ITHACA, N.Y. -- The SUNY Cortland wrestling team finished fourth out of 16 schools and was the top-placing New York college at the 20th Annual Ithaca College Invitational. The College of New Jersey won the tournament with 169.5 points, followed by Springfield (158), Delaware Valley (Pa.) (154), Cortland (136.5) and Ithaca (110.5).

Eight Red Dragons finished in the top six of their weight classes. Three of those came at 197 pounds, led by sophomore Ben Locke (Bainbridge/Bainbridge-Guilford) in second place with a 3-1 record. He advanced to the finals with a medical forfeit over top seed Rich Gildner of New Jersey before losing to second-seeded Andrew Helms of Delaware Valley. Senior Dan Root (Medina) and freshman Keith Wise (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) finished third and fourth, respectively, at 197. Root won six straight matches after losing his opening match Friday. He defeated Wise, who was 4-2 at the tournament, in the third-place match 5-3 in sudden death.

Sophomore Bryon Fredenburg (Owego/Tioga) placed fourth at 174 pounds and sophomore Jason Peck (Montgomery/Valley Central) was fourth at 125 pounds. Fredenburg, 6-2 at the tournament, won three straight consolation bracket matches on Saturday, including a 6-3 win over sixth-seeded Scott Koser of Coast Guard and a 3-1 decision versus fourth-seeded Andrew Locke of Ithaca. He lost in the third-place match 4-3 to seventh-seeded Paul Vaccaro of New Jersey. Vaccaro had beaten Fredenburg in the opening match of the tournament. Peck opened Saturday's action with a 5-3 win over top-seeded James Marrero of New Jersey, followed by pins versus third-seeded Brian Benson of NYU in 4:46 and Norwich's Brian Zane in 3:39. Zane pinned Peck in Friday's action. Peck lost in the third-place match to New Jersey's Brian Dempsey 5-3 and finished with a 6-2 record.

Senior Mike Cox (Sayville) at 157 pounds and freshman Jaret Misener (Schoharie) at 149 pounds each earned fifth-place finishes and freshman Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) was sixth at 133 pounds. Cox was 4-2, including a forfeit win in the fifth-place match. He lost in the championship semifinals 1-0 to sixth-seeded Greg Ilaria of New Jersey. Misener was also 4-2, including a 9-5 win over Norwich's Dan Whelan in the fifth-place match. Chase won his first two consolation matches on Saturday, one by pin, before losing on criteria to fourth-seeded Cliff Medina of Hunter and by pin to Springfield's Ryan McCreedy. Chase finished 4-3.

2002 ITHACA WRESTLING INVITATIONAL -- FINAL TEAM SCORES

1) The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) . . 169.5
2) Springfield (SPR) ............... 158
3) Delaware Valley College (DVC) .... 154
4) Cortland (CORT) ............. 136.5
5) Ithaca (ITH) ................. 110.5
6) Norwich (NOR) ............... 88
7) Hunter (HUNT) ............... 69
8) Rochester Inst. of Tech. (RIT) .... 67
9) Johnson and Wales (JW) .......... 64.5
10) Oswego (OSW) ................ 63.5
11) Roger Williams (RW) .......... 61
12) New York University (NYU) .... 51.5
13) Centenary, NJ (CEN) ......... 48.5
14) Coast Guard Academy (CGA) ... 39
15) Gettysburg (GETT) ........... 35.5
16) Western New England (WNEC) .... 20

(Cortland individual results on next two pages)
125 pounds

Jason Peck (4th place; 6-2 record)
Def. Brian Dempsey (TCNJ), 5-4
Lost to Brian Zane (NOR), Pin 5:03
Won by tech. fall vs. Angel Marguez (WNEC), 15-0 (3:57)
Won by major decision vs. Bill Funk (Hunter), 12-1

Saturday:
Win 5-3 vs. (1) James Marrero (TCNJ)
Pinned (3) Brian Benson (NYU), 4:46
Pinned Brian Zane (NOR), 3:39
Lost to Brian Dempsey (TCNJ), 5-3

133 pounds

Mike Jimenez (3-2 record)
Lost to (8) Anthony Montes (JW), 12-2
Def. Bryan Gammons (ITH), 9-3
Won by tech. fall vs. Josh Carawkowski (NOR), 19-3 (5:32)
Def. Peter Marques (SPR), 5-1

Saturday:
Lost to (5) Tim Bernaudt (CGA), 8-2

(7) Jason Chase (6th place; 4-3 record)
Pinned Jeff Gacta (CEN), 3:11
Def. Adam Uffleman (SPR), 3-0
Lost to (2) Tenk Agyeman (OSW), Pin 5:41

Saturday:
Pinned Josh Dexter (OSW), 1:45
Def. Stephen Kareha (GETT), 3-1
Lost to (4) Cliff Medina (HUNT), 6-6, tiebreaker, criteria
Lost to Ryan McCready (SPR), Pin 0:41

Chris Arnold (1-2 record)
Won by major decision vs. Grant Condon (GETT), 15-4
Lost to (6) Joel Jeannite (SPR), Pin 1:59
Lost to Peter Marques (SPR), 11-9 (sd)

141 pounds

Jack Holmgren (3-2 record)
Pinned Ryan Joanis (RW), 1:06
Def. (6) Max Zimmerman (OSW), Default 4:15
Lost to (3) Barry Wise (DVC), Pin 2:45

