

## AU softball team earns ECAC bid

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ALFRED, NY — The Alfred University softball team has earned a berth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) South Championship tournament, the ECAC announced Monday.

The Saxons (23-17) are the fifth seed in the eight-team tournament, and will play a quarterfinal game at fourth-seeded Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ, on Thursday, May 9, at 3 p.m.

The losers of the four first-round games are eliminated from the tournament. The winners advance to a weekend of double-elimination play, with the highest remaining seed serving as host. In addition to the Alfred-Centenary matchup, other first-round games played Wednesday include: No. 8 Marywood at No. 1 Alvernia; No. 7 Catholic at No. 2 Frostburg State; and No. 6 Stevenson at No. 3 McDaniel.

If Alfred defeats Centenary, the Saxons would face the winner of the Marywood-Alvernia game on Saturday, May 11, at a time to be announced, while the Catholic-Frostburg winner would take on the winner of the Stevenson-McDaniel game, also at a time to be announced.

Following is the full tournament schedule:

### **Quarterfinals: Wednesday May 8**

*Single-Elimination Format*

#8 Marywood at #1 Alvernia  
#7 Catholic at #2 Frostburg State  
#6 Stevenson at #3 McDaniel  
#5 Alfred at #4 Centenary

### **Championship Tournament: Saturday-Sunday May 11-12**

*Location: To Be Played At Highest Remaining Seed, Double-Elimination Format*

#### Saturday Games

Game 1: Winner of 4-5 Game vs. Winner of 1-8 Game  
Game 2: Winner of 3-6 Game vs. Winner of 2-7 Game  
Game 3: Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2  
Game 4: Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2

## Sunday Games

Game 5: Loser of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 3

Game 6: Winner of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 5

Game 6: Rematch of Game 6 (if necessary)