SUNY Cortland Swimming and Diving

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY New Paltz
Saturday, January 28, 2006; Holsten Pool; Cortland, N.Y.

WOMEN’S FINAL SCORE: Cortland 116, New Paltz 89
MEN’S FINAL SCORE: Cortland 125, New Paltz 78

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Cortland's men's and women's swimming and diving team completed their dual-meet seasons with victories over New Paltz. The women (9-3-1) defeated the Hawks, 116-89, and the men (12-2) posted a 125-78 victory.

The Cortland women were led by two wins apiece by junior Allie Houseman (Wellsville) and junior Nikki LaBarge (Morrisonville/Peru). Houseman’s winning time of 24.61 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle was just 0.02 seconds off the school record. She also won the 100-yard freestyle in 54.50 seconds. LaBarge came close to the school record in the 200-yard individual medley with her time of 2:13.94, missing by eight-tenths of a second.

Also posting individual victories were junior Krista Lennox (Williamsville/Williamsville East) in the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:18.53), junior Marissa Bechtold (Lockport) in the 200-yard freestyle (2:03.09), sophomore Erica Clark (Sloatsburg/Suffern) in the 200-yard backstroke (2:17.33) and senior Abby Murphy (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour) in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:33.25), along with sophomore Amy Jones (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) in one-meter diving (411.00 points) and sophomore Stephanie Petfield (Thornwood/Westlake) in three-meter diving (425.15 points).

The Red Dragons finished the meet with a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay as an exhibition entry, with Houseman, Bechtold, Lennox and LaBarge turning in a time of 3:43.11.

In the men’s competition, sophomore Brett Humphreys (Amsterdam), freshman Drew Hilker (Ithaca) and junior Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) each won two individual events. Humphreys captured the 200-yard freestyle (1:54.52) and the 200-yard breaststroke (2:15.58), Hilker won the 50-yard freestyle (22.51) and 100-yard freestyle (49.01), and Chevalier touched the wall first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:01.13) and 200-yard butterfly (2:00.70). Senior Jim Pioli (Grand Island) won the 200-yard backstroke (2:01.50).

Sophomore Kevin Stuttle (Dryden) posted scores of 425.15 points in one-meter diving and 163.70 points in three-meter diving as the lone competitor in each event. His one-meter score meets the NCAA Division III Championship qualifying standard.

Cortland opened with a win by Pioli, Humphreys, Chevalier and Hilker in the 400-yard medley relay (3:38.02). The combination of freshman Eric Strahley (Oswego), junior Sunny Porras (Great Neck/Great Neck North), freshman James Poffenbarger (Owego/Owego Free Academy) and sophomore Jeff Kunkel (Cheektowaga/Cleveland Hill) finished the meet with a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:24.14) as an exhibition entry.

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