EWING, N.J. – Ranked ninth nationally in Division III, the SUNY Cortland wrestling team improved to 12-3 after posting a 2-0 record at the New York/New Jersey Duals, hosted by The College of New Jersey. The Red Dragons defeated the host and seventh-ranked Lions, 20-16, and won 46-12 versus Montclair State.

New Jersey led 10-7 after five matches, but the Red Dragons won the next four bouts to clinch the victory. Junior Troy Tooley (Kendall) won 11-5 at 165 pounds to tie the match at 10-10. Junior Stef Sair (Huntington), ranked fourth nationally at 174 pounds, earned a 9-6 decision to give the Red Dragons a 13-10 lead.

Cortland picked up a crucial win at 184 pounds when junior Mario Schiano (Rochester/Gates-Chili) scored a takedown in overtime for a 7-5 sudden-victory decision. Sophomore Phil Archer (Shirley/William Floyd) put the match out of reach with a 14-4 major decision at 197 pounds.

Cortland’s other victories in the match came from junior Eddie Ortiz (New Rochelle), 10-4, at 133 pounds, and by freshman Paul LeBlanc (Morrisville/Morrisville-Eaton), 12-0, at 141 pounds. LeBlanc is ranked fourth nationally in his weight class.

Two of New Jersey’s wins came from ranked wrestlers. Brian Dempsey, ranked sixth at 125, won the opening match 11-0, while Joey Galante, rated first at 157 pounds, outlasted John Franchi (Elmira Heights/Thomas A. Edison), 9-5. The Lions also received a win by John Biango at 149 pounds and a pin by Keith Bjorhus at heavyweight to create the final margin.

In the next match, Montclair won by forfeit at 125 pounds, but Ortiz notched a 15-0 technical fall at 133 pounds and the next three Red Dragons – LeBlanc, Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) and Franchi – all won by forfeit. Tooley and Sair recorded pins in 1:28 and 1:07, respectively, and sophomore Mark Maglione (Saratoga Springs) recorded an 18-2 technical fall at 184 pounds.

Cortland’s final win was a forfeit victory for Archer at 197 pounds. Montclair’s William Beiermeister earned a pin at heavyweight to conclude the match.
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Tournament Scores:
Cortland 20, College of New Jersey 16
Oswego 44, Montclair St. 3
Cortland 46, Montclair St. 12
College of New Jersey 24, Oswego 13

Records (Tournament, Overall):
Cortland (2-0, 12-3) (ranked 9th in Div. III)
College of New Jersey (1-1, 12-2) (ranked 7th in Div. III)
Oswego (1-1, 6-7-1)
Montclair St. (0-2, 4-10)

Cortland Match Results:

Cortland 20, College of New Jersey 16
125 – Brian Dempsey (TCNJ) major dec. Ryan Gadsby, 11-0
133 – Eddie Ortiz (C) def. Ray Sarinelli, 10-4
141 – Paul LeBlanc (C) major dec. Bill Tenpenny, 12-0
149 – John Blango (TCNJ) def. Jason Chase, 2-1
165 – Troy Tooley (C) def. Lenny Goduto, 11-5
174 – Stef Sair (C) def. Jeff Harrington, 9-6
184 – Mario Schiano (C) def. Greg Osgoodby, 7-5 (ot-sv)
197 – Phil Archer (C) major dec. Brett Jankos, 14-4
HWT – Keith Bjorhus (TCNJ) pinned Matt Eldredge, 0:43

Cortland 46, Montclair St. 12
125 – Mostafa Omara (MONT) won by forfeit
133 – Eddie Ortiz (C) tech. fall James Anest, 1:53 (15-0)
141 – Paul LeBlanc (C) won by forfeit
149 – Jason Chase (C) won by forfeit
157 – John Franchi (C) won by forfeit
165 – Troy Tooley (C) pinned John Troise, 1:28
174 – Stef Sair (C) pinned James Brock, 1:07
184 – Mark Maglione (C) tech. fall Tim Janz, 6:44 (18-2)
197 – Phil Archer (C) won by forfeit
HWT – William Beiermeister (M) pinned Matt Eldredge, 4:34