BUFFALO, N.Y. – Cortland’s men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams both posted victories at Buffalo State in dual-meet action. The Red Dragon men improved to 9-2 with a 127-87 win, while the women pushed their record to 5-0 with a 115-107 decision.

Sophomore Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) won both the 1,650-yard freestyle (17:27.86) and the 200-yard butterfly (2:02.67) to pace the men. Junior Sonny Porras (Great Neck/Great Neck North) won the 50-yard freestyle (24.07) and junior Jim Pioli (Grand Island) captured the 100-yard backstroke (59.15).

Sophomore Pat Connolly (Yorktown/Lakeland) finished first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:09.13). Cortland also won both portions of the one-meter diving that was held (no three-meter event was held). Senior Chris Griffin (Mexico) won the first five-dive portion with 175.60 points and senior Jack Popper (Merrick/Bellmore JFK) won the second six-dive portion as an exhibition entry with 224.90 points.

Freshman Jeff Kunkel (Cheektowaga/Cleveland Hill) was part of two winning Red Dragon relay entries. Pioli, freshman Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam), junior Brendan Quest (Staten Island/Monsignor Farrell) and Kunkel won the 200-yard medley relay (1:45.90), while Kunkel, freshman Alan Marcel (Central Islip), Chevalier and Connolly touched the wall first in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:32.88).

Cortland’s women were led by sophomore Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru), who won both the 200-yard freestyle (2:04.04) and the 100-yard freestyle (56.22). Sophomore Krista Lennox (Buffalo/Williamsville East) won the 1,650-yard freestyle (19:27.90) and sophomore Allie Houseman (Wellsville) placed first in the 50-yard freestyle (25.80).

Other individual winners for the Red Dragons were senior Nicki Damiano (Middletown) in the 200-yard individual medley (2:25.02), freshman Sarah O’Loughlin (Pleasantville) in the 200-yard butterfly (2:19.86), sophomore Marissa Bechtold (Lockport) in the 100-yard backstroke (1:05.54) and junior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour) as an exhibition entry in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:13.93).

Cortland opened the meet with a win in the 200-yard medley relay as Bechtold, Murphy, Damiano and Houseman were clocked at 1:58.37.

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