SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Freshman Joe Murphy (St. James/Smithtown) finished first at heavyweight to highlight Cortland’s performances at the Syracuse Open.

Murphy finished 3-0 at the tournament, including a 2-1 win over Northeastern’s John Bravo in the finals. He was one of six Red Dragon to earn top-six finishes. Freshman Anthony Small (Mexico) was third at 125 pounds, freshman Kevin Sackett (Webster/Webster Thomas) finished third at 149 pounds, junior Matt Root (Medina) placed fourth at 184 pounds, freshman Nick Tonini (Mineola) tied for fifth at 133 pounds and senior Alex Hojnowski (Glen Head/North Shore) was sixth at 149 pounds.

Small won three of four matches, capped by major decisions over Lycoming’s Brandon Greene, 15-6, and Syracuse’s Max Mitnik, 13-4, in the consolation bracket. Sackett posted a 5-1 record, including a 12-8 win over Lycoming’s Zach Fredrick in the third-place match.

Root finished 1-2, with his pin of Mike Maccini of Massachusetts in the consolation bracket helping him place fourth. Tonini won his first two matches before losing the next two. The fifth-place match was not wrestled. Hojnowski won three of four matches, two by pin, and forfeited his two consolation bracket matches after losing in the championship bracket semifinals.

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Cortland Match Results
at Syracuse Open; Nov. 11, 2006

125 pounds

ANTHONY SMALL (3rd place, 3-1)
def. Max Mitnik (Syracuse), 7-2
Semis: lost to Mike Kleeman (Binghamton), 16-1
major dec. Brandon Greene (Lycoming), 15-6
3rd place: major dec. Max Mitnik (Syracuse), 13-4

133 pounds

NICK TONINI (2-2)
pinned Bobby Vinson (Northeastern), 1:33
def. Alex DeHart (Messiah), 5-2
Semis: lost to Kareen Naguib (Binghamton), 21-4
lost to Jon Estable (Lycoming), Pin 3:41
5th place: (NEED RESULT HERE)

141 pounds
No Cortland entries

149 pounds

KEVIN SACKETT (3rd place, 5-1)
def. Jonathan Destasio (Northeastern), 3-2
lost to Drew Barber (Lycoming), 8-5
pinned Eric Sciutto (Cortland), 4:38
major dec. Kevin Gin (Messiah), 10-0
major dec. Nick Hall (Syracuse), 12-1
3rd place: def. Zach Fredrick (Lycoming), 12-8

ALEX HOJNOWSKI (6th place, 3-1)
pinned Kevin Wright (Albany), 2:17
def. Mike Cicchese (U.Mass), 10-3
pinned Robert Daly (Cortland), 3:12
Semis: lost to Drew Barder (Lycoming), 8-4
forfeited next two matches

ERIC SCIUTTO (1-2)
lost to Mike Cubillos (Unattached), 9-4
def. George Pikonusi (Lycoming), 6-1
lost to Kevin Sackett (Cortland), Pin 4:38

WILL BRODFUEHRER (1-2)
def. George Pikonusi (Lycoming), 5-4
lost to Mike Cubillos (Unattached), 10-4
lost to Zach Fredrick (Lycoming), score n/a

ROBERT DALY (1-2)
pinned Stephen Williamson (Syracuse), 0:58
lost to Alex Hojnowski (Cortland), Pin 3:12
lost to Kevin Gin (Messiah), 10-8

157 pounds

CHRIS COWARD (2-2)
lost to Brett Nelson (Binghamton), 18-5
def. Trey Speers (Messiah), 7-6
def. Roger Vincente (Syracuse), 7-0
lost to Dan Leeper (Lycoming), 8-4

KYLE REEB (1-2)
lost to Aaron Stayer (Binghamton), 16-3
won next match, then lost next one (scores n/a)

165 pounds
No Cortland entries

174 pounds
No Cortland entries

184 pounds

MATT ROOT (4th place, 1-2)
lost to Brian Kopesky (Lycoming), 16-5
pinned Mike Maccini (UMass), 3:48
lost to Rich Crifasi (Northeastern), Pin 0:32

197 pounds

BARRY GIBSON (0-2)
lost to Troy Hansen (Lycoming), 7-2
lost to Eric Jones (Unattached), 3-1

Heavyweight (285)

JOE MURPHY (1st place, 3-0)
pinned Josh Labossiere (Bryant), 1:46
Semis: def. Mike Patterson (Binghamton), 3-1
Finals: def. John Bravo (Northeastern), 2-1