GENEVA, N.Y. – Cortland placed second out of nine teams at the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Indoor Track and Field Championships, held at the Robert A. Bristol Fieldhouse at Hobart/William Smith.

The Red Dragons finished with 142 points, 60 ahead of third-place Oneonta. Geneseo won the title with 250 points. Brockport finished fourth (80.5), followed by Fredonia (75), Plattsburgh (55.5), Oswego (31) and Buffalo St. (17).

Sophomore Christina Acquaviva (Utica/Proctor) won two events and finished in the top eight in two other individual events plus one relay. She provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships with her winning efforts in the 55-meter hurdles (8.57) and long jump (17’ 11”). She also finished fourth in the 55-meter dash (7.52) and seventh in the high jump (4’ 10.25”).

The combination of senior Jackie Ferrentino (Buffalo/West Seneca East), junior Andrea Gentile (Middletown/Minisink Valley), Acquaviva and freshman Ashley Wirges (Hopewell Junction/Arlington) placed second with an ECAC Division III Championship qualifying time of 4:04.92.

Gentile was barely edged by Acquaviva in the 55-meter hurdle finals. Her time of 8.58 seconds was 0.01 behind and was also an NCAA provisional qualifier. Freshman Ashleigh Rajkowski (Tribes Hill/Fonda-Fultonville) hit an NCAA provisional mark in the triple jump, finishing second at 36’ 8.25”. Ferrentino was runnerup in the 400 meters (59.28), junior Megan Kelley (Newburgh/Wallkill) finished second in the pole vault (ECAC qualifying 10’ 0”) and senior Rachel Glod (Waterville) placed second in the weight throw (ECAC qualifying 45’ 9.75”).

The quartet of freshman Johanna Roth (Lagrangeville/Millbrook), freshman Colleen Martin (Centereach/Ward Melville), junior Jen Longwell (Elmira/Southside) and sophomore Diana Oehm (Monroe/Monroe-Woodbury) finished second in the distance medley relay (13:32.70). Wirges finished third with ECAC qualifying times in both the 200-meter dash (26.47) and 500 meters (1:19.25), and the 4x800-meter relay team of Longwell, sophomore Rachel Sweet (Rochester/Greece Athena), sophomore Bree Zogaria (Depew) and Roth placed third (10:10.41).

Cortland’s other “top-eight” finishers at the meet were:

Jackie Ferrentino, 4th, 200-meter dash (26.63) (ECAC)
Christine Post, 4th, High Jump (5’ 0.25”)
Tiffany Lancaster, 4th, Pole Vault (10’ 0”) (ECAC)
Ashleigh Rajkowski, 4th, Long Jump (16’ 8”) (ECAC)
Katie Brody, 4th, Shot Put (36’ 11.75”)

Bree Zogaria, 5th, 500 meters (1:21.04) (ECAC)
Amanda Failing, 5th, Pole Vault (9’ 5.75”)

Rachel Sweet, 6th, 1,000 meters (3:09.55) (ECAC)
Jackie Warner, 6th, High Jump (5’ 0.25”)

Jessie Ellis, 7th, 500 meters (1:24.16)
Jackie Warner, 8th, Triple Jump (33’ 5.25”)
Joven Weir, 8th, Shot Put (35’ 7.75”)

Each event champion at the meet earned first team All-SUNYAC honors and each runnerup is second team All-SUNYAC.

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