OSWEGO, N.Y. -- SUNY Cortland sophomore Jason Peck (Montgomery/Valley Central) and sophomore Ben Locke (Bainbridge/Bainbridge-Guilford) each qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships with their performances at the Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference Championships, hosted by SUNY Oswego. Cortland finished third in the final team standings with 60 points. Brockport won the title with 120 points, followed by Ithaca (72.5), Cortland, Oswego (51.5), Oneonta (29.5) and RIT (16.5).

Peck automatically qualified for the national meet, which will be held March 7-8 at Ohio Northern University, by winning the 125-pound weight class. Seeded third, Peck defeated second-seeded Greg Winn of Oneonta 8-6 in the semifinals and beat top-seeded Salvador Cruz of Brockport 9-7 in the finals. Peck will bring a 35-12 record into nationals.

Locke finished second at 197 pounds and received one of eight "wild card" national bids, as voted upon by the league's coaches after the meet. Seeded second, Locke won 13-5 over Luke Walsh of RIT in the opening round and edged Ithaca's Brian Petti, the third seed, 3-2 in the semifinals. Locke lost in the championship match to top-seeded Robert Cuffie of Brockport, 5-2. Locke is now 29-11 on the season.

Three Red Dragons finished in third place in their respective weight classes. Freshman Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) lost his opening match at 133 pounds to eventual champion Dan Roberts of Brockport, 6-2. Chase won his next two matches -- by pin in 3:50 over RIT's Mike Peitrowski and 5-3 versus Lance Dolson of Ithaca -- before losing in the "true second-place" match to Oswego's Tenk Agyeman, 8-6. Chase finishes the season with a 26-20 record.

Freshman Jaret Misener (Schoharie) finished third at 157 pounds and junior Jason Lichtenstein (Middletown) placed third at heavyweight. Misener, seeded third, pinned Chris DeMichiel of Oswego in 5:56 before losing to second-seeded K.C. Beach of Ithaca, 7-3. Misener won his final two matches, defeating RIT's Steve Vaughn, 5-3, and DeMichiel, 4-3. Misener finishes the year 23-21. Lichtenstein opened with a 5-2 win over Julio Santiago of Oneonta before losing a 2-1 decision to top-seeded Jeremy Calkins of Ithaca. Lichtenstein also won his final two matches, pinning Matt Lawther of RIT in 1:32 and beating Ithaca's Erik Wisecup, 8-2.

2003 EMPIRE COLLEGIATE WRESTLING CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FINAL TEAM SCORES

1) Brockport .................. 120
2) Ithaca ..................... 72.5
3) Cortland ................... 60
4) Oswego .................... 51.5
5) Oneonta .................... 29.5
6) RIT .......................... 16.5

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2003 Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference
Individual Placewinners

(Each weight-class champion, plus eight wild cards (**) qualify for the NCAA Div. III Championships)

125 pounds
1st & 2nd Place
Jason Peck (Cortland) dec. Salvador Cruz** (Brockport) 9-7
3rd & 4th Place
John Spinner (Oswego) dec. Macario Alverez (Ithaca) 4-1

133 Pounds
1st & 2nd
Daniel Roberts (Brockport) dec. Tenk Agyeman** (Osw) 9-5
True Second
Tenk Agyeman (Osw) dec. Jason Chase (Cortland) 8-6
3rd & 4th
Jason Chase (Cortland) dec. Lance Dolson (Ithaca) 5-3

141 Pounds
1st & 2nd
Kris Harrington (Brockport) WBF 1:59 Mark Mancari (Oswego)
3rd & 4th
Scott Aronowitz (Ithaca) dec. Jack Holmgren (Cortland) 5-4

149 Pounds
1st & 2nd
Dustin Winn (Oneonta) dec. Lenny Baker (Brockport) 5-4
True Second
Jad Duca** (Ithaca) injury default over Lenny Baker (Brock)
3rd & 4th
Jad Duca (Ithaca) dec. Ron Serrano (Cortland) 11-3

157 pounds
1st & 2nd
Rob Power (Brockport) dec. Casey Beach (Ithaca) 13-8
3rd & 4th
Jaret Misener (Cortland) dec. Chris DeMichiel (Oswego) 4-3

