

## **AU softball team drops pair to RIT**

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HORNELL The Alfred University softball team lost both games of doubleheader against visiting RIT Friday afternoon at Hornell High School. The Lady Saxons (2-18, 0-6 Empire 8) dropped the first game, 2-1, coming up just short in a seventh-inning comeback bid. AU lost the nightcap, 5-3. In the opener, both teams were held scoreless through five innings before RIT (10-9-1, 5-1 Empire 8) scored two in the top of the sixth. Alfred scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to pull within one but stranded the potential tying run at second base. Junior pitcher Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) went the distance on the mound for AU, scattering eight hits while striking out two. Senior shortstop Tara Harwood (Hornell/Hornell) had a hit and scored the lone Alfred run. Shari McNamara got the complete game victory for RIT, allowing two hits and striking out eight. She also hit two doubles, drove in a run and scored a run. In the nightcap, Backus pitched a complete game, allowing 10 hits. Harwood had two hits and scored twice, while freshman third baseman Beth MacMichael (Scio/Scio) had two hits and drove in two Lady Saxon runs. RIT's Jessica Fabin pitched six innings to get the victory, allowing nine hits, with McNamara coming on in the seventh to record the save. Catcher Ashley Kennedy went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, drove in a run and scored another, while first baseman Rebecca May had two hits and a run scored. Alfred entertains Geneseo Monday, April 15, in a 3 p.m. doubleheader.