

AU men's swimming and diving team in second place after day one of state meet

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SYRACUSE, NY The Alfred University men's swimming and diving team is in second place, just off the pace set by front-running Hartwick, after the first day of competition at the Upper New York State Collegiate Swimming Association (UNYSCSA) championships. The state championships are being held Thursday, Feb. 24, through Saturday, Feb. 26, at Nottingham High School in Syracuse. Through six events, AU has accumulated 347 points, just six points behind first-place Hartwick's 353. RPI is in the third place with 319 points. AU started the meet well, with the team of senior Bill Brown (Chaffee, NY/Pioneer), junior Brian Gotham (Syracuse, NY/Nottingham), junior Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland) and senior Kevin Martin (Conesus, NY/Livonia) winning the 200-yard freestyle relay. Their time of 1:24.50 met NCAA "B cut" qualifying standards. The team of freshman Jon Wordingham (Prattsburgh, NY/Naples), Gotham, Brown and Martin placed second in the 400-yard medley relay. Top individual performers for the Saxons were sophomore Brandon Striker (Caledonia, NY/York), fourth in the 500-yard freestyle; Gotham, fourth in the 200-yard individual medley; Martin and Brown, fifth and seventh, respectively, in the 50-yard freestyle; and freshman Page Beecher (Scarborough, ME/Scarborough), eighth in the 200-yard individual medley. The state 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. Preliminaries are at 10:30 a.m. this morning and finals begin at 6:30 p.m. this evening.