AU volleyball team prepares for second round of Empire 8 Tournament 10/23/08



ITHACA, NY The Empire 8 Conference has announced its schedule for this weekend's second round of the conference crossover tournament, hosted by Ithaca College. AU will play two games on Saturday, Oct. 25, and two on Sunday, Oct. 26.On Saturday, Alfred (4-17, 0-4 Empire 8) will play RIT at 5 p.m. and Stevens at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, the Lady Saxons take on Ithaca at 12:30 p.m. and St. John Fisher at 3 p.m.The Conference Crossover tournament is held over two weekends and is played in a round-robin format. The first weekend's games were hosted by Stevens Sept. 26-27 and AU went 0-4 in matches with Hartwick, Nazareth, Elmira and Utica.After this weekend's matches, the top four teams from the eight-match crossover tournament will advance to the conference championship tournament, scheduled for Nov. 8 at the top-seeded school. The winner of that four-team championship will earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship tournament.