SUNY Cortland Swimming and Diving

SUNY Cortland vs. Ithaca College; Holsten Pool; Cortland, N.Y.

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

Women's Score: Cortland 138, Ithaca 103
Men's Score: Ithaca 139, Cortland 103

CORTLAND, N.Y. – The SUNY Cortland women's swimming and diving team posted its first dual-meet victory over Ithaca College in 23 seasons as the Red Dragons (1-0) defeated the Bombers, 138-103, at Harriet Holsten Pool. Ithaca is 1-1 on the season. In the men's meet, Ithaca (1-1) won 139-103 over the Red Dragons (0-1).

Ithaca's women had won the previous 22 meetings between the schools. Cortland's last win was a 79-61 decision in Cortland on Feb. 3, 1982.

Cortland earned both first and second-place finishes in six events. Sophomore Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) won both the 50-yard freestyle (25.06) and 100-yard freestyle (55.35). Sophomore Allie Houseman (Wellsville) was second in both events at 25.11 and 55.81, respectively. Senior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O'Connor) also posted two individual victories. She won the 200-yard individual medley (2:20.74), followed by freshman Sarah O'Loughlin (Pleasantville) in a close second (2:20.98), and she won the 200-yard breaststroke (2:34.42), with junior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour) in second (2:35.26).

O'Loughlin won the 200-yard butterfly (2:15.98) and senior Nicki Damiano (Middletown) was second (2:21.53). Cortland opened the meet with a 1-2 showing in the 400-yard medley relay. Freshman Erica Clark (Sloatsburg/Suffern), Murphy, Damiano and LaBarge posted a time of 4:12.60, while sophomore Marissa Bechtold (Lockport), Talaska, O'Loughlin and senior Trish Heelan (Copiague) finished in 4:15.66.

The Red Dragons also finished the meet with a win by Houseman, sophomore Nikki Welch (Dansville), Damiano and sophomore Krista Lennox (Buffalo/Williamsville East) in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:49.44). Lennox earned individual second-place finishes in both the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:36.21) and 500-yard freestyle (5:36.71). Murphy was second in the 200-yard freestyle (2:04.85) and freshman Amy Jones (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) was second in three-meter diving (177.20 points).

For Ithaca, Kelly Turpin won the 200-yard freestyle (2:03.57) and the 200-yard backstroke (2:17.17) and Jane Mooney won both one-meter (216.55 points) and three-meter (211.00 points) diving.

In the men's meet, sophomore Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) and senior Jack Popper (Merrick/Bellmore JFK) each won two individual events. Chevalier touched the wall first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:03.26) and the 200-yard butterfly (2:01.78). Popper won both one-meter and three-meter diving with scores of 254.55 and 231.85 points, respectively.

Junior Jim Pioli (Grand Island), freshman Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam), Chevalier and freshman Alan Marcel (Central Islip) won the opening 400-yard medley relay (3:45.76). Pioli was second in the 200-yard backstroke (2:06.89), Humphreys placed second in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:22.06) and senior Chris Griffin (Mexico) was second behind Popper on both boards (212.45 points on one-meter, 213.20 points on three-meter). In addition, Marcel, sophomore Pat Connolly (Yorktown/Lakeland), senior Chad Lundwall (Smithtown) and sophomore Chad Shelby (Bohemia/Connetquot) were second in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:28.92).

Ithaca was led by Steve Barnes, who won the 200-yard freestyle (1:47.99) and 100-yard freestyle (50.19) and led off the winning 400-yard freestyle relay team (3:25.25).

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