Alfred University men (s and women (s swimming and diving teams defeat Utica 1/14/05

UTICA, NY The Alfred University men's and women's swimming and diving teams both defeated host Utica College in Empire 8 conference dual meets Friday afternoon. The AU men's team won 138-76 to remain unbeaten on the year, improving to 5-0 overall (4-0 in Empire 8 action). The AU women's team won 142-98 and improved to 4-2 overall while evening its conference mark at 2-2. The AU men were led by sophomore Brandon Striker (Caledonia, NY/York), with wins in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly. Also earning victories for the Saxons were senior Kevin Martin (Conesus, NY/Livonia) in the 1000 freestyle, junior Brian Gotham (Syracuse, NY/Nottingham) in the 200 freestyle, freshman Dan Schubmehl (Rochester, NY/Penfield) in 1-meter diving, freshman Page Beecher (Scarborough, ME/Scarborough) in the 500 freestyle, and senior Patrick O'Neill (Warren, PA/Warren) in 3-meter diving. The team of Beecher, junior Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland), Striker and senior Bill Brown (Chaffee, NY/Pioneer) won the 200 medley relay. Freshman Lindsay Scypta (Plymouth, MI/Cranbrook Kingswood) led the AU women with wins in the 500 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Other AU winners were sophomore Jessica White (Palmyra, NY/Palmyra-Macedon) in the 1000 freestyle, freshman Alyssa Ketchum (Salt Point, NY/Franklin D. Roosevelt) in the 50 freestyle and junior Tara Mungro (Rochester, NY/Wilson Magnet) in the 100 freestyle. The team of juniors Rachel Saroka (Groton, NY/Groton) and Bonnie McDermott (Grand Island, NY/Mt. St. Mary) and seniors Lacy Clifford (Oil City, PA/Oil City) and Lauren McCormack (Norwich, NY/Norwich) won the 200 medley relay. The team of White, Scypta, Mungro and sophomore Zara Racz (Morristown, NJ/Morristown) won the 200 freestyle relay. The AU men's and women's teams are in action next on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. at home against Empire 8 conference rival Hartwick.