

Baker earns 19th-place finish in 200-yard backstroke at NCAAs, earns All-American honors in 100-yard back
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HOUSTON, TX - Alfred University sophomore Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) wrapped up three days at the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships with a 19th-place finish in the 200-yard backstroke Saturday. The national championships, hosted by the University of Houston, were held Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Baker swam the 200-yard back in 1:54.40 to finish tied for 19th. Baker leaves Houston an honorable mention All-American. He earned the All-American certification with his 14th-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke Friday evening. The top eight swimmers in an event earn All-American honors, while those placing ninth-14th earn honorable mention. Baker also swam in the 50-yard freestyle Thursday, finishing 43rd. The 200-yard back and 50-yard free were optional events Baker swam in addition to the 100-yard back, his NCAA qualifying event. With his performance, Baker becomes Alfred's first All-American since Kevin Martin in 2005.