TROY, N.Y. – The Cortland men’s swimming and diving team placed second out of seven schools at the Kumpf Invitational, hosted by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Ithaca finished first in the team standings with 547 points, edging Cortland by nine points. Rensselaer was third (514), followed by New Paltz (241), Clarkson (224), Oneonta (150) and Skidmore (14).

The invitational was also scored as dual meets between each of the competing schools. Cortland won five of the six duals and is now 10-1 on the season. Cortland actually defeated Ithaca in dual scoring, 125-109, but lost to Rensselaer, 122-120. The Red Dragons easily outscored their other opponents.

Junior Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) won three individual events for the Red Dragons, posting the top times in the 1,000-yard freestyle (10:13.57), the 200-yard individual medley (2:01.48) and the 200-yard butterfly (2:03.06). Sophomore Alan Marcel (Central Islip) won the 50-yard freestyle (22.42) and was fifth in the 100-yard freestyle (51.30).

Senior Jim Pioli (Grand Island), sophomore Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam), junior Pat Connolly (Shrub Oak/Lakeland) and Marcel combined to finish second in the 400-yard medley relay in 3:42.69. Cortland also took fourth place in the event as freshman Roy Culkin (Holtsville/Sachem East), freshman James Poffenbarger (Owego/Owego Free Academy), junior Sunny Porras (Great Neck/Great Neck North) and Connolly finished second in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:21.57).

Pioli was the runner-up in the 200-yard backstroke (2:02.19), while Humphreys was second in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:13.99) and fifth in the 200-yard individual medley (2:05.86). Kunkel placed third in the 50-yard freestyle (22.66) and Cuebas was third in the 100-yard freestyle (50.97) and sixth in the 200-yard freestyle (1:53.39).

Sophomore Kevin Stuttle (Dryden) finished fourth in one-meter diving (222.65 pts.), freshman Dave Dow (Glastonbury, CT) was fourth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:04.58) and Connolly finished fifth in the 200-yard butterfly (2:05.60) and sixth in the 200-yard individual medley (2:06.23). Sophomore Jacob Howell (Newfield) earned a fifth-place finish on the three-meter diving board (185.00 pts.).

Turning in sixth-place individual finishes were Culkin in both the 1,000-yard freestyle (10:53.97) and the 200-yard backstroke (2:08.59), freshman Eric Strahley (Oswego) in the 50-yard freestyle (23.37) and junior Jason Wiese (Buffalo/Kenmore West) in the 500-yard freestyle (5:18.56).

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