OSWEGO, N.Y. – SUNY Cortland's men's and women's swimming and diving teams each placed second out of five schools at the season-opening SUNY Oswego Sprint Relays. Cortland's women won six of nine relays and finished with 307 points. Oswego, utilizing a little more depth than the Red Dragons, won the meet with 309 points. Oneonta was third (153), followed by Clarkson (97) and Potsdam (72). On the men's side, Oswego finished with 301 points to Cortland's 264. Clarkson placed third with 163, with Oneonta (151) and Potsdam (49) rounding out the field.

Freshman Erica Clark (Sloatsburg/Suffern), junior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour), senior Nicki Damiano (Middletown) and sophomore Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) were all part of three winning relays for the Red Dragons. Sophomore Nikki Welch (Dansville), freshman Sarah O'Loughlin (Pleasantville) and sophomore Allie Houseman (Wellsville) were all on two winning relay entries, while sophomore Marissa Bechtold (Lockport) and senior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O'Connor) earned one win each.

Clark, Murphy, Damiano and LaBarge won the 400-yard medley relay in 4:14.62. Clark, Welch and Bechtold claimed the 300-yard backstroke relay (3:12.64) and LaBarge, Damiano and O'Loughlin won the 300-yard butterfly relay (3:08.83).

Murphy teamed with Talaska and Houseman to win the 300-yard breaststroke relay (3:41.34) and joined Clark and O'Loughlin on the 300-yard medley relay winner (3:23.08). LaBarge, Damiano, Welch and Houseman earned top honors in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:43.69).

For the men, sophomore Chad Shelby (Bohemia/Connetquot), junior Jim Pioli (Grand Island) and sophomore Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) won the 300-yard backstroke relay (2:53.38) and Chevalier, sophomore Pat Connolly (Yorktown/Lakeland) and Pioli won the 300-yard medley relay (2:56.41). In addition, senior Jack Popper (Merrick/Bellmore JFK) won three-meter diving with 234.65 points, less than two points ahead of the runnerup.

Cortland will host Ithaca College in men's and women's dual meets on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. at Holsten Pool.

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