

AU men's swimming and diving team in first place after two days of competition

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WEBSTER, NY -- Alfred University is in first place after two days of competition in the New York State men's swimming and diving championships. The Saxons lead second place Ithaca, 849-762. The meet, held at the Webster Aquatics Center, concludes today. Sophomore Kevin Martin (Conesus/Livonia) led the Saxons' effort with a win in the 100 butterfly (52.11 seconds). He also teamed with junior Matt Weems (Arlington, VA/Washington Lee), freshman Brian Gotham (Syracuse/Nottingham) and senior Federico Gentry (Peoria, IL/Richwoods) to take third in the 800 freestyle relay, with a time of 7:05.64. Gotham was third in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 58.66, good enough to earn him an NCAA "B" cut. He teamed with juniors Mike Dube (Williamsburg, VA/LaFayette) and Bill Brown (Chaffee/Pioneer) and senior Carl Schwarting (Weedsport/Weedsport) to claim third in the 200 medley relay in a time of 1:37.24. Weems logged an NCAA "B" cut time of 1:43.28 when he placed fourth in the 200 freestyle. Other top performances for AU were turned in by Dube, fifth in the 100 backstroke (55.37); Brown, seventh in the 100 butterfly (53.12); senior Justin Healy (Fayetteville/Jamesville-Dewitt), eighth in the 100 butterfly (53.29); freshman Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland), sixth in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.42) and junior Brendan Miller (Auburn/Auburn), seventh in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.99). The state meet concludes today with the 1,650 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 100 freestyle, 200 breaststroke, 200 butterfly, 3-meter diving and 400 freestyle relay.