ITHACA, N.Y. – Cortland finished seventh out of 17 schools at the season-opening Ithaca College Wrestling Invitational. Springfield won the tournament with 145 points. Cortland had 103 points.

Junior Jason Peck (Montgomery/Valley Central) repeated as the champion at 125 pounds. The two-time All-American and 2004 national runnerup was the top seed in the weight class and won all four of his matches. He pinned his first two opponents, then defeated fifth-seeded Brandon McDonough of Johnson and Wales in the semifinals, 4-3. In a rematch of last year's tournament finals, Peck went to overtime against second-seeded Brian Dempsey of The College of New Jersey. He won the match 4-3 in a second tiebreaker. Peck won last year's final versus Dempsey by a 7-5 score.

Three Red Dragons finished fourth in their respective weight classes. Freshman Josh Eagan (Niagara Falls) won five of seven matches at 157 pounds. He defeated both the fourth and eighth seeds along the way. Freshman Matt Sganga (Shirley/Longwood) was 4-2 at 133 pounds. After a technical fall win in his first match, Sganga upset top-seeded Anthony Montes of Johnson & Wales, 22-14, and pinned eighth-seeded Julian Nicholas of RIT to reach the semifinals. Sganga lost 2-1 to fifth-seeded Scott Aronowitz of Ithaca, then split two matches in the consolation bracket.

Junior Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta), seeded second at 149 pounds, also finished fourth with a 4-2 record. He won his first three matches before losing in the semifinals to the third seed, Dan Whelan of Norwich. Chase then won one consolation match before falling, 3-2, to fourth-seeded Jad Duca of Ithaca in the third-place match.

Freshman Zaccary Mills (Wallkill) just missed placing in the top six at 133 pounds. He won his first match, lost his second, then rattled off three wins in the consolation bracket, including a victory against the eighth seed. One match from placing, Mills lost, 9-7, to Lycoming's Drew Barder.

Four other Cortland wrestlers earned three wins apiece at the tournament. At 149 pounds, junior John Franchi (Elmira Heights/Thomas A. Edison) finished 3-2 with a pin and technical fall. Freshman Treavor LeBlanc (Morrisville/Morrisville-Eaton) and senior Trevor Comeau (Fultonville/Fonda-Fultonville) were each 3-2 at 174 pounds. LeBlanc, seeded seventh, pinned his first two opponents before losing to the second seed. Comeau also won his first two matches, one by pin, then lost to the top seed. He earned another pin in the consolation bracket. Sophomore Matt Eldredge (Canandaigua/Marcus Whitman) was 3-2 at 197 pounds. He pinned two opponents, including fifth-seeded Ed Parra of Hunter.

FINAL TEAM SCORES:

1. Springfield College (SPR) ............... 145
2. Ithaca College (ITH) ..................... 141
3. College of New Jersey (TCNJ) .... 139.5
4. Lycoming College (LYC) ............... 127.5
5. SUNY Oswego (OSW) ................. 122
6. Norwich Univ. (NOR) ................. 114.5
7. SUNY Cortland (CORT) ............ 103
8. Johnson & Wales (JW) .............. 83.5
9. Rochester Inst. of Tech. (RIT) .... 65
10. New York Univ. (NYU) ............... 47
11. Hunter College (HUNT) .............. 38
12. Centenary (N.J.) College (CENT) .... 33
13. Gettysburg College (GETTY) ....... 32
14. Western New England Coll. (WNEC) .... 31
15. Coast Guard Academy (CG) .... 28.5
16. Roger Williams College (RW) .... 19.5
17. New Hampshire College (NH) .... 6.5

(Championship match and Cortland results on the following pages)
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CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES:

125 - Jason Peck (CORT) def. Brian Dempsey (TCNJ), 4-3 (ot, 2nd tb)
133 - Joe Jewett (OSW) def. Scott Aronowitz (ITH), 7-5
141 - Tenkoran Agyeman (OSW) def. Michael Gaeta (SPR), 10-6
149 - Dan Whelan (NOR) pinned Mark DeCiccio (SPR), 2:25
157 - Steve Martell (JW) def. Joe Galante (TCNJ), 3-2
165 - Marc Israel (ITH) def. Frank Petrucci (OSW), 10-6
174 - Tim Ruberg (JW) def. Matthias Keib (ITH), 6-2
184 - Josh Boyle (CG) def. Paul Vaccaro (TCNJ), default 2:00
197 - Nick Vincigueara (TCNJ) def. Nick Calandrino (ITH), 14-2
HWT - Scott Fay (SPR) def. Keith Bjorhus (TCNJ), 7-4

Most Outstanding Wrestler: Mark Israel (ITH), 165 pounds
Most Falls: Gene Kobalinsky (NYU), 141 pounds, 4 in 7:16

CORTLAND RESULTS:

