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SUNY Cortland Men’s and Women’s Cross Country

at Lehigh University Paul Short Run
Friday, September 29, 2006; Bethlehem, Pa.

Men’s Finish: 4th place (Invitational Race)
Women’s Finish: 4th place (Open Race)

BETHLEHEM, PA. - The SUNY Cortland men’s cross country team, ranked 29th nationally in Division III, finished in fourth place out of 42 teams in a primarily Division I field in the invitational division of the Lehigh University Paul Short Run. Cortland’s women, which was among the “also receiving votes” in the latest Division III national poll, ran in the women’s open division and placed fourth out of 27 teams.

The Red Dragon men finished with 247 points, placing only behind Villanova (103), Pittsburgh (166) and Columbia (188). Cortland defeated 28 Division I schools along with four ranked Division III teams - #3 Haverford, #13 College of New Jersey, #16 Elizabethtown and #25 Trinity (Conn.).

Sophomore Shamus Nally (Burnt Hills/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) placed 21st out of 278 runners overall and was the third-best Division III finishers with a time of 24:52 over 8,000 meters. Senior Andrew Cloke (Elmira/Elmira Notre Dame) finished 31st (25:03), freshman Seth DuBois (Altamont/Guilderland) was 60th (25:22) and sophomore Josh Henry (Truxton/Homer) finished 67th (25:25).

All seven of Cortland’s runners in the race easily finished in the top half of the field. Sophomore Ken Little (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) crossed the finish line 73rd (25:30), freshman Jerry Greenlaw (Warwick/Warwick Valley) placed 92nd (25:41) and freshman Justin Wager (Guilderland) finished 104th (25:48).

Haverford won the women’s open division race with 107 points, followed by Wayne State (149), Swarthmore (161) and Cortland (172). While most of the teams in the race were Division II and III schools, the field did include many Division I individuals who did not run for their schools in the invitational race.

Cortland’s first seven finishers placed in the top third of the 401-runner field. Senior Rachel Sweet (Rochester/Greece Athena) and sophomore Brittany Brunetto (Fishkill/Beacon) basically crossed the line together with times of 23:37 over 6,000 meters. Sweet was officially 64th and Brunetto finished 65th.

Senior Michelle Jones (Ballston Spa/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) finished 81st (23:52), while sophomore Erin McGrath (Oakdale/Connetquot) and sophomore Alanna Hollborn (Islip Terrace/East Islip) were 119th and 120th, respectively, both with times of 24:13. Rounding out the Red Dragons’ top seven were sophomore Ashley Wirges (Hopewell Junction/Arlington) in 124th place (24:17) and freshman Nicole Staudt (Rocky Point) in 132nd place (24:22).

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