HAMILTON, N.Y. – Cortland placed second at the nine-team Colgate University women’s indoor track and field Class of ’32 Invitational. Albany won the meet with 247 points. The Red Dragons scored 128 points, St. Lawrence had 87.5 points and Colgate finished with 87 points. Of the 20 competitors Cortland sent to the meet, 16 registered season and/or career bests.

Sophomore Andrea Gentile (Middletown/Minisink Valley) missed an NCAA provisional qualifying time in the 55-meter hurdles by one hundredth of a second. She finished third in 8.66 seconds. Senior Stephanie Bailey (Victor) won the 200 meters in an ECAC qualifying time of 26.57 seconds and sophomore Amanda Failing (Pearl River), despite just one week of practice, tied for first in the pole vault (9’ 9”). Senior Kerri Gannon (Sparkill/Tappan Zee) finished second in the 200 meters (ECAC-qualifying 26.75 seconds), senior Annessa Melnick (Accord/Rondout Valley) was second in the 800 meters (2:23.60) and junior Jackie Ferrentino (Buffalo/West Seneca East) was runnerup in the 400 meters (1:00.83), missing the ECAC standard by just 0.59 seconds despite turning in her collegiate open personal best.

Cortland finished second in two relays, both in times below ECAC standards. The 4x400-meter relay team of Bailey, Ferrentino, freshman Bree Zogaria (Depew) and Gannon turned in a time of 4:01.29. The 4x800-meter relay quartet of sophomore Brianne Capasso (Corinth), freshman Katrina Dewitt (Elmira/Southside), Melnick and freshman Rachel Sweet (Rochester/Greece Athena) were timed at 9:51.69.

Zogaria, competing in her first-ever 500-meter run, finished third with an ECAC-qualifying time of 1:20.22. Other Red Dragons who hit ECAC marks were senior Betsy Schultz (Akron) in the 5,000 meters (third place, 18:19.61), Dewitt in the 1,000 meters (fourth place, 3:06.30), freshman Christina Acquaviva (Utica/Proctor) in the 55-meter hurdles (fourth place, 8.72) and junior Jennifer Hart (Newark) in the high jump (fourth place, 5’ 1.75”). Also of note, senior Theresa DiFabio (Syracuse/Westhill) recorded career-bests in both the 20-pound weight throw (35’ 10”) and the shot put (33’ 5.25”) to post top-10 finishes.

Cortland Highlights at Colgate Class of ‘32 Invitational; Feb. 7, 2004

200 meters
Stephanie Bailey, 1st, 26.57 (ECAC qualifier)
Kerri Gannon, 2nd, 26.75 (ECAC qualifier)

Pole Vault
Amanda Failing, tied 1st, 9’ 9”
Megan Kelley, 3rd, 9’ 6.25”

4x400-meter relay
Stephanie Bailey, Jackie Ferrentino, Bree Zogaria, Kerri Gannon
2nd, 4:01.29 (ECAC qualifier)

4x800-meter relay
Brianne Capasso, Katrina Dewitt, Annessa Melnick, Rachel Sweet
2nd, 9:51.69 (ECAC qualifier)

800 meters
Annessa Melnick, 2nd, 2:23.60

55-meter hurdles
Andrea Gentile, 3rd, 8.66 (ECAC qualifier)
Christina Acquaviva, 4th, 8.72 (ECAC qualifier)

500 meters
Bree Zogaria, 3rd, 1:20.22 (ECAC qualifier)

5,000 meters
Betsy Schultz, 3rd, 18:19.61 (ECAC qualifier)

1,000 meters
Katrina Dewitt, 4th, 3:06.30 (ECAC qualifier)

High Jump
Jennifer Hart, 4th, 5’ 1.75” (ECAC qualifier)

Mile
Brianne Capasso, 4th, 5:17.54