CORTLAND, N.Y. -- For the second season in a row, the Cortland women’s track and field team placed second at the SUNYAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The Red Dragons scored 126 points, trailing only 2003 champion Geneseo’s 141 points. Brockport finished third with 80 points, followed by Oswego (69), Oneonta (64), Fredonia (48), Plattsburgh (43), Buffalo State (29) and New Paltz (20). The title is Geneseo’s fourth, second only to Cortland’s 12 crowns.

Freshman Christina Acquaviva (Utica/Proctor) earned Cortland’s only individual title, winning the 100-meter hurdles in 16.04 seconds after posting a time of 15.57 in the preliminaries. Acquaviva also took second in the long jump (17’ 4”) and third in the javelin (100’ 0”). The 4x400-meter relay team of senior Stephanie Bailey (Victor), senior Annessa Melnick (Accord/Rondout Valley), junior Jackie Ferrentino (Buffalo/West Seneca East) and senior Kerri Gannon (Sparkill/Tappan Zee) finished first with a time of 3:59.82.

Bailey added third-place finishes in the 100 meters (13.26) and 200 meters (26.75), and teamed with Gannon, Acquaviva and freshman Tara Gourdine (Fairport) to place second in the 4x100-meter relay in 49.35 seconds. Junior Jennifer Hart (Newark) and freshman Tiffany Lancaster (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) finished third and fourth, respectively, in the pole vault, each establishing a new school-record outdoor height of 10’ 6”.

Melnick placed second in the 800 meters (2:19.21), losing by just .01 seconds, while Gannon finished third in the 400 meters (1:00.24), sophomore Brianne Capasso (Corinth) took third in the 1,500 meters (4:47.43) and freshman Jill Olmstead (Kenmore/Kenmore West) placed third in the 100-meter hurdles (16.79). Freshman Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) captured third in the shot put (36’ 0.25”) and junior Rachel Glod (Waterville) placed third in the hammer throw (141’ 7”).

(Summary of Cortland’s Top-6 finishers on next page)
Cortland Highlights (Top 6 “scoring” finishes) at SUNYAC Outdoor Championships
April 23-24, 2004; Cortland, N.Y.

100-meter hurdles
Christina Acquaviva, 1st, 16.04 (15.57 prelims) (ECAC qualifier)
Jill Olmstead, 3rd, 16.79 (16.48 prelims) (ECAC qualifier)
Andrea Gentile (3rd in prelims at 15.74) (ECAC qualifier) (did not run in finals)

4x400-meter relay
Stephanie Bailey, Annessa Melnick, Jackie Ferrentino, Kerri Gannon, 1st, 3:59.82 (ECAC qualifier)

800 meters
Annessa Melnick, 2nd, 2:19.21 (ECAC qualifier)
Brianne Capasso, 4th, 2:23.25
Bree Zogaria, 5th, 2:24.28

Long Jump
Christina Acquaviva, 2nd, 17’ 4” (ECAC qualifier)

4x100-meter relay
Stephanie Bailey, Kerri Gannon, Tara Gourdine, Christina Acquaviva, 2nd, 49.35 (ECAC qualifier)

Pole Vault
Jennifer Hart, 3rd, 10’ 6” (New School Record) (ECAC qualifier)
Tiffany Lancaster, 4th, 10’ 6” (New School Record) (ECAC qualifier)
Megan Kelley, 6th, 9’ 6.25”

100-meter dash
Stephanie Bailey, 3rd, 13.26 (12.71 prelims) (ECAC qualifier)

200-meter dash
Stephanie Bailey, 3rd, 26.75 (26.24 prelims) (ECAC qualifier)
Jackie Ferrentino, 5th, 27.09 (26.60 prelims)

400 meters
Kerri Gannon, 3rd, 1:00.24 (ECAC qualifier)
Jackie Ferrentino, 5th, 1:00.52 (ECAC qualifier)

1,500 meters
Brianne Capasso, 3rd, 4:47.43 (ECAC qualifier)

Hammer Throw
Rachel Glod, 3rd, 141’ 7” (ECAC qualifier)

Shot Put
Katie Brody, 3rd, 36’ 0.25”
Megan Thompson, 5th, 34’ 6.25”

Javelin
Christina Acquaviva, 3rd, 100’ 0”

High Jump
Jessie Ellis, 4th, 4’ 11.75”
Jackie Warner, 5th, 4’ 11.75”
Kristin Boniello, 6th, 4’ 11.75”

3,000-meter steeplechase
Katrina Dewitt, 5th, 12:35.17

400-meter hurdles
Lauren Eigenbrodt, 6th, 1:08.72

Discus
Megan Thompson, 6th, 113’ 6”