Cortland Women's Gymnastics Third at NCGA Div. III Championships

Lindsey Marranca Earns Third Straight All-America Honors in All-Around; Brittany Wiesner Also All-Around All-American; Eight Red Dragons Advance to Individual Event Finals

LA CROSSE, WIS. – The SUNY Cortland women’s gymnastics team finished third out of six teams at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Division III Championships, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

The host Eagles won their fifth straight national title with a score of 189.95. SUNY Brockport was second at 185.625, followed closely by Cortland in third at 185.375. Rounding out the field were Wisconsin-Eau Claire (184.45), Ithaca College (182.70) and Wisconsin-Oshkosh (179.425). The Red Dragons, who have finished in the top four each of the past five seasons, posted the top vault score at the meet (46.875), the second-best score on uneven bars (44.975), and a season-best score on balance beam (47.15).

Cortland junior Lindsey Marranca (Buffalo/Kenmore West) earned All-America honors in the all-around for the third straight season. She finished fourth out of 14 competitors with a score of 37.60. Marranca was the national all-around champion as a freshman and tied for fourth last year. Freshman Brittany Wiesner (Williamsville/Williamsville North) also earned All-America honors in the all-around with a seventh-place score of 37.15. The top 10 all-around finishers earn All-America honors. Brockport’s Sarah Bulka won the all-around with a score of 38.15.

Cortland will have eight entries in Saturday’s individual event finals. The top 12 scores in each event, plus ties, from Friday’s competition advance to the finals. Saturday's scores will be added to Friday's scores to determine the final places, with the top six finishers in each event earning All-America recognition.

Three Red Dragons – junior Emily Smuckler (Southbury, CT/Pomperaug), Wiesner and Marranca – will compete on vault. Smuckler is currently in third place at 9.475, while Wiesner and Marranca are tied for fourth at 9.45. Bulka leads the event with a 9.575.

Senior Colleen Shanahan (Williamsville/Williamsville East) and senior Michelle Cummings (Centereach) earned spots in Saturday's uneven bars finals. Shanahan is in a three-way tie for fourth at 9.25, with Cummings close behind in seventh at 9.20. La Crosse’s Nina Schubert posted a 9.60 on Friday, 0.25 higher than the next-best competitor.

On balance beam, Wiesner is presently tied for eighth with a personal-best 9.675 and senior Janelle Domaradzki (Buffalo/Niagara-Wheatfield) is tied for 11th (9.65). Marranca barely missed the cut, placing 13th with a 9.625. Jennifer Houle of La Crosse is first at 9.875.

Marranca is Cortland's lone floor exercise qualifier, currently standing in fourth place at 9.70. Houle leads the event with a 9.80.

(Meet summary on following page)
2005 NCGA Division III Women’s Gymnastics Championships
Day 1 - April 1; University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; La Crosse, Wis.

FINAL TEAM SCORES:

1) Univ. of Wisconsin-La Crosse ............... 189.95
2) SUNY Brockport .............................. 185.625
3) SUNY Cortland ............................... 185.375
4) Univ. of Wisconsin-Eau Claire .............. 184.45
5) Ithaca College ............................... 182.70
6) Univ. of Wisconsin-Oshkosh ................. 179.425

Full results are online at:
http://www.uwlax.edu/athletics/wgymnastics/
ncgachampionships.htm

Event Scores

All-Around (FINAL) (Top 10) (14 in all)
(top 10 are All-Americans):

1. Sarah Bulka (Brockport) ..................... 38.15
2. Ashley Koechel (Wis.-La Crosse) ........... 38.075
3. Kasey Clausen (Wis.-La Crosse) ............ 37.825
4. Lindsey Marranca (Cortland) ............... 37.60
5. Carrie Santore (Brockport) ................. 37.40
6. Theresa Lynch (Wis.-Eau Claire) .......... 37.20
7. Brittany Wiesner (Cortland) ............... 37.15
8. Lynn Morris (Wis.-Eau Claire) .......... 37.075
9. Kelly Stevison (Ithaca) .................... 37.05
10. Alison Eagles (Wis.-Eau Claire) ........ 36.875

Vault (Day 1) (Top 12 plus other Cortland)
(top 12 advance to finals)

