

## **AU women's swimming and diving team in ninth place after first day at state meet**

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SYRACUSE, NY The Alfred University women's swimming and diving team is in ninth place after the first day of the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) championship meet. AU is among 15 teams competing in the state championship meet, being held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Nottingham High School in Syracuse. Through six events held Thursday, the Lady Saxons have accumulated 175 points. First place Union has 381 points. Sophomore Erin Collins (Owego, NY/Owego) led AU Thursday with a seventh-place finish in 1-meter diving. Freshman Danielle Sandy (Saratoga Springs, NY/Saratoga) turned in Alfred's other top-10 individual finish, placing tenth in the 500-yard freestyle. Other top individual performers for AU included junior Rachel Saroka (Groton, NY/Groton), 14th in the 200-yard individual medley, and junior Tara Mungro (Rochester, NY/Wilson Magnet), 14th in the 50-yard freestyle. Alfred's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Mungro, sophomore Jessica White (Palmyra, NY/Palmyra-Macedon), sophomore Zara Racz (Morristown, NJ/Morristown) and senior Lauren McCormack (Norwich, NY/Norwich) took eighth. The 400-yard medley relay team of senior Lacy Clifford (Oil City, PA/Oil City), junior Bonnie McDermott (Grand Island, NY/Mt. St. Mary), Saroka and McCormack placed ninth. The women's state championship meet continues today with the 200-yard medley relay, 400-yard individual medley, 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke, 100-yard backstroke and 800-yard freestyle relay. The meet will wrap up Saturday with the 1,650-yard freestyle, 200-yard backstroke, 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard breaststroke, 200-yard butterfly, 3-meter diving and 400-yard freestyle relay.