SUNY Men’s Outdoor Track and Field
at Muhlenberg Invitational; Allentown, Pa.; Saturday, April 5, 2003

ALLENTOWN, PA. – The SUNY Cortland men’s outdoor track and field team finished first in seven events, including a pair of victories by freshman Marcus Matyas (Hamburg), as it opened the season at the Muhlenberg College Invitational.

Matyas won the shot put with a distance of 45' 10" and placed first in the discus with a throw of 137' 8". Sophomore Dave Neal (Port Ewen/Kingston) won the 800 meters in 1:59.05, sophomore Paul Zalewski (Solvay) crossed the line first in the 400-meter hurdles (57.57) and junior Jon Frechette (Oswego) qualified for the ECAC Division III Championships with his winning time of 15.58 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles. In addition, senior Dan Bryant (Amboy/A-P-W) won the high jump, clearing 6' 2". He was one of three competitors to clear that height, but won based on fewer misses.

Freshman Tyler Gutierrez (Waverly) qualified for the ECAC’s with his second-place effort in the pole vault (14’ 6") and the 4x100-meter relay team of Frechette, Bryant, freshman Andy Putman (Clinton) and senior Vincent Nee (Scarsdale) achieved ECAC qualifying status with a third-place time of 44.85 seconds. The 4x400-meter relay quartet of Nee, freshman Chris Cooper (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa), Putman and Zalewski finished second in 3:29.95 and the 4x800-meter relay combination of Neal, junior Shaun Horan (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa), freshman Jeff Sipos (Grand Island) and senior James Attle (Suffern) placed third in 8:31.49.

Other Red Dragons finishing in the top four in their events were freshman J. Erik Johnson (Oneonta) in the 110-meter hurdles (third, 16.64), Cooper in the 400-meter hurdles (fourth, 1:00.39), sophomore Vinny Rucci (Centereach) in the shot put (fourth, 42’ 1.5”), sophomore Mike Donahue (DeWitt/Jamestown-DeWitt) in the discus (fourth, 129’ 10”) and Nee in the 400 meters (fourth, 50.94).

Cortland Highlights at Muhlenberg Invitational; April 5, 2003

800 meters
Dave Neal, 1st, 1:59.05
James Attle, 8th, 2:02.95

110-meter hurdles
Jon Frechette, 1st, 15.58 (ECAC qualifier)
J. Erik Johnson, 3rd, 16.64

400-meter hurdles
Paul Zalewski, 1st, 57.57
Chris Cooper, 4th, 1:00.39

High Jump
Dan Bryant, 1st, 6’ 2” (1.87 m)

Shot Put
Marcus Matyas, 1st, 45’ 10” (13.97 m)
Vinny Rucci, 4th, 42’ 1.5” (12.84 m)

Discus
Marcus Matyas, 1st, 137’ 8” (41.97 m)
Mike Donahue, 4th, 129’ 10” (39.57 m)
Vinny Rucci, 7th, 120’ 9” (36.80 m)

Pole Vault
Tyler Gutierrez, 2nd, 14’ 6” (4.41 m) (ECAC qualifier)