SUNY Cortland Swimming and Diving

RPI Women's Swimming and Diving Invitational; Robison Pool; Troy, N.Y.
Saturday, January 17, 2004

TROY, N.Y. – Cortland relied on its depth to finish second out of eight schools at the RPI Women's Swimming and Diving Invitational. Connecticut College won the meet with 340 points. Cortland, the defending champion, scored 268 points. New Paltz was third (235), followed by Rensselaer (194), Clarkson (111), William Smith (105), Oneonta (74) and Skidmore (68).

Cortland finished second despite the fact that the Red Dragons did not win any events and only placed second in an event once. Cortland earned 11 top-five finishes and numerous other top-10 placements.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of freshman Krista Lennox (Williamsville/Williamsville East), junior Trish Heelan (Copiague), freshman Allison Houseman (Wellsville) and junior Nicole Damiano (Middletown) finished second with a time of 3:54.56. The 400-medley relay grouping of freshman Marissa Bechtold (Lockport), sophomore Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour), Damiano and freshman Nicole LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru) placed fourth in 4:16.02.

Individually, Murphy was third in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:34.05) and LaBarge placed third in the 200-yard butterfly (2:24.30). LaBarge was also fourth in the 50-yard freestyle (25.48) and Bechtold was fourth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:42.42) and fifth in the 200-yard freestyle (2:05.16).

Junior Aubrey Talaska (San Antonio, TX/Sandra Day O'Connor) earned fifth-place finishes in the 200-yard individual medley (2:23.63) and the 200-yard breaststroke (2:37.43). Junior Miranda Chrispell (Kingston) was fifth in the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:43.19) and freshman Allison Houseman (Wellsville) finished fifth in the 100-yard freestyle (57.95).

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