

AU softball team sweeps Stevens

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HOBOKEN, NJ — The Alfred University softball team swept a doubleheader from host Stevens Institute of Technology in Empire 8 Conference play Saturday afternoon.

The Saxons (12-10 overall) won the opener, 5-1, and took the second game, 2-1, to improve to 6-2 in league play.

In the opener, sophomore pitcher **Jessica O'Sullivan (Habersham, SC/Groton-Dunstable (MA) Regional)** struck out nine and allowed a run on four hits to improve to 7-1 on the year, and senior second baseman **Maressa Mistretta (Shirley, NY/Longwood)** capped a 2-for-3, two-run game with a two-run homerun in the seventh.

After four scoreless innings, AU scored three in the fifth. Stevens cut the Saxon lead to two with a run in the bottom of the sixth before Mistretta's blast in the seventh gave AU some insurance.

Junior outfielder **Samijo Scheer (Corning, NY/Corning East)** went 1-for-1 with a run scored and an RBI; sophomore **Alison Wickwire (Towanda, PA/Towanda)** drove in a run with a bases-loaded walk; and freshman shortstop **Nicole Maher (Newark, DE/Caravel Academy)** had a hit and scored a run.

In the second game, AU rallied from a run down to score single runs in the fourth and six innings. Sophomore **Samantha Jo Muller (Port Jervis, NY/Port Jervis)** got the win in relief of O'Sullivan, who started but wound up earning the save.

Senior first baseman **Hana Gross (Union, NJ/Union)** hit an RBI single in the fourth that scored Maher with the tying run, and Wickwire's double in the sixth scored Maher with the game-winner. Mistretta was 2-for-4 and freshman catcher **Jasmine Picini (Alexandria, VA/West Potomac)** and Maher were each 2-for-3.

O&Sullivan started and went 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings before leaving with two on and two outs in the fifth of a 1-1 game. Muller stranded the runners to get out of the jam and after AU took the lead in the sixth, O&Sullivan re-entered in the bottom of the sixth and hurled two scoreless innings to get the save. She allowed a run on seven hits and struck out three.

The Saxons play next on Sunday, April 14, when they host Penn College in a 1 p.m. doubleheader that will mark the opening of Harrington Field, Alfred&s new on-campus field.