

AU men's swimming and diving team remains in second place after two days at state meet

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SYRACUSE -- The Alfred University men's swimming and diving team stood in second place Friday after two days at the Upper New York State Collegiate Swimming Association (UNYSCSA) championships at Nottingham High School in Syracuse. The Saxons had 839.5 points and trailed front-runner Ithaca (977 points). The state meet concludes Saturday. Alfred is trying to defend the title it won at last year's UNYSCSA championships. Three AU swimmers won individual titles Friday. Junior Kevin Martin (Conesus/Livonia) won the 100 butterfly in a time of 51.05 seconds. Senior Matt Weems (Arlington, VA/Washington & Lee) took the 200 freestyle (1:42.06) and sophomore Brian Gotham (Syracuse/Nottingham) won the 100 breaststroke (58.40 seconds). All three earned NCAA "B" cut provisional qualifying times. "B" cut qualifiers will learn after the meet if their times are good enough to earn them spots at next month's NCAA Division III championship meet in St. Louis, MO. Other top individual performers for Alfred were senior Bill Brown (Chaffee/Pioneer), second in the 100 butterfly (52.44); sophomore Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland), fifth in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.35); senior Mike Dube (Williamsburg, VA/Lafayette), sixth in the 400 individual medley (4:19.21) and seventh in the 100 backstroke (56.44 seconds); freshman Brandon Striker (Caledonia/York), sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:43.89) and senior Brendan Miller (Auburn/Auburn), sixth in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.55). Alfred's 800 freestyle relay team of Martin, senior Matt McNamara (Livonia/Livonia), Striker and Weems placed second (6:57.86), earning an NCAA "B" cut, while the team of Dube, Gotham, Brown and McNamara placed fourth in the 200 medley relay in a time of 1:37.19. The championships conclude Saturday, Feb. 28, with the 1650 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 100 freestyle, 200 breaststroke, 200 butterfly, 3-meter diving and 400 freestyle relay.