

## **Lady Saxons defeat Hartwick as Valitutto breaks career scoring record**

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ALFRED Alfred University senior forward Lisa Valitutto (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) broke the school's career scoring record in Saturday afternoon's 71-63 victory over visiting Hartwick College. Valitutto hit a layup with about eight minutes left in the game to break the career scoring mark held by Heidi Aldous (1,311 points from 1983-87). She finished with a game-high 21 points and seven rebounds, and now has 1,316 points for her career. Alfred (10-10, 5-6 Empire 8) trailed by three at the half but used solid shooting in the second half to pull out the victory. The Lady Saxons shot only 36 percent from the field and 50 percent from the free throw line in the first half, but improved to 46 percent from the field and made 16 of 24 free throws after intermission. Senior guard Amy Ratchuk (South Buffalo/Mt. Mercy) had 19 points and three steals and junior center Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) added 10 points and four rebounds for Alfred. Stephanie Clough paced Hartwick (11-10, 6-5 Empire 8) with 19 points, while Tiffany Hurley and Emily Cushing each scored 10 points. Alfred is in action next on Tuesday night, when the Lady Saxons play their season home finale against Nazareth. Tipoff is at 6 p.m.