165 Pounds
1st & 2nd
Pat North (RIT) dec. Bill Parry** (Ithaca) 6-2
3rd & 4th
Artie Weilder** (Brockport) dec. Kyle Hauptfleisch (Oneonta) 9-4

174 pounds
1st & 2nd
Don Favro (Brockport) dec. Andrew Locke (Ithaca) 4-2
True Second
Ed Miller** (Oswego) dec. Andrew Locke (Ithaca) 2-1 TB
3rd & 4th
Ed Miller (Oswego) dec. Brian Hanselman (Cortland) 4-1

184 pounds
1st & 2nd
Tevon Fordyce (Brockport) dec. Jeff Edelstein** (Ithaca) 6-4
True Second
Jeff Edelstein (Ithaca) dec. Nick Castellano (Oneonta) 12-4
3rd & 4th
Nick Castellano (Oneonta) dec. Jake Armstrong (Cortland) 5-4

197 pounds
1st & 2nd
Robert Cuffie (Brockport) dec. Ben Locke** (Cortland) 5-2
3rd & 4th

Heavyweight
1st & 2nd
Jim Pennise (Brockport) dec. Jeremy Calkins (Oswego) 5-4
3rd & 4th
Jason Lichtenstein (Cortland) dec. Erik Wisecup (Ithaca) 8-2

CORTLAND RESULTS

125 lbs -- (#3) Jason Peck (1st, 2-0 record)
def. #2 Greg Winn (Oneonta), 8-6
def. #1 Salvador Cruz (Brockport), 9-7

133 lbs -- (#4) Jason Chase (3rd, 2-2 record)
lost to #1 Dan Roberts (Brockport), 6-2
pinned Mike Peitrowski (RIT), 3:50
def. #3 Lance Dolson (Ithaca), 5-3
lost to #2 Tenk Agyeman (Oswego), 8-6

141 lbs -- Jack Holmgren (4th, 1-2 record)
lost to #2 Mark Mancari (Oswego), 8-5
Pinned Joe Hladis (Oneonta), 5:43
lost to #3 Scott Aronowitz (Ithaca), 5-4

149 lbs -- (#4) Ron Serrano (4th, 1-2 record)
lost to #1 Lenny Baker (Brockport), 9-4
Def. Brian Bowen (Oswego), 9-3
lost to #2 Jad Duca (Ithaca), 11-3

157 lbs - (#3) Jaret Misener (3rd, 3-1 record)
Pinned Chris DeMichiel (Oswego), 5:56
Lost to #2 K.C. Beach (Ithaca), 7-3
Def. Steve Vaughn (RIT), 5-3
Def. Chris DeMichiel (Oswego), 4-3

165 lbs -- Matt Slate (0-2 record)
Lost to #1 Arthur Weidler (Brockport), Pin 2:17
Lost to #3 Kyle Hauptfleisch (Oneonta), 3-2

174 lbs - (#4) Brian Hanselman (4th, 2-2 record)
Lost to #5 Ed Miller (Oswego), 6-5, ot (tb)
Def. Sean Dust (RIT), 1-0
Def. #3 Justin Chandler (Oneonta), 5-2
Lost to #5 Ed Miller (Oswego), 4-1

184 lbs - (#4) Jake Armstrong (4th, 2-2 record)
Pinned #5 Nick Castellano (Oneonta), 5:43
Lost to #1 Tevon Fordyce (Brockport), 8-5
Def. #3 Zach Greenberg (RIT), 7-5
Lost to #5 Nick Costellano (Oneonta), 5-4

197 lbs - (#2) Ben Locke (2nd, 2-1 record)
Def. #3 Brian Petti (Ithaca), 3-2
Lost to #1 Robert Cuffie (Brockport), 5-2

Hwt - (#4) Jason Lichtenstein (3rd, 3-1 record)
Def. #5 Julio Santiago (Oneonta), 5-2
Lost to #1 Jeremy Calkins (Oswego), 2-1
Pinned Matt Lawther (RIT), 1:32
Def. #3 Erik Wisecup (Ithaca), 8-2