SUNY CORTLAND WRESTLING at Oneonta Invitational; November 23, 2002

ONEONTA, N.Y. -- Eleven Cortland wrestlers placed in the top four of their weight classes as the Red Dragons finished first at the 10-team Oneonta Invitational. Cortland scored 131 points, easily outdistancing second-place Messiah College (90.5) and host Oneonta (85).

Sophomore Matt Slate (Gouverneur) led the Red Dragon contingent with a first-place finish at 165 pounds. He won all four of his matches, including a pin in the opening round, a 4-1 victory over Hunter's Joe Amalfitano in the semifinals and a 3-2 decision versus Oneonta's Kyle Hauptfleisch in the finals.

Sophomore Jason Peck (Montgomery/Valley Central) at 125 pounds, sophomore Tony Cohen (Albany/Columbia) at 174 pounds, senior Jake Armstrong (Walton) at 184 pounds and sophomore Ben Locke (Bainbridge/Bainbridge-Guilford) at 197 pounds each finished second in their respective weight classes.

Peck's 3-1 record included a pin in 4:34 over Brian Benson of NYU in the quarterfinals and a 3-1 win versus Messiah's Jacob Clackett in the semifinals. Peck lost 2-1 in the finals to Ben Ewig of Messiah. Cohen pinned Lamar Hunt of Hunter in 2:48 and defeated Tony Valenti of Messiah 8-4 in the semifinals. He lost by technical fall to Matt Smith of Washington and Jefferson in the finals and finished 2-1.

Armstrong, 2-1 at the tournament, pinned Jon Scobo of WPI in 1:25 and edged his teammate Dan Root (Medina) 5-3 in the semifinals. Armstrong lost 5-2 to Plymouth State's Nate Kittredge in the finals. Locke, also 2-1, pinned Hunter's Ed Parra in 3:25 and beat Mark McLean of NYU 4-3 in the semifinals. Kolb Tanner of Messiah beat Locke in the finals 8-4.

Three Red Dragons earned third-place finishes. Freshman Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) was 4-1 at 133 pounds, freshman Keith Wise (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) went 3-1 at 197 pounds and junior Jason Lichtenstein (Middletown) was 3-1 at 275 pounds. Chase won his first two matches, lost in the semifinals and won two consolation bracket matches. Wise won his first match before losing in the semifinals. His two consolation wins included a 2-1 victory in an overtime tiebreaker versus Mark McLean of NYU. Lichtenstein won his opener then lost in the semifinals. After a default win in his first consolation match, Lichtenstein defeated freshman teammate Joe Congero (Manorville/Eastport) 4-1 in the third-place match.

Congero was one of three fourth-place Red Dragon finishers along with freshman Jack Holmgren (Patchogue/Patchogue-Medford) at 141 pounds and Root at 184 pounds. Congero finished 4-2, Holmgren was 3-2 and Root was 2-2.

2002 ONEONTA INVITATIONAL - FINAL TEAM SCORES

1) Cortland ................. 131.0
2) Messiah .................. 90.5
3) Oneonta .................. 85.0
4) Hunter .................... 77.5
5) Plymouth St. ............. 76.5
6) Worcester Polytechnic Inst. ........ 71.5
7) New York Univ. ............ 69.0
9) Johns Hopkins ............. 49.0
10) Scranton ................. 39.0

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CORTLAND RESULTS at Oneonta Wrestling Invitational (Nov. 23, 2002)

TEAM CODES:
COR - Cortland; HUN - Hunter
JHU - Johns Hopkins; MES - Messiah
NYU - New York Univ.; ONE - Oneonta
PSC - Plymouth St.; SCR - Scranton
W&J - Washington & Jefferson
WPI - Worcester Poly. Institute

125 pounds
Jason Peck (2nd place; 3-1 record)
Won by major decision vs. Dan MacBlane (ONE)
Pinned Brian Benson (NYU), 4:34
Semis: Def. Jacob Clackett (MES), 3-1
Finals: Lost to Ben Ewig (MES), 2-1

Mike Hartle (1-2 record)
Lost to Ben Ewig (MES), 8-2
Won by major decision vs. Steve Schlauch (W&J), 10-2
Lost to Brian Benson (NYU), 9-3

133 pounds
Jason Chase (3rd place; 4-1 record)
Def. Sean Murphy (ONE), 8-1
Def. Tyler Alexander (MES), 3-2
Semis: Lost to Cliff Medina (HUN), 12-2
Def. Mike Murphy (WPI), 4-2
Def. Tyler Alexander (MES), 6-5

