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SUNY Cortland Swimming and Diving

After Day 3 of 3 at SUNYAC Swimming and Diving Championships
Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005; Flickinger Center; Erie Community College; Buffalo, N.Y.

FINAL Men's Team Standings:
1) Geneseo ........ 939
2) Oswego .......... 611
3) Cortland .......... 543
4) New Paltz .......... 349
5) Brockport .......... 298
6) Buffalo St. ........ 275
7) Oneonta ........ 268
8) Fredonia .......... 161
9) Potsdam .......... 115

FINAL Women's Team Standings:
1) Oswego ...... 718.5
2) Geneseo ...... 641.5
3) Cortland ...... 561
4) New Paltz ...... 527
5) Fredonia ...... 285
6) Buffalo St. .... 239
7) Oneonta .... 227
8) Potsdam .... 203
9) Brockport .... 174

BUFFALO, N.Y. -- The SUNY Cortland men's and women's teams each finished third at the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Swimming and Diving Championships. The meet was held at Erie Community College's Flickinger Center. Geneseo's men won their seventh straight title with 939 points, followed by Oswego (611) and Cortland (543) in the nine-team field. On the women's side, Oswego won the meet with 718.5 points and snapped Geneseo's 15-year league championship streak. Geneseo placed second (641.5), Cortland third (561) and New Paltz fourth (527) among nine teams.

Cortland's women established three more school records during the final day of competition and broke nine school records during the three-day meet, including new marks in all five relays. Senior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O'Connor) finished second in the 200-yard breaststroke in a school-record and NCAA “B” cut time of 2:28.79. Sophomore Krista Lennox (Buffalo/Williamsville East) was fourth in the 1,650-yard freestyle in a school-best 18:17.75, and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of sophomore Allie Houseman (Wellsville), Lennox, sophomore Marissa Bechtold (Lockport) and sophomore Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) was third in a school-record 3:39.53.

LaBarge finished the meet with one individual school record as well as being part of four relay records. Senior Nicki Damiano (Middletown) set one individual mark and was on three record-setting relays, Lennox notched one individual record and two relay marks and Bechtold was on three of the relay teams.

Other women's highlights on the final day included a third-place finish by LaBarge in the 100-yard freestyle (54.22) and fourth-place showings by junior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour) in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:33.26) and freshman Sarah O'Loughlin (Pleasantville) in the 200-yard butterfly (2:15.96). Houseman finished fifth in the 100-yard freestyle (55.03), freshman Erica Clark (Sloatsburg/Suffern) was fifth in the 200-yard backstroke (2:14.34) and freshman Amy Jones (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) placed seventh in one-meter diving (299.55 points).

In the men's meet, senior Jack Popper (Merrick/Bellmore JFK) won three-meter diving with a score of 468.20 points, while senior Chris Griffin (Mexico) was third with 413.20 points. Sophomore Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) was second in the 200-yard butterfly (1:56.95), junior Jim Pioli (Grand Island) finished fourth in the 200-yard backstroke (1:59.17) and freshman Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam) placed fourth in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:12.32).

The Red Dragon 400-yard freestyle relay team of Chevalier, Pioli, freshman Jeremy Cuebas (Brentwood) and freshman Alan Marcel (Central Islip) finished fourth in 3:14.94. Other Cortland entries earning top-eight finishes were freshman Coop Paulson (Mt. Vision/Laurens) in the 200-yard breaststroke (sixth, 2:15.01), sophomore Pat Connolly (Yorktown/Lakeland) in the 200-yard butterfly (sixth, 2:01.58), sophomore Jason Wiese (Buffalo/Kenmore West) in the 1,650-yard freestyle (eighth, 17:43.89) and freshman Kevin Stuttle (Dryden) in three-meter diving (eighth, 344.90 points).

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

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