

AU women's tennis team wins Empire 8 championship

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ROCHESTER, NY The Alfred University women's tennis team beat Ithaca, 5-4, Sunday to win the team's first-ever Empire 8 Conference championship. Alfred, seeded second, advanced to the championship match, held at the Midtown Athletic Club in Rochester, by knocking off Elmira in the quarterfinals and Nazareth in the semifinals on Saturday. Against Ithaca, Alfred (12-0, 8-0 Empire 8) got singles wins from senior Alicia Ballard (Burlington, VT/Burlington), 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 in first singles; freshman Katie Calfee (Kirkwood, MO/Kirkwood), 6-1, 6-4 in second singles; and sophomore Jodi Butterfoss (Elizabethtown, PA/Elizabethtown), 6-1, 6-3 in third singles. Ballard and Butterfoss won their first doubles match, 8-6, while Calfee and sophomore Jamie Drooz (Pittsford/Pittsford-Mendon) took second doubles, 8-4. AU will now play in the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association championships Oct. 15-17 at Cornell University.