KUTZTOWN, PA. and EASTON, PA. — Freshman Christina Acquaviva (Utica/Proctor) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in the heptathlon with her third-place total of 4,273 points at the two-day Golden Bear Multis, hosted by Kutztown University. In addition, nine Cortland entries reached ECAC Division III Championship qualifying status at the Lafayette College Invitational.

Acquaviva finished third out of 15 heptathlon competitors at Kutztown and freshman Jessie Ellis (Springville/Springville Griffith Inst.) was 13th with 2,464 points. Acquaviva finished first in the javelin with a distance of 105’ 0” and met ECAC standards in the 100-meter hurdles with a third-place time of 15.26 seconds. She finished sixth or better in all seven events. Ellis’ best finish was a tie for seventh in the high jump (4’ 8.25”).

At Lafayette, the Red Dragon 4x100-meter relay team of senior Stephanie Bailey (Victor), senior Kerri Gannon (Sparkill/Tappan Zee), freshman Tara Gourdine (Fairport) and freshman Kathy Steenburgh (Fairport) turned in a sixth-place time of 49.84 seconds. They qualified for ECAC’s and missed NCAA provisional status by just 0.74 seconds. The 4x400-meter relay unit of Bailey, freshman Bree Zogaria (Depew), junior Jackie Ferrentino (Buffalo/West Seneca East) and senior Kerri Gannon (Sparkill/Tappan Zee) finished fourth with an ECAC time of 4:02.59.

Other ECAC qualifying efforts included Bailey in the 100-meter dash (12.72) and the 200-meter dash (26.04), Ferrentino in the 400 meters (59.56), senior Annessa Melnick (Accord/Rondout Valley) in the 800 meters (2:18.35), sophomore Brianne Capasso (Corinth) in the 1,500 meters (4:53.40), senior Betsy Schultz (Akron) in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (11:54.80) and junior Rachel Glod (Waterville) in the hammer throw (135’ 5”).

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