SPRINGFIELD, MASS. – Cortland, ranked 13th nationally in Division III, improved to 6-1 in dual-match action with victories over 16th-ranked Springfield College and unranked Western New England College at Springfield. The Red Dragons rallied from a 12-3 deficit to defeat the host Pride, 16-15, then knocked off the Golden Bears, 37-9.

In the Springfield match, sophomore Ryan Gadsby (Auburn) staked Cortland to an early 3-0 lead with a 5-4 victory. The Pride, however, won the next four matches to take a 12-3 lead. At 141 pounds, Springfield’s Mike Gaeta, ranked second nationally in Division III, edged seventh-ranked Paul LeBlanc (Morrisville/Morrisville-Eaton) 5-3 in overtime to hand LeBlanc only his second loss in 22 matches.

Cortland’s comeback started with a 5-1 win by junior Troy Tooley (Kendall) at 165 pounds. Junior Stef Sair (Huntington), ranked first nationally at 174 pounds, earned a 12-3 major decision for four team points to close the deficit to 12-10. Junior Mario Schiano (Rochester/Gates-Chili) gave the Red Dragons a 13-12 lead with a 4-2 overtime victory at 184 pounds and junior Matt Eldredge (Canandaigua/Marcus Whitman) won 4-2 at 197 pounds to extend the lead to 16-12. Sophomore Mark Maglione (Saratoga Springs), wrestling up in weight class, stayed close in a 2-0 loss at heavyweight that allowed Cortland to hold on for the team victory.

Cortland won eight of 10 matches, including the final five, to defeat Western New England. A Gadsby pin and an Eddie Ortiz (New Rochelle) gave the Red Dragons a 12-0 lead. LeBlanc’s 10-2 major decision pushed the lead to 16-0.

Western New England closed to within 16-9 on a Patrick Barnes pin and a Jeff Levene decision, but Cortland responded with three straight major decisions – 10-2 wins by both Tooley and Sair and a 17-4 triumph by Schiano. Maglione followed with a pin at 197 and Eldredge finished the match with a 3-1 win at heavyweight.

Tooley improved to 24-5 with his two wins and leads the Red Dragons in victories. LeBlanc is now 21-2, Eldredge and Ortiz each have 12 wins and Gadsby has 11 victories this season.

Cortland 16, Springfield 15
125 – Ryan Gadsby (C) def. Derek McNerney, 5-4
133 – Peter Marques (S) def. Eddie Ortiz, 5-4
141 – Mike Gaeta (S) def. Paul LeBlanc, 5-3 (ot)
149 – Mark DeCiccio (S) def. Jason Chase, 9-3
157 – Erik Delehanty (S) def. Eric Sciutto, 8-6
165 – Troy Tooley (C) def. Bill Koch, 5-1
174 – Stef Sair (C) major dec. Greg Dussol, 12-3
184 – Mario Schiano (C) def. Andre Lee, 4-2 (ot)
197 – Matt Eldredge (C) def. Jason Leckey, 4-2
HWT – Phil McGeough (S) def. Mark Maglione, 2-0

Cortland 37, Western New England 9
125 – Ryan Gadsby (C) pinned Jeff Woehrle, 4:20
133 – Eddie Ortiz (C) won by forfeit
141 – Paul LeBlanc (C) major dec. Tim Crudden, 10-2
149 – Patrick Barnes (W) pinned Jason Chase, 3:18
157 – Jeff Levene (W) def. Eric Sciutto, 7-1
165 – Troy Tooley (C) major dec. Sean O’Keefe, 10-2
174 – Stef Sair (C) major dec. Jamie Durkin, 10-2
184 – Mario Schiano (C) major dec. Nick Rankin, 17-4
197 – Mark Maglione (C) pinned Alex Lee, 2:09
HWT – Matt Eldredge (C) def. John Oko, 3-1