SUNY Cortland Wrestling

at Day 2 of NCAA Div. III Championships
Saturday, March 5, 2005; St. Olaf College; Northfield, Minn.
Tostrud Center (Preliminaries); Skoglund Arena (Semis/Finals)

NORTHFIELD, MINN. – SUNY Cortland sophomore Stef Sair (Huntington) finished fourth at 174 pounds and freshman Matt Sganga (Shirley/Longwood) placed seventh at 133 pounds to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships at St. Olaf College. Cortland's only two national qualifiers, Sair and Sganga led the Red Dragons to a 16th place finish out of 60 schools in the final team standings with 18 points. Augsburg College of Minnesota won the title with 162 points. Cortland has finished in the top 20 nationally 11 times in the last 17 years.

Sair and Sganga both lost their opening matches on Friday, but responded that day with two wins each to guarantee top-eight placement and All-America recognition.

On Saturday, Sair started with a 7-5 sudden-victory overtime win versus fourth-seeded Cody Koenig of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He then avenged his first-round loss to seventh-seeded Josh Chelf of Wisconsin-La Crosse by earning a 10-4 decision. Sair lost in the third-place match, 7-5, to fifth-seeded Tim Ruberg of Johnson and Wales. Sair finished the national tournament with a 4-2 record and completes the season with a 21-2 mark.

Sganga lost a 3-1 decision on Saturday to third-seeded Tyler Hubbard of Wartburg. That loss sent Sganga into Saturday night's seventh-place match, where he defeated Mike Rohowetz of Wisconsin-La Crosse by a 4-2 margin. Sganga was 3-2 at the tournament and finishes the year 22-14.

Final Team Scores (top 20) (60 teams total)

1) Augsburg (MN) ........... 162
2) Wartburg (IA) .......... 104.5
3) Luther (IA) ............... 100
4) Wis.-La Crosse ........... 72
5) Brockport ................. 48.5
6) Simpson (IA) ............ 38.5
7) Delaware Valley (PA) .... 36
8) Elmhurst (IL) ............ 30
9) College of New Jersey ... 27.5
tie 10) Wisconsin-Stevens Pt. 26.5
Ithaca ..................... 26.5
tie 12) Williams (MA) ..... 24
York (PA) .................. 24
tie 14) Ursinus (PA) ..... 18.5
Oneonta .................... 18.5
16) Cortland ................. 18
17) Wabash (IN) ........... 17.5
18) John Carroll (OH) ..... 17
19) Johnson & Wales (RI) .. 15.5
tie 20) Trinity (CT) ......... 15
Oswego .................... 15

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