LONG BEACH, CALIF. – Cortland opened its outdoor track and field season with a sixth-place finish at the Long Beach Classic, hosted by Long Beach State University. The meet marked the return of Cortland head coach Shawn Wilbourn to his alma mater, where he was a standout football and track and field athlete.

Cornell won the meet with 168 points, followed by Long Beach State (142), Yale (121), Utah Valley State (106), Orange Coast College (72), Cortland (69), Heidelberg (59), Golden West College (34) and Biola (8).

Junior Christina Acquaviva (Utica/T.R. Proctor) turned in three top-eight finishes at the meet. She was fourth in the long jump (17’ 0.25”), fifth in the 100-meter hurdles (15.13) and eighth in the javelin (99’ 7”). Junior Michelle Jones (Burnt Hills/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) finished third in the 800 meters (2:18.81) and senior Andrea Gentile (Middletown/Minisink Valley) placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (15.08). Gentile missed NCAA provisional qualifying status in the hurdles by just 0.05 seconds.

Freshman Alanna Hollborn (Islip Terrace/East Islip) finished fifth in the 400-meter hurdles (1:05.77) and senior Jen Longwell (Elmira/Southside) was sixth in the 800 meters (2:19.91). Freshman Sarah Kimball (Liverpool), freshman Keri Laviska (Binghamton/Susquehanna Valley) and freshman Katie McEvoy (Batavia) each cleared 10’ 0” in the pole vault. Due to fewer misses, Kimball finished sixth in the event while Laviska and McEvoy tied for seventh. In addition, junior Jessie Ellis (Springville/Springville Griffith Inst.) placed seventh in the high jump by clearing 4’ 9”.

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