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ROCHESTER The Alfred University women's swimming and diving team was in fifth place Thursday after the first day of competition at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) championship meet at Webster High School. The Lady Saxons had 233 points, trailing Ithaca (471), LeMoyne (288.5), Union (243) and William Smith (242). The meet continues today through Saturday. AU is trying to improve on a third-place finish from last year's state championships. The top swimmer for Alfred Thursday was junior Lauren McCormack (Norwich/Norwich), who placed fourth in the 50 freestyle with a time of 25.49 seconds. McCormack also teamed with senior Becca Coppola (Takoma Park, MD/Montgomery Blair), sophomore Rachel Saroka (Groton/Groton) and senior Sara Thompson (Batavia/Batavia) for a fourth-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay. McCormack, junior Lacy Clifford (Oil City, PA/Oil City), Thompson and Saroka placed fourth in the 400 medley relay. Coppola finished sixth in the 500 freestyle (5:24.96) and Thompson placed sixth in the 200 individual medley (2:13.38). Freshman Erin Collins (Owego/Owego) took seventh place in 1-meter diving. Today's events include the 200 medley relay, 400 individual medley, 100 butterfly, 200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke and 800 freestyle relay. The meet will wrap up Saturday with the 1,650 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 100 freestyle, 200 breaststroke, 200 butterfly, 3-meter diving and 400 freestyle relay.