



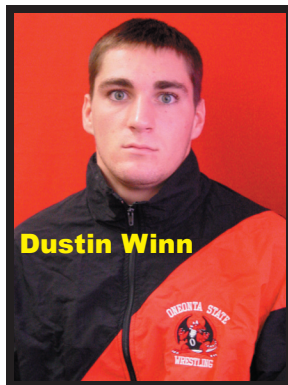
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ONEONTA STATE WRESTLERS HOSTING STATE COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEKEND
Action Begins Friday Morning for Red Dragons

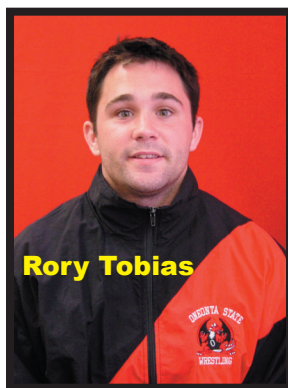
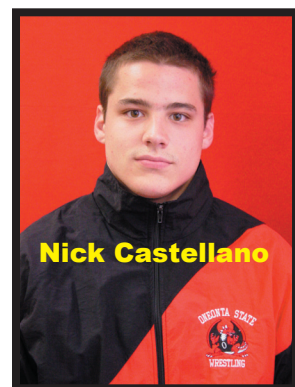
ONEONTA, N.Y.—The Oneonta State wrestling team will host for the first time the New York State Intercollegiate Wrestling Championships beginning on Friday morning and continuing through Saturday evening. The 36th annual event will take place in the Dewar Arena of the Alumni Field House and will include 18 Div. I, III and community colleges from around the State of New York. The defending champion for this event is the United States Military Academy at West Point (Army).



Admission prices for the wrestling will be broken down by sessions. An all day Friday ticket will be \$6 general admission, session #1 on Saturday will be \$5 general and session #3, which is the championship matches only on Saturday, will be \$6 general. You will be able to purchase combination and all-session tickets at a savings as well for the event. An all-sessions pass, which includes all three sessions, will be available for \$15 and can be purchased on Friday. A two session pass for all day Saturday can be purchased for \$10 and can be bought on Friday or Saturday. Children 12-and under will be free throughout the entire weekend.

The Red Dragons have been participating continuously in the State tournament since 1973, which was the fourth year of the event. They have had five top-10 finishes as a team including its best finish last year of eighth. They have never had an individual wrestler win a weight class title, but have had 44 wrestlers earn All-State honors a total of 77 times including four individuals who have been four-time All-State wrestlers.

Leading Oneonta into battle this weekend will be senior **Dustin Winn (Bainbridge, NY/BGA)**. Winn is a three-time All-State wrestler and runner-up last year at 157 lbs. He is currently ranked 6th nationally in Div. III for the Red Dragons who are ranked 30th as a team. He leads the team with 10 dual-meet wins while taking home two individual titles at early season invitationals. Earlier this season he became the first Oneonta wrestler to surpass 100 career wins.



Other wrestlers to look for this weekend for Oneonta include seniors **Nick Castellano (East Meadow, NY/East Meadow)** and **Rory Tobias (Binghamton, NY/Johnson City)**, junior **Kyle Hauptfleisch (Franklin, NY/Delaware Academy)** and freshman **John Leech (Otego, NY/Unatego)**. Castellano, Tobias and Hauptfleisch are all returning All-State wrestlers for the Red Dragons. Castellano and Hauptfleisch have both earned the honor twice during their careers. Tobias is currently ranked #8 at 149 lbs. in Div. III and is a perfect 7-0 in dual action while capturing one invitational title this winter. Leech has emerged as the starter at 133 lbs. and has put together a 9-2 dual record while being a place-winner in all three of the tournaments that the Red Dragons have competed in this season.

Rounding out the squad for this weekend's action will be sophomore **Scott Gorman (Seaford, NY/Seaford)** at 125 lbs., freshman **Bryan Coyle (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside)** at 141 lbs., sophomore **Ryan Higgins (Plainview, NY/Bethpage)** or classmate **Casimir Niedzielski (Barneveld, NY/Holland Patent)** at 165 lbs., senior **Ryan Lynch (Cornwall, NY/Cornwall Central)** at 184 lbs., and either sophomore **Josh Stewart (Fairport, NY/Penfield)** or senior **Billy Cooper (Walton, NY/Walton)** at 285 lbs.

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