ITHACA, N.Y. – Cortland earned first-place finishes in three events at the Kane Invitational, hosted by Cornell University. Sophomore Nick Wetherby (Olean) won the 400-meter dash (50.50), senior Chuck Terry (Albany/CBA) captured the 5,000 meters (15:29.00) and junior Dave Neal (Port Ewen/Kingston) won the 800 meters (1:57.21), all in ECAC Division III Championship qualifying times.

Junior Tyler Gutierrez (Waverly) turned in season-best performances in two events. He placed fourth in the pole vault with an ECAC-qualifying 15’ 1”, and was fifth in the 60-meter hurdles (8.76). Senior Eric Czachor (Middleburgh) qualified for ECAC’s in the shot put with his seventh-place distance of 47’ 9.25”. Sophomore Dave Hock (Elma/Iroquois) and senior Jason Manenkoff (Garnerville/North Rockland) each reached ECAC standards in the long jump, tying for 11th at 21’ 9”.

Sophomore Andrew Cloke (Corning/Notre Dame) finished second behind Terry in the 5,000 meters (15:34.50), the 4x400-meter relay team of sophomore Jon Walters (Akron), Neal, sophomore Bill Buith (Franklin Square/Valley Stream) and freshman Greg Mallabar (New Hartford) placed second (3:31.18) and Manenkoff was sixth in the 60-meter dash (7.22).

Cortland will look to successfully defend its State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) title next Saturday at the league championship meet in Geneva.

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