LA CROSSE, WIS. – SUNY Cortland junior Lindsey Marranca (Buffalo/Kenmore West) won a national title on floor exercise at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Division III Championships, hosted by Wisconsin-La Crosse. Marranca posted a score of 9.70 on Saturday and finished with a winning two-day score of 19.40. She edged Jennifer Houle of the host school, who led after Friday's competition with a 9.80 but finished with a combined score of 19.375.

The national title is Marranca’s second in NCGA competition in three years. She was the all-around national champion during her freshman season in 2003. The SUNY Cortland athletic program has now produced at least one individual national champion in any sport in each of the last 19 years. The women’s gymnastics program has had 12 national champions in its history, including eight in the last nine years.

Marranca and freshman Brittany Wiesner (Williamsville/Williamsville North) each earned three All-America honors at this year’s meet. On Friday, Marranca finished fourth (37.40) and Wiesner was seventh (37.15) in the all-around competition. On Saturday, Marranca and Wiesner tied for fifth on vault, while Wiesner was fourth on balance beam. Both gymnasts posted identical vault scores – 9.45 on Friday and 9.375 on Saturday for 18.825 total. Wiesner had a 9.675 on beam Friday and a 9.50 on Saturday for a combined 19.175. The top 10 all-arounders and top six in each individual event earn All-America honors.

Marranca barely missed All-America placement on balance beam with her seventh-place score of 18.975 (9.625 on Friday, 9.35 on Saturday). She had originally missed qualifying for Saturday's finals in the event with a 13th place showing (the top 12 plus ties advance to the finals), but was moved into the top 12 when another gymnast couldn't compete.

Junior Emily Smuckler (Southbury, CT/Pomperaug), senior Janelle Domaradzki (Buffalo/Niagara-Wheatfield), senior Michelle Cummings (Centereach) and senior Colleen Shanahan (Williamsville/Williamsville East) also advanced to Saturday's finals in different events but failed to earn All-America honors. Smuckler just missed out on vault, tying for seventh with an 18.775 (9.30 on Saturday). Domaradzki finished 11th on beam with a score of 18.45 (8.80 on Saturday). Cummings placed 12th on uneven bars with a 17.375 (8.175 on Saturday), while Shanahan was 13th on bars with a 16.825 (7.575 on Saturday).

Brockport's Carrie Santore won the vault national title with a two-day score of 19.175. The host Eagles produced individual champions on bars (Nina Schubert – 19.30) and beam (Houle – 19.525).

Cortland finished third out of six teams in Friday's team competition with a score of 185.375. Wisconsin-La Crosse won its fifth straight title (189.95), followed by Brockport (185.625), Cortland, Wisconsin-Eau Claire (184.45), Ithaca (182.70) and Wisconsin-Oshkosh (179.425).

Following the meet on Saturday, four Red Dragon seniors – Cummings, Domaradzki, Marzello and Shanahan – were all named to the 2005 NCGA Academic Team.

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