

Alfred University women's basketball wins Empire 8 conference opener

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ALFRED, NY - The Alfred University women's basketball team won their opening Empire 8 Conference contest of the season Friday night, defeating visiting RIT 56-48. The Lady Saxons (4-4, 1-0 Empire 8) had a strong night shooting from three-point range, hitting 54 percent (7-13) of their shots from behind the arc in the first half and finishing at 47 percent. Leading the way for AU was sophomore guard Denae Foster (Canaseraga, NY/Arkport) who finished with a team-high 12 points after a surge late in the second half. Senior guard Michelle Kelly (Levittown, NY/General Douglas MacArthur) and sophomore guard Megan Sampsell (Corry, PA/Corry Area) chipped in with 11 points each. Junior forward Meghan Coddington (Amherst, NH/Souhegan) and junior center Kylee Knoll (Elmira, NY/Elmira Free Academy) finished with 14 and eight rebounds respectively. Coddington also dished out four assists for AU, while Knoll recorded a game-high four blocked shots. Sophomore guard Ramata Diallo (Fairfax, VA/W.T. Woodson) recorded a double double for RIT (3-5, 0-1 Empire 8) with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman forward Shabnam Razmpour (Eden Prairie, MN/Model Secondary School for the Deaf) had ten points and six rebounds for the visitors. Alfred will be in action next on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m., home against Nazareth College.