SUNY Cortland Men's Ice Hockey
vs. SUNY Plattsburgh; Alumni Arena; Cortland, N.Y.
Friday, January 28, 2005

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 6, Plattsburgh 3

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Cortland scored five straight goals, including four in the opening 4:55 of the second period, on its way to a 6-3 win over Plattsburgh in men's SUNYAC ice hockey action Friday night. The win for the Red Dragons was just their second in the last 62 games versus the Cardinals and improved their record to 9-10-1 overall and pulled them into a tie with Plattsburgh in the league with a 4-5 mark. The Cardinals' record slipped to 11-9 overall with the loss.

Senior Nate Graves (Plattsburgh/Fairfield University) scored a pair of goals and added an assist, senior Nate Gagnon (Wilton/University of Maine) added a goal and three assists and junior goalie Matt Meacham (Massena/Skidmore College) turned aside 44 shots to lead the Red Dragons to victory. Seniors Jason Perry (Plattsburgh/Green Mountain Glades), Tim Earl (Troy/Capital District Selects) and Jeremy Nau (Rochester/SUNY Geneseo) each contributed a goal and an assist and junior Matt Schillace (Auburn/Niagara University) recorded two assists for Cortland.

Sophomore Ryan Busby (Georgetown, ON/Georgetown Raiders) scored twice for the Cardinals, while junior David Friel (Mississauga, ON/Streetsville Derbys) netted a goal. Seniors Jayson Barnhart (Fonthill, ON/Fort Erie Meteors) and Paul Kelly (Peabody, MA/Boston College) and juniors Ben Kemp (Toronto, ON/Streetsville Derbys) and Bryan North (Toronto, ON/North York Rangers) each collected an assist on the night. Senior goalie Tony Seariac (Framingham, MA/Boston Jr. Bruins) made eight saves in just over a period before giving way to junior Craig Neilson (Markham, ON/Ajax Axemen), who stopped nine shots.

Plattsburgh opened the scoring just 1:02 into the game on Busby's first of the night. Cortland responded quickly at 2:09 when Graves knocked in a rebound of Gagnon's point shot. In the second period, the Red Dragons took advantage of their power play with three 6-on-4 goals. Graves tucked a slap shot from the left point into the upper left corner at 48 seconds to give Cortland the lead for good. Nau made it 3-1 at 2:02 while the teams were skating five aside with a wrist shot off the left post from the right face-off circle to chase Seariac. Perry then found the upper corner from the right side at 3:47, and Gagnon ended the flurry with a slap shot from the right point that went through Neilson's pads for a 5-1 lead.

The Cardinals closed the gap to 5-3 with Friel's goal at 10:12 of the second and Busby's power-play goal at 15:59 after a Cortland turnover in its zone. Earl, however, wasted little time in ending the Cardinals' momentum as he knocked in a rebound of Schillace's shot.

The Cardinals, who pulled Neilson for the final 3:02 of the game, pressured the Red Dragons most of the third period. Plattsburgh outshot Cortland, 14-2, but failed to get the puck past Meacham, who made a number of acrobatic saves.

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Score by periods:
Plattsburgh  1-2-0  3
Cortland  1-5-0  6

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Plattsburgh: Ryan Busby 2-0, David Friel 1-0, Paul Kelly 0-1, Ben Kemp 0-1, Bryan North 0-1, Jayson Barnhart 0-1
Cortland: Nate Graves 2-1, Nate Gagnon 1-3, Jeremy Nau 1-1, Jason Perry 1-1, Tim Earl 1-1, Matt Schillace 0-2

Saves: Tony Seariac (Plattsburgh) 8 saves (3 GA in 22:02), Craig Neilson (Plattsburgh) 9 saves (3 GA in 34:56), Empty Net 3:02; Matt Meacham (Cortland) 44 saves (3 GA in 60:00)

Shots on Goal: Plattsburgh 47 (15-18-14), Cortland 23 (8-13-2)
Penalties: Plattsburgh 10-31:00, Cortland 7-14:00
Power Play: Cortland 10-31:00, Plattsburgh 7-14:00
Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 9-10-1, 4-5 SUNYAC; Plattsburgh (Cardinals) 11-9, 4-5 SUNYAC

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