

AU women's soccer team captures Pitt-Bradford tournament title

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BRADFORD, PA The Alfred University women's soccer team was crowned the champion of the Pitt-Bradford tournament after defeating Hilbert College, 5-0, in the title match on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Saxons (2-0, 0-0 Empire Eight) continued their dominance over opposing teams as they posted a second shutout in as many matches and ran their goal total to nine. Sophomore midfielder Meredith Siegmund (Ridgefield, WA/Ridgefield) led the AU attack with a goal and an assist, while sophomore forward Stephanie Rudd (Jordanville/Owen D. Young) added her second goal of the tournament. Rounding out AU's goal scorers were junior midfielder Kirsten Holmes (Cobleskill/Cobleskill-Richmondville), freshman midfielder Ashley Van Wie (Gloversville/Golversville) and freshman forward Andrea Crandall (Almond/Alfred-Almond). Senior goaltender Sara Stephens (Wayland/Wayland-Cohocton) collected two saves en route to posting her seventh career shutout and second of the 2001 season. The Lady Saxons also collected tournament offensive and defensive MVP honors. Junior forward Jaime Ward (Urbana, IL/Urbana) was named the tournament's offensive MVP after netting two goals in the team's 4-0 first round victory over Bethany College, while freshman defender Kaytlyn Downing's (Syracuse/Nottingham) consistently strong defensive presence earned her defensive MVP honors. The Lady Saxons will be in action again on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 4 p.m. when they travel to Geneseo.