Lady Saxons take third at Ithaca volleyball tournament 9/09/00

The Alfred University women's volleyball team placed third at the Ithaca College Invitational volleyball tournament, taking three of four matches played over the two-day event.On Friday, AU opened with a 3-0 victory over Hamilton, 15-1, 15-13 and 15-11. The Lady Saxons followed with a 3-2 win over Elmira, 16-14, 10-15, 16-14, 7-15 and 15-4. Alfred opened Saturday's play with a 0-3 loss to Savannah College, 11-15, 6-15 and 12-15, but bounced back with a 3-0 defeat of SUNY New Paltz, 15-7, 15-9 and 15-4. After starting the season off with a 1-3 mark at last weekend's Cortland Red Dragon Classic, AU has now evened its 2000 record at 4-4. AU senior Andrea Williamson (Walworth/Gananda) was named to the Ithaca All-Tournament Team. She finished the tournament with 50 kills (22 in the win over Elmira) and 50 digs. Other top performers for Alfred for Beth Merrill (Latham/Shaker) with 47 digs (22 in the win over Elmira) and 26 kills; junior Stephanie Sprague (Portville/Portville) with 106 assists (including 43 in the win over Elmira) and 10 service aces; and freshman Sara Beatty (Newark, DE/Christiana) with 29 kills. AU is in action next on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at Brockport.