

## **AU softball team defeats Wells**

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AURORA, NY The Alfred University softball team defeated host Wells College, 20-2 in five innngs Wednesday afternoon in the first game of a scheduled doubleheader. The second game was not played because of poor field conditions and will not be made up. AU freshman pitcher Ilana Price (Wilton, CT/Brien McMahon) tossed a five-inning no-hitter for Alfred (19-12, 5-5 Empire 8), striking out six Wells batters, walking four and allowing two unearned runs. It was the second no-hitter of the year for Price, who threw a five-inning perfect game April 9 at home against Hilbert. The win was her 14th of the season, which ties the AU single-season record for pitching victories set by Jenny Rae Skinner in 2000. The Lady Saxons hit three homeruns: a three-run shot by freshman second baseman Jordan Siefer (Sylvania, OH/Sylvania Southview), a two-run blast by freshman designated hitter Amanda Knight (Bel Air, MD/C. Milton Wright), and a solo homer by freshman shortstop Karen Folts (Penn Yan, NY/Penn Yan). Siefer also scored four runs; Folts finished 4-for-5 with four runs and three RBIs; Knight scored twice and drove in three; and freshman third baseman Jesika LeBarron (Campbell, NY/Corning West) went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, four RBIs and a run scored. Sophomore catcher Nicole Mesura (Albion, NY/Albion) had her best day at the plate this year, going 2-for-3 with a double, two runs scored and a pair of RBIs. Alfred is in action next on Friday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m., when the Lady Saxons host Empire 8 Conference foe Utica in a doubleheader at Hornell High School. AU is currently in third place in the conference standings, a half-game ahead of fourth-place RIT. Alfred holds the tiebreaker over RIT by virtue of a doubleheader sweep on Sunday and would clinch a berth in the conference's four-team championship tournament with a split of the doubleheader with Utica; a sweep of Utica would give Alfred the third seed in the conference tournament. If RIT loses one of its two games at Elmira Thursday, AU would earn the conference tournament's fourth seed, even if the Lady Saxons were swept by Utica Friday. Ithaca and St. John Fisher have already locked up the top two seeds in the conference championships. The winner of the conference tournament earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championships.