

WILLIAMSPORT, PA. – The Cortland wrestling team won two of three matches in its group during the first day of competition at the 16-team Budd Whitehill Duals, hosted by Lycoming College. The Red Dragons opened with a come-from-behind 26-19 victory against Waynesburg, then dropped a 25-16 decision to 17th-ranked Roger Williams. Cortland ended the day with a 19-18 win over Wisconsin-Stevens Point by virtue of a tiebreaker.

Cortland (6-6), by finishing second in its group, will participate in the "5-8 group" on Saturday. The Red Dragons will meet Oswego State Saturday at 10:30 a.m., and will then wrestle in either the fifth-place or seventh-place match at 1:30 p.m. versus either Springfield or Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Against Waynesburg, the Yellow Jackets jumped ahead 13-3 after the first four weight classes, earning two major decisions and a technical fall. Cortland secured a decision at 141 pounds when sophomore Dustin Harris (Solvay) recorded a takedown with 32 seconds left in the first sudden-victory period for an 8-6 win. The Red Dragons responded by winning the next five weight classes to build a commanding 26-13 advantage. Senior Greg Chery (Ronkonkoma/Connetquot) started the run with a pin in 1:59 at 157 pounds.

Junior Zack Zupan (Canastota), making his first appearance of the season, registered a 16-8 major decision at 165 pounds. Sophomore J.P. Puca (Huntington) followed with a pin in 3:40 at 174 pounds. Sophomore Josh Farrar (Morrisville/Morrisville-Eaton) held the top position for the entire third period to secure a riding-time points and a 3-2 decision at 184 pounds. Senior Deuly Espinal (Brooklyn/Grand Street) capped the stream with a 13-4 major decision at 197 pounds. Waynesburg received a forfeit win at heavyweight for the final score of 26-19.

In the match against Roger Williams, the Red Dragons again fell behind early as the Hawks built a 16-3 lead on the strength of a pin, a major decision and a forfeit. Freshman Matt Maquet (Long Beach) earned Cortland's points with a thrilling 10-8 decision at 141 pounds. Trailing 8-3 in the third period, Maquet recorded an escape then earned a takedown with 44 seconds remaining to get to within 8-6. He secured the win with four late nearfall points.

At 157 pounds, Chery made it a 16-6 score with a 6-3 decision on the strength of first and second period takedowns. The Hawks clinched the win with a pin at 165 pounds and a decision at 174 pounds, taking a 25-6 lead with three bouts to go. Cortland closed out the match with three wins -- an 8-5 decision by Espinal at 184 pounds, a forfeit win for sophomore Kevin Morgans (Liberty) at 197 pounds and a 2-1 decision in the first tiebreaker at heavyweight by sophomore Zach Gifford (Deposit) who recorded an escape with 10 seconds remaining in the second of the

(Deposit), who recorded an escape with 19 seconds remaining in the second of the two 30-second tiebreaker periods. At the end of the match, the Cortland team had two points deducted from its score.

Against Stevens Point, the Red Dragons fell into a deep hole for the third straight match. The Pointers went ahead, 15-3, after four bouts with two pins and a decision. Maquet used an early third-period escape to earn Cortland's three points with a 3-2 decision at 141 pounds.

The Red Dragons then recorded decisions in five straight bouts from 157 pounds to 197 pounds to take an 18-15 lead. Chery improved to 3-0 on the day with a 5-2 decision at 157 pounds, sealing the win with an escape and takedown in the third period. Zupan then won 6-5 at 165 pounds, scoring on a third-period reversal for the decisive points. At 174 pounds, Puca earned an 11-5 decision bolstered by four nearfall points in the second period. Espinal also improved to 3-0 on the day, securing a 5-3 decision at 184 pounds with an escape and a takedown in the third period. Morgans finished off the run with a crucial 4-3 decision at 197 pounds. His third-period escape earned the win and ultimately was the key point in the entire match to give Cortland a sixth weight-class victory. The Pointers closed the match with a 3-0 decision ay heavyweight, but the Red Dragons earned the team win based on their 6-4 advantage in individual weight-class wins.

### **Cortland 26, Waynesburg 19**

125 - Tristan Buxton (WAYNE) major dec. Trey LaFlamme, 12-4  
133 - Josh Kuslock (WAYNE) tech. fall Ben Lloyd, 16-0  
141 - Dustin Harris (CORT) dec. Anthony Mastrangelo, 8-6 (SV-1)  
149 - Robert Hall (WAYNE) major dec. Matt Maquet, 10-1  
157 - Greg Chery (CORT) pinned Sean Patrick McGing, 1:59  
165 - Zack Zupan (CORT) major dec. Dillon Charlton, 16-8  
174 - J.P. Puca (CORT) pinned Derek Hull, 3:40  
184 - Josh Farrar (CORT) dec. Adam Rigney, 3-2  
197 - Deuly Espinal (CORT) major dec. Joshua Sneeringer, 13-4  
285 - Jake Evans (WAYNE) won by forfeit

### **Roger Williams 25, Cortland 16**

125 - Nick Barbaria (RWU) pinned Kenny Daniels, :58  
133 - Tristan Haviland (RWU) major dec. Ben Lloyd, 17-4  
141 - Matt Maquet (CORT) dec. Nick Wagner, 10-8  
149 - Justin Cochran (JWU) won by forfeit  
157 - Greg Chery (CORT) dec. Tyler Gazaway, 6-3  
165 - Taylor Shay (RWU) pinned Matt Davis, :45  
174 - Brett Leonard (RWU) dec. Josh Farrar, 5-2  
184 - Deuly Espinal (CORT) dec. Anthony Malfitano, 8-5  
197 - Kevin Morgans (CORT) won by forfeit  
285 - Zach Gifford (CORT) dec. Adam Patsun, 2-1 (TB-1)

(Cortland team deducted two points at end of match)

**Cortland 19, Wisconsin-Stevens Point 18 (criteria)**

- 125 - Ben Voster (WSP) dec. Trey LaFlamme, 5-3
- 133 - Matt Berlin (WSP) pinned Ben Lloyd, 1:41
- 141 - Matt Maquet (CORT) dec. Bobby Uttecht, 3-2
- 149 - Joe Crook (WSP) pinned Dustin Harris, 1:55
- 157 - Greg Chery (CORT) dec. Boone Roycraft, 5-2
- 165 - Zack Zupan (CORT) dec. Jordan Weinzetl, 6-5
- 174 - J.P. Puca (CORT) dec. James Borgen, 11-5
- 184 - Deuly Espinal (CORT) dec. Dan Squires, 5-3
- 197 - Kevin Morgans (CORT) dec. Dylan Diebitz, 4-3
- 285 - Ross Agg (WSP) dec. Zach Herbert, 3-0

(Cortland awarded one team point on criteria for most bouts won, 6-4)