SUNY Cortland Swimming and Diving

SUNY Cortland vs. Buffalo State
Monday, January 19, 2004; Holsten Pool; Cortland, N.Y.

Men's Score: Cortland 123, Buffalo St. 100
Women's Score: Cortland 129, Buffalo St. 77

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Cortland's men's and women's swimming and diving teams both defeated Buffalo State in home dual meets. The Cortland men (5-1) posted a 123-100 victory over the Bengals (1-4). The Red Dragon women (4-2) were 129-77 winners over Buffalo State (0-5).

MEN: Cortland sophomore James Pioli (Grand Island) and freshman Andrew Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) each won two individual events. Pioli was first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:10.25) and the 100-yard backstroke (58.40), and Chevalier won both the 100-yard butterfly (56.50) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:07.30).

Sophomore Brendan Quest (Staten Island/Monsignor Farrell) took top honors in the 50-yard freestyle (23.55) and freshman Jason Wiese (Buffalo/Kenmore West) won the 500-yard freestyle (5:16.62). Cortland also captured the opening 200-yard medley relay in 1:44.09 with the combination of Pioli, Chevalier, freshman Patrick Connolly (Shrub Oak/Lakeland) and Quest.

Buffalo State earned five individual first-place finishes. Freshman Matthew Palminteri (Dingmans Ferry, PA/Delaware Valley) won the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:10.91), freshman Derek Stoklosa (West Seneca/West Seneca West) won the 200-yard freestyle (1:56.87) and senior Mark Manka (West Seneca/West Seneca West) touched the wall first in the 100-yard freestyle (53.45). The Bengals also won both diving events. Senior Tommy Schilke (Tonawanda/Sweet Home) won the three-meter event and senior Bret Stodolka (Darien/Alexander) finished first on the one-meter board (their official scores are unavailable).

WOMEN: Cortland opened the meet with a win by the 200-yard medley relay team of junior Nicole Damiano (Middletown), junior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O'Connor), freshman Nicole LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) and sophomore Christine Thompson (Farmington/Victor) in 2:02.00.

Each of those relay members each earned an individual victory as well. Damiano won the 100-yard backstroke (1:07.13), Talaska was victorious in the 200-yard individual medley (2:24.39), LaBarge won the 100-yard butterfly (1:04.38) and Thompson placed first in the 100-yard freestyle (59.78).

Sophomore Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour) finished first in the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:34.85) and freshman Allison Houseman (Wellsville) won the 200-yard freestyle (2:09.72). Freshman Annie Marchetta (Chester/Monroe-Woodbury) won both one-meter diving (159.90 points) and three-meter diving (172.30 points).

For Buffalo State, junior Marie Ryer (Buffalo/Hutch Tech) won the 50-yard freestyle (27.06) and teamed with freshman Casie Seier (Palmyra/Palmyra-Macedon), sophomore Claudia Fanti (Hauppauge) and freshman Susan Stiner (Niagara Falls) to win the meet-ending 200-yard freestyle relay (1:52.24). In addition, freshman Mindy Wood (Middlesex/Marcus Whitman) won the 500-yard freestyle (5:43.98) and freshman Mary Clausen (Churchville/Churchville-Chili) won the 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.75).

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