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SUNY Cortland Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving
After Day 3 of 3 at SUNYAC Swimming and Diving Championships
Saturday, February 11, 2006 -- Flickinger Center; Erie Community College; Buffalo, N.Y.

FINAL Men’s Team Standings:
1) Geneseo ............... 845.5
2) Cortland ............... 650.5
3) Oswego ............... 640
4) Brockport ............. 309
5) New Paltz ............. 289
6) Oneonta .............. 250
7) Buffalo St. ......... 242
8) Fredonia .......... 221
9) Potsdam ........... 87

FINAL Women’s Team Standings:
1) Oswego ............... 827
2) Cortland ............... 596
3) New Paltz ........... 566
4) Geneseo ............. 510
5) Fredonia ........... 348
6) Buffalo St. .......... 256
7) Oneonta .......... 238
8) Brockport ....... 128
9) Potsdam ........... 126

BUFFALO, N.Y. – Cortland’s men’s and women’s teams each finished in second place at the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Swimming and Diving Championships, held at Erie Community College’s Flickinger Center. The Red Dragon men finished with 650.5 points, 10.5 ahead of third-place Oswego. Geneseo won the meet with 845.5 points. The women scored 596 points, 30 ahead of third place New Paltz. Oswego won with 827 points. Cortland’s men’s finish is its best since a second-place showing in the 1999-2000 season, while the women posted their best finish since a second-place effort in the 1997-98 season. Following the meet, Cortland head coach Brian Tobin was named the SUNYAC Men’s Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year.

Freshman Lauren Friedlander (Woodbury/Syosset) highlighted Cortland’s women’s performances during the final day Saturday as she won the 200-yard backstroke with an NCAA provisional qualifying and school record time of 2:09.40. The previous school record of 2:10.61 was set by Megan McKenna in 2002.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of junior Allie Houseman (Wellsville), junior Marissa Bechtold (Lockport), junior Krista Lennox (Williamsville/Williamsville East) and junior Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) placed second in 3:40.12. Houseman finished third in the 100-yard freestyle (54.25), senior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour) was third in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:31.58) and Lennox finished fourth in the 1,650-yard freestyle (18:20.41).

Other top eight finishes for the Cortland women Saturday were sixth-place efforts by LaBarge in the 200-yard butterfly (2:16.41, 2:15.02 prelims) and sophomore Amy Jones (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) in one-meter diving (359.65 pts.), seventh-place showings by sophomore Sarah O’Loughlin (Pleasantville) in the 200-yard butterfly (2:17.70) and sophomore Erica Clark (Sloatsburg/Suffern) in the 200-yard backstroke (2:15.68) and an eighth-place finish by freshman Kat Evans (Dix Hills/Hallow Hills East) in the 200-yard backstroke (2:18.23; 2:16.33 prelims).

On the men’s side, freshman Dave Dow (Glastonbury, CT) won the 1,650-yard freestyle (16:36.60) to earn Cortland’s lone victory of the day. Sophomore Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam), however, did provisionally qualify for NCAA’s in the 200-yard breaststroke with a second-place time of 2:08.08.

Other Red Dragon runners-up were freshman Drew Hilker (Ithaca) in the 100-yard freestyle (47.56) and the 400-yard freestyle relay of sophomore Alan Marcel (Central Islip), Hilker, sophomore Jeremy Cuebas (Brentwood) and senior Jim Pioli (Grand Island) (3:11.49). Junior Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) finished third in the 1,650-yard freestyle (16:49.60), junior Pat Connolly (Shrub Oak/Lakeland) was fourth in the 200-yard butterfly (1:58.94) and sophomore Kevin Stuttle (Dryden) finished fourth in three-meter diving (402.85 pts.).

Three other Cortland men finished in the top eight of their events. Pioli was sixth in the 200-yard backstroke (1:58.69), Dow finished sixth in the 200-yard butterfly (2:03.21, 2:00.01 prelims) and freshman Jim Roesser (Suffern) was seventh in the 200-yard butterfly (2:04.51).