Alfred University softball team splits with Hilbert 4/10/03

WELLSVILLE The Alfred University softball team split a doubleheader with Hilbert College Thursday afternoon at Quackenbush Field in Wellsville, dropping the first game, 4-3 before bouncing back to take the second contest 9-1 in five innings. In the opener, Alfred (3-13, 0-0 Empire 8) fell behind by four runs after five innings. The Lady Saxons plated three runs in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 4-3 but went down in order in the seventh. Senior leftfielder Alicia DeAndrea (Clarks Summit, PA/Abington Heights) led the Alfred offense, going 2-for-3 with a triple, two RBIs and a run scored. Senior centerfielder Jacque Krycia (Hamburg/Mt. Mercy) had a hit and scored a run for Alfred. Sophomore Janelle Villone (Honeoye/Honeoye) went the distance on the mound for Alfred, allowing four runs (none earned) on five hits while striking out three. Hilbert was led by pitcher Chrissy Hall (Buffalo/Mt. Mercy), who went 3-for-4 with a run scored, and shortstop Holly Beecroft (Buffalo/Mt. Mercy) with two doubles, an RBI and a run scored. Hall pitched a complete game, allowing four hits and striking out three. In the second game, Alfred scored twice in the first inning. Hilbert cut the lead in half with a run in the third before Alfred answered with a pair of runs in the fourth to take a 4-1 lead. The Lady Saxons blew the game open with a five-run fifth, AU freshman Brittany Curran (Almond/Alfred-Almond) went the distance on the mound, allowing only three hits and striking out five. Senior Sarah Mizer (Foster, RU/Ponaganset) had two hits, two RBIs and a run scored to lead Alfred, while DeAndrea, sophomore third baseman Kristina Goldberg (South Salem/John Jay) and freshman first baseman Emilie Vicchio (Shaker Heights, OH/Shaker Heights) each had hits and scored twice. Hall pitched all five innings for Hilbert and led her team at the plate with two doubles and a run scored. Alfred is in action next on Saturday at 2 p.m. for a doubleheader at RIT.