Records fall in AU sweep of D�Youville 4/22/10



HORNELL, NY - It was a record-setting day for two Alfred University softball players in the Saxons' doubleheader sweep of visiting D'Youville Thursday afternoon at Hornell High School. Sophomore Nicole Hedrick (Albany, NY/Catholic Central) broke AU single-season records for stolen bases and runs scored. Junior pitcher Chelsey Cary (Corfu, NY/Pembroke) tossed a two-hit shutout in the second game of the twinbill, tying a school single-game record with 12 strikeouts. Hedrick's first-inning steal of second base in the first game, an 8-1 AU win, tied the single-season record of 15 set in 2002 by Tara Harwood. Her sixth inning steal of second base in the nightcap, an 8-0 six-inning Saxon victory, broke the mark. Hedrick's run in the sixth inning of the second game gave her 33 for the season, another school record. Hedrick was the winning pitcher in the opening game, improving to 10-3 on the year while allowing an unearned run on six hits and striking out six. She was 2-for-4 at the plate with two runs scored. Sophomore leftfielder Angela Netta (Rahway, NJ/Mother Seton Regional) went 3-for-3 with a double, a homerun, two RBIs and two runs; sophomore third baseman Molly Shepherd (Camillus, NY/West Genesee) had three hits, including a pair of doubles, scored a run and drove in one; and senior third baseman Jesika LeBarron (Campbell, NY/Corning West) had two hits, including a homerun, drove in two and scored twice. Cary was dominant in the second game, hurling her fourth shutout of the year and improving to 12-1. In her last two starts, she has allowed only one run (unearned) and struck out 23. It was her ninth career shutout, which adds to the school record she set earlier this month. Netta hit a three-run homerun in the second game and finished 2-for-4 with four RBIs and two runs scored. Freshman catcher Emily Fenton (Thorofare, NJ/West Deptford) went 3-for-3 with a double, a run scored and an RBI, and senior centerfielder Shannon Mather (Endicott, NY/Union-Endicott) had a hit and drove in two runs. Alfred (22-4) is in action this weekend with two key Empire 8 Conference doubleheaders: Saturday, April 24, at 1 p.m. at RIT, and Sunday, April 25, at 1 p.m. at home against St. John Fisher. AU is currently in second place in the Empire 8 with a 5-1 league mark. First-place Ithaca is 9-1 in the conference and split its doubleheader with AU earlier this season.