ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Junior Christina Acquaviva (Utica/T.R. Proctor) won two events and finished second in two others, and senior Andrea Gentile (Middletown/Minisink Valley) set a new meet and school record in the 55-meter hurdles, as Cortland finished third out of 16 schools at the New York State Collegiate Track Conference (NYSCTC) Women’s Indoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by RIT. Geneseo won the meet with 150 points, followed by Brockport (128.5), Cortland (121) and Ithaca (112.5).

Acquaviva was named the NYSCTC Women’s Track Athlete of the Year following the meet. She set a meet record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.94 seconds and won the 55-meter dash in 7.41 seconds. She placed second in the 55-meter hurdles with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 8.47 seconds and was also second in the long jump (17’ 7.75”). When factoring in her first place finish in the state pentathlon, held last Sunday, Acquaviva scored a total of 46 points in individual events – more than the entire team point total for 10 schools in the meet.

Gentile improved her school record and NCAA automatic qualifying time in the 55-meter hurdles with her meet record time of 8.18 seconds. Sophomore Ashley Wirges (Beekman/Arlington) was Cortland’s other state champion with a time of 1:16.97 in the 500 meters.

Junior Michelle Jones (Burnt Hills/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) placed second in the 800 meters with an NCAA provisional time of 2:17.49 and Wirges was fourth in the 200 meters (27.08, 26.83 in prelims).

The Red Dragons finished second in three relays. Wirges, freshman Heather Lynch (Sloatsburg/Suffern), freshman Kate Omans (Bayport/St. John the Baptist) and Gentile were clocked at 1:48.40 in the 4x200-meter relay. Omans, freshman Alanna Hollborn (Islip Terrace/East Islip), junior Jessie Ellis (Springville/Springville Griffith Inst.) and Wirges were runner-up in the 4x400-meter relay (4:07.80) and senior Jen Longwell (Elmira/Southside), Jones, sophomore Britt Warren (Syracuse/Liverpool) and freshman Liz Wolff (Syracuse/Henninger) finished second in the 4x800-meter relay (9:47.83).

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