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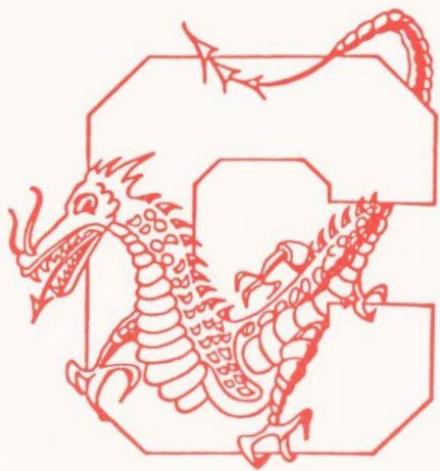
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'78 - '79

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CORTLAND INFORMATION

- Founded: 1868
- Enrollment: 5,584
- Colors: Red and White
- Nickname: Red Dragons
- Acting President: S. Stewart Gordon
- Men's Athletic Director:
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- Women's Athletic Director:
 Carole Mushier (607/753-4953)
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+CORTLAND STATE WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK 1978-79 SCHEDULE

Dec. 10	Univ. of Connecticut	A
Feb. 3	Queens College (Ont.) & SUNY Binghamton	H
10	Univ. of Vermont	A
17	Rochester Inv.	A
** 24	Univ. of Massachusetts	A
Mar. 3	Cortland Inv.	H
9-10	EAIWA at Princeton	A

** Meet has not yet been confirmed

+ 1978-79 is first season for women's indoor track on a varsity level at Cortland State.

Debra Aitken, a newcomer to the Cortland State physical education staff, this year, will coach the women's indoor track team during its first varsity season.

A native of Skowhegan, Maine, Aitken did undergraduate work at the University of Maine in Presque Isle and received a B.S. degree in physical education from Plymouth State College, Plymouth, N.H., in 1973. She earned an M.S. degree in physical education from Frostburg State College in Maryland.

Before coming to Cortland, Aitken spent three years teaching and coaching at the high school level in Waterville, Maine. In her final year at Waterville, Aitken coached the women's varsity track team to both league and Class "A" State Championships. In addition, Aitken coached the Waterville High School women's field hockey and gymnastics teams, leading both to league championships.

An instructor in the Cortland State Physical Education Department, Aitken also coached the 1978 women's varsity field hockey team.

CORTLAND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK OUTLOOK 1978-79

A team consisting of mostly freshman members and a freshman coach is a good way to describe the 1978-79 Cortland State women's varsity indoor track team.

Led by tri-captains Melody Edwards of Selkirk, Sue Ehmann of Geneseo, and Meg Bazukiewicz of New Rochelle, the team "shows a great deal of potential," according to Coach Deb Aitken.

Although losing their opening meet of the 1978-79 season, 83-27 to University of Connecticut, the Dragons are not discouraged. "This meet gave us an indication of our strengths and weaknesses," according to Aitken. "We can now focus our practices around individual improvements."

From their opening meet, it appears that the Dragons' greatest strengths will be in field events. Led by Michele Featherly of East Syracuse, Sue Ehmann of Geneseo, and Julia Curran of Schenectady, the Dragons swept the high jump event against Connecticut. Featherly, a freshman, jumped 5'6" in high school; soph Ehmann and frosh Curran have both jumped 5'4". Adding depth to the high jump event will be Lisa King, a freshman from Oswego, who jumps 5'0".

The long jump also will be a strong event for Cortland with Michele Featherly, once again, the leading Dragon leaper. Featherly has received strong competition from teammates Pam Fenstemacher, a freshman from Churchville, and Rhonda Bellavia, a freshman from Clayton. Added depth will come from junior Maria Macarle of Sayville, frosh Sandy Coxe of Monticello, junior Marybeth Kenne of Westbury, and junior Pam Chin of Delmar.

Cortland has only two strong candidates in the shot put. Freshman Kym Schwickrath from Norwood, N.J., comes to Cortland with an outstanding high school record where she threw the shot for 40'. According to Aitken, Schwickrath should be Cortland's leading shot putter this season.

