NEW YORK, N.Y. – Freshman Ashleigh Rajkowski (Tribes Hill/Fonda-Fultonville) set a new school record and provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in the triple jump at the predominantly Division I and II NYC Collegiate Opener.

Rajkowski finished third in the event with a distance of 36’ 11.5”. The previous school record of 36’ 10.5” was set by Jennifer Sponenberg in 1993.

The Red Dragons qualified for the ECAC Division III Championships in four other events. Junior Megan Kelley (Newburgh/Walkill) finished third in the pole vault (10’ 0”), senior Jackie Ferrentino (Buffalo/West Seneca East) was fourth in the 500 meters (1:19.41) and sophomore Christina Acquaviva (Utica/Proctor) placed 10th in the 200-meter dash (26.60). The 4x400-meter relay team of Ferrentino, freshman Ashley Wirges (Hopewell Junction/Arlington), sophomore Jessie Ellis (Springville/Springville Griffith Inst.) and sophomore Kathy Steenburgh (Fairport) were clocked at 4:09.35 (their place is not presently known).

Cortland's pole vaulters will be attending the 2005 Pole Vault Summit, a clinic and competition, in Reno, Nevada, next Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21-22. The rest of Cortland's squad will compete next Saturday at the St. Lawrence University Invitational.