Saturday:
Pinned Harry Ortiz (SPR), 3:47
Lost to Brett Milgrim (NYU), 7-3

149 pounds

Jaret Misener (5th place, 4-2 record)
Won by major decision vs. David Bisers (RIT), 15-4
Def. Brian Radick (CGA), 8-7
Def. Kyle Ibbotson (GETT), 8-7

Saturday:
Lost to (2) Bill Ivatts (SPR), 4-3
Lost to Kyle DeBias (RW), 6-4
Def. Dan Whelan (NOR), 9-5

157 pounds

(2) Mike Cox (5th place, 4-2 record)
Pinned Lee Cotton (WNEC), 0:42
Def. Devin Schibi (JW), 6-0
Def. Matt Champion (OSW), 6-2

Saturday:
Semifinals: Lost 1-0 vs. (6) Greg Ilaria (TCNJ)
Lost to (8) Joe Lovello (HUNT), Pin 2:50
Won by forfeit (opponent not listed)

(5) Matt Slate (3-1 record)
Def. Brian Murphy (ITH), 3-2
Lost to Scott Faire (SPR), Pin 3:50
Pinned James Carmichael (NOR), 3:00
Def. Chris Weiser (CGA), Medical Forfeit

Saturday:
Lost to (3) Casey Beath (ITH), Medical Forfeit

Ben Hamm (0-2 record)
Lost to Greg Tiecnay (CEN), 16-2
Lost to Adam Roth (ITH), 2-0

165 pounds

(5) Brian Hanselman (1-1 record)
Def. Scott Horton (SPR), 8-3
Lost to Joe Amalfitano (HUNT), 8-4
Lost to Keith Kubicek (CEN), Medical Forfeit

Chris Langer (0-2 record)
Lost to Chris Gebbie (RW), 6-0
Lost to Matt Sambucco (SPR), 10-0

Josh Brant (0-2 record)
Lost to Scott Honecker (ITH), 11-10
Lost to Aaron Fuchs (GETT), 12-2

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174 pounds

Bryon Fredenburg (4th place, 6-2 record)
Lost to (7) Paul Vaccaro (TCNJ), 3-1
Pinned Lawrence Wu (NOR), 5:30
Def. Jerad Melito (SPR), 3-1 (sd)
Pinned Nick Serta (HUNT), 3:03
Saturday:
Def. (6) Scott Koser (CGA), 6-3
Pinned Matt Dye (HUNT), 4:35
Def. (4) Andrew Locke (ITH), 3-1
Lost to (7) Paul Vaccaro (TCNJ), 4:3

Mike Orfanos (1-2 record)
Pinned Jascha Jackson (RIT), 5:00
Lost to (1) Tim Ruberg (JW), 18-6
Lost to Matt Dye (HUNT), 12-8

Anthony Cohen (1-1 record)
Won by technical fall vs. Tom King (WNEC), 26-8 (6:00)
Lost to (6) Scott Koser (CGA), Pin 5:48
Lost to Vinnie Leto (WNEC), Medical Forfeit

184 pounds

Jake Armstrong (3-2 record)
Won by major decision vs. Joseph Guicheteau (TCNJ), 8-0
Lost to (4) Silver Oghayone (NOR), 13-2
Pinned Dave Dion (RW), 1:50
Pinned Josh Bogle (CGA), 4:58
Saturday:
Lost to (6) Jeff Edelstein (ITH), 8-5

197 pounds

(4) Ben Locke (2nd place, 3-1 record)
Def. Luke Morris (DVC), Medical Forfeit
Pinned John Rysiedko (NYU), 1:58
Saturday:
Semifinals: Def. (1) Rich Gildner (TCNJ), Medical Forfeit
Finals: Lost to (2) Andrew Helms (DVC), 11-4

Keith Wise (4th place, 4-2 record)
Won by major decision vs. Cody Lightfoot (NOR), 12-4
Def. Ed Parra (HUNT), 7-4
Won by major decision vs. Rich Smith (DVC), 10-2
Saturday:
Semifinals: Lost to (2) Andrew Helms (DVC), 7-3
Def. John Rysiedko (NYU), 9-3
Lost to Dan Root (CORT), 5-3 (sd)

Dan Root (3rd place, 6-1 record)
Lost to (1) Rich Gildner (TCNJ), Pin 2:10
Pinned Cody Lightfoot (NOR), 5:04
Def. Ben O’Loughlin (CGA), 7-4
Saturday:
Def. Sean Finnegan (CORT), Medical Forfeit
Def. Rich Smith (DVC), 12-5
Def. (1) Rich Gildner (TCNJ), Medical Forfeit
Def. Keith Wise (CORT), 5-3 (sd)

Sean Finnegan (1-1 record)
Pinned Dan Montgomery (JW), 5:01
Lost to (2) Andrew Helms (DVC), Pin 1:59
Saturday:
Lost to Dan Root (CORT), Medical Forfeit

275 pounds

(4) Jason Lichtenstein (1-2 record)
Lost to Jeremy Calkins (OSW), 4-2
Def. Stephen Babcock (DVC), 8-2
Lost to (7) Kevin O’Neil (RW), Pin 0:35

Joe Congero (1-2 record)
Lost to Erik Wisecup (ITH), Pin 1:09
Def. John Zang (DVC), 4-3
Lost to (9) Phil McGeough (SPR), 8-1