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The Alfred University volleyball team is off to a tough start to the 2000 season after dropping three close games during this weekend's Red Dragon Classic at Cortland State. On Friday, the Lady Saxon's (1-3) lost, 3-2, to Geneseo State, 4-15, 9-15, 15-9, 16-14 and 12-15. Senior Andrea Williamson (Walworth/Gananda) had 10 kills, 14 digs and four blocks; senior Beth Merrill (Latham/Shaker) had seven kills and 11 digs, and junior Stephanie Sprague (Portville/Portville) had nine digs and 29 assists. The Lady Saxons bounced back with a 3-0 defeat of New Paltz, 15-11, 15-6 and 15-11 to advance to the Gold Medal bracket Saturday. Williamson had five kills and 10 digs; Sprague had 18 assists; freshman Sara Beatty (Newark, DE/Christiana) had seven kills and a block; and junior Mel Hepfer (Duke Center, PA/Otto-Eldred) had four digs and four service aces. On Saturday, AU opened with a 3-2 loss to Buffalo State, 15-11, 15-11, 11-15, 11-15 and 9-15. Williamson had 20 kills and 24 digs; senior Kelly Johnston (Manlius/Fayetteville-Manlius) had 23 digs, and Sprague had 31 assists. The team finished play with a 3-2 loss to Fredonia State, 12-15, 15-0, 5-15, 15-8 and 9-15. Williamson had 13 kills and nine digs; Merrill had eight kills and 10 digs, and Sprague had 27 assists. Williamson was named to the All-Tournament Team. Alfred is in action next on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8 and 9, at the Ithaca College Tournament.