

AU volleyball faces tough competition at Red Dragon Classic

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CORTLAND The Alfred University women's volleyball team faced a difficult weekend at the 2002 Cortland Red Dragon Volleyball Classic. In action on Friday, AU fell in their first match of the tournament to Nazareth College in three games, 14-30, 16-30, and 19-30. Nazareth College is currently ranked 15th nationally in Division III volleyball. Geneseo also defeated AU in three games, 16-30, 18-30, and 28-30. On Saturday, Alfred (0-5, 0-2 Empire 8) was then re-pooled and placed in the Bronze Medal Bracket where the Lady Saxons fell to St. Lawrence in 4 games, 13-30, 31-29, 19-30, and 23-30. During the consolation match, St. Michael's College also defeated the Saxons in three games, 28-30, 27-30, and 24-30. Senior setter Jill Culeton tallied 58 assists and 21 digs for the Saxons while senior outside hitter Erin Murray put down 19 kills and added 25 digs throughout the tournament. Junior middle hitter Sara Beatty added 16 kills and seven blocks for the Saxons' offense. Freshman middle hitter Elizabeth Sanger had 16 kills, 41 digs, and served seven aces during the four matches. Junior defensive specialist Amanda Vizcarra totaled 31 digs while playing the libero position for the Saxon's defense. Sophomore outside hitter Katherine Lee recorded 15 kills and eight digs. The Lady Saxons next game will be Tuesday, September 10, at St. John Fisher at 7 p.m.