

Alfred University women's basketball team tops visiting Keuka College, 49-39

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ALFRED - The Alfred University women's basketball team won for the fourth time in its last five games, defeating visiting Keuka College, 49-39, Wednesday evening at the McLane Center. Alfred (6-3, 0-0 Empire 8) led 25-20 at halftime and held a double-digit lead throughout most of the second half. Neither team shot well: AU made 32 percent of its shots while Keuka shot just 21 percent from the floor. Sophomore guard Michelle Kelly (Levittown/General Douglas MacArthur) paced Alfred with 12 points (on four three-pointers) and six assists. Senior center Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) and senior forward Liz Smith (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) each netted eight points, while junior point guard Melissa Buck (Savannah/Clyde-Savannah) had seven points, five rebounds and four steals. Freshman forward Lindsay Baker (Scranton, PA/Scranton) had 12 points and a game-high 11 rebounds to lead Keuka (3-2, 0-0 NEAC). Sophomore forward Rachael Everson (Clifton Springs/Midlakes) added 11 points and five rebounds. Alfred is in action next on Friday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. when the Lady Saxons open Empire 8 conference play at Nazareth College.