BUFFALO, N.Y. – Cortland established five school records, increasing its record count to 10 in two days, during the second day of competition at the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Swimming and Diving Championships. Both the Red Dragon men’s and women’s teams maintained their second-place standing with one day remaining in the competition.

The first women’s record broken was actually an improvement by junior Allie Houseman (Wellsville) of her own 50-yard freestyle record set the previous day. Houseman swam the event in 24.14 in a time trial Friday, eclipsing her mark of 24.21. Junior Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) broke an individual record for the second straight day with a third-place time of 59.46 in the 100-yard butterfly. The previous mark of 59.71 was set last year by Nicki Damiano.

Cortland also broke two relay records. The 200-yard medley relay of freshman Lauren Friedlander (Woodbury/Syosset), senior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour), LaBarge and Houseman finished second in 1:51.36. They lost the race by 0.21 seconds, but broke last year’s school record by 0.20 seconds. The 800-yard freestyle relay of junior Marissa Bechtold (Lockport), sophomore Johanna Fredrickson (Cortland), Friedlander and junior Krista Lennox (Williamsville/Williamsville East) turned in a second-place time of 8:05.60, bettering last year’s record of 8:05.98.

Friedlander finished second in the 100-yard backstroke (1:01.87, 1:01.37 prelims), losing in the finals by 0.31 seconds. Murphy placed third in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:09.66), but was only a half second slower than the winner. Other top-eight finishes for the women included a fifth-place effort by Houseman in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:10.10, 1:09.52 prelims), Murphy's seventh-place showing in the 400-yard individual medley (4:54.06, 4:53.05 prelims), freshman Samantha Long (Cheektowaga) in the 100-yard butterfly (1:03.36, 1:03.25 prelims), Lennox in the 200-yard freestyle (2:01.74, 2:00.57 prelims) and freshman Kaelyn Schaefer (Rochester/Gates-Chili) in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.38, 1:11.05 prelims).

Cortland’s men posted three victories during the second day of competition, highlighted by sophomore Brett Humphreys’ (Amsterdam) win in the 100-yard breaststroke. His winning time of 57.89 seconds was both a new SUNYAC meet record and school record, and also provisionally qualified him for the NCAA Division III Championships. The previous school record of 58.89 seconds was established by Art Boyko in 1987. Junior Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) won the league 400-yard individual medley title for the third straight season with a time of 4:11.11. Chevalier won last year’s race with a then-personal best time of 4:13.35. Senior Jim Pioli (Grand Island), Humphreys, junior Sunny Porras (Great Neck/Great Neck North) and sophomore Alan Marcel (Central Islip) won the 200-yard medley relay (1:36.16) by just 0.05 seconds.

Junior Pat Connolly (Shrub Oak/Lakeland) finished second behind Chevalier in the 400-yard individual medley (4:15.17). Pioli was third in the 100-yard backstroke (53.85) and the 800-yard freestyle relay team of Chevalier, Connolly, freshman Dave Dow (Glastonbury, CT) and sophomore Jeremy Cuebas (Brentwood) finished third (7:11.68). Also in the top eight were Humphreys in the 400-yard individual medley (4th, 4:17.59), freshman Drew Hilker (Ithaca) in the 100-yard butterfly (4th, 53.72, 53.53 prelims), freshman James Poffenbarger (Owego/Owego Free Academy) in the 100-yard breaststroke (6th, 1:01.50, 1:01.47 prelims), Cuebas in the 200-yard freestyle (7th, 1:48.84, 1:47.54 prelims) and freshman Roy Culkin (Holtsville/Sachem East) in the 100-yard backstroke (7th, 56.37, 56.26 prelims).

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