ITHACA, N.Y. – Cortland finished fifth out of 17 schools at the season-opening Ithaca College Wrestling Invitational. The College of New Jersey won the tournament with 153.5 points. Cortland scored 117 points.

Sophomore Jason Peck (Montgomery/Valley Central) finished first at 125 pounds to lead Cortland's individual performances. The returning All-American was the top seed in the weight class and won all five of his matches. He posted 8-0 and 9-0 wins, followed by a pin in 3:07 versus Ryan Hannigan of Springfield to move into the semifinals. He defeated fourth seed Toribio Garcia of Oswego, 8-1, in the semifinals and won the title with a 7-5 decision versus second seed Brian Dempsey of The College of New Jersey. Peck finished fourth at 125 pounds at last year's tournament.

Sophomore Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) and junior Ben Locke (Bainbridge/Bainbridge-Guilford) each placed second in their respective weight classes with 4-1 records. Chase, the fourth seed at 141 pounds, won three matches by three points or less, including an overtime win, to advance to the semifinals. He pinned top-seeded Barry Wise of Delaware Valley in three minutes in the semifinals before losing to third-seeded Pat Brady of The College of New Jersey, 12-4, in the finals. Chase was a sixth-place finisher at 133 pounds last year.

Locke posted two decisions and a pin to earn his semifinal slot at 184 pounds. The third seed then defeated second seed Jeff Edelstein of Ithaca, 7-4, to advance to the finals. He was knocked off in the title match, 4-2, by top seed Josh Housekeeper of Delaware Valley. Locke earns his second runner-up finish in as many years – he was second at 197 pounds a year ago.

Three other Red Dragons earned top-six individual finishes. Junior Matt Slate (Governor) was fourth at 165 pounds, senior Jake Armstrong (Walton) placed fifth at 197 pounds and senior Jason Lichtenstein (Middletown) was sixth at heavyweight.

Slate, seeded seventh, was 5-2 with a pin. He lost to eventual champion and second-seeded Marc Israel of Ithaca in the quarterfinals, 12-8, then won three matches before falling to third-seeded Sean Flynn of The College of New Jersey, 3-2. Armstrong pinned his first two opponents before losing to the top seed. He won two consolation bracket matches, lost to the second seed and finished with a pin over seventh seed John Battaglia of Lycoming in 2:33 in the fifth-place match. Lichtenstein dropped a 10-6 decision in his first match to the second seed, then ran off four straight wins before losing in overtime to eighth seeded Tommy Snyder of Lycoming and falling 2-1 to Springfield's Kane Pevery in the fifth-place match.

**FINAL TEAM SCORES:**

1. The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) 153.5
2. Springfield College (SPR) 137.5
3. Delaware Valley College (DV) 134.5
4. Ithaca College (ITH) 129.5
5. SUNY Cortland (CORT) 117.0
6. Norwich Univ. (NOR) 103.5
7. Lycoming College (LYC) 92.0
8. SUNY Oswego (OSW) 60.0
9. Coast Guard Academy (CG) 56.5
10. New York Univ. (NYU) 47.5
11. Johnson & Wales Univ. (JW) 46.0
12. Roger Williams College (RW) 40.0
13. Gettysburg College (GETT) 39.0
14. Hunter College (HUNT) 35.0
14. Rochester Inst. of Tech. (RIT) 35.0
16. Western New England Coll. (WNEC) 23.0
17. Centenary College, N.J. (CENT) 16.0

(Championship match and Cortland results on the following pages)
CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES:

125 - Jason Peck (CORT) def. Brian Dempsey (TCNJ), 7-5
133 - Tenk Agyeman (OSW) tech. fall Brian Zane (NOR), 7:00 (29-14)
141 - Pat Brady (TCNJ) major dec. Jason Chase (CORT), 12-4
149 - Jeremy Adams (LYC) def. Gregg Skiff (ITH), 6-2
157 - K.C. Beach (ITH) def. Jacob Rivers (NOR), 8-2
165 - Marc Israel (ITH) pinned Jon Capen (NOR), 1:26
174 - Josh Housekeeper (DV) def. Ben Locke (CORT), 4-2
184 - Andrew Helms (DV) def. Tom Medonis (SPR), 3-2
HWT - Scott Fay (SPR) def. Keith Bjorhus (TCNJ), 8-3

