

AU women's tennis team splits season-opening weekend matches

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ALFRED, NY — The Alfred University women's tennis team opened its 2012 season by splitting a pair of weekend non-conference matches.

The Saxons (1-1) fell to visiting Brockport, 6-3, on Saturday, then bounced back Sunday to whip visiting Wells, 8-1.

In the Brockport match, AU took two of three doubles matchups. Freshman **Emma Jackson (Wellsville, NY/Wellsville)** and sophomore **Brennan Ferguson (Destrehan, LA/Ursuline)** won their first doubles match, 8-3, and freshman **Kaitlin Flaherty (Queensbury, NY/Queensbury)** and junior **Samantha Thiele (Rochester, NY/Eastridge)** win third doubles, 8-3. Alfred's lone singles win came when Flaherty took her third singles match, 6-1, 6-0.

Against Wells, AU got singles wins from Jackson, 6-4, 6-2 in first singles; Flaherty, 6-2, 6-0 in third singles; senior **Catherine Spencer (Homer, NY/Homer)**, 6-2, 6-1 in fourth singles; sophomore **Emily Eisenberg (Oyster Bay, NY/Oyster Bay)**, 6-1, 6-0 in fifth singles; and junior **Bethany Dickerson (Alma, NY/Wellsville)**, 6-0, 6-3 in sixth singles.

The Saxons swept doubles play. Jackson and Ferguson teamed to win first doubles, 8-4; Spencer and Eisenberg won second doubles, 8-6; and Flaherty and junior **Alison Clemente (Massapequa, NY/Massapequa)** took third doubles, 8-0.

The Saxons are in action next on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 4 p.m. at Empire 8 Conference foe Ithaca.