LAS VEGAS, NEV. – Cortland, ranked 16th nationally in Division III, finished tied for sixth at the 10-team Desert Duals, hosted by Wartburg College (Iowa) at the Hilton Flamingo in Las Vegas. The Red Dragons lost to eighth-ranked Luther College (Iowa) and second-ranked Wartburg College (Iowa), lost 25th-ranked Coe College (Iowa) and defeated Williams College (Mass.) to finish with a 1-3 record. Cortland is now 7-4 on the season.

Sophomore Jason Peck (Montgomery/Valley Central), ranked fifth at 125 pounds, finished 4-0 at the tournament. Junior Brent Rider (Tioga Center/Tioga) went 3-1 at 157 pounds, while senior heavyweight Jason Lichtenstein (Middletown), sophomore 141-pounder Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta), junior 165-pounder Matt Slate (Gouverneur) and junior 197-pounder Ben Locke (Bainbridge/Bainbridge-Guilford) each won two matches.

Cortland lost to Luther 29-13. The Red Dragons led 10-9 after Rider defeated nationally sixth-ranked Ryan LeBeau, 10-4. Luther, however, won the next four matches to take a 29-10 lead.

In the Wartburg match, Peck's win gave the Red Dragons a 3-0 lead over the defending national champions, but the Knights responded by winning the final nine matches to take a 38-3 decision. Wartburg's lineup featured six nationally-ranked wrestlers, including top-ranked Ozzie Saxson at 133 pounds and Bart Mehlert at 149 pounds.

In the Coe match, Cortland led 15-9 after pins by Rider and Slate. Coe regained the lead at 18-15, but the Red Dragons took a 21-18 lead on a pin by Locke. Coe won the final match, 3-2, to force the tie at 21-21. Coe won the match based on the first tiebreaking criteria of most victories (six to four).

Cortland completed the tournament with a 37-6 win over Williams. The Red Dragons won eight of 10 matches, including a pin by junior Billy Sisley (Jamestown) at 184 pounds and a 16-8 major decision by sophomore Jaret Misener (Schoharie) at 149 pounds.

**Desert Duals – Final Team Win-Loss Records**

(national rankings in parentheses prior to team name)

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Cortland Match Results:

**Luther 29, Cortland 13**
125 - Jason Peck (Cort) maj. dec. Nate Evans, 12-0
133 - Nate Hansen (Lut) dec. Mike Lopez, 3-2
149 - Matt Pyle (Lut) pinned Jaret Misener, 2:53
157 - Brent Rider (Cort) dec. Ryan LeBeau, 10-4
165 - Garrett South (Lut) pinned Matt Slate, 1:35
174 - Lon Welsh (Lut) maj. dec. Billy Sisley, 14-3
184 - Danny Adams (Lut) pinned Ben Locke, 2:40

**Wartburg 38, Cortland 3**
125 - Jason Peck (Cort) dec. Justin McClintock, 6-4
133 - Ozzie Saxon (War) tech. fall Jeff Fererra, 18-3
149 - Bart Mehlert (War) tech. fall Troy Tooley, 15-0
157 - Dustin Bliven (War) dec. Brent Rider, 8-4
165 - Andrew Knaack (War) dec. Matt Slate, 6-0
174 - Nathan Specht (War) maj. dec. Trevor Comeau, 9-1
184 - Ryan Sturm (War) tech. fall Ben Locke, 16-1

**Coe 21, Cortland 21**
125 - Jason Peck (Cor) dec. Sean Pearl, 5-4
133 - Luke Foor (Coe) dec. Cory Dolson, 7-3
141 - Jeff Wiele (Coe) dec. Jason Chase, 12-5
149 - Jared Creason (Coe) dec. Troy Tooley, 10-8
157 - Brent Rider (Cor) pinned Nick Cole, 4:15
165 - Matt Slate (Cor) pinned Adam McNeil, 6:30
174 - Adam Reid (Coe) dec. Trevor Comeau, 9-4
184 - Ken Ware (Coe) pinned Billy Sisley, 26
197 - Ben Locke (Cor) pinned Elias Gutierez, 1:35

**Cortland 37, Williams 6**
125 - Jason Peck (Cor) won by forfeit
133 - Dan Jacobs (Will) dec. Eddie Ortiz, 10-8
141 - Jason Chase (Cor) dec. Tim Madden, 7-2
149 - Jaret Misener (Cor) maj. dec. Josh Weisenbeck, 16-8
157 - Brent Rider (Cor) dec. Lars Ojukwu, 14-8
165 - Matt Slate (Cor) dec. Augustine Whyte, 7-4
174 - Jon Daleen (Will) dec. Trevor Comeau, 3-2
184 - Billy Sisley (Cor) pinned Veda Igedibian, 3:33
197 - Ben Locke (Cor) won by forfeit

* Coe declared the winner based on first tiebreaking criteria (most victories)