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SUNY Cortland Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving
After Day 1 of 3 at SUNYAC Swimming and Diving Championships
Thursday, February 9, 2006 -- Flickinger Center; Erie Community College; Buffalo, N.Y.

Men’s Team Standings:
1) Geneseo..................280
2) Cortland ...................196
3) Oswego ...................185
4) Brockport .................112
5) New Paltz .................88
6) Fredonia ....................76
7) Buffalo St...................65
8) Oneonta.....................58
9) Potsdam .....................40

Women’s Team Standings:
1) Oswego....................230.5
2) Cortland ...................188
3) Geneseo ..................155.5
4) New Paltz .................140
5) Fredonia ....................139
6) Oneonta .....................91
7) Buffalo St...................82
8) Brockport .................54
9) Potsdam .....................48

BUFFALO, N.Y. – Cortland broke five school records, including four on the women’s side, and reached two NCAA Division III provisional qualifying standards during the first full day of competition at the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Swimming and Diving Championships. The Red Dragons are currently second out of nine teams in both the men’s and women’s standings. Geneseo leads the men’s meet with 280 points, followed by Cortland’s 196. Oswego has 230.5 points in the women’s meet to Cortland’s 188.

On the women’s side, Cortland set school records in two individual events and two relays. Junior Allie Houseman (Wellsville) placed second in the 50-yard freestyle in 24.21 seconds, an NCAA provisional time and just 0.05 seconds behind the winner. Junior Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru), who held the previous 50-yard freestyle record at 24.59 from last season, set a school mark with her winning time of 2:11.48 in the 200-yard individual medley. She won the race by 0.06 seconds and missed NCAA provisional status by 0.49 seconds. The prior record was set by Beth Dobberstein in 1998 (2:13.14).

LaBarge and Houseman were also part of both record-setting relays. The 200-yard freestyle relay combo of LaBarge, Houseman, junior Marissa Bechtold (Lockport) and freshman Lauren Friedlander (Woodbury/Syosset) finished first in 1:37.76, an NCAA provisional qualifier. The previous mark of 1:39.64 was set last year, with LaBarge, Houseman and Bechtold combining with Nicki Damiano. Cortland also won the 400-yard medley relay as Friedlander, senior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour), LaBarge and Houseman finished in a school-record 4:02.89. Murphy and LaBarge were on last year’s prior record holding relay (4:05.64) along with Damiano and Erica Clark.

Other Red Dragon women earning top-eight finishes on Day One included junior Krista Lennox (Williamsville/Williamsville East), who was third in the 500-yard freestyle (5:18.64), Friedlander and Bechtold, who placed sixth (25.31) and eighth (25.60, 25.40 prelims), respectively, in the 50-yard freestyle, and sophomore Amy Jones (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake), who finished fifth in three-meter diving (355.20 pts.).

In the men’s meet, the 400-yard medley relay team of senior Jim Pioli (Grand Island), sophomore Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam), junior Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) and freshman Drew Hilker (Ithaca) eclipsed a 14-year old school record with their second-place time of 3:31.17. The old record of 3:31.47 was set by Brian Williams, Matt Schilling, current head coach Brian Tobin and Matt Mitchell in 1992.

Chevalier claimed his third consecutive league 200-yard individual medley title with a time of 1:57.09, while sophomore Alan Marcel (Central Islip) finished second in the 50-yard freestyle (21.35, 21.31 prelims) and sophomore Kevin Stuttle (Dryden) was third in one-meter diving (410.95 pts.). The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Marcel, Hilker, junior Sunny Porras (Great Neck/Great Neck North) and Pioli finished second in 1:25.15, missing NCAA provisional status by just 0.25 seconds.

Other Cortland men finishing in the top eight were freshman Dave Dow (Glastonbury, CT), who was fourth in the 500-yard freestyle (4:49.35), junior Pat Connolly (Shrub Oak/Lakeland), who placed fourth in the 200-yard individual medley (1:59.26), and Pioli, who was fifth in the 50-yard freestyle (21.82).

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