Men’s Team Standings:
1) Geneseo .... 272
2) Oswego .... 164
3) Cortland .... 137
4) Brockport .... 122
5) New Paltz .... 112
6) Buffalo St. .... 88
7) Oneonta .... 83
8) Fredonia .... 65
9) Potsdam .... 47

Women’s Team Standings:
1) Oswego .... 251
2) Geneseo .... 203
3) New Paltz .... 146
4) Cortland .... 141
5) Brockport .... 88
6) Oneonta .... 76
7) Potsdam .... 71
8) Fredonia .... 63
9) Buffalo St. .... 52

BUFFALO, N.Y. -- The SUNY Cortland men are currently in third place and the women are in fourth place after the first full day of competition at the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Swimming and Diving Championships. The meet is being held at the Flickinger Center at Erie Community College and will continue on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13-14.

Freshman Andrew Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) highlighted the Red Dragons’ performances with a victory in the 200-yard individual medley. His time of 1:57.95 was just under a second faster than the second-place finisher. Freshman Patrick Connolly (Shrub Oak/Lakeland) also qualified for the eight-swimmer finals in the event and finished fifth in 2:00.83. Junior Jack Popper (Merrick/Bellmore JFK) finished second in the one-meter diving competition with a score of 425.80 points.

Cortland finished fifth in both of Thursday’s relays. Sophomore Brendan Quest (Staten Island/Monsignor Farrell), Connolly, junior Chad Lundwall (St. James/Smithtown) and sophomore James Pioli (Grand Island) were clocked at 1:29.33 in the finals of the 200-yard freestyle relay. Freshman Chad Shelby (Bohemia/Connetquot), Chevalier, Connolly and Pioli finished the 400-yard medley relay in 3:42.12. In addition, Pioli won the “B” final of the 50-yard freestyle in 22.34 seconds.

On the women’s side, freshman Nicole LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) finished second in the 50-yard freestyle in 25.00 seconds. Oswego’s Anne Sarkissian won the race in 24.43 seconds. Freshman Annie Marchetta (Chester/Monroe-Woodbury) placed fifth in three-meter diving (292.60 points). Three other Red Dragons advanced to the finals in individual events. Freshman Krista Lennox (Williamsville/Williamsville East) was seventh in the 500-yard freestyle (5:27.26), junior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O’Connor) finished seventh in the 200-yard individual medley (2:18.78) and freshman Allison Houseman (Wellsville) placed eighth in the 50-yard freestyle (25.65).

Freshman Marissa Bechtold (Lockport) won the “B” final of the 500-yard freestyle in 5:23.63, more than five seconds faster than her prelim time. Cortland finished fourth in a pair of relays. LaBarge, Houseman, junior Nicole Damiano (Middletown) and sophomore Lisa Benamati (Fredonia) touched the wall in 1:41.84 in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Bechtold, sophomore Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour), Damiano and LaBarge finished the 400-yard medley relay in 4:11.10.

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