

Houghton edges AU women's basketball

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ALFRED, NYThe Saxons dropped a close game to visiting Houghton College 59-58 Wednesday evening. Alfred (2-3, 0-0 Empire 8) was led by senior point guard Meg Sampsell (Corry, PA/Corry) who had a team-high 16 points. Freshman forward Danielle Cooper (Reading, PA/Reading) added 12 points and nine rebounds for the Saxons. Alfred trailed at the half 32-28, but fought to keep it close in the second. The Saxons out rebounded Highlanders 54-43 but lost the turnover battle 24-14. Leah French led all scorers, finishing with 19 points to go along with seven rebounds. Jessica Smith's lay up with 45 seconds left gave Houghton 58-57 lead. Houghton's Becky Kallal made one of two free throws with nine seconds left to give Houghton a two-point advantage. Alfred's Lisa Button (Troupsburg, NY/Jasper-Troupsburg) was fouled with a second left and had a chance to tie but missed her second free throw. The Saxons will be in action next on Sunday Dec. 4, vs. Clarkson at 2 p.m.