ONEONTA, N.Y. – The SUNY Cortland men's track and field team claimed its second straight State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) outdoor title, its fourth in the last five years and its eighth overall, placing first out of eight teams at the league's championship meet at SUNY Oneonta.

The Red Dragons scored 187.5 points, while Geneseo was second with 158. Rounding out the field were Brockport (133), Plattsburgh (115), Oneonta (94), Buffalo State (56.5), Oswego (21) and Fredonia (20).

Sophomore Nick Wetherby (Olean) repeated as champion in the both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, setting SUNYAC meet records in each event. His winning time of 10.61 seconds in the 100-meter dash is an NCAA provisional qualifier and just missed automatic qualification status by 0.02 seconds. He was timed in a personal-best 21.56 seconds in the 200 meters, also an NCAA provisional qualifier. Wetherby also anchored the winning 4x100-meter relay team (42.50) that also featured freshman Kevin Ma (Cornwall/Cornwall-on-Hudson), senior Jason Manenkoff (Garnerville/North Rockland) and junior Andy Putman (Clinton). Wetherby and Manenkoff were part of Cortland's winning 4x100 relay last spring.

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The 4x400-meter relay unit of sophmore Gene Borzendowski (Holland Patent), Neal, senior Ed Crowley (Valatie/Ichabod Crane) and Zalewski finished second in 3:22.74. Senior Chuck Terry (Albany/CBA) was second in the 10,000 meters (time not available), with junior C. Fred Joslyn (Chenango Forks) third in the event. Gutierrez finished third in both the 110-meter hurdles (15.34) and the javelin (159’ 5”), Manenkoff placed third in both the 100-meter dash (10.94) and the long jump (22’ 3.5”) and junior Stephen Wendt (Wilson) tied for third in the pole vault (14’ 2.5”).

Cortland’s other point-scoring “top-eight” finishers at the meet were:

Andrew Cloke, 4th, 1,500 meters, 4:01.30
Ed Crowley, 4th, 3,000-meter steeplechase, 9:52.50
Czechy, 4th, Shot Put, 49’ 1”
J.J. Riese, 4th, 200-meter dash, 22.41
Andrew Cloke, 5th, 5,000 meters, 15:13.70
Dave Hock, 5th, Long Jump, 21’ 9.5”
Jason Manenkoff, 5th, 200-meter dash, 22.50
Andy Putman, 5th, 100-meter dash, 11.17
Ed Crowley, 6th, 800 meters, 2:04.59
Troy Callard, 7th, 400-meter hurdles, 57.91
C. Fred Joslyn, 7th, 5,000 meters, 15:20.79
Kevin Ma, 7th, 100-meter dash, 11.22
Bill Buth, 8th, 800 meters, 2:10.25
Matt Carpenter, 8th, Discus, 122’ 5”
Matt Carpenter, 8th, Hammer, 134’ 3”
Nicky Cuevas, 8th, High Jump, 5’ 10”
Andy Putman, 8th, 200-meter dash, 22.69

Each event champion at the meet earned first team All-SUNYAC honors and each runnerup is second team All-SUNYAC.

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