

Alfred University volleyball team looks to build on young talent next season

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ALFRED The Alfred University women's volleyball team ended the 2004 season with a 7-16 record overall and a 2-5 record in Empire 8. The Lady Saxons finished off the season by splitting four matches in the Empire 8 Tournament, earning 3-0 victories against Hartwick and Utica while losing 3-0 to Ithaca and Elmira. AU finished the season seeded sixth out of eight teams in the Empire 8 and compiled 212 blocks as a team ranking second in the conference. Junior Beth Sanger (Greece/Greece Arcadia) led the Lady Saxons, earning Empire 8 All-Conference Honorable Mention for the second straight year. Sanger had team highs in kills (213) and digs (327) while finishing ranked fourth in the Empire 8 in service aces per game (.49) and blocks per game (1.04). Junior Catherine Rieck (Walworth/Gananda) and sophomore Sarah Berry (Mora, MN/Mora) had strong years for AU, recording 192 and 188 kills respectively. Rieck was second on the team in digs (197), while Berry had a team high 90 blocks, ranking her third in the Empire 8 with 1.13 blocks per game. Junior Deen Genzardi (Oneonta/Unatego) was second on the team with 31 aces and led AU with 502 assists, placing her among the top 10 in the conference with 6.28 assists per game. AU got solid seasons from freshman Stephanie Troiano (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) and sophomore Lauren LeComte (Wolcott, CT/Wolcott). Troiano played in every game for Alfred, recording 133 kills, 195 digs and 17 aces, while LeComte appeared in 70 games finishing with 155 digs and 14 service aces. The Lady Saxons are a young squad that will not be losing any players to graduation. They will expect to build on the team's experience going in to next season.