

SPORTS

TRASSO AND SUTHERLAND WIN AT ROGER WILLIAMS INVITATIONAL

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The Rhode Island College wrestling team placed fourth in their season opener at the Roger Williams Invitational on Saturday, Nov. 13.

RIC finished just 3.5 points out of second place and had seven wrestlers place individually. Messiah College (146.5), Roger Williams University (120.0) and Johnson & Wales University (120.0) finished ahead of the Anchormen (116.5).

Senior captain Kevin Sutherland defended his title at

the 149 pound weight class, becoming tournament champion for the third time in his four years at RIC.

"It feels good to start off the year with a title, and it especially feels good to defend it properly," said Kevin, who won the tournament his freshman, junior, and now his senior year.

Junior Michael Trasso, who competed at the 141 pound weight class, won a tournament for the first time in his collegiate career. Trasso finished second at RWU Invitational during his freshmen year, but was ineligible for last year's tournament. Both Sutherland

and Trasso went a perfect 5-0 to begin the season.

Junior Captain Brandon Gauthier and Senior Travis Drappi both placed third in the 125 pound and the 133 pound weight classes, respectively. Both battled back hard from tough losses in the semi-finals and won their next two matches to place third on the day.

Freshmen Josh Baker and Kevin Barrucci placed 5th and 6th at the 133 pound and 149 pound weight classes, respectively. For both wrestlers, this was their first collegiate



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