Most Outstanding Wrestler: Tenk Agyeman (Oswego), 133 pounds
Most Falls: Jon Capen (Norwich), 4 in 7:57

CORTLAND RESULTS:

125 pounds

(#1) Jason Peck (1st place; 5-0 record)
won by major dec. vs. Chris Johnson (DV), 8-0
won by major dec. vs. Macario Alvarez (ITH), 9-0
pinned Ryan Hennigan (SPR), 3:07
Semifinals: def. (#4) Toribio Garcia (OSW), 8-1
Finals: def. (#2) Brian Dempsey (TCNJ), 7-5

Jason Mulzoff (2-2)
pinned JD Arrante (OSW), 3:13
lost to (#7) Jon Egan (RW), 7-3
def. Patrick Howard (NOR), 8-6
lost to Sean Cullen (LYC), 6-2

Ryan Burtis (1-2)
lost to (#3) Mike Weston (DV), Pin 3:15
pinned Brian Norcross (GETT), 1:20
lost to (#8) Jason Vermes (WNEC), def. 3:30

133 pounds

Eddie Ortiz (1-2)
won by maj. dec. vs. Anthony Boi (JW), 15-2
lost to (#4) Desmond Wiggins (DV), 3-1 ot
lost to Tim Bernadt (CG), 9-7

Cory Dolson (0-2)
lost to Pete Marques (SPR), 7-6
lost to Lee Comstock (RIT), 10-7

141 pounds

(#4) Jason Chase (2nd place, 4-1)
def. Mike Pietrowski (RIT), 3-0
def. Michael Gaeta (SPR), 5-3 ot
def. Billy St. Pierre (NYU), 4-1
Semifinals: pinned (#1) Barry Wise (DV), 3:00
Finals: lost to (#3) Pat Brady (TCNJ), 12-4

(#6) Jack Holmgren (2-2)
pinned Dave LaChappelle (RW), 4:42
pinned Michael Russo (GETT), 2:46
lost to (#3) Pat Brady (TCNJ), Pin 3:51
lost to Michael Gaeta (SPR), 9-4

Mike Jimenez (2-2)
pinned Dave Israel (SPR), 3:26
lost to (#1) Barry Wise (DV), 8-4
pinned Brian Gaun (HUN), 8-4
lost to Dave Giannoni (DV), 4-1

Charlie Taylor (1-2)
lost to C.J. McCormick (RW), 7-1
pinned Darren Riccio (WNEC), 3:56
lost to Mark DeCiccio (SPR), 10-8

Steve Jones (0-2)
lost to Gene Kobalinsky (NYU), 7-2
lost to (#2) Leon Henry (OSW), 13-5

149 pounds

(#2) Jaret Misener (4-2)
lost to Dane LaPlante (OSW), 8-6
def. Rain Bell (LYC), 14-11
won by major dec. vs. Jordan Weiner (NOR), 14-3
won by major dec. vs. Brian Hayes (SPR), 15-3
def. Ryan Pope (SPR), 8-3
lost to (#3) Dan Whelan (NOR), 7-4

Bill Davey (1-2)
lost to (#6) Jeremy Adams (LYC), 6-4
def. Kyle Knowles (WNEC), 11-8
lost to Kenrick Randall (SPR), Pin 5:24

Joe Yedowitz (0-2)
lost to Kenrick Randall (SPR), Pin 0:25
lost to Luke Cardone (RW), Pin 1:31

157 pounds

Stephen Sargent (1-2)
def. Clayton Wall (OSW), 9-8
lost to Thomas Fives (GETT), 11-2
lost to Caleb Seufort (GETT), 7-4
165 pounds

(7) Matt Slate (4th place, 5-2)
pinned Steve Capello (CG), 0:54
def. Jerard Melito (SPRI), 4-2
lost to (#2) Marc Israel (ITH), 12-8
def. Brad Keiser (ITH), 8-2
def. (#6) Mike Berlanda (DV), 4-3 sd tb
won by med. forf. vs. (#4) Joe Lovello (HUNT)
lost to (#3) Sean Flynn (TCNJ), 3-2

