

## Alfred University softball team notches season's first win

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ORLANDO, FL The Alfred University softball team won its first game of the 2003 season, knocking off Penn State-Behrend 4-3 in extra innings. The victory in last of 10 contests played in the Rebel Spring Games snapped a nine-game AU losing skid. The Lady Saxons (1-9, 0-0 Empire 8) scored singles runs in the first, second and seventh innings to take a 3-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh. Behrend scored twice to force extra innings before AU plated the winning run in the top of the eighth. Sophomore second baseman Andrea Crandall (Almond/Alfred-Almond) and freshman shortstop Emilie Vicchio (Shaker Heights, OH/Shaker Heights) each had two hits for Alfred. Freshman Brittany Curran (Alfred/Alfred-Almond) went the distance on the mound for AU, allowing three runs (two earned) on eight hits while striking out five and walking none. Earlier Friday, the Lady Saxons lost 13-3 to the College of New Jersey in a game halted after five innings. Senior Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) pitched 1 1/3 innings and sophomore Janelle Villone (Honeoye/Honeoye) threw the final 3 2/3 innings. Crandall, junior centerfielder Jacque Krycia (Hamburg/Mt. Mercy), senior catcher Sarah Mizer (Foster, RI/Ponaganset), sophomore shortstop Rachel Porter (Almond/Alfred Almond) and sophomore third baseman Kristina Goldberg (South Salem/John Jay) each had a base hit for AU. The Lady Saxons are now idle until an April 2 doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m. at Fredonia.