

AU ski teams clinch berths in Mideast Regionals

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TULLY, NY The Alfred University men's and women's Alpine ski teams competed Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9-10, at Song Mountain in a meet hosted by Cornell University. Both teams clinched berths in the United States Collegiate Skiing Association (USCSA) Mideast Regional championships Feb. 23-24 at Labrador and Toggenburg. The AU women finished first overall for the third time in four meets this season winning the giant slalom and taking second in the slalom to clinch their second straight Empire Division title. The Alfred men placed third in the giant slalom and slalom to take third overall and clinch third place in the Empire Division. Sophomore Lauren Pfeifer (Livonia, NY/Livonia) placed first in the GS and slalom to take top individual honors for the weekend. Freshman Elissa DeGolyer (Silver Springs, NY/Letchworth) was second in the giant slalom, while junior Rachel Beckwith (Landgrove, VT/Stratton Mountain) was third in the slalom and ninth in the giant slalom. Freshman Leah Berry (Lewisburg, PA/Lewisburg) was seventh in the GS; freshman Megan Caggianelli (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa) was 18th in the slalom; and sophomore Ulana Bihun (Jericho, VT/Mt. Mansfield), in her first varsity meet, was 22nd in the slalom. Senior Lincoln Steele (Keene, NH/Keene) led the AU men with a second place in the GS and fifth place in the slalom. Junior Joel Buchannon (Almond, NY/Scio) was 10th in the slalom and 11th in the giant slalom; Junior Robbie Ryminski (Warwick, NY/Warwick Valley) was 11th in the slalom and 19th in the giant slalom and slalom; junior Chet Farnum (Farmington, ME/Mt. Blue) was 20th in the GS; and freshman Kevin Sykora (Bend, OR/Mountain View) took 28th in the slalom. The Saxons are in action next weekend, Feb. 16 and 17, at Toggenburg Mountain, Fabius, NY, in a meet hosted by Syracuse University.