NEWARK, DEL – Cortland finished second out of 12 schools in the Division II/III portion of the University of Delaware Invitational. The Red Dragons scored 139 points, just 1.5 points behind The College of New Jersey and 52 points ahead of third-place Moravian College.

The Red Dragons turned in four winning performances at the meet. Senior Betsy Schultz (Akron) won the 5,000 meters in an ECAC qualifying time of 18:50.62 and also won the 3,000-meter steeplechase (12:00.43). Freshman Christina Acquaviva (Utica/Proctor) won the 100-meter hurdles in an ECAC qualifying time of 15.42 seconds and junior Rachel Glod (Waterville) captured the hammer throw with a distance of 128’ 9”.

Sophomore Brianne Capasso (Corinth) turned in a personal-best time of 4:43.22 to finish second in the 1,500 meters and qualify for the ECAC’s. She missed NCAA provisional qualifying status by only 1.22 seconds. Senior Annessa Melnick ( Accord/Rondout Valley) reached ECAC status in the 800 meters with a second-place time of 2:20.06, the 4x100-meter relay team of senior Stephanie Bailey (Victor), senior Kerri Gannon (Sparkill/ Tappan Zee), freshman Tara Gourdine (Fairport) and Acquaviva placed second in an ECAC qualifying time of 49.60 seconds and the 4x400-meter relay unit of Bailey, freshman Bree Zogaria ( Depew), freshman Jessie Ellis ( Springville/Springville Griffith Inst.) and Gannon came in third in 4:05.61, also an ECAC qualifying effort.

Two other Red Dragons met ECAC standards at the meet. Bailey was fifth in the 100-meter dash (12.82) and junior Jackie Ferrentino ( Buffalo/West Seneca East) finished fifth in the 400 meters (1:00.62).

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