

## AU men's and women's swimming and diving teams host Hartwick College

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University men's and women's swimming and diving teams hosted Hartwick College Saturday afternoon in Empire 8 competition. The AU men suffered their first loss of the season, 122-119, while the women pulled off a 132-110 victory. The men's first loss of the season came down to the final race of the meet. AU entered the 200 freestyle relay with a two-point lead and put out a strong performance losing in the final seconds. The AU men (5-1, 4-1 Empire 8) got first place finishes from senior Kevin Martin (Conesus, NY/Livonia) in the 50 freestyle, junior Brian Gotham (Syracuse, NY/Nottingham) in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke, junior Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland) in the 100 freestyle and sophomore Brandon Striker (Caledonia, NY/York) in the 200 freestyle. Other top swimmers for AU included freshman Page Beecher (Scarborough, ME/Scarborough) second in the 1650 freestyle and third in the 500 freestyle, freshman Jon Wordingham (Prattsburgh, NY/Naples) second in the 100 backstroke, Crowell and freshman Travis White (Carthage, NY/Carthage) second and third respectively in the 100 breaststroke, freshman Denis Egan (Maplewood, NJ/St. Peter's) third in the 1650 freestyle, and Striker and Martin, who finished second in the 500 freestyle and the 100 butterfly. Freshman Dan Schubmehl (Rochester, NY/Penfield) finished third in 1-meter and 3-meter diving. The AU team of Wordingham, Gotham, senior Bill Brown (Chaffee, NY/Pioneer) and Striker placed first in the 200 medley relay, while Brown, Beecher, Striker and Crowell finished second in the 200 freestyle relay. The Alfred University women's team got victories from senior Lacy Clifford (Oil City, PA/Oil City) in the 100 backstroke, sophomore Zara Racz (Morristown, NJ/Morristown) in the 100 freestyle and sophomore Jessica White (Palmyra, NY/Palmyra-Macedon) in the 200 freestyle. Also earning top finishes for the women's team was freshman Lindsay Scypta (Plymouth, MI/Cranbrook Kingswood) second in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke, junior Rachel Saroka (Groton, NY/Groton) second in the 100 backstroke, senior Lauren McCormack (Norwich, NY/Norwich) second in the 50 freestyle and third in the 100 freestyle, sophomore Tara Mungro (Rochester, NY/Wilson Magnet) third in the 50 freestyle, freshman Danielle Sandy (Saratoga Springs, NY/Saratoga) second in the 500 freestyle, freshman Alyssa Ketcham (Salt Point, NY/Franklin D. Roosevelt) third in the 200 individual medley and Clifford and Racz second in the 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle respectively. Sophomore Erin Collins (Owego, NY/Owego) finished second in 1-meter diving and third in 3-meter diving, while freshman Bethany Ackley (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads) placed third in 1-meter diving and junior Kathleen Wittich (Pine Bush, NY/Pine Bush) finished second in 3-meter diving. AU women swept the relays for the meet with the team of Mungro, White, Racz and Scypta placed first in the 200 freestyle relay, while Clifford, junior Bonnie McDermott (Grand Island, NY/Mt. St. Mary), Saroka and McCormack secured the first place finish in the 200 medley relay. The AU men's and women's teams are in action next on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m. at LeMoyne College.