

Softball team falls in title game of ECAC Upstate Championships

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SCHENECTADY, NY -- The Alfred University softball team dropped a 6-3 decision to top-seeded Union College Sunday afternoon in the title game of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Upstate Championship tournament. Alfred, the double elimination tournament's third seed, jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, but Union answered with a pair in the bottom of the frame. The teams each scored a run in the second and Alfred held a 4-3 lead until the bottom of the fifth, when host Union scored three. It marks the second consecutive year Alfred has lost to Union in the Upstate Championship's title game. Had Alfred beaten Union Sunday, the teams would have met again in the afternoon. Alfred ends its winningest season ever with a 24-13 record. The 24 wins are a new school single-season record. Sophomore Holly Seidewand (Webster, NY/Webster Thomas) took the loss on the mound for Alfred, allowing six earned runs in six innings while striking out one Union batter. She went 3-for-3 with a double, a run scored and an RBI. Sophomore second baseman Jordan Siefer (Sylvania, OH/Sylvania Southview), sophomore centerfielder Jessica Figallo (Ridgewood, NJ/Ridgewood) and sophomore rightfielder Lauren Peterson (Abington, MD/Harford Tech) each hit doubles, with Figallo driving in a run and Peterson scoring once. Freshman first baseman Ashley Passaro (Long Beach, NY/Long Beach) went 1-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI.