WILLIAMSPORT, PA. – Cortland won two of three matches during the opening day of the 20-team Budd Whitehill Division III Duals, hosted by Lycoming College. The Red Dragons (6-10) opened with a hard-fought 22-19 loss to nationally eighth-ranked College of New Jersey. Then bounced back to post wins over Baldwin-Wallace, 22-14, and Muskingum, 33-12. Cortland will face nationally 11th-ranked Loras College of Iowa on Saturday at 9 a.m. in the consolation bracket. The Red Dragons can still finish as high as fifth in the tournament.

Cortland won five of the first seven matches against New Jersey to take a 19-10 lead, but the Lions finished the match with three major decisions, each worth four team points, to win the match. Freshman Matt Sganga (Shirley/Longwood) pinned his opponent in 4:18 at 133 pounds and junior Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) won 6-3 at 141 pounds. Sganga and Chase both finished the day with 3-0 records.

Junior John Franchi (Elmira Heights/Thomas A. Edison) posted an 18-6 major decision at 157 pounds and senior Brent Rider (Tioga Center/Tioga) won 4-3 at 165 pounds. Sophomore Stef Sair (Huntington) was a 3-2 winner over Paul Vaccaro, the seventh-ranked wrestler nationally at 174 pounds. Rider and Sair each had 2-0 records on Friday.

In the Baldwin-Wallace match, the Red Dragons won the first four matches to take a 15-0 lead. Freshman Ryan Gadsby (Auburn), a new addition to the team, opened with a 7-5 win at 125 pounds. Sganga picked up a pin in 1:59 at 133 pounds and Chase was a 5-1 winner at 141 pounds. Junior Jack Holmgren (Patchogue/Patchogue-Medford) won 5-2 at 149 pounds. Rider edged his opponent, 4-3, at 165 pounds and Sair was a 13-4 major decision winner at 174 pounds to clinch the Red Dragon victory. Baldwin-Wallace won the final three matches.

Cortland won eight of 10 matches against Muskingum. Gadsby and Sganga each won by forfeit to give the Red Dragons an early 12-0 lead. Chase won 7-0 at 141 and Holmgren won 6-3 at 149 pounds. Sophomore Troy Tooley (Kendall) and senior Trevor Comeau (Fultonville/Fonda-Fultonville) each won by pin. Tooley pinned his opponent in 4:39 at 165 pounds and Comeau finished his match in 3:35 at 184 pounds. Sophomore Matt Eldredge (Canandaigua/Marcus Whitman) posted a 3-2 victory at 197 pounds.

College of New Jersey 22, Cortland 19
125 - Brian Dempsey (NJ) pinned Ryan Gadsby, 2:28
133 - Matt Sganga (C) pinned Ray Sarinelli, 4:18
141 - Jason Chase (C) dec. Antonio Crespo, 6-3
149 - David Icenhower (NJ) maj. dec. Jack Holmgren, 10-2
157 - John Franchi (C) maj. dec. Jason Chacon, 18-6
165 - Brent Rider (C) dec. Sean Flynn, 4-3
174 - Stef Sair (C) dec. Paul Vaccaro, 3-2
184 - Pat Cross (N) maj. dec. Mark Maglione, 8-0
197 - Nick Vinciquerra (NJ) maj. dec. Jeff Standish, 16-8
HWT - Keith Bjohrus (N) maj. dec. Mike Karbowiak, 11-2

Cortland 22, Baldwin-Wallace 14
125 - Ryan Gadsby (C) dec. Brett Thomas, 7-5
133 - Matt Sganga (C) pinned Chris Harrold, 1:59
141 - Jason Chase (C) dec. Scott Haber, 5-1
149 - Jack Holmgren (C) dec. Scott Conrath, 5-2
157 - Tony Edwards (B) dec. Joe Heiland, 6-3
165 - Brent Rider (C) dec. Joe Heiland, 4-3
174 - Stef Sair (C) maj. dec. T. Terry, 13-4
184 - Sterling Sebek (B) dec. Treavor LeBlanc, 6-3
197 - Devyn Carman (B) tech. fall Jeff Standish, 4:20 (17-2)
HWT - Brian Kmetz (B) dec. Mike Karbowiak, 6-2

Cortland 33, Muskingum 12
125 - Ryan Gadsby (C) won by forfeit
133 - Matt Sganga (C) won by forfeit
141 - Jason Chase (C) dec. Joel Kulich, 7-0
149 - Jack Holmgren (C) dec. Emmit Jones, 6-3
157 - Thad Youngen (M) pinned Eric Sciutto, 3:53
165 - Troy Tooley (C) pinned Jeremy Young, 4:39
174 - Richie Minner (M) dec. Treavor LeBlanc, 6-1
184 - Trevor Comeau (C) pinned Matt Viers, 3:35
197 - Matt Eldredge (C) dec. Tony Drew, 3-2
HWT - Dexter Hopkins (M) dec. Mike Karbowiak, 8-3