

AU softball team swept at RIT

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ROCHESTER, NY -- The Alfred University softball team was swept in a doubleheader at RIT Saturday afternoon. AU (8-8, 2-4 Empire 8) lost the first game, 1-0 in eight innings, before falling 7-2 in the second contest. In the first game, AU junior pitcher Heidi Brooks (Wayland, NY/Wayland-Cohocton) took a no-hitter into the sixth inning. She finished the game with a two-hitter, striking out four. AU junior first baseman Emilie Vicchio (Shaker Heights, OH/Shaker Heights) had two hits, including a double. Senior second baseman Andrea Crandall (Alfred, NY/Alfred-Almond) also had a double for the Lady Saxons. RIT catcher Stephanie Nailos drove in the winning run with a single in the bottom of the eighth inning. Tiger hurler Allie Sitton scattered five hits over eight innings, striking out nine. In the second game, Brooks and sophomore catcher Gretchen Weidner (Eden, NY/Eden) each had two hits. Freshman shortstop Ashley Gelser (Scio, NY/Genesee Valley) and sophomore designated hitter Jennifer Close (Lodi, NY/South Seneca) each drove in a run for AU. Junior pitcher Brittany Curran (Alfred, NY/Alfred-Almond) took the loss on the mound, allowing 14 hits and striking out four over seven innings. Centerfielder Megan Varner and shortstop Gretchen Goodhue each had three hits to pace RIT (7-7, 2-0 Empire 8) in the second game. Goodhue had a double, a triple and three RBIs. RIT pitcher Mary Keegan allowed two runs on six hits while striking out five. Alfred is in action next on Sunday at 1 p.m. for a doubleheader at Fredonia.