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**Cortland men repeat, Geneseo women reclaim title
at Outdoor Track and Field Championships**

CORTLAND – The Cortland men’s outdoor track and field team claimed its second consecutive championship and its fourth in the past five years while the Geneseo women won its fifth during the past six years – and first since 2006 – at the State University of New York Athletic Conference Championships at the SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex. The Cortland men scored 214 points to distance themselves from second-place Brockport (148). In the women’s competition, the Blue Knights (165) held off Brockport (146).

Cortland’s **Amaan Siddeeq** (Goshen/Goshen) was named the meet’s Most Outstanding Male Track Athlete and **Josh Dupuis** (Tupper Lake/Tupper Lake) of Brockport was the Most Outstanding Male Field Athlete. On the women’s side, **Alanna Hollborn** (Islip Terrace/East Islip) of Cortland was the Most Outstanding Track Athlete while Fredonia’s **Julia Hopson** (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) was the Most Outstanding Field Athlete. Hopson and Dupuis received their honors for the second straight year. Cortland coach Steve Patrick was named the Men’s Coach of the Year and Geneseo’s Dave Prevosti was elected Women’s Coach of the Year.

The Cortland men recorded eight individual wins, led by double-winners Siddeeq and **Justin Wager** (Guilderland/Guilderland). Siddeeq claimed the 100- and 200-meter golds in record performance. He won the 100 in :10:37, an automatic NCAA Championship qualifying time which is also new conference and meet record. Siddeeq finished the 200 in :21.04 – also a meet record and automatic qualifier. Wager was first in the 800 (1:54.55) and 1,500 (3:56.60).

Also for Cortland, pole vaulter **Jake Zanetti** (Saratoga Springs/Saratoga Springs) won his second consecutive title as he cleared 4.56 meters. **Josh Henry** (Truxton/Homer) placed first in the 10,000 with a meet-record time of 31:00.42, which is an NCAA provisional time. **Gino Besceglia** (Norwood/Norwood-Norfolk) claimed the 400 hurdles with a provisional time (:54.48) and **Kyle O’Brien** (Monroe/Monroe-Woodbury) won the 3,000 steeplechase gold, also earning a provisional (9:31.14).

Led by Dupuis, the Golden Eagle men won all four throwing events. The Outstanding Male Field Athlete won the shot put for the second consecutive year, finishing with a heave of 15.73 meters. Dupuis also claimed the discus with a throw of 47.01 meters.

Dom Gonzalez (Monroe/Monroe-Woodbury) won his second hammer throw crown in three years for Brockport. He fired the hammer 55.70 meters, which is an NCAA provisional distance. **Pete Cumbo** (Rochester/Churchville-Chili) claimed gold in the javelin, winning with a length of 50.58 meters.

The third-place Buffalo State men were led by two individual winners and the 4x100 relay team. **Mario Hicks** (Corning/Corning West) repeated as the 110 hurdles champion, crossing the line with a provisional time of :14.95. **Tim Diegelman** (Clarence/Clarence) leapt 6.73 meters to win the long jump and the 4x100 relay team of **Ray Peoples** (Buffalo/Cleveland Hill), Hicks, **Joe Russell** (North Tonawanda/North Tonawanda) and **Xavier Mateen** (New Rochelle/New Rochelle) claimed gold in :42.37.

Jessie Berube (Putnam Station/Ticonderoga) and **Ryan Joyce** (Hopewell Junction/John Jay) won individual events for Geneseo. Berube claimed the 5,000 in 15:39.29 and Joyce stretched 13.78 meters in the triple jump.

For Plattsburgh, **Jeff Dobson** (Holtsville/Sachem) won the 400 (:48.66) and teamed with **Charles Meyers**, **Brian Mockus** (Saranac/Saranac) and **Peter Hamm** (Scotia/Scotia) to place first in the 4x400 relay (3:22.72).

Shomari Felder (Syracuse/Fowler) was Oswego's lone winner as he claimed his second high jump championship in four years. He finished with a height of 1.95 meters.

In the women's competition, Geneseo was led by three different repeat champions including **Amanda Haney** (Sidney/Sidney), who won her third straight high jump title as she cleared 1.66 meters – a meet record and NCAA provisional height. **Meghan Nolan** (Liverpool/Liverpool) successfully defended her title in the 1,500 (4:43.90) while **Julie Thering** (Lyndonville/L.A. Webber) did the same in the discus (37.07 meters).

Also for the Knights, **Christy Finke** (Fairport/Fairport) won the 800 in 2:20.54 and **Laura Iafrati** (Hilton/Hilton) claimed the 10,000 gold in 37:48.13.

Brockport's Shannon O'Keeffe (Boston/Springville-Griffith) was first in the triple jump with an automatic qualifying distance of 12.05 meters while teammate **Amanda Elias** (Belmont/Genesee Valley) claimed the 400 (:57.65). The Golden Eagles' 4x400 team of **Lisa VonZagorski** (Arcade/Pioneer), **Christine Reamer** (Ithaca/Ithaca), O'Keeffe and Elias placed first in 4:02.15.

Hollborn, the Outstanding Female Track Athlete, won the 3,000 steeplechase for the Cortland women. She ran the race in a provisional time of 11:10.83. Also, **Sarah Kimball** (Liverpool/Liverpool) won her second straight pole vault title, beating out teammate **Keri Laviska** (Binghamton/Susquehanna Valley) on a tiebreaker, as both vaulters cleared 3.58 meters to set a meet and conference record. The height also earned the teammates provisional status.

Much like Laviska, Cortland's **Kristen Serikstad** (Oyster Bay/Oyster Bay) tied for a new meet record – 1.66 meters in the high jump – but finished second to Haney of Geneseo.

The Bengal women won three individual events and the 4x100 relay. **Latoya Edwards** (Brooklyn/Clara Barton) repeated as the 100 champ, clocking in with a provisional time of :12.02. **Anika Niles** (Brooklyn/Samuel J. Tilden) claimed the 200 in :25.24 – a provisional time – and **LaVonne Barfield** (Rochester/Wilson Magnet) stretched to a provisional distance of 5.54 meters to win the long jump. The winning 4x100 team consisted of **Katya Marin** (Mount Vernon/Mount Vernon), Edwards, **Taniqua Hollingsworth** (Buffalo/East) and Niles. It won with a provisional of :48.05.

Hopson was a double-winner for Fredonia, winning her third consecutive hammer throw and second straight shot put. She set a new meet record in the hammer with an automatic-qualifier distance of 53.63 meters. In the shot put, Hopson had a length of 12.92 meters. Also for the Blue Devils, **Kate Brett** (Webster/Webster-Schroeder) won the 100 hurdles with a provisional time of :14.96.

For Oswego, **Heidi Armstrong** (Solvay/Solvay) claimed her second straight javelin title. She fired the dart 36.36 meters. Teammate **Megan Boggan** (Canandaigua/Canandaigua) won the 400 hurdles in 1:03.79. Plattsburgh's **Toni Wiszowaty** (Shirley/William Floyd) successfully defended her title in the 5,000, winning with a provisional time of 17:11.89.