ONEONTA, N.Y. – The SUNY Cortland women’s track and field team finished third out of eight teams at the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) outdoor championships, hosted by SUNY Oneonta.

Geneseo won its third straight league title with 196 points. Brockport was second (154.5), followed by Cortland (132), Oneonta (96), Fredonia (78.5), Plattsburgh (70), Oswego (32) and Buffalo State (17).

Sophomore Christina Acquaviva (Utica/Proctor) was the top individual scorer at the meet. She recorded two first-place finishes along with a third-place and a fourth-place finish to score 30 points in solo events, and she was also part of a second-place relay team that scored eight points. Acquaviva successfully defended her league 100-meter hurdle title with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 14.62 seconds. She won the long jump with an NCAA provisional distance of 18’ 3”, placed third in the 200-meter dash (25.94) and was fourth in the high jump (4’ 10.5”). She also led off the Red Dragons’ second-place 4x100-meter relay (49.86), followed by freshman Ashley Wirges (Hopewell Junction/Arlington), sophomore Jamie Ross (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and senior Jackie Ferrentino (Buffalo/West Seneca East).

Junior Megan Kelley (Newburgh/Wallkill) established both school and SUNYAC meet records in the pole vault with her NCAA provisional-qualifying height of 11’ 0.25”. She had held a share of the previous school record at 10’ 6”. Sophomore Tiffany Lancaster (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) was second in the event, clearing 10’ 0”.

Ferrentino provisionally qualified for the NCAA’s with her winning time of 1:04.21 in the 400-meter hurdles. Senior Betsy Schultz (Akron) finished second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (11:24.11), Wirges was third in the 400 meters (59.48), senior Rachel Glod (Waterville) placed third in the hammer throw (145’ 4”) and freshman Joven Weir (Mt. Vernon) was third in the javelin (99’ 8”). In addition, the 4x400-meter relay team of Ferrentino, Ross, junior Jen Longwell (Elmira/Southside) and Wirges finished third (4:06.26).

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

- Jen Longwell, 4th, 800 meters, 2:23.30 (2:21.55 in prelims)
- Jamie Ross, 4th, 400 meters, 59.95
- Ashley Wirges, 4th, 200-meter dash, 26.07
- Betsy Schultz, 5th, 5,000 meters, 18:50.37
- Joven Weir, 5th, Shot Put, 33’ 5.25”
- Tara Caley, 6th, Discus, 106’ 7”
- Holly Younglove, 6th, 3,000-meter steeplechase, 12:42.52
- Jessie Ellis, 7th, 400 meters, 1:03.62
- Colleen Martin, 7th, Javelin, 84’ 1”

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

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