SUNY CORTLAND WRESTLING
at RIT Invitational; Saturday, December 7, 2002

ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- Sophomore Ben Locke (Bainbridge/Bainbridge-Guilford) finished first at 197 pounds to highlight Cortland's performances at the 15-team RIT Invitational. The Red Dragons placed fifth in the final team standings with 83 points. Ithaca won the tournament with 144 points.

The third-seed, Locke was 4-0 at the tournament. He pinned Plymouth State's Kyle Pietrowski in 3:06 and beat sixth-seeded Pat Vrobel of John Carroll 4-0. In the semifinals, Locke knocked off second-seeded Josh Schmidt of Case Western 8-5. Locke then beat the top seed, Devin Carman of Baldwin-Wallace, 6-3 in the championship match.

Five other Red Dragons placed in their weight classes. Sophomore Jason Peck (Montgomery/Valley Central) finished third at 125 pounds with a 5-1 record. Seeded second, Peck won his first match before falling 8-7 to Vinny Lauria of Johnson and Wales. Peck bounced back to win four straight matches in the consolation bracket. He pinned Oswego's Jorge Ortega in 4:32 and posted major decisions over J.R. Fidler of Waynesburg, 9-0, and Jeremy Mayer of Wilkes, 11-1. Peck claimed third place with a 4-1 win over John Spinner of Oswego.

Freshman Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) entered the tournament seeded fifth at 133 pounds and finished in fourth place with a 3-2 mark. After a 12-3 major decision versus Charlie Kenna of Plymouth State, Chase edged fourth-seeded Lance Dolson of Ithaca 6-5. In the semifinals, Chase lost by technical fall (19-1, 4:20) to top-seeded and eventual champion Tenk Agyeman of Oswego. Chase rebounded with a 6-1 win over Derek Maple of Waynesburg before losing 5-3 to seventh-seeded Mike Huang of Case Western in the third-place match.

Three Red Dragons finished in sixth place -- sophomore Byron Fredenburg (Owego/Tioga) at 174 pounds, senior Jake Armstrong (Walton) at 184 pounds and freshman Keith Wise (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) at 197 pounds. Fredenburg, seeded second, finished 2-3. He pinned his first two opponents before losing three straight decisions, including a 3-1 setback to sixth-seeded Sterling Sebek of Baldwin-Wallace in the championship semifinals. Armstrong, the seventh seed, won his first two matches before narrowly losing to third-seeded Jeff Edelstein of Ithaca 7-6 in the semifinals. Armstrong lost two consolation matches to finish 2-3. Wise, the fourth seed, registered a 3-3 record. He lost in the fifth-place match 3-1 to sixth-seeded Pat Vrobel of John Carroll.

2002 RIT INVITATIONAL - FINAL TEAM SCORES

1) Ithaca (ITH) .................. 144
2) John Carroll (JC) ............. 124
3) Baldwin-Wallace (BW) ....... 108.5
4) Oswego (OSW) ................. 87.5
5) Cortland (CORT) ............. 83
6) Johnson & Wales (JW) ...... 64
7) Wesleyan (WES) ............. 61
8) Plymouth St. (PLY) ........... 52
9) Wilkes (WILK) ................. 51
10) Case Western (CW) .......... 43.5
11) Rochester Inst. of Tech. (RIT) ....... 42
12) Mass. Inst. of Tech. (MIT) ........ 29
13) Rhode Island College (RIC) .... 24.5
14) Waynesburg (WAYNE) ...... 23
15) Tompkins-Cortland CC (TCCC) ...... 4

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CORTLAND RESULTS at RIT Wrestling Invitational (Dec. 7, 2002)

125 pounds

(#2 seed) Jason Peck (3rd place, 5-1 record)
Def. Eddy German (RIC), 6-2
Lost to Vinny Lauria (JW), 8-7
Pinned Jorge Ortega (OSW), 4:32
Won by major decision vs. J.R. Fidler (WAYNE), 11-1
Def. John Spinner (OSW), 4-1

Jason Peck (3rd place, 5-1 record)
Def. Eddy German (RIC), 6-2
Lost to Vinny Lauria (JW), 8-7
Pinned Jorge Ortega (OSW), 4:32
Won by major decision vs. J.R. Fidler (WAYNE), 11-1
Def. John Spinner (OSW), 4-1

Mike Hartle (2-2 record)
Pinned Emma Lindsay (MIT), 1:45
Pinned Jason Clinch (RIT), 2:28
Lost to Jeremy Mayer (WILK), 12-3
Lost to Brandon Romanoski (WILK), 5-2

133 pounds

(#5 seed) Jason Chase (4th place; 3-2 record)
Won by major decision vs. Charlie Kenna (PLY), 12-3
Def. (4) Lance Dolson (ITH), 6-5
Semis: Lost to (1) Tenk Agyeman (OSW), tech. fall 19-1 (4:20)
Def. Derek Maple (WAYNE), 6-1
Lost to (7) Mike Huang (CW), 5-3

141 pounds

(#7 seed) Jack Holmgren (0-2 record)
Lost to Rich White (ITH), Pin 5:02
Lost to Jed Starner (WILK), 13-7

149 pounds

(#6 seed) Jaret Misener (1-2 record)
Def. John Orlosky (JW), 13-11 (sd)
Lost to (3) Gregg Skiff (ITH), 8-0
Lost to Randy Bosley (JC), 5-3

157 pounds

Chris Langer (0-2 record)
Lost to Tom Schwarting (RIT), 6-4
Lost to Devin Schibi (JW), 9-0

165 pounds

(#8 seed) Brian Hanselman (2-2 record)
Won by major decision vs. Neil Nadeau (JW), 14-1
Lost to (1) Pat North (RIT), 11-3
Def. Sean Davies (WILK), 9-4
Lost to (4) Mathias Keib (ITH), 10-5

174 pounds

(#2 seed) Bryon Fredenburg (6th place, 2-3 record)
Pinned Chad Leederkerken (MIT), 1:44
Pinned (7) Dan Case (WES), 3:30
Semis: Lost to (6) Sterling Sebek (BW), 3-1
Lost to (4) Ed Miller (OSW), 8-3
Lost to Robert Stubbs (ITH), 4-1

Tony Cohen (1-2 record)
Won by major decision vs. Gerry LaBonte (RIC), 10-2
Lost to (1) Mark Hawald (JC), 8-2
Lost to Dan Brown (JC), Pin 1:42

184 pounds

(#7 seed) Jake Armstrong (6th place, 2-3 record)
Def. Gino Giannettino (OSW), 8-3
Def. Jon Neyerlin (WILK), 4-4; tb crit.
Semis: Lost to (3) Jeff Edelstein (ITH), 7-6
Lost to Zach Greenberg (RIT), 8-7
Lost to Jon Neyerlin (WILK), 4-0

197 pounds

(#3 seed) Ben Locke (1st place, 4-0 record)
Pinned Kyle Pietrowski (PLY), 3:06
Def. (6) Pat Vrobel (JC), 4-0
Semis: Def. (2) Josh Schmidt (CW), 8-5
Finals: Def. (1) Devin Carman (BW), 6-3

(#4 seed) Keith Wise (6th place, 3-3 record)
Def. Brian Millich (OSW), 10-6
Lost to (5) Bryan Petti (ITH), 4-0
Def. Luke Walsh (RIT), 7-2
Won by major decision vs. Matt Pruner (OSW), 12-4
Lost to (2) Josh Schmidt (CW), 11-1
Lost to (6) Pat Vrobel (JC), 3-1

Heavyweight

Jason Lichtenstein (1-2 record) (1-1 vs. 4-year)
Lost to Eric Wisecup (ITH), 3-2 (sd, tb)
Pinned Chris Cruz (WILK), 3:00
** Lost to Anthony Chamorro (TCCC), 3-2

Joe Congero (1-2 record)
Lost to (8) Luke Zajac (RIT), 4-0
Won by tech. fall vs. Matt Lawther (RIT), 20-5 (5:38)
Lost to Tim Jones (JW), 6-2

(** loss vs. 2-year school; doesn't count on overall record)