

Wickwire, Thompson softball All-Americans

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Two members of the Alfred University softball team have been named All-Americans. Senior utility player Alison Wickwire (Towanda, PA/Towanda) and sophomore third baseman Liz Thompson (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads) were each named National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Second Team All-Americans. Wickwire and Thompson are the second and third NFCA All-Americans in the 22-year history of the Saxon softball program and the first since Nicole Hendrick earned Second Team honors in 2010. The two have earned several honors this year, for the regular season and also during the Saxons' march through the NCAA championships. Both were First Team Empire 8 Conference all-stars and NFCA First Team Northeast Region picks. Wickwire was named Most Outstanding Player for the AU-hosted Alfred (NY) Regional, while Thompson was named Most Outstanding Player for last weekend's Tiffin (OH) Super Regional hosted by Heidelberg University. Wickwire is batting .374 with 43 hits and 36 runs and leads the team with 16 homeruns (a school single-season record) and 53 RBI. She also has 10 doubles and is second on the team in slugging (.878) and third in on-base percentage (.503). She has made 18 pitching starts and is 13-3 with a 3.04 ERA and a team-leading 110 strikeouts. Thompson is second on the team in hitting (.493) and RBI (45) and leads the Saxons in runs (58) and hits (70), both school records. She also has a school-record eight triples to go with eight doubles and 12 homeruns. Thompson leads the team in slugging (.915), on-base percentage (.514) and stolen bases (21, in 22 tries) and has a .966 fielding percentage.