

AU places second at state men's swimming and diving championships

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SYRACUSE Alfred University finished second at the New York State Division III swimming and diving championships, which concluded Saturday evening. The Saxons finished the three-day event with 1,112 points, easily bettering the 1,059.5 points the team scored in last year's meet, in which AU also placed second. Ithaca won this year's championships with 1,252.50 points, while RPI finished in third behind AU with 1,056 points. Alfred was led on Saturday by senior Dave Berman (Auburn/Auburn), who scored a 424.90 to win the 3-meter diving event. With his earlier win in the 1-meter competition, Berman swept the diving events. Sophomore Mike Dube (Williamsburg, VA/Lafayette) took third in the 200 backstroke in a time of 1:58.05. In the 100 freestyle, sophomore Matt Weems (Arlington, VA/Washington Lee) placed third (47.14 seconds) and senior Pat Kerwin (Canandaigua/Canandaigua) finished seventh (47.35). Freshman Kevin Martin (Conesus/Livonia) was sixth in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:00.57. The 400 freestyle relay team of Kerwin, Weems and juniors Federico Gentry (Peoria, IL/Richwoods) and Carl Schwarting (Weedsport/Weedsport) came in fifth with a time of 3:10.23. Alfred's other top-10 finish Saturday was turned in by senior Drew Harrington (Bethesda, MD/St. Andrew Episcopal), who placed ninth in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 17:10.72.