

## **AU men's swimming and diving team defeats host Ithaca, women's team falls**

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ITHACA, NY The Alfred University men's and women's swimming and diving teams competed at Ithaca College Tuesday evening. The AU men defeated their Empire 8 Conference rivals, 125-110, to remain unbeaten on the year, while the women's team lost, 152-89. Sophomore Page Beecher (Scarborough, ME/Scarborough) led Alfred (5-0, 3-0 Empire 8) with victories in the 1,000-yard freestyle (10:25.29) and 200-yard individual medley (1:59.75). Beecher just missed winning a third event, placing second in the 500-yard freestyle. His time of 4:59.29 was less than a half-second off the winning pace. Also winning two events for the AU men was senior Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland) in the 50-yard freestyle (22.45 seconds) and 100-yard freestyle (48.46 seconds). Other event winners for the AU men's team were: freshman Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) in the 200-yard backstroke; and sophomore Dan Schubmehl (Rochester, NY/Penfield) in 3-meter diving. Other top swimmers for the Saxons included junior Brandon Striker (Caledonia, NY/York), second in the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard butterfly; senior Brian Gotham (Syracuse, NY/Nottingham), second in the 200-yard individual medley; freshman Mark Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport), second in the 100-yard freestyle and third in the 50-yard freestyle; and freshman Brian Agro (Gray, ME/Cheverus), second in the 200-yard breaststroke and third in the 200-yard butterfly. The AU men swept the relay events. Matt Baker, Gotham, Striker and Crowell won the 400-yard medley relay in 3:38.30, while Mark Baker, freshman Scott Sarkissian (Oswego, NY/Oswego), senior Trevor Covey (Alburg, VT/Burlington) and Gotham too the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:20.47. Freshman Jessie Caccamo (Ballston Lake, NY/Shenendehowa), in the 500-yard freestyle (5:29.43) and junior Erin Collins (Owego, NY/Owego), in 3-meter diving, earned victories for the Alfred women (3-3, 1-2 Empire 8). Caccamo also placed second in the 200-yard freestyle, while Collins took second in 1-meter diving. Other top swimmers for the AU women were: junior Jessica White (Palmyra, NY/Palmyra-Macedon), second in the 1,000-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle; senior Tara Mungro (Rochester, NY/Wilson Magnet), second in the 50-yard freestyle; senior Rachel Saroka (Groton, NY/Groton), second in the 200-yard individual medley and third in the 100-yard backstroke; and senior Bonnie McDermott (Grand Island, NY/Mt. St. Mary), third in the 100-yard breaststroke. The team of White, Caccamo, sophomore Lyndsay Scypta (Plymouth, MI/Cranbrook-Kingswood) and Mungro too second in the 200-yard freestyle relay, while the team of Saroka, McDermott, freshman Kayln Follmer (Windfield, PA/Lewisburg) and Mungro were third in the 200-yard medley relay. The AU men's and women's team will be in action next after semester break, on Jan. 13, at 1 p.m. at home against Utica. The following afternoon, Jan. 14, the teams travel to Hartwick, where the men's team will try to avenge their sole dual-meet loss from a season ago.