AU swimming and diving teams sweep Pioneers 1/15/10

ALFRED, NY -- The Alfred University men's and women's swimming and diving teams defeated visiting Utica College Friday afternoon. The AU men won 134-65 to improve to 3-0 in the Empire 8 and 5-0 overall. It was Alfred's 23rd consecutive Empire 8 dual-meet win, Senior Kameron Chambliss (Alfred-Station, NY/Alfred-Almond) set new school diving records, taking the three meters with 316.15 points and the one meter with 288.50 points. Both met NCAA championship qualifying standards; Chambliss will need to meet the standards once more to automatically qualify for the NCAA Division III championships in Minneapolis, MN, in March. The AU women earned their first Empire 8 dual-meet win of the season to improve to 1-2 in conference action and 2-4 overall. Junior Sarah Blair (Auburn, NY/Auburn), in the 50-yard free (25.20 seconds) and 100 back (1:06.14), and freshman Eryn Matich (Johnson City, NY/Johnson City), in the 200-yard individual medley (2:26.99) and the 100-yard butterfly (1:05.36), were double winners for the Lady Saxons. Other winners for the AU men were junior Tyler Olsen (Saratoga Springs, NY/Saratoga), in the 50 freestyle (22.43 seconds) and 100 free (49.88 seconds); senior Greg Pilgrim (Almond, NY/Alfred-Almond) in the 200-yard freestyle (1:51.37) and 100-yard butterfly (54.70); sophomore Warren Dolben (Rye, NH/Berwick Academy), in the 200-yard individual medley (2:11.68) and 100-yard breaststroke (1:03.23); sophomore Vincent Pascarella (Bradford, PA/Bradford), in the 1,000-yard free (11:52.64); sophomore Richard Guarniero (New York Mills, NY/Thomas R. Proctor) in the 100-yard backstroke (57.19 seconds), and freshman Nate Chapman (Hornell, NY/Hornell) in the 500-yard free (4:59.57). Alfred's team of senior Andrew Brisson (Greenwich, CT/Greenwich), Dolben, Pilgrim and sophomore Andrew Moragne (Cleveland, OH/University) won the 200-yard medley relay (1:40.05) while Moragne, junior Dan Steere (Hornell, NY/Alfred-Almond), Olsen and Brisson took the 200-yard free relay (1:30.43). Also winning races for the AU women were freshman Shelby Remington (Gainesville, NY/Letchworth) in the 1,000-yard free (12:02.98); junior Calista Merritt (Conesus, NY/Livonia) in the 500 free (5:51.29); and freshman Kylie Smith (Abington, PA/Abington) in 3-meter diving (1:89.50). Other top performers for the AU women were freshman Eda Pallumbi (Windham, ME/Cheverus), second in the 500 free (6:02.24) and 1,000yard free (12:29.72); freshman Katie Ganley (Syracuse, NY/Westhill), second in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:19.27) and 200-yard IM (2:34.50); sophomore Donna Hoops (Geneseo, NY/Geneseo), second in the 100 back (1:10.86); junior Cailin Asmo (Johnson City, NY/Johnson City), second in the 100 fly (1:10.43); and Smith, second in 1-meter diving (172.30). The team of Hoops, Ganley, Matich and Blair won the 200-yard medley relay (2:02.61). The AU men's and women's team have their final home dual meet Saturday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m. against LeMoyne.