

AU volleyball team loses two in second day at Empire 8 tournament

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ONEONTA The Alfred University women's volleyball team lost a pair of matches Saturday in the second day of action of the Empire 8 conference tournament, hosted by Hartwick College. AU (9-15, 1-5 Empire 8), lost to Ithaca, 0-3 (23-30, 24-30 and 22-30), and to Utica, 1-3 (23-30, 30-26, 26-30 and 26-30.) The Lady Saxons are now 0-3 in the tournament, having lost to Elmira on Friday. AU senior Stephanie Sprague (Portville/Portville) had 49 assists in the three matches. Senior Julie VanVechten (Canandaigua/Canandaigua) had 18 kills and sophomore Sara Beatty (Newark, DE/Christiana) had 17 kills and four blocks. The round-robin tournament is being held over two weekends. AU will play Nazareth, St. John Fisher, RIT and Hartwick in the second round of the tournament, set for Nov. 2 and 3 at Nazareth. The team with the best overall record over the two weekends will be declared conference tournament champion.