GENEVA, N.Y. – Cortland finished second out of nine schools at the SUNYAC Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships, held at the Robert A. Bristol Fieldhouse on the campus of Hobart and William Smith College.

The Red Dragons finished the meet with 131 points and was the runnerup for the second straight year after six straight titles from 1997-2002. Geneseo repeated as league champion with 203 points. Oneonta (74) was third, followed by Fredonia (40), Brockport (37), Oswego (35), Plattsburgh (26), New Paltz (25) and Buffalo State (18).

Junior Jennifer Hart (Newark) and sophomore Andrea Gentile (Middletown/Minisink Valley) each established new school records at the meet. Hart cleared a SUNYAC meet record 10' 6.75" to win the pole vault and tie her own school record. Gentile won the 55-meter hurdles in 8.33 seconds, eclipsing a 19-year-old school record of 8.35 seconds set by Andrea Spaulding in 1985. Both Hart and Gentile provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships with their efforts.

Sophomore Megan Kelley (Newburgh/Walkill) tied for second place in the pole vault at 10' 0". Freshman Christina Acquaviva (Utica/Proctor) finished second behind Gentile in the 55-meter hurdles with an NCAA provisional time of 8.42 seconds.

Cortland also picked up a league title in the 4x400-meter relay. Senior Stephanie Bailey (Victor), freshman Kathy Steenburgh (Fairport), junior Jackie Ferrentino (Buffalo/West Seneca East) and senior Kerri Gannon (Sparkill/Tappan Zee) won the race in an ECAC-qualifying time of 4:05.06.

Bailey was second in the 400 meters with an ECAC qualifying time of 59.12 seconds and freshman Bree Zogaria (Depew) reached ECAC qualifying standards with her second place time of 1:18.18 in the 500 meters. Also earning runnerup finishes at the meet were senior Annessa Melnick (Accord/Rondout Valley) in the 800 meters (2:23.33) and the distance medley relay team of freshman Angela Brogan (Pawling), freshman Jessie Ellis (Springville/Springville Griffith Institute), freshman Melina Buck (Amherst) and freshman Rachel Sweet (Rochester/Greece Athena) (13:27.38).

Two Red Dragons qualified for the ECAC Championships in the 1,000 meters. Sophomore Brianne Capasso (Corinth) finished third (3:07.90) and freshman Katrina Dewitt (Elmira/Southside) was fourth (3:09.43). Bailey also reached the ECAC standard in the 200-meter dash with her third-place time of 26.09 seconds.

Each champion at the meet earned All-SUNYAC honors. This is the first year that designation has been made.

(Cortland's top-six finishers on next page)
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Pole Vault
Jennifer Hart, 1st, 3.22m (10' 6.75") (Meet record) (tied school record) (NCAA provisional qualifier) (ECAC qualifier)
Megan Kelley, tied 2nd, 3.05m (10' 0") (ECAC qualifier)
Amanda Failing, 5th, 2.90m (9' 6.25")
Tiffany Lancaster, 6th, 2.90m (9' 6.25")

55-meter hurdles
Andrea Gentile, 1st, 8.33 (School Record) (NCAA provisional qualifier) (ECAC qualifier)
Christina Acquaviva, 2nd, 8.42 (NCAA provisional qualifier) (ECAC qualifier)

4x400-meter relay
Stephanie Bailey, Kathy Steenburgh, Jackie Ferrentino, Kerri Gannon, 1st, 4:05.06 (ECAC qualifier)

400 meters
Stephanie Bailey, 2nd, 59.12 (ECAC qualifier)
Jackie Ferrentino, 5th, 1:00.58

500 meters
Bree Zogaria, 2nd, 1:18.18 (ECAC qualifier)

800 meters
Annessa Melnick, 2nd, 2:23.33
Becca Foulger, 6th, 2:41.79

Distance Medley Relay
Angela Brogan, Jessie Ellis, Melina Buck, Rachel Sweet, 2nd, 13:27.38

5,000 meters
Betsy Schultz, 3rd, 18:45.12

1,500 meters
Brianne Capasso, 3rd, 4:52.96

1,000 meters
Brianne Capasso, 3rd, 3:07.90 (ECAC qualifier)
Katrina Dewitt, 4th, 3:09.43 (ECAC qualifier)

200 meters
Stephanie Bailey, 3rd, 26.09 (ECAC qualifier)

20-lb. Weight Throw
Rachel Glod, 4th, 13.53m (44' 4.75")

55-meter dash
Christina Acquaviva, 5th, 7.44

Triple Jump
Kristin Boniello, 6th, 10.28m (33' 8.75")