ROCHESTER, N.Y. – Freshman Paul LeBlanc (Morrisville/Morrisville-Eaton) won his third straight tournament title to help Cortland finish third out of 18 schools at the RIT Invitational.

Johnson and Wales University won the tournament with 118 points, followed by Wilkes University with 101.5 points. Cortland, ranked 13th nationally in the latest Division III poll, finished with 98.5 points to place slightly ahead of Baldwin-Wallace (94.5), Norwich (92.5), Case Western Reserve (92) and RIT (87).

LeBlanc, ranked eighth nationally at 141 pounds, improved his season record to 17-1 with a 4-0 mark. Seeded second, he defeated third-seeded Luke Baum of RIT in the semifinals, 6-4, and top seed Mike Conklin of Norwich, 6-2, in the finals. LeBlanc finished second at the season opening Ithaca Invitational, losing to Conklin by pin in the finals, then won titles at tournaments hosted by King's College and SUNY Oneonta.

Sophomore Phil Archer (Shirley/William Floyd) placed second at 197 pounds with a 3-1 mark. The top seed, Archer won three matches before falling, 4-2, to second seed Zach Greenberg of RIT. Five other Red Dragons earned top-six finishes. Junior Eddie Ortiz (New Rochelle) finished fourth at 133 pounds, junior Matt Eldredge (Canandaigua/Marcus Whitman) was fifth at 197 pounds, senior Jason Chase (Rush/Rush-Henrietta) placed sixth at 149 pounds, junior Troy Tooley (Kendall) finished sixth at 165 pounds and sophomore Trevor LeBlanc (Morrisville/Morrisville-Eaton) was sixth at 184 pounds.

Ortiz lost his first match to second seeded Brian Zane of Norwich, but rattled off five straight wins in the consolation bracket, including a win over Zane, before losing in the third place match to fourth seeded Julian Nicholas of RIT. Eldredge lost his first match to third seeded Thomas Sanders of Case Western, then won five of six consolation matches, all by pin. After pinning four straight opponents, Eldredge lost again to Sanders before finishing with a pin over the sixth seed in the fifth-place match.

Chase, seeded fourth, finished with a 4-3 record. Tooley entered as the third seed and won two matches before suffering a one-point loss. He finished with a 4-2 mark. LeBlanc went 2-1 as the fourth seed before having to medical forfeit two matches.

**2005 RIT INVITATIONAL – FINAL TEAM SCORES:**

1. Johnson & Wales Univ. (JW) ........ 118
2. Wilkes Univ. (WILK) ................. 101.5
3. SUNY Cortland (CORT) ............. 98.5
4. Baldwin-Wallace College (BW) .... 94.5
5. Norwich Univ. (NOR) ............... 92.5
6. Case Western Reserve Univ. (CW) .. 92
7. Rochester Inst. of Tech. (RIT) ...... 87
8. SUNY Oswego (OSW) ............... 84.5
9. John Carroll Univ. (JC) ............. 78.5
10. Thiel College (TH) ................. 63.5
11. Rhode Island College (RIC) ....... 45.5
12. Coast Guard Academy (CG) ....... 37.5
13. Plymouth St. Univ. (PLY) .......... 31.5
14. Waynesburg College (WAY) ....... 29.5
15. * Univ. of New Hampshire Club (UNH) 28
16. * SUNY Morrisville (MORR) ..... 11.5
17. Wesleyan Univ. (WES) ............ 9

* junior college or club team; individual results vs. these schools do not count on wrestler’s records

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CORTLAND RESULTS:

125 pounds
no entries

133 pounds

Eddie Ortiz (4th place, 5-2)
lost to (#2) Brian Zane (NOR), 8-2
won by medical forfeit vs. Todd Bloom (RIC)
def. (#8) Josh Wildes (WES), 6-2
def. Matt Friend (PLY), 8-6
def. Bryan Bucher (BW), 9-4
def. (#2) Brian Zane (NOR), 5-2
3rd place: lost to (#4) Julian Nicholas (RIT), 3-1

