Alfred University softball team sweeps doubleheader with Medaille 4/26/05

WELLSVILLE, NY -- The Alfred University softball team swept visiting Medaille College in a doubleheader played at Wellsville's Quackenbush Field Tuesday afternoon. AU (14-14, 2-8 Empire 8) won the first game, 4-2, before taking the nightcap, 5-0. Junior pitcher Brittany Curran (Alfred, NY/Alfred-Almond) got complete-game victories in both contests to improve her record to 10-9 on the year. In the second game, she broke her own AU single-season record for strikeouts. She had 14 strikeouts in the doubleheader and now has 110 for the year, breaking the record of 100 she set last season. In the first game, AU was led by senior second baseman Andrea Crandall (Alfred, NY/Alfred-Almond), who was 2-3 with a stolen base, and sophomore third baseman Lauren Mastin (Springwater, NY/Wayland-Cohocton), who was 2-3 with a double and an RBI. Freshman shortstop Ashley Gelser (Scio, NY/Genesee Valley) and senior centerfielder Courtney Briganti (Canisteo, NY/Canisteo) each drove in a run for AU.Curran allowed eight hits in seven innings and struck out 10. Shortstop Shannon Superczynski and second baseman Sara Vertalino each had two hits to pace Medaille (14-16). Michelle Peruzzini went the distance on the mound for the Mustangs, allowing eight hits and striking out six. In the second game, Curran blasted a two-run homerun to lead Alfred. Junior first baseman Emilie Vicchio (Shaker Heights, OH/Shaker Heights) went 2-3 with a double and scored three runs. Mastin went 2-3 with a triple and drove in a pair of runs. Curran tossed seven innings of shutout ball, striking out four and allowing five hits. Superczynski had two hits, including a double, to lead Medaille. Denise Sievert pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed five runs on seven hits. Peruzzini threw the final 1 1/3 inning and gave up two hits. AU is in action next on Saturday, April 30, for a 1 p.m. doubleheader at Hartwick.