

AU men's swimming and diving team comes up short in quest for state title

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SYRACUSE, NY - The Alfred University men's swimming and diving team finished in second place at the Upper New York State Collegiate Swimming Association (UNYSCSA) Championships, which concluded Saturday at Nottingham High School in Syracuse. Alfred, which led after the first day of the three-day championships, totaled 1,137.50 points. Champion Hartwick finished with 1,281 points. The Saxons went into Saturday's third and final day of competition trailing Hartwick by 42.50 points and briefly reclaimed the team lead after the day's first event, the 1,650 freestyle. Five Saxons scored, with sophomore Page Beecher (Scarborough, ME/Scarborough) taking sixth with a time of 16:54.01 and freshman Tyler Monroe (Conesus, NY/Livonia) placing 10th in 17:28.99. Hartwick reclaimed the lead after the following event, the 200-yard backstroke, and never trailed in the meet again. Also placing in the top 10 Saturday for Alfred were senior Brian Gotham (Syracuse, NY/Nottingham), fourth in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:09.98) and freshman Brian Agro (Grey, ME/Cheverus), seventh in the same event (2:15.99); freshman Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport), seventh in the 200-yard backstroke (1:58.31); senior Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland), 10th in the 100-yard freestyle (48.14 seconds); and sophomore Dan Schubmehl (Rochester, NY/Penfield), 10th in 3-meter diving (265.90 points). The team of Matt Baker, freshman Mark Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport), Crowell and junior Brandon Striker (Caledonia, NY/York) took fourth in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:09.97).