AU swimming and diving teams compete at RIT So Don Richards Invitational 12/06/08



ROCHESTER, NY - The Alfred University men's and women's swimming team competed Friday at the Don Richards Invitational, hosted by Rochester Institute of Technology. The AU men's team of seniors Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) and Brian Agro (Gray, ME/Cheverus), sophomore Zach Mix (Mt. Morris, NY/Mt. Morris) and senior Mark Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) won the 200-yard medley relay. Their winning time of 1:33.76 set a new AU school and Empire 8 Conference record and was also good enough to earn an NCAA "B" qualifying cut. After the first day of the three-day meet, which concludes Sunday, the AU men stand in first place with 140 points, 13 points ahead of second-place Ithaca and 29 ahead of third-place Hartwick. The Alfred women have 62 points, placing the Lady Saxons fifth of the five teams competing. Ithaca, with 162 points, leads the women's teams, with Hartwick (130) and Nazareth (109) second and third, respectively. AU junior Kameron Chambliss (Alfred Station, NY/Alfred-Almond) won the men's 1-meter diving competition with 390.50 points. Sophomore Matt Lobban (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford Mendon) took fourth in the 1,650-yard freestyle, with senior Tyler Monroe (Conesus, NY/Livonia) seventh (18:23.67), sophomore Conor Murphy (Mason City, IA/Mason City) ninth (19:03.88), and senior Dan Skorski (Hazleton, PA/Hazleton) 11th (19:48.26). Junior Sipol Smakpunt (Colorado Springs, CO/Sierra) and sophomore Tom Wilcox (Williamsville, NY/Clarence) were 11th (231.50 points) and 13th (140.80 points), respectively, in 1-meter diving.Lobban, freshman Warren Dolben (Rye, NY/Berwick Academy), sophomore Ted Remington (Pike, NY/Letchworth) and freshman Andrew Moragne (Cleveland, OH/University) took fifth in the 200-yard medley relay (1:40.38). Senior Jessie Caccamo (Ballston Lake, NY/Shenendehowa) took eighth in the 1,650-yard freestyle(19:18.86) to pace the AU women. Sophomore Calista Merritt (Conesus, NY/Livonia) and senior Anne Sheehy (Staatsburg, NY/FDR) were 11th (19:37.37) and 14th (21:55.23), respectively, in the 1,650-yard free.Alfred's team of freshman Donna Hoops (Geneseo, NY/Geneseo), senior Amy Buisman (Rochester, NY/Penfield), senior Brynja Seagren (Bradford, PA/Bradford) and sophomore Sarah Blair (Auburn, NY/Auburn) took seventh in the 200-yard medley relay (2:02.40), while freshman Julie Slattery (Binghamton, NY/Seton Catholic), senior Leigh Miller (Alfred Station, NY/Alfred-Almond), Merritt and sophomore Laura Smith (Pine Island, NY/Warwick Valley) took ninth (2:25.84). The meet resumes Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and wraps up Sunday with a 10 a.m. start time.