SUNY Cortland Swimming and Diving

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Geneseo
Tuesday, January 24, 2006; Geneseo, N.Y.

WOMEN’S FINAL SCORE: Geneseo 120, Cortland 117
MEN’S FINAL SCORE: Geneseo 126, Cortland 108

GENESEO, N.Y. – The SUNY Cortland swimming and diving teams each dropped dual-meet decisions at Geneseo, with the women being edged, 120-117, and the men losing, 126-108. Cortland’s women are now 8-3-1 and the men are 11-2. Geneseo’s women remain unbeaten this season at 10-0 and the men are 9-1.

Cortland’s women entered the final event, the 200-yard freestyle relay, needing to take the top two spots in order to win the meet. The Red Dragons did win the event, as junior Nikki Welch (Dansville), senior Lisa Benamati (Fredonia), freshman Samantha Long (Cheektowaga) and junior Marissa Bechtold (Lockport) finished in 1:44.67, but Geneseo placed second, two tenths of a second behind, to hold on for the team victory.

Junior Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) won both the 50-yard freestyle (25.07) and 100-yard freestyle (1:00.36) for the Red Dragons, while sophomore Amy Jones (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) won both one-meter diving (211.50 points) and three-meter diving (218.45 points).

Bechtold placed second in the 200-yard freestyle (2:04.04) and 100-yard backstroke (1:04.36). The 200-yard medley relay of freshman Lauren Friedlander (Woodbury/Syosset), senior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour), LaBarge and junior Allie Houseman (Wellsville) came in second in the opening 200-yard medley relay. Their time of 1:54.62 was only 0.09 seconds behind Geneseo’s winning time.

Other Red Dragon runners-up were Houseman in the 100-yard freestyle (55.35), junior Krista Lennox (Williamsville/Williamsville East) in the 500-yard freestyle (5:30.83), Murphy in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.99) and divers Stephanie Petfield (Thornwood/Westlake) (159.90 pts. on one-meter) and Jeannine McNamara (Williamsville/Williamsville East) (157.85 pts. on three-meter).

In the men’s meet, Red Dragon junior Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) won both the 200-yard freestyle (1:48.98) and the 500-yard freestyle (4:55.88). Freshman Dave Dow (Glastonbury, CT) finished first in the 1,650-yard freestyle (17:15.17), with Chevalier placing second in 17:43.65.

Sophomore Alan Marcel (Central Islip) won the 50-yard freestyle (22.62) and teamed with sophomore Jeff Kunkel (Cheektowaga/Cleveland Hill), sophomore Jeremy Cuebas (Brentwood) and freshman Drew Hilker (Ithaca) for the second-fastest time in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:30.56). Cortland also placed second in the 200-yard medley relay as senior Jim Pioli (Grand Island), sophomore Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam), junior Sunny Porras (Great Neck/Great Neck North) and Hilker were clocked in 1:40.77.

Sophomore Kevin Stuttle (Dryden) finished second in both diving events, scoring 230.05 points on the one-meter board and 214.40 points on the three-meter board. Junior Pat Connolly (Shrub Oak/Lakeland) was second in the 400-yard individual medley (4:28.82) and Humphreys was runner-up in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:01.32).

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