FINAL SCORE: Cortland 4, Buffalo St. 4 (OT)

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Junior Sean Burke (Barrie, ON/Couchiching Terriers) scored right after a faceoff with less than three and a half minutes remaining in regulation to give the Buffalo St. men's ice hockey team a 4-4 tie with host Cortland Friday night at Alumni Arena.

In a game where neither team led by more than one goal, the Bengals (5-16-3, 1-9-3) took a 1-0 lead early in the first period when junior Greg Prybylski (Cheektowaga/Capital Centre Pride) one-timed a shot past Cortland junior goalie Matt Meacham (Massena/Skidmore College) inside the right post. The Red Dragons (10-12-2, 5-7-1) tied the game at 1-1 at 11:18 of the opening period on freshman Barry McLaughlin's (Bellport/Bay State Breakers) goal at the left post.

Senior Kyle Coletti (Troy/Troy H.S.) gave Cortland a 2-1 lead late in the second period on the power play, one-timing a shot past Buffalo St. sophomore goalie Sean Sheehan (Mt. Laurel, NJ/Abitibi Eskimos) from right in front of the crease. The Bengals evened the score at 2-2 at 19:47 also on the power play as Prybylski netted his second of the night, putting a rebound into an open net from the left side.

Senior Jason Perry (Plattsburgh/Green Mountain Glades) scored an unassisted goal at 6:55 of the third period to give Cortland back the lead, 3-2. Perry jumped on a Buffalo St. turnover and sent a shot from the left faceoff circle into the upper right corner of the goal. The Bengals struck again on the power play to pull even once more. Sophomore Sean O'Connell (Buffalo/Capital Centre Pride) sent a screen shot from the point that just eluded Meacham and trickled over the line at 12:53 of the third. Cortland responded as senior Kevin Watters (Pittsford/Rochester Jr. Americans) registered his second assist of the night, setting up senior Nate Gagnon’s (Wilton/University of Maine) goal from the low slot at 14:14.

Burke scored the game-tying goal after sophomore Mike DeMarco (Niagara Falls/Fort Erie Meteors) won a faceoff cleanly and slid the puck back to Burke, who shot a high wrister that got past Meacham's glove at 16:39. The assist was DeMarco's fourth of the night. The Bengals killed off a Cortland power play in the waning minutes of the third period to force overtime.

Cortland nearly won the game with just under one minute remaining in the extra session when senior Tim Earl (Trot/Capital District Selects) stole the puck in Buffalo St.'s zone and skated in alone on Sheehan. Earl tried to pick the upper right corner, but Sheehan got just enough of his glove on the puck to barely keep it out of the net and preserve the tie.

Sheehan finished the game with 36 saves, while Meacham stopped 27 shots. The Red Dragons wrap up their regular season with a home game versus Fredonia on Saturday, when their 10 seniors will be honored prior to game time.

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MEN'S ICE HOCKEY: Cortland 4, Buffalo St. 4 (OT)

Score by periods:
Buffalo St. 1-1-2-0 4
Cortland 1-1-2-0 4

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Buffalo St.: Greg Prybylski 2-0, Sean O'Connell 1-1, Sean Burke 1-0, Mike DeMarco 0-4, Sean Castagna 0-1, Mike Pye 0-1
Cortland: Jason Perry 1-1, Kyle Coletti 1-0, Barry McLaughlin 1-0, Nate Gagnon 1-0, Kevin Watters 0-2, Jeremy Nau 0-1, Aaron Cowieson 0-1, Buddy Anderson 0-1

Saves: Sean Sheehan (Buffalo St.) 36 saves (4 GA in 64:49), Empty Net :11; Matt Meacham (Cortland) 27 saves (4 GA in 64:28), Empty Net :32

Shots on Goal: Buffalo St. 31 (8-13-7-3), Cortland 40 (6-12-20-2)
Penalties: Buffalo St. 9-18:00, Cortland 9-18:00
Power Play: Cortland 1-8, Buffalo St. 2-7
Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 10-12-2, 5-7-1 SUNYAC; Buffalo St. (Bengals) 5-16-3, 1-9-3 SUNYAC

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