

## AU's Baker, Agro secure All-American honors

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN Alfred University seniors Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) and Brian Agro (Gray, ME/Cheverus) earned All-American honors Friday at the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships. Baker earned honorable mention All-American certification for the second time this year and the fourth time in his career after placing 11th in the consolation finals of the 100-yard backstroke Friday evening. Agro was named an honorable mention All-American after taking 10th in the 100-yard breaststroke, also in Friday night's consolation finals. Both swimmers had secured All-American certification during preliminary action Friday morning. Baker placed 13th in the preliminaries and Agro came in tied for 15th. Baker swam his preliminary heat in 50.57 before clocking in at 50.47 seconds in the consolation finals. Agro improved his time from the preliminaries (56.45 seconds) to 56.20 seconds in the consolation finals. It marks the first time in Agro's career has earned All-American honors. The top eight swimmers in each event advance to the evening finals and are ensured of earning All-American honors. Swimmers placing ninth through 16th advance to the evening consolation finals and earn honorable mention. On Thursday evening, Baker swam in the consolation finals of the 200-yard freestyle and placed 13th with a time of 1:40.46, earning him honorable mention All-American certification. His time of 1:40.28 in his preliminary heat set a new school record. He already holds the school mark in the 100 back, an event in which he earned All-American honorable mention as a sophomore and junior in 2007 and 2008. Agro swam to a 39th-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley on Wednesday. On Saturday, Baker will swim the 200-yard backstroke and Agro swims the 200-yard breaststroke. The NCAA championships are being held through Saturday at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center in Minneapolis. The championship meet website can be accessed at: <http://www.ncaa.com/champ...>