

## **Men's swimming and diving team finishes second at state championship meet**

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SYRACUSE -- The Alfred University men's swimming and diving team finished in second place at the Upper New York State Collegiate Swimming Association (UNYSCSA) championship meet, which concluded Saturday at Nottingham High School in Syracuse. AU scored 1,236.50 points to finish behind champion Ithaca (1,453 points). The 400 relay team of senior Matt Weems (Arlington, VA/Washington & Lee), sophomore Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland), senior Matt McNamara (Livonia/Livonia) and junior Kevin Martin (Conesus/Livonia) took first place. Their time of 3:06.83 was good enough for an NCAA "B" cut. Several AU individuals and relay teams earned "B" cuts, provisionally qualifying them for the NCAA Division III championships. The Saxons will now wait word on whether or not their "B" cut times will earn them places in next month's national meet in St. Louis, MO. Top individual performers for Alfred Saturday were Weems, second in the 100 freestyle, with a "B" cut time of 46.67 seconds; sophomore Brian Gotham (Syracuse/Nottingham), second in the 200 breaststroke with a "B" cut time of 2:09.63; Martin, third in the 200 butterfly (1:58.42); senior Mike Dube (Williamsburg, VA/Lafayette), fifth in the 200 backstroke (1:59.04); senior Brendan Miller (Auburn/Auburn), fifth in the 200 breaststroke (2:15.30); McNamara, sixth in the 100 freestyle (48.36 seconds), and senior Jack Stover III (Naples/Naples), seventh in the 1,650 freestyle (17:06.44). Alfred will also claim second place in the Empire 8 conference championships. The conference championship is determined by taking results for Empire 8 schools in the UNYSCSA meet. Conference schools competing at the state meet were Alfred, Hartwick, Ithaca, Nazareth, RIT and Utica. Alfred won the UNYSCSA and Empire 8 crowns last season.