HAMILTON, N.Y. – Senior Marcus Matyas (Hamburg) was named the Athlete of the Meet and junior Andrew Cloke (Corning/Notre Dame) broke a 21-year old school record in the 3,000 meters to help Cortland finish first at the Colgate University Class of ‘32 Invitational. The Red Dragons finished with 160 points, followed by Colgate’s 134 points. Ten teams competed at the meet.

Matyas won the 35-pound weight throw with a distance of 50’ 0” and the shot put with an effort of 49’ 7.25”, both ECAC Championship qualifiers. Cloke won the 3,000 meters in 8:30.23, eclipsing the previous school mark of 8:30.6 set by Tim Wuncsh in 1985.

Junior Herlentz Mesidor (Uniondale) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in the 55-meter hurdles with his winning time of 7.73 seconds. Sophomore Amaan Siddeeq (New Hampton/Goshen) also posted an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 6.49 seconds to win the 55-meter dash. His time is 0.03 seconds slower, however, than his performance in the event last week at St. Lawrence.

Other Cortland winners, also with ECAC qualifying results, were freshman Jake Zanetti (Saratoga Springs) in the pole vault (14’ 9.25”), junior C. Fred Joslyn (Chenango Forks) in the mile (4:22.62), senior Dave Neal (Port Ewen/Kingston) in the 800 meters (1:55.82) and the 4x800-meter relay team of Cloke, freshman Niko Viglione (Purdy/Somers), Joslyn and sophomore James Barracca (Center Moriches/Stony Brook) (8:01.21). Neal’s time in the 800 meters missed NCAA qualifying by less than a half second.

The Red Dragons turned in four other ECAC qualifying performances. Senior Eric Czachor (Middleburgh) finished second in the shot put (48’ 9”), freshman Shamus Nally (Burnt Hills/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) placed second in the 5,000 meters (15:14.49), junior Nick Wetherby (Olean) was third in the 55-meter dash (6.58) and the 4x400-meter relay of Wetherby, Neal, junior Pat McConville (Loudonville/Colonie) and Siddeeq) finished second in 3:22.38, barely missing NCAA provisional qualification.

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