

Alfred University and Elmira split softball doubleheader

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WELLSVILLE, NY The Alfred University softball team split a doubleheader with Empire 8 Conference rival Elmira College Wednesday evening at Quackenbush Field in Wellsville. AU (8-6, 2-2 Empire 8) won the first game, 5-4, before falling in the nighcap, 3-2. In the opener, AU junior pitcher Brittany Curran (Alfred, NY/Alfred-Almond) struck out three and scattered six hits over seven innings to improve to 5-3 on the season. Junior centerfielder Heidi Brooks (Wayland, NY/Wayland-Cohocton) went 2-3 with a pair of RBIs and a run scored. Sophomore catcher Gretchen Weidner (Eden, NY/Eden) was 2-3 with a two-run double and senior second baseman Andrea Crandall (Alfred, NY/Alfred-Almond) had an RBI and a run scored. Elmira was led by second baseman Erika Dever with a hit, a run scored and an RBI. Centerfielder Dani Martin went 2-4 and third baseman Ashley Mutch had a hit and a run scored. Kelly D'Angelo took the loss on the mound for Elmira (4-4, 1-3 Empire 8), allowing five runs on four hits while striking out 11 in six innings of work. In the second game, Elmira got a strong outing from pitcher Sarah Slivinski, who allowed two runs (one earned) on allowing five hits while striking out five over seven innings. Mutch went 2-3 with a double and two RBIs and shortstop Kristen Wheaton added a hit, an RBI and a run scored. Brooks took the loss on the mound for AU to fall to 3-3 on the year. She allowed six hits and three runs (two earned) while striking out three Elmira batters in six innings. Senior centerfielder Courtney Briganti (Canisteo, NY/Canisteo) went 2-3 with a run batted in. Curran and junior first baseman Emilie Vicchio (Shaker Heights, OH/Shaker Heights) scored Alfred's runs. AU is in action next on Saturday, April 9, for a 1 p.m. doubleheader at RIT. The Lady Saxons travel to Fredonia for a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Sunday, April 10.