CORTLAND, N.Y. – Cortland hosted the Empire Open wrestling tournament for the second straight year at the Lusk Field House. The tournament featured a mix of schools from different divisions along with “unattached” entries. There was no team scoring.

Sophomore heavyweight Mike Karbowiak (Patchogue/Patchogue-Medford) opened the tournament by pinning number-six seed and nationally-ranked Scott Fay of Springfield in three minutes, six seconds. Karbowiak lost his next two matches, both to seeded wrestlers from Division I schools.

Junior John Franchi (Elmira Heights/Thomas A. Edison) also won his opening match at 149 pounds, defeating Ithaca's Adam Johnson, 7-5. Franchi lost matches to wrestlers from Brown and Kutztown to be knocked out of the tournament.

Freshman Bryan Welsh (Westtown/Minisink Valley) was impressive despite losing both of his matches at 157 pounds. He was edged, 3-1, by top-seeded Zak Johns of Boston University, then lost a 2-1 decision to sixth-seeded KC Beach of Ithaca in the consolation bracket. Also at 157 pounds, freshman Josh Eagan (Niagara Falls) wrestled a competitive match versus eventual runnerup Devin Mesanko of Columbia in the opening round, losing 7-5.

2004 EMPIRE OPEN

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES:

125 - Jeff Schell (Brown) def. Nick Bridge (unattached), 8-3
133 - Zack Makovsky (Drexel) def. Dan Appello (Brown), 9-5
141 - Joey Rivera (Boston U.) def. Rory O'Donell (Columbia), 5-1
149 - Dustin Manotti (Cornell) def. Ricky Turk (Columbia), 11-8
157 - Ryan Hlusuchak (Drexel) def. Devin Mesanko (Columbia), 15-9
165 - Matt Brienza (Drexel) def. Marc Israel (Ithaca), 10-9
174 - Joe Mazzurco (Cornell) def. Luke Hogle (Unattached), 7-4
184 - Tyler Baier (Cornell) pinned Nick Sumerfeld (Columbia), 3:28
197 - Terry Rinaldi (Cornell) major dec. John Dacruz (Boston U.), 11-3
HWT - Payam Zarainpour (Sacred Heart) def. Lee Beane (Brown), 5-3

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CORTLAND RESULTS: (* match does not count toward official win-loss record)

125 pounds
no entries

133 pounds
Zaccary Mills (1-2)
lost to Billy Stenack (Kutztown), 5-1
def. Bryan Gammons (Ithaca), 8-2
lost to Derek Francavilla (Columbia), 8-1

141 pounds
Alex Hojnowski (0-2)
lost to (#3) Ed Giosa (Drexel), Pin 0:28
lost to Mike Deluiscovo (Sacred Heart), Pin 1:51

149 pounds
John Franchi (1-2)
def. Adam Johnson (Ithaca), 7-5
lost to Mike Ashton (Brown), 11-4
lost to Dominic Sabia (Kutztown), Pin 3:20

Eric Sciutto (0-2 overall, 0-1 official)
lost to Joe Ahnastasio (Drexel), 5-2
* lost to Shawn Culley (unattached), 13-1

James Jenkins (0-2)
lost to Sean Hopkins (Brown), 3-1
lost to Alan Schwartzback (Del Valley), Pin 1:05

157 pounds
Josh Eagan (0-1)
lost to (#2) Devin Mesanko (Columbia), 7-5
medical forfeit in next round

Bryan Welsh (0-2)
lost to (#1) Zak Johns (Boston U.), 3-1
lost to (#6) KC Beach (Ithaca), 2-1

165 pounds
Trevor Comeau (1-2)
lost to Nick Dalicandro (Sacred Heart), 12-1
pinned Jake Loeb (Cortland), 0:32
lost to Kevin Kalbach (Kutztown), Pin 3:30

Cody Misener (0-2 overall, 0-0 official)
* lost to Dave Post (unattached), Pin 5:25
* lost to Pat Detweiler (unattached), 11-7

Jake Loeb (0-2)
lost to (#2) Sherwood Fendryk (Sacred Heart), Pin 0:42
lost to Trevor Comeau (Cortland), Pin 0:32

174 pounds
Treavor LeBlanc (0-2 overall, 0-1 official)
* lost to (#2) Joe Mazzurco (unatt.), tech fall 5:18 (18-2)
lost to (#5) Tom Sforza (Boston U.), 7-1

Nick Lorenzen (0-2)
lost to Joe Walton (Brown), tech. fall 4:43 (17-2)
lost to Jon Butler (Harvard), Pin 1:42

184 pounds
Mike McQuillen (1-2 overall, 0-2 official)
lost to Daemon Heist (Brown), tech. fall 5:12 (15-0)
* def. Matt Root (unattached), 6-2
lost to James Smith (Brown), 5-0

Mark Maglione (0-2 overall, 0-1 official)
lost to (#5) Robert Stubbs (Ithaca), 5-1
* lost to Kevin Bush (unattached), 11-9

197 pounds
Jeff Standish (1-2)
lost to (#3) Andrew Helms (Del Valley), 11-4
def. Matt Eldredge (Cort), 5-3
lost to Leo Saniuk (Brown), 6-2

Matt Eldredge (0-2 overall, 0-1 official)
* lost to Jason Manross (unattached), 14-0
lost to Jeff Standish (Cortland), 5-3

Heavyweight
Mike Karbowiak (1-2)
pinned (#6) Scott Fay (Springfield), 3:06
lost to (#3) Courtney Howard (Boston U.), Pin 3:55
lost to (#5) Chris Cowen (Drexel), Pin 0:31

Mike Sganga (1-2 overall, 1-1 official)
* lost to Tyler Shovlin (unattached), Pin 0:48
def. Chris Cristallo (Sacred Heart), 2-0
lost to Levon Mock (Brown), Pin 0:35