

## **AU softball team goes winless in Elmira**

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ELMIRA The Alfred University softball team lost both games of a doubleheader against Elmira College on Wednesday evening in Elmira. The Lady Saxons (3-25, 0-10 Empire 8) lost by three runs in each contest, falling 3-0 in the first game and 6-3 in the closer. In the opener, Alfred gave up one run in the third inning and two runs in the fifth to Elmira. Sophomore outfielder Jacque Krycia (Hamburg/Mt. Mercy) went 2-for-4 with two singles to pace Alfred, while freshman infielder Rachel Porter (Almond/Alfred-Almond) went 1-for-3 with a triple. Junior Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) pitched a complete game for AU, recording three strikeouts, while allowing three runs on five hits. In the second game of the doubleheader, Alfred allowed four runs to be scored in the first inning and two in the fourth inning. The Lady Saxons attempted to eliminate a six-run deficit with a seventh inning rally, but their efforts came up short as they managed only three runs. Freshman first baseman Kathryn Lee (Winthrop, WA/Liberty Bell) went 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored, while senior shortstop Tara Harwood (Hornell/Hornell) hit a single, scored a run, and stole two bases. Freshman third baseman Beth MacMichael (Scio/Scio) scored the Lady Saxons' only other run. Backus was 1-for-2 with two RBI. Backus again went the distance on the mound for AU. The junior pitcher gave up six runs on nine hits, and struck out four batters. The Lady Saxons' final regular-season home games are Saturday, April 27, at 1 p.m. against Hartwick College.