

AU swimming and diving teams split at St. Lawrence

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CANTON, NY - The Alfred University swimming and diving teams competed Saturday afternoon at St. Lawrence in the teams' final dual meets of the season. The Alfred men defeated the Saints, 140-103, while the host team defeated Alfred's women, 148-75. The AU men finished the season with a 9-1 record in dual meets (5-0 Empire 8). Sophomore Tyler Olsen (Saratoga Springs, NY/Saratoga) paced the Saxons with wins in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle. Others earning wins for the Alfred men's team were senior Mark Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) in the 500-yard freestyle; senior Brian Agro (Gray, ME/Cheverus) in the 200-yard individual medley; senior Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) in the 200-yard backstroke; senior Scott Sarkissian (Oswego, NY/Oswego) in the 200-yard butterfly; and freshman Andrew Moragne (Cleveland, OH/University) in the 50-yard freestyle. Other top performers for the Saxons were junior Kameron Chambliss (Alfred Station, NY/Alfred-Almond), second in 1-meter diving; sophomore Matt Lobban (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford Mendon), second in the 1,000-yard freestyle; and freshman Jeff Swartout (Binghamton, NY/Chenango Valley), second in the 200-yard breaststroke. Alfred's team of Mark Baker, Matt Baker, Olsen and Moragne won the 200-yard freestyle relay. Sophomore Elyse Caldwell (Endwell, NY/Maine-Endwell) swept the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events to pace the AU women (3-8, 1-4 Empire 8). Senior Jessie Caccamo (Ballston Lake, NY/Shenendehowa) earned the Lady Saxons' other victory, taking the 500-yard freestyle, and also placed second in the 200-yard freestyle. Other top swimmers for the AU women were sophomore Calista Merritt (Conesus, NY/Livonia), second in the 1,000-yard free and third in the 500-yard free; senior Anne Sheehy (Staatsburg, NY/FDR), third in the 1,000-yard free; senior Amy Buisman (Rochester, NY/Penfield), third in the 200-yard breaststroke; freshman Donna Hoops (Geneseo, NY/Geneseo), third in the 200-yard backstroke; and sophomore Sarah Blair (Auburn, NY/Auburn), second in the 50-yard free and third in the 100-yard free. Hoops, Buisman, junior Meghan Jones (Beaver Falls, NY/Beaver River) and Blair took second in the 200-yard medley relay, while Blair, Caccamo, Jones and sophomore Cailin Asmo (Johnson City, NY/Johnson City) placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The AU men's and women's teams will now begin preparations for their respective state championship meets, set for later this month in Syracuse. The women will compete in the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) championships Feb. 18-21 and the men will compete in the Upper New York State Collegiate Swimming Association (UNYSCSA) championships Feb. 25-28. Both championship meets will be held at Nottingham High School in Syracuse.