GENEVA, N.Y. – Cortland’s bid for a league title fell just short as the Red Dragons placed second out of eight teams at the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Men’s Indoor Track and Field Championships. The meet was held at Bristol Field House at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

The Red Dragons lost the title by just one point. Geneseo retained its title for the second straight year with 176 points. Cortland scored 175 points, followed by Plattsburgh (120), Brockport (95), Oneonta (67), Fredonia (46), Buffalo State (36) and Oswego (22). Cortland initially protested the meet due to timing and scoring issues, but the protest was denied and the final team scores stood.

Junior C. Fred Joslyn (Chenango Forks) captured league titles in both the 3,000 meters (8:46.18) and 5,000 meters (15:06.43), both with ECAC-qualifying times. Other Cortland individual titlists were sophomore Amaan Siddeeq (New Hampton/Goshen) in the 55-meter dash (6.39) and freshman Tynez Wilson (Endicott/Union-Endicott) in the triple jump (47’ 3.5”), along with freshman Jake Zanetti (Saratoga Springs) in the pole vault (14’ 11.5”). Siddeeq and Wilson each provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships with their efforts. Zanetti’s performance was an ECAC qualifier.

Wilson also finished second in the long jump (22’ 5.25”) and fourth in the 55-meter dash (6.70, 6.64 in prelims), while Siddeeq was fourth in the long jump (21’ 9”). Junior Andrew Cloke (Corning/Notre Dame) finished second in the mile (4:17.88).

Senior Marcus Matyas (Hamburg) placed third in both the shot put (50’ 6”) and the weight throw (51’ 2.75”), junior Nick Wetherby (Olean) was third in the 55-meter dash (6.52) and junior Stephen Wendt (Wilson) finished third in the pole vault (13’ 11.75”).

Other Red Dragons placing in the top five individually were senior Eric Czachor (Middleburgh) in the shot put (fourth, 50’ 5.5”), sophomore J.J. Riese (Central Square/Paul V. Moore) in the 200 meters (fourth, 23.20), sophomore Bill Buith (Franklin Square/Valley Stream) in the 1,000 meters (fourth, 2:37.38), junior Pat McConville (Loudonville/Colonie) in the 500 meters (fourth, 1:07.89) and senior Dave Neal (Port Ewen/Kingston) in the 500 meters (fifth, 1:07.90).

Cortland’s 4x800-meter relay team of Joslyn, Cloke, sophomore James Barracca (Center Moriches/Stony Brook) and freshman Sean Cully (Ronkonkoma/Sachem) finished in second place (8:05.09) and the 4x400-meter relay squad of Wetherby, Neal, McConville and Siddeeq placed third (3:23.60).

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