

Alfred University softball team drops two games at St. John Fisher

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ROCHESTER, NY The Alfred University softball team traveled to Rochester Tuesday afternoon and dropped two close games to host St. John Fisher College. The Lady Saxons (0-16, 0-4 Empire 8) lost despite an impressive performance by junior Brandi Backus (Mt. Upton/Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton). In the first game, a 3-0 Fisher win, Backus allowed only two hits and no earned runs. She was matched by Fisher hurler Keely Forbes, who allowed AU only a pair of singles by freshman first baseman Kathryn Lee (Winthrop, WA/Liberty Bell) and freshman second baseman Andrea Crandall (Almond/Alfred-Almond). First baseman Jen Constantino led Fisher (13-1-1, 6-0 Empire 8) at the plate with a homerun and two RBIs. Lady Cardinal hurler Jen Dauer pitched a three-hitter and struck out seven Alfred batters. In the second game, Alfred jumped out to a 1-0 lead after one inning before Fisher scored twice in the second and once each in the fifth and sixth innings. Backus allowed four runs, three of them earned, on seven hits. She was hurt by six walks and two errors by the AU defense. Alfred got singles from Crandall, senior shortstop Tara Harwood (Hornell/Hornell) and sophomore centerfielder Jacque Krycia (Hamburg/Mt. Mercy). Shortstop Gwen Nesselback had a homerun, two RBIs and scored twice to pace Fisher. The next game for the Lady Saxons will be Thursday, April 11 when they travel to Keuka for a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.