SUNY Cortland Men’s Ice Hockey

SUNYAC Quarterfinals vs. SUNY Fredonia; Steele Hall; Fredonia, N.Y.
Friday, February 18, 2005

FINAL SCORE: Fredonia 4, Cortland 2

FREDONIA, N.Y. -- Nationally 14th-ranked Fredonia scored the game’s final three goals on its way to a 4-2 win over Cortland in the opening game of the teams’ SUNYAC Quarterfinal playoff series. The Blue Devils (16-4-4) can clinch the series tomorrow night with a win or a tie, while the Red Dragons (10-14-2) need to win the second game to force a 20-minute mini-game, which would determine the series winner.

Fredonia grabbed a 1-0 lead at 5:53 of the opening period on Steve Albert’s power-play goal just six seconds after having the man advantage. The Red Dragons quickly tied the score, one minute, nine seconds later when senior Tim Earl (Troy/Capital District Selects) set up senior Jeremy Nau’s (Rochester/SUNY Geneseo) third goal of the season.

Cortland took the lead at 12:57 of the first period on senior Kevin Watter’s (Pittsford/Rochester Jr. Americans) unassisted short-handed goal. The goal was his 15th of the season and gives him 99 career points. The Blue Devils evened the score at 2-2 with a short-handed score of their own, as Matt Zeman connected at 19:00.

Zeman scored the game winner just 1:18 into the second period, and Jim Gilbride added an insurance goal on the power play at 15:28 of the second to complete the scoring.

Junior Matt Meacham (Massena/Skidmore College) made 39 saves in goal for the Red Dragons, while Rick Cazares stopped 27 shots for Fredonia.

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Score by periods:
Cortland 2-0-0 2
Fredonia 2-2-0 4

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Cortland: Jeremy Nau 1-0, Kevin Watters 1-0, Tim Earl 0-1
Fredonia: Matt Zeman 2-0, Steve Albert 1-0, Jim Gilbride 1-0, Nick Malina 0-1, Neal Sheehan 0-1, Kyle Bozoian 0-1, Brian Kolesar 0-1, Steve Greenberg 0-1

Saves: Matt Meacham (Cortland) 39 (4 GA in 60:00); Rick Cazares (Fredonia) 27 (2 GA in 60:00)

Shots on Goal: Cortland 29 (9-11-9), Fredonia 43 (19-19-5)

Penalties: Cortland 12-24:00, Fredonia 12-32:00

Power Play: Cortland 0-7, Fredonia 2-8

Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 10-14-2; Fredonia (Blue Devils) 16-4-4

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