

Baker earns All-American honors at NCAA swimming and diving championships

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OXFORD, OH - Alfred University's Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) earned All-American honors Friday at the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships. The national championship meet, held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Miami University of Ohio, is hosted by the College of Wooster. Baker, a junior, was awarded honorable mention All-American certification after placing ninth in Friday's 100-yard backstroke with a new school record time of 51.14 seconds. It marks the second straight year he has been named All-American in the 100-yard backstroke. Baker was given honorable mention with his 14th-place finish in last year's national championships. He qualified to swim in the NCAAs with a winning time of 51.74 second in the 100-yard back at the Upper New York State Collegiate Swimming Association championship meet three weeks ago in Syracuse. He will swim again in Saturday's 200-yard backstroke, one of two optional events he is swimming at the NCAAs. He placed 43rd in his other optional event, the 200-yard individual medley, on Thursday. Baker was seeded 14th in Friday's 100-yard backstroke with a seed time of 51.74 second. In Friday's preliminaries, he qualified for the consolation finals with a time of 51.67 seconds. He will be seeded 27th in Saturday's 200-yard backstroke with a seed time of 1:55.39.