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**SUNY Cortland Field Hockey**

**SUNY Cortland vs. The College of New Jersey**  
Sunday, October 30, 2005; SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex; Cortland, N.Y.

**FINAL SCORE: TCNJ 2, Cortland 0**

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Sophomore Sheri Grondski (Hamilton, NJ/Nottingham) and junior Jess Berkowitz (Cranford, NJ) scored goals off penalty corner plays less than four minutes apart in the second half to lead eighth-ranked The College of New Jersey to a 2-0 win at seventh-ranked SUNY Cortland in a matchup of two of the top teams in Division III.

Grondski finished with a goal and an assist for the Lions, who improve to 14-4 with the victory. All four of their setbacks have been by one goal to ranked teams. Cortland falls to 13-2, with both losses to ranked squads. The Red Dragons suffered their first shutout since a 2-0 loss to the Lions on the road on Nov. 3, 2002 – ending Cortland’s streak of 54 games with at least one goal scored.

Senior goalie Kristina Beyel (Long Valley, NJ/West Morris Central) made three saves, including two in the final minute, for her sixth shutout of the season. Cortland freshman goalie Stacy Billings (Marathon), making her third start of the season, recorded nine saves.

Grondski broke a scoreless tie with 22:47 left in regulation. She received a penalty corner hit at the top of the circle and pass the ball to junior Meg Hess (Morristown, NJ). Hess returned the ball to Grondski, who scored from about 15 yards away on a straight-on shot. The Lions converted on a similar play with 19:17 left for an insurance goal. Grondski again gained possession and sent the ball toward goal from inside the top of the circle. This time, Berkowitz redirected the ball into the cage near the left post.

Cortland had good scoring chances early in each half. Just moments into the game, a shot by Kelli Johnson (Elma/Iroquois Central) looked like it was going to roll into the cage, but Hess made a diving defensive save to poke the ball away at the last second. About three minutes into the second half, Johnson had a shot just miss wide right, and 30 seconds later had another shot denied by a Jessica Lacontora (Moorestown, NJ) defensive save.

Each team had an apparent goal disallowed in the first 20 minutes of the game. With 3:06 left in the half, TCNJ was awarded a penalty stroke after a Cortland player illegally cleared away a shot near the goal line. Freshman Erin Buchanan (Lambertville, NJ/South Hunterdon), who entered the game 2-for-2 on penalty strokes this fall, took the attempt but missed it wide left.

Cortland completes the regular season on Thursday at Hartwick. The Red Dragons will learn about their NCAA playoff fate next Sunday night. Cortland is looking to earn a “Pool B” at-large berth into the tournament (the Red Dragons are the SUNYAC champion, but the league does not have enough teams to earn an automatic NCAA bid). The College of New Jersey is finished with its regular-season schedule and will hope for a “Pool C” at-large NCAA tournament slot.

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Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):

TCNJ: Sheri Grondski 1-1, Jess Berkowitz 1-0, Meg Hess 0-1
Cortland: no scoring

Halftime: Cortland 0, TCNJ 0
Shots: TCNJ 15, Cortland 12
Penalty Corners: TCNJ 13, Cortland 4
Saves: Kristina Beyel (TCNJ) 3 (0 GA in 70:00); Stacy Billings (Cortland) 9 (2 GA in 70:00)

Record after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 13-2 (ranked 7th in Div. III); TCNJ (Lions) 14-4 (ranked 8th in Div. III)

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