ONEONTA, N.Y. – Cortland claimed the top four individual spots, including a course-record performance by senior Andrew Cloke (Elmira/Elmira Notre Dame), to easily take top honors in the men’s division of the Oneonta Airfield Invitational. The Red Dragons finished second in the women’s race behind a fifth-place finish from sophomore Alanna Hollborn (Islip Terrace/East Islip).

The Cortland men scored 17 points to easily capture the team title in the nine-school field. Ithaca finished second with 97 points, with Oneonta (101), Hamilton (103) and Division I Colgate (114) rounding out the top five.

Cloke covered the 6,000-meter course in 18 minutes, 58 seconds, eclipsing the previous course record of 18:59 set by Geneseo’s Ted Turner in 2003. Sophomore Ken Little (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) finished second in 19:35, followed by sophomore Josh Henry (Truxton/Homer) in third (19:41) and freshman Jerry Greenlaw (Warwick/Warwick Valley) in fourth (19:42).

Four other Red Dragons placed in the top 25 of the 121-runner field. Junior Chris Tucker (Cato/Cato-Meridian) was eighth (20:07), freshman Travis DeRusso (East Berne/Berne-Knox-Westerlo) finished 11th (20:21), freshman Kyle O’Brien (Monroe/Monroe-Woodbury) placed 17th (20:48) and senior Tom DeRusso (East Berne/Berne-Knox-Westerlo) finished 25th (21:04).

In the women’s race, Cortland scored 36 points to finish only six points behind champion Ithaca. Oneonta (90) and Hamilton (92) were the next two finishers in the six-team field.

Cortland placed nine runners among the top 18 in the 92-runner field. Hollborn’s time of 17:47 over 4,500 meters was fifth overall and fourth among collegiate entries. Ithaca’s Rachel Blasiak won the race in 16:52. Senior Rachel Sweet (Rochester/Greece Athena) finished seventh (17:50), freshman Lisa Holt (Phoenix/John C. Birdlebough) was eighth (17:59) and sophomore Brittany Brunetto (Fishkill/Beacon) placed ninth (18:10).

Junior Michelle Jones (Ballston Spa/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) turned in a 12th-place time of 18:18, sophomore Ashley Wirges (Hopewell Junction/Arlington) was 14th (18:37) and junior Johanna Roth (Lagrangeville/Millbrook) placed 15th (18:39). Sophomore Erin McGrath (Oakdale/Connetquot) and freshman Nicole Staudt (Rocky Point) crossed the finish line at basically the same time of 18:49. McGrath was officially 17th and Staudt was 18th.

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