125 pounds
(1) Jason Peck (1st place; 4-0 record)
pinned Jim Byrnes (TCNJ), 3:22
pinned Nick Mascellino (TCNJ), 2:00
Semifinals: def. (#5) Brandon McDonough (JW), 4-3
Finals: def. (#2) Brian Dempsey (TCNJ), 4-3 (ot, 2ndtb)

133 pounds
Matt Sganga (4th place, 4-2)
won by tech. fall vs. Owen Glotzer (NH), 21-6 (6:00)
won by major dec. vs. (#1) Anthony Montes (JW), 22-14
pinned (#8) Julian Nicholas (RIT), 2:22
Semifinals: lost to (#5) Scott Aronowitz (ITH), 2-1
def. Antonio Crespo, Jr. (TCNJ), 9-6
3rd-place match: lost to (#6) Sean Cullen (LYC), 3-2

Zaccary Mills (4-2)
def. Mike Cicchese (WNEC), 14-7
lost to (#7) Joe Jewett (OSW), Pin 2:34
def. Trevor Vernon (RW), 10-6
pinned Tom Alimberti (SPR), 1:22
def. (#8) Julian Nicholas (RIT), 1-0
lost to Drew Barber (LYC), 9-7

(#4) Eddie Ortiz (1-2)
def. Alex Emmer (GETTY), 10-3
lost to Drew Barber (LYC), 7-3
lost to Robert Whalen (CENT), 11-8

141 pounds
Alex Hojnowski (0-2)
lost to Connor Keating (NOR), 11-6
lost to Eric Snyder (LYC), Pin 3:39

149 pounds
(1) Jason Chase (4th place, 4-2)
pinned Chris Depeieti (LYC), 0:35
def. Scott Pellerin (RW), 4-3
def. Adam Johnson (ITH), 4-2
Semifinals: lost to (#3) Dan Whelan (NOR), Pin 3:40
def. (#5) Nolan Cisper (NOR), 3-2
3rd-place match: lost to (#4) Jad Duca (ITH), 3-2

157 pounds
Josh Eagan (4th place, 5-2)
def. (#8) Nat Bachmann (RIT), 17-10
def. Anthony Miscia (TCNJ), 4-2
lost to Jake Tyler (SPR), 10-7
pinned Brian Murphy (ITH), 3:30
def. (#4) Matt Thurston (NOR), 3-1
won by medical forfeit vs. (#3) Jason Smith (LYC)
3rd-place match: lost to Jake Tyler (SPR), 7-3
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| 174 pounds   | (#7) Treavor LeBlanc (3-2) | pinned Lamar Brown (HUNT), 0:31 | pinned Alex Whitney (NOR), 2:34 | lost to (#2) Brian Viglione (SPR), Pin 3:39 | def. Brandon Scott (TCNJ), 7-0 | lost to Matt Miller (LYC), 4-2 |
|              | (#8) Trevor Comeau (3-2) | won by major dec. vs. Chuck Guttilla (OSW), 13-3 | pinned Rob Richard (WNEC), 0:27 | lost to (#1) Tim Ruberg (JW), 17-8 | pinned Alex Whitney (NOR), 3:55 | lost to Zach Bogardus (ITH), 12-1 |
|              | Nick Lorenzen (0-2) | lost to (#4) Tim O’Donnell (SPR), Pin 5:45 | lost to Alex Whitney (NOR), 9-7 (sd ot) |
|              | Jake Loeb (0-2) | lost to (#6) Gary Bruzzese (ITH), Pin 2:27 | lost to Brandon Scott (TCNJ), Pin 3:47 |

| 184 pounds   | Mark Maglione (2-2) | pinned Chris Easton (RIT), 5:08 | lost to (#2) Robert Stubbs (ITH), 9-5 | won by major dec. vs. Mark Tiano (ITH), 15-4 | lost (#4) Shintaro Higashi (HUNT), 7-3 |
|              | Mike McQuillan (0-2) | lost to Ryan Horton (SPR), 8-1 | lost to Jon Gaffney (NH), 4-0 |

| 197 pounds   | Matt Eldredge (3-2) | lost to (#6) John Oko (WNEC), 4-1 | pinned Mike Angers (SPR), 3:01 | def. Jose Campusano (CENT), 4-0 | pinned (#5) Ed Parra (HUNT), 1:05 | lost to Colton Craig (LYC), Pin 1:43 |
|              | (#4) Mike Karbowiak (2-2) | lost to Trevor Hiffa (RIT), Pin 2:57 | def. Anthony Greene (CENT), 5-1 | def. Nick Brait (WNEC), 9-4 | lost to (#6) Bryan Petti (ITH), Pin 5:04 |
|              | Mike Sganga (2-2) | lost to (#6) Bryan Petti (ITH), 3-1 | pinned George Rupp (LYC), 3:41 | def. Vincent Minnici (OSW), 6-6 (ot, 2nd tb, rt) | lost to Trevor Hiffa (RIT), Pin 0:41 |