

AU softball team splits doubleheader at Fredonia, ties wins mark

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FREDONIA, NY - The Alfred University softball team beat host Fredonia 14-2 in five innings Monday afternoon to salvage a split of a non-conference doubleheader. The victory was Alfred's 24th of the 2009 campaign, tying the school single-season record for wins set last year. Fredonia took the opener, 1-0. Freshman pitcher Nicole Hedrick (Albany, NY/Catholic Central) earned the complete-game win for Alfred, allowing two runs (one earned) on two hits and striking out three to improve her record to 6-2 on the season. She helped herself at the plate, hitting a three-run homerun in the Saxons' five-run first inning. She added an RBI single in the second and finished with two hits and four RBIs. Junior third baseman Jesika LeBarron (Campbell, NY/Corning West) was 3-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs, and junior second baseman Karen Folts (Penn Yan, NY/Penn Yan) had two hits and drove in three runs. Junior centerfielder Jessica Figallo (Ridgewood, NJ/Ridgewood) and junior shortstop Samantha Rollins (Hornell, NY/Hornell) each scored twice for the Saxons, who improved to 24-6 with the win. LeBarron's three hits give her 50 for the year, a new AU single-season record. Her double gives her 12 for the season, which ties a school mark. LeBarron and Rollins each tied the school single-season record for runs scored (29). In the opener, Fredonia scored the game's only run in the fourth inning when Katie Turvey hit a two-out double, advanced to third on a wild pitch, and scored on an error. Sophomore pitcher Chelsey Cary (Corfu, NY/Pembroke) was the hard luck loser for Alfred, going the distance and allowing an unearned run on four hits while striking out five and walking one. Folts went 3-for-3 to pace the Saxons' offense. Jennifer Tighe earned the win for Fredonia (15-20-1), allowing five hits and waling none. The game marked only the second time this season Alfred has been shut out. Alfred wraps up its regular season with a 3 p.m. doubleheader at Keuka College Wednesday, April 29. The Saxons then play in the Empire 8 Conference championship tournament Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, at Ithaca College. AU is the third seed in the double-elimination tournament and opens play Friday at 10 a.m. against second seed St. John Fisher. The winner of the tournament earns the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA championships.