

## **Baker takes 18th in 200-yard backstroke at NCAA Division III championships**

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OXFORD, OH - Alfred University's Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) wrapped up his participation at the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships with an 18th-place finish in the 200-yard backstroke Saturday. Baker, a junior, was seeded 27th in the event and finished Saturday's preliminary heat in 1:53.66, an improvement of more than a second-and-a-half under his seed time of 1:55.39. The top 16 swimmers in each event move on to evening finals. The national championship meet, held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Miami University of Ohio, is hosted by the College of Wooster. Baker 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. The 200-yard back was one of two optional events Baker swam at the NCAA meet. He placed 43rd in the other, the 200-yard individual medley, on Thursday.