Lady Saxons swimming and diving downs RIT 145-96 12/07/02

ROCHESTER The Alfred University women's swimming and diving team defeated the Rochester Institute of Technology 145-96 Saturday afternoon. Setting the pace for the Lady Saxons (2-3, 1-1 Empire 8) were senior Carrie DeMay (Canandaigua/Canandaigua) who earned first place in the 50 and 100 freestyle events, and junior Becca Coppola (Takoma Park, MD/Montgomery Blair) who also claimed two individual victories in the 1000 and 500 freestyle events. Other first place finishers include junior Sara Thompson (Batavia/Batavia) in the 200 IM and senior Anne Martin (Wayne, NJ/Wayne Hills) in the 100 breaststroke. Placing second for AU was Thompson in the 100 butterfly, freshman Rachel Saroka (Groton/Groton) in the 200 IM, senior Melissa McAllister (Hornell/Hornell) in the 100 backstroke, and freshman Bonnie McDermott (Grand Island/Mt. St. Mary) in the 100 breaststroke. The team of McAllister, McDermott, Thompson, and Saroka won the 400 medley relay for AU, while junior Tabitha Maher (Lyme, CT/Waterford), Coppola, McAllister, and DeMay claimed first in the 400 freestyle relay. Daniela Palacio led RIT with first place finishes in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly. Alfred will next host Empire 8 rival Ithaca College on Tuesday, December 10th, at 6 p.m. in the Lebohner Pool.