Men's Team Standings:
1) Geneseo ........ 305
2) Oswego .......... 198
3) Cortland .......... 176
4) Brockport ........ 94
5) New Paltz ........ 92
6) Buffalo St. ........ 85
7) Oneonta ........ 74
8) Fredonia .......... 49
9) Potsdam .......... 40

Women's Team Standings:
1) Oswego ........ 211.5
2) Geneseo .......... 187.5
3) Cortland .......... 162
4) New Paltz ........ 161
5) Buffalo St. ........ 112
6) Fredonia .......... 101
7) Potsdam .......... 68
8) Brockport ........ 65
9) Oneonta .......... 42

BUFFALO, N.Y. -- The SUNY Cortland men's and women's teams are each in third place after the first full day of competition at the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Swimming and Diving Championships. The meet is being held at the Flickinger Center at Erie Community College and will continue on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 11-12. Cortland's men currently have 176 points, 22 behind second-place Oswego. Geneseo is the leader with 305 points. On the women's side, the Red Dragons have 162 points, one ahead of fourth-place New Paltz. Oswego leads with 211.5 points and Geneseo is second with 187.5.

In the men's meet, Cortland sophomore Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) successfully defended his league title in the 200-yard individual medley. He won the race in 1:57.54, a 0.41 improvement over his winning time from last year. Cortland earned third place finishes in both relays contested on Thursday. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of junior Brendan Quest (Staten Island/Monsignor Farrell), freshman Alan Marcel (Central Islip), junior Jim Pioli (Grand Island) and freshman Jeff Kunkel (Cheektowaga/Cleveland Hill) were clocked at 1:28.27. The 400-yard medley relay unit of Pioli, freshman Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam), Chevalier and Marcel touched the wall in 3:37.42.

Senior Jack Popper (Merrick/Bellmore JFK) placed second in one-meter diving with a score of 409.65 points, while senior Chris Griffin (Mexico) was fourth with 394.10 points. Sophomore Pat Connoily (Yorktown/Lakeland) advanced to the finals in the 200-yard individual medley and finished fifth (1:59.95).

Cortland's women set school records in both relays Thursday evening. The combination of sophomore Allie Houseman (Wellsville), sophomore Marissa Bechtold (Lockport), senior Nicki Damiano (Middletown) and sophomore Nikki LaBarge (Morrisville/Peru) finished second in 1:39.64, missing the NCAA "B" cut by 0.05 seconds. The previous school record of 1:39.93 was set in 1983. The Red Dragons also eclipsed the school record in the 400-yard medley relay as freshman Erica Clark (Sloatsburg/Suffern), junior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour), Damiano and LaBarge placed fourth in 4:05.64. The previous mark of 4:06.62 was set in 1998.

Five Red Dragons placed in the top six of their events. Houseman finished third in the 50-yard freestyle with her time of 24.73 seconds. LaBarge set a school record in the 50-yard freestyle in the morning's preliminaries and missed an NCAA "B" cut by a tenth of a second with her time of 24.59 seconds. The previous school record was 24.70 seconds in 2002. LaBarge, however, finished fifth in the finals with a time of 25.24 after suffering from a poor start.

Senior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O'Connor) was third in the 200-yard individual medley (2:15.67), sophomore Krista Lennox (Buffalo/Williamsville East) was fifth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:20.96) and freshman Amy Jones (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) finished sixth in three-meter diving (333.70 points).

Full results from the meet are available online at:
http://www.buffalostate.edu/athletics/swimchamp.htm

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