Also putting the shot for Cortland will be junior Maria Macarle. Macarle, a newcomer to the event, placed fourth in a field of six contestants against Connecticut.

In the running events, the Dragons appear to be strongest in sprints. Leading the sprinters will be soph Bridget Callahan of Derby. Callahan, a member of the 1978 Cortland outdoor track and field team as a freshman, specializes in the 60 yd. dash and 220 yd. dash. She has been clocked at 7.6 seconds for the 60 yd. and 28.7 seconds for the 220 yd. dashes this season.

Other Cortland sprinters will be: Sue Sider of Bayville, Lori Eliseo of Locust Valley, and Pearl Woodley of Gloversville in the 60 yd. dash; and Woodley, Ehmann, and freshman Rhonda Bellavia of Clayton in the 220 yd. event.

Cortland will be led in the 440 yd dash by freshman Pam Fisher of Middletown. Fisher, who runs the event in 64.1 seconds, will be followed closely by: Frosh Sue Searle of Ithaca, soph Melody Edwards of Selkirk, frosh Gail Smith of Monroe, and frosh Janice Carter of Medford.

The middle and long distance events appear to be Cortland's greatest weaknesses early in the year. Aitken, who attributes the weakness to a "lack of depth", has been training several new runners to strengthen the 880 and mile events for Cortland.

Leading the Dragons in the 880 event will be freshman Kate Slattery of Albany, who, according to Aitken, has shown "steady improvement" thus far. Other Cortland 880ers will be: frosh Diane Bulger of Troy, frosh Lisa King of Oswego, frosh Diane Bortoszek of Oriskany, and frosh Michelle Demonte of New York City.

The mile and 2-mile events will be paced by freshman Carolyn Kennedy of Albany and sophomore Patty Marciniak of Buffalo. Both women have set goals of a five minute mile and twelve minute two-mile. Kennedy and Marciniak will be assisted by Lisa King, who "shows great potential in the mile," according to Aitken. Sophs Debbie Sulzer of Woodstock and Marjorie Jones of New Hartford will compete in the 2-mile.

In the 60 yd. hurdles, the Dragons will again be led by freshman Michele Featherly. Featherly set a personal best of 9.1 seconds while taking first place in the 60 yd. hurdles against Connecticut. Freshman Sandy Falcone of Camillus also will compete in the 60 yard hurdles for Cortland.

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1978-79 VARSITY ROSTER

Player	Event	Yr.	Hometown	High School
Bazukiewicz, Meg	440	Jr	New Rochelle	New Rochelle
Bellavia, Rhonda	Sprints	Fr	Clayton	Thousand Islands
Bortoszek, Diane	Sprints	Fr	Oriskany	Oriskany
Bowler, June	Sprints	So	Lockport	Lockport
Brewi, Jean	High Jump	Fr	Plainview	Plainview/Old Bethpage
Bulger, Diane	880	Fr	Troy	Catholic Central
Callahan, Bridget	Sprints/Hurd.	So	Derby	Nichols
Carter, Janice	440 Relay	Fr	Medford	Longwood
Chin, Pamela	220/LJ	Jr	Delmar	Bethlehem
Collier, Tonya	LJ/Hurd.	Jr	Brooklyn	Abraham Lincoln
Coxe, Sandy	Long Jump	Fr	Monticello	Monticello
Cugini, Jane	Distance	So	Staten Island	Tottenville
Curran, Julia	High Jump	Fr	Schenectady	Linton
Dalton, Jennifer	220/880 Relay	Jr	Pittsford	Pittsford-Mendon
DelGiacco, Nancy	220/Relay	Jr	Bayville	Locust Valley
Demonte, Michele	880	Fr	New York City	Tottenville
Edwards, Melody	Sprints	So	Selkirk	Ravena & Coeymans
Ehmann, Suzanne	220/HJ/Rel.	So	Geneseo	Geneseo
Elisio, Lorraine	Sprints	Fr	Locust Valley	Locust Valley

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