

## **Alfred University's Robin finishes eighth in decathlon at ECAC outdoor championships**

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WILLIAMSTOWN, MA -- Alfred University junior Stephen Robin (Foster, RI/Ponaganset) competed in the decathlon at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) outdoor track and field championships Friday and Saturday at Williams (MA) College. Robin accumulated 5,630 points to finish eighth out of 15 competitors. His best performances were in the pole vault, 1,500-meter run and high jump. He was first in the pole vault (4.33 meters), third in the 1,500-meter run (4:39.76) and sixth in the high jump (1.77 meters). Robin's scores in other events were as follows: 400-meter dash, 10th (53.10 seconds); long jump, 10th (5.95 meters); 110-meter hurdles, 11th (17.61 seconds); javelin, 11th (35.48 meters); 100-meter dash, 12th (11.96 seconds); discus, 12th (24.72 meters); shot put, 14th (8.94 meters). The 2003 ECAC Division III outdoor champion in the pole vault, Robin elected not to defend his title this year, competing instead in the decathlon. He had hoped to use his score in the pole vault to qualify for the NCAA Division III championships May 27-29 in Dacatur, IL. However, his score of 4.33 meters at the ECAC meet fell short of both the NCAA provisional (4.63 meters) and automatic (5.03 meters) qualifying standards. Despite not qualifying for the NCAA meet, Robin enjoyed a remarkable junior year. He was one of the top performers in the pole vault in the state during the indoor and outdoor seasons, adding a New York State Collegiate Track Conference (NYSCTC) indoor pole vault title to the ECAC outdoor championship he won last year. Last fall, he earned Empire 8 Second Team all-conference honors in men's soccer.