had 12 points and Jamie Malloy 10 points and six rebounds. Ali Sharpe had a game-high 10 rebounds to go with her eight points. Alfred plays next on Friday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. against Ithaca in the Lady Saxons' season home finale.