1. Sarah Bulka (Brockport) ..................... 9.575
2. Carrie Santore (Brockport) ................. 9.55
3. Emily Smuckler (Cortland) ................. 9.475
tie 4. Brittany Wiesner (Cortland) .......... 9.45
tie 4. Lindsey Marranca (Cortland) .......... 9.45
tie 4. Alison Eagles (Wis.-Eau Claire) ...... 9.45
tie 8. Angie Cich (Wis.-Eau Claire) ......... 9.40
tie 8. Kristen Grimmel (Ursinus) ............. 9.40
tie 10. Katie Krenz (Wis.-La Crosse) ....... 9.375
tie 10. Brittany Moore (Gustavus Adolphus) 9.375
tie 12. Kaitlin Haack (Wis.-La Crosse) .... 9.35
tie 12. Kasey Clausen (Wis.-La Crosse) .... 9.35

Uneven Bars (Day 1): (Top 12 plus other Cortland)
(top 12 advance to finals)

1. Nina Schubert (Wis.-La Crosse) .......... 9.60
2. Kasey Clausen (Wis.-La Crosse) .......... 9.35
3. Ashley Koechel (Wis.-La Crosse) ....... 9.275
tie 4. Colleen Shanahan (Cortland) ......... 9.25
tie 4. Michelle Sletten (Wis.-La Crosse) .. 9.25
tie 4. Sarah Bulka (Brockport) .............. 9.25
7. Michelle Cummings (Cortland) ............ 9.20
tie 8. Lynn Morris (Wis.-Eau Claire) ..... 9.175
tie 8. Laura Davis (Ursinus) ................. 9.175
tie 10. Chelsie Veilleux (Ithaca) ......... 9.15
tie 10. Amy Bielunis (Brockport) .......... 9.15
tie 10. Theresa Lynch (Wis.-Eau Claire) .. 9.15
tie 10. Julian Silverman (Springfield) .... 9.15

tie 23. Janelle Domaradzki (Cortland) .... 8.95
tie 32. Lindsey Marranca (Cortland) ...... 8.825
34. Kristen Marzello (Cortland) .......... 8.75
38. Brittany Wiesner (Cortland) .......... 8.625

Balance Beam (Day 1): (Top 12 plus other Cortland)
(top 12 advance to finals)

1. Jennifer Houle (Wis.-La Crosse) ......... 9.875
2. Ann Fitzsimmons (Wis.-La Crosse) ...... 9.80
3. Ashley Koechel (Wis.-La Crosse) ....... 9.775
tie 4. Kasey Clausen (Wis.-La Crosse) .... 9.75
tie 4. Lynn Morris (Wis.-Eau Claire) .... 9.75
6. Kristin Sheerin (Brockport) ............. 9.725
7. Sarah Bulka (Brockport) ................. 9.70
tie 8. Brittany Wiesner (Cortland) ....... 9.675
tie 8. Merritt Tam (MIT) ..................... 9.675
tie 8. Melanie Axvig (Hamline) .......... 9.675
tie 11. Janelle Domaradzki (Cortland) ... 9.65
tie 11. Ashley Timm (Wis.-Stout) .......... 9.65
13. Lindsey Marranca (Cortland) .......... 9.625
tie 36. Fallon Nugent (Cortland) .......... 9.225
45. Ali Glassman (Cortland) ............... 8.975
tie 50. Michelle Cummings (Cortland) .... 8.775

Floor Exercise (Day 1): (Top 12 plus other Cortland)
(top 12 advance to finals)

1. Jennifer Houle (Wis.-La Crosse) ......... 9.80
tie 2. Ashley Koechel (Wis.-La Crosse) ... 9.75
tie 2. Carrie Santore (Brockport) .......... 9.75
4. Lindsey Marranca (Cortland) ............ 9.70
5. Alison Eagles (Wis.-Eau Claire) ....... 9.65
6. Sarah Bulka (Brockport) ................. 9.625
7. Katie Krenz (Wis.-La Crosse) .......... 9.60
8. Theresa Lynch (Wis.-Eau Claire) ...... 9.55
tie 9. Michelle Sletten (Wis.-La Crosse) .. 9.475
tie 9. Ashley Brett (Wis.-Eau Claire) ..... 9.475
tie 11. Kelly Stevison (Ithaca) ............ 9.45
tie 11. Brianna Lentz (Wis.-Oshkosh) ...... 9.45

tie 17. Brittany Wiesner (Cortland) ...... 9.40
tie 32. Colleen Shanahan (Cortland) ...... 9.175
tie 34. Emily Smuckler (Cortland) ....... 9.15
tie 42. Ali Glassman (Cortland) .......... 8.95
tie 49. Fallon Nugent (Cortland) ......... 8.75