(#1) Brent Rider (3-1)
def. Steve Parlos (WNEC), 10-3
won by maj. dec. vs. Rob Matskin (RW), 16-2
pinned David Donovan (ITH), 2:29
lost to Jon Capen (NOR), Pin 0:33
(forfeited final match to (#5) Tim O'Donnell (SPR))

Trevor Comeau (2-2)
def. Joe DeMauro (RIT), 9-2
def. Heath Oberlin (LYC), 7-3
lost to (#4) Joe Lovello (HUNT), 10-0
lost to Seth Wisner (CENT), 7-5

John Waterfield (1-2)
won by maj. dec. vs. Sam Thorner (NYU), 14-3
lost to Aaron Fuchs (GETT), 10-5
lost to Dan Rogers (RW), Pin 0:39

Matt Root (1-2)
lost to Adam Schumacher (DV), 4-2 ot
pinned Zac Romero (NOR), 2:22
lost to (#5) Tim O'Donnell (SPR), 9-3

Mike Viola (0-2)
lost to Greg Ponsi (CG), 12-2
lost to Lor Roselle (JW), tech. fall 4:21 (21-1)

174 pounds

Joe Swatland (2-2)
pinned Jeremy Brannen (SPR), 1:45
lost to (#5) Scott Kosier (CG), Pin 3:53
pinned Dan Jelsma (CORT), 1:27
lost to (#4) Brian Viglione (SPR), 9-4

Dan Jelsma (1-2)
lost to Pat Lavin (TCNJ), 3-1
pinned Michael Denholtz (GETT), 2:47
lost to Joe Swatland (CORT), Pin 1:27

Josh Brant (0-2)
lost to Chris Gebbie (RW), 9-1
lost to Dan Blais (SPR), Pin 2:44

Nick Lorenzen (0-2)
lost to Ryan Horton (SPR), Pin 0:40
lost to Brandon Hayes (WNEC), Pin 4:31

184 pounds

(3) Ben Locke (2nd place, 4-1)
def. Ed Redmond (TCNJ), 5-1
pinned Mark Fiore (HUNT), 3:49
def. Zach Greenberg (RIT), 3-1
Semifinals: def. (#2) Jeff Edelstein (ITH), 7-4
Finals: lost to (#1) Josh Housekeeper (DV), 4-2

Phil Archer (1-2)
lost to (#5) Josh Boyle (CG), 4-3
def. Ian Holden (DV), 7-2
lost to (#7) Josh Pavlov (TCNJ), 6-4 ot

197 pounds

Jake Armstrong (5th place, 5-2)
pinned Al Fluman (LYC), 3:02
pinned (#8) Shintaro Higashi (HUNT), 1:35
lost to (#1) Andrew Helms (DV), 14-8
won by tech. fall vs. Dan Montgomery (JW), 5:09 (16-0)
def. (#5) Ed Parra (HUNT), 6-4
lost to (#2) Nick Vinciguerra (TCNJ), 14-6
pinned (#7) John Battaglia (LYC), 2:33

Matt Eldridge (0-2)
lost to Dan Montgomery (JW), 13-2
lost to Pete Kaskella (OSW), 10-2

Heavyweight

Jason Lichtenstein (6th place, 4-3)
lost to (#2) Keith Bjorhus (TCNJ), 10-6
pinned John Goepfish (WNEC), 3:45
def. Anthony Rodriguez (ITH), 6-1
def. (#6) Mark McLean (NYU), 4-2
def. (#9) Mike Karbowiak (CORT), 3-0
lost to (#8) Tommy Snyder (LYC), 4-2 ot
lost to Kane Peverly (SPR), 2-1

(#9) Mike Karbowiak (3-2)
lost to (#8) Tommy Snyder (LYC), 3-2
pinned Joe Mitchell (WNEC), 1:48
won by maj. dec. vs. Eric Wisecup (ITH), 13-4
won by med. forf. vs. (#7) Wayne Helms (DV)
lost to Jason Lichtenstein (CORT), 3-0

Joe Congero (1-2)
def. Kelley Schaack (ITH), 8-3
lost to (#6) Mark McLean (NYU), 5-1
lost to Dan Hazen (SPR), 14-1