

Lady Saxons fall in season finale at Utica

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UTICA, NY The Alfred University women's basketball team lost to conference host Utica College, 102-58 Saturday afternoon. Alfred (2-21, 1-15 Empire 8) could not match the Pioneers' 55 percent shooting from the floor as the Lady Saxons struggled from the field, converting just 31 percent of their field goal opportunities. Utica (15-10, 10-6 E8) led by as much as 23 points in the first half before entering intermission up 56-36. AU lost the battle at the free throw line, only netting 12 points as Utica dropped 27 points from the stripe. The Pioneers' lead was never challenged as the Saxons smallest deficit was 16 and came early in the second period. Junior guard Melanie Jackson (Andover, NY/Wellsville) netted a team-high 12 points while dishing out three assists and grabbing two steals for AU. Sophomore guard Lisa Button (Troupsburg, NY Jasper-Troupsburg) also scored in double digits adding 10 points while senior forward Catherine Hoffman (Belmont, NY/Genesee Valley) drained eight points and grabbed two rebounds. Utica had six players score in double figures with Karen Crisanti pacing the Pioneers with a game-high 24 points and 10 rebounds.