

## Alfred's Flaherty wins first-round match at state women's tennis tournament

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ITHACA, NY — The Alfred University women's tennis team is competing at the New York State championship tournament, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 12-14, in Ithaca. On Friday's first day of action, AU freshman Kaitlin Flaherty (Queensbury, NY/Queensbury) won her third singles match against Brockport's Katelyn Richenburg, 8-3.

Flaherty takes on top-seeded Alex Smith of Skidmore in a second-round match today. Three other Saxons fell in their singles matches Friday: freshman **Emma Jackson (Wellsville, NY/Wellsville)**, 8-0 in first singles to Elizabeth McGrail of RIT; sophomore **Brennan Ferguson (Destrehan, LA/Ursuline)**, 8-0 in second singles to Winnie Yates of Vassar; and senior **Melissa Boyer (Bloomfield, MI/Lahser)**, **8-6 in fourth singles to Brooke Kaylor of RIT.**

AU will play two other singles matches today. Senior **Cady Spencer (Homer, NY/Homer)** takes on Aislin Shea of Hamilton in fifth singles and sophomore **Emily Eisenberg (Oyster Bay, NY/Oyster Bay)** plays St. Lawrence's Samantha Miller in sixth singles.

Flaherty and Boyer won their first-round third doubles match, 8-3, against Sarah Stromski and Nicole Derosé of Brockport on Friday. The pair then fell, 8-0, to the top-seeded team from Skidmore. Also on Friday, Jackson and Ferguson lost their first-round first doubles match, 8-0 to Christine Nunez and Allison Young of Ithaca, and Spencer and Eisenberg lost 8-0 to Hallsey Leighton and Remy Raevsky of William Smith.

Thirteen teams are competing in the Ithaca College-hosted tournament, which begins Friday with two rounds of doubles play and the first round of singles play. Pairings and updated singles and doubles brackets can be found online at [http://bombers.ithaca.edu/sports/2012/10/11/WTEN\\_1011123627.aspx](http://bombers.ithaca.edu/sports/2012/10/11/WTEN_1011123627.aspx).