SUNY Cortland Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving

Feb. 13, 2004 -- Flickinger Center; Erie Community College; Buffalo, N.Y.

Men’s Team Standings:
1) Geneseo...... 593
2) Oswego...... 365
3) Cortland...... 280
4) New Paltz...... 273
5) Brockport...... 244
6) Buffalo St...... 178
7) Oneonta...... 176
8) Fredonia...... 124
9) Potsdam...... 116

Women’s Team Standings:
1) Oswego...... 554
2) Geneseo...... 485
3) Cortland...... 323
4) New Paltz...... 304
5) Oneonta...... 159
6) Potsdam...... 153
7) Fredonia...... 148
8) Brockport...... 142
9) Buffalo St...... 106

BUFFALO, N.Y. -- The SUNY Cortland men maintained their third-place standing and the Red Dragon women moved from fourth to third in the standings during the second 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 conclude on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Freshman Andrew Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) earned his second individual league title in as many days. Chevalier followed his winning 200-yard individual medley performance on Thursday with a convincing victory in the 400-yard individual medley on Friday. His time of 4:14.47 was almost five seconds faster than anyone else in the race. Red Dragon freshman Patrick Connolly (Shrub Oak/Lakeland) finished second in the race in 4:19.26, edging his nearest competitor by 0.52 seconds.

Cortland’s 800-yard freestyle relay team of Chevalier, Connolly, freshman Jason Wiese (Buffalo/Kenmore West) and sophomore James Pioli (Grand Island) finished second in 7:20.99. In addition, Pioli placed sixth in the 100-yard backstroke (56.53) and sophomore Brendan Quest (Staten Island/Monsignor Farrell) won the “B” final in the 100-yard butterfly (55.31).

The Cortland women were led by sophomore Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour) and junior Nicole Damiano (Middletown), who each advanced to the finals in two events. Murphy finished third in the 400-yard individual medley (4:47.30) and fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:10.22). Damiano was fifth in the 100-yard butterfly (1:01.69) and seventh in the 100-yard backstroke (1:04.33).

Junior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O’Connor) earned a fourth-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:09.73), freshman Marissa Bechtold (Lockport) placed fifth in the 200-yard freestyle (2:00.96) and freshman Nicole LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) touched the wall eighth in the 100-yard butterfly (1:03.41).

The combination of Bechtold, junior Trish Heelan (Copiague), freshman Krista Lennox (Buffalo/Williamsville East) and Murphy finished third in the 800-yard freestyle relay (8:08.96) and Bechtold, Murphy, Damiano and LaBarge were fourth in the 200-yard medley relay (1:53.51).

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