

AU men's tennis team splits first two matches at Empire 8 championships

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ROCHESTER, NY -- The Alfred University men's tennis team split its two matches during the first day of the Empire 8 Conference championships, played today and Sunday in Rochester. The sixth-seeded Saxons (5-5, 3-4 Empire 8) lost their opening-round match, 4-3, to third-seeded Hartwick. AU got singles wins from junior Randy Vecchione (Seaford/Seaford), 6-3, 5-7, 6-1 in second singles; junior Kevin Dillon (Wellsville/Scio), 6-2, 6-3 in fourth singles, and sophomore Andrew Lee (Scarsdale/Edgemont), 6-4, 6-3 in fifth singles. Lee and sophomore Steve Ventura (Hilton/Hilton) took their third doubles match, 8-6. With the loss to Hartwick, Alfred moved to the consolation round, where the Saxons took on Elmira Saturday afternoon and shut the Soaring Eagles out, 6-0. Earning singles wins for Alfred were Vecchione, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 in first singles; Ventura, 6-2, 6-0 in second singles; Dillon, 6-0, 6-0 in third singles; Lee, 6-1, 6-0 in fourth singles, and senior David Streib (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker), 6-3, 6-0 in fifth singles. Alfred got doubles wins from Vecchione and Dillon, 8-1 in first doubles, and Ventura and Lee, 8-0 in third doubles. Alfred will compete for the consolation round championship (fifth place) Sunday morning against St. John Fisher.