

## AU men claim Don Richards Invitational title; Lady Saxons place fifth

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ROCHESTER, NY - The Alfred University men's swimming and diving team wrapped up the Don Richards Invitational title with a solid performance on Sunday. The Alfred women placed fifth in the three-day meet, which was hosted by Rochester Institute of Technology. The AU men finished the meet with 972 points, well ahead of runner-up Hartwick (816) and third-place Ithaca (769). RIT finished fourth and Nazareth fifth. The Alfred women finished with 302 points, behind champion Ithaca (994) and runner-up Hartwick (865). Nazareth took third and RIT fourth. Alfred began Sunday's action with a victory in the 400 medley relay, with senior Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport), senior Brian Agro (Gray, ME/Cheverus), sophomore Zach Mix (Mt. Morris, NY/Mt. Morris) and senior Mark Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) turning in a winning time of 3:29.57. Mark Baker, Matt Baker, freshman Andrew Moragne (Cleveland, OH/University) and sophomore Tyler Olsen (Saratoga Springs, NY/Saratoga) won the meet-ending 400-yard freestyle relay, making the Saxon men a perfect five-for-five in relays during the three-day meet. Alfred also won three individual events Sunday. Agro won the 200-yard individual medley (1:56.51); Mark Baker won the 50-yard freestyle (21.63 seconds); and Olsen won the 500-yard freestyle (4:55.08). In addition to Mark Baker, three other Saxons finished in the top-nine in the 50-yard free: Moragne was fourth (22.22 seconds), Mix was sixth (22.49) and sophomore Dan Steere (Hornell, NY/Alfred-Almond) was ninth (22.57). Sophomore Matt Lobban (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford-Mendon) took second in the 500-yard free (5:05.60), while senior Tyler Monroe (Conesus, NY/Livonia) was ninth (5:16.09). Freshman Warren Dolben (Rye, NH/Berwick Academy) was fifth in the 200-yard IM (2:07.93) and senior Dan Skorski (Hazleton, PA/Hazleton) was 11th (2:14.32). Junior Kameron Chambliss (Alfred Station, NY/Alfred-Almond) took third in 3-meter diving (350.70 points), while classmate Sipol Smakpant (Colorado Springs, CO/Sierra) was 10th (256.05). The team of Lobban, Dolben, senior Scott Sarkissian (Oswego, NY/Oswego) and Olsen took third in the 400-yard medley relay (3:42.35). Senior Jessie Caccamo (Balston Lake, NY/Shenendehowa) and sophomore Sarah Blair (Auburn, NY/Auburn) paced the AU women's team with top-four finishes Sunday. Blair took third in the 50-yard freestyle (25.14 seconds), while Caccamo took fourth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:29.42). Senior Brynja Seagren (Bradford, PA/Bradford) was sixth in 1-meter diving (281.70 points). The team of freshman Donna Hoops (Geneseo, NY/Geneseo), senior Amy Buisman (Rochester, NY/Penfield), sophomore Cailin Asmo (Johnson City, NY/Johnson City) and Caccamo took ninth in the 400-medley relay (4:39.04), while senior Anne Sheehy (Staatsburg, NY/FDR), freshman Julie Slattery (Binghamton, NY/Seton Catholic), junior Meghan Jones (Beaver Falls, NY/Beaver River) and sophomore Calista Merritt (Conesus, NY/Livonia) were 10th in 4:54.41. Blair, Caccamo, Merritt and Jones placed seventh in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:56.69). The AU men's and women's teams are in action next on Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. at Empire 8 Conference foe Utica.