SUNY Cortland Swimming and Diving

Don Richards Invitational; Rochester Institute of Technology; Rochester, N.Y.
Saturday, November 6, 2004

Women's Finish: 1st of 4
Men's Finish: 4th of 4

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – Cortland's women finished first and the men placed fourth at the Don Richards Invitational, hosted by Rochester Institute of Technology. In the women's meet, the Red Dragons finished with 657.5 points, followed by Ithaca's 531.5 points. Alfred was third at 420 points and RIT fourth with 326. In the men's meet, RIT won with 638 points, followed by Alfred (553), Ithaca (477) and Cortland (294).

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 the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:55.74.

Sophomore Allie Houseman (Wellsville) won the 50-yard freestyle (25.58) and tied for second in the 100-yard freestyle (57.47). LaBarge won the 200-yard individual medley (2:19.68) and was second in both the 50-yard freestyle (25.65) and the 100-yard butterfly (1:02.74). Cortland took the top three spots in the 100-yard butterfly. Damiano won the race in 1:02.09, with LaBarge second and freshman Sarah O'Loughlin (Pleasantville) third (1:03.50).

Clark and senior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O'Connor) also posted individual victories for the Red Dragons. Clark won the 100-yard backstroke (1:03.64) and Talaska won the 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.83). The Red Dragons finished the meet with a second-place showing in the 200-yard freestyle relay as Damiano, sophomore Nikki Welch (Dansville), Houseman and LaBarge were timed at 1:44.67.

In the men's meet, senior Jack Popper (Merrick/Bellmore JFK) placed second in three-meter diving (250.40 points) and third on the one-meter board (242.10 points). Sophomore Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) was second in the 200-yard individual medley (2:04.69) and fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:04.88).