141 pounds
Jack Holmgren (4th place, 3-2 record)
Pinned John Signoriello (HUN), 3:30
Pinned Micah Canestaro (PSC), 5:59
Semis: Lost to Shaun Cleary (PSC), 13-6
Pinned Joe Hladis (ONE), 6:25
Lost to Jason Suslavich (JHU), 5-4

Jeff Bly (1-2 record)
Won by major decision vs. Derek Mihaly (ONE), 10-2
Lost to Jason Suslavich (JHU), 2-1
Lost to Joe Hladis (ONE), 7-3

149 pounds
Jaret Misener (2-2 record)
Lost to Steve Hult (NYU), 7-2
Def. Tom Phillips (SCR), 7-4
Pinned Bob Lyons (WPI), 6:43
Lost to Tim Simansky (SCR), 5-3

Ben Hamm (0-2 record)
Lost to Tim Simansky (SCR), tech. fall 5:35
Lost to John Bentley (ONE), Pin 1:17

157 pounds
Mike Cox (6th place, 2-0 record)
Won by tech. fall vs. David Kraus (JHU), 4:15
Def. Dannean Buseman (SCR), 5-2
Semis: Lost to medical default to Joe Moskowitz (WPI)
(also medical default in two consolation matches)

Steve Sargent (0-2 record)
Lost to Chris Day (W&J), 13-2
Lost to Bill Aust (WPI), 6-0

165 pounds
Matt Slate (1st place, 4-0 record)
Pinned Rich Omar (WPI), 1:45
Def. Kyle Hargreaves (WPI), 7-1
Semis: Def. Joe Amalfitano (HUN), 4-1
Finals: Def. Kyle Hauptfleisch (ONE), 3-2

Josh Brant (1-2 record)
Lost to Pete Seylen (WPI), 11-3
Def. Dan Diers (HUN), 15-9
Lost to Kyle Hargreaves (WPI), 17-5

Chris Langer (0-2 record)
Lost to Joe Amalfitano (HUN), 8-2
Lost to Jose Valdez (SCR), Pin 4:28

174 pounds
Tony Cohen (2nd place, 2-1 record)
Pinned Lamar Brown (HUN), 2:48
Semis: Def. Tony Valenti (MES), 8-4
Finals: Lost to Matt Smith (W&J), tech. fall 2:48

Mike Orfanos (5th place, 2-2 record)
Won by major decision vs. Nick Serta (HUN), 10-2
Semis: Lost to Matt Smith (W&J), Pin 3:52
Lost to Jason Alukian (WPI), 4-2
Won by major decision vs. Nick Serta (HUN), 10-2

184 pounds
Jake Armstrong (2nd place, 2-1 record)
Pinned Jon Scobo (WPI), 1:25
Semis: Def. Dan Root (COR), 5-3
Finals: Lost to Nate Kittredge (PSC), 5-2

Dan Root (4th place, 2-2 record)
Def. Ken Rys (JHU), 8-4
Semis: Lost to Jake Armstrong (COR), 5-3
Pinned Ben Towers (MES), 3:59
Lost to Justin Stern (NYU), 4-3

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197 pounds

Ben Locke (2nd place, 2-1 record)
Pinned Ed Parra (HUN), 3:25
Semis: Def. Mark McLean (NYU), 4-3
Finals: Lost to Kolb Tanner (MES), 8-4

Keith Wise (3rd place, 3-1 record)
Def. Ilya Panchernikov (NYU), 7-2
Semis: Lost to Kolb Tanner (MES), 8-1
Def. Ed Parra (HUN), 7-4
Def. Mark McLean (NYU), 2-1 (sd, tb)

275 pounds

Jason Lichtenstein (3rd place, 3-1 record)
Def. Mike Kelly (SCR), 5-0
Semis: Lost to Mike Romano (HUN), 5-2
Won by default vs. Mike Bentley (ONE)
Def. Joe Congero (COR), 4-1

Joe Congero (4th place, 4-2 record)
Lost to Karol Gryczynski (JHU), 4-3
Def. Kyle Pietrowski (PSC), 9-3
Def. Jason Anderson (W&J), 6-4
Def. Mike Kelly (SCR), 4-2
Won by default vs. Karol Gryczynski (JHU)
Lost to Jason Lichtenstein (COR), 4-1