CANTON, N.Y. – The SUNY Cortland women's golf team finished third out of seven teams at the St. Lawrence University Invitational, held Saturday at the St. Lawrence University Golf Course and Sunday at Partridge Run.

Cortland finished with a two-day total of 722, 17 strokes behind champion St. Lawrence (705) and 14 behind second place University of Ottawa (708). Cortland's score was 46 strokes better than its total at the same event last fall. The Red Dragons carded a 360 on Saturday and a 362 on Sunday. Their Sunday score was only four less than St. Lawrence's.

Rounding out the field were Nazareth College (826), SUNY Plattsburgh (871), the St. Lawrence “Brown” Team (892) and William Smith College (912).

Freshman Alyssa Ruggiero (Waterford/Shenendehowa) turned in a strong showing with a second place score of 160. She was second after the first day with an 82, then posted a six-over-par 78 on Sunday. St. Lawrence's Meghan Clement repeated as tournament medalist with a 157 (80 and 77).

Senior Tara Caley (North Salem) tied for seventh with a 176. She had an 89 on Saturday and an 87 on Sunday, and her total score is 23 stroke improvement from last fall. Sophomore Jenna Chamberlain (Waddington/Madrid-Waddington) placed 13th with a 191 (90-101), senior Nicole Axtell (Stamford) was 17th with a 195 (99-96) and sophomore Kristen Wood (Cortland) placed 21st with a 212 (103-109).