Cortland took an 11-0 lead after three matches after freshman Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) posted a 17-2 technical fall at 133 pounds, followed by a 7-4 win by freshman Jack Holmgren (Patchogue/Patchogue-Medford) at 141 pounds and an 8-6 decision by freshman Jaret Misener (Schoharie) at 149 pounds.

RIT closed to within 11-9 on a 2-1 win by Tom Schwarting at 157 pounds over junior Chris Langer (Patchogue/Patchogue-Medford) and a pin by Pat North at 165 pounds in 3:44 versus junior Josh Brant (Churchville/Churchville-Chili). Cortland earned decisions by sophomore Bryon Fredenburg (Owego/Tioga) at 174 pounds, 9-4, and by senior Jake Armstrong (Walton) at 184 pounds, 4-2, to extend the lead to 17-9.

RIT’s Luke Walsh edged Cortland freshman Keith Wise (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) 4-3 at 197 pounds to keep the Tigers alive. Leading 17-12, however, Cortland clinched the victory when junior Jason Lichtenstein (Middletown) posted a 17-5 major decision at heavyweight. Sophomore Jason Peck (Montgomery/Valley Central) finished the match with a pin in 3:09 at 125 pounds.

Cortland will compete in a pair of tournaments in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Dec. 29 and 31.

WRESTLING

Cortland 26, RIT 12
133 - Jason Chase (C) tech. fall Mike Pietrowski, 17-2
141 - Jack Holmgren (C) dec. Mike Cicio, 7-4
149 - Jaret Misener (C) dec. David Bisers, 8-6
157 - Tom Schwarting (RIT) dec. Chris Langer, 2-1
165 - Pat North (RIT) pinned Josh Brant, 3:44
174 - Bryon Fredenburg (C) dec. Sean Dust, 9-4
184 - Jake Armstrong (C) dec. Zach Greenburg, 4-2
197 - Luke Walsh (RIT) dec. Keith Wise, 4-3
HWT - Jason Lichtenstein (C) major dec. Matt Lawther, 17-5
125 - Jason Peck (C) pinned Jason Clinch, 3:09

(Records after match: Cortland (Red Dragons) 2-2, RIT (Tigers) 1-1)