

Men's swimming and diving team claims New York State championship

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WEBSTER, NY -- Alfred University held off Ithaca College Saturday to win the New York State men's swimming and diving championships at the Webster Aquatics Center. AU, which entered the third and final day of competition leading the championships, finished with 1,219 points to Ithaca's 1,127. Alfred got third-place finishes from junior Mike Dube (Williamsburg, VA/Lafayette), in the 200 backstroke (1:58.26), and freshman Brian Gotham (Syracuse/Nottingham), in the 200 breaststroke (2:10.09). Other top-eight performances were turned in by senior Federico Gentry (Peoria, IL/Richwoods) and junior Jack Stover III (Naples/Naples), fourth (16:53.22) and fifth (16:56.90), respectively, in the 1650 freestyle; junior Matt Weems (Arlington, VA/Washington Lee), sixth in the 200 freestyle (47:06); and sophomore Kevin Martin (Conesus/Livonia), seventh in the 200 butterfly (2:00.71). The team of Weems, junior Matt McNamara (Livonia/Livonia), freshman Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland) and Martin placed fourth in the 400 freestyle relay (3:11.84). Alfred swimmers who posted "B" cut qualifying times now wait to see if they will advance on to the NCAA Division III championships. {