Keeler leads Saxons on Empire 8 All-Tournament Team

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With claiming the Empire 8 Softball Championship crown, the Alfred University Saxons were able to place four players on the All-Tournament Team.

Kerri KeelerLeading the way for the Saxons is freshman pitcher and Tournament MVP, Kerri Keeler (Jamesville, NY/Jamesville-DeWitt). Keeler pitched three complete games and remains undefeated on the year with a record of 15-0.

In the championship game, Keeler gave up seven hits and two earned runs while striking out two St. John Fisher batters. She earned a shutout earlier against Ithaca College in the Saxons' third game of the tournament. She struck out two batters and only gave up three hits. Keeler's first appearance in the E8 tournament was against Stevens where she struck out six batters, giving up no runs and another three hits.

Alison WickwireSenior Alison Wickwire (Towanda, PA/Towanda) was another Saxon to make the All-Tournament list. As a pitcher, she played in two complete games, giving up only two earned runs (three runs total). She struck out a total of four batters and gave up 15 hits.

As a batter, Wickwire went 2-for-4 against Stevens. She belted out a homerun, tacked on two RBI and reached home twice on the day. She finished the tournament with four hits, 3 RBI, two runs and the homerun.

Sophia ChiavattiSophomore Sophia Chiavatti (Tustin, CA/Foothills) also made the Empire 8 All-Tournament Team for her efforts at the plate and on first base. Chiavatti totaled 43 putouts on first base. She finished the tournament with five hits, three RBI and had two doubles against Stevens.

Nicole MaherJunior Nicole Maher (Newark, DE/Caravel Academy) rounds out the Saxons on the All-Tourney Team at shortstop. She hit a critical homerun to left field in the final game against Fisher, tying the game at 1-1 and giving fellow junior and captain, Dana Torchia (Pompton Plains, NJ/Pequannock Township) the go-ahead to hit a double, driving in two runs for the win.

Maher finished the weekend with three hits, two runs, an RBI and one of her hits was a double.

The other members of the 2015 Empire 8 Softball Championship All-Tournament Team are Lindsey Thayer, Meghan Burns and Kate Disbrow of Fisher, Laura Quicker and Allie Colleran of Ithaca and Noelle Mulligan of Stevens.