

Backus throws one-hitter but Lady Saxons still lose pair to SUNY Geneseo

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HORNELL The Alfred University softball team dropped both games of a doubleheader to SUNY Geneseo Monday afternoon at Hornell High School by scores of 17-1 and 2-1. Junior pitcher Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) threw a one-hitter in the second game for the Lady Saxons (2-20, 0-6 Empire 8). The lone hit made the difference, however, as a two-run homer from sophomore Jackie Guba gave Geneseo a lead they would not relinquish. Senior shortstop Tara Harwood (Hornell/Hornell) had Alfred's only run in that game, scoring on a sacrifice from freshman catcher Beth MacMichael (Scio/Scio) in the sixth inning. Freshman Kathryn Lee (Winthrop, WA/Liberty Bell) went two-for-three with a triple. The first game was a bit more lopsided, as Geneseo built a 5-0 advantage in the first inning and added nine runs in the fourth. Freshman Beth Glotz (Youngsville, PA/Youngsville) scored Alfred's only run on a fourth-inning double from freshman second baseman Andrea Crandall (Almond/Alfred-Almond). Guba led Geneseo in the first game as well, reaching base on all five attempts. She had three hits and scored three runs, including two in the fourth inning. The Lady Saxons will be in action Saturday, April 20 when they host Ithaca in an Empire 8 conference doubleheader at 1 p.m. at Hornell High School. --30--