AU softball team loses two at Pitt-Bradford

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BRADFORD, PA -- The Alfred University women's softball team dropped both ends of a doubleheader at Pitt-Bradford Thursday afternoon. The Lady Saxons lost the first game, 4-2, before falling in the nightcap, 9-1 in five innings. After three scoreless innings in the first game, Alfred (1-11, 0-0 Empire 8) scored two in the top of the fourth to take a 2-0 advantage. The lead was brief, however, as the hosts tallied two in bottom of the inning to knot the game at 2-2. Pitt-Bradford scored the winning runs in the bottom of the sixth.Alfred was led by senior leftfielder Adrienne Egglinger (Amityville, NY/Amityville Memorial), who was 1-for-3 with a run and an RBI. Senior pitcher Brittany Curran (Alfred, NY/Alfred-Almond) and senior shortstop Heidi Brooks (Wayland, NY/Wayland-Cohocton) each had a base hit and freshman infielder Kate Dermody (Bergen, NY/Byron-Bergen) scored a run.Curran went the distance on the mound for Alfred, allowing four runs (two unearned) on four hits while striking out five over six innings.Catcher Jessica Keane went 2-for-2 with a pair of RBIs to lead Pitt-Bradford (14-4). Mallory Kane got the win on the mound, allowing no runs on one hit and striking out three in three innings. After Alfred scored a run in the top of the first in the second game. Pitt-Bradford sent 10 batters to the plate in the bottom of the frame to take a 6-1 lead after one. The Panthers added a pair of runs in the third and got their ninth run in the first to go up by eight runs, forcing the end of the game.Brooks went 2-for-3 and Curran went 1-for-2 with a run, while junior centerfielder Lauren Mastin (Wayland, NY/Wayland-Cohocton) had a hit and an RBI for AU. Brooks started on the mound for Alfred and allowed six hits (two unearned) on five hits in two-thirds of an inning. Curran relieved and allowed three runs (all unearned) on four hits over the final four innings while striking out three. Centerfielder Catrina Retterer went 3-for-4 with a run and an RBI and shortstop Brittany McLean hit a two-run homerun to pace Pitt-Bradford. Kristy Zavinski allowed one run on six hits, striking out three over five innings. Alfred is in action next on Saturday, April 1, when the Lady Saxons open their Empire 8 schedule with a 1 p.m. doubleheader at Utica.