

Keeler earns softball pitching honors from Empire 8

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[Kerri Keeler](#) (**Jamesville, NY/Jamesville-DeWitt**), a freshman on the Alfred University softball team, has been named Empire 8 Conference Pitcher of the Week.

Keeler was honored for her play in five games last week, in which she was 4-0 last week with one save for the Saxons. She won three games in the Empire 8 tournament; tossing complete-game shutouts against Stevens and Ithaca before earning the victory in a 3-2 win over Fisher in the title game. She was named tournament MVP.

Earlier in the week, she had a win and a save in a doubleheader sweep of Houghton. For the week, Keeler pitched 27.2 innings and allowed three earned runs, with 19 strikeouts for a combined ERA of 0.76. With the four wins, she improved to 15-0 on the season.

AU (35-4) hosts this weekend's (May 8-10) NCAA Division III regional tournament. The second-seeded Saxons open play at 1 p.m. Friday against third-seeded Lebanon Valley; top-seeded Rowan takes on fourth-seeded Penn State-Behrend at 3:30 p.m. Friday. The winner of the double-elimination regional advances to next weekend's two-team, best-of-three Super Regional.