

Unbeaten AU women's tennis team to compete at state championships

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ITHACA, NY The Alfred University women's tennis team, fresh off its victory at the Empire 8 Conference championships, will compete this weekend at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association championships, hosted by Cornell University. Alfred will be among 16 schools competing at the NYS WCAA championships, Friday through Sunday, Oct. 15-17. AU (12-0, 8-0 Empire 8) will bring six singles players and three doubles teams to the tournament. Senior Alicia Ballard (Burlington, VT/Burlington) leads AU with an 11-1 record in first singles. She has a career singles record of 43-6. Freshman Kaitie Calfee (Kirkwood, MO/Kirkwood) is 11-1 in second singles, while sophomore Jodi Butterfoss (Elizabethtown, PA/Elizabethtown) is a perfect 12-0 in third singles and sports a 21-3 career singles mark. Rounding out the singles roster for AU will be sophomore Jamie Drooz (Pittsford/Pittsford-Mendon), 1-7 in fourth singles; junior Janice Brooks (The Bronx/Roosevelt), 7-2 in fifth singles, and freshman Desiree Woods (Bradford, PA/Bradford Area), 7-2 in sixth singles. AU has been solid in doubles play all year and goes into the state tournament with a combined 22-8 doubles record. Ballard and Butterfoss are 9-0 in first doubles and have a career record of 17-1. Calfee and Drooz have a 6-3 mark in second doubles, while Brooks and Woods have gone 2-2 in third doubles. Seedings for the single-elimination tournament will be determined at a coaches' meeting Thursday evening. First-round singles and doubles matches will be played Friday; quarterfinal and semifinal singles and doubles matches Saturday; and final singles and doubles matches Sunday.