

AU track and field teams compete in opening day of State Championships

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ROCHESTER, NY - The Alfred University men's and women's track and field teams traveled to RIT on Friday for the first day of the New York State Collegiate Track Conference (NYSCTC) championships. The men's team had a solid opening day led by freshman Amaan Siddeeq (New Hampton, NY/Goshen) who placed 12th in the long jump (6.34 meters) and finished fifth in the 55-meter dash (6.57) to advance to the finals. Also qualifying to compete in the finals on Saturday was junior Nate Corney (Walworth, NY/Gananda) with a seventh place finish in the 55-meter hurdles (8.07). Others picking up top-ten finishes in field events for the men's team were freshman Travis Cox (Bradford, RI/Westerly), ninth in the 35-pound weight throw (14.16 meters) and senior Randy Clukey (Bath, ME/Morse), ninth in the high jump (1.82 meters). In running events, freshman Fontana Fluke (Shaftsbury, VT/MT. Anthony Union) finished ninth in the 5,000-meter run finals (15:44.04) and the distance medley relay team of graduate Logan Quist-Chaffee (Allegany, NY/Allegany-Limestone), sophomore Travis Swan (Binghamton, NY/Binghamton), freshman Justin Parietti (Altamont, NY/Guilderland) and freshman Matt Karczewski (Penn Yan, NY/Penn Yan) placed sixth (10:40.65). The AU women's team of sophomore Kate Ciccone (Ithaca, NY/Brooktondale), freshman Kaitlin Sherin (Maybrook, NY/Valley Central), junior Nicole Haahr (Owego, NY/Tioga) and sophomore Kristen Egan (Robesonia, PA/Conrad Weiser) placed 10th in the distance medley relay (13:30.24). Field events scheduled for the final day of the NYSCTC Championships include men's and women's pole vault, shot-put and triple jump. Running events set to take place on Saturday including the finals for men's and women's 1,500-meter run, 55-meter hurdles, 400-meter dash, 500-meter dash, 55-meter dash, 800-meter run, 1,000-meter run, 200-meter run, 3,000-meter run, 4-by-800 meter relays and the 4-by-400 meter relay.