

Men's track and field team finishes sixth, women eighth at state meet

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ROCHESTER, NY - The Alfred University men's and women's track and field teams both set new school records during the New York State indoor championship meet, which wrapped up Saturday at RIT. The AU men finished sixth in the team standings in the two-day meet, and the Alfred women were eighth. Junior Shawn Ross (Ticonderoga, NY/Ticonderoga) placed first in the shot put (14.15 meters), giving the AU men their only title at the championships. Sophomore Richard Scott (Eden, NY/Eden) had a solid meet for the Saxons, placing fourth in the 400-meter dash, in a school-record 50.39 seconds, and sixth in the 200-meter dash (23.14 seconds). The AU men finished the meet with 48 points; team champion RPI had 159. Scott, running the anchor, also teamed with senior Lee Consolo (Pleasantville, NY/Pleasantville), senior Matt Phillips (Kinderhook, NY/Ichabod Crane), and freshman Jeremy Weaver (Lancaster, PA/Lancaster Catholic) to finish third in the 4X400-meter relay. Their time of 3:25.22 is a new school record. Other top performers for the Alfred men were: freshman Mike Raplee (Dundee, NY/Dundee), fifth in the shot put (13.12 meters); Consolo and Phillips, sixth (1:07.92) and eighth (1:08.23), respectively, in the 500-meter run; and freshman Derek Denkenberger (Elmira, NY/Horseheads), sophomore Ken Noll (Valatie, NY/Ichabod Crane), senior Jesse Schuster (Tonawanda, NY/Tonawanda), and sophomore Ben Pelto (Jefferson, MA/West Boylston), seventh in the 4X800-meter relay (8:32.46). Senior Rachel Gaylord (Elmira, NY/Horseheads) took seventh in the 1,000-meter run (3:14.20) to lead the AU women. Junior Melissa Haahr (Owego, NY/Tioga), freshman Amy Morrissey (Hornell, NY/Hornell), Gaylord, and senior Megan Crimmins (Big Flats, NY/Horseheads) were seventh in the 4X800-meter relay (10:29.09). Alfred's women finished the meet with 15 points; team champ Ithaca had 271. Other top performers for the Alfred women were: freshman Kelly-Jo Beck (York, NY/York), 13th in the shot put (9.42 meters); Crimmins, 16th in the mile (5:35.95); sophomore Anne Mills (Scarborough, ME/Scarborough), 12th in the 55-meter hurdles (9.35 seconds); Morrissey, 13th in the 500-meter run (1:25.34); and Haahr, 10th in the 1,000-meter run (3:19.27). The AU women set a school record in the distance medley relay on Friday. AU is in action next on Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6, at the ECAC indoor championships at Smith College in Northampton, MA.