

AU women's swimming and diving team ties for sixth place at states

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SCHENECTADY The women's swimming and diving team set five new school records en route to a tie for sixth place at the New York State Championships, held Feb. 14-17 at Union College in Schenectady. Freshman Sara Thompson (Batavia/Batavia) was Alfred's top individual performer, finishing with 70 points for a 22nd place finish. She was part of four of the five new AU records. On Saturday's final day of competition, Thompson finished sixth in the 200 breaststroke with a school-record time of 2:31.10. Also logging a top-10 finishes for AU Saturday was the 400 freestyle relay team of Thompson, sophomore Anne Martin (Wayne, NJ/Wayne Hills), freshman Tabitha Maher (Waterford, CT/Waterford) and sophomore Carrie DeMay (Canandaigua/Canandaigua), fourth place in a time of 3:48.02, good for another school record. In Friday's competition, Thompson took fourth place in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:09.52. Also notching a top-10 finish was sophomore Cheryl Junker (Meadville, PA/Meadville), who came in eighth in the 400 IM with a school-record time of 5:02.80. The team of Thompson, sophomore Melissa McAllister (Hornell/Hornell), DeMay and freshman Becca Coppola (Takoma Park, MD /Montgomery Blair) took seventh in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:56.91. The team of DeMay, Coppola, junior Kristen Cary (Hannawa Halls/Potsdam) and senior Becky Francy (East Aurora/East Aurora) took seventh in the 800 freestyle relay with a time of 8:27.45. On Thursday, the team of McAllister, Thompson, Martin and DeMay set a school team record with their third place finish in the 200 freestyle relay (1:42.01). Thompson won her consolation heat in the 200 IM and set another team standard with her time of 2:16.94. Other top-10 finishes for AU Thursday included DeMay, seventh in the 50 freestyle with a time of 25.97; Martin, eighth in the 50 freestyle with a time of 26.33; and the team of Thompson, Junker, DeMay and sophomore Becky Cochran (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Woodridge), ninth in the 400 medley relay with a time of 4:18.87.