OSWEGO, N.Y. – Cortland’s women’s swimming and diving team suffered its first dual-meet loss of the season with a 136-107 setback at SUNY Oswego. The Red Dragons are now 5-1. The Cortland men fell to 9-3 in dual action with a 129-114 loss to the Lakers. Oswego’s women are now 7-0 and the men are 6-1 with their victories.

In the women’s meet, Cortland’s combination of freshman Erica Clark (Sloatsburg/Suffern), junior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour), senior Nicki Damiano (Middletown) and sophomore Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) opened with a win in the 400-yard medley relay (4:13.74).

LaBarge won two individual events as well, touching the wall first in the 50-yard freestyle (25.14) and 100-yard freestyle (55.55). Clark claimed top honors in the 200-yard backstroke (2:19.85), Murphy won the 200-yard breaststroke (2:35.60) and freshman Amy Jones (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) won the three-meter diving competition (190.95 points).

Senior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O’Connor) picked up a pair of second-place individual finishes. She was runnerup in the 200-yard individual medley (2:22.71) and the 200-yard breaststroke (2:35.84). Jones was second in one-meter diving (184.20 points), sophomore Krista Lennox (Buffalo/Williamsville East) finished second in the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:24.28), sophomore Allie Houseman (Wellsville) placed second in the 50-yard freestyle (25.62) and freshman Sarah O’Loughlin (Pleasantville) was second in the 200-yard butterfly (2:20.65).

In the men’s meet, sophomore Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) won both the 200-yard individual medley (2:01.99) and the 200-yard butterfly (2:03.09). Sophomore Jason Wiese (Buffalo/Kenmore West) won the 1,000-yard freestyle (10:19.43) and was second in the 500-yard freestyle (5:10.46). Senior Jack Popper (Merrick/Bellmore JFK) triumphed in one-meter diving (254.60 points), and was second on the three-meter board (271.00 points) by only one point.

Freshman Alan Marcel (Central Islip) finished second in the 50-yard freestyle (23.26) and junior Brendan Quest (Staten Island/Monsignor Farrell) was second in the 100-yard freestyle (51.10). Also earning runner-up finishes for the Red Dragons were junior Jim Pioli (Grand Island) in the 200-yard backstroke (2:05.21) and freshman Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam) in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:21.50).

The Cortland women will compete this Saturday at the RPI Invitational. Both the Red Dragon men and women will host Geneseo next Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m. at Holsten Pool.

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