

## **Lady Saxons top Pitt-Bradford**

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BRADFORD, PA The Alfred University women's basketball team defeated host Pitt-Bradford, 65-51, Monday night. Senior forward Lisa Valitutto (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) paced the Lady Saxons (5-5, 1-2 Empire 8) with a game-high 20 points and 11 rebounds, while junior center Brandi Backus (Gilbertsville/Gilberstville-Mt. Upton) added 16 points and five boards. Senior guard Amy Ratchuk (South Buffalo/Mt. Mercy) had 12 points, six rebounds and five assists, while junior forward Liz Smith (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) scored eight points on 4-of-5 shooting. Alfred shot 53 percent from the floor in the first half and built a 37-18 lead at intermission. The Lady Saxons' advantage grew to 24 points in the second half. "It was a great win for us," AU head coach Michele Finn commented. "It gets us back to .500." Katie Burton scored 15 points to lead Pitt-Bradford, which shot only 26 percent from the floor. Alfred is in action next on Friday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at Medaille.