AU softball team wins final games of Florida trip

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FORT MYERS, FL -- The Alfred University softball team won the final two games of its spring trip to Florida on Friday, knocking off Simmons 8-1 and finishing with a 4-1 win over Hiram. With the two victories, Alfred improved to 6-4 on the year. In the game against Simmons, AU junior pitcher Brittany Curran (Alfred, NY-Alfred-Almond) went the distance on the mound, allowing three hits while striking out 12 in seven innings. Top hitters for Alfred were: senior second baseman Andrea Crandall (Alfred, NY/Alfred-Almond) 2-4 with a run and an RBI; freshman shortstop Ashley Gelser (Scio, NY/Genesee Valley), 3-3 with two runs, two RBIs and five stolen bases; junior rightfielder Heidi Brooks (Wayland, NY/Wayland-Cohocton), 2-3 with a double, two RBIs and two stolen bases; sophomore third baseman Lauren Mastin (Springwater, NY/Wayland-Cohocton), 2-3 with a run and a stolen base; and junior first baseman Emilie Vicchio (Shaker Heights, OH/Shaker Heights), 2-3 with a run.Brooks pitched seven strong innings in the win over Hiram, allowing two hits and striking out seven. She also did well at the plate, going 3-3 with a double, two runs and a stolen base.Other top hitters for the Lady Saxons were: Crandall, 2-4 with a double; sophomore catcher Gretchen Weidner (Eden, NY/Eden), 2-2 with a run and an RBI; and Mastin, 2-3 with a double, an RBI and a stolen base.Alfred is idle until Thursday, March 24, when the Lady Saxons play a 3 p.m. doubleheader at Medaille.