SUNY Cortland Wrestling
SUNY Cortland vs. Rochester Institute of Technology
Saturday, December 10, 2005; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 25, RIT 16

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Cortland, ranked 13th nationally in Division III, pulled away from a two-point lead with three matches remaining to defeat RIT, 25-16, in a dual match at Corey Gymnasium. The Red Dragons even their dual record at 1-1 with the win. The Tigers are now 0-2.

Leading 15-13, Cortland picked up four points with junior Troy Tooley’s (Kendall) 11-1 major decision at 165 pounds. Tooley improved to 19-5 this season. The Red Dragons sealed the win when junior Stef Sair (Huntington), ranked first nationally at 174 pounds, pinned his opponent in one minute, 47 seconds. The match was Sair’s first of the year due to his role as a starting safety on Cortland’s football team.

Cortland opened the match with a 3-2 victory by sophomore Phil Archer (Shirley/William Floyd) over RIT’s Zach Greenberg (Saddle River, NJ/Northern Highlands) at 197 pounds. Greenberg tied the match with a reversal with less than 30 seconds remaining, but Archer scored the winning point on riding time. Archer posted two impressive wins during the week. He defeated nationally top-ranked Willie Weiss of Brockport on Wednesday, while Greenberg entered the match with a 15-1 record. Archer is now 12-4.

RIT took a 4-3 lead with a 13-2 major decision by junior Micah Vore (Hudson, IA) at heavyweight. A forfeit win by sophomore Ryan Gadsby (Auburn) at 125 pounds put the Red Dragons ahead 9-4, and the lead grew to 12-4 when junior Eddie Ortiz (New Rochelle) won 3-2 at 133 pounds on an escape with four seconds remaining.

RIT’s Luke Baum (Ontario/Wayne) picked up a forfeit win at 141 pounds, his team-high 16th win of the season, to bring the Tigers within 12-10. At 149 pounds, Cortland senior Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) won 3-1 in overtime. He tied the match with an escape early in the third period and won it on a takedown at the buzzer of the first sudden victory one-minute overtime period. Chase is 16-8 this season, and his 94 career wins are the fourth-best total in school history.

The guests closed their deficit to 15-13 when sophomore Nate Bachmann (Fallston, MD) won 8-2 at 157 pounds. Cortland won the next two matches to clinch the win, and RIT’s Justin Betz (Brandywine, PA/Brandywine Hts.) finished the match with a 5-3 victory at 184 pounds.

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197 – Phil Archer (C) def. Zach Greenberg, 3-2
HWT – Micah Vore (RIT) major dec. Jason Mowers, 13-2
125 – Ryan Gadsby (C) won by forfeit
133 – Eddie Ortiz (C) def. Julian Nicholas, 3-2
141 – Luke Baum (RIT) won by forfeit
149 – Jason Chase (C) def. Mike Pietrowski, 3-1 (ot, sv-1)
157 – Nate Bachmann (RIT) def. Eric Sclutto, 8-2
165 – Troy Tooley (C) major dec. Brian Gouangratdy, 11-1
174 – Stef Sair (C) pinned Abdul Haleem Syed, 1:47
184 – Justin Betz (RIT) def. Mark Maglione, 5-3

Records after match: Cortland (Red Dragons) 1-1 (ranked 13th in Div. III); RIT (Tigers) 0-2