SUNY Cortland Cross Country
SUNYAC Championships
Saturday, October 21, 2006; Beaver Island State Park; Grand Island, N.Y.

MEN’S FINISH: 1st place
WOMEN’S FINISH: 4th place

GRAND ISLAND, N.Y. – The Cortland men’s cross country team, ranked fourth nationally in Division III, placed seven runners in the top 13 as it won the 2006 SUNYAC Championships on Saturday afternoon. The title is the Red Dragons’ 11th overall and first since 1999.

Cortland finished the championship meet with 29 points, followed by Geneseo (40), Brockport (92), Oswego (130), Plattsburgh (141), Fredonia (149), Oneonta (165), Buffalo St. (254), SUNYIT (279), New Paltz (293) and Potsdam (328). Cortland second-year head coach Matthew Moran was chosen as the SUNYAC men’s cross country Coach of the Year following the meet.

Freshman Jerry Greenlaw (Warwick/Warwick Valley) paced the Red Dragons with a third-place finish, covering the 8,000-meter course in 23:44 to earn SUNYAC Cross Country Hall of Fame honors. Sophomore Matt DeShane of Plattsburgh won the men’s race in 23:25, and Geneseo junior Nate Lockett crossed the finish line second in 23:41. Sophomore Shamus Nally (Burnt Hills/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake), senior Andrew Cloke (Elmira/Elmira Notre Dame), sophomore Ken Little (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and freshman Seth DuBois (Altamont/Guilderland) finished fifth through eighth, respectively, with times of 23:53, 23:54, 23:56 and 23:59.

Nally, Cloke and Little all earned first team All-SUNYAC honors, while DuBois earned second team accolades. Also placing in the top 13 and earning second team all-league honors were sophomore Josh Henry (Truxton/Homer) in 12th (24:07) and freshman Travis DeRusso (East Berne/Berne-Knox-Westerlo) in 13th (24:14).

The women’s team placed fourth out of 10 teams, finishing just 10 points out of second place with 91 points. Cortland trailed Geneseo (31), Fredonia (81) and Plattsburgh (89) and finished ahead of Brockport (113), Oneonta (171), Buffalo St. (181), New Paltz (206), Oswego (299) and Potsdam (999).

Plattsburgh junior Toni Wiszowaty won the women’s race in 22:29 and finished more than a minute ahead of the second-place runner, sophomore Liz Montgomery of Geneseo (23:34). The Red Dragons’ top finisher was sophomore Brittany Brunetto (Fishkill/Beacon), who covered the 6,000-meter course in 25:06 to place 18th overall.

Other runners to score for Cortland were sophomore Alanna Hollborn (Islip Terrace/East Islip) in 22nd place (25:17), senior Rachel Sweet (Rochester/Greece Athena) in 23rd place (25:28), sophomore Ashley Wirges (Hoptwell Junction/Arlington) in 28th place (25:49) and sophomore Erin McGrath (Oakdale/Connetquot) in 31st place (26:11).

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