

Softball team knocks off Merchant Marine Academy, falls to Kenyon

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FT. MYERS, FL. -- The Alfred University softball team split its two games Thursday in Ft. Myers, FL, knocking off the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 3-2, before falling to Kenyon, 6-1. Against USMMA, AU trailed 2-1 going into the sixth inning, but put up two runs to take a 3-2 lead. Alfred sophomore pitcher Brittany Curran (Almond (Alfred-Almond)) set the Mariners down in order in the seventh to secure the win. AU freshman third baseman Lauren Mastin (Springwater/Wayland-Cohocton) had two hits and a run scored, while senior catcher Jaclyn Kreamer (South Dayton/Pine Valley) had two hits and an RBI. Freshman Gretchen Weidner (Eden/Eden) hit a sixth-inning double to drive in the tying run and scored the winning run on a single by freshman second baseman Jennifer Close (Lodi/South Seneca). Junior Janelle Villone (Honeoye/Honeoye) started on the mound for Alfred, going 4 1/3 innings and allowing two runs on five hits. Curran allowed two hits in 2 2/3 innings of scoreless relief, picking up her third win of the year. Against Kenyon, Alfred trailed 5-0 early in the game before scoring their only run in the bottom of the third. Kenyon tacked on an insurance run in the fourth and held Alfred hitless the rest of the way. Alfred was led by sophomore rightfielder Adrienne Egglinger (Amityville/Amityville) with a pair of hits and a run scored. Close also had two hits and Kreamer knocked in Alfred's only run. Curran took the loss on the mound for AU, allowing three runs on four hits in two innings. Villone worked the final five innings, giving up three runs on two hits while striking out one. AU, which is 3-5 on its 10-game Florida trip, plays today against Beloit at 9 a.m and Wheaton at 3 p.m.