

## **Alfred University s Baker earns swimming honors from Empire 8**

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ALFRED, NY Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport), a junior on the Alfred University men's swimming and diving team, has been named Co-Athlete of the Week by the Empire 8 Conference. Baker was honored for his performance in two dual meets last week. In a victory over visiting Utica, he took first place in the 500-yard freestyle, setting a new AU pool record in the process. His time of 4:48.26 edged the previous record of 4:48.43, set 25 years ago by former Alfred All-American John Jewell. He won the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard freestyle in a win over visiting LeMoyne, the Saxons' 19th straight dual-meet victory. In the meet against LeMoyne, Baker teamed with his twin brother, junior Mark Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport), junior Brian Agro (Gray, ME/Cheverus), and senior Page Beecher (Scarborough, ME/Scarborough) to set a new AU pool record in the 200-yard medley relay. The team's time of 1:37.79 eclipsed the previous record of 1:38.72 by nearly a second. Baker shared the weekly Empire 8 honors with RIT diver Quinn Donahoe. Alfred (7-0, 4-0 Empire 8) is in action next on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 1 p.m. at Hartwick before wrapping up the dual-meet season with a home match-up with St. Lawrence at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.