

AU swimmers wait to hear word on NCAA qualification

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ALFRED, NY Several Alfred University swimmers earned NCAA provisional cut times during last weekend's Upper New York State Collegiate Swim Association (UNYSCSA) championship meet. They will find out later this week if their times were good enough to earn them spots in the NCAA Division III championships, March 19-22 in Oxford, OH. Junior Brian Agro (Grey, ME/Cheverus) earned an NCAA "B" provisional cut time of 58.68 seconds in the 100-yard breaststroke and junior Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) earned a provisional "B" cut time of 51.74 seconds in the 100-yard backstroke. Agro and Baker won UNYSCSA and Empire 8 Conference titles in their respective events. Senior Page Beecher (Scarborough, ME/Scarborough) swam a time trial in the 100-yard butterfly at the UNYSCSA meet and earned an NCAA provisional "B" cut time of 50.75 seconds. The Saxons' 400-yard medley relay team of Matt Baker, Agro, Beecher and sophomore Andrew Brisson (Greenwich, CT/Greenwich) earned an NCAA "B" cut with a time of 3:28.10. The time, which gave Alfred UNYSCSA and Empire 8 titles, was a new Empire 8 Conference meet record. The team should learn by Thursday or Friday which swimmers will be competing at the NCAA Division III championships, which are hosted by Miami University of Ohio.