

AU softball team sweeps Medaille

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BUFFALO, NY The Alfred University women's softball team erupted for 22 fifth-inning runs to defeat host Medaille College 26-4 in the first of two games Monday night. Alfred (8-18, 1-7 Empire Eight), which snapped a six-game losing streak, won the second game, 21-1. Both games were stopped after five innings. Junior shortstop Tara Harwood (Hornell/Hornell) led Alfred in the opener, going 3-for-4 at the plate with two homeruns and a triple, scoring four runs and driving in five. Sophomore first baseman Laura Fortune (Tallahassee, FL/Leon) and sophomore leftfielder Alicia DeAndrea (Clarks Summit, PA/Abington Heights) each had two hits and scored four runs. Senior pitcher Liz Galanis and junior second baseman Kristin Rauch each hit two-run homers for Medaille. Sophomore Jenny Rae Skinner (Friendship/Friendship) pitched a complete game for Alfred, striking out six for the win. Galanis took the loss for Lady Mustangs. In the second game, DeAndrea and Harwood hit back-to-back homeruns as Alfred opened up a 4-1 lead in the first inning and cruised to victory. DeAndrea added a pair of doubles, scored three times and drove in three runs. Junior centerfielder Michelle Whiteside (Caledonia/Caledonia-Mumford) went 3-for-3 with a homerun and a pair of singles and scored three times. Harwood finished two hits and scored twice. Rauch scored the lone run for Medaille. Sophomore pitcher Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton) went the distance on the mound for Alfred, striking out three while allowing only two hits. Rauch took the loss for the Lady Mustangs. Alfred is in action this evening for a doubleheader against Empire Eight rival Elmira. The games start at 6:30 p.m. at Hornell High School.