

**AU women's ski team places second, men's team fourth, at Bristol Mountain**  
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SOUTH BRISTOL, NY The Alfred University women's Alpine ski team placed second and the AU men's team took fourth at Bristol Mountain over the weekend. In races hosted by the University of Rochester, the Alfred women took second in the giant slalom Saturday and the slalom on Sunday to finish second overall behind Syracuse. It marks the first time in three meets this year the Alfred women's team did not finish first overall. Junior Lauren Pfeifer (Livonia, NY/Livonia) placed second in both the giant slalom and slalom to finish third in the combined individual standings. It marks the first time Pfeifer has not claimed top individual honors this season. Sophomore Elissa DeGolyer (Silver Springs, NY/Letchworth) took second in the giant slalom, while senior Rachel Beckwith (Landgrove, VT/Stratton Mountain) was seventh in the slalom. Junior Ulana Bihun (Jericho, VT/Mt. Mansfield) was 16th and 17th, respectively, in the GS and slalom. The AU men took third in the GS and fourth in the slalom to finish fourth overall for the weekend, the team's best performance in three events this year. Senior Joel Buchanan (Almond, NY/Scio) was the AU men's team's top skier, taking 10th in the slalom and 15th in the giant slalom. Freshman Steven Barton (Dansville, NY/Dansville) was 16th in the GS and 19th in the slalom, and senior Robbie Ryminski (Warwick, NY/Warwick Valley) was 18th and 20th, respectively, in the slalom and giant slalom. The AU ski teams are in action against next weekend, Feb. 7 and 8, in races hosted by Cornell University. Saturday's giant slalom will be held at Greek Peak in Cortland, NY, and Sunday's slalom will be held at Labrador Mountain in Truxton, NY.