SUNY Cortland Men’s Ice Hockey

vs. Johnson & Wales (RI); Alumni Arena; Cortland, N.Y.
Saturday, January 15, 2005

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 4, Johnson & Wales 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Junior goalie Matt Meacham (Massena/Skidmore College) turned aside 22 shots and four different players scored goals, three with the man advantage, to lead Cortland to a 4-1 victory over Johnson & Wales (RI) Saturday night at Alumni Arena. The Red Dragons evened their record at 8-8 on the season, while the Wildcats fell to 5-7-2.

Johnson & Wales took a 1-0 lead at 6:13 of the first period when freshman Ryan Jacobs (Derby, VT/Laconia Leafs) converted a pass from sophomore John Curley (Chalfont, PA/Philly Jr. Flyers) for a power-play goal. Cortland answered with a pair of scores with the man advantage to take a 2-1 lead after the first period. Sophomore Buddy Anderson (Washington Township, NJ/Bridgewater Bandits) set up junior Matt Schillace’s (Auburn/Niagara University) eighth goal of the season at 8:45, and junior Mike Caruso (Downers Grove, IL/New England College) scored at 13:34 off assists from seniors Tim Earl (Troy/Capital District Selects) and Jeremy Nau (Rochester/SUNY Geneseo).

Senior Jason Perry (Plattsburgh/Green Mountain Glades) scored Cortland’s third power-play goal of the night at 6:59 of the third period to make it a 3-1 game. Perry took a pass from senior Nate Graves (Plattsburgh/Fairfield University) down low near the left side of the goal and beat Johnson & Wales freshman goalie Charlie Bacon (Hudson, MA/Salem Ice Dogs) with a wrist shot.

The Red Dragons held the 3-1 lead late into the third period, and after killing off a two-man advantage for the Wildcats, senior Nate Gagnon (Wilton/University of Maine) finished the scoring with a one-time slap shot from the slot at 18:31. Graves and senior Kevin Watters (Pittsford/Rochester Jr. Americans) each picked up his second assist of the game on the goal.

Bacon registered 24 saves for the Wildcats, and Meacham was at his best in the third period when he stopped all 11 shots he faced.

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Score by periods:
Johnson & Wales    1-0-0  1
Cortland        2-1-1  4

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Johnson & Wales: Ryan Jacobs 1-0, John Curley 0-1
Cortland: Matt Schillace 1-0, Mike Caruso 1-0, Jason Perry 1-0, Nate Gagnon 1-0, Nate Graves 0-2, Kevin Watters 0-2, Buddy Anderson 0-1, Tim Earl 0-1, Jeremy Nau 0-1

Saves: Charlie Bacon (J&W) 24 saves (4 GA in 60:00); Matt Meacham (Cortland) 22 saves (1 GA in 60:00)

Shots on Goal: Johnson & Wales 23 (8-4-11), Cortland 28 (13-9-6)

Penalties: Johnson & Wales 11-22:00, Cortland 11-22:00

Power Play: Cortland 3-7, Johnson & Wales1-7

Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 8-8; Johnson & Wales (Wildcats) 5-7-2