

AU women's lacrosse team falls 9-7 to visiting Keuka

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University women's lacrosse team, playing its first game in more than a year, fell to visiting Keuka College, 9-7, Thursday afternoon at Merrill Field. The Lady Saxons (0-1, 0-0 Empire 8) were playing in their first game since the seventh contest of the 2005 season. The remainder of that season was cancelled due to low roster numbers and AU was without a team all of last season as new head coach Samantha Valder recruited new players to rebuild the program. AU fell behind early to Keuka, allowing seven unanswered goals to open the first half. The Lady Saxons got on the board with 4:32 left in the frame on a goal by freshman Emily Tobin (Penfield, NY/Penfield). Freshman Bailey Hebert (Heuvelton, NY/Heuvelton) added a goal at the 2:40 mark to make it 7-2 before Keuka scored 51 seconds left in the half to go into intermission with an 8-2 lead. Alfred stormed back with four unanswered goals to start the second half one by Tobin, a pair by freshman Kate Simonds (Park City, UT/Park City) and one from Hebert to cut the deficit to 8-6. Keuka scored with 12:25 left in the game, and Simonds answered a minute later to make it 9-7 and account for the game's final scoring. Simonds finished with three goals for AU, while Tobin and Hebert each had two. Freshman Shauna Carroll (Babylon, NY/West Babylon) made four saves in goal for the Lady Saxons. Brenna Leach scored five goals to pace Keuka (1-0), while Bridget Quinlan added two goals and three assists. Kristi Chamberlain made seven saves for the visitors. Alfred is in action next on Thursday, March 29, at 3:30 p.m. at Wells.