

AU men's and women's swimming and diving teams host Nazareth

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University men's and women's swimming and diving teams opened their 2004-05 season Saturday against visiting Nazareth. The AU men won their meet, 128-98, while the AU women lost, 151-90. The AU men (1-0, 1-0 Empire 8) got first place finishes from sophomore Brandon Striker (Caledonia, NY/York) in the 1,000 freestyle; junior Jay Ferrio (Allentown, PA/Emmaus) in the 200 freestyle; freshman Jon Wordingham (Prattsburgh, NY/Naples) in the 50 freestyle; freshman Page Beecher (Scarborough, ME/Scarborough) in the 200 individual medley; senior Kevin Martin (Conesus/Livonia) in the 200 butterfly; junior Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland) in the 100 freestyle; freshman Dan Schubmehl (Rochester, NY/Penfield) in 3-meter diving; and senior Patrick O'Neill (Warren, PA/Warren) in 1-meter diving. Securing second-place finishes for AU were freshman Denis Egan (Maplewood, NJ/St. Peter's) in the 1,000 freestyle; freshman Dan Skorski (Hazleton, PA/Hazleton) in the 50 freestyle; sophomore Lawrence Toebbe III ((Merrimack, NH/Trinity) in the 200 individual medley; Striker in the 200 butterfly; O'Neill in 3-meter diving; sophomore Trevor Covey (Alburg, VT/Burlington) in 100 freestyle; and Schubmehl in 1-meter diving. The AU team of Wordingham, junior Brian Gotham (Syracuse, NY/Nottingham), Martin and Crowell won the 400 medley relay. The AU women's team (0-1, 0-1 Empire 8) got victories from sophomore Erin Collins (Owego, NY/Owego), who swept the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Other top swimmers for the AU women's team were freshman Danielle Sandy (Saratoga Springs/Saratoga), second in the 1000 freestyle; sophomore Zara Racz (Morristown, NJ/Morristown), second in the 200 freestyle; senior Lauren McCormack (Norwich, NY/Norwich), second in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle; junior Rachel Saroka (Groton, NY/Groton), second in the 200 individual medley; and senior Lacy Clifford (Oil City, PA/Oil City), second in the 200 backstroke. The AU women's team of Clifford, junior Bonnie McDermott (Grand Island, NY/Mt. St. Mary), Sandy and sophomore Jessica White (Palmyra, NY/Palmyra-Macedon) placed second in the 400 medley relay. The AU men's and women's teams are in action next on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 1 p.m. at the Geneseo Invitational.