SUNY Cortland Swimming and Diving

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Geneseo
Tuesday, January 25, 2005; Holsten Pool; Cortland, N.Y.

Women's Score: Cortland 125, Geneseo 117
Men's Score: Geneseo 129, Cortland 108

CORTLAND, N.Y. – The Cortland women's swimming and diving team earned its first victory over perennial SUNYAC power Geneseo in 10 seasons as the Red Dragons defeated the Blue Wave, 125-117, in their final home dual meet of the season. Cortland's last win over Geneseo came on Dec. 9, 1994. The Red Dragons are now 11-1, while Geneseo slips to 8-3.

In the men's meet, Geneseo improved its dual record to 12-0 with a 129-108 win over the Red Dragons (9-4).

Cortland's women were led by wins from sophomore Allie Houseman (Wellsville) in the 50-yard freestyle (24.92), senior Nicki Damiano (Middletown) in the 100-yard butterfly (1:02.28), senior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O'Connor) in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.08) and freshman Amy Jones (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) in one-meter diving (336.15 pts.). The Red Dragons also won the 200-yard medley relay (1:55.11) behind freshman Erica Clark (Sloatsburg/Suffern), junior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour), Damiano and sophomore Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru).

The Red Dragons also placed second in the 200-yard medley relay as sophomore Marissa Bechtold (Lockport), Talaska, freshman Sarah O'Loughlin (Pleasantville) and sophomore Nikki Welch (Dansville) were clocked at 1:58.84. Murphy was second in both the 400-yard individual medley (4:56.17) and 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.21). The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Houseman, Bechtold, Welch and Damiano lost by only 0.53 seconds, finishing in 1:43.93.

For Geneseo, junior Colleen Wayne (Auburn) won both the 200-yard freestyle (2:03.89) and 100-yard freestyle (56.25). She also led off the winning 200-yard freestyle relay team that included freshman Maren MacDonald (Lockport), sophomore K.C. Monahan (Ossining) and senior Erin Walsh (Kenmore/Kenmore West). Geneseo has won the last 15 SUNYAC titles.

Geneseo's men received individual wins from seven different swimmers. Junior Mike Wiese (Buffalo/Kenmore West) won the 1,650-yard freestyle (17:00.18), freshman Travis Brennan (Stony Brook/Ward Melville) won the 200-yard freestyle (1:49.50) and senior Dan Kelly (Huntington/ Harborfields) captured the 50-yard freestyle (22.92). In addition, freshman Chris Norton (Wyoming/Notre Dame) won the 100-yard butterfly (55.16), sophomore Kevin VanDerMeid (Livonia) won the 100-yard freestyle (49.94), sophomore John Zolna (Floral Park) touched the wall first in the 100-yard backstroke (59.31) and sophomore James Kallio (Avon) won the 100-yard breaststroke (1:02.19).

Zolna, Kallio, Norton and senior Dan Allen (Delmar/Albany Academy) won the 200-yard medley relay (1:41.05) and freshman Charlie Hake (Akron), Zolna, sophomore Jeremy Hinman (Weedsport) and VanDerMeid won the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:28.83) as an exhibition entry.

Cortland was led by a pair of individual double-winners. Sophomore Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) won both the 400-yard individual medley (4:22.10) and 500-yard freestyle (5:01.96). Senior Jack Popper (Merrick/Bellmore JFK) captured both one-meter (447.25 pts.) and three-meter (447.80 pts.) diving.

Senior Chris Griffin (Mexico) was second in both diving events, scoring 422.00 points on the one-meter board and 407.90 points on the three-meter board. The combination of junior Jim Pioli (Grand Island), freshman Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam), Chevalier and freshman Alan Marcel (Central Islip) placed second in the 200-yard medley relay (1:43.02).

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