

Empire 8 names AU's Folts conference Player of the Week

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ALFRED, NY Karen Folts (Penn Yan, NY/Penn Yan), a junior second baseman on the Alfred University softball team, has been named Empire 8 Conference Player of the Week. Folts was honored for her play in six games last week: a non-league doubleheader sweep of Wells and conference doubleheader splits with RIT and St. John Fisher. She hit .588 (10-for-17) with home runs in each of the Saxons' four conference games. With her four round-trippers, Folts set a new school single-season record with 10 home runs. In six games, she scored nine runs, hit two doubles and a triple, and drove in nine runs. Alfred (22-4, 6-4 Empire 8) has clinched a berth in the four-team Empire 8 Conference championship tournament May 1 and 2. The Saxons would earn the tournament's third seed with a sweep of visiting Ithaca Friday afternoon in the team's final two Empire 8 games. AU will also get the third seed if RIT is swept Saturday by Utica or if both AU and RIT split their respective doubleheaders. If Utica sweeps RIT, Utica would get the fourth seed; if Alfred and RIT finish tied in the conference standings, the conference would use a tiebreaker to determine the third and fourth seeds.