141 pounds

(#2 seed) Paul LeBlanc (1st place, 4-0)
def. Garret Feldman (CG), 5-2
won by major dec. vs. (#7) Dominic Spitalieri, 12-0
Semis: def. (#3) Luke Baum (RIT), 6-4
Finals: def. (#1) Mike Conklin (NOR), 6-2

Manny Alayon (1-1, 0-1 official)
* def. (#8) Tod Thone (UNH), 3-2
lost to (#1) Mike Conklin (NOR), Pin 3:35
(medical forfeited next match)

149 pounds

(#4 seed) Jason Chase (6th place, 4-3)
def. Dan Mizener (JC), 7-1
won by major dec. vs. Greg Murphy (TH), 9-0
lost to (#5) Mohamed Salem (BW), 7-5
def. Mike Bahrenburg (OSW), 6-2
def. (#8) Rob Doherty (JW), 6-5
lost to (#3) Erik Smith (WILK), 3-1
5th place: lost to (#6) Kenneth Laird (WAY), 5-2

Eric Sciutto (1-2, 0-2 official)
* def. Brian Bumpus (UNH), 7-3
lost to (#3) Erik Smith (WILK), 6-2
lost to Dan Mizener (JC), Pin 3:01

157 pounds

(#5 seed) John Franchi (2-2, 1-2 official)
* won by major dec. vs. Travis Paige (UNH), 14-3
won by tech. fall vs. Scott O’Connell (NOR), 4:38 (18-2)
lost to (#4) Russ Tischer (CW), 7-5
lost to (#2) Gino Russo (BW), 7-2

Kyle Reeb (0-2)
lost to Lewis Feliz (RIO), Pin 3:13
lost to Joe Boucher (JW), Pin 3:42

165 pounds

(#3 seed) Troy Tooley (6th place, 4-2)
def. Chuck Guilla (OSW), 5-4
def. Jake Glover (JC), 2-1 (ot, tb)
lost to (#6) T. Terry (BW), 5-4
def. Ben Adams (JC), 9-5
def. (#7) Bowen Daly (RIT), 10-4
lost to (#4) Mike Sanchez (CW), def. 3:23
(medical forfeited 5th place match)

174 pounds

(#8 seed) Joe Dolson (0-2)
lost to John Rudell (JC), Pin 2:34
lost to Nathan Klingensmith (CW), 7-6

Drew Solomon (0-2)
lost to (#2) Sterling Sebek (BW), 4-0
lost to Nathan Klingensmith (CW), 5-1

184 pounds

(#4 seed) Treavor LeBlanc (6th place, 2-1, 1-1 official)
* pinned Ryan Warren (UNH), 0:44
def. Nick Gurney (PLY), 12-7
Semis: lost to (#1) Ryan Summers (JC), def. 2:26
(medical forfeited next two matches)

(#6 seed) Mark Maglione (2-2)
pinned David Butler (MIT), 4:32
lost to (#3) Jonathon Jagatnarian (OSW), 5-4
won by major dec. vs. Raymond Moore (RIC), 13-5
lost to (#2) Rex Harris (WILK), 8-3

197 pounds

(#1 seed) Phil Archer (2nd place, 3-1)
pinned Luke Bannon (RIC), 1:29
def. Dave Gilbert (CG), 5-0
Semis: def. (#4) Matt Gough (OSW), 4-1
Finals: lost to (#2) Zach Greenberg (RIT), 4-2

Matt Eldredge (5th place, 5-2)
lost to (#3) Thomas Sanders (CW), 8-1
pinned Nick Duquet (PLY), 0:46
pinned Bruce Pac (PLY), 3:24
pinned Dave Gilbert (CG), 3:06
pinned (#5) Dan Brown (JC), 3:51
lost to (#3) Thomas Sanders (CW), 10-4
5th place: pinned (#6) Rick Lagrega (NOR), 1:02

Heavyweight

No entries