

ECAC named Saxons ♦ Thompson Upstate Player of the Week for softball achievement

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Liz Thompson (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads), a sophomore third baseman on the Alfred University softball team, has been named Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Upstate Player of the Week.

Thompson was honored for her play in four doubleheaders last week, in which the Saxons went 7-1. The Saxons swept non-league opponents Hilbert and at Penn College before going 3-1 in a pair of road Empire 8 Conference contests, sweeping Elmira and splitting with Stevens.

In the eight games, Thompson batted .567 (17-for-30) with seven homeruns, 17 runs scored and 17 RBIs. In the Saxons' 7-2 win at Stevens on Sunday, Thompson belted three solo homeruns, tying the school's single-game record set in 2009 by Karen Folts. In a win at Elmira Friday, she hit her sixth triple of the year, which broke a school single-season record. It was the eight triple of her career, which ties a school record.

On Monday, Thompson was named Empire 8 Player of the Week.

For the season, Thompson leads the Empire 8 in batting (.557), runs (41), hits (49), triples (six), on-base percentage (.562), slugging percentage (1.023) and stolen bases (15), and is second in homeruns (eight) and RBIs (35). It marks the second time in three weeks Thompson has been named ECAC Upstate Player of the Week.

AU is 27-3 overall and sits atop the Empire 8 standings with a 9-1 league mark after Tuesday's road sweep of Empire 8 foe Nazareth. Alfred, ranked 22nd in the latest NFCA Division III poll, is in action next on Thursday, April 23, when the Saxons play an Empire 8 doubleheader at St. John Fisher at 3:30 p.m.