

AU men finish seventh, Saxon women 11th, at UNYSCSA championships

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ITHACA, NY The Alfred University men&s and women&s swimming and diving teams finished seventh and 11th, respectively, at the Upper New York Collegiate Swimming Association (UNYSCSA) championship meet, which concluded Saturday evening.

The four-day meet, which began Wednesday, was held at Ithaca College. The AU men finished with 478 points and the Alfred women with 389. Stevens captured both the men&s and women&s team titles.

Sophomore **Chrissy Behr (Manahawkin, NJ/Southern Regional)** took seventh in the 100-yard freestyle in 53.54 seconds to pace the AU women. Behr swam a 53.20 100 free in the morning preliminaries, setting a new school record, her second at these championships. Senior **Shelby Remington (Pike, NY/Letchworth)** was 22nd in the 1,650-yard freestyle, finishing in 18:59.66.

Senior **Nate Chapman (Hornell, NY/Hornell)** took 12th in the 1,650 freestyle (19:09.58) to lead the AU men. In the same event, freshman **Dustin Whyte (Wrentham, MA/King Phillip Regional)** was 14th (17:19.38) and sophomore **Joseph Rogers (Dublin, NH)** was 19th (17:40.80).

Three AU men scored in the 100-yard freestyle. Sophomore **David Coombes (Dansville, NY/Dansville)** was ninth (46.66 seconds); junior **Pete Sowinski (Akron, NY/Akron)** was 17th (47.06) and sophomore **David Luke (Ocala, FL/West Port)** was 20th (47.72).

The AU men&s and women&s teams placed fourth and ninth, respectively, in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The men&s team of Luke, sophomore **Zac Toth (Lockport, NY/Starpoint)**, Coombes and Sowinski finished in 3:07.21. The women&s team of freshman **Kelsey McRill (Solon, OH/Solon)**, Remington, freshman **Carly Watson (Hyde Park, NY/FDR)** and Behr finished in 3:40.83 to break the school record of 3:42.86 they set in Saturday&s preliminary heats.

It was a record-setting meet for the Saxons, as the women&s and men&s teams combined to establish 12 new school records.

Watson set new school records in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard freestyle; Behr set new marks in the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard freestyle; and senior **Eryn Matich (Johnson City, NY/Johnson City)** established a new AU standard in the 400 individual medley. AU women also set new school records in four relays: the 200-yard medley and the 200-yard, 400-yard and 800-yard freestyles.

The AU men set a new school record in the 800-yard freestyle relay, and Toth set a new school mark in the 400-yard IM. The AU 800 freestyle relay team's school record of 6:52.72 met NCAA "B" cut qualifying standards. The quartet of Toth, Chapman, Coombes and Sowinski will now wait to see if their cut time is fast enough to send them to the NCAA Division III championship meet March 20-23 in Shenandoah, TX.