AU volleyball team goes 1-3 at Empire 8 Crossover Tournament 10/23/06

ELMIRA, NY The Alfred University volleyball team won one of four matches at the Empire 8 Crossover Tournament, played over the weekend at Elmira College. The Lady Saxons (4-20, 1-6 Empire 8) won their first conference match of the season Saturday, defeating Utica in five games (30-21, 30-27, 24-30, 15-30, 15-5). Sophomore Katie Lane (Edison, NJ/John P. Stevens) and freshman Danielle Van Cott (Webster, NY/Webster-Schroeder) each had seven kills for the Lady Saxons, while senior Sarah Berry (Mora, MN/Mora) and Lane had seven and five blocks, respectively. Freshman Shannon Mather (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott) had 25 assists and senior Tracy Haskell (Manhattan Beach, CA/Midland) a team-high nine digs and five service aces. Earlier Saturday, AU lost 3-0 (30-13, 30-13, 30-19) to Elmira. Freshman Meg Barry (Goochland, VA/Goochland) had six kills to pace the Lady Saxons. Barry added five solo blocks and five digs while Mather chipped in with 10 assists. On Sunday, Alfred lost to Hartwick in three games (30-20, 30-18, 30-22). Berry had seven kills, six digs and six solo blocks for AU, while Barry added five kills, eight digs, three solo blocks and three service aces. Mather tallied 13 assists and freshman Janelle Brandow (Dolgeville, NY/Dolgeville) a team-best nine digs. In the final match of the tournament, Alfred fell to Ithaca 3-0 (30-15, 30-18, 30-11). Lane led AU with seven kills and a pair of blocks. Mather added 16 assists; Barry six kills and six digs; and Berry seven blocks (six solo).