ITHACA, N.Y. – Four Cortland wrestlers earned runner-up finishes and four others placed in the top five of their weight classes to lead the Red Dragons to a second-place team finish at the 16-team Ithaca College Invitational.

Cortland, ranked 16th nationally in the season's opening Division III poll, was barely edged by sixth-ranked The College of New Jersey in the final team standings. New Jersey finished with 152.5 points to Cortland's 151. Five other top-30 teams were also in the field. Oswego, ranked 28th, finished third with 131 points, and ninth-ranked Springfield was fourth with 122.5 points. Norwich, ranked 19th, placed fifth with 119.5 points and seventh-ranked Ithaca was sixth with 114 points. Fifteenth-ranked Johnson and Wales, the other ranked school in the tournament, placed ninth.

The Red Dragons' second-place finishers were freshman Paul LeBlanc (Morrisville/Morrisville-Eaton) at 141 pounds, freshman Chris Hand (Whitney Point) at 174 pounds, junior Mario Schiano (Rochester/Gates-Chili) at 184 pounds and sophomore Phil Archer (Shirley/William Floyd) at 197 pounds. In addition, senior Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) placed third at 149 pounds, sophomore Trevaur LeBlanc (Morrisville/Morrisville-Eaton), Paul's brother, finished third at 184 pounds, junior Troy Tooley (Kendall) came in fourth at 165 pounds and junior John Franchi (Elmira Heights/Thomas A. Edison) was fifth at 157 pounds.

Paul LeBlanc, seeded eighth at 141, won his first five matches, three by pin. His pin in the semifinals versus fourth-seeded Andy Lacroix of Roger Williams earned him a spot in the finals, where he lost by pin to second-seeded Mike Conklin of Norwich. At 174 pounds, Hand entered the tournament seeded sixth. He opened with three decisions, allowing only one point to each opponent, then pinned second-seeded Jeff Harrington of The College of New Jersey in the semifinals. Hand then took top-seeded Matthias Keib of Ithaca into overtime in the finals before losing 11-8 in a tiebreaker round.

Schiano was unseeded at 184, but started with a win by disqualification over top-seeded Terry Madden of Hunter. He won his next two matches, including a 3-2 semifinal victory over fifth-seeded Jon Jagatnarian of Oswego, but lost 9-4 in the finals to Ithaca's Robert Stubbs, the second seed. Archer, also unseeded at 197, started with a pin and then edged top-seeded Zach Greenberg of RIT, 1-0, in the quarterfinals. He then earned a 3-0 decision over fourth-seeded Brian Scher of Hunter in the semifinals before being pinned by Ithaca's Nick Calandrino in the finals.

Chase, the second seed at 149 and a fourth-place finisher last year, won a pair of double-digit decisions to start the tournament, but was pinned by seventh seed Dan Rokas of Roger Williams. In the consolation bracket, Chase won four straight matches, capped by a 4-2 sudden death overtime win versus fourth seed Matthew Shenk of Gettysburg, and finished with a 6-1 record. Trevaur LeBlanc, the fourth seed at 184, lost his second match to Jagatnarian in sudden death. He rebounded with four wins in the consolation bracket – a technical fall, two pins and a 3-2 win over Jagatnarian in the third-place match – to finish with a 5-1 mark.

Tooley, unseeded at 165 pounds, battled in his first match but fell 6-5 to third-seeded Bill Koch of Springfield. Tooley then rattled off six straight wins in the consolation bracket, including a 5-4 win over second-seeded Ryan Cooley of NYU. Tooley lost in the third-place match, 9-5, to fifth-seeded Shaun Vacher of Norwich and ended the tournament 6-2. Franchi was the fifth seed at 157. He won three straight matches before a 5-1 loss in the quarterfinals to the fourth seed, Jake Rivers of Norwich. Franchi won his next two decisions, lost to second-seeded Jad Duca of Ithaca, 3-2, and won the fifth-place match with a pin versus Springfield's Eric Delehanly.

Sophomore Brian Costello (Patchogue/Patchogue-Medford) finished the tournament with a 4-2 record at 174 pounds. He won three straight before losing 1-0 to Harrington in the quarterfinals. He won his first consolation match and was one win away from a top-six finish before losing 7-5 to Jerome Owens of Johnson and Wales. Other Red Dragons earning three wins apiece included junior Dominic Zanfardino (Patchogue/Patchogue-Medford) at 174 pounds and senior Will Lance (Sandy Creek) at 197 pounds. Both finished with 3-2 records.

(team scores, championship match results and all Cortland results on following pages)
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CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES:

125 - Brian Dempsey (TCNJ) pinned Ryan Hannigan (SPR), 2:39
133 - Joe Jewett (OSW) pinned Brian Zane (NOW), 1:22
141 - Mike Conklin (NOR) pinned Paul LeBlanc (CORT), 4:42
149 - Dane LaPlante (OSW) def. Nolan Cisper (NOR), 5-4 (ot, tb)
157 - Joe Galante (TCNJ) def. Jake Tyler (SPR), 7-4
165 - Steve Martell (JW) tech. fall Bill Koch (SPR), 6:34 (16-1)
174 - Matthias Keib (ITH) def. Chris Hand (CORT), 11-8 (ot, tb)
184 - Robert Stubbs (JW) tech. fall Bill Koch (SPR), 6:34 (16-1)
197 - Nick Calandrino (ITH) pinned Phil Archer (CORT), 1:18
HWT - Keith Bjorhus (TCNJ) def. Arkadly Levitan (HUNT), 4-2

Most Outstanding Wrestler: Steve Martell (JW), 165 lbs.
Most Falls: Jake Taylor (OSW)

CORTLAND RESULTS:

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3rd place: def. (#1) Gene Kobiliansky (NYU)
Kyle Reeb (2-2)
lost to Justin Dwork (ITH), Pin 4:18
def. Tim Crudden (WNEC), 4-3
pinned Craig Lombardo (SPR), 3:12
lost to (#6) Chris Wells (JW), 10-0

Buddy Blackford (0-2)
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(149 pounds - continued)

157 pounds

(#5) John Franchi (5th place, 6-2)
won by major dec. vs. Brian Douengradly (RIT), 17-3
pinned Taylor Andrews (CG), 2:22
def. Kevin Robinson (CG), 10-4
pinned Will Spaziani (JW), 2:58
def. John Schnaars (OSW), 7-4
def. (#2) Ryan Cooley (NYU), 5-4
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174 pounds

Brian Costello (4-2)
won by default vs. Jason Paull (SPR), 5:41
def. James Stevenson (GETT), 10-7
def. Dan Lyons (JW), 9-4
lost to (#2) Jeff Harrington (TCNJ), 1-0
def. Andre DeCristo (HUNT), 5-2
lost to Jerome Owens (JW), 7-5

Dominic Zanfardino (3-2)
def. Sam Thorner (NYU), 6-4 (ot, sd)
lost to (#1) Matthias Keib (ITH), Pin 4:24
won by major dec. vs. David Wagner (GETT), 10-2
def. Alexander Whitney (NOR), 7-0
lost to Greg Osgoodby (TCNJ), Pin 1:27

Andrew Scolaro (2-2)
def. Keith Kubicek (CENT), 5-2
lost to (#5) Mike Somma (TCNJ), 10-9
pinned Sam Thorner (NYU), 3:33
lost to Jerome Owens (JW), Pin 4:50

184 pounds

Mario Schiano (2nd place, 3-1)
won by disqualification vs. (#1) Terry Madden (HUNT)
def. John Leinberger (GETT), 8-3

Semifinals: def. (#5) Jon Jagatnarian (OSW), 3-2
Finals: lost to (#2) Robert Stubbs (ITH), 9-4

(#4) Trevor LeBlanc (3rd place, 5-1)
def. Mike Carney (NOR), 13-6
lost to (#5) Jon Jagatnarian (OSW), 3-2 (ot, sd)
won by tech. fall vs. (#6) Pat Cross (TCNJ), 6:00 (15-0)
pinned Craig Becker (OSW), 0:45
pinned (#3) Elliot Smith (SPR), 3:56
3rd place: def. (#5) Jon Jagatnarian (OSW), 3-2

Mark Maglione (0-2)
lost to (#3) Elliot Smith (SPR), 6-2
lost to (#6) Pat Cross (TCNJ), 9-2

Matt Root (0-2)
lost to Craig Becker (OSW), 3-1
lost to Will Esposito (JW), 11-7

197 pounds

Phil Archer (2nd place, 3-1)
pinned Mike Simon (HUNT), 1:20
def. (#1) Zach Greenberg (RIT), 1-0

Semifinals: def. (#4) Brian Scher (HUNT), 3-0
Finals: lost to (#2) Nick Calandrino (ITH), Pin 1:18

Will Lance (3-2, 2-2 official)
lost to (#3) Jason Leckey (SPR), 3-2
* pinned Ryan Warren (UNH), 0:37
pinned Mike Simon (HUNT), 5:48
def. Matt Mosall (OSW), 8-1
lost to Matt Gough (OSW), 9-6

Mike Morales (2-1)
won by major dec. vs. Peter DeMato (NYU), 20-8
def. Rick Lagrega (NOR), 5-1
lost to (#4) Brian Scher (HUNT), 3-0
(medicial forfeit to Mike Staples (RW))

Matt Eldredge (1-2)
lost to Rob Santini (CENT), 11-0
def. Mark Shirian (NYU), 7-0
lost to Rick Lagrega (NOR), Pin 0:26

Heavyweight

Jason Mowers (2-2)
def. Jeffrey Morgan (GETT), 8-2
lost to (#2) Keith Bjorhus (TCNJ), Pin 1:03
won by tech. fall vs. (#7) Andrew Haubois (CENT), 4:41
(19-3)
lost to James Laymen (NYU), 7-3