BUFFALO, N.Y. -- The SUNY Cortland men's and women's teams each remained in third place after the second 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 conclude on Saturday, Feb. 12. Cortland's men currently have 363 points, 34 behind second-place Oswego. Geneseo leads with 612 points. The Red Dragon women have 374 points, 22 ahead of fourth-place New Paltz. Oswego leads with 483.5 points and Geneseo is second with 423.5.

Cortland's women set three school records on Friday and have established six school records during the first two days. The 200-yard medley relay combination of freshman Erica Clark (Sloatsburg/Suffern), junior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour), senior Nicki Damiano (Middletown) and sophomore Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) set a school record and reached an NCAA “B” cut with their third-place time of 1:51.56. The previous mark of 1:53.40 was set in 1998. The same foursome set the school record in the 400-yard medley relay on Thursday.

Damiano and senior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O’Connor) each claimed individual titles, with Damiano reaching a school record in the process. Damiano won the 100-yard butterfly in 59.71 seconds. The prior mark of 59.76 seconds was set in 2000. Talaska captured the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:09.01.

Cortland’s 800-yard freestyle relay unit of senior Trish Heelan (Copiague), sophomore Marissa Bechtold (Lockport), freshman Johanna Fredrickson (Cortland) and sophomore Krista Lennox (Buffalo/Williamsville East) broke the school record with their fourth-place time of 8:05.98. The previous record of 8:06.84 was set in 2002. Other Red Dragon women who advanced to the finals in their events were Murphy in both the 100-yard breaststroke (third, 1:09.44) and the 400-yard individual medley (sixth, 4:51.12), LaBarge in the 100-yard butterfly (third, 1:00.24), freshman Sarah O'Loughlin (Pleasantville) in the 400-yard individual medley (fifth, 4:50.90) and Clark in the 100-yard backstroke (sixth, 1:02.88).

In the men's meet, Cortland sophomore Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) repeated as league champion in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:13.35. His time is more than one second better than his winning time last year. Chevalier won the 200-yard individual medley for the second straight year on Thursday. Sophomore Pat Connolly (Yorktown/Lakeland) finished second in the 400-yard individual medley behind Chevalier with a time of 4:16.66.

Junior Jim Pioli (Grand Island) placed third in the 100-yard backstroke (54.34), junior Brendan Quest (State Island/Monsignor Farrell) was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly (54.18) and freshman Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam) finished fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:01.08). The 800-yard freestyle relay team of Chevalier, Connolly, senior Chad Lundwall (Smithtown) and freshman Jeremy Cuevas (Brentwood) finished third (7:17.53) and the 200-yard medley relay squad of Pioli, Humphreys, Quest and freshman Alan Marcel (Central Islip) was fourth